

Match Report: Round 4

Kiama Rugby Union Club endured a tough day at the office last Saturday with all three grades going down to Avondale Wombats.

Under the pump early first grade down by 10 points after only five minutes due to a number of poor reads in defence.

Finally getting their hands on the ball Kiama looked good for the next 20 minutes as both teams settled into a more structured style of defence.

Despite gaining the ascendancy in both territory and possession over this period Kiama fell asleep again soon after allowing the Wombats over for another converted try.

Needing to hit back before half time Kiama did so straightaway through Ryan Gunning who was on the receiving end of a brilliant Scott Morgan long ball.

Down by only 12 at the break Kiama were looking for a good start to the second half however the early loss of Gunning to injury and several dropped balls resulting in blown tries saw the black and whites unable to turn the continual pressure into points.

With the game opening up in the final 20 minutes Kiama found themselves unable to go with the larger Avondale team who through the introduction of their reserve bench started dominating the battle of the breakdown.

With Avondale putting on several quick tries and making plenty of breaks the game slipped away from Kiama however Andrew Sault crossed for a brilliant try late in the game while another two tries were disallowed.

Avondale running out winners 47 – 10 in a hard fought match.

Best for Kiama were Andrew Saulter, George Lakalaka and Michael Quinn.

With 14 players out in the lower grades due to injury and a mistimed wedding date Kiama's undefeated second grade were always up against it in their top of the table clash with Avondale.

Letting in a couple of early tries Kiama clawed back into the game with through some classy work from centre Matt Archer who crossed early in the second half.

With both teams playing a free flowing style of rugby points began racking up on either side of the scoreboard but with Kiama losing more players to injury, Avondale started gaining a superiority across the board.

Despite the efforts of Archer, Hendric Dux and the workhorse Robert McCalister, Avondale continued to pile on the points racking up a 51-21 victory.

Third grade went within an inch of causing a huge boilover going down 28-21 in a thriller.

Playing his first game of the day Robert McCalister led the way upfront for thirds with young up and comer Anthony Amone putting in a terrific display of tight head propping. Out wide Dave Hughes and Matt Cook caused the Avondale defence headaches all day in a gutsy third grade display.

This week Kiama is at home to Tech Waratahs.