

## Exciting Game of Cricket in JET Cup

Sedbergh 1st XI travelled to Aysgarth on Saturday for the 1st round of the JET Cup, where we were treated to a terrific game of prep school cricket.

Tom Mullins won the toss and elected to bat on a decent flat wicket. Openers Tom Newman and Jack Taylor (8) set a good base with a partnership of 36 off 57 balls. Things suddenly changed when Taylor fell, and then Mullins was run out by a brilliant piece of work by wicket keeper Casper Stone, 3 balls later. Luke Atkinson and Henry Livesey were out soon after, which left Sedbergh in a precarious position. Tom Newman (41) played his best innings to date against an accurate attack, and was supported by Harvey Johnston, Ben Redshaw and Jake Simpson, as Sedbergh reached 99-9 off their 25 overs.

In response Aysgarth lost their talented wicket keeper/batsman, Casper Stone, in their first over, bowled by Henry Livesey. Henry duly took 2 more wickets in his next 2 overs, and when Tom Mullins dismissed their number 4 after a splendid reaction catch from Jonny Hanson, Aysgarth were reeling at 26 for 4. Over excitement reigned for the next few overs, as Sedbergh bowled a catalogue of wides, which allowed Aysgarth back into the game. Luke Atkinson bowled their number 6, and then an amazing one handed catch at mid-on from James Corrigan off Ben Redshaw, put Sedbergh on the front foot again (Aysgarth 64-6). Jack Taylor came into the attack, where he bowled some excellent leg breaks to put more pressure on the batsmen. A smart stumping off Taylor by Newman, and a clean bowled again for Taylor, gave Sedbergh more hope (Aysgarth 89-8). Livesey returned at the other end, where a sharp catch was spilled. Aysgarth's number 8, Tommy Ogden (26\*), kept his cool throughout, and was able to get Aysgarth across the line with 2 meaty blows off Taylor.

Both teams will admit they made mistakes in crucial parts of the game, which ultimately made for a tense finish. Cricket does create pressure for individuals like no other team game and the Sedbergh boys will have learnt some vital life skills, on a day when sport was most definitely the winner.

Sedbergh 99-9  
Aysgarth 100-8

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## Back to Winning Ways for the 1st XI

After Saturday's tense encounter with Aysgarth, the 1st XI had their annual match with Cundall Manor on Wednesday. After a pleasant 2-hour drive, Tom Mullins again won the toss and elected to bat.

Another good opening partnership from Tom Newman and Jack Taylor set a good base of 27, before Jack fell to a smart catch at point. Tom Mullins then fell to a great catch at cover and Luke Atkinson looked set before being bowled. Meanwhile, Tom Newman was batting sensibly, putting any bad ball away. He reached his 50 off 51 balls and was eventually out for his highest score to date of 69.

It was good to see Henry Livesey (21) coming back to a little bit of form towards the end of the innings as Sedbergh closed on a healthy 145-7 off their 25 overs.

Cundall Manor never really looked like chasing the runs down, but they made it difficult for Sedbergh by playing straight. Henry Livesey again bowled aggressively, and Oliver Fidler took 2 wickets, but a lot of the bowling lacked accuracy and penetration. There were also a few dropped

catches, which on another day could be the difference between winning and losing. The highlight though was a sensational direct hit by Jack Taylor from fine leg to the non-strikers end, to cause a run out. Cundall closed on 104-7.

Sedbergh entertain Durham Johnston on Friday in the 2nd round of the Bunbury Cup. It is imperative that they are on top of their game, remaining focused for the whole game.

Sedbergh 145-7

Cundall Manor 104-7

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