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4	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	75	54	21	6
5	Gosforth	4	2	0	2	92	72	20	4
6	Billingham	4	2	0	2	59	47	12	4
7	Ponteland	4	2	0	2	79	69	10	4
8	Ryton 4	2	0	2	75	80	-5	4	
9	Alnwick	4	1	0	3	56	90	-34	2
10	Redcar 4	1	0	3	67	147	-80	2	
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### Gosforth Festival

A confident U14 side travelled to Gosforth Festival this weekend, to take on some mainly unknown opposition in the form of the Northumberland clubs.

Match 1 was against Alnwick. Two tries from Jake Day, both converted by Danny Finney, made it an easy victory. (14.0)

The second match against Tynedale was a much tighter affair and it was evident that one mistake could cost the boys the match. Jake Day managed to make a break and do his usual weaving through the defence to make it 5.0 to win.

West Hartlepool followed and a half time score of 7.5 to Billingham (Jake Toulson, converted by Finney), was improved upon in the second half with tries from Alan Sedgewick and Tom Kill (both converted). Final score 19.5.

This took Billingham into the semi-final as group winners. They took on the home side of Gosforth but a lack-lustre performance allowed the game to slip away. Tom Kill scored twice (one converted by Finney) but it wasn't enough to hold the game and Gosforth took advantage of Billingham's complacency and moved the final score to 21.12.

This was Billingham's first defeat in well over a year and left the team with much food for thought.

### RYTON U14s V BILLINGHAM U14s

This match began with a strong start for the Ryton with them holding back every time B\ham challenged. A Ryton scrum in the B\ham half was the starter for Ryton to score from a quick pass and sprint. Ryton were looking to protect the lead but Tom Kill made his first try look easy with a sprint passed the Ryton players. Danny Finney converted. B\ham were now in the ascendancy and didn't hold back. Danny Finney fooled the Ryton defence and dodged past to score. He then converted. Despite excellent rucking from Ryton Billingham were proving too much for them and a 2nd Tom Kill try soon followed. Joe Douthwaite put in another before half time.

Ryton made a strong start in the 2nd half but B\ham soon broke them down and Jake Toulson put one over the line. Minutes later Conner Shea made an impressive break only to be brought down on the 5m line, but good support play saw the ball to Alan Sedgewick, who scored. Tom Kill scored his third, converted by Danny Finney. Ryton then clawed back three points from a penalty kick. Alan Sedgewick played well on the wing to get in two more tries and Nathan Mof-fat made a solid charge over the line for his try. Man of the match was Danny Harrison.

Final score: Ryton                      8                      Billingham 56

### BILLINGHAM U12s v DURHAM CITY U12s

The u12's had their 1st opportunity to use their new routines and drills in a friendly against Durham. The commitment and enthusiasm of the team was evident from the start in the 1st half with excellent ball skills and tactics, B/ham managed to put 5 converted tries on the board against Durham. Second half saw a continuation of the determination, but was faced with an energised Durham who broke the ice with a converted try. The remaining time was hard fought by both sides but B/ham managed to pull another 3 tries over the line with two conversions. Final whistle froze the score at 54 - 7, a brilliant achievement for the team particularly given in past encounters the team only just managed to beat Durham. A great endorsement for the extended coaching team with their willingness to broaden the boys skills base and fitness. A big thank you to Durham for a great challenge and we look forward to our next meeting.

Trys by : Connor Leck, Aaron Naqui (2), Blake, Tom Kuy, Craig Willis, Matthew Kirby, and Cameron Thornton, six conversions by Matthew Kirby.

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### BILLINGHAM U7s v West U7s

A bright start to the season for the U 7's which included 3 players making their debuts, Brandon, Richard Kelsey & Joe Clark.

Bham scored with the first move of the game when Tom Weston started & finished a move to score on the left wing. Two more try's followed as Joe Clark scored on his debut after some good teamwork & Matthew Olly scored a solo effort from the half way line.

The second half continued in the same vane with West unable to breach the Bham defence. Lee Adair side stepped his way passed numerous defenders to score, as did David Ellwell after good work by Tom Weston, then Joe Clark out sprinted the entire West defence to score his 2nd try.

All in all a great performance by Billingham, which included no knock on's or forward passes in the entire game.

FULL TIME: BILLINGHAM 6 TRYS WEST HARTLEPOOL 0.

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### Billingham 38 - 17 Redcar, 17th Sept

More bad news before the start of this game, with Craig Errington off to hospital with what was a badly bruised arm when it was thought may be broken while playing at home. Both teams just had enough players for 15 a side, soon Billingham scored through Marcus with him scoring with a mazy run, converting it well. Next Stuart Mickle scored his first try for Billingham playing on the wing, this is after nearly 2 1/2 years, but where was Dad to see it?. Marcus just failing to convert from the sideline. Redcar responded but missed the conversion but soon Ben McWilliams scored a third for Billingham with another pick up and go, this looks to be a promising role for him this year at Number 8. Marcus again converting. Redcar came back and soon had a period of sustained pressure on the Billingham 10 metre line, but 3 times David Rawson stopped players and drove them back, the tackling all round much improved from last week.

Half time 19-7

Second half started to see good rugby from both sides and being played in the right spirit, strong tackling from both teams on all areas of the pitch, Billingham scored 3 more tries the best being a very strong run from Tom on his debut who moved from full back to centre and showed his worth. Marcus getting two more only missing one conversion. Redcar scored two tries, one due to poor discipline by Billingham throwing the ball away and then not re-treating 10 yards repeatedly allowed Redcar to advance to the 5 metre line, where Billingham once again infringed so a penalty try awarded. Learn your lesson Boys. Final score 38-17 with some very good attacking play from both sides.

### RYTON U16s v BILLINGHAM U16s

Billingham U16s kept clean a sheet to win this match 29 -0, this was the 3rd game of the season and the U16s first win of the season, the whole team played well and if they can keep on playing like they did today then this win is the first of many to come this season **Score: 29 - 0**

Billingham Try Score's: Danny Brown, Dale Thompson, Ashley Finn, Phill Donaldson, Jack Smith Conversions: Danny Brown - 2  
M.O.M - Jack Smith

## **Blaydon U13s 54 Billingham U13s 31**

Everything started badly with Jack Chapman breaking his leg in warm up. Having not being able to train pre season with a full scrum B\ham found it difficult as this was all new, Blaydon taking advantage of this and running a try in from the scrum in the first five minutes. Eventually all B\hams forwards started working well, some really good rucks and mauls came from B\ham and Blaydon where held for some time. Blaydon ran 2 more tries in and also converted. B\ham had a scrum just inside Blaydon's half and Ben McWilliams saw an opportunity as his first time at number 8, picking the ball from the back of pack and running in B\hams first try with Marcus converting. 2nd half and all was pretty even. Both side taking the ball but not being able to finish. B\hams second came from Marcus Sudren running in from halfway and also converting. The third came from some good team play from Marcus, seeing Josh Gibson coming down the left and passing just before the tackle then Josh running the ball in between the posts. Marcus converting. Same again for the fourth, very similar play to the third, with Josh coming down the left in support, and Marcus passing again just before the tackle for Josh to score his second of the match. Marcus then ran down the right from just inside there half and scored his second of the match and also converted. Man of the Match was Luke Roupeshand. This was his first time playing Flanker, but ran the field and made some good tackles. Even getting from a scrum in Blaydon's half to cover the role of a full back only to be just off the pace of the Blaydon player. Well done everyone, just need to try and remember what we do in training

## **Match report under 9s Billingham V West Hartlepool**

First match of the season against West Hartlepool seen Billingham U9s come into their own domain. West Hartlepool started the game with a free pass, which gained them about 5 yards before the roar of our u9s stopped them in their tracks. We had good defensive play from the whole team keeping play tight and then tackles from new and seasoned players which eventually led to a turnover by Captain Nick scooping a loose ball and running with it until West closed in then he passed right to Harry who found a gap and scored his first try of three. After another turnover by Billingham the opposition tightened their game but, with the u9s displaying excellent Passing between Ryan, James, Scott, Ted then Harry, Harry scored his second try. After yet another turnover from Billingham we seen Guy storm through the opposition from their try line right up to ours to score a try and put us 3-0 up before half time.

The second half seen a very determined West team come out with all guns blazing and after an excellent tackle which took Billingham's Harry off the pitch at full pace, West scored their one and only try of the match. Both teams then played out a very defensive game for the last 8 minutes which seen play change between Billingham and West until Lewis broke free and picked up the pace and looked a dead cert for the try line until he was taken down 3 yards short but, with an excellent falling pass Harry received and scored his third and final try of the match.

Final score Billingham 4 West Hartlepool 1

## **Under 11 s match Report Billingham v West Hartlepool**

In their first game of the season at under 11s billingham made a great start, dominating the 5 man scrum the ball was constantly fed to the very quick billingham backs who stormed at west, it was not long before billingham crossed, fed from the base of the scrum out wide for Jonny Rumis to cross. converted by Luke Wilson.

Billingham then started to relax a bit more and confidence grew and the billingham left winger had a simple try after good work by the forwards to drive within a few meters of the line.. After that the west team started to put together some good passes and the west forwards started to compete with Billingham. West crossed by crashing over from a maul. The Billingham forwards providing excellent platform for the backs in the 1st half.

Halt time billingham 14 west 7

in the second half billingham used the open side and electric pace by the backs created a simple try for Luke Wilson who converted. Jonny Rumis crossed again and then Matty Routh then made a quick run through the center to cross and the game was effectively over. West scoring a late try.

A very good performance by billingham considering west had beaten the same team easily at under 10 level.

Result Billingham 31 west 14

Report by Paul Routh Billingham under 11 coach