

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 20th April

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U6**

6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs Blu

6.00 **U10** v Swampdogs Blu

7.40 **U14** v University

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.50 **U12** v Casuarina

8.40 **U16** v Swampdogs

SATURDAY 21st April

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

1.30 **U18** v Dragons

University Oval

3.00 **B** v University

4.30 **A** v University

Please note the **split fields** for the games this week-end. This comes about due to U18 only being a 4 team competition.

Senior Draw

<http://ntru.rugbynet.com.au/default.asp?id=102311>

Junior Draws

<http://ntru.rugbynet.com.au/default.asp?id=98001>

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	4	3		1	2	14
Palmerston	4	2		2	3	11
Casuarina	3	2		2	1	9
Souths	4	2		2		8
University	4	1		3		4

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	4	4				3	19
Souths	4	3		1		2	14
Palmerston	3	2		1		1	9
Jabiru	3	1		2		1	5
Casuarina	4	1		3		1	5
University	4			4			

U18 Colts Standings						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	5	4		1	3	19
Cas-Souths	5	3		2	1	13
Dragons	5	2		3	2	10
University	5	1		4	1	5

Coming Events

Sponsor's Day

Saturday 28th April sees the Darwin Mozzies take on Singapore at 3pm.

We are hosting many of our **valued sponsors at this game** and the B and A Grade games after if they wish to stay.

Make sure you say hello and thank them for their support.

Last Week's Games

A v Dragons

Palmerston 23 d Dragons 10

Coach Bree saw the game this way.

*'We really needed to win this game so that the hard work of the first round had some points behind it. **The win puts us in second place in a tight competition.***

*We started with a burst and got the drop on Dragons. The first 20 minutes was all ours and we were full of running. The forward pack had **absolute domination** and this continued in the set pieces throughout the game and gave us a terrific platform to work from.*

*It was great to see **Ian Hogan** up front in such a dominant pack and his skills around the paddock were noticed by all and won him the **player's player award** and a free beer after the game.*

*Our loose three of **Jah, Wise** and **Dan** were everywhere and their speed to breakdowns meant that we had a large share of possession. **Jah's try**, when he took a great pass off **Squitter** was a good reward for his many kilometres of travel.*

*Somewhere around the 26th minute we could feel that the team had gone off the boil. We stopped competing at breakdowns and began watching what was happening. Dragons got back in the game and it was **10-5 at half time.***

*At half time there was much soul searching and a promise to play smarter. We were straight back into it and the intensity was there again. There was an early try to **Ben Emmett** and the forward pack as they scored one of those tight forward classic rolling maul tries that people with single digits on their backs love so much.*

*The try of the match went to **Damian Smith** in the corner. The lead up was fantastic and **Jah** was naturally heavily involved and gave a terrific final pass.*

*We have improved our support play and running lines and the game was fun to watch and play. We have a dominant forward pack and great pace with the three loose forwards and **Lee Verrall** at second row.*

We worked on our penalty count but under pressure we still infringe far too much and



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the count was 14-7 against us.

Thanks guys for the entertainment and let's do it again next week against University.'

Tries were scored by **Ben Emmett, Apenisa Nayacadraudrau (Jah) and Damian Smith. Craig Leach** kicked a conversion and 2 penalty goals.

B v Dragons

Us 19 lost to Dragons 38

Anthony Thomas, Rodney Winikerei and Dale Reid scored tries while **Marshall Rogers and Bronson Mitchell** each kicked a conversion.

U18 v Casuarina

Us 12 lost to Casuarina 20

Anthony Smith and Kyle Davies scored our tries and **Paddy Elliott** converted one of them.

This was the U18s first loss for the season and although disappointing a few more players getting to training will see it quickly turned around.

Bree's Bits & Pieces

Saturday was **Dan Maroulis'** last game and he heads off to Mackay in Queensland.

Thanks Dan for all your efforts. You will be missed both on and off the field.

To quote Squirter – 'the **Boy from Bourke done good!**'



Dragon's winger, Dan Mayo, must wonder about his decision making skills. He

took on **Mika Dreu** and ended up getting punched and yellow carded for his troubles. What was he thinking?



Thanks **Toddy Harrison** for the game. Todd has been working out of town and so his normally **vigorous training regime** has slacked off a bit but he managed a great 60 minutes of scrummaging that set the platform for our win.

Todd only stepped up to A Grade at the last minute when Ben Blyton fell ill.



We had our first **field invasion** in the first minutes of the game when some of the young spectators got too excited watching their Fijian dads play and ran on to say how well they were doing. I did notice that by the second half the kids had lost interest in the game and had their own thing going in the sand pits. **They're so hard to please!**

Club Captain

Congratulations to Craig 'Squirter' Leach on his election to the Club Captain position last Thursday night.

It was good to see a range of people nominated for the position and healthy for the club that **Tom Hurse** and **Adrian Graham** were keen to put themselves at the mercy of their team mates in the vote.

Birth Certificates

Have you **handed yours in yet?** If not, please do so as soon as you can.

Players **without birth certificates** after the 15th April **won't be able to play.**

Wasn't that last Monday?

Goose Club

It's my **golden oldies teams** first turn to sell the Goose Club raffles this week.

You all know who you are, please be there by 5:15pm in your club polo raring to go.

VSE Grant

Last year the club lodged an application for a Commonwealth Government **volunteer small equipment grant.**

Well, guess what!! We got a letter last week telling us our **application had been successful** in the 2nd round of funding.

To be fair to the government, **Treasurer Percy Peel** assures me they did write to us last year telling us we had missed out in the first round but would be considered again.

What did we ask for? \$ to purchase a **trailer kitted out with BBQ, eskies etc** for social events, home games etc.

Now all we need to do is design it and find someone to do the construction.

Rugby & Relationships

We have a new occasional column in this week's CrocTales. At some time or other all rugby players find themselves in need of some **good sensible advice** and Dr Keith (not their real name due to professional association



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rules) has volunteered their services to the players, members and supporters of Palmerston Rugby Union Club.

Dear Dr Keith,

I have recently **split with my girlfriend of 8 years** after yet another argument about my playing gear being left for the weekend in the back of her Hyundai.

She claimed that the **car smelt so bad** now that she'll have to get someone to torch it out the back of Palmerston and claim it on insurance.

I replied that she should be so lucky to have a man with such **powerful pheromones!** But to no avail, she left me and drove off, her head out the window and my bag still in the boot.

I am devastated!

I **won a premiership** in that jumper and I'm scared that it will be incinerated along with the car.

What can I do?

Desperate, Moulden N.T.

Dear Desperate,

Theft and insurance fraud are matters for the authorities. I suggest that you inform the police and her insurance company immediately.

As for the years of psychological abuse you have endured, that is another thing altogether.

Whilst it may pain you now, your girlfriend leaving is the best thing that could have happened. She was **obviously a selfish person** who found it difficult to accept that with post-match celebrations to attend to, you might forget now and then such a trivial thing as your sporting apparel being left in the vehicle over a Darwin Wet-season weekend.

These sorts of people are often never pleased. She was obviously incompatible with you.

I suggest **drinking heavily and moving into a share-house with your mates** where these issues will rarely be raised...well, at least until the Landlord's inspection.

Yours in R & R, Dr Keith

For an honest and non-judgmental shoulder to cry on or even just a chat, please send your Rugby and Relationships questions to Dr Keith via the club email address,
palmerstorugby@octa4.net.au

Liaison Officer - Australian Rugby Shield (ARS)

The NTRU is looking for someone to be the honorary liaison officer for visiting teams during the ARS.

It is mainly a meet and greet, point in the right direction and offer advice role.

If you may be interested please email CrocTales at palmerstonrugby@octa4.net.au for a copy of a duty statement.

Dates & visiting teams are:

28th April Singapore
5th May NSW Country
12th May Melbourne
1st June Tasmania

Other Competition

While the Australian Rugby Shield season is in progress, the **A & B Grade premiership competitions will be suspended** and another competition held. The

U18 competition continues as per normal.

Originally this was only planned to be a **single grade senior competition** but the NTRU is now reconsidering this after approaches from us and Casuarina.

We are very concerned that if it is only one grade then many players will miss out on rugby for this 6 week period and this is the last thing we want to happen.

I'll keep you posted.

Croc Jottings

Squitter tells CrocTales that he was so excited by the **scrum domination** on Saturday night that he is probably the 1st fly half in history to actually **want to get back into the 2nd row** to enjoy the huge amount of tight heads won by the Crocs. Well then again...

Welcome home for a short break from boarding school to **Jacob Kerr-Barlow**. From all reports he has settled into the boarding school life well.

Jake is catching up on some refereeing while here and will be **refereeing our B Grade** game on Saturday. Watch out **Ben Blyton**, you don't want to be sin binned again.

Thank you to U18 lock, **Kyle Davies**, for putting his hand up to fill the final **wing position** in last week's B Grade team. Kyle is most definitely built to play lock and not wing but did very well including a **great run tip toeing along the sideline**.



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