

BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL



UNIVERSITY-TEACHERS forward Paul Wright (left) jumps in front of Vikings rugby union skipper Joe Clayton in this grand-final lineout at Dapto Showground.

But Vikings were a step ahead for most of the match and ran out 40-0 winners to take the 1981 Illawarra premiership.

Colleges not up to scratch

Kiama and Vikings yesterday scored upset wins to stay in the Illawarra rugby union top four after round 11 matches.

Vikings defeated Teachers College 24-6 at Vikings Rugby Field while Kiama white-washed Technical College 15-0 at Kiama.

In other matches Shoalhaven beat Goulburn 9-0 at Goulburn, Weerona defeated Waratahs 13-0 at Keri Oval, Goulburn CAE forfeited to Camden and Shamrocks beat Port Kembla 16-8 at Nicholson Park.

The competition table now reads Shamrocks 20, Shoalhaven 18, Vikings 15, Teachers and Kiama 14, Technical College 13, Bowral 12, Weerona 11, Waratahs Goulburn and Port Kembla 10, Camden 9 and Goulburn CAE 6.

Kiama and Weerona still have deferred matches to play against Goulburn CAE.

Kiama and Vikings each scored three tries to nil as they cast aside the college teams.

Graham Fredericks, Nick Cook and Mal Copeland split the Tech defence for tries while Matthew Sherring, Jim Rankin and Steve Bennett touched down against Teachers.

Teachers took the field clear favorites to nail Vikings on their home ground, but couldn't contain the Blues' forward pack.

The match was marred by serious injuries to Teachers' two breakaways Noel Yates (fractured cheekbone) and Deryk Davies (concussion) while Vikings number 8 forward Nigel Duncan was forced from the field with a groin injury.

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