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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.

Thank-you

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OLD CROSSLEYANS V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV

Billingham travelled to this top of the table clash with Yorkshires “Old Crocs” benching one of the top try scoring Shepherd twins and scrum half Woodhouse. This defeat may prove a costly in our promotion race at the end of the season. In what was a tight game Billingham lacked their usual zip in attack and for the first time in this campaign failed to cross their opponents try line. The “postage stamp” pitch suited Crocs forward game although Billingham rarely got the ball to their wide men and Joe Evans had little time or space to be creative. Martin Dixon showed coolness under pressure time after time in the tight with his “pick and pop” to create space to no avail. We did take the lead through a Peter Evans penalty after twenty minutes and should have doubled it on the half hour with one in front of the posts. Amos was not troubled at the line out by a wicked down field wind but Crocs had probably the best front row we have encountered and caused Hutchy and Robinson problems in the tight. The Hyndman brothers had little joy either and spent the day battering away at a very accomplished defensive Yorkshire line

Half Time **OLD CROSSLEYANS 0 BILLINGHAM FIRST 3**

Crossleyans levelled the score on the quarter hour and Paul Shepherd was almost immediately brought on for Mike Evans who rarely saw the ball. Crocs pressed hard and would have increased their lead but for poor penalty kicking. Dave Robinson, Dixon and Dalton had to work hard in open play to win ball and the tackles were flying in all round. Following a number of scrums Wildridge picked up and broke clear only to be pulled back and shown a yellow card for no apparent reason. On the half hour Woodhouse replaced Andy Evans and Billingham worked their way up field. Camping on the Crocs line the game could have been won by the fourteen visitors and this looked even more likely when Brett returned. Scott came on for Tennant who had again performed well both in set pieces and in open play. Then disaster, a long clearance and subsequent penalty saw the home side snatch the victory with a late penalty.

FULL TIME OLD CROSSLEYANS 6 BILLINGHAM FIRST 3

. Penalties P. Evans 1

Spectators Comment (Cossleyans) A draw would have been a fair result it really should have been six all.

Reporters Comment Billingham lacked penetration against a very good side. Unlike the Morpeth game our forwards won enough clean ball to have sewn this up in the first half but something aspects of our play just did not work today.

Players Comment Man of the Match Martin Dixon needs to be as quick downing a pint as he is at “pick and pop”

Billingham U16's 39

V

Ponteland U16's 12

This week the U16's had a late cancellation of their much awaited County Cup game against Hartlepool Rovers so a big ‘Thank-you’ to Ponteland who made the journey south to Billingham Campus for the match.

Ponteland paid the price for not focussing from the offset and conceded a try in the first minute. Billingham worked the back line to pass to an awaiting Lee Simpson to score in the corner. Ponteland responded by going on the attack and managed to control play in the Billingham half for several minutes. However it was Billingham who displayed greater awareness and a series of missed tackles by Ponteland allowed Jake Day to score a try for Billingham. Ponteland began to settle into the game and soon pulled one back, but it wasn't long before Lee Simpson scored his second try (converted by Danny Finney). Mark Brewis took the score to 24:5 to Billingham at half time with his first try of the match.

The second half saw Billingham predominantly in control and looking for more points. Billingham tries came from Carl Robinson, Jake Day and Mark Brewis, with Ponteland only managing one converted try in reply. The final score was a respectable 39:12 to Billingham. Man of the match for Billingham was identified as Kareem Omar for the forwards and Mark Brewis for the backs.

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1	Old Crossleyans	26
2	Penrith	22
3	Billingham	22
4	Sandal	18
5	Pontefract	18
6	Morpeth	15
7	Carlisle	14
8	Aspatia	13
9	Gateshead	13
10	Driffield	12
11	Durham City	6
12	Ilkley	3

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Recent Results

6	Old Crossleyans	V's	Billingham	3
18	Morpeth	V's	Billingham	5
34	Billingham	V's	Ilkley	12
6	Aspatia	V's	Billingham	8
50	Billingham	V's	Durham City	8
43	Billingham	V's	Driffield	15
16	Sandal	V's	Billingham	7
49	Billingham	V's	Pontefract	15
17	Penrith	V's	Billingham	12
10	Billingham	V's	Old Crossleyans	17
5	Gateshead	V's	Billingham	16
33	Billingham	V's	Morpeth	19
12	Ilkley	V's	Billingham	23
21	Billingham	V's	Aspatia	16
6	Durham City	V's	Billingham	14
15	Carlisle	V's	Billingham	26

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Mar 07, 2009	Billingham	V's	Penrith
Mar 14, 2009	Pontefract	V's	Billingham
Mar 28, 2009	Billingham	V's	Sandal
Apr 04, 2009	Driffield	V's	Billingham
Apr 18, 2009	Billingham	V's	Carlisle

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