

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 22nd June

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

5.30 U6
5.30 U8 v Dragons
8.40 U16 v ??????

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

5.30 U10 v Dragons
6.50 U12 v Swampdogs
7.40 U14 v University

SATURDAY 23rd June

Moulden Park Oval

4.30 B v Jabiru

A Grade Tooheys New Cup	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	6	5		1	3	23
Palmerston	7	4		3	5	21
Casuarina	6	3		3	1	13
University	6	2		4	2	10
Souths	7	2		5		8

B Grade Abel Finance Cup	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	8	7	1			5	35
Palmerston	8	5		3		3	26
Jabiru	8	3	1	4		1	18
Souths	8	3		5		2	14
Casuarina	8	2		6		3	11
University	8	3		5	1	2	10

U18 Colts Standings	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	11	8		3	6	38
Casuarina	10	5	1	5	3	25
Dragons	11	5		6	5	25
University	10	2	1	7	3	13

Coming Events

Friday night senior rugby

From next week, for four weeks, **senior rugby** will be played on **Friday evening** while the junior rugby takes a break for the school holidays.

The B Grade game kick off at 6pm and A Grade at 7:30pm.

See you there.

Bateman's Bay Oldies + Steve Payne Saturday 21st July

Dallas Graetz tells me that **Peter Ryan** from the Bateman's Bay Oldies has 13 players and **Steve Payne**, that is ex-Palmy Steve Payne, coming up to Darwin for a game against the Darwin Stubbies on **21st July**. He has volunteered our **Old Salties** to fill in and make up the numbers on both sides as required.

The exact time on Saturday is yet to be determined but watch this space.

Garbage Collection @ Royal Darwin Show Thursday - Sunday 26th - 29th July

Yes, we will be there keeping the grounds clean again for another year. Mark it in your diary and watch out soon for the call for volunteers.

This is a major fundraiser for the club so make sure you are available.

Last Week's Games A v South Darwin

Palmerston 25 d Souths 12

Coach Bree reports:

'This was a game in which we played three good quarters and had one shocker.

*The game started with a patient and controlled structure. We went through many phases and kept possession and drove forward. The first try was an absolute gem by **Vili Leqa**. From a ruck we went left but **Vili** knew the opportunity was on the right. He passed back right, a beautiful 20m pass that hit **Wise Sekitoga** on the chest. **Wise** went forward and passed inside to **Vili!***

*Where did he come from? **Vili** scored.*

This pattern continued until a scrum in about the 21st minute. Souths pushed us around and got a bit of a sniff of possibility. The Souths No 10 explored the passage close to our forwards and found space. Souths felt they were onto something with these two strengths and we helped out by giving away seven penalties in the second set of 20 minutes (only two in the first 20 minutes).

*In this passage **Souths** scored two tries and converted one to **go into the break 12-10 up.***

The second half saw us refocus and we took back control scoring three unanswered tries.

***Vili** continued to be unstoppable during the game and the matching with **Bronson Mitchell** at outside centre looked very strong. **Jah Nayacadraudrau** harassed Souths and turned over ball. His strength on his feet is a real asset in attack. **Leigh Stait** showed why he is now getting runs in A Grade with his great mobility.*



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Brumby's
Palmerston

Though the tight five had a rugged day at the office they stuck to the plan and with concentration turned the Souths domination around bit by bit until we took a tight head in the second half.

The last 10 minutes weren't champagne rugby but the **win with a bonus point was terrific.**

Thanks to the B grade guys who fronted up and supported us. It has been difficult keeping our enthusiasm when we get let down by other clubs and miss out on games but we have to keep it going.

Training is much more fun when we have good numbers and we can work on our structure and skills together.

Jabiru this Saturday should blast out the cobwebs.

Tries were scored by **Vili Leqa, Bronson Mitchell, Brad Naylor, Wise Sekitoga and Anthony Lees.**

B v South Darwin

Palmerston 35 d Souths 0 by forfeit

B v NT Schoolboys

Monday evening saw Palmerston assemble a composite team to give the **NT Schoolboys a trial game** before they depart tonight for Geelong.

Thank you to all the guys who turned up, I know the Schoolboys will be much better prepared as a result of the game.

U18 v Dragons

Palmerston 35 d Dragons 0 by forfeit

U16 v Dragons

Palmerston 22 d Dragons 17

Coach Bishell reports: 'The **U16's finally turned the corner** on Friday night and we

were able to convincingly defeat the Dragons.

Once again the forwards were strong, with a solid pick and drive game which provided us with good field position throughout the game.

The backline finally fired on Friday with some strong running from **Rob Cotter** on the back of the go forward from **Aaron Cotton, Jake Noble and Brenton Whatley.** **Tom Pavone** had a strong game at inside centre and broke the line on numerous occasions. **Jack Kypreos** played his first game at outside centre and his defence was an asset in this position. For a small guy **Jack** always plays above his weight in defence.

The final score was Palmerston 22 Dragons 17.

Congratulations to **Jake Noble** for being selected in the **U16 Indigenous team** and also to **Aaron Cotton, Tom Pavone, Jack Kypreos, Anthony Smith, Jordan Bishell and Jacob Collins** who were also named in the training squad for the NT U16 team.

U14 v Dragons

Palmerston 35 d Dragons 20

Coach Donovan says: As the saying goes "**Good things come to those who wait**" and good things certainly came to the U14's this week with **their first win of the season.**

What a relief not only for the players but the coaches as well. For a number of weeks now the **signs have been promising** and the team has really put the effort in at training and this week they stuck to the game plan and it worked.

This win should now give the team the confidence and knowledge that they can beat any team in the competition. This coupled with the

knowledge that the Swampdogs beat University should lift them this week.

While we didn't have it all our own way the tactic over the last month or so of using a couple of our bigger speedier backs such as **Brad Hogan** and **Snow Levavasour** as the back three in the scrum has given us a more mobile and harder hitting pack. While we scored more tries in this game than we have scored all year the stand out try was the **intercept try** from **Jacob Ranger** who has improved his game out of sight in the last month or so.

While our hard charging Captain, **Jarred Donovan** is out with a cracked rib other players have lifted their game with three points this week going to **Snow Levavasour** who also picked up the **Player's Player award.** Two points went to **Peter Kilgour** and one point went to stand in Captain **Brad Hogan.** This week's **McDonalds Palmerston encouragement award** went to **Lachlan Austine.**

U12 v University

University 42 d Palmerston 5

U10 v Casuarina

Casuarina 68 d Palmerston 14

U8 v Casuarina

Palmerston 30 d Casuarina 0

U6 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 25 v Swampdogs 25

Tries were scored by **Michael Dreu, Jacob Blyton, Mackenzie Brooks, Darcy Holmes and Andrew Cotts.**

Goose Club

It's **Shane Stoeckert's** team's turn tomorrow night to sell the Goose Club raffles.

This team includes: **Shane Stoeckert, Vili Leqa, Wise**



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Palmerston



Sekitoga, Dave Cairns, Rick Hoe, Kev Jones, Shaun Jolley, Bob Mitchell, Steve Miller, Dave Mansfield, Anthony Thomas and Rod Winikerei

Please make sure you are all there and ready to go at 5:30pm.

Junior's Gove Trip

The NTRU are calling for **expressions of interest** for players, coaches and managers for this year's **trip to Gove** on September 8 & 9.

This year U12 and U14 teams will be touring with the possibility of an U16 team depending upon interested players.

Players who are interested in touring need to **complete a nomination form** return it to Cathie Briner at the NTRU either in person, by email – Cathie.briner@ntrugby.com.au or by post to PO BOX 41937 Casuarina NT 0811. See your coach for a copy of the form.

Interested coaches and managers need to send an expression of interest plus detailed coaching background to Dale Roberson by email – dale.roberson@ntrugby.com.au or by post to PO BOX 41937 Casuarina NT 0811.

Any questions regarding the event can be directed to **Cathie Briner** or **Dale Roberson** on 89451444.

NT Schoolboys team

The NT Schoolboys team for the **Australian Schools Division II Championships** in Geelong has been finalised. The team leaves for Geelong on Friday morning. The team is:

Kenny Bruan (Alice Springs)
Owen Griggs (Casuarina)
Josh Philips (Casuarina)
Zac Phillips (Casuarina)
Joel Prudham (Casuarina)

Les Johnstone (Dragons)
Simon Ilton (Dragons)
Joe McCarthy (Dragons)
Alex Munroe (Dragons)
Blake Bishell (Palmerston)
Blake Chadwick (Palmerston)
Robbie Cotter (Palmerston)
Tom Cummins (Palmerston)
Kyle Davies (Palmerston)
Michael Killiner (Palmerston)
Jai Wyles Kelly (Palmerston)
Jack Bruce (University)
Vince Foluena (University)
Lessa Halafihi (University)
Josh Hall (University)
Tari Mototi (University)
James Neilson (University)
Sean Wauchope (University)

Congratulations to the **seven Palmerston representatives** in the team. We wish you all the best for the championships.

An extra special congratulation to **Michael Killiner** on being named **captain** of the team.

A Grade **Coach Bree** also adds his best wishes: *'All the best to our U18s who are off to the Australian Schools Division II Championships next week.'*

We have all trained together for the last few months and we know that you'll front up and give it all.'

We also had **Kane** and **Bryce Richards** named in the initial squad but they had to withdraw to concentrate on their representative rugby league commitments.

Powderfinger / Silverchair concert

I am having discussions with the organisers of this event about **providing rubbish / clean-up services**.

It is being held on **Friday 5th October 2007** at the Darwin Showgrounds.

We would need about 20 people with 12 of these working from about 11pm on the Friday night to 7am Saturday morning. The others

are needed earlier on the Friday and on the Saturday morning.

They are prepared to pay us **about \$3,000** for the work.

I need to quickly get an idea of whether we can do it or not. **If you are prepared to do this for the club** then please either send me an email at palmerstonrugby@oct4.net.au or an SMS to 0401 111 700.

Croc Jottings

I'm a little suspicious about how the Reunion at the Brisbane Test went a few weeks ago as I haven't heard any gossip or seen any incriminating pictures.

Surely it wasn't a clean well behaved event? There will have to be an inquiry if it was.

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I now know why referees and linesmen don't take kindly to comments and assistance from the crowd.

With the **current shortage of officials**, yours truly lined up along with **Shane Cotton** to be a linesman for last week's A Grade game at Moulden.

It all got interesting in the 2nd half when I was on the crowd side of the field.

A gentleman supporting South Darwin seemed to think I didn't know what I was doing. **All he managed to do was annoy me** and distract me from the game as I tried to work out what his problem was and what he was going on about.

It took some effort to keep my mouth shut and even more effort not to **take the crutch he was leaning on** and put it to a much more useful purpose.

The **moral of the story** – leave match officials alone, your helpful comments will only backfire.



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Happy Birthday!!

Angus Tink 13 on 21st June
Matthew Brooks 23 on 22nd June

