

RUGBY AT SEDBERGH SCHOOL

When people think of Sedbergh School they often think rugby. SSFC has long been at the forefront of schoolboy rugby and we are very proud of that. The Club has espoused the values of teamwork, friendship, resilience, humility and endeavour which are as relevant today, as they were back in 1879.

Dan Harrison, Headmaster, Sedbergh School

1800's

1900-20

1920-30

1930-50

1950-60

1960-70

1970-90

1990-2000

2000-2010

2010-present

1954 Sedbergh play Blackrock College again and T.G.A.H. Peart (W 1950-55) "played the game of this life". The result was 16-16 draw in front of an even larger crowd.



T.G.A.H. Peart



Alan Barnes Lupton 1955-61 father of David Barnes (L 89-93) has an anonymous (and unapproved) leave of absence in his final year at Sedbergh for a rugby league trial with Hunslet and is offered professional terms.



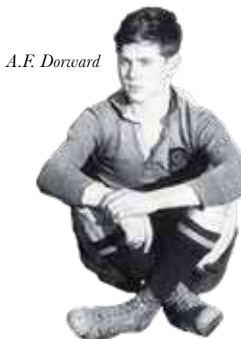
M.A. Biggar

J.S. Spencer

Will Carling ooe Winder House 1979-84 Carling made a "shaky" first 1st XV appearance as a Colt against Loretto for the final match of an unbeaten season. He captained all his representative teams, including a record breaking 59 times for England, but never a SedberghXV in the Michaelmas term. Carling was the first England captain after Wakefield to achieve back to back England Grand Slams, a feat consequently claimed to this day by Sedberghians!



1979 SSFC celebrates its centenary. On 16 Sept an International England XV captained by J.S. Spencer (E) played an International Scotland XV captained by M.A. Biggar. England winning 28-6 Followed on 30th October by a match between SSFC 1st XV v Yorkshire Schools XV on Buskholme.



A.F. Dorward

1953 Sedbergh travel to Dublin to play Blackrock College in front of a 6,000 crowd at Donnybrook. The result was a 5-5 draw. £250 was raised for charity from gate receipts.

1948 Also known as the 'Sedbergh Varsity Match' as 4 Sedberghians were selected for Oxford or Cambridge: A.W. Scott (SH) for Cambridge A.F. Dorward (SH) for Cambridge P.W. Kininmonth (L) for Oxford G.M. Wilson (H) for Cambridge Geoffrey Wilson was awarded his Blue but then injured before the game at Twickenham. H.H. Mills also played in the Cambridge side of 1948, and A.F. Barter in the 1954 side.They both opted to teach at Sedbergh as their first post after graduation, and went on to distinguished academic and coaching success as Masters i/c SSFC.



A.F. Barter



B. Dowse



SSFC Club Plate from the 1996 Fundraising Appeal

Will Greenwood MBE Evans House 1985-91 Will had a professional career that spanned 11 years, 55 international caps and World Cup victory and established a reputation as an unsurpassed mid-field creator.



1993 First Sedbergh School rugby ball to orbit the Earth aboard STS-36 Discovery.

1997 England were captained by Will Carling, England A by Will Greenwood and England Under 18 by James Lofthouse (H). Ross Winney (H) represents England in the Under 16s.



Peter Kininmonth

Lupton House 1937-1942 Kininmonth played 21 games for Scotland and captained them 8 times after the War and played for the Lions in the early 50's tour of New Zealand (though not as the appointed Tour Captain). He never played above Littleaside at Sedbergh. His elder brother was very much the star. Peter joined the army from school and served throughout the war as a Ghurkha officer in some very tough combat zones, returning to the rugby field to become a distinguished player and international Captain.

- Post 1945 Sedbergh benefits from 4 distinguished rugby masters:
- D.B. Vaughan (1948-51), England International, capped 8 times 45-51
 - H.H. Mills MC PhD (1953-62), Cambridge Blue and final trialist in 1947
 - A.E. Barter (1962-73), Welsh fly half and triple Cambridge Blue, Cardiff player and Final Welsh trialist in 1957
 - Brooke Dowse (1963-2000) of Trinity College Dublin 1948 whose brother Peter Dowse (TCD, Lansdowne, Leinster and Final Irish Trialist) was School Medical Officer 1995-2004



1882 First School match against the Old Sedberghians.

1889 Football Song composed/performed.

1897 Sedbergh produced its first international player for Scotland: R.C. Stevenson (S 85-91).



1889 First match against Loretto.



John Menzies Baillie Scott Sedgwick House 1901-1905 Scott was one of Sedbergh's greatest forwards. He was a member of the XV in 1903 and 1904 and captained the side in 1905. He wrote early definitive book *Rugby Football & How to Play It* based on Sedbergh's strong forward play and effective dribbling of the ball which Scotland teams subsequently adopted.



Sedbergh v Loretto 1903



Frederick Turner Sedgwick House 1902-07 Played 1st XV in 1905 and 1906 and captained Sedbergh in 1906. Turner was one of many Liverpool Scottish at Sedbergh. He captained Scotland for the last pre-war Calcutta Cup game at Murrayfield in March 1913 before the outbreak of war. At the post-match dinner he invited the English Captain, R.W. Poulton-Palmer, to stop off at Sedbergh on the return journey to run the Ten Mile. Outstanding athletes and friends they were both killed in Flanders.



William Wavell Wakefield, 1st Baron Wakefield of Kendal School House 1912-16 After playing for Sedbergh and serving in the Royal Flying Corps during the war, Wakefield went on to captain England and later became President of the Rugby Union. He rated T.A. Herdman (SH 1913-1915) who was killed in 1918 as one of Sedbergh's greatest forwards and W.E.T. La Touche (S 1909-1914), disabled in the war as one of Sedbergh's greatest fly halves.

1920 1st XV matches move to Powell House pitch on Cricket Field.

1925 The first ever British Isles Tour to Argentina included P.S. Doty (Scotland) (SH 1917-1922) the uncapped R.C. Wakefield (SH 1919-1925), the brother of W.W. Wakefield. This tour was renowned for the party spirit, being pursued by a posse of Argentinean beauties around the country and notable for a diplomatic incident at a post match dinner when tomato ketchup was poured over the Italian ambassador.



R.C. Wakefield



P.S. Doty

1926 and 1927 England achieved first ever back to back Grand Slam under captaincy of W.W. Wakefield.



1925 Buskholme hosts first matches.



Early 1930's The Sedberghian features fierce correspondence between Common Room, writing under 'noms de plume', C.H. "Blogg" Evans and J.M.B. Scott, voicing arguments for and against man to man marking and what today would be known as drift and blitz defences. This reflects the intensity of the game's development in the university and public schools.



Sedbergh v Ampleforth 1937



The varsity match 1932

1930 1st XV matches move to Buskholme.



1928 Buskholme Pavilion completed. Now called the Wavell Wakefield Pavilion in honour of William Wavell Wakefield, Captain of England and OS.

1930's Sedbergh's National reputation is cemented - won 46; lost 5; drew 4 against school boy teams.



2005 SJS U13's and Colts U16's win National 7's at Rosslyn Park

2008 U18's win National 7's for second time.

Abbie Scott Robertson House 2009-11 First girl rugby international. made her debut for England in 2015. Since played in the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup and the 2018 Women's Six Nations. In 2019 she helped England win the Women's Six Nations Grand Slam, scoring tries against Wales and Italy.



2015 Tomas Francis Winder House 2005-08 Made his Wales debut and was also called up for the British and Irish lions 2017 tour.

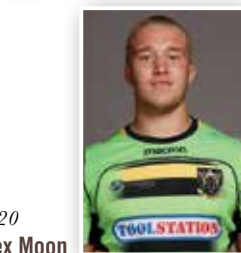


Cameron Redpath Sedgwick House 2016-18 Named in the full England squad for South Africa tour in 2018 but could not travel because of injury.

2017 Sedbergh National Super Tens Winners; 1st XV won the Daily mail Trophy



2019 Under 18s winners of Rosslyn Park 7s Tournament; Sedbergh National Super Tens Winners.



2020 Alex Moon Winder House 2012-16 Named in the full six nations quad and Josh Hodge (P 10-18) named as an apprentice.

2019 The new unbeaten record of 41 games ended in December 2019.