

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 12th May

Austar Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U10** v Casuarina
6.50 **U12** v University
7.40 **U14** v University
8.40 **U16** v University

Austar Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs
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SATURDAY 13th May

Austar Rugby Park 1

3.00 Mozzies v QLD Country

SUNDAY 14th May

Moulden Park Oval

2.30 **B** v Casuarina
4.00 **A** v Casuarina

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

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Uni versi ty	5	4	1	0	2	20	
Dragons	5	3	0	2	4	16	
Souths	5	3	0	2	2	14	
Casuari na	5	1	1	3	0	6	
Pal merston	4	0	0	4	2	2	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Pal merston	6	6	0	0	0	3	27
Uni versi ty	6	5	0	1	0	1	21
Casuari na	6	3	0	3	0	3	15
Dragons	6	3	0	3	0	1	13
Jabi ru	5	0	0	5	0	2	5
Souths	5	0	0	5	0	0	3

Home Game

This weekend on **SUNDAY** is our **first home game** for the season and what an important one it is. We take on Casuarina, both teams without their Mosquito representatives, in the current **battle for 4th spot** on the table. A win in this game will make the rest of the

season so much easier. So get on down to **Moulden Park Oval** and cheer our Crocs on to a victory. As Sunday is also Mother's Day, Sunday's home game will also be **Ladies Day**. Guys, \$5 will get you wife / girlfriend / mum champagne & nibbles while she watches you in action.

Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

Two shut outs last Saturday. First NSW Country shut out the Mosquitoes 51 – 0 and then our **B Grade shut out a determined Jabiru 26 – 0**. **Assistant Coach Bernie Bree** saw the game this way. "A strange game this one. Jabiru was very physical and certainly never let us relax. They had a huge percentage of the possession mainly due to the fact that we didn't win one clean lineout but still persisted with kicking the ball out. It is a mark of a very good team that we weren't phased by this and **continued positively to attack** with any useable ball we got our hands on. This **lead to four tries** and a comfortable score line. The front row experience of **Dennis Bree and Vince Kelly** ably handled the heavy stuff and **Peter Richardson** at hooker did the running for them. Peter bled for the team and will have a nice shiner by now I imagine. The backs were terrific and looked like scoring whenever

they got the ball. **Keven Jones** straightens play so well that the forwards have him as their pin up boy. **Jack Rotticci** and **Paddy Killen** combined well at #9 and #10 to get the backs moving and **Glen Tanonef** showed great speed in taking the ball to the line. Thanks to all of the many players who came along for the game and to the 'A' Graders who forfeited their week off to support us.

Brock Evans ran the line for us and seemed to use the rum can more than the flag. It's also great to see the support from the injured players who come along to be part of the team. Some who come to mind are the **Killiners, Michael and Sean and Ian Hogan**.

Sadly the coach dogged it with some lame excuse about family in town. This is a possible carton fine I would imagine. Add that to **Dave Cairn's** fine for back chatting the referee, **Jacob Kerr-Barlow**, and Thursday may be a good evening at the clubhouse."

Tries were scored by **Vince Kelly**, he tells me this one had the same modus operandi as his last try just different people around him, **Glen Tanonef, Miles Hindle and Tom Hurse**. **Jack** kicked 2 conversions and **Paddy 1**. **Player's player** was that pin-up boy, **Keven Jones**.

U16 v Dragons

Another **big win** for our



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U16s. After leading Dragons 20 – 5 at half time they went on with it to record a **41 – 15** victory.

Coach Colin ‘Snogga’ Snowden provided the following view of the game.

“We started the game with many regular 1st starters on the bench. We attempted a new game plan of pick and drive up the tram tracks [15m line - sideline] until the opposition stretched and then have quick ball to the backs. This worked a treat, with many forwards making huge in-roads, and the LONG place serving us well in keeping the ball away from contact and spoiling opposition hands. **The forwards were so successful that they scored 5 tries between them.** It was very pleasing to see the Crocs put pressure on the Dragons by actually having them contest the ball at the breakdowns (something that they are not very good at)...hence the penalty count was highly in our favour and we were always on the front foot (other than the surprising 1st try of the game scored by a Dragons backline move that went to the winger 1st phase after the kick off).

The **entire playing list performed above my expectations** and some personal best efforts were displayed by many of the players. Unfortunately we lost the services of our #12 and #9 early, but little effect was felt overall.

The substitutions / replacements at 1/2 time were well received with the Crocs upping the pressure and frustrating Dragons out of the game. **Vincent’s** running game off the bench was especially inspiring to the team and frightening for the opposition.

Other players who played well were;

Jesse Villiers #6 and Floyd Thompson #2 were outstanding in their contribution at phase play, all day they were at the breakdown consolidating and winning turned over possession

Jacob Collins #7, Brendan Russell #1 and Freddy Norris #3 also had very strong running games and made lots of valuable metres up the tram tracks.

Jack Kypreos: was fantastic around the entire park, but especially valuable by jumping into half back with NO experience...all I can say is **WHAT A GAME / WHAT AN INSPIRATION**...very well done and probably the catalyst for the teams excellent attitude on the night!

Alix #14, Brett #11 and Roddy #15 were all explosive runners with great leg drive in contact situations. Alix was particularly punishing in defence.

A special mention also for the two **Ben’s** at Lock; (**Palmer #5 & Smith #4**) fantastic work in the tight that is rarely given any accolades...well done boys!!

All in all it was a very good performance with the **game plan adhered to** and a great result through application and hard work. We let the heel off their throat in the last 10 minutes (where they scored 2 bonus tries) but still a very noteworthy effort by all involved.

Once again the coaches and spectators were very proud of the collective and individual performances on display last Friday night...we believe that the basics we have been doing at training are now coming home to help. **THANK YOU.**”

Tries were scored by **Ben Smith (3), Jack Kypreos, Brett Noakes** and **Brendan Russell (2)**. **Brendan, Vincent Secker-Allison** and **Kurt Collie-Whakave** all kicked a conversion.

Player’s Player was Jack Kypreos.

U10 v Dragons

On Friday night Palmy U10 played Dragons and **lost 40-0**. Coach Jamie saw the game this way. “I won’t talk about the first half because I have promised the kids I won’t mention it again. After a half time spray from an aggravated coach Palmy took to the field with an air of confidence. **Teamwork** was found to be a useful asset, by **working as a team**, Palmy all but shut down the Dragon attacks. **Tackles drifted lower, clean outs were getting better** and the Dragons were getting worried



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about the team standing up to them.

Best players for the game were **Brielle Felton** who stole the ball off a kid closer to Dad Shrek's size than her own, three times! **Ben Kaart** demonstrating that even if he can't spell scary...he knows how to be scary; pretending to be a road train with no brakes seems to work for him. **Aryton Deo** was the other standout during the game, Aryton first showed up for training the night before our first game and paid attention during the training sessions. Friday night Aryton demonstrated what he has learnt to great effect.

They were not the only kids on the field; everyone played a great half and received coach's points for a great effort."

Goose Club Roster

This Friday night is the **B Grade Forwards** turn, next Friday will be the **A Grade Backs**.

This week's Team Leader is **Denny 'Dude Ranch' Johnston**. Call him on 0412 222 887 to tell him you will be there by 6.00pm in your club shirt.

Crocs C Grade v Dead Mozzies

Yes, we will try anything to get the C Grade competition up and running again.

This game is set down as the curtain raiser for next week's Mosquitoes game against

Canberra. **Kick-off will be about 1:30pm** I guess to allow time to cool off before the start of the Mozzies game.

Get in touch with **Dennis Bree** and let him know you will be there for a game. He is on dennis.bree@nt.gov.au or on 0401 119 385.

Brisbane Bledisloe

I hear that you can get tickets (2 only per person) to the Brisbane Bledisloe Test at greatseats.com.au/suncorp Gold tickets only available

Croc Jottings

I have heard that this Saturday will be a big day for **Richard Hollingsworth**, son of Rod & Beth. He will be marrying **Miss Cody Maynard** in Alice Springs. Our congratulations to you both.

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Mike Wilson emailed me a few weeks back after the CrocTales mention of **Dennis Bree** and **John Connolly**. He says "Noted with interest your comment about Dennis Bree and the current Australian coach. In the late 70s, we were playing Casuarina when **Dennis** came up from the scrum with his **face covered in blood** courtesy of Mr. Connolly. The usual story with the ref

not seeing it. My young nephew who was watching the game told me years later that he never played rugby after seeing what happened to Dennis that day. I am sure Dennis would remember that day out of his hundreds playing rugby."

I'm don't think we'll see quite the same tactics from the Wallabies front row this year. The laws of the game have moved on somewhat sense the late 70s.

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At about the same time I also received an email from **Strath Gordon**. He wanted to let us know that he has recently left the Australian Rugby Union after nine years as communications manager and has set up his own media and PR company. His wife **Pip** (a former Palmy Crocs committee member), is



now Studio Manager at SBS TV and their son Huntly is a six foot lock and only 14. Here he is on to way to the try line for the Dee Why Lions against Drummoyne.



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