

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 1st June

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

5.30 U6

5.30 U8 v Swampdogs Red

U12 v Bye

7.30 Mozzies v Tasmania

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

5.30 U10 v Swampdogs Red

SATURDAY 2nd June
MOULDEN PARK OVAL

12.45 U14 v University

1.45 U16 v University

3.00 U18 v University

4.30 A v University

7.30 Wallabies v Wales

A Grade Tooheys New Shield	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
University	4	4			2	18
Palmerston	4	4			1	17
Souths	4	2		2	3	11
Jabiru	4	2		2	1	9
Casuarina	4			4		
Dragons	4			4		

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 & A Grade games against University.

The A Grade game will decide the inaugural winner of the **Tooheys New Shield**; the new competition competed for during the representative season.

Through some very shrewd planning, this week-end's final round games pit the 2 **undefeated teams**, University

and Palmerston against each other to fight for the spoils.

Make sure get along to cheer our team on.

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

B Grade @ Jabiru
Saturday 9th June

Home Game v Souths
Saturday 16th June

Last Week's Games
Australian Rugby Shield

Adelaide 26 d Darwin
Mozzies 21

Tries were scored by **Drew Tobin, Michael Scaturchio and Justin Smith. Tyson Doughty** converted all three tries.

There was deadly silence in the change rooms immediately after the game. Each and every player knew they had given their all and were very disappointed to again not have finally secured a victory in the Australian Rugby Shield.

Tooheys New Shield
A v Casuarina

Palmerston 17 d Casuarina 0

Coach Bree reports:

'This was not a pretty game. We managed to score three

tries but also managed to drop heaps of ball. I'm not sure why, but Casuarina just brings out the worst in us.

*The first try was a good example of the day. We spun the ball wide across the back line with a few bounce passes and then a really wayward pass went in front of **Brad Naylor** who couldn't reach it so he kicked it. The ball went about 20m forward and **Brad** ran after it and dived on it over the try line. Casuarina weren't expecting that!*

*It was about half way through the second half when we next scored. **Shaun Jolley** followed through a kick and a Casuarina pass went to ground. **Shaun** pounced and ran 50m to score.*

*The third try was a beauty. After a series of pick and drives from the forwards, **Squitter** came back to the blind, took the ball forward and passed to **Jah Nayacadraudrau** who scored in the corner. Just what we have been practising! And a great reward for a fantastic game from **Jah. Keven Jones** once again was outstanding in returning ball and in his tackle count. **Scott Werleman** started at hooker and ended in the centres. **Thanks Scotty. Brad Naylor** had a great game and assures me he was sober but for some reason he still gets the head spins during the game. I'd say it is the pace he plays at.*

*It was good to see **Brooksy** back on the field after his scrum injury and*



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returning as a half back probably wasn't what he envisioned so thanks mate.

There were some good points from the game though. **Our game plan is starting to pay off** and players commented on the benefits of having some structure that we can follow. It was good to have so many tight forwards and they were needed.

There was bit of blood spilt during the game. **Brett Lenz** looked quite funny with the two cotton buds sticking out of his nose as he kept asking if the bleeding had stopped so that he could go back on. **Jah** once again had his head jumped on. He's not too happy about this and is wondering of he has a target on his head somewhere.

Bob Mitchell had a great game at second row and travelled well considering his lack of game play this season.

Thanks **Mika Dreu** for being wing, centre and half back during the game and lucky your wife was away and didn't see that nasty injury. Hope all is back in the right place.

It was great to have **Shaun Jolley** come along for a game. Fresh from the deserts of Iraq he really helped us out and was full of running. At half time I offered him a spot at No. 8 but he preferred to stay at second row. Let this be an example to people such as **Ben Blyton** who is hell bent on a late career change to No 6. What the world of rugby needs is big men who love to push their hearts out not more glamour boys.

Tries were scored by **Jah Nayacaudrau, Shaun Jolley** and **Brad Naylor**. **Craig Leach** kicked a conversion.

U18 v Casuarina

The Palmerston v Casuarina U18 game was cancelled / rescheduled? as it clashed

with the Hill Top Hoods performance at the Bass in the Grass. The NT Government has something to answer for....

U14 v Dragons

Dragons 56 d Palmerston 7

Coach Peter Donovan says:

*'This week proved to be a bit of a watershed game for the team. After our close game last week against the Swamp Dogs we knew it was going to be a **much tougher affair** against the physically bigger Dragons team. Also with the news that we had lost a couple of our big hitting players for the rest of the season the team knew it was going to be a tough Friday night.*

*For the past couple of weeks in training we have been concentrating on protecting the ball carrier by making sure there is support for them at the breakdown. Unfortunately without the added firepower of a couple of hard hitting players like **Lachlan Wade** and **Damien Stedman** the ever reliable tackling machines of **Brad Hogan, Dylan Wyles Kelly** and **Keegan Steele** were outsized and out gunned at the ruck.*

*The 3/2/1 recipients this week received unanimous acceptance from players and parents alike. One point went to **Jimmy Kerr** with two points going to **Jarred Donovan** with **Jacob Ranger** collecting the three points. Once again our goal kicker **Brad Hogan** was desperately unlucky not to receive points. **Player's Player** went to **Jarred Donovan** who also scored our only try. **Dylan Wyles Kelly** was recognised by the coach for his efforts receiving the **McDonalds Palmerston encouragement award.***

U12 v Casuarina

Casuarina 19 d Palmerston 5

Our try was scored by **Joel Hogan**.

U10 v Swampdogs Blue

Swampdogs Blue 17 d Palmerston 12

Jamsie Kenyon and **Brielle Felton** scored our tries and someone kicked a conversion.

U8 v Swampdogs Blue

Swampdogs Blue 50 d Palmerston 35

Our tries were scored by **Koby Snowden (4), Joe Cotton** and **Sean McFarlane (2)**.

U6 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 30 d Swampdogs 20

Our tries were scored by **Meli Dreu (3), Jacob Blyton, Cody Akers** and **Mackenzie Brooks**.

AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes

This week's AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes team to play the Tasmania Jack Jumpers looks like it will again 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.

Congratulations and best of luck to all of these guys.

Retirement

Ben Emmett will be playing his **last game for the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes** tomorrow night against the Tasmania Jack Jumpers.

I believe Ben started with the team in 2002 and has been captain since 2003.



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He isn't very happy that the team is yet to win a game in this season's competition although they have been very competitive in all of the games. Let's hope the team can do the right thing tomorrow night and **send him out with a big win.**

He hopes to see everyone at the game.

Update on the Kerr-Barlow boys

As most of you will remember both **Narada** and **Jacob Kerr-Barlow** are at boarding school in New Zealand.

Mum Gail tells CrocTales that **Jake** refereed his first game in NZ last Saturday, a 2nd XV game, and the family spies reckon **he did very well.**

Brother Narada says that as well as his normal school training, **Jacob** is also doing extra fitness runs by himself.

Gail is surprised at what a different environment can do!!

Narada has signed his **first rugby contract** with the Waikato Rugby Union. It takes him thru until he finishes school next year and assists with school fees and accommodation (very handy for Mum says Gail) supplies boots and runners, free gym membership and specialty coaching.

He is the **only boy of his year** to get a contract, the other 4 boys are in year 12, so he is very happy and Gail is very proud.

He has also received a letter from Lincoln University (Canterbury Crusaders) in the South Island, offering him the opportunity of a full scholarship if he wants to go to University in 2009.

He however **wants to stay in the Waikato** if he can, so Gail says they will wait and see what the next 12 months brings.

Croc Jottings

It doesn't matter where you go in the world of rugby there is always someone there you know. Last weekend in **Adelaide** with the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes the Palmy boys ran into **Greg Warnecke.**

Greg has been in Adelaide for about the last 18 months and is playing for the Woodville club. The Mozzies game was played at their home field.

Greg tells me he is very settled in Adelaide, has a **lovely partner** and they are **expecting their first child** in July.

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Constable Christopher Yow was presented with the **inaugural Commissioner's Trophy** at last week's graduation ceremony for new police. This Trophy is presented for **overall performance in all areas of the Recruit Training Course** in academic, practical and physical training.

Great work Yowie.

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Recently at a Kuttabul Camelboks RFC Queensland after-match function whilst enjoying a quiet rum, a former Croc by the name of **Dan Maroulis (aka Wog Boy)** was seen to be eyeing off a young, blonde filly.

This young lady was also known by a few of the Camelboks, so whilst **Dan** was ordering another round, former Croc, **Kristjan Barter**, had a quiet word to her re. Dan's attention.

When he came back she walked over and asked him if he was from Darwin? She then proceeded to tell him that she remembered him from her trip to the NT.

Of course **Dan didn't know her** but what young man, apart from those that frequent a certain Darwin Nite-Club, wouldn't be playing along with

a gorgeous 21 year old blonde?

The night carried-on and so did Dan's exploits until finally she let him in on the fact that **she had never been to Darwin** and that **he'd been had by his Rugby club.**

Alas for our gallant Wog, his **Kuttabul nickname** is now **Troy Dann!**

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Dave Ley claims he can name all of the people in last week's **toga photo** but I haven't yet seen the list of names. Does anyone else think they can do it?

There hasn't been any information forthcoming on how this photo came to provided to Ron and put on his web site. **I'm still looking this story.**

Check it out at <http://www.howtomakeatoga.info/> and see if it brings back any memories.

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The annual **Palmy Crocs Reunion** at the Brisbane Test Match is on again this Saturday.

The festivities get underway at about **1pm at the Normanby Hotel, 1 Musgrave Road**

Red Hill

Some of the confirmed starters include: **Paddy Bree, Al Watson, Tony Morris, Peter 'Bluey' Roberts, John Hallett, Dennis Grant, Mr Casuarina, Mr Casuarina's mate 'Backdoor', Michael Barnard, Jeff McGill, Knackers, Hellfire, Tony Burns, Ben Burns, Mike Wilson, Craig 'Squiter' Leach, Cameron 'Cringer' Leach, Chook White and Greg Cottrell.**

David Harries unfortunately can't make the day to cheer on his team but he will be watching live from the British Deputy High Commission in Lagos.



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