

SPORTS REPORT



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SPORTS RESULTS

Rugby

U16A Millfield Rugby Festival | Winners

Day 1:

Sedbergh 8 v Clifton 7

Sedbergh 17 v Blackrock 0

Day 2:

Sedbergh 22 v Northampton School for Boys 7

A1 travelled down to Millfield for the inaugural U16 Millfield rugby festival. Six teams from England and Ireland were in attendance, two pools of three, with the results of the first day depicting the finals on the Sunday.

All games were played on the Millfield 1st XV pitch; The Gareth Edwards Pitch, which lent itself for some running rugby in what was perfect conditions throughout the weekend. A1 played a strong Clifton side that had already proved themselves with a strong first half of term, but it was the Brown whose determination to play with ball in hand and good ball retention that led to impressive lock Moore going over in the first five minutes after numerous phases of play, starting from back inside the A1 half.

The conversion just went wide. Clifton came back hard and scored a converted try after the Browns indiscipline in their own 22. A great response from A1 followed and whilst sadly no more points scored it was the Brown that had the momentum but failed to be clinical in the last third. The second half was a physical one, and A1's defence stood up well. Some great turnover work by the back row of Jewsbury, Kirby and Brookes meant play was soon back in the Clifton half. Some relentless attacking rugby followed by the Brown but Clifton defended heroically, but at last a penalty in front of the stick was soon converted by Jacques T.

The Brown stood firm in defence to record an opening win. A1 then had a long break before the final game of the day against Blackrock from Ireland. The Brown were thirsty for a win and their attacking flair continued from the first game and three excellent team tries followed. A debut try for Twigg on the left wing, a sniping run from Scrum half Bayston and a bit of magic from Jacques T cemented the win, with just the final try being converted. A big statement ahead of what now was a final against a well favoured NSB side, that as U15's had won the NatWest Cup.

A1 took to the field against NSB in confident mood. Buoyed from their performance against Blackrock heads were high, however the NSB were big and powerful and it was the Northampton side that scored first, after some very direct running. Their try was converted. The mood behind the sticks after conceding was not of panic but of calm and focus.

This shone through in the next 10 minutes when a high tempo and an ability to move the ball wide tested the NSB players. Some good defensive play around the ruck by Jewsbury, soon led to Bayston scoring his second of the weekend, converted by Jacques T.

Half time 7-7.

The second half belonged to Sedbergh, and whilst the kicking game aimed to keep the Brown stuck into their own half, it was A1 that loved the opportunity to attack. Some really good ball movement, great footwork and slight of pass, led to an excellent finish by wing Marshall. Try converted by Jacques T. NSB now threw everything at A1 and again some resolute defending and great line speed in defence, led to an intercept and for flanker Kirby running in the Brown's third try in the match under the sticks. Jacques once again converting. With seconds to go before the final whistle, it was still A1 that went hunting for turnover ball, and very nearly had a fourth, but for a knock on. Final whistle

An excellent weekend for the A1 squad, and particular thanks to coaches Mr Robinson and Mr Thomas for all their input and inspiring words throughout.

U15A vs Barnard Castle (A) Won 20-15 *National Cup

Colts B1 advanced to the next round of the National cup with good hard-fought victory over Barnard Castle.

U18C vs Hymers College (A) Won 33-14

On wet day in Hull the 3rds struggled to keep possession of the ball in difficult playing conditions. The second half though was a transformation, as the 3rds clicked into gear and ran in three long range tries for a fantastic win.

U15B vs Kirkbie Kendal (H) Lost 31-47

In a high scoring and very competitive match Kirkbie Kendal ultimately got the win with some impressively executed late tries.

U14A vs Lancaster RGS (A) Won 19-7 *National Cup

A good victory for C1 in the National Cup away from home in what were difficult playing conditions.

U14B vs Kirkbie Kendal (H) Won 17-14

A brilliant win for C2 in their toughest match of the season so far.

1st XV vs Blackrock College (H) Lost 52-20

Blackrock proved far too strong for Sedbergh in a tough encounter on Busk. Sedbergh couldn't match the visitor's physicality and intensity on the ball in an impressive and well deserved victory for Blackrock.

2nd XV vs Blackrock College (H) Lost 28-26

In a brilliant fixture and spectacle Sedbergh conceded a late try in the dying minutes which gave Blackrock the lead and late victory. Both teams played some superb rugby and credit must go the visitors for an impressive finish. Sedbergh will take a lot from this outstanding fixture going forward.

Netball

1st VII vs Queen Ethelburga's (H) Lost 63-40

Our 1st VII took on Queen Ethelburga's in the third round of the ISNC. Both teams looked to make an impact from the very first whistle, making the game a hard fought and well contested match right from the start. After Q1 it QE that took the early lead. The Sedbergh girls knew they were going to have to dig deep to close the gap and were determined to change the game around in the second half. Unfortunately, after putting up a good fight in the last quarter, the girls couldn't close the gap and lost 63-40. Despite the loss our Sedbergh girls took lots away from the game, determined to work on the errors made and cut out the mistakes to ensure we get the win next time.

Opposition POM - Liz



Hockey

U14A vs GSAL (A) Won 1-0

The U14's travelled to Grammar School Leeds. Having seen a few of their results against schools we'd already played, we knew this would be a very close fixture which was exciting. The girls prepared well but struggled to compete in the first 10 minutes with the pace and relentless pressure of GSAL. Our team defence was brilliant and prevented GSAL from taking the lead. It took some time, but the girls got into the game and found their flow, connecting well in midfield and finding pockets of space to attack. The game was end to end, with both teams having chances to score and the goalkeepers keeping the score line 0-0. In the second half, an excellent strike from Harriet Barker from a short corner gave us the lead. GSAL had several short corners in the final minutes, but excellent defending and resilience shown by all meant the score line remained 1-0 and the girls held onto the win.

1st XI vs Dollar Academy (H) Won 1-0

The first team ended the first half of term playing a spirited, competitive and very fired up Dollar Academy. Sedbergh played some great hockey, showing many of the lessons they have learnt so far. Moving the ball with purpose and looking to play forward at every opportunity. However, Dollar battled well and even with every statistic in Sedbergh's favour they went into half-time all square. In the second half Sedbergh stepped up their dominance, forcing the Dollar keeper into a number of saves. Finally, Hodgins intercepted a half clearance 10 meters out and placed her shot low into the lefthand corner. Dollar pressed for an equaliser, but Dinsdale stood firm in goal making a number of excellent saves. They now look forward to a hectic few weeks after the half term break where their tier 1 aspirations will be tested.



Equestrian Nationals 2023

The Sedbergh Team headed down to this year's National Schools at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire during October half term. We took thirteen horses and riders from our Prep and Senior School. This is one sport where riders from both schools can be on the same team and get to know each other well. We had teams in nearly every class from 70cm to 1m 10 arena eventing, show jumping, team dressage and individual dressage. There was a discipline for everyone with many of our riders taking part in all three disciplines. This was the first Nationals for many riders who handled the grand occasion well, as it is a step up from the qualifiers. It was such an achievement to just to get there but it is the icing on the cake to come home with rosettes.

Prep school rider, Ella, got the week off to a flying start with winning the competitive 70cm Pumpkin Show Jumping class with a speedy round and very tight lines. Scarlett took Reserve National Champion in the 1m 10 Arena Eventing so finished 2nd in the UK with a stunning round. This was rather an emotional round, as it was Scarlett's last round for Sedbergh after seven Nationals with us. A true Sedberghian and brown blazer recipient helping the Team out whilst at university. We cannot thank Sally and Scarlett for their endless input over the years. Prep School rider Zara took a super win the 80 Pumpkin warm up class with Elsie taking 3rd and Lucy finishing 5th. Our Teams were unlucky and just finished out of the rosettes this year. Our 90cm and 1m Arena Eventing finished 11th and 10th in the UK respectively. During the final two days our dressage riders rode their Team tests and also individual tests. Well done Zara for coming 2nd in the Novice Plate for her previous school and just missing out on winning by a small margin. Sedbergh's final round and last round for the whole of Nationals was Emma and what a way to finish. Emma jumped the huge 1m 10 track in the pony section and finished Reserve National Plate Champion. This was after a tiring 3 days but they gave their absolute all over the big fences.

Thank you to the nsea organisers and volunteers for organising such a fabulous Nationals. Thank you to all our parents, family, support crew and instructors for making this happen. Well done to the riders and ponies for working hard all year to gain these qualifications. The Sedbergh spirit shown throughout with everyone helping one another through the ups and downs of competing. Everyone showed a fantastic Sedbergh attitude throughout especially towards the mud and made some fantastic memories. Well done.







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