

Finance First
PERSONAL AND
CORPORATE FINANCIAL
ADVISERS
1 HIGH ST NORTON
Tel 01642 355966
Fax 01642 355967

U 14s
sponsored by
I.K. Joinery.
McDonalds
Wolviston.

N Foster Electrical

Domestic Commercial And Industrial Installations
Intruder and Fire Alarms Inspection and testing
Data installation tel 01642 361932 or 07742843976
www.nfosterelectrical.co.uk. Sales@nfosterelectrical.co.uk
U15s SPONSOR

BILLINGHAM
WINDOWS AND CONSERVATORIES
Tel: 01642 564245
Fax: 01642 561094
www.billinghamwindows.co.uk

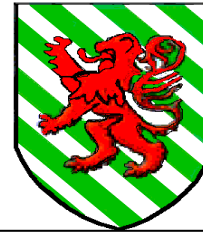
CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT SAFETY & CLUB SECURITY

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.

Thank-you

OXYGYM HEALTH AND FITNESS CLUB
Telephone: 01642 560555
www.oxygym.co.uk



BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB NEWS LETTER "THE LION"



BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
BAR MEALS, SUNDAY CARVERY, SKY SPORTS LARGE SCREEN TV.
FUNCTION ROOM FOR HIRE.
01642 563057 www.billinghamrugby.co.uk

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 08
BILLINGHAM 1ST

V
OLD CROSSLEYANS

WEST STAGS

V
BILLINGHAM 2nds

BILLINGHAM 3rds

V
NORTHALLERTON



1 High Street, Norton,
Stockton on Tees, TS20 1EH
Telephone: 01642 355966
Fax: 01642 355967
www.finance-first.com

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER
6.30PM TILL LATE

ISSUE
5
VOL
7

BILLINGHAM FIRST XV v PENRITH

Billingham started and ended their first journey into the cup competition on a blustery day against the Cumbrian opposition from North 2 East. Wildridge was rested and losing Danny Robinson to a pre-game neck problem meant Schiller joined McQuillen and Amos in the front row with Youdale joining Hyndman, Tennent and Woodhouse on the bench. Billingham went ahead from a penalty, Penrith evened the scores then another was slotted to give us the lead back. Not what we are used to and when we knocked on the opposition took full advantage to make progress to our five metre line to score a push over try. Anth Hyndman was cutting holes through their defence but chances which were few and far between were spurned.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 3 v PENRITH 10**

The allocated referee had to leave the field with a hamstring injury to be replaced by Karl Hall from the seconds game and thanks must go to the Penrith supporter (referee) who left the line to run theirs. Penrith pushed hard and a collapsed scrum saw Rhino down with a neck injury, to be replaced by Youdale. The visitors went further ahead with a superb drop goal and were showing no signs of giving up when Anth Hyndman burst through their defence. He looked totally isolated as we appeared to be static when Dave Robinson appeared from nowhere to take a great offload and carry the ball on before setting up Hutchison to score. Penrith went further ahead with an unconverted try as Woodhouse replaced Evans and Tennent replaced Schiller in a reshuffled pack. Poor defensive work saw Penrith stretch their lead and the one bright moment. Quickly recycled ball following several phases of forward play saw the ball go through the hands and Youdale joining the line to pass out of the tackle to Paul Shepherd who raced over. Although Billingham pressed hard they could not break the Penrith defence and although they were a good side we could have, and really should have edged the victory.

FULL TIME **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 18 v PENRITH 23**

Tries: S. Hutchison 1, P. Shepherd 1, P. Evans 2 Conversions, 1 Penalty
Spectators Comment. Very good opposition we seemed to lack ideas or penetration and our normally sound defence looked shaky at times. It seemed like only a few players were up for it in the first half

Reporters Comment. If we had to lose the cup was the place to do it. Let's hope this is a big wake up call for future games we need to look at what went wrong and quickly repair the damage. I am sure Coach will have had a few choice post match words

BILLINGHAM SECOND XV v SOUTH PARK

Billingham welcomed new boys South Park Rangers with a lead on the half hour of 21 points. Made up of a blend of youth and experience the visitors showed great forward skills and despite some valiant defending by Billingham their proved to much. Foster started the comeback chasing down a clever chip through from Elgy following a breakaway by Bromley in the centre and the self belief was back.

Dixon was making breaks, quick ball from Sayers and variations in play from Westall pulled the visitors all over the park. Brom linked well with Foster and only desperate tackling from Park stopped a rout
Half Time BILLINGHAM SECOND XV 5 v SOUTH PARK 21
The allocated referee Karl Hall had to leave the field to ref the firsts and thanks must go to the Penrith supporter (referee) who left the line to ref the seconds. Dixon, Hammond and McCabe started hammering the opposition front row both in tight and open and with Scott and Raey giving them no room to play gaps started appearing exploited by some excellent service from Sayers. It was good to see Jimmy Wray return in the powerhouse with Fernie to add his driving runs to those made by Guz at number eight Brown joined the fray and looked fresh and fit despite a lay off through injury. Westall capped another great performance at fly half going over from the half way line. Richie Foster got his second finishing with a nine point six dive in the corner. The game was won when Roe finished off a move involving all of the backs

BILLINGHAM SECOND XV 24 v SOUTH PARK 21

Tries: Foster 2, Westall 1, Roe 1 Elgy 2 Conversions,

Spectators Comment. Some of the firsts should start looking over their shoulders; we have some good young lads here

Reporters Comment Great to see a new side on the block they played some good rugby in the first half hour but our superior fitness won the game at the end of the day.

Well done the Thirds who we hear won also in a hard fought away trip winning by the odd try. However it was reported that they played exceptionally well against a well drilled side who pressed in the early stages and only some great defensive work kept Billingham in the

game. **WELL DONE LADS**

Colourscreen

Telephone: 01642 614747

Billingham U11's 12 – Barnard Castle 0

Bowes Museum provided the impressive backdrop to this encounter. Both sides were quite evenly matched and provided an excellent game of rugby. From the Barnard Castle kick-off, Harley Whitehouse collected and tried to set Olly Ross away, unfortunately the move broke down. It was however a bright start for Billingham. The game ebbed and flowed in the centre of the pitch with neither team able to make a breakthrough.

Billingham were having the best of it though, and they dominated the early scrums. The Barnard Castle defence was proving very determined and produced some excellent tackling. Lewis Roxby and Nick Winstanley were both thwarted trying to find a way through. Barnard Castle switched play to the Billingham half, but Billingham's defence held strong. The deadlock was broken by a try from Ollie Ross, who showed great awareness and agility to score. Scott Ellis stepped up to score the conversion. Half Time 7-0. .

The second half was to follow in much the same pattern as the first, with the game going from end to end. Barnard Castle though were unable to break through the Billingham backline. Determined defence from Alex Moriarty and Ryan Jacques held a number of Barnard Castle mauls up short of the line, as the home team tried to use their physical superiority to drive forward. We then switched the action to the opposition half and forced a number of lineouts and scrums just short of the Barney line.

This pressure resulted in James Heath showing excellent vision and determination to secure Billingham's second try by pouncing on a loose ball in the corner. Unfortunately the conversion was missed. Full Time 12-0. This week's Man Of The Match went to Ryan Jacques, our vice-captain again led by example and had an excellent match. Well done

Ryan



Billingham U16's 19 Mowden Park U16's 10

Billingham began on the back foot with ten players down, either injured on or Durham County duty. Mowden Park began with territorial dominance and came close to scoring early – a kick down crossed the Billingham line but they paid the price and a Billingham player reached it first. However, at this point Mowden seemed to have the bit between their teeth and continued to exert control. Another try was prevented with their player being pushed out at the corner flag. They eventually crossed the line to score, following a scrum on the 5m line.

Billingham were quick to reply. A Mowden kick downfield was intercepted, passed to Mark Brewis, who rang down the wing, pausing to kick past the Mowden defence and take repossession before scoring. The half-time score stood at 5:5.

Billingham began the second half tackling decisively but made a silly mistake and had a pass intercepted by Mowden who made it count by scoring their second try of the match. Billingham then had a try held up and it was up to Joe Douthwaite to level the score with his try, which Mark Brewis converted. This run of play was repeated – one held up, a Joe Douthwaite try and a Mark Brewis conversion. The final score was 19:10 to Billingham and man of the match for Billingham was Mark Brewis

 **Teestech Business Solutions**
your IT services partner

Consett U10's v Billingham U10's

U10's first away fixture of the season travelled to Barnard Castle. With Barnard Castle unable to field an U10's team, Billingham contested two games against the also travelling Consett. The games between the two teams are always a close affair and this was to prove no different. Billingham started strongly and competed extremely well. With the first of the two games Billingham continued with some excellent passing and running until Reece O'Brien broke free with one of his dazzling runs to score his first try of the season.

Final Score Billingham U10's 5 Consett U10's 5

The second of the two games continued to be played in a superb manner. Billingham continued where they left off in the earlier encounter with some good passing, running and support play. Try's from Liam King and Billy Short. This was an overall good team performance .

Final Score Billingham U10's 10 Consett U10's 0

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY
AT THE CLUB
WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER
6.30PM TILL LATE
FOOD AVAILABLE**

OXYGYM HEALTH AND FITNESS CLUB

Telephone: 01642 560555

www.oxygym.co.uk

UNDER 12'S MATCH REPORT

We travelled to Barnard Castle with a slightly depleted squad, and face a very well organized Consett side. However that being said we managed to "hold our own" and put in a hard fought performance. Consett were 14 - 0 up at half time but this was only due to one or two sloppy tackling attempts, but we were never out classed on any part of the field, and the Billingham lads kept their chins up and came out in the second half to show Consett exactly what sort of rugby Billingham play.

Josh Marks came up with a superb interception from the inside-centre position and went on to run 20 yards to scored the try, which was then converted by Josh Moffat. Jodie Leonard was then sceptically denied a try by the referee after a great piece of forward play, where our pack continuously picked the ball up from the tackle and drove it into the heart of their defence. However this was rectified shortly after when Josh Moffat, who is normally only used to scoring points from conversions, went over the line under pressure, from a number 8 pick and go, and also converted his own try. Unfortunately Consett kept their chins up and scored late on to win the game.

Final Score 21 - 14 to Consett

I would also like to give a mention to Joe Devine and Ashley Unsworth as the referee mentioned they were both outstanding in the scrum-half position.

BILLINGHAM
WINDOWS AND CONSERVATORIES

Tel: 01642 564245

Fax: 01642 561094

www.billinghamwindows.co.uk

U9 at Barnard Castle / Consett

Part 1

The first match was against Barnard Castle. In the first half Billingham faced an uphill challenge. Some hard defensive tackles were put in to keep the home side at bay. But it was the powerful forwards play from Domonic Thornton and Matthew Olley aided and abetted by Nicholas Colquhoun and Devon Douthwaite that provided the platform for fly half David Elwell to score. Gathering the ball from the ruck, and a crossfield sprint led to Billingham's first try in the top corner. More tries from Lee Adair, and Rees Bell were prevented by a very determined Barnard Castle defence.

Half Time Barnard Castle 0 Billingham 5

With the turn around the forwards again powered into the home side rarely allowing them over the halfway line. Strong angled running from the scrum half Thomas Weston, the centres Rees Bell and Finlay Murray and the wings Lee Adair and Richard Kelsey led to several line outs, deep in the home side's half. It was from one of these line outs and the following melee that David Elwell emerged with the ball to score Billingham's second try, a carbon copy of the first. Stalwart defence from both sides prevented further scores and the game finished with Billingham's second win of the season.

Full Time Barnard Castle 0 Billingham 10



U9 at Barnard Castle / Consett

Part 2

The second match against Consett was a different story. Billingham had the slight downhill advantage for the first half but with the scrum half lost to injury and one of the forwards rested, they seemed to lose their way and it was Consett that scored first. Running in from their own half through some very weak Billingham defence. Led by Matthew Olley Billingham continued to run at the opposition but failed to score until David Elwell crossed the line for Billingham's first of the match and his third of the day. The half finished all square.

Half Time Consett 5 Billingham 5

In the second half Consett had the downhill advantage and scored almost straight away. It was the marauding Matthew Olley leading from the front and powering up the hill with Consett players on his back who was rewarded with Billingham's second try. Consett then took over the game, their speedy backs running in two more tries to end the game four tries to two.

Full Time Consett 20 Bilingham 10



Billingham U16's 27**Durham U16's 0**

Durham began this match taking charge and looking decidedly organised, against a Bilingham side with several first team players absent. It took Bilingham a while to settle into the game. The first break came from Durham but Bilingham defended efficiently and took control of the ball and it was Dominic Simpson who made a speedy run down the wing to score. Jack Gaff converted for the two extra points.

Both sides failed to make an impression in the play that followed. Eventually Conor Shea broke from the Bilingham ranks for their second try, this time under the posts. Both sides made too many mistakes in the run up to half time, although Bilingham displayed sound form in the line-outs. The half-time score was 12:0 to Bilingham.

Bilingham went into the second half in full control and looking for more points, the first of which came from a Tom Moriarty try. This was followed by Jake Day capitalising on his chances and managing to touch down with one hand, Durham bringing him down too late to prevent the damage. The final try for Bilingham came from Daniel Sanderson in the corner. Man of the match today was shared between Jack Gaff and Daniel Finney.

UNDER 14 RESULTS SEASON 2008-09

Date	W/L/D	H/A	Opp	Score	Tries	Cons
19/10/08	W	A	Durham	17-22	Craig Willis x 2, Adam Healey, Jack Sellers	Craig Willis x 1
26/10/08	W	A	Mowden Park	0-39	Matthew Kirby x 2, Craig Willis x 2, Callum Sanderson, Tom Kemp, Tom Kuy	Matthew Kirby x1 Craig Willis x 1

OXYGYM HEALTH AND FITNESS CLUB

Telephone: 01642 560555

www.oxygym.co.uk

**FIREWORKS
DISPLAY
AT THE CLUB
WEDNESDAY
5th NOVEMBER
6.30PM TILL LATE
FOOD AVAILABLE**

**Concept
KITCHENS**

A BIG THANK YOU TO PAUL AND NIKKI ROUTH

Paul and Nikki organised a charity concert night on Friday 3rd October for the Jack Smith Trust fund

Local band THE MONUMENT played and the evening was a great success,

Thanks again Paul and Nikki.

BILLINGHAM
WINDOWS AND CONSERVATORIES www.billinghamwindows.co.uk
Tel: 01642 564245
Fax: 01642 561094

Billingham Tour
To the sunny island of
Jersey
Easter weekend Fri 10th / April 13th April
Places are limited to 36 Strictly 18+
Passport required £250 for Tour
£100 deposit by 1st November 08
See Paul or Craig shep
for payment of deposit + details
Places are limited to 36

**BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB
FANCY DRESS HALLOWEEN PARTY
1 NOVEMBER 2008
OVER 18s ONLY
For tickets see
CHRIS / KARLA HYNDMAN**

MAKE A WISH FOR JACK SMITH

Start collecting your tokens!

From October 1 the Evening Gazette will start printing tokens in the paper everyday for NINE weeks. Simply cut out these tokens and collect as many as you can for the Jack Smith Trust Fund We have made sure that the group leader is well enough equipped to look after the token collection side and will keep a count of how many they have collected so far. Check back here every week as we will regularly update the Wish table so you can see how your group is doing compared to other groups.

What is wish?

For those of you that must have been living in a cave for the last two months here is a quick explanation of what Wish is..... Last year Teessiders collected a staggering 3.6 million tokens for community groups across the Tees Valley. So this year we are returning with a bigger and better campaign with a massive £30,000 to give away to clubs, schools, charities and organisations across the region. Whatever's on your wish list, we can help it come true – and we'll be dishing out your share of the cash in time for the New Year.

Every group registered on our Wish List is guaranteed a share of the money. The size of each group's share will depend on the support they receive from pupils, parents and readers in the form of collecting tokens. Wish couldn't be easier. The **£30,000** cashpot will be divided by the number of tokens collected – and the bigger your share of tokens, the bigger your slice of cash.



**ALL PROCEEDS
WILL GO TO THE
JACK SMITH
TRUST FUND**

Under 15's Lexus Tournament Glasgow

What a great weekend and what an impressive debut appearance by Billingham Rugby club, winning two age group and coming 3rd out of six in the others. This was a competition we knew would have tough teams in but due to the draw we could see all the opposition play other than our first opponents. We were full off optimism, but knew Northern would prove tough in our opening match and so it proved. We pushed them all the way and only in the last minute did we concede a second score to lose 12-0 in fact Northern did not concede a try in the U15 age group and were worthy winners although the match later this season should prove interesting.

Our opening match mirrored the whole of the tournament for the U15's we just could not get our back division moving effectively and our other results were, 5-0, 0-5, 48-7, 0-7, a single score being the difference in 3 of the 4 games.

It was a great experience, and has the boys fired up for hopefully a return next year where we would hope to be going for the pot.

Acklam V Billingham, Oct 5th

Everything was in place for a glorious morning's rugby, the weather, and a full team, confidence high from the week before. Only for a truly awful Rocky Horror Rugby Show, the coaches often say we don't know which team will turn up on a Sunday. Today we were not sure a team turned up at all, it was a 57-12 tonking taking until 7 mins form time for Billingham to score. Once we did another try went in but it was too little too late and all the old bad habits of the past came back to haunt us. Out rucked, mauled, out tackled it was a route BUT credit to the boys for coming back and sticking 12 points on the board, for a long time it looked as though a whitewash was on the cards.

The coach's to stress basics will use this one, to get players focussed that's for sure other than that it will be hopefully forgotten a.s.a.p. Final score 57 – 12, Gary Churlish, Ashley Imeson scoring Marcus Sudron converting

N Foster Electrical

Domestic Commercial And Industrial Installations

Intruder and Fire Alarms Inspection and testing

Data installation tel 01642 361932 or 07742843976

www.nfosterelectrical.co.uk. Sales@nfosterelectrical.co.uk

U15s SPONSOR

Billingham V Ponteland U15 Oct 12th

An eagerly awaited fixture, Billingham having travelled twice to Ponteland and losing two tight battles, were eager to entertain at home. The team was still sore from the previous weeks nightmare here was an opportunity to re gain some credibility. A tight battle soon became established but Billingham having the upper hand of possession and territory without crossing the line. Ponteland had a break and from the good possession made ground into the Billingham half. A penalty being awarded and converted. Yes kicked, the first ever kicked penalty against us. Billingham hit back with Jack Chapman intercepted a pass to run in and score, conversion missed. Half time 5-3.

The 2nd half followed the same pattern Billingham having the ball and territory but struggling to get over the try line. Eventually Elliot Husband went from the back of the scrum to score and Marcus Sudron converted 12-3. The worry was that for all our possession we could not put this game to bed until that is, Danny Cumisky scored one of his specials. Picking the loose ball up in midfield and then flying away from defenders to score under the posts Marcus Sudron converted Final score 19-3. MOM Alex Brown

Billingham V Durham City Oct 19th

Jeckyl or Hyde, which team would turn up? Durham have struggled for players recently and soon Billingham proved to be the stronger outfit, and with it confidence flowing within the team. A few outstanding moments, A David Rawson try! Collecting a line out and breaking through to score, a book is being written soon, £4.99 cheques payable to C.A.S.H

The other "it's snowing in June" moment came at the end, Durham were pinged on there own 5m line. Scott Mahon proved nothing is ever a last cause, collected the ball, tapped the penalty, and I Jest Yee Not (who let Frankie Howerd in?..Ed) SPRINTED AGGRESSIVELY !!! and scored under the posts, then proceeded to grin as he jogged all the way back to the half way line! No book for this one as Roving Reporter does not do Fairy Tales.

Final Score 55-5, 9 tries, 5 converted scorers Gary Churlish, Ben McWilliams (2 yard trip!) Jack Chapman, Dave Rawson, Elliot Husband, Dan Hunter, Michael McClean, Dan Cumisky, Scott Mahon, conv Dan Hunter 2, Marcus Sudron 3. MOM Ben McWilliams