1054-53-27 **Owen Dearricott*** (owend@ucr.edu), 900 University Avenue, Surge 228, Riverside, CA 92521. Positive curvature on a 3-Sasakian 7-manifold.

We discuss a construction of a positively curved metric on a 3-Sasakian manifold obtained as a connection metric over a conformal self-dual Einstein orbifold. The method amounts to using a trick of Thorpe to test the positivity of the sectional curvature of a related curvature operator. (Received August 04, 2009)