

Upcoming Games

Round Two

FRIDAY 4th April

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Dragons
6.50 **U12** v University
7.40 **U14** v Swampdogs
U16 Bye

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2
6.00 **U10** v Dragons

SATURDAY 5th March

U18 Bye

Magela Field - JABIRU
3.30 **B** v Jabiru
5.00 **A** City v Country

Coming Events

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 26th April

Sunday 4th May

Saturday 24th May

Saturday 7th June

Get these dates in your diary, these will be important days and lots of helpers and supporters will be needed.

Last Week's Games

A v Casuarina

Casuarina 26 d Palmerston 0

Best player and Player's Player was **Sven Harris**, a loosey playing out of position as a lock.

B v Casuarina

Casuarina 19 d Palmerston 17

Our tries were scored by **Wesley Davis**, **Scott Rasmussen** and **Anthony Elphick** while **Craig 'Squitter' Leach** converted one of them.

U18 v Casuarina

Palmerston 20 d Casuarina 5

Our **tries** were scored by **Anthony Smith (2)**, **Brayden Cunnington** and **Jack Kypreos**.

U16 v Rabbid Dogs

Palmerston 79 d Rabbid Dogs 0

Assistant coach **Peter Donovan** says: 'As with the start of any new season there is always the unknown question of how the team will jell. On one hand you have the U16's from last year who have "been there done that" at this level, then there are the U14's who have stepped up to the next level. While numbers at training have been sporadic at best, it was with relief that **Coach Bishell & assistant coach Donovan** found 20 eager kids fronting up at the unfamiliar game time of 2.30 pm Saturday.

Coming off the back of a win in the U16's tens tournament two weeks before there was a quiet air of expectation but as we hadn't had a full team run in training to date, there was still an element of doubt. And with Swamp Dogs and South's having to combine to make a full team, our opposition was a bit of an unknown. After the first drinks break at 15 mins due to the heat factor it was fairly obvious that the form of the 10's comp was going to flow through into the 15 man game.

Even though there were a number of **try scorers (Corey Singleton, Jordan Bishell, Patrick Daizels, Jake Noble, Alec Thomas, Aaron Hicks, Jimmy Kerr, Jarred Donovan (3) & Dean Staunton(4))** there

was plenty of team work involved in the final score. One area that will be looked at though is our goal kicking with only 2 conversions from 15 attempts. The team is now **looking forward to the rest of the season** after starting on such a high even though we know tougher games are ahead.'

U14 v Rabbid Dogs

Palmerston 35 d Souths 0

It looks like this must have been won on forfeit. In the scratch game played **tries** were scored by **Charles Beattie, Peter Kilgour, Ryan Cotton** and **Tyler Donovan** while **Joel Hogan** kicked a conversion.

U12 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 24 d Swampdogs 0

Tries were scored by **Keidan Holt, Riley Hogan, Jye Snowden** and **Teegan Minkley**. **Jye** also kicked 2 conversions.

Best and fairest player was **Jye Snowden**.

U10 v Souths

Palmerston 29 d Souths 24

According to the NTRU scoreboard we also won this game on forfeit and on the ground in the scratch game. No scorer details are available.

U8 v Souths

Palmerston 40 v Souths 40

Our tries were scored by **Michael Dreu, Jarryd Morris (5)** and **Darcy Holmes**.

U6 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 25 d Swampdogs 10

No try scorers have been provided.



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Snogga's Bit

Each week I will try to get some comments / views from Senior Coach Snogga to include. Below are this week's pieces.

Very impressed with the way the U18's smashed Casuarina especially as they had about 5 ex-Crocs in their team.

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A fantastic comeback by the B Grade, behind 0 – 12 at half time and unlucky not to win.

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Although the A Grade lost 0 – 26 two late tries to Casuarina blew out the score.

Positives from the A Grade included very aggressive defence, especially in the centres. The 3 debutants all played well enough to retain their positions and the tries actually came from skirting our defence (ran out of numbers) not through the middle.

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A very, very good win for the U12's, 24 - 0 against Swampdogs. The 12's have struggled for the last few years so this is a great start to the season with some fantastic structure within the team's game plan.

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For mine the wins by the U12's and U16's were standouts and are direct results from the training philosophy being employed throughout the club. Focusing on Catch/Pass, Defence and Contact skills. To watch the juniors train is a joyous thing for me...as the generic training philosophy (mentioned above) is being employed across all teams and I can already see benefits in skills enhancement at all levels in all teams...well done junior coaches and players.

Wanted Senior Coaches & Managers

I'm not sure how we got to Round 1 like this but we are going to be in big trouble if we don't get **coaches for the B Grade and U18 teams ASAP.**

At present we only have Snogga coaching the entire senior squad. This is OK on occasion especially when skills drills are being done but it is impossible when it comes time for team runs and game day.

Even if you can **only make Thursday training and the Saturday game** we would like to hear from you.

There is a heap of young, keen U18s just waiting to be guided and very good numbers of young guys for the seniors as well, alright the occasional old guy too.

A **B Grade Team Manager** is also urgently required.

Fiona can show them the ropes etc

See her at training or at the games.

Call **Pres Dan** on 0407 616 008 or **Vice Pres Gareth** on 0421 452 723 if you want to volunteer or know of someone who could help out.

Membership Fees

Fees are:

Senior Playing member - \$190 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks;

Non-Playing member - \$60 including a polo shirt;

Social Member (non voting) - \$10

U18 Playing member - \$100 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks.

Croc Jottings

Michael Scaturchio, fashion victim extraordinaire, was heard to say after the down

pour on Saturday..."I can't run the water out there. I'll get my nice white shoes dirty!" Some are wondering if he is really a fearsome forward.

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Speaking of fashion, CrocTales was impressed with the formal attire (**club tie & polo shirt**) worn some of the older supporters at last weekend's game.

I understand it was to **recognise the opening of the season.**

Well done Gents!!

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Ever the lady – **Manager Fiona** is very impressed with the **new bright red and blue team runner shirts** kindly supplied by the **Shorelands Group.**

Well done Darren.

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More from **Manager Fiona.** She wants to welcome her new **water/tee runner** this season, **Tasha.** She very much appreciates her help.

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More on last week's note about Dallas Graetz.

Dallas did in fact represent the **Southern Hemisphere** against the Northern Hemisphere in the rugby game at the annual Hash Runners convention in Perth.

Congratulations Graetz.

Oddly, his major memory is of the appalling state of the field.

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Although his team **won** the NSW Country Championships last Friday night, **Ben 'Cube' Emmett** has been overlooked for NSW Country Cockatoo's selection.

Done by the youth policy he claims.



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