

## This Week's Games

### FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### Optus Park 1

5.45 U12 v University

8.10 U14 v University

#### Optus Park 2

5.45 U6

5.45 U8B v University

5.45 U8R v Casuarina

5.45 U10 v Casuarina

#### Aussie Stadium Sydney

7.00 Waratahs v Reds

### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### Magela Oval - Jabiru

5.00 B v Jabiru

#### Harlequin Rugby Club, Ashwood

6.30 Mosquitoes v Melbourne

**NOTE:** C Grade has been cancelled for this week. With no other grades playing in Darwin and no one else wanting to play us it is a good idea to have a week off.

Do the coaches know your going? Where are you catching the bus from and at what time? **Call Ben (0417 082 531) or Bernie (0419 189 331)**

## Last Week's Games

### A's v Souths

This week bought another disappointing close **loss, 13 – 17** against South Darwin, for the A Grade. Dave Ley told me that it was a disappointing result given the lift in effort, particularly from the forwards.

He saw the game this way: *'We attacked early and had good possession and field position but didn't capitalise on it.*

*When we are in the scoring zone we have to be able to convert the points. Driving mauls started to be effective and our scrum was initially very strong but developed some problems as with the lineout.*

*This can all be rectified if we can have the same people at training Tuesday and Thursday to build focus and continuity. It will be tough for next few weeks with Mozzie commitments but I feel we will come out the backend better for it.'*

**Best players were Michael 'Scratch' Scaturchio, Shane Stoeckert, George Hatzismalis, John 'Sully' Sullivan and Ben 'Cube' Emmett** who led from the front. **Scratch was the Player's Player.**

Tries were scored by **Shane Stoeckert** and **Bronson Mitchell**. **Sully** kicked a penalty.

### B's v Souths

B Grade also had a **narrow, 5 – 10 loss to South Darwin.**

**Coach Ben Blyton** saw the game this way: *'There was a problem on Saturday with many of our regular B Graders not turning up and others arriving late. The turning up late is starting to be a common occurrence and makes life very difficult. Co-coach Bernie & I are not happy. Another common thread is that our two losses have come after poor numbers at training the previous week. Are we going to change this fact?'*

*Back to the game.*

*In the 1st half we ran with the wind, struggled with our team work but the effort from the players was pleasing. We had contested scrums for the first time in a couple of weeks and that caused us some problems as Souths always have a good scrum.*

**Ian Hogan** continues to impress with his game, his line out worked ok considering we had not trained at it all week. **The back row of Anthony, James and Boulder was outstanding.**

*The backs tackled well and Souths did not look like scoring but like the whole team we were a bit disjointed in attack. At half time we were leading 5 - 0 through a good try to Ian Hogan.*

*In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half we continued in much the same way as the 1st half but we were under pressure from Souths as they*



A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	5	4	0	1	3	19
Souths	5	4	0	1	2	18
Katherine	5	3	0	2	2	14
University	5	3	0	2	2	14
Palmerston	5	1	0	4	2	6
Casuarina	5	0	0	5	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	6	4	0	2	4	20
Dragons	5	4	0	1	-2	14
University	5	3	0	2	2	14
Jabiru	6	2	0	3	2	10
Casuarina	5	1	0	4	2	6
Souths	5	2	0	3	-3	5

## Coming Events

This Saturday, 7 May, we play the **Jabiru Bushrats** at **Jabiru**. Are you organised?

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had the wind and we found it hard to get out of our half.

Eventually we conceded a couple of tries but the boys who played should not be too disappointed in their effort.

If we gave that effort on Tuesday and Thursday we would be unbeatable in this B Grade competition.

A **BIG thanks** to the guys that backed up from **C Grade**. We needed 3 guys in the run on side plus reserves.

**Best Players** included **James Ballantyne, Anthony Lees, Ian Hogan and Sean 'Boulder' Killiner.**

### C's v the Rest

Again the rest failed to show so this week we split into the Kerr-Barlow's and friends and the others for a game of Walla Rugby.

### Juniors

This week all junior rugby games returned to Optus Park. Although we may still get the odd game at Moulden Park Oval, this signaled the end of regular Friday night fixtures at Palmerston.

**Congratulations to Alison and all of the junior coaches, managers and supporters on the terrific 4 weeks of competition we did put on.** It was exceptionally well organized and a wonderful time and experience for all.

### U16 v Casuarina

The U16s fronted up for the **late, late Friday night game** this week, kicking off at 9.05pm. It was so late; the referee had gone home so Coach Snogga had to grab his whistle. We ran out **40 -12 winners** over Casuarina.

**Try scorers were: Narada Kerr-Barlow (3), Tom Cummins, Blake Chadwick and Rodrigo Barua. Kane Richards converted 3, Mitchell Lawrence one and Tukere Barlow one.** We need

these boys in A & B Grade just to kick goals.

### U14 v Dragons

The U14's played the Dragons in a tough match which was there for the taking.

Unfortunately we didn't take it and **came up with a 17 – 25 loss.** **Try scorers** were **Jake Collins, Anthony Smith and Jack Kypreos.** **Best on ground** was **Cody Barry** with **Jack** following close behind plus a strong game up front by **Jacob Barlow.** Dan Curtin tells me that the lads are coming together and a win against the bigger teams is just around the corner.

### U6

The return to Optus Park and the cramped schedule meant the U6 had a much smaller field. They therefore played **rotation rugby** - the kids split into four teams - with two teams at a time playing on a rotational basis. Once the kids got the hang of sitting on the side for their turn it went off rather smoothly.

This week the Swampdogs U6s wanted to use their club shirts, so Alison pulled out the old Palmy U8 T shirts and the kids got to wear Palmy club shirts for the first time in U6 history. I bet they looked sensational too.

**Try scorers** this week were **Dlynn Felton and Joshua Ozeovic.**

### Crocs Netball

Our **Netball juniors** played their first game this week fielding a strong team of 9 against an experienced University side who edged away to get up in the end. The girls came together well under coach Jamie Ryan and already **show signs of being strong contenders.**

The **D's** took to the court for an early game this week after a 10 point loss to the Casino Sharks

last week. They came together well with coach Angie Brew back at the helm to peg back a deficit to **finish the game just 1 point down** against Tracy Village. A great effort.

The **C's** started with the biggest cheer squad to date, with the D's noisily filling the stands. Coming off a **10 point win over Wanderers last week**, it was again our impressive and strong defenders who dominated the game, with us edging away to a **46 - 34 win over Waratahs.** The undefeated C Grade side are looking strong with two more teams to play to complete the full round.

Everyone is wishing Kirstin a speedy recovery from an ankle injury sustained during the Wanderers game and look forward to seeing her back on the court.

### Darwin Mosquitoes

The 22 have been named for this week-end's **first**

**Australian Rugby Shield game** against the Melbourne Axemen in Melbourne and Palmy is again well represented. I'm led to believe that **Ben 'Cube' Emmett, Michael 'Scratch' Scaturchio, John 'Sully' Sullivan and Pete Burnheim** are in the run on team while **Greg Neighbour** is on the bench. Good luck guys.

### Rugby & Netball Sunset Cruise

I haven't been able to track down much information about this evening last week-end, other than it was a **great night** and **Cate Chandler** must be **congratulated** for putting together such a good time. CrocTales is always after good rumour and scuttlebutt to publish. Call me.



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