

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV kicked off their season with a good win over Manchester in a pre season freindly. Newcaslte started strongly with sustained pressuer resulting in a penalty. After opting to kick for the corner good forward work allowed center Henry King to score the opening try. The good work continued allowing us to draw ahead, with more good forwards work leading to a pick and go try just after half time.

Manchester uped their game and Newcastle didn't see much of the ball for the rest of the game, however after winning the ball in the middle of the pitch a slick backs move kick started by a Benji Marshall like inside ball from Charlie balfour sent jonny Patterson through a hole, who in-turn fed winger Sam Cawley for the easiest of finishes. Overall it was a solid performance for the second XV for the first game of the season with some good defence resulting in a 24-10 victory.