

Upcoming Games

FRIDAY 4th JULY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 1

6.00 **B** v University
7.30 **A** v University

A Grade Tooheys New Cup							
	P	W	D	L	BP	PT	
Souths	10	9		1	3	39	
Uni versity	10	6	1	3	5	31	
Casuari na	11	4		7	2	18	
Dragons	11	4		8	1	17	
Palmerston	10	2	1	7	4	14	

B Grade Abel Finance Cup							
	P	W	D	L	JF	BP	PT
Jabi ru	14	9		4		8	44
Uni versity	13	8	2	3		6	42
Palmerston	14	7	1	6	1	5	31
Souths	13	5		8		5	25
Dragons	13	5		8		4	24
Casuari na	13	4	1	8		4	22

Coming Events

Cleanup @ Darwin Show
Thursday 24th July -
Sunday 26th July

Volunteers are beginning to contact me but obviously we still have plenty of spots left. I mainly **need people for the Friday and Saturday day and night shifts**. These are the busy times at the Show and when we need the most people.

Each year we arrange to **pick up garbage and to empty the bins** for half of the Showgrounds including Side Show Alley and the car parks. We don't this for nothing of course; it is a **major fundraiser** for the club and nets us about **\$6,000**.

All we **need** is about **40 club members** to volunteer for a

day or night shift and the money is in the bank.

Shifts are:

Thursday 7am – 5pm (4 people)
Thursday 5pm – 11pm (4)
Friday 7am – 5pm (6)
Friday 5pm – 10pm (3)
Friday 5pm – 1am (6)
Saturday 7am – 5pm (6)
Saturday 5pm – 10pm (3)
Saturday 5pm – 1am (6)
Sunday 8am – 12.00pm (6)

If you want to be a **shift leader** I would like to hear from you ASAP. If you want to **volunteer for a shift**, put your name on the notice in the clubhouse or send me an email at garry.russell@nt.gov.au or an SMS to 0401 111 700.

Last Week's Games

A v Dargons

Dragons 23 d Palmerston 17
After leading 12 – 10 at halftime unfortunately the A Grade was not able to complete the job, Dragons getting home 23 – 17.

We are not far off the pace and hopefully some stability in the team through to the finals will see improved performances.

Congratulations to 17 year old flanker **Jacob Collins** who made his **A Grade debut** on Saturday. Jacob has been a stand out in our juniors for a few seasons plus has spent many weeks in B Grade already this year. CrocTales is sure there are many more A Grade games to come.

Our tries were scored by **Joshua Higgins, Paddy**

Killen and Shane Stoekert. Shane kicked 1 conversion.

The Palmerston Sports Club **Player's Player** award winner was #8 **Scott Rasmussen**.

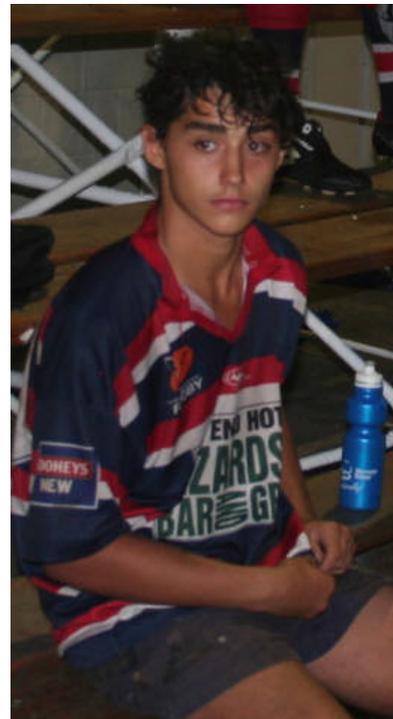
Other good performers included fullback **Shane Stoekert**, winger **Josh Gray** and halfback **Paddy Killen**.

B v Dragons

Palmerston 22 d Dragons 17
The B Grade on the other hand trailed Dragons 11 – 12 at halftime but went on to record a hard fought 22 – 17 win.

The only reason they were behind at half time was due to **Colin 'Snogga' Snowden** taking the wrong option right on half time and giving up a try in the corner from a Dragons kick.

CrocTales knows he was very



Jacob Collins after his debut



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embarrassed with himself but thinks he shouldn't be so hard on himself. All through the 1st half he had **led in defense**, had **led in chasing** and had **led in recovering**. He must have been exhausted. His younger team mates need to get in front of him not stand back and let him lead the way all half.

Our **try scorers** were winger **Shane Walker** and half back **Scott Werleman**. **Craig 'Squirter' Leach** also kicked 4 penalties.

The Palmerston Sports Club **Player's Player** winner was **Squirter**. Other big contributors were wing **Phil Hinds** and centre **Justin Walker**.

It was very strategic that **Jesse Leach** took off down the field after the game just when **Dad Squirter** was due to skull. Maybe we need to draft her into the team given the distance it took Squirter to catch up to her.

Foundation Course
(Level 1 Coach & Referee)
7th & 14th July 2008
@ AUSTAR Rugby Park
6.00pm to 9.30pm
Cost: Free

If you want to know more then give **Dale Robertson** a call on (08) 89 45 1444.

Rusty Needle Award

Last week's comments by **Squirter** on the ordinary form to date have certainly sparked comments.

Committed junior player **Jordon Bishell** has notched up 4 stitches in the cheek. Could the Seniors be outdone by the Juniors?

Not according to **Chris Carlin**. Chris says he actually had 7 not 6 stitches in the eyebrow plus he played the next week only to open it up again and get 7 more `under warranty`.

Squirter confirms this is officially 14 all up and a clear leader in the race for glory.

Ex-player **Jeff 'Hellfire' Bennett** claims he will be in the running. He doesn't see why ex-players opened up at **club sanctioned events** such as this week-ends rugby test reunion in Brisbane shouldn't be eligible. He is very keen to make the sacrifice and claim the free beers on offer at the clubhouse.

Photo evidence and an official doctor's report will be required for these out of town claims.

U14 Reps

An NT U14 side is touring to Cairns from 18 – 21 July.

Congratulations to the following Palmerston juniors on their selection.

☞ **Dominic Atunes;**
☞ **Ryan Cotton;**
☞ **Tyler Donovan;**
☞ **Peter Kilgour;**
☞ **Daniel Lamble;** and
☞ **Jake Ranger**

Congratulations also to **Peter Donovan** who is the **coach** of the team.

Brisbane Test on Saturday

Tony Burns has everything in order for this Saturday's gathering for the Brisbane Test match.

He assures CrocTales that the **Croc Frock of Shame** has been dusted off and is ready to go. He confirms it is the same **lovely tight fitting pink number** along with a few accessories such as a black boa, necklace, Chris Masoe handbag, mobile phone, thick rimmed glasses, Fijian / Wallaby national outfit, Banjo Patterson book of poems and 2 get-out-of-jail-free cards.

He says that the exact match day festivities are still to be confirmed (it usually happens sometime Saturday morning) but we will be at

the **Normanby Hotel with kick-off at 3pm.**

Croc Jottings

Physio Cat reports that it seems some of our boys are getting a little delicate of late.

She was literally called onto the field on Friday night because **Vili Leqa** had torn his fingernail.

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As many of you know **Bernie & Sonya Bree** are enjoying some time in Peru at present. That hasn't allowed them to completely escape the Palmerston Crocs.

As they went through customs at Sydney Airport **Bernie** decided that it would be good to have binoculars for their trip. A big, well dressed Fijian looking for business served him, none other then **Wise Sekitoga**.

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Wise has been working his way up the grades at **Randwick** since returning to Sydney after the Mosquitoes season. He started in 3rd Grade has moved up to 2nd Grade and has sat on the bench for A grade so he hopes to get there soon.

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Bernie Bree also reports that walking the steps at Darwin Hospital every now and then is no way to prepare for a 1km ascent of an Inca ruin at 3700m elevation. He wonders why they don't **get more oxygen** there.

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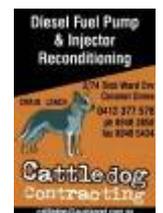
Bernie reports: '*Another effect of the altitude is that I haven't felt like eating much or drinking beer - very strange! I managed to overcome that a bit this afternoon and had a beer on the smallest balcony in the world while watching the sun go down over the mountains.*'



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