

Upcoming Games

Competition Games

Seniors

SATURDAY 10th March
AUSTAR Park 2

4.00 **U18** tentative
5.30 **B** v University
7.00 **A** v University

The U18 Colts draw hasn't been released yet as team numbers are still to be confirmed.

Juniors

U6 – U16 games will begin on **Friday 16th March**.

Coming Events

Training

Senior and U18 training is underway. 6:00pm Tuesday and Thursday at Moulden Park Oval, Bonson Terrace.

Junior training is also underway. 5:00pm Tuesday and Thursday at Moulden Park Oval, Bonson Terrace.

Last Week's Games

South Darwin 10s

Below are some thoughts and comments about the week-ends tournament for our new Head Coach, **Bernie Bree**.

"The Souths 10s was our first chance for a hit out this season and so we were interested to see where we were at after some very good training over the last month.

*The first game against University was lost 10-17. Three tries to two meant that we really hadn't made the most of all of our opportunities. We had lots of line breaks that ended with no points. **Dan***

Maroulis made the first of these with his first touch but support was too far away and University ended up with the ball. In fairness we were short a few backs and had two loose forwards in our back line.

The second game against Casuarina went the same way with good lead up work, great rucking, straight running, line breaks but no points. There is no substitute for genuine speed in the 10s.

*The last game against the Barbarians saw the arrival of **Vili Leqa** and **Adrian Graham** and with a full compliment of 15 players we easily saw off the Barbarians 31-12.*

*Some highlights were the great lineout work and general play of **Jah Nayacadraudrau** and **Lee Verrall**, **Dan Maroulis** in full flight, **Shane Stoeckert** already fit and full of running, **Bronson Mitchell** played nearly all of the three games and **Kev Jones** had a great day. **Brett Lenz** with some strong running and **Mick Courtney** with hard hitting defence contributed well in the forwards in their first games for the club.*

Thanks to the guys for getting down and playing the games you could. We had some play the first game and go and some play the last.

Some firsts were:

*First try of the season to **Dan Maroulis**.*

*First kick to **Lee Verrall**;*

*First blood spilt to **Lee Verrall**;*

*First full colour, vomit to **Tom Hurse** who felt the need to*

relieve himself of excess fluid taken on during a night out;

*First carton must be by **Leigh Stait** for gifting **Jesse Leal** a try with a turnover ball.*

Training has been going really well. We start at 6pm and finish by 7:30pm. In between is hard and fast and we have moved into some more position specific skills recently. We have only two weeks until our first game so be at training."

Junior Coaches & Managers

Congratulations to **Peter Donovan**, **Jarrold Donovan**, **Jordan Bishell** and **Aaron Cotton** who all took the first steps in their coaching careers when they attended the Foundation coaching course last week-end.

It is great to see some of our junior players – **Jarrold**, **Jordan** and **Aaron** - increasing their knowledge of the game in this way and helping out by coaching our junior teams.

Thanks all.

Junior coaches and managers for this season are:

U/6 Robbie Cotter

U/8 Jordan Bishell & Aaron Cotton

U/10 Jamie Akers

U/12 Shane Cotton;
Manager Lyn Cotton

U/14 Peter Donovan & Peter Killgor;

Manager Carol Bolton

U/16 Darren Bishell;

Manager Louise Bishell



We still need managers for the U/6, U/8 and U/10 teams.

Our U/18's are also in desperate need of a new coach as Robbie Taylor has a new job and isn't now able to commit to the job.

So if you know anyone who is interested please call Darren Bishell on 0439 814 780.

Wanted - U18 players

On paper we have a full team but to date **less than half a team** has managed to get to training. We know some still have other sporting commitments but we **need to see or hear from the rest** so we know we will have a team for the season. **New players are also very welcome.**

Call or text me on 0401 111 700 to let me know of any U18 players.

Wanted - Caretaker

We desperately need a new caretaker at our clubhouse.

The break-ins have restarted and they are serious about getting in.

Do you know of anyone?

They need their own caravan / bus or similar, we provide the site and free electricity etc in return for caretaking and light cleaning duties.

If you know of someone, then please **give Gareth Felton a call on 0421 452 723.**

Happy Birthday!!

Gareth Felton	40 on 10 th Feb
Cat Waite	?? on 13 th Feb
Ashley Binding	35 on 18 th Feb
Damian Smith	25 on 20 th Feb
Michael Killiner	18 on 21 st Feb
Garry Russell	49 on 23 rd Feb

Sponsors

Top End Hotel

LIZARDS BAR & GRILL

We welcome back the Top End Hotel as a **major sponsor** of the club again this season. Thank you to **Rick** and his team for their ongoing support.

Remember, the Top End Hotel is the official Darwin bar of the club so if you are going into the City for a drink or a meal make sure you drop into **Lizards Bar and Grill** at the Top End Hotel. Better still **make it your place for the night.**

With Rick's support we will again be running the **Goose Club** raffle on Friday nights at Lizards. This was a **major fund raiser** for us last year so when asked or scheduled please **make sure you get along and help out.** It's a great opportunity to meet all sorts of people.

The CAT Rental Store



Welcome to the CAT Rental Store as a sponsor of the club.

The **Cat Rental Store** supplies a one-stop-shop service for people who require Cat machines plus a large selection of quality brand equipment to complete their jobs.

If you know anyone who needs **extra or short term machines** to complete a major

job then get them to call **Brett Lenz on 0428 757 193** at the CAT Rental Store. I am sure he will be able to help them out.

Ensign Laundry aka

Radiant Dry Cleaning



Welcome back for the **24th consecutive year** to Ensign Laundry as a sponsor of the club. This is a **fantastic record** and we thank **James** and his team for their ongoing support. We will have to find a very special way to celebrate next year's 25th year of support.

Please make sure you **take all of your dry cleaning and laundry requirements** to Ensign. I know they do a great job because I've seen what the jumpers look like when I drop them off.

Croc Jottings

CrocTales recently received an email from **Geoff Hughes** in Jordon. He began with:

Wa Salaam O Alaykum from Jordan!

Can anyone translate?

And then went on to say Hi to everyone at the club. He also said that his Rugby is now limited to the British Embassy on weekends watching the Six Nations.

He also said that there is a possibility he will be **playing for Jordan** against Syria during their next match. We look forward to hearing about his **international debut.**

Apparently he still struggles a bit to get to training. Some things in life never change!!

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