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# SPORTS REPORT

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# SPORTS RESULTS

## Headmaster's Colours

### Rugby: Will B (England U18)

## Running

### Great North Run

On a remarkable showing of Sedberghian spirit and solidarity, a team of 100 Sedberghians – pupils, staff, parents and Old Sedberghians – travelled north to Newcastle to take part in the Great North Run, the largest half marathon in the world with over 60,000 participants. The day began early, with alarms set for 5:00 and breakfast served in Queens Hall at 5:30. By 6:00, two coaches were on their way to Tyneside, where runners were greeted by a pleasant 16°C, occasional rain showers and gusty winds – typical conditions for Britain's biggest running festival.

On the course, Sedbergh was superbly represented. Mr Wells was first home, clocking 1:20:13 for 2nd V55, followed by three Old Sedberghians: Tim Barker-Chapman (1:23:50), Will Croft (1:24:04, 16th U20) and Josh Marlow (1:27:02). Wilson Run winner and Welsh international Sam Gunning brought a light-hearted touch by running dressed as an escaped convict, yet still managed an impressive 1:27:27. Among the staff, Mr Roberts Harry (1:27:44) edged ahead of Mr Davey in the final kilometres. Former Wilson Run champion Jemima Berry was first Sedberghian female home in 1:33:29, while George Scarr (1:41:20) was the first pupil across the line.

From then on, Sedberghian runners arrived steadily at the finish, many completing their first ever half marathon. Every single runner finished the full distance, an achievement that filled the Save the Children stand in the Charity Village with pride and celebration. Greeted by refreshments, massages, and plenty of encouragement, the atmosphere was electric as parents, pupils and staff shared their stories of resilience and triumph.

This effort was part of 'Sedbergh Gives Back' and played an important role in the School's 500th Anniversary celebrations. Senior pupils led by example, showing remarkable resilience and reinforcing the message that when a Sedberghian puts their mind to it, anything is possible.

The day was not only a sporting triumph but also a fundraising success. With more than 1,250 donations, Sedberghians raised an extraordinary £43,000, rising to £52,000 with Gift Aid, in support of Save the Children.

Whether this becomes a one-off landmark or the beginning of a new tradition remains to be decided. For now, after a day that combined fabulous athletic performances, community spirit and charitable impact, it is time for Sedberghians to rest, recover, and reflect on a truly historic occasion.

## Rugby

### Boys U16A v Rodillian Academy (A) Won 26-19

A1 got off to winning ways with a physical away win against a resolute and determined Rodillian U17 side.

The Brown started well with good patience in attack which led to flanker Morgan scoring out wide. Moments later after a number of phases defending, a good read by right wing Gawthorpe, led to a great intercept and dotting down under the posts. Fly half Keith kicking the conversion. 12-0 to Sedbergh.

The game then ebbed and flowed with the hosts dominance at scrum time causing the Brown to be pushed back in their half. However, after some loose play by Rodillian and some good counterattacks play centre Carrs went over. Fly half Keith again converting.

Half time 19-0.

The second half was mixed with a number of stoppages, but it was the hosts that rallied well and scored two converted tries after pounding the Sedbergh defence. The Brown came back through a good team try finished well by back replacement Bentley. However, some Sedbergh errors meant a lifeline was thrown to the hosts with 5 minutes to go with an unconverted try.

With the score 26-19 to Sedbergh with four minutes remaining, it was good to see Sedbergh regain possession from the kick off and finish nearly scoring a fifth but to no avail.

Plenty of lessons learnt and an excellent first outing for A1.

### Boys U18A v Whitgift School (A) Won 52-19

The opening fixture of the season was always destined to be a significant contest, with the long-standing rivalry against Whitgift providing both edge and anticipation. Traditionally, this clash sets the tone for the campaign ahead, and this year proved no different.

Sedbergh made a blistering start, striking within minutes with a slick, edge-to-edge move finished smartly in the corner by Zach B. However, the early breakthrough appeared to spark Whitgift into life. They applied sustained pressure, forcing a series of penalties that ultimately led to a yellow card. Despite Sedbergh's defensive resilience, Whitgift eventually crossed for a well-worked try to level the contest.

The game became fragmented as both sides searched for rhythm, but Sedbergh regained momentum just before the interval. Tries from Will B and Rob B gave the hosts a 19-7 advantage at half-time and a platform to build upon.

The second half told a very different story. Sedbergh produced wave after wave of attacking rugby, combining relentless ball movement with dominant collisions to impose their trademark style. Most pleasing was the way the players translated halftime discussions into execution on the pitch, adapting tactically to take control of proceedings.

Further tries from Jack N, Freddie T, Austin S, Thomas J, and Adam J extended Sedbergh's lead and showcased the quality within the group. Although two late Whitgift scores narrowed the margin, the final whistle confirmed an emphatic 52-19 victory.

While the scoreline may flatter, the performance highlighted both the significant potential of this squad and the areas still requiring refinement. A highly encouraging start that provides strong momentum heading into next Saturday's home fixture against Denstone.

## **Rugby**

### **Boys U18B v Warwick School & Bromsgrove School (A) Won**

#### **Sedbergh 19-5 Bromsgrove**

#### **Sedbergh 39-0 Warwick**

The 2nds travelled to Warwick on Saturday for a triangular pre-season fixture against Warwick 2nds and Bromsgrove 2nds.

The squad started strongly in the opening game against Warwick, scoring within the first two minutes after moving the ball wide and into the winger's hands. This early breakthrough set the tone for the rest of the match, with the team working hard to generate go-forward momentum. The backs then finished off with a well-worked move to seal the victory. The most impressive achievement, however, was keeping a clean sheet and leaving the field without conceding a single point, despite the number of penalties given away.

The second game followed a similar pattern, with the 2nds playing some excellent rugby in both attack and defence. Ill-discipline again prevented the side from pulling further away from their opponents, but the squad still only conceded one try across the whole day. The tries scored were the result of strong teamwork and collective effort, highlighting the progress made by the group.

Overall, it was a hugely positive day for the squad, showcasing both attacking flair and defensive resilience, while also identifying areas to tighten up before the season begins.

### **Boys U15A v Warwick School & Bromsgrove School (A) Won 5-0**

#### **Colts B1 5 v Warwick U15A (A) Lost 15-5**

Colts B continued their pre-season fixtures with a triangular set of matches against Bromsgrove and Warwick. The standard of rugby was high throughout the afternoon, with each side recording one victory and one defeat.

Sedbergh opened against Bromsgrove and came away with a hard-fought 5–0 win after an intense and physical contest. The most pleasing aspect was the defensive resilience, as Sedbergh successfully repelled sustained periods of Bromsgrove possession across the 30 minutes. In attack, they relied heavily on the carrying power of their forwards, and while greater width and variety will be needed in future fixtures, this approach did produce the game's only score. Jelani I made the decisive break, with Harry P on hand to finish.

The second match against Warwick began in frustrating fashion. Attempting to play too ambitiously deep in their own 22, Sedbergh then executed a poor exit that was punished immediately by a charge-down try. They responded through Rorke A, but a drop in intensity and further errors allowed Warwick to dominate the middle stages of the game. At 10–5 down, Sedbergh had several strong attacking platforms but made some poor decisions, losing both possession and territory. Warwick capitalised to extend their lead, and although Sedbergh finished strongly, the earlier profligacy ultimately resulted in Sedbergh being unable to reel their opponents in on the scoreboard.

Despite the defeat, there were encouraging signs. Brown's tireless work at the breakdown stood out, while the defensive organisation against multiple attacking phases was impressive. In attack, there were glimpses of how dangerous this team could become if they can retain possession and impose their structures. Colts B will aim to reverse the result when they meet Warwick again later in the season.

## **Hockey**

### **Girls U18A v Durham University 2 (A) Won 1-0**

Sedbergh have been playing this fixture as part of our early season prep for the past four years. In that time we have managed two draws and two loses against a side who play in the North Conference of the National League and in the third highest BUCS league.

Therefore, it would be fair to say we great respect the opposition and the standard of play required to gain a result.

The game began brightly with the girls in brown moving the ball calmly and crisply around the pitch. Sticking to the much practiced playing patterns Sedbergh made great progress up field creating a number of circle entries. Hearld and Barley controlled the centre of the pitch while new recruits Neesham and Evans were permanently threatening. End of Q1 and Durham had not managed to make a single visit into Sedbergh's D.

Q2 again began brightly for the visitors, Glover and Carnochan were tireless in their running upfront creating three good chances, the final one, glancing off Vincents stick could easily have opened the scoring.

0-0 at half time and Sedbergh were playing all the Hockey, straight from the restart Evans dispossessed the Durham left mid, then carried quickly past the left back before cutting inside the full back, her first shot was saved but she made no mistake with the rebound to score a brilliant solo goal as Sedbergh took the lead. From it was no surprise that Durham really pushed on. Increasing the pressure on the back line and creating a number of chances of there own. Pattison saved on the line as did Barker while between the posts Cooke was immense. Making 6 or 7 incredible saves to deny the Durham forwards.

This was an outstanding team performance where all 16 girls gave everything to come away with one the best results in recent history.

### **Girls U18B v Durham University 4s (A) Lost 12-0**

A really tough opening to the season for the girls saw a heavy loss to a very good and experienced side. Credit to the team for the resilience shown during the game and for fighting hard right to the end. Sedbergh were unlucky not to score a few goals with some great break away chances, we learned a lot to take into the season against school sides and hopefully we take some positives into the next game.

### **Girls U18B v Rossall School U18A (A) Won 1-0**

A great bounce back from the team after the tough game mid week. The girls looked much more organised in defence with Hetty C and Isobell B providing a great base to play from. Martha N scored a well executed back stick goal and we should have had more with the chances created. Zara B pulled of a smart save towards the end to keep the 1-0 lead with the only real chance Rossall created. All round it was a good performance with some work to do on our finishing to put games like this away more convincingly.

### **Girls U15A v Rossall School ISHC Round 1 (A) Won 9-1**

The U15's began their cup competition with a comprehensive victory in Fleetwood. The played with energy and passion in the first half without creating the connections and fluid passing patterns they are renowned for.

2-0 at half-time and the girls were determined to fine some more fluidity in the second half. This duly happened with all of the team linking well to create chance after chance. They will be disappointed to have conceded a goal to Rossall's best player however, overall and great start.

### **Girls U14A v Rossall School (A) Lost 1-0**

The U14 girls started off their Sedbergh careers with a tough result against Rossall. The first half was relatively even as we learnt how to play together. A much stronger second half saw our girls dominate and create many chances, unfortunately none resulting in a goal. Rossall managed to beat a very solid Millie B in goal. Tons of learning points but even more excitement for what's to come at their time at Sedbergh.

### **Sedbergh HC v Cumbria County Cup Tournament (A) Won**

Sedbergh Hockey Club enjoyed a fantastic day of hockey at the County Tournament, finishing as well-deserved champions. The team played with great skill and determination throughout, showcasing excellent passing, strong teamwork, and a real attacking flair.

The final saw Sedbergh take on Penrith in what proved to be a thrilling contest. Both sides worked hard, but Sedbergh's composure and relentless pressure made the difference, securing the victory and the title.

Beyond the results, it was a great day for the players to develop their game, support each other, and enjoy representing Sedbergh Club. The tournament highlighted the depth of talent within the squad and the exciting hockey still to come this season





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