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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.

Thank-you

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v
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<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB</p>	<p>Issue 6 Vol 10</p>
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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV v WALLSEND

Following last weeks tremendous performance against Bradford the supporters looked for more of the same. Billingham took to the field wearing the "Steelers" shirts giving a strange numbering system to the team that finished the game last week apart from Woodhouse remaining on the bench joined by Joe Evans and Steve Hutchinson.

Wallsend were surprised with our first try being set up by a Watson drive, great mauling from Amos and Danny Robinson with Dalton touching down. The second came from a switch pass from Andy Evans followed by a deft grubber from Peter Evans and Paul Shepherd won the race to the try line. Not to be outdone brother Paul, Craig Shepherd received a miss pass following a quick tap and go from Chris Hyndman to score in the corner.

In a carbon copy try of last week Chris Hyndman jinked his way through from thirty metres to increase his tally for the season.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 20 v WALLSEND 3**

Hutchinson came on for Watson, Woodhouse came on at nine Anth Hyndman went to ten and Joe Evans to outside centre and a reshuffled pack with Tennent leaving the field. Billingham were unlucky not to increase their lead when Woody broke the defensive line but was ruled double movement. Wallsend were clearly aware of the last game and kept the ball in the forwards killing the ball on every occasion which unfortunately pulled our forwards into the "take em on" game for long periods resulting in a push over try to the visitors. Billingham went down to fourteen men when Dalton was binned and with only a ten point lead things looked worrying. The back row of Dave Robinson, Dixon and Daley needed to draw on extra reserves to keep out pressing Wallsend attacks. Billingham then showed some of the skills they demonstrated in the last quarter last week. Phase after phase with early ball meant Wallsend were pulled all over the park. The ball finally ended up with Paul Shepherd who gunned the last twenty metres to score

FULL TIME **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 25 WALLSEND 10**

.Scorers Tries: Dalton 1, C. Shepherd 1, C. Hyndman 1, P. Shepherd 2
Spectators Comment. It was not double movement and that score should have counted which meant we had to work hard for a win in the end

Reporter's comment: We knew last weeks victory over Bradford Salem would give us high expectations and maybe a little over confidence,

Billingham First XV are now two points clear at the top of Durham and Northumberland First Division

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Seasons greetings
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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts.
1	Billingham	13	12	0	1	503	139	364	24
2	Northern	12	11	0	1	310	130	180	22
3	Sunderland	12	9	0	3	380	216	164	18
4	Percy Park	12	9	0	3	325	163	162	18
5	Horden	12	8	0	4	373	186	187	16
6	Alnwick	12	5	1	6	234	278	-44	11
7	Gosforth	12	5	0	7	207	275	-68	10
8	Stockton	12	4	1	7	251	318	-67	9
9	Ryton	12	4	1	7	134	354	-220	9
10	Wallsend	13	2	1	10	198	375	-177	5
11	Ponteland	12	2	0	10	160	312	-152	4
12	W. Hartlepool TDSOB	12	0	0	12	89	418	-329	0

	Team	Home Form	Away Form
1	Alnwick	W-W-L-L-W-W	D-L-L-W-L-L
2	Billingham	W-W-W-W-W-W-W	W-W-W-L-W-W
3	Gosforth	W-W-L-L-L-W	L-L-W-L-W-L
4	Horden	W-L-W-W-W-W	L-W-L-L-W-W
5	Northern	W-L-W-W-W-W-W	W-W-W-W-W
6	Percy Park	W-W-W-W-L-W-W	W-W-W-L-L
7	Ponteland	W-L-W-L-L	L-L-L-L-L-L-L
8	Ryton	W-D-W-L-W	L-L-L-L-W-L-L
9	Stockton	W-L-W-L-W-L	L-L-D-L-W-L
10	Sunderland	W-W-W-W-W-L	L-W-W-W-W-L
11	W. Hartlepool TDSOB	L-L-L-L-L-L	L-L-L-L-L-L
12	Wallsend	D-L-L-W-L-W	L-L-L-L-L-L-L

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Redcar U14 V Billingham Jan 6th

First the good news, congratulations to Jack Chapman, John Devine and Ben McWilliams for being selected for the Falcons school of Rugby, hopefully they can continue to impress and make it to the Academy. Well done lads and congratulations to the players put forward to South Durham County trials, it is an indication of the progress that 7 players from the squad were at the trials.

Now the game, again a sign of the progress we approached this game missing a few players but confident that we should be stronger than Redcar who to be fair have a few new players. The coaches consulted prior to the game knowing that nothing disheartens more than unnecessarily heavy defeats, Billingham planning to continue to blood their newer players as well.

A glorious morning for the game, the players wondering what they were doing and suffering mince pie, chocolates and general lazing around withdrawal symptoms soon found Neil and Mick warming them up.

From the kick off there was an ominous sign, John Devine was passed the ball and he promptly danced round a few defenders and scored under the posts, Marcus Sudron converting. Probably our fastest try ever, but funnily enough it did not inspire the team onto better things, and probably in the scheme of things a good job.

The attitude seemed to be we would score loads here, as a result players seemed to think they would also run through and score. Forgetting that gaining ground and passing benefits the team more. Billingham soon found themselves under the posts again with a maul driving on and Johnny Young touched down to score, again Marcus converted 14-0. Billingham although dominating possession and territory were not running away with the game, several Redcar players impressing with their tackling and whole hearted attitude. There was a lull in play where basic handling errors by Billingham kept on turning the ball over, but soon Jack Chapman went on a 40 m run and again scored under the posts, making it easy for Marcus to make it 21-0.

Josh Gibson was the next to stretch his legs and go for the score, but credit to Redcar they kept the chase on and got to him pulling him down just short of the line. His stretch for the try ruled as a double movement. Within 2 minutes he was able to repeat the attempt this time scoring in the corner, he was also successful also in finding the wettest and muddiest part of the pitch to do it. His next lesson is to remember the pretty boys in the backs leave the getting muddy to the big lads up front. Marcus missed the conversion from the corner 26-0 half time.

Redcar bolstered their team with the odd U15, and Billingham also threw on several subs at half time, juggling a few positions around. This greatly evened the game up, although a bit of indiscipline by Billingham had Ben McWilliams sin binned, and to be fair a couple of other bits of dissent could also have seen a similar punishment. Redcar had more possession, which was good to see, they never giving the game up, although John Devine went in for his second, conversion missed score 31-0.

The end of the game had Redcar camped within the Billingham 10 meters, often getting close to the try line. In fact at one point they were within a metre of scoring, but a good push from Billingham sent them back and the danger then cleared, pity they deserved a try. The final whistle being blown. Final score 31-0.

Man of the match, again Johnny Young, another impressive forward display.

In the xmas spirit some presents that santa did not bring (all in fun) Mick a referee's whistle it's a lot easier on the sidelines.

Ben Mac Spoken English

Scott a tiger in his tank Get some aggression lad

Craig passing off both hands!

Robbie L six inches in height.

David R a shower after a game

Guy, a blonde on Monday, brunette Tuesday, redhead Wed, something sultry on Thursday, Friday something Asian, Saturday all 5 of them, Sunday, howway lads its rugby on Sunday!

John Devine catching mitts

Babs peace and quiet!

All the best to everyone at Billingham RUFC for 2008