

SPORTS REPORT



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SPORTS RESULTS

Special Mentions

Congratulations to Upper Sixth pupil Mahika, who made her England ODI debut on Saturday against Sri Lanka. She was named Player of the Match after taking 3/26 of 6.2 overs.



Hockey

Girls' 1st XI v Durham University (A) | Lost

A very warm afternoon in Durham saw the 1st Team play their best Hockey of the term so far in going down to an honourable defeat to Durham. The game was an even contest from one D to the other. The difference being the quality of Durham's penalty corner routine and, at the other end, two vital saves denying Sedbergh. Firstly, Captain Pru had a rocket backhand tipped away before the Durham keeper got the faintest of touches on a cross to prevent Olivia B from scoring on debut at the back post. A great early season battle and one that sets the girls up well for the season ahead.

Girls' 1st XI Cumbria Cup | 2nd Place

The 1st XI had a great pre-season tournament against Ladies club teams this weekend in the Cumbria cup. The girls had a strong start beating Wigton 2-0, both goals coming from Frankie. The second game proved more challenging against Kirby Steven with end-to-end play, but Kirby got a late goal to win that game 2-0. However, the girls finished strong winning their last two games 5-0 against Penrith and Kendal hockey clubs. The girls came 2nd and the tournament was a great opportunity for the girls to test out new short corner routines and gel more as a team in preparation for their Tier 1 hockey this season.

Girls' U15 Development Cumbria Cup | 4th Place (Match report written by the U15s)

What a fantastic tournament! Thank you for everyone that turned up on what we thought was going to be a lovely, sunny Sunday morning. Our first game was against Ambleside, they were a very strong looking team but we knew we were determined enough for a win. As soon as we all chanted BROWN we were off. Zooming across the pitch with force and determination. The first 20 minutes were steady, keeping little work for our defenders and barley getting past the halfway mark. There was a lot of eager battling going on in the D, with each side desperate for the ball. Just as we thought the game was going to end 0-0, Violet comes and pulls it out the bag and scores two incredible goals that sent the crowds roaring with appreciation and amazement. The girl of the game was Violet for her amazing perseverance towards the goal. Everyone's moods were high when the final whistle went and that incredible match ended with a win for us with 2-0.

We started our second match with a BOOM. We played Keswick, fighting endlessly for the ball. The ball was doing ping pong with each team, no one knew how the match was going to turn out. Again, Sedbergh's relentless aggression shone out across all three matches. Keswick very cunningly had a goal hanger that no one expected. They ended scoring two break away goals that we didn't see coming! So the match ended with a harsh 2-0 defeat to Keswick.

We needed to keep the spirits high so we had a team talk featuring the leadership team that was Penny , Daisy and Ginny. They did a fabulous job of keeping everyone on track. Just as we were about to jump on the pitch and use our highly cunning tactics , the heavens opened! The rain was torrential, but us Sedbergians were not shying away from the rain, we dug deep and kept going! For our third and final match we played Carlisle. The rain was battering everyone and the ball was slowing but we kept pushing. It ended up being a very even match with tough and skilled opponents. Sadly, they sneaked in a goal and the match ended up 1-0.

Sedbergh sadly got beaten this time but we will be back better and stronger next time so you better watch out for our next home game! We need to shout out our amazing goalies that kept high spirits and made sure we were always doing the right thing from the back. They did a fabulous job and we are incredibly grateful for them. Thank you if you came to watch this riveting performance of hockey.



Rugby

1st XV v Whitgift (A) | Won 47-20

The 1st XV prevailed in a challenging opening fixture of the regular season, away at Whitgift. A fired up opposition playing down the slope were keen to impose themselves on the boys in Brown and much of the first half was characterised by Whitgift pressure and Sedbergh errors. However, despite the onslaught, the Brown defence conceded just one try in the opening half alongside two penalties. One area of strength throughout was the Sedbergh scrum and one such effort on the Whitgift put in resulted in Will Holmes scooping up a loose ball and scoring a well-finished try. At half time Whitgift led 13-5. Sedbergh started the second period well when a crisp pass from Tom N found George B running an aggressive line to go under the posts untouched. After Sedbergh failed to clear their lines following the kick off and conceding penalties, Whitgift responded with a try of their own breaking off the back of a driving maul. With the score 20-12 in Whitgift's favour, Sedbergh were facing opponents who were growing in confidence and self-belief. However, Whitgift were wholly unprepared for the next twenty minutes that Sedbergh unleashed. Tom N was again instrumental in creating a try for Charlie T, before George B again breached the home defence. Finn W barrelled through multiple defenders to score from a pick and go, before he and, later, Nathan B, both raced away to the tryline, capitalising on Whitgift errors forced by aggressive Sedbergh defence. The work rate of Noah G was superb and Junior N's mature game management including two excellent 50-22 kicks turned the game in Sedbergh's favour.

There was much to improve upon in this performance, but the final result should confirm to the Sedbergh players that their early efforts will be rewarded later in the game, and that if they manage to withstand the opposition's opening salvo, few sides will be able to defend their attack.



2nd XV v Warwick, Bromsgrove & Whitgift (A) Won all 3 games

Sedbergh Second XV adapted really well to challenging conditions of the heat and having to play on a 4G pitch. Some great rugby on display and a lot of positives to take away and build on going on into the season. Stand out performances from Eliot M and Ash F.

Sedbergh vs Whitgift: 14-0

Sedbergh vs Bromsgrove: 5-0

Sedbergh vs Warwick: 10-0

U16A v Weaverham HS (H) | Won 51-0

On a scorching hot Wednesday afternoon A1 got their season off to winning ways with plenty of tries scored for the home side on Powell pitch.

Errors in the first 10-15 minutes were soon eclipsed by some strong running and dogged defence. Man of the match performance by Lock Nico J whose ability to win ball but link well with back play was impressive. We now look forward to a training game versus Sale Sharks academy next Wednesday evening.

U15A v Warwick, Bromsgrove & Whitgift (A) Won two, Drew one (overall winners)

As the scorelines suggest B1 played in some competitive fixtures in this quadrangular fixture. Sedbergh physically matched our opponents up front, but our sharp back play was the point of difference. B1's draw against Bromsgrove came about through missing a number of great opportunities but they made up for this by dominating Warwick (arguably the best of the 3 opposition sides). Joe F was outstanding at half back and Oscar F cut some wonderful lines. Will C's work rate was phenomenal and Lucas M's support running was superb. Hamish H led from the front well. A good building block for the season to come.

5-0 win versus Whitgift

5-5 Bromsgrove

15-5 Warwick

3rd XV v Dame Allans 1st XV (H) | Lost 14-12

3rds lost a close very competitive game against a Dame Allan's team who had several very good individuals. Injuries and several changes disjointed the 3rds, but they competed to the end with notable performances from O Sayer in the forwards and H Melvin in the backs.





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