

Match Report: Round 2

Kiama Rugby Club continued their strong start to the 2009 season with a clean sweep of arch rivals Vikings in Saturday's home fixtures.

With the game falling on ANZAC Day, the last post, the ode and a minutes silence were held prior to the game with the large crowd stopping to pay tribute to the many Australian servicemen who lost their lives in battle.

Coming off a first round draw to Camden first grade were under pressure to get their first win of the season and it was not long before winger Michael McKinley crossed for the first off his three tries.

With Kiama quickly recycling possession and constantly moving the ball away from the breakdown the Vikings were unable to hang with the home team in the early phases as Kiama skipped away to an early lead.

The Kiama coaching staff had reason for concern early into the second stanza as Vikings edged within 14 points of the home team however this was as close as they got with elder statesman Michael Quinn, Malcolm Lynch and Stephen Emmett all combining to put the game out of reach.

Kiama running out winners 53 –27.

Second grade began the game with the same intensity they had displayed in their previous fixture running up a 14-0 lead early into the game.

The first half saw the home team constantly moving ball to the extremities of the field before finding a series of straight running forwards opening up holes in the middle of the Vikings defence.

In a disappointing repeat of last week's performance Kiama let in two quick tries to the Vikings after half time on the back of some poor defence however a tightening around the rucks and renewed commitment saw Kiama run away to a convincing 46-14 victory. Stephen Woolett and Norm Callaghan were among the chief destroyers in the Kiama pack while Chris Weir and Paul Glover were as dangerous as ever for Kiama out wide.

With Vikings not fielding a third grade side in 2009 Kiama hosted an inter club trial in place of the normal 'thirsties' fixture.

Despite playing against former teammates the game was of high intensity with both teams keen to impress the selectors.

Next week sees the undefeated Kiama take on perennial powerhouses Shamrocks in the 2007 Grand Final replay at Kiama Showground.

With a logjam at the top of the table both teams will be extremely keen to come away with the five points on offer.