

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 13th July

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 B v Casuarina
7.30 A v Casuarina

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Dragons	9	8		1	4	36
Palmerston	9	5		4	6	26
Casuarina	8	4		4	3	19
Souths	9	3		6		12
University	9	2		7	3	11

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Dragons	11	9	1	1		7	45
Palmerston	12	8		3		6	41
Jabiru	12	4	1	6		2	23
Casuarina	11	4	1	6		4	22
Souths	11	3	1	7	1	2	12
University	11	3		8	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

palmerstonrugby@octa4.net.au
or 0401 111 700 **NOW!!**

Last Week's Games

A v University

Palmerston 21 d University 17
Coach Bree has returned from his stint with the Wallabies in Melbourne and provides the following report on last Friday night's game:

'If we had lost this one then we would be still kicking ourselves in August at finals time. This was an opportunity to cement second place and we nearly blew it.

We gave away our first penalty in the first minute and that was a sign of what was to come. University then kept possession and signalled their intention of using forwards running in the backs, mainly off their fly half. The ball then went wide where we were outnumbered but, just as happened in the Tri Nations match, there was an intercept and Damien Smith sprinted 80m to score against the run of play.

University hit back fairly

quickly.

Leigh Stait scored our second try after some good sustained possession and patient play. We went in to the break at 14-12 up.

The second half went bad quickly and the penalties began to mount. University scored and led by 17-14 for a lot of the half. With a scrum 5m out we had good pick up and drive from our new half back, Craig Leach, and the ball was given to Wise Sekitoga who scored. A third try for us and a third conversion from Shane Stoekert put us in front 21-17 and that's where it stayed even though we continued to offer University numerous opportunities with penalties, turn overs and through not clearing with our kicks.

The penalty count against us was 9 in the first half and 14 in the second! It seems that we continue to put ourselves under pressure by pushing a referees interpretation of the off side line and by not rolling away.

Some highlights were the great service from Craig 'Squirter' Leach at half back; the super sub team of Colin 'Snogga' Snowden and Shane Cotton who came on with about 20 minutes to go and showed University's front row what a bit of experience can do; Wise continued to make great ground with his running game; Shaun Jolley has been outstanding in his

work rate; Ian Hogan continues to match it up front

Honour Board - 5 July 2007

A Grade Coach's Award: Lee Verrall
B Grade Coach's Award: Ian Verrall



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Brumby's
Palmerston



with the big boys and shows great effectiveness around the field; **Vili Leqa** pulled off a terrific tackle on the University No 8; and most importantly we **won because we kicked better!** When did that last happen?

A great win guys and lots of individual performances. Now we need to put the whole show together.'

Tries were scored by **Damien Smith, Leigh Stait and Wise Sekitoga** while **Shane Stoeckert** kicked 3 conversions.

Player's Player was **Shaun Jolley**.

B v University

Palmerston 35 d University 0 by forfeit

Palmerston 24? d Dragons 7?

Coach Bree reports:

*'B grade was a disappointment for our guys. University didn't front. We had a full team plus reserves all ready to go out and play but University didn't even show the courtesy of coming and telling us there was no game. **Not one of them turned up! Pathetic!***

With all that strapping and preparation we needed a game so we headed off to ground two and played Dragons again as Souths had forfeited to them. This was to be a scratch match but it got a bit willing towards the end and



there might not have been sheep stations on it but **pride seemed to be enough to keep everyone's attention.** A good win to our B grade.

Also, thanks to B grade for the great communication. Guys who were going to be late due to work commitments let me know and others were there and ready nice and early.

When you have an aging coach it's nice to be kind to his stress levels.'

Tries in the scratch match were scored by **Paddy Killen, Damian O'Brien, Kev Jones** and ???. **Gareth 'Cotts' Cotter** kicked 2 conversions and broke down kicking the last one.

Croc Jottings

As reported last week, **Anthony Lees** played his last game for Palmerston on Friday night and he has been a terrific asset this season.

He has played wherever required and though he is a specialist loose forward, he has played nearly everywhere but and up until this game was our regular half back. **Thanks Anthony.**

Coach Bree loves versatile players.



Hunter McGee also made a guest appearance in B Grade on Friday night. **Hunter** is back from his time playing in California and, just like the Clappett family; he's packing up and moving to Beverly Hills (or somewhere close).

We wish him all the best in his playing career in the US even though he actually spoke more about the US girls than the US rugby.



CrocTales received a very quick email reply from **Jeremy Bright** after last week's story about the Orange Waratahs.

He says that **3° maximum days** and 38 knot howling winds and an age of plus 40 has ensured that he is well and truly in retirement in Orange NSW.

He is however willing to play in 20° plus temperatures.



Physio Cat Waite tells CrocTales that at present we have a large number of players who needed strapping for games.

To help her out, **B Grade** players need to be at the ground by **5pm** and **A Grade** players by **6pm**. Cat will start strapping A Grade players as soon as B Grade runs on.



Coach Bree couldn't believe all the blankets that were brought down on Friday night by team manager **Fiona Austine**. He had been told that it gets pretty cold on the bench and there were a few unhappy players cuddled up last week so **Fiona** thought she would solve the problem this week. **Well done.**

See photos below to prove the point.



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Palmerston

Happy Birthday!!

Brett Lenz 25 on 13th July

Jah Nayacadraudrau 31 on 17th July

