

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 18th August Austar Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U10** v Casuarina
6.50 **U12** v Swampdogs
7.40 **U14** v Swampdogs
8.40 **U16** v South Darwin

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs Blue

SATURDAY 19th August Austar Rugby Park 1

1.30 **B** v Dragons
3.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup	P W D L BP PT					
	Dragons	15	11	0	4	10
Uni versi ty	15	10	1	4	6	48
Palmerston	15	8	0	7	10	42
Souths	15	7	0	8	6	34
Casuari na	16	1	1	14	2	8

B Grade Abel FI nance Cup	P W D L JF BP PT						
	Palmerston	19	18	0	1	0	10
Jabi ru	18	9	0	9	0	11	50
Dragons	19	11	0	8	1	8	48
Uni versi ty	19	10	0	9	1	9	45
Casuari na	19	8	0	11	0	11	43
Souths	18	0	0	18	2	1	-4

Coming Events

Ladies Day

This Saturday, 19th August, is **Ladies Day**. The festivities begin at 2.00pm with the A Grade game (Yes, I know the ladies aren't there to watch it but you are) kicking off at 3.10pm. Give your \$5 donation for your partner to Dan, Tom or Percy at training tonight.

Lots of champagne, orange juice & nibbles.



NTJRU Fundraising Dinner

This dinner is also on Saturday, 19th August, at the University Clubhouse from 7.00pm.

Patrons are welcome to arrive early and watch a **delayed telecast of the Bledisloe Cup** game from 5.00pm.

Tickets are \$45 per adult and \$25 per child U16 which includes a three course dinner. **Contact the NTRU on 8945 1444 for tickets.**

Injured Wallaby lock **AI Kanaar** is the Guest Speaker.

Squirter's 300th A Grade game

Next Saturday, 26th August, on semi final day, **Craig 'Squirter' Leach** will play his 300th A Grade game for the club.

An absolutely fantastic effort.

I would love to see every past and present Crocs player and supporter along to cheer him on.

I understand we will have the late A Grade game that day with **about a 5:30pm kick-off**.

After the game, it is straight back to **Lizards Bar and Grill** to **continue the celebrations**. \$15 / head for some finger food and drinks.

Get this into your diary NOW.

NTRU Presentation Night



This one is on **Saturday 2nd September** (Preliminary Final night) from 7:00pm at the **Deck Bar**.

It is a great night (sit down dinner, drinks etc) and should be supported strongly by all players, officials and supporters.

The club will be **subsiding the ticket price for the first 20 A Grade players** who wish to attend. Prices etc will be available next week.

See me with money or pen (to sign credit card form) if you wish to come along.

Juniors

Presentation Day

Get **Sunday 10th September** in your diaries for this one.

It will again be at **Berry Springs** with plenty of space for our growing numbers of juniors.

The plan at this stage is to **get underway at 9:00am**.

BYO a chair, breakfast / brunch and swimming things (if you're game).

PRUC Presentation Night & 30th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 16th September.

It's all starting to come together.

It will be held at the **Long**



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Tan Club which is right out at the end of the point inside the **Larrakeyah Navy Base**. An absolutely beautiful location.

This brings with it some special security challenges. That is, **NO TICKETS at the DOOR** and everyone will need to arrive within an agreed timeframe, **with photo id**, and be checked off the list at the gate.

Ticket prices / structure etc is still being determined.

Last Week's Games

A v South Darwin

And another Oops!! The A Grade team seems to be having **difficulty getting back into the groove** after the 3 week break due to the bye and the split round across the long week-ends. This week it was a **22 - 48 loss** to South Darwin.

Not only did we lose the game but we also had **Jono Schwalger sent off** for tackling a player without the ball, a very marginal call. Evidently, Jono's offence was near to the final straw, referee **Roberta Barnett** went on to send off 2 South Darwin players as well, after the whole team had been warned for repeated infringements.

Some how the **NTRU Judiciary** determined, in their wisdom, that the send off wasn't sufficient punishment and that **Jono also needs to serve a one week suspension**.

We obviously need to stop giving penalties away.

Throughout most of the 1st half we seemed to have no ball and were constantly on the defensive.

There were a number of positives from the game though as well.

We stuck to our task and came back into the game a bit in the 2nd half.

Paddy Killen had a good game on the wing and was rewarded with 2 tries, one a very clever, solo chip and chase effort in front of the Palmerston Stand. Now, that's where you want to score tries!!

Tries were scored by **Paddy Killen (2) and ?????. Nick must have converted 1.**

The **Player's Player** this week was **Paddy Killen**.

Editors Note: My normal information channels failed me this week so I have had to rely on my memory and that is a silly thing to have to do. Even the NT News doesn't have the correct information this week.

B v South Darwin

There must be a **significant finance issue** within the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) this week because I haven't got a match report from **Coach Blyton**.

Could it be that dastardly principal, **Bernie Bree**, stirring up trouble demanding more money??

Happy Birthday!!

Jed Watson	50 on 21 st
Freddie Waianga	29 on 21 st

Once B Grade warmed up they **ran in 6 tries**, 5 of which were converted by **Damian Collie**.

The forwards did their bit and got things rolling forward and the backs finished off the good work. **Hunter McGee** found out how much work he has to do on his fitness by exhausting himself running in 3 1st half tries.

Our **tries** were scored by **Hunter McGee (3), Shane Cotton and ???. Damian Collie** kicked 5 conversions.

U12 v University

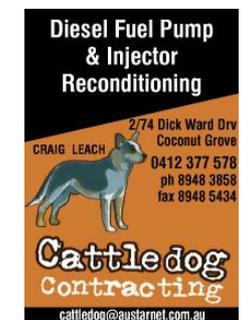
Coach or Co-coach or ?, **Darren Bishell**, has provided the following information on the U12s.

'The U12s have been on a steady improvement over the last 5 games. The boys have been training extremely hard and their efforts are starting to show on game night.

The boys have yet to win a game for the season but they have put teams on notice over the last couple of weeks. Last week they managed to score the first try against Dragons, however, fitness let them down after a three week break from training.

On Friday night they went down to University. The boys let them get on top early and were unable to stop University from scoring a number of tries. Fitness was once again was a contributing factor.

I am confident that the team will continue to improve and will be a force



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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- 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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come finals time. 3 points went to **Lachlan** who chased all game, 2 points went to **Dominic Antunes** who is continuing to improve and 1 point went to **Jack Bolton** who is always reliable on the wing.

The U12s will continue to improve as long as we can get numbers to training.'

Connop's Corner

Coach Connop was a bit disappointed in the way the game was played last weekend. **We lacked discipline and direction.**

However, we need to move on and move forward and try harder but be smarter and continue to think positively even if we are behind because **the world is not lost until the game is won.**

This week I want to focus on the very small things and go back to basics as we have our last game before the finals. **Hopefully we can get everyone to training.**

I would also like to again stress that it is important that players do communicate with each other including the coaches. **If you are not going to be at training please let us know so we can also plan for the training sessions and games.** It is very important that we focus on these next two games very seriously so we can have a good shot at the finals.

Everyone who has been in the club this year has trained very well, played very well and we need to continue this to the end. Let's not let ourselves down.

As **Vince Lombardi**, the greatest sport psychologist suggests, **"man can be as great as he wants to be.** If you believe in yourself and

have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done."

Goose Club Roster

This Friday night it is back to the start of the roster with the **A Grade forwards** to do the honours. Call **Ben Emmett** on 0403 219 789 and assure him you will be there by 6.00pm to do your duty.

Next Friday it will be the **B Grade forwards** turn.

NT U16 Squad

The NT squad for the **National U16 Championships** was released today. A 26 person squad has been announced with the squad to be trimmed to 23 prior to the Championships in October.

Crocs Colts, **Fred Norris, Blake Bishell, Kurt Collie-Whakave, Robbie Cotter, Jai Wyles-Kelly, Rodrigo Barua, Ben Smith and Jacob Collins** have all been named in the squad.

Congratulations to these lads. Do yourselves proud.

Besides our 8 representatives, there are 7 players from University, 6 from South Darwin, 3 from Dragons and 2 from Nhulunbuy.

PRUC Ties

There are still a **few left** but you had better be quick or you will be the only one not wearing one during the upcoming Presentation season.

Remember, the Senior Presentation Night is a semi formal affair.

See Ben with your \$40.

Croc Jottings

Sean Kearns has let us know he is off on deployment to the UK for 10 months. I didn't know they had a war going on there?

His mission is to play rugby for a club in Glasgow, Scotland. I'm sure Kearnsy is up to the task.

If you want to stay in touch with him he will be on sean.kearns@hotmail.com.

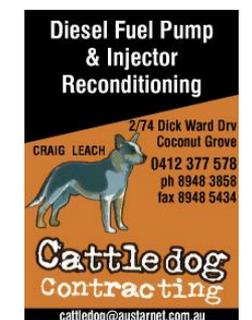
If you are intending to visit the UK in the next ten months, he would love to catch up over a few beers and a yarn.

The new **U14 & U16 jumpers** have arrived.

Again, a big thank you to the sponsors who made it all possible.

Gail Barlow and Michael Moriarty from **Shamrock Homes**; Gavin Pocock from **Blizzard Air & Refrigeration**; Dan McIntyre from **Direct Current Electrical** and Craig Leach from **Cattledog Contracting**.

Thank you all.



Graetz Grass Cutting

He won't mow your lawn but he'll cut your grass.

He is also very keen on his other pursuits – **battles won, maidens rescued and breweries emptied.**

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