

Match Report: Round 6

Kiama Rugby Club first grade side has slipped to sixth spot on the competition ladder after going down to University 45 – 14 on the weekend.

With the games moved to Kiama after a week of wet weather, Kiama were hopeful the home ground advantage would provide a boost to the players who were coming off a loss to Tech the previous weekend.

Running with the assistance of a gusting gale force wind in the first half Kiama were unable to turn their glutton of possession into points with their early kick chase letting them down.

University opened the scoring with two length of the field tries and threatened to run away with the game however Kiama hit back straight away through Michael McKinley before another try was controversially denied to five eighth Scott Morgan.

Running into the wind in the second half Kiama were behind the eight ball early when University ran in a couple of early tries coming on the back of a glut of possession.

With Kiama fighting hard in both attack and defence the home team generated a number of scoring opportunities before Chris Weir managed to cross out wide on the back of another Morgan break.

Scott Duncan played another good game in tight along with Nathan Milthorpe while Mitchell Payne was the pick of the backs.

Kiama going down 44 – 19 in a spirited performance.

Second grade were keen to continue their superb start to the season coming up against the third placed University in a top of the table clash.

Despite putting together their worst 20 minutes of the season Kiama were only down by 12 mid way through the first half until Clint Paget scored on the back of Kiama's first foray into the opposition half things to narrow the gap even further.

Running into the wind in the second half, Kiama lifted their intensity in both attack and defence and dominated the remainder of the game.

University scored a try running against the grain of play however Kiama hit back to put themselves down by 3 with 15 remaining however despite a run of territory and possession this was as close as the home team got with University winning a tight one 19 – 14.

Third grade were fielding a strong team despite the number of injuries in the club and were looking to back up their victory over Tech last round.

Running with the wind in the first half Kiama defended well however the weight of possession against them started to tell in the last 20 minutes with University sneaking home for a ten point victory.

This week Kiama is at home to traditional rivals and last year's premiers Shoalhaven in what is always a close and entertaining affair.