

BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB  
NEWS LETTER

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**NEW SEASON NEW COACH**  
**BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB**  
**WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME**  
**CHRIS HYNDMAN**  
**AS OUR NEW COACH**

The 2006\07 season starts soon and Billingham have been busy with there preparations for the new season, First we have managed to bring on board *Chris Hyndman* as player/coach, Chris has played rugby at the highest level (Northampton Saints and England Schoolboys) He brings with him a wealth of experience and talent that can only benefit the club and players.

**Back In June Billingham's Director of Rugby, Stewart Evans**, announced that Chris Hyndman (former player for England Schoolboys, Billingham Colts, Northampton and Otley) has been appointed as Player/Coach for the 2006/2007 season. Stewart added, "We are very pleased that Chris has agreed to join us in this role, and we look forward with excitement to the season ahead."

Chris played for Billingham Colts before going on to Northampton Saints, he knows the club and the players well, In pre-season training Chris has been busy getting the players fit and ready for the start of the new season, as the fixtures below show the first games of the season will not be easy.

September and Octobers 2006 Fixtures

date	1st	2nd	3rd
26.8.06	Darlington H		
2.9.06	M/boro H	Yarm H	
9.9.06	Stockton A	Stockton H	Stockton A
16.9.06	Alnwick H	Darlington A	Darlington H
23.9.06	Sunderland A	West H/pool H	Seaton H
30.9.06	Consett A	Mowden Park H	M/boro H
7.10.06	Gateshead H	Acklam A	West H/pool A
14.10.06	Gosforth A		Yarm A
21.10.06	North Shields H		Northallaton A
28.10.06		Northallaton A	Acklam H

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## **BILLINGHAM COLTS**

Last season playing as the u16s the colts won 18 out of the 20 games played and were one of the top teams in the Durham and Northumberland area, even travelling south to play the best of the North Yorkshire teams.

During the summer the colts have been playing rugby league under the name of our old friends The Teesside Steelers, again the colts won all of the rugby League games played,

This season the colts have new sponsors ***FINANCE FIRST*** and a new team shirt, the first game is on Sept 3rd kick off 1pm at home to Darlington.

The team are always looking to strengthen the squad so if you are interested in playing this season training is Wednesday nights and matches Sunday afternoons with some played midweek.

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## **BILLINGHAM UNDER 16s**

This year's u16s have also got a new team shirt and sponsor, ***Darlington Building Society***

The team won some really tough games last year and made big improvements through out the season which we hope will carry on this season we also have a good cup draw for the First round against Seaton on Nov 3rd, The first game of the new season is on Sept 3rd home to Durham.

Training starts Thursday 24th Aug 6.30pm

## **BILLINGHAM UNDER 15s**

The under 15s have been training hard over the summer and are hoping to continue with the successful season they had last year, In the summer the team did some rugby league training which we hope will help their defensive skills and other areas of play, the first game is Durham away on Sept 3rd, Training is Wednesday nights

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## No Smoking in BRUFC Clubhouse

Billingham's Chairman, Mark Armstrong has announced that Billingham's clubhouse at Greenwood Road will become a no smoking area throughout. "Members of the club at the AGM voted by a majority of over 75% in favour of the outright ban. This demonstrates Billingham's commitment to be the leading family club in the North East". Mark added, "By providing a healthier environment for our staff, our members, and most of all the 200+ children who play at the club every week, we are fulfilling our social and welfare goals". The ban will come into effect on September 1st, in time for the start of the new season.

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## BILLINGHAM UNDER 14s

Last season playing as the u13s the team had a difficult season and only managed to win *The County Cup* (2nd year running). *The District Cup*. And *The Mayors Trophy*. Winning every domestic game that season including beating the Yorkshire county and Yorkshire district champions as well. Head Coach *Wayne Finney* has been working hard with the team and hopes to improve on last seasons achievements.

## Billingham U13s V Darlington U13s County Cup Final

Billingham's U13 's boys finished the season on a high with a nail-biting triumph in the County Cup Final against Darlington. The Score of 26:22 to Billingham reflected what a close call it was before Billingham finally managed to pull off the victory.

The game started with Billingham's boys being somewhat reserved and allowing Darlington an early 5:0 lead. Billingham replied when Jake Day broke free to score under the posts, Danny Finney converting. Darlington replied by increasing the pressure, resulting in a second unconverted try. A Billingham penalty allowed Jake Day a second try, only to be negated by another from Darlington. At half time the score stood at 17:12 to Darlington.

Darlington continued to press in the second half, managing to manoeuvre the ball to the Billingham line, only to be kicked clear by Jake Toulson and picked up by Tom Kill. Tom Kill charged through the Darlington defence and ran the length of the pitch to score. Danny Finney converted. Unfortunately for Billingham Darlington scored again, leaving the score at 22:19 to Darlington in the dying minutes. In a style typical of Billingham's performance all season, Tom Kill scored a breakaway try, set up by Jake Day, to seal victory for Billingham's boys. The final score was 26:22 to Billingham. Man of the match was Jake Day.

This was the icing on the cake for a Billingham U13 side that has achieved what no Billingham junior side has achieved before - they have been unbeaten all season, won the District Cup, Mayor's Trophy and now the County Cup. Congratulations to all of the boys and coach Wayne Finney.

First game of the season is away to Durham on 3rd Sept, training is Wednesday nights.

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**YOUTH SECTION FIXTURES**

2006	Minis		Under 18s		Under 16s	
SEP	3	Registration Day		Durham	Durham	H
	10	Training			Blaydon	A
	17	Training			Ryton	A
	24	Training			Stockton	A
OCT	1	West Hartlepool	H	West Hartlepool	West Hartlepool // County	H
	8	sevens 11 and 12s		Middlesbrough	Hartlepool Rovers	A
	15	B.Castle & Acklam	A	Darlington Mowden Park	Darlington Mowden Park	H
	22	sevens9 and 10			Ponteland // County	A
	29	Training			Westoe // County	H
NOV	5	Guisborough	A	Guisborough	Guisborough	H
	12	Training			Seaton // Cup round 1	A
	19	Horden & Houghton	H		Sunderland	A
	26	Training			Consett	H
DEC	3	Sunderland	H		Middlesbrough	A
	10	Middlesbrough	A		Ryton	H
	17	Training			Washington // Cup round	H
	24	No Training			Training	
	31	No Training - Dads v		No Training Dads v Lads	No Training - Dads v Lads	

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SEP	3	Durham	A	Training	
	10	Blaydon	H	Blaydon	A
	17	Ryton	A	Redcar	H
	24	Gosforth Festival	A	Training	
OCT	1	West Hartlepool	A	West Hartlepool	A
	8	Middlesbrough	H	Middlesbrough	H
	15	Darlington Mowden	A	Darlington Mowden	A
	22	Gosforth (league)	H	Training	
	29	Darlington (league)	H	Westoe	H
NOV	5	Guisborough	A	Guisborough	H
	12	Morpeth // Cup	H	Training // Cup	
	19	Percy Park (league)	A	Durham	H
	26	Acklam	A	Acklam	H
DEC	3	Tynedale (league)	A	Houghton	A
	10	Ryton // Cup	H	Consett // Cup	A
	17	Houghton (B fixture)	A	Seaton	A
	2	Training		Training	
	3	No Training - Dads v		No Training - Dads v	

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