

This Week's Games

Friday 23 April
Optus Park 1

5.30 **U12** v Swampdogs
7.10 **U14** v Casuarina
8.00 **U16** v Casuarina

Saturday 24 April
Optus Park 1

12.30 **U8** v Swampdogs
1.00 **U10** v Swampdogs
2.50 **U6**

3.10 **A** City v Country
Optus Park 2

1.30 **C** v Swampdogs
Jabiru

4.00 **B** v Jabiru

Last Week's Games

A's v Casuarina

The **A Grade** team still remains undefeated after **drawing 33 all** with Casuarina last Saturday. That is 2 draws in a row and leaves us needing to beat University on Saturday week to win the Tooheys New Cup competition. Scoring 5 tries gave us a bonus point. Try scorers were Paul Veach, Rod Mulhearn, Craig Leach, Gareth Felton and Wise Sekitoga with Rod converting 4 of them. This week's Player's player was James Ballantyne.

B's v Casuarina

B Grade got back in the winners circle with an **18 - 12 win** over Casuarina.

C's v Casuarina

The mighty C Graders under new coordinator, Noel Bree, continue to charge forward with another victory by forfeit.

Juniors

This week the U8, U10 and U12 teams played Casuarina while the U14's and U16's took Dragons on again.

The **U16's** game turned into a 7-a-side game as Dragons only had 6 players like us. They got help from 3 Casuarina players while we had 1 Casuarina player and short efforts from U14 players, Narada Kerr-Barlow, Rory Valentin and Kurt Collie. Thanks guys for helping out.

ARU rules state that junior players can only play 70 minutes of rugby between sleeps. That only leaves 20 minutes after playing the full 50 minutes of the U14 game. As in the first game of the season, the bigger, faster and more experienced Dragons players did not let us settle down at all. We stuck to our guns though and the second half was much better. Best players were Tom Cummins, Ian Hogan and Blake Chadwick.

The **U14's** again had good numbers at training last week and this was reflected in the outcome of Friday's night game against Dragons. **We won 43-0**. Mitchell Russell was outstanding scoring 3 tries and converting 2. Other try scorers were Rory Valentin, Tom Pavone, Kurt Collie-Whakave and Blake Bishell. Kurt and Narada Kerr-Barlow also converted tries. As Dragons only had 14 players, Brett Noakes played for them in the 1st half and had a great game. Brodie Lafferty played for them in the 2nd half. Dan Curtin's work with the forwards is starting to pay off and when they get it all together, the opposition better watch out.

The **U12's won on a forfeit** but gave a few players to Casuarina so they could all have a game. Best players included Alec Irlam, Jarred Donovan and Jacob Kerr-Barlow. The **U10's also won on forfeit**.

Again we gave Casuarina five of our kids and played a scratch match that we also won 33-7. Tries were scored by Wade Burkenhagen, Damian Stedman 2, Mitchell Carr, Xavier McKenzie & Scott Parsons. Conversions to Wade Burkenhagen, Bradley Moss & Ashley (A J) Brooking 2. Best players were Mark Chappell, Adam Bacon & Tyler Donovan.

The **U8's lost 5-20**. Our lone try scorer was Christopher Cornwill and he was also one of our best players along with Jye Snowden and Riley Hogan.

Again we had great numbers for the **U6's with 18 players** having a go. Try scorers included Koby

Snowden, Tom Callaghan, Brett Mullen, Isaiah Dau and Elijah Kereama.

City Reps

We have 5 players in the City team this week-end, Ben Emmett, John Sullivan, Peter McLaurin, Ray Walters and George Hatzismalis. I'm also sure Wise Sekitoga would have been there if he was in town.

Croc Jottings

A great quote heard on the hill after the A Grade against Casuarina went something like this: "I enjoyed that, Casuarina and their supporters thought they had us beaten and were loving it. Then within a few minutes we snatched victory from them and destroyed their afternoon."

Having been on the end of numerous beltings from Casuarina during the 80s, I could understand the sentiment.

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The Recruiter of the Week (year?) Award must go to Dan Bree. Dan is unable to play because of a rolled ankle (or was it instructions from Evie) so he decided he better do his bit and went out and rounded up 4 new players for the C Grade. Well done Dan. Now, how are you going to top that?? Ralph and Mitch must also be congratulated on their great recruiting effort. I can't get an official count but it was in the same range as Dan's effort. Keep it going guys, we can never have too many players

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Dave Ley has just received word that he has again been selected to coach the Combined States Schoolboys team that will compete at the Division 1 Schoolboys Championship. This team is made up of players from the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania and takes on the might of New South Wales I and II, Queensland I and II and ACT. Well done Dave.



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