

## **This Week's Fixture**

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#### **Tait 10's at Barnard Castle School**

The opening match against eventual winners QEGS Wakefield was lost but the boys bounced back to defeat Yarm by 10 points to nil and qualify for the second tier plate competition. The first match was against old rivals Ampleforth and a 12-0 victory was secured. This was followed by another win against Hill House (Doncaster) by 10-0. The third game pitted us against Giggleswick and a tight game was decided late on with Giggleswick edging us out 12-5. Our final games were against Durham and Newcastle School for Boys. The former was lost in disappointing fashion but the boys recovered to win the last match 17-0. Overall the day was a good exercise with the coaches able to look at different players in a variety of roles. Much was learnt by all.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

#### **Ampleforth Weekend**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> XV v St Martin's Ampleforth**

Sedbergh School v Ampleforth is the second longest School fixture and our boys in the Junior School were really keen to write their own page of history last Saturday. The game started even and both teams were testing each other, trying to establish where the opposition's weakness was. After 8 minutes Sedbergh forwards put together several phases and fly half James Park-Johnson found a hole in the defence and touched down the first try. From this point on, taking apart a few handling imprecisions, the team played some very good expansive rugby. The opposition's defence was constantly challenged and even though the home team had some very talented players that kept tackling until the last minute of the game, Sedbergh managed to flood the channels when players were breaking through scoring several tries. Some impressive performances from tight head prop, Edward Whitehouse, back row Will Green, inside centre and goal kicker Ben Chamberlain and scrum half Jack Sullivan. A highlight of the game was in the last 2 minutes of the contest when Sedbergh scored a brilliant try from a turnover ball, 9 players interlinking to score in the corner one of the best tries I've seen in U13 boys rugby. So far so good, but there is long way to go and some hard battles to be fought. **(0-50 Win)**

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##### **2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Ampleforth**

The conditions were perhaps suited to a tight game of forward-dominated rugby; however, that is not the Sedbergh way. A large number of tries in all were scored as our forwards and backs both worked tirelessly against a typically determined and combative Ampleforth side. In the first half, effective Sedbergh rucking provided an abundance of quick ball for our

backs and there was a real sense of urgency amongst the forwards to dominate at the breakdown. In the second half, the interaction between forwards and backs fractured a little and will look to address this deficiency in training next week. Throughout the game, scrum half, Richard Carr commanded and marshalled the pack very well; he also supplied Sam Barrett with quick and accurate ball. Sam Barrett has certainly grown into the stand-off position and today complemented his range of deft passing with some good carries and timely off-loads. The new mid-field combination of Luke Worrall-Thompson and William Taylor proved to be a most effective partnership. Both boys looked to challenge their opposite numbers with a combination of direct running and intelligent lines. They also linked extremely well with our omnipresent fullback, Guy Hollins. That Ampleforth were unable to gain any sort of foothold in this match was a testament to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's collective effort. An approach epitomised by flanker and man-of-the-match Richard Burns. **(50-0 Win)**

### **U13 A Hockey v Ampleforth**

The team started brightly with 2 excellent goals from Amy Mahon. Both teams were evenly matched but unfortunately 2 soft goals in the second half tipped the balance towards the opposition. Player of the match (and team Motivator!) Amy Mahon. **(Loss 2-5)**

### **U13 B Hockey v Ampleforth**

The B team played with determination and great team spirit. They had many attempts on goal and could have won this match had they had a little more confidence in front of goal. **(2-2 Draw)**

### **U9/10 Hockey v Ampleforth**

A great game that went from end to end until the final whistle resulted in a 3-1 defeat but revealed huge potential from these young players. Henrietta Cropper was outstanding in defence and Xanthe Dobbs played another excellent game in midfield. **(3-1 Loss)**

### **U11 Hockey v Ampleforth**

After a heavy defeat on Wednesday it was great to see the resolution of the SJS girls and their improved performance, particularly in defence. Roxy Waller and Christina Peart worked well together and special mention should be made of Jessica Bailey, the goalkeeper, who saved so many goal scoring opportunities. Gemma Hill had a good game in attack and Emily Foster put in her usual determined performance in midfield. Well done girls – a real improvement. **(1-0 Win)**

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

### **Malsis Cross Country**

SJS had 30 cross-country runners competing on Thursday for the annual Malsis Cross-Country. Tilly Webster had an outstanding run to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the Under 11 girls race as did Chris Park-Johnson who also made 5<sup>th</sup> in the U11 boys race, showing great fight whilst suffering with a stitch. The Under 13 girls put in a great team performance to come in 3<sup>rd</sup>,

ably led by Rebecca Holliday (8<sup>th</sup>). Much was expected of the Under 13 boys, and they duly delivered, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team race with Joe Bird (7<sup>th</sup>) and Harry Heathcote (8<sup>th</sup>) towards the front. The winning team was Ermsteyd's Grammar School, who had the first 4 runners home! After the event Heathcote, Tabitha Holdsworth and Pollyanna Bell travelled down to Liverpool for a swimming gala. All in a day's work at SJS!

Six Under 13 boys also went to the preliminary round of the English Schools Cross-Country Cup at Birkrigg Common, Ulverston. The boys acquitted themselves against some strong opposition, with Jonathon Mason the first SJS runner home in 35<sup>th</sup>.

## **Malsis**

### **U11 Girls**

T. Webster 5, L. Bailey 16, J. Bailey 18, H. Cropper 36, E. McGuire 51, B. Livesey 56.

### **U11 Boys**

C. Park-Johnson 5, G. Connolly 21, W. Mullins 26, H. Hampsey-Cook 32, T. Duncan 49, A. Khan 78.

### **U13 Girls - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Prize**

R. Holliday 8, T. Holdsworth 11, V. Bailey 12, S. Bennett 16, P. Bell 22, A. Mahon 34

### **U13 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Prize**

J. Bird 7, H. Heathcote 8, J. Hodge 14, R. Burns 25, J. Sullivan 27, D. Holley 59

## **Birkrigg Common Cross Country**

This proved to be a windswept and fairly bleak piece of moorland this afternoon. The U13 race consisted of two laps of a testing undulating course with the gale force wind making it even more difficult.

### **U13 B Boys**

J. Mason 35, W. Green 36, L. Worrall-Thomson 45, B. Hunt 57, M. Fletcher 58, B. Moss 61