

It was a long and tiring journey but the day proved a fine one and a large crowd was present to see our boys.

The Curtain raiser was a Junior match between the Brothers of Townsville and the boys of Mt. Carmel. It was quite an interesting game to watch and our boys were particularly interested in Thomas Hero who played with the Mt. Carmel boys, opening up the score for them. At the conclusion of their match the Palm Island dancers entered the playing field and gave almost an hour's entertainment of dancing, spear and boomerang throwing etc.

Carlo Allen and Kingie Armstrong gave some excellent demonstrations of spearing the banana stalk, Carlo succeeding in planting his first spear, the first to be thrown, right in the middle of the target. Another spear struck the stalk at ground level and knocked it over and while lying on the ground still another spear entered it. It was some of the best spear throwing exhibited for some time, and the crowd went 'wild with excitement' as the spears struck their target.

The football match which followed proved equally as exciting. The score was early opened up by Palm Island. At halftime the Towers team was leading by one point the scores being 13-12.

At the commencement of the second half the home team's scores rapidly climbed to 28 while Palm Island had only added one try to its half time score.

It looked as if all hope of winning the match was pretty remote when our boys took the initiative and added try after try, jumping from 15 to 45 before the Towers team could score another try bringing their total to 31.

It was a thrilling finish and a clean game throughout. This was a well deserved win, the first our boys have had in Charters Towers.

It is difficult to single out any individual players in this match but I felt I must congratulate Walter Palm Island for his excellent play in the scrum.  
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