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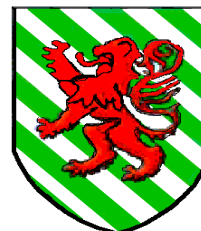
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SATURDAY 10th FEB
CUP MATCH
BILLINGHAM 1st
V
WEST HARTLEPOOL
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P&I DESIGN

	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Northern	16	14	0	2	379	205	174	28
2	Gateshead	16	13	0	3	527	208	319	26
3	Sunderland	16	13	0	3	431	201	230	26
4	Billingham	16	11	0	5	587	213	374	22
5	Alnwick	16	8	0	8	348	227	121	16
6	Ponteland	16	7	1	8	294	273	21	15
7	Consett	16	7	0	9	251	349	-98	14
8	Gosforth	16	6	0	10	302	365	-63	12
9	Redcar	16	5	2	9	250	441	-191	12
10	Ryton	16	5	1	10	206	384	-178	11
11	Stockton	16	4	2	10	299	329	-30	10
12	North Shields	16	0	0	16	109	788	-679	0

SATURDAY
10th FEB
BILLINGHAM
2nds
AND
BILLINGHAM
3rds
NO
GAME

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Mowden Park 27 v BILLINGHAM 2nd XV 25

You just know its not going to be your day when injuries, unavailability and late cry offs followed by Coulle pulling a calf in warm up reduces you to fourteen.

Mowden quickly went three up with a penalty but Billingham struck back with Armstrong through the backs to Stewart who went over in the corner. Bonnety came into the line as often as possible getting good ball off the returning Willis (Tony, not Shaun or Craig) at centre but to often the extra defender meant lost ball or miss-timed passes. Billingham defended resolutely but pressure told in the end when the Mowden extra man caused overlaps and they went over on half time with a converted try past a tiring defensive line.

Half Time Mowden Park 1 0 v BILLINGHAM 5

Clarke slotted a difficult penalty to reduce the deficit but Mowden pressed again for long periods to eventually score again. Despite the efforts of Hammond who was putting hit after hit in from number eight spot they still kept pounding our line. Fernie and Nelson dominated the lineouts but the missing player was taking its toll on tired legs.

History repeated itself to bring the score to 22 – 11 but Billingham were pressing hard. Then disaster an intercepted try gave Mowden a sixteen-point lead with ten minutes to go.

Conlon called an “E Ball” and despite being one down Billingham drove over with Scott at the back. Touching down. 27 –18.

Billingham pressed hard and a slick move saw Atkinson come close with a great solo drive, Hutchinson continued on but was just stopped short. A slick move saw Westall take heavy contact as he popped to Stewart with twenty metres and four to beat. His weaving run took him to the five and great defending seemed to have stopped him short but with a final dip of the shoulder he dived over and with a Clarke conversion made it 27 – 25. With only two minutes to go Billingham were awarded a scrum on the Mowden twenty-two, as the scrum formed and we prepared for an Armstrong drop goal attempt the Ref blew for full time leaving everyone confused as to why the last play was not allowed.

Reporters comment: - Valiant effort from a short-handed side that could have been an easy win with a full strength side and well done the firsts and thirds!

**Tries: Stewart 2, Scott 1,
Clarke 2 Conversions, 2 Penalties 2
M.O.M. R.Hammond**

BBOB 7 v BILLINGHAM 2nd XV 38

With a stiff cold wind blowing down the field we advanced up the field and a quick tap penalty saw Coulle smash three tackles to go over.

Billingham pressed and Boys Brigade clearance saw Lumley return it with interest to Coulle, to Westall for a well worked score 14-0 Foster came into the game with a stunning 60y run to put Screen in. Fairhurst was unlucky following a great riving maul to be held up by 3 Old boys’ forwards then Foster got 1 for himself next following good forward play hammering every breakdown. Durnion continued his 100% kicking to slot a difficult chance to bring the half time score with 4 converted tries

Half Time BBOB 0 v BILLINGHAM 28

Nelson Limped off to be replaced by Tennent and McQuillen made way for Brown as Billingham faced the wind in the second half. A great switched scissors move between Foster and Westall saw the score increase to 33 just after half time but Old Boys were pressing and despite a great defensive effort managed to get one back 33 –7 Billingham won a line out and Fernie off the top to Screen saw a weaving run rewarded with a try. The cold took its toll and Durnion and Foster both left the field with injuries. Tomby went to wing, Brown to ten, Fernie to four and McQuillen returned at number eight. Billingham were reduced to fourteen when Bell chased a ball through, was adjudged to have tackled a man on the ground and was red carded. Even the Old Boys supporters thought it was a very harsh decision although Bell did the right thing and left the field having checked that the player was not injured. Billingham shut up shop with great defending round the fringes by Banks, Scott and Atkinson to run the clock down. Tries: Foster 2, Screen 2, Coulle 1, Westall 1, ConS Durnion 4 Club news Only minor muscle pulls for Nelson and Durnion and Foster
M.O.M (3) Fairhurst, Coulle and Westall w3hich shows the commitment.

Billingham U14's 27 West Hartlepool 12

The U14's took on West Hartlepool at home in their second encounter of the season. Billingham went straight on the attack but the West defence was alert and held them back. Not for long however, as a good display of handling from the backs saw the ball out to Joe Douthwaite to score for Billingham.

Play then lingered in the Billingham half and West made several challenges. Their closest to scoring was thwarted by a superb tackle coming from Conor Shea. West continued to push but couldn't make an impression on the score line. Eventually it was Jake Day for Billingham who scored, powering over the line. Just before half time West replied with a try of their own, which was subsequently converted. Joe Douthwaite scored again to leave a half-time score of 15:7 to Billingham. Billingham had a strong wind behind them in the second half. It was some minutes in before a short pass to Jake Toulson spurred him to make a quick break through the unsuspecting West defence to score under the posts. Danny Finney converted. Play then reverted to the Billingham half and eventually West were rewarded with a try. Jake Toulson put another in the corner just before the final whistle to make the final score 27:12 in Billingham's favour.

Billingham U14's 39 Mowden Park 0

This home match presented the opportunity for the whole squad to have a substantial game, in crisp, bright conditions. Play got underway with Billingham scrummaging well and getting the ball out to the backs but the boys failed to make an impression on the score line. Third time lucky for Billingham saw Conor Shea charge through to score. Mowden consistently pressed and ensured play remained in the Billingham half for several minutes. Billingham failed to make any ground and then gained control swiftly and allowed Danny Finney to make a break and score. On a further two occasions Billingham had the ball over the Mowden line but couldn't seem to make the touch.

A reconfigured Billingham side in the second half saw a superb try by Cole Henderson after a sprint through the Mowden defence. This was followed by Tom Kill scoring under the posts on his first touch of the match. Two more tries came from conor shea and one from Danny Finney (two of which he converted) to bring the final score to 39:0 to Billingham. Coach Wayne Finney congratulated the boys on a fine display of rugby and gave man of the match to Andy Thompson.

Durham/North'd 1 Tries By Position

	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	PT	Pts
1	Billingham	57	10	0	86	0	574
2	Gateshead	44	32	1	68	0	527
3	Sunderland	31	23	0	59	3	441
4	Northern	26	19	2	50	0	365
5	Alnwick	24	9	0	51	0	330
6	Gosforth	23	25	2	34	1	302
7	Ponteland	17	14	1	42	1	294
8	Consett	23	13	2	32	0	251
9	Redcar	17	16	1	30	3	250
10	Stockton	17	28	0	26	0	248
11	Ryton	16	17	1	23	1	206
12	North Shields	5	8	0	12	0	94

TOP POINTS SCORES

	Player	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	Pts
1	Joe Evans	Billingham	57	10	0	8	184
2	David Kell	Gateshead	36	26	0	4	170
3	Sean Bellon	Sunderland	23	16	0	8	134
4	Jeremy Good	Stockton	17	25	0	2	119
5	Robin Weston	Gosforth	15	18	2	2	100
6	Craig Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	18	90
7	Paul Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	17	85
8	Graeme Turnbull	Ponteland	15	13	1	0	72
9	Kieron McMahon	Redcar	11	9	1	4	72
10	Christopher Naylor	Gateshead	0	0	0	14	70

TOP KICKERS

	Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drops	Pts
1	David Kell	Gateshead	36	26	0	150
2	Joe Evans	Billingham	57	10	0	144
3	Jeremy Good	Stockton	17	25	0	109
4	Sean Bellon	Sunderland	23	16	0	94
5	Robin Weston	Gosforth	15	18	2	90

WATERWHEEL INN SOCIAL LEAGUE

Yarm II keep their top position after a 49 – 19 victory over Wensleydale I, but the usual suspects are now starting their charge up the league. Acklam Talbots move into second place after wins against Seaton Carew 57 – 0, Redcar 24 – 22 and Horden 21 – 5. Guisborough II had a mixed month which turned around after the old warhorse Taff Davies once again took a more active part. They defeated Stocktonians 12 – 7 then Redcar III 50 – 8. Also on the up are Hartlepool II with wins against West Hartlepool Amateurs 57 – 10, Seaton Carew 79 – 0, Northallerton III 46 – 12 and Middlesbrough A who beat Richmondshire 31 – 12 and Wensleydale I 51 – 5. February should be interesting !

	Points	Scored	League	Games	Games	League
	For	Against	Points	Played	To-Date	Position
Yarm II	509	204	49	16	18	1
Acklam Talbots	437	230	46	17	20	2
Guisborough II	410	173	45	14	18	3
Hartlepool II	547	129	40	12	15	4
Middlesbrough III	466	70	40	11	15	4
Horden Yakkers	294	92	37	11	14	6
Seaton Carew II	252	555	26	14	16	7
Stocktonians	207	286	25	11	18	8
Billingham III	200	274	21	10	12	9
Wensleydale I	186	450	21	13	16	9
Redcar III	111	333	12	10	12	11
West H. Amateur I	120	498	10	10	15	12
Northallerton III	65	129	8	5	7	13
Richmondshire II	100	213	8	7	11	13
Bishop Auckland II	77	146	7	6	7	15
Darlington IV	3	22	-2	1	7	16

BILLINGHAM 2nds 13 v ROVERS 8

A scrappy game in gale force winds saw Billingham run out winners. The highlight of this one was without doubt young Scott Thompson in the last minute, under the posts facing a sixteen stone prop in full flight from a tap penalty. A score would undoubtedly have lead to a drawn game but no..... Thompson dipped his shoulder, hit the charging forward and drove him back to the five metre line causing him to knock on. It was great to see the “experienced” players congratulating him.

DURHAM COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Tees Valley Leagues.

Stockton Saracens retain the leadership of the league despite a defeat at home to Hartlepool II 12 – 32.

Horden remain in second position with Billingham catching them up after a 13 – 8 victory over West Hartlepool Stags and a 5 – 24 defeat to Middlesbrough Wasps

	Points	Scored	League	Games	Games	League
	For	Against	Points	Played	To-Date	Position
Stockton Saracens	197	115	22	8	12	1
Horden II	98	17	15	5	8	2
Billingham II	66	64	12	5	5	3
Middlesbrough Wasps	77	41	8	3	4	4
West Hartlepool Stags	63	89	7	5	7	5
Hartlepool Rovers II	47	75	5	4	5	6
Darlington III	21	31	3	2	3	7
Mowden Park III	5	41	3	1	2	7
Northallerton II	10	41	2	2	2	9
Redcar Mariners	7	74	1	1	4	10
Hartlepool Athletic I	0	0	0	0	0	11