

Chair of Rugby

If we are truly honest with ourselves, the 1st team did not hit the high standards of the previous season for whatever reason. Having said that, to come fourth in a very competitive league and win the Yorkshire Cup, it has been another successful campaign. We have continued to try and play attractive running rugby and that will not change going forward.

The 2nd team again unfortunately stumbled at the semi-final play-off stage : but, this time, as good as finished top of the league (as Billingham had not played enough games to qualify). This year the league was as strong as it has been for a long time, so to finish where they did was a great effort. I am sure next season they will go one better.

The 3rd team again reached the final of their Merit Table : the fifth year on the bounce - a great effort. Unfortunately though, this time, they lost to a strong Hull Ionians 2nd team who, for next season, will move back into the Yorkshire Premier League.

The 4th team fulfilled all 18 of their fixtures and always with a full complement of players. That is a fantastic effort that, as a club, we should be extremely proud of. I know the lads are keen to continue that next season.

The Colts came through a difficult season with some excellent wins in the latter stages of the campaign. It was great to see them training with the seniors and gaining valuable experience. I am confident they will make the step up to men's rugby come September.

It would be wrong of me to pick out any individuals, so a big thank you from me to you all, no matter what role you have fulfilled. We need you all if we want to continue to be a successful club. It is only going to get harder both on and off the field. We must all continue to pull in the same direction.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

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