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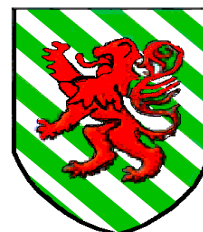
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Please, for the safety of our children and security of club and personal property, adhere to the following announcement.
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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 66 v OLD BRODLEIANS 0

When Old Brods came to Billingham for their first game in the newly formed R.F.U North One East division with big expectations and a bigger pack they were in for a shock. Phil Reay had his first start at open side and Mike Evans at eight both had impressive performances. Billingham out muscled them in the very first scrum and dominated for the rest of the game. This combined with the backs set loose buzzing like angry hornets by last seasons half back combination of Woodhouse and newly appointed Captain Joe Evans proved to much for the beleaguered visitors. Coach Chris Hyndman combined with brother Anth to create huge gaps exploited by Peter Evans and Paul Shepherd using pace and skill to rack up the points. The first score came from quick ball ending with a Danny Dixon burst from 15 metres. Billingham pressed and won a five metre scrum, Mike Evans popped to Chris Hyndman, his twenty yard pass found Andy Evans in space to go over. After more fast recycling Amos set off at a gallop drawing four defenders before passing to Peter Evans for his first score. Old Brods almost scored when an interception was thrown by Joe. Playing a captains role he chased the runner and bundled him into touch.

Half Time **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 17 v OLD BRODLEIANS 0**

The second period opened in a similar vein with Wildridge and Dalton powering the scrum forward and Danny Robinson hammering into the Brods back row at every opportunity and Steve Hutchinson looking like his old self running in the open field. Anth Hydman burst through and set up a ruck speedy passes saw Pete Evans in the open again to score. Pete's next try was a gift from Chris with an outrageous dummy and pass out for Pete to stroll over. His next was just quick hands from the centres to create space on the flank. Hamer and Scott came on and had an immediate impact, mainly on their forwards at the breakdown bulldozing them off the ball. Mike Evans picked up at the base and went blind popping to Woodhouse who made yards before setting the Shep loose to go in from distance. Keenan came on and was unlucky not to score being stopped yards short. Shep got a second, Chris scored with an exquisite side step and Pete closed out the game with a final converted try. With ten tries and eight conversions and the visitors unable to put a point on the board it must have been a long trip south to Halifax.

FULL TIME **BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 66 v OLD BRODLEIANS 0**

Tries :Dixon 1, P Evans 5 P. Shepherd 2, C. Hyndman 1 , A Evans 1
Kicks Conversions P. Evans 8,

Reporters Comment. A great win but they were a decent side but on the day our forwards were awesome and our backs devastating.

LAST SEASON U13S DURHAM COUNTY CUP

The U13s Durham County cup final was contested by Billingham and Blaydon at Houghton Rugby Club on Thursday 23rd April 2009. Conditions were perfect for the 6.30pm kick off in front of a big crowd boosted by a strong contingent from Billingham. Billingham showed no nerves and were soon entertaining their supporters with some free flowing rugby and rock solid defence. Skipper Jonny Rumis led by example and was rewarded with the first try of the day for Billingham after a period of pressure. This score was closely followed by number 8 Theo Brace breaking away to use pace and power to score a converted try and give Billingham a 12-0 lead.

Blaydon then exerted some pressure but found the Billingham defence difficult to break down and took the option to kick at goal with two penalties, the second of which was successfully converted to put them on the scoreboard at 12-3. This was not however the sign of a comeback but heralded an inspirational period for B/ham who scored tries out wide through both wingers Luke Dixon and Matty Routh and one from prop Joe Spoor who pinched a ball in the lineout and then powered over through the Blaydon defence. Luke Wilson converted three of the tries to give B/ham a commanding 31-3 lead at half time.

Billingham made changes in the second half to get all seven subs involved but the changes made little difference to the fluency of their game. Their lead was extended by centres Tom Small with two tries and Lewis Hollyman who scored for the Teessiders. Luke Wilson converted one of these tries and although unusually did not get on the try scoring list himself was involved in nearly every try scored.

Blaydon were not playing badly and their heads did not drop at any point, but they could not compete with the rugby played by their opponents on the day. The final play of the game was also the try of the game. Billingham deep in their own twenty two had a scrum and decided to run the ball. Some slick handling got the ball to Matty Routh on the wing and he sprinted the length of the pitch to score under the posts at the other end. Final score Billingham 53 Blaydon 3, a fantastic performance to cap off a great season.

ONE FROM LAST SEASON U16s County Cup Final

For the fifth year running our U16s met an excellent Darlington side in the County Cup Final at Stockton Sunday 26th April.

Darlington went ahead with an early try but Billingham fought back with two tries which can be attributed to all the backs playing superbly, but were finished off by winger Tom Kill. Adam Knox sidestepped several players to add a third try with two conversions from Jak Gaf in difficult conditions for kicking. Darlington came back with an unconverted try to make the last few minutes nervous but in the end Billingham emerged victorious at 19-10.

Although the backs are on the score sheet, excellent defence from the forwards made as large a contribution evidenced by the fact that a forward - Darrell Thompson - won a well deserved man of the match award.

Many congratulations to coaches Wayne, Peter and Johan and to all the players. Thanks go to all those who came along to support us, yet again there were two or three green and white shirts for every black and red. It was awesome to have that level of support.

Given the large number of seniors in the crowd it would perhaps be churlish to mention the fact that the U16s later beat the seniors in a boat race. Churlish but fun so we'll do it!

- Report by Judie Adnett

BILLINGHAM LIONS 17 v WESTOE SECONDS 38

Westoe came to Billingham for their first game in the Candy league with a reputation for hard play having almost topped the league last season. With a new league, new manager and new captain many expected this might prove a step to far for the first game. How wrong they were and although Westoe had a much bigger and far more experienced team our young guns and a smattering of experienced players proved once again that they are no pushovers. Falling behind by two tries despite stout defence by Elgie Billingham were showing the visitors a little to much respect and decided it was time to take the game to them. A long driving maul caught the opposition out and Rumis drove over to open the Billingham account. The front three of McCabe (Cider Rob), Hammond (Junior) and Massey (Nice waistcoat) did well to compete and even win ball against the head.

HALF TIME BILLINGHAM LIONS 5 v WESTOE SECONDS 15

After the break with Tennent at eight and Scott and Danny Westall proving a barrier to the opposition. After a very good passage of play and some neat interpassing between Screen, Westall and Gibson, Scott came into the play from inside centre position broke through to score with Morley converting the kick from a difficult angle. Westoe were pressing and looked like scoring but when the ball was overturned Sayers put in an immense box kick to clear his lines pushing the play into the opposition half with Naz unluckily seeing the ball bounce into touch just as he had made up the ground. The rolling replacements started happening orchestrated by new manager Browndog (Browndog) which saw Fernie leave the field of play having competed well in both open and tight play. This gave run outs for Reay, Kelsey, Durnion and the father and son combination of Jordan and Ste (the beast) Potts. The "old heads" steadied the ship and when they combined quick ball from Sayers saw Tennent set Screen away for an unconverted try. Trailing by twenty one points the Lions brought on newly transferred Kev Brallisford who despite now switching to front row went into the back row position. Once again he showed in his short time on the field he has a lot to offer with both size and strength.

FULL TIME BILLINGHAM LIONS 17 v WESTOE SECONDS 38

Tries : Rumis 1, Scott 1, Screen 1

Kicks Conversions Morley 1,

Reporters Comment. A great performance against very good opposition. The Lions certainly gave them some headaches.

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2nd XV MANAGER:	M. Brown
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3rd XV MANAGER:	D. Brennan
Under 18's Coach	Wayne Finney
Under 18's Co-ordinator	Alan Lavender

YOUTH ROUND UP LAST SEASON

BILLINGHAM RUGBY CLUB HAS 10 YOUTH TEAMS STARTING AT U7s THROUGH TO U16s,

U11s

They competed in the Sunderland 7's tournament (Q.Finalists), the Landrover cup (S.Finalists), the County Cup (Q.Finalists), the Durham Festival (Group Stages). They finished on a high winning the Darlington Festival.

In April the squad went on tour and were unbeaten against Penrith and Cockermouth

U12s

The U12s won the County Plate and whilst on a successful tour they won the Baildon cup.

U13s

They came 3rd at Lexus in Glasgow and went on tour winning at both Driffield and Harrogate.

The U13s won the County Cup beating Blaydon 53-3. Shaun Daniels made the Falcons Academy, Luke Wilson and Jonny Rumis made the school of rugby.

Joe Spoor, James Watson, Theo Brace, James Bancroft, Tom Small, Lewis Hollyman and Matty Routh represented the District.

U14s

They won at Lexus in Glasgow and went on to the national finals at St Albans.

They have players in the Falcons Academy and the school of rugby. They won the District trials and had many players in the squad and pushing for County places this coming year.

U15s

They were disappointed to lose to Blaydon in the County Cup but performed well at the West Hartlepool tournament. They have 4 players in the County Squad

U16s

They won at Lexus in Glasgow and went on to the national finals at St Albans where they found the opposition tough.

The U16s won the County Cup for the 4th time beating old rivals Darlington

Tom Kill went on to represent the North and England. Over 7 players representing the County

MANAGER AND COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

ALAN LAVENDER WAS AWARDED

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

COLIN SNOWDEN WAS AWARDED COACH

OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DESERVED

New Communications Officer

At the recent Club AGM, Lisa Pearson was appointed as the club's Communications Officer. She will be making sure people are up to date on all that's happening at the club, including by posting items on the web site news page.

If anyone has any information that needs to be passed around the club, or indeed to individuals who aren't otherwise contactable by email, you can email Lisa direct at communications@billinghamrugby.co.uk

FRIENDS OF BRUFC

Huge THANKS to everyone who helped to make the Family Fun Day such a success.

It was a great day, the sun came out (eventually), lots of people came to our club, it raised lots of money & the first team won.

Due to the success there are plans to make it an annual event.

100 Club August Draw

Winners in the August draw are:

£80 N.Gallafant

£25 L.Baucherel

£10 X.Baucherel

THE CHAIRMAN SAYS

An excellent set of results on Saturday and a good day for the club. Billingham beat Old Brodleians 66 : 0 with a superb all round performance. Our forwards dominated and got stronger as the game went on and our backs used this pressure to open up their defence. One of the best team performances in a while and good strong start to the campaign. Some excellent individual displays with Chris picking up MoM for the backs for his total leadership and Michael Evans for the forwards for an outstanding league debut at No.8. It would be wrong not to mention Peter Evans' 41 individual points for his 5 tries and 8 conversions. Well done lads. Match Day 2 – Home to Carlisle this Saturday.

Billingham Lions were beaten 34 : 17 (I believe this was the correct score). For our first game in the Candy League, last minute drafts into key positions and some undoubted nerves over the level of opposition – a good result and one we can build on.

Billingham 3rdXV drew at Hartlepool Old Boys 10:10 in a keenly contested match.

Colts put a mixed side of 17s and 18s together to take on Blaydon Colts before their 1st XV played Otley in National Div 1. A fantastic result winning 22 : 7. This was the first time that this age group have beaten Blaydon in the 10 years they have been playing them so well done all round. I can tell you that they Blaydon were pretty much in shock after the game.

Ladies Day was enjoyed by many; only a few Ladies braved the wind and the cold; but they caught the eye of many a spectator. The spectators from Old Brods commented on the 'view' but did questions their sanity!! Well done girls! What we need for next year is more Ladies making the effort, some sunshine, less wind and maybe a disco for the after match party which was another success.

It was a great day commercially for the club and very timely after a lean summer.

Unfortunately I am away this weekend and will miss the Carlisle match – both 1stXV and Colts at home and 2ndXV away. Chris Emery is back and will have his camera with him as usual. I took some shots last weekend of the Colts, 1sts and a handful of the 2nds so check them out on my Flickr site.

Saturday, 05 September 2009

Billingham 66 - 0 Old Brodleians
 Carlisle 20 - 30 Sandal
 Darlington 18 - 10 Pontefract
 Driffield 43 - 22 Percy Park
 Durham City 0 - 17 Old Crossleyans
 Gateshead 31 - 35 Morpeth
 Hartlepool Rovers 41 - 3 Ilkley

NORTH ONE EAST

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Adjust
Billingham	1	1	0	0	66	0	66	2	0
Hartlepool Rovers	1	1	0	0	41	3	38	2	0
Driffield	1	1	0	0	43	22	21	2	0
Old Crossleyans	1	1	0	0	17	0	17	2	0
Sandal	1	1	0	0	30	20	10	2	0
Darlington	1	1	0	0	18	10	8	2	0
Morpeth	1	1	0	0	35	31	4	2	0
Gateshead	1	0	0	1	31	35	-4	0	0
Pontefract	1	0	0	1	10	18	-8	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	0	1	20	30	-10	0	0
Durham City	1	0	0	1	0	17	-17	0	0
Percy Park	1	0	0	1	22	43	-21	0	0
Ilkley	1	0	0	1	3	41	-38	0	0
Old Brodleians	1	0	0	1	0	66	-66	0	0

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 Morpeth Vs. Hartlepool Rovers
 Old Brodleians Vs. Ilkley
 Old Crossleyans Vs. Gateshead
 Percy Park Vs. Durham City
 Pontefract Vs. Driffield
 Sandal Vs. Darlington

Saturday, 19 September 2009

Carlisle Vs. Old Brodleians
 Darlington Vs. Billingham
 Driffield Vs. Sandal
 Durham City Vs. Pontefract
 Gateshead Vs. Percy Park
 Hartlepool Rovers Vs. Old Crossleyans
 Ilkley Vs. Morpeth

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