

## This Week's Games

### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June Optus Park 1

5.45 U6  
5.45 U8R v University  
7.00 U12 v University  
7.45 U14 v University  
8.35 U16 v Casuarina

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE Optus Park 1

2.00 U14 Trial Game  
**3.00 Mossies v NSW Country**  
5.00 U16 Trial Game  
5.00 Schoolboys Trial Game

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE Optus Park 2

2.30 B v Souths  
4.00 A v Souths

**NOTE:** These games are now at Optus Park 2 not Warren Park as originally planned. Souths concede it's just a bit dead and hard.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	8	7	0	1	5	33
University	9	6	0	3	4	28
Dragons	8	5	0	3	3	23
Palmerston	8	2	0	6	4	12
Casuarina	8	0	0	8	0	0

No B Grade table this week because I haven't been able to find out the result of the other games.

## Coming Events

**Queen's Birthday Week-end**  
11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June

**NO SENIOR RUGBY**  
Juniors play on Friday night.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Darwin U16 v Singapore U16

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
No junior rugby  
NT U16 v Singapore U16  
**MOSSIES V SAMOA**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Magela Field  
5.00 B v Jabiru  
A Bye

**C Grade** – a 10-a-side competition (focussed on developing youngsters, U17+), will start on **Saturday 2 July** when we play University at University Oval. In the meantime we do need players and/or spectators for the B Grade.

## Last Week's Games

### Mossies v Perth

This is some of what the ARU reporters had to say about the game.

**Black Falcons upset Mosquitoes in the Darwin heat: Adelaide 43-40.**

Humid (someone's telling porkies, my memory was of a beautiful DRY season day) 31 degree conditions didn't stop the Adelaide Black Falcons recording a memorable 43-40 victory over the Mosquitoes in Darwin.

With both teams scoring six tries a piece in the hot relentless conditions, a penalty goal was the only difference in a match where the lead changed four times.

Leading 24-19 at half time the visitors were able to hold on to a determined fight back from the home side. The Mosquitoes will rue the lost opportunity to capitalize on a

home ground advantage and some good local support.

**Peter Burnheim** with two tries was one of the best for the Mosquitoes.

### A's v Dragons

We always knew we were going to do it tough for this week-end player wise but I didn't expect a number of the A Graders to not show.

**Thanks to the B Graders** who doubled up and put up a great effort. Unfortunately it didn't turn into a win, **losing a tight game 5 – 11.**

**Denny Johnston** scored our try while **Todd Harrison** stood up with a big effort to win the **Player's player.**

### B's v Dragons

Dragons are the pace setters in B Grade and I was concerned how we would go in this game.

I don't know why because every player put in a 110% effort and really made

**Dragons** work hard for their **26 – 13 win.** Big winger, **Geoff Bell**, scored our **first try** and **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** the other. **Robbie Taylor** slotted a **penalty.**

There were many good efforts but **best players** included **James Ballantyne, Snogga** and **Ian Hogan.**

### U14 v Dragons

The U14s finally broke through for their **1<sup>st</sup> official win** of the season and what a win it was, **32 - 7.**



Co-coach Dan Curtin saw things this way. *'Finally it all came together, the forwards were going forward and getting to the break down and securing the ball (the basics) and then **Floyd Thompson** was providing quick ball to the backs for **Tom Pavone** and **Rory Valentin** to show their stuff.*

*There were many **outstanding players** including our flankers **Jessie Villiers** and **Adam Riley** who both stepped up and had excellent games. Lock **Ben Palmer** won all of our line outs and 75% of theirs in a dominant display plus he was always busy at the breakdown. **Tom Pavone** at fly half directed the backs well and tackled like a number 8. **Jake Barlow** led from the front and **Dean Staunton** couldn't miss a conversion.*

*There were a couple of highlights worth mentioning in the game. One was **Rory's** pick and go down the centre of the field splitting the opposition and then doing a **Matt Giteau special dive to score** the first try. **Rory** reckons he got at least 2 metres in the air. The other was little **Dean's** conversion from 10m in from the sideline and over the black dot. This got rave reviews from the home team gallery (including calls for him to be made the specialist kicker in seniors or at least the kicking coach).'*

*Tries were scored by **Jacob Collins (3)**, **Tom Pavone** and **Rory Valentin**. **Dean** converted 3 of them.*

#### U12 v Dragons

**Dragons 32 – Palmerston 19**  
Tries were scored by **Snow Levavasour**, **Jarrod Donovan** and ????. **Shaun Ley** converted 2 of them.

#### U10 v Dragons

**Dragons 67 – Palmerston 7.**  
Our try was scored by **Rhys White** and converted by **Jye Snowden**.

#### U8 Blue v U8 Red

**The Palmy Blue v Palmy Red** showdown with **Palmy Red** running out narrow winners **15 – 10.**

Blues coach **Jamie** saw the game this way: *'This was the best game so far this season. Palmy Blue was missing a number of players and had to "borrow" **Michaela White** from the Reds. Every player on the field put in a maximum effort and gave a great show. To give an idea of how hard the kids played, **Kerrin Akers** and **Liam Longley** had the dubious "honour" of receiving Palmy Blue's first penalties for the season. This wasn't through malicious intent though, rather trying too hard to gain and keep possession. Everyone had a great game. **Best players** included **Adam Powell**, **John Lynch**, **Kerrin Akers**, **Kai Longley** and **Liam Longley**. Tries were scored by **Kai** and **Michaela**.'*

Reds coach **Nicole** saw it this way. *'**Brett Mullen** once again found the gaps scoring two tries. **Brielle Felton** continuously put the pressure on with her tagging. No one is too big or fast for her. **Blake Windler** did some great runs and supporting his team mates well. **Zach Bandy** played extremely well in defence as did **Ambrielle Ozegovic** who ran the whole game and is becoming confident under pressure with the ball. Our newest and smallest player **Conner Wynen** scored an amazing try in the corner to the delight of everyone. Congratulations to both teams and to **Michaela White** who made up numbers for the Blues and scored her first try for the season. Reds tries were scored by **Brett Mullen (2)** and **Conner**.*

#### U6

The U6s played out a **10** all draw this week. **Dlynn Felton**

and **Summah Kidney** scored tries for the Reds while **Koby Snowden** and **Joshua Ozegovic** scored for Greens. Other players included **Mahlia Snowden**, **Chloe Grainger**, **Joseph Phillis**, **Brandon Thompson**, **Jacob Lasker**, **David Bell**, **Tyson Kidney** and **Christopher O'Brien**.

#### Croc Jottings

**Alexia Hindle** – I didn't have room last week so here is your 1<sup>st</sup> look at her.



Less than 2 weeks old and she was at the games last Sunday.

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Which A Graders was referee **Roberta Barnett** talking about when she mentioned at half time of last week-end's game that she would prefer it if all of our players wore **UNDERPANTS** during the game? She didn't seem too impressed by what was on show.

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**What a master stroke of coaching.** **Ben Blyton** was struggling to find players to make up the final few positions in the B Grade when he noticed **Geoff Bell** nearby. Needing a winger or a forward, he very shrewdly offered **Geoff the wing spot**, working on the principle Geoff would find it hard to resist the opportunity. He couldn't and went on to combine with **Snogga** to score our first try.

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The seniors didn't completely lose everything on Sunday. We **comprehensively won** the boat race.

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