

This Week's Games

Friday 15 April Moulden Park Oval

- 5.45 **U6**
U8B bye
5.45 **U8R** v Swampdogs
5.45 **U10** v Swampdogs
6.30 **U12** v Swampdogs
7.15 **U14** v Swampdogs

Saturday 16 April Optus Park 2

- 2.30 **B** v Dragons
4.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	3	2	0	1	2	10
Katheri ne	3	2	0	1	2	10
Uni versi ty	3	2	0	1	2	10
Dragons	3	2	0	1	2	10
Palmerston	3	1	0	2	0	4
Casuari na	3	0	0	3	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	3	3	0	0	2	14
Dragons	3	2	0	1	-3	5
Uni versi ty	3	1	0	2	1	5
Souths	3	1	0	2	1	5
Jabi ru	3	1	0	2	1	5
Casuari na	3	1	0	2	1	5

Coming Events

The first **Club Supper Night** for this season will be **TONIGHT, Thursday 14th April**. Come along and catch up on what is happening at your club plus be a part of **electing this year's Club Captain**.

Party Cruise Night – Rugby blokes and Netball chicks to meet, mingle and party.

I won't go into the detail but they mucked us up, so it is on to Plan B.

Date: Sunday 1st May;
Location: Meet at Buzz Café -

Cullen Bay @ 5:30, board @ 5:45, return to dock @ 9pm;
Cost: \$45 per person; **Theme** is "Red, White & Blue" on a 3 hour Sunset cruise on the Pearl Lugger with nibbles included. Drinks are available on board @ the bar with a complimentary glass of champers at sunset.

Post Cruise: TBA

Contact Kate Chandler on 8901 0230 or kate.chandler@pfes.nt.gov.au.

Last Week's Games

We had home games for the seniors this week and as per normal when we have a home game at Palmerston it RAINS. We haven't had rain for weeks but less than half way into the B Grade the skies opened and it poured.

A's v University

The A Grade put in another improved performance this week but still **lost** to the pace setting **University Pirates**. The **final result was 24 – 13** to them. Our team is improving each week and this boads well for the rest of the season. We created many opportunities but errors let us down at crucial times. **Try scorers** were **Bronson Mitchell and Jonathan Schwalger**. **Best players** included **Bronson, James Ballantyne and Anthony Lees** but **Jonathan was outstanding**. Unfortunately he went back to Alice Springs the next day and I just hope the information that he is relocating to Darwin in May is accurate, very early May I hope.

B's v University

We won this game **15 – 10**. We started well but came a bit unstuck when the rain (and plenty of it) came. **Try scorers** were the two props, **Ian Mathers and Gareth Felton** and fullback **Freddie Waianga**. **Best players** included **Gareth, Paddy Killen and Matt Pheaney**.

C's v University

Unfortunately this game was a non-event. University forfeited earlier in the week. It was interesting though to see them with a full bench of reserves for the B Grade, equal to half a C Grade team in my book.

U16 v University

This week we only had 12 players. We had 1 injured, 2 on holidays and 1 missing in action. University called for un-contested scrums and this allowed our young backline to attack on the front foot. Coach Snogga tells me that our pre-game tactics of using under / over lines resulted in a few quick tries to our centres. Must be something new, I don't remember them from when I played. Snogga also provided the following comments: "**Kane Richards took all the correct options and controlled his backline well. He was well supported by multi try scorer Blake Chadwick (vc). Mitchell Lawrence ran the ball decisively and was devastating with his huge long restarts. Stephen Bartholdt Green captained the team on the night and stepped up the extra notch to lead his team**



well by competing hard at all breakdowns. The front three of **Freddy Norris, Blake Bishell and Brendan Russell** and also **Kurt Collie Wakave** at half back were constructive all around the park and gave go forward at ruck and maul time. Well done boys!! Others who shone were **Rodrigo (Roddy) Barua** at fullback and **Tukere Barlow** at inside centre. The backs did well early... but when tries became easier to find we reverted back away from our running lines and just tried to barge through! The 8 tries we scored in the backs should have been doubled! Oh, the final score, a **big win to the Palmy Colts, 52 – 19**. Try scorers were: **Blake Chadwick (3), Tukere Barlow (3), Kurt Collie-Wakave and Rodrigo Barua**. Kane Richards converted 4 and Mitchell Lawrence 2.

U14 v University

This game was the first real game of the season for the U14s and it was a real tester with **University running out winners 7 – 5**. Coach Dan says it was a close match all night with our **only try** coming in the first half from **Jacob Collins**. The Pirates came back at us and scored just before the first half finished and converted to take the lead 7-5. It was an unlucky result for us as we had more chances than Pirates to score but were unable to complete the last phase. **Best on ground was Jacob Collins** for his outstanding effort at No 8 followed closely by **Jake Noble** at tight head and **Adam Riley** who started in the loose forwards but was needed to move to outside centre to mark the Pirates biggest player.

U12 v University

This week the U12s ran into a hot side and were brought back to earth after last weeks narrow win. **University ran out 37 – 7**

winners. **Shaun Ley** was our **try scorer** with **Jim Kerr** converting.

U10 v University

The U10 also ran into another hot side and ended up losing **7 - 48**. Our lone **try scorer was again Scott Parsons**. He converted his own try.

U8 Blue v Casuarina

Coach Jamie saw the U8 Blue game this way. **"Riley Hogan was our lone try scorer with 2 tries and a couple more nearby theres. Best players were Riley Hogan, Ben Dummett and Kerrin Akers, (who let the responsibilities of team captain provide the encouragement for some great rugby). Casuarina played a fast game and exploited our tiredness, (no reserves due to the school holidays). Natasha Johnson and Adam Powell both played well. Adams pursuit of a Casuarina player past Mum & Dad shows his potential as a back, he slowed down and gave a grin before continuing. Someone buy that boy a comb."** Final score was **50 – 10 to Casuarina**.

U8 Red v University

University ran out 15 – 5 winners in this game. Our try was scored by **John Lynch**, son of Brian 'Roger' Lynch and Dom. Roger still looks like he could go around in a B Grade or C Grade game.

U6

Coach Alison tells me that this week we had another great turnout of U6 players, mostly Palmy players. This week players were running in the right direction and getting the idea of a 'ball take'. A couple of little ones thought the field wasn't wide enough for them so they tried to run on the U10 field. All in all, a great game by everyone with **tries scored by Dlynn Felton, Koby Snowden, Brandon Thompson, Heber-Jay Schwalger** and push over

tries by **Mahlia Snowden** and **Jacob Lasker**.

No Smoking Area

Everyone is now well aware of the risks associated with smoking. Because of this it has been decided to have designated **NO SMOKING areas** at the junior fixtures at Moulden Oval. The area will extend for 10m around the food service area, and along the sideline where the juniors sit to watch the games. We hope that both parents and supporters are willing to make this small sacrifice for the health and well being of the junior members of the club.

Senior strapping

A reminder to all senior players. If you don't supply your own tape for strapping then you will be charged for it!

Crocs Netball

I'm not sure if I didn't get game results or lost them but I do know that **TONIGHT the B Grade side plays at 9.15pm** on Court 1. Fortuitously this is the court overlooked by the bar so there should be a big cheer squad for the girls. The C Grade has a bye.

Croc Jottings

Miles 'Ralph' Hindle will be playing his last game for the season this week-end. He is having his face reconstructed soon. I offer no comment. He isn't disappearing though; he will still be coaching the U10s and getting into refereeing and touch judging.

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Thanks to Dallas Graetz and Tom Cummins for their efforts to get all of the fields mown and marked for last week-ends junior and senior games.

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Matt 'Phang' Pheaney finally played his **100th A Grade game** for the club last week-end. **Congratulations Phang.**

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