

This Week's Games

Friday 22 April
Moulden Park Oval

- 5.45 **U6**
5.45 **U8B** v University
U8R v bye
5.45 **U10** v University
6.20 **U12** v University
7.15 **U14** v University
8.15 **U16** v University

Saturday 16 April
Optus Park 1

- 2.30 **C** v Barbarians
4.00 **B** v Jabiru

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	4	3	0	1	2	14
University	4	3	0	1	2	14
Dragons	4	3	0	1	2	14
Katherine	4	2	0	2	2	10
Palmerston	4	1	0	2	1	5
Casuarina	4	0	0	4	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	4	3	0	1	2	14
Jabiru	4	2	0	2	2	10
Dragons	4	3	0	1	-3	9
University	4	2	0	2	1	9
Casuarina	4	1	0	3	2	6
Souths	4	1	0	3	-3	1

Coming Events

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

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Last Week's Games

A's v Dragons

The A Grade took another step forward this week but also found a new way to lose a game. We **outscored the Dragons 4 tries to 3** but still managed to **lose 22 – 24** because we couldn't seem to get the ball between the posts. **Pete Burnheim** returned from his stint in Iraq to play his first game of the season and **went very well**. There is really no substitute for pace. With Sully in Singapore, Pete got the opportunity to play halfback for a change. Other **good contributors** included **George Hatzismalis**, who went hard all game and provided a lot of go forward, **Shane Stoeckert** who also decided to run more and looked dangerous and **Brock Evans**. **Try scorers were Pete Burnheim (2), Dan McIntyre and Freddie Waianga**. **Bronson Mitchell converted one**. The **Coaches Award** this week went to **Damian Collie** for his training efforts and work to date this season. It certainly wasn't for his game on Saturday; he limped off after about 10 minutes with a hamstring problem. The **Players player** was shared by **Pete and Shane**.

B's v Dragons

The Mighty B's suffered their **1st loss** of the season this week-end, **10 – 28** against a young, fast and skilful Dragons

unit. **Coach Blyton** tells me there are a few pleasing things happening.

- The young guns including **Paddy Killen, Ian Hogan, Tom Cummins, Daniel 'Woody' Gaywood and Leigh Stait**, are all playing well.
- We are starting to get a core of players who are there every week and train most nights. He definitely feels that we have the basis of a team that will go well.

Best players this week were **Paddy Killen, Dave Cairns, Ian Hogan, Tom Cummins and Denny 'Dude Ranch' Johnston**. Our **try scorers** were the **Coach and Freddie Waianga**. Ben tells me he ran about 50 metres, produced a couple of side steps then out paced the cover to score. I must have missed that exciting part of the game. He wouldn't be a coach though if he didn't have a few things he thought could be improved. Main one for the players is a **bit more consistency with turning up to training**.

C's v South Darwin

Another failure. Souths reckon they barely have a B Grade let alone a C Grade.

U14 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs only have a few players but are ever hopeful of getting more. On the other hand we had 24 players available for the game, so we split into 2 teams and everyone got a full game. The **official result is a forfeit to us** but the real result was a 20 – 15 win for the Crocs team. The



coaches tell me that the **stand out player** was **Ben Palmer** followed closely by the Palmy captain **Brenton Whatley** and **Jake Noble**. **Try scorers** were **Jake Noble (2), Ben Palmer (2), Brenton Whatley, Jack Kypreos and unknown**.

U12 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs are a real strength in the lower grades and again the **U12s lost** to them. This time it was **5 – 15**. Our **try was scored by Shaun Ley**. **Good performances** were put in by **Jarred Donovan, Shaun Ley and Jim Kerr**. Stand-in coach Cat tells me that the team is playing well but still has a lot to learn.

U10 v Swampdogs

For the 2nd time already this season we played the **Swampdogs** and again **suffered a loss, 7 – 43**. Coach Ralph says that all players had a great game. He was amazed by the many great tackles we made including lots around the boot laces. Our two smallest players, **Ashley Thyers and Rhys White**, pulled off some of the biggest tackles. Our **try scorer** was **Scott Parsons** and it was converted by **Jye Snowden**.

U8 Red v Swampdogs

Swampdogs ran out 40 - 15 winners in this game. All of our **tries** were scored by **Brett Mullen**. **Best players** included **Brett, Jamsie Kenyon and Blake Windler**.

U6

WOW - this week we fielded 21 U6s, 15 from Palmy and 6 from Swampdogs. They were divided into two teams and we needed 2 adults per team to help with the field positioning of players etc. Alison says that the game went surprisingly well with such a large number on the field - the only hiccup being - **we had to halt play for everyone to enjoy the sight of a rainbow over Palmerston**. The kids enjoyed playing in the rain with **tries**

scored by Dlynn Felton, Summah Kidney, Dillon McGregor & Heber-Jay Schwalger. The game ended in a 2 all draw.

New Bar Fridge

As anyone who has spent a little bit of time in the clubhouse knows, our bar fridge has seen better days and isn't the most reliable. Well it went on the blink again and the boys had had enough. After much furious lobbying and negotiating, **Sam Kolpondinos from Lion Nathan** agreed to support us by providing a lovely **newly reconditioned one**. We thank him immensely and hence the **Tooheys** logo on the sponsor's sidebar of CrocTales. Get down to the clubhouse and check it out and enjoy a **lovely cold Tooheys product** from it.

Clubhouse Upgrade

Many club members have spent a few week-ends sprucing up the inside and some of the outside of our clubhouse. Inside there is a **new coat of paint, a new juniors board, all framed jumpers are mounted** etc. Outside some of the wood work has been repaired and a bit of painting done. It is impossible to name all of the workers but a **special mention** must be made of **Dan McIntyre** who has organised it all. I'm not too sure if his mates are still happy with him but I and the Committee surely are. **Thanks Dan and all of your helpers**.

Home Game Hangi

They have been thanked in many quarters and it was a fantastic feed. Thanks to **Damian Collie, Al and the rest of the crew** who put down the hangi at the home game.

Crocs Netball

Last Thursday there was only one netball game but it was

awesome. The B's took on Falcons who were also undefeated and favoured to win the premiership this year. Falcons were undermanned, but the Crocs went out strong from start to finish with **stand out performances** from **Sarah Maple and Kirstin Stannard** in the centre court. Again, great defence from **Rebecca Maple and the two Katie's** got it together well at the shooting end to finish the game **52-29 winners**. Both grades play at 7:45 tonight. Bec, Fi, Lex & the girls are on Court 2 and play Casino Sharks while Gail, Kate, Katie, Kirstin & the others play Wanderers on Court 1.

As a result of some restructuring of the higher grades our old B's are now C Graders and our old C's are now D Graders.

Junior Netball

Our Netballers are **desperate for players in the junior age group**. A couple of people we were counting on have pulled out and we now need another 4 players. **Are there any sisters or daughters out there in the 12 – 15 age group who may be interested?** Contact Kate Chandler on 8901 0230 or kate.chandler@pfes.nt.gov.au to volunteer or if you need more information.

Rugby Foundation

Scholarships

Tom Cummins and Stephen Bartholdt-Green have both again been awarded Rugby Foundation Scholarships for 2005. The scholarships help the boys to meet the costs of their rugby and school commitments. The scholarships are provided through the support of the **Friends of Rugby, Carbine Club and PW Baxter**. **Congratulations boys**.

