

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 18th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 U6

6.00 U8 v Dragons

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.00 U10 v Dragons

6.50 U12 v Swampdogs

7.40 U14 v Swampdogs

8.40 U16 v South Darwin

SATURDAY 19th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

2.30 U18 v Dragons

3.45 B v South Darwin

4.30 A v South Darwin

Confirm these times @ training

Coming Events

Juniors

After Training BBQ

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

**Ben 'Burley' Blyton's
250th A Grade game**

Yes, the game is this Saturday, 19th May, against Souths and everyone should get along to cheer him on.

Post game celebrations have been put on hold. **Ben's** not sure he can deliver another **dynamic game performance** and then follow-up with a **night of partying** and revelry. Watch this space for information on when the mandatory celebrations will be held.

**Congratulations
Ben.**

**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 U14s. 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.

B Grade @ Jabiru

Saturday 9th June

Last Week's Games

Australian Rugby Shield

**Melbourne 29 d Darwin
Mozzies 17**

Tries were scored by **Vili Leqa, Shane Stoeckert** and **Michael Scaturchio** while **Nathan Roach** converted one.

Tooheys New Shield

A v Jabiru

Palmerston 26 d Jabiru 5

Coach Killiner reports:

*'I got to see the Killer B's from a different perspective on Saturday – as an opposition player with Jabiru. The Bushratz made it to the big smoke minus 5 players. Given we had a few reserves, **Bourkey, Ben 'Burley' Blyton, Chris Carlin** and I to took to the field as opposition. **Burley** was particularly happy with the decision to switch teams on the day – he got to **play blindside flanker**. His cover defense was something to see and his constant gesturing at the opposition five eight (**Squitter**) kept a few of us amused. The comment of*

*the day came as both teams were returning for the second half and as all good flankers know, never miss the chance to get one up on the opposing five eight. As their paths crossed to make their way for the kick off, **Burley** sprouted "hey Squitter you better lift your game this half, I am all over you like a rash".*

We (Palmerston) had plenty of possession and opportunities in the first half but were only able to manage to go in at half time 7 – 0. Again our set pieces were good, but our biggest setback was dropped ball, particularly in contact and consequently we came unstuck with far too many turnovers.

There was a big improvement in the second half and this showed on the scoreboard, with us running in 3 tries to 1.

*Some notable highlights on the day – **Nick Woodruff's** return to Darwin for a cameo 15 minute performance to set up one of **Keven Jones' tries**. **Michael Killiner** and **Tom Cummins** running on at fullback and on the wing respectively. **Tom** learnt a valuable lesson on Saturday, when you are over the try line put the ball down with 2 hands. It can be the difference between scoring and you know what. Lastly, **Wesley Davies** got his **first run on** in senior rugby. **Wesley** has been a regular trainer since pre-season and finally got his opportunity to play half a game. **On behalf of all the senior players welcome.***

***Damien O'Brien** was a stand out and was rewarded with*



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Brumby's
Palmerston



Player's Player. **Keven Jones** had his usual strong game and **Anthony Lees** more than capably filled the halfback spot. We have lost the 2 number 9's that were training at the start of the season, and although **Anthony** handled the move from flanker to halfback well, oh what I would give for a genuine halfback to walk over the hill at Moulden.'

Tries were scored by **Keven Jones (2), Damien O'Brien** and **Todd Harrison.** **Craig Leach** kicked 3 conversions.

U18 v Casuarina

Palmerston 35 d Casuarina 0 on forfeit

Casuarina could only muster 8 players for this game while we had the 12 needed to field a team.

It was good to see our injured players also there to support their team mates even if they couldn't play. Well done **Kane Richards, Paddy Elliott** and **Brendan Russell.**

A 7-a-side game was organised and we gave Casuarina plenty to think about in this game.

Official scorer **Rob Sloan** tells me that we ran in 6 tries to a lone late try to Casuarina giving us a **30 – 5 victory.**

Tries were scored by **Brett Noakes, Blake Bishell, Bryce Richards (2), Tom Cummins** and **Blake Chadwick.**

Apparently none were converted.

U16 v University

University 29 d Palmerston 0

U14 v University

Coach Donovan reports:

'The May Day long weekend and last week's School Sports Carnival for other football codes took its toll on the team this week. Many players backed up from a full weekend and week of football and were understandably a little sluggish in the first half. Also with a

couple of key players out with injury, this week's game against University was always going to be tough.

Despite some keen training sessions which have concentrated on ball security and protecting the ball carrier at the ruck, University were just too strong in the forwards and we turned over the ball too often in the first half. At half time there was a bit of soul searching going on amongst the forwards.

Whatever the water boy put in the water at half time it did the job as a different team presented itself for the second half. While we remained scoreless for the second half there was a major improvement in attitude and recognition that they could match the opposition if they concentrated on what we have been practicing at training.

*The two smallest players on the team, **Jimmy Kerr** and **Dylan Wyles-Kelly** both played above their weight and thoroughly deserved the two and three points they respectively received.*

***Dominic Atunes** kept the forwards in contention with one point and **Brad Hogan**, coming off 3 weeks on the side lines with an ankle injury, was very unlucky not pick up any points in receiving the **Player's Player** award.*

U12 v University

University 29 d Palmerston 0

U10 v Casuarina

Casuarina 50 d Palmerston 0

U8 v Casuarina

Palmerston 35 d Casuarina 25
Our tries were scored by **Koby Snowden, Joe Cotton (5)** and **Sean McFarlane.**

U6 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 30 d Palmerston 25

Our tries were scored by **Kyle Hintz Staunton (3)** and **Jack Akers (2).**

Goose Club

It's **Shane Stoeckert's** team's turn tomorrow night to sell the Goose Club raffles.

With the AUSTAR Darwin Mosquitoes playing out of town this week-end **Shane and a few others from this team** will be unavailable as will Coordinator **Adrian Graham.**

As well as the rest of the team members can we also get a **few experienced sellers** along to Lizards by **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 Queensland Country Cockatoos at Rockhampton again has 7 Crocs in the game day 22.

Although the final team won't be announced until training tonight it looks like we have **Ben Emmett** at hooker and **co-captain** of the team, **Michael Scaturchio** at #8 (can you see **Scratchy** jumping for joy at the change), **Wise Sekitoga** at flanker, **Vili Leqa** and **Shane Stoeckert** in the Centres, **Lee Verrall** as reserve loose forward and **Adrian Graham** as a reserve back.

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

Dan Maroulis will be driving down from Mackay to be a water boy for the team.

Congratulations and best of luck to all of these guys.

RSPCA Fund Raiser

Jingili Primary School is having a fund raiser for the RSPCA. They are collecting any old pet toys, pet food, kitty litter etc. Any donations from Palmerston rugby players and supporters can be left at the clubhouse and **Mietta Russell** will make sure they are passed on.

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