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12	North Shields	6	0	0	6	51	254	-203	0

RESULTS SAT 21st Oct

BILLINGHAM 89

NORTH SHIELDS 12

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BILLINGHAM U 7 S WIN FESTIVAL.

Billingham travelled to Sunderland today and found themselves in a tough group alongside Durham City & Westoe. first up was City who defeated Billingham 2-1 as Billingham struggled to cope with an interpretation of the rules of which they were unaccustomed ! As City beat Westoe 3-0 it meant Billingham needed a draw to gain a semi-final breath, which they achieved , with a 3-3 draw having led throughout.

A good Mowden Park side awaited Billingham in the semis proved no match as Billingham finally hit top gear with a 5-3 win. It was to be hoped Billingham would take this form into the final but nerves seemed to get the better of them as they conceded two early scores to Durham City who maintained their advantage , taking a 3-1 advantage into the last minute with both sides throughing everything at each other. However Billingham seemed to last the pace better scoring with only 30sec's left , then immediately regaining possession and although City defended well Billingham would not be deigned to equalise making the final score 3-3.

The referee then called both coaches over and it was agreed to be joint champions rather than force two very tired teams through extra time. WELL DONE LADS!!

15/10/06 U7'S WIN AGAIN !

Billingham travelled to Barnard Castle today, and on the smallish pitch were unable to exploit their speedy players as they had the previous week. This game was all about support play as showed by David Ellwell crossing after a number off passes, Tom Weston also jinked through in a similar fashion and Lee Adair sprinted round with "Barney" replying once . HALF TIME : B'HAM 3 BARNARD CASTLE 1.

The second half was quite evenly matched with David Elwell scoring his 2nd after a strong run by Tom Weston and Matthew Olly scoreing a great solo effort. Barney scared 3 times at the other end to make agame of it but Joe Clark finally found space to run one in from distance and make sure of the win.

FULL TIME: B'HAM 6 BARNARD CASTLE 4

BILLINGHAM U14s V MIDDLESBROUGH U14s

This weekend saw Billingham's U14's at home to Middlesbrough. Billingham had their usual sleepy start and were slow to respond to Middlesbrough's attacking style of play. Middlesbrough appeared dominant in possession and soon scored two good converted tries, enough to wake up the Billingham boys.

Billingham raised their game and a scrum on the Middlesbrough 5m line saw the ball out to Andy Thompson who scored. Continued pressure saw Billingham held up on the line four times before Jake Toulson eventually scored. Danny Finney converted to leave Billingham down at half time by 12 points to 14.

As with all recent encounters Billingham played a much improved second half with some excellent displays of rugby. Tom Kill scored twice, followed by another from Andy Thompson. Billingham continued to move the ball along the back line and got the ball to Tom Kill to score twice and once by Conner Shea. Danny Finney managed five out of the six conversions and was awarded man of the match for Billingham.

Final score – Billingham 52

Middlesbrough 14

Mowden Park U13s 42

v

Billingham U13s 19.

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Not the best news again with another key player, Tom Doherty out with a leg injury. Both teams started well with some good rucking and mauling, Billingham having the edge with size. Gary Cheulish making some good ground from rucks with strong drives forward. Mowden made the first break, getting the ball to their no.8, who normally plays centre and with his pace could not be stopped. Running the try in from just inside their half.

This seemed to be the way forward for Mowden, Getting the ball to him and with pace running in another two tries. The third being disputable, Johnny Young taking the player over the dead ball line only not to be seen by the referee!!

The second half started really well for Billingham and some good runs for Marcus Sudron, Craig Errington, Johnny Young, Josh Gibson and Jack Rudd. Billingham's first try soon came when Ben McWilliams picked up and drove forward through the field, Passing off just before the line for Marcus to place down. Mowden made a few more breaks kicking the ball along the ground to the try line and scoring. Billingham's second came again from Ben picking up and making ground through the field of players and placing down, Marcus converting. Mowden again made a break kicking along the ground, With Luke(the train) Roupeshand chasing all the way from inside their 22 and being unlucky by tackling the player on the try line just before he had picked the ball up. Penalty try awarded. With some good kicking by Marcus from penalties making good ground back into Mowden's half, and good reactions from Jordan Whitehouse in the lineouts. Billingham again playing some really good rugby made some breaks but were unlucky losing the ball. Billingham's third try came from some excellent forwards play, a maul being set up by Robbie Lavender and Luke Roupeshand. All the forwards driving in, pushing hard and getting over the line for Luke to place the ball down. His first try for us. Marcus again converting. M.O.M-Gary Cheulish

Billingham Under 11 At Red House School

Billingham under 11s agreed to play red house school under 11s in a community open day event at the school.

Billingham found it hard to get going against a well drilled red house team. Red house school dominated in the forwards and good offloading created try after try, Billingham eventually started to match red house in the scrums and in the later stages of the 1st half put together some useful passages of play.

Half time red house 25 billingham 0

The 2nd half saw red house create more chances in open play but at least billingham improved in the tackle, this was a good workout for the Billingham boys, And a learning curve for the team.

Final Score Red house 42 B/ham 0

Sunday Barnard Castle 12 Billingham 28

Billingham were really up for this following their education against red house. Great offloading saw Jonny Rumis cross early,

Matty Routh converting. The billingham scrum was been well managed by Baden Knibbs as scrum half Matty Routh broke clear on the blind side and fed Jonny Rumis who made a strong run to cross again. Matty Routh converted,

Barny came back strong and crashed over following great play by the big barny forwards.

Half time Barny 7 billingham 14

In the 2nd half billingham continued to create good platform as Baden Knibbs provided good ball from the scrum, Matty Routh was fed inside his own half and side stepped his way to the try line to cross, he then converted to make it 21-7.

Further pressure saw Baden Knibbs cross to earn man of the match, converted by Matty Routh. This was one of the best performances for some time and it was great to see a happy billingham team make the trip back to teesside **Final score Barny 12 Billingham 28**

Report by Paul Routh Billingham under 11 coach.

Billingham U13s 24 Middlesbrough U13s 30

A good day for Rugby saw Billingham going down to a narrow defeat to Middlesbrough. The game started with Billingham on top, and Ben McWilliams again scoring a great number 8 try, picking up from the back of a scrum and driving forward through the Middlesbrough ranks with Marcus Suddren converting from in front of the posts. Middlesbrough came straight back and scored when poor tackling (again) saw a player making too much ground, setting up a try. Conversion missed.

A worrying period then ensued where Middlesbrough scored two more tries, weak forward play allowing Middlesbrough to pick the ball up from rucks and drive forward. They soon bagged another couple of tries, but missed both conversions. A lift was required for the Billingham and soon provided with Johnny Young and Tom Doherty combining and running well in the centre to gain good position which was then utilised by Marcus Suddren who went over to score 12-15. half time

The second half was much better for Billingham, again Tom Doherty, Johnny Young, Ben McWilliams, Luke Roopshand all gaining ground with runs. soon Tom Doherty was rewarded with a try in the corner with the conversion missed. 17-15 and Boro getting worried. The Billingham backs were starting to see the ball much more now and were making good progress, they went in to score no conversion. 17-20. Billingham refused to lie down and again after many breaks by Ben McWilliams Marcus S went in to score, setting the game up 24-20. Middlesbrough came back at Billingham winning most of the scrums, and again weak tackling set up another score. 24-25 This was becoming a great game to watch, a few opportunities lost due to handling errors on both sides, potential match winning tries stopped by Middlesbrough holding up the players, unlucky Ben McWilliams and Lavender. Opportunities were there for the Win but Middlesbrough held on and again scored with a breakaway try, again missing the conversion. Final score 24-30, but a very good game with Billingham missing 3 players, but pleasing was the development of some of the newer Billingham lads, Jack Rude having 3 or 4 real good runs when moved to winger.

Man of the Match Ben McWilliams, but well done lads general play is improving but tackling needs to be stronger