

# Calm defence pays off

**DRUMMOYNE** Rugby first grade has booked itself a place in the grand final and taken another step towards back-to-back Kentwell Cup premierships by dominating Campbelltown in the major semi-final last Saturday.

Drummoynne's defence was outstanding, only conceding one try in the match.

Weight of possession allowed their backline to tear the Campbelltown defence to shreds, with centre Pule Mesa and wing Alex Farani both grabbing early tries.

Lock Will Fitzpatrick's aggressive running also netted him a touchdown in the first half.

Drummoynne took their foot off the accelerator after leading 35-3 at the break and only scored three tries in the second half, but the final one was a standout.

A set line-out move saw flanker Dusty Elsom tip toe down the touchline before throwing a pinpoint pass for flanker Chris Adisalia to cross the line.

The final score of 48-10 showed the dominance of the reigning premiers.

Drummoynne second grade took on Mosman in the minor semi-final and found it tough to break through the defence.

Three penalties to fullback David Zwart kept the team in the game, going into the half-time break 11-9 down.

Mosman dominated possession in the second half and Drummoynne's desperate defence kept Mosman out, but was eventually breached with a try midway through the session.

Drummoynne hit back with a try of their own to dynamic fly-half Willie Teo, but Mosman scored a final try and won 24-14.

After leading the entire match with tries to winger Sonny Reihana and flanker John Wright, Drummoynne fourth grade made too many mistakes late in the game and a try to Mosman in the final five minutes saw them win 15-12.

A gallant effort by Drummoynne fifth grade, and a late try to fly-half Darren Shields, wasn't enough to overcome St Pats, eventually losing 17-7.

Drummoynne's firsts were the only Dirty Reds to get past the first round of semi-finals and will compete in the grand final on September 22 at T.G. Milner Field, Eastwood.



Drummoynne's Alex Farani (centre) celebrates a try against Campbelltown Harlequins.