

## This Week's Games

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June**

NO U6 games this week

**Optus Park 1**

5:45pm **U8 Red** v Swampdogs

5:45pm **U8 Blue** v Casuarina

7:00pm **U12** v Dragons

7:45pm **U14** v Dragons

8:35pm **U16** v University

**Optus Park 2**

5:45pm **U10** v Dragons

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**Optus Park 1**

1.30 **B** v Casuarina

3.10 **A** v Casuarina

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	10	9	0	1	6	42	
Dragons	10	7	0	3	4	32	
University	10	6	0	4	5	29	
Palmerston	9	2	0	7	5	13	
Casuarina	10	0	0	10	0	0	

## Coming Events

**Players Tea – TONIGHT**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

There will be a Player's Tea and Guest Speaker after training TONIGHT, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Be there.

## C Grade

A 10-a-side competition will start on **Saturday 2 July** when we play University. Matches will be played over 2 x 20 minute halves. Former players are encouraged to make a "comeback". It is hoped the competition will be a **vehicle for late teenagers** not yet ready for B Grade but too old for U16's and to flush out potential volunteers and increase the player base for B Grade replacements. It is hoped the **spirit of the games will be socially serious** with

an avenue for them to be seriously social if necessary.

## Last Week's Games

**Aussie Mossies v Samoa**

What a great game and a great night.

Congratulations to all of our players for their efforts and to all the officials, organisers etc.

## U16 NT v Singapore

Singapore 18 – NT 15. The NT team put up a much better effort than the previous week's Darwin team. Given the players only met for the first time less than 2 hours before the game, they went pretty well.

Best players included some of the regional representatives, **Sam Brumby, Mackie Malupo** and **Justin Youd** from

Nhulunbuy and **Errol Dare** from Katherine. Good efforts were also put in by Palmerston players **Tom Cummins** and **Rodrigo Barua**.

**B v Jabiru**

The B Grade team made their final road trip to Jabiru last week-end. Given Squirter was back and had proclaimed that the **return trip** was to be a **'Welcome Back Squirter'** trip there had to be some quick, last minute rearrangements when the bus company told us there was to be no drinking on the bus. Well done Ben and Dallas to rectify this situation. **Ben Blyton** tells me their was a good crowd of old faces, some new faces and some new, old faces who all backed up after watching the Aussie Mozzie game the previous night for the bus trip out to Jabiru. The count was 16



Kane Richards, Joel Prudham, James Nielson, Ty Hodgetts, Darwin Flores, Mackie Malupo, Josh Phillips, Stephen Bartholdt-Green  
 Colin Snowden (Coach), Cat Waite (Physio), Joey Brown, Blake Bishell, Owen Griggs, Sam Brumby, Zach Phillips, Brad Thomas, Mitchell Lawrence, Sean Morley (Ass. Coach)  
 Rodrigo Barua, Blake Chadwick, Justin Youd, Tom Cummins (c), Floyd Legg, Oliver Ogilvy, Errol Dare, Aaron Fairweather, Kurt Collie-Wakave



players on the bus with 2 supporters and 3 players in cars.

The game started slowly, he's not sure if that was due to the travel in the bus, the heavy handed way the referee (none other than **Ben Emmett**) was controlling the game or the effects of the previous night's Aussie Mozzie game and post game celebrations. (**Todd tells me that Matt Rogers has no idea how to blow the trumpet**) but we soon found ourselves 10 nil down and playing some very average football. There was a lot of dropped ball and pushed passes. Half time 10 nil to them.

Ben says the 2nd half started much more brightly with new player **Karl McFarland** scoring with his first touch in Palmerston colours. The team had started to play with more structure and looked much better in the second half. Pressure mounted on Jabiru and we scored regularly throughout the half hitting the lead with about 15 minutes to go.

Jabiru came back and scored with about 5 minutes to go to put them back in front 20 - 17 but Ben says the boys really stood up and played the game out till the end scoring through **both wingers, Babbsy then Robbie Taylor** to eventually win with a bonus point, 29 - 20.

As is customary, after the game the team moved on the JSSC for a few quiet drinks and pizza, with **Paul Blackburn** using all his local knowledge to score the team a feed before the bus trip home.

I understand that not even a flat tyre could dampen the spirits. A special thanks to **Paul Blackburn, Terry Kirstenfeldt** and **Jeremy 'Bullfrog' Bree** for changing the tyre.

Ben says a **special mention** must be made of **Dallas Graetz** for driving the bus - what a bloke. Other notable efforts

came from **1st gamers Karl and Damian 'Macko' Makim**, returnees **Squinter** and **Bullfrog** - welcome back and **Ben Emmett** and **Tommy Hurse** for helping out as officials. Although Ben can't ever remember hearing a referee and touch judge fight between themselves before like these two did.

Seriously, though Ben and the players did appreciate **Ben and Tommy** making the effort and joining them for the trip and sharing all of the Aussie Mozzie stories. Thanks. Was there one about Ben catching the ball and scoring? I wonder?

## Senior Team Managers

**Help!! We need more help.**

We only have Babbsy as a senior team manager and he can only be at training on Thursday's from now on.

**Is there someone out there who would like to help out the coaches by being a senior team manager?**

Ideally, we need someone or two or three to be at training each Tuesday and Thursday to help get the training gear, water etc, keep track of players (a momentous task) and do the bidding of coaches.

If you have even the slightest interest then please talk to Bernie Bree or myself.

## Juniors Mid Season Break

There will be no training for the U6, U10, U12 & U16 teams during the school holidays. The other grades need to check with their team coaches. Training will re-start on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July with the games starting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

## Croc Jottings

I understand last week-end in Brisbane club rugby Sunnybank played Norths-QUT. The Colts game pitted ex-Palmerston

player, coach and life member **Paddy Bree** as coach of the Norths-QUT team against ex-Palmerston player and super coach **Wayne 'Greencans' Greenhalgh** as coach of the Sunnybank team. As best as I can work out, I think Paddy's team might have had a win over Greencans' team. All the best Gents.

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I hear that the **B Grade** team was a little thirsty on their way home from Jabiru so they stopped at the **Bark Hut Inn**. I'm not sure how it happened but I understand that **Macko** was the **winner** of the **tightest buns** competition as judged by the barmaid.

Was she trying to compete with him or start a new competition when she took her shirt off?

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Referees coordinator, **Chris Howard**, tells me that Jabiru & Palmerston have put in an **official complaint** with two citings in regard to **Ben Emmett's refereeing** last week-end.

The official complaint is against Ben for **falsely trying to imitate a Referee**.

Citing 1 was for yelling at the players to get them to listen to him.

Citing 2 was regarding a general failure to understand how to referee the scrum and particularly having little or no understanding of the workings of the front row.

**Well done Cube**. There would not have been a game without your efforts.

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Speaking of matters **refereeing, Denys and Keiran Stedman** look to be going gangbusters with their touch judging efforts and are on the verge of taking the step into the middle.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

