

Yarrabah All Blacks Carnival in Cairns

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PLAYERS from Coen, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and the NPA were members of the Appun Warriors United Michael Creek Memorial side which performed well at the Yarrabah Gindaja Allblacks rugby league carnival in Cairns.



Appun Warriors United Michael Creek Memorial Side

Twelve sides competed and they were split into three pools for the carnival at Jones Park on 8 and 9th November.

Pool A: Bwgcorman Warriors, Appun Warriors, Innisfail Waru, Ibuwaw Baw.

Pool B: Djumbunji Bigun, Seahawks Pink, Vanuatu Descendants, Palm Island Barracudas.

Pool C: Woorabinda Warriors, Seahawks Maroon, Mooraridgi United, KC Raiders.

Team organizer Bradley Creek from Wujal Wujal said the side was formed in honour of his late brother Michael Creek.

“It was a Creek brothers’ family team and Appun means stinging leaf and was my grandfather’s totem,” he said.

Coen team members included Isaac Rokeby, Dylan Creek, Eldine Creek, Gabriel creek, Dion Creek, Amos Hobson, Jimmy Bero, Sebastian Creek and Joe Blanco who had also been part of the successful Colts side which won the 2014 Cape Cluster grand final.



Appun United v’s Bwgcorman Warriors
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Two of the other stars were Gauai Wallace from Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal’s Brandon Christie.

Also Patrick Ropeyarn, Rex Pablo, Marco Wilson, Francis Salee, Nathaniel Barkley, Dale Pablo, Stanley Dai and Tom Motlop who were in the NPA Bulls which was Cluster runner up.

“Two of the NPA boys are extended family and the others are their friends,”Bradley said.

In their quarter final game on day two Appun United lost 42-16 to Woorabinda Warriors which had won the Rockhampton carnival earlier in the year and been runner up at Townsville’s Bindal Sharks carnival in October.

Marco Wilson, Tristan Shipton and Dion Creek scored tries for Appun whilst Isaac Rokeby kicked two goals.

In their first game of the qualifying round a day before Appun United lost 28-20 to a star studded Bwgcorman Warriors side from Palm Island.