

Match Report: Round 3

Three disallowed tries cost Kiama Rugby's first grade side dearly in their clash with Shamrocks going down 21-15 at home on Saturday.

Starting the stronger of the two sides Kiama were the first team to score after fantastic lead up work by five eighth Mick Quinn put inside centre Matt Archer under the posts only ten minutes in.

With both teams fighting hard at the breakdown it was Kiama's Stephen Emmett and Andrew Saulter leading the way for the home team as Kiama became entrenched in Shamrocks 22 despite running into a hefty gale.

A Shamrocks try shortly before half time levelled the scores before Ryan Gunning crashed over giving Kiama a handy lead just before the break.

This lead looked certain to be extended after Stephen Emmett crossed the line untouched shortly before the half time break however with the referee falling over he called no try after allegedly becoming unsighted.

Running with the aid of a strong wind in the second half Kiama were confident of chalking up several more tries in the second half however poor defence let Shamrocks over for two quick five pointers shortly after the break.

Kiama winger Chris Weir appeared to have given the home team the lead with ten to go when crossing in the corner only for the referee to reverse his decision after a controversial touch judge decision.

Rubbing further salt into the wounds was the referees decision to rule a knock on against Kiama full back Mitch Brown after the lanky custodian appeared to win the game for the home team with minutes to go leaving Shamrocks 21-15 winners.

Best for Kiama were Mitchell Payne and Mitch Brown.

Second grade continued their good early season form, with a 36-14 victory leaving them at the top of the table.

Running with the breeze in the first half Kiama opened up a 10-0 lead at the break through some great running by Den Nascome and Jeff Mitchell.

The second half didn't start as well for the home team with Shamrocks scoring two quick tries and narrowing the gap to two points with 20 remaining.

This was as close as Shamrocks got however as Kiama's attack clicked into gear with Paul Glover overcoming a nasty groin injury to cross in the corner before Clint Paget, Ross Bloomfield, Nascome and Norm Callaghan all crossed for late tries.

Third grade blew an early lead going down 31 – 7 despite some good work from Henrik Dux, James Stibnes and Dylan O'Brien at the breakdown.

Half back Kel Grey was again busy while Adam Allen and Aaron Reeves were extremely strong in the centres.