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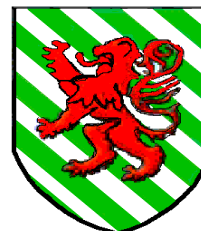
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**SATURDAY 17TH FEB
BILLINGHAM 1ST 55 V CONSETT 5**

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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 53 v CONSETT 5

It did not take long to spot the weakness in the Consett defence. They were moving up flat and J Evans kicked through for C Shep to score. M Evans really should have been stopped but his powerful run from the ten-metre line doubled the score. Not to be outdone the forwards drove into the corner lead by Willis and Danny Robbo went in on the blind.

The next was a classic with Hyndman appearing to catch overhead and pass to a looping Garbutt all in a blink of the eye with such speed the

Consett defence (and most of the supporters) were astounded.

Shep got his second when he chased down an A Evans kick through but the game was starting to get ragged with tempers to fraying. Consett looked like scoring but Daley tripped and “Accidentally” collapsed the maul. Dave Robbo closed out the half backing up Garbutt who chased up yet another Hyndman kick into space turning the Consett defence.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 38 v CONSETT 0**

Consett were determined to put Billingham off their game and the handbags were out after Hyndman was singled out for some off the ball treatment. This resulted in Youdale and a Consett player red carded.

The resulting penalty saw a long pass set Garbutt away to score again.

Woodhouse returned from injury on at scrum half and Screen replaced Shep at fullback with Hyndman coming off and A Evans moving out to centre. Consett took advantage of the changes with a break through the middle resulting in a rolling maul to score their only points of the game.

Scott replaced Amos and immediately entered a rolling maul to see Tennent force his way over. Tennent then showed his kicking ability when a clearance from his five metre line was fielded by Screen on our try line (negative yards is the technical term) The final try came from great forward play to the try line, Woodhouse touched down and was driven back, Danny Robbo picked up, touched down and was driven back, Screen took the pass and dived in well over for the try to be awarded at the third go. **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 53 V CONSETT 5**

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Scorer tries: Garbutt 2, C. Shepherd 2, Dave Robinson, Danny Robinson T. Stone 1, M.Evans 1, Screen 1 Kicks: Conversions J Evans 4

MOM Alex Garbutt (Again) Bob Bell Substitute pint drinker

Club news. Hutchinson looks to be out for a while, and Willis will need treatment for a painful injury. Bonnetty (2nds) refused to pass the ball (Tough when you are playing scrum half.) Craig Potts returning to Darlington for his handbag Oh yes they stuffed Darlington Great display

Billingham u11s 19 V Durham City u11s 33

Great weather and a soft pitch saw City take a very early try from a sleepy Billingham, but despite this start, Billingham were not despondent and came back well. Numbers dictated a 3-man pack and both teams’ forwards had to work very hard in the face of persistent offensive moves. City’s backs worked well together, keeping the ball moving across the pitch with plenty of forward pace, giving them another try, but no conversion.

Keeping their heads up, Billingham took the game to City and had their hard work rewarded with a try, a slip on the soft pitch denied them the conversion though. The game moved back and forth with each side gaining/losing ground in turn. Durham always held the lead, but a determined Billingham side kept the margin between the scores from becoming too great. Second half saw both teams take 2 more tries, Billingham forwards pounding through for the first, the second, a delightful ‘pop’ from the pack to backs, easily grounded and both safely converted. Durham worked hard for their remaining scores, one, heaved over the line by City’s’ huge forwards, the second run over by a Durham back who escaped a maul and surprised the Billingham defence. Both tries were converted to produce the final score in a well-played and enjoyable game of Rugby.

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.

Saturday, 17 February 2007

Alnwick	27 - 37	Gateshead
Billingham	53 - 3	Consett
Redcar	19 - 21	Northern
Ryton	40 - 7	North Shields
Stockton	25 - 14	Gosforth
Sunderland	24 - 3	Ponteland

Durham/N'thm'land 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Northern	17	15	0	2	403	224	179	30	0
Gateshead	17	14	0	3	564	235	329	28	0
Sunderland	17	14	0	3	455	204	251	28	0
Billingham	17	12	0	5	640	216	424	24	0
Alnwick	17	8	0	9	375	264	111	16	0
Ponteland	17	7	1	9	297	297	0	15	0
Consett	17	7	0	10	254	402	-148	14	0
Ryton	17	6	1	10	246	391	-145	13	0
Stockton	17	5	2	10	324	343	-19	12	0
Gosforth	17	6	0	11	316	390	-74	12	0
Redcar	17	5	2	10	269	465	-196	12	0
North Shields	17	0	0	17	116	828	-712	-2	-2

TEAM FORM

Team	Home Form	Away Form
1 Alnwick	L-W-L-W-W-L-W-L	L-L-L-W-W-L-W-L
2 Billingham	W-W-L-W-W-L-L	L-W-W-W-W-W-L-W
3 Consett	L-L-W-W-W-L-L-W	L-L-L-L-W-L-L-W-W
4 Gateshead	W-L-W-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-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-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-L-W-L-L-D-L-W
9 Redcar	L-W-W-L-D-L-W-W-L	L-L-W-L-L-D-L-L
10 Ryton	W-W-L-L-W-D-L-W-L	L-L-L-L-W-L-W-L
11 Stockton	W-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-W-L-L-W-W-L

TOP POINT SCORES

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	Pts
1 Joe Evans	Billingham	61	11	0	9	200
2 David Kell	Gateshead	40	29	0	4	187
3 Sean Bellon	Sunderland	25	16	0	9	143
4 Jeremy Good	Stockton	23	28	0	2	140
5 Craig Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	20	100
6 Robin Weston	Gosforth	15	18	2	2	100
7 Paul Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	18	90
8 Christopher Naylor	Gateshead	0	0	0	15	75
9 Graeme Turnbull	Ponteland	15	14	1	0	75
10 Kieron McMahon	Redcar	11	9	1	4	72

TOP TRY SCORES

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	DG	Tries	Pts
1 Craig Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	20	100
2 Paul Shepherd	Billingham	0	0	0	18	90
3 Christopher Naylor	Gateshead	0	0	0	15	75
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	10	50
7 Matt Steele	Gosforth	0	0	0	10	50
8 Alick Garbutt	Billingham	0	0	0	9	45
9 Joe Evans	Billingham	61	11	0	9	45
10 Sean Bellon	Sunderland	25	16	0	9	45

TOP KICKERS

Player	Team	Cons	Pens	Drops	Pts
1 David Kell	Gateshead	40	29	0	167
2 Joe Evans	Billingham	61	11	0	155
3 Jeremy Good	Stockton	23	28	0	130
4 Sean Bellon	Sunderland	25	16	0	98
5 Robin Weston	Gosforth	15	18	2	90
6 Graeme Turnbull	Ponteland	15	14	1	75
7 Matthew Roberts	Ryton	12	14	0	66
8 Richard McCartney	Northern	10	13	2	65
9 Andrew Dickinson	Consett	13	8	2	56
10 Kieron McMahon	Redcar	11	9	1	52

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