

## This Week's Games

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY

#### Optus Park 2

1.30	<b>C</b>	v University
2.30	<b>B</b>	v University
4.00	<b>A</b>	v University

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	11	10	0	1	6	46
Dragons	10	7	0	3	4	32
University	11	6	0	6	5	29
Palmerston	10	3	0	7	6	18
Casuarina	11	0	0	11	0	0

## Coming Events

### C Grade

### This Saturday

#### It's on

Matches will be played over 2 x 20 minute halves. It is hoped the **spirit of the games will be socially serious** with an avenue for them to be **seriously social** if necessary.

### Darwin Show

### Garbage Collection

It's also on. Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>. See me to book your shift(s). More on this next week!!

## Last Week's Games

### A v Casuarina

After a pretty good 1st half we had to withstand a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> half from Casuarina before running out **35 – 26 winners**. The 7 tries we scored gave us a bonus point but our goal kicking worries continue. We will have to fix this problem before we get to the finals because we won't

be able to afford to throw away so many points then.

Best players included: George Hatzismalis, who was the Player's Player, Shane Stoeckert, James Ballantyne and Peter Burnheim.

### B v Casuarina

Our B grade played a much improved Casuarina side last Saturday and ended up on the **wrong side of a 17 – 27 score line**.

**Coach Ben Blyton** saw the game this way: 'The 1st half started well for Palmerston with us attacking for large periods of play, we were very unlucky to have what many thought was a fair try disallowed due to what the referee thought was a forward pass. Against what I thought was the run of play Casuarina was first to score. We responded through a try to **Kerry Amory**. Play for the remainder of the half was mainly with us, we had plenty of possession but we were unable to gain much territory. Just before half time **Gecko AKA Collin Hillary** was injured. This caused some problems as we had no backs on the reserves bench. Gecko assures me that he is the only player to have played every B grade game this season so we hope he can recover soon and not miss too many games.

Half time also saw **Damien Collie** come off to play A Grade and meaning that we were now down to the bare 15 players. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half again saw us playing well in patches then just as we would start to mount real pressure silly mistakes gave Casuarina an easy out.

Casuarina scored two very soft tries directly through our mistakes either poor kicks or dropped ball. We also managed two tries, one to **Craig Leach** after some very good phase ball which **Robbie Taylor converted** and the other to **ME** after a very good break from **John Biggs** (Squitter's mate).

With about 10 minutes to go we were still leading 17- 15 and I was feeling confident of a win then John Biggs injured his knee leaving us to play the remaining time with only 14 players. Another soft try was let in which gave Casuarina back the lead. We pushed hard to the end but right on the death Casuarina used their numbers to score again. A feature of the game was very few stoppages in the 1<sup>st</sup> half and this along with us not having any reserves for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half lead to our 2<sup>nd</sup> half fade out. We can only combat this by **getting to training and developing as a team**.

Best players were **Kerry Amory** (great to see you back), **John Biggs**, **Denny Johnston** and **Craig 'Squitter' Leach**.

Rumour has it that the try of the year may have been scored but we will have to wait and see on that one.' I wonder which try that may have been???

### U16 v University

I know very little about this game. I understand we had nearly a full team, **won on the score sheet** but also won on a forfeit.



Palmerston



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## U14 v Dragons

I also have little information on this game. I know **we won** and I also know that **Rory Valentin scored FIVE tries** in his final game for the club. What an effort!! I understand he can't stop talking about it.

## U10 v Dragons

This week the under 10's **came 2nd** in their game with a **14 – 68 score line**. The general view was that the kids were all in holiday mode, some were already away on holidays and the others all seemed as if they were watching rather than playing the game. This meant we only had 8 players at the game. On top of this we were also down a player for a short while in the second half due to injury but he was determined to get back into the game and ended up playing through till the end. Our better players on the day were **Scott Parsons, Joel Hogan and Ben Kaart**. This week's **training award** also went to **Scott Parsons**.

## U8 Blue v Casuarina

**Coach Jamie Akers** provided me with the following information. *'Palmy Blue lined up against Casuarina in a 5 a side game, with both teams low on numbers. Palmy ran in a 20 - 5 win. Casuarina was immediately wrong-footed by Riley Hogan scoring a try on the first run of the game, only 30 seconds in! They never recovered with Riley running in another 3 tries taking care of our attack while Kerrin Akers destroyed any confidence they may have got with an amazing display of defence. He constantly got in their faces and intercepted the ball on a number of occasions.*

*Adam Powell again played well in defence, following Kerrin's lead, he also disrupted the Casuarina plays. Ben Dummet and John Lynch, as always, were the work horses who held the team together with some*

*strong plays and impressive attitudes. Everyone played a top game and the win was well deserved with everyone looking forward to making it 3 in a row. I have spoken to some of the parents about **training** and have decided **not to have an organised session** but will contact parents if I hold some training. This is because of a busy schedule at work over the school holidays and not knowing when I will be available.'*

## Senior Team Managers

### Help!! We need more help.

No one has approached me yet, has someone seen Bernie and volunteered? Remember, 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. Alright, I'm prepared to negotiate the bit about doing the bidding of the coaches.

## Juniors Mid Season Break

Training will re-start on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July with the games starting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

## Farewell to the Curtin's / Valentin's

Unfortunately the day has finally come and the **Curtin family is leaving town** on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

As sad as it is to see them go, all at Palmerston Rugby Union Club thank them for all of their help over the last few years and wish them all the best in their new adventures.

**Dan and Rory wish to thank all Rory's past and present coaches** over the last five seasons, particularly, **Gail Barlow, Darren Bishell, Brock Evans, Adrian Graham,**

**Dan McIntyre and Peter Lafferty**. They also thank the Junior organisers, **Alison Snowden and co.**, and the past junior co-ordinators. They tell me they have had a great time at the club.

## Croc Jottings

The club email account received a couple of blasts from the past this week.

First there was an email from **Matt 'Major' Payne**. Matt has decided that life in the services is better than civilian street and has now joined the NAVY. This, after his original stint in the ARMY. He is at HMAS Cerberus which my navy expert, Dallas Graetz, tells me is in Victoria. Matt says *'Hey everybody, yes I am alive but with the temperature down here in Victoria it sure doesn't feel like it. Well I hope the season is going good for the Crocs this year. I'm playing for the Cerberus Dogs and we are on top of the ladder. Our last win was, believe it, 108 to zip. What a score line. They are a great bunch of blokes but nothing compares to you lot. Well I've got study to do so a big hello goes out to you all.'*

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> was from **Kerry Smith**. To quote him, "a part of the Palmerston family from 1982 to 1985".

Kerry was looking for some information on the **30<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion** and is hoping that he and his wife, Sue, can organise to attend.

He tells me they are living in Perth, have two, nearly full grown, kids, Jarrod 19 and Lauren 17, and as much fun as it would be to join us this week-end in Brisbane for the mini reunion, it is a bit far away. (and short notice I would suggest)

**He is keen to regain touch with the club and the 'characters that are Palmerston'.**

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