

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 2nd May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

- 6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Casuarina
6.50 **U12** v Casuarina
7.40 **U14** v University

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

- 6.00 **U10** v Swampdogs Red
8.40 **U16** v Dragons

SATURDAY 3rd MAY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

- 3.00 Mosquitoes v Adelaide

SUNDAY 4TH MAY

Moulden Oval

**** HOME GAME ****

- 2.30 **B** v Casuarina
4.00 **A** v Casuarina
Please NOTE the earlier start times.

A Grade Tooheys New Cup						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Uni versi ty	4	3		1	2	14
Souths	4	3		1	1	13
Dragons	4	2		2		8
Casuari na	4	1		3	1	5
Pal merston	4	1		3	1	5

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Uni versi ty	5	4	1			3	21
Casuari na	5	2	1	2		1	11
Jabi ru	5	2		3		2	10
Pal merston	5	2		3		2	10
Souths	5	2		3		2	10
Dragons	5	2		3			8

One Steel Metal and U18 Coi ts						
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Pal merston	4	4			3	19
Casuari na	4	3		1	3	15
Dragons	4	2		2	2	10
Souths	4			4		

Coming Events

Home Games this Sunday

Now that we got last weekends first home game of the season out of the way I am sure we will be better prepared for this weekend's second one.

This time games are on Sunday as the Mosquitoes are playing their first game of the season at home on Saturday.

The organisers need **some extra helpers** from about 12.30pm / 1:00pm to get everything setup on the grounds etc. The field furniture needs to be put out, shade structures put up, food & drinks setup and of course the game day sponsor's, **Palmerston Sports Club**, signs need to be put out.

If you can be there, see **Rob Sloan, Ali Snowden** or **Dennis Grant** and they will put you in the right direction.

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 24th May
Saturday 7th June

Last Week's Games

A v Souths

Souths 27 d Palmerston 19

CrocTales has been able to track down a guest reporter for last week-end's A Grade game. Ex Crocs coach and current Combined States Schoolboys coach, **Dave Ley** provided the following analysis:

'Our **Coach Snowden** would not have been impressed with

the slow start made by the team this week given the impressive start the week before against University. Souths jumped to a quick lead after 2 very quick tries mainly through some direct play by them with some pick and drive through flimsy defence in close to the ruck and maul.

Palmy picked their heads up though and made some adjustments to the defence which was tightening up. The following passage of play had some confusing referee calls (Ed. Dave did politely try to assist the referee during the half time break) and some great work undone by these decisions but momentum was building.

A tough decision saw No8, **Scott Rasmussen**, having a rest on the sideline in the sin bin and an improved effort was required by **all players who responded very well**. A try against the run of play again saw the Crocs chasing down Souths and a **couple of hard fought tries** were the reward for recycling and controlling the ball.

Renewed enthusiasm and strong physical contact saw Palmy storming home and with 5 minutes to play was on a roll. Unfortunately a restart after a Palmy try was fumbled straight into the arms of a Souths player surging forward and a couple of passes later they were in to seal the game.

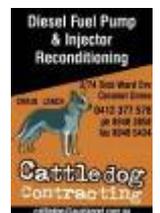
Some **great defence and attack** showed great promise in the 2nd half and should give Coach Snogga a great platform to build on. Regular attendance at training will build



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the cohesion which seems to be developing.'

CrocTales has one enduring memory from the game. From a set piece, the **backline** worked a **nice move** and **created a lot of space** for the fullback to run into. Unfortunately for them, the space was on the half way line and the full back steaming into the gap was **Craig 'Squirter' Leach**. Good ground was made but **Squirter** doesn't cover the ground as quickly as he used to.

There were a number of good displays by players. **Wise Sekitoga** was very busy and effective in his first game of the season for the club. **Brock Evans** was also very busy during his 30 minutes. **Welcome back Wise and Brock**.

#6 **Phil Hinds** was also very active and strong. **Player's player** however went to the captain, **Vili Koroi**.

Tries were scored by **Wise Sekitoga, Joshua Higgins** and **Vili Koroi**. **Stan Huen** kicked 2 conversions.

B v Souths

Palmerston 19 d Souths 10
Committeeman and general man about town, **Chris Carlin** has provided some words on the B Grade's 2nd win of the season.

'Brock was back and made some excellent contributions to the line outs and open play for B grade. Especially when he silenced the heckling from his flat "mates" on the sideline as he catapulted himself across the oppositions try line.

Shane Cotton's return saw him disabled by the oppositions request for uncontested scrums. Shane's reply was simple. He adjusted his personal game strategy and skipped around the field like a Jack Russell on heat. Shane's ball retention, whilst

*leading from the front ensured our own grass did not see defeat. Shane's game was a stand out performance earning him the **Player's Player award**.*

I'm not sure of the all the other names in the team. But it was a solid effort by all newcomers. Synergy is being found between all members on the paddock (Ed. And in the bar I bet).

Wesley 'Wez' Davis also made some much needed explosive miles up the paddock, separating the opposition like sheep on shearing day.'

Tries were scored by **Marshall Rogers, Brock Evans** and **Anthony Smith**.

Brock also kicked 2 conversions.

U18 v Souths

Palmerston 94 d Souths 5

Strapper / Physio

Help!! **Cat Waite** is away for a couple of months and we are **desperate for someone** who can at least strap the senior teams. Cat has been providing strapping and physio services for the club for so long that perhaps we have just taken the services for granted. Now that we don't have them we really understand the value and **we are struggling**.

If you know someone who may be interested in getting involved then please have a chat to **Manager Fiona** at training, at the game or on **0438 875 436**.

Clubhouse

Improvements have continued around the clubhouse with **new external security lighting** having been installed.

Pres Dan (and the rest of the club of course) says a big **thank you** to **Rexel Australia**,

electrical wholesalers, for the donation of the lights and the cable to install the lights.

Electrical **labour** to install the lighting system was supplied at a highly discounted rate by an **anonymous donor**.

Our thanks to these fine people also. **We very much appreciate your support**.

Fiona's Forum

Fiona says a huge **thanks** to **Cathy Briner** and the **Souths medic** for helping out with the strapping and all medical at our home game last weekend, it was truly appreciated.

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Fiona sadly reports that **Souths** also **won the boat race** afterwards in the club house on Saturday.

Hmmm, now **where should the priority be?** I say more time on the rugby training paddock, not more time practicing in the bar.

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Lost property – a collection of boots, shorts, head gear etc from the last few games has been accumulated at the clubhouse. Fiona says **'please check** that you are not missing any of this gear'

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Many **thanks** to the band of **merry helpers** who have come on board in the past few weeks to help out with seniors games. Your help very much appreciated, please keep it coming.

Croc Jottings

The **Paddle Pop Lion** made an appearance at last weekend's home game, much to the pleasure to all of the little and big kids there. He was busy handing out paddle pops. Our **thanks to Ryan Cotton** for the great job he did.

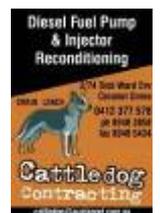
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A very big thank you also to the team at the **Palmerston Sports Club** who are **sponsoring our home games** this season.



Brock Evans tells CrocTales he thoroughly enjoyed the move back into the forward pack last week end.

Apparently he has become somewhat accomplished in the **fly half position** while playing in Port Douglas, hence the development of his kicking game. All fly halves have to be able to kick don't they?

AUSTAR Mosquitoes Squad

The selectors have announced the **22 man Mosquitoes squad** for this week-end's first Australian Rugby Shield game against Adelaide.

Congratulations to the 4 Crocs who will be doing their best to ensure a long awaited victory over Adelaide.

The team is:

- Hayden Rickard (Gove)
- Justin Smith (Dragons)
- Vinnie Wolfe (Souths)
- Michael Scaturchio (Palm)**
- Frank Jennings (Uni)
- Peter Mayo (Dragons)
- Damian Heath (Cas)
- Wise Sekitoga (Palm)**
- Andre Thomas (Groote)
- Robbie Davis (Souths)
- Jono Schwalger (Alice)
- Vili Leqa (Palm)
- Joe Bradford (Souths)
- Tyson Doughty (Cas)
- Bernard Niki (Dragons)
- Stephen Bunn (Uni)
- Ian Hogan (Palm)**
- Nigel Jennings (Kath)
- Elijah Peart (Souths)
- Brett Clifford (Cas)
- Shaun Boyd (Gove)
- Jason Clements (Dragons)

The unfortunate injury to **Bill Lawrence from South Darwin** has thrown additional responsibility onto our own young prop, Ian Hogan in his debut for the Mosquitoes. We know he will stand up to the challenge.



The Mozzies Debutant



Remember those stories about **Graczy** playing for his country. Well here he is in the jumper and it's too good a photo not to publish.



Who else? It's the Streets Paddle Pop Lion.



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