

This Week's Games

FRIDAY 20TH MAY Moulden Park Oval

5.45	U6	
5.45	U8B	v Swampdogs
5.45	U10	v Swampdogs
6.20	U12	v Swampdogs
7.15	U14	v University
8.15	U16	v University

All NTJRU games are being played at Moulden Park Oval this Friday night. It should be a great spectacle. Please ask Alison how you can help out.

SATURDAY 21ST MAY Optus Park 1

5.00	B	v University
6.30	A	v University
		Rugby Park, Perth
3.00		Mosquitoes v Perth

Note: No C Grade but we do need players or spectators for the B Grade. It has been decided to have a **10 week, 10-a-side, C Grade competition** (focussed on developing youngsters, U17+) **starting on 2nd July.**

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	7	6	0	1	4	28
Dragons	6	4	0	2	3	19
University	7	4	0	3	2	18
Palmerston	6	2	0	4	3	11
Casuarina	7	0	0	7	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	8	5	0	3	6	26
Dragons	7	6	0	1	-1	23
University	7	4	0	3	2	18
Jabiru	8	3	0	5	2	14
Souths	7	3	0	4	-2	10
Casuarina	7	1	0	6	2	6

Coming Events

SUNDAY 29th May – home game v Dragons. All junior & senior games will be played at home. **Again lots of helpers will be needed.**

Last Week's Games

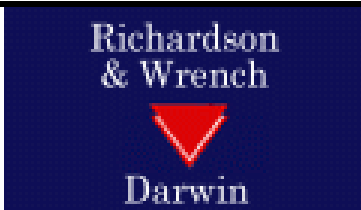
Mossies v Qld Country

This is some of what the ARU reporters had to say about the game. **'The Queensland Country Heelers overpowered the Darwin Mosquitoes 50-15.** The Heelers hit the ground running from the kick off for a near ideal first half, in which a lack of urgency at the breakdown and several missed tackles by the Mosquitoes allowed the Heelers to dominate. For the first forty minutes, Queensland Country enjoyed **virtually complete possession of the ball**, which led to them crossing for seven tries and establishing an impressive 43-0 lead at the break. In the second half, the **Mosquitoes rallied** and took advantage of an at times fatigued Queensland Country side, their efforts reflected in a turnaround in ball possession in favour of the Mozzies, who proceeded to run in three tries to Queensland Country's one. **For Darwin, captain Ben Emmett showed excellent leadership, directing his team from the front and never giving up.'**

A's v Casuarina

Back in the winners circle this week with a **37 – 7** rout of Casuarina. Stand-in coach, **Bernie** saw the game this way.

*'It was pleasing to see just about the whole team at the park ready for action well before start time. **Matt Pheeny** had some problems with the Arafura games traffic but got there. We started very flat and so let Casuarina get into the game. We had an obvious advantage with **Shane and Tom running freely** in the backs but the finish did not happen. Casuarina held on and certainly had a better kicking game that allowed them to make big gains from our mistakes. We have improved our mauling game and this has been a focus at training. Sadly not everyone would know that. I am looking forward to the scrum machine arriving or at least having enough forwards at training to practice live scrums because if we do not win that tight forward engagement then the rest of the game becomes very difficult. Eventually **we came home well** and with plenty of running still left in us. Some great tries made the score line look quite good but we know we have lots of work to do on our kicking game, on scrums and lineouts and on the ability to keep focus throughout a game. Personally I thought **George Hatzismalis had another blinder** (seconded by the editor). Anyone who wants to score should run close to George as he is making large breaks on a regular basis. **Tommy Hurse** ran hard and straight, **Shane** is causing lots of problems for the opposition*



and **Dan McIntyre** continues to play like a **120kg flanker**.

This is a team that can really build into something great of that I am confident.'

Tries were scored by **Dan McIntyre, Shane Stoeckert (2), Tom Hurse (3), and Freddie Waianga. Tim Jackson** kicked 1 conversion. **Player's player was Tom Hurse.**

B's v Casuarina

Well the goal kicking blues continued but none the less the **Mighty Bs ran out 27 – 0 victors. Co-coach Bernie** had the following to say about the game. *'Perhaps we thought that this would be another eleven try romp but it didn't happen and we had to struggle to keep Casuarina out. We looked good while keeping the ball in tight and mauling forward or using the pick and drive.*

This kept the Casuarina forwards out of the backs so that when we threw it out it was easier to find gaps. We didn't always stick to this plan and often stretched ourselves and ran our big forwards backwards and forwards across the field.'

A **big thank you** to the regular C Graders who came down and helped make sure we had a full team. Those I can remember included: **Mike Palmer, Ben Sage, Dan Bree, Michael Boulton and Snogga. Try scorers** were: **James Reed (3) and Ben Sage (2)** with **Paddy Killen** converting 1.

U14 v Dragons

After some debate between the Co-coaches, it has been agreed the **U14s lost 7 – 12** against Dragons. They tell me it was a hard fought game with the first half dominated by Dragons, however, the Crocs surged home in the second half. We had many chances to take the game but again our finishing let us down. The effort shown in the 2nd half was great and our fitness was displayed. **Jacob Collins** showed great

strength to beat four defenders and drag two into the post to **score** our only try. **Dean converted** it.

All the team played well but points went to **Jacob, Anthony Smith, Rory Valentin** and **Jack Kypreos**, the flying winger. **Darren** says that as each game goes by the lads are improving and should be strong when it comes to the business end of the season.

U12 v Dragons

Jacko tells me that the U12s bounced back this week with a **solid win 10 - 0** over Dragons. **Sean Ley** opened up the scoring with a blindside dash from the back of a scrum 20 metres out. The **try of the year** so far has to go to **Snow** who took the ball from a kick-off and ran 70m, shrugging off multiple tacklers, to score.

Improvement can be seen across the team with some excellent defence from the **centre combination of Tyler and Jimmy**, and some confident ball running from **Jacob at fullback**. It was a great team effort with our defence improving dramatically on previous performances.

U10 v Dragons

The **U10s had a 12 – 29 loss** this week. **Scott Parsons** is getting at least one try per game at the moment and was once again our sole point **scorer with 2 tries and 1 conversion.**

This week something different happened with determining our **best players**, the kids were asked to decide who they thought should get the points and they chose, **Scott Parsons, Rhys White** and **Jessica Phillis.**

The kids are getting better with every game they play and this is also showing in the score line.

U8 Blue v Swampdogs

Coach Jamie thinks that some **Space Monkeys** took over the Palmy Blue team this week. All

season the team has been showing improvement each week but this week players who always run forward discovered running backwards and the most effort put in to get the ball during the game was when 2 of our players fought over who was to get the ball.

It wasn't all bad; some great individual efforts showed that Palmy was still there on occasions. **Kai Longley** made a few great runs, one of which resulted in our only try. **John and Adam** both put in their **usual consistent** games and slowed the Swampdogs down. Hopefully next week the Space Monkeys will be gone and Palmy Blue gets back to what they do best, playing Rugby.

U8 Red v Casuarina

Coach Nicole says that Palmy Red's growing confidence and skills are certainly paying off as they have learnt to **come together as a team.** With a **win against Casuarina 10 - 5** on Friday night, we are proving to be a strong side. Our introduction to a new ball take technique at training (now known as **THE V**) has allowed us to spread out and get quick passes out wide which leads to tries being scored quite easily. As shown in our last 3 games our defence is superb with most of the game time spent in their half, due to the unrelenting tagging of Ambrielle and Brielle. New comer Conner has adapted well and continuously shocks us all for such a little guy. **Try scorers** were **Brett Mullen**, who has an amazing concept of the game and **Blake Windler**, whose concentration surprised us all. **Highlight** was definitely **Jamsie Kenyon's** side stepping run of half the field which nearly led to a try and his sprints down the line were very inspirational. **Great work Palmy Red.**



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