

This Week's Games

Saturday 26 March

Optus Park 1

5.00 City v Country

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	1	1	0	0	1	5
Katheri ne	1	1	0	0	1	5
Dragons	1	1	0	0	0	4
Uni versi ty	1	0	0	1	1	1
Pal merston	1	0	0	1	0	0
Casuari na	1	0	0	1	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Pal merston	1	1	0	0	1	5
Souths	1	1	0	0	1	5
Dragons	1	1	0	0	0	4
Uni versi ty	1	0	0	1	0	0
Casuari na	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jabi ru	1	0	0	1	0	0

Coming Events

U16s Players Tea – next Tuesday 29th March after training. All players are welcome, free for U16s and \$5 a bowl for seniors.

Junior competition games start Friday week, 1st April. We will be playing all of our junior games at home at Moulden Park Oval until new lights have been installed on Field 2 at Optus Park (probably about July).

This is both very exciting for us but also challenging. We will need extra helpers to make sure the fields are ready for play, the hot dogs are hot and the soft drinks cold. If you can help out for a while please contact either Alison Snowden (0402 865 706) or Kelly Hindle.

The next **Club Supper Night**, the 1st Thursday of each month after training, will be **Thursday**

7th April so get it into your diary. All past and present members, players and supporters are encouraged to come along to these nights and catch up on what is happening at your club.

Last Week's Games

With Katherine playing the first round of the competition again this year and needing 3 teams to play at home, we quickly volunteered to be the third team. There's nothing like a bus trip early in the season to allow guys to get to know each other. To get maximum value and challenge from the exercise we asked Jabiru if they would also travel to Katherine to play us in B Grade rather than travelling to Darwin. They thought it was a great idea and hence we had to find 30 blokes to give up their day and make up our 2 teams. I'm proud to say we managed this (but not with a lot to spare).



A's v Katherine

We were a bit short handed for this game with a few key guys like Ben 'Cube' Emmett and John 'Sully' Sullivan still away on their pre-season holidays. Katherine was all fired up and raring to go and go they did, with us **losing 7 – 38**. Too many people's surprise our lone **try scorer** on the day was that man, **Todd 'The Bear'**

Harrison. If you are interested, I am sure Todd would be happy to give you a blow by blow description of each step, swerve, palm etc of his 2 metre run. **Damian Collie** kicked the **conversion**. **Player's player** was **Brock Evans** in his first game back after his sojourn to North Queensland. Other good efforts were put in by **Dan McIntyre** and **Greg Neighbour**.

B's v Jabiru

We thought we might have been a bit light on for numbers for this game, especially when Dallas Graetz agreed to put the boots on and sit on the bench, but Jabiru were lighter than us, they only had 13. On the bus on the way down, coach Ben Blyton did make me a couple of offers to play including partnering Tom in the 2nd row or controlling play in the backs from Inside Centre. Fortunately for the team and for me, commonsense prevailed. In the end we ran out **47 – 5 winners** with **2 tries each** to **Daniel 'Woody' Gaywood** and **Sean 'Boulder' Killiner** and **1 each** to **Paddy Killen**, **Alan 'Babbsy' Babbs** and **unknown**. **Robbie Taylor converted 5 and Babbsy 1**. There were a lot of good performers in the team plus a few who found out they need to do a lot more training. **Standout performers** included our young (U17 / U16) **B Grade debutants Paddy Killen, Tom Cummins and Ian Hogan** plus the old warhorse, **Boulder**. **Te-Keepa**



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Russell also had a good game keeping both the opposition and his team mates guessing about his next move. **John Waihirere** also went very well until his fitness deserted him. **Congratulations** also to **Blake Chadwick (U16)** on his **B Grade debut** for the club.

Senior Coaches

We have had a couple of additional people join the senior coaching ranks since the last CrocTales. **Ben 'Burley' Blyton** has signed on as an Assistant Coach / B Grade Coach and **Bernie Bree** has also signed on as an Assistant Coach.

Juniors

Junior training is now in full swing with up to about 70 U6 – U14 kids out there each and every **Tuesday and Thursday at 5.00pm**. We have nominated teams in all grades, U6 to U16 including a second U8 team. All players and coaches are looking forward to the first games on the 1st April.

The first **Junior Hot Dog Night** was a great success after training on Tuesday evening. Alison tells me we had **33 players plus 11 family members** there lining up for the hot dogs and cold drinks. These nights are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month meaning the next one will be on Tuesday 26th April. A **big thank you to Kelly** for organising the night.

Sponsors

As you can see by looking around this newsletter, we have a number of very valuable people who are supporting the club in 2005. Today, let me tell you about our **current major sponsors, Top End Hotel, Richardson and Wrench Real Estate and Ensign Laundry**.

The **Top End Hotel** is situated in Mitchell Street in the middle

of the party strip of the Darwin CBD.

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It has a range of bars and nightclubs including the **Sportsman Bar, Lizards Bar and Grill** (a favourite of the Palmie players) and the **Retro Club**. Hotel manager, Scot Booth is always ready to talk rugby but don't believe him if he tries to tell you he is going to play. Very soon we will be proudly displaying the

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Lizards Bar and Grill logo on the front of our A Grade jumpers.



Richardson and Wrench is a Cullen Bay based real estate agency providing the full range of services including sales and property management services. **Dave Ley** is one of the principals of the company. The Richardson and Wrench logo looks great on our 2005 polo shirts plus it will be prominent on our new junior club shirts which should be out and about very soon. As part of the sponsorship arrangement, Richardson and Wrench has offered the club a **referral fee payment** for each property listed and sold by them that has been referred from someone at Palmerston Rugby Union Club. I hope that makes sense. The **bottom line** is to tell everyone you know to **use the services of Richardson and Wrench Real Estate (8924 0400)** and to let them know they have been referred from Palmerston Rugby Union Club.



Ensign Laundry, also known as Radiant Dry Cleaning, washes our senior rugby jumpers each week of the season. This year will be the **22nd year in a row** that they have supported the club, an absolutely outstanding effort.

Please make sure you take all of your laundry & dry cleaning requirements to them. I am sure James Mansfield and the team will do a great job.

Croc Jottings

This man turns 50 this weekend and is having some trouble understanding how it happened.



If you get a chance, sit down and have a beer with him and see if you can help.



Did **Ben Blyton** make the decision to join the coaching staff after he realised he had **seriously strained his calf while STANDING STILL** at training?



Ray Walters left Palmie a few weeks ago after scoring a job **back in Alice Springs**. Everyone wishes Ray and his family all the best back in the Alice. What are we going to do for visual presentations of important events now?



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