

FALKNER HOUSE

Match report Y5 and Y6 vs St Philips 24th January 2025

<u>A Team</u> FHB 30 - 25 St Philips

The Year 5 and Year 6 Falkner House Harlequins secured a thrilling 30-25 victory over St Philips in what was an incredibly tough and competitive rugby fixture. From the first whistle, it was clear this would be a closely fought contest, with both teams showing immense determination and skill.

FHB started cautiously, but as the game progressed, their confidence in the tackle grew significantly. By the second half, they were meeting St Philips's physicality head-on, driving the opposition back and making key defensive plays.

Hamish was a standout performer, carving through the opposition with a series of electrifying runs that kept FHB on the front foot. His pace and vision were instrumental in creating scoring opportunities. Meanwhile, Alexander was relentless at the breakdown, dominating the ruck and ensuring FHB maintained crucial possession throughout.

A true team effort, capped off by moments of individual brilliance, saw Falkner edge ahead in the closing stages, holding their nerve to seal the win. This result is testament to the boys' hard work and growing confidence as a team. Well done to all involved!

B Team

FHB 30 - 60 St Philips

The first game of the rugby season has annually been against St Philips, and this was to be no different. The 'B' team turned up at Barn Elms eager to play, perhaps a little too eager.

The Falkner House boys started with confidence looking to attack with the ball in hand. However, a number of errors; and frequent moments of isolation, allowed St Philips to deal with the pressure defensively. St Philips gained confidence from this and began to have successful attacking moments of their own. With more support from teammates St Philips were able to break down the Falkner House defense. By the end of the first half they were scoring at a rate of 2 tries to our 1.

The second half was similar to the first as Falkner House were unable to stop the wave of attack or break the defense of St Philips. To their credit the Falkner 'B' team never dropped their heads, and their level of intensity cannot be faulted as they played hard till the final whistle. This game will be one to reflect on when on the training ground over the coming weeks.