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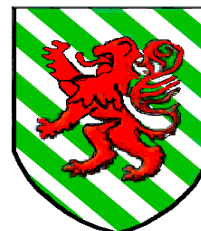
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**SATURDAY 10th FEB
CUP MATCH**

**BILLINGHAM 34
WEST HARTLEPOOL 12**

**SATURDAY 10th MARCH
CUP DRAW
BILLINGHAM WILL PLAY DURHAM CITY AT HOME
IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE CUP**

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Second Round of the County Cup
Billingham u14s v Seaton Carew u14s

This week the U14's played away to Seaton Carew in the second round of the County Cup. The match began with Seaton having the run of play and the Billingham boys failing to make an initial impression. The break came after several minutes when a long kick down into the Seaton half was scooped up by Dominic Simpson to score for Billingham.

Billingham reinforced the lead moments later when a kick down the pitch was picked up by Jake Toulson, who then put in some strong running to score. Prevailing winds served to make all attempts at conversions tricky.

Joe Douthwaite read the ball well just before half-time, when great ball handling along the backs gave him the chance to score, which he did. At half time the score stood at 15:0 to Billingham.

The second half saw a hesitant start from both teams and Seaton began to press. Play was momentarily held up due to injury then Jake Toulson broke free to score in the corner. A few further breaks from Billingham came to nothing, with Seaton defending well. They replied with a consolation try just before the final whistle, to allow Billingham through to the next round of the County Cup, on a score of 20:5.

Durham/N'thm'land 1

	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

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DURHAM COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

The draw for the Semi Finals of the 3rd Teams Cup and the Quarter Finals of the Junior Cup was made at the Durham City RFC tonight and resulted as follows:-
Third Teams Cup Semi Finals to be played on Saturday

3rd March, 2007.

Darlington Mowden Park or Durham University v Ryton
 or Winlaton II
 Horden or Blaydon v Darlington III.

The outstanding 2nd Round ties in this competition are being cleared this week end 17th February.

Junior Cup Quarter Finals to be played on Saturday
10th March.

Sunderland v Seaton Carew or Yarm
 Bishop Auckland or Barnard Castle v Hartlepool.

Winlaton Vulcans or Hartlepool BBOB
 v West Hartlepool TDSOB
 Houghton v Ryton.

Owing to the wash out of several 1st Round ties last week end, the outstanding ties will have to be played on the date of the Quarter Finals on 10th March with the consequent knock on effect into the Semi Final date of the 24th March. However, with the advent of the lighter nights enabling mid-week games, the Final date of the 21st April will not be affected.

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DURHAM COUNTY U15 RUGBY

Durham U15 XV enjoyed a successful start to their county programme when they defeated Cumbria U15 by 45-0 at Ashbrooke, Sunderland on Sunday 28th January.

In sunny, dry conditions, the Durham forwards supplied good ball from all phases to enable their speedy, skilful backs to score 7 tries, five of which were converted.

SCORERS WERE WINGER TONY QUINN-JAQUES (ST.THOMAS MORE SCHOOL/BLAYDON CLUB) WHO HELPED HIMSELF TO TWO TRIES, ONE TRY EACH BY CENTRE AND CAPTAIN PERRY ALEXANDER (BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL), WINGER TOM KILL (BILLINGHAM CAMPUS SCHOOL./ BILLINGHAM CLUB), GEORGE STUDD (DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL/DURHAM CITY CLUB) AND REPLACEMENT CENTRE DOMINIC CATTERALL (HARTON SCHOOL/WESTOE CLUB). SCRUM HALF MATTHEW MELLISH ALSO OF HARTON SCHOOL AND WESTOE KICKED 4 SPLENDID CONVERSIONS AND THE OTHER CONVERSION WAS BY REPLACEMENT FLY HALF NICK BALDWIN OF CARMEL SCHOOL/DARLINGTON CLUB

After the game, boys playing for Durham County for the first time were awarded their county ties by Brian Watt, who recently retired as Durham County Schools Secretary after almost 30 years of service to Durham County Schools Rugby.

Future fixtures are :-

Wed 21st February "B" team v Northumberland "B". venue tba
Sunday 25th February "A" team v Yorkshire (Central) at Westoe
Saturday 10th March "A" and "B" teams v Northumberland "A" and "B"
at Ryton

Further games against Lancashire "A" and "B" and Cheshire "A" and "B" are scheduled for April

League Match – Northern (home) **Billingham U14's 33 Northern U14's10**

A competitive Northern side travelled to Billingham this week for their first encounter in the league. Jake Day wasted no time with an early try under the posts for Billingham. Play then hung in the centre of the pitch for quite some time with both sides failing to make any ground. Eventually the stalemate was broken with a second Jake Day try under the posts. Danny Finney converted.

A Billingham lineout was then lost to Northern but somehow they managed to regain possession. Joe Douthwaite dived over the line to score and Danny Finney converted.

Northern upped their game and applied some pressure and came close to scoring but the ball was cleared on the line. At half-time the score stood at 19:0 in Billingham's favour.

Northern appeared invigorated in the second half and had Billingham on the back foot for several minutes. The Billingham boys were called on to tackle consistently in order to hold out their challengers. Eventually Northern's efforts were rewarded with a try following a lineout close to the Billingham line. Jake Day replied with a superb try, following a catch from a kick down field and a long sprint down the wing to score in the corner. Mark Brewis converted. His fourth and final try of the match soon followed and Danny Finney converted this time.

A try for Northern in the dying minutes resulted in an eventual score-line of 33:10 to Billingham. The result of this match leaves Billingham top of the league at this point in the season. Man of the match was Nathan Moffat.

Team Form Guide

	Team	Home Form	Away Form
1	Alnwick	W-L-W-W-L-W-L	L-L-L-W-W-W-L-W-L
2	Billingham	W-L-W-W-W-L-L	L-W-W-W-W-W-W-L-W
3	Consett	L-L-W-W-W-L-L-W	L-L-L-W-L-L-W-W
4	Gateshead	W-L-W-W-W-W-W	W-W-L-W-L-W-W-W
5	Gosforth	W-L-W-L-L-L-W-W	L-L-W-L-W-L-L-L
6	North Shields	L-L-L-L-L-L-L-L	L-L-L-L-L-L-L-L
7	Northern	W-W-W-W-L-W-W-W-W	W-W-W-L-W-W-W
8	Ponteland	W-W-L-W-L-W-L-L-W	L-W-L-L-D-L-W
9	Redcar	W-W-L-D-L-W-W-L	L-L-W-L-L-D-L-L
10	Ryton	W-L-L-W-D-L-W-L	L-L-L-L-W-L-W-L
11	Stockton	L-L-W-W-L-D-L-L	W-L-W-L-D-L-L-L
12	Sunderland	W-W-W-W-W-W-W	W-W-W-L-L-W-W-L

Top Point Scorers

	Player	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	Pts
1	Joe Evans	Billingham	57	11	0	9	192
2	David Kell	Gateshead	36	26	0	4	170
3	Sean Bellon	Sunderland	23	16	0	8	134
4	Jeremy Good	Stockton	21	26	0	2	130
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 Try Scorers

	Player	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	Pts
1	Craig Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	18	90
2	Paul Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	17	85
3	Christopher Naylor	Gateshead	0	0	0	14	70
4	Chris Hyndman	Billingham	0	0	0	13	65
5	Chris Owen	Ponteland	0	0	0	10	50
6	David Tate	Gateshead	0	0	0	9	45
7	Joe Evans	Billingham	57	11	0	9	45
8	Matt Steele	Gosforth	0	0	0	9	45
9	Sean Bellon	Sunderland	23	16	0	8	40
10	Stephen Kay	Northern	0	0	0	8	40

Billingham 2nds	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

Billingham 3rds	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