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President's Welcome

Well, not only another busy fortnight but also a fortnight for the club to look back on with a smile. In a nutshell:

- The Friday night junior player and parent BBQ went well with many people staying for a feed and watching the next age group of games.
- On Saturday we won both senior games. Well done guys, it's been building for a while but finally you did it.
- Congratulations to Rhys Hitchcock and Anthony Smith for making the Mozzie squad to tour Adelaide later in the year.
- Congratulations also to former junior Tawera (Narada) Kerr-Barlow, who was picked in the All Black Squad to play the French in a three match test series starting this weekend.

Read all about these events and more in this week's Croc Tales.

Ben Blyton, President

Crocs break through



Palmerston's Anthony Smith flies over the tryline to score for Crocs in their win over Darwin Dragons

Picture: ELISE DERWIN

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What's coming up...

Friday 7 June

Under 6s, 8s & 14s are on Field 1, Under 10s, 12s & 16s have a bye.

Saturday 8 June

B Grade vs. Swampdogs @ 2pm, A Grade have the bye.

B GRADE



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A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
University	8	7	0	1	36
Casuarina	8	7	0	1	35
Souths	8	4	0	4	20
Dragons	8	1	0	7	7
Palmerston	8	1	0	7	5

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	10	8	0	2	36
Dragons	10	6	2	2	34
Souths	10	5	0	5	26
Casuarina	10	3	3	4	25
University	10	2	2	6	19
Palmerston	10	2	1	7	14

Playing photos provided by
Fiona Austine

Around The Grounds



ROUND 11 REPORTS - 1 JUNE 2013

B Grade Palmerston 45 Dragons 7

Update by Kerry Smith (A Grade coach)

After a week of 'variable' attendance at training, coaches, managers, players and supporters started to gather at Rugby Park ready for the 3pm start of the B Grade. Players seemed to come out of the ground and by kick-off we had a good 15 on the ground and several quality players on the bench.

Dragons were the reverse and were forced to start with 12 players which increased to 15 through the first half. The Crocs took advantage of the reduced opposition and scored early in the half and then backed it up with a second try minutes later. All of a sudden the lead was enough to think it would be difficult if not impossible to lose. The players became hungry for points and while we started to crowd around the ball at times, which suited Dragons, once the ball was sent out wide the points came with relative ease.

The second win for the season was an excellent result due to a 22 player effort. Once again the under 18's players that have stepped up this year were outstanding and added fitness speed and agility to the experienced (aka ageing) line-up which was the extra dynamic needed. Thanks also to Under 18 coach Justin McKenzie who coached B Grade in Brocky's absence.

Tries: Isaaih Atkins 2, J Simhauser 1, Lachlan Austine 1, Carl A'anson 1, Tino Peato 1, Xavier McKenzie 1; **Conversions:** Robbie Taylor 1, Isaaih Atkins 4



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A GRADE

**A Grade** Palmerston 36 Dragons 33

Update by Kerry Smith (A Grade coach)

A Grade started with a similar quality line-up on the field and a quality bench. After 7 minutes Dragons had scored through pick and drives close to the line and after another 10 minutes we found ourselves 12 – 0 down. Time to turn things around and the side dug in from the restart, gained possession and probed around the outsides which gained valuable territory while at the same time forcing the big opposition forwards to run extra metres.

Palmerston's first try came just on half time and the conversion gave us 12 – 7. There was plenty to be happy with in the first half and the players kept the heads up and could sense the ascendancy.

Early in the second half the Crocs levelled with a try that came from a solid take and recycle off the kick-off, a great back line move, two more phases and then an inside chip kick from tight against the sideline saw Tyrone burst through to touchdown close to the posts and the conversion gave us the lead. Palmerston stretched the lead out by scoring off good ball recycling and a running backline that was able to push past the advantage line and then find the try line on four more occasions. Dragons weren't completely done though, and they fought back throughout the second half. Both sides scored tries at regular intervals but the Crocs kept their noses in front and pulled out the first win for the season.

Once again it was difficult to name best players because there were solid contributions from every player that took the field. Rhys Hitchcock's leadership was definitely a big factor in keeping the side on track. Damo Collie and Chris Mead combined well to kick out of trouble or send some really exciting running rugby moves through Tommy Hurse, Will Bohning and out to Devo and Smithy.

In the forwards the tight five of Big John Kuiti, Shrek, Big Will, Matt McDonald, Josh Parker (until carried off) Hemi and Toby Wass (for the mathematicians, some of those came off the bench) maintained the strong set play we have come accustomed to, and complimented the loosey's of Hoge's, Watine, Steve Hewitson (who shaded out all others as best on ground) and the skipper, Rhys who once again ran off the back of the scrum and organised phase play consistently.

Tries: William Bohning 1, Anthony Smith 1, Hemi Seymour 1, Toby Wass 1, Tyrone Gersch-Mizen 1, Stephen Hewitson 1;

Conversions: Damian Collie 3

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UNDER 6s



UNDER 8s



UNDER 10s



JUNIORS ROUND 8 RESULTS - 24 MAY 2013

Under 6 Palmerston 45 Souths 30

Tries: J Howe 1, E McKenzie 3, L Muller 5

Update by Bryony Bree (manager)

What a game! This week the team had an impressive win against Souths with tries to Levi (5), Ethan (3) and Jackson (1). There was some great tackling and lots of fun. At training this week, Ethan was awarded Player of the Week, with special mention of his cooperation at training and the game.

Under 8 Casuarina 60 Palmerston 55

Tries: A McFarlane 4, O Muller 2, C Blyton 2, G Blackman 1, C Whitehouse 1, M Terupo 1

Under 10 Dragons 40 Palmerston 21

Tries: B Sack 1, M Brady 1, T Deane 1; **Conversions:** T Humphreys 2, T Deane 1

Update by Ben Blyton (coach)

Steady progress has been made throughout the year on our skill level and the players are starting to understand some of the basics of the game. Big highlights this week was Ben Sack scoring his first ever try with a huge barnstorming run and a try scored by Thomas which actually had passing it in. Mitchell Brady also continues to find the line and showed great strength to score his try after an individual run. Player of the week goes this week Briony Whitehouse for her improvement in tackling.

Under 12 Dragons 31 Palmerston 27

Tries: J Deane 2, J Blyton 2, C Croker 1; **Conversion:** K O'Connor 1

Under 14 Swampdogs 73 Palmerston 27

Tries: J MacDonald 1, L Kinna 1, S McFarlane 1, T Terupo 1, W Bilston 1; **Conversion:** H Martin 1

Under 16 Dragons 33 Palmerston 12

Tries: I. Teuati 2; **Conversion:** H. Degoumois 1

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UNDER 10s



UNDER 12s



UNDER 14s



JUNIORS ROUND 9 RESULTS - 31 MAY 2013

Under 6 Palmerston 30 Souths 35**Tries:** L Muller 3, J Howe 3*Update by Bryony Bree (manager)*

With no fixed games in U6s, Palmy played Souths again. It was a closer game this week with Levi and Jackson getting 3 tries each. The rest of the team had fun running around the field and some getting close to crossing the line. If only there wasn't a side line! Player of the Week was Jackson for his consistent performance.

Under 8 Souths 45 Palmerston 40**Tries:** G Blackman 2, M Terupo 2, A McFarlane 1, O Muller 1, C Blyton 1, J Davis 1*Update by Glen Brady (coach)*

Well it was round 9 with the mighty U8's taking on South Darwin. We took to the field with Aaron leading as captain and got the kick off. The team demonstrated excellent team work this week with all players having the opportunity to challenge the opposition and go for the try line. It's great to see that the hard work and intense discussions are paying off with the end result - team work!! Thanks again to Melanie on the sideline and to Dallas for assisting with our skills at training. (Thanks also to the hard working crew behind the BBQ cooking the delicious steak sangas!). Keep it up U8s - we have all come a long way since week one and we'll continue to do so. Again, train hard (listen), play hard and have fun!

Under 10 Swampdogs 52 Palmerston 17**Tries:** B Sack 1, M Brady 1, T Deane 1; **Conversion:** T Deane 1*Update by Ben Blyton (coach)*

Like last week the score does show the true closeness of the game. Again for the most part we are more than competitive and it certainly is pleasing to see some of the things we do at training starting to happen in the game. This week we scored a try from a good pass from Alexandra to Thomas. Ben scored again off one of his now customary big runs and Mitchell as usual found the try line. Tristan, Jessie, Ayden, Josh and Daniel all made good contributions during the game and Aaron and Owen showed character, both playing on after taking knocks. And of course there's the super-girl power of Lily, Maddy, Alexandra and Briony - dishing out as good as they get with interest! All up, a good game against Swampdogs – well done Under 10s.

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UNDER 16s



JUNIORS BBQ

WITH THANKS TO

LIFE MEMBERS

Garry Russell
 Dave Ley
 Gail Barlow
 Dennis Bree
 (and Cec Bree too)
 Pauline Wyles-Kelly
 Ned Kelly
 Wendy Leach
 Mal Leach
 Ben Blyton

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Cody McFarlane
 Brad Hogan
 Ryan Cotton

THANKS ALSO TO

life members who showed their support on the night:

Lyn Cotton
 Shane Cotton
 Craig Leach
 Brock Evans

OTHERS WHO HELPED OUT

Bryony Bree (salad)
 Dennis Grant (float)
 Ben & Selina Blyton (running around)

AND FINALLY

Thanks to the NTRU, for allowing us to hold a bbq at Rugby Park.

Under 12 Palmerston 32 Swampdogs 31

Tries: C Croker 3, J Humphreys 3; **Conversion:** K O'Connor 1

Update by Wayne Smith (coach)

Well, it looks like the boys are back with a convincing win on Friday night. It was really good to see the boys playing as a structured team again, with positive communication and team work been the key factors. Keep it up boys. **Please remember that we have our sleepover on the 22 June and that the Under 12s will be training right through the school holidays, so I would like to see you all there.**

Under 14 Souths 78 Palmerston 15

Tries: C McVee 1, T Terupo 1, W Bilston 1

Under 16 Swampdogs 24 Palmerston 24

Tries: H Degoumois 1, R Irwin 1, A Deo 1, K Kachionis 1;

Conversions: I Teuati 1, H Degoumois 1

Juniors Club BBQ

Last Friday night (31st May) saw the life members, scholarship holders and other long term volunteers host a club bbq for the junior players and their families.

The bbq proved to be a success and we'd just about sold completely out of food by the under 16 game. A special thanks to Bryony Bree who donated the salad items for the steak sandwiches – these were extremely popular and we sold out of our 50 steaks within the first 45 minutes. Luckily we also had over 15kgs of sausages to keep us going.

The bbq was also a great opportunity for our junior players and their families to meet some of the club stalwarts as well as our up-and-coming young senior players. By all accounts the life members thoroughly enjoyed their evening of juniors' rugby as well. We're hoping to have another club bbq towards the end of the season.





Charlotte, Rhys and Lori



Playing for Palmerston



In the Spotlight... Rhys Hitchcock

Earlier in the year we received a phone call from past player Ben 'Cube' Emmett to say a player was coming to Darwin who would be a good addition to the club. That could well be one of the biggest understatement of the year. Rhys has made a huge impact on the field and is now our A Grade captain and has also recently made the Mozzie training squad. Off the field Rhys, wife Lori and daughter Charlotte are welcome additions to the club - we hope they enjoy their time here in the Territory and with Crocs.

When did you join Palmerston?

I joined Palmerston this season in the first round against South's.

Why did you join Palmerston?

I joined on a recommendation of a former player (Ben Emmett, Cube) who basically insisted that I sign up with you lot.

Playing history

I was in Mackay (QLD) previously playing for the Kuttambul Camelboks – 2012 season – we went through undefeated and won the minor and major premierships. Before that I played in Newcastle (NSW) where I played 10 seasons of first grade with Wanderers RFC. I represented the Hunter from under 15's to seniors and was a Country NSW representative from 15's to under 20's. I also made the NSW schoolboys side in 2000. I also have played in Ireland and Northern Ireland completing two seasons in 2002-2003 and 2008-2009. I was a member of the junior cup winning side in 2002-2003.

Ambitions for the team this year?

To scrape into the top four and cause as much disruption as possible.

Anything else?

I am a sports tragic and will watch and attend most events. My wife Lori has been a rugby mistress for most of our relationship and has been to rugby matches in all weather conditions in many parts of Australia and Ireland.



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Noticeboard

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Juniors and Junior parents:

Please note that Juniors have games on the first Friday and the last Friday of the school holidays (i.e. **28 June & 19 July**).

Coaches will confirm with their teams as to when they will be training over the holidays. We'll also include details in Croc Tales next fortnight.

SUPPORTER'S MEMBERSHIPS

If you've paid for a \$50.00 Supporter's Membership this year and haven't yet received your PRUC polo shirt or your PRUC membership key ring (below), please see Dennis Grant in the clubhouse on Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 6pm onwards.



NEXT ORDER OF GEAR

The club has been in contact with Tsunami and shorts and socks COULD be here by the end of next week, with singlets arriving a week later. We'll let everyone know when it finally arrives. If you're waiting for gear – thank you for your patience!



WALLABY SHOELACES

Haven't picked up your free Wallaby shoelaces yet? Drop into the clubhouse after training and make sure you collect your pair!



Other News...

CALLING ALL BRISBANE PALMY CROCS...

All are invited to have a beer and a catch-up before the Brisbane **Wallabies v Lions** game.



When: Saturday 22 June from 2pm onwards

Where: the usual spot under the tree at the Normanby Hotel

Any questions? Contact Alec Watson on 0412 856 636.

Hoping to see as many of you there as possible!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

As mentioned, former junior Narada Kerr-Barlow was picked in the All Black squad to play the French in a three match test series starting this weekend. Narada is currently attending an All Black training camp and will find out later this week if he is playing on Saturday. Pictured below is Narada playing for the Palmerston Crocs in the 1990s.



A special mention also of Narada's wonderful Mum, Gail. Gail helped out at our Junior BBQ on Friday night, and was kept very busy making steak and salad sandwiches! Thank you Gail, and congratulations Narada!



NT UNDER 18s SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesday 29th May
Training

Wednesday 5th June
Training Match

Sunday 9th June
Clinic/Trial Game

Wednesday 12th June
Training

Monday 17th June
Training

Wednesday 19th June
Training Match

Monday 24th June
Training

Wednesday 26th June
Training Match

Tuesday 2nd July - 6th July
Schools Nationals
(Brisbane)

Wednesday 10th July
Training

Monday 15th July
Training

Thursday 18th July
NT Under 18s vs.
St Albans School (UK side)



Under 18s earlier this year.

NTRU News



UNDER 18s SCHOOL PROGRAM

The NTRU has provided the program for the Under 18s school boy side for the remainder of the season, including all training, matches and tournament dates (refer details on the left). Hopefully this will go some way in keeping some more Under 18s involved in rugby over the coming weeks.

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