

## Next Games

FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY

- 6.00 U5  
6.00 U7 #1 v Casuarina  
6.00 U7 #2 v University  
6.00 U9 v University  
6.00 U11 v Swampdogs Blue  
6.50 U13 v Swampdogs  
7.50 U15 v Swampdogs  
9.00 U17 v Swampdogs

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY

Moulden Oval

- 2.30 B v Casuarina  
4.00 A v Casuarina

## Coming Events

### Home Game

This Saturday

Yes, it is on again but this weekend there will be TWO big games for your enjoyment.

### Hangi

This Saturday Night

Post game this Saturday night from 6.30pm there will be a Hangi and live music at the Clubhouse. All players, supporters, friends and residents are welcome.

\$20 for adults, \$10 for children

Thank you to Damian Collie & his friends for organising the hangi.

## Sponsors Day @ AUSTAR Rugby Park

Saturday 23rd May

## Home Game & Family Day

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

See Lyn Cotton with ideas for family / kid games.

## Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

Palmerston 19 v Jabiru 19

Assistant Coach Craig 'Squirter'

Leach saw the game this way: 'Palmy had a tough hit out against the Jabiru Bushrats at Moulden Oval last weekend. We had a good turn out down at the home ground and a few old faces came down for a game. Simon 'Backpacker' Weekly and a very rugged looking Matt 'Fang' Pheeney ran on for the Crocs, both players from the late 90's early 2000's. Fang pulled a hammy in minute 1 but played out the first ½ strongly. Down by 7 - 12 at ½ time, after a converted Damian Collie try, Palmy got back on track with a huge game from Tom Cummins, who scored a well deserved try. Sean Caffery, our #6, had a great game and took some great hits. Captain, and Player's Player Vili Koroi had some great runs and Squirter scored a try on the bell to draw 19 all. Robbie Taylor converted 2 tries.

Player's Player for the match was centre and captain Vili Koroi.

U17 v University

Palmerston 31 v University 31

U15 v Dragons

Dragons 14 d Palmerston 0

Coach Cotton reports on the U15s game.

'The U15's played Dragons for the first time this season. As usual the boys were slow to start and soon found themselves 7 nil down.

The team spent most of the rest of the game deep in opposition

territory even though our full back was put under lots of pressure with the opposition employing kicking tactics almost every time they managed to get the ball.

Even though we were camped in their territory we did not make the most of our chances and couldn't cross the line. Dragons scored under the posts against the run of play in the last 5 minutes of the game to leave the final score 14-nil.

The final score did not reflect the run of play and the boys looked in with a chance for most of the game. Stand out players were Glen Wiles, Jake Howden & Jake Hicks.

U13 v Dragons

Dragons 48 d Palmerston 10

Coach Felton tells us how the U13 game went last Friday night.

'The U13's played Dragons for the first time this year last Friday night and learnt some lessons. We started OK and were in touch at half time. The boys had to work really hard in defence and this took its toll.

Into the last quarter the Dragons ran in a few tries that blew out the score and we finished with a 48 - 10 loss.

I give a 'well done' to the boys though as they kept their heads up and didn't stop trying.

One memorable highlight would have to be Jace Holtz's try. The Dragons did a huge kick from their 22 which Jace took on the full & on the run on our thirty metre line. He then ran the ball back at them and carved through

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the defence with great pace, forty metres down the touch line, with barely a hand laid on him and those that did he brushed off, to dive over for a magnificent individual try. **Great effort Jace, well done.**

Just a brief back ground on Jace. He is one of our smallest lads and in his second season of Rugby. Primarily an Aussie Rules player, he is learning well and gaining a love for the great game of Rugby (even if his Dad is baffled by the rules). **Bailey Holmes, Ben Dummitt and Harrison Quinn** also had good games while **Xavier and Jerone** were solid performers once again.'

### U9 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 73 d Palmerston 7

### U7 T1 v Dragons

Palmerston T1 20 d Dragons 15

Super Coach **Ben 'Burley' Blyton** tells us the inside story on the U7 T1's game:

'Palmerston U7's team 1 played Dragons winning 20-15.

Our games against Dragons are

always close (reminds the coach of the glory days when he used to play – for more information see me at the bar after training) and Fridays night game was no different. Dragons started strongly and held the ball for long periods of play but Palmerston defence led by **Aidan Holt** and **Natalie Lynch** managed to keep the Dragons down to three tries.

In attack we tended to run sideways and did not make as many breaks as usual but this could have been due to Dragons strong defence. Despite the strong defence **Sachin Deo** made several strong runs and often looked to pass the ball to support players. **Natalie Lynch** and **Jack-Henry Burkenhagen** made strong contributions in both attack and defence. **Jacob Blyton** made several long runs and was rewarded with a try. **Jack Akers** also scored a long range try beating several defenders on the way to the try line and **Sera Kori** scored two tries, both times leaving several defenders questioning which way she went.

The skills of the players are improving each week and the players are starting to put them into practice during the games.

I would again like to thank **Jaz** and **Robin Deo** for their help each week not only in the U 7's but also for the U 5's and **Lennie Holt** also for taking the team on field this week. **Thanks for your help.**

I am looking for a person to help **Tony** when I leave in 4 weeks. Even if it is on a casual basis any help would be appreciated as at times we can have up to 25 kids at training.'

### U7 T2 v South Darwin

Palmerston T2 45 d Souths 40

Coach **Tony Hewlett** reports on the U7 T2 game:

'Palmerston U7's team 2, played South Darwin. Albeit a close scoring game with Palmerston winning by one try: 45 to 40.

The team utilised excellent defending skills, getting onside quickly and therefore able to stop the attackers within metres of touching down. The defence

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Blake Bishell and 'friend' cutting his birthday cake. Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Blake.

pressure worked well with South Darwin losing the ball on several occasions within feet of the try line. **Cooper Burton** made an excellent pick up of one of these loose balls making a full length dash and scoring a try. **Riley Reid** also preyed on the loose ball and avoided being tagged by using quick side stepping manoeuvres to score three tries. **Luke Roberts** was always supporting other ball carriers well such as **Curtis Lyndon, Bowery Krymborg, Shiel Gorrington** and **Jacob Broadhouse**. **Luke** finding the try line on 5 occasions, when receiving the ball.

## Miss Palmy in Drag Night

It was a huge night at the Clubhouse last Saturday night as the boys of Palmerston Rugby Union Club got in touch with their feminine side.

**Vice Pres Shane** reports it was a terrific night and noted how unnerving it was to see the competitors transform so completely into their alter ego's.

There were 9 contestants. **Xena (Coxy)**, **Beyonce (Jake Collins)**, **Miss Hellfire**, **Miss Pink Coconut (Vili Koroi)**, **Miss Esmae Mirium (Kurt Evans)**, **Miss Chicken Wing (Anthony Smith)**, **Miss Brook Hot Look (Brock Evans)**, **Miss Scary Spice (Charlie Chambers)** and

very scary she was & **Miss Manjina (Squitter)**.

The award winners were:

**Miss Scary Spice** for Miss Charity, **Beyonce** won the broom stick and **Miss Palmy** for 2009 was **Miss Chicken Wing**.

Our very dapper chaperone was **Dennis Bree** while judges were **Cecily Bree, Pauline Wyles-Kelly** and **Alan Babbs**.

**Josh Parker** looked after the music and the Master of Ceremonies was **Shane Cotton**.

**Pres Gareth** adds his thanks to everyone who made the night a success including **Ned & Pauline** for helping to set up, **Lyn** and **Fiona** for looking after the girls preparing for the show, **Dennis Grant** and co for looking after the bar, **Darren Bishell** and **Ned Kelly** for cooking the after match BBQ.



The Simply Irresistible Girls - Simon Weekly, Charlie Chambers, Kurt Evans, Brock Evans

## Croc Jottings

Word on the street in Darwin is that past player, coach and life member, **Mick Smith**, will be back in Darwin on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May as coach of the visiting **Queensland Country Healers** team.



CrocTales recent story about oranges at half time elicited a response from old boy, **Rod Williams**. Rod, now residing in Brisbane with 80% of ex-Croc players says: 'I read the CrocTales to see how the club is going with great interest. I liked the oranges story but **Dallas** forgot to mention that in 1977, the heart starter that would give the boys an extra bit of fire after half time was **Green Ginger wine**. That is those that survived the tonic... All the best for the 2009 season.'



**Casuarina Cougar** and **NTRU Secretary Brian Anderson** recently reported in the e-rugbynews that South Darwin recently raffled a signed **Waratah Jersey** as part of their Fundraising Benefit for **Robbie Davis**.

The winner was **Noel Bree** but he doubts that the Jersey will ever see the light of day. A **Bree in a Waratah Jersey** would be a bit like a **Bree in a Casuarina Jersey** - not in this millennium!!

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