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BILLINGHAM FIRST XV v PONTEFRACT

The rugby weather which returned to Greenwood Road it warmed up when after only four minutes Garbutt finished a powerful twenty yard run to score in the corner.

Ponty struck back to level the score but were stunned again when Mike Evans set Chris Hyndman away to double Billingham's tally. The visitors looked a stronger side than last season but were kept at bay with some superb play from Danny Robinson and Amos in the tight with Hutchy and Reay defending the fringes. The line outs were going with the head despite pressure from Dalton and Scott but in the open our forwards seemed to be gaining supremacy. The end of an exciting half of flowing rugby from both sides was approaching as Shepherd came in off the wing to finish from distance. The final score of the half showed how the home side had developed with interchanges between backs and forwards with agile prop Dixon touching down.

HALF TIME BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 22 v PONTEFRACT 5

The visitors came out aggressively in the second half and were heavily penalised for it which seemed to incense their crowd as Billingham took full advantage as a weak clearance kick fielded by Garbutt gave Shepherd his second of the day in a fine backs move orchestrated by Hyndman. Anth Hyndman saw less of the ball than normal yet still managed to blast holes in their back line. Billingham went down to fourteen as Peter Evans returning from injury was shown red following an incident with a Ponty player. With twenty minutes to go the home side brought on first Wildridge, then Hamer and finally "new signing" Sayers to see out the game and were unlucky not to add further to their score. Despite scoring once more just before the final whistle Pontefract could not take the points.

FULL TIME BILLINGHAM FIRST XV 29 v PONTEFRACT 17

Scorers Garbutt 1, C. Hyndman 1, Dixon 1, C. Shepherd 2

Conversions P. Evans 2

Scorers Tries: C. Shepherd 2, P. Shepherd 2, C. Hyndman 1, P. Evans 1, J. Evans 1, M. Dixon 1, D. Dixon 1 Kicks P. Evans 2 Conversions

Spectators Comment. Good result but we seemed a little rusty after a week off. They were much improved on last season

Reporters Comment. I think Joe and Pete were still not 100% but the run out will stand them in good fettle for the Sandal game next week.

Highlight of the game

The infamous Garbutt hand off putting their back row on his a*!!?

BILLINGHAM v MOWDEN PARK - UNDER 12's

BILLINGHAM 28 V MOWDEN PARK 14

B/ham started brightly taking the play into the Mowden half. B/ham's forwards, led by Ryan Jaques & Alex Moriarty, battled to obtain clean ball however Mowden's defence were more than a good match for all that was thrown at them. As the game settled, and B/ham found their feet, a turnover ball won by Scott Ellis was fed out to the backs for Jack Ainscough to attack the Mowden line. As the play was recycled Mowden yet again cleared their lines with some well organised defending.

B/ham maintained the pressure and took the play back into the Mowden half. A clearing kick from Mowden caught by Harry Pearson who set off on a powerful run to score in the corner. Jack Ainscough converted to put Billingham into a 7-0 lead.

From the restart B/ham maintained the pressure. With Olly Ross on the wing it was not long before Billingham increased their lead. It was from one of Olly's runs that Lewis Roxby broke clear to drive over and score. Jack Ainscough converted.

With Mowden now on the back foot B\ham maintained the momentum. With Tommy Juko working hard in the pack the ball was won and moved out to Harry Pearson. Harry managed to drive his way forward, past three tackles, to score. Jack Ainscough stepped up to secure the conversion.

HALF TIME – BILLINGHAM 21 MOWDEN 0.

B\ham made several replacements at Half Time Andrew O'Brien, Ted Elliot, Ben Scanlon and Danny Harbron taking to the field to strengthen the options. With both teams getting stuck into each other there was very little between them. Mowden's forwards led Scrum Half Tom Gardiner took a stranglehold on the play to increase their possession. It was as a result of this pressure that Mowden deservedly responded with 2 tries to bring the **scores to 21 -14.**

An unfortunate injury to Alex Moriarty led to the Billingham coaches re-organising the pack once more to help counter the Mowden onslaught.

In fact it was from a long defensive clearance from Guy Henderson, in the final stages, that Jack Ainscough ran twenty yards to bear down on the Mowden Full Back, to turn defence into attack, collect the loose ball and to dive over to score for Billingham. Jack converted

FULL TIME – BILLINGHAM 28 MOWDEN 14. (Attendance: 32)
MAN OF THE MATCH: Danny Harbron

It is also important to mention Liam Mallum, Daniel May, Olly Simpson and Ted Elliot who helped Mowden out by playing for their team. Well done lads

Billingham u18 13 Percy Park u18 6

Percy Park proved to be tough opposition for Bingham in an evenly contested game. Bingham scored early, due to a good break and offload from Andy Winspeare to Greg Trail to score under the posts, converted by Josh Armstrong. Percy Park worked their way down field and following a spell of pressure, converting a penalty.

Half time 7-3

Billingham tried to move the ball around early in the second half but chances were hard to achieve. A Jordan Potts penalty was cancelled out by a Park drop goal. With the Bingham pack providing a sound base, they looked stronger and more comfortable as the game progressed. Following good territorial advantage, Jordan Potts slotted a second penalty to extend the lead and deservedly secure the win.

Mom forward Daniel Kirby.

Back Jordan Potts.

Billingham u18 34 Consett u18 0

The match began evenly contested on a fine winters day for playing rugby. The pack started to secure good possession and Sam Elsdon broke from a ruck, was brought down short of the try line but Ed Adamson was on hand to score the try. Greg Trail scored the second try from quick lineout ball, quick hands and cutting an angle through a gap.

Half time Bingham 10 Consett 0

From a Consett turnover, Josh Armstrong set up Greg Trail's second try to run in from 30 metres. Bingham then began to relax a bit more and enjoy the game, moving the ball at every opportunity. Ed Adamson started and finished a good forwards' try. A welcome return of Tom Kill saw him scoring on the wing and finally, Will Turnbull took a crash ball to drive over to finish the scoring, Josh Armstrong converting the last two tries. A very pleasing victory with a good all round display.

WESTOE V BILLINGHAM RUFC- U 12's WESTOE 0 V BILLINGHAM 14

The game started evenly, with both teams looking an equal match for each other. The first five minutes of play saw the forwards from each team battling to command possession, with no particular team gaining the advantage. Bingham's forwards, led by Alex Moriarty, Lewis Roxby, Conner Cass and Ryan Jacques, countered anything Westoe could throw at them. After a series of scrummages Jake Coulthard managed to gain possession and distribute the ball to Olly Ross who jinked his way forward to take the play deep into Westoe territory. The momentum was maintained as a pass from Liam Mallum set up a skilful run from Nick Winstanley, who in turn switched play to Harry Pearson. Harry managed to drive his way past three tackles to score a well worked try in the corner. Jack Ainscough stepped up to secure the conversion.

From the restart the game followed the same pattern of forward play. On a rare moment of clean possession Lewis Roxby managed to drive the ball into the Westoe half. From the resultant maul Jack Ainscough set off on a weaving 20 yard run through the Westoe ranks to score a magnificent try and increase Bingham's lead. Jack dusted himself down to send over the conversion.

HALF TIME – WESTOE 0 BILLINGHAM 14.

The second half started off in much the same vein as the first with the play dominated by the forwards. With both teams getting stuck into each other there was very little between them. Luke Armstrong, James Heath and Guy Henderson produced some excellent defensive clearances at crucial times of play to preserve Bingham's lead and help secure a fine victory.

FULL TIME – WESTOE 0 BILLINGHAM 14 (Attendance: 38)

MAN OF THE MATCH: In a game that was played in difficult conditions this was an excellent team performance. Man of the Match was awarded to Scott Ellis who produced an excellent second half performance. It is also important to mention two members of the Bingham squad who helped Westoe out by volunteering to make up their numbers. Danny Harbron and Ted Elliott had good games themselves and were a credit to the club.

In the days second match, played over one period due to the poor weather, Seaton Carew beat Bingham 5 – 0. Again Scott Ellis volunteered to help make up the Seaton numbers and produced a fine display himself and was a credit to the club. Well done Scott.

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Whitley Bay Rockcliff U.18's Colts v Billingham U.17's Colts

With several players playing out of position combined with a lack of game-time together it would have been understandable for Billingham to produce a stuttering start, however, it proved to be quite the opposite. In a dominant 15 minutes the side gelled from the start with good forward pressure allowing quick ball for the backs to show their fluid handling skills, running in 3 tries. Good early rucking allowed Anth Roach to feed Jordan Potts who threw a nice dummy before racing in for the first try out wide. The second and third tries weren't long following with Stuart Adnett and Daniel Sanderson, slotting in comfortably at inside centre, producing angled runs into the corner for a try apiece.

A combination of foot of the gas, some Whitley Bay improvement and some generous refereeing in favour of Whitley Bay meant no more tries before half time with Billingham going in 15-0 up.

Again, quickly out of the blocks Billingham made a fast start to the second half with dominant scrummaging and good lineout work, in particular from 2nd row

Matty Smith, depriving Whitley Bay from seeing much of the ball. On top of this good strong breaks and smart off-loading led to big yardage gains for Billingham and this time the pressure was kept up for the full half.

A scrum 40m out led to an 8-pickup & go for Jonny Sayers who off-loaded to Sean Wallace to produced a strong finish for the first try of the 2nd half. Once again after more Billingham pressure another angled run into the corner produced the next try for winger Dominic Simpson.

At this stage Whitley Bay, who never gave up the ghost, manufactured some threatening moments but Billingham showed defensive work to compliment their attacking display. Weathering this two more tries followed, firstly with the Sayers/Wallace combination at 7/8 working yet again from a scrum 8-pick from their own half for Jonny Sayers to make good ground before Sean Wallace neatly dummied and finished strongly followed by Jay Duffy who completed the try count under the posts following fine work from Jordan Potts who at last converted the try for the 1st time despite good strikes on a day of difficult kicks.

The final score of 37-0 would have been somewhat more but for some benevolent refereeing especially when the unlucky Lee Simpson was pulled back late on for a

“forward pass” with the try line beckoning.

However, that said, it was a positive performance with everybody involved contributing significantly including the U.16's who never looked out of place and demonstrated the talent coming up through the ranks of the Billingham Youth System.

Final mentions should go to captain of the day Anth Healey who produced a well-captained, industrious, confident display at 6 and to coaches Peter Ramsey and Mick Wilson, in the absence of Head Coach Wayne Finney, for their organisational and motivational skill with limited player numbers.

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