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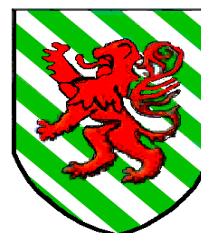
**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT
SAFETY & CLUB SECURITY**

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 22ND SEPT
BILLINGHAM 1st -- 36
V
ALNWICK -- 0**

**BILLINGHAM 3rds -- 36
V
GUISBOROUGH -- 25**

LAST WEEKS RESULTS
PONTELAND 12 V BILLINGHAM 1st 22

BILLINGHAM 2nds 49 V MOWDEN PARK 3
TRYS C.BENNETT 3 P.EVANS 2 DEAN KENNAN 2 A. FAIRHURST 1
D. SAYERS 1 CONS P. EVANS 2

WEST HARTLEPOOL U15s 7
V
BILLINGHAM U15s 41

BILLINGHAM U17s 15
V
ROVERS U17s 7

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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 77 v RYTON 3 8/09/2007

On a hot sunny afternoon Billingham would have had this game over in the first quarter but over-eagerness and a lack of soft hands saw a good crowd wait fifteen minutes for a score. Dixon battled well to secure ball at the tail as we were often in reverse from a strong opposition pack.

Then A. Hyndman was given clean ball on two occasions and ripped holes in the Ryton defence 14-0 following good rucking and mauling from Amos and Danny Robinson in open play

Rytons only score came from a penalty on the half hour but looked to be blown out already when Tennent popped off the top for a spin out to Shep to race in from their ten-metre line with a jinking run. Wildridge cleared up well throughout the half and was replaced by Dalton

Half Time BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 21 v RYTON 3

Hyndman replaced Woodhouse and went to fly half immediately turning the game on its head setting Garbutt in for a trademark score from halfway. The next try saw M. Evans straightening through a gap of tiring Ryton backs and Youdale taking a good angle to score. Stewart blasted through and sound back up play saw A. Hyndman “jugged”. Daley replaced Dave Robinson and continued to frustrate Rytons back row at the breakdown Ryton looked out of the game when a stray pass was picked up on the bootlaces by C. Hyndman for a clear run in quickly followed by his second from a tap penalty with Ryton mesmerised Ryton went down to fourteen when their hooker took Tennent out in the air and could have resulted in a very serious injury. A Evans took full advantage of the man short and the overlap created scoring three tries in quick succession coming in from wide under the posts.

Billingham first xv 77 v Ryton 3

Scorer tries: A Hyndman 3, C. Shepherd 1, Garbutt 1, Youdale 1
Hyndman 2, A.Evans 3

CONVERSIONS J Evans 11 (100%)

Club news Hutchinson Knee injury, Schiller Elvis Knee, Woodhouse groin pull, Wildridge Viral infection / dehydration, Tennent bruised shoulder Let's hope they are all fit for next week against Ponteland. Well done the Seconds 33 – 10? and Thirds 66- 3? A CLEAN SWEEP With some excellent performances throughout the Club at all levels players are looking for movement up the squads.

We are top of the league after one game but there is a long way to go with some bruising encounters to come. *Kevin reporter*

Durham Northumberland League 1 2007/8

Date	Home		Away	Result
8th Sept 07	Billingham	v	Ryton	77-3
15th Sept 07	Ponteland	v	Billingham	12-22
22nd Sept 07	Billingham	v	Alnwick	36-0
29th Sept 07	Billingham	v	Percy Park	
6th Oct 07	Gosforth	v	Billingham	
20th Oct 07	Billingham	v	Horden	
27th Oct 07	Northern	v	Billingham	
3rd Nov 07	Billingham	v	WHTDSOB	
10th Nov 07	Wallsend	v	Billingham	
24th Nov 07	Billingham	v	Sunderland	
1st Dec 07	Stockton	v	Billingham	
15th Dec 07	Billingham	v	Wallsend	
5th Jan 08	WHTDSOB	v	Billingham	
19th Jan 08	Billingham	v	Northern	
26th Jan 08	Horden	v	Billingham	
9th Feb 08	Billingham	v	Gosforth	
16th Feb 08	Percy Park	v	Billingham	
1st Mar 08	Alnwick	v	Billingham	
8th Mar 08	Billingham	v	Ponteland	
29th Mar 08	Ryton	v	Billingham	
12th Apr 08	Sunderland	v	Billingham	
19th Apr 08	Billingham	v	Stockton	
26th Apr 08				

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- 11
- 12 THE OLD FARTS
- 13
- 14
- 15 THE ADNETTS
- 16 KEITH BLENKINSOPP
- 17 THE EVANS
- 18 UK LANDROVER EVENTS

West Hartlepool U15's: 7
V
Billingham U15's: 41

This was Billingham's U15's first match of the season and they prepared to take on a confident West Hartlepool side in fine but windy conditions. Billingham began with the advantage of the wind behind them and although they soon had territorial advantage the game became one of stops and starts. Carefully managed teamwork and good ball handling from Billingham was dampened by strong tackling from the West boys. Eventually Billingham took an opportunity and Daniel Sanderson made a dummy move to allow the backs to pass the ball out to Conor Shea at fullback, who made a break and scored. On the restart the forwards got there quickly and played the ball out to Tom Kill who used his pace to sprint and score. Danny Finney converted.

The third try for Billingham came from a penalty close to the West line. A quick pass to Nathan Moffatt allowed him to bludgeon his way through to score. Play continued close to the West line and subsequently Billingham had three tries deemed to be held up by a persistent West Hartlepool. Just before half time Conor Shea put in his second try, by the corner flag. Strong winds made the conversion almost impossible and Billingham went into half time with some real self-belief.

However on the restart it was West Hartlepool's turn to score a try that was subsequently converted. Tom Kill replied with two tries in characteristic sprinting style, both converted by the educated boot of Finney. Carl Robinson scored a lovely try on his debut to make the final score 7:41 in Billingham's favour.

Overall, the whole squad of 22 made a respected contribution and the team should be congratulated for playing running rugby in such windy conditions. Man of the match went to Sam Ferguson in the forwards and Danny Finney in the backs.

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Durham/N'thm'land 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Billingham	2	2	0	0	99	15	84	4	0
Alnwick	2	2	0	0	44	24	20	4	0
Northern	2	2	0	0	43	25	18	4	0
Horden	2	2	0	0	66	51	15	4	0
PERCY PARK IST XV	2	1	0	1	75	23	52	2	0
Wallsend	2	1	0	1	27	30	-3	2	0
Ryton	2	1	0	1	15	87	-72	2	0
Gosforth	1	0	0	1	10	12	-2	0	0
Sunderland 1st XV	2	0	0	2	45	53	-8	0	0
Stockton	1	0	0	1	26	36	-10	0	0
Ponteland	2	0	0	2	19	43	-24	0	0
West Hartlepool TDSOB	2	0	0	2	10	80	-70	0	0

Billingham U17s Vs Hartlepool Rovers U17s

Following a major change during the out-season, Billingham took to the pitch for the first game of the season fired up, ready to show Rovers they meant business following the last game of the previous season, which saw a nil all draw with Rovers. Showing their determination, Billingham started strong despite a number of changes in the scrum due to an injury and going against the wind. Rovers also started strong but were overpowered by the Billingham pack in the scrums. Billingham opened up the scoring with Danny Brown powering through a number of Rovers pack and back line to touch down. Unfortunately, he missed the conversion to set a score of 5-0 with more than half of the first half still to go. But a silly mistake near half time cost Billingham when Rovers number 13 scored under the post, with number 9 kicking the conversion making the half time score: ***Billingham 5 Rovers 7***

The second half started on a high for Billingham with some good strong attacking, the effort paid off with Danny Brown going over for his 2nd of the game. Once again, the conversion attempt failed. Shortly after Billingham were forced to make a few changes due to Mickey Best taking an accidental blow to the head. A nice little dink over the heads of roves from full back Ben Elgie brought Billingham's 3rd try of the game. Once again, the conversion attempt failed. Rovers had only one option left and that was to buckle up and get through the Billingham defence to score twice! But Billingham defended the line well, with a held up try. In the last play of the game, Rovers won a scrum on the five metre line before Billingham's great defending saw a double movement to finish the game:

Billingham 15 Rovers 7

Great job lads, a BIG improvement from last season. A great performance from the forwards saw every one of our scrums won and following the half time break saw most of their scrum won as well. The only problem was our lineouts which were mainly hampered by the wind. Backs worked really hard defending and attacking, well done!