

Palmerston On the Web

Have a look at photos from the Grand Final at our website.

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Rugby 7's Iron Man is now sadly without a housemate.

The best bit about **Babbsy's house** is not only does he have a **spa**, a **big entertainment area** and like a drink or few, he lives **walking distance to Moulden oval!** Surely that can come in handy. If anyone knows anyone who might be keen let him know. Perhaps someone new to Darwin looking to play at Palmy needs somewhere close to live? **Give him a call or catch up with him at the games.**

TERRIFIED RESIDENTS SEEK POLICE ASSISTANCE

On a hot sweltering October day the humble residents of Moulden were sent into a frenzy as they watched in absolute terror as a large number of what appeared to be Crocodiles staggered from the swaps and gathered on Moulden Oval. Ladies gasped, men were stunned and children were awe struck as the world-renowned **"No Undie Sundie"** commenced. Police were called by mid afternoon to attend to a woman's desperate plea for help where upon arrival the boys in khaki found no wrong doings. Despite this, our distraught bystander recalls her terrifying ordeal with sheer disbelief. "... There were two naked males. They had beer in their hands and hats on...They are standing on the oval waving at everyone..." Whether continuing from the night before or braving the ever so frightful Palmy hangover, all in attendance can lay claim to the fact that No Undie Sundie has again re-written the pages in history. Alcohol may have been consumed, hair may have been lost, clothing may have been shed but be assured, not a single animal was harmed in the making of this story.



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The Croc Shop

The Croc Shop is still open for business.

New items coming this year include Jackie Howe singlets, Ladies supporter tops, Premiership photographs as well as the good old stuff we've come to love, including the terry-towelling hats.

For any details contact Caboose.

Goodbye and Good Luck! Arthur and Karina

After much support for the red, white and blue of Palmy, Arthur and Karina have left for greener pastures. We thank them for the help and time with us and wish them all the best.

Welcome, Hilda and Andrew

In return, we welcome Hilda, her protective son, Andrew, and a little dog called Roma, to the Croc Head Quarters @ Moulden. We hope her time with the club will be as enjoyable as ours.

For all persons willing and wanting to have their say in the next CrocTales please contact Kate (Mrs Gaboose) Chandler at the games or e-mail:

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PALMERSTON RUGBY UNION CLUB



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PALMERSTON, PALMERSTON, YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

Facing a double header at the ABC Cup Grand Final, Palmerston showed everyone they are back in spine tingling form taking out the number one spot in both A and B grades.

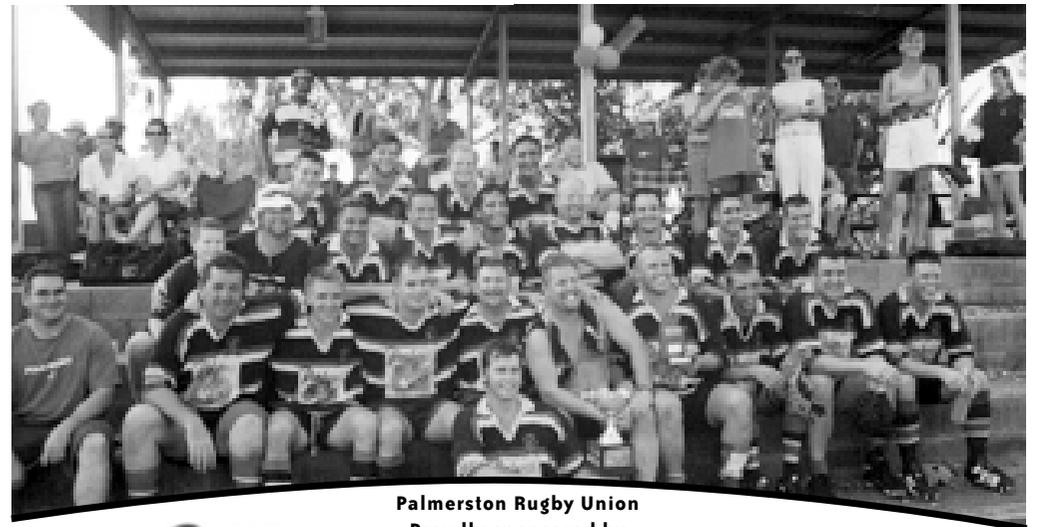
Babbsy's B Graders settled the nerves of the anxious crowd in the first few minutes taking control of the game and holding out the Cougars in a well fought battle. With a big pack and big hitters up forward it was awesome to watch. Will anyone ever forget Jesse's Croc teeth or Big Burly Ben's sensational efforts throughout the game? All may have been mistaken as to what code of sport they were partaking as the crowd would erupt with "bowl'd Shane" as Shane "Warney" Warnecke made the dash, on more than one occasion, to the try line. As all celebrations took place one questioned remained: How the heck do you skull from a plaque?

It wasn't long until Squirter led the A Graders into battle against Souths for what was tipped to be one heck of a

showdown. Fumbles and small gains and lots of Souths' penalties had us on the edge of our seats, but it was the blur of red white and blue making the successful dash for the try line that calmed all ills. And this was just the first of many. Again, the Norris boys were superb and who could deny that Daniel's baseball style "calling" of his try after an intercept and brilliant dash up the field past the Souths fans not being the icing on the cake!

Amongst all the jubilations and almost on a sad note Nick "Squirrel" Woodruff went out with a song, playing in exceptional style both for A and B Grade in his last run with Palmy. He will be missed but we all wish him the very best.

Photos from the game will be available through the Croc Shop and displayed in the ClubHouse and Web Site. A special thanks to Squirrel for his parting donation to PRUC. It is greatly appreciated.



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If You Can't Take the Heat...



When Dennis Bree (Darwin) (pictured) and Roger Ruddick (Alice Springs) were to be presented with their NTRU Life Memberships, the NTRU decided to have it somewhere in between the two places. This way the venue is not convenient for anyone! Not only was the venue not convenient but it was bloody hot.

The day started, as do most rugby trips by everyone arriving late and wondering who else was coming. An idea of how serious the game was to be, came from a conversation between Caboose and one of the fit looking policemen. The copper asked, "How good's the other team? How serious will they be taking the game? Will they smash 'em or take it easy?" Caboose pointed to the back of the bus where the Palmy team was cracking another stubby and telling long stories (we were only at Howard Springs) and said, "That's them down the back." The copper let out an audible sigh and said, "Thank Christ for that!" and joined the Palmy boys in a beer.

Arrival in Katherine saw us out of the air-conditioned bus into a blast furnace. Where else could we go but straight to the air-conditioned bar. After a struggle to find 30 willing bodies, it was the returned veterans of the game who got the ball rolling and expressed thanks to the "young" blokes who helped out. The rising mercury didn't stop some grand moments of brilliance. The guests of honour played starring roles, both scoring awe-inspiring tries. The pop passing between the Bree boys that lead to a try beside the post had the crowd on their feet. Dennis followed it up with a backward somersault and hand walk nearly causing a riot. Roger Ruddick must have ran at least 40 meters and dodged 8 - 10 tackles to reach the line for his team. Garry Russell's speed on the wing had the opposition baffled and having scored refused to leave the wing again. Boulder disappointed us by missing a tackle in mid field and then we realised that perhaps we'd have to have more than one person doing all the tackling. Centre man Scott decided he had found his new role in the game and declined an invite back to the forwards and to top it off Caboose kept giving the police our water.

With the game finished and autographs signed, we happily retired to the bar and watched the televised Darwin vs Katherine game on the television in the air conditioning. Sure we could have watched it LIVE at the ground, but hey, after all the running on the field, who wanted to be walking back to the bar? Debate still surrounds the final comment of the day that the Backs beat the Forwards, proving once again where all the intelligence is.

Well done Roger and Dennis.



1. Who is most likely to bare his butt and cover himself in body paint any chance he can?
2. Whose misses is most likely to be trained to deal with "animal" antics?
3. Who manages to mix both work and rugby into one?
4. Who (with his brother) bought his mother a Harley Davidson for Christmas?

ANSWERS

1. Brock Evans. Does this really need to be clarified?
2. Bec is working at Darwin Veterinary Hospital.
3. Brock supports both Top End and Palmy and has been known to help put a few more of our guys behind the bar than in front of it sometimes.
4. Yes, it's true. Brock's mum is now the proud owner of a Harley!

COMING SOON IN 2003...

Season 2003 kicked off with the trial game vs Cougars to get everyone warmed up. A great day was had by all and yet again Palmy triumphed. Question of the day goes to Snogga: What the heck was with the Cougars scarf of whatever? Looks like Palmy out class on and off the field in this department.

training Training is still each Tuesday and Thursday @ Moulden Oval @ 6pm. A great showing so far, keep up the good work and hello and welcome to all the new faces.

sign up night 27 Feb Don't forget to put the word out - SIGN UP NIGHT 27th February @ Moulden Oval. The World and Bledisloe Cups will be happening soon and Palmy has 2 great raffles with great prizes for each of these world events. Bledisloe Cup raffle to be launched 27th February and further details can be obtained from the PRUC web site.

the season so far

- A Grade will consist of 5 teams and a bye. Swampdogs are out this season.
- B Grade will consist of 5 or 6 teams. Jabiru is out and Swampdogs are questionable.
- C Grade will be played at Marrara Wednesday Nights and, of course, training (!) is still Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- Anzac Day and Queen's Birthday long weekends are so far game free.
- Easter weekend is game free for A Grade, however B grade looks like they may be playing the Swampdogs. These may become game free weekends for both grades yet.
- Darwin Show weekend is also a bye for A Grade. B Grade is again due to line up against the Swampdogs. Darwin Show are allowing us back through the gate this year so it looks like it'll still be a Rugby weekend for those able to help out.

- Saturday 1 March is the kick off for the season @ Marrara.
- Saturday 30 August is Grand Final Weekend. Note it in your calendar.

the Mozzies

- During the five weeks the Mozzies play (not including the finals) we will only have to field one team for four of those weeks.
- This will be either A or B Grade and will depend on whether it's a home or away game.
- For the last Mozzie game, we will have to field BOTH A and B Grade teams.

Junior Crocs Palmy's very successful Juniors are still seeking additional players, coaches and managers for U6 - U16's. The Juniors are now into their season which will finish in late June, in time for the mid year school holidays. Anyone who can offer any help please contact Gail Barlow, Garry Russell or Lyn Cotton. Coaching clinics are available and can be arranged.

birthday boys Recent birthday boys in January include Scotty Booth, Andrew "Coxy" Cox and Daniel "Dede" Norris. February also sees Ash "Caboose" Eadie, all celebrating another tick on the clock.

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