

## This Week's Games

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

#### Optus Park 2

2.30 **C** v NT Police

3.30 **B** v Dragons

#### Optus Park 1

5.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	12	11	0	1	7	51
University	12	7	0	5	5	33
Dragons	11	7	0	4	4	32
Palmerston	11	3	0	8	6	18
Casuarina	11	0	0	11	0	0

## Coming Events

### Darwin Show

### Garbage Collection

Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>. See me to book your shift(s).

This is a major fundraiser for the club. We will make about \$5,000 but **WE NEED PEOPLE**.

We are responsible for making sure that the grounds are "reasonably clean", for ensuring that the bins are in place, for replacing full bins with empty ones and taking the full bins to the on-site skips and unloading. We will therefore have some people picking up rubbish in the high rubbish areas (like near the food stalls & near the ticket stands in side show alley) and others using the Ute & trailer to collect the full bins and replace them with empty ones etc. Based on the Show Society estimates, we need about 40 people to give us a day or a night each over the 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days to do it. All workers get a pass etc to get into the Show free plus

the club will supply gloves etc. **Have a look at the shifts below and me know when you can help.**

The number in brackets is the number of people we need on each shift.

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

7.00am – 5.00pm (4)

Garry Russell

Dallas Graetz

plus schoolboys hopefully

5.00pm – 12.00 midnight (4)

Tom Hurse

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

7.00am – 5.00pm (6)

Ben Emmett

Denny Johnston

Todd Harrison

Shane Stoeckert

5.00pm – 10.00pm (3)

5.00pm – 2.00am (6)

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

7.00am – 5.00pm (6)

5.00pm – 10.00pm (3)

5.00pm – 2.00am (6)

Garry Russell

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

8.00am – 12.00 noon (6)

Dallas Graetz

James Ballantyne

## Last Week's Games

### A v University

Another visit to University Oval and unfortunately **another close loss**. Ben Blyton saw things this way: 'A very lack lustre 1st half saw us trail 3 – 17 at half time. During the 1st half we seemed content to **watch University make all of the play**. Our forwards were consistently under pressure, our scrum was being

dominated, the backs had very little opportunity and University was able to handle every thing we did with relative ease. Half time could not come soon enough.

After half time we saw a **different side take the field**.

The forwards started to muscle up, the scrum held its own and through some hard work we actually started to go forward.

With this extra time the backs looked dangerous and the boys were out playing

University. This led to **tries to George Hatzismalis and Kevin Jones**. **Kerry Amory converted one to take us to 17 all**.

Unfortunately for us in the final minutes the referee ruled against us for a penalty which put University in front 20-17.

They also managed a converted try on the bell which made the **final score 27- 17**.

Although the result was disappointing the game still had positives that can be built on. The 2nd half showed that **we have the side that can beat any one in this competition**.

All we have to do is put it together for more than 30 minutes.

We feel confident that we can win against Dragons this coming week end. The B Grade side has some depth and this gives us good competition for places plus quality replacements if required.

**George Hatzismalis and John 'Sully' Sullivan** had huge games. George must be the most under rated prop in Darwin and how he missed out



on Mozzie selection is beyond me. **John 'The Grange' Sullivan** just keeps getting better with age. **Kerry Amory** also played well.'

### B v University

Again another close loss.

Following is **Ben Blyton's** view of the game. 'What a feeling of disappointment - this was one game that we should have definitely won - we again played well in patches but struggled to mount real pressure on University through being consistently penalised at the breakdown.

Due to these penalties we had to defend for long periods. **Karl McFarland** and **Anthony Lees** led the way in back line defence with **Matt 'Fang' Pheeney, Nathan Pierpoint, Bob Mitchell** and **Scott Reinke** holding it together for the forwards.

Our first score was a long range try by **Scott**. It appeared he may have regretted scoring it judging by his reaction to the University water.

The 2nd half saw the forwards really begin to show their University opposition how to play. **Fang and his lifters** began to steel all of University's line out ball, the pick and drive by the forwards was working well and this along with the driving maul saw us making huge metres up the middle which the two centres, **Henry Dau** (welcome back) and **Karl** took full advantage of to make many breaks and look dangerous.

After another driving maul from a line out a break out opened up for **Sean 'Boulder' Killiner** to run 20 metres to get our second try.

The game continued this way for the remainder of the half we would completely out play them for periods until being penalised and the pressure released.

Our third try came from a good break from the backs which

saw **Ralph** make a strong run beating a few players before getting tackled close to the line. From this the forwards had a drive at the line getting to within inches. Quick thinking by **Tim 'Jacko' Jackson** at half back saw him place the ball on the line behind the ruck as the forwards pushed through the University pack. We were now 15 - 10 in front. (Sounds like we still have the goal kicking blues in B Grade.) With minutes to go University had a scrum in their quarter and the **Palmy forwards** managed to take a tight head.

Unfortunately this caught us by surprise and the University backs were able to reach the ball and set off for our try line. The try was converted and we again trailed 17-15.

From the kick off University were penalised for not releasing and we had a penalty shot from in front about 30 metres out to win the game. Unfortunately, and it has been the norm this year in both A Grade and B Grade, the shot missed and it was full time. **A loss 17-15 even though we scored 3 tries to 2.** We did not get one of our 4 shots at goal. It was great to see the army boys back, **Jacko, Nathan and Anthony**. Also **Ian Hogan** was back from his school boy rugby commitments and a new player in **Scott Reinke**.

**Best players** included **Fang, Karl, Anthony Lees** and **Scott Reinke**.

### C v University

Last Saturday saw the first competitive game of C Grade rugby for this season and some cobwebs needed to be blown away. **Noel Bree** tells me that it was great to see everyone (Ian you're not included) had such a fine off season. The game started not as planned as University were 3 tries up in about the same amount of minutes. Our captain, **Vince Kelly**, then delivered an

inspirational speech that sparked some life into the team. Playing 10 a side is probably not our No.1 choice but hey we're there and that is all that counts. As the game progressed the thirsty thirds became much more competitive and tries to Mr. Inspiration himself **Vince 50 & 70 metre efforts** (drop the zero) and **Ralph**. Final score 7 tries to 3. Best were **Vince, Ralph, Glenn McPhee & Ian Hogan**. We had 11 eventually so we are really looking for people to come out. Most are on the wrong side of 40 and substitutes are a necessity.

### Croc Jottings

Last week-end saw the annual **Palmy reunion** happen in Brisbane in partnership with the Wallabies v France Test match.

A lot could be reported about this great day but at this stage please note the following snippet from chief organiser, **Tony Burns**.

First and foremost, a big thank you to our great **CUB sponsor for the day - Peter Davis**. Not only did he keep us all well quenched for the day but arranged for the QA Hotel to renovate the hotel just so we could use the cellar bar. Then to top it all off, he came up with le bus de grande rouge to get us all to the ground in one piece. **Thanks heaps, Peter**. Much appreciated.

