

This Week's Games

Saturday 29 May

Optus Park 1

- 12.30 **U14 Trial Game**
3.10 **Mossies v Melbourne**
5.00 **U19 Schoolboys Trial**

HOME GAMES

on Sunday

Sunday 30 May

Moulden Park Oval

- 9.30 **U8** v Casuarina
10.00 **U6**
10.00 **U10** v Casuarina
11.00 **U14** v Casuarina
12.00 **U16** v Casuarina
1.00 **C** v Casuarina
2.30 **B** v Casuarina
4.00 **A** v Casuarina

We are back to having to put **3 senior teams on the paddock this weekend** along with our commitments to the Mossies. We therefore need everyone, including C Graders, at training tonight and at the games on Sunday.

This week the **Mossies are back at home** against the Melbourne Axemen. This is another game that I am hopeful they can win. This week-end we only have Ben Emmett, John Sullivan and Peter Burnheim in the run-on team. Todd Harrison, Tom Hurse and Ray Walters are reserves while Peter McLaurin and George Hatzismalis are both out injured. Go hard guys and do yourself and the club proud!!!!

U14 Squad

This year an NT U14 team will be competing at the Queensland Age

Championships in Brisbane from 29 June to 4 July. At this stage a training squad has been chosen and the following 13 Palmie boys are involved. Rory Valentin, Watene Kirikind, Ben Palmer, Jai Wyles-Kelly, Blake Bishell, Michael Pols, Floyd Thompson, Brenton Whatley, Fred Norris, Brendan Russell, Jesse Villiers, Brett Noakes and Kurt Collie-Whakane. Good luck in the trial games guys.

Last Week's Games



Mosquitoes v Adelaide

Despite an excellent game from Peter Burnheim the Mossies failed to notch up a win against the Adelaide Black Falcons. **We lost 17 – 27.** Adelaide got away to a 14-0 lead before the Mossies came back through 2 tries to Pete to be behind 14-24 at ½ time. The Mossies attacked strongly in the 2nd half but through mistakes out wide weren't able to get across the line.

A's v South Darwin

Was there any event happening last week-end that didn't mean we had players missing? We had people committed to the Mossies, working at the SuperCars, just working at their normal jobs, away training with the defence forces, away exercising with the defence forces and some just with injuries. As a result we had a very cobbled together team who tried hard but didn't have

the cohesion to trouble Souths for long periods. Souths took full advantage of the strong breeze in the 1st half and run in a heap of tries to lead 26 - 7 at ½ time. We tried hard to do the same in the 2nd half but mistakes and penalties undid us. **The final score was 36 – 19 to Souths.** Our tries were scored by Shane Cotton, Sean Killiner and Fred Waianga. Craig Leach converted two. Thanks to all of the B Graders and C Graders who stepped up to support the club by filling in, a great effort. Player's player was Peter Winton while Jesse Leal was awarded the Coach's Team Man of the Week award.

B's v South Darwin

For the 2nd week in a row, Souths forfeited their B Grade game. Thanks to everyone for turning up and making sure we had a team even if some of you didn't get to have a run.

Juniors

Our **U14's** played against **University** on Friday night and once again we supplied the opposition with players to make up the numbers and have a match. The game started off at a good pace with the ball going wide early to our fast boys and Michael Pols and Rory Valentin made a dash down the open side for Rory to score. It wasn't long after that the forwards got some go forward happening and this allowed



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Jai Wyles-Kelly to score a converted try under the posts from a tap penalty. Half time score 12 – 0 to us. We had another good start to the 2nd half with Whatanae Kirikind scoring in the corner not long after the re-start. The defence dropped off a little towards the end of the game and we let University in for a soft try out wide. Our best player for the night was Rory Valentin with some great attack and solid defence. Other good players included Michael Pols and Blake Bishall. Michael and Rory have formed a good combination at outside centre and wing and the opposition has trouble whenever they combine for a play. Blake put in another hard working effort at Number 8. **The final score was a 17-5 win to us.**

Unfortunately this week I do not have any details for the **U8, U10 and U12 games.**

U6 try scorers this week were Kai Longley, Isiah Dau and Blake Windler. The following players also played well and are showing their true rugby potential: Brett Mullin, Gavin Anderson, Tom Callaghan, Zac Bandy, Michaela White, Elijah Kereama, Koby Snowden and Mahlia Snowden.

Game Appearances

A few interesting facts have emerged over the last couple of weeks about players and their **A Grade games** for the club.

Sean Killiner has only played 2 A Grade games in the last 5 years. He retired to C Grade a number of years ago and then retired full stop when C Grade was moved to mid week last season. He has made a comeback this season and last week started the A Grade game as a last

minute fill-in and followed that up this week with another selected start. That was his **163rd A Grade game!** Well done Boulder, keep going strong.

Shaun Gill last played A Grade for us in 2000 before transferring to Alyangula with the police force. At that time he had played 98 A Grade games. Four years later he makes a comeback and clocks up **his 99th A Grade game.** But, he then goes and breaks his leg playing mixed NETBALL. Talk about ways and means of avoiding making the magic century. **Matt 'Phang' Pheeney** is another who is flirting with the magic century mark. Phang came down a little earlier in the season to help out and ended up going on in the A Grade game. That made it his **99th A Grade game** for the club. When do those bananas stop being so demanding Phang, so you can come down and get number 100?

Diary Note

Next Thursday is the 1st Thursday of the month and that means it is **C Grade & Old Salties Day.** Yes, it's your chance to come to training, have a look around then quickly escape to the clubhouse to make sure everything is under control. There you can re-ignite some old and make some new friendships. Spread the word & see you there.

Croc Jottings

I have been progressively expanding the CrocTales email list and this week I received an email back from Noel Williams in Brisbane. Noel played for the club in the very beginning and left Darwin sometime in the early eighties I think. He writes: "Many thanks for sending CrocTales each week. I

enjoy reading them and keeping in touch with what is happening in the old stamping ground in the Top End. I have maintained an interest in Rugby over the years through my son who plays U16 at school and has played juniors down at Souths for many years. I coached junior sides for a number of years and in more recent times took up the whistle. Each weekend I usually referee a few schoolboy games with Terrace and then on Sundays look after a couple of junior club games. Give my regards to all at Palmie."

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Craig 'Squitter' Leach sent me the following: "While driving home after training last Thursday night at about 9 o'clock, I recognised the number plate of a car stopped on the side of the road. I recalled an old Croc, Billy Murphy, used to drive it to training a few years back. Thinking Billy had broken down; I turned around to see if he was OK. Meanwhile, another car stopped and as I arrived I recognised Billy's wife, Danielle, talking to the other car. I got out of my car and both sets of people hurriedly got into their vehicles to get the hell out of there. As I called out are you okay, Danielle recognised me and waved as she left. Only then did I realise that I was driving a car identical to the vehicle involved in the Peter Falconio disappearance, it was dark, the court case was all over the media, so no wonder they fled the scene so quickly. I didn't even get a chance to say that there were sparks coming out of the exhaust or anything. Turns out they were just swapping a set of work keys.



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