

# Final win earns place in history

DRUMMOYNE rugby first grade made history with a 24-16 grand final win over the Woollahra Colleagues last Saturday at TG Milner Oval, Eastwood.

The minor premiers are the first team in 16 years to win two consecutive Kentwell Cup premierships and only lost two matches all year, one of which was to the Colleagues.

Trent Tapps was awarded the golden boots award for man of the match, displaying outstanding ball running, lineout jumping and defence.

The Colleagues opened the scoring with a penalty goal.

But Drummoyne hit back with an unconverted try by centre Pule Misa after a sweeping backline movement from a scrum 30m from the opposition tryline.

A dangerous tackle from wing John Wantepe, which reduced

Drummoyne to 14 players for 10 minutes, didn't slow them down.

Number eight, Tapps, scored an amazing individual try as he picked up the ball from the base of the scrum 30m out and beat four defenders to score next to the posts.

Tapps scored his second try soon after, receiving the last pass from fullback Soane Sinisa.

Sinisa cut through the defence with a scything run and slotted his second conversion.

The half-time lead of 19-3 was reflective of the Drummoyne side's dominance, particularly in lineouts where Tapps was again heavily involved in securing his own ball and stealing the opposition's throws.

The Colleagues enjoyed a wealth of territory in the second half due to their strong kicking game.

They were able to mount

enough pressure to kick two penalty goals, one due to the sin-binning of lock Will Fitzpatrick for a high tackle.

Drummoyne replied with an unconverted try to hooker Alisi Leao.

A converted try to the Colleagues with 15 minutes to go ensured a tense finish to the match.

But Drummoyne's powerful defence and awesome scrum was more than up to the task, eventually winning the match 24-16.

Special mention should go to the Drummoyne front row consisting of hooker Alisi Leao and props David Hankinson and Taainafua Veiru.

They were outstanding in both set pieces and general play in a team which set the standard for the competition throughout the season.