

## Inaugural U18 Champions



Kyle Davies, Anthony Smith, Kane Richards (obscured), Henry Burgess, Brett Noakes, Jason Moir, Paddy Elliott, Keith Dowling, Jesse Villiers, Steve Carter, Brendan Russell, Jacob Brant, Colin 'Snogga' Snowden (Coach)  
Bryce Richards, Dean Stuanton, Jai Wyles-Kelly, Brenton Whatley, Blake Bishell, Jacob Collins, Jordan Bishell, Tom Cummins, Blake Chadwick  
Michael Killiner, Robbie Cotter; Gareth Cotter (Coach)

### Upcoming Games

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August

##### GRAND FINALS

- AUSTAR Rugby Park  
10.30 **U8** v Casuarina  
10.30 **U10** v Swampdogs R  
11.20 **U10** games  
12.15 **U12** Grand Final  
1.20 **B** v Dragons  
3.10 **A** v Dragons  
5.15 **U14** Grand Final  
6.30 **U16** v Dragons

### Coming Events

**PRUC Post Grand Finals**  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Celebrations will be held at AUSTAR Rugby Park post the Grand Finals on Saturday.

With the U16 game not finishing until about 7:45pm we will stay at AUSTAR Rugby Park for a BBQ & drinks for a few hours.

Free club BBQ and cost price beers will be available from straight after the U16 game.

#### PRUC Junior Presentation

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
From 10:30am at Berry Springs Nature Park

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

**No Undie Sunday**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
From 12noon at the Clubhouse

All senior players should checkout the Junior Presentation at Berry Springs before this event.

#### PRUC Senior Presentation

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Holtze Lawn,  
George Brown Botanic Gardens

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



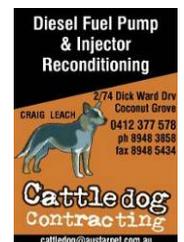
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**Brumby's**  
Palmerston



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

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

## Last Week's Games

### A v Dragons

Palmerston 20 d Casuarina 10

**Coach Bree** reports:

**We're in!!** Casuarina have caused us problems this year but it has been after each of these matches that we have set ourselves some improvement targets and gone on to achieve these so this is a great omen for next week.

To those who watched the match I can only apologise. It wasn't pretty but the result was great. We'll accept that again in the Grand Final.

**Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** really stirred the pot and we got quickly on the front foot in the forwards and that allowed us to put a lot of pressure on both with territory and possession. After a few heart in the mouth misses, **Wise Sekitoga** finished off with a chip and chase to score. **Wise** ran strongly all day and running off him looks to me like a good way to get a ball and score. **Apenisa 'Jah' Nayacadraudrau** was on the ball all day and **Lee Verrall** put incredible pressure on the Casuarina lineout.

It was a good hit out and this week the excitement rises as we approach the big game against Dragons.

For all of you out there who have ever played a Grand Final against Dragons does this game plan sound familiar?

**Don't kick them the ball!!!!**

Hope to see you all at the ground on Saturday.

Our tries were scored by **Wise Sekitoga (2)** and **Vili Leqa**. **Shane Stoeckert** kicked a conversion and a penalty.

The **Player's Player Award** went to **Wise**.

### B v Dragons

Palmerston 27 d Jabiru 14

**Coach Killiner** reports:

'Sudden death brought out almost the best in the Killer B's.

This was a **significant improvement** on the week before which was just what the doctor ordered to overcome a gallant Jabiru and earn a place in this week's Grand Final against Darwin Dragons.

Although I could spend time writing a detailed game report, the important thing is we improved on last week's performance and will **need to lift again come Saturday**. I'm sure all players involved are aware of this with the success of our season now hinging on our performance over the final 70 minutes on Saturday.

With plenty of players back and available for the game, the final decision on selections is every coach's nightmare/dream depending on how you look at it. I am supremely confident the **final squad chosen will be good enough to bring home the bacon** and turn the table on last year's Grand Final loss to Dragons. **Good luck and make yourselves, your teammates and the club proud.**

Tries were scored by **Keven Jones (2)**, **Marshall (Holla) Rogers** and **Anthony Thomas**. **Gareth 'Cotts'**

**Cotter** kicked 2 conversions and a penalty.

### U18 v Casuarina Grand Final

Palmerston 22 d Casuarina 8

**Coach Snowden** reports:

'The Crocs Colts are **Inaugural NTRU U18's Premiers 2007...**with a great **21 - 8 victory** against the Cougars.

The 1st half was a tight affair and the Cougars came to play. We thought we could outmuscle them in the tight exchanges/forward encounters only to meet a committed unit making all breakdowns 50/50 contests. Their forwards were keeping them in the game but we had the fire power out wide and found some weaknesses at outside centre. The breaks being made out wide were an indicator that our 'plan' needed to change.

The 1/2 time score was Crocs 5 - 0 in front.

We again took part in some self-assessment and identified areas within our game that needed work...(losing ball at contact, isolating and not communicating), we also noted that there were opportunities at outside centre.

The team then decided to move to the 'go wider-early' option, utilising quick taps and running off set plays deep within our defensive zone. These tactics worked a treat. We took Casuarina out of their comfort zone and made their big men travel further than they ever wanted too, gaps were appearing all over their defensive line and the rotational centre partnership of **Blake Chadwick, Keith Dowling** and **Bryce Richards** ran amok...the Colts were coming, and there was no stopping them.



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**Brumby's**

Palmerston



Casuarina lost players to 13 and then to 12 which made the Crocs forfeit 1 player each time (ARU U19 Laws).

This did not disrupt the Colts and the floodgates opened 10 minutes from fulltime with 2 long range (60 - 80m) tries highlighted by the superb support play and number of players handling possession in both instances. The last try, scored by **Jacob Collins**, was especially good with calls of 'try of the season' etc. coming from the crowd.

Best Players included; **Steven Carter, Blake Chadwick, Bryce Richards, Kane Richards, Keith Dowling, Michael Killiner, Tom Cummins, Jye Wyles-Kelly, Kyle Davies and Jason Moir.**

Well we started PRUC off in a winning form that continued throughout the day.

**Well done the Mighty Crocs Colts!...and may you play Good Rugby this week A's, B's and U16's.'**

Our tries were scored by **Steven Carter, Blake Chadwick, Bryce Richards and Jacob Collins.**

**Kane Richards** kicked a conversion.

### U16 v University

Palmerston 19 d University 12

**Coach Bishell** reports 'The U16's have once again shown that the 3<sup>rd</sup> place we finished in the premiership is by no way a true indication of the team's ability.

We have **continued to improve every week**, we managed a 17 all draw with Dragons last week who went straight through to the Grand Final and we managed to beat University on Friday 19 - 12.

We didn't have the game all our way and went to half time down on the scoreboard 7-5, our first try was scored by **Henry Burgess** through some dominating pick and drive by the forwards, **Dean Staunton** was unable to convert this try.

After half time University were once again the first to score against the run of play. We were able to capitalise on some great field position, by applying a large amount of pressure to the University side. On top of this pressure **Dean Staunton** was able to charge down a kick by University from their in goal, this charge down was cleaned up on the full by **Tom Pavone** to score close to the posts, the try was converted by **Dean**. From this stage University were unable to cope with the pressure we continued to apply. Our backs were able to break the line and gain good field position, **Jason Ellis** was a standout gaining a huge amount of ground returning the ball from University's kicks, **Jason** was also strong in defence making numerous tackles under pressure out wide.

Our last try was scored out wide through another strong run by our backs, the try was scored by (**I am not sure who scored this try**) **Dean** was able to covert this from the sideline to top off a great night by him.

**Every boy in our team deserves credit** for making the final, it has been a team effort all year and the boys should be proud of what they have achieved this season, we have beaten Dragons twice this year and with the draw last week, the game will definitely not be a one sided affair, the Dragons players spent the evening cheering for University. I guess we weren't their choice of team to be playing in the final.

A special mention should go to **Rob Cotter, Jacob Collins, Anthony Smith, Jordan Bishell, Jessie Villiers, Henry Burgess, Brenton Whatley and Dean Staunton** who played for the U18's this season on winning the grand final on Saturday.'

### U14 v Dragons

University 34 d Palmerston 5

**Coach Donovan** says:

'The team went into this game with nothing to lose as it was the **1v4 elimination final**. Even though the result didn't go our way **the commitment showed by the players was what mattered most on the day**.

The experienced gained by the younger players in this team will stand them in good stead at this age level next year.

While all year we have only mentioned the players who have won points or have won Player's player Awards there has been another level of player supporting them who have been unlucky to not have been in the points at times.

Long time players like **Jimmy Kerr, Dylan Wyles Kelly, Tyler Donovan, Shaun Lay, Lachlan Wade, Damian Stedman and AJ Brooking** have contributed significantly to the team this year.

Other players such as **Jake Gill, Dominic, Atunes, Jacob Ranger, Jarred Deo, Lachlan Austin, Angus Tink, Jack Hamilton and Jack Bolton** will form the basis of a good side for next year if they improve as they have done this year.

Three other players are worthy of mention are our **first time** union players this year, **Jake Tong, Cameron Rogers and Keegan Steele**. **Keegan Steele** in particular has adapted to Union with a lot of talent and will do well in future years.

I would like to thank all those involved with the U14's particularly my **Co-Coach Peter Kilgour**, my **Manager Carol Bolton** and **McDonalds Palmerston** who have supplied vouchers



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Happy Birthday!!

Wesley Davies

19 on 26<sup>th</sup> August



all year as incentive awards.

### U12 v Dragons

Dragons 12 d Palmerston 7

Our try was scored by **Joel Hogan** and **Dylan Holmes** kicked the conversion.

### U10 v Swampdogs Red

University 48 d Palmerston 31

Tries were scored by **Riley Hogan (3)**, **Brett Mullen** and **John Lynch**. **Riley, Brett**, and **Luke Rutherford** all kicked conversions.

### U8 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston 45 d University 30

Tries were scored by **Sean McFarlane (6)**, **Koby Snowden (2)** and **Joe Cotton**.

## NTRU Presentation Night

Although a lot of this night was a Dragons affair, Palmerston Rugby Union Club also had a number of winners and fine performers.

Firstly, my thanks to the 28 Palmerston people who attended the night and who went a long way to making it a success.

**Highlight of the night** was **Gareth 'Cotts' Cotter** winning the **B Grade Best and Fairest Award**. Congratulations Cotts, this is just reward for all of the effort you have put in throughout the season.

Cotts was hoping he was in the running for the B Grade point scoring award but he missed out on this one narrowly and **was blown away** when announced as the best and fairest winner.

**Dan Bree** was announced as a runner up in this award as well.

Our other winner was myself, sharing the **NTRU Volunteer of the Year Award** with **Brendan O'Brien** from Dragons.



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## End of Season Trip

The Crocs Colts (U16'S and U18's) have an End of Season trip to Dundee on Saturday 8th September 2007.

2991 Threadfin Road Dundee Downs.

**Contact Snogga or Ali** on 0402 865 706 or 8978 1466 (@ Dundee).

Families and children welcome.

Bring boats, tents, swags, towels, chairs, drinks and lunch both days. tea and brekky provided.

Saturday: fishing

day Sunday: home day.

Monday: extended visitors

home day.

## Strapping message

Do you get strapped on Saturday's?

Well **Cat Waite** has been called away this weekend with her studies and she is not very happy about it.

A replacement Physio has been arranged and the deal is that you need to **pay for your strapping TONIGHT** at training this week. Be good, see Cat and give her the money please.



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