



# BISHOP AUCKLAND RUGBY CLUB



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## Events and Announcements

6 Nations Matches to be shown live on new big screen in function room

**2:30pm** Northern Ireland v Wales

**5pm** Scotland v England

Fun Run/Walk for Sport Relief

14th March 2010 12 noon

Players need to be sponsored otherwise the cost is £1

Contact [Leigh Foulger](#) or [Jeff Alderson 07770 992239](#)

SCOOBYFEST FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Mystery Machine Band Present A ONE DAY FAMILY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN AID OF THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE.

**Sunday 21st March 2010 12 noon to 7pm**

Tickets £3

Ted Robinson Sevens 2010

**25th April 2010** 12 noon (registration)

Teams to be entered by 16th April 2010 £25 per team Kick Off 1pm

Contact [Ron Williamson](#)

## Next Matches

**Sat 13 Mar 2nd Home** to [Gateshead](#) KO 15:00 meet at 12:30

**Sat 13 Mar 1st Away** to [Acklam](#) KO 15:00 meet at 13:00 Postcode **TS4 3PR**

**Sun 14 Mar U16s Home** to [Houghton le Spring](#) KO 11:00 meet at 09:30

**Sun 14 Mar Mini Home** to [Acklam](#) KO 11:00 meet at 09:45

**Sun 14 Mar U14s Away** to [Westoe](#) KO 11:00 meet at 09:00 Postcode **NE33 4EA**

## Results

Sat 6 Mar Seaton Carew 17-42 Bishop 2nd

Sat 6 Mar Bishop 1st 16-8 Seaton Carew

Sun 7 Mar Stockton 5-75 Bishop U13s

Sun 7 Mar Chester-Le-Street 35-28 Bishop U14s

Sun 7 Mar Lanchester 17-15 Bishop U16s



*Gareth Edwards before his visit to Oz*

## Semi Final Draws Durham County Cups

### SECOND TEAMS CUP

Darlington Mowden Park v Durham City

Blaydon v Westoe

Final Tie 1 May neutral venue

### THIRD TEAMS CUP

Sunderland v Gateshead

Westoe v Horden or Durham City

Final tie 17th April neutral venue

### FOURTH TEAMS SHIELD

Bishop Auckland II v Gateshead

Yarm II v Barnard Castle II

Final Tie 10th April neutral venue

Submitted by Ron Williamson on 7 Mar 10

## Bishops' Under 16's Lose Close Encounter

### Lanchester U16s 17-15 Bishop Auckland U16s

Bishop Auckland Under 16's narrowly lost away at Lanchester 15-17, but all their players were disappointed at the final whistle as they have totally dominated the second half, but were unable to convert all the possession and territory into valuable points.

From the start, both sides attacked at every opportunity making for an open and exciting contest. It was the home side that took the lead after sustained pressure resulted in their first try. Although under pressure in the scrums, Bishops' scrum half Tom Robinson was providing good ball for the backs. Bishop's fly half Chris Griffiths was in determined mood and running hard at Lanchester's defence supported by centres James Maddison and Tom Foulger. Bishop's No 8 Alec Clarey was also making strong runs but brave tackling from Lanchester thwarted his early runs. Bishop levelled the scores when Griffiths took a quick tap penalty and passed to Clarey who powered over for his try.

Lanchester were quick onto the attack and only some brave defence from Gareth Morley, Kieran Bedford and Shawn Fleming prevented certain tries. Lanchester continued to apply the pressure and were rewarded when they scored their second try to lead 10-5.

Bishop levelled the scores again when scoring a brilliant team try which was scored by Morley. Having secured possession in their own half, the ball travelled down the backs line, from the next ruck the ball was recycled and another flowing move down the backs resulted in Morley receiving the ball, his dash for the line enabled him to outpace the covering defence and score the try.

From the start of the second half, Bishop's were totally dominant. Strong runs from Jonathan Poulter, James Woods, Clarey and Griffiths kept the pressure on the home side. Unfortunately, Bishop kept turning the ball over when in good attacking positions and were not threatening Lanchester's try line.

Bishop were now securing excellent lineout ball with James Beadle and Callum Knight combining well and all of Bishop's forwards were driving into

rucks and maul winning quality possession. Again Griffiths was looking dangerous with his elusive running but again Lanchester's defence was resilient and steadfast.

After all their hard work and against the run of play, Bishop gifted a try to Lanchester which they crucially converted to lead 17-10.

Bishop's hit straight back with a superb individual try from Chris Griffith. Receiving the ball from Robinson, he broken through a number of tackles and rounded the full back to score.

Unfortunately he missed the conversion to level the scores. Bishops' continued to press for the winning score and winger Keegan Huston was inches away as he dived for the corner with the last play of the game and only a last ditch tackle prevented the winning score.

**Team:-** C.Abbott; K.Bedford; S.Fleming; J.Miller; K.Huston; T.Foulger; J.Maddison; C.Griffiths; T.Robinson; J.Woods; J.Beadle; S.Heslop; J.Charlton; J.Poulter; J.Wilson; C.Knight; G.Morley; A.Clarey

Submitted by Mark MacNair on 9 Mar 10

## **U14s Away to Chester le street Chester le Street RUFC 36 : Bishop Auckland RUFC 29**

Forwards : Nathaniel Walton, Lee Jefferson, Logan Gray, Luke Handley, Liam Stephens, Callum Howe, James Scrivener, Leon Kierl, Charlie Wilkinson

Backs : Joe Edmonds, Chris Chapman, Jamie Abbot, Bradley Yates, Luke Thompson, Stefan Walker

Subs : Joe Linder, Serena Handley, Alex Attle

Bishop soaked up pressure from Chester right from the start, with Nathaniel Walton getting stuck straight in on his first match since injury. Bishop seemed to be holding fast until Chester seized a weak spot in the Bishop back line and opened the scoring. Bishop responded and fought their way deep into the Chester half, where Chester gained possession and outpaced the Bishop back line to score under the posts.

Bishop again pressurised the Chester backs, and from a scrum, Callum Howe forced his way through and off loaded to Leon Kierl who planted it between the posts for Bishops first try. Luke Thompson converted .

In true fashion Bishops woke up and showed fighting spirit with wave after wave of attacking on the Chester backs from James Scrivener and Chris Chapman. From a scrum just inside Chester half, Chapman collected and surged forward, off loading to Kierl for another try. Bishops seemed to be getting a good exchange of passes and things looked promising with players running at the Chester backs. A moment of lethargy and lack of concentration set in, allowing Chester to regain possession and again outpace the Bishop backs to score under the posts.

Bishops immediate response was from Kierl, who outpaced the Chester tackling and off loaded to Thompson for Bishops third try. For the rest of the half Chester were pinned in their own half by sustained Bishop pressure, with some good strong running from Logan Gray.

Half time score Chester 19, Bishops 17

Within one minute of the second half starting, Bishops were again caught asleep, Chester scoring another try and conversion. Another period of lethargy and lack of concentration followed, until Howe broke through putting pressure on the Chester backs. From a line out there followed a moment of pure magic from Bishop. Joe Linder collected from the line out, fought off several tackles, off loaded to Kierl who rounded several Chester players, then off loaded to Thompson who stormed over the try line.

Chester responded with immediate pressure and scored another virtually unopposed try down the Bishop wing. Bishops showed true grit and did not buckle under the Chester pressure. This was rewarded when Kierl intercepted a Chester pass, rounded several players and outpaced the Chester backs to score his third try, which was converted by Thompson.

The final moments of this game saw Bishop pinned down under their posts from relentless Chester pressure. Bishops would not accept defeat and some good aggressive play gained ground in the Chester half. Thompson surged forward and from the resulting scrum, gutsy performances from Walton and Scrivener gained several very late line outs. Chester buckled under the sustained attacking and tackling from the Bishop forwards, and from the very last action of the game Kierl opted for a tap and run. Thompson just couldn't make the try, despite Howe's best efforts to follow up.

This was a very good Bishop performance. Four key players were absent and new faces in the squad did themselves justice. An unexpected bonus was a full squad, plus subs to choose from. Let's hope we can keep these numbers up!

Submitted by Malcolm Howe on 8 Mar 10

## **Bishop Under 13s Big Win Stockton U13 5 Bishop Auckland U13 75**

Bishop Auckland U13s travelled to Stockton and won with ease after a polished performance against a Stockton team who kept trying right up to the final whistle. Bishop were able to give the whole squad a good outing and the players all responded with a fine display of teamwork and support running. Tries were scored by Lloyd Purser (3), James Pirie (2), Ben Hoggart (2), Macaulay Barker, Alex Bielby, Anth Young, Tom Clarke, Matthew Borrowdale, and Sam McIvor. Conversions were added by Purser, Bielby, Clarke, Sunny Maan and Josh Leonard. Excellent contributions were also made by: Aiden Mounsey, Matthew Mitchell, Curtis Hall, Michael Dunn, Chris Coates, Ben Oliver, Toby Oliver, Jonathan Clarey and Sean Pinel. Stockton scored a good try of their own and were to be congratulated on their spirit and fair play.

After a training week, Bishop's next match is away to Blyth on 21st March

Submitted by Stuart McIvor on 11 Mar 10