

This Week's Games

Saturday, 21st May

A Grade play Dragons @

6.30pm - Austar 1.

B Grade play Swampdogs

@ 5.00pm - Austar 2.

Come along and support the teams.

A Grade Ladder

	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	6	6	0	0	30
Dragons	7	3	0	4	14
Palmerston	5	3	0	2	14
Souths	7	2	0	5	10
University	7	2	0	5	10

B Grade Ladder

	P	W	D	L	Points
Dragons	8	5	0	3	24
Palmerston	6	5	0	1	24
Casuarina	7	4	0	3	19
Souths	8	4	0	4	17
Swampdogs	7	3	0	4	15
University	6	1	0	5	6
Jabiru	6	2	0	4	4

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Coch Alan Babbs reports on B Grade's game against the Bushratz at Jabiru:

After an uneventful road trip to Jabiru (ha ha), we found out that 21 players had turned up to play.

Great numbers, thanks guys. We had a bit of relaxing to do as the kick-off had been put back.

When the game finally started, we seemed to struggle with ball security in the forwards and our passes in the backs just didn't want to stick. But to the boys' credit they kept trying and soon we had snuck in front, thanks to some bullocking runs by **Jayden** and **Fine Cotton** in his first game back this season. We then went to sleep and let them in for an easy try.

The boys then went back to the old favourite, pick'n'go, which resulted in another try for us. The Bushratz countered not long after, with young **Alex** off to the blood bin from an accidental stray fist. We had **Jayden** filling in at second row where he was doing heaps of damage with some huge hits that meant the Bushratz were happy to see half time.

After a half-time chat about the weather, we got back into it and found our opponents were a bit more enthusiastic at the

rucks than us and it showed with a typical Palmy/Bushratz tussle from one end to the other. Our backline still struggled to fire, but individual skills were starting to shine with young **Wicked Wing** (guess who's brother?) making inroads with smart counter attack and our backs starting to break tackles and getting over the advantage line to allow our forwards to get some momentum. This resulted in two well-finished tries to give us a little bit of a buffer.

With full-time approaching and Jabiru constantly attacking our line with penalties and scrums, the boys defended brilliantly and ended up holding them scoreless for the entire second half.

So, all in all, a scrappy win but any win on the road is a good one.

Thanks to everyone who came out to play and help make it a good day, especially **Ned** who was spotted fishing on the way out and still got

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to the game on time to run the water.

Thanks to **Brocky** who ran the line (and also drove one of the hire cars) and also to **Cecily** for her managerial duties and as my driver. Also thanks to **Squirter** who drove the other hire car.

I also have to mention the **Jabiru FUN RUN** for the players on their first bus trip. We had seven competitors. Well done, guys, and yes, it was a little cold!! (Maybe if they had known the story of the Fun Run before they left, they wouldn't have turned up!).

Final Score:

Palmerston 26 Bushratz 12

Tries: Shane (Fine) Cotton

Alex Sumpton

Kurt Collie-Whakaue

Aaron (Wicked Wing) Smith

Conversions:

Robbie Taylor (2)

Brad Hogan (1)

Junior Games

Friday, 20th May:

U17 – vs Swampdogs –
Austar 1 - 9.00pm

U15 - vs Dragons –
Austar2 - 8.00pm

U13 – vs Swampdogs –
Austar 1 - 7.00pm

U11 – vs University –
Austar 2 - 6.00pm

U9 - vs Dragons -
Warren Pk – 6.00pm

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**

**Wednesday, 25th
May**

**at the Clubhouse -
6.00 pm till finish.**

**Spaghetti Bolognaise
on sale - \$5.00
per bowl.**

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