

This Week's Games

Saturday 17 July

University Oval

10.00 **U8** v Swampdogs
10.30 **U10** v University
11.00 **U12** v University
12.00 **U14** v University
13.00 **C** v University
14.00 **B** v University
15.30 **A** v University

Thursday 16 July

Optus Park 1

6.50 **U14** v Casuarina
7.50 **U16** v Casuarina

Below is the **A Grade Table**.

	XXXX Cup		Standings				BP	PT
	P	W	D	L				
University	12	9	1	2	9	47		
Souths	13	6	2	5	8	36		
Casuarina	12	5	1	6	5	27		
Palmerston	12	4	2	6	6	26		
Dragons	12	4	0	8	1	17		

Coming Events

This Saturday, University is hosting us in all grades at University Oval.

Please note the new start times for B Grade and A Grade.

After the games and the Bledisloe Cup game, there is a **Seventies Nite** at the University club.

The Royal Darwin Show is on Thursday 22nd July to Sunday 25th July and we will be there collecting the rubbish.

This is a **MAJOR fund raiser** (about \$5,000 worth) for the club and we **need** about **40**

people to give a day or night shift.

The Thursday day and night and Friday day shifts are all fully subscribed but I still need people for the other shifts.

**Please call me on
0401 111 700
and let me know
which shift(s) you
can work.**

Last Week's Games

Last week was a lot better. 3 wins from 3 starts against Casuarina is always a good feeling.

A Grade had a BIG WIN 39 – 7 and only let Casuarina get on the board very late in the game. A big thank you to Ben 'Cube' Emmett and John 'Sully' Sullivan who came along between Pete McLaurin's wedding and reception and played starring roles.

Try scorers were James Ballantyne, Peter Winton, Vili Leqa, Damian Smith, Paul Veach and the try scoring machine Tom Hurse with 2. Paul Veach kicked 2 conversions.

Player's player was **Kerry Amory** while Tom Hurse, Damian Collie and Vili Leqa also had big games. The **Coach's Award** went to **Damian Collie and Tom Hurse**.

B Grade again struggled a bit with numbers but ground out

an **18 – 17 VICTORY**. **Mick Palmer** and **Brad Naylor** scored **tries**, **Kerry Amory** converted 1 and **TeKeepa Russell** kicked 2 penalties. Coach Babbs had this to say: *"The game was always going to be tough and it certainly was right up to the last minute. The first half was tight in patches but when our backline finally fired there was nothing Casuarina could do to stop it, It was a beautiful blind winger move (I think, it was that quick I might have missed it) that put Brad in under the posts.*

Casuarina then woke up and played rugby and hit back with a try before half time. In the 2nd half, after losing Kerry Amory and Damian Collie who had to start in A Grade, we stepped up a gear and put on our best defensive effort this season. Mick Palmer scored a great try out wide after our forwards had gained the upper hand in rucks and mauls. Casuarina only scored due to us being a bit puffed because of a lack of reserves.

Thanks to **Ash "Caboose" Eadie** for going from water boy to player to give us 15 on the field for the 2nd half.

Anyway it was a couple of lovely kicks from **TeKeepa** that kept us in front till the final whistle. Great game guys, play like that for the rest of the season and no one will stop us.

A final thanks to Kerry and Damian for helping us out in the 1st half and great A grade games too.



C Grade played Casuarina last night so they could field a lot of their Saturday B Grade against us. Imagine their surprise to see one of the best Palmy C Grade turn outs for the season with 18 players strapping on the boots. Coordinator Bree's plea after last week's game was answered in strength. They were even more disappointed when we recorded a **38 – 24 WIN**.

It took a while but eventually the scheming C Grade worked out how to keep the ball away from the young, fit, fleet footed school boys of Casuarina. **Tries** were scored by **Sam Jeffries 2, Steve Mount 2, Dan Bree and Tim Randell. Alan Babbs converted 3 and Craig 'Squirter' Leach converted 1**. Best players included new boy Steve Mount, Dan Curtin and Tom Cummins.

Moulden Park Oval

It is all go at the oval at the moment.

The **Grandstand** has been **removed** and the concrete slab is only a large pile of rubble. Squirter did however manage to find an inscribed piece to keep as a memento.



Work on repairing the **playing lights** is charging along and they may be ready late this week or early next week. Once power is finally restored to the poles it will be interesting to see how many of the bulbs actually still work. Getting them all fixed will be the final

step. Once completed we will have 100% power for games and 50% power for training and we will be able to give thought to playing home games and / or junior games under lights.

A **car park light** has been **installed** significantly improving the security situation when we have functions and drinks at the clubhouse.

Extra **bollards** and a lockable **gate** are being **installed** around the oval to stop people driving onto the field and doing wheelies etc.

And efforts are being made to get all of the water sprinklers working properly.

Croc Jottings

Mick Chapman played his 2nd C Grade game for the Crocs last night and had a great time. His 1st game lasted less than 3 minutes and 1 tackle and saw him needing 8 stitches in a forehead wound. CrocTales learned after the game last night that Mick was **recruited** at the **Pig' N Whistle**.

The story is that when the Palmy boys were calling upon the Ducks Nuts across the road to "give us a song"; Mick was the only one there prepared to give it a go. He quickly decided he was in the wrong place, finished his drink and scooted across the road to the Pig' N Whistle to join the Palmy boys.

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CrocTales spies tell him that **Pete & Roxy McLaurin's wedding** went to plan and news of the belting of Casuarina helped the celebrations along a treat.

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More news on **Pete 'Pumpkin' McLaurin**. We must congratulate Pete on a recent promotion at work. He is now

the **Branch Manager of the Commonwealth Bank in Mt Isa**. He and Roxy are honeymooning under the smoke stacks at the MIM mine.

All the best Pete but we are going to miss you flying down the wing to score another try.

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Craig and Mal Leach are still busy finalising arrangements to head off on their adventure. I'm reliably informed that the minor delays have nothing to do with the great times they have been having at the various going away parties, drinks etc.

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How good was that **tribute movie** that **Ray Walters** put together on Craig 'Squirter' Leach's career at the Crocs?? It blew everyone away. Well done Ray.

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Bernie and Sonya Bree have been holidaying in New Zealand for the last couple of weeks. Last week-end they called in to see ex-Crocs, **Pat and Liz Aratema** in the deep south of New Zealand.

While there, Bernie went into a shop to buy some beers as you do. CrocTales understands that the Steinlagers were on special so he thought he would try them. As he picked up a dozen he noticed a big black and white sign with a silver fern on it saying '**Support the All Blacks and buy Steinlager**'.

Well, who do you think quietly put the Steinlager dozen back on the shelf and moved on to try another beer! A true-blue Aussie.

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Quote of the Week: "It's a bit tough out there in C Grade". Craig 'Squirter' Leach



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