

This Week's Games

Friday 6 August

Optus Park 1

5.30 **U12** v University

7.10 **U14** v Dragons

8.10 **U16** v Dragons

Saturday 7 August

Optus Park 1

8.30 **U8** v Casuarina

9.00 **U6**

1.00 **C** v Swampdogs

2.30 **B** v Souths

4.00 **A** v Souths

Below are the **A and B Grade Tables.**

	XXXX Cup Standings					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
University	15	11	1	3	12	58
Souths	15	7	2	6	9	41
Casuarina	14	6	1	7	6	32
Dragons	15	6	0	9	3	27
Palmerston	14	4	2	8	6	26

	Reserve Grade Standings					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	17	12	0	5	8	56
Casuarina	17	10	0	6	8	44
University	17	7	0	9	12	40
Dragons	17	8	0	9	6	34
Jabiru	17	6	0	11	9	33
Souths	17	8	0	9	5	33

Coming Events

Tonight is the 1st Thursday of the Month, making it **C Grade & Old Salties Night** and a **Players Tea** after training. Be there or miss all of the action.

Our 2nd **Home Game** for the season is this **Saturday 7th 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 at 7.30pm.

Helpers are needed. If you can help in some way, please give me a call on 8948 1849 (h) or 0401 111 700

Last Week's Games

A's v Dragons

In a must win game to ensure a spot in the semi finals, the **A Grade lost 26 – 46** to Dragons after a disastrous 1st half. We made them look so good through our mistakes.

Our tries were scored by Wise Sekitoga (3) and **Kerry Amory**. Kerry converted 2 of them while Wise converted one of his tries from in front of the posts to try to make enough time to get another and the bonus point.

Player's player was again John 'Sully' Sullivan. In a very disappointing effort it was hard to find good players but one that did stand out was **Shane 'Fine' Cotton**. To quote the coach, "never have I seen such a dominant front row game in a losing team". This effort won **Shane** this week's **Coaches Award**. Never

have I seen Bill Jones go backwards so quickly and so far all game. I happened to watch the game from a seat behind **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** and as the game progressed Snogga got more and more excited with the events on the field to the extent he was calling for a scrum to be packed at every opportunity including when Dragons were awarded a penalty. **Go the front row club!!**

B's v Dragons

B Grade held on for a tight **12 – 7 victory** against the Dragons. Numbers were good after many of the C Grade team stayed around for a game after University forfeited the C Grade game. **Freddie Waianga and Henry Dau** scored tries and **Freddie converted one.**

C's v University

Two weeks ago we played a full University C Grade team at University Oval but this week only one of their players bothered to turn up for the game. And he very quickly disappeared when he found out none of his team mates were there. Another 35 – 0 forfeit victory for the might Cs.



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Juniors

Last week-end the U16s had the bye but all other teams played.

Unfortunately I only have a result from the U12 game.

The U12s fought out a **0 - 0 draw** against the Darwin Dragons on Friday night. Both sides played 14-a-side to give all of the players a full run. **Coach Cat** tells me that it was a closely contested game, with the strong defence of both teams keeping play mainly within the centre of the paddock. She also tells me that a special mention has to be made of all of those U12s who have been **working so hard at training** over the past 2 weeks. All of that hard work on the training paddock paid off on the field on Friday. An example was when Aaron Cotton set up a **maul which was then moved 10 metres up the field** before the ball was sadly lost to the opposition.

Perhaps, Dad, Shane took inspiration from Aaron's and the U12s effort and helped him with his great effort the next day.

Game Day Behaviour

Following on from the recent incident between Casuarina and South Darwin players the NTRU and the Club Presidents met this week to discuss game day **behaviour both on the field and in the stands**.

There is general agreement that we don't have a major problem but equally we need to continue to make sure that any possible problems are nipped in the bud.

Key issues are:

- We don't want swearing and abusive language in the stands;
- We don't want swearing and abusive language on the field and certainly not directed towards match officials;
- We don't have enough referees and lines people and no new young officials are coming through the system;
- Clubs have a responsibility to manage the behaviour of their supporters, officials and players;
- Only reserves, replaced players, coaching staff, medical staff and water runners are allowed on the reserves bench;
- Only players, match officials, water runners, medical staff, incoming reserves and warming up reserves are allowed on the playing enclosure.

Let's make sure Palmerston Rugby Union Club leads from the front.

Fox and Fiddle

The **Pig' n Whistle** has a new name. It is now the **Fox and Fiddle**.

Something to do with trade marked names or logos or something. Look out for the new logo etc in next week's CrocTales.

Croc Jottings

I must **apologise to Colin 'Gecko' Hillery**. Col has **scored tries** in the last 2 C Grade games but hasn't yet managed to rate a mention in the reports in CrocTales.

No, it is not some sort of personal vendetta just a bit of inexperienced / sloppy book keeping and an aging memory.

Col reminded me that I should have remembered his fine try against University a couple of weeks as it was I who created the opportunity, did the run around, drew the defence before throwing him an amazing pass to put him over the line. As he said, "how could I forget"?

He also pointed out that the whole crowd, and it was a great crowd, remembered his try under the posts against the Swampdogs last Wednesday night. The reason being that **Alan 'Babbsy' Babbs** missed the conversion from in front. I bet he wasn't happy about that. He has a point.

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Which of the club's 2nd rowers / lock's son was seen having a great time with the **dolls and doll pram** last week-end? Dad wasn't there but I'm sure he would have been happy to see him fully experiencing life's pleasures.

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