

Match report Year 3 v Garden House

Monday 4th March 2024

**Saracens**

Today's match saw Saracens play Garden House at tag rugby. After their last rugby fixture the Saracens, team worked hard in training on developing a blitz defence, with a sweeper to clean up any line breaks. Although not consistent in their execution, there were plenty of positive moments in the game where the team showed just how much they had learned defensively. George (Captain for the day) led from the front, rallying his team with strong support from Alex, Otto and Tommaso to name a few, together stopping many attacks Garden House tried to make.

On attack, Saracens piled on the pressure countless times with straight-line running, running on to the ball, quick hands when passing, and all of the team looking to support the ball carrier. By half time the score was 25 - 10 to Falkner House.

The second half started like the first with Saracens continuing to apply pressure, however, Garden House weathered the storm and thus began their time to apply some pressure of their own. Adapting to Saracens' game plan, Garden House scored a number of quick tries of their own. Narrowing the score to 30 - 25. For a period of time the pressure showed, and Falkner House started to make a number of uncharacteristic poor decisions in key areas of the field. Again, key players steadied the ship, and in the dying moments of the game scoring an important try. Normal play resumed, and Saracens would go on to win 35 - 25.

**Sharks**

In an exciting match between Sharks and Garden House, the Sharks showed incredible determination despite ultimately falling short with a score of 30-15 in favour of Garden House.

The game started with both teams displaying excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. The Sharks put up a fierce fight, showcasing their skills in passing and evasion, but Garden House’s strong defence proved challenging to overcome.

Despite the setback, the Sharks never lost their spirit, scoring an impressive three tries demonstrating great resilience throughout the match. Congratulations to both teams on a game, with Garden House emerging victorious this time. The Sharks can be proud of their efforts and will surely bounce back stronger in the next game.

**Wasps**

Wasps faced Garden House in what was a very close contest. In the first half, both teams started nervously but as the half went on, both teams defended very well, getting lots of tags and stopping each other from scoring. Half time 0-0.

In the second half, both teams continued to be solid defensively. However, midway through the half, we had our first try of the game with Jad running through the Garden House defence to score. Garden House responded with a try of their own soon after. With the game set to be a draw, Wasps scored the winning try at the end of the game. Final score 10-5 to Wasps.

Very good defensive display from both teams and especially from Wasps for their tenacity and persistence to run through the Garden House defence. Well done boys!