

## This Week's Games

### Friday 30 July

Optus Park 1

5.30 **U12** v Dragons

6.20 **U14** v University

### Saturday 31 July

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8.30 **U8** v Dragons

9.00 **U6**

9.30 **U10** v Dragons

12.10 **C** v University

1.30 **B** v Dragons

3.10 **A** v Dragons

Below is the **A Grade Table**.

	XXXX Cup Standings					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
University	14	11	1	2	11	57
Souths	14	6	2	6	9	37
Casuarina	14	6	1	7	6	32
Palmerston	13	4	2	7	6	26
Dragons	14	5	0	9	2	22

## Coming Events

This **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July**, at 6.30pm in the Pirates Clubhouse, **Ben Darwin** and the University Pirates will be hosting the **launch** of a book, **'The Kevin Kevinson Story'**, a humorous story of one man's quest to play for the Wallabies. The book has been written by University Pirate, Darren Hill. There is a gold coin donation as cover charge and some complimentary drinks and finger food will be provided.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Home Game** for the season is on **Saturday 7 August** against Souths in A and B Grade and Swampdogs in C Grade. There will be after game entertainment ("Go **Gold for the Wallabies**" theme) and food in the clubhouse and the **Bledisloe**

Cup game will be live on the BIG screen.

## Last Week's Games

Senior grades had the bye last week-end to work at the Royal Darwin Show and you may have noticed that CrocTales failed to appear as well.

The week-end before it was back to the bad old days with both the A Grade and B Grade suffering losses. C Grade managed to finish a good week with another win though.

### A's v University

**A Grade lost 12 – 38** to University who are definitely the team to beat this year. Our **tries** were scored by **Todd Harrison and Kerry Amory** and Kerry converted one of them. **Player's player was John 'Sully' Sullivan** while Tom Hurse, Kerry Amory and Craig 'Squitter' Leach also played well. Squitter in the unfamiliar position of 2<sup>nd</sup> row. Yes, that is right, 2<sup>nd</sup> row. Unfortunately we suffered a couple of injuries in the game. Peter Burnheim, in his first game for a month, strained a hamstring, Vili Leqa did some damage to a hip and Paul Veach broke a couple of metatarsal bones in his foot and could be out for up to 6 weeks.

### B's v University

**B Grade also lost 18 – 39** against University. Numbers were better this week but there were still a few guys doubling up from C Grade. We need to stop this. Players need to get to training on Thursday so everyone, players and coaches know who is playing B Grade

on Saturday and who is playing C Grade. **Freddie Waianga, Craig Leach and Miles 'Ralph' Hindle** all scored tries while **Kerry Amory** kicked a penalty.

### C's v University

**C Grade** played a full University side that got the jump on us with 2 tries in the first 10 minutes. The first 15 - 20 minutes is a problem for the C Grade, they aren't switched on and the opposition get away to a good start. **Coordinator Bree** attributes it to the early hour of the day. Both of their tries were from our mistakes but to our credit it did not waiver our resolve. As usual, after waking up, the team work came together with Ross (Boots) Blunsdon and Robbie Taylor getting in for tries. Not a bad first game for the year from Boots. Now that the C's were back in the match they thought they were unbeatable even if a few of the University forwards had one too many angry pills for breakfast and tried to upset our players. Half time saw the introduction of Ian 'Chuck' Mathers and Dino into the game. They certainly looked the goods, big, strong, skilful and fast but not quite fit yet. The final result was a **27 – 14 win** and probably the best all round performance of the year so far with all players putting in that little extra. Tries were scored by **Robbie Taylor 2, Mike Palmer, Dino & Boots**. Best players in a great team effort included **Dan Bree, Dave Jones and Robbie Taylor**.



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## Juniors

Junior action began 2 week-ends ago after the school holiday break. All teams played at University Oval on the 1<sup>st</sup> week-end as curtain raisers to the senior games.

**Last week-end the U16s and U14s** played on Thursday night. Unfortunately we only had 2 **U16 players**, Tom Cummins and Ian Hogan, to play Casuarina who had 11 players. There were however a few Dragons players around plus 3 boys from Katherine who had come up for the NT U16 Indigenous game and a 9 man team took to the field against Casuarina. I'm delighted to say they clicked as a team and gave Casuarina a 56-10 beating.

The **U14's** also played against Casuarina but this time it was them who didn't have the numbers. A team was scrapped together from Casuarina, University and Dragons to take on 12 of us and we came out **54 – 0 winners**. We had a couple more players return from their holidays and they made a noticeable difference to the team. **Jesse Villiers** had an excellent game at lock forward and was well supported by **Michael Pols, Brodie Lafferty** and **Brenton Whatley**. Tries were scored by **Fred Norris (3), Blake Bishell (2), Watene Kirikind (2), Kurt Collie-Whakave, Rory Valentin and Michael Pols**. **Jai Wyles-Kelly** kicked 2 conversions.

The **U12s** shone in their game against Swampdogs, running out **47 - 7 winners**. All of the players played really well, especially competing at the breakdowns. 2 tries were scored by **Jordan Bishell, Snow Levevasour and Shaun Austral**. **Brenton Davie, Cody Barry, Jarred Donovan and Sheba Kerr** all scored a try while **Jim Kerr** kicked one conversion. Coach Cat says

that next week's game against the Dragons will be the big test for the team leading into the finals.

The **U8s** also played the Swampdogs and found them too good, **losing 0 – 10**. Best players included **Jai Lowe, Joshua Russell and Kerrin Akers**. Coach Robbie was away on Saturday and says a BIG thanks to **Kelly and Jamie** for their help.

## Darwin Show Report

Well that is it, it is all done for another year and a cheque for \$5,000+ will soon be in the club bank account.

**Thank you** very much to all of the people who helped out over the week-end. You are the reason we are able to do it. They are: Tom Cummins, Blake Chadwick, Sean & Cate Killiner, Wendy Leach, Damian Collie, Kerry Amory, John Waihirere, Ben Emmett, Tom Hurse, Todd Harrison, Stephen Roberts, Peter, Brenda & Brodie Lafferty, Alan Babbs, Sam Johnson, Dan Bree, Mike Palmer, Michael Burlse, Simon Turner, Damian Smith, Col Hillery, Ray Walters, Vili Leqa, Rei Barlow, Jacob Barlow, Aaron Cotton, Blake Bishell, Bernie Bree, Shane Cotton, Greg Hill, Rod Mulhearn, Robbie Taylor, Ash Eadie, John Sullivan, Bill Murphy, Shaun Gill, Ben Blyton and me. A **very special THANK YOU** to **Tom Cummins** who took Thursday off school to come with me and work very hard getting all of the bins into place and cleaning up all of the set-up rubbish from the stall holders. Without his efforts, I would have been in big trouble. Don't worry if you missed out on the fun this year. The Show Society seemed very happy with our efforts and is keen to have us back again next year.

## Croc Jottings

Evidently, in the middle of a drinking frenzy some years ago, **Dave Ley** promised **Gary**

**Ella** a top end fishing trip. I'm not sure what Gary promised in return. Well last Sunday the long awaited trip eventuated. **Dave, Bernie Bree and Gary** set course for Corroboree at 6.00am. After a minor setback at the boat ramp, something to do with flotation and bungs, they were off. After checking all of the secret spots and losing a couple of fish they finally were able to produce a Barra for their guest. They also produced some rather large crocs and bird life as well. And they have the photo to prove it.



Dave reckons it is worth mentioning that Bernie didn't boat a fish all day unlike the inexperienced celebrity. Maybe he was just tired from working at the Show until after midnight the night before?

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### C Grade wins 62 – 5

A full team & 4 reserves lined up last night in the Crocs final Wednesday night game of the season to give a full strength Swampdogs team a big run around. A big welcome back to **Murray Liddle** who scored **3 tries** and **Roland Macale** who, unfortunately, didn't last long due to an ankle problem. Tries were also scored by **Robbie Taylor, Dan Bree, Ian 'Chuck' Matters, Mike Palmer, Ash Eadie, Blake Chadwick and Chris Cuthbertson**. **Alan Babbs** kicked **6 conversions**. Best players included **Chris Cuthbertson, Ross 'Boots' Blunsdon and Tom Cummins**.



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