

## Upcoming Games

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
6.00 **U6**  
6.00 **U8** v Dragons  
6.00 **U10** v Swampdogs Red  
6.50 **U12** v University  
7.40 **U14** v Swampdogs  
**U16** Bye

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE

Magela Field, Jabiru  
4.00 **B** v Jabiru

| A Grade Tooheys New Cup | P        | W        | D        | L        | BP       | PT        |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Souths                  | 9        | 8        |          | 1        | 3        | 35        |
| Uni versity             | 8        | 5        | 1        | 2        | 4        | 26        |
| Casuarina               | 9        | 4        |          | 5        | 2        | 18        |
| <b>Palmerston</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>13</b> |
| Dragons                 | 9        | 2        |          | 8        | 1        | 9         |

| B Grade Abel Finance Cup | P         | W        | D        | L        | JF       | BP       | PT        |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jabiru                   | 12        | 7        |          | 4        |          | 6        | 34        |
| Uni versity              | 11        | 6        | 2        | 3        |          | 5        | 33        |
| <b>Palmerston</b>        | <b>12</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>26</b> |
| Souths                   | 11        | 5        |          | 6        |          | 5        | 25        |
| Dragons                  | 11        | 5        |          | 6        |          | 3        | 23        |
| Casuarina                | 11        | 3        | 1        | 7        |          | 3        | 17        |

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

## Coming Events

### B Grade to Jabiru

**This Saturday 21st June**  
**Bus Driver Graetz** has sourced a 14 seat bus for this trip so we will also need a couple of cars to make the trip. The game will kick off at 4pm so expect a lunchtime departure from Darwin / Palmerston. Let Coach Cotton know now that you are available and

keen to make the trip. Call him on 0437 737 699.

### Friday Night Rugby

With the School holidays almost upon us and junior rugby taking a break, **senior rugby** will move to **Friday night games** for five weeks.

**What will you do with your free Saturdays?**

### FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
6.00 **B** v Dragons  
7.30 **A** v Dragons

### Cleanup @ Darwin Show

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July -  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

I have had some volunteers contact me but obviously we need many more.

Each year we arrange to **pick up garbage and to empty the bins** for half of the Showgrounds including Side Show Alley and the car parks.

We don't this for nothing of course; it is a **major fundraiser** for the club and nets us about **\$6,000**.

All we **need** is about **40 club members** to volunteer for a day or night shift and the money is in the bank.

### Shifts are:

Thursday 7am – 5pm (4 people)  
Thursday 5pm – 11pm (4)  
Friday 7am – 5pm (6)  
Friday 5pm – 10pm (3)  
Friday 5pm – 1am (6)  
Saturday 7am – 5pm (6)  
Saturday 5pm – 10pm (3)  
Saturday 5pm – 1am (6)  
Sunday 8am – 12.00pm (6)

If you want to be a **shift leader** I would like to hear from you ASAP. If you want to **volunteer for a shift**, put your name on the notice in the clubhouse or send me an email at [garry.russell@nt.gov.au](mailto:garry.russell@nt.gov.au) or an SMS to 0401 111 700.

## Last Week's Games

### A v Casuarina

Casuarina 20 d Palmerston 17  
A/Coach Bree has provided the following comments on the game:

*'The game started rather slowly with Casuarina picking up two early penalties and having shots at goal. They got one and were up 3-0. The game moved about the field and it was great to see some pattern start to develop.*

*The backs were going forward and making decisions at the gain line. This made it easier for the forwards to be there in numbers.*

*Blake Bishell was moving well as was Scott Werleman even though he had just played a half of B Grade. The scrum didn't quite have the domination it has had in the past but it was going well.*

*Paddy Killen was able to get good passes wide to Stan Huen and with Barry Ria and Vili Koroi in the centres we had some go forward happening.*

*Unfortunately, so did they and we struggled to contain their quick backs.*

*Lineouts were a lottery and we didn't seem to be able to use them as an attacking weapon.*



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In open play our new No 8, **Alex McDonald** was really getting around and **Jye Wyles-Kelly** at second row was like another loose forward.

We simply let Casuarina off the hook by not building pressure. Dropped ball and penalties let the steam out of several promising build ups. **Stan Huen** scored a brilliant individual try. From a 22m kick, Stan caught ran, ran faster then went faster again and scored without any of the other 29 players on the field having any part in the play.

**Alex** scored a try in the corner that really was class and didn't look possible. **Paddy** saw the possibility and changed direction from a ruck. He passed wide to Alex who still had lots of work and a little bit of room but over he went. Alex again scored in the second half but we just couldn't close the game down and lost by 3 points 20-17.

**This was another game that got away.** We are so often so close but just miss. It was good to hear the players diagnosing after the game and there is **no doubt that there is a very good team just waiting to show what can happen** if we are prepared and get to know each other's play.'

The Palmerston Sports Club Player's player was **Alex McDonald**. Other good contributors were **Mikaele Dreu** and **Kevin Jones**.

As mentioned above our try scorers were **Alex McDonald (2)** and **Stan Huen**. **Barry Ria** converted one try.

#### B v Casuarina

Palmerston 17 d Casuarina 12

The B Grade recovered from the non trip to Jabiru to pull together and squeeze out a win against Casuarina. Every game is critical for the B

Grade with the competition being so close.

Our tries were scored by **Scott Werleman, Ben Rowe,** and **Dave Ingram**.

**Robbie Taylor** kicked a conversion.

**Dave (Chicken) Ingram** became a legend as he ran down the side line to barge over in the closing seconds of the game to score the winning try in the Palmy corner.

There is no better way to do it. Our spectators were thrilled and tell CrocTales it was a great game.

This effort earned **Chicken** the Palmerston Sports Club Player's Player Award.

**Brock Evans** and U18 players **Anthony 'Smithy' Smith** and **Jacob Collins** were also very strong performers.

#### U16 v Rabid dogs

Palmerston 35 d Rabid dogs 0 on forfeit

**Co-Coach Donavan** reports: 'Last week's game was to be our last game before the mid season break as we have the bye this week so in terms of the Championship and game time it was vital. Unfortunately for the Rabid Dogs (a combined Swampdogs / South's team) they had to forfeit which handed us a 35 - 0 win by default.

Even though we had a couple of players missing for representative duty we still had more than enough players and lent them 7 players to get a full game of 15 aside happening. This gave everyone a chance to get some game time practice which is hard to simulate at training.

By swapping a number of our players around at half time we were able to work on particular moves and strategies in an environment where it didn't matter so much if it went wrong but still in an

environment of game pressure.

At half time the score was 41 - 0 but at full time it was 41 - 20. Much to the coaches surprise we didn't score a try in the second half when some of our key players went over to the Rabid Dogs.

3 points this week went to **Alex Connell-Hewitt**, 2 went to **Paddy Daizels** and 1 point again this week went to an U14 who played up in **Peter Kilgour**.

**Alex Johnson** took out the Player's Player Award.

Other stand out players were **Jordan Bishell, Lauchie Wade** and **Jarred Donovan** who scored 35 of the 61 points scored on the night, 4 tries in the first half for us and 3 tries for the Rabid Dogs in the second half.'

Tries were scored by **Jarred Donovan (4), Aaron Cotton, Alex Johnson** and **Peter Kilgour**. **Alex Johnson (2)** and **Bradley Hogan** kicked conversions.

#### U12 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 5 d Palmerston 0

#### U10 v University

Palmerston 99 d University 7

Our scorers were **Joe Cotton (6), Brett Mullen (4), Sean McFarlane (3), Tristan Hardy (2), John Lynch** and **Callum Killian**. Conversions were kicked by **Joe Cotton (4), Brett Mullen (2)** and **John Lynch**.

#### U8 v Souths

Palmerston 35 d Souths 20

Our try scorers were **Denzell Parnell (3), David Bell (3)** and **Jarryd Morriss**.

#### U6

Dragons 25 d Palmerston1 15

Palmerston2 35 v Swampdogs 35

Our tries were scored by **Sachin Deo, Jacob Blyton, Mitchell Rickard, Natalie Lynch (2), Aidan Holt (2), Riley Reid (2)** and **Jake ?**.



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## Foundation Course (Level 1 Coach & Referee)

Do you want to be a coach or referee? If you might then this is the course for you.

7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008

@ AUSTAR Rugby Park

6.00pm to 9.30pm

Cost: Free

Wear sports clothing and bring a drink bottle.

If you want to know more then give **Dale Robertson** a call on (08) 89 45 1444.

## Senior Coaches

There has been movement in the senior coaching ranks in recent weeks.

Yes, for the first time this season, **Head Coach Snowden** has a friend.

**Bernie Bree** has been helping out when he can but he is about to depart for a visit to South America for the next 5 weeks.

**Shane Cotton** has put his hand up to step in as the **B Grade coach** during this time.

**Bernie** has also made a commitment to return after his holidays and to see the season out.

**Thanks to both men.** Although it has been a long time since **CrocTales** went any where near the training paddock I know it has been very hard for **Snogga**.

## Brock's 30<sup>th</sup>

**CrocTales** spies say that **Brock Evans'** 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party went off well and as you would expect from Brock and the Palmy boys and girls it was an action packed event.

The party was a dress up affair, 'The dawn of time until King Arthur'.

**Graetzy** looked cool in a kilt and playing the bagpipes.

Some other reportable highlights include:

↳ During the jousting (on bicycles) **Ricky Hoe** had a spectacular crash and is nursing a sore forrid!

↳ A **Casuarina supporter** wandered around the back of the house to answer the call of nature and was bitten by a snake, and lived to tell the tale.

By all reports, just another quiet Saturday night at Brock's house!

## Happy 30<sup>th</sup>

## U18s & Schoolboy Rugby

It is that time of year again; the **National Division II Schoolboys Championships** are on in Geelong from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The final NT squad is being announced over the week-end and those players will go into camp to finalise their preparation.

This means those players are **unavailable for club rugby** and there will **no U18 rugby games** this weekend.

Those U18 players not selected in the final 23 players will be **eligible for B Grade and A Grade** provided they have the relevant 2 year window form completed.

**CrocTales** understands that four Palmerston players will be in the team.

Early congratulations to **Blake Bishell, Kyle Davies, Jake Noble** and **Jai Wyles-Kelly**.

## Croc Jottings

Manager Fiona reports some heavy injuries were sustained last weekend in both grades and some players spending

quite a few hours up at the hospital getting stitched up later that night.

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Manager Fiona also says many thanks to **Lachlan Austine, Dominic Antunes** and **Charles Beattie** for running water throughout the games last weekend.

Many hands make light work and Fiona and the players really appreciate it.

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More debutants. Welcome to **Ben Batchelor** and **Matthew Carbone**.

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Ex-Palmerston junior **Narada Kerr-Barlow's** rugby career keeps going forward.

He was this week named as **captain** of the Hamilton Boys High School **First XV** for the season. This is quite an honor as they are in the top four rugby schools in NZ.

He is also being **wooded** for next season.

**John Mitchell** and the Western Force have found out he is an Aussie and have offered him a contract in WA. Narada however has always wanted **to be an All Black** and he isn't giving up on that dream just yet.

Waikato has stepped up their attempts to keep him and **Mum Gail** tells **CrocTales** that contract negotiations are well under way. Very few players in NZ come out of school and get a full provincial contract (one step below a Super 14 contract) and have their contract "topped up" by the NZRU. Both appear a real possibility in Narada's case.

As part of the wooing process, the NZRU has arranged for Narada to **spend a day training with the All Black squad** in Auckland next month prior to one of the test matches. She says he is **pretty happy about that!**



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