

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 15th June

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

5.30 U6
5.30 U8 v Casuarina
5.30 U10 v Casuarina
7.40 U14 v Dragons
8.40 U16 v ?????

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.50 U12 v University

SATURDAY 16th June

Moulden Park Oval

2.00 U18 v Dragons
3.30 B v South Darwin
5.00 A v South Darwin

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	5	4		1	2	18
Palmerston	6	3		3	4	16
Casuarina	5	3		2	1	13
University	6	2		4	2	10
Souths	6	2		4		8

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	6	6				5	29
Palmerston	7	4		3		2	21
Souths	6	3		3		2	14
Jabiru	5	2		3		1	12
Casuarina	7	2		5		2	10
University	7	2		5	1	2	6

U18 Colts Standings						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Palmerston	10	7		3	5	33
Cas-Souths	10	5	1	4	4	26
Dragons	10	5		5	4	24
University	10	2	1	7	3	13

Coming Events

Juniors BBQ

TONIGHT

Thursday 14th June

Home Game v Souths
Saturday 16th June

This will be another big day of rugby. No junior games this time just U18, B Grade and A Grade.

**Garbage Collection @
Royal Darwin Show**

**Thursday - Sunday
26th - 29th July**

Yes, we will be there keeping the grounds clean again for another year. Mark it in your diary and watch out soon for the call for volunteers.

This is a major fundraiser for the club.

Last Week's Games

B v Jabiru

Jabiru 21 d Palmerston 12

Coach Killiner reports: 'We traveled to Jabiru for a catch up game from Darwin Show weekend and with a man down from the start it was always going to be a tough assignment as Jabiru home games traditionally are. We started the game in the best possible way with **Squitter** and **Bronson 'Mitch' Mitchell** combining well in mid field for a converted try under the posts less than 5 minutes into the game. Now that's something you don't see every day in a Jabiru home game.

The Bushratz hit back in the best possible way by tightening up their game and really muscling up. They scored shortly after and at 7-7 we had a ball game.

Jabiru's pack out weighed us considerably and with a couple of new faces in their pack they

were **able to put pressure on both our scrum and lineouts** - something which we have dominated in most games so far this season. With our set piece struggling and our pick and go still needing some work we felt a bit under siege. Jabiru scored another converted try and went in at half time 14-7. A couple of positional changes were needed at the break as we had a few walking or not so walking wounded.

The 2nd half continued in much the same vein as the first and we were having trouble maintaining possession and getting a pattern to our play. Jabiru scored another long range try and converted - score 21-7.

Enter **Todd 'Serge' Harrison** the ever versatile full back. His 'tactical kicking' including the chip and chase, the long range punt kick for field position or the deft drop outs for touch - he had it all. This was **Todd's** last road trip for Palmy and possibly the last game for the club as he leaves for WA soon. For those that were 'lucky' enough to be in Jabiru, this was a polished performance as he **switched from full back to prop** and gave us some stability in the scrum.

After a few penalties in a row we gained valuable field position and was starting to get a role on. A quick tap and a **bullocking run from Todd turned into a late try**. As with all promising full backs come props he was keen to convert his own try. With the shot wide of the posts and Jabiru yelling out on the charge he



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**Brumby's
Palmerston**



was given another chance. Surprisingly the **second attempt was much like the first** and the shot was again wide. With the scores now 21-12 we had a late sniff.

We played most of the second half with 13 men and **Mitch** concussed from a heavy knock he received mid way through the first half so a **pretty gutsy and committed performance** by all in the end. We simply ran out of steam in the end.

Player's player was a unanimous **Todd (Serge) Harrison**, with strong games from **Michael Killiner** and **Tom Cummins** as they prepare themselves for the upcoming schoolboy championships and **Squirter**.

Tries were scored by **Bronson Mitchell** and **Todd Harrison**. **Craig 'Squirter' Leach** converted one try.

Squirter's also penned the following report:

*'We have seen a break through in modern day coaching. **Coach Bree** and **Coach Killiner** have just done the impossible.*

*Being short on Saturday at Jabiru we needed a fullback and **Todd 'T-Bear' Harrison** stepped up to the plate, taped ears and all, in the 'custodians' number 15.*

*An ex 2nd rower, come prop assumed the position and from minute one **showed every skill** in the fullback's handbook. Raking clearing kicks out of the 22m to marks, and midfield bombs that would make Roger Gould proud. **T-Bear** had a full game at the back, including a quick tap in the final stages and running through the whole forward pack to score a well earned try.*

*A **Man of the Match** effort on his final appearance for the Crocs. **Well done 'Surge'!!***

U14 v Swampdogs

Coach Donovan says:

*The team **trained hard** all week in the belief that they can beat the Swamp Dogs, given that our last encounter was a very tight match which they narrowly won. While our team was virtually unchanged from the last game unfortunately not the same team mentally turned up and we played our worst game for the year. It was reminiscent of watching an U10 match where all of the players wanted to be next to the ball or the ruck.*

*There was however **some positives** to come out of the match, our scrum continues to improve and are now a match for any in the competition. Our lineouts were brilliant winning all bar one including their throw ins.*

*With 28 players regularly turning up to training and at least **24 or 25 turning up for games** there is a lot of juggling going on for spots in the team. One of our best players returned this week in **Snow Leavavasour** and for his efforts picked up one point. **Jarred Deo** at full back was heavily involved for his two points and **Jarred Donovan** despite having to be taken off late in the game with a cracked rib picked up three points. **Player's Player** was split between **Peter Kilgour** and **Snow Leavavasour** with **Keegan Steele** picking up the **McDonalds Palmerston encouragement award**.*

Goose Club

It's **Michael Killiner's** team's turn tomorrow night to sell the Goose Club raffles. I understand Denny Johnston's crew got things back on track last Friday night, well done guys.

Michael's team includes: The team includes: **Ian Hogan, Paddy Killen, Tom**

Cummins, Blake Chadwick, Craig Leach, Lee Verrall, Damian O'Brien, Scott Werleman and Peter Hogan. Please make sure you are all there and ready to go at 5:30pm.

Junior's Gove Trip

The NTRU are calling for **expressions of interest** for players, coaches and managers for this year's **trip to Gove** on September 8 & 9.

This year U12 and U14 teams will be touring with the possibility of an U16 team depending upon interested players.

Players who are interested in touring need to **complete a nomination form** return it to Cathie Briner at the NTRU either in person, by email – Cathie.briner@ntrugby.com.au or by post to PO BOX 41937 Casuarina NT 0811. See your coach for a copy of the form.

Interested coaches and managers need to send an expression of interest plus detailed coaching background to Dale Roberson by email – dale.roberson@ntrugby.com.au or by post to PO BOX 41937 Casuarina NT 0811.

Any questions regarding the event can be directed to **Cathie Briner** or **Dale Roberson** on 89451444.

Croc Jottings

It is reported that **Ian Hogan** was overheard commenting "this really isn't beer weather" at some stage early on in the evening last Saturday night at Jabiru. He must have been thinking of the likely need for him to have to drive **Mitch's** car home. Perhaps?

Todd Harrison wasn't impressed.

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Brumby's

Palmerston

Happy Birthday!!

Hayden Austine 15 on 19th June

George Hatzismalis 38 on 19th June

