

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 25th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

- 6.00 U6
6.00 U8 v Swampdogs Blue
6.00 U10 v Swampdogs Blue
7.40 U14 v Dragons
8.40 U16 v Dragons

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

- 6.50 U12 v Casuarina

SATURDAY 26th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

- 3.00 U18 v Casuarina
4.30 A v Casuarina
7.30 Wallabies v Wales

A Grade	Tooheys New Shield					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
University	3	3			1	13
Palmerston	3	3			1	13
Souths	3	2		1	3	11
Jabiru	3	1		2		4
Casuarina	3			3		
Dragons	3			3		

U18	Colts Standings					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	9	6		3	4	28
Dragons	9	5		4	4	24
Cas-Souths	9	4	1	4	3	21
University	9	2	1	6	3	13

Coming Events

Gala Home Game Day
Saturday 2nd June

U14, U16, U18, B Grade & A Grade games against University.

The action will kick off at 11:45am with the U14s. The A grade will kick off at 4:30pm.

There will also be an after game function including a live telecast of the Wallabies v Wales game.

B Grade @ Jabiru
Saturday 9th June

Last Week's Games

Australian Rugby Shield

Queensland Country 26 d
Darwin Mozzies 17

Tries were scored by **Andre Thomas** and **Mal Roney** while **Nathan Roach** converted one and kicked a penalty goal. **Tyson Doughty** also kicked a conversion.

Although not happy with losing the game, the coaches, **Tony Bundock** and **Dave Ley**, congratulated the team on their performance. They felt the team played at Australian Rugby Shield standard for the full 80 minutes and it was now just the silly mistakes / 1% & 2% that was letting the team down.

Warren Robilliard, ARU Coach Education Manager who has seen many, many Mozzies games said 'that is the **best game I have ever seen the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes play**'.

Tooheys New Shield

A v South Darwin

Palmerston 22 d Souths 15

Coach Bree reports:

'I'm not sure how Souths would feel about losing this game. I don't think we won a lineout or scrum and yet scored four tries to three.

For me, the crucial part of the game was the first 20 minutes.

Honour Board – 10th May 2007

A Grade Coach's Award: Wise Sekitoga

Honour Board – 17th May 2007

A Grade Coach's Award: Dale Reid

*Souths had an enormous forward pack and they used them to run off their backs and hammer our line. They camped inside our 22m territory for the first 15 to 18 minutes and all we could do was defend. There was some very effective tacking and with **Leigh Stait, Jah Nayacadraudrau** and **Damian O'Brien** traveling well, we turned over their ball but without set play we just ended up back in the 22m again.*

*On our first venture into Souths 22m we spun the ball wide across the backs with all of them playing a part and **Brad Naylor** came in out wide as full back and took the final pass to score.*

I was a bit confused with Brad's call of "that's the waltz now for the tango" but I assume it had something to do with his new boots which would not have been out of place being worn by John Travolta in one of his dancing parts.

Some satisfying aspects of the game were the way some of the specific training is paying off. The pick and drive is becoming effective as is the communication of decision making around the drive. The backs are working well together and everyone is getting good touches of the ball.

*Brett Lenz's try was a beauty with his straight running off **Squitter** to slice through out wide. The backs had the confidence to*



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Brumby's
Palmerston



use width and with the speed of **Mika Dreu** and **Blake Chadwick** we should continue to do so.

The big draw card for this game was **Ben Blyton's 250th A grade game**. Ben probably would have preferred something a bit softer so that his celebrations that night weren't so painful but we're glad it was a win.

We were a bit worried about numbers this weekend with so many injuries and players away with the Mosquitoes. There were some sad injuries during the game and **Denny Johnston has broken his leg** around the shin and so will be out for a long time. There were other body damages and so next week may again be difficult.

Along with Ben's 250th there was plenty of experience out there. **Dennis Bree, Vince Kelly, Craig Leach** all have more than a couple of years of rugby under their belts. A cheeky spectator asked if the Masters Games had moved from Alice Springs!

Then there was **Blake Chadwick** and **Tom Cummins**, two U18s playing their **first 'A' Grade match**. They certainly weren't overawed and matched it physically with the best. **Blake** moved from wing to outside centre and his defensive game was fantastic. **Tom's** pace and strength was just what was needed in such a game.

Keven Jones must have pulled off a record number of tackles and he just seemed to enjoy it so much that it's scary.

Anthony Lees continues to be a very valuable player. I'm not sure what positions he hasn't played but as a flanker he is filling the half back spot very well and even threw a few balls into the lineout. His drive around the field is positive and

we are grateful for his easy going willingness to do what needs to be done.'

Tries were scored by **Brett Lenz, Anthony Lees, Mika Dreu** and **Brad Naylor**. **Craig Leach** kicked a conversion.

Players' player was **Ben Blyton**.

U18 v Dragons

Dragons 35 d Palmerston 0 on forfeit.

Coach Bishell reports:

'The U18's were unfortunately unable to field the 12 players required to avoid a forfeit. It was unfortunate that we had both **Rob Cotter** and **Michael Killiner** out with injuries. This, combined with losing **Blake Chadwick** to A grade, left us short. There were a number of players who failed to show which was disappointing. The game was played in good spirit, and although it was a forfeit we still managed to defeat the Dragons convincingly. There were some standout performances.

Tom Cummins our (halfback??) and his step was something to be admired or should I say recorded to show our juniors how not to step.

Jordan Bishell playing his first U18 game managed to score a try, however, his brother, **Blake**, believes that it was always his try, **Jordan** just stole the ball from him at the back of the ruck. Overall it was not a bad effort, we need to get as many as we can to the games or we may start to see ourselves drift from top spot. If you are **unable to make the game** either let **Garry 0401 111 700** or **Darren 0439 814 780** know so we can organise some U16's to fill spots.

U16 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 35 d Swampdogs 0 on forfeit

Coach Bishell says:

'The U16s won on a forfeit against the Swampdogs so we

played 11 on 11. To spice it up we gave over some of our better players. The game was played in good spirit and the Palmy 11 were able to beat the Swampdogs. The boys played well with **Jordan Bishell, Floyd Thompson, Robbie Cotter, Tom Pavone** and **Jack Kypreos** all playing for the opposing team, this created an evenly matched game which provided the boys with a solid run before we meet the top two teams of the competition. Some of the outstanding players were **Jessie Villiers** and **Jacob Collins** who were everywhere throughout the game. This week we play the Dragons and will need to be on our game to ensure that we can beat them like we did in our last encounter.'

Palmerston scorers in the game were:

Tries to **Dean Staunton (2), Rob Cotter (2), Alec Thomas (2), Floyd Thompson, Jesse Villiers, Adam Riley, Tom Pavone** and **Jack Kypreos**, **Braedon Cunningham** and **Dean Staunton** kicked conversions.

U14 v University

Swampdogs 19 d Palmerston 5

Our try scorer was **Lachlan Wade**.

U12 v University

Palmerston 5 d Swampdogs 0
Coach Scott says 'The U12's were in **fine form on Friday night** to win against the Swampdogs. There was a marked improvement in the team's ability to recycle the ball and the highlight of the



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RSPCA Fund Raiser

Jingili Primary School is having a fund raiser for the RSPCA. They are collecting any old pet toys, pet food, kitty litter etc. Any donations from Palmerston rugby players and supporters can be left at the clubhouse and **Mietta Russell** will make sure they are passed on.

Thank you for your support



match was a brilliant try by **Dylan Holmes** after some good phase play. **Jye Lowe** showed continued improvement with a high work rate in the rucks and mauls, talk about a back getting in and showing the forwards how to do it. **Ryan "Crusher" Cotton** was the stand out for the game and took away the 3 points. He showed what damage he can do in defence and his attack was outstanding with some great runs from the base of the scrum. Excellent work 12's.'

U10 v Casuarina

Dragons 12 d Palmerston 5
Co-coach Jamie says:
'In an effort to make up for their poor showing against Casuarina the week before, the U10's played a **game that amazed everyone** who saw it. Going against the Dragons was never going to be easy; Dragons had only lost to Casuarina this year and have played a great season. Palmy went into the game with no illusions of an easy win; I would say they had their game faces on but anyone who had seen the U10's know what that really means.

From the first whistle Palmy went in hard, applied pressure and worked the drives and mauls. Dragons hit back by playing our style of rugby. Neither side gained an inch that wasn't earned, every phase created bruises with a lot of the hits felt on the sideline. Dragons took advantage of a gap on our wing and managed to run in a try, not to be outdone, **Riley Hogan** ran one in for Palmy as a result of great teamwork. I'll take a break from the "high drama" to mention **Jamsie Kenyon**, during one of the numerous mauls, **Jamsie** found a 2 dollar coin on the ground, picked it up and asked **Coach Peter** to hold it for him until the end of the game.

The second half went pretty much the same, a **Gladiatorial contest with no respite**, or tries for either team. Palmy turned it up a notch causing Dragons to start making errors; we gained ground through penalties but couldn't break a determined Dragons defence. Finally frustration got too much for Palmy and our bundle was dropped. Three minutes before the final whistle arguments started about how to break the Dragons line, everyone knew the answer. We made a crucial error resulting in a Dragons try and conversion. Another 5 minutes, we could have got it back.... That's what I tell myself.'

U8 v Casuarina

Palmerston 35 d Dragons 15
Our tries were scored by **Koby Snowden (2), Joe Cotton (3), Ezra Creagh** and **Sean McFarlane**.

U6 v Swampdogs

Palmerston Dingoes 30 d Swampdogs 5
Our tries were scored by **Meli Dreu (2), Jacob Blyton (2)** and **Mackenzie Brooks (2)**.
Palmerston Red 35 drew with Palmerston Green 35
Palmerston Red try scorers were **Cody Akers (4), Mahlia Snowden, Jazmin Cotter** and **Maggie Cotton**.



Action from the U6 Palmerston Dingoes v Swampdogs

Palmerston Green try scorers were **Jack Akers (2), Andrew Cotter (2), Kyle Hintz Staunton (2)** and **Joshua Sonan**.

How good is this, three U6 teams!!

Goose Club

It's my teams turn tomorrow night to sell the Goose Club raffles. Unfortunately Coordinator **Adrian Graham** and I will be in Adelaide with the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes team so it's time for the experienced members of the group to stand up and be counted. I wonder if that leaves anyone else.

Please be at Lizards by **5:15pm for a 5:30pm** start. In your club polo shirt of course.

AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes

This week's AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes team to play the Adelaide Black Falcons in Adelaide looks like it will have 7 Crocs in the game day 22.

Although the final team won't be announced until training tonight it looks like we have **Ben Emmett** in the front row and **co-captain** of the team, **Michael Scaturchio** at #8, **Wise Sekitoga** at flanker, **Vili Leqa, Adrian Graham** and **Shane Stoeckert** in the backs and **Lee Verrall** as reserve loose forward.

Ex-Croc **Jono Schwalger** is also still in the team on the wing. A few players are carrying injuries and a final decision on their availability won't be made until tonight.



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Congratulations and best of luck to all of these guys.

AUSTAR Rugby Park

The NTRU has reminded all clubs, players and supporters that it is an **offence to bring alcohol into AUSTAR Rugby Park** and that penalties apply.

Any person who contravenes this NT Liquor Commission Ruling will be barred from entry to the premises.

AUSTAR Rugby Park is a licensed premise and a condition of the license is that no alcohol may be brought onto the premises.

This applies to **Friday night junior rugby** as well as **Saturday senior rugby**.

Croc Jottings

The club received an email during the week from a **Ron Turner** from **Dallas, Texas**.

Ron tells me that someone from Palmerston Rugby Union Club sent him a photo **10 or 12 years ago** of a group of

toga clad club members.

He put the photo on his web page and it is still a showcase photo at

<http://www.howtomakeatoga.info/>

Who can identify all of the people in the photo? Does anyone know who sent him the photo and why?

There is a story here for sure.



When the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes arrived at **Rugby Park Rockhampton** last Saturday there was a bit of time to kill and a game of rugby on. So what do you do? **Sit down and watch of course.**

The **fly half for the Boars** team looked a bit familiar so I enlisted the aid of a few of the Palmy guys in the team and we identified **Paul Veach** having a run around.

The team is made up mainly of police and firies so the locals tell me and plays in the Sub Districts competition. This is a competition for teams that

don't have an A or B Grade team. Sounds like a **semi social competition** to me.

Veachy is now a Queensland Fireman based in Rockhampton having just finished four months of training in Brisbane.



Craig 'Squirtter' Leach provided a players comment on last Saturday's major milestone for **Big Burley Ben Blyton** with his 250th A Grade game for Palmy. He said it was a hard day at the office with the opposition, South Darwin, fielding a couple of massive, mobile, hard running forwards. However we were the victors after a hard slog, giving **Burley** a nice reward.

He also commented that spectators on the day also saw **Blake Chadwick** and **Tom Cummins** run on in their **A Grade debuts**, making the mix of players range from the VERY old to young and spritely! **Well done Burls**, he says, only 50 more for 300!!



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