

## Upcoming Games

### FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
6.00 **U6**  
6.00 **U8** v Casuarina  
6.00 **U10** v Casuarina  
7.40 **U14** v University

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2  
6.50 **U12** v Casuarina  
8.40 **U16** v Dragons

### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Magela Field, Jabiru  
5.30 **B** v Jabiru

	A Grade Tooheys New Cup					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	8	7		1	3	31
Uni versity	8	5	1	2	4	26
Casuarina	8	3		5	2	14
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
Dragons	8	2		7	1	9

	B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Uni versity	10	6	2	2		5	33
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
Souths	10	5		5		5	25
Jabiru	10	5		4		4	24
Dragons	10	4		6		2	18
Casuarina	10	3	1	6		2	16

	One Steel Metal and U18 Colts					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
<b>Palmerston</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
Dragons	1			1		
Casuarina	1			1		
Souths/Uni						

All NT Junior grade competition tables can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nrugby.com.au/doocs/JuniorLadderR9.xls>

## Coming Events

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Cleanup @ Darwin Show

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July -

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

## Last Week's Games

### A v Souths

Souths 33 d Palmerston 12  
The Palmerston Sports Club **Player's Player** award went to **Josh Higgins**.

Other strong performers included **Shane Stoeckert** and **Shane Cotton**.

Our tries were scored by **Shane Cotton** and **Mika Dreu**. **Shane Stoeckert** converted 1 try.

CrocTales understands we had a couple more new players last weekend. **Gary 'Gus' Wilson** and **David 'Chicken' Ingram** come to us fresh from the Australian Army's European Tour and the Australian Services rugby championships in Canberra. **Shaun Jolley** has also just returned from these tours but Coach Andrew Jackson drafted him into the Mosquitoes squad for last week-ends game in Melbourne.

Welcome back to our returning players and welcome aboard to our newest members.

### B v Souths

Palmerston 17 d Souths 12  
The Killer B's have continued on their winning way with what sounds like a hard fought win against Souths. They led 7 – 5 at half time and went on to win 17 – 12.

CrocTales has been told that over post – game refreshments one of the Souths players was heard to remark that he was the sorest he can remember after a B Grade game. Obviously this means the Killer Bs were

physically stinging in attack and defence says **Vince Kelly**.

The Palmerston Sports Club **Player's Player Award** went again to **Jacob Collins**. Jacob is an U18 player who is equipping himself very well in B Grade. Jacob is a flanker who has been seen filling in at a number of positions in B Grade including fly half. Other good performers were **Jeff Cummings** and **John Jack**.

CrocTales has been reliably informed that the Killer B's must have gone for a **huge and experienced forward pack** last Saturday to counteract Souths known strength. Surely this is the only conclusion that could be drawn from receiving the information that **Vince Kelly** was wearing the **No. 7 jumper** and put in a combination McCaw/Waugh/Smith/Croft like performance including crashing over for an important try toward the end of the game. **Sean Killiner** also donned the boots and perhaps even **Alan Babbs**. Welcome back gents.

**John Jack** made his debut and obviously played strongly. Our tries were scored by **Keven Jones**, **Barry Ria** and **Vince Kelly**. **Robbie Taylor** kicked a conversion.

### U16 v University

Palmerston 56 d University Black 0  
**Co-Coach Donovan** reports: *This week's game was against the second University team (Uni Black) and the team went into the game hoping to not repeat the mistakes of the week before against University*



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Red. Last week, 32 turn overs cost us try scoring opportunities at crucial times in the match.

From the outset the team went into the game with a different mindset and clearly wanted to put the mistakes of the week before behind them. After a week's intensive training of going back to basics the results were clear to see with 3 tries within the first ten minutes. Even though the ball was dropped a couple of times it was generally while trying to take the play to a different level and keep the opposition guessing. The number of turnovers at the breakdown was significantly less and were generally remedied not long after.

With a healthy half time buffer of 32 nil the coaches really didn't have a lot to say as the players were doing what had been asked of them. At half time the coaches decided to mix the regular player positions up to get some real time game experience for players who might be called upon to play out of position at times. This was good experience for the likes of **Aaron Hicks** at hooker, **Jackson McInnes** who played very well between inside and outside centre and **Cory Singleton** at number 8. While the other players were being "experimented on" it gave players like **Colin Menzies**, **Tyler Manly** and **Jake Gill** a lot of game time and a chance to shine.

The final score was 56 nil to Palmerston though it could have been a lot more if our goal kicking was a little better with only 3 out of 10 attempts converted. Though in fairness to **Dean Staunton**, our captain and regular goal kicker, he elected to give the try scorers the opportunity to convert their own tries after it became apparent that the result of the match was not in doubt.'

Our tries were scored by **Alex Johnson (3)**, **Alec Thomas (2)**, **Dean Staunton (2)**, **Tyler Manly**, **Aaron Cotton** and **Corey Singleton**. **Bradley Hogan** and **Jordan Bishell (2)** kicked conversions.

#### U14 v Dragons

Dragons 19 d Palmerston 17

Tries were scored by **Peter Kilgour (2)** and **Damien Stedman**. **Joel Hogan** kicked a conversion.

#### U10 v Dragons

Palmerston 50 d Dragons 7

Our try scorers were **Tristan Hardy (5)**, **Joe Cotton** and **Brett Mullen**. **Brett Mullen (2)**, **Joe Cotton** and **Sean McFarlane** kicked conversions.

#### U8 v Univeristy

University 15 d Palmerston 0

#### U6

Palmerston 70 d Swampdogs 30

Our tries were scored by **Jacob Blyton (6)**, **Mitchell Rickard (3)**, **Riley Reid**, **Sachin Deo (2)**, **Aiden Holts**, and **Darcy Hill**.

**Coach Ben Blyton** must be beginning to wonder about son **Jacob**. 6 tries this week and generally more than one every other week. Surely this is not the form of a future lock forward.

#### NT Rugby Foundation

The foundation is made possible through the financial contributions of Rugby supporters from the NT and in particular "Friends of Rugby NT", the **Palmerston Sports Club** and the **Carbine Club**. Annual scholarships are awarded to players to help them progress their rugby careers.

**Congratulations** this year to **Jarred Donovan** who has been selected for a scholarship.

## Croc Jottings

All senior players take note: **Physio Cat** and **Manager Fiona** won't be providing after game drinks until you have warmed down properly. It is for your own good.

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**Dallas Graetz** and **Martin Plumb** watched the recent A Grade game against University together on the hill.

They assure CrocTales they are **knowledge rugby men** (both forwards mind you) and the Crocs came back into the game when the forwards started grinding University into the dust in the second half. No flashy stuff, just keeping possession phase after phase until the try came.

They also concede that a little bit of brilliance from **Brock Evans** who took a **quick penalty tap** while University players were scratching their heads over an obstruction infringement helped a lot.

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**Dallas** was also pleased to see **Charlie Chambers** playing in A Grade.

**Charlie** was one of his 15 or 16 year old C graders in 1995 or 1996 that had a lot of potential. **Dallas** says he took him and **Dan Davis** to Jabiru for a B Grade game in the Palmy bus and he **promised Charlie's mum** he would look after him. Well, about 3am Sunday morning he poured a VB soaked **Charlie** out of the bus at the front of his home and told him to sneak in quietly. **Dallas** says he must have done a good job of sneaking in, because a week later **his mum thanked him for looking after Charlie**.

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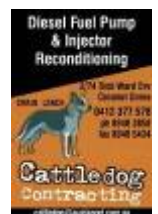
**Bar Manager Dennis** thanks **Lyn & Shane Cotton** and **'Ned' Kelly** and **Jai Wyles-Kelly** for coming down to the club on Sunday to help him with the clean up. **Your help was much appreciated**.



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