

FOOTBALL
Back-pass agony for Trev Edwards

The back-pass rule robbed Bowes of victory when a free kick was given against them in the last minute as they led 3-2 at home to Carperby in a league match. It was a tough decision as defender Trevor Edwards did not mean to pass to keeper Nigel Watson as he went for the ball with a defender.

But the referee gave it and the visitors equalised. They scored right at the start and were on top until Ken Merryweather crossed for Trevor Guy to equalise midway through the first half. Then Guy ran half the length of the pitch to crack in his second.

Ken Luck headed in a Brian Donald free kick just before the interval, so Bowes seemed to be coasting. But they squandered a string of chances and Carperby pulled one back three minutes before the whistle. That set up the unfortunate ending. Trevor Guy was man of the match for the second week running.

Bowes: Nigel Watson, Stephen Guy, Trevor Edwards, Andrew Robinson, Robert Wilkinson, Brian Donald, Andrew Beadle, Andrew Close, Ken Merryweather, Ken Luck, Trevor Guy; subs, David Donald and Stephen Williams.

This Saturday Bowes are at home to Bishopdale in the league, ko 2pm.

David Pither is points winner

For the first time this season the Pither brothers were both included in the Evenwood team for the visit of Whickham - and a goal from the younger of them, David, decided it. The early exchanges were fairly even with Evenwood going close through Madge. Then Whickham were denied by a top class Ainley save. Evenwood began to gain the upper hand but Moxon and Monaghan missed good chances.

Five minutes after the break a superb strike by David Pither from a Kevin Stafford pass gave Evenwood the lead and it proved the winner. A spell of Whickham pressure almost paid off with Ainley tipping over a long range effort and Craigie heading the resulting corner off the line. Later Evenwood had chances to extend their lead. Moxon hit the bar and Pither shot just wide.

Evenwood Town: Ainley, Stafford, Craigie, Brand, Hind, McDermott, Madge, Pither, G. Pither, D. Moxon and Monaghan. This Saturday Evenwood are at home to Washington.

Jonathan Milroy cracks in three

Cockfield United travelled to Gainford Lord Nelson and handed out a 6-0 thrashing. They took the lead through Gary Longstaffe after good work by David Bainbridge. Jonathan Milroy collected No 2 and Andrew Peairs added the next from a Paul Dunn throw-in.

In the second half Milroy scored two more and David Bainbridge got one. Gary Longstaffe was man of the match.

Cockfield United: Paul Hedley, Paul Dunn, Bobby Murdoch, John Wren, Stuart Metcalfe, Phillip Hammond, Kevin Peairs, David Bainbridge, Gary Longstaffe, Jonathan Milroy, Andrew Peairs; sub, Malcolm Davidson.

This Sunday Cockfield United are at home to Stanhope, ko 10.30am.

Peairs in first

Cockfield beat Middleton United 2-0 in the semi final of the South Durham Bowl at Crook. Middleton held out until the interval but then the goals were scored by Kevin Peairs and Peter Taylor.

Five by Everitt

Barnard Castle Under 9 won 6-0 at Knayton. Joe Baum scored the first and Karl Everitt notched the other five.

Under 9 team: B. Rathbone, G. Clennel, M. Heckley, J. Gowland, A. Gatenby, M. Wallis, K. Everitt, R. Wells, A. Lee, S. Walsh, J. Baum; sub, D. Barron.

Warnes on target before late KO

Barnard Castle Under 16 went down 2-1 at home to Esh Winning in the semi final of the South West Durham Youth Cup. The visitors went ahead near the end of an even first half. They held on well until substitute Kevin Warnes got the town boys level midway through the second half. But Esh got the winner with a penalty three minutes from the end.

Under 16 team: R. Chosman, M. Rainc, M. Robertson, P. Utley, P. Wardle, J. Jackson, M. Mitchell, M. Maughan, P. Dale, R. Murray, D. Brunning; sub, K. Warnes.

Spence hat trick

Barnard Castle Under 12 put up a great show away to Brompton in an exciting cup tie. The visitors went two up before half time, but the town boys hit back well after the break, and drew level with goals by Richard Hinton and Ian Spence.

Brompton hit back again with a lucky goal. But the Barnard Castle lads showed their fighting spirit as Ian Spence put them level. He then completed his hat trick and Ross Mitchell made it safe. Result 3-5.

Spence was named man of the match, but was denied the match ball due to shortage of funds at Brompton.

Under 12 team: Mark Rudd, Ian Spence, Richard Hinton, Graham Dale, Thomas Brooks, Luke Jordan, Ross Mitchell, Danny Fell, Chris Harwood, Dale Dryden, David Bell, David Humble.

Murray the star

Barnard Castle Under 11 extended their unbeaten run in the Richmond and District League to 11 matches with a 5-2 win at Thirk Falkons. James Dominick scored first after a passing movement with Stuart Murray. James Brown got the second after having a shot blocked.

Dominick again linked with man of the match Murray for No 3, and skipper Peter Clarke got the next with a lob. Thirk pulled one back before the break but the town boys scored another through Brown in the second half. The home team added another but Barnard Castle were never in danger.

Under 11 team: G. Rainbow, J. Chetwood, J. Coppack, C. Beckett, P. Culliver, J. Brown, S. Murray, N. Bellew, P. Clarke, J. Dominick, R. Kidd; sub, C. White.

Well done, Wells

Barnard Castle Under 9 keeper John Chapman saved an early penalty away to Teesside, who then scored before Karl Everitt and Ben Rathbone put the town boys into the lead. No 3 was put in by man of the match Richard Wells before Teesside made the result 2-3.

Under 9 team: J. Chapman, G. Clennel, M. Wallis, A. Gatenby, J. Gowland, B. Rathbone, S. Walsh, R. Wells, A. Lee, M. Heckley, K. Everitt; sub, J. Harwood.

Stoddart strikes

Barnard Castle Reserves went a goal down against a strong Omega side but equalised through E. Stoddart. Omega scored again but the town team got level through an own goal. Result 2-2. D. Woodall was named man of the match.

Barnard Castle Reserves: A. Holroyd, A. Tobbell, K. Dodds, M. Watson, G. Wall, E. Stoddart, A. Stevenson, D. Woodall, N. Lee-Shield, A. Carter, R. Lister.

A busy week for German visitors

Barnard Castle FC are hosts to OSC from Germany from this Saturday for a week. A busy time has been arranged for the visitors, with trips to Sellafeld, Lightwater Valley, York and a Newcastle football match. There will be entertainment most evenings. The club has thanked everyone who donated raffle prizes for the spring draw.

The club has a committee meeting tomorrow, Thursday, at 8pm in the DLI Club.

Brown Jug's 12-2 win keeps them at top of table

Brown Jug scored a 12-2 win over Barnard Castle Juniors on Monday to stay top of the Five a Side league at Teesdale Sports Centre, with Sports Centre still on their heels with a 10-1 victory over Rose and Crown. The Jug now have 79 points, followed by Sports Centre 77, Beaconsfield 70 and Deerbolt Rangers 69.

Results: Stag's Head 2 Barningham Veterans 0. Barnard Castle Juniors 2 Brown Jug 12. Bowes FC 4 Glaxo 2. Commitments 1 Piston Broke 3. Beaconsfield 7 Deerbolt 2. Round Table 13 Ragwort V 1. Sports Centre 10 Rose and Crown 1. YFC 0 Three Horse Shoes 11.

Kevin Peairs puts team into a final

Cockfield went through to the semi final of the Weardale Cup with a hard earned 2-1 win at Bishop Auckland Station Hotel on Saturday. They took the lead when a corner was headed at goal by Peter Taylor and blocked on the line, only to be rammed home by Paul Todd.

Station drew level before the interval, but in the second half a cross by Stuart Proud was headed in by Kevin Peairs, and it proved the winner. Donald Ball was named man of the match.

Taylor on target

Cockfield beat Coundon 2-0 in a league match on Monday night, with the goals coming from Peter Taylor and Stuart Proud.

Cockfield play Spennymoor Queens away tonight at 6pm, and are away to Washington Glebe on Saturday in the Trophy semi final, ko 2.30pm.

Fixture list

Barnard Castle fixtures for this Sunday. First team away to British Legion. Reserves play Top House, Coundon. Under 11 away to Brompton ko 10.30am. Under 9 home in league cup ko 11.30am. Under 16 and Under 14 home to OSC Sunday afternoon from 1.30pm; referees Pat Partridge and Robbie Hart.

Under 14 play OSC on Friday next week on Ten Fields ko 10am. Host families will play a fun match at 11.30am that day. Under 16 play OSC at Northallerton next Tuesday 7.30pm.

RUGBY

Thompson gets the first points - then its the old story

Barnard Castle struggled once more when they travelled to South Tyneside College. The ground was hard and the bounce of the ball caused problems for both teams. Tyneside had two excellent flankers who always caused trouble.

Castle scored first when Johnny Thompson converted his second penalty attempt. But the lead did not last long. Tyneside looked the better team, causing a lot of problems for the town men, especially in the front row. Gaps started to appear in the town defence allowing the home team to score two tries and a conversion before the interval.

Castle then went close several times with the advantage of the wind but Tyneside added two penalties, two tries and a conversion to win 30-3.

Once again Castle's lack of training as a squad was exposed and they were caught out by simple quick moves.

Barnard Castle: Marshall, Hutchinson, Bainbridge, Lowes, Patterson, Thompson, Dye, Banner, Evans, Turnbull, Hobson, T. Worley, Jenkins, Davis, Moore; subs Charnley and Stead.

This Saturday Barnard Castle have their final league game at home to Wensleydale.

Barnard Castle II did something to revive the club's reputation when they beat Tyneside II 26-0 at home. Mark Watson, Nigel Lumsden, Kenny Proud and Robert Swinbank, back after a long lay off, all scored good tries. Proud converted one and Richard Jackson two.

On a brighter note for the future, Castle Colts scored a good win over Bishop Auckland Colts on Sunday. All the town points were scored by Robin Walker with a converted try and two penalties.

Barnard Castle Under 13 have qualified for the final of the Durham County Under 13 cup for the first time. They meet Houghton this Sunday ko 11am at Durham Civil Service.

Martin Whitfield wins shield



This is the Teesdale Mercury shield which was presented to Martin Whitfield for his efforts in the 100m backstroke at Teesdale Swimming Club's championships, which we reported last week. It was handed over by the treasurer, Debbie Toase, who is behind Martin. With them are Stephen Clennell and David Abbott



Boys who took part in the 50m backstroke are Max Applegarth, James Hare, Nicholas Parker and Martin Peat



Girls from the 100m breaststroke are Emily Wells, Sarah Denham, Charlotte Parker and Joanne Wilkinson

Bowlers' AGM

Cockfield Bowls Club has its annual meeting tomorrow, Thursday, at 8.15pm in Cockfield W.M.C. All members have been invited to attend.

Barnard Castle & District 5's & 3's League

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Golden Lion: Team, Montalbo v. Diamond. Captains, Glaxo v. Montalbo. Barnard Castle W.M.C.: Captains, Wheatshaf v. Rose & Crown. Ladies, Old Well v. Rose & Crown. Ladies, Bridge v. King's Head. Gents' pairs, Turks Head v. Glaxo. Montalbo: Team, George & Dragon B v. Workingmen's Club. Gents' pairs, Black Horse v. Royal Star.

ATHLETICS

Rachel Weston is first in final cross country race

There were good performances by Teesdale athletes in the final NYSD cross country fixture of the season at Whitby.

In the Ladies' race Rachel Weston had a fine run to win in 19 mins 9 secs, ahead of Denise Tunstall 7th in 20 min 30 secs, Anne Sanderson 13th in 21-53, Paula Marshall 25th in 23-22, Anne Calvert 31st in 24-36 and Anne Deacon 44th in 30-31.

In the senior men's race Richard Collings was 14th in 33-7, followed by Ken Sanderson 25th in 34-4, Dave Brass 55th in 36-12, Dave Lewis 66th in 36-41, Alan Bray 73rd in 37-6, Terry Bateman 80th in 37-18, Peter Holiday 92nd in 38-17 and Terry Farrer 100th in 38-36.

Making their debuts for Teesdale in the colts' race were Alastair Lee, who finished 37th in 10 mins 27 secs, and Robin Siswick, who was 49th in 11-16. In the minor girls' race Claire Gregory was 14th in 10-27 and Susanne Richardson was 30th in 11-7.

The boys' race was closely run, with 39 seconds separating four Teesdale entrants. A sprint finish by Martin Armitage held off a fast improving Andrew Dodds. Martin was 14th in 12-12 followed by Andrew 15th in 12-13. Ian Armitage was 16th in 12-19 and Gary Atkinson 21st in 12-51.

In the girls' race Laura Wrigley was 24th in 15-32. In the youths' race Paul Bateman was 13th in 23-58 and Tom Deacon 24th in 26-15.

Ken Sanderson retained the veteran men's championship for the season. Anne Sanderson was second in the veteran ladies with Maureen Raw fifth. Rachel Weston was third in the senior ladies' championship with Denise Tunstall fifth.

In the team championships, the senior ladies failed to hold on to their title from last year, finishing second for the season. The boys' team did well to finish third in a competitive section.

In the York half marathon Chris Layton completed the course in 1 hour 38 mins 25 secs.

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Champion dogs

A boxer belonging to Mandy and Richard Laidlaw of Holwick was named overall top puppy in a competition organised by Spillers and Dog World.

Her litter brother was named joint top puppy dog in the same contest. The results were announced at Crufts.

Their three-year-old mother was awarded a third championship certificate at a Scottish Boxer Club championship show held at Ayr, so she is the couple's first champion. They said they were delighted with their success and hope to go on breeding champions.

Best times set in half marathon

Ten Evenwood Road Runners took part in the York half marathon, with a field of 2,700. Jimmy Bainbridge had a race against time to change a punctured tyre on the way to the start.

First home for Evenwood was Andy Laybourn in 85 mins, a minute in front of Tony Hindmarsh. Jim Sowerby had a good run in preparation for the London marathon, finishing in 88 mins. Following was John Alexander and Darren Fairclough in 93 and 94 mins. Darren had a new personal best. Close behind was Mike Tait, who battled on regardless, despite a recurring groin strain, coming home in 96 mins.

The following four are all new to the club this year. All enjoyed their first taste of racing. Jamie Walker arrived back just past the 100 minute mark and Paul Alexander did 105 mins, both gaining personal bests. P.B.'s were also gained by Jimmy Bainbridge 125 mins and Kenny Sams 135 mins, who did well to finish after straining his ankle on the cobbled streets.

Jim's London run to help children

Jim Sowerby is competing in this year's London marathon on 18th April. He is running for the Child Growth Foundation, which concerns itself with children who don't grow enough, or grow too much. As many readers will know, young Jamie Cummins of Evenwood suffers from Soto Syndrome. If anyone is interested in sponsoring Jim, they can contact either him at 7 Copeland Road, Evenwood, or Mrs Gail Cummins or Mrs Abigail Maughan of Shirley Close, Evenwood. Any amount, how small or large, will be welcome.

Tony Hindmarch leads foursome

Four members of Evenwood Road Runners started their season at the Dentdale 14.5 mile race in Cumbria. The weather was ideal for the 600 taking part, and the course was interesting. Tony Hindmarch was first home for Evenwood. He just held off Andy Laybourn. Jim Sowerby was next, having a good run in preparation for the London marathon. John Alexander was not far behind.

The club has had a donation of £200 from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts of Liverpool. It is being used to buy club vests and training tops. All the Road Runners say there are grateful to the foundation.

New sculpture for path at factory



This is sculptor Keith Alexander of South Flatts, Boldron, who is busy working on a gate for a footpath alongside the new gatehouse at Glaxo.

The sculpture was commissioned under a Percent for Art scheme which encourages businesses to set aside a proportion of the overall cost of a building project for new works by artists and craftspeople.

The design of the gate includes carvings of sheep from oak. The new gatehouse is due to open next month.

Karen Dixon wins on Get Smart

Karen Dixon had a successful time when she travelled from her Teesdale home to compete in the P and O European Ferries Glencue Trials. She is pictured left on her famous Olympic horse Get Smart coming first in the open intermediate section.

EASTER ACTIVITIES
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