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**Seaton U12s**

**V**

**Billingham U12s**

A weakened squad travelled to Seaton still expecting to win as we have been getting the better of them recently. The game started brightly, both teams showing good running skills, but the cold wet weather was preventing any passing game getting going. The ball being dropped consistently, Seaton had the upper hand in the early stages and only good defensive work prevented them scoring, a player being held up after he had crossed the line. Eventually the pressure told and they went over to score, but missed the conversion. Seaton continued with the pressure and again had a player held up at the line as Bham defended well, although

with our forwards still standing back instead of setting up rucks Seaton kept controlling the ball. It was no surprise to find Seaton getting another try this time converted score 12-0 at half time. Billingham knew they can play better, and went out in the second half determined to do themselves justice again the game started tightly but Billingham forwards started to use their size with Ben McWilliams, Robbie Lavender and Jack Chapman all making strong runs, the Seaton line held though and it was against the run of play when they scored again. This though spurned Billingham on and after some good scrummaging (at last) the ball was fed to "Titch" McDonnell who showed great determination to score in the corner, Jack Chapman converting. Again good forward pressure had Billingham press-

ing but when on the receiving end of counter attacks by Seaton the backs kept kicking, but not with much conviction and again Seaton scored. This made Billingham work harder and in one phase of play several crunching tackles went in which picked the team up and soon Jack Chapman went in to score with Craig Errington converting. A disappointing loss considering we had hammered them at the sevens festival, but a very enjoyable game especially considering the conditions. If we can get the forwards working properly for 40 mins and not just after half time then results will pick up. Man of the match, Mitchell Davidson playing blind side winger, Final score Seaton 26 Bham 14

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Billingham U15s vs. Darlington U15s

One of the hardest games this season went down on Sunday as we played Darlington county champions for the last 5 years.

The game kicked off with a stalemate for the first minute of the game, until Darlington broke through our line to score in the corner missing the conversion. Billingham regained their chance to win with Danny Brown scoring but missing the kick, which would have put us in the lead. Darlington then retook the lead with another try, which was converted. Shortly afterwards, Darlington score again also converted and a few minutes later again converted. Shortly afterward, the scrum collapsed in Billingham's half, with one of the Darlington player getting injured he was taken to hospital checked out and later sent home. Half time with the score:

Billingham 5 Darlington 26

The second half started about twenty minutes later. Billingham held Darlington back from scoring for the first five to ten minutes, after this they got a try, which was converted. They then went further into the lead with a drop goal for the twenty-two. Darlington got the final try of the match and converted it as the final whistle blew with the final score:

Billingham 5 Darlington 40

To bad lads, although it's a better result than when we played them at home last year, at least this time around we scored.

Tony Kuy Reporting

U9s SEVENS CUP

The results from under 9s event were;

under 9s winners Darlington  
under 9s runners up Sunderland

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under 9s winners Darlington  
under 9s runners up Seaton carew

The Ba Bas team received the book tokens as they competed in a way rugby should be played and all credit to them for getting stuck in.

Can I thank all the teams for their efforts on the day in what was generally a very sporting day. from the sidelines, my main observation is that the quality of rugby appears to be improving at mini midi level and must augur well for the future.

Kevin, thanks for sourcing some referees.

Please pass on my congratulations to all of the respective team coaches.

Paul Wren

## **Billingham U16s Match Report 16th Oct 2005**

### **Sandal 17 Billingham 32**

Today we travelled down the M1 into Yorkshire to play Sandal. After a tough game against Selby last week we knew it would be hard against another top Yorkshire team.

We were two regular players short because of Durham County U15 trials, so travelled with just one replacement. With Sandal not being able to provide a referee, Coach Dave Sidney bravely volunteered. With just five minutes played, Sandal won a penalty 20 metres out in front of the posts and took the kick and the lead. Billingham replied with a try, a loose ball from a Billingham lineout in the Sandal half went to James Watson who ran through to score on the line. Sandal then got a try of their own chasing a long kick through to pick up and place between the posts. This was converted. A Billingham scrum 20 metres out gave James Watson chance to pick and go from No8, he passed out to Matty Stringer in support then took the return to drive over the try line. Excellent Billingham defending kept Sandal out till just before the break. A sandal lineout seen the ball passed well along the backs to break through and score between the posts. This was again converted. Half time and Sandal lead by 17 points to 10. An unfamiliar position for the lads being behind by 7 points, the half time talk had to be inspiring. Without having done anything bad, we had to improve against a good Sandal side, which looked like being the first team to beat us this season. From the start Billingham forwards dominated play. A line out and excellent rolling maul set up nicely the ball out to the backs to Fly Half Anth Hyndman and out to Anth Kelsey to score in the corner. Another line out this time on half way, saw the ball out to Anth Hyndman who chased his own kick over the top to pick up and score. The next score came from another awesome Billingham driving maul, pushing Sandal back over their try line for Danny Dixon to score. The final try of the game and the best to watch was James Watson with a No8 pick up on half way and a great interchange of passes with Matty Stringer. Running and supporting each other the ball changing hands six times, before Matty Stringer got to the line. This time converted by James Charville. Sandal won the first half, but we won the second and the match 17 points to 32.

Credit to sandal who managed to score more points against us than anyone else so far this season. Well done to ref Dave Sidney, he had a good day today stepping in at short notice. One of the best team displays so far, everyone working for each other and putting in the hard tackles and runs needed to beat the better teams. Great team performance but man of the match selected by the Sandal coach for great tackling, running and intelligent kicking, was our 'Fly Half', Anth Hyndman.

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## **Billingham Rugby Club Match Report**

### **Under 9's**

Weather conditions: Fine, cloudy but sunny.

Pitch condition: Clear and good

### **Billingham v Darlington**

With it being only the second official contact match for all the players, they displayed some excellent tackles, scrum and line up's.

Within a couple of minutes team players confidence were increasing.

Billingham's Connor Lavender scored the first try after finding a space followed by an excellent run. Darlington had quite a few opportunities of attacking and ball control, but Billingham's defense and tackling techniques were very confident and successful.

From a scrum Billingham displayed some good team work and accurate throws, keeping Darlington away from the ball, leading to Jackson Wardell successfully scoring a try.

Darlington showed some good team work, spreading out in line and accurate short throws but were very unlucky not been able to score in the first half of the game.

### **Half time: Bingham 2 Darlington 0**

In the second half, Jackson Wardell scored again for Bingham within minutes of the game starting. Darlington fought back and displayed some good team work, accurate short throws that led them to score a try within minutes of Bingham's last one.

Their determination shone through and eventually Darlington scored again as Bingham defense tackle was unsuccessful. Overall it was a good match played by all.

### **Final score : Bingham 3 Darlington 2**

### **Billingham v Sunderland**

In the first half Sunderland team were the strongest. Bingham's Robert Colley made two valiant runs, but Sunderland's defense skills came through.

In the middle of the first half Sunderland scored two tries within minutes of each other. Combination of good team work, passing ball in line before getting tackled and strong runners who able to find a space then scoring showing good maneuvers. Bingham just concentrated on defense techniques although had some opportunities to try but were unsuccessful. Right at the end of the first half Sunderland went on to score another try.

### **Half time: Bingham 0 Sunderland 3**

Within a couple of minutes Sunderland scored another try with ease.

Billingham's defense and tackling were more confident and stronger, their determination to prevent Sunderland from scoring came through. Although Bingham did not score any try's sheer team work to prevent Sunderland was obvious, leading to a final score Bingham 0 Sunderland 4.

Report : Emma Fox