



North Yorkshire Competition Managers

**AIREVILLE SSP**

**Year 8 Girls Schools Rugby League**

**28 August 2009**

**COMPETITION  
MANAGERS**

## **Settle Middle School Year 8 Girls are the Carnegie Champion Schools Rugby League National Winners**

Settle Middle School Year 8 Girls are the Carnegie Champion Schools Rugby League National Winners. This competition is for all Schools in England, Scotland and Wales. On Friday 28th August Settle Middle School Year 8 Girls played in the Carnegie Champion Schools Rugby League National Final at RAF Uxbridge. They qualified by winning the North Yorkshire competition, being joint first in the Yorkshire round and beating Castleford High School in the semi finals in the National competition at Hopwood Hall in Rochdale.



The National Final was against Holy Cross School from Chorley. They were unbeaten coming into the final and were joint winners from 2008. The match was 20 minutes each way and was 9 a side with 3 substitutes allowed. There was a large crowd which created a fantastic atmosphere as the teams were announced onto the pitch. The first few minutes were very even and had ferocious tackling from both sides. Holy Cross scored the first try but this did not deter Settle but seemed to make them play even better. Settle kept putting on the pressure and were rewarded with the equalising try from Ella Martin. Settle were gaining in confidence and their excellent tackling resulted in Holy Cross making mistakes. The Settle Girls were playing as a fantastic team and this resulted in another try which was scored by their captain, Lauren Dugdale. The pressure was continued and Holy Cross were rattled as they could not break through the Settle defence. Another great bout of pressure resulted in Settle scoring again through Lauren Dugdale to make the score 12 : 4 to Settle. Holy Cross never gave up and showed why they were joint Champions last year and scored just before half time to make it 12 : 8 to Settle.

The second half started and the first to score was going to be crucial. A great kick off by Hannah Baines , whose tactical kicking was fantastic all day, resulted in Settle winning the ball and attacking Holy Cross again. Settle piled on the pressure and were rewarded with their 4th try, scored by Ella martin, to make the score 16 : 8. Holy Cross could see the final slipping away but made it a nail biting finish by scoring to make it 16 : 12 to Settle. Settle kept tackling hard and driving forward and were rewarded with their 5th try scored by Amber Duxbury who had played fantastic all game. This was to prove decisive and Settle were



North Yorkshire Competition Managers

**AIREVILLE SSP**

**Year 8 Girls Schools Rugby League**

**COMPETITION  
MANAGERS**

**28 August 2009**

deserved winners 20 : 12 and became the new National Champions and the first School to achieve this in North Yorkshire. The player of the match went to Settle Middle Schools Captain Lauren Dugdale who was outstanding, but the whole team deserve credit for their team spirit and fantastic attitude, which was commented on by all the people attending the finals. The Settle Girls were great ambassadors for their School, their families and the Craven Area. The next day saw the whole Settle Middle School team paraded around Wembley in front of the Carnegie Challenge Cup Final crowd as National Champions. 5 girls who were part of the squad but could not play in the final had the honour of holding the Huddersfield flag on the Wembley pitch before kick off and Lauren Dugdale was chosen to be a ball girl for the actual final. A fantastic achievement and an experience that the girls will never forget.