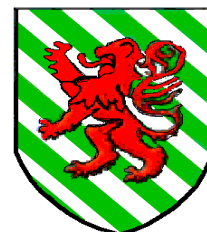


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BILLINGHAM 10 OLD CROSSLEYANS 17

Billingham picked a bad day to be well and truly off form when they came up against new opposition from Halifax in the shape of Old Crossleyans. We got pretty much what we deservedNOTHING !! The West Yorkshire team were a strong side who played to a very tight game plan and although we managed to pull them back to 10-10 at one stage with tries from STEVE HUTCHINSON and CRAIG SHEPHERD, our kicker Peter had left his "shooting boots" at home. Unfortunately Old C's snatched a well-deserved victory with a brilliant individual try from the outside centre. How many missed tackles in that run ?

PENRITH 17 v BILLINGHAM 12

Billingham threw this game away in the first few minutes conceding a penalty try and another under the posts through dropped balls and missed tackles. From then on, however we improved dramatically and played with great spirit and on another day could have completed a victory. Credit must go to the Penrith defence which under heavy pressure in the second half kept Billingham out. We did manage two tries, one from JONNY DURNION before half time (Joe's attempted conversion hit the post) and then a brilliant catch and dash from the halfway line by replacement PETER EVANS. Pity about the "silly" celebration ! This time JOE EVANS was successful with the conversion. Similar to Old C's winning try from the previous week but we didn't have worry about all the missed tackles this time. Player-coach Chris Hyndman was quite upbeat later as the spirit had been good and we had done well to get back into the game after yet another disastrous start.

YOUTH SECTION OVERVIEW

The weather on Sunday was miserable but our teams had to battle both the elements and strong opposition.

The Under 15s and 16s both were beaten by their Sunderland counterparts at Greenwood Road. However the Under 16s were missing almost a full team of regulars away on county duty so the "B" squad put up a good show. At Under 15 level Sunderland are as good as you get in the County and every time we play the Billingham performance gets better and the score difference gets smaller, so well done lads the only way to improve is to play the best.

The Under 14s won at Hartlepool Rovers in a close game to continue what I believe is an unbeaten start to the season.

Not sure how all the minis got on this week as they were scattered about here, there and everywhere. However the report I got back from the tag teams, clearly shows that our newest and youngest members have got the Billingham Spirit and understand already what rugby at Billingham is all about

"Redcar were struggling with numbers and so only managed to turn out 6 players however our immense support from players and parents continues , especially in the appalling weather meaning we turned up with 18 under 7's & 8's . We decided on playing 4 x 10 minute quarters of 8 man tag loaning 2 of our experienced players to Redcar and meaning we could swap our full team after each 10 to get a warm . First quarter we finished 3 - 2 up and at the half we continued to press our advantage winning 8 -6. We then reset the scores to zero and also changed the players we loaned out and after the 3rd quarters were 5 - 3 up and at the final whistle won 9-7. Can I send my congratulations to the players and parents as all behaved exemplary in what were very trying conditions for all."

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Team	Home			Away			Home		Away		Total						Pts	Adjust	
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			Diff
Old Crossleyans	8	5	0	0	2	0	1	104	60	56	60	7	0	1	160	120	40	14	0
Penrith	8	5	0	0	1	0	2	164	52	83	75	6	0	2	247	127	120	12	0
Billingham	8	2	0	1	4	0	1	64	52	91	55	6	0	2	155	107	48	12	0
Sandal	8	4	0	1	1	0	2	152	67	36	45	5	0	3	188	112	76	10	0
Morpeth	8	3	0	0	2	0	3	67	16	117	125	5	0	3	184	141	43	10	0
Driffield	8	2	0	2	2	0	2	99	73	63	75	4	0	4	162	148	14	8	0
Pontefract	8	3	0	2	1	0	2	102	93	42	77	4	0	4	144	170	-26	8	0
Carlisle	8	2	1	1	1	0	3	88	89	52	94	3	1	4	140	183	-43	7	0
Gateshead	8	2	0	2	1	0	3	89	47	87	104	3	0	5	176	151	25	6	0
Aspatia	8	2	0	1	1	0	4	67	70	60	99	3	0	5	127	169	-42	6	0
Ilkley	8	0	0	3	1	1	3	45	89	67	149	1	1	6	112	238	-126	3	0
Durham City	8	0	0	4	0	0	4	42	73	27	125	0	0	8	69	198	-129	0	0

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Billingham U16's 5
Sunderland ^v U16's 31

Today's match saw a reversal of fortune for the usually successful Billingham U16's team. Several team players were away on County duty and a number of players out through injury. A sporting Sunderland team offered one of their players up to make up a full Billingham squad. Conditions were wet and slippy and play was through constant rain.

New boy Lee Simpson began early with Billingham's only try of the match, on his debut for the club. It didn't take long for Sunderland to reply, managing to successfully convert their try. Sunderland continued to press and a second and third try weren't long in coming, (one converted). Their fourth try took Billingham completely unawares; Billingham kicked off, a Sunderland player took a clean catch and ran through the Billingham boys to slide over the line to score. The half-time score stood depressingly at 5:24 in Sunderland's favour.

In the second half Sunderland continued with their organised game plan and Billingham perked up somewhat. They only allowed one Sunderland try past them this time but couldn't manage to come up with the goods themselves. The final score was a 5:24 victory to Sunderland

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Billingham U13's 68 V DMP U13's 0

A bright and cool morning at their home ground became the scene of Billingham U-13's latest victory. From the first minutes of the 40-minute offensive, Billingham scored quick tries down the wing, from the forwards skipping through the missed tackles and punishing runs by the no. 8 straight down the middle. Consistent running and passing from the home team, soon put paid to any hope for DMP to make their mark. In the ruck and mauls too it seemed always to be a green and white shirt picking out the ball and starting the next score. All but one conversion was squarely driven between the posts due to the tries almost always being put down dead centre. DMP made good play where they could and individual effort was visible, but as a team, there seemed little cohesion. Poor decisions when awarded penalties, failure to pass along a line and a failure to engage in tackling led to the most one-side score sheet seen in a long while. DMP have a lot of work to do if they are to resurrect previous fine form, which has seen them beat Billingham on two out of three matches over recent years. Tries: Matthew Routh 2, Luke Wilson 2, Shaun Daniels 4, Jonny Rumis 1, Luke Dixon 1
Conversions: Luke Wilson 8, James Watson 1.



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