



Killara West Pymble Rugby Club

Round 08 24/5/08

Coach's report vs Clovelly

Round 8 was another home game for KWP. Clovelly were running second and had obviously been playing well. We would need to be on our game to beat them. Mitch was making a comeback at No. 9 in Matty's absence and I decided to shuffle a few positions around in the backs to try and come up with a winning formula. I'm sorry fellas, but it has to be said, the first half was ordinary to say the least. Clovelly supported well and there five-eighth had it on a string. We refused to tackle all over the field and let them in for some very soft tries. Joe, James and PB were our only players showing any signs of competitiveness. Half time could not come quick enough and we were down by 29-0.

Everyone was shell shocked at half time. I had no option but to move a few people around and begrudgingly had to replace some of our best performers of the year. Alby was fired up and I threw him on at No. 12 because James and Joe were the last people I wanted to spell. Alby played the house down in the second half and the rest of the team took his lead. Alby missed players player by one vote to Joe but couldn't get any points off the coach. I have since decided to change that, which I have never done, and award Alby 1 point well done mate.

We won the second half 12-5 and were unlucky not to score at least 2 more tries. Well done on the the second 40 minutes guys, it was pleasing to see. Joe Cartwright got 3 points and player's player, James (I will pass next time) Minnard played well for 2 points and Paul Buncombe continued to impress with 1 point. As mentioned earlier, Alby got a point as well. Have a good rest on the bye and I'll see you back at Lofberg for the game vs Redfield on the 7th June.

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