

# Coach inspires half-time rally

DRUMMOYNE had a tough 44-31 win over their nearest rival, Old Ignatians, at Ryde Oval on Saturday.

In a see-sawing rugby battle where the lead changed three times, Drummoyne first grade's shabby first-half defence and poor discipline allowed Iggies to have their noses in front at the break.

Head coach David Newell's inspiring half-time speech seemed to spark the revival and the visiting team asserted its dominance through flyhalf Nathan Hayes' second try.

The Drummoyne line-out

was dominant due to excellent work by lock Peter Goodall and No.8 Trent Tapps, who were also very busy around the field.

Drummoyne second grade finally overcame its inability to score more than four tries in emphatic style with flanker Dusty Elsom and halfback Jesse Milford both picking up a try-scoring double.

Flyhalf Peter Whan showed that he should be playing higher than fourth grade, where he has been all season, by cutting the opposition defence to shreds and setting up

two tries. Try-scoring Scottish flanker Steve Wilson's support play was first-rate around the field, matching his strong effort in the line-out, which Drummoyne dominated.

The final score of 52-5 shows that the team is building momentum at the right time of the season.

In other games, third grade were kept scoreless in a 12-0 defeat, a strong finishing fourth grade were overcome 29-12, fifth grade lost 19-12 and Colts fell 36-17. Drummoyne will host Forest next week at Drummoyne Oval.