

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 9th May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Souths
U10 Bye
6.50 **U12** v Swampdogs
U14 Bye

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2
8.40 **U16** v Rabid Dogs

SATURDAY 10th MAY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1
3.00 Mosquitoes v Qld Country
5.00 **B** v Jabiru

SUNDAY 11th MAY

Warren Park
1.00 **U18** v Dragons

| A Grade Tooheys New Cup | P W D L BP PT | | | | | |
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| | Souths | 5 | 4 | | 1 | 2 |
| Uni vers i ty | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Casuari na | 5 | 2 | | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| Dragons | 5 | 2 | | 3 | | 8 |
| Pal merston | 5 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 5 |

| B Grade Abel Finance Cup | P W D L JF BP PT | | | | | | |
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| | Uni vers i ty | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| Pal merston | 6 | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | 15 |
| Jabi ru | 6 | 3 | | 3 | | 2 | 14 |
| Dragons | 6 | 3 | | 3 | | | 12 |
| Casuari na | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 11 |
| Souths | 6 | 2 | | 4 | | 3 | 11 |

| One Steel Metal and U18 Colts | P W D L BP PT | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| | Pal merston | 4 | 4 | | | 3 |
| Casuari na | 4 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| Dragons | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Souths | 4 | | | 4 | | |

Coming Events

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 24th May

Saturday 7th June

Last Week's Games

A v Casuarina

Casuarina 16 d Palmerston 7

Best players included **Stan Huen, Paddy Killen** and **Josh Gray**. The **Palmerston Sports Club Player's Player Award** went to **Scott Rasmussen**.

Our lone **try** was scored by **Gareth Felton** and converted by **Shane Stoeckert**.

B v Casuarina

Palmerston 41 d Casuarina 20

After last week's great effort, **Chris Carlin** has again provided some words on the B Grade game.

'A **winning score line** to **Palmy B Grade (41)** defeating **Casuarina (20)**. Simple and basic rugby was the formulae for B grade again this week defending our own turf.

Our ability as Crocodiles to find the hole in the middle of the field was noted. That hole being their exhausted forward pack. Clearing out opposition players immediately over the ball was a goal conveyed to us by our clear speaking skipper **Brock Evans**.

It was a hot day and both sides had their fair share of walkers. The Palmy backs were given some clean ball and **Palmerston Sports Club Player's Player Miles 'Ralph' Hindle** used it to his advantage running some great lines.

The Palmy half back, **Josh Parker** started his yap yap that saw our own heat stressed forward pack extend themselves to his command.

It was clear that the **extra effort made by our back rowers** to get to the break down first, resulted in the ball being in our possession. Assisting our halfback by delivering the ball to the back of the ruck or mall cleanly still remains a play to be perfected.

We let ourselves down in defence on occasions which is where their points came from.

The **tight 5 worked hard** to ensure our scrum was solid and winning. Our own line outs clearly were troubling the opposition.

A special welcome to **Charley Chambers** who, after an 8 year spell in the wilderness, has found his calling again as opposition bully.

Charley made some sensational running lines up the middle of the field, bull barring a number of opposition players out of the way before offloading to the Palmy seagulls hot on his footsteps for the scraps.

Another worthy mention is **Dennis Bree's** eye sight. The Casuarina restarts were aimed at testing his visual faculties with their many up and under kick offs. **Dennis** was able to discern with spectacular outcome the ball despite its background being the brightest light known to man. Bad luck Casuarina and **well done B Gade** as they continue to perfect the words to our club song.'

Best players included **Miles Hindle, Chris Carlin** and **Justin Walker**.

Tries were scored by **Miles Hindle (3), Chris Carlin, Paul**



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Hinds, Shane Walker and Craig Leach. Brock Evans (2) and Miles Hindle kicked conversions.

U16 v Dragons

Dragons 12 d Palmerston 0
Coach Bishell has given the following report:

'The U16's started the weekend with a game against Dragons on Friday night.

We entered this game leading the competition but unfortunately the team never recovered from a nasty incident at the kick-off where Jordan Bishell received a nasty cut to his cheek from an elbow when he caught the ball. Jordan had to depart for stitches and took no further part in the week-end's NT Junior Championships.'

U14 v University

University 19 d Palmerston 12

Tries were scored by **Charles Bettie** and **Peter Kilgour**. **Joel Hogan** kicked a conversion.

U12 v Casuarina

Casuarina 19 d Palmerston 12

Coach Felton reports:

'The U12's lost this week to Casuarina, 12 – 19.

*It was obvious the two week break had its affect on the kids this week. We needed to clean out more & secure the ball. On a whole the team **did really well** coming back from 19 – 0 behind at half time to **win the second half 12 – 0.***

There was good cleaning out and that produced better running.

*Some good performances were put in by **Brielle Felton** in defense and attack and **Jye Snowden** played well and tried hard to get us moving forward.*

Everyone put in a great effort. Let's all get to training and regroup.'

Tries were scored by **Daniel Chui-Clark** and **Jye Snowden**.

U10 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston 48 d Swampdogs R 5

Tries were scored by **Callum Killian, Jett Wyles-Kelly, Koby Snowden, Joe Cotton, Sean McFarlane** and **Tristan Hardy (4)**. Conversions were kicked by **Brett Mullen, Joe Cotton (2)** and **Tristan Hardy**.

U8 v Casuarina

Casuarina 45 d Palmerston 25

Tries were scored by **Meli Dreu, Cody Gill, Madeline Paull, Denzell Parnell** and **David Bell**.

U6

U6 coaches, **Ben Blyton** and **Jared Deo** have provided the following reports on recent U6 games.

Friday 2nd May

'Our numbers were down on Friday night and for the 1st time this year another team had more players than us. This meant that we would only have one team which was disappointing.

On the plus side it meant we had reserves, some of our younger players did enjoy having a break for a change, but on the minus side less game time for everyone.

The team looks fantastic in the new jumpers they are now wearing and it is great also to see how their skills are improving, in particular their catching. Most of the kids now seem to have a fair idea on what is going on, they are starting to understand the field, where to score tries, running the right way etc.

In the next few weeks we will continue to work on their passing and catching skills, running skills and of course trying to get them to have fun.

*The game score ended up 35-30 (7 tries to 6) with **try scorers** being **Riley Reid,***

Aidan Holt, Sara Koroi (2) and Jacob Blyton (3).

*A special mention should go to the following three players who last week showed massive improvements in their games - **Mark Brice, Jack-Henry Burgkenhagen** and **Bowen Kreyberg**. All three played very well and made valuable contributions to the game.'*

Friday 18th April

'U6's again had sufficient numbers to split into two teams with one team playing the Dragons and another team playing the Swampdogs.

*Game 1 saw us draw 40 - 40 (8 tries to 8 tries) with the Swampdogs. **Try scorers** were **Mitchell Rickard (3), Natalie Lynch (3) and Darcy Hill (2)**.*

*The other game against the Dragons saw us score 7 tries (do not have the Dragons score). **Try scorers** were **Aidan Holt (2), Jacob Blyton (2), Kallum Butcher, Sera Koroi** and **Riley Reid**.*

*We would like to **thank** all the parents who bring their kids down each training night and game night and in particular **Kim Hill** for the ice cups on game nights, **Lennie Holt** and **Dale Reid**, who often help out on Fridays with kids and the **Deo** family, **Jas** and **Robin** for their help each week.*

Parents feel free to get involved either at training or games, your kids will love it.'

NT Junior

Championships - U16s

Coach Bishell has also provided this summary of the U16s week-end.

'On Saturday we played our first game of the junior championships against (of course) Dragons. The boys were keen to revenge the loss from the previous evening and went into the game firing, we were leading at halftime 7 - 5 and were pressuring the



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Dragons both in the forwards and backs, however, the Dragons managed to score through quick hands out wide on the whistle to win 10 - 7.

In the next game we played Swampdogs with players from Alice Springs, Gove and Souths. This was a very one sided encounter which allowed us to regroup and focus on our game plan. The Swampies were **no match for the boys** and we **won the game** quite convincingly (I can't remember the score).

On Sunday we played University first up, they were confident that we could be beaten after the two losses to Dragons; however, once again our boys were far too strong for this team. We dominated them in our forwards with quick play and a strong pick and drive. Our backs were sensational with strong runs from **Dean Staunton** and **Alex Johnson**. We won this game 43 - 7, another convincing win setting us up for another encounter with the Dragons in the final.

The **final** started out as a tough tussle, Dragons were first to score but failed to convert, we hit back just short of half time with a solid 12 phases finishing in a try out wide. This put a lot of pressure on **Dean** our kicker, however, he managed to slot the ball through the posts giving us a 7 - 5 lead at half time.

We started the second half exactly where we finished the first dominating the Dragons and through some smart play by **Dean** with a kick behind the Dragons defence finding the Dragons fullback not at home, this ball was pounced on by **Jackson McInnis** to score our second try.

The game then proceeded as an arm wrestle from one end to the other; Dragons managed once again to score a try out wide on the whistle,

however, were unable to convert. We proved that we are the better team and have gained a lot of confidence over Dragons, **winning 12 - 10** and **winning the NT Championships**.

A **special mention** should go to **Aaron Hicks** who played all weekend at Hooker, having never played this position before'.

From the week-end competition a training squad was named for the U16 National Titles in October. The following Palmerston boys were named in the squad

☞ **Dean Staunton**
☞ **Jordan Bishell**
☞ **Aaron Cotton**
☞ **Alex Johnson**
☞ **Jackson McInnes**
☞ **Jarred Donovan**
☞ **Dylan Wyles-Kelly**
☞ **Brad Hogan**
☞ **Patrick Dalziel**
☞ **Alec Thomas**
☞ **Jake Noble**
☞ **Matthew Connop**

Strapper James

I'm not sure if it was last week's article calling for help or **Manager Fiona's** tireless searching efforts, most likely the later, but **James Beattie** has come forward to help out with the strapping services for the senior grades while **Cat** is away.

Fiona and the club say a **HUGE thank you** to James.

James' son plays in our U14 team. James comes to us from a sporting background of strapping/medico within a range of sports including AFL, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

Fiona tells CrocTales that James was very busy last week-end helping with our junior teams at their Friday night games and then the NT Junior Championships on Saturday and Sunday. He finished the week-end running the A Grade line at our home game on Sunday.

Welcome Aboard James!!!

AUSTAR Mosquitoes Squad

This week's **Mosquitoes squad** for the game against Queensland Country is:

Hayden Rickard (Gove)
Justin Smith (Dragons)
Vinnie Wolfe (Souths)
Michael Scaturchio (Palm)
Frank Jennings (University)
Peter Mayo (Dragons)
Damian Heath (Casuarina)
Wise Sekitoga (Palm)
Andre Thomas (Groote)
Shaun Boyd (Gove)
Jono Schwalger (Alice)
Vili Leqa (Palm)
Tyson Doughty (Casuarina)
Jason Clements (Dragons)
Bernard Niki (Dragons)
Reserves
Stephen Bunn (University)
Ian Hogan (Palm)
Chris Thompson (Casuarina)
Elijah Peart (Souths)
Brett Clifford (Casuarina)
Robbie Davis (Souths)
Shane Crowley (Casuarina)

Jabiru Bushratz

The Jabiru Bushratz are 25 this year and are looking to mark the occasion in a variety of ways.

Jabiru Pres **Drew Weaver** says that although there have been a few lean years of late, there have also been some glory days for the club with some fantastic old players.

As part of their Anniversary celebrations they are giving the champions of the Bushratz Past one more chance to don their famous Green, Red and White in an **Old Boys match** on the **9th August**. They are inviting a team of all the 'rival' old boys from days long gone to play the Bushratz Past. On offer will be the Jabiru Bushratz Old Boys Cup.



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