

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 6th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 B v University
7.30 A v University

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	8	7		1	3	31
Palmerston	8	4		4	6	22
Casuarina	8	4		4	3	19
Souths	8	3		5		12
University	8	2		6	2	10

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	10	8	1	1		6	40
Palmerston	11	7		3		5	36
Jabiru	11	4	1	5		2	23
Casuarina	10	3	1	6		4	18
Souths	10	3	1	6	1	2	12
University	10	3		7	1	2	10

Coming Events

Bateman's Bay Oldies +
Steve Payne

Saturday 21st July

Dallas Graetz tells me that Peter Ryan from the Bateman's Bay Oldies has 13 players and Steve Payne, that is ex-Palmy Steve Payne, coming up to Darwin for a game against the Darwin Stubbies on 21st July. He has volunteered our Old Salties to fill in and make up the numbers on both sides as required.

The exact time on Saturday is yet to be determined but watch this space.

Garbage Collection @
Royal Darwin Show
26th - 29th July

I need volunteers NOW
for the following shifts.

Thursday 7am - 5pm
Thursday 5pm - 11pm
Friday 7am - 5pm
Friday 5pm - 1am
Saturday 7am - 5pm
Saturday 5pm - 1am
Sunday 8am - 12noon
Email or SMS me your preference at
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Last Week's Games

A v Dragons

Dragons 11 d Palmerston 7
A/Coach Leach offers the following insight into last Friday night's game:

'Palmy A grade ran on a very strong side against Dragons, but in a very physical game, we were forced to use the entire bench due to injuries, to finish the game.

A superb start saw #10 Adrian 'Sluggger' Graham connect with outside centre Tommy Hurse, to find a yawning gap, with 'TK' Hurse dotting down under the posts, untouched after 4 minutes.

The Dragons back line scratched their heads under the posts as Sluggger converted. 7 nil said the score board.

What followed was a massive battle with forwards Shaun Jolley and Bobby Mitchell doing heaps of tight work. Loosies Lee Verrall, Wise Sekitoga, Jah Nayacadraudrau and Michael 'Scratchy' Scaturchio all played well as did the front row.

With injuries to Scratch, Sluggger, Jah and Vili, the

game ground away, with Dragons leading 7 - 8 most of the 2nd half. Narada Kerr-Barlow, back on school holidays, made a cameo appearance, enjoying a battle against his cousin Nick Barlow, and policed by linesman Jacob Kerr-Barlow. Proud mum and dad watched from the sidelines huddled in blankets as if we were in chilly Wellington.

Final score Dragons 11 - Palmy 7. Palmy showed excellent promise and look forward to the next encounter.

Thanks to the B grade reserves who all slotted into A Grade with ease.

Our try was scored by Tom Hurse and converted by Adrian Graham.

Player's Player was Shaun Jolley.

B v Dragons

Palmerston 53 d Dragons 12
A/Coach Leach reports:

Palmy B grade met an undefeated and top of the table Dragons side on a very chilly Darwin 'winters' Friday night.

The game proved to be a watershed with a barnstorming win to the Crocs, who never looked in trouble from the kick off to the final hooter.

Palmy's naval connection Gary Hunt was unstoppable scoring 4 tries from outside centre. The ball was thrown around in classic fearless style with Wise Sekitoga, Gary 'Hazard' Cooper and captain Leigh 'Staity' Stait showing what damage a trio of loosies can do.



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Brumby's
Palmerston



Gareth Cotter kicked well, converting most of the tries and directed the backs well, with **Keven Jones** and **Ricky 'Stinkin' Hoe** proving a handful for the Dragons.

No 'fire breathing' in this encounter! **Palmy** stand in coach lost count of the tries. Mission accomplished. Well done the **Killer B's** in a superb display of rugby.

Tries were scored by **Gary Hunt (4), Gary Cooper, Wise Sekitoga, Gareth Cotter** and **Ricky Hoe**. **Gareth Cotter** kicked 4 conversions.

NT Schoolboys

Unfortunately the NT Schoolboys struggled in their final game of the Australian Schools Division II Championships in Geelong against South Australia.

Many players were out injured or carrying injuries and this made it very difficult.

On the positive front **two players** were selected in the **Combined States** team, Palmerston's **Michael Killiner** and Dragons fullback **Joe McCarthy**. Congratulations to both of these players.

Palmerston player, **Kyle Davies**, was awarded the NT Team man trophy. Congratulations Kyle.

Word has come through that **Michael** played most of the first Combined States game against the ACT on Tuesday as a lock and went OK according to Dad, Sean.

Melbourne Reunion

Some people just have to be different. **Bernie Bree** and a few friends decided they would have their own reunion this year at the Bledisloe Cup game in Melbourne.

Bernie reports:

'We have just held the second Test reunion for the year, this time in Melbourne and the result was magnificent.

*There was an early meeting at the Portland Hotel for drinks and a feed so as to be in top condition for the game. **Mike Wilson** was a bit gun shy after the Brisbane Test and quite determined to see out the game so he was a silent partner. He did badger the waitress about the lack of XXXX Gold but she didn't understand him so wasn't that offended.*

***Dennis Bree** came dressed in a suit and left early to help prepare the Wallabies (and what a job he must have done!) It was left to a few of us to complete the pre game rituals. Unfortunately we were a dysfunctional lot - except for me.*

***Sean 'Boulder' Killiner** and our sponsor **James Mansfield** from Ensign Laundry were shot ducks to start with after a very late finish the night before.*

***James** says that it is all **Dennis Bree's** fault – after dinner **Dennis** dropped he and **Sean** off in the middle of Melbourne instead of making sure they were safely tucked up in bed in their hotel room.*

*Another member was **Leigh** who was a very willing drinker but had never been to a rugby game before.*

***Jeremy Bree** did his best and was keen to tank up before the game. His wife **Nicky** came in her All Black gear so that gave the team a shock. It was fun after the game though.*

***Sonya Bree** decided to stay sober as she suspected that others might need help later on.*

We sat behind the try line where all four tries were scored so we were happy and with the big crowd and crap service, we were also sober.'

Croc Jottings

Mick Smith tells CrocTales that he will be visiting his sons in Darwin in July. He is keen to catch up over a beer after

training and at games on the 6th and 13th July.

I don't have exact dates but beware he may be dropping by for a beer tonight.

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Anthony Lees will be playing his last game with us tomorrow night as he is off to Malaysia. I wonder if he is going to do a **Keven Jones**?

Thanks for all of your efforts Leesy and your fantastic versatility.

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Good news has also come through that **Hunter McGee** is back from the USA and will be playing tomorrow night.

The bad news is he is only here to pack up to return to the USA and so it will also be his last game for us.

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What do South Africans call the kicking tee?

Cate Killiner asked **Kyle Davies** if he would run the tee for her and he had a very confused look on his face.

It took him a few minutes to understand what she meant – initially he thought she meant tea/coffee out to the players.

Cate says she knows it was cold and hat she and **Fiona** provide a great service to the players but!!!!

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Three cheers for the Orange Waratahs, who **after 58 consecutive losses**, beat Cudal 22-14 in the President's Cup last weekend. As their coach said: "We've been working up to this."

Is this the same club ex-Croc **Jeremy Bright** plays for?



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