

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 11th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 U6
6.00 U8 v Casuarina
7.40 U14 v University

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.00 U10 v Casuarina
6.50 U12 v University
8.40 U16 v University

SATURDAY 12th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

1.30 B v Jabiru
3.00 Mozzies v Melbourne

SUNDAY 13th May

University Oval

1.30 U18 v Casuarina

A Grade Tooheys New Shield							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	1	1			1	5	
Palmerston	1	1			1	5	
University							
Dragons	1			1			
Casuarina	1			1			

B Grade Tooheys New Shield							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Palmerston	1	1				1	5
Casuarina	1	1				1	5
University	1	1					4
Jabiru	1			1			
Dragons	1			1			
Souths	1			1			

U18 Colts Standings							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Palmerston	7	5		2	3	23	
Cas-Souths	7	4	1	2	3	21	
Dragons	7	3		4	2	14	
University	7	1	1	5	2	8	

Coming Events

Juniors

After Training BBQ

Next Thursday, 17th May, after training there will be a BBQ in the Clubhouse for all junior players, parents and supporters.

Gala Home Game Day

Saturday 2nd June

U14, U16, U18, B Grade & A Grade games against University.

The action will kick off at 11:45am with the U12s. The A grade will kick off at 4:30pm.

There will also be an after game function including a live telecast of the Wallabies v Wales game from Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane.

Spot the Old Crocs in the Crowd competition!!

B Grade @ Jabiru

Saturday 9th June

Last Week's Games
Australian Rugby Shield

NSW Country 20 d Darwin
Mozzies 15

Tries were scored by Ben Emmett and Dan Mayo while Nathan Roach converted one and kicked a penalty goal.

Tooheys New Shield

A v Dragons

Palmerston 34 d Dragons 7

Coach Bree says:

'This week was a great turning point in the way we have decided to play the game.

Before we started we made just a few promises about our approach. They included discipline, respect and fun.

We got it right and this led to a

very impressive win.

Our support play was fantastic on a hot afternoon at the home ground at Moulden.

I suspect that by now Ben Blyton's try has been talked up into a 30m bust and probably involves a side step or two and maybe even a dummy so I won't go into it here but it was a good tight forward's try. He'll be able to compare notes with his son Jacob now that they both have a season try to their names.

Adrian Graham was full of running. With the ball in two hands the Dragons players just didn't know who to tackle. He converted three tries and kicked a penalty and got better after taking a savage front on knock.

Damien Smith had some excellent long runs and his 50m dash along the side line in front of the Palmy crowd was sensational as were his two tries. It was great to see Paddy Killen back and Paddy really set the tone for the match in the first minute. Big prop, Bill Jones got the ball under his arm and charged at what he picked out to be the young pup in the side. Paddy took him head on and Bill split the ball as he got smashed. Not bad for a young half back.

All of this running was based on a terrific platform from the forwards. Our scrum practice is really paying off as we develop a dominant pack.

They were competing for the ball at every phase of play and Dragons just couldn't get



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Brumby's
Palmerston

Honour Board - 26 April 2007

A Grade Coach's Award: Vili Leqa

B Grade Coach's Award: Scott Werleman



going. **Ian Hogan's** general play should be studied by all. He gets to breakdowns and always looks for the most effective action once there. For one so young he has certainly learnt the short cuts around the field and pops up all the time. **Scott Werleman** travelled hard all day and is probably a bit tight right now after his **first 'A' Grade game in nearly a decade**. New players now know how he got his name on the Honour Board so regularly.

Leigh Stait had his first A Grade run on and showed what we have all known for a long while, he is a bloody good flanker and has a high work rate.

Marshall Rodgers also had his first A grade run on and got involved in the action.

Thanks to **Cate Killiner** for doing all the things that managers do. **We still would like to see a regular manager pop up for A Grade.**

Thanks also to the **Mozzies players** for coming down and supporting us after your terrific efforts the day before. There seemed to be a few sore boys in the group but I'm not sure if that was from the game or something else.

Let's keep the momentum going during the Mozzies season. See you all at training.'

Tries were scored by **Ben Blyton, Shane Stoeckert, Scott Werleman** and **Damien Smith (2)**. **Adrian Graham** kicked 3 conversions and a penalty goal.

Tooheys New Shield B v Dragons

Palmerston 35 d Dragons 0 on forfeit

U18 - NT Championships
Coach Cotts says:

'The NT Regional Championships and Schoolboy trials have come

and gone with the Palmy U18's taking out the championship.

In the first game, Palmy 17 d Dragons 5. (A number of sources have told the editor that the Palmerston Crocs **were devastating** during the first half of this game. Ed)

In the second game Palmy 12 d Casuarina 0 with **Blake Chadwick** scoring a 70m solo try in this game after scooping up a wayward pass.

The third and final game saw Palmy 29 d University 26. In this game Palmy led 22 - 5 at halftime and with 30 seconds to go in the game trailed 26 - 22. From the kick off after University's last try Palmy regained the ball and were able to score just before the fulltime siren.

A special thanks to **Cat Waite** for all the Physio work she put in over the week end and last but not least thanks to **Mrs. Bishell** for being my Manager over the weekend.

The following players have been selected for the NT Schoolboys training squad:

Blake Bishell, Blake Chadwick, Robbie Cotter, Tom Cummins, Kyle Davies, Michael Killiner, Bryce Richards, Kane Richards and Jai Wyles-Kelly.

Congratulations to all the guys who played.'

U16 - NT Championships
Coach Bishell reports:

'The U16's also participated in the NT Junior Championships. They were required to play five games over the weekend.

The first game found us matched up against the Pirates. A lack of discipline let us down in this game; the stand out player for this game was **Jessie Villiers**, who was solid in defence.

The second game matched us up against the Dragons. The

Dragons had beaten the Pirates the night before and yet we were able to defeat the Dragons 22-5. Our try scorers were **Henry Burgess, Jordan Bishell, Robbie Cotter and Jake Noble**. The boys put up a brilliant display and finally turned the corner gaining the confidence to score tries.

The next game matched us up against Gove. Gove were labelled as the team to beat and came out firing and managed two quick tries on the back of some questionable decisions before we were able to consolidate our position and get on the board through a try by **Robbie Cotter**. The final score ended up as 10 - 17 with a try by **Henry Burgess**.

The final game matched us up against Alice Springs, who were unable to field enough players; however, every other club was happy to supply players. The game was won by us on a forfeit.

We had a number of players selected in the U16 training squad. Congratulations to **Jessie Villiers, Henry Burgess, Jake Noble, Ben Palmer and Robbie Cotter**.

All the boys played exceptionally well and should be **proud of their effort** throughout the weekend.

In the play off for third and fourth we were able to defeat Pirates on a count back after a 5 all draw.'

U12 v Dragons

Dragons 5 d Palmerston 0

Coach Scott reports:

'This game saw the continued improvement of the U12's defensive game only going down to ladder leaders Dragons by 5 in the final 3 minutes. There was also some outstanding individual running of the ball only to eventuate in turnovers due to



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lack of support at the breakdown.

I believe that the players are now starting to realise that they have a great opportunity to give the competition a mighty shake up. However, it will all come down to paying attention and learning something at training.

Outstanding performances were given by fly-half **Joel Hogan** who has led the way all season, **Ryan "Crusher" Cotton** who rattled the opposition with his solid

coming up through the grades are **Ben Kaart** and **Dylan Holmes**. Well done to all the lads and keep up the good work.'

U10 v University

Co-coach **Jamie** says:

'The Palmy U10's played the Pirates in a great game of Rugby on Friday night. The lead see-sawed throughout the game so much I left the field with the impression that we had drawn the game.

University asked for some players at the start of the game as they only had 8

Most of our tries were the result of hard work in phase play, drive, maul, drive....and so on. Our defence was stretched and found wanting with a single player from the Pirates able to outrun our defence to score their tries, (I am pretty sure that he was the only try scorer for the Pirates) **The U10's are developing well as a TEAM!** Teamwork was the factor that got the kids through the game so well, mauls, cleaning out and passing was all so much better than it has been previously. Each week we are seeing a vast improvement in the teams' skills and general ability, the games are starting to prove that the kids do sometimes listen at training.....Maybe!

U8 v Dragons

Palmerston 50 d Dragons 5
Our ten tries were scored by **Koby Snowden (2), Joe Cotton (2), Sean McFarlane (4), Ezra Greagin** and **David Bell**.

249 Not Out

Burley Ben Blyton got it all wrong with his try last week-end. That game was only A Grade game number 249. Watch out for game 250. It won't be this week-end as we only have a B Grade game this week-end.

Goose Club

It's **Michael Killiner's** team's turn tomorrow night to sell the Goose Club raffles.

Can all team members please make sure you are there at **5:15pm for a 5:30pm start?** In your club polo shirt of course.

AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes

This week's AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes team to play the Melbourne Axemen has 7 Crocs in the game day 22.



Pat and Fiona Austine, parents of junior players **Lachlan** and **Hayden**, managed to find themselves in Canberra recently for the Brumbies last home Super 14 game of the year. A win against the Crusaders no less and with favourite sons **George Gregan**, **Stephen Larkham** and **Jeremy Paul** playing their last home games. Some people have all the luck.

Fiona managed to get photos with a couple of the players when they came out onto the field to sign autographs after the game.

defence all game and **Jye "Snoglett" Snowden** who showed great maturity after last games kicking frenzy to keep ball in hand and deliver to the number 10.

The **Coaches Encouragement award** went to **Jack "the fullback"** who was very safe at number 15 especially under some high ball. Others to watch out for

players, I have to thank **John Lynch** and **Jet Wyles-Kelly** for stepping up and playing their best for them.

With ten on the field and no reserves we knew that fitness was going to be a factor that would decide the game.

Palmy had 4 try scorers: **Luke Rutherford (3), Riley Hogan (2), Brett Mullen** and **Bailey Holmes**. The boys also converted 5 of their 7 tries.



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This week-end we have **Ben Emmett** at tight head and **co-captain** of the team, **Michael Scaturchio** at lock, **Jah Nayacadraudrau** at flanker, **Wise Sekitoga** at #8, **Vili Leqa** at Inside Centre, and **Shane Stoeckert** and **Adrian Graham** as reserve backs.

Ex-Croc **Jono Schwalger** is also still in the team on the wing.

Congratulations and best of luck to all of these guys.

Players Needed

As **Coach Bree** has pointed out for the last couple of

weeks, the next few weeks are critical for us. With about 6 or 7 guys a week committed to the Mozzies and still needing to field two teams, we need you.

We were probably 3 or 4 players short of a full B Grade team last week-end so it was

lucky that Dragons weren't organised and failed to show for the game.

Please get to training and stay in contact with Bernie or Sean.

Croc Jottings

Quote of the Week
'Age is just a number'

Spoken by **Scott Werleman** to **Ben Blyton** as they practiced lineouts before last week-end's A Grade game.

In both their cases, a rather **LARGE** number.

Interesting to note that they both scored tries in the ensuring victory.

Well done Gents.

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Sponsor's Box

Last week-end's Sponsor's Box at the Mosquitoes game was a huge success from what I saw and from what these pictures show.

A **HUGE thank you** to **Cate Killiner** who organised it all and made it such a success. Thank you also to **Blake Bishell**, **Sean Killiner** and **Rob Sloan** for assisting on the day.

Clockwise from below we have **James Mansfield** from Ensign Laundry, **Al** and **Michelle Woodcock** from Woodcock Solicitors and **Craig Wenck** and **Brett Lenz** from Hastings Deering and the Cat Rental Store with Head coach **Bernie Bree**.



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