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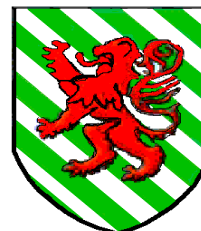
**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT
SAFETY & CLUB SECURITY**

Please, for the safety of our children and security of club and personal property, adhere to the following announcement.

After training and playing matches, please could all children remain in the main room of the clubhouse.

Playing football on the car-park or behind the clubhouse will no longer be tolerated. This is for the safety of our children, and reduces the risk of damage to personal and club property.

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SATURDAY 14th APRIL 3pm KICK OFF

BILLINGHAM 1st v REDCAR

BILLINGHAM 2nds V OLDWALCOUNTIANS

REDCAR V BILLINGHAM 3rds

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts
1	Gateshead	21	18	0	3	736	301	435	36
2	Sunderland	21	18	0	3	592	236	356	36
3	Northern	21	18	0	3	590	251	339	36
4	Billingham	21	15	0	6	776	271	505	30
5	Alnwick	21	9	0	12	437	370	67	18
6	Redcar	21	8	2	11	351	534	-183	18
7	Ponteland	21	8	1	12	353	417	-64	17
8	Ryton	21	8	1	12	294	511	-217	17
9	Stockton	21	7	2	12	431	438	-7	16
10	Gosforth	21	7	0	14	354	491	-137	14
11	Consett	21	7	0	14	315	480	-165	14
12	North Shields	21	0	0	21	130	1059	-929	0

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SUNDAY 15th APRIL 1.30 KICK OFF
BILLINGHAM COLTS V PENRITH
The colts need to win this last match of there season to finish second in the league WELL DONE LADS !

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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV v STOCKTON 17th March 2007

Watson returned to the back row for what turned out to be a good test of our players temperament With a stiff cold wind blowing across the field we advanced up the field with a rolling maul. Tennent received an elbow in the mouth during the drive and this set the tone of the majority of the oppositions tactics for the remainder of the game. We were obviously rattled and allowed an overlap to give away the first score of the game. Our forwards held firm and following a great rolling maul Daley touched down in the corner. The next two scores should have set alarm bells ringing in the opposition ears when first Shep to Shep to Garbutt saw the winger dance around three defenders to touch down. Both Tennent and Daley seemed to be singled out for some rough treatment along with others never retaliated despite provocation. Then Hyndman raced through almost the entire Stockton team to bullet a Pass to J Evans who flicked on to Garbutt for another which J Evans slotted to bring half time.

Half Time BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 19 v STOCKTON 7

M. Evans was replaced by Stewart with the former appearing to limp off. Our forwards rumbled over and Willis was amazed when he got up with the ball to find a five metre scrum had been awarded as the man with the whistle was unsighted Daley was replaced by Youdale on the hour as Stockton were pinned back in their twenty two. Dave Robinson broke clear with no one to stop him only to see play brought back as the ref had fell over, another certain try gone begging. A massive Stockton clearance kick fell straight to C Shepherd on our ten-metre line with the other twenty-nine players in front. Great catch and a jinking run saw him touch down in the corner. The same player went over again when an overlap was created and he scored in the corner.

A Hyndman replaced Chris and did well against an “enthusiastic” defence and given more chances to show his attacking skills

BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 29 V STOCKTON 14

Scorers tries: Garbutt 2, C.(15) Shepherd 2, Daley 1

Kicks: Conversions J Evans 2

Club news Hutchinson and Woodhouse out for the season M. Evans should be OK for next week.

Our Seconds were unlucky not to take the win at Stockton despite leading 29 – 0 at the break as were the thirds at home with Child scoring yet again from scrum half in a rolling maul and Horn going in with a great individual effort converted by Morley in a swirling wind.19 - 12

Durham City u16s 29 V Billingham u16s 53

Its was a freezing cold day today, but the wind was nothing to the lads of Billingham, we took the pitch expecting a fair match, with regular captain away and vice captain on the bench, Dale Thompson took the leading role, Kick off was made and it landed straight into Durham’s biggest player, he was taken down without much effort, Durham still had the ball and played it along the line until Billingham stole it and started an attack, the ball made its way out to Danny Brown who ran straight thought the defence of Durham and scored the opening try of the game, Converted, 7 - 0 to Billingham. Durham restarted in the hope to score a try, still syked from there first try Billingham knocked the ball out and scored again through Ben Elgie, unconverted, 12 - 0 to Billingham. The game re-started again with Billingham under immediate pressure, Durham's hard work paid of with them scoring two converted trys which put them in the lead, 12 - 14 to Durham, a quick team talk and Billingham were ready to claim the score again, Scrum-half Simon Jones was switched with Byron Land, this tactic seemed to of worked with Cal Cranston scoring from one of his No.8 pick up's, unconverted, making the score 19 - 14 to Billingham. Billingham kept up there hard work with 3 tries by Dean Robinson, Ashley Finn and Ben Elgie all converted by Danny Brown, making the half time score 38 - 14 to Billingham.

Billingham did not want to loose there well earned lead, the whistle went and the second half started, some good play by Billingham saw Ben Elgie run over for his 3rd of the day, unconverted, making the score 43 - 14 to Billingham. Durham showed that they were not going down without a fight, by scoring a unconverted try 5 mins later, 43 - 19 to Billingham, by now Billingham knew they had the win under there belts and eased off a little, Durham started to switch off as well, Billingham, taking this to their advantage, scored two unconverted tries from Chris Bates and Danny Brown, there was no way Durham were going to catch up to Billingham, But once again Durham showed that they still had something left in them, scoring a lucky Drop Goal and a converted try, 53 - 29 to Billingham. The final whistle was blown and Billingham soaked in the glory of there second consecutive win, scoring a record 97 points in two games, Final score - 53 - 29 to Billingham

M O M Dean Robinson and Cal Cranston

RYTON v BILLINGHAM FIRST XV

With a stiff cold wind blowing across the field conditions did not look good for our style of play and four of our young guns featuring in the squad. Phase after phase of great forward play saw the ball moved out to Garbutt who took great delight in hand off after hand off to score the opening try of the half Watson came into the play with a powerful drive and a run from A Hyndman to pop to C Shepherd for the second.

Anth figured in the next try with one of many blistering runs to make space for Screen to touch down in the corner. Following a crossing penalty Ryton scored their second and final three points of the game. Willis picked up about fifteen out and set off at a gallop to touch down with Ryton desperately trying to stop him. No try was the verdict???

Sheps second came through quick hands in our typical style

Half Time RYTON 6 v BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 24

More of the same from the start saw J Evans touch down under the posts. Willis picked up an injury and Scott came on in the back row with Youdale moving to prop. Westall replaced Shepherd on the wing for his first team debut. A fine angled run saw A Hyndman take a pass on the burst to go over for a well-earned try. A quick tap and long pas out put Garbutt in for his second as C Hyndman replaced Screen and a reshuffle in the backs. The Hyndman duo combined to set Dave Robinson away to run in and touch down right on the post with the tackler hitting it, ouch! Westall was unlucky to get stopped on a strong drive but from the resulting penalty A Hyndman got his second with the conversion bringing about the final whistle on a great display

RYTON 6 V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 57

Scorer tries: Garbutt 2, A Hyndman 2, C Shepherd 2,
J. Evans 1, Screen 1, Dave Robinson 1

Kicks: Conversions J Evans 6

Club news Awaiting news on Willis injury Barry Magrath strained throat ligaments Hutchy and Woody asked for a mention as their season ended early No other injury worries reported with only one game to go.

Reporters comment Great performances from all our young showing strength of running and tactical awareness beyond their years

Congratulations on fine performances from you all

It would appear that Andy Evans was attending an event in Berwick
NOT

In a tent with a sheep called Derek as was reported

Ponteland u14s 7 v Billingham u14s 29

On a fine spring day, both teams tried to run the ball at every opportunity. Billingham started well and from the breakdown inside their own 22, Conner Shea scored following good handling skills between forwards and backs. A second try was scored by a quick thinking Danny Finney taking a fast tap penalty and giving the ball to Alan Sedgewick to score in the corner. Cole Henderson chased a long kick downfield, charged down the attempted clearance to score, converted by Finney to make the half time score 17-0

To their credit, Ponteland kept moving the ball well and it was no more than what they deserved when they scored a converted try. Then following several good exchanges between the teams, Mark Brewis sold a good dummy pass to the Ponteland defence to score, which he also converted. Cole Henderson finished the scoring with a typical robust run.

A good performance by the whole team, with some excellent inter-play between the forwards and backs. Some of the forward handling, running and off-loading skills being particularly impressive
mom Sam Ferguson

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BILLINGHAM SELECT XV v HEATH

With a good record in Yorks 2 Heath RUFC visited our hallowed turf..

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG.?

With several cry offs we fielded a weakened side having to stem the seconds normally fluid game with the addition of First Teamers. It was obvious that the previous days training had left the opposition looking jaded through over exertion or something????? as the Billingham pack drove them back and released Foster to waddle in. A short clearance to

Joey Evans saw the stand off return the kick for a try.

Shep (whichever one played) got the next then they came storming back with a try from the wing with a drop kick conversion The only Tee in Yorkshire must be Tetleys tettle ettle lee tea bags Then shep got another as Sheps sometimes do running around and around etc.etc.

Then came what could be described as the try of the game !!!!

Schiller the thriller picked up a ridiculously awful pass at the Watford Gap, sidestepped Harlequins, Saracens and Leister Tigers, dummied the Saints and Falcons before a shimmy of the hips saw him sprint the last five metres to touch down.....OUTSTANDING

Michael Evans crossed the line and Sherlock Holmes is looking at the video replay Oh and Fozzy got another then went on jug avoidance shunning every pass. We don't know how but A. J scored next and we think Danny Robbo pushed him over or maybe he tripped.

With the game finely balanced at 48 – 7 a Conlon throw mysteriously went to their number six who was wandering around oblivious to what was going wrong. The bounce took it into the arms of Heaths number eight who eventually decided the line was in the direction of the club house and fell over. Then they scored again but I was having the craic with their alacadoos and missed it.

The Ref signalled two minutes to go (we think that was what he meant as Browndog hovering in second row / wing went over

Scorers tries Some

Kicks: Conversions not as many

Headline. 17 year old anorexic scrum half destroys Billingham pack

Coaches Comment He screamed like a B*!?!* What's up

A Great touring side we really enjoyed their company after all

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

BILLINGHAM SELECT XV 55 v HEATH 19

THE REAL SCORE ACCORDING TO THE REF

Any offence caused by this report is purely intentional

Consett u14s v Billingham u14s

Billingham decided to rotate the squad for this encounter and in very windy conditions found themselves 10-0 down at halfime due to some strong foward play and strong running from the backs.

In the second half, Billingham took control with the fowards setting the platform with some excellent driving and recycling of the ball. Sam Ferguson scored the first which was well converted by Mark Brewis. Alan Sedgewick scored in the corner after a neat move from a 5 yard scrum.

Billingham had to then absorb some pressure playing into the strong wind but typically Tom Kill broke away from inside his own 22 to score on two occasions, both converted By Danny Finny. More good play by the fowards ended up by Billingham running out 31-15 winners

mom Joe Douthwaite Consett 15 Billingham 31