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The Glendale Raptors men's club jumped all over the second half to blow open a tight ballgame and beat OMBAC 56-34 in a friendly at Infinity Park in Glendale, Colo.

The game was very close in the first half, with the two teams exchanging the lead back and forth. Glendale led 3-0, then OMBAC 5-3, then Glendale against 6-5, then OMBAC 8-6. Glendale scored their first try to lead 11-8 but fell behind 15-11 with the first half break closing in.

That was when Dustin Croy ran in two quick tries to give Glendale a 23-15 halftime lead.

"Both were multi-phase tries and I think at that time it was anybody's game, but at the break we talked about finishing off scoring chances and trying to build on that momentum," said Glendale Head Coach Mark Bullock. "I don't think we did anything different. We just were able to finish those movements."

In the second half, Glendale scored three very quick tries, including a third from Croy, to lead 42-15. But OMBAC were not out of it. They worked their way downfield to score, and then added another on an interception to make it 42-29 with about 20 minutes to go.

"What pleased me was to see the team bounce back from that and score again," said Bullock.

Croy notched his fourth to make it 49-29, and the two teams traded tries at the end.

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“These are the kinds of games I enjoy,” added Bullock. “It was a fight, two teams battling it out. It’s tough because we don’t really know where we are, and to play a strong team like OMBAC out of the SoCal league was good for us.”

No. 8 Mike Kenyon continued his improving play with a try and a man of the match award, while Croy had, said Bullock, “ a breakout game. He demonstrated the kind of evasive and attacking rugby he’s capable of.”