

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 28th April
Austar Rugby Park 1

U10 bye

6.50 **U12** v Swampdogs

7.40 **U14** v Swampdogs

8.40 **U16** v South Darwin

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U6**

6.00 **U8** v Casuarina

SATURDAY 29th April
Austar Rugby Park 1

5.30 **B** v Dragons

7.00 **A** v Dragons

Check out the full **NTRU**
draw on our website.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Uni versi ty	3	2	1	0	2	12
Dragons	3	2	0	1	3	11
Souths	3	2	0	1	1	9
Casuari na	4	1	1	2	0	6
Pal merston	3	0	0	3	1	1

B Grade Abel Finance Cup	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Pal merston	4	4	0	0	0	2	18
Dragons	4	3	0	1	0	1	13
Uni versi ty	4	3	0	1	0	0	12
Casuari na	4	1	0	3	0	2	6
Jabi ru	3	0	0	3	0	2	2
Souths	3	0	0	3	0	0	0

Last Week's Games

A v South Darwin

3 tries all with South Darwin but we only came away with a **close loss, 17 – 19.**

As I was away in Adelaide with the Mosquitoes team, Bernie Bree sent me a brief SMS message with the scores. His message was **'Down 17 – 19. Bloody good game. We're back! Boys were brilliant.'**

Says it all doesn't it.

Tries were scored by **Jono Schwalger, Tom Hurse and Te-Keepa Russell** while **Damien Collie** kicked a conversion.

Coach Connop was very pleased with the way the Crocs played in both grades. He felt the A Grade **played like champions** and deserved to win (must have been the chicken wings they ate after training on Thursday) but left their race a bit late.

B v South Darwin

The Mighty Bs have turned into the **Killer Bs** with a **51 – 5 demolition** of South Darwin last week-end. This on the back of a 43 – 5 beating of University last game.

Tries were scored by **Jack Rotticci (3), Jed Coppins, Jed Watson, Michael Killiner, Miles Hindle, Brad Naylor and Karl McFarland.** That's NINE tries. **Jack and Paddy Killen** each kicked a conversion. Does this mean it is time for some goal kicking practice?

Player's Player was Jack Rotticci.

Coach Blyton tells me his memory is fading but he can remember the following facts about the game:

- He didn't have to play.
- **Dan Bree** played his 1st game for the season
- This meant the team had **2 father / son combinations; Dennis & Dan Bree and Sean & Michael Killiner**
- **Narada Kerr-Barlow** made his senior rugby debut while home on holidays from school in New Zealand. Went very well too I hear.
- **Stephen Bartholdt-Green** made his run on debut, played the whole game and played strongly.
- **Dallas Graetz** got changed and threatened to play. Obviously excited by the sight of Dennis Bree in action and the early stage of the season.



Dan & Dennis Bree, Sean & Michael Killiner



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U12 v University

Our U12s went **down to University, 0 - 40**. Coach **Cat** tells me the score does not truly reflect upon the standard of play displayed by our boys. They showed a lot of promise, and Kath and she expect big things from them as the season progresses.

U10 v University

Coach **Jamie Akers** provided this run down on the U10s.

*"Friday night's game was a great start to the U10 season. Even though we **lost on the scoreboard**, most of us who saw the game agree that the kids **played an excellent game** and did themselves proud. We attacked the ball at every chance and followed the principles of team play almost to the letter. Tackles were low, our mauls gained us ground and the kids had fun. Our defence needs a bit of work, a pair of very fast runners outpaced us and scored most of the Pirates points. With a lot of work over the next week and a little luck, that score line will be better next run on the paddock.*

*Palmerston U10 would like to take this opportunity to **thank Slats** for his efforts during the pre-season. Slats came in and showed us all a number of skills and drills and had a great deal to do with moulding the U10s into the team they are today. Due to work commitments, Slats will be*

unable to spend as much time with us."

Croc Shop

A couple of week's ago I mentioned that the Croc Shop had been restocked but I didn't have a comprehensive list of stock items. Well now I do. Here is what you can get:

30 th Anniversary Polo Shirts	\$45
The Ubiquitous Jackie Howe (Singles)	\$25
Lovely Ladies Shirts	\$20
Logo-Embroided Rugby Shorts	\$30
Very smart, embroidered Club Caps	\$25
Ties (limited edition!)	\$40
The World-Famous "No Soft Crocs" sticker	\$2
Devastatingly effective Stubby Holders	\$10

See the bar staff after training or call Ben Emmett on 0403 219 789 to arrange your purchases.

Fill In Coach - U12

Cat Waite has put out an **early call for help** with the U12s. She will be away for a few weeks towards the **end of June - early July**, and she would appreciate it if one or more people / seniors could **help out while she is away**. She thinks it may only be for one week due to school holidays etc.

Brisbane Reunion

Trust the ARU to make life difficult by programming 2 Test matches this year in Brisbane. At **which one** do the past & present Crocs get together? Well I hear

planning is under way to make it the **Bledisloe Cup game on Saturday 29th July**.

Is there anyone keen to go?

Tickets will be hard to get so **Manager Burns** has already factored in the contingency plan for those who can't get tickets; meet at the pub and watch it there. **The ball is rolling** and Hellfire is involved!

Darwin based Crocs – please remember this is the **Darwin Show week-end** and we have committed to our annual effort at the Show.

Croc Jottings

Squitter Leach and family were holidaying in Queensland over the Easter break. Squitter dropped in to the Reds v Stormers Super 14 game and caught up with **Paddy Bree** and **Al Watson**. He also bumped into **Mike Wilson** and **Tony Burns**.

Baby **Jessie Leach** went to her 1st Super 14s game at 3½ months of age.

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Coach Connop also **congratulated the Crocs juniors and their coaches** on their first week of rugby last Friday night. U6 to U16's, it was a **fantastic effort** and some very good rugby to watch.

He is keen to see if some of the **senior players** can spare some time on Friday nights and get down to Austar Rugby Park to **watch the juniors in action**.



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This week-end at the Top End Hotel

- Friday Lunches @ Honey Pot Club 12 - 4pm (\$60) 3 course meal plus show
- Chase the Ace @ Lizards Bar this Friday 5-8pm. Be there for your chance to win \$1,100
- Live music Friday and Saturday from 8pm
- **Goose Club Raffle @ Lizards Bar - Fridays 6-8pm for Palmerston Rugby Union Club**
- 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

