



BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
NEWS LETTER
“THE LION”



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I would like to introduce you to a new regular entry into the Lion. We have, thanks to Alan a great medium for communicating throughout the club and I am guilty for not taking advantage of this. I meet and discuss many issues with members on a weekly basis in addition to more formal Committee meetings and there is a lot that goes on that you would benefit from knowing. I would start by thanking everyone that attended the recent Halloween and Fire Work nights - both nights were successful and its great to see the club full of members of all ages on an evening.

MEMBERSHIP - I have to remind you ALL that subs are overdue - October was the deadline. This is most serious for playing members. You are not only uninsured but we are looking into the clubs third party liabilities that may effect your ability to play. We have a list of unpaid members and we will be publishing this (IN BIG LETTERS) at the end of the month. Better get hold of Wagga or Kate ASAP.

DISCRIMINATION - We discussed the club VALUES during last years AGM and we will be publishing a document for comment in the next few months. However, as many of you know, we set an initial goal of being the Leading Family Rugby Club in the North East; to achieve this we have to believe in the values that support this; friendship, spirit, equality and respect. Many of you may not be aware, but we had a situation recently in a 1st XV league game, where Cruz Kawa-Kameni, a regular and valued member of the 1st XV squad, was consistently racially abused by opposing players and spectators. I am not listing the club in this newsletter as we are currently awaiting an RFU decision regarding our formal complaint. I would like to take this opportunity to re-enforce our total support for Cruz and to say that as **Chairman of Billingham Rugby Club**, discrimination of any form will NOT be tolerated. I would ask that anyone who hears or sees any form of discrimination inform a member of the committee immediately. I would also like to ask all supporters, of senior and youth matches to live up to our values. If we are to succeed in our goals we need to be better than everyone and supporters play an important part in this. Could we all demonstrate respect to officials and opposing teams and their supporters. We also need to set a good example to our younger players. Please cheer and encourage them, but remember it's not football - it's rugby!! Mark Armstrong

Billingham u7s and u8s

The U7's and U8's travelled up to Westoe Rugby Club in South Shields. When we arrived we found that they wanted to play 7's and 8's mixed. As we didn't have a full team for both age groups either, we agreed. We played three halves of ten minutes a half and managed to win two games and loose the third. Overall we did well, as the combined score from the games was 12 tries to us and 9 to Westoe.

Westoe u9s 9 v Billingham u9s 4

Game began with an exciting start, within a couple of minutes both teams scored tries, Westoe first then Joshua Moffat from Billingham soon after.

Westoe displayed some good teamwork by throwing and moving the ball on before getting tackled by Billingham. They went on to try again and then soon after Billingham came fighting back and Joshua Moffat gained control of the ball and put every effort to score another try even though Westoe players were trying to tackle him back. Billingham's George Baker displayed a good tackle preventing Westoe from scoring a try right at the last meter of the pitch. Westoe scored again with an excellent run.

Billingham were unfortunate lost control of the ball a couple of times by stepping over the line and missed out on a try due to this, but luckily Joe McDonnell scored for Billingham soon after. Again Joe McDonnell had another attempt but was unlucky. Westoe's good ball work and short passes came through leading them to score another try. For the rest of the first half there seem to be constant tackling and both teams seemed to have great determination to gain control of the ball with Westoe just achieving another try right at the end of the first half.

In the second half, Billingham's tackling techniques had improved and they showed great determination from preventing the other team from scoring. Westoe kept fighting back and were prevented from trying a couple of times. Westoe's short and accurate passes gained good control of the ball and went on to score three tries especially one player had an excellent run leaving Billingham players behind. Billingham then were concentrating on tackling techniques and eventually went on to score another try but it was a struggle for them. In the second half Westoe were the stronger team and went on to score again right at the very end. Overall a very good game was played, some players displayed good rugby techniques. Final score Westoe 9 - Billingham 4 Report done by Emma Fox

Billingham u14s v Guisborough U14s

These two sides have produced some very close encounters over recent years and always raise their game against each other. This was no exception. A poignant moment started the match as both teams faced each other for a minutes silence to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. From the first whistle the match was evenly contested. Guisborough with the heaviest pack competed well up front, but although Billingham were the lighter they were the quicker around the park. The deadlock was not broken until 5 minutes before half time. A lineout 15 meters out, quick thinking hooker Steve Halliday, through the ball short to the front of the line, where Tom (Sarnie) Samovich charged for the line. He was tackled to the ground but released, so he stood up and continued his drive. His strength enabled him to drive 3 Guisborough forwards over the line for the score in the corner. Conversion missed. The game followed the same pattern into the second half. Both sides had breaks but good tackling kept the score at 5:0. Mid way through the second half, applying consistent pressure to the Guisborough line by running the ball wide, Billingham switched the direction and outside centre Lewis Patterson ran wide around the Guisborough defence to score in the corner. A successful conversion from Josh Armstrong took the score to 12:0. Guisborough fought back, and secured an unconverted try, when a flowing move ended with the right winger scoring at the end of a 30 metre solo run. The match was so well contested that a re-match has been scheduled in two weeks time

BILLINGHAM u16s V WETHERBY u16S

After a couple of weeks without a game, the Under 16s returned to action against Wetherby at Greenwood Road.

After a Danny Westall try was judged to have been held up we scored from the resulting 5m scrum. Peter Evans at Fly Half missing out the centres to give the ball to Dave Beecroft on the wing who scored in the corner. The second try came from a lineout on the Billingham 5m line. A clearance kick out and chase, regaining possession and James Watson receiving and scoring in the corner. Constant Billingham pressure and excellent forward play seen a driving maul push Wetherby back 10 metres and the ball out to scrum half Matty Stringer who burst out off the maul the last 5 metres to the line and under the posts. A scrum on halfway seen Anth Hyndman receive at pace. The result was inevitable, Hyndman unstoppable. The final try of the half came from more fantastic Billingham forwards work, finished off by James Watson scoring in the corner. Half time score 31 points to 0.

The second half started with Billingham dominating again. A great movement of the ball across the field and back again, Danny Westall powering through the Wetherby defence to score between the posts. Wetherby did not give up and from a spell of pressure, got a try of their own from a penalty move on the 5 metre line. From the restart the ball was caught and driven forward, then out to Phil McCarthy on the wing who used his lightning pace to run through and score in the corner. The final try came from a Wetherby defensive kick which Full Back Ben Laing took superbly. He ran 50 metres then passed the ball out to Phil McCarthy supporting his run, to score under the posts. Special mention for Peter Evans today who's kicking was superb, converting six out of eight conversions.

Man of the match today for a great all round display was Hooker Rob McCabe. Final score Bill 52 Wetherby 5.

Westoe 15 Billingham 15

The match was played at south Tyneside college on a very heavy pitch with long grass and poor markings, Billingham faced a very big and mobile Westoe team, the game started well with both teams playing good rugby, Westoe crossed first after some good play by the Westoe pack. Billingham then woke up and started to match Westoe in ruck and maul and a try was scored by Jonny Rumis to level the game. Billingham gained more confidence in the second half and took the lead through Tom Cummings crashing over following some good hands by the Billingham backs. Westoe then crossed to level the game in the 2nd half Westoe pressed Billingham and looked better in the forwards -who were all big and mobile, Westoe took the lead again. Billingham then got quick ball out wide to the very fast backs of Rumis, Routh, and Wilson this created a further try to level the game. In the last 5 minutes of the game Billingham pressed for a win and Matty Routh made a decisive run from the half way line and beat a Westoe player, unfortunately due to poor markings he crossed just outside the line, the try was not given and the match ended 15-15.

Report by Paul Routh -Billingham under 10s coach

Westoe U12s 60 Billingham u12s 0

Ouch!! our biggest loss ever, and for once we looked at the Westoe team and thought these kids are normal size, so felt we could be in with a chance.

We started well, forwards gaining ground and some good runs from the backs but then Westoe got a break and ran through some weak tackling to score. Almost from the restart they gained ground and soon burst through again, things were not looking good. There was then a "wee bit of fisticuffs" to quote Bill McLaren between 4 players, a good ticking off from the ref. and a short "time out" to allow players to cool down soon got the game back to being played in the correct manner. Unfortunately it was Westoe who then clicked into gear, and they started to run away with the game. Billingham kept going even though they were trying to stem the tide towards the end, and the score would have been worse had there been conversions!!.

There was a 3-way man of the match, Phillip Ayton at Hooker, Mitch Davidson on the wing and Ben Richardson who played the best he has ever done in a Billingham shirt. So even on a day that seemed depressing there is something for us to take forward, but as the Westoe coach said, we have some good lads but at times they tend to stand back and admire the ball, instead of getting in and claiming possession.

Training on Thursday is going to get tougher we need a win soon as we are not as bad as our results are indicating, this is the low point now we have to move onwards together.