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v  
**ASPATRIA**

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<p align="center"><b>LAST WEEKS RESULTS</b> DURHAM CITY 6 BILLINGHAM 1st 14 DARLINGTON 21 BILLINGHAM 2nds 32 BILLINGHAM 3rds 0 DURHAM CITY 60</p>	<p>ISSUE 2  VOL 7</p>
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### **Our spirit is our strength (*We can do it*)**

The newly promoted Billingham motto showed through when they took their first road trip in North East 2 to Carlisle who gave them a very warm welcome off the field but no quarter on. After losing Dixon midweek the visitors saw Joe Evans play most of the game with a dislocated thumb, Hutchinson putting in big hits with one arm virtually useless and Woodhouse assisted by Kirsty Magrath desperately trying to stitch his own head wound in a mirror to get back on. Billingham looked edgy as the mercurial Shepherd twins and Mike Evans could not break the Carlisle defence. Excellent penalty kicking from the home side saw Billingham trail by twelve points on the half hour although with great defence from Amos and the two Robinsons they never looked like crossing Billingham's line. The turning point came after 33 minutes when Woodhouse charged down a Carlisle clearance and raced through to flip the ball to the charging Wildridge through the hands for Paul Shepherd to sprint in with Joe Evans converting Billingham went down to fourteen with a sin binning for a minor offence and saw them trailing 15 points to 7 at the half.

#### **Half Time CARLISLE 15 v BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 7**

The first ten minutes after the turn around saw Billingham running the home side ragged with fast fluid play and great interplay between the Hyndman duo of Chris and Anth punching massive holes in the defence. Joe Evans was replaced by brother Peter who dazzled with some exciting play, Woodhouse came off with a blood injury and unable to return was replaced by Andy Evans. Hutchinson dipped his shoulder, flattened his opposite number and set A. Evans away to score. The hit was one two many and Hutchy was replaced by Reay. The backs combined for Craig Shepherd to run around a weary defence to open his season's account leaving an easy conversion to give Billingham the lead. The game was killed off when Chris Hyndman jinked through with Reay superbly passing out of the tackle and Wray bulldozing over on his first team debut. Carlisle saw a glimmer of light when a loose lineout ball could have given them a score but quick thinking by Schiller saw him drop down then using his bulk held off the opposition until Dalton arrived to secure possession. The last five minutes saw Billingham run the ball from side to side but unable to increase their four try tally. Billingham's young guns took time to settle but again looked lethal in attack and strong in defence

#### **FULL TIME Carlisle 15 v BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 26**

**Scorers Tries:** P Shepherd, C Shepherd, A. Evans, S.Wray

**Kicks:** Conversions J Evans 1 P. Evans 2

One change at half time, Danny Cumisky on for Robbie Brumpton only the start of what will prove to be some hard decision making on team selection this year. More of the same in the second half, Billingham's forwards impressing although the penalty count against them in the breakdown seemingly increasing faster than seconds on a clock!

West made the breakthrough, using their big forward, he broke a few tackles and went in. Billingham's response was to raise the game a notch, David Rawson at flanker making some good breaks. Ben McWilliams also, the forwards keeping the ball live soon it was moved out wide and Dan Hunter broke through to tie the game 5-5.

Billingham were definitely in the ascendancy often the only time the ball being in Billingham half was from the ball kicked up field all being handled well by Tom Doherty in at full back. Johnny Young looked to have been driven over by the pack, but the ref. spotted an infringement somewhere so this was scrubbed. Soon we were at them again and then an identical high tackle incident occurred with the same players, this time Ashley Imeson only being 5 metres out. Tempers flared briefly and although a penalty try could have been awarded, it was just a penalty. After a few phases the ball came back out wide and fittingly Ashley Imeson scored. 5-10.

This was proving to be a titanic struggle, but the feeling was that handling errors were preventing scores for Billingham, with some good defence. On one of the rare West trips out of there half they scored to level the match 10-10. The last five minutes continued as a frenetic battle with no quarter being asked and the match finished 10 all.

Man of the match Jack Chapman.

Happily and in true rugby spirit hands were shaken by all parties at the end, and there it ended.

Well done the Billingham Rugby tug of war team who won £500 for Jack Smith's trust fund at Billingham Carnival.

## West Hartlepool U15 V Billingham U15.

A new Ice Age, Global Warming, Droughts all forecasts from scientists in previous years, obviously Billingham's micro-climate decided we needed the wettest August and September as a reminder that scientists know that  $1 + 1 = 2$ , but as for the weather they haven't a clue! God help us if they are wrong about the Hadron Collider.

Anyway welcome back from the roving reporter (Rambler..Get on with it Ed.) A new season full of optimism, even though our opener against Blaydon was lost to Billingham's new open air swimming pools at Greenwood Rd.

An almost full squad assembled at West, although some minus bits of Kit! To meet a team we have bettered in recent meetings with a good pre- season behind us plus some recent acquisitions on the playing side could we use our big pack to allow the fast lads in the backs to show their speed?

From the kick off the game quickly settled into a tight contest, West using their large forwards as a the main threat, Billingham forwards matching them for size but proving more mobile. Good possession being generated for Billingham's back line but it was struggling to click as a unit, running more as 7 fast lads out to catch the eye. Jack Chapman this seasons skipper, started where he left off last year but now with ears open or maybe more maturity, running straight at the opposition, and more importantly offloading before the tackle. This example generally spreading amongst the forwards, all showing good mobility, hands and off loading to keep the ball live. New boys Elliot Husband at scrum half and Dan Hunter at inside centre started to show their skills but handling errors amongst the back division seemed to be contagious. Eventually a fine move developed and after the ball was passed along the backs Ashley Imeson looked to be in in the corner, but a dangerously high tackle inside the 10m stopped him. He managed to off-load to Jack Chapman who was sure to score only for the referee to blow for the foul. A clear example of the advantage rule not being applied, a golden scoring opportunity denied in a very tight contest.

Half time 0-0

## DURHAM CITY 1st

V

## BILLINGHAM 1st

NEMESIS:

What nemesis ? Durham City for a few seasons have proved to be our downfall.

But NO MORE.

Having said that Billingham made hard work of the victory over Durham City.

In weather more suited to cricket, Durham City started well and were three points to the good inside a couple of minutes. For the rest of the half Billingham dominated and should have turned round with a good lead; credit Durham for valiant if not desperate defence. We should have made more of our chances but the exchange ref let them get away with murder, killing the ball at every opportunity. City finished the half with another three points when Billingham failed to clear their lines and infringed at the breakdown in front of the posts.

The second half was very scrappy and Billingham eventually broke down the Durham defence as they ran out of steam. Our superb fitness told in the end and PETER EVANS made several excellent breaks two of which made tries for brother JOE. Both tries were converted by PETER himself but it could have been several more with a little luck as Steven Hutchinson had been hauled down with the line at his mercy after Anth. Hyndman had broken through.

The game petered out because of Durham's stalling tactics, but with bodies all over the pitch it was their only recourse to prevent a cricket score. How they got away with only two yellow cards is still a mystery. Perhaps the referee knows.

Billingham on another day could have scored 30 points.

Or more !

Once again our supporters were there in huge numbers and although I missed the Carlisle match judging by last season's brilliant following, we must be the best supported team in the North East.

Can we match the Falcon's 4000(at home), I wonder

?Dreaming.....well you never know !!

Redcar U16's 0  
V  
Billingham U16's 51

It took quite some time for this match to look as though either team were working well and in full control and it was Redcar who actually made the first break. They came close to scoring, only to be tackled and brought down just before the line. From this point the Billingham boys seemed to begin to read the ball well and some good handling along the line saw the ball to Andy Thompson to score in the corner. Minutes later Edward Adamson made a break for Billingham and saw the ball out to Joe Douthwaite for Billingham's second try of the match. Now they seemed to be on the ascendency, carrying the ball well on several occasions and it was Carl Robinson, playing full back who scored next.

The second half saw the boys making some good decisions which paid off. Tom Kill broke free to put in three of his trademark escapes from the pack to score under the posts, all of which were converted by Jack Gaff. Mark Brewis and Edward Adamson both finished well the work of the team and also scored. Coach Wayne Finney was delighted with the performance, singling out several of the team for commendation on their effort and man of the match for Billingham went to Edward Adamson on his debut for the club.

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West Hartlepool U16's 7  
V  
Billingham U16's 19

Billingham U16's first run out of the season was away to West Hartlepool. They were lacking a number of the usual starting line-up and had little pre-season preparation but entered the match making their presence felt and looking to exert control. They settled into the West half, tackling hard every time West tried to make an advance. Billingham came close to scoring but Mark Brewis was brought down short of the line. It was eventually Daniel (Sando) Sanderson who broke through to score in the corner. They went into half time 5:0 to Billingham.

West began the second half with renewed vigour and greater awareness. Some good work by the Billingham forwards combined with neat handling along the backs saw the ball to Sam Ferguson to score under the posts. Jack Gaff put away the ball for the extra two points. Billingham momentarily had the bit between their teeth and Jack Gaff furthered his presence with a try and a conversion.

West deservedly replied with a converted try making the final score 7:19 in Billingham's favour. Man of the Match for Billingham was Mark Brewis

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

President's / 85th Anniversary Dinner;  
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Venue to arranged.....

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the round in when we return  
home. Hope Bingham do well  
on Saturday see you all soon,  
Next stop Blackhall Rocks*

### Redcar U15 V Billingham U15, Sept 21st

A glorious autumnal morning greeted us as we assembled, confidence high in the squad even though a few players were out with injuries or a sickness bug doing the rounds. We were also aware that Redcar is a team in development so we had scheduled starts for some of the back up players, an opportunity to shine for them.

Looking at the subs once the starting 15 announced, brought home how much the squad is developing and the strength we have, even with 4 regulars missing.

Our confidence was soon found to be miss-placed as from the off Redcar came at Billingham strongly, who were soon within their own 10m defending resolutely. This was not what we expected, but proof yet that no game is ever given and has to be earned by the forwards doing the donkey work. So being the good lads they are our donkeys forgot about the beach and turned their attention to matters in hand.

Elliot Husband soon getting to see good fast ball and getting the backs to start some probing runs. All the backs listening to the coaches (there's a first!) seemed to have taken in the lessons of last week, and the ball was getting spread wide, Danny Husband and Danny Cumisky in the centres both making good runs and feeding the ball along the line. Redcar were battling hard, with a pack that rucked well and more than held its own in the scrums, but the newness of the backs showed. This being an area where the fast Billingham backs were eager to run at sensing tries to be had.

So it proved, soon Billingham had run in three tries, Danny Cumisky and Danny Hunter both going in under the posts. Marcus Sudron converting, Ashleigh Imeson grabbing one in the corner Marcus Sudron just short with the conversion. Redcar came back and good forward play had them going over in the corner to score, drop kick conversion missed. Then Billingham stepped up a gear, Callum Baker and Scott Mahon showing well. Elliot Husband really getting the backs moving and more tries flowed, plus a bit of over excitement by a Redcar Forward allowed the ref. to give him 10 mins to cool down. The extra man being exploited by Ashleigh Imeson, Tom Doherty and Josh Gibson all going over to score. Only one being converted half time 5-36

Neil and Mick adjusted the team at half time, original plans being modified as there was an opportunity to further increase game time for newer players. Possibly they went too far as Redcar were more than

holding their own, and soon went over again with the forwards working well. At one stage they mauled Billingham back 30 metres eventually only being stopped by holding on in the tackle when 1 m short. Billingham responded and scored again, Elliot Husband getting reward for his efforts and Marcus Sudron converting.

What was apparent was that Billingham's pack although working well at the line out, Gary Churlish especially, was losing out in the scrum, but once ball turned over straight running and fast hands would present opportunities almost with every possession.

Tom Doherty scored another try almost his last play of the game, the conversion in-off the post, (more practice M). The good fast open play unfortunately not getting its rewards with tries. Often last gasp tackles prevented a score, tough luck David Rawson or penalties being awarded. Three tries were run in from such situations, quick tap and goes, none being converted.

Redcar hit back and scored again, which bodes well for them as a group, showing guts and commitment. None more so than their prop (No 3) trying to stop Nathan Wilson on a charge not something he will want to do again. He needed 3 or 4 minutes to recover and checking his limbs and teeth still in place! got up and played on.

The second half score being 10-22 to Billingham for a final score of Redcar 15 Billingham 58.

A good match commitment from all and finely refereed, and something to take on to the Lexus tournament.

Man of the Match Scott Mahon, playing a full game with aggression, (nope not making it up).

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