

Next Games

FRIDAY 1st MAY

- 6.00 **U5**
6.00 **U7 #1** v Swampdogs Blue
6.00 **U7 #2** v Swampdogs Red
6.00 **U9** v Dragons
6.00 **U11** v Dragons
6.50 **U17** v Dragons

Due to the NT Junior Championships this weekend there will be no U13's and U15's played on Friday night. The U17 game has therefore been bought forward for this week only.

SATURDAY 2nd MAY

AUSTAR Rugby Park 2

- 4.30 **B** v University
6.00 **A** v University

Coming Events

Juniors Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 30th April

Yes, it is on again. There will be a Juniors Sausage Sizzle TONIGHT after training at the Clubhouse.

It is **FREE** for players thanks to the kind support of **RP Project Management**.

Miss Palmy in Drag

7.30pm Saturday 9th May

Gent's get your **outfits and make-up** organised NOW.

It is going to take at least a week for some of you to work out how to make yourself attractive.

Also **get your ticket** – there are only 100 available.

Last Week's Games

A v South Darwin

Palmerston 15 d South Darwin 5

Our tries were scored by **Jake Collins** and **Ben Ashton** while **Stan Huen** converted one try and kicked a penalty.

B v South Darwin

South Darwin 42 d Palmerston 0

Assistant Coach Bernie Bree saw the game this way:

'The B grade had a difficult start to the game as they were unsure of numbers right up to kick off. This makes for shaky preparation. They ended up running on short and even though some players arrived, some got injured and so the whole game was played under strength.

Having said that, the commitment was strong and the tackling, especially in the first 20 minutes was great.

Jeff Cummins and **Jesse Villiers** covered well and kept in the face of the Souths players. A visit from **Jeremy Bree** left him playing out the whole game in the loose and sent him back to Melbourne sore and sunburnt.

Shane Cotton had a very solid game in the tight and teamed up well with **Dennis Bree**, the old workhorse. Until injured, **Scott Werleman** had an outstanding game all over the paddock.

*Sadly we just couldn't keep hold of the ball and our lineouts weren't reliable so this made the game defensive and eventually the players just wore out. In the backs **Ben Ashton** and **Sam***

Thompson stayed busy. Another **Bree, Daniel**, came along to make a trifecta for the family and after having played no games last season, he will be nursing a few aches this week. I would be very interested to see **Emmanuel Howell** on the end of a strong backline with ball. He looks quick.

*It's an old story but a good one...get to training, get to know your mates, play good rugby and have fun. Hope to see more of you next week...and so does **Dennis**, he doesn't want a full game!'*

U17 v Swampdogs

Palmerston 61 d Swampdogs 0

U15 v University

Palmerston 22 d University 19

Coach Cotton reports on the U15s game.

*'This week saw the boys up against University, once again the boys were slow to hit their straps with University scoring the first try and conversion. However the Palmy boys did not drop their heads and set about the task of their usual fight back. A procession placement from **Dylan (Nugget) Holmes** and an excellent chase down from **Matios Hayes** saw the boys deep in opposition territory. Some patient work by the players saw **Ryan Cotton** go in and score from the back of the scrum. Scores were now level 7 all. Late in the first half whilst deep in their territory, University ran away with a 90m intercept try.*

After the break it was all Palmy's way with improved ball retention.

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With two tries scored by **Matios Hayes** and one by **Jack MacDonald** it gave the boys a healthy lead. A further try was scored by University to see the Palmy boys victorious **winning 22 to 19.**

U13 v University

Palmerston 20 d University 0

Coach Felton tells us how the U13 game went last Friday night.

*'The game started well, with our forwards cleaning out with enthusiasm and providing good ball for the backs. The backs used the ball well with some impressive runs to gain good metres. Our defence kept University contained and scoreless. Some good runs by **Josiah, Jerone, Xavier** and **Chewi-Clark** ensured we stayed in their half for most of the game. A very pleasing effort, everyone played really well.*

*A couple of stand outs were **Xavier, Jerone** and **Kieden**.*

With 11 out of the 23 players there being Aussie Rules players, they are starting to understand the wonderful game of Rugby. Keep up the good effort and I thank all the boys for their understanding and maturity in regards to game time and trying to get everyone a fair run.'

U9 v Souths

Casuarina 42 d Palmerston 12

U7 #1 v U7 #2

Palmerston #1 10 v Palmerston #2 5

Croc Jottings

Congratulations to **Josh Gray** and **David Jensen**, who have just returned from an ANZAC tour to New Zealand with Army Rugby.

Both have been selected to represent Army at the Australian Services Rugby Championships in Canberra in May.

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Lyn Cotton is calling on club ladies to **donate your old make-up** to a good cause, the **Miss Palmy in Drag Night**.

Just drop it off at the clubhouse or give it to Lyn and she will make sure it is put to good use.

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Miss Palmy in Drag Night

This night will include a BBQ dinner and organiser Lyn Cotton - 0409 313 901 or 89882031 - needs B Grade partners (and players) to bring along a salad for the BBQ. Catch Lyn and let her know what sort you will bring.

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You just can't keep them down.

Dallas Graetz reports that a few weeks ago there was a news item on ABC radio about Netball banning oranges at half time of games because they were bad for young player's teeth. The radio asked the public to ring up and comment. And of course Dallas did. He reported: *'In 1977 I came up to Darwin to play Rugby with Palmerston. I played with a bloke called **Dennis Bree**. At half time we always got oranges. I note that last year Dennis Bree was still playing B Grade rugby. He hasn't got any teeth any more.....but that's not because of the oranges'*.

They played excerpts of his phone call for the next week. Dennis didn't know what everyone was talking about.

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Speaking of **Jeremy Bree**, this is how he chose to celebrate his 30th Birthday earlier in the year. I'm assured they all had a great time together. And Yes, that is **Bernie** in the hard hat.

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