

## This Week's Games

### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY Optus Park 1

2.00 U14 Trial Game  
3.00 Mosquitoes v Adelaide  
5.00 U16 Trial Game

### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY Moulden Park Oval

11.50 U6  
11.50 U8B v U8R  
11.50 U10 v Dragons  
12.35 U12 v Dragons  
1.30 B v Dragons  
3.00 U14 v Dragons  
4.00 A v Dragons

| A Grade Tooheys New Cup |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|                         | P | W | D | L | BP | PT |
| Souths                  | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 33 |
| University              | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 23 |
| Dragons                 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 19 |
| Palmerston              | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3  | 11 |
| Casuarina               | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0  | 0  |

| B Grade Abel Finance Cup |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|                          | P | W | D | L | BP | PT |
| Dragons                  | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 28 |
| Palmerston               | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 6  | 26 |
| University               | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3  | 23 |
| Jabiru                   | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 2  | 14 |
| Casuarina                | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 3  | 11 |
| Souths                   | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | -2 | 10 |

## Coming Events

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – **Crocs v 53 Rugby** at 6.30pm at Moulden Park Oval. 53 Rugby is a team of American sailors from the **guided missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones**. They are keen for a game and some socialising after.

**C Grade** – a 10-a-side competition (focussed on developing youngsters, U17+), will start on **Saturday 2 July**

when we play University at University Oval. In the meantime we do need players and/or spectators for the B Grade.

## Last Week's Games

### Mossies v Perth

This is some of what the ARU reporters had to say about the game.

*Perth Gold ran in seven tries to one to defeat the Darwin Mosquitoes 43-10 in Round 3 of the Telstra Australian Rugby Shield in Perth.*

*The Gold forced their way to the top of the table with an impressive display over the Mosquitoes, scoring three tries in the first half to take a 17-3 lead into the break.*

*For Darwin, Marty O'Brien scored their only try while despite enjoying some good possession it was the Mosquitoes defence that let them down.*

### A's v University

As coach, Dave Ley says below, we started the game well but unfortunately we couldn't keep it up and ended up on the **wrong end of a 15 – 41 score line**. This is how Dave saw the game.

*'We started the game well with the forwards playing very well and controlling and recycling the ball. Unfortunately, we were not able to convert all of the possession and pressure into points. We went to the break behind on the score board although we had played well. It was disappointing to see so many opportunities, particularly in the backs, go unrewarded through poor options, a result of a lack of understanding. The game started slip away in the*

*later stages, not the result we had looked for. We had plenty of opportunities but were unable to build and hold the pressure even though we had plenty of possession and field position. The lack of numbers and consistency at training is being reflected on game day, the lack of cohesion being a direct result of this. We have the players to win games and need to lift our effort on attendance at training. If people are unavailable for training because of work commitments we need to know. A simple phone call to Babbsy as manager will be a help in knowing who will be available. There is plenty of time left to establish our selves as a force and being capable of winning the grand final but it won't just happen, its something we all need to work towards. Players who played well included Dan McIntyre, George Hatzismalis, Todd Harrison, Te-Keepa Russell and Rod 'Mully' Mulhearn in his first game this season.'*

**Try scorers were Brock Evans (2) and Mully.** Mully hasn't been working on his goal kicking as he didn't manage one. Although to be fair they were all from out wide. **Player's player was Te-Keepa.**

### B's v University

B Grade hit a low point last week-end, both in terms of player numbers and game result. **We lost 7 – 29.** On top of Mossie representatives (6) and defence force absences, we also had a few key injury



problems this week. The effort of all who played was great but as per the A Grade, **when you haven't trained together, it doesn't happen in the game.** Our **try scorer** was **Ben 'Burley' Blyton** while **Col 'Gecko' Hillery** converted it with an old fashioned, but effective, toe pock.

#### U16 v University

Although this game was cut short due to errant sprinklers and a malfunction (they all went off) with the lights, the U16s had warmed up enough to record a **29 – 0 victory.** University made us work hard during the 1<sup>st</sup> half but we got our act together in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Tries** were scored by **Tukere Barlow (2), Rodrigo Barua (2) and Kane Richards.** Both **Tukere** and **Kane** kicked conversions.

#### U14 v University

**University 37 – Palmerston 5.** Our try was scored by **Jack Kypreos.**

#### U12 v University

**Swampdogs 26 – Palmerston 10.** Our **try scorers** were **Mitchell Kode** and **Shaun Ley.** Coach Jacko didn't look the best on the sidelines trying to yell encouragement but unable to open his mouth because his wisdom teeth had been removed earlier in the day.

#### U10 v Swampdogs

**Swampdogs 48 – Palmerston 0.** Coach Ralph tells me that the U10s had a very good game this week because more players stood up to be counted. **Ben Kaart, Jye Snowden** and **Rhys** all had amazing games with some of the biggest tackles Ralph has ever seen them do. **Nicholas Bell** and **Ashley Theyers** also played very well. Every one in the team is improving very quickly and all the kids are having fun.

#### U8 Blue v Swampdogs

Coach Jamie was pleased to tell me that the Space Monkeys

seemed to have left before last Friday nights game. It was easy to see the improvement the team had made. Although **losing 5 - 25,** (last week 5 - 40), he thought that Palmy Blue played like a team and showed that they know how to play rugby. **Kai Longley** was our only **try scorer** again and we expect he will continue his great form. **James Tiedman** and **John Lynch** also showed that hard work and effort are needed on the field, showing up everywhere looking for the ball. In a first this year, Adam, Ben, Kerrin, Liam, Malcolm & Riley voted that **James, Kai** and **John** all deserved 3 points each instead of the usual 3,2,1. Jamie also told me that he wanted to **thank** all of the **parents** who come down to training and games to help. In particular, **Peter Dummett,** (Ben's Dad) and **Mary and Nev Powell,** (Adam's parents), who continually support the team in many ways.

#### U6

A 20 all draw this week in U6s. **Tries** were scored by **Harry Burns (2), Dean Fry, Dylan Mcgregor, Koby Snowden (2), Dlynn Felton** and **David Bell.**

### Junior Rugby

We hosted **ALL NTJRU competition games** at Moulden Park Oval last Friday night. The only compromise being the U12s playing across the field rather than full field. **It was great** and we will continue to look at further opportunities to bring junior (and senior) rugby to Palmerston.

I was a bit blown away when at the end of the night, **NTRU Development Officer, Andrew 'Jacko' Jackson,** congratulated me on a great night. I agree he was right but all **congratulations** must go to **Alison and her team of junior coaches, managers and helpers.** Well done all, you did a fantastic job.

### Volunteers

The ARU is continuing its **Volunteer Recognition Program** again this year and the NT Nominations have closed. Nominees are Rick Gowing, **Ali Snowden,** Kevin Collins, Simon Green and **Alan Babbs.** Two of these great people will be guests of the ARU in a Corporate Box at Suncorp Stadium for the Wallabies v France Test on 2 July. I'm pleased to see we have **2 of the 5 nominees** and have my fingers crossed one or both of them will receive the ultimate recognition they deserve.

### Crocs Netball

I have discovered why information on our netball teams has been missing over the last few weeks. **Top Croc, Kate Chandler,** has been too busy packing her bags and planning an overseas adventure with partner **Ash Eadie.** They both kept this quiet. Have a great time and we look forward to the stories when you return.

### Croc Jottings

I had a quick chat to **Vince Kelly, NTRU President** and **barn storming Crocs prop** during the week and he mentioned he is almost ready to make his return to the paddock. I understand he has had a **knee problem.** I'm not exactly sure how he injured himself but something about a **sitting quietly in the theatre** has been mentioned. There must be more to this, **Andrea are you telling?**

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We had another new Croc born on Wednesday. **Kelly & Miles (Ralph)** had a little girl, **Alexia.** She was born at 3:58pm and weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Kelly says she has a hearty appetite like Mum and a healthy set of lungs. Congratulations to you both.



**FOR SALE**

**Juniors T Shirts**  
\$30.00

**Bucket Hats**  
\$15.00

**See Alison**

