



Killara West Pymble Rugby Club

Round 01 5/04/08

Coach's report vs Burraneer

All aboard for 2008 and welcome to another season of KWP rugby. Round 1 had us making the long trip to the Shire to take on old foes Burraneer. Personally, I had never played or coached against this team from the deep south but it soon became evident that there was plenty of feeling between the two clubs. There was plenty of niggle, late shots and even a bit of biff. Unfortunately, I think Burraneer were going out of their way to get some of our backs up and at the end of the day it payed off for them. The final score line was 18-10 to Burraneer.

KWP started well and were definitely a strong chance of enjoying the chocolates at the end of the game. However, we seemed to lose focus and started making some silly mistakes and taking truck loads of poor options. We definitely got distracted by the opposition's niggling tactics and paid the price. We managed to get back to 15-10 after a miss kick landed right in Rohan's arms (slight juggle, heart in mouth) 5 meters out and he crossed to get us back in the game. Off the ensuing kick off we failed to find Mitchy as per training rehearsal and copped a penalty right in front with 5 minutes to go, which gave us the end scoreline.

Joel played well and never gave up for 3 points. Jordan was good in attack and defence for 2 points and James, who only played 40 minutes, was good enough to get 1 point. There was a few good things to come out of it, we didn't give up until the final whistle but unfortunately, on the day our heads let us down. Many players commented after the game that we could do better, which was pleasing. We will need to improve but I am sure we can. Good luck versus Dee Why.

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