

## Upcoming Games

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Austar Rugby Park 2**

Round 4

4.30 **B** v Souths

6.00 **A** v Souths

	A Grade Tooheys New Cup					
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	3	2	0	1	3	11
University	2	2	0	0	2	10
Souths	2	1	0	1	1	5
Casuarina	3	1	0	2	0	4
Palmerston	2	0	0	2	0	0

	B Grade Abel Finance Cup						
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	3	3	0	0	0	1	13
Dragons	3	2	0	1	0	1	9
University	3	2	0	1	0	0	8
Casuarina	3	1	0	2	0	1	5
Jabiru	2	0	0	2	0	1	1
Souths	2	0	0	2	0	0	0

## Coming Events



Easter



14th - 17th April

No club rugby this week-end. Take the opportunity to do some extra training and recharge your batteries for the weeks ahead.

## Last Week's Games

A v University

A very **disappointing score line, a 17 - 39 loss**, in this game. From the outset University poured on the pressure but to our credit we defended strongly and kept them at bay before coming back strongly later in the first half. At half time the score was 10 all and the game was there for the taking. **Todd**

**Harrison** had taken a quick tap close to the line, ran, twisted and turned his way through the defence and **over the try line. Damian Collie** converted as well as slotting a **penalty.**

We started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half well but the last 20 minutes were a disaster with University running in about 5 tries.

One of our few moments of glory in this half was a **try to George Hatzismalis.** George charged straight through, as only he can do, from a good 25 metres out. Again **Damian Collie added the extras.**

**Coach Wayne** agreed that the team played **very well in the first half** but lacked discipline in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. He firmly believes that we will win many games when we get our discipline right and overcome the referees. He also told me that the team is training very hard and needs to transfer this effort to the game.

**Player's player was John 'Sully' Sullivan.**

Welcome back Sully.

**B v University**

Sunday saw the only two remaining undefeated B grade teams play off.

Coach **Ben Blyton** saw the game this way: 'A 2 o'clock kick off and the change to Sunday saw our numbers down a bit and with minutes to go before kick off I was still trying to sort out a team. Guys, this **puts us / me under undue pressure** and is

also directly responsible for our slow starts.

We kicked off running into a slight breeze and for the first 5 minutes we had no ball against what seemed to be a well drilled University team.

Like previous weeks our defence was strong and eventually caused a turnover which saw us swing the ball wide for **Alan Babbs to score** in the corner.

Although this try was against the run of play I thought the signs were there that we would be able to get on top of University. They then scored to make it 7-5 but from here on we slowly started to dominate and at **half time we led 3 tries to 1.**

From the second half kick off and resulting play we knew that the game was well and truly won. They kicked off to our forwards who immediately passed the ball out to our back line who spread the ball wide and after many touches a try was scored.

University never recovered and from this stage it was only a case of by how many. In the end we scored **7 tries, Alan Babbs, Michael Killiner, Ray Walters (2), Keven Jones (2) and Raymond Hayes, and Alan Babbs kicked 4 conversions for a great 43 - 5 win.**

**Best Players were Keven Jones, Ray Walters, Michael Killiner, and Matt Pheeny aka Fang.**

**Player's player was Keven**



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**Jones.**

Special mentions must go to **Raymond Hayes** who played his first game of rugby and played well on the wing - very strong in defence and showed that with a bit more ball could be a very handy attacking player. Some say that although this may be his first actual game he has been studying the theory for some



The Artisan and his Apprentice

time through his relationship with the Bree family.

**Llywellyn Moore** also made his debut with the club, welcome. It was also pleasing to see some players making their 2006 debuts, **Matt Pheeny, Dennis Bree**, a guest appearance by **Ray Walters** from Alice Springs, and **Rick Hoe**.

## Oops

I have been taken to task for failing to pay **due respect** and homage to the **bus driver** for the Jabiru trip. And fair enough too.

I understand there were people volunteering left, right and centre to do the job. I

don't remember that happening the past. First **Vince Kelly** had to withdraw his application and then long time driver, **Dallas Graetz**, had to withdraw with a case of Ross River Fever. This left **Te-Keepa Russell's** application and I understand he rose to the occasion and did a fantastic job. **Well done and thanks Te-Keepa.**

## Age Shall Not Weary Them

Our **B Grade tight five** last weekend was **Vince Kelly, Dennis Bree, Ben Blyton, Sean Killiner** and **Alan Babbs**.

Now **Coach Ben** reckons they may have been a little slow around the paddock but they all had strong games, got the job done and are showing leadership to the young guys.



How did this happen? Burley at fly half!!

They have a **combined age of 209. Is this a record?** I won't embarrass them with the individual numbers but it is interesting that the **average is nearly 42!!**

## m & I financial

This week, we can announce that **m & I financial** are also continuing their **sponsorship** of the club for another year.

A big thank you to **Michael Moriarty** and **Gail Barlow** for their continued support.

If you need a **loan of any type**, they are the people to see. I can talk from personal experience; they manage to make the bank see sense whenever I want money for something.

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## Croc Jottings

I was amused by **Todd Harrison's** comments on the sideline after **George Hatzismalis** had scored his try. "**Tries to the two book-ends**, all the backs will have to scull for that". I bet this doesn't happen often.

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Your editor wasn't the only person taken to task last week. **Craig 'Squirter' Leach** and **Dan McIntyre** are also in the firing line for failing to notice a

much **slimmer Vince Kelly** starting at Prop in the B Grade front row in Jabiru along with the rest of the heavy weights they named in their story. **Vince** claims they failed to notice him because he has lost so much weight. He also claims his **feelings are very hurt** but I suspect he is secretly pleased at not being a standout amongst the big boys.



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## This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Thursday 5-8pm. Be there for your chance to win \$3,500
- Live music Saturday from 8pm
- Darwin Cricket club Raffles - Saturday night from 6pm
- Extreme Dream Give-away draw No.4. - Saturday night - Be there to win \$100 prize pack Draw 8pm, plus go in the draw for the \$10,000 give-away drawn 6th May 8pm @ Lizards

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