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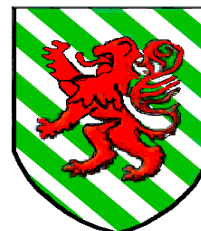
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**Saturday, 02 December 2006**

Alnwick 32 - 10 Stockton  
Billingham 62 - 0 Ryton  
Consett 18 - 16 Redcar  
Gateshead 23 - 15 Ponteland  
Gosforth 18 - 28 Northern  
Sunderland 69 - 3 North Shields

**SATURDAY 9th DEC  
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## **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 62 v RYTON 0**

With a stiff cold wind blowing across the field we advanced up the field. Ryton were awarded the first scrum of the game but Billingham forwards drove them back with ease. The clearance was charged down by Woodhouse who won the race to touch down for his first of the season. Youdale set the tackling standard with a massive hit that forced the Ryton second row to retire. Then a move we have seen repeated time after time McQuillen pick up at the base pass to 9 to 10 to 12 to 13 to Shep (15) for Shep (14) to score. A classic move down the outside saw Durnion pop a great inside pass to Hyndman to power over. Hutchinson made one of his well-timed breaks to set m. Evans away under the posts. Another great take by Tennent in the line setting up a ruck saw an inch perfect chip over the top from Hyndman split the Ryton defence and Garbutt took the bounce at pace to score the final try of the half

### **Half Time BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 31 v RYTON 0**

Hyndman scored his second almost straight away with a well-angled run onto a steal from Amos. Burgham replaced Woodhouse who limped off with a recurring leg injury and almost immediately drew the Ryton defence with a dummy run blind allowing McQuillen to bullet a pass open to J. Evans to race in. Garbutt scored his second straightening through a gap of tiring Ryton backs. Fernie was brought into the fray And Hyndman (Jug avoidance) was replaced by Stewart. Ryton came back into the game but big hits from Robinson, Willis and the rest of the pack around the fringes held them. For a spell both sides tested each other with little progress until Stewart ripped a ball from a maul to set Garbutt away from 70 metres and a great hand off to score. The final score of the game saw Burgham presented with quick ball; zip out a pass every back was involved and Shep (15) went over in the corner

### **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 62 V RYTON 0**

**Scorer tries:** Garbutt 3, Hyndman 2, Woodhouse 1, C. (15) Shepherd 1, P (14) shepherd 1, J. Evans 1, M.Evans 1

**Kicks:** Conversions J Evans 6

Club news Woodhouse broken leg bone (see Fernie for medical name) Joins Dave Robbo in pot club. Barry McGrath leaves pot club to take up coaching appointment with the fat lads (seems to be working) Daley recovering from torn muscles. No other injury worries reported.

**Coach comment** Jug avoidance is a privilege of coaching

## **Tynedale Away u14s**

Billingham's U14's travelled north to challenge Tynedale this weekend, to play two matches in the freezing, driving rain. Tynedale boast a large U14 squad and requested two shorter matches with their 'A' and 'B' teams taking part.

### **Tynedale 'A'**

It took the Billingham boys a few minutes to find their feet but it wasn't long before they won a scrum and the ball was out to Jake Day, who in his usual style, slipped through the opposition's defence to score. This was a rousing start for Billingham, who have been slow to rise to the challenge in some recent encounters.

Tynedale replied by displaying some impressive handling skills along the backs. They came close to scoring once but a Billingham player pounced on the ball over the line. However, further challenges from Tynedale played off and they scored minutes later.

Tynedale played on looking composed and well drilled, with some good attacking play. Individual mistakes by Billingham gave Tynedale some opportunities and they put in their second try just before half time.

In the second half Billingham went on the attack and play continued predominantly in the Tynedale half. Eventually a penalty led to a good display of ball handling for Billingham and Tom Kill managed to score. The final score was ten points all.

### **Tynedale 'B'**

Tynedale, of course, began this game with fresh legs, unlike many of those for Billingham. The rain continued to lash down. Despite Billingham having several forays into the Tynedale half it was Tynedale that were first to score.

In the second half Jake Day had a good break and fooled the defence and made his way through to score. Joe Douthwaite followed this up with another minutes later. Billingham continued to dig deep and put in some good rucking during this match. Tynedale certainly challenged but not sufficiently to even the scoreline, which stood at 10:5 to Billingham on full time.

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### Acklam U14's 5 V Billingham U14's 36

This was initially a match of unknown quantity against an improved Acklam side and some key Billingham were players absent through illness. New boy, James Cass, took no time to attack and with assistance from some great ball handling along the back line, sprinted down the pitch to score under the posts in the first minute. Danny Finney converted. Acklam raised their game at this point and went into attack, causing Billingham to put in some strong tackles in order to hold them back. A Billingham scrum was won and saw the ball out to Jake Day who gave a superb display of his characteristic weaving through the defence to score. Minutes later Billingham dropped their guard and failed to read the ball well. They paid the price by allowing Acklam through and they touched down under the posts. The half-time score stood at 12.5 to Billingham.

The second half saw both teams come out on the attack. The Billingham rucking was much improved and gave Conner Shea the opportunity to drive the ball through to score. Acklam were now under pressure and Billingham worked hard to protect their lead. Jake Day pounced on the ball from a kick down pitch and put it neatly over the line by the corner flag. Mark Brewis converted. Billingham capitalised on their opportunities with several displays of good ball handling along the back line. Sean Wallace scored on the wing, followed by another from Conner Shea (converted by Mark Brewis).

Coach, Wayne Finney was delighted with the result, heaping praise on the boys and named Conner Shea as man of the match.

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### BILLINGHAM U16S V CONSETT U16S

A damp start brought trouble for Billingham as they kicked off against the strongest team Consett could put out. With Consett only having one sub, Billingham had a men advantage with the biggest turn out of the season, 24 including a number of new lads.

The kick off brought good fortune to Billingham for the first five minutes with Jack Smith scoring his fourth try of the season off a very well called five-metre lineout. However Danny Brown missed the conversion. Consett owned almost all the rest of the first half, with a try after about 10 minutes, which was converted, and a further unconverted try 10 minutes later. Billingham had a penalty and opted to kick for goal but missed. However, just before half time Billingham were awarded a penalty 5 metres from the try line, Billingham decided to use their penalty move '*Piss flaps*', this set a new play and ended with new lad Mickey Sixsmith scoring a converted try on his debut, this was Billingham's second of the match and put the score level for half time. Billingham 12 Consett 12

Consett dominated most of the second half with two further tries just after half time, which only the second one was successfully converted, Billingham kept the pressure to a maximum and failed on two occasions to score, the first being a 22 metre drop goal attempt by Phill Donaldson and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was a series of good rucking on the Consett try line, Consett managed to steal the ball of us (using hands I suspect) and kicked for touch ending Billingham's play. A few lazy plays and little mistakes saw a further converted try near the end of the game by Consett, this sealed the game for Consett with the final score settling at:

Billingham 12 Consett 30

A few comment's -Firstly, to try scorer Jack Smith, who is currently leading the forwards on points, accidentally (what ever) kissed one\* of Consett's forwards.

The new lads for having a great debut game, especially Mickey Sixsmith for an excellent game all around.

Craig McCabe for a good return to the team after a long absence.

Also to Dave Reay who looks like temporary Hooker while regular Hooker Mickey Best is out with a broken collarbone.

A good game all-round, shame about the score. Newt Week: Middlesbrough.

\*Only one kiss was witnessed but Jack mysteriously vanished for 10 minutes before entering the changing room... we can only wonder why he had a 'constant cramp in the lower back'? .....

**M.O.M - Mickey Sixsmith**

Tony Kuy

Match Reporter/Replacement Front Row

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### Billingham u11s 35 v Sunderland u11s 26

A closer game than the end result might suggest, this was a well-played match by two eager teams. A stiff, down-the-pitch wind, bright sunshine and a playing surface just the way the lads like it, runny, helped make the 40 mins well worth watching.

Billingham won the draw and kicked off into the wind, resulting in a scrum down back at the centre, for the first of many physical efforts for both sets of forwards. Sunderland brought in a strong pack and made every ruck and maul a hard contest for the teams. The home team opened the scoring with a try put down amidst heavy opposition traffic. The conversion was cleanly put through the middle of the uprights, though in the breeze a helping hand was needed to hold the ball still. Sunderland wasted no time and their forwards pushed through to score, a game play to be repeated throughout the match. Two more, well planted tries, both well converted, from Billingham and another heavy push from Sunderland, took us to half time with a 21-12 lead to Billingham.

The second half saw Sunderland push through once more to bring them right back into the game, though they never looked like giving up the fight. The wind took two Billingham drop kicks over the dead ball line and the now tiring packs had to feed out more to their backs to make headway. In the end it was Billingham's runners who put down 2 more, cleanly converted tries. Their scrum half rushing for the try line from another well-contested scrum produced an additional seven points. Sunderland refused to give quarter and scored and converted once more to keep the pressure up all the way to fulltime.

"A really good game" was the crowds' opinion, and if played again, it could easily have been Sunderland taking the honours. Both teams put in a great effort and the pitch threw in the mud for free. Everyone should have gone home safe in the knowledge that they did their best on the day. Try scorers: Luke Wilson 3. Jonny Rumis 2. Baden Knibbs 1. Conversions: Jonny Rumis 6.

### BILLINGHAM U7'S V SUNDERLAND U7'S

Although the game started in difficult conditions, both the wind & S'land proved to be no problem as B'ham went into an early lead with Joe Clark & Tom Weston out pacing the Sunderland defence, David Elwell jinked through for two more, after supporting strong runs by Domonic Thornton. S'land were only able to respond with one score in the face of some strong defending.

**HALF TIME: B'HAM 4 S'LAND 1**

With the wind behind them S'land came into it more in the 2nd half to score three tries themselves but still had no answer to B'hams pace with David Elwell completing his hat trick & both Tom Weston & Joe Clark adding to their tally. Sam Peacock then showed S'land a clean pair of heels to complete the scoring.

**FULL TIME: B'HAM 8 S'LAND 4**

### BILLINGHAM U7'S V THIRSK U7'S

This was more like watching the Hong Kong 7's than Billingham under 7's ! When in the 1st half Bham took a big lead with 2 long range scores from Joe Clark leaving the Thirsk defence for dead David Elwell (2) & Tom Weston also weaved a way through. Thirsk only managing one score in response

**HALF TIME : B'HAM 5 THIRSK 1**

The 2nd half saw a THIRSK fight back which resulted in 4 tries after some good sustained attacks, however Joe Clark & Tom Weston both scored brilliant tries from behind their own Try lines jinking through the Thirsk defence before out sprinting the cover. Sam Peacock then rounded the defence & David Elwell's good support earned him 2 more scores to bring his total to 4.

**FULL TIME : BHAM 10 THIRSK 5**

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