

## This Week's Games

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Optus Park 1**

5.45 U6  
5.45 U8R v U8B  
6.30 U12 v Dragons  
7.15 U14 v Dragons  
U10 bye

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Semi Finals**  
**Optus Park 1**

5.00 B v Jabiru  
7.00 A v Dragons

A Grade XXXX Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	17	14	0	3	10	66	
Uni versi ty	17	11	0	6	9	53	
Dragons	17	11	0	6	7	51	
Pal merston	17	6	0	11	8	32	
Casuari na	17	0	0	17	1	1	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	20	17	0	1	2	11	71
Uni versi ty	20	13	0	7	0	6	58
Pal merston	20	10	0	10	0	13	53
Jabi ru	20	7	0	13	0	7	35
Casuari na	20	6	0	14	0	8	32
Souths	20	7	0	13	2	9	29

## Coming Events

### NTRU Presentation

This event will be on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** from 5.30pm at the Deck Bar.

The Bledisloe Cup Test will be watched and then followed by the presentations etc.

**\$60 / head for a meal and 3 hour drinks (beer, wine, soft drink) package.**

Let me know if you want to go as the NTRU needs numbers for catering by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## Junior Presentation & Family Fun Day

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
(FATHERS DAY) is the day, **Berry Springs** is the place. 9.30am start with the **Junior Presentation** to happen at 10.00am.

This is a day for the whole club; seniors, juniors, supporters etc. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic, stay for a swim and join in some club games etc.

**Berry Springs is a great spot to spend Fathers Day.**

## Senior Presentation

In keeping with tradition, the Senior Presentation night will be held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, the week-end after the Grand Final.

It will be the normal semi formal or better function and will kick-off at about 6.15pm.

Tickets are now on sale at \$55 from Dan McIntyre, Tom Hurse and me. We need you to buy these ASAP to sort out catering etc.

Ticket cost covers meal, pre-dinner drinks, wine on the table, music etc. Drinks will be on sale at club prices. Special Mini buses will be running from Palmerston to the event and home after. See Dan for details & pick-up points.

**Buy your tickets NOW.**

## Last Week's Games

**A v Souths**

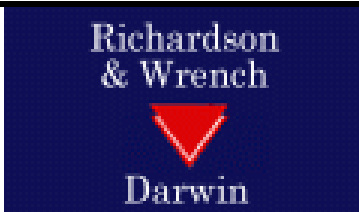
At last we finally nailed another of the leading teams after so many close losses. I just hope the team remembers the job

has only just started not been finished. **A great 22 – 21 win.** **Dave Ley** saw it this way: "At last the results we have been working towards.

**Overall a very good team result with some well constructed passages of play.**

*The forwards recycling was quick and with good ball the backs were able to get over the advantage line and troubled South's on many occasions.* **Tom Hurse** gave plenty of go forward and **Shane Stoekert** broke the line and was dangerous. **Damian Collie** played well and was well organised with a strong defensive effort. One aspect of the game which we must focus on is turnovers and unforced errors from both forwards and backs. We almost let South's back in the game through these errors. The backs midfield defence was strong and was able to hold South's quite comfortably while overall our forwards competed well and managed to steal some possession in the lineout and general play.

**Brock Evans** gave South's plenty to think about and had a great game while **Michael 'Scratch' Scaturchio** gave plenty of go forward and **Matt 'Fang' Pheeny** cleaned up a lot of loose scrum ball at the back and combined well with **John 'Sully' Sullivan** who was dominant at the back of South's scrum. It's now do or die against Dragons on Saturday. If we play to our potential and control the ball I have no doubt we can secure a win. Dragons got out of gaol last time and we



can't let it happen again. A committed and focused effort should see us go on to the next week. A repeat and improved game is what is required."

**Todd Harrison, Sully and Ben Jones** scored tries while **Damian** converted 2 plus kicked a penalty. **Player's player was Brock Evans**. I heard some spectators saying they thought this was the finest game Brock has ever played for the club. **Well done Brock**.

### B v Souths

The B Grade warmed up for the finals with a **huge 55 – 0 win** over Souths. **Ben Blyton** had the following to say: 'The game started with Souths down a few numbers and uncontested scrums. Previously B Grade has struggled to play well when ever we have come up against uncontested scrums but on Saturday this was not case. During the 1st half we ran with a strong breeze but chose to run the ball at most opportunities taking advantage of our extra numbers and some very good support play to quickly score 2 tries. For the most part the team was playing well but the temptation to push the pass was too much for a couple of players. This kept Souths in the game for much longer then they deserved. Souths were finally at full strength by about the 20 minute mark but it did not make any difference as we continued to dominate the game scoring 6 try's, 4 of them converted to take a **half time lead of 38 to nil**.

The 2nd half saw the boys running into a strong win, again the tactics were to keep the ball in hand for as long as possible and to try and run it out of defence. Great games by the loose forwards (**Stuart Bright, James Reed and Sean Killiner**) ensured that we continued to win the majority of the rucks and mauls, this along with good defence ensured that

Souths never really looked like scoring.

In the end all the backs had strong games with **Hunter McGee** and **Dave Cairns** in the centres being too good for their opposition **Paddy Killen** at both half back and flyhalf looking dangerous every time he ran, and **Paul Veach** when he came on deserving special mention. The forwards again out played their rival forward pack and strong games were had by all, "**the young bull**" **Ian Hogan** and the rest of the tight forwards lead from the front with **Stuart Bright** every where in support and again showing what a good player he is.

**Try Scorers Paddy Killen 2, Hunter McGee 2, Dave Cairns, Karl McFarland, Sean Killiner, Stuart Bright and Bob Mitchell.**

Conversion **Robbie Taylor 4, Paul Veach 1.**

On a sad note the game was **Daniel "Woody" Gaywood's** last game for the club as he is off on a training course before being transferred to Sydney. I would like to thank Woody for his efforts this year; he made a valuable contribution to Palmy B grade and will be missed.

**Player's player was Hunter McGee** with a dominate display in the centres.

### U16 v Casuarina

U16 had another tough game against Casuarina and ended up with their **2<sup>nd</sup> loss of the season, 12 - 22**. Our try scorers were **Kane Richards & Blake Chadwick** with **Tukere Barlow** converting one.

### U14 v University

**Palmerston 7 – University 17**. **Jesse Villiers** scored our try and **Dean Staunton** converted it.

### U12 v University

**Palmerston 12 – University 45**. **Roy Young** and **Gus Tink** scored our tries and **Shaun Ley** converted one of them.

### U10 v Casuarina

**Palmerston 7 – Casuarina 88**. **Scott Parsons** was our lone try scorer with **Joel Hogan** converting it.

### U8 Blue v Casuarina

**Coach Jamie** provided me with the following information on the U8 Blue game. 'Palmy Blue played Casuarina on Friday night and made it **5 wins in a row**. A quick try by **Riley Hogan** had the team relax until Casuarina equalised 2 minutes later. One of the under 8's cried out, "**They can't do that!**" and play began in earnest. Palmy Blue showed that teamwork pays off, with not just 1 player supporting a runner; we had 3, all ready for that pass. The team talked to each other and the communication proved to be a deciding factor in our attack. One of the highlights for me was seeing **Adam Powell**, (the smallest kid in the competition), get the ball and run up the sideline with an "Oh poop!" expression on his face. Another highlight was **John Lynch** scoring not 1, but 2 tries. Hey John, are they your first?

Palmy Blue are riding high on their success and are getting nearly as cocky as their coach, Jamie, (Kylie made me write that bit). But after the slow start to the season we have a team who are confident with their abilities and team skills.' **Palmy 35, Casuarina 10**.

### U6

Try scorers for the past couple of weeks have been **Koby Snowden, Summah Kidney, Joshua Ozegovic** and last week's game our only try was scored by **Jake Baptista** in his first game of the season. Alison says that everyone is getting back into the swing of running straight with the ball -



it's a shame the season is drawing to an end.

## Crocs Netball

**Kate Eadie** is back with us after her overseas travels and provides the following Netball update.

*'A stellar performance from **Bec Fears** backed up by a great team effort lead the D Graders to another big win last week in the last Palmerston showdown for the year. C Grade also chalked up another big win with probably our best 1st quarter performance followed but an awesome defence line all game.*

***Juniors** are doing well and every player has been recognised by the opposing team's parents who took the time to tell me how talented everyone is, how well we're doing in our first year and best of all that each of them shows fantastic sportsmanship not often seen today. It made me really happy and proud of them. Crocs Netball is looking for Umpires and senior players for the DNA Wet season starting in October. Contact me for further information'*

## Caretaker

Hilda, our Caretaker, will be moving on this week-end and to ensure we continue our 'break-in free' status **we will need to find a new one**. If you know of someone, they need their own van, then please call Bernie Bree (8945 3530) or myself (8948 1849).

## Croc Jottings

Last week's great photo of **Dennis Bree** in action certainly caught the attention of many of you. Here are some of your comments:

- I can't believe Dennis is still standing much less anything else – **Tom Stockwell**
- What a fine looking specimen of a front rower.

I tell my wife that while Dennis Bree is still playing so can I. Thanks Dennis. – **Gareth Felton**.

- Who said the Wallabies had a problem at flyhalf? – **Gail Barlow**.
- Shades of Larkham - **Jesse Leal**
- Geez. If only I could still be having a run at his age! – **Darren Tucker**
- Nice try boys, but when you zoom in on the "No 19 player" it is easy to see the wires holding the cardboard cut-out. But good to see you still have it when needed Dennis. I expect the last time you had to use one like that was to avoid a Peter King left hook. – **Tony Burns**

I also had an email recently from former Croc, **Ross 'Boots' Blunsdon**. He says *'I'm down here in bloody Victoria at HMAS CERBERUS along with another former Croc, **Matty Payne**. Even though I'm in this hell hole, I enjoy receiving and reading about the exploits of the club in CrocTales, and it is good to see that the Crocs are still keeping up the tradition of the "Nude Handicap" at the Darwin Cup. I would have had my money on Squirter to beat Dan, but obviously with age, he is losing his blistering speed. As for the bloody weather down here, it is s\*\*t. Crappy one day, s\*\*tithouse the next, is the best way to describe it. Anyway, all the best going into the finals.*

With the final competition tables out and everyone checking and double checking them, I noted that we were the only club who **did not forfeit a game** this season. All the other clubs forfeited at least one B Grade game without

taking C Grade into consideration.

I also had an update from **Kim & Rick Hoe**. *'Hello all. Kim usually writes these as I dictate to her (I wish) but this time it's just me..... We are approaching week 8 of life on the road, have done Pisa, Venice and Rome, then ferried from Andacona in Italy to Split in Croatia, cruising along the coastline is magnificent, would love to stay forever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **Freddie is getting bigger and louder and dribbles constantly** (inherited from his father no doubt) and handing travelling like a champion!!!!'*

Last week-end's **30 Year Reunion Gala Dinner** went down well at the Darwin Turf Club. Highlight of the evening was our very own **Bernie Bree**, pitched in as a guest speaker (no he kept his clothes on) at short notice when **Dennis Bree** became unavailable. Although concerned about what he could say, (he claims he can't remember those early years) the consensus was that he did a terrific job.

Last Saturday night also saw **Ratu Koriotama** celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Happy Birthday Ratu**  
He was helped with the celebrations by many past and present Crocs including **Smokin' Joe, Al Woodcock, Bill Murphy, Stephen Roberts, Roger Lynch** (I bet he never scored 2 tries in a game like his son did last week-end), **Bernie, Dave Ley and Cube**.

The week-end before Casuarina stalwart, **Dan Panapa** also celebrated 50 years.

