

Grand Final Day Games

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

10.30 **U8** v Swampdogs
10.30 **U10** v Casuarina
12.15 **U12** v Casuarina
1.20 **B** Jabiru v Dragons
3.10 **A** Uni v Souths
3.50 **U6**
5.15 **U14** v Swampdogs
6.30 **U16** v Dragons

That's right; Palmerston Rugby Union Club has **every one** of our junior teams in the **Grand Finals**.

Congratulations to all junior players, coaches and officials on this fantastic effort and **good luck on Saturday**. Do yourselves proud.

Coming Events

Juniors Presentation

Sunday 7th September

U6's to U18's

10:30am @ Berry Springs

Pack up the family, bring a picnic and swimmers and come along and have a fun day.

Call Ali on 0402 865 706 or Darren on 0419 034 453 if you need any further information.

Seniors Presentation

Night

Saturday 13th September

7pm @ Darwin Turf Club.

\$60 / ticket including 3 course meal & cheap drinks.

Numbers are required urgently so contact Percy Peel on 0427

321 981 or percypeel@hotmail.com to book yours NOW.

Last Week's Games

A v Souths

Souths 44 d Palmerston 15

Well it was not to be. After the good win over the Dragons the week before, this week we ran into a full strength and hurting South Darwin.

The score line wasn't a true indication of the game. We competed very well in most aspects of the game but when Souths got the ball into the backs they seemed to be able to find ground with ease. Everyone stuck to the task though and we were still threatening the Souths try line when the full time siren sounded.

Our tries were scored by **Barry Ria, Vilame Koro'i** and **Josh Higgins**.

The Casuarina Sports Club **Player's Player Award** winner was the flying flanker, **Josh Higgins**.

Other strong contributors were #8 **Sven Harris**, halfback **Brock Evans** and lock **Shaun Jolley**.

U16 v University Red

Palmerston 35 d University Red 0

Assistant coach Donovan reports: 'The last couple of rounds of the season proper and semi finals have been very up & down for the U16's. Three weeks ago we **easily beat Dragons** who have been on top of the table all year and have been our nemesis. The following week we lined up against University Red (the

better of the 2 University teams) for what we hoped would be just a good hard training run for the following week's semifinal game against Dragons **and were comprehensively beaten**. A defeat such as that is not good preparation going into the major semi vying for the right to go straight into the Grand Final and a week off. The next week's game against Dragons was billed as a "Top of the Table" clash and it didn't disappoint. The full time score was 12 all and after 20 minutes of extra time was **locked at 17 all**. Both teams exited the field with nothing left in the tank but Dragons went through to the Grand Final with a week off as they had finished on top of the table.

Last week, we again lined up against University Red, with the defeat of a couple weeks prior still fresh in our minds. This was a knock out **preliminary final** and from outset the boys looked like they meant business. A couple of early tries set the tone for the game and in the end ran out **comfortable winners with a 35 to nil victory**.

While it will sound like a cliché, the hard work done by the forwards allowed our backs to show their considerable flair. And after the Wallabies effort against South Africa last week they could have shown them a thing or two about creative backline moves.

The **most memorable moment** of the game (and of the year) was **Dean Staunton's** apparent decision to kick for goal off a penalty



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while 60 metres out and on the sideline. After careful preparation with the cone and lining up the kick he then **kicked across field to the other sideline** gaining about 20 metres for our outside backs to run onto the ball to score in what the coaches found out later was a **carefully planned move.**

This week's Grand Final against the Dragons will now truly be a game of the two best teams.'

Our tries scorers were **Alex Johnson (2), Alec Thomas, Patrick Daziels** and **Corey Singleton.** **Dean Staunton** kicked 4 conversions.

U14 v University

Palmerston 24 d University 10

Our tries were scored by **Peter Kilgour (2)** and **Damien Stedman (2)** while **Jacob Rainger** kicked a conversion.

Some interesting facts about U14 player **Peter Kilgour.**

Peter scored 20 tries, 100 points, during the U14 competition games this season plus another 2 last Friday night in the Preliminary final.

To put this in perspective, Bernard Niki from Dragons was awarded the **A Grade Highest Point Scorer Award** last weekend with a grand total of 96. Michael Callaghan from University was awarded the **NTRU Senior grades Highest Try Scorer Award** with a miserly 13 tries.

An outstanding effort Peter. Well done.

U12 v Dragons

Palmerston 17 d Dragons 10

Our tries were scored by **Josaia Dreu, Xavier McKenzie** and **Jye Snowden.** Not listed also kicked a conversion.

U10 v Swampdogs Blue

Palmerston 50 d Swampdogs 12

U8 v Dragons

Palmerston 35 d Dragons 30

Our tries were scored by **Meli Drue (4), David Bell (2)** and **Denzell Parnell.**

U6

Tries were scored by **Jacob Blyton (2), Mitchell Rickard, Aidan Holt, Darcy Hill** and **Riley Reid.**

NTRU Awards

Palmerston Rugby Union Club did not take out any of the major awards at last Saturday night's NTRU Presentation Night but we had some notable efforts.

Our club nominee for the **Volunteer of the Year** was Senior Manager, **Fiona Austine.** A very worthy nominee I am sure you will agree. Well unfortunately for Fiona she was up against some other outstanding volunteers and didn't win the big prize but in a very nice gesture from the NTRU and Char Restaurant, each of the nominees was presented with a \$150 dinner voucher at Char.

Congratulations Fiona.

Scott Rasmussen was the runner up in the night's big award, The Eric Johnston Medal.

Congratulations Scott.

Alex McDonald was the runner up in the B Grade Best and Fairest Award.

Congratulations Alex.

Fiona's Forum

The games may be over but the Manager's job is never done.

Fiona asks all players who were loaned a training jumper at the start of the year to **please** return these to her. She can be contacted on 0438 875 436.



Many thanks also to **John Williams** who has been coming down for the last few weekends to take photos during the senior games.



And a final **THANK YOU** to all of the **supporters** who have come down during the finals series to cheer the team on. The players certainly welcome the support and encouragement.

Croc Jottings

Sean Gill and partner **Jackie** have recently added a baby boy called **Jacob** to the family. **Squitter** says he was born on the 100 year birthday of that great Australian Sir Donald Bradman. He therefore cannot understand why Gilly and Jackie didn't name him Sir Donald Bradman Gill the 1st?

Congratulations Gilly and Jackie.



Some players just keep on keeping on, don't they **John 'Sully' Sullivan.** Word has filtered out of Brisbane that Sully was recently announced as the **Best Back** in the East Brisbane Rugby Union Club 2nd XV.

Congratulations Sully.



Now CrocTales noticed **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden's** youth policy with the senior team's this year and thinks he should give some deep thought to going even further next season.

Although CrocTales hasn't seen any junior games this season it is pretty hard to not notice the try scoring ability of U14 player, **Peter Kilgour** and the goal kicking talents of U16 player **Dean Staunton.**

If only we could fast track these guys into senior rugby.



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