

Upcoming Games

SATURDAY 28th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2
4.00 **U18** v Casuarina

MONDAY 30th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
6.00 **NT Schoolboys** v
Eltham College UK

THURSDAY 2nd August

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
6.00 **NT Schoolboys** v
Merchant Taylors UK

SATURDAY 4th August

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
4.00 **U18** v Dragons
5.30 **B** v Dragons
7.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	10	9		1	5	41	
Palmerston	11	6		5	7	31	
Casuarina	10	5		5	3	23	
University	10	3		7	3	15	
Souths	11	3		8		12	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	13	11	1	1		8	54
Palmerston	14	10		3		7	50
Jabiru	14	5	1	7		3	28
Casuarina	13	4	1	8		4	22
Souths	13	3	1	9	1	2	12
University	13	3		10	2	2	6

U18 Colts Standings							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Palmerston	12	9		3	7	43	
Casuarina	10	5	1	5	3	25	
Dragons	11	5		6	5	25	
University	11	2	1	8	4	14	

Coming Events

Royal Darwin Show

I still need extra volunteers for Saturday night, 5pm – 1am.

Call me on 0401 111 700 to volunteer.

NT Junior Rugby Union

Fundraising Dinner

22 August 2007

Prizes, Auctions, Raffles, Fun and Entertainment, Dinner

Guest Speaker – Ben Tune

Cost \$ 60.00 per person

Mirambeena Resort Darwin

Last Week's Games

A v Casuarina

Palmerston 25 d Souths 10
Coach Bree has provided the following report on last Friday night's game:

'This week things came together much better. We had a game plan and generally improved as did scrums as the game went on. **Scott Werleman** again let everyone know why his name appears so regularly on the Best and Fairest list with an outstanding display. He pulled off some great tackles that changed the flow of the game. **Brett Lenz** also travelled well and got an early turnover.

As usual, **Shaun Jolley** was outstanding and we will miss him going into the finals but wish him well in his army rugby games down south. **Bronson Mitchell** will also leave us for the army team as well, so good luck boys.

Michael Killiner had his 2nd A Grade run on and was

outstanding. He was effective at lineouts and travelled all game giving us great mobility. It was pleasing to see the ball flow along the back line and we made several breaks and gained lots of metres once we got it to the centres of **Vili Leqa** and **Tommy Hurse**. With the back three being **Chris 'Yowie' Yow**, **Keve Jones** and **Shane Stoeckert**, we'd be mad not to spin the ball.

Possibly one of our greatest assets has been our bench. We really have the ability to inject extra energy and speed at a time when the game may be dipping. **Shane Cotton** comes on and strengthens the scrum after **Gareth Felton** has done the job on his man. **Gary Cooper** adds speed and coverage when **Leigh Stait's** legs start to fail him. **Bob Mitchell** is an excellent second rower. Perhaps the most interesting replacement was **Ian Verrall** on the wing. **Ian** is a second rower but his pedigree is good. His dad, **Phil**, played full back and wing for many years for Palmerston in an era I won't mention.

Souths really gave us a shove and it was well into the second half before we pulled ahead and eventually ended up with four tries.

We still sit in second spot, 8 points ahead of the club we never mention. We have one game to go and they have two so we wait and see.'

Our tries were scored by **Ben Emmett (2)**, **Vili Leqa** and **Tom Hurse**. **Shane Stoeckert** kicked a conversion and



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Brumby's Palmerston

Honour Board - 19 July 2007
B Grade Coach's Award: Gareth Cotter



a penalty.

The **Player's Player** was **Michael Killiner**.

*'For me the game has become so easy. Everything I need is arranged and in fact I don't even have to think about the organisation around the game. **Fiona Austine** and **Cate Killiner** are the experts. Two weeks ago I mentioned the temperature of the water but I won't be doing that again. Thanks also to **Ashleigh Killiner** who runs the kicking tee on. She's always on the spot and ready to go.'*

B v South Darwin

Palmerston 35 d Souths 0 on forfeit

B v Army

Coach Bree has also provided a short report on Tuesday night's game against an Army team.

*'Thanks to **Keve Jones** for organising a game for us at Tuesday training this week.*

*Due to byes and Souths and University pulling out of the B Grade, **some players had forgotten it was still the season.** We had a great roll up considering it was only announced after last Friday's game.*

*Some notable plays were **Ben 'Cube' Emmett** at wing with his chip and chase. I think **Wise Sekitoga** was at full back but it's hard to say and **Shaun Jolley** in the centres.*

*Has anyone ever seen **Anthony Thomas** stopped by the first tackle? He really knows how to keep the ball alive.*

*It was **Dennis Bree's** birthday and, after the game, he said you couldn't get a better 56th birthday than having a game of rugby!'*

U18 v University

Palmerston 36 d University 31

This was an off again, on again game and thank you to

all of the players for getting along.

As it turned out, it was a cracker of a game where we got on top in the first half, went to sleep for a lot of the second half and **stormed home** to come from behind to win the game.

Congratulations to all the players.

Tries were scored by **Kyle Davies, Jai Wyles-Kelly, Tom Cummins, Robbie Cotter, Kane Richards** and **Paddy Elliott**. **Kane Richards (2)** and **Keith Dowling** kicked conversions.

John Eales Medal Dinner

Marcia and I had a great time at the John Eales Medal Dinner in Brisbane last Monday night and wish to thank the Australian Rugby Union, the Northern Territory Rugby Union and the Committee and management of Palmerston Rugby Union Club for the opportunity.

The Inaugural National Volunteer of the Year was won by the Queensland nominee, **Harold Shand**.

A special message to **Ben Blyton**. We tried to tell the Fox Sports team that the players had it all wrong and that they shouldn't let **Nathan Sharpe** win but to no avail. All I can say is that he is very, very lucky **Chris Latham** was injured for most of the year.

As it was he polled about 82 votes and ran about 7th after only playing 3 or 4 tests.

We met some great people including **Matt from Byron Bay** who wanted to know the name of the short, fat bloke from Palmerston who toured through Byron Bay a couple of years ago to their 7s event. We decided he was talking about **Ben 'Cube' Emmett**.

Photos from the event are still on their way and will be

published in future editions of CrocTales.

Batemans Bay Visit

Dallas Graetz has provided the following tidbits from the visit by **Steve Payne** and the Batemans Bay Oldies.

*'Last Saturday the Batemans Bay Golden Oldies led by **Steve Payne** came to Darwin and had a game against the Darwin Stubbies with one or two Old Salties thrown in.*

*We had a great game, however **Payne** stayed at my place for a few days and totally drank me out of Bundy (which he replaced). Now, if you think Golden Oldies is a soft game, view the damage done to my side while lying on the ball during a ruck. (actually I think one of our blokes did it)*

*There would have been more Old Salties players there but unfortunately **Craig 'Squirter' Leach** had his 40th birthday party on the same day.*

***Squirter**, if you read this **Steve Payne** and I apologise for not making the party. After the game we had to finish the rum off, then I had to pour him onto a plane back to Caboolture.'*

Croc Jottings

Coach Bree tells me that **Steve Payne**, ex President and hooker, decided to get in a training run with us before his weekend game.

He had a head clash with **Adrian Graham** and **Adrian** was **taken off to hospital** for repairs. As is the way now days, he was glued not stitched.

Thanks for the visit **Steve** and **Adrian** thanks you for the memories, though they are a bit flaky at present.



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What a body!!

