

Upcoming Games

SATURDAY 29th July

No games working at the Royal Darwin Show

FRIDAY 4th August Austar Rugby Park 1

U10 bye

6.50 U12 v Dragons

7.40 U14 v Dragons

8.40 U16 v Dragons

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 U6

6.00 U8 v Casuarina

SATURDAY 5th August University Oval

2.30 B v University

4.00 A v University

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	13	9	0	4	9	45	
Palmerston	13	8	0	5	9	41	
University	12	8	1	3	6	40	
Souths	14	6	0	8	5	29	
Casuarina	14	1	1	12	2	8	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	17	16	0	1	0	9	73
Jabiru	15	8	0	7	0	8	43
Dragons	16	9	0	7	1	7	39
Casuarina	17	7	0	10	0	10	38
University	15	8	0	7	1	6	34
Souths	16	0	0	16	1	1	0

Coming Events

Show Garbage Services

It started TODAY and continues tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday morning.

Another person or two for the Saturday night shift would be nice but we will survive with what we have.

Thanks to the 40+ people who have volunteered so far.



Last Week's Games

B v Casuarina

Coach Blyton says 'Saturday saw the **top of the table clash** in B Grade, Palmerston v Jabiru. So it was important for the team to continue their form as it is likely that we will play Jabiru in the major semi final.

Jabiru also is the only team to beat us this year, which happened the last time the two teams met at Jabiru.

Our squad for Saturday, on paper, looked a little unbalanced - **9 front rowers, 6 backs and 5 other forwards**. But what looks bad on paper does not always turn out that way.

Instructions this week were to try a more forward style of game with the use of driving mauls wherever we could.

The game started well for us, the forwards were getting on top and winning good ball which our centres (**Snogga & Damian Smith**) were taking to the line and giving the forwards a target to get to.

The pressure told and we scored a couple of quick tries and it was looking like a cricket score was possible.

Then the injuries started, **Paul Veach** had to come off with a sore leg. The problem, how do you **replace a 5/8 when your bench has 5 front rowers on it?**

Easy, send one of them on and panic. Luckily there was a cool head down at the rugby. **Bernie Bree** said "I

think **Ashley Binding** would go all right in the backs". So, that was that, **Ashley** into the backs at **full back** and a backline reshuffle. Now **5 backs** and **10 forwards** playing, **Tony Morris** would be pleased.

The boys continued to play well and were really getting on top of Jabiru when the curse of B Grade hit. Jabiru called uncontested scrums at about the 25 minute mark.

At this stage, although we were leading 21 - 0, the game changed considerably. Our forwards were struggling to dominate as much without the contest of the scrums and Jabiru's runners came back into the game. A try before ½ time gave Jabiru some hope.

We were guilty of sometimes going one or two phases too many in the forwards and giving them turnovers which they tried to exploit with their broken field running.

The final score saw us **beat Jabiru 40 - 26**. This makes 16 wins from 17 starts.

Overall I was very happy with the performance of the guys, especially considering at one stage our pack was made up of 6 front rowers and 2 breakaways while our back line had a hooker at inside centre and 2nd rowers at 5/8 and full back. Sorry **Squitter**, but you're a forward now. The **Players Player Award** went to **Ashley Binding** but it was a good team effort.



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I would like to make a special mention of **Garry Russell** and **Bernie Bree** who are down at the B Grade every week and help out in some way. Your help is most appreciated."

Try scorers this week were **Ashley Binding (2)**, **Honehau Ahipene**, **Denny Johnston**, **Damien Smith** and **Vince Kelly**. **Paul Veach** kicked 3 conversions and **Robbie Taylor** kicked 2.

Goose Club Roster

This Friday night it is the **A Grade Backs** turn. Next Friday it will be the B Grade backs turn.

Be there by 6.00pm in your club shirt.

Brilliant Coaching

Bernie Bree's sideline and on field (water running only) view of last week-end's B Grade game.

"I have to admit that I was a bit concerned at some of **Coach Blyton's** position selections last Saturday but I now understand his logic.

Faced with nine front rowers and not many backs due to their non appearance, **Ben had Snogga** in the centres and **Vince Kelly** on the wing. **Paul Veach** turned up straight from work and **Vince** moved onto the bench. As injuries mounted **Ashley Binding** moved from 2nd row to full back, **Leigh Stait** from flanker to centre, **Vince** and **Jeremy Bright** shared No. 8.

Happy Birthday

Nick Barlow	25 on 14 th
Ben Blyton	38 on 19 th
Marcia Russell	39 on 19 th
Vince Kelly	40 on 21 st
Ian Horgan	18 on 22 nd
Craig Leach	39 on 23 rd
Dennis Bree	55 on 24 th
Rick Hoeg	52 on 29 th
Hone Ahipene	26 on 2 nd

What was going on? Well several people let us down but not the guys who turned up. They really put in for a great win.

After scoring two tries in the first half, **Ashley** moved to full back. At one of the water breaks he mumbled, "You could play two games in a day in this position!" **Ashley** does like to be involved.

Denny Johnston has always mentioned that he could be a back but after playing out the game in the 2nd row he was heard to say, "If I didn't get a jersey in the backs today I guess I'll always be a 2nd row."

Where Were You?

As highlighted above we were a bit short on for players and also spectators for last weekend's B Grade game.

A very big **THANK YOU** to **Squirter**, who played out of position at fullback & fly half and **Paddy Killen** who, although injured, came along to support the team.

Where were the rest of the A Grade and the B Grade?

Coming Milestones

There are a few A Grade game milestones due to happen in the next few weeks.

The next 'A' Grade game (Saturday 5th August at University Oval) will be A Grade game number 100 for **Brock Evans**.

The A Grade Semi Final on Saturday 26th August will be A Grade game number 300 for **Craig Leach**!

There have been / will be some 50 A Grade game milestones which will also be acknowledged soon.

Wallabies v All Blacks Pre Match

It is all happening in Brisbane on Saturday. The annual **Palmerston Rugby Union Club Test Match Reunion** is on again. The important details are:

The Downstairs Bar at the **Normanby Hotel**, Red Hill from 12:30pm with the free beer (Fosters shout) to commence at 1pm.

Croc Jottings

Congratulations to **Karyn Bree** (daughter of Bernie & Sonya Bree) and **Raymond Hayes** who are being married on Saturday. We wish you a long and fulfilling life together.

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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Thursday nights - Trivia with Shelley from 6.30pm, then stick around for the Footy Show on the big screen.
- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club - 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm - Over \$1,000 up for grabs + Music playing from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-9pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm + Live music from 8pm on Saturday
- The Sunday Sesh is back - Music from 4pm.

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