

SPORTS REPORT



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SPORTS RESULTS

Badminton

Mixed U18A v Bradford Grammar (H) Won 21-1

The Sedbergh team welcomed Bradford grammar for a day of singles, doubles and mixed doubles badminton, with all games being played to 21. It was another successful day for the team as they won 20 games and losing just one. All members played with great skill and effort, as well as being very welcoming to the visitors and humble in victory.

Squash

1st and U15A v Bradford Grammar (H) 7-3

Sedbergh played their third squash fixture against Bradford Grammar on Wednesday. A total of two rounds were played. The best of three games in round one and a single game to finish the second round decided the winner of the match. Sedbergh set off with 6 wins out of 10 games with a few close finishes wins from Seth, Hugo, and Reggie pushing their first round to the third game. Even after the brilliant efforts from Bradford, Oli and his team sealed the second round with a 7-3 win to win the fixture.

Fives

U18A at Northern Schools Fives Tournament (A)

Under 16s Doubles Champions: Fernando (H) & Toby (H)

Under 16s Singles Runner up: Fernando (H)

Under 18s Doubles Runner up: Ollie (H) & Phoenix (E)

On Saturday 3rd February, Sedbergh School Fives team travelled to the University of Durham Fives Courts to play in the Northern School Fives Tournament. It was a full day of matches in the Under 18 and Under 16 categories, with medals awarded for singles and doubles matches. It was particularly pleasing to take three young boys who had never played in a Fives tournament.

Golf

1st Team v Ashville (H) Lost 78-70

As part of the National Cup, Annie, Zak and Xander played Ashville at home. Both teams battled the tough cold / wet conditions playing some holes. The game ended with an Ashville win 78 points to 70.

Boys' Football

1st XI v Stonyhurst (A) Won 4-2

I can remember stating as we disembarked at Stonyhurst 'If the music on the bus is as good as your game today lads we're going to win this one' ...It certainly was! The field like most up north was sodden under foot leading to a slow ball game and the home teams knowledge of the pitch put us 1-0 down within the first 10minutes. Though one had sneaked past Glanville he wasn't going to let that happen again for a good while, pulling out stop after stop after stop to keep us in this match from then on.

As we found our game, the frustration began to visibly grow in the Stonyhurst XI, leading to Ash being brought down inside the box for a penalty at the half hour mark, who calmly and confidently slotted the opportunity away into their keepers bottom right from the boggy spot. This began fuelling the discontent between their players further and when Thompson took us to 2 -1 up, dancing past 2 decent defenders in the box, Stonyhurst welcomed the halftime whistle and time to regroup.

Second half underway and regroup they certainly did, within 10min they were also directed towards the penalty spot ready to stare down our keeper this time. But Noah was having none of it and pulled out a quality one on one save to the roar of the entire Sedbergh squad. Not to be denied a comeback, it was a questionable ball that may have possibly gone out prior to finding the back of our Sedbergh net 5minutes later to make it 2-2.

As play continued it was becoming all Sedbergh now, leading inevitably to a goal hungry Thompson once again firing home into the Stonyhurst net, 3-2 and now the opponent's frustration was really getting the better of them.

This was absolutely a team game with every player who put on their boots becoming critical to its success, including the subs of Zhuang, Eyers and Fidler getting in their first minutes for the Sedbergh 1st XI. It may have even been between Mason and Glanville to fight it out for man of the match status until Thompson received a beautiful high lob into free space with only the goalie to beat, and a quick round the back for his first hat trick of the season and at 4-2 the Man of match now had to be all his. A hard game on tough ground conditions and a well-deserved win. We now await the return fixture on the Sedbergh field of dreams at the end of this month.

Man of Match (Thompson)





Running

King Henry Relays

The prestigious King Henry VIII Relays in Coventry witnessed an impressive display of talent and determination as 24 Sedbergh runners, divided into three girls teams and two boys teams, tackled the challenging 3.6km course at the War Memorial Park. With a history spanning 52 years, the King Henry Relays has hosted some of the most illustrious names in the sport, including Lord Sebastian Coe, Alistair, and Jonathan Brownlee.

Outstanding Performances by Girls Teams Sedbergh's young girls teams entered the competition with optimism, and they did not disappoint. Julia F (9L) led the charge with a phenomenal first leg, propelling the team into sixth place. Despite a solid second leg by Olivia B (11R), a couple of places were lost. However, Sophie N (9L) stormed through the third leg, bringing the team back into contention. The anchor leg by Daisy F (10L) was a fierce battle, resulting in a highly commendable fifth-place finish. The Girls B team secured the highest place among the 'B' teams in 13th, while the Girls C team claimed the same accolade among the 'C' teams in 17th.

Impressive Individual Performances Julia F's standout run earned her the title of the 10th fastest time at the King Henry Relays 2024. Notably, this remarkable performance also places her as the all-time 5th fastest Sedbergh girl, joining the ranks of Jemima Berry, Alex Duckitt, Josie Coultard, and Mel Hyder. Additionally, Julia now holds the all-time 1st fastest time by a girl in Years 9-11. Sophie N and Daisy F's performances were equally noteworthy, securing them spots as the 4th fastest Year 9 and Year 10 runners, respectively.

Boys Teams Led by Speedsters Hugo B and George M In the boys' race, Sedbergh front-loaded their teams with their fastest runners. Hugo B (10Sc) set the tone with a tremendous first leg, competing admirably against older competitors and securing the 11th fastest time of the day. George M (9H) continued the impressive run, keeping Sedbergh in the top 10. While the teams slipped down the field, the boys showcased resilience, finishing 18th overall. The Boys B team claimed 38th place and 7th among the 'B' teams.

Individual Boy's Achievements Highlighted Hugo B's stellar run not only earned him the 11th fastest time at the King Henry Relays 2024 but also etched his name in Sedbergh history as the all-time 5th fastest boy (only behind Fraser Sproul, Simon Barmby, Joe Bird, John Campbell [all Wilson Run winners!]). Notably, he now holds the all-time 1st fastest time by a boy in Year 10, surpassing the record set by Fraser Sproul at the same age.

George M's performance secured him the title of the 3rd fastest Year 9 runner, placing him among the impressive names of Fraser Sproul and Hugo B (10Sc).

The King Henry VIII Relays proved to be a stage for Sedbergh runners to showcase their skill, determination, and historical achievements. As the team reflects on this notable event, eyes are set on future competitions, where these young athletes will undoubtedly continue to leave their mark on the running circuit.





Boys' Hockey

1st XI v Bolton School (H) Won 7-1

Looking to add some final third clinicality, the first team took on Bolton in the first of two matches this week. Sedbergh battled through driving rain putting on a dominant display. Sedbergh scored six times in the first half but struggled to adapt to Bolton's half court press in second half. Sedbergh were caught out from a counter attack after giving the ball away cheaply but reacted well and we're eventually able to unlock Bolton's press and find their seventh.

U16A v Bolton School (H) Won 5-0

U16 played a fixture against Bolton School on Wednesday. Sedbergh started strong by scoring 5 goals by the first half by Rocco, Pablo, Hamish, and Tom B. The team really clicked and worked hard on attacking and pressing. Final score was 5-0 to Sedbergh, great effort and intensity from the whole team.

1st XI v St Peters (H) Won 5-1

In the second match of the week Sedbergh welcomed St Peter's York, which has proved to be a highly competitive encounter in recent years. Sedbergh began the first half electrically. Some tight pattern play unlocked Oliver on the baseline before finding Jamie who deflected home to give Sedbergh the lead inside of the first minute. The next 10 minutes of the half remained tight with Archie being called into action to make a critical save.

Sedbergh took grasp of the game in the last 5 minutes of the first half and began to dictate the pace of play with a high press that St Peter's struggled to unlock. This relentless pressure was rewarded with Sedbergh's second, which came from a well worked short corner. Sedbergh continued to squeeze St Peter's but did find themselves caught from a counterattack.

U15A v St Peters (A) 2-2 Draw

U15 played St Peter's on Saturday. It was an intense game, both teams gave it their all. The goals were scored by Hamish and Oscar making the final score 2-2. The whole team showed incredible skills and it was a nail-biter until the very end! The team put together a strong performance.

U14A v St Peters (A) Lost 2-1

For the second week in a row Sedbergh suffered a defeat against a side that they dominated for long periods. From Gawthorpe at the back through to Bentley in the forward line Sedbergh were in control for long periods. Dunkin maintained excellent energy levels to nullify Peter's two strongest players while Sewell and Thompson were industrious and skill around him.

0-0 at halftime did not do the boys in Brown justice for the time and territory they had enjoyed along with numerous penalty corner chances. However, soon into the second period a corner routine was executed precisely for Dunkin to top in. Peters fought back though and 5 minutes later from their own corner equalised. Almost immediately they took the lead with a breakaway goal and Sedbergh were stunned. Much to their credit the boys picked up the pace and pushed for an equaliser. Hetherington pressed excellently upfront to turnover possession while Birkbeck created a number of excellent chances.

Girls' Hockey

1st XI v Rugby School (H) Lost 3-2

On another wet and windy day on Newfield the Girls 1's played their final home match of the season.

Sedbergh started well and settled into some nice patterns of play. However, as the weather worsened small mistakes crept in and Sedbergh found themselves getting caught on the counter attack.

Rugby took the lead when a hopeful ball whacked into the D was miss trapped by a defender, diverting it past Dinsdale for a simple tap in on the line.

This did not deter Sedbergh and Lindsey, Thompson and Goodhart all looked up for the challenge. Frustratingly another miss trap in the Sedbergh D found the ball rebound straight to the Rugby centre forward who doubled the lead.

Sedbergh continued to scrap, the best move of the whole game resulted in the first goal for Sedbergh, from back to front some great passing hockey meant the ball found Senior Broderick whose perfect cross found Dunkin who finished well.

The second half was all about effort and desire, Sedbergh showed both. Pressing and pressing, pushing so hard for an equaliser. Newman was impressive in midfield. After a number of opportunities Rugby conceded a Penalty which Captain Lindsey finished excellently.

2-2 and all to play for, Sedbergh were on top and pushing for a winner. A then disaster: from a 16, the ball was passed straight to the Rugby centre forward who scored. Three goals conceded, three mistakes.

Sedbergh continued to press but couldn't find another goal. A dissatisfied team are left with two away games this week to try and finish their season with some pride.

U15A County Finals (A) - County Champions

Sedbergh 5-0 Nelson Tomlinson

Sedbergh 3-0 Kirkby Stephen GS

Sedbergh 1-0 Austin Friars

On Thursday afternoon Sedbergh U15 girls travelled to Kirkby Stephen to play the North v South County Final.

Playing three game Sedbergh completely dominated all opposition. Scare in goal and as forced into just one save over the three games.

First up Sedbergh put 5 goals past Nelson Tomlinson followed by a 3-0 win against Kirkby Stephen.

The final game, cut short due to the opposition having to leave made for a tight affair. Along with Austin Friars best player being their Goal Keeper meant that Sedbergh had to up their game. Gresswell found the winning goal and Scarr made that one save that ensured Sedbergh had the perfect afternoon in retaining the Trophy.



Rugby

U14A v Prince Henry's (A) lost 14-7

In a very tight and competitive game PHGS just edged out Sedbergh to advance into the next round of the National Cup. At 7 all and in a pivotal time in the match the home side capitalised on some Sedbergh ill-discipline and territory to score a well-executed try from close range with time running out. PHGS deserved the victory in what will ultimately be a great experience for our Sedbergh players. Cl have had a great season and should be very pleased with the progress they have made as a squad.

Athletics

Indoor Open Sheffield

10 athletes competed at Sheffield institute of sport as part of the winter league circuit. This was a great event with over 400 athletes, ranging from club level to Olympians. Kaka, Tash, Emma, Elif, Emilia and Hattie all ran seasons best times in the 200m. Izzy, Kaka and Daniel achieved PBs in the 60m. Daniel also set a school record for the 60m. Carter achieved a shot putt PB. Hannah, Elif, Emilia, Hattie, Izzy & Daniel also competed in the long jump, finishing with season bests. Overall, this was a big step forward for Sedbergh athletics against some top-level athletes.

Netball

Junior House Netball

Senior House Netball

Winners: A Team Competition = Carus

Winners: B Team Competition = Robertson

House netball proved to be just as competitive as we thought. The girls arrived in full house colours with lots of energy and excitement for the afternoon. The seniors took to court first with Carus taking on Lupton in the first match. Energy levels were high and both teams looked to take the first win and it was set up to be a very tough game with the teams level 5-5 after the first 8 minutes. Lupton found their feed and although the match seemed to go goal for goal, they snuck ahead being 1 goal going into the last 8 minutes.

Carus however came out fighting and a turnover to goal pulled them 1 ahead followed by scoring their centre pass meant the first game went to Carus 17-15. A great game of netball from both houses. The second match was quickly upon us and Lupton looked to regather as they took on Robertson. It was Robertson however who came out of the blocks firing taking a 4 goal lead after the first 8 minutes. Lupton however followed a similar pattern to their first match and came out fighting in the 2nd 8 minutes and managed to pull back to lead from Robertson and level up the game.

These last 8 minutes is what it came down to with both teams pushing for the win. Lupton put on some great defensive pressure in the circle and with great through court play to goal, they took the lead. Robertson fought back but it just wasn't enough and Lupton held onto the win 12-9. The final match was Robertson Vs Carus. Carus knew a win here would see them as house netball winners, so they came out strong. But Robertson were hungry for a win meaning an evenly matched first 8 minutes.

Both teams turned over ball, but Carus were more clinical in taking them to goal leaving them ahead going into the last 8 minutes. Robertson dug deep to try and claw back the win but Carus were determined and a run of goals saw them take victory and be crowned as House Netball winners. We did also have B teams from each house take part in their own competition to get lots of girls out on court and that followed a different pattern.

Game 1 saw Carus Vs Lupton and Carus started with a run of goals which Lupton were able to slow down and pull some goals back but couldn't quite get there with Carus taking the win 12-8.

Game 2 saw Lupton Vs Robertson and Lupton looked to capitalise on a few early turnovers however, Robertson found their feet and were able to take the lead and hold on to the win 10-6.

Game 3 was Carus Vs Robertson and with both teams already having a win this was the decider. Both teams brought lots of energy both on the court and off the court but it was Robertson who proved too strong as they took the win 16-10 meaning they were the winners of the B teams competition.

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With the seniors finished it was now time for the juniors. This again proved to be very competitive by all houses and was great to see some of the seniors staying to watch and support the juniors.

The A competition saw Carus vs Lupton and after Carus seniors winning, the juniors wanted to take victory too. The game went goal for goal with both teams showing some great netball with turnovers by both, but it was Carus who held their nerve and took the first match 13-9. Lupton looks for redemption as they took on Robertson in the second match. Lupton took what they had done in game 1 and built upon this to come out strong in the first 8 minutes. Robertson found their feet and showed some good passages of play. Lupton fight and determination however saw them through and took the second match 11-5.

The 3rd match saw Carus take on Robertson and again Carus knew all they had to do was win. Robertson were not going to make this easy though and made Carus have to dig deep. That they did and with some great pressure in defence and shooting accuracy in attack, Carus took the win 17-8 meaning they too had won the Junior House Netball. Just like the seniors we had a B competition for each house which proved very competitive between the teams. Game 1 saw Carus against Lupton and after a run of goals, Carus took an early lead. Lupton got their rhythm in the second 8 minutes and clawed back some goals but Carus continued to score the goals and took the win 14-7.

Game 2 saw Lupton against Robertson and this proved a very evenly matched game. Going goal for goal the whole way the game ended in a draw 8-8 with both teams showing some real teamwork to keep fighting to the end. The last game saw Carus Vs Robertson. After their draw with Lupton, Robertson were hungry for a win and this game again proved to be an evenly matched game. The 2 teams took turns taking the lead right to the end. But a crucial goal saw Carus edge out the win 10-9 and claiming the win on the B competition overall. A great display of netball but also team spirit from all of the houses. It was a great afternoon with lots of fun and energy showed by all. Well done everyone!





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