

This Week's Games

Friday 9 April

Magela Field Jabiru

4.00pm Jabiru v Palmerston B

All our other junior and senior teams have the weekend off.

Last Week's Games

A's v Souths

The A Grade team remains undefeated after drawing 18 all with Souths last Saturday.

This week's Players player was George Hatzismalis. A great effort in his first A Grade game.

B's v Souths

The B Grade team turned up in numbers this week and looked in great form early in the game with Freddie Waianga running in 2 long range tries. Fitness levels and disjointed combinations then let us down and Souths were able to run out 29 – 26 winners.

Guys, you all need to get down to training and make it so much easier for yourselves.

C's v Souths

This was the first game of the year for the C Grade competition and after last week's shortage of players for B Grade there was concern about who was going to turn up for a game.

Lots of phone calls later we had about 11-12 players raring to go at kick-off time but Souths only had 1.

Commitment was so high they split into 2 teams and went out and had a game of Walla rugby in the midday sun. What commitment!!

Juniors

This week the U8, U10 and U12 teams had the bye.

The U14s and the U16s played Casuarina and both teams ran out winners. **The U14s ran in a heap of tries in their 49-0 win.** Try scorers were Mitchell Russell 4 tries, Shem Rotumah

3 tries, Brodie Lafferty and Michael Pols. Best players were numerous including the four who went and played for Casuarina. Well done Watene Kirikind, Rory Valentin, Blake Bishell, Floyd Thompson, Michael Pols and Adam ?.

The **U16s** welcomed a few helpers from Dragons and a couple from Casuarina to form a 12 man side. Trying to fit in with a different group of players each week makes it hard for the boys but they were all much improved on their week 1 effort. Tom Cummins scored a nice try through his strong backup efforts while Ian Hogan burrowed over from a ruck on the try line. **Final result was 15 – 12 to us.**

Senior Coaching Staff Additions

After last weeks plea and now that the season is underway a few more people have volunteered to help out with the coaching and managing of the senior teams.

Welcome aboard to:

Bernie Bree as the A Grade Manager;

Ross 'Boot' Blunsdon as the B Grade Manager; and

Noel Bree in that critical role as C Grade Coach / Coordinator.

Thanks Gents, I am sure you will have a lot of fun throughout the season.

Membership Fees

Senior player's fees this season are \$150.00 including your shorts and socks. Tommy Hurse needs your money now. See him with the cash, a cheque or a credit card. Junior player fees are \$25.00 for membership and registration and, if needed, shorts are \$20.00 and socks \$10.00. See Lyn Cotton or Ali Snowden.

Wise's Commitment

Wise had to return to Sydney last week to resign from his job

and to work out his 2 weeks notice. He asked Greg Hill if he wanted him for the weekend's game. Greg explained that we are only a small club and we're not in a position to fly players back for games etc. Wise explained that that was not what he was thinking. If he were selected in the A Grade side, he would be honoured to play and would return to Darwin from Sydney for the game at his own expense. Perhaps even for Thursday night's training session. Thank you Wise, we salute your commitment.

Croc Jottings

It looks like many of the club's more mature players have no intention of letting the sun set on their careers. As reported in the NTRU eRugbyNews both Dennis Bree and Vince Kelly have invested in new boots. Last weekend Squirter Leach added his name to the list. The strange thing was his new boots looked just like Dennis and Vince's, forward boots!!!

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The weekly Coaches award is back. This award is selected by the A Grade coach and goes to the senior player who has contributed the most to the club during the preceding week. Wise Sekitoga was this week's winner for his all round efforts and his commitment to the club and his team mates.

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Thanks to Sonya Bree, Bernie Bree, Ian & Alec Irlum, Ellen-Rae & Cameron Miller, Sharmay & Shaun Ley and Sean Killiner who made the Saturday morning BBQ at Harvey Norman a success last weekend. We booked this about 6 months ago and then forgot about it until Sonya got a call early Friday afternoon. The system then swung into action and we banked over \$500 as a result.



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