

This Week's Results

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Saturday 26th November, 2011

1st XV v Packwood Haugh

The first 25 minutes of the match were completely dominated by the boys in Brown apart from minute 2 where Packwood almost scored and only by the action of our captain Will Green, who put out an incredibly performance, did we stop them from doing so. From this shaky start the men in brown got their heads together and produced some fantastic patterns of play, showing what they are capable of when they are dictating the pace of the game. The men in green were dominated in the contact area but never gave up and kept on tackling and running. This great rugby resulted in 3 very good tries, finished by winger Josh Hodge, winger Jonathan Mason and flanker and man of the match Sebastian Hemmings.

The second half was going to be completely different. Packwood came out after half time and did everything they could to win the game, including scoring 2 tries as a consequence of poor defensive organisation by Sedbergh. Sedbergh had to show how to defend their own line and it was proved that against a bigger side it is all about passion and technique. Sedbergh avoided a couple of tries with great tackles from Dominic Styler, making his debut at flanker and doing a lot of hard work on the pitch. Bevan Rodd contributed hugely in the contact area on a number of occasions. After having a few stoppages, the second half went on until minute 29 when the referee ended the game to a frustrating feeling for Sedbergh.

After what was a very complicated match for the boys we will take away a number of lessons from this. Now is time to focus on the positives and take them forward to our next opponents, RGS Newcastle, who I am sure will provide a very hard fixture for our boys. This week will be all about getting ready and keeping the intensity throughout out the whole 50 minutes. **(12-15 Win)**

JCGM

U13 Hockey v Terrington Hall

The team are beginning to use the space more effectively and are certainly passing more strongly. Their focus now needs to be upon keeping possession and ensuring that they are passing to their teammates. Whilst the defence are playing to an extremely high standard, the forwards need greater determination to score those important goals. Good work but more to be done. Player of the Match: Defender Nicola Medcalf. **(6-1 Loss)**

CDO

U11 Hockey v Terrington Hall

There was a huge improvement in the standard of play that it was disappointing to lose 4-2. The Terrington girls started well, with two particularly good girls in attack who looked threatening. However, Christina Peart and Roxy Waller were working hard in defence and managing to quell the storm. Lucy Bailey was once again a little dynamo in goal and played her part in squashing the attack. The defence and midfield worked hard, sent the ball into the attacking circle and Gemma Hill made the most of her opportunity with a result 1-0 to SJS. Another good patch of play led to a further goal and SJS were on a roll, so it was a pity to let in a goal just before half time, as this left Terrington still in the frame. After such a good first half the girls returned to the pitch and were really unsettled, with less convincing defence and poorer organisation in general. Two further goals from Terrington gave them confidence and it was then that the true Sedbergh spirit dug in and the girls stopped an avalanche of attacks from Terrington and launched several threatening attacks of their own. The final whistle went and the SJS girls were disappointed but they had shown plenty of potential and will learn some lessons from the fixture-the need for keeping their composure when under pressure and the essential detail of clearing the ball wide out of defence. All in all, a very encouraging performance against a good side. **(4-2 Loss)**

JR

U11 Rugby v Yarm School

On Saturday the U11's hosted Yarm school. Unfortunately the weather was dreadful and the match was played on a very wet and heavy pitch. The more powerful boys from Yarm obviously found this much more to their liking than the Sedbergh team did. However, I was impressed with the way in which both teams tried to play expansive rugby in what were very poor conditions. For Sedbergh there were some improvements at the breakdown and also in one on one tackling as we were forced to defend our line for long periods of the game. Ultimately the extra power and pace of the

Yarm boys told and they finished comfortable winners at 34-0 but there are more positives to take from this game than negatives and we will be taking this forward in our work over the final weeks of term. **(34-0 Loss)**

NM

U9 Rugby v SMH

SJS Under 9's played rugby in some atrocious wet and windy conditions on Saturday at St Mary's Hall, Stoneyhurst. Their first game was against SMH A where they twice came from behind to draw 2-2, with both tries scored by Charlie Hill. Next up were SMH B, and this time Sedbergh got in front early with a try from Kes Selby-Boddy and eventually won comfortably 5-2. The other scorers were Lewis Garnett (2) and a couple more from Charlie. By this stage the weather had deteriorated so much but they were the ones desperate to carry on! Common sense prevailed and matches were abandoned before Sedbergh played Packwood Haugh. Once again there was much to be positive about; some of their handling, running and tackling was a joy to watch in such abysmal conditions. **(2-2 Draw & 5-2 Win)**

RTG

U11A Netball v Casterton

The U11 A team beat Casterton 16 - 6 in a well fought match in which every player on the court played their part in the victory. The team were focused from the start with a well led warm up by Hope Webster, the Captain. Sedbergh scored the first two goals of the match which gave them confidence. The team started to improve their timing to get free for the ball and also think more about their positioning on court. This resulted in some lovely set play pieces with some great goals by Kitty Mahon and Eden McGuire to finish it off. At the end of the first quarter, Sedbergh led 3 - 1. The Sedbergh girls determination to win grew throughout the match with Lucy Bailey picking up many ground balls and fighting to ensure the ball got to the shooters well. Hope Webster as centre did a superb job of connecting the defensive and attacking end together and offering encouragement and advice to all her team players. Sedbergh pulled ahead this quarter to 6 - 1. Throughout the match Emilia Page as Wing Defence demonstrated fantastic timing to make some great interceptions and help stop the ball going in the oppositions attacking end. Emily Foster had a high work rate on court and with her effective positioning and high jumping ability, she intercepted many of Casterton's balls. At the end of three quarter the score was 10 - 4. Joelle Walsh as Goal Keeper put the Casterton shooters under pressure throughout and helped get many rebounds. In the last quarter our shooters Eden and Kitty were popping them in with some great goals which did not touch the ring. Their positioning to get nearer the post and also with the backup of Hope and Lucy behind them meant they could shoot nearer the post. Well done to all the girls. **(16-6 Win)**

FER

U11B Netball v Casterton

From the starting whistle the team looked determined and organised. They supported each other on the court and were able to achieve good flowing play from end to end. The opposition umpire even made reference to the efficiency of their passing and their movement off the ball. Despite the windy conditions, Captain Gemma Hill, Christina Peart and Jessica Bailey all shot well and worked very hard to support each other around the circle. They were assisted by Tilly Webster and Claudia Bull who were able to pass incisively to the shooters and played very effectively in the mid-cour Gabby Boothman and Roxy Waller defended energetically and stopped the few attacking plays the opposition had. This was certainly the best netball this team have played thus far and it was carried out in such good spirit. Congratulations! **(7-0 Win)**

CDO

U9 Netball v Casterton

Despite the absence of some of their usual players, the team played some impressive netball. The girls linked well and were able to pass strongly, despite the windy conditions. They are beginning to understand their positions better which is helping them to create more space on court and consequently create a more flowing netball which is great to watch. Any 50/50 balls were won by SJS and the many interceptions indicate how they are now reading the game more intuitively. This all bodes very well for the future! Well done! **(3-0 Win)**

CDO

U13 A Netball v QES

A solid performance from the whole team resulted in a good victory. The team have now settled well and are showing good awareness of each other on court. Amy Mahon was an excellent Captain, showing that she has grown into this

role and led the team by example. Marissa Holcroft should also be praised for stepping up to the A team due to injury and playing with intelligence and commitment throughout the game, showing that she is not out of place at this level. Well done! **(18-10 Win)**

JR

U13 B Netball v QES

A wholehearted and determined effort resulted in a narrow victory. There were many moments of encouragement but at times the play was scrappy. The next target must be for the team to keep their heads when under pressure and remember what they have worked on in practice sessions! **(5-4 Win)**

JR

2nd XV v Terra Nova 1st XV

Today the body language of the Second XV pack suggested that they were intent on making amends for their recent away defeat at St Mary's Hall (14:5). Unfortunately, Sedbergh got off to a tricky start and three unanswered first half scores by Terra Nova had the potential to completely deflate the 2nd XV. That said, Sedbergh were able to fashion a few opportunities in the first half; but, our attacking game was often too tentative and too lateral- Terra Nova's tireless defence would invariably choke the ball carrier. At half time Sedbergh were chasing 17:0 and everything indicated that the score might run away with the visitors. All suspicions of a one-sided embarrassment soon vanished in the second half. Sedbergh, the devotees of attack, were initially forced to bludgeon their way through the enormous Terra Nova human wall and then came the moment of hope. Moss stepped his way through the defensive line and was tackled just in front of the right post. Scrum-half, R. Carr then fed S. Barrett who cleverly changed the direction of attack and allowed Burns to surge onto the ball and score. Mullins converted to reduce the deficit to 10 points. As the final quarter approached, it was the Terra Nova number 8 who, again, proved the difference by scoring another trademark length of the field try. Whilst a sense of crushing disappointment will always accompany such a defeat, the Second XV should draw numerous positives from their second half performance. We will now build upon these prior to Saturday's game against a Packwood-Haugh 2nd XV. Sedbergh man of the match, B. Moss was calm, assured and pivotal to all of our attacks today and he never shirked a tackle. Try: R. Burns; Conversion A. Mullins **(24-7 Loss)**

PRH

Promising Performances from U9s

SJS Under 9's entertained Aysgarth and Terra Nova on Wednesday playing their matches on New Field. Sedbergh played Aysgarth first, who had already beaten us twice this season. SJS scored early through Lewis Garnett, before Aysgarth took a hold of the game to win 3-1. The standard of rugby on display was a far cry from their first game in September. Terra Nova then played Aysgarth, where we saw an outstanding fly-half from Terra Nova dominate, as they won 5-0. A big performance was now required from Sedbergh. Charlie Hill was given the responsibility of stopping Terra Nova's 10, and to his immense credit he did a fantastic job, tackling him time and time again. Terra Nova won 4-0, but the whole team showed great rear guard spirit for the entire game, and when they did get the ball they played a great game of rugby. Special mention must also go to Benedict Hemmings for his tenacious tackling, Louis Gunning for his work at the breakdown, Rowan Armitage for his best game of the season and Lewis Garnett for his tenacity.

RTG

U11 v Terra Nova

On Wednesday the U11's hosted Terra Nova. We got off to a slow start but then began to play with some authority. Sedbergh dominated possession but only really gained slow ball due to the ball winners not really getting beyond the ball at the breakdown. Fly half Chris Park-Johnson moved the team about the park well and Harry Hampsey –Cook looked a threat with ball in hand. The Sedbergh pressure finally told and led to a try for Gabe Connolly (outstanding at the breakdowns), which was duly converted by Chris Park-Johnson. The rest of the half was really all Sedbergh but a lack of depth meant that the Terra Nova defence managed to cope with everything thrown at them. The second half was a completely different story. Sedbergh gave away possession too easily and the Terra Nova centres began to show their strength and pace. The game swung away from Sedbergh and we couldn't gain any momentum due to being second best at the breakdowns. Final score Sedbergh 7 Terra Nova 29. **(7-29 Loss)**

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