

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 23rd May

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 **U6**
6.00 **U8** v Swampdogs
6.00 **U10** v Souths
6.50 **U12** v Dragons
8.40 **U16** v University Red

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

7.40 **U14** v Casuarina

SATURDAY 24th MAY

Moulden Park Oval

U18 Bye

2.30 **B** v University
4.00 **A** v University

A Grade Tooheys New Cup	P W D L BP PT					
	Souths	6	5		1	2
Uni versity	6	4		2	4	20
Casuarina	7	3		4	1	13
Palmerston	6	2		4	2	10
Dragons	7	2		5	1	9

B Grade Abel Finance Cup	P W D L JF BP PT						
	Uni versity	8	5	1	2		5
Palmerston	8	4		4		4	20
Jabiru	8	4		4		3	19
Souths	8	4		4		3	19
Dragons	8	4		4		1	17
Casuarina	8	2	1	5		1	11

One Steel Metal and U18 Colts	P W D L BP PT					
	Palmerston	2	2			1
Dragons	1			1		
Casuarina	1			1		
Souths/Uni						

Coming Events

Home Games in 2008

Saturday 24th May

Saturday 7th June

Home Game THIS SATURDAY

Saturday 24th May

It is an early start for this day with the B's kicking off at 2.30pm.

Dennis and friends need even more friends to help get everything **set-up from 1.30pm**. Please get along and help.

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

A v Dragons

Palmerston 50 d Dragons 0

Well what a turn around and just in time to start a move up the table nearing the half way point of the season.

Coach Snowden provided the following thoughts:

'It was good commitment to each other and especially good discipline which set up the win.

Penalty counts were halved and missed tackles were almost non-existent. The forwards were very aggressive in defence which set up turnovers and we generally intimidated the opposition.

Captain Stoeckert led from the front and was in everything. Our backs played very well, the drift stopped and runners straightened the attack.

A good all round game that will no doubt give us impetus to carry on.

*I suspect that the 400 kilo (sic) front row of **Shane Cotton, Gareth Felton and Charlie Chambers** assisted in the win as well! (Terrorised Dragons no doubt. Ed)*

*We must note however that **Dragons fielded one of their weakest teams of the year.***

*Although we do not want to get too carried away with the results...**WE HAD TO BEAT THEM LIKE WE DID AND KEEP THEM SCORELESS...a great achievement!***

It was 29 - 0 at half time and 50 - 0 with about 12 minutes to go where we had three disallowed tries, due to dubious decisions,...so we did a real job on them (as we had to!!!)'

Our cool, calm and collect Manager Fiona adds: **'It was ABSOLUTELY AWESOME!!!!'**

2 out of 2 wins.....It just doesn't get any more perfect than that....the boys wanted it more than the Dragons and they were on FIRE the entire game in both games played.....'

Sums it up very well don't you think?

Player's player was **Jai Wyles-Kelly**. Other good performers included **Scott 'Rassa' Rasmussen** and **Josh Gray**.

Our tries were scored by **Shane Cotton, Joshua Higgins, Scott Rasmussen, Paddy Killen, Shane Stoeckert, Keven Jones,**



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Barry Ria and **Joshua Gray**. **Stocky** converted 5 of them.

B v Dragons

Palmerston 22 d Dragons 5

Our tries were scored by **Greg Jarvis, Damien Smith, Shane Walker** and **Marshall Rogers**. **Robbie Taylor** kicked one conversion.

U18 v Casuarina

Palmerston 33 d Nth Suburbs 7

U14 v Swampdogs

Swampdogs 29 d Palmerston 12

Our tries were scored by **Jared Deo** and **????**. **Jacob Ranger** kicked a conversion.

U12 v University

Palmerston 17 d University ?

Our tries were scored by **Xapier McKenzie (2), Daniel Chui-Clark, Daniel Connop, Keidan Holt** and **Riley Hogan**. **Jye Snowden** converted one try.

Doesn't add up does it?

U10 v Swampdogs Blue

Swampdogs 17 d Palmerston 7
Our try scorer was **Tristan Hardy** and **Brett Mullen** kicked the conversion.

U8 v Dragons

Palmerston 20 d Dragons 15

Our try scorers were **Mahlia Snowden, Denzel Parnell, Jarryn Morriss** and **Meli Dreu**.

U6

Palmerston 45 d Swampdogs 30

Our tries were scored by **Jacob Blyton (2), Mitchell Rickard (2), Natalie Lynch (2), Kallum Butcher (2)** and **Aidan Holt**

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Mosquitoes Squad

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

Hayden Rickard (Gove)
Justin Smith (Dragons)
Ian Hogan (Palm)
Cameron Finlay (Souths)
Frank Jennings (University)
Peter Mayo (Dragons)
Damian Heath (Casuarina)
Wise Sekitoga (Palm)
Andre Thomas (Groote)
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)
Stephen Bunn (University)
Elijah Peart (Souths)
Brett Clifford (Casuarina)
Shaun Boyd (Gove)
Shane Crowley (Casuarina)

Michael 'Scratchy'

Scaturchio has had to withdraw from the squad as he now has to return to his Italian club in early June rather than August. He cannot risk injury before then.

Army Rugby & Crocs

It is a tough life playing rugby in the defence forces and **Bob Mitchell** has directed us to a story showing just how tough. For the full story click on this link:

http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.asp?xml=defencenews_army.xml&startpage=30

The short story is that the Australian Army Rugby team has just completed a **playing tour of France** playing games against the French Army and the French Combined Defence Forces. The team was captained by ex-Croc **Sean Kearns** and included ex-Croc **Trent Beilken**, current Croc **Sean Jolley** and future / current Croc **David Ingram**.

Congratulations to all of these guys.

The team is now competing in the Australian Services Rugby Union Championships in Canberra. From these championships, an Australian Services Rugby Union team will be selected to participate in the Pacific Nations Cup in New Zealand in October.

James Beattie - strapper / medic

Manager Fiona has managed to convince **James** to tell a little about himself to share with all at the club. Here is a summary:

'I am a committed rugby supporter, and retired loose head prop (my wife hid my boots) having played the game from the age of 15 until my "retirement" after a broken neck, yes I know "sook".'

I played the other form of rugby from the age of four having been a regional, southern NSW and NSW school boys rep, (I held up the other side of the scrum from Steve Roach).

After joining the RAAF as an apprentice I converted fulltime to the game played in heaven. I have played rugby for RAAF Wagga and Army in the Riverina competition, RAAF Interservice team as well as here in Darwin, Malaysia, Newcastle and the Illawarra in NSW.

In a previous life I was a RAAF cross trained medic and now civvy qualified Paramedic. I am now a public servant employed by Defence working at the RAAF base for an Army unit.

My wife and I have three screaming kids, two boys and a girl, all three of which have played rugby. Rachael still holds the record for the number of tries scored by a Beattie.

I have coached junior rugby from U10's to U16's I have a level 1 coaching certificate and still have a few



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more hours for my level 2. I am trying desperately to lapse my level 2 referees qualifications and was the Tech-Waratah juniors medic.

I have completed a level 1 trainers course and I am a SMA qualified taper (strapper) having trained with the taping team for the St George Illawarra NRL team. I have taped for different codes of football as well as hockey.

Hope this helps ease me in.'

No doubt about that James, welcome aboard.

Physio Cat

CrocTales received a message from our physio **Cat Waite** this week to let us all know she is still alive and hasn't frozen in Canberra.

She is currently at the Defence Rugby Championships but has been keeping across the goings on at the club. She has been **missing everyone** at the club and will be **back this weekend** for the rest of the season.

Croc Jottings

Coach Snogga had a couple of special things catch his eye last weekend that he has shared with CrocTales.

In the first, **Mika Dreu** toed thru and chased a loose ball for about 50m before he attempted to

pick it up. Unfortunately in doing so he knocked on and then gave himself up. According to Snogga, referee **Flash Gordon** was still 30m adrift, and floundering, and hadn't seen the mistake at all and would have awarded the try.

What is the world coming to - honest flankers? Snogga says **'Mad Merv Daniels would have had kittens!'**

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Snogga's 2nd special moment came when he was enthusiastically singing the winning song. He looked up into the crowd and spied **Treasurer Percy Peel**, on his own, on the hill, joining in the rendition with Gusto. This gave him chicken skin and he thought it was fantastic to see! **Well done Percy.**

Bushratz Vs Crocs Fishing Tournament Queens Birthday Long Weekend

Sunday 8th June 2008

Entry fee will be 1 x Carton of Beer or 1 x 700ml Bottle of Spirits per person

Largest Barra will take the lot

Lines in at 0600hrs

Judging at the Jabiru Golf Club 1700hrs

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