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Billingham u13s 55 – Seaton 0

This was another impressive victory for Billingham u13s who were able to run in 9 tries in a one-sided contest, which was ended before full time.

Mark Brewis scored the first try and went on to score a hat trick with his excellent handling skills and the steady hands of all the backs. Marcus Sudren stood in as hooker for the injured Joss Havakin and was able to retrieve the ball from mauls. He set up one try and scored another. Tries were also scored by Kareem Omar, Adam Cockburn (2) Alan Sedgewick and Joe Douthwaite. Seaton was not a strong side and only had 11 players lending some of ours to make a team. The score at half time was 43-0 and early into the second half, coach Wayne Finney improved their morale by bringing on Tom Kill as substitute. Daniel Sanderson set up two of Mark's tries with his amazing side stepping, outclassing Seaton's defence several times for which he was awarded Man of the Match. Billingham were able to create chances through multi phase rugby.

Billingham U18s 0 vs. Guisbrough U18s 7

The first floodlit match of the new season and the colts were up for this, the lads ran out with the rain pouring down on them, the match started off with some excellent play from both sides and Guisbrough holding Billingham in their own half Guisbrough nearly got a try but Billingham's defence held firm, after some 15 minutes of play Guisbrough were awarded a penalty just short of Billingham 22 metre line, they opted to take the kick but missed, 5 minutes of play later Guisbrough managed to break through Billingham's defensive line and score, they converted making the score 7-0 to Guisbrough. The half time whistle blew with the score a 7-0.

The second half started with Billingham having the most of the ball, they were pulling out some excellent rugby moves managing to break through Guisbrough's defence but unfortunately they were unable to score, for the duration of the game Billingham kept the ball in their control and broke through whenever they could, after a series of brilliant rugby the full time whistle blew leaving the score at 7 – 0 to Guisbrough. This was a very competitive game played in the true spirit of Rugby with neither side giving an inch, Guisbrough are a team that will not give up and will take advantage of any chance you give them well done Johnny Mckie who got man of the match

Billingham U16s Match Report

Billingham 17 Selby 3

Today we faced Selby, a Yorkshire side we have never met before. We had predicted that this would be our hardest fixture of the season so far, and we weren't wrong. Selby are very well organised and disciplined and proved very hard to break down. After 10 minutes Selby were first to get points on the board. They opted to kick a penalty from 25 meters, and expertly slotted it between the uprights. Selby had most of the early possession but Bingham defended well. We gave away another penalty 30 meters out and Selby opted to kick it again, but this time failed to score. Bingham piled on the pressure towards the break and a defensive kick was caught by Danny Sayers, who ran it back into the Selby half. When he was tackled he had Anthony Hyndman behind him who took the pass and ran through to score. Half time and Bingham led 5 points to 3.

Bingham came out fired up after the break and were unlucky not to increase their lead after James Watson crossed only to be judged to have been held up. Danny Westall took the ball well in a lineout on the Selby 22 and the resulting maul was driven on well, then passed out to the backs, Anth Hyndman powering through the Selby defence to get his second try. Most of the second half we had Selby defending and from a Bingham scrum 30 meters out scrum half Matty Stringer got a good ball out to Anth Hyndman who broke the defence again to be stopped 10 metres out. Nathan Renwick just back from injury, was in support and took the pass from Anth and ran through to place the ball between the posts. This was converted easily by Peter Evans and was the last points of the game. Selby were strong opponents this week, a big side and well organised. Bingham forwards took a while to get themselves organised and working together, but when they did they were too strong for Selby. The backs made too many simple handling errors and should have been further ahead in the first half. Lots to work on in training on Wednesday, back to basics. A good hard game and I look forward to the return fixture. Final score Bingham 17 Selby 3.

Under 10s match report Bingham 15 Darlington 5

In the first game Bingham found the physical Darlington approach too much and were holding on in the early stages, Once the Bingham forwards realised that if they fed the ball quickly to the backs they would score tries. In the later stages of the first half the backs started to get quick ball resulting in a try before half time.

In the 2nd half Bingham pushed on and started to match Darlington in ruck and Mauls, Backs got quick ball and more tries followed. A good physical encounter was spoilt at times by late and often high tackles by Darlington.

2nd game Bingham 35 Darlington 15

In the 2nd match Bingham used some of the recent additions to the squad supported by the more experienced players, Again Bingham gained quick ball and spun it out wide to create more runs at the line. The game was played at high pace and this helped Bingham who like to run the ball as much as possible. Bingham dominated and man of the match Jonny Rumis helped himself to more tries.

Bingham under 10s continue to look like a team that will not be beaten easily this season. Good luck for the sevens boys!

report by Paul Routh Bingham under 10s coach.

Rovers v Billingham 2nd XV

Fielding a side combining youth and experience Billingham looked "up for it" as they emerged onto the pitch. Within ten minutes good turnover ball was won by Billingham quick hands from all of the backs saw Garbutt touch down after a blistering run.

Billingham forwards dominated the play and following a fierce ruck Willis spun around the defenders to reach the line. The pattern of Billingham dominance was disrupted when Conlon was taken off injured but Jones settled to the task well. The third try came when Robinson and Brown won turnover ball and Youdale broke free and good backing up from the backs and fast passing out saw Screen with a bit to do go over in the corner. The final Billingham try of the half saw Westcough show all of his experience brilliantly drawing three defenders with a dummy run allowing Woody to throw a long pass to Keene who made ground before passing out to Westall who drew more defenders before flipping out to Garbutt. After a couple of handoffs and a dummy reminiscent of a basketball move Alex went round the full back and over. Rovers pressured Billingham's line and eventually scored with the conversion taken.

HT Rovers 7 Billingham 20

The second half saw Brown replaced by Coulle who resorted to his normal tactic of running through people which the rest of the back row had been doing all game.

Keens went off and Reay came on at scrum half with Woodhouse switching to centre. This broke the rhythm and understanding which the half back combination had developed and Rovers started coming back into the game. Throughout the game the team defended brilliantly but Quillen really came into the forefront making hit after hit knocking the steam out of rovers attacks. Woody switched back to scrum half and restored shape to the attack and following some good work down the flank by Stewart a throw in was awarded on Rovers 5 metre line. Once again Jones was spot on, Tennent tapped down off the top to Dalton who raced over for his first ever senior try..... Well done In all once again a great all round team performance, great crowd support for the lads, another "W" and a pleasure to watch with the final score **Rovers 7 - Billingham 2nds 25**

Under 12's Sevens festival, Blaydon

Mowden Park 35 - Billingham 0.

Ouch, we were caught cold with this one, a well drilled Mowden team won all the loose ball. Although Billingham started to get into the game Mowden kept up the pressure and won comfortably, confirming their position as a favourite within our group.

Billingham 38 - Seaton Carew 0

Much better, the idea of running and passing before getting tackled seemed to have sunk in, we have had the upper hand recently against Seaton in the 12 a side game and continued it here. Craig Errington playing at Scrum half for the first time passing the ball well with Jack Chapman also proving to be a strong running mobile forward. Both scored 2 tries each with Adam (Titch) McDonnell and Andy Jackson adding scores.

Blaydon 7 Billingham 7

A great game well contested and in the correct spirit, Billingham led and credit to Blaydon they kept going and cancelled a fine try scored by Andy Jackson. Both teams had opportunities to win but the draw was a fair result.

West Hartlepool 28 Billingham 14

This was the crunch game, previous results meant that the winners of this would probably qualify as runner up in the group. Billingham started strongly and after a period of pressure Jack Chapman went over for a try, West came back and equalised. Billingham responded with a fine run and score from Andy Jackson, then came the turning moment of the game, Billingham had an opportunity to break and score to increase the lead but the ball was spilt, from the turnover West went on to equalise, this lifted them and they went on to score two late tries to run out winners.

Billingham 45 Barbarians 0

A dead match as neither team could go through, the Baba's being pulled from extra players who came along. This included Billingham players Scott Mahon and Dillon Edmunds both who acquitted themselves well over the set of fixtures. Billingham had got into the mind set for 7's and overpowered the weaker baba's with Craig, Titch, Andy, Robbie, Jack all scoring and Craig letting team mates go for the conversions. Luke Roopshand playing for both teams when a Baba got injured in the second half. A fine days play by all the Billingham lads who showed what they can do when they run and pass the ball. Let's hope they take this forward onto the 12 a side game.