

## Upcoming Games

### Round Three

FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U6**

6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs

7.40 **U14** v Casuarina

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

6.00 **U10** v Casuarina

6.50 **U12** v Dragons

8.40 **U16** v University Red

SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March

4.00 **U18** v Dragons

5.30 **B** v Dragons

7.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade	Tooheys			New Cup		
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Casuarina	2	1		1	1	5
Souths	2	1		1	1	5
University	1	1				4
Dragons	2	1		1		4
Palmerston	1			1		

## Coming Events

### Home Games in 2008

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Get these dates in your diary, these will be important days and lots of helpers and supporters will be needed.

## Last Week's Games

**B v Jabiru**

Palmerston 35 d Jabiru 10

The Mighty Bs rediscovered their winning form at Magela Field at Jabiru last Saturday. Was it the clear country air or the excitement of being the curtain raiser to the City v

Country clash? I don't know but it certainly worked.

For a start there were 16 players, bus driver and player mentor **Dallas Graetz** was secretly disappointed, he had packed his boots just in case.

There were 10 players new to the club this year in the team, I'm sure just a small educational challenge for Graetz on the trip home, and **Squirter** looked very busy pre-game explaining some of the laws of the game and the game plan. Unfortunately he ran out of time and didn't get to the bit about converting the tries. **Seven tries, no conversions** and 3 different kickers makes a statement.

**Squirter** adds that 'a number of players played out of position, I'm sure I saw #7 on his back, but you wouldn't have known it. He also said that the team's 2 goals were to fix up the lineout and secure good phase ball, both achieved successfully.

The backs shone with excellent hands and very good counter attack led by fullback **Josh Gray (the white Fijian)**. Winger **William Smith** enjoyed a hat-trick of tries combining well with **Rick Smith** and **Justin Walker** making it look easy. There were also big games from newcomers **Greg Jarvis, Scott Rasmussen** and **Ryan McNamara** in the forwards. Thanks also to **Keven Jones** and **Stan Huen** for filling the gaps. **Palmy Killer B's** let the Bushrats in for a last minute try, final score, a very strong win away, 35 - 10.

**Best player and Player's Player** was **Josh Gray** who made some big runs from fullback. He was ably supported by **Justin Walker** and **William Smith**.

**Tries** were scored by **William Smith (3), Ryan McNamara, Stan Huen, Josh Gray** and **Freddrick Smith**.

We lost the boat race on a technicality... but had a great bus trip home, with 8 new players 'initiated' by dashing over the South Alligator Bridge.'

Hmm, I wonder if there was anything special about that dash. Knowing **Graetz** and **Squirter** I bet there was.

### U14 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 19 d Swampdogs 7

**Tries** were scored by **Peter Kilgour (3)** and we don't know who kicked the 2 conversions.

### U12 v University

Palmerston 37 d University 7

**Tries** were scored by **Brielle Felton, Jye Snowden, Keidan Holt, Daniel Chui-Clark, Teegan Minkley** and **Xavier McKenzie (2)**. **Jye** also kicked a conversion.

### U10 v Dragons

Palmerston 45 d Dragons 19

**Tries** were scored by **Brett Mullen, Joe Cotton, Michelle Drew, Tristan Hardy (4)** and **Sean McFarlane**. **Brett** and **Joe** also kicked 2 conversions each.



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## U8 v Dragons

Dragons 15 d Palmerston 10

Our tries were scored by **Michael Dreu** and **Cody Gill**.

## U6 v Swampdogs & Dragons

Palmerston 50 d Swampdogs 35

Palmerston v Dragons ??

**Coach Blyton** reports '*Nothing on the games as a storm hit during the games and totally destroyed the team sheet with scores etc.*

*Numbers have been very good with up to 20 at times at training. Due to the numbers the club is trying to run two teams making it a 4 team competition.*

*I am happy to do the training on Tuesday and Thursday but need a hand on Friday nights.*

*Young Jarrod (U14's) and his family Jaz & Robin are helping out but I am still looking for more help on Fridays.*

*The help required is some one to do the scoring (by 2 if we have two games) plus a parent to run the other game and someone to help with the reserves (again by 2 if we have two games).*

**See me at training or give me a call on 0417 082 531.**

*Help is especially required this week as I will not be able to be there.*

*All in all though, think the U6's are going well with the kids having a lot of fun - Feedback from the parents is always welcome - including suggestions if they have any ideas on how we can do it better.'*

## NT Schoolboys v Downlands College

Our U18's and U16's didn't play last Saturday / Friday night because of byes but 5 Palmerston boys played in the

U18 schoolboys game played against Downlands College from Toowoomba on Sunday at Austar Park.

**Blake Bishell, Jye Wyles-Kelly, Kyle Davies, Jake Noble and Jarred Donovan** all played. Jarred, who was only asked to join the squad on Friday, was one of the NT's try scorers. **Jarred** has also been asked to continue training with the NT squad.

The **final score** was a 35 - 17 victory for the NT team.

## A Grade Debut

The first A Grade game of the season saw 3 club U18 juniors make their A Grade debuts.

This was mentioned in passing but CrocTales forget there was also photographic evidence of

this great occasion.

Both **Blake Bishell** and **Jye Wyles-Kelly** have been club juniors for many years while **Kyle** joined the club last year when his family moved to Palmerston.

**Congratulations Guys!**

## Fiona's Forum

A few of the **wives, friends, families** and **parents** of the B Grade players accompanied us to Jabiru this trip and it was great to see them come down to support our boys. The supporters' being at games really lifts the guys but even more so when they travel down the track to watch them. **Thank you all for coming.**

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Other BIG thanks to the following people:

**Dallas Graetz** for driving the bus down and back plus also running water with me for the game and doing the team drinks at the end of the game;

**Ryan McNamara** and **Scott Rasmussen's** wives for their assistance when I needed it at short notice;

**Robbie Taylor's** friend for doing the team sheet;

**Josh Gray** who helped out with strapping; and

**Luke Sibenlar** who wasn't able to accompany us this weekend due to injuries but was still able to get us ice for the water bottles and the beers on the way home.

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An extra special **THANK YOU** to **Ian Lindsay** from the **Jabiru Bushratz** who provided strapping / medical services for us in Jabiru while our own physio/medical person, **Cat, was away.**

Thank you Ian, the team and I really appreciate everything you did for us on the day.

We hope you didn't get too much ribbing from your club mates.

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Finally, huge congratulations to the **Jabiru Rugby Union Club** for putting on a great day of rugby, a good feed and beers after the game.

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## Mosquitoes Squad

The NT selectors announced the following Mosquitoes training squad after last week-end's City v Country game.

Mark Hooper, Jono Schwalger, Salesi Taumalolo (**Alice Springs**);

Zenil Bajraktari, Shaun Boyd, Hayden Rickard (**Gove**);

Nigel Jennings, Paul Jennings, Tom Whalley (**Katherine**);

Andre Thomas (**Groote Eylandt**);

Brett Clifford, Shane Crowley, Tyson Doughty, Damian Heath, George Kupu, Robert Leal, Chris Thompson (**Casuarina**);

Jason Clements, Peter Mayo, Justin Smith (**Dragons**);

Sven Harris, Ian Hogan, Vili Leqa, Michael Scaturchio, Wise Sekitoga, Shane Stoeckert (**Palmerston**);

Joe Bradford, Robbie Davis, William Lawrence, Elijah Peart (**Souths**);

Stephen Bunn, Frank Jennings, Josai Vodo (**University**);

The **final squad** will be named after the game against Singapore on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Congratulations to the Palmy six pack,** we hope you play well and make the final squad.

We had 2 other players who played in the City v Country trial and who unfortunately missed selection this time.

**Paddy Killen** and **Slade McElhone** both performed well for City and should be proud of themselves.

I hope they bring that form back to club rugby this week-end and keep the selectors on notice.

## Membership Fees

Fees are:

**Senior Playing member** - \$190 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks;

**Non-Playing member** - \$60 including a polo shirt;

**Social Member (non voting)** - \$10

**U18 Playing member** - \$100 including insurance, polo shirt, shorts and socks.

## Croc Jottings

As a result of a few earlier pieces in CrocTales, **Michael 'Scratchy' Scaturchio** seems to have become a bit of a legend / target at the club.

This week, CrocTales heard it suggested that maybe he has been watching too much **'Underbelly'** on TV...thinks he's part of the Carlton crew!

Now I wonder if he could organise a square up of some sort with the vandals who broke into the clubhouse recently.

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Photographic evidence of **Ben Emmett's** Palmerston Rugby Union Club logo **tattoo** can be seen below.

Fiona says it is available at the Tattoo Parlour in town if anyone wants one.

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