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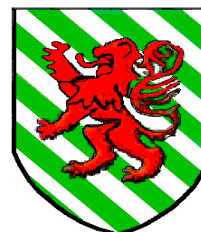
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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV v DURHAM CITY

Billingham returned to the top of North 2 East division with a fine performance of flowing rugby against Durham city. We have been slow to start in recent games but when Hutchy caught a poor Durham clearance to set Paul Shepherd away after only five minutes the pattern was set. The second five minute later was a Billingham classic with quick hands bullet passing and Craig Shepherd opening his account. Amos and Danny Dixon combined with Scott to set up a rolling maul with Chris Hyndman joining in at the back to bulldoze over for the try. Paul Shepherd got his second as Woodhouse benefited from excellent forward service to provide consistently quick, clean ball to the three sets of brothers buzzing like demented hornets in the open field. Inch perfect line outs to Dalton from Amos, copybook driving on from Wildridge and thumping tackles from Martin Dixon gave Durham no respite from the onslaught. Right on half time with Billingham down to fourteen they managed a penalty from way out to open their score sheet.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 24 v DURHAM CITY 3**

With a front row binned Schiller replaced Peter Evans for the set pieces and Dave Robinson dropped deeper in the open to provide the much needed defensive cover tackles. Anth Hyndman took a long miss pass to run yet another great line to score and Craig Shepherd rubbed salt into the Durham wounds by returning a clearance from his own half . Mike Evans came on for Peter and immediately followed Anth's great line to touch down. Woody was replaced by Andy Evans and Schiller showing great strength of character came on for a second time for Dave Robinson. Steve Hutchison showed some of his pace of old to race through a beleaguered Durham defence from the half way line to score. A lack of concentration towards the end saw the visitors score an unconverted try to close the game

FULL TIME **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 50 v DURHAM CITY 8**

. Scorers Tries: C. Shepherd 2, P. Shepherd 2, C. Hyndman 1, A. Hyndman 1, Mike Evans 1, Steve Hutchison 1
Kicks Conversions P. Evans 3, J. Evans 2

Spectators Comment. The game was killed off in the first half at an amazing pace. What a great display of open rugby

Reporters Comment. Clean, quick, ball from the dominant pack to Woody allowed him to give his partner in crime Joe Evans the time the time to let loose the swarm of backs to torture the visitors. That was some hand off from Anth on a huge (comparatively) number eight

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Billingham U16's 31 Acklam U16's 12

The scoreline appears to reflect a decisive win for Billingham U16's this week but in actual fact the boys had to work hard to achieve it. Billingham did make an early claim on points however with a try in the second minute, under the posts from Jake Day. Jack Gaff converted. Acklam responded well and Billingham had to work really hard to keep them away from scoring. Eventually Acklam made a swift series of passes along the line to claim five points in the corner. Then Billingham manufactured a break and Mark Brewis scored the first of his hat-trick of the day. Acklam remained sharp and kept up the pressure and came close a number of times but couldn't quite capitalise on their chances. At half time the score was 12:5 in Billingham's favour.

The second half saw some good support work from the Billingham boys and Mark Brewis scored without a moment's hesitation. Danny Finney then put in a nice try under the posts and Jack Gaff converted. A lineout near the Billingham line saw Acklam score their second try. The final try of the match was for Billingham however, when Mark Brewis broke free to sprint down under the posts, (Gaff converting). This was a good result for Billingham, deserved by playing some good rugby. Man of the match for

Billingham's forwards was **Darrell Thompson**

and for the backs fullback **Adam Knox**.

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U8S				
LADS	2	DADS	4	DADS
U9S				
LADS	4	DADS	2	LADS
U11S				
LADS	5	DADS	1	LADS
U12S				
LADS	4	DADS	2	LADS
U13S				
LADS	4	DADS	2	LADS

OVER ALL WINNERS LADS



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County Cup – first round

Billingham U16s 45 West Hartlepool U16s 7

This was Billingham U16's first run out since early December and despite a clear victory there was an obvious rustiness to their performance today. The boys began by commanding play in the West half but mishandled numerous passes and failed to manufacture a break. The first attempt at a try was held up on the line. However, Kareem Omar, unusually playing at number 8, put in an exemplary performance, managing three tries in succession, thanks to some good support. Jack Gaff converted 2. Billingham boys went into the second half with some real self belief thanks to a scoreline of 19.0.

In the second half West were presented with an opportunity on which they capitalised, scored and converted. However they failed to maintain their ascendancy and Mark Brewis soon broke free to score for Billingham in the corner. Jack Gaff managed a crafty conversion from a difficult angle. Billingham tries followed from Sam Ferguson, Jack Gaff and Jake Day (2 converted) to seal a 45.7 victory. Coach, Wayne Finney found it impossible to single out a man of the match and awarded credit to the back row as a result.

North 2 East

Short Format

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Billingham	13	10	0	3	312	167	145	20	0
Penrith	11	9	0	2	345	156	189	18	0
Old Crossleyans	12	9	0	3	206	201	5	18	0
Sandal	12	8	0	4	260	179	81	16	0
Pontefract	12	7	0	5	227	248	-21	14	0
Driffield	12	5	1	6	248	234	14	11	0
Gateshead	11	5	0	6	240	190	50	10	0
Morpeth	11	5	0	6	222	211	11	10	0
Carlisle	11	4	2	5	191	238	-47	10	0
Aspatia	12	4	0	8	195	236	-41	8	0
Ilkley	12	1	1	10	149	365	-216	3	0
Durham City	11	1	0	10	108	278	-170	2	0

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BILLINGHAM THIRDS XV v DARLINGTON

Billingham took to the field early in what looked to be a tough fixture on a day that at last saw the temperature above freezing. Darlo were a couple short and thanks must go to the lads who crossed over and gave fine displays. Scott Thompson moved to blind and with Rumis at eight and Surtees open the back row looked to be everywhere without conceding so much as a penalty despite tight but extremely well run refereeing. We pushed towards the opposition line with some enterprising play despite a strong wind and McConnell thought he had scored when he chased through and touched down. The referee however had already blown for an illegal try stopping tackle on Lowe and awarded a penalty try. Billingham pack pushed the visitors all over the park and when a scrum was awarded just five meters out a push over try looked certain. With Darlo braced they were surprised when no drive came and Canham took a pop from Rumis and cleverly (yes cleverly) scooted infield, straightened and went over for the try.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM THIRDS XV 14 v DARLINGTON 0**

Child replaced Canham at nine as Billingham's pack continued to dominate. Dale Thompson drove hard at the line but was held up and another five metre scrum was awarded and this time we simply blew away the opposition with a fine drive over and Ant Rumis dropping on the ball as it crossed the whitewash. A clever drop off and a perfectly weighted miss pass from Kelsey saw Morley run a great angle for the next score. Billingham should have increased their lead with Pickles out wide screaming for the ball but wind, some excellent defending and no one understanding Geordie thwarted this. Darlo pressed hard and looked like scoring when Taylor intercepted ran almost the full length then gifted the try to Bates. The final score came from the younger of the Dixon brothers Neil who sprinted a full eighty yards to score with Morley finishing a brilliant display of kicking by securing his fourth conversion in difficult conditions. With Bell, Lowe and Hutchison outstanding in the front row and Morgan and Rumis winning both home and opposition ball on line outs competition for shirts looks open

FULL TIME **BILLINGHAM THIRDS 38 XV v DARLINGTON 0**

Scorers Tries: Penalty try 1 Canham 1, Rumis 1, Morley 1, Bates 1, Dixon 1, Kicks Conversions Morley 4

Spectators Comment. They should have let me on (Bob Bell)

Reporters Comment. The pack was outstanding. Good to see Shaun Taylor playing but a return to the club for Alex Garbutt (spectator only)

MIDDLESBROUGH V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV

Billingham having a week off their North 2 East campaign travelled across the tees to Boro currently in mid table in North 1. With Chris Hyndman wanting an off pitch look at players Joe Evans went to centre and Peter at ten. Craig Shepherd returned to full back and Tennant to the power house. The home side's huge pack was reeling as Billingham drove them off the ball and dominated the scrums. After only five minutes the home side were stunned when the play flowed from side to side with quickly recycled well delivered ball. The Sheps sniped at pace and when Hutchy straightened his run Dave Robinson was on hand to take the scoring pass out wide. The lads showed their metal with Joe Evans almost cutting his opposite number in half with a massive hit and Woody dropping Boro's heaviest prop like a brick in what developed into a brilliant defensive display. The attacking options however were limited to Anth Hyndman doing his usual "come on you three pull me down" but a fair amount of closing down of space meant little room for creative play. Martin Dixon and Amos battered the Boro attack relentlessly whilst Tomby and Dalton provided some great lineout work. The lads held out until well into overtime and a missed tackle or two gave Boro what many considered an undeserved half time lead.

Half Time **MIDDLESBROUGH 7 V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 5**

Woodhouse was replaced by Evans at scrum half at the turn around and the game was concentrated around the Billingham twenty two and Wildridge showed all his experience to rip the ball and set up a ruck. Unfortunately the resulting wayward pass bounced between the waiting backs and despite Joe falling on it the Boro back row recovered the ball to score. Billingham were awarded penalty after penalty for persistent encroachment and from one Paul Shepherd used power rather than his customary speed to score. Chris Hyndman joined the fray and Dixon took some big tackles gaining valuable yards was replaced by Schiller as Boro tried to intimidate the visitors resulting in a yellow card for the home side for punching. Craig Shepherd who like his brother has stepped up a gear defensively and Mike Evans could have sown up the game for Billingham but the final pass was knocked on by a Boro hand and only a scrum was awarded Boro scored a late penalty in a game which we could have won.

FULL TIME SCORE

MIDDLESBROUGH 15 V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 10

. Scorers Tries: Dave Robinson 1, Paul Shepherd 1

ASPATRIA V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV

A full bus of supporters a cold day Billingham continued maintained their position at the top of North 2 East with the only game played in that division. Freezing cold and an near gale force freezing wind blowing directly across the park almost blowing players and spectators off their feet gave a clue as to the type of game it may be. The visitors signalled their intention attempting free flowing rugby and this was rewarded after ten minutes when Chris Hyndman reversed his run to go blind and sprint in, for and unconverted try. The half back combination of Paul Woodhouse and Joe Evans was ripping into the Aspatria defence keeping it tight but conditions meant Craig Shepherd had poor ball out wide and scant opportunity to run at the home sides defence. The home side pressed with Martin Dixon and Dave Robinson putting in some crunching tackles they never really looked like crossing the line. The ball bobbed out of a ruck and a Billingham player was adjudged to have been offside allowing the Cumbrian side to put three points on the board with a fine kick given the conditions. With Amos hitting both Tennant and Dalton in the lineout and Anth Hyndman making huge gains in perfect conditions Billingham would have been out of sight. Hutchison and Danny Dixon combined setting up a ruck on the half way line and Woodhouse with a "show and go" was brought down at the twenty. This cost him two knees in the ribs and cost Aspatria three points when Peter Evans slotted the penalty after Cumbria Referee Dean Lythgo judged the late hit a deliberate attempt to injure.

Half Time **ASPATRIA 3 V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 8**

Woodhouse was unable to continue and was replaced by Evans at scrum half at the turn around with the wind speed increasing the pattern of the game changed Wildridge, despite a neck injury was able to lead the pack magnificently in a tight forwards battle. Paul Shepherd replaced Mike Evans in the hope that the twins could weave some of their magic out wide. A very experienced home side were adept at killing the ball and a minor infringement resulted in a yellow card for Billingham and three points to Aspatria Flowing rugby was virtually impossible and Mark Schiller was brought on to shore up the pack in the last quarter as Billingham pounded the try line and but for outstanding defence could have scored on several occasions.

FULL TIME **ASPATRIA 6V BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 8**

. Scorers Tries: C. Hyndman 1, Penalties P. Evans 1

Spectators Comment Poor second half to watch, it is always a battle in Cumbria
Reporters Comment Billingham put up an excellent performance in terrible conditions against a team whose league position does not reflect their ability. Underfoot conditions were perfect shame the wind spoiled the match.

BILLINGHAM U13S V MOWDEN PARK U13S

Billingham went into this first round cup match in a very confident mood, which was rocked by a number of players calling off due to festive season holidays or the flu bug going round this winter. They mustered 15 players but disaster struck when Joe Halliday injured his foot just before kick off. Ted Snowdon was dragged out of his sick bed to play, but Joe gallantly fought through the pain, playing out of position at flanker to make up the numbers and allow Ted to rest on the bench.

It was clear from the start that this was going to be a far more competitive Mowden team and the strong winds frustrated Billingham's attempts at fluid back play. The defence of both teams had the upper hand in the first half, however Shaun (Thumper) Daniels was always a threat and just before half time the number 8 picked up from the base of the scrum and powered over for the first try, converted by Luke Wilson.

Billingham retained their lead but only thanks to a try saving tackle by Mark Bradley, who hung on like a terrier to bring down the Mowden Park Centre who otherwise had the try line at his mercy. After the break Thumper scored his second try under the posts, converted by Wilson to give Billingham a comfortable lead for the first time. This was short lived though as Mowden took the game to the home team and scored an unconverted try following a powerfull drive by the Mowden pack.

As we entered the last quarter of the game the Billingham wingers finally got to show their pace and first Matty Routh and then Luke Dixon out ran the Mowden backs to score. Johnny Rumis converted one of these to give a final score of Billingham 26 Mowden Park 5. Man of the match was Shaun Daniels for the forwards and for the backs Mark(The terrier) Bradley for that very important tackle. Billingham now go on to play Horden away in the next round of the cup.

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