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Palm Islands sides Fantome Hunters and Curacoa Crusaders reached the grand finals of the men's Davco Farming Shield and Plate divisions of the popular Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival in Townsville from Friday to Sunday.

Fantome Hunters performed strongly taking their place in Sunday's grand final before losing 18-12 to the star-studded Torres Strait side Apudthama Brothers.

"We will be back bigger and stronger than ever next year," Hunters organiser Richard Martin told the *Palm Island Voice*.

Carnival organiser Jenny Pryor said they had done well to go up a grade.

"Your side has done very well, to make the final of the top division is good," Aunty Jenny said.

After finishing in 14th spot after the qualifiers Curacoa Crusaders won their quarter and semi finals before facing Birri-Gubba in the Plate decider.

The Telstan Sibley-coached Crusaders lost 40-22 to a well drilled Birri-Gubba.

Best for Curacoa Crusaders were Gordon Daisy, Emerziah Murgha and Fred Haines jnr.

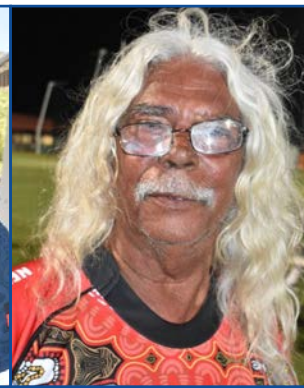
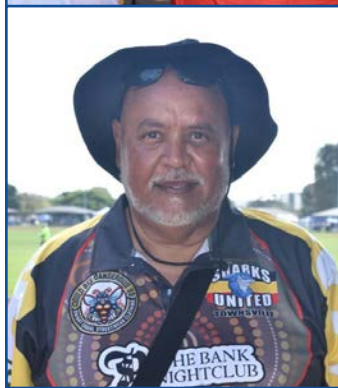
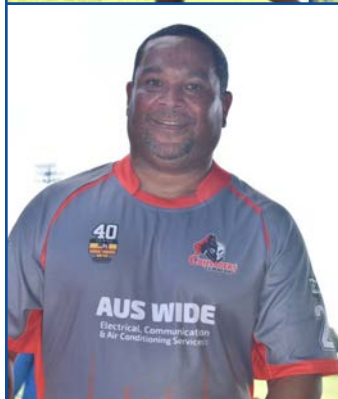
One of the best games for action in the qualifiers was when Fantome Hunters played Curacoa Crusaders on Saturday.

Hunters won 24-10 but the skills on show were sensational.

Barracudas finished in 18th spot and didn't figure in the finals series.

Story & pics by Alf Wilson

Gooooood football @ Bindal



Ezra Mam and his family were proud of his achievements for the Brisbane Broncos this year. Ezra's great grand parents were Kitchener & Mabel Bligh nee Ah Kee. His grandparents were Steve & Pamela Mam nee



Bligh. He is pictured on the left here with his Dad, Mukubi Mam.

Pics thanks to Tomasina Ahwang.



Football the winner!

NRL Local Area Manager for Townsville and beyond, Kerri Ritchie, has congratulated the Palm Island District Rugby League for their 2025 season.

"What a fantastic achievement to see Rugby League back up and running on Palm Island in 2025," she said. "A huge congratulations to Telstan and his committee for their tireless efforts in getting the competition off the ground and running it so successfully.

"So much hard work goes on behind the scenes that often goes unseen, and it's important to recognise and celebrate that dedication. It's also important to acknowledge the referees – Cameron Harris, and Dean Saunders – without these two

amazing men, these games would have not gone ahead. Also, thanks to the touch judges, the juniors were part of the RISE program were the touchies for the games each week. The return of the game has brought families, friends, and the wider community together through sport—a true reminder of what makes rugby league so special," she said.

"Well done to all four teams for their commitment and effort, and special congratulations to the Tridents for taking out the competition title."

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