

This Week's Games

FRIDAY 12th August Optus Park 1

5.45 U6
5.45 U8R v University
5.45 U8B v Swampdog
6.20 U12 v Swampdogs

Optus Park 2

5.45 U10 v University
U14 & U16 bye

SATURDAY 6th August Optus Park 1

12.30 C v Uni / Police
1.30 B v Dragons
3.10 A v Dragons

A Grade XXXX Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	16	14	0	2	9	65	
Uni versi ty	16	10	0	6	8	48	
Dragons	15	9	0	6	6	42	
Pal merston	15	5	0	10	8	28	
Casuari na	15	0	0	15	0	0	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	18	15	0	1	2	10	62
Uni versi ty	18	11	0	7	0	5	49
Pal merston	18	9	0	9	0	11	47
Casuari na	18	6	0	12	0	7	31
Souths	18	7	0	11	2	9	29
Jabi ru	18	6	0	12	0	5	29

Note – I do not have the result of the Jabiru v Casuarina game but I know Jabiru won and receives 4 points.

Coming Events 30 Year Reunion Week

Saturday 20th August at the Turf Club will be the **Reunion Dinner**. Come along and celebrate 30 years of rugby in the Territory. Palmy tables are coming to together but I and/or Kathy Boyd need to **hear from you NOW**.

Last Week's Games

A v University

This was the game that almost was. University are a good team and put us under plenty of pressure but we held our own for most of the game. **Final result was a 22 – 38 loss.** **Coach Dave Ley** saw it this way. 'A heavy injury toll did not help the cause with Pete Burnheim, Squirter, Dan McIntyre and Brock Evans all injured and John 'Sully' Sullivan suffering cramps. This obviously caused some disruption to the team.

The first half we played well enough but unforced errors were costing us dearly and refereeing decisions definitely not going our way placed us under pressure. There were certainly glimpses of the team progress made over the last few weeks. The 2nd half required the guys to dig deep and show some true spirit and guts as we were left with 14 men on 2 occasions for 10 minutes each after some very dubious refereeing decisions. The bounce of the ball did not favour us in the last minutes and the score line was not a true indication of the game. The pleasing aspect, whilst disappointed with the result, is the improvement in the team while the opposition I think have probably peaked. With solid training over the next few weeks I think we will have it together at the right end of the season, but we will still require a concentrated effort from all at trainings. With only 2 rounds left I have no doubt we can be

a real contender in finals as we have been able to push all teams earlier in season and we are getting stronger week by week.'

Tries were scored by **Anthony Lees, Ben Coffey, Pete Burnheim** and **Brock Evans. Damian Collie** converted 1. There were good efforts by many players with **Ben Coffey** selected as the **Player's player**.

B v University

B Grade showed just what they are capable of when they get together and train and gave **2nd side University a comprehensive 50 - 5 beating** last Saturday. **Coach Ben Blyton** saw things this way. 'Saturday saw an important game for the Killer B's. Win and we might still have a chance of a top two finish and the double chance or lose and the best we could do is finish 3rd. The game started well with us applying pressure on University's line. We missed a couple of early opportunities to score through forward passes and dropped balls but unlike other weeks, we kept our composure and patience and soon scored a good back line try to take an early lead. University replied with a try and it looked like we were going to have a tight struggle on our hands. Both forwards and backs continued to play well, ball security was good and we seemed to have their measure across the field.'



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clash.

**Big Screen on
the stage etc**



Paddy Killen and Tim Jackson took advantage of the strong wind with good kicking which ensured that we maintained good field position. Strong defence meant that University never really threaten for the rest of the 1st half. The kicking of Paddy and Jacko also lead to a couple of tries to **Brad Naylor** who showed good speed to chase down long kick balls and race away to the try line. The University defence could not handle the extra pace of our back line. We continued to play well and secured the 5 try bonus point before half time. Even though we were well on top and leading 33-5 at half time the coaching staff were concerned that with the strong win at their backs University may play their way back into the game.

The instructions at half time to play the ball in hand and have the confidence in your team mates and run the ball out of defence was followed to the letter in the 2nd half.

We out scored them 3 tries to nil in the second half and although at times they put pressure on our line we were able to match them with our defence. This defence has been outstanding in our last two games, during this time we have only let in one try.

Best Players included Peter Winton, Damian Collie, Paddy Killen, Tim Jackson, Gareth Felton, Ian Hogan, and the list goes on.'

Brad Naylor (3), Gareth Felton, Peter Winton, Hunter McGee, Karl McFarland and Terry Kirstenfeldt all scored tries while **Damian Collie** kicked 5 conversions. **Player's player was Paddy Killen.**

Ben also noted that 'By now every one in B Grade should realise that we have a serious shot at winning the competition. They should also realise that we have more than 15 quality

player all looking for spots in the B Grade side.

Selection's are going to be tough in a number of positions and the best way of avoiding disappointment in not being selected (and making it really hard for the coaches) is to get your self down to training. Like wise, now that we are in the serious end of the season, we will need to settle on our team and give them plenty of game time. As such it may mean that not every one will get a run. See you at training.'

Don't forget C Grade. All players not selected in the run-on B Grade team need to be there for the C Grade game. The more we get the more a-side we will play.

C v University

A record, I think, a C grade game in consecutive weeks.

This one was against University who appeared to have the bare minimum of 7 but we had about 11. It was a bit hard to work out as Ben Blyton was still making final decisions on who was starting in B Grade because a couple of selected players did not turn up by the requested time. **Final result was a 15 all draw and a good time for all.**

Try scorers were Hunter McGee, Karl McFarland & Steve Payne.

U16 v University

The U16s got back to form with a vengeance this week after last week's 1st loss for the season. They ran out 32 – 5 winners over University.

Everyone played well with **Kurt Collie-Wakave, Ralph Mangohig and Mitchell Lawrence** being outstanding. **Tries** were scored by **Kurt (2), Ralph, Blake Bishell, Brendan Russell and Blake Chadwick.** **Tukere Barlow** converted 1 try.

U14 v Dragons

A very disappointing game from the U14s this week after last

week's good effort against University. We were on the **wrong end of the 7- 51** score line. **Jason Ellis** scored our lone try.

U12 v Dragons

I only know the score of this game, **Palmerston 21 – Dragons 24.** Our tries were scored by **Snow Levavasour (2)** and **Roy Young.** **Shaun Ley** converted all 3.

U8 Blue v University

Palmy Blue played University and came out **20-15 winners.**

Coach Jamie tells me that **Riley Hogan** again showed his running skills, finding the try line on 3 occasions and had **Kai Longley** backing up for another try. **Kerrin Akers** looked as though he would finally get his 1st try but like everyone else he got confused about the actual whereabouts of the try line and got himself tagged in the in goal area.

Ball handling was seen as one of our strengths with some fine quick passes catching University on the back foot. A couple of knock-ons and a few sleepy moments let the side down, but on the whole, the kids did a great job. 3 wins in a row, (admittedly our only wins for the year so far), has Palmy Blue riding high and confident, or to use Ben Dummet's words, "Let's just win a thousand in a row, we are that good!" To demonstrate the team's turnaround in form, the University coach asked if this was the same team that played earlier in the year. He could not believe the improvement



Ask Bernie for the story about this photo.

