



## ***Killara West Pymble Rugby Club***

***Round 3 25/04/09***

### ***Coach's Report vs Manly Savers***

Round 3 saw us paying our long time foes, Manly Savers, and a visit at Kierle Park. Manly were undefeated in 2009 and in their 100th year as a club. Players had come out of the woodwork for them and they had about 12 reserves on the sideline looking for action.

The rest of Australia was more concerned with who was getting the next shout and how long the heads run would last. The KWP boys however, were looking towards the fences wondering who was going to drive into the car park to swell our numbers to the minimum 15.

Unfortunately this didn't happen and we had to take the field with 13 men. Tubby and Sam were dispatched to the centres and we took them on with no break-aways and a 6 man, contested scrum. It was always going to be a tough assignment. Manly Savers had managed to drag some grade players from Manly and were a more than reasonable outfit. We ended up losing the game 69-nil.

The scoreboard shows that we got our arses kicked but from Ant's and my point of view it was an extremely gutsy performance. We didn't give up all day and just kept turning up even though we knew it was a bloodbath.

The forwards were courageous especially up against an 8-man scrum and staying contested all day. Not only contested but extremely competitive winning a couple of tight heads on the day and I don't believe giving any up.

Matt Easy would play well with one leg I reckon. He had the flu but still produced the goods for 3 points. John, the new bloke, had a great game with many hit ups and great defence for two. Tubby was everywhere and so was Tempo for one. I felt like giving more points but you have to be realistic. Moppy, Joel and Paul Buncombe were unlucky not to be amongst the points.

I thought I would give Ash a special mention as well, Manly targeted his wing all day and was shown up early in the game. Ash freely admits that his defence is not the best but he kept trying and his continued efforts made him come off after 80 mins a much better player I believe. It was definitely a baptism of fire.