

Match Report: Round 5

Kiama Rugby Club suffered a disappointing 47- 7 loss in their first grade clash with competition leaders Tech Waratahs over the weekend.

Making the loss even more unpalatable was the terrific form shown by the lower grades who both scored comfortable victories in the home clashes.

Down three tries after only 20 minutes first grade looked set for a long day at the office until an improved showing from the forward pack saw Kiama gain a greater share of possession.

Despite periods of dominance Kiama continued to leak points as they struggled to gain any territorial gains running into a strengthening breeze.

Down by 40 points at half time, Kiama had a much-improved second half with Michael McKinley crossing the line out wide after a period of sustained pressure.

Andrew Saulter and Jeff Mitchell continued to work hard in the forwards while reserve back Clint Paget and Mitchell Payne tried all hard in a backline without much ball.

Second grade continued their fantastic start to the season with a 31-26 victory over long time rivals Tech.

Spreading the ball wide and defending with vigour Kiama opened up a handy first half lead despite running into a gale.

Justin Richards once again proved hard to stop in counter from fullback scoring two tries while Nathan Barr and Chris Weir continued to find holes in the Tech defence.

Kiama ran out to a 31 – 12 lead before relaxing and letting a resurgent Tech back into the game in the last five minutes.

Third grade scored their first win of the season with a sensational 27 –10 victory despite Tech taking an early lead.

With the Kiama forwards dominating possession, the outside backs had a field day with Dave Hughes, Adam Allen and Aaron Reeves all playing well.

Kiama this week faces another stern test in all three games as they play an away game to University.