

## Next Games

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY

6.00	U5	
6.00	U7 T1	v University
6.00	U7 T2	v Casuarina
6.00	U9	v Casuarina
6.00	U11	v Casuarina
6.50	U13	v Casuarina
7.50	U15	v Casuarina
9.00	U17	v University

SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY

Moulden Oval

2.30	B	v Souths
4.00	A	v Souths

## Coming Events

### Junior's Sausage Sizzle

TODAY after training

Yes, it's Junior Sausage Sizzle time again thanks to the support of RP Project Management.

### Home Game & Family Day

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Player's Tea & Guest Speaker

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009

## Last Week's Games

A v Dragons

Palmerston 38 d Dragons 27

Our second win of the season.

**Assistant Coach Craig 'Squitter' Leach** provided these comments on the game:

*'In last week's game, Palmy vs old foes Dragons. Palmy clicked in the 1<sup>st</sup> half and scored plenty of tries, and led 38 to 5 at one stage. Many old Crocs would be salivating at such a score line against our old friends Dragons/Pints/RSL.*

*The wheels fell off towards the end when Palmy needed a few replacements and Dragons got a sniff to run in several late tries and give us a bit of a lesson in finishing the 80 minutes. Palmy got home 38 – 27.*

*Tries to tighthead Gareth Felton, hard working flanker Jacob Collins, fullback Curt Evans (2), and the mercurial Brock Evans (2). 4 conversions were kicked by Curt Evans.*

*There was a bit of old back yard brotherly combination, with Evans chipping to Evans to score! Player's player was Brock Evans'.*

CrocTales heard recently that Brock has picked up the referee whistle and given it a run or two around the paddock. Excellent work Brock.

Apparently the experience has had a positive impact on Brock's approach while playing, he no longer sees it necessary to provide ongoing assistance to the referee.

A v Casuarina  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Casuarina 29 d Palmerston 19

Squitter also told CrocTales that the home game against unbeaten Casuarina was very close. Palmy

led most of the game and gave the Cougars a big fright only to lose by 2 late soft tries.

Our tries were scored by tight head Gareth Felton, and flanker Brock Evans. Centre Stan Huen kicked two penalty goals while flyhalf Craig Leach kicked a field goal.

Loosehead George Hatzimalis played the house down and was the Player's Player Award winner.

### B v Dragons

Dragons 57 d Palmerston 7

Senior Manager Fiona Austine reports that B Grade struggled for playing numbers for this game. She awarded the Player's Player Award to all 11 guys who took the field including an A Grader or two who filled in for a while.

Squitter also told CrocTales that although well beaten by numbers in the end, the tremendous heart that the B Grade showed was amazing to see.

If there are any keen B grade players out there, come down and be part of that fantastic display of Palmy heart.

Our lone try was scored by #8 Greg Jarvis in his first game back with the club this season. Flyhalf Ben Batchelor kicked the conversion.

Apparently this was a try to behold. Again Squitter tells us that Ben Batchelor ran the ball from behind his own try line, chipped, regathered, stepped 6 different players to combine with #8 Greg Jarvis to score a 105 metre try against 15 players. Outstanding work.

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Fiona particularly wants to thank the 5 guys who then sat on the reserve bench for A Grade. She was very proud of **Dennis Bree**, **Ben Batchelor**, **Marshall Rogers**, **Nick Williams** and **Emmanuel Howell**.

Does this mean that **Dennis Bree** added to his thousand A Grade games at the age of 57?

### B v Casuarina

16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Casuarina 34 d Palmerston 7  
Our try was scored by flyhalf **Ben Batchelor** while halfback **Robbie Taylor** kicked the conversion.

### U17 v Dragons

Dragons 33 d Palmerston 5  
Our try was scored by **Aaron Hicks**.

### U9 v South Darwin

South Darwin 56 d Palmerston 0

### U7 T1 v Swampdogs Red

Palmerston T1 55 d Swampdogs 50

**Coach Hewlett** tells us: *'The U7's were back on form with their game against Swampdogs Red. An evenly matched game but the Crocs team played well with stopping the Swampy's advance, by getting onside quickly.*

**Braydon McRoberts-Braydon** and **Jack Henry** managed to tag stray bolters, who tried to avoid the pack and run a try on the wings. Some good play overall however this particular play is worth a mention: **Jacob Brockhouse** and **Sheil Gorridge**, advanced for several meters against the opposing pack carrying out a pass fall behind pass between them, then passing to **Curtis Lyndon** who then long passed to **Luke Roberts** scoring a running try on the wing. I would like to welcome **Kyron Carter** who played well in his first game.'

Our try scorers were **Jacob Brookhouse (2)**, **Luke Roberts (4)**, **Cooper Burton (2)** and **Riley Reid (3)**

### U7 T2 v Swampdogs Blue

Palmerston T2 30 v Swampdogs 30

Our tries were scored by **Mitchell Rickard (2)**, **Sera Koroi**, **Natalie Hynds**, **Daray Hill** and **Jack Akers**.

### U5 v South Darwin

Souths 30 d Palmerston 25

**Coach Blyton** reports for CrocTales:

*'The U5's played South's on Friday night and in a close game lost 30-25. Our numbers were down a bit and we had to borrow a player from Souths but all the players tried hard and they continue to learn and improve each week as their understanding of the game improves.*

*Try scorers were **Alexandra Blyton (2)**, **Zhai Bassett(2)** and our guest South's player with 1'*

### NT Mosquitoes v Qld Country

The **AUSTAR Mosquitoes** turned on arguably their best ever performance last Saturday night to **defeat Queensland Country 24-12** in front of a boisterous crowd at AUST AR Park.

It was a **terrific all round performance** by the Mosquitoes, the back line bristled with class while the scrum had a slight edge and despite giving away some height, the lineout was always safe.

### Croc Shop

The **2009 club polo shirt** has now arrived in the Croc Shop. If you have paid for yours or just if you would like one then see **Lyn Cotton** on Tuesday or Thursday at training.

No shirts will be available On game days / nights.

### Fiona's Forum

**Senior Manager Fiona** sends out a **HUGE thank you** to all of those people who help out each and every week either at training or at games to get the teams on the paddock.

**She and the players value your help immensely.**

Of course she can always do with more helpers, especially water runners for the B Grade games. See her at training or at the game if you can also help.

### Croc Jottings

More **HUGE** congratulations to **Josh Gray** and **Dave Jensen**, who have now both been selected in the Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) side after the recent Services rugby carnival.

CrocTales has been told they are currently taking part in a short rugby tour around Australia. We wish them both all the best for their time with the team.

As a point of interest, **Josh's sister Mollie** was also selected in the ASRU Women's side to play second row. Congratulations to her as well.

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CrocTales heard from ex-Croc **Dan Maroulis** after the last edition. Dan tells us: *'Last weekend I travelled to Maitland to see one **Ben 'Cube' Emmett** play rugby for the Maitland Blacks. It was a tough encounter for the Maitland boys but they were winners on the day from a 40m field goal from the one and only, **Cube**, to seal the deal.*

*The three points he put on the board for the field goal almost made up for the **7 points he gave away** when the 45kg, 4.5 foot winger ran over the top of him to score under the posts.'*

Now that won't impress the front row fraternity, Cube. A field goal and beaten by a winger.....

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