

### Lower Order Shine at Lancaster

The 1st XI travelled to Lancaster RGS on Wednesday for their annual fixture. Having lost for the past 4 years at this level, the boys were keen to address the balance. Tom Mullins again won the toss and elected to bat. Opener Tom Newman continued his fine form with a run a ball 39, to give Sedbergh an excellent start, ably supported by Jack Taylor (13). Sedbergh then collapsed with the middle order of Mullins, Atkinson and Livesey totalling 5 runs between them. Things looked a little bleak at this point, but Jake Simpson (26) and Harvey Johnston (38) put on over 60 runs for the 6th wicket to put Sedbergh on the front foot.

It was then left to Jonny Hanson (25\*) to hit 21 off the last over, including 2 fours and 2 sixes, to bring Sedbergh up to a healthy total of 171-7 off their 25 overs.

In reply LRGS had to work hard for their runs, with Henry Livesey, Tom Mullins, Jack Taylor, Luke Atkinson and Ben Redshaw all bowling a tight line and length, backed up by some enthusiastic fielding. The rest of the Sedbergh's players, except for keeper Newman, had at least an over in the searing heat. Lancaster closed on 123-5.

This was a pleasing performance, particularly from the lower order, but also the improved bowling. Friday will undoubtedly be a stiffer test, as Sedbergh host QEGS Wakefield in the North Final of the Bunbury Cup. However, Sedbergh can go into the game in good heart, which is a positive place to be.

Sedbergh 171-7  
Lancaster RGS 123-5  
Sedbergh won by 48 runs.  
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### 6 a-side hardball at Westville House School

A mixed side of U9s and U10s took on the under 11 HardBall competition at Westville. Fixtures in a festival format against SMH, St Olaves and Westville House all held at Ilkley CC on a lovely sunny Wednesday.

The team of Hamish Holden (c), Toby Follett, Toby Burns, Leo Kelsall, Sebastian Mills and Dawson Spence (wk) performed fantastically well.

Prior to the tournament we set the following targets; 1 - not to give our wicket away cheaply, 2 - to field with enthusiasm, 3 - to have some fun. It is safe to say all three were achieved. Over the day we bowled 18-8 ball overs and gained a number of wickets, Follett and Holden gaining victims clean bowled.

With the bat, all contributed. Burns and Follett opening pair played very sensibly, seeing off some good bowling and having a go at the odd bad ball. Spence and Mills opened up more and Holden and Kelsall were reactive to the game when chasing.

We picked up a great win against SMH and tight losses to St Olaves and Westville House.

A lovely afternoon of cricket played in exactly the right spirit. My thanks go to Westville for hosting such a great event.

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