

## Good Team Performance in Bunbury Cup

Sedbergh Prep 1<sup>st</sup> XI entertained Durham Johnston in the second round of the Bunbury Cup on Friday, on a glorious summer's day. Once again, Tom Mullins won the toss and elected to bat. Jack Taylor (3) went early, and Tom Newman (19) looked well set before a rash shot to point saw his downfall. Luke Atkinson (14) also looked comfortable before he missed a straight one to be adjudged LBW. This brought Tom Mullins and Henry Livesey together, and on a pitch that suited their batting styles, the ball coming through nicely, they both scored freely. Mullins (55) reached his fifty first before being bowled, and Livesey (51) followed suit soon after.

It was good to see Jake Simpson (8), Jonny Hanson (7) and Ben Redshaw (4\*) all contributing towards the close of the innings as Sedbergh finished on 186-7 off their 30 overs.

Luke Atkinson took the crucial wicket of Durham Johnston's opener, Barrie, in the fourth over, smartly caught by Jack Taylor at mid-wicket. Henry Livesey, once again bowling at a lively pace, took 2 wickets in the next over to put the opposition under real pressure. Credit must go to Durham Johnston as they did not crumble, but played sensibly putting the majority of bad balls away.

Sedbergh had to work hard for their wickets, and it took 24 overs before Durham Johnston were dismissed. Tom Mullins, Jack Taylor and Oliver Fidler all took a brace of wickets.

The fielding was much sharper, with no dropped catches, and two excellent stumpings from Tom Newman off Fidler.

This puts Sedbergh into the North of England Final for the second consecutive year, which will be played at home.

Our next opponents will be QEGS, Wakefield in the North Final at home.

Sedbergh 186-7

Durham Johnston 107 all out