Killara West Pymble Rugby Club

Round 12 5/7/08

Coach's report vs Dundas Valley

Round 12 was time for a visit from Dundas Valley. The Valley boys were only just out of the top 4 and have been playing well, but have had a couple of losses recently. The KWP boys were desperate for a win in front of a decent old boys crowd. It was always going to be a big call after training was canned due to lack of numbers. However, the KWP spirit was high and we took the field with high expectations of a win.

We started well with plenty of aggression and led 7–nil after 15 minutes. We were playing smart and Dundas were struggling to make indents into our half. We seemed to just stop thinking for whatever reason, maybe our fitness, and started making silly mistakes. Our kicking game fell away again and we let Dundas back into the game and trailed 14–7 at half time.

Moppy had to come off at half time, which was a blow because we were dominating the line out in the first half and this area really fell away in the second term. We never gave in and had numerous opportunities to put points on the board. However, whenever we got in great position we blew it by not winning crucial platform plays or by just turning the ball over too easily. Dundas took advantage of our inability to post points and our mounting exhaustion and frustration and scored two more tries to make the final score 26–7.

Again our willingness to compete was good but through lack of training, thus communication and cohesion, we don't ask the opposition enough questions when it comes to scoring points. I would like to think that the whole team should read this report and anyone that has not, should be made to read it. After this has been confirmed by captain Easy, get everyone to commit to 100% training attendance for remaining 5 games and let's see if we can end the season on a more respectable note.

Tempo was our best and got 3 points and player’s player. Alby had a go all day for 2 points and Tubby and Shannon got one each. Dig deep fella's time to show what we are made of.

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