



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

***Round 09 14/6/08***

### ***Coach's report vs Rockdale***

Rockdale isn't the end of the world but you can definitely see it from there. Anyway that's where we had to play footy this week. It was cold and blustery and the coaching staff were done up like eskimos. I am glad I didn't wear gloves because I think I might have been beaten up for them if I did. We were a bit short staffed with a few late drop outs for one reason or another. Matty had to don the No 10 and Macca had to put balls into the scrum instead of head butting/kicking and raking for the ball.

Rockdale had hit a bit of a purple patch and were going to be tough to beat on their own turf. Captain Easy and our new No 9 were a bit myffed at the coach's decision to run into a fairly stiff breeze/gale in the first half but that was the plan. We won the toss and got our choice. I wished we had lost it, then I couldn't get my arse kicked by the team at half time for making such a foolhardy decision. However that wasn't the case and we had to do the hard yards into the wind.

We came off at half time all very pleased with our efforts. We lead 13-7 the talk was good and everybody seemed upbeat about the possibility of a win on the road which has been a long time coming. Our kicking game was great and our defence was very credible against a larger team. Dilmah's throws in tough conditions were great and we seemed to have the opposition's measure.

What's that saying about a game of two halves. I don't know what the coach said to them at half time besides chewing them a new arsehole. But whatever he said it worked. They put 4 tries on us in the second term and took the game 31-13. They played well and deserved their win. We didn't give up but were just outplayed. We never really got in there half and our kicking game was under a lot of pressure and fell away in the second half.

Cartwright played well in his penultimate game and took the 3 points and Player's player. Moppy had his best for the year with a cameo at No 6 for the last 20 mins for 2 points. Rohan had a good game and played the last 15 mins at halfback for 1. Paul Buncombe played well again and was unlucky not to get points.

Well done to Joe Cartwright for his commitment to the club over the years, you have been a very valuable club member Joe. Maybe you can help out on the sideline or something, just a thought.

Lets fire up lads and send Joe off with a deserved victory.

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