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President's Welcome

Welcome again to another bumper issue of Croc Tales. After a number of byes last week, this week sees all sides back in action with the Juniors at Rugby Park on Friday as usual and the Seniors playing University at University Oval on Saturday.

The club continues to prosper off the field with excellent support from its sponsors, parents of junior players and its past player network. The Junior numbers continue to grow and I am sure better results for the Seniors on the field are just around the corner.

Two important dates to put in your calendar: Mother's Day on Sunday 12th of May and our last Seniors home game of the year on Saturday 18 May. So do your Mum a favour and bring her to the rugby on the 18th May, you never know she may enjoy it.

Anyway, a lot seems to happen in a fortnight so relax and enjoy the read.

Ben Blyton,
President

Craig Leach and
Tyrone Gersch-Mizen.
Tyrone celebrates his 21st birthday this
weekend. Happy Birthday Tyrone!



What's coming up...

Friday 10 May – Round 6 Junior games at Rugby Park, as follows:

- Under 6 @ 6.00pm, Field 1
- Under 8 v Casuarina White @ 6.00pm, Field 1
- Under 10 v University @ 6.00pm, Field 2
- Under 12 v University @ 6.50pm, Field 2
- Under 14 v Souths-Dragons @ 7.50pm, Field TBC
- Under 16 v University @ 9.00pm, Field 2

Saturday 11 May – Round 8 Senior games at University, as follows:

- Under 18s @ 1.00 pm
- B Grade @ 2.30 pm
- A Grade @ 4.00 pm

B GRADE vs. Swampdogs



NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
University	6	5	0	1	26
Casuarina	6	5	0	1	25
Souths	5	3	0	3	15
Dragons	5	1	0	4	5
Palmerston	5	0	0	5	0

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Dragons	7	4	2	1	25
Souths	7	5	0	2	24
Swampdogs	7	5	0	2	23
Casuarina	7	1	3	3	15
University	7	2	1	4	14
Palmerston	7	1	0	6	7

Under 18s

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Palmerston	6	5	0	1	27
Swampdogs	6	5	0	1	25
Casuarina	6	3	0	3	15
University	6	1	0	5	6
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0

Around The Grounds



ROUND 6 REPORT by A Grade coach Kerry Smith

The Killer B's had a team on the pitch that could have given any A Grade side a run for their money, on paper anyway. A strong start and a dominant forward effort faded all too quickly and the common story for 2013 crept in: giving up easy points. Another game was lost that should have been won. Tyrone Gersch-Mizen, Matt McDonald and Ashley Cunningham put in solid performances.

ROUND 6 RESULTS – 27/4/13

A Grade had a bye

B Grade Swampdogs 21 Palmerston 10

Tries: F Sutter,

Conversion: T Gersch-Mizen,

Penalties: T Gersch-Mizen

Under 18s won on forfeit



Brad Hogan

UPDATE ON THE UNDER 18s

The Under 18 competition is in a bit of a crisis with yet more forfeits this past week. Again our Under 18s turned up for the game and again the opposition did not. For those that may not know, last week was round 7; however the boys have only played two games. Of these, one was a 10-a-side match and the other was also played with reduced numbers as no other club currently has a full Under 18 side.

Our club is talking to the NTRU about what can be done. We know it's hard boys, but hang in there. For those that would like to - come and train and play with the seniors and we will give you game time that way.



B GRADE vs. Souths



UNDER 18s (Palmy vs. Palmy)



Many thanks to everyone who contributed photos for this edition of Croc Tales:

Fiona Austine, Fiona Weaver, Gary Humphries, Selina Blyton, Jas Deo and Evey Temple-Bree.

ROUND 7 REPORT by A Grade coach Kerry Smith

Both B and A Grade had another disappointing day, with two losses to Souths. B Grade looked the goods in parts, but were simply outplayed and out-scored throughout the game. Palmerston had a few chances and could have stayed well within a win had they been able to hold the ball and finish the moves. Front rowers, Josh and Chris, put in some hard work and the two veterans, Shane Cotton and Dennis Bree, also played steady and valuable minutes. Brock Evans, Nick Skinnon and Isaac Anderson were the pick of the Palmy backs, and a welcome return to the field by Anthony Smith after injury added a more dynamic counter-attack.

Palmerston A Grade made a strong start, but a couple of penalties kept our guys deep in defence. Souths found the try line 3 times in the first half as they were able to exploit holes in the defensive line. Palmy had chances to get back at least one of those tries, but handling errors happened at the wrong times and prevented promising phases from being finished off. A 20-0 half time score in favour of Souths was probably a fair reflection of the game at that point, but Palmy were definitely not out of it. That was, however, as positive as it got as Souths proved very efficient at capitalising on errors and opened up gaps through to the line at regular intervals. Souths put on a further 30 points to Palmy's 14 in the second half. Palmerston's second try looked very good and came as a result of good field position with some good phase play and then solid backing up with hard running in the centre of the field.

This game, as in all previous games this year, Palmerston were competitive for the majority of the game and were dominant in the forwards with set play being almost copy book execution. The back line looked good when they ran and passed, and a drift defence contained opposites on the outside. The difference on the day was Souths ability to exploit errors and convert to points while Palmy lacked the ability to win turnover ball. The whole team played well, but special mention should go to two first-game players in William Bohning who stepped up from Under 18s and the return of another William who was back to training and stepped into the second row.

ROUND 7 RESULTS – 4/5/13

A Grade Souths 51 Palmerston 14

Tries: R Cotton 1 **Conversion:** D Collie 1 **Penalties** D Collie 2

B Grade Souths 26 Palmerston 17

Tries: M Nicholas, I Anderson, N Hoiles **Conversion:** M Nicholas

Under 18s won on forfeit

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UNDER 8s



UNDER 10s



UNDER 12s



Around The Grounds



THE JUNIORS

ROUND 4 RESULTS – 26/4/13

Under 6s Palmerston 30 Souths 30

Tries: J Howe 1, L Muller 3 (+ Casuarina players 2)

Under 8s Casuarina Cougars 70 Palmerston 65

Tries: G Blackman 2, C Blyton 2, C Brady 2, A McFarlane 1, I Mosedale 1, O Muller 2, R Smith 1, M Terupo 1, C Whitehouse 1

Update by Melanie Blackman (manager)

All of the Under 8s players are so enthusiastic! This week's game was another fast and furious one, with 27 tries scored – nearly one a minute. The score was 14 tries to the Cougars and 13 tries to Palmerston, so it was an exciting game with the scoring shared evenly amongst the team.

Gareth, Connor, Charli and Oliver all crossed the line twice and Aaron, Isabel, Reuben, Maloi and Carly scored one a piece. Jasch had a great game and helped set up many of the tries. Well done Tynan for making up the numbers for the Cougars. Although there were plenty of tries, the team were equally impressive in defence, running hard and making some great 'tackles'. It is a pleasure to watch these young players and see the smiles on their faces each week.

Under 10s Swampdogs 26 Palmerston 17

Tries: T Dean 2, M Brady 1, **Conversions:** T Humphries 1

Update by Ben Blyton (coach)

Another improved performance by the Under 10s in an entertaining game in which we went down 4 tries to 3. Each week we seem to get better and a highlight for me in this game was to see a try being scored after some passing. Well done boys and girls and let's get ready for this week's game against Uni.

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UNDER 8s**2013 KERR-BARLOW
SCHOLARSHIP**

After training this week the scholarship holders received their scholarship training jumpers, as worn by Cody McFarlane below.

**Under 12s Palmerston 29 Swampdogs 7**

Tries: C Croker 2, J Deane 1, J McVee 1, K O'Connor 1, **Conversions:** R Reid 2

Update by Wayne Smith (coach)

What an awesome match to watch. It is so good to see the team progressing in leaps and bounds.

We have been focusing on communication and defence in the last few training evenings and it's paid off. We saw the forwards attacking in the loose mauls and rucks, not to mention their outstanding scrums. The backline play was outstanding, with one of the best attacking plays I have seen at this level of competition that ended in a spectacular try. The forwards drew in most of the opposition, allowing the backline space and time to complete the set play.

Every player should be proud of their efforts and dedication to training and discipline on the field. Well done!

Under 14s University 48 Palmerston 12

Tries: W Bilston 2, **Conversion:** H Martin 1

Under 16s Palmerston 43 Swampdogs 10

Tries: L Bilston 2, F Byrne 1, H Degoumois 1, A Deo 1, B Hakes 1, K James 1, **Conversions:** J Brown 3, I Teuati 1

**ROUND 3 RESULTS – 19/4/2013****Under 6 Palmerston 50 University 35**

Tries: J Howe 6, L Muller 4

Under 8 Palmerston 45 University White 35

Tries: C Brady 3, C Blyton 3, M Terupo 2, A McFarlane 1

Under 14 Swampdogs 50 Palmerston 20

Tries: J Macdonald 2, T Terupo 2

Under 10, Under 12 and Under 16 had a bye

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THANK YOU



The Firefighter Championships¹



The Grainger/Akers, Hakes and Sack families at the early morning breakfast shift.



Janice Evans and the Deo family ready for the dinner shift.



Serving dinner.

Club News

JUNIOR FUNDRAISER

Last Sunday saw the club busy catering at the 10th Annual NT Firefighter Championships, after we were offered the fundraising opportunity at the very last minute after another community group pulled out.



Julie Franz – lunch!

After a busy week, and a little bit of panic, the club managed to successfully supply approximately 280 meals to the volunteer bush brigades and NTES personnel who were participating in the games.

A huge thank you to the following people who helped out at short notice:



Breakfast

Egg and bacon sandwiches, orange juice.

Kylie Grainger, Cody Akers, Peter Hakes, Julie Hakes, Connor Hakes, Bayley Hakes, Aaron Hakes, Peter Sack, Belinda Sack, Ben Sack and Michael Sack.



Lunch

A variety of salad sandwiches, fruit, juice, soft drinks.

Julie Franz and Zeb Hantelmann, Selina Blyton, Ben Blyton and Jacob Blyton.



Dinner

Roast meats and veggies, desserts.

Janice Evans, Brock Evans, Jas Deo, Robyn Deo, Ayrton Deo, Larissa Deo and Sachin Deo.

A special mention here to Janice Evans (Brock's Mum) – Janice kindly stepped in and took on the preparation and cooking of the roast meats and veggies for dinner. Without her expertise we may have really struggled to pull off this event. Thanks again Janice!

In all, the club raised over \$1000 which will go straight towards our junior development programs.

1. Photo from <http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Media-Centre/Media-releases/2013/May/03/10th-Annual-Firefighter-Championship-Competition.aspx>

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DANIEL CHUI-CLARK

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NT NEWS



Make sure you check out the NT News 'Tomorrow's Champions' online gallery. It includes a number of photographs featuring the Under 8s game last Friday.

<http://tools.ntnews.com.au/photo-gallery/index.php>

Also FYI, every Wednesday the NT News publishes all rugby union results – from A Grade through to Under 8 – in the 'NT Scoreboard' in the sports pages.

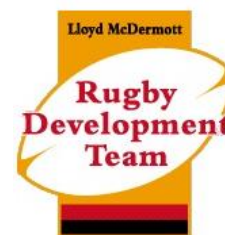


CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL CHUI-CLARK!

From Cassy Chui

"Just thought you might like to know that my son Daniel Chui-Clark, who has been a player for the Palmerston Croc's since U10s and is now U18s, was playing for NT in the National Indigenous Under 18 Championship in Sydney a few weekends ago and was apparently the only one selected from the NT for the Australian Schools Rugby Championship. So you can see what a proud mum I am."

The National Indigenous Under 18s Championship is a national tournament for Under 18 players, conducted annually by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team and the ARU. Selection for the National Indigenous squad is based on performances at the Championship and other Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team tournaments in 2013.



TOMMORROW'S CHAMPIONS



A determined Gareth Blackman drives forward for the Palmerston under-8's team in their game against University White.

Picture: DANIEL WATKINS/ALAMY

Coming to grips with the game

RUGBY UNION

GARETH Blackman is one determined rugby player. Gareth plays for Palmerston in a junior rugby competition that is played on Friday night nationally.

The Try Rugby Kids Pathway is for under-8 to under-12 players and it precedes a robust under-14 and under-16 competition.

NTRU junior rugby commissioner, Brian Anderson, said Try Rugby Kids Pathway provided a series of age-specific modified games.

"These rugby games progressively develop the individual skills, fitness and team work of all players in accordance with their physical maturity and understanding of the game," he said.

The NTRU competition formally starts at under-8 level with an eight-team competition where teams play equal numbers in a seven-a-side match – opposition players are often drafted in to equalise the numbers.

Two hand tags on the shorts equate to a tackle and the emphasis is on skills, focus, evasion, catch and pass, running, scoring tries and enjoyment.

"We record the scores while the match is in progress but they are not collected for a final series or premiership," Anderson said.

"The younger ones play for 30 minutes across the field and coaches are on the ground with them."

"The activity provides an integrated and consistent approach to the development of junior players, coaches and referees right across the country."

EXTRA STARS

NT junior photographers will be covering games sport in a big way through the 2013 Dry Season. A photo will be selected for Tuesday's Sports Extra.

Junior photographers can win a printed NT News Sports Extra featuring their photos by turning them in to the NT News Sports Extra.

At the end of the season we'll put together a shortlist of the photos. All junior photographers will go in to draw to win a prize of \$5000.00.

WE'RE FOR TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS

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34 NT NEWS, Tuesday, May 7, 2013

The NT News was at Rugby Park last Friday night and it was great to see that our wonderful Under 8s made it into Tuesday's paper. Gareth Blackman is looking awesome in attack and he's well supported by his switched-on team mates. Good work Under 8s!

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HOME GAME



Our next (and last) home game for the season is on **Saturday 18 May** against Casuarina. This will be a CLUB DAY (Sponsors Day / Past Players Day / Ladies Day all rolled into one), so make sure you keep the afternoon free!

WALLABY GAMES



Al Watson is looking into pre-game options at the Normandy Hotel for the Wallabies v Lions game on **Saturday 22 June**. Please get back to Watto if you're likely to be there.



Greg Jarvis is gauging interest on a trip to Brisbane for the Wallabies v Springboks test on **Saturday 7 September**. Please get back to Jarvo if you are keen.

GRANT RECEIVED

The club has secured a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation for \$1000 to purchase more training equipment. The coaches from Under 6 through to A Grade are being consulted about their wish-list and soon everyone will benefit from new equipment at training.

BENDIGO BANK PROMOTIONAL PHOTO

Last week several of our Under 6s, Under 8s and Under 10s took part in a promotional photo for NTRU sponsor, Bendigo Bank. An 'unofficial' photo is included below. As soon as we know when and where the official photo will be shown, we will let you know.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Geoff and Carly Barcham have recently contacted the club and provided the photo below for our website's gallery (thank you!). Geoff played for Palmerston in the early days and has many great memories of his time with the club



Palmerston RUFC B Grade 1978



IMPORTANT

It is timely to remind all players and coaches about the ARU guidelines on concussion. These are not club rules but ARU regulations and the club **MUST** adhere to them. The extract below is from the ARU website:

- Concussion must **be taken extremely seriously** to safeguard long term Player welfare.
- Players suspected of having concussion **must be removed from play** and **must not resume play** in the match or training.
- Players suspected of having concussion **must be medically assessed**.
- Players suspected of having concussion or diagnosed with concussion **must go through a graduated return to play protocol (GRTP)**.
- Players must **receive medical clearance before returning to play**.
- Where GRTP is NOT managed by a Medical Practitioner,
- **A Player MUST NOT play until at least the 21st day after the incident.**
- The GRTP process may commence after a **14 day stand-down period from playing sport and/or training for sport** and only if there are no symptoms of concussion.
- Where the Player completes each stage of GRTP successfully (without the reoccurrence of any symptoms), the Player would take approximately (1) one week to proceed through the full GRTP rehabilitation protocol.
- If any symptoms occur while progressing through the GRTP protocol, the Player **MUST** return to the previous stage and attempt to progress again after a minimum 24-hour period of rest.

NTRU News



NT MOSQUITOES

Update from Andrew Crozier, NTRU

The Mosquitoes management team are currently viewing all players in the competition for potential Mosquitoes. The Mosquitoes management team will issue the names of 34-40 players (for two squads) to the clubs to distribute to the players by **Tuesday 14 May**, of who they would like to play in a trial game before Mosquito selection. The trial will be played **Wednesday 22 May** with both squads training on **Monday 20 May**.



A seven week training program will be laid out before travelling to Adelaide for the Tournament where the Mozzies will play Queensland Country, South Australia and Tasmania. The Mozzies will be travelling with 23 players and 4 management staff. More details to follow.

THE COCHLEAR CUP

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Deaf Rugby players to represent Australia in a Test in Canberra

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If you are a registered Rugby Player and have a hearing loss of 25 decibels averaged over both ears, you qualify to be considered for selection in the Australian Deaf Rugby team.

Should you wish to be considered contact

David Murray (coach) at
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