



**Sedbergh**  
SCHOOL

# Sports Report

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**HUMILITY**

**AMBITION**

**RESILIENCE**

**KINDNESS**

# SPORTS RESULTS

## Rugby

### **Boys U18D v RGS Lancaster 3rd XV (A) Drew 17-17**

It was always going to be a tough ask for the 4ths to play Lancaster 2nds which is traditionally a thirds game, even more so when you discover two of the 1st XV are using the game as a route back from pre-season injuries.

It didn't bode well when we walked into the early trap of a deep kick-off looking into the sun and rapidly found ourselves dropping the ball and then conceding a penalty in front of the posts.

A hard-fought response saw us score in the corner to neutralise the game at 5-3. However, the 5th team bench whose role was to keep us in parity during the middle phase of the game struggled. We went into half time 5-17 down have conceded two questionable tries but held it together long enough to bring back the starting line up without further concessions.

The fight back started in earnest with a converted try and then with minutes to go we broke through again only to inexplicably touch the ball down 15 yards to the left of the post despite being under no pressure whatsoever. Predictably the kick hit the bar...

Despite desperate attempts for a final try falling yards short of the line twice the clock ran out on us and the game finished as a 17-17 draw. Lots to learn from the game for this group who have some tough games coming up.

### **Boys U16A v RGS Sale Shark U16 (A) Lost 38-12**

Despite a brilliant first half, playing with confidence and speed in attack, Sedbergh struggled to keep up their physicality levels across the whole game, resulting in some soft tries in the second half. The game was a great advert for schoolboy rugby with the Sedbergh team displaying their abilities against some of the toughest opponents they will face this season.

### **Boys U16B v RGS Lancaster (H) Lost 7-31**

A2 played bravely against a physical Lancaster side who carried dominantly. Despite some excellent handling and generally secure set-piece play A2 could not turn their possession dominance for most of the match into points. Lancaster defended well and when in possession of the ball they won the collisions generally and had two very lively outside backs which ultimately led to them putting a big score on A2.

A2 will take comfort in knowing the match was tighter than the scoreline suggests. R Souter was extremely lively in the backs and made an incredible number of half-breaks. S Massey-Ford's work in the breakdown was exceptional and the work rate of M Lythe and E Wells was impressive. There is a lot more to come from this group of players and with more training sessions have the potential to get some wins of several formidable A sides.

### **Boys U15B v RGS Lancaster (H) Won 45-19**

Great start to the season confidence wise. More importantly targets to improve from Wednesday to Saturday were hit. Great performance and start of the season.



### **Boys U14B v RGS Lancaster (H) Won 26-14**

A dry, sunny day was the setting for the first C2 fixture of the year. The boys arrived keen and ready to go, determined to make a good start to the season. The game was played with energy and pace, with some strong running and great communication. It was a solid first half display as C2 went 2 tries up before conceding in the last play of the half. The lads didn't put their heads down after that and continued to display quick, flowing rugby, finding the space well. The 2nd half ended 2 tried to 1 as well, resulting in an end score of 26-14. It was a positive and energetic start to the season, and the boys set a good standard that they hope to uphold from now on. The team was led well by their captain Casper Wilkie-Smith, with promising performances from Ted Holland, Finn Metcalfe and Joe Hanley. Still plenty to work on, but a positive start!

### **Boys U18B v Craighouse 1st XV (H) Lost 21-19**

The second XV faced a huge challenge against a strong Chilean team, marking one of their most physically demanding matches of the season. During the first half, the team struggled against Craighouse's physicality but managed to score a well-executed try towards the end by Ash F, ending the half 23-7 behind.

In the second half, it was a completely different story. Sedbergh were the fitter team and kept the ball well by using the width of the field. Sedbergh scored twice, with two well worked scores to close the gap and make a strong push towards the end of the game. Ultimately, Craighouse managed to hold on to win the game 29-21. Despite the defeat, the second XV gained valuable experience that will put them in a good place going into the remainder of the season.



### **Boys U18A v Denstone College (A) Won 45-12**

In the first dry weather match of the season Sedbergh took on a much-fancied Denstone side in a traditionally tough away game.

Sedbergh set the tone early as they crashed over from short range with the first of two tries from H Bellamy. Denstone hit back with a good score of their own, before Sedbergh scored a further two brilliant tries from F Mainey and C Dineen to lead 26-5 at the break. Turning into the wind in the second half, Denstone capitalised on long periods of attack and territory to score a charge down try off a Sedbergh clearance kick. At 26-12 Sedbergh's attack then went up a level as their patience on the ball showed great reward, scoring three outstanding tries to finish and take a well-deserved 45-12 win.

### **Boys U18C v Denstone College 2nd XV (A) Lost 38-19**

The thirds put themselves under a lot of pressure in the first half against Denstone 2nds by conceding far too many penalties into a stiff breeze. This resulted in a 23-0 deficit at half time. A spirited fightback in the second half got the 3rds to within two scores but a breakaway try and an interception gave Denstone a well-deserved win.

### **Boys U18E v Denstone College 3rd XV (A) Lost 43-5**

The 5xv played a tough game against a well drilled Denstone 3rd team. Sedbergh showed great spirit and impressive skills in both attack and defence but were beaten by a better team on the day.

### **Boys U16A v Denstone College (H) Won 29-5**

Having the honour to play on Buskholme, the Sedbergh team bounced back from a poor finish to a fixture in the middle of the week and dominated many facets of this game at home. There was much better handling on display and space was accessed using excellent width and sound running lines. Many players made their A1 debut and the atmosphere was very enjoyable for both players and spectators. Despite many good individual performances it has been pleasing to see the group develop a tighter connection in recent weeks.

### **Boys U16B v Dame Allans U16A (H) Lost 0-47**

A strong Dame Allans side carried well and scored some good tries against a spirited A2 side. The score is not fully reflective of the performance of A2. The Brown put their bodies on the line for each other tackling much bigger players. It was not a lack of effort that led to the loss. However, A2 will do well to remember to look after possession better going forward and to ensure they are not so easily counter rucked. Tom Dugdale worked tirelessly, S Massey Ford tackled well, and K Jones made an impact when he came on.

### **Boys U15A v Denstone College (H) Won 54-5**

A physical encounter for the Brown B1 side on Riverside against a side that had beaten them well the previous year. It was B1 that came out of the blocks the fastest... playing with intensity and passion. Some nice quick ball meant the ball could be moved wide to the ring wing, and Fred Taylor finished superbly. Conrad Keith converting.

The visitors came at the Brown from the returning kick off and some ill discipline led to Sedbergh not maximising their lead for a while. It was though fullback Ben Hope who next touched down after some illusive running. Conversion was good. Confidence was now up and B1 scored two more tries through Reuben Carrs and Roman Morgan.

The second half was more open but with too many handling errors and mistakes which meant the game did not really flow. It was the visitors that took an early opportunity on the left wing and scored. The conversion missed. The Brown then stepped up, and new faces made an impact off the bench. Two tries from George Cameron, who was bursting through tackles at will and a second for wing Taylor and a second for Fullback Hope meant the game finished 54-5.

A convincing win on paper, but some disappointment in the handling errors and missed opportunities to put players away in space, left a slightly bitter feeling. Work to do, but time to do it as we look forward to our next game away in the National Cup at Merchant Taylors the Wednesday after the exeat.

### **Boys U14A v Denstone College (H) Won 55-5**

This was a comprehensive victory for Colts C1's first run out of the season. There was significant rotation of the 21-man squad across the 50 minutes, but the themes of playing at speed and attacking space were prevalent throughout. Much sterner tests lie ahead but this was a promising start for a year group that has approached their early season training sessions in an extremely positive manner.

### **Boys U14B v Denstone College (H) 63-17**

The boys went into this game vs Denstone with the energy of Wednesday's victory fresh in their mind. They started strong with 3 quick tries through some strong running. A little bit of complacency led to some miss tackles that allowed Denstone 2 quick tries in return. However, this woke the boys up and some nice rugby was being played. Towards the end of the second half, some lovely passing moves and offloading were being displayed, putting their training into practice and showing great improvements from the first half. Antother step forward from the first game, with lots of potential on show.

## Hockey

### Girls U18A v Durham University 2's (A) Drew 0-0

This was the third year that Sedbergh have travelled to Durham for this most testing of fixtures.

Durham began the game at a fast pace, and it took the girls a few minutes to adapt to the speed of play. Luckily Conrad's in goal started fast making three sharp saves. Slowly the girls grew into the game and started to show glimpses of attacking intent. Goodhart, Glover and Gresswell all got on the ball well. The second quarter saw the Sedbergh midfield get more of a hold on the game. Newman, Hearld, Cosgrove and Barley all competed well matching the older Uni side for physicality.

The second half saw more defending with Hawson and Herring in charge. Dinsdale made a number of excellent saves while Jones-Perrott put in a true Captains performance, claiming the player of the match for her all-round play.

### Girls U18B v Craighouse (H) Lost 6-0

On a crisp Friday evening, the Browns faced off against Craighouse, a touring side from Chile, in a highly anticipated match. Despite the challenging conditions, the Browns started strong, with Starling, Gawthorpe, Phillips, and Feilding forming a solid defensive line. Their composure and discipline at the back ensured a competitive start.

Craighouse managed to find the back of the net twice in the opening quarter, but the Browns remained undeterred. Their resilience was evident as the midfield, led by Palmer, Hewlett, and Pattison, worked tirelessly to create scoring opportunities for the forward line. While Craighouse continued to apply pressure, the Browns never backed down, responding with intensity and creativity on the counterattack.

The team showed immense character throughout, with standout performances across the pitch. Despite the final scoreline, the Browns gained invaluable experience from competing against such a skilled touring side. The match was a true test of endurance and teamwork, showcasing the Browns' determination and growing cohesion.

Player of the Match went to Isla Dinsdale, who was a commanding presence in defence. Her exceptional communication and leadership from the back kept the team organised and focused throughout the game. Though the result may not have gone their way, the Browns walked off the pitch with heads held high, knowing that each player gave their all and that the match provided crucial lessons for the season ahead.

### Girls U18A v RGS Newcastle (H) Won 1-0

In their first match against School opposition this year the 1st team produced a completely dominant performance which made a mockery of the seemingly narrow margin of victory. Sedbergh were superior in every facet of their play than the visitors from the North East, however they just could find a way past a quite outstanding RGS goalkeeper who, along with her unorthodox centre back managed to thwart wave after wave of Sedbergh attacks.

Today the senior players really stepped up. Vice Captain Newman was completely dominant in midfield controlling play while Captain Jones-Perrott looked a class apart. And, with 12 minutes to go after another fine display of build up play the skipper smashed the ball high to the RGS keepers left and into the top corner of the net.

All the forwards were excellent and on another day the score should have been much greater.



### **Girls U18B v RGS Newcastle (H) Won 8-0**

Today the seconds had a great game against RGS Newcastle . With a final score of 8-0 to Sedbergh, we played some great clean hockey. The forwards had an exceptional match with some great finishes, in particular dominating their half for the match. With exceptional performances with 2 goals each from Robyn, Kitty and Ginny. The team really worked on the structure, which was evident in the second half, with the middle 3 playing strategically holding the centre in a diamond shape.

Overall a great match.

### **Sedbergh HC v Kirkby Stephens HC Dev (H) Lost 1-0**

Sedbergh HC delivered a remarkable performance in their recent match, though the final score does not fully reflect their efforts. Despite their impressive play, the game ended with a narrow 1-0 victory for the Kirkby Stephens Development team. The scoreline does not do justice to the quality and intensity that Sedbergh HC demonstrated throughout the match.

### Girls U15A v RGS Newcastle (A) Drew 1-1

A strong performance from Sedbergh today, ending in a 1-1 draw with RGS Newcastle. Sedbergh showed a great positive attitude throughout the game. We made some great connections down the pitch. As well as a very strong defence. The midfielders worked extremely hard in the middle to create space and passes. In the second half we tightened the press and created numerous opportunities. A great pass up the line, by player of the match Bea Chruch, created an opportunity for us to take the lead. Sophie took an incredible hit from top D and scored. However, RGS came back fighting in strong. We showed great determination and resilience, pushing for the final whistle. RGS scored in the last minute from a short corner. Overall, a great match for Sedbergh. However still areas for improvement and a great season to come.

### Girls U14A v RGS Newcastle (A) Won 4-0

The u14s travelled to RGS on Saturday afternoon. After starting a 1st quarter very scrappy, the team began to succeed in using the space and transferring, which led Sedbergh to have more and more shots on goal. The match ended 4-0 for Sedbergh. Overall, the match taught the girls to work harder for the ball against a good opposition. It was a pleasant game to watch. This team is getting better every match of the season. Goals, Lottie, Ella, Bella and Lottie.







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