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President's Welcome

Welcome all to another edition of Croc Tales.

Busy times since the last edition: the Easter weekend saw us again running the Bunnings BBQ, the Juniors started their season last Friday night, and we had our first home games of the season on Saturday against University.

With the Junior games starting, I would like to thank all the mums and dads who not only transport their kids to Rugby Park, but stay and watch their games on Friday nights. You are making a great contribution towards your kids and our club! On Tuesdays and Thursdays you are also welcome to stay and watch your kids train, the bar is open for refreshments and the crowd on the hill is always welcoming.

Ben Blyton, President



*From little things,
big things grow...*



*Each week, the Palmerston Crocs
field teams in all grades,
from Under 6s (above)
to A Grade (right)*

What's coming up...

Friday 12 April – Round 2 Junior games at Rugby Park

Saturday 13 April – Round 4 Senior games at Rugby Park, as follows:

- Under 18s v Casuarina @ 1.30pm, Field 2
- B Grade v Casuarina @ 4.30pm, Field 2
- A Grade v Casuarina @ 6pm, Field 2

A GRADE



B GRADE



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A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
University	3	3	0	0	15
Souths	3	2	0	1	10
Casuarina	2	1	0	1	5
Palmerston	2	0	0	2	0
Dragons	2	0	0	2	0

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	3	3	0	0	14
University	3	2	0	1	9
Dragons	3	1	1	1	8
Palmerston	3	1	0	2	5
Souths	3	1	0	2	5
Casuarina	3	0	1	2	4

Under 18s

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Palmerston	2	2	0	0	10
Swampdogs	3	2	0	1	10
Casuarina	3	2	0	1	10
University	2	0	0	2	1
Dragons	2	0	0	2	0

Photos provided
by Fiona Austine.

Around The Grounds



The Seniors saw us have our first home games for the year. A fair crowd was down at Moulden Oval on Saturday to see three very different games. Well done to the Under 18s who had a very convincing win. B Grade was a bit of an arm-wrestle (nil all at half time) but unfortunately we finished second. A Grade was in the lead early only to end up being beaten 40 to 9, although the score was not a true indication of the game.

Senior players, we have the talent in the club to be competitive, we just need more application and more consistency at training and the rewards will come.

RESULTS

A Grade University 40 Palmerston 9

Penalties: Paul Devir (3); **Players' Player:** Brad Hogan

B Grade University 15 Palmerston 5

Tries: Kurt Collie-Whakaue; **Players' Player:** Watene Kirikino

Under 18s Palmerston 81 University 10

Tries: I Aitkins (3), D Smith (2), G Svanfelds (2), G McHugh (2), J Jack (2), L Bradbury (1), S Davis (1), X McKenzie (1), T Keppel (1);

Penalties: I Aitkins (1), G Svanfelds (1)



THE MIGHTY UNDER 18s



UNDER 6s



UNDER 8s



UNDER 10s



Photos by Evey Temple-Bree (U6 top)
and Fiona Austine.



THE JUNIORS

Under 6s – update by Bryony Bree (manager)

Palmerston 35 Souths 30

Whilst the U6 team was made up of just 4 players this week, they made up for low numbers in skill and speed. All four boys – Hamish, Jackson, Levi and Tommy got over the try line and there was some great defence as the Souths boys tried to cross the line. Everyone on the field had a great time running around and we hope to see some new players at training soon.

Tries: Hamish Blake, Thomas Bree, Jackson Howe, Levi Muller

Under 8s – update by Glen Brady (coach)

Palmerston 5 University 0

Well what a terrific start to the under 8 season. All up we had 8 players geared up and ready to take the field. It was an action packed game from kick off with both teams actively seeking to score which made for an intense 1st half. In the second half Palmerston worked hard and ultimately took the match, excellent team work and involvement from all players.

Tries: Aaron McFarlane (1)

Under 10s – update by Ben Blyton (coach)

Palmerston 46 University 29

The Under 10s started their season with a great game against Uni. With a side made up mainly of first year U10s it was a bit of an unknown as to how we would go. Well, the guys played their hearts out. We had too many good players to single out individuals as everyone made big contributions to the game and I think everyone had fun. Thanks to all the kids and thanks to the parents.

Tries: Mitchell Brady (6), Tristan Humphreys (2); **Conversions:** Tristan Humphreys (3)



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UNDER 12s**UNDER 14s****UNDER 16s**

*Photos provided
by Fiona Austine.*

Under 12s – update by Wayne Smith (coach)**Palmerston 17 University 15**

Well, Friday nights are back! Where to start - with only a handful of previous under 12s from last year it was a completely new set of rules for the majority of the kids who played. And played they did – it was awesome to see everybody taking to the positions and starting to play thinking rugby which was lovely to watch.

The kids have had a few trying training sessions with regards to fitness, as they are now playing the whole field and this showed on Friday night. Having said this, there is always room for improvement on the fitness side of things.

The forwards played well, clearing the ball out for the backline which had some explosive breaks resulting in tries being scored. There were excellent tackles made by both forwards and backs, with everyone playing their hardest and not giving up right to the end, which paid off resulting in a victory. Thanks team, it was a wonderful start to the season and we are looking forward to hearing the club song all the time.

See you at training and keep up the good work.

Under 14s – University 82 Palmerston 7

The Under 14s came up against a red hot University side and playing two players short, we were always going to struggle in this game. All credit to the players - they never gave in and scored their try in the second half as well as having another couple disallowed. It's a long season and we can turn this result around. Keep coming to training, talk to your mates about playing and remember boys, the whole club supports you.

**Under 16s – Palmerston 22 University 15**

The Under 16s started their season in fine style with a good win against University. The boys are training very hard and the team has a lot of talent. The club is very much hoping that they can go one step further this year, after finishing 2nd last year. Well done boys!

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2013 KERR-BARLOW SCHOLARSHIPS



CODY MCFARLANE



150 A GRADE GAMES



GARETH FELTON

Introducing our scholarship recipients

NAME: Cody McFarlane
D.O.B.: 26/11/95

Cody is one of our Under 18 players. He also played in the Hottest 7s Tournament earlier this year, and is this year coaching our Under 14 side after coaching the Under 8s last year. This is an extract from his scholarship application that he submitted last year.

Playing history

I have played 7 years with the Palmerston Crocs. I have also played 7s with the Rugby Shop. Also, I have been selected to play for the Under 14s, 16s and 18s Northern Territory teams and also NTIS Emerging Talent squads.

Rugby goals

My short term goals are to win the Grand Final, be selected for the next stage of the NTIS and possibly go away with the Junior Golds program. My long term goals are to coach kids and teach them how to play rugby and also to start a professional rugby career.

Other interests and achievements

Last year I won the top Year 10 boy for Academic Achievement and I'm currently in the International Baccalaureate. Also I do weightlifting and charity work for the Cancer Council.

What would receiving a Kerr-Barlow Scholarship mean to you

It would mean further development of my rugby skills and also a sense of pride in my club for giving me that opportunity.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gareth Felton who played his 150th A Grade game last Saturday. Apparently Gareth was hoping for a short run on the field; however he ended up playing the whole 80 minutes, and did good job too. Gareth becomes the 6th player in the club to make 150 A Grade games, along with Craig Leach, Ben Blyton, John Sullivan, Sean Killiner and Brock Evans.



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NEW PLAYERS

Some of our Junior teams still have vacancies for players.

Do you know of anyone - family, friends, schoolmates or work colleagues - who may be interested in being part of a super friendly rugby club?

If so, please encourage them to come along to training on Tuesdays or Thursdays to see what it's all about.

We would love to see them!

GEAR INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEES:



Club news...

BUNNINGS BBQ # 2

Our second Bunnings BBQ was held over the Easter weekend. A huge thank you once again to all our hard working BBQ teams!



Greg Jarvis, Mal Leach, Dennis Grant and Rob Sloan.



Ben Blyton, Jacob Blyton, Garry Russell, 'Milky' and Jordan.



Brock Evans, Tommy Hurse, Tyrone Gersch and all the way from Newcastle – Brock's Dad!



Bec Taylor, Robbie Taylor, Anthony Smith and Fiona Weaver.

NEW GEAR ARRIVED

Well, our much anticipated gear FINALLY arrived last week. Thanks so much to everyone who was able to assist with handing out the gear on Thursday night. By the end of the night over 110 registered players had received their gear. A good effort, especially given the shorts only arrived late Thursday afternoon!

Thanks also to all club members for their patience while we sorted out everyone's singlets, shorts and socks. And for those players who are still waiting on some gear - we've organised another order and followed up the missing shorts, so it's in the pipeline!

PLAYERS: now that you have your gear, it is ESSENTIAL that the correct socks and shorts are worn for every game. Take pride in yourself and your team! There are no excuses for not doing so.

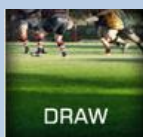
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2013 SEASON DRAW



Need to check the draw, look up a result or see where your team is on the ladder? The relevant NTRU web page can be directly accessed from anywhere on our club's website:

www.palmerstonrugby.com.au

NTRU news...



UNDER 16s REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

The NTRU are looking for expressions of interest in the following positions, for the Under 16s representative team who will be competing in the 2013 U16s Nationals in Sydney in October. They will also be competing against St Albans School (UK) on the 18 July.

The positions are:

- Head Coach** (min Level 2)
- Assistant Coach** (min Level 1)
- Manager**
- Sports Trainer**

All positions are voluntary and the NTRU will require all members of the management team to possess an Ochre card. Please email Andrew Crozier (CEO of the NTRU) at andrew.crozier@ntrugby.com.au if you are interested.

2013 NT MOSQUITOES

The NTRU is pleased to announce that the NT Mosquitoes will travel to Adelaide this year to play in a round robin competition against Queensland Country, Tasmania and South Australia. The tour will take place from 11 July to the 14 July inclusive.

The management team for the 2013 NT Mosquitoes is:

Head Coach	Peter McGrath
Assistant Coach	Stewart Cruden
Team Manager	Jone Tuiono
Physio/Trainer	TBC

There will be a mid-week trial for the selection of the squad, followed by an intense training period including a warm up game (dates and times TBC). The team will travel with 23 players and 4 management staff. Each player will need to fully commit to the tour and the team environment. The player levy will be \$650 per athlete for the 4 days. This includes flights, accommodation, most meals and the 2013 Mosquitoes kit, which each chosen player will receive and keep. The kit includes: jersey, shorts, socks, polo, training T & hoodie. Andrew Crozier will advise further details as he receives them from the management team.

The NTRU hopes this will be the first of many annual tours for the Mosquitoes.



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