

This Week's Games

Saturday, 14th May

A Grade - Bye

B Grade playing Bushratz

at Jabiru @ 4.30pm

A Grade Ladder

| | P | W | D | L | Points |
|------------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Casuarina | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Dragons | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14 |
| Palmerston | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Souths | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| University | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 |

B Grade Ladder

| | P | W | D | L | Points |
|------------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Dragons | 6 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| Palmerston | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| Souths | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| Swampdogs | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 15 |
| Casuarina | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14 |
| University | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Jabiru | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 |

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Coach Lee Verral reports:

Going into the start of the second round of games, the A-grade team has finally been able to field a team at training, such that skills and formation can finally be put into practice.

Against a University side looking for redemption at home to kick start their

season, our boys had to start strong. However, soon after the start of play some errors and a lapse in concentration saw a soft try through the middle, and put Uni on the front foot. After a heavy defensive effort and some heavy grinding up front we gained a penalty and **Ian Verrall** closed the gap to 4 points.

After some enterprising backline work and forward support, **Callon "Chappy" Chapman** fought his way across out on the right hand flank. The team was starting to gel and going into half time, **Callon** again found himself with only the try line to beat and extended the lead with a first half double.

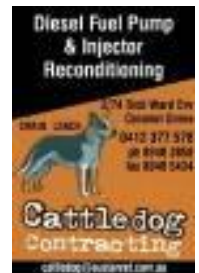
Half time score was **Palmerston 15 – University 7.**

At half time there was little to say – the boys were playing with the heart that has been a major part of Palmy rugby this season, and seeing the positives coming from plans laid out at training,

the best thing was just to encourage the same. Losing Ian at half time to a knee injury, a reshuffle at the back was needed.

The boys started the second half as they finished the first, playing wide and allowing the ball to move wide with **Tommy Hurse** and **Byron Bushell** making incisive runs through the University backs.

Always at the breakdowns, **Robert Armand** provided well-needed ball security and support which paid off with a try early into the second stanza. Now with Ian off the field there was a dilemma...who was going to kick goals...Well, **Anthony (Chicken Wing) Smith** put his hand upwith a kick 20m in from touch and 25m back, Smithy almost hit the barn at the end of the field! The ball wound up staying 20m in from touch – **Never Got Close!!**



With the concrete-like ground taking its fair share of casualties (**Anthony Smith** – knee, and **Tommy Hurse** – foot) - we again needed a reshuffle at the back. Thank you to **Michael Nicholas** and **Timmy Tamoto** for backing up from a full game of B-Grade. With the intensity of the game picking up, University got back on the board with another converted try, closing the gap to 6 points with 25 minutes to go. The backs continued to enjoy the freedom of having good go-forward from the engine room and the space opened up with **Aaron Smith** crossing in the corner to extend the lead to 11 points. With 10 minutes on the clock and light fading fast, no one stopped working hard. Despite another try to Uni, the insertion of **Jayden Taniuha** at prop gave **Chris “Coops” Cooper** a well-deserved rest from loose head. Continued strong defence and open running put the ball in Jayden’s hands close to the line. With no one able to effectively stop him, he crashed over close to the uprights to consolidate the lead. With only minutes on the clock, a successful conversion to **Jason Walker** made the final score **32-19**.

Great games from **George Hatzimalis, Paul Williams, Jake Collins, Jayden Day and Byron Bushell** made this an enjoyable game to watch. Once again, guys, this shows what we can do when we have a chance to put things together on the training paddock prior. Keep up the commitment and good work!

Tries:

Callon Chapman (2)
Brock Evans, Aaron Smith, Jayden Taniuha

Conversions:

Ian Verrall, Jason Walker

Penalties: Ian Verrall

Players’ Player:

Callon Chapman

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to **Dominic Mead** – home again after active service in Afghanistan. Great to see you back at the Club.

B Grade:

Coach Alan Babbs reports:

B grade played a very open style of game, as we had a very quick and dynamic backline and a small forward pack, plus the fact that we had 3 backs playing as forwards!

We scored our first try straight away and controlled the game for the whole half. At half time, we tried to bring some more structure into our game, but it was obvious that due to the fact that a lot of players were playing out of position we seemed to struggle to get going. We let Uni back into the game for a while, then our flair kicked in and we ran away with the game in the end.

Thanks to all those players who played out of position. Having to go to uncontested scrums (although I prefer not to) actually worked in our favour for once. Also I would like to thank all the supporters who came down to watch Palmerston get **two** convincing wins for the day away from home. Final Score: **38 – 19**.

Tries: Jason Walker, Stan Huen, Brad Hogan, Nick Skinnon, Kurt Collie-Whakaue, Isaako Tamato

Conversions:

Robbie Taylor(4)

Players’Player:

Michael Nicholas
Nick Skinnon



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

When:

Thursday, 12th
May at 6pm - after
training

Cost:

\$2.00 sausage &
onion sandwich -
Drinks on sale.

Why:

We are a family
club - come join
the family for
dinner!

A Note to Parents/Carers

If you have not given the
Club your email address,
you might be missing out
on important information.

Please see Bec in the
clubhouse Thursday night
to update your details.

Thanks - Lyn Cotton

JUNIOR GAMES

Friday, 13th May

U17's play Casuarina -
9pm Austar Park 1

U15's play Swampdogs-
8pm Austar Park 1

U13's play Casuarina -
7pm Austar Park 1

U11's play Swampdogs-
6pm Austar Park 1

U9's play Swampdogs-
6pm Warren Park

CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday, 22nd May

At the clubhouse
car park - 2pm to
6pm. \$5.00 per
car.

Sausage sizzle on
sale and the club
will be open for
refreshments.

Contact Dennis on
0437 912 140 to
book a spot.

Come along and
sell all that old
stuff sitting in
your garage or
carport.

PALMERSTON SOCIAL CALENDAR

4th June Ladies Day

2nd July Players Choice

9th July Ladies Night

Ladies Day will be
held on Saturday, 4th
June at Austar Park -
a 4.00pm start.

Tickets are \$10.00
per head, preferably
pre-sale so that we
can cater for
numbers. Contact
Alan Babbs on
0427 188 563 for
further information.
Please keep this date
in mind.

STATE OF ORIGIN

First State of Origin
Game - QLD vs NSW

on

Wednesday, 25th May
at the Clubhouse -
6.00 pm till finish.

Spaghetti Bolognese
on sale - \$5.00 per
bowl



