

Match Report: Round 10

Kiama Rugby Club celebrated the traditional Blowhards Ball in style last weekend with all three grades winning at home against Camden. Down 17-0 after 15 minutes things were looking dire for a first grade team bursting with enthusiasm following a week's rest and it wasn't until an inspired run from Jeffrey Mitchell resulted in a try that the home team actually looked in the match. The earlier failure to get numbers to the breakdown was immediately fixed following the initial score allowing backs Chris Weir and Michael Quinn the room to do damage to the Camden midfield. Weir looked solid with every possession and it was his try that brought Kiama to within striking range after fantastic lead up work by fullback Mitchell Brown. Down by only five Kiama continued to build pressure early in the second stanza with Jeffrey Mitchell dominating the breakdown by securing several turnovers for the home team. Another Kiama try this time to Lindsay King Gee gave Kiama the lead however this was shortly lived as Camden hit back regaining the lead only minutes later. With Mitchell Payne making metres through the middle of the ruck Kiama's outside backs were receiving more quality ball and it was Weir who again crossed out wide handing Kiama a two point with ten remaining. A quick thinking Brown added the only other points of the game with a long range field handing Kiama a well deserved 29-24 victory.

Second grade needed a win against second placed Camden to provide a boost to their top three ambitions. Coming off the back of two close losses Kiama started well with strong defence causing several turnovers. Camped in the opposition 22 for long periods Kiama followed up a penalty goal with a well constructed try to Clint Paget who then backed up again to throw the final pass to five eight Adam Allen for Kiama's second try of the half. Up 15 – 0 at the break Kiama let Camden in off the restart however this was as close as Camden got all day with strong defence and good ball movement seeing Allen and Mathew Cook cross for more points. Kiama running away with a convincing 27 – 5 victory.

Needing a win to keep their semi final hopes alive third grade looked good early and it was not long until a half back blind side snipe from Wilbur Wilde saw the home team up by five. Not content to let Wilde hold all the glory Winger Chris O'Born scored only minutes later with a similar chip and chase try down the blind leaving Kiama ahead 12-0 at the break. Defending well Kiama was able to gain the lions share of possession and it was through this the home side extended their lead with James Reeves taking off from thirty metres out to score under the posts untouched. Kiama winning a close encounter 19 – 0.