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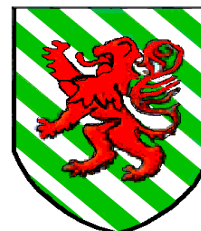
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Billingham	11	8	0	3	434	150	284	16	0
Sunderland	11	8	0	3	290	153	137	16	0
Alnwick	11	7	0	4	254	158	96	14	0
Consett	11	6	0	5	188	247	-59	12	0
Ponteland	11	4	1	6	214	210	4	9	0
Ryton	11	4	1	6	155	256	-101	9	0
Gosforth	11	4	0	7	239	227	12	8	0
Stockton	11	2	2	7	196	243	-47	6	0
Redcar	11	2	2	7	156	360	-204	6	0
North Shields	11	0	0	11	81	517	-436	-2	-2

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>  
BILLINGHAM FIRST  
XV 17  
v  
SCARBOROUGH  
33**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December  
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v  
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## **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 17 v Scarborough 33**

This game always looked to be our biggest challenge of the season so far and with injuries and missing players we needed to be at our best Burgum replaced the injured Woodhouse, Hutchinson dropping back to six with Durnion unavailable Dalton in the second row and Daley returning from injury on the bench with Stewart and Fern.

The first half was a hard fought battle which saw the visitors take the lead when a kick through saw Garbutt who gave away a twenty metre start run in field to just be beaten to the touch down.

Billingham's defence which is normally rock solid seemed a little shaky and but for some major defensive work by Willis and Garbutt we could have been further behind.

### **Half Time BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 0 v Scarborough 5**

After only three minutes of the second half a Scarborough move saw an attempted interception by Shepherd ruled deliberate and even to the oppositions surprise the man in the middle awarded a penalty try.

Billingham were shaken by this but showed their true ability when our forwards drove them off a ruck Burgham produced a quick release to Joe Evans and clever interplay with saw Shepherd go over in the corner.

At last we were pulling them all over the field and Hyndman produced a telling pass to see Hutchinson eventually touch down. It seemed that every back and forward was involved in this move.

Scarborough scored a push over try and then with Billingham trying to force the game two interceptions saw them take a 33 to 12 lead.

We certainly saved our best till last with quick ball sending Craig Shepherd away to pop a perfectly timed pass to Garbutt who despite still having a lot to do touched down and bring to an end a game which saw our Senior Vase hopes disappear.

### **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 17 v Scarborough 33**

**Reporters Comments:** Their linesman for whatever reason started shouting at the referee and was asked to leave the pitch and we do not need to have "Easy, Easy" chanted by opposition supporters

We can now concentrate on the league again and reapplying the skills which have led to our recent successes

**Supporters Comment:** It was like watching an old Billingham side we did not do ourselves justice, they were a good side flattered by the score line but I am sure Ponteland will pay for it next week

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## **Middlesborough 71 Billingham 14**

An unusual scorecard, but a deserved Middlesborough win. Fielding two full squads, the Home team overran Billingham at the start with a Great 1<sup>st</sup> XII. Each of the early tries came from good, practiced rugby, winning the ball, passing along the line of backs and cleanly placing the ball over the line. The first 10 mins were difficult for the Visitors as they failed to find their footing in poor weather conditions and freezing wind.

Middlesborough rolled on six new lads, to give all the team a game, and these fresh legs faced a now warmed up opposition. Play was far more even now, with good rucking and mauling from both sides. Despite this new vigour from Billingham, they just never made it over the line in the first half.

Second half saw Billingham taking injuries, and with no subs today the Home team lent a man or two throughout the remainder of the game. Billingham eventually found form against 12 more fresh starters, the 2 converted tries giving cheer to all the team. Smiling all the while, both teams seemed to enjoy the second half more with the crowd pleased to see an unusual, but still enjoyable game of U 11's Rugby.

Try scorer: Jonny Rumis. 2. Con.2.

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## Consett 20 v Billingham 20 10th December 2006

What a day, blowing a gale and what a change for Consett weather. NOT!!!!. Billingham had a great start with good play out towards the backs and Tom Doherty putting on the gas and running a try in from just outside the half way line within the first three minutes. A great start for Billingham, especially as around half the team had played district match's on Saturday and gave it everything, playing well over 80 minutes over four match's. Some good rucking and mauling soon followed with both teams being pretty much equal. With the wind blowing hard it was a known fact that it was "stuff it up your jumper" type play, keeping it close and avoiding long passes. When long ball was played it caused a few Knock ons by both teams, especially with the cold wind blowing making it even harder to feel the finger tips. Billingham followed up with a mistake by Consett with a knock on. A good scrum followed within Consetts 22, and Ben McWilliams picking up and a few hand offs later running the ball over the try line. Billingham made a few mistakes and were soon punished with one of the larger players from Consett running a try in (THINK THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PLANTING THEM IN GROWMORE).

Again it was a known fact that it would be hard to convert with the strong wind blowing across the pitch. A good run again from the scrum, with Ben passing off to Josh Gibson just before the line and Josh being forced out before he could place down. Consett soon followed with a mistake by Billingham allowing a penalty around 15 meters off our try line, Not reacting to the tap Billingham were soon punished again just before half time. Strong winds again not allowing the conversion. The second half started with some good runs from Billingham, Again the wind causing knock ons when the ball was passed more than a few yards. From a scrum after a knock on Consett reacted with a good run over the try line.

This followed with Billingham reacting hard and making some fantastic tackles from Ben, Tom, Johnny Young and Jack Chapman just back from serious injury within Consetts 22. A few good pick ups when the ball was loose from Gary Chuelish soon followed, and only being just unlucky forced out to touch within a few yards from the try line. Billingham were awarded a penalty around 15 meters off Consetts line. A tap and go to Ben, Then Robbie Lavender coming in to secure saw a Great drive by Nathan Wilson putting the ball over the line for his first try only and only after playing a few games for us. A win was insight for us again. Consett again soon followed with a break putting down again to equal the score. The last four minutes and we were within ten meters of the try line, three successive scrums followed. Ben picking up from the back of the scrum and running in. Two minutes left and what a game. From the kick off a penalty awarded against Billingham?? Why?? Off side from a kick off to us. This must be a new RFU law!!!! Consett punished and with a quick tap and go, Billingham not reacting again and the ball being placed to equal everything. All in all a great game with some good rugby by both sides in some very trying conditions. The win was insight, but some bad decisions cost in the end. Take it forward lads, Three games and not a loss. Bring on the next one. Well done from all of us. Man of the match was very hard to decide as we had all seen a very good game played by most of the players, Ben for his great tackling, Marcus and Johnny for some great runs, Tom and Craig Errington with commitment to the game and Jack playing his first game back since serious injury at the beginning of the season forcing some great tackles. It was eventually decided that Gary Chuelish be awarded for his play in the loose in forward play, making some great runs and being only just unlucky to score. Again well done everyone. We are getting there.

M.O.M - Gary Chuelish and most of the team

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