

## RESULTS WC 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

1stXV 16	Bath 1XV 12	Home	@ Hollow Drift
2ndXV 55	Nottingham Trent 1st XV 36	Away	@ Clifton Campus
4thXV 14	Newcastle 3rd XV 17	Away	@ Cochrane Park
Palatinates XV 43	Prudhoe and Stocksfield 10	Away	@ Stocksfield

## FIXTURES

### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

1stXV            Leeds Beckett 1st XV            Kick off 2pm  
Away @ Leeds Beckett Headingley

2ndXV            Leeds' 1stXV                            Kick off @ 2pm  
Home @ the Racecourse, Durham

### FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023- THE CRUNCH

3rdXV vs 4th XV                            Kick off 6pm  
@ hollow drift

### SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023

Palatinates XV - Seaton Carew            Kick off 3pm,  
Home @ the Racecourse, Durham

*You can follow the 1<sup>st</sup> XV live on twitter @durfc*

## ALUMNI NEWS THIS WEEK

Josh Beaumont (2010-13) played for Sale Sharks in their Premiership Cup win against Caldy.

Freddie Davies (18-22) played and Fitz Harding (18-21) captained Bristol Bears in their win against to Doncaster in the Premiership Cup – Fitz is the new Bristol Captain this year – well done Fitz!

Ben Stevenson (16-19 ,Adam Brocklebank (15-18) and Guy Pepper (2<sup>nd</sup> Year current student ) played in Newcastle Falcons defeat to Leicester in the Premiership Cup last week

Current student Toby Thame ( Fresher) played in the Northampton win against Bath in the Premiership Cup

## DURFC MATCH REPORTS

3<sup>rd</sup> XV

Newcastle 17 - Durham 14

Newcastle kicked the game off with a strong trail wind to their advantage, which made exiting our half a challenge. The boys were under the pump for the majority of the first half, with Newcastle applying a lot of pressure to our rucks and quick line speed. An early try was conceded but the boys fought straight back and started putting pressure on the Newcastle 22, however no points to show for it.

A lot of rugby was played around the halfway during the first half. With some poor Newcastle discipline from Newcastle, we kicked our way up the pitch. The conditions challenged both teams' lineouts which made sustained territory hard to come by.

Two more tries were conceded and at halftime it was 17-0.

Second half started positively. With the wind behind us and the rain easing, we managed to move the ball through the hands and exploit their narrowing defence. After some good pressure, Ethan Cole got over the line for a try and the belief of a comeback grew strong. This was closely followed by a second try, making it 17-14 with 10 minutes to play...

Despite the boys best efforts there was no late winner but with a very positive second half and many lessons to be taken from the first, we go again next week.

MOTM - Bryn Davies