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RESULTS

Durham/N'thm'land 1
Redcar 22 - 14 Billingham
Billingham 34 - 12 North Shields
Malton and Norton 44 - 19 Billingham

Saturday 17th December
All Games cancelled Frozen Pitch

D/HAM & NORTH/LAND DIV 1	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	Pts
<u>Malton and Norton</u>	11	9	0	2	332	109	223	18
<u>Northern</u>	11	9	0	2	268	163	105	18
<u>Horden</u>	10	8	0	2	340	141	199	16
<u>Gateshead</u>	11	8	0	3	265	152	113	16
<u>Billingham</u>	11	6	0	5	248	243	5	12
<u>Consett</u>	10	6	0	4	209	236	-27	12
<u>Ponteland</u>	11	5	0	6	286	222	64	10
<u>Ryton</u>	11	4	0	7	145	202	-57	8
<u>North Shields</u>	11	3	0	8	174	255	-81	6
<u>Acklam</u>	11	3	0	8	152	336	-184	6
<u>Redcar</u>	11	3	0	8	151	360	-209	6
<u>West Hartlepool TDSOB</u>	11	1	0	10	152	303	-151	2

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Gosforth U16s 31

V

Billingham U16s 21

Billingham Under 16s side had to travel to Gosforth with just 14 players. The team decimated through injuries, and one player at North of England trials. After a scrappy start Gosforth scored first which was not converted. James Watson replied for Billingham with a No8 pick up and go from a scrum 15 meters out. Peter Evans kicking the conversion well. Gosforth got a second unconverted try to make it 10 points to 7 to the home team at half time.

After the break Gosforth scored again this time converting. Billingham had long spells in the Gosforth half without any success, until the ball was passed out to Anth Hyndman on the wing. He chipped the ball over the top and ran on to catch it and score under the posts. Another easy conversion by Peter Evans. Billingham battled on, and Anth Hyndman scored his second try of the day, Peter slotting home the conversion with ease. In the last 5 minutes Gosforth scored 2 breakaway trys, both converted, and there was no coming back. In a scrappy game Gosforth made the most of their chances and ended Billingham's unbeaten season. Our first defeat since our semi final cup exit at Blaydon in February and only our second defeat in a year.

Final score Gosforth 31 Billingham 21.

BILLINGHAM U13s 59

V

MOWDEN PARK U13s 0

Billingham U13's didn't waste any time in making an impact in the first round of the County Cup against Mowden Park. Mowden were taken by surprise in the opening minute when Tom Kill ran clear to score between the posts. The second minute saw Jake Day repeat and the third minute saw another by Tom Kill. All three tries were cleanly converted by Danny Finney. Mowden tried to regroup and managed to hold Billingham until just before the half time whistle when Adam Cockburn touched down by the corner flag. The half time score was an imposing 33:0 due to a whole team effort.

BILLINGHAM 33 MOWDEN PARK 0

The second half saw more supportive play and no relenting from Billingham. Tries came from Tom Kill (1), Jake Day (2) and Connor Shea (1). Danny Finney converted three and Mark Brewis one. This was a roaring start to the U13's defence of the County Cup and coach Wayne Finney congratulated the whole team on their stunning 59:0 victory. Unable to decide the man of the match, he left it to the Mowden coach who selected Danny Finney.

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Billingham U15s Vs Durham City U15s

County Cup

Hoping for a win to stay in the cup, we went out on to the pitch very confident for this. At first we almost didn't play, as the referee hadn't arrived. The game start with us kick and running with the wind. Although we had this we were trying some players in new positions (Anthony) and Durham having a down hill run saw our defence crumbed very close to Durham's twenty two and a run through saw Durham go up by a try. A long period of time followed with a stalemate till bad passing by the backs saw Durham score a try with a third, which was converted. More followed with a fourth try which was converted on half time with the score:

Billingham 0 Durham City 24

The second half saw us running into the wind and down hill. But these odd didn't stop Durham scoring after the first five minutes. More of the same with two more try from Durham with the last one being converted. At this point the game all most ended because the referee through that the higher score line allowed in cup games is forty. But Billingham had the last laugh with strong play from Dave Nobbs resulting in Billingham's only try of the game with Danny Brown missing the conversion resulting in a final score of:

Billingham 5 Durham City 49

Bad luck lads, we lost mainly because of the back's bad pass in second half and Ant Rumis in the first half. Danny also remember how to catch (first half wasn't your fault). Man of the match goes to Dave Nobbs for a good game and scoring the only Billingham try of the Game. Report by Tony Kuy.

Under 10s report Sunday 4/12/05

Mowden Park under 10s arrived in Billingham hoping to continue their run of form having won the county sevens here recently and winning the majority of their games this season. It was decided that 2 short games would be played so that all players would get a game.

First Game Billingham 0 Mowden Park 10

Billingham started quickly but could not break down the Mowden defence who tackled like tigers; Billingham did dominate the scrums but could not get quick ball out to the backs. Mowden realised that this was no easy game and crossed for the first try on half time.

In the 2nd half Billingham again pressed for a try only to be thwarted 5 metres out. Billingham pressure resulted in Mowden breaking away down the blind side to cross in the last few minutes.

Game 2 Billingham 10 Mowden Park 5

Billingham were really up for the 2nd game and were more determined to turn pressure into trys. Early on Billingham won a good scrum and got the ball out wide to the backs resulting in Luke Wilson crashing over after the ball was passed through hands, A wonderful team effort.

In the 2nd half Billingham dominated in ruck and maul and did not give much away. A good drive by tom Cummings resulted in a pop pass to Jonny Rumis who crossed in style. Late in the game Mowden crossed and the game finished 10-5 to Billingham. Both teams had played magnificently in very heavy conditions with no quarter given, and good hard rugby.

Billingham First XV versus North Shields

It looked ominous for Bingham as Shields took to the field with a huge pack and a reputation for pushing opposition packs around the park.

Things got worse after four minutes when Woodhouse dislocated a thumb but managed to pop it back, and when Joe Evans took a big hit off a massive second row well.....of course with the spirit in the side running high he bounced back. A combination of the experience of Mcgrath, Willis, Kerr and Cruz coupled with the energy and enthusiasm (not to mention experience) of the younger pack members saw Shields given a real pasting up front with Danny Robinson and Amos looking up for the challenge from one of the largest packs we have seen at Greenwood Road With only twenty minutes gone John Stewart was red carded for retaliation (although the initial skirmish was missed by the referee). Down to fourteen Bingham dug deep into their energy reserves and played some outstanding rugby. Following several phases of play Hutchinson scored the first of his two when shields were stretched and he took a pop up pass on the burst 7 - 0. Then came a forwards classic driving maul with all having hands on at some point. The ball was carried over by Durnion and what an effort against a far heavier opposition, this could be clearly seen by the expression on his face. 12 - 0 We do not often see the captain smile during a game but this was such a satisfying score for the forwards even Willis and Mcgrath were smiling (unconfirmed rumour) The backs came into the game and Joe Evans ran around the defence to touch down to increase the score to 19 - 0

Half Time - Bingham 19 - North Shields 0

More fluent rugby from Bingham saw the miss move to Chris Ker to Michael Evans who once again made ground to give Hutchie a long run in for his second of the day. 24 -0

Fresh legs were brought on with Dalton for Hutchie, Paul Shepherd for Andy Evans and Dave Robinson for Martin Ker All three settled in to the game with Robinson playing a back row / centre position and Shep adopting his normal wide out role. Then came what many said is the purists try of the season. Phase after phase of forwards to backs, to forwards pushed Bingham from their own five metre line to just over half way. The killer phase came when Joe Evans kicked over the top and as the Shields player took the ball was wrapped up by Shep and Woody. The back row were on him like a flash and the ball was ripped out giving Woodhouse the chance of a blind side break. With Cruz on the outside it was a classic draw the defender and time the pass. Cruz was hit on the try line but his strength carried him over. 29 - 0

Shields staged a recovery using the one man advantage as Bingham tired and scored a converted try 29 - 7 The nail in the coffin came when Shepherd scored a try typical of our young backs. Head down, foot on the gas over the line to finish off a superb all round performance despite playing an hour one short. 34 - 7 With the last play of the game and all of the Bingham players virtually out on their feet Shields used the extra man to score, the missed conversion was the last kick of the game

Full Time - Bingham 34 - North Shields 12

Spectators commentSee I told you simple rugby works and it does

Reporters comment..... Technically two of the best tries I have seen this year. One from the forwards against (in weight terms) superior opposition and one from a combination of all of the games skills.

A pleasure to watch this one

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