

## Upcoming Games

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Austar Rugby Park 1

- 6.00 **U10** v Swampdogs
- 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 Swampdogs Red

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May

#### Austar Rugby Park 1

- 1.30 **C** v Dead Mozzies
- 3.00 Mozzies v Canberra

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May

#### Moulden Park Oval

- 2.30 **B** v University
- 4.00 **A** v University

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

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Dragons	6	4	0	2	5	21	
University	5	4	1	0	2	20	
Souths	6	3	0	3	2	14	
Palmerston	5	1	0	4	3	7	
Casuarina	6	1	1	4	0	6	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	7	7	0	0	0	4	32
University	6	5	0	1	0	1	21
Dragons	7	4	0	3	0	2	18
Casuarina	7	3	0	4	0	4	16
Jabiru	5	0	0	5	0	2	5
Souths	6	0	0	6	0	0	3

## Coming Events

### Home Game

This weekend on **SUNDAY** is our second **home game** for the season. This weekend it is University, both teams with some of their Mosquito representatives backing up



after the previous day's game against Canberra.

University are currently top of the table in A Grade so this will be a **good test for us** to see how far we have improved.

Get on down to **Moulden Park Oval** and cheer our Crocs on to another victory.

### NT Junior Championships

These are being held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May** at AUSTAR Rugby Park. All U16s are asked to participate. Games will be between the **four Darwin clubs, Alice Springs, Katherine and Gove** with the possibility of a **Barbarian** team from the Schools Competition.

Normal Darwin club competition games will still be played on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - so it will be a full weekend of games for the U16s.

The selectors will be looking at all U16s over this weekend as part of the selection process for the **Australian U16 Championships** to be held in Sydney in October.

### U16s Players Tea

**TONIGHT** is the night. After training, bring your \$5 and recharge on a bowl of fine food courtesy of the U16s.

### Juniors Hot Dog Night

Next **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, after training, is our next Juniors Hot Dog night.

**All REGISTERED & fully PAID** (\$70.00 or \$45.00 for U6) **players get a free hot dog** while other players,

Mums, Dads and family members can get one for \$2. Drinks will be on sale at club prices while potato chips and killer pythons will also be available for sale as a fundraiser.

## Last Week's Games

### A v Casuarina

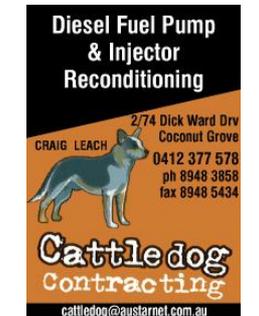
**Victory**, 30 – 17 at last and impressive looking (or at least the first 25 minutes that I saw) to boot.

**Coach Connop** was very ecstatic about the win and thought that the boys played like champions. He thought that **Shane Stoekert** was outstanding in the backs while **Vili Leqa, Tom Hurse** and the evasive **Keve Jones** also went well. He felt the forwards played like a **steam engine train** with a full head of steam up.

I am also reliably informed that the debutant, **Paddy Killen**, had a great game on the wing. Wasn't he happy when he scored his first A



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Grade try!

**Dave Ley** told me **Paddy** did many smart things during the game plus was very strong in defence. This included sitting big Tim Burr Burr on his backside when he had a full head of steam up.

**Congratulations Paddy.**

**Tries** were scored by **Shane Stoeckert (3), Anthony Lee, Brock Evans** and the debutant **Paddy Killen**. No conversions!!!

**Player of the Week** – who else, **Shane Stoeckert** for that great 3 try effort. Although, **Brock Evans** is claiming he set him up for two of them.

### B v Casuarina

**Another bonus point win for Killer Bs.** This time 34 – 10.

**Coach Blyton** has obviously been too busy at work this week (that's what happens when you have a week or two off) to pen his normal insightful view of the game so a few things I noticed.

The first thing that grabbed my attention was the **super swift catch and pass** from big **Vince Kelly** to put **Jack Rotticci** through a huge gap for our first try. It was a great stand and deliver pass. I'm more accustomed to seeing **Vince** tuck the ball under one arm and charge forward into the masses before presenting it beautifully for the next phase. **Have you been watching the backs at training Vince?**

**Miles Hindle** had a very busy game in the centres.

He did a lot of good things but needs to work on his backwards pass. Claiming the referee erred on 2 occasions and that only **3 of the 5 forward passes were really forward** doesn't count.

**Ricky Hoe** was excited. He was named as a run on winger and was looking forward to getting back out on the field and having a solid go. He was so excited; he overdid it in the **warm-up** and **strained a calf muscle**.

**Glen Tanonef** did go a little better. He made it onto the field but **pulled a hamstring the first time** (after about 2 minutes) play came his way.

I'm sure there is a message here but I'm not sure what. Perhaps, **we need to get there earlier guys so the coach can sort the team out and everyone has time to stretch and warm-up before kick off.**

Oh. I did get the point scorers. **Tries** were scored by **Jack Rotticci, Brad Simmons, Jeremy Bree, Miles Hindle** and **Gary Hunt (2)**. **Jack** kicked 2 conversions.

### U16 v University

Our U16s were up against the top team again this week and although we played a great game, which almost ended in a draw, we **lost 17 – 21**. **Coach Snogga** told me we again took forward steps in our development. **Tries** were scored by **Jai Wyles-Kelly** and **Brendan Russell (2)** while **Kurt Collie-Whakave** kicked a **conversion**.

### U14 v University

**Coach Connop** filled in this week for normal coach **Shane Cotton** and guided the U14s to a **narrow 29 – 36 loss**. Wayne tells me the team went well and played like they wanted to win. There was plenty of **positive character and player enthusiasm** and he can see many snappy Crocs on the road to victory.

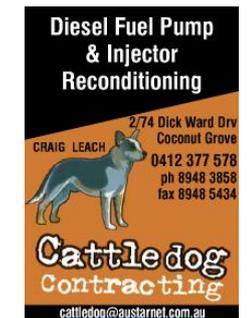
**Tries** were scored by **Dean Staunton (2), Jacob Kerr-Barlow, Jarred Donovan** and **Henry Burgess**. **Matthew Connor** and **Dean Staunton** kicked conversions.

### U10 v Casuarina

Palmy U10s played Casuarina on Friday night with a **24-14 loss**. **Coach Jamie** saw the game this way.

*"Casuarina started strong but was quickly stuck by a solid defence. We kept the Cougars within a 10 metre box for much of the first half with only a couple of breaks getting through. Though they are top of the ladder and we are currently at the bottom, Casuarina was shown that they are playing against equals. Our kids just kept coming and putting in. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was pretty much the same, except for a few silly penalties. We demonstrated that as the season progresses we are going to be a force to be reckoned with.*

*Jye Snowden and Daniel Connop both scored a try with Jye kicking both*



## 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 \$1,400
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**conversions.** These are the first points we have scored this season. **Well done boys.**

Everyone from Palmy put in maximum effort and to quote one of the Mums, "They won because they played the best they could on the night, the points don't matter, what matters is that they all played to the best of their abilities..."

**U8 v Swampdogs Blue Palmy U8s 10, Swampdogs Blue 20.** Our U8s are playing well and beginning to build a great team spirit. We have mostly new players this year, including some who have never played rugby before. Each week the team is **growing in confidence and knowledge of the game.** This week the players once again showed great sportsmanship, playing fairly, showing team mates and the opposition that they are playing for the fun and enjoyment of the game.

**Try scorers** this week were **Brett Mullen** and **Koby Snowden.**

## Goose Club Roster

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

This week's Team Leader will be the Pres, **Dan McIntyre**, showing the ropes. Call him on 0400 270 679 to tell him you will be there by 6.00pm in your club shirt.

He tells me that a couple of the **girls** from the **Honey Pot**

will also be helping us to sell the tickets. I am sure they will appreciate some help from our intelligent backs.

## C Grade Game & Back to Palmy Day

Don't forget our game against the Dead Mozzies this Saturday. **1.00pm for 1.30pm** as the curtain raiser for the Mosquitoes game against Canberra.

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](mailto:dennis.bree@nt.gov.au) or on 0401 119 385.

We are also encouraging all **past Palmerston players and supporters** to come along and watch this game and the following AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes game. This is a great opportunity to catch up with some old friends and tell a few lies or so.

## Comebacks

Last week-end saw a couple of notable comebacks to the club.

**Schooner**, also known as **Paul O'Connor**, made a comeback in B Grade. Schooner played A grade in the late 1990s. I am told that apart from the obvious trait of being a very thirsty drinker, Schooner, has a **computer brain** which works out **opposition lineout calls** after the first few throws. This would really annoy the opposition and so they would go to plan B only to have

Schooner once again call out where the ball was going. Many the time we heard a conversation such as "Liberty, orange 7, 4, 2, apples" then Schooner, "It's going to four walking back" followed by an opposition call of, "**Someone punch that bastard!**"

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**Jeremy Bree** played in Melbourne on Saturday at **15C** and in the rain and then backed up on Sunday at **30C and dry.** Showing some versatility he moved to inside centre. Not many Brees have been spotted in the back line, except when resting, (is that true Dennis?) so he managed well...and **scored a try.**

## Gareth Turns 100!

This week **Gareth Felton** will celebrate his **100<sup>th</sup> A Grade game** for Palmerston. Our archivist / historian tells me we can trace his existence back to the 1996 season so he is also up for long service leave as well.

**Congratulations Gareth** and thanks for all the blood, sweat and tears.

## School Sports Raffle

This year the club is going to give the **School Sports Raffle** a go as a fundraiser. To make this a success, we need everyone to **make a little effort and sell a book** or more of tickets. Books of tickets will be given to players next week.



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