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Llamas unbeaten as 1st XV exit Cup

Millwall's aspirations of a Twickenham final were squashed in dramatic fashion on Saturday as they went down to Belsize Park, 33-7 in the Powergen Junior Vase at Regent's Park.

It was a difficult and frustrating match for Millwall as their forwards were over powered right from the opening scrum, while the classy three quarters never got a chance to shine as the well drilled 'Park defence stifled any attack they offered.

Replacement scrum-half Rhodri Gabe scored Millwall's only try, late in the second half after a Belsize Park mistake in their own half.

The loss ends the Isle of Dogs club's participation in the RFU sanctioned cup.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for Millwall at the weekend however, as their second team, the Llamas recorded a magnificent 43-15 victory over Thames II's at Victoria Park. The win now puts them top of the ladder in the Merit Table competition.

Two tries and four conversions from fly half Chris Dickinson ensured the Llamas kept their unbeaten record in tact, in a match where the Llamas backs played fast paced, running rugby.

Leon Alexis continued his try scoring efforts also grabbing a double, bringing his tally to 7 tries in 6 matches this season, while prop forward Chris Davis, a product of Millwall's youth section scored his first ever try in senior rugby late in the second half.

Millwall's other try scorers were scrum half Rudi Groenwald and fullback Harland Sinclair.

Llamas Manager Jamie McKillop said the team thrived on the free flowing playing style

"We put in a good solid performance against a side that were definitely a lot larger than us, but our backs were in scintillating form today."

James Fitzgerald scored four tries and slotted two conversions for Millwall III's as they recorded their third victory on the trot, this time against Braintree IV's winning 34-15 after training 10-7 at half time.

Speedy winger Neil Rice opened Millwall's account in just the third minute of play, diving over in the corner after some great lead up work from centre Stephen Kennedy. Fitzgerald then



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terrorised the Braintree defence, constantly breaking the line and offloading to barnstorming team-mates.

Millwall return to league action this week, when they host Essex Two rivals Canvey Island at Victoria Park (KO 3pm). The Llamas and Ill's are away to Burnham Two's and Canvey Island Three's respectively, with both matches Merit Table fixtures.

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