

Much-needed NTRL independent review on the horizon

Time to repair damage

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PROFESSIONAL services firm KPMG has been commissioned to undertake an independent review of rugby league in the Top End.

Northern Territory Rugby League's acting manager Graham McNaney expressed his delight that the review process will officially take place.

"We're pleased that we've agreed to terms and the review process will start with no interference, it is completely independent," McNaney said.

McNaney added that the general manager position vacated last week by Gary Launt had been advertised through Australian Rugby League Development circles.

On the field and Round 6 of the Jim Beam Premiership continues at Richardson Park tomorrow.

With the Territory Titans national championship campaign scheduled for next week, a number of high-profile players may well be missing from action.

Palmerston is expected to be without centre Brad Norris (ribs), prop Atoa Lelilio and possibly young gun Jeromie Edwards in its 4pm clash against Nightcliff.

The Dragons are battling some injury concerns of their own with doubts surrounding captain-coach David Johansen.

Litchfield should have few worries extended its unbeaten run against winless South Darwin from 5.30pm and Brothers play University in the round's feature game at 7pm.



BOUND FOR PARADISE: Darwin's Jane Marie Kerslake (left), Emma Winterflood, Bertram Birk, Belinda Birk.

Triathletes gearing up for Hawaii

FOUR Darwin triathletes are heading to paradise this weekend to compete in the Hawaiian half Ironman triathlon.

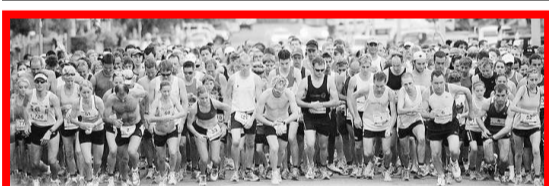
But Belinda Birk, Emma Winterflood, Bertram Birk and Jane Marie Kerslake won't be bathing in sunshine and swimming leisurely at Hapuna Beach, instead taking part in the gruelling 1.9km swim, 90km bike, and 21.1km run event.

"All are experienced competitors over this distance and capable of placing highly in their respective categories," coach Daryl Stanley said.

"They are all strong on the bike, so barring mechanical difficulties, should be well placed going out on to the run. I expect they will take it right up to the Americans."

The triathletes will be among the 1200 local, mainland USA and international competitors flocking to the island in the hope of gaining that elusive slot in the World Championships in October.

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Palmerston Reds hope to strike gold on home soil

PALMERSTON Reds will be counting on home ground advantage to turn around their 0-4 start to the DBL season when they tackle Pints at Archer Field on Sunday.

Scott Smith will return to the Reds line up after an extended break from the game and will certainly bolster the outfield for Palmerston.

Pints will start with the tried and true with Ray Dixon again starting as pitcher this week.

The in-form Nightcliff will

take on Tracy Village in a game that promises to go right down to the wire.

Nightcliff loom as favourites to win but Tracy Village can never be counted out, especially with veteran hurler Dwayne McInnes on the mound.

The Tigers will be full of confidence after their 11-1 dismissal of ladder leaders Pints at Tracy Village last week.

Ray Dixon kept the Pints in the game for the first four innings, but the Tigers broke it

open in the fifth with Pints relievers struggling to throw strikes.

Tim Tabaka threw eight strikeouts in his first four innings, taking five other batters to full count and allowed only four hits.

Nightcliff had plenty to celebrate last Sunday with Dave Ridley being excused from his baseball duties to attend the birth of the latest Nightcliff Baseball club member, Mabel Ivy Paris Ridley.

Not so great news for Palmerston last week as they suffered a convincing 12-3 loss to Tracy Village.

Although safe hits were relatively even (Rebels eight, Palmerston six) errors in the field clearly separated the two teams with Reds giving away a number of easy outs.

The Palmerston club will host not only some great baseball on Sunday, but face painting, a jumping castle and a water slide for the kids and families as well.

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 Age Group: Age as at 31st December 2010

| Individuals (Circle) | | | Teams (Circle) | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
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| Open | A | B | Open | TA | TB | TC |
| Under 15 yrs | C | D | Family (all must be from one family) | | | TD |
| 15-21 yrs | E | F | Masters (40yrs+) | TE | TF | TG |
| 22-35 yrs | G | H | Juniors (U18yrs) | TH | TI | TJ |
| 36-50 yrs | I | J | Corporate / Club | TK | TL | TM |
| Plus 50 yrs | K | L | | | | |

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