

## This Week's Games

### NO JUNIOR RUGBY this week-end

FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June

Optus Park 1

6.00 U16 NT v Singapore

8.00 Mossies v Samoa

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Magela Field - Jabiru

5.00 B v Jabiru

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SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Optus Park 1 & 2

U14, U16 & U18 Schoolboys

10s Tournament.

Games start at 8.30

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Optus Park 1 & 2

U14, U16 & U18 Schoolboys

10s Tournament.

Games start at 9.30 with the

finals from 5.00pm

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	10	9	0	1	6	42
University	9	6	0	3	4	28
Dragons	9	6	0	3	4	28
Palmerston	9	2	0	7	5	13
Casuarina	10	0	0	10	0	0

## NT U16 v

### Singapore U16

Don't miss this game on Friday night. Palmerston has contributed **8 of the 23 players** for this team from our undefeated U16 team. They are: **Stephen Bartholdt-Green, Tom Cummins, Kurt Collie-Whakave, Blake Chadwick, Rodrigo Barua, Blake Bishell, Kane Richards and Mitchell Lawrence.** Tom has also been named Captain of the team. Six players are

from Katherine, three from Nhulunbuy, one from Alice Springs, four from Casuarina and one from University. Coach is **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden.**

## Aussie Mossies v Samoa

As best as I can tell all seven of our Mossie representatives, **Ben Emmett, Greg Neighbour, Michael Scaturchio, John Sullivan, Ben Coffey, Tom Hurse and Pete Burnheim** have all made the final 22 for the Aussie Mossies. Congratulations guys and enjoy the experience.

## Coming Events

### Players Tea – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

We have just passed the mid point of the season, the Mossies campaign is over and so it is time to get the season back on track for our senior teams.

The first step is getting everyone to training. To facilitate this, (for all the tight forwards, facilitate means to help) there will be a Player's Tea and Guest Speaker after training on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Get it into your diaries.

**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.

## Last Week's Games

### U16 Darwin v Singapore

This ended up in a **big win** for the well drilled and fit

**Singapore lads, 44 – 7.** The game was an eye opener for many of our Darwin boys and they now have some idea of the standard they will need to reach to be able to compete later this year when the NT U16 team goes away to the National Championships.

**Best players** for Darwin included **Tom Cummins, Blake Chadwick, Tukere Barlow, Kane Richards and Kurt Collie-Whakave.**

### U10 v Casuarina

This week the U10's had a **win, 42 – 29**, against Casuarina. Our **try scorers** were **Scott Parsons (4)** and **Joel Hogan (2).** Joel also kicked 2 conversions, **Jye Snowden** 3 conversions and **Rhys White** 1 conversion. That's a 100% kicking record, take note seniors. According to the parents / supporters, our **best players** included **Joel Hogan, Nicolas Bell, Ashley Theyers and Ben Kaart.** A big effort by Joel given this was his first game back from a broken arm. The **week's best trainer** point went to **Jye Snowden.**

**U8 Palmy Blue v Palmy Red** Palmy Blue and Red met again with Blue running out 30 - 0 winners this time. Coach of the Blues, Jamie, saw the game this way.

*'The game started with both teams lacking confidence. Blue because they had never beaten Red and Red because they were missing Brett and their coach Nicole.*

*A couple of quick tries by Riley Hogan gave Blue all of the*



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confidence they needed to play a great game. Teamwork was in great supply and an abundance of passing demonstrated that occasionally the kids listen to their coach. Riley would have to be the standout player, running in 5 tries. Liam Longley again demonstrated his commitment by spilling blood for the team, (does it count when he bangs his nose on a team mates head?) and congratulations to Ben Dummet for his first ever try, well done!

All credit to Palmy Red; they didn't give up and handled a lot of pressure.

Brielle Felton in particular played an awesome game for Red stopping a number of tries and generally upsetting the Blue team's drives. Coach Nicole, blames the oversize Guernseys for the loss, as I did in an earlier game.'

#### U6

Try scorers this week for the U6s were **Koby Snowden** and **Brandon Thomson**. Other players this week included **Dlynn Felton, Joshua Ozegovic, Jake Longley, Chloe Grainger, Heber-Jay Schwalger, Joseph Phillis** and **Mahlia Snowden**.

Everyone had a great game with the emphasis once again being on running forward instead of in circles.

#### U14 Touring Team

The U14s didn't have a game last weekend due to the final selection trials for the team to go to the Queensland Championships. **Darren Bishell** has been helping with the coaching and selection of this team and says that '**All the Palmerston boys who participated did an excellent job and all were in the running for selection, sadly, however, only 22 can be selected. The boys went through an intense selection process with three**

trial games and five training sessions. Coach **Wayne Connop** was impressed with the skills displayed by our boys. I am sure the boys who are going to Brisbane will come back with a new found confidence and will surely be able to improve on their skill levels. The **Palmerston boys** who were **selected** are: **Brodie Lafferty, Floyd Thompson, Anthony Smith, Ben Palmer, Brenton Whatley, Jacob Collins** and **Jessie Villiers**.

Well done to the boys who tried out and weren't selected they are: **Rory Valentin, Jacob Noble, Jordan Bishell, Tom Pavone** and **Adam Riley**.' **Manager** of this team is **Dan McIntyre** while **Brock Evans** is the **trainer**.

### Juniors Mid Season Break

All junior grades have a mid season break over the school holidays. Next Friday the U8 – U16s play then break until Friday 29th July.

### Junior Training Break

There will be no training for the U6, U10 & U16 teams during the school holidays. The other grades need to check with their team coaches.

Training will re-start on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

### Meet the wildest 'Wallaby'

By Jon Geddes  
June 16, 2005

**MEET Wallaby Ben Tune's new centre partner - a footballer from one of the more remote parts of Australia who has played just four full games of rugby in six years.**

Ben Coffey has been plucked from obscurity to play alongside Test stars including Tune, Mat Rogers and Matt Henjak in the Aussie Mozzies side taking on Samoa in Darwin on Friday night.

But for the past six years rugby has been a rare treat for Coffey, who was

living in Gove, 600km east of Darwin right on the Gulf of Carpentaria peninsula. The East Arnhem Land region he called home has been described as one of the last remaining wilderness areas on earth. "I have kind of been in the wilderness, it's one of the most isolated places in Australia," said Coffey, who did an apprenticeship in electrical instrumentation with Alcan. "During the wet season you can't get out until the rivers go down and the only way is by plane."

The tyranny of distance meant the dedicated members of the Gove Rugby Club couldn't get opposition teams in to play and weren't even able to rustle up 30 locals for a pick-up game. "We just trained and then played touch - and that was about the extent of it," he said. "We played about two sevens tournaments a year in Darwin and Singapore if that." Six weeks ago Coffey moved to Darwin for his rugby and was selected in the Northern Territory side for the Australian Rugby Shield. While injury and illness meant he only got through one full game, the 23-year-old was still picked to play inside Tune and outside halfback Matt Henjak against the Samoans. "I was just blown away when I got the phone call," Coffey said.

"Every now and then I have to sit back and pinch myself to make sure it is real. "I will be at work and just start smiling and think I am going to be playing with the Wallabies on Friday." And any apprehension he may have felt about playing alongside Tune, who has 46 Test caps, quickly evaporated at the first training session.

"It was awesome meeting all the boys, they are all down-to-earth, really nice blokes," Coffey said. "They make you feel at home and comfortable."

Coffey was like a sponge, soaking up all the tips from Tune and Rogers such as running the right lines.

"They gave me some good advice, they don't talk down to you and treat you like a normal bloke," he said. And not many players have the chance to play in a team with Wallaby coach Eddie Jones in charge. "He was straight down the line and told us what he expected," Coffey said. "If we were doing something wrong he just pulled us aside and said, 'Look mate, we want you to do it this way'."

Coffey says this will be the biggest game he will ever play and reckons the quality of footballers around him can only enhance his own performance.

"It's been such a whirlwind, I really haven't had an opportunity to see what I can do with my football," he said.

"Friday will be a big test to see where I stand."

