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# SPORTS REPORT

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# SPORTS RESULTS

## Colours

1st XV Rugby Colours : Olly M, Thomas J, and Adam J

These 3 players above were all awarded their 1st XV colours. Olly & Adam have remarkably featured in every one of Sedbergh's last 20 1st XV fixtures since the very start of Lower Sixth and Thomas 19 out of the 20 — a huge testimony to their durability, effectiveness and character, particularly given the toughness of the current season fixture list and the level of competition within the Sedbergh environment.



## Rugby

### **Boys U15B v Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation (H) Lost 25-10**

The boys returned after half term to face a strong Durham Cathedral team. The match started with Sedbergh dominating possession and some brilliant carries by the forward pack which resulted in vice-captain Joe Scoring the first try, powering over the whitewash from close range. Durham responded from kick off with some powerful defence and ruck dominance which resulted in two quick tries leaving it 5-10 at Half Time. The second half started quick with Durham scoring twice to take the score to 22-05. Thanks to some footballing skills by Nick, Sedbergh scored again and it looked like the comeback was on. However, just before the end of the game, the Durham 10 slotted a bold but phenomenally executed drop goal to take the game away from Sedbergh.

### **Boys U14B v Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation (H) Drew 19-19**

A great performance against Durham's 'A' Team saw a thrilling finish to the game. We faced a physical side who initially controlled the game by dominating the breakdowns, and we went two scores down before the break. Some great play from the backline saw us reduce the deficit to one try just after half time, but some strong running saw Durham score again to go two tries clear. Sedbergh dug in and showed great resilience towards the end of the game, and some strong carries by the forwards meant that we broke down a resolute defensive line. With a bit more space our backs came in to their own, and we scored twice. Great composure was shown, and we kicked the final conversion as the final play of the game to level the scores at 19 all. A great performance from C2 against a well organised and physical Durham side.

### **Boys U18B v Stonyhurst U18A (H) Lost 31-26**

The Sedbergh 2nd XV started brightly, playing some fluent and enterprising rugby in the opening exchanges. Despite their strong start, it was Stonyhurst who struck first, capitalising on a few unforced errors from Sedbergh to take the early lead.

Sedbergh quickly regrouped and began to dominate territory and possession. Their forward pack worked tirelessly, creating a solid platform for the backs to attack. However, a combination of missed opportunities and lapses in concentration meant the score remained tight. At half-time, Sedbergh held a narrow 14-10 advantage.

The second half saw Sedbergh produce some of their best rugby of the season. Crisp handling, strong running, and well-structured phase play allowed them to extend their lead to 26 points, and at that stage, they looked in full control.

Unfortunately, as the game entered its closing stages, a series of defensive errors and lapses in game management allowed Stonyhurst back into contention. The visitors seized their chances clinically, scoring several unanswered tries. In the final play of the game, Stonyhurst completed their comeback with a decisive try, snatching a dramatic 31-26 victory.

While the result was disappointing, there were many positives for Sedbergh to take away — especially their attacking intent and dominant passages of play. With greater consistency and focus, this performance showed that the 2nd XV are more than capable of closing out matches against strong opposition.

### **Boys U18A v Warwick School (H) Won 33-20**

Sedbergh marked the occasion with a hard-earned 33-20 victory over a determined Warwick side in what proved to be a thrilling contest.

The hosts began the game in perfect fashion, showing real intent from the outset and crossing for an early try after a period of sustained pressure. However, Warwick responded impressively, capitalising on a few loose moments to keep the game tightly balanced. The middle stages saw both teams exchange scores, with Sedbergh at times struggling to control territory and tempo against a well-organised opposition.

As the game entered its final stages, only a single score separated the sides, and Warwick pushed hard for a late equaliser. But Sedbergh's resilience and belief came to the fore — turning defence into attack on the last play, they moved the ball wide with precision and finished superbly in the corner to seal the win.

### **Boys U18B v Warwick School (H) Won 40-5**

After a disappointing home defeat in their previous outing, Sedbergh's 2nd XV took to the field with real intent and a point to prove. From the opening whistle, they played with tempo, precision, and determination, immediately putting Warwick under pressure.

Sedbergh's attacking play in the first half was outstanding — sharp handling, strong carries, and excellent support lines led to a series of well-constructed tries. Their dominance in both territory and possession was matched by a resolute defensive display, as the home side prevented Warwick from scoring any points before the break.

Sedbergh went into half-time with a commanding 28-point lead, having set a strong marker for the rest of the match.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Sedbergh continuing to play expansive, running rugby that stretched the Warwick defence. Their backline looked dangerous from anywhere on the pitch, and the forwards provided a solid platform throughout.

A few unnecessary penalties allowed Warwick brief opportunities in Sedbergh's half, but the defensive organisation and commitment from the home side limited the visitors to just a single try. Sedbergh added further scores of their own to round off a convincing 40–5 victory.

It was an excellent team performance full of energy, skill, and discipline — a fine response after the previous week's setback, and a clear demonstration of the 2nd XV's quality and depth.

### **Boys U18D v Warwick School U18C (H) Won 60-24**

On a grizzly day on Riverside the Brown eventually worked out it was better to go round the opposition than try and run through them. This resulted in four tries for Cooke on the right wing and several tries from the outside backs who were always dangerous in attack. A good win for the boys in difficult conditions.

### **Boys U18E v Warwick School U18D (H) Won 12-0**

This was a physical game for the 5XV, featuring plenty of forward action. Sedbergh started strongly, dominating possession and eventually scoring after a series of penalties. Later in the half, they scored again under the posts and kicked the conversion. Warwick defended well in the second half, preventing Sedbergh from scoring further. Sedbergh's own strong defensive effort kept the score at 12–0 to finish the game.

### **Boys U16A v Warwick School (A) Lost 14-15**

Sedbergh travelled to Warwick for what was always going to be a challenging fixture, with the home side currently unbeaten this season at U16 level.

It was a slow start from Sedbergh, as Warwick dominated both possession and territory in the opening stages. Sedbergh were forced to defend for long periods, but their defensive organisation and resilience were outstanding. Wave after wave of Warwick pressure was repelled, and the defining moment of the early exchanges came when Sedbergh held Warwick up over the line before winning a crucial turnover penalty at the breakdown. From there, Conrad Keith—who kicked superbly all afternoon—cleared Sedbergh upfield to within 10 metres of the Warwick line. Sedbergh capitalised on their first real attacking opportunity, as George Hewson powered over to open the scoring.

That try proved to be a turning point as Sedbergh began to dominate possession. Another brilliant attacking move saw Oliver Hutchinson make a line break, supported perfectly by Zach Engel, who finished under the posts to extend Sedbergh's lead to 14–0 going into the break.

However, Warwick responded immediately after halftime. A well-executed driving maul brought them back into the contest at 14–5. While Sedbergh continued to control much of the ball, Warwick's defence tightened, turning the tables from the first half. Their pressure began to tell, and another powerful maul led to a second Warwick try, narrowing the gap to 14–10.

Momentum had clearly shifted. A turnover penalty gave Warwick a platform deep in Sedbergh territory, and once again their forwards proved decisive—driving over for a third maul try to take a 15–14 lead with five minutes remaining.

With the travelling Sedbergh supporters and other teams urging them on, the men in brown rallied superbly. They forced consecutive penalties and drove play back into the Warwick 22. With the clock in the red, Sedbergh pushed for the winning score, but Warwick's defence held firm, forcing a final turnover before clearing the ball to touch to seal a hard-fought 15–14 victory.

It was a fantastic game of schoolboy rugby—played with heart from both sides. Sedbergh can take immense pride in their performance, particularly their defensive effort and fighting spirit throughout. They will now regroup, lick their wounds, and turn their attention to their next challenge against Wellington.

### **Boys U16B v Warwick School (A) Won 26-7**

Sedbergh's A2 side took the spoils in a hotly contested match. Warwick were physical and well-organised, but the determined A2 defence kept them out at least five times when they were threatening the try line.

In contrast, when Sedbergh entered the Warwick 22, chances were taken with clinical efficiency. However, in the middle of the park, Sedbergh's handling was at times error-strewn, and discipline occasionally let them down.

J. Lyddon-Smith orchestrated the match well, T. Mukitani made some fantastic breaks, and C. Bentley was impactful from the bench. The whole squad played well, but special mention must go to H. Sussums-Lewis, who showed real physicality and impressed with his relentless work rate.

### **Boys U15A v Warwick School (A) Won 24-14**

Sedbergh came away with an impressive victory at Warwick after a poor first half that left them trailing 14-0 at the break. Warwick were amongst the top sides in the country last season at U14 level and this was a significant step in Colts B's progress to overcome them, particularly as it required a turnaround in intensity and accuracy to first establish a foothold in the game and then pull away from the hosts later in the second half. Whilst Sedbergh scored three good tries, with Jelani I, Rocco CvDL and Rorke A all crossing the whitewash, it was the improvements in defence and discipline that enabled the Sedbergh fight back. The kicking of Francisco PH in the second half was also important, including a superb 50-22 to first remove and then assert pressure.

If Colts B can replicate the second half performance and eliminate the lapses in concentration and work rate evident in the first half, they will be able to content with all their remaining opponents this term.

The next round of the Continental Tyres Schools' Cup is played on Wednesday against Lancaster RGS.

### **Boys U15B v Warwick School (A) Won 45-5**

After a long trip south, the B2 boys were eager to begin. The team started slowly but managed to score their first try after Wilf's brilliant pace on the left wing. Warwick responded strongly, scoring shortly after, and dominated the first 20 minutes with sharp ruck speed.

Just before half-time, the Sedbergh boys turned the page. Two quick tries from Joe H and Zach gave us a 19-5 lead.

The second half was, as I had told the team, the most dominant B team performance I've ever been a part of. Silky backs' moves, powerful rucking, and excellent teamwork contributed to a one-sided second half. Tries from Archie L-F, Joe I, Joe B, and Finn sealed the win.

### **Boys U14A v Warwick School (H) Lost 15-7**

The U14 squad took on a large and well drilled Warwick side at home on Saturday afternoon. Although kick off was delayed due to an accident en route to Sedbergh both teams started the game at lightening pace. The early attacking pressure came from Warwick but the Sedbergh defence held strong for the first 15 minutes. Eventually the strong carrying told and Warwick sneaked over in the corner for two quick unconverted tries before the half.

Half time Sedbergh 0-10 Warwick

The second half saw strong carrying and more direct running from Sedbergh. The resulting quick ball and reactions of the back line saw the ball spread wide for Adam H to score with Henry C converting. The game was now finely balanced and could have gone either way. It was Warwick who capitalised and snuck over for a 3rd unconverted try. This took the contest to a two-score game and although seventh finished brightly Warwick held on for the win.

The squad should be proud of what was one of their most gritty and determined performances of the season. Tough tests will follow but if the squad continues to pull together as a unit, we will see further development over the coming weeks.

Final score Sedbergh 15-7 Warwick.

### **Boys U14B v Warwick School (H) Lost 24-0**

A significant number of changes to the side from Durham on Tuesday meant that we lacked cohesion from the outset, and with players out of position, we found it difficult to gel as a team. Warwick were as ever, a well organised unit, and we failed to compete at the breakdown which meant that we continually were scrapping for possession.

We moved the ball reasonably well through the hands, but did so without any real forward momentum, and so the defence was able to shepherd us in to touch on numerous occasions. When the team focussed and played to the game plan, Warwick looked much less of a dominant force. Indeed, the main lesson learnt will have been that an aggressive defence throughout the game would have stifled the oppositions' time and space. We threatened the Warwick try line several times towards the end of the match, to no avail, and Warwick ran out 24-0 winners. A lesson to us in terms of being focussed throughout the game in future and concentrating for the full 50 minutes of Rugby.

## **Hockey**

### **Girls U15A v The King's School, Macclesfield (H) Drew 2-2 Lost 3-2 on Flicks**

The team put in a strong performance in a closely contested game that ended 2-2 in regular time, before narrowly losing 3-2 in flicks. Both goals came in the first half, with excellent finishes from P Whitfield and B Cooper, giving the team an early advantage. Despite sustained pressure and solid defending throughout the match, the opposition managed to level the score, taking the game to flicks. It was a tense shootout, but unfortunately, the team fell just short.

There were many standout performances across the pitch, but M Beswetherick was deservedly named Player of the Match for her outstanding effort and consistency. Overall, it was an encouraging display with plenty of positives to take forward into the next fixture.

### **Girls U18A v Denstone College (A) Won 4-0**

The first team began to the second half of term with a convincing win against Denstone away. Scoring with their first attack as Evans swept through the defence the girls settled into a controlled and dominant performance. Their second goal, a beautiful team move from Luckin at left back through the midfield via Gresswell who's through ball to Glover was perfect. The speedy forward beat a defender before placing the ball on a plate for Evans to tap in at the back post.

The second half some more pressure and possession for Sedbergh. Barker scored a third from a penalty corner which was soon followed by a lovely counter attacking goal from Carnochan.

### **Girls U18B v Denstone College (A) Lost 2-0**

An entertaining game of hockey on a Sunday afternoon at Denstone College with lots of action at both ends. Sedbergh survived an early onslaught with Zara Benham pulling of some great saves early in the game. We struggled to get out of our own 23 and faced several short corners but showed some great resilience. Robyn Sorensen was a real driving force in midfield and as the half wore on the girls got on top but could not put away any of the chances we started to create. 0-0 at half time was probably a fair score taking number of chances into account, all to play for.

Denstone started strong again as we struggled to get the ball to the forwards, they took the lead and continued to attack. The defence held for long periods of pressure; we had some good counter attacks. With less than 10 minutes to go we hit the gamble button taking off a defender and putting on the extra forward to get back in the game.

We created some late chances, but it was Denstone that found the net again late on. Plenty of endeavour from the girls, disappointing that we couldn't convert one or two of the opportunities we created.

### **Girls U18C v Denstone College (A) Won 3-0**

Our game Vs. Denstone College was a successful one. Our girls have come away with a 3-0 victory.

First half was a really frustrating one as we had over 20 D entries but only getting a handful of short corners which we couldn't finish. The girls passed well and into space with using the width of the Astro.

We tackled well and worked hard when we got turned over to get the ball back and attack Denstones goal repeatedly. We ended the first half 1-0 up.

We started the second half a bit slow but managed to get back to attacking the D area, passing well, and tackling. We got rewarded more short corners where we were able to convert them into more goals.

### **Girls U15A v Denstone College (H) Won 5-2**

The team secured a fantastic 5-2 victory, showcasing great teamwork and determination throughout the game. Ball transfers were well controlled by L Bayston and A Hinds, who kept the ball moving with strong pace and precision, setting up many attacking opportunities. In the first half, the team played really well, taking a strong 4-1 lead with a great hat trick from B Cooper and a striking goal from M Rowley. Their passing and communication kept the opposition under pressure.

During the second half, the team continued to play with confidence, maintaining good structure and composure. In the final minute of the match, B Cooper sealed the win with another superb goal, bringing the final score to 5-2. Player of the Match goes to M. Rowley for her strong performance, great work rate, and key contribution to the team's success.

### **Girls U14A v Denstone College (H) Won 6-1**

The U14A girls looked to start the new half term well in a National Plate Quarter Final against Denstone. We started exceptionally with Sasha scoring 2 early goals. Sedbergh dominated the rest of the first half but did not manage to score again. Almost a carbon copy start to the second half as Sedbergh managed to score more quick goals, this time through Florrie and Martha. Sasha managed to complete her hat-trick to put us 5-0 up. Denstone managed to slow us down and put us under pressure for the last 15 minutes, scoring a goal of their own. Bronte managed to get in on the goal scoring action to put us 6-1 up and confirm our spot in the next round. A great performance from the girls.

### **Sedbergh HC v Kirkby Stephen HC 2 (A) Won 4-3**

An intense and exciting match unfolded on Saturday afternoon as Sedbergh faced Kirkby Stephen 2.

KS struck early with a well-taken goal to take the lead, but Sedbergh reacted quickly. A perfectly executed penalty corner from Sabie brought the scores level.

Finding their rhythm, Sedbergh continued to press forward and netted a second goal, gaining confidence as the first half progressed. By the break, Sedbergh were in control with a 3-1 lead. In the second half, KS came out stronger, fighting back to score two more goals and bring the game to a tense 3-3 draw.

With just two minutes remaining, Sedbergh produced a brilliant team move to secure the winning goal, sealing a dramatic 4-3 victory and moving to the top of the league.

### **Netball**

#### **Girls U18A County Finals (H) Won**

On Tuesday we hosted the U19 County Tournament, involving Sedbergh, QES, QEGS and Keswick. The format was played where by everyone played in a round robin and the top 2 teams will go through to the regional Round.

The girls started strong with a win over QEGS, playing with some good consistency and fluency through the court.

The second match against QES the girls continued to build, taking another win with the girls really showing the connections they have been working on.

The final game the girls focus was on being more clinical to goal, which they achieved with great success and the help of the defensive pressure to turn over ball.

After the 3 matches the girls came 1st, putting them through to the regional round along with runners up QES. Well done girls.

#### **Girls U16A v Yarm School (A) Lost**

On Friday 7 November, The U16A netball team played the second round of the cup the pressure was on up against a very strong side, Yarm School. We played well throughout the match with great connections through court and successfully turned over many balls giving us more goal scoring opportunities. Unfortunately we came out with a loss but the team didn't give up and gave 100% throughout the match! Well done girls!

#### **Girls U18A v Bury Grammar School (A) Won 55-41**

On Saturday the girls travelled away to Bury Grammar. We knew this would be a good match up but was a great opportunity for us to put into practice what we had been working on in training. We played 6x8 minutes which gave us chance to try out a range of different combinations.

After the first 2 rounds the score was pretty close with both teams making minimal errors and taking ball to goal. The 3rd round we stepped up our defensive pressure and started to turn over ball that our shooters converted into goals. This opened up a lead.

A few changes and some newer combinations in the next two saw our error count increase and Bury made us work for every goal. But the girls dug deep and continued to work hard and look after ball giving us a 10 goal lead going into the last 8 minutes. A flurry of goals towards the end saw the girls win 55-41, a great game for all the girls gaining some good court time and chance to see what work ons we can take into next week and build upon the connections growing. A great game against Bury who made us work hard for every goal and pushed us all the way.

Well done to Sonia for OPOM.

## **Basketball**

### **Boys U18A v Lancaster RGS (H) Won 43-38**

After the first quarter where we ended up with a healthy lead, it looked as if Sedbergh would romp away with an easy win. But in the second quarter that all changed. Lancaster changed their tactics and went on a scoring spree to almost completely dominate proceedings. At half time Sedbergh held a small lead 26-24, by the end of the 3rd quarter we were tied 32-32.

In the final quarter our captain Lucien D (filling in for Will M who was ill) turned on the glam and started playing some great passes. Nikolas F was strong and slotted a few points, Tom D was great under pressure, and Paul O slotted a superb 3 pointer to help the scoreboard tick over. But it was the man of the match Robin P who was instrumental to our win; He scored crucial points when it mattered, defended superbly reclaiming the ball against opponents far taller than him, and his dribbling was exceptional. The team did enough to pull away from our determined opposition and take a deserved win against a strong Lancaster team.

## **Running**

### **British Athletics Cross Challenge Series – Round 1, Cardiff**

The opening round of the British Athletics Cross Challenge Series, held at Llandaff Fields in Cardiff, marked the first major national test of the cross-country season. As the UK's premier XC series, it brings together the strongest athletes from across the country — and often, from overseas — to compete at the highest level.

Representing Sedbergh were Lucia C (10R) and Ben Harrison, who made the long trip south while the rest of the school team prepared for the English Schools XC Cup Regional Championships in Sedbergh later in the week.

In the U15 Girls race, Lucia once again showed her trademark consistency and composure. Against a fiercely competitive field of national-level athletes, she ran with intelligence and strength, working her way steadily through the pack to finish an outstanding 7th place. It was another assured performance from an athlete who continues to impress wherever she races. In the Senior Men's race, Sedbergh's Athlete in Residence Ben Harrison found himself lining up against an elite international field.

With three Kenyan athletes taking the top spots, the race was of the highest calibre. Ben started assertively, endured a challenging middle section, but finished strongly to claim 39th place — a solid result and valuable early-season test.

The British Cross Challenge Series continues with Round 2 in Liverpool on 22nd November, before moving to London (7th February 2026) and Nottingham (7th March 2026) — each providing world-class competition and opportunities for Sedbergh's runners to test themselves on the national stage.



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