

This Week's Games

FRIDAY 13TH MAY

Optus Park 1

- 5.45 **U6**
5.45 **U8B** v Casuarina
5.45 **U8R** v Swampdogs
7.00 **U12** v Dragons
7.45 **U14** v Dragons
8.35 **U16** v Casuarina

Optus Park 2

- 5.45 **U10** v Dragons

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

Optus Park 1

- 3.00 **B** v Casuarina

- 4.30 **A** v Casuarina

Bundaberg

- 3.00 Mosquitoes v Qld Country

Note: No C Grade but we do need players or spectators for the B Grade. Subject to ratification next week, a **10 week, 10-a-side, C Grade competition** (focussed on developing youngsters, U17+) will start on 18th June.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	6	5	0	1	3	23
Dragons	6	4	0	2	3	19
Uni versity	6	4	0	2	2	18
Palmerston	5	1	0	4	2	6
Casuarina	6	0	0	6	0	0

B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	7	4	0	3	5	21
Dragons	6	5	0	1	-2	18
Uni versity	6	3	0	3	2	14
Jabiru	7	3	0	4	2	14
Souths	6	3	0	3	-3	9
Casuarina	6	1	0	5	2	6

Coming Events

Friday 20th May – all junior rugby games at Moulden Park Oval. Come on down and enjoy the spectacle and the

picnic atmosphere plus help out at the food stall for a little while. **Tell Alison how you can help.**

SUNDAY 29th May – home game v Dragons. All junior & senior games will be played at home. Again lots of helpers will be needed.

Last Week's Games

Mossies v Melbourne

WIN, WIN, and an away win at that. What a great start to this year's ARS campaign. **Darwin Mosquitoes 19, Melbourne Axemen 17.**

Tries to Pete Burnheim, Joe Egan and Delane Edwards. Rob Davis-Wepa converted 2.

B's v Jabiru

B Grade travelled to Jabiru to take on the **Bushratz** for the third time already this season.

As with all road trips, player numbers were a bit hard to come by but we managed to **scrape together 15 players and 3 support staff** (not quite the British Lions size touring party). A first for a Palmerston travelling side was arriving in Jabiru with time to kill. This allowed a quick tour of all of **Ben Blyton's old hangouts** (it wasn't many).

Unfortunately for us Jabiru requested **uncontested scrums** from the start and although there is a safety issue Ben thinks that this is an issue that the **NTRU will need to look at** sooner rather than later. Given U19 rules are being played it should not be an issue.

Ben saw the game this way from an uncontested front row. *'Again we started slowly and allowed Jabiru to put a lot of pressure on us. This pressure made it very difficult for us to put together any phases and as such our team work or structure was pretty poor. In fact some would say we looked like a team that had not trained together (would this be true).*

*A positive for us was that although we did not have much team structure, the individual effort of the guys again kept us in the game for the majority of the half. Jabiru eventually scored from a kick and chase. **Half time 5 nil to them.***

*The 2nd half continued much the same way. A slow start by us which lead to them scoring a try through a strong run by one of their players and us missing a couple of tackles. **12 nil to them.***

*The game continued with neither side dominating the other. Eventually we scored through the good chase of a kick and then pressure forcing a mistake which **Tim Jackson** was able to capitalize on. **A surprise for B grade was Tim converting his try. 12 - 7 to them.***

We continued to apply pressure on them for the rest of the game but the lack of team work really went against us and simple mistakes cost us dearly.'

Best Players included:



- The young guns again – **Paddy Killen, Tom Cummins and Ian Hogan;**
- The older gun – **Snogga;**
- The ring in - **Tim Jackson;** and
- Ex Bushrat - **Dave Cairns.**

On a lighter note we did not come home fully beaten, **we won the boat race.**

Ben also identified a few 'special' mentions:

- **Dan Curtin** on playing his last game for the club. Thanks Dan;
- **Guy Ford** played his first game for the club and did well;
- **Tim Jackson** - A Mozzie or Palmy B Grader he is not sure which offers the most opportunities as yet.
- **Gecko** driving the bus home.

U12 v University

The U12s had a tough game against Pirates. Coach Jacko tells me that we started with 12 players against a University outfit of 20. The first half was hard fought with **Jarred Donovan** scoring a great break away try. Unfortunately illness put him out for the rest of the game, and with only 11 players, the **boys fought valiantly but to no avail.** Poor fitness and a lack of reserves ended up getting the better of us with the Pirates running in some late tries to blow the score line out.

This week we take on Dragons who we drew with in our last encounter and the U12 Crocs will be out to put a win on the board this week.

U10 v Casuarina

The **U10s won out 42 – 36** in a high scoring game against Casuarina. Ralph tells me that it was a **fantastic effort all round** with the whole team playing amazingly well. **Tries** were scored by **Scott Parsons**

(4) and Jai Snowden (2).

They both converted all of their tries. **Best players** included **Scott Parsons** for his outstanding play, **Jai Snowden** for continuing to improve and awesome pick and goes and the team's new player, Jessica who had an excellent first game, tackled like a demon and had a good go at everything she did.

U8 Blue v Casuarina

Palmy U8 Blue played Casuarina this week. Those who remember the last time they played Casuarina will recall they beat us 50 - 10. On Friday night **we drew 15 all.** Coach Jamie is thrilled with the big improvement in the team and their understanding of the game. Development officer Andrew Jackson refereed the game and Jamie says he taught both coach and players a few new things that they can bring to future games.

Our try scorers were **Riley Hogan (2)** and **Adam Powell** but they did not do it alone, every player put in everything they had and were not found wanting. Even though it was a draw, Jamie sees it as a win for the team and it shows how far they have come in such a short time. Well done to all. Keep it up.

U8 Red v University

The **U8 Reds played a 5 all draw** with University. **Brett Mullen scored the try.** Manager Tanya tells me that the **best players** included **Brielle Felton** who had a great game with excellent tags and Connor who played a good game for his first match. The whole team are improving every week and getting more understanding of the concept of the game.

U6

This week saw the U6s play a well organised game of chaos. Only two **tries were scored** by **Branden Thomson** and **Chloe**

Grainger. **Dlynn Felton** was unlucky to not score running over the sideline just before the try line. Other players this week were **Mahlia Snowden, Koby Snowden, Jessica Johnson, Jake Longley, Joshua Ozegovic, Joseph Phillis, Heber-Jay Schwalger, David Bell, Cody Akers, Jack Akers, Aiden Bartalis-Salonga** and **Mitchell Theyers.**

Crocs Netball

Tonight the **D's** have a **7.45pm game** while the all conquering **C's** have the game of the night – the **9.15pm game** on Court 1 beside the bar.

Croc Jottings

Freddie Richard Charles Hoe was born at 04.50 on the 5th May in England. It's OK, I am reliably informed he's an Australian because his parents are and they are only visiting the Old Country. Thank goodness for Freddie. **Kim** says that it all went very well, although exhausting and that her, **Freddie** and **Rick** have **recovered well** and have been sent home from the hospital.



Why isn't that a Croc Rick?



As mentioned earlier, **Dan Curtin** played his **last game** for the club last Saturday. Dan will continue to coach the U14s until the mid year break. Dan is off to Canberra to be trained before heading to the **Solomon Islands** for a 2 year experience. He then expects to return to Canberra. **Thanks for all of your efforts** over the last few years Dan, especially with the juniors.



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