

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 17th August

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

- 5.30 **U6**
5.30 **U8** v University
5.30 **U10** v University
6.50 **U12** v Dragons
7.40 **U14** v University
8.40 **U16** v University

SATURDAY 18th August

PRELIMINARY FINALS &
U18 GRAND FINAL

- AUSTAR Rugby Park
11.50 **U18** v Casuarina
1.20 **B** v Jabiru
3.10 **A** v Casuarina

SATURDAY 25th August

GRAND FINALS

- AUSTAR Rugby Park
10.30 **U8**
10.30 **U10**
11.20 **U10**
12.15 **U12**
1.20 **B Grade**
3.10 **A Grade**
5.15 **U14**
6.30 **U16**

Coming Events

**Eric Johnson Medal &
NTRU Awards Night**
7pm Saturday 18th August

This is a good night and all PRUC Players are **encouraged to attend.**

We have many players in the running for awards.

If you haven't got your ticket already then you need to get it **TONIGHT.** Tickets are \$55 although **discounted tickets** for players and team management are available for **\$30** via Rob Sloan (0439 809 455).

NT Junior Rugby Union Fundraising Dinner

22 August 2007

Prizes, Auctions, Raffles, Fun
and Entertainment, Dinner

Guest Speaker – **Ben Tune**

\$60.00 per person

Mirambeena Resort Darwin

PRUC Junior Presentation

Sunday 26th August

From 10:30am at Berry
Springs Nature Park

Bring the family, your
swimmers and a picnic and
enjoy the atmosphere

PRUC Senior Presentation

Saturday 1st September

OK, CrocTales has tracked
down some more information
for this big night.

Tickets are \$75 a single or
\$140 a double. **U18 tickets**
are \$50.

For this small contribution you
will receive **fine food** from
Master Chef **Kev Jones** and
friends, a **drinks reception**,
wine on the table, **music** and
dancing, other drinks at club
prices and of course
everyone's fine company.

To book your tickets now
please email or SMS either
myself

(garry.russell@nt.gov.au, 0401
111 700) or Rob Sloan
(robert.sloan@bigpond.com,
0439 809 455).

Don't forget dress is **Territory
Formal.**

Last Week's Games

A v Dragons

Dragons 25 d Palmerston 14

Coach Bree reports:

*It has taken a while to sit down
and write this piece as it's hard
to type while crying. After the
game I couldn't help thinking
that we really just didn't get
into the game. On Tuesday
evening we watched the cut
version of the game and the
number of turnovers (17) and
penalties (19) plus a fairly
predictable attack and a
disjointed defensive line meant
that we didn't give ourselves a
chance.*

*Once Dragons got a lead they
employed a good kicking
game to keep us pinned in our
22m area and then we felt the
need to take some
extraordinary chances in order
to get out.*

*Without going back over the
game, I am hopeful that by
watching the game we are all
agreed on what now needs to
happen and this weekend will
see a happy result.'*

Our tries were scored by **Ben
Mitchell** and **Tom Hurse** and
Shane Stoeckert converted
both tries.

The **Player's Player** was
Apenisa 'Jah'
Nayacadraudrau.

B v Dragons

Dragons 20 d Palmerston 5

Coach Killiner reports:

*'It was Major Semi Final time
in B Grade, with Dragons
finishing the season as Minor
Premiers and Palmy in second
spot. It was always going to
be a tough ask against a side
that lost only 1 game all
season.*

*Palmy started the game well
running with a slight wind in*



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Brumby's
Palmerston



the first half and thanks to a **Mika Dreu** try we led at half time 5-0.

Unfortunately, due to some crucial errors on our part and some very trying refereeing decisions, Dragons were able to lift the tempo in the second half and score 4 unanswered tries to run out relatively comfortable 20-5 winners.

There were some real positives to take from the game. Once again we dominated the set pieces with our lineouts working well and our scrums dominating (at least 3 tight heads that I can recall). Our go forward was good with **Damian O'Brien** once again leading the way. **Dale Reid** also had a strong game pilfering a number of Dragons wayward lineout throws and **Gary Cooper** active at the breakdowns.

Dan Bree and **Keven Jones** both had strong games in the backs. We just lacked a little penetration in the mid field and is something we can definitely improve on for this week's game against Jabiru.

Our discipline throughout the game was patchy, particularly as some refereeing decisions went against us. This is something we worked on all year and to let it fall away in a semi final is disappointing. I would like to think that this was just a blemish as it has not been part of our game so far this season.

Bring on Jabiru !!

Player's Player was **Keven Jones**.

U18 v University

Semi final (1 v 4)

Palmerston 14 d University 5

Coach Snowden offers some comments on last week's U18 sudden death semi final.

'University started best, with the Crocs dropping ball and generally making basic errors in attack.

We had an early injury to inform outside back **Paddy Elliott** which disrupted the backline. Further to this we were not playing to our usual standard and were all spectating for the 1st half, forward runners were being isolated and possession was being easily 'turned-over'. Our lineouts were not working and timing and throws were all over the place. Our usual options were difficult to achieve. The backline was way too far apart and flatfooted in attack which made it almost impossible to make any reasonable metres; **our excellent defence** was our main positive outcome. University went into the break 5-0 ahead, we were handing them the game!

Some half time '**self evaluation**' was all that was needed to switch the Crocs on. We went into the 2nd half re-focused on our simple game plan, fixing up our error rate and with a renewed commitment between the players not to be beaten from minor premiers into last by the 4th placed team.

The forwards began to take the ball up the 'tram tracks' dominating possession and field position. The backs moved closer and deeper allowing freer movement and more line breaks as a consequence. **Keith Dowling** and **Kane Richards** were outstanding on the day with **Keith** making 1 or 2 decisive breaks and **Kane** tackling anything that came his way...**Kane** was also tremendous in making all the right decisions and taking the correct options, just what 1st V's need to be doing!

We need to keep these future Mozzie players in our club!

The forwards all lifted as a group in the 2nd half, allowing the rewards of victory to come our way. **Jacob Brandt, Tom Cummins** and **Brenton Whatley** were all super committed and led from the front. The opposition wilted in defence, with the last 10 minutes of the half providing some excellent Rugby...and an indicator for the team on what will be the minimum effort required in securing the premiership this week.

We won the 2nd half comfortably in the end, with perhaps a 'wake-up call' / 'kick in the pants' for our troubles.

Thank you to **Darren Bishell** and the **PRUC U16's** who loaned players and replacements for the bench...**Jacob Collins** was fantastic both on the flank and at outside centre, along with **Anthony Smith** who always plays above his weight...thank you to all those who helped.

This week is GF time against the cougars (notice the small font!!! Bernie, Dennis and Boulder)...and we need to be fully prepared for the challenge that is finals footy, anyone can win...usually the best prepared and most committed.

This year has been very successful for the Colts with lots of representative honours, many outstanding performances and many players showing their true worth, this will add extraordinary value to the club in the senior levels for many years to come.

The U18's PRUC Colts are a very special group with many personalities and great potential within...it has been a privilege to be associated with them for the last half of the season.

Also a very special "thank



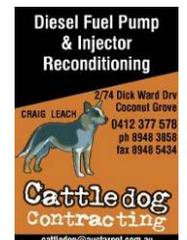
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Palmerston

For Sale

U8, U10 & U12

Jerseys

\$20 each

Jerseys available on Presentation Day



you" to **Cate Killiner** for the stacks of assistance she has supplied throughout the year, our team would not have been as successful without your help.

Anyhow...Go Hard this weekend boys...make the premiership yours (you do deserve it)...and start the club on its winning ways this Saturday.'

Our tries were scored by **Kyle Davies** and **Brett Noakes**. **Kane Richards** kicked 2 beautiful conversions.

U16 v Dragons

Palmerston 17 v Dragons 17
Our tries were scored by **Jordon Bishell**, **Rob Cotter** and **Not Listed** while **Dean Staunton** kicked a conversion.

U14 v Dragons

Dragons 41 d Palmerston 12

Coach Donovan says:

'Unfortunately the school holiday break seems to have altered out numbers quite considerably and we have lost a few of our bigger players. On Friday night we fielded the smallest physical sized team we have all year which didn't help us against one of the biggest sides around in Casuarina.

Despite this our boys made a very good game of it and kept them scoreless for a good majority of the first half. The pace of the game indicated that they could run away with it at anytime but our team stuck to their game plan. Our team felt a little cheated when a try appeared to be held up over the line but unfortunately the referee saw it differently. Despite two late tries by them it was a very competitive game.

Once again **Brad Hogan** played a very good game to pick up three points along with **Jarred Donovan** who scored both of our tries. Two points went to **Lauchie Wade** and

one point went to **Jake Gill**. **Players' player** went to **Brad Hogan** and the **Palmerston McDonald's encouragement award** went to **Peter Kilgour**.

Jarrood Donovan scored both our tries and **Brad Hogan** converted one.

U10 v Swampdogs Red

Swampdogs 68 d Palmerston 40

Tries were scored by **Riley Hogan (4)**, **Ayrton Deo** and **Brielle Felton**. **Luke Rutherford (2)**, **Riley (2)** and **Brett Muller** all kicked conversions.

U8 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston 80 v Swampdogs 80

Tries were scored by **Koby Snowden (7)**, **Jarryd Morriss (3)**, **Michelle Dreu** and **Cody Gill**.

U6 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 25 d Palmerston 15

Tries were scored by **Jacob Blyton (2)** and **Michael Dreu**.

Italian Night.

Last Thursday night was a very successful Italian Night organised by the Juniors. **Ali Snowden** says a very big thank you to all of the chefs: **Lyn Cotton**, **Pauline Wyles**, **Kylie Grainger**, **Carol Bolton**, **Tania Mitchell**, **Robyn Deo**, **Kerrie Hogan**, **Cat Waite**, **Jo Bell** and **Fiona Austine**.

The food was delicious with a great variety of pastas and plenty to feed both junior and senior players and families who attended. On top of all of that \$320.00 for the club.

Croc Jottings

Leigh 'Staity' Stait announced after last weekend's A Grade semi final that he had just played his last game for the club.

He's a bit sneaky really.

Coach Bree knew he wouldn't be available for any more games this season due to exercises but he hadn't let on about his transfer to **Brisbane**. We'll see him at a reunion I'm sure.

He also hadn't let on that he has recently become engaged.

Congratulations Staity and all the best for your future.



Rehydrate

We all know the importance of rehydrating but has anyone ever taken it to the extremes that **Lee Verrall** did? After last week-ends A Grade game, **Lee** put a line into himself and sat down to a lovely saline drip. **Coach Bree** still prefers beer.



Team managers **Fiona Austine** and **Cate Killiner** say a big thank you to senior players, **Brett Lenz** and **Michael Scaturchio** who helped with the water last week-end.

It was a bit warm mid afternoon and their help made **Fiona** and **Cate's** job a bit easier.

They also say thanks to **Ashleigh Killiner** who is now the kicking tee runner and general helper.



Fiona – you know where that man's just been.



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