

## Upcoming Games

### FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
6.00 **U6**  
6.00 **U8** v Dragons  
6.00 **U10** v Swampdogs Blue  
**U16** Bye

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2  
6.50 **U12** v University  
7.40 **U14** v Swampdogs

### SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1  
4.00 **U18** v Casuarina  
AUSTAR Rugby Park 2  
5.30 **B** v Dragons  
7.00 **A** v Dragons

A Grade Tooheys New Cup	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Souths	6	5		1	2	22
Uni versity	5	3		2	3	15
Casuari na	6	3		3	1	13
Dragons	6	2		4	1	9
Pal merston	5	1		4	1	5

B Grade Abel Finance Cup	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Uni versity	7	4	1	2		5	23
Jabi ru	7	4		3		2	18
Dragons	7	4		3		1	17
Pal merston	7	3		4		4	16
Souths	7	3		4		3	15
Casuari na	7	2	1	4		1	11

One Steel Metal and U18 Col ts	P	W	D	L	BP	PT
Pal merston	1	1			1	5
Casuari na						
Souths/Uni						
Dragons	1			1		

## Coming Events

### Home Games in 2008

Saturday 24th May

Saturday 7th June

## Clubhouse clean-up

1pm Sunday 18th May

### THIS SUNDAY!!

Bar Manager Dennis tells CrocTales that he needs at least 2 trailers to help **remove some old metal frames etc** from the back of the clubhouse. He also mumbled something about Bar Managers SHOUT!! – After all the work is done of course. Call **Dennis on 0437 912 140** to let him know you can give a hand.

## Home Game

Saturday 25th May

It is an early start for this day with the U18s kicking off at 1.00pm.

**Dennis and friends** need even more friends to help get everything **set-up from 12 noon**. Please get along and help and watch our great U18 team in action.

He also needs help on Sunday to clean everything up after the day.

Again, give him a call **on 0437 912 140** to let him know you can help.

## Last Week's Games

### B v Jabiru

Jabiru 21 d Palmerston 17

Coach helper **Bernie Bree** has penned some words about this week's B Grade game.

*'With the Mozzies game as a great curtain raiser to our B grade game we were ready to thrill the crowd.*

*It was really good to have most of the team there,*

*strapped and ready well before start time.*

*We struggled to gain and maintain possession and so Jabiru got the early running. Apart from some early lineout trouble our forwards stuck to the hard game and tackled well to keep us in it. **Ryan McNamara** was in everything until he got a belt in the eye which quickly swelled up. His replacement, **Paul Hepworth**, carried on where he left off and we started to get a roll on. In the backs **Josh Parker** got **Squitter** going and Man of the Match, **Jacob Collins** had a blinder in attack and defence. **Josh Gray** made great territory returning the ball at pace from full back and if we can link up with him there are lots of points to be had. He was rewarded late in the game with a try for his efforts. **Keven Jones** played another outstanding game and showed us some of his kicking style as well as his normal running game.*

*I thought it was a masterpiece to make **Brock Evans** captain and he had a terrific game and was fairly quiet. I think he was still confused after the pre game talk from the ref.*

***Chris Carlin** got the stitches award with a very ugly gash above his eye. It certainly kept **James** busy in his first week as 'physio'. **Thanks James.***

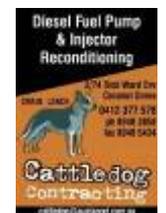
***Thanks for working so hard guys.** Jabiru was very physical and large but we gave nothing away. Being there and organised helped our cause.*



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Also thanks to the first graders who came down to support us. It's nice to get that following when we play. **Fiona** got through lots of work to ensure we were ready and well prepared. Our club runners were certainly star studded with **Vince Kelly** and **Sean 'Boulder' Killiner** sprinting (can I have independent verification of this please. Ed.) about the paddock.'

**The Palmerston Hub Player's Player Award** went to **Jacob Collins** while **Josh Gray** and **Dave Cairns** were also mentioned.

Tries were scored by **Gareth Felton**, **Dave Cairns** and **Josh Gray**. **Brock Evans** kicked a conversion.

### Referee's Pre Game Talk

**Bernie** also reports: '**Chris Carlin** worded me up to listen to the referee's pre game talk and it was a gem. It took me back to the old days with talk of rucking the man on the ball and being physical at the break down but don't tackle too high. Because of the use of the f... word the talk went rather long but the content was something we all enjoyed. A referee who really interprets the game according to his beliefs.'

**Manager Fiona** has provided the following injured player update for CrocTales. '**Chris Carlin** got 7 stitches to his right eye brow and spent 5 hours at the hospital; **Ryan 'Macca' McNamara's** eye is bruised; and **Miles 'Ralph' Hindle** has done his shoulder and thinks he will be out for a week or so.'

### U18 v Dragons

Palmerston 34 d Dragons 17

**Coach Snogga** reports:

'The U18's beat Dragons on forfeit but played a full match against a combined Dragons /

University / Casuarina barbarian team.

We won 34-17, lots of great tries with excellent support play...once again the Mighty Crocs forced the U16's/U18's representative front row to call uncontested scrums.

U16's **Jordan Bishell** and **Dylan Wyles-Kelly** played great games up from U16's.

**Player's player** was **Dylan Wyles-Kelly** while other good players included **Jessie Villiers** and **Tom Pavone**.

Tries were scored by **Jai Wyles-Kelly (2)**, **Jordan Bishell**, **Braedon Cunnington**, **Jesse Villiers** and **Tom Pavone**. **Braedon** and **Jordon** both kicked conversions.

### U16 v Rabid Dogs

Palmerston 35 d Rabid Dogs 0 on forfeit

**Co-Coach Donovan** has given the following report: '*Unfortunately the Rabid Dogs (a combined Swamp Dogs/South's team) were unable to field a team this week which resulted in them having to forfeit. However we had 19 players and lent them enough to make it a 14 a side game and at least give the kids a run.*

*We lent them some of our better players over the two halves and it was an interesting exercise pitting some of our better players against their own teammates. While these Palmy players tried hard for the opposition team the depth of talent in our team certainly showed. While the score was very lopsided towards Palmerston it was great to see players like **Aaron Hicks**, **Jimmy Kerr**, **Colin Menzies** and **Alex Connell-Hewitt** step up and play a full game.*

*The U16's have a bye this week and the coaches will certainly be using that time to*

*work on the successful game plan that allowed us to win against the Dragons in the final of the NT Championships. Given that we lost to the Dragons in a top of the table clash in the normal competition round just before the NT Championships this will be vital coaching time.*

### U12 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 21 d Swampdogs 10  
Tries were scored by **Xavier McKenzie**, **Teagan Minkley** and **Jye Snowden**. All three also kicked a conversion.

### U8 v South Darwin

Palmerston 30 v Souths 30

Tries were scored by **Meli Dreu (3)**, **David Bell (2)** and **Jarryd Morris**.

### U6

Palmerston 35 d Swampdogs 30

Dragons 35 d Palmerston 30  
U6 coaches, **Ben Blyton** and **Jared Deo** have provided the following reports on the U6 games.

'This week again saw Palmerston have the numbers to play 2 games.

**Game 1** was against the Swamp Dogs - I did not see this game as I was running the other game but by all reports the boys played very well with big contributions from **Jack-Henry Burgkenhagen**, **Mark Brice**, **Aidan Holt** and **Kallum Butcher**.

**Kallum Butcher** really enjoyed his night with 5 tries - a record number for one night this season.

The final score was Palmerston 35 Swamp Dogs 30 - Try scorers **Kallum Butcher 5**, **Aidan Holt 2**

**Game 2** was against the Dragons, This game I did see and again all the boys and girls played very well. Every one made contributions with some big runs from **Denzel Corpus**, **Connor Larkin** and **Sachin Deo**. Three 2<sup>nd</sup>



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**generation Crocodiles** also played well and are making their mark this season, **Riley Reid, Natalie Lynch and Jacob Blyton**. **Natalie** in her 1st season is playing extremely well and certainly has scored more tries than her Dad ever did. The same can be said about **Jacob Blyton** (2nd season) - **Jacob** also had a good night with 4 tries.

The final score saw Palmerston 30 - Dragons 35. **Try scorers** were **Sachin Deo, Natalie Lynch and Jacob Blyton** 4.

Well done every one.

## AUSTAR Mosquitoes Squad

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

Hayden Rickard (Gove)  
Justin Smith (Dragons)  
Ian Hogan (Palm)  
Peter Mayo (Dragons)  
Frank Jennings (University)  
Stephen Bunn (University)  
Damian Heath (Casuarina)  
Elijah Peart (Souths)  
Brett Clifford (Casuarina)  
Robbie Davis (Souths)  
Jono Schwalger (Alice)  
Vili Leqa (Palm)  
Jason Clements (Dragons)  
Tyson Doughty (Casuarina)  
Bernard Niki (Dragons)

### Reserves

Chris Thompson (Casuarina)  
Vinnie Wolfe (Souths)  
Wise Sekitoga (Palm)  
Apenisa Nayacadraudrau (Cas)  
Shaun Boyd (Gove)  
Joe Bradford (Souths)  
Shane Crowley (Casuarina)

**Congratulations to Ian Hogan** who will be celebrating his run-on debut for the Mozzies.

**Michael 'Scratchy' Scaturchio** is being rested from this week-end's game

with a very sore arm. He had X rays early in the week to make sure he hadn't broken anything but **CrocTales** isn't aware of the results.

## U18 Competition

Unfortunately changes have had to be made to the U18 competition.

University has withdrawn their team leaving a **four team competition** – Palmerston, Casuarina, Dragons and Souths / University.

All clubs have **re-confirmed their support** for this grade and the importance of the competition. They have also committed to the **underlying factor** for this competition being about **providing game time for U18's** and not about the trophy. The need to develop this competition over the next couple of years for the future players is paramount to the work that the juniors have done over the last 2 and half years.

To this end our club, who had been run away leaders in the competition, have agreed to **wipe all previous competition points** and re-start the competition afresh.

Clubs have also re-agreed that selection criteria by clubs will be:

- ↪ A Grade first
- ↪ Under 18 second and
- ↪ B Grade third.

This is to ensure the U18 competition gets precedent over the B Grade competition.

## Croc Jottings

**Coach Snogga** reports that all of the junior teams – U6s to U18s are playing a very good style of rugby and he, once again, **urges all senior players to attend a match on Friday** night. All who attend will be impressed, as they are 'role modeling' the attitude and

commitment to win rugby matches in Darwin.

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## New Croc

**Luke Siebnaler** and his wife had a baby boy, **Keidhan Drew Siebnaler**, last night at 7.05pm. For the statistic conscious – 51cm and 3.37 kilos. Sounds like a future front rower to me.

Congratulations from all at the club.

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With **Peter Mayo** being both a player and the Assistant Coach of the Mozzies, it leaves a seat and a bed available for their away trips as the ARU caters for 26 in total.

Team management has decided to take injured U18 and A Grade Croc **Kyle Davies** away with the team this week-end as the 26<sup>th</sup> man and an extra member of the management team.

It should be a **great experience for Kyle** and help prepare him for representative tours later in the season.

**Manager Russell** is certainly looking forward to the extra help.

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Last week's story on the Jabiru Bushrat 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Old Boys game on the 9<sup>th</sup> August bought an email from old Croc and old Bushrat, **Peter 'Pumpkin' McLaurin**. Peter is a Commonwealth Bank Branch Manager in Cairns if anyone wants to look him up or needs a loan.

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