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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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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 29 v GOSFORTH 8

Following the excellent performance for most of last weeks game against the same opposition, the Club President firmly ensconced at the far end and Scott Thompson on the water bottles we looked forward to a thrilling encounter. However a late injury to Hutchinson, unavailability of other players and positional switches seemed to upset our flowing game. It looked really promising when right from the drop out Dave Robinson then Craig Daley put in two huge hits on Gosforth's forwards in open play. Gosforth took the lead after long periods of play from a penalty. At last Billingham seemed stirred into action with a typical Mike Evans try converted by Joe. The game again looked to be going nowhere despite some excellent scrimmaging from Amos, Schiller and the flankers when a moment of brilliance saw Anth Hyndman chase his own grubber to split Gosforth wide open and score. Scott replaced Durnion in the back row moving Daley to number eight. The forwards seemed more fired up and Dave Robinson scored with a burst of speed and a dive over in the corner to bring an end to the first half

Half Time BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 17 v GOSFORTH 3

Phil Reay came on as blood replacement but left before play resumed Andy Evans fed Garbutt out wide who put a bit of punch back into the attack with a blistering run to score after twenty minutes with Gosforth camped in the Billingham half.

Peter Evans replaced Mike Evans, Joe Evans went to centre Andy Evans went on the wing and Garbutt came off to be replaced by Woodhouse going on at scrum half. Gosforth scored their only try following a breakdown in the backs who could not clear the lines. Phil Reay made his first team debut (I think) when Dave Robinson opened up an old wound following a ruck and left the park. The game settled and Billingham pressed driving down field through Fern and Tennant. The ball was spun out quickly from one side of the field to the other to Youdale who stormed over for the last try of the game

BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 29 v GOSFORTH 8

Tries, M Evans, A Hyndman, Dave Robinson, Garbutt, Youdale

Conversions 2

Reporters Comments: A win is a win but we need to lift our game next week for the Horden fixture

Supporters Comment: Good to win, strange game, it was a bit of a struggle. Nice to see our forwards rucking and driving over
Injuries Dave Robinson, average cut to the head but no lasting damage

Percy Park u14s V Billingham u14s

A new fixture for our team and very much a step into the unknown never having played against them, but being aware of the strength of P Park as a club. Almost from the start the pattern of play for the day was set, Rucks were hit hard, ball being won, good hands and passing with support play for the runner, pity it was all being shown by P Park. Billingham were on the back foot and struggling to make any progress, any forward runs being met with good tackles then from the ruck turn over ball. The game settled into a pattern where Percy Park would run at Billingham, get stopped and when Billingham did get the ball it would be a kicked under pressure back to P Park who would start to run it back.

Poor tackling but also good hard running and passing soon had Percy Park scoring, and any kicks near the posts sailed over. A brave rearguard action was all Billingham could muster for most of the first half and half time came with the score at 33-0! Executing the basics well by P Park was allowing them to dominate, enough said.

Second half saw a fight back from Billingham of sorts, we actually were now making a few runs but again good tackling with a runner unsupported would result in turnover ball and back would come P Park, but Billingham responded with some good runs and were soon near the opposition try line but poor handling gave the ball away. Marcus Sudron grabbed the opportunity when collecting a loose ball from a rare miss-placed Percy Park pass and scored and converting. The scoring settled down as the game became more even but the better rugby coming from the home team, and what would have been the try of the game after some lovely passing exchanges between 3 Park player ended with a last gasp tackle. Jack Chapman exhibiting his battling spirit pulled another back for Billingham but at the end of the day Percy Park ran out worthy 57-14 winners. In discussion with their coaches after the game, it appears most of games this season for them have been 50+ point games and some stopped early as they were running away with the matches. Although a bad scoreline it was a hard fought game but played in correct spirit, hopefully painful lesson will finally be learnt by Billingham, the return will be looked forward to. Man of Match, scrum half Craig Errington under a lot of pressure but hardly a pass went astray.

Billingham U15's 53

V

Sunderland U15's12

A Sunderland kick-off had Billingham straight into attacking play today. Sunderland took no time in gaining ground and the Billingham defence looked sleepy as they allowed Sunderland to sneak through to score under the posts and convert.

Billingham regrouped and a penalty was passed along the backs only to see Sam Ferguson pushed out by the corner flag. Billingham won a scrum and were looking dangerous, but the ball was held up on the line. Third time lucky saw the ball to Wilf Reeve who drove over the line to score. Billingham continued to dominate play and moved away from trouble with a try from Conor Shea to take them into half-time 10:7 up.

The second half saw an increased physicality in Billingham's game and they continued with the ascendancy. Joe Douthwaite scored first, followed by Tom Kill brushing off a series of frustrated Sunderland tacklers to score. Kill soon put in another (all three converted by Danny Finney), before Finney put in a smart try himself. Billingham dropped their guard and let in one try but they had Tom Kill in fine form to go on and score his 3rd, 4th and 5th, one of which was converted by Finney. Man of the match today was Andy Thompson with his impressive tackling.

The final score was 53:12 in Billingham's favour.

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Under 12s seven a-side Tournament 14/10/2007

I would just like to thank everyone for their help, patience and understanding on Sunday, I didn't get one grumble and every time I asked for help found only helpful and willing coaches which resulted in a great day's rugby which I think everyone enjoyed.

For the record we had 16 teams made up from 13 Clubs, which must be one of our best turn ups yet. Great to see Hartlepool RFC turn out a team, hope the lads enjoyed the experience. Results after the league phase were

Main Competition

Guisborough A 3 v 3 Billingham (Billingham went through on first try scored)

Guisborough B 6 v 1 Durham City Tigers

Middlesbrough 1 v Blaydon Eagles

Darlington 1 v 3 Mowden Park

Semi Finals

Billingham 3 v 0 Mowden Park

Guisborough B 0 v 5 Middlesbrough

Final

Billingham 1 v 4 Middlesbrough

Plate Competition

Hartlepool Rovers 1 v 6 West Hartlepool

Sunderland 4 v 0 Westoe

Durham City Lions 7 v 0 Hartlepool

Blaydon Hawks 5 v 1 Acklam

Plate Semi Finals

West Hartlepool 4 v 2 Blaydon Hawks

Sunderland 0 v 3 Durham City Lions

Plate Final

West Hartlepool 0 v 5 Durham City Lions

So congratulations to Middlesbrough and Durham City Lions for their respective wins, I will ensure the trophies get to you.

Finally thanks to Mark West from the refs society who did 10 games for me back to back and all the volunteer refs who allowed the event to happen.

COLIN SNOWDEN

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Billingham U15's 14

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Percy Park U15's 10

Percy Park U15's are some of Billingham U15's toughest opponents, with their imposing physical presence and today Percy Park went straight on the attack. Billingham were alert in their tackling and play progressed for some time centre pitch. Percy Park made ground and applied the pressure, only to be held up on the line. A quick turn of events saw Percy Park loose possession with a super tackle from Jake Day only to see them scoop up the ball and score. Billingham replied moments later by getting the ball to Tom Kill who made a surging run from half-way to score.

Danny Finney converted. Billingham began to take control but a break from Jake Day came to nothing. Percy Park had a scrum on the Billingham 5m line just before half time and made the most of it and drove over to score. Billingham went into half-time 10:7 down.

Events changed in the second half and Jake Day put in a run away try to score under the posts. Danny Finney converted. The run of play continued with Percy Park playing a driving game with their numbers 1 to 8 as opposed to Billingham's game of passing the ball out wide. With two minutes to go Percy Park looked dangerous but couldn't pull those extra points out of the bag due to the intense pressure exerted by the Billingham boys. Man of the match today was Mark Brewis for his distribution behind a strong pack and the final score was a 14:10 victory to Billingham.

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