The Tiwi Bombers were in cruise control in their 70 point victory against a near full strength Nightcliff outfit, winning 16.16.111 to 5.11.41 at TIO Stadium on Friday night.

An even first quarter which saw two goals apiece, scored in humid conditions, was as close as it got as the Bombers kicked away to hold a 16 point lead at the main break. Four goals to two in the third stanza increased the margin to 33 points at three quarter time before the Bombers again shifted up a gear with seven goals to one in the last.

The big men recruits of Jason ‘Dizzy’ Doering and Joel ‘Sensational’ Smouha were superb in defence and in the ruck while Simon ‘Mr Magic’ Munkara was his usual clinical self and this season’s newly crowned best and fairest Rupert ‘Power’ Pupangamerri’s 60 metre dashes down the corridor and pin point delivery of the pill to the ‘NTFL Dennis Dunn League Leading Goal Kicking Award Winner’, the ‘F’ Train’ Ephrem Tipungwuti (4 goals) and Roy ‘Killer’ Kantilla (3 goals), were poetry in motion……

The boys can look forward to a week’s rest (although the ‘Gun’ Gunderson no doubt has other ideas)....and wait for the winner of the Southern Districts versus St Mary’s clash in two week’s time.

The ‘Gun’ has made it clear to the players that Saturday Night’s Inaugural Presentation Night was a terrific event that is now done and dusted...with all eyes now firmly on the prize and the hard work that needs to be done if we are to create history and win our first final.

The Tiwi Bombers and Super Coach Karl ‘The Gun’ Gunderson says…….

**Goals**

- Tiwi: Ephrem 4, Roy K 3, Jacob 2, Dermott 2, Joe Joe 2, Gerard 1, Simon 1, Nathan 1
- Nightcliff: 5, 11, 41

**Best**

- Tiwi: Jason, Rupert, Joel, Simon, Joe Joe

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**Super Sponsors**

- Tiwi Bombers
- Nightcliff
- Tiwi Bombers Presentation night

**Coming Up:**

- Tiwi Bombers V the winner of St Mary’s v Districts

**Time and date TBC**
Super Coach ’The Gun’ Gunderson what the coach has to say…..

The Tiwi Bombers ended the minor rounds of the 2009 / 10 AFLNT season winning its sixteenth game for the year by beating a spirited Nightcliff who were looking to take something away from a season that promised so much for them.

In what was a scrappy affair to start with, I thought the players were able to find the right gears and eventually the machine began to tick over.

With Donald Mungatopi again good down back and with partner Roy Farmer, the pair have become a real Batman and Robin combination across that back half line. Add to that I thought again Jordan Doering was a very good player for the Tiwi Bombers just being that steadying influence down back.

Through the midfield again the Tiwi welcomed back Tony Van Rooyen and Blake Holmes who both put their bodies on the line at every contest. Simon Munkara was at his best with his creative disposal and just shows the composure of a top line player in this outfit, with Camden Vigona Ross and Nathan Pilakui all playing their respective roles.

Gerard Cunningham, Roy Kantila and Ephrem finished off the good work that was being done up the ground with Courtney Johns, Joel Smouha and JB all doing a fine job in the ruck at various stages of the contest.

But I thought the night belonged to Wayne Pilauki, who really did control proceedings down back. Wayne has trained hard over the past month and half and is just starting to come to fruition for him. With some much needed fitness under his belt the man they call Joe Joe is now covering the ground and getting to the contest where he is most damaging.

Congratulations to all the award winners on Saturday night. What a wonderful evening we all had, I think that every single one of us can be very proud of the club that we have built this year. Thank you to everyone that assisted with the organisation and set up (Players included) of the evening that made the night such a special event. Thanks especially must go to B2M for really making the night a real success.

A big thank you must go to Brian & Jennifer Clancy for all your efforts, not just on the evening, but also through out the year so far. No body will ever know what a tremendous support you have both been for me since I have been back home and I will never be able to repay you for that.

Now we look forward to the finals and what that has install for us. We look forward to seeing players such as Edward Darcy, Patrick Heenan and Bradley Palipaminni all back in action, with spots in the 22 becoming tighter and tighter to hold onto.

So the message from here on in, to the players, is simple:

"Book your ticket now - get to training, do the work and do not miss the boat because from here on in, family, we are playing for keeps".

See the Bombers Fly Up / Up

Karl Gunderson
Senior Coach
Supporters...Australia wide.....

This is from our Perth Based Member, Neville Babb (Left), note the Tiwi Bombers Sticker on the car.

Neville says Kick 'em Long, Kick 'em Goal, Bust 'em up Lunga................!!!!

...and from around the world......!!!

Dear Brian,

I follow the Bombers from a distance, actually the other side of the world! Another island smaller than Tiwi but with a lot more people. Where could I send an application to join the bombers club and order a jersey? I am running the Boston Marathon this year and would love to wear one in the race.

Thank you for your assistance,
Tim Lepore
Nantucket, MA 02554

Ladder after Round 18

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Tiwi Bombers ‘Super’ Sponsors……

Andrananguwu Land Owning Group

Milikapiti Sports & Social Club  Nguiu Ulluntjinni Association  Monica Napper

Nguiu Sports & Social Club
Tiwi Bombers v Nightcliff

‘Killer’ under attack.... (Above)

Catch me...if you can... ‘The Kid’ Cunningham...
(Above)

History in the making....The ‘F Train’ Ephrem
marks and kicks his 4th goal for the game to
secure the coveted NTFL Dennis Dunn
Leading Goalkicking Award....another ‘first’
for the Tiwi Bombers Football Club...
(Left)
"Saturday nights’ Best and Fairest presentation night was a great success with players, sponsors and volunteers all joining in to be part of the first Club presentation. What a night it was!!!!

Kantilla’s function room at TIO stadium was a very fitting venue, being named after one of the Tiwi football legends, and thanks to so many people it was all done up and decorated making it a real gala setting. Good food, drink and the company of the friends from the Bombers family were all parts of the night’s success. However, the night was about recognising people, particularly players for their efforts during the season.

The Club’s gratitude and appreciation to the sponsors and volunteers who make it all happen each week was passed on to those people with Peter Baldwin being awarded the Volunteer of the year. The other volunteers voted to select Peter as I found it difficult to chose between the many people who have done so much. Peter has the challenging task of managing logistics and he does it so well. Thank you Peter.

There was probably no surprise that Mark Fitzsimonds was the spectator of the year in recognition of his very vocal and entertaining supporter’s comments during the games. Well done Mark and I hope your discussions with the security staff continues to be one of mutual understanding.

I just had to present a little something to Karl (60 Minutes) Gundersen for all of the boxes that have been ticked so far. Congratulations to Karl for his Coaching and direction this year. Well done and thank you.

The coaching panel were asked to select recipients for 4 sponsor awards and the following were the winners –

Shorelands Group - the Most Improved Player – Taylor Ullungura

Andrananguwu Land Owning Group - Best team Man – Nathan Pilauki

Mantiyupwi Pty Ltd - Most Committed Player – Patrick Heenan

Tiwi Land Council - Rookie of the Year – Anthony Tipungwuti

The leading goal kicker was Ephrem Tipungwuti with 52 goals. This award was sponsored by Peter Baldwin and we thank him for that support.

‘Ten Strong Men’......the top ten Tiwi Bombers in the 2009/10 Best & Fairest Awards at Kantilla’s on Saturday night......(Left)
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Because this was the first presentation night it provided the opportunity to recognise the efforts of those involved in the first 2 seasons.

Firstly all of the players and the coach for the first year (07/08) received a certificate an being part of the inaugural team.

Secondly the volunteer award 07 to 09 went to the *Toy Family (Bill, Alice and Mick)* for their huge contribution over 2 years.

Thirdly the best and fairest awards for the first 2 years went to –

**07/08**  
Runner-up - *Roy Farmer*

Best and Fairest - *Edward Darcy*

**08/09**  
Runner-up - *Sampson Mungatopi*

Best and Fairest - *Bradley Palipuaminni*

The runner-up to the B&F for 2009/10 was *Edward Darcy and Graham Dunstan* sponsored that award and we thank him for that.

The Best and Fairest player for 2009/10 was *Rupert Pupungamirri*.

*Rupert* was awarded the “*John Pye Medal*“ sponsored by ITEC and we thank ITEC for their support which also included the cost of a trip to see an AFL game in Melbourne. A big thank you to ITEC for this support. ITEC will also produce a medal for each of the winners for the first 2 seasons.

The presence of B2M helped make the night a real buzz with their great music. Thank you for that.

Some feedback I have had is that the night was moving, motivational, entertaining and a fitting way to recognise those who have done so much this year.

For me it was all of that plus it represents the beginning of another part of this new Club’s culture. An annual event to present awards and to thank people.

Finally I was blown away by the excitement, the feel and the passion that filled the room when B2M lead enthusiastic players and others in singing the Bombers victory song. That was fantastic, wonderful and a very moving scene.

Again thank you to all involved and congratulations to the award winners.

As the victory song says: “The Black Storm Birds are Coming”. With 2 games to win we now have the challenge in front of us to keep up the hard work and commitment and finish the year on a high.

*Go Bombers*

Allan McGill  
Chairman,  
Tiwi Bombers Football Club
Tiwi Bombers Inaugural ‘Best & Fairest’ Presentation Night

Rupert ‘Power’ Pupungamerri accepts his 2009/10 Best & Fairest Award from Tiwi Leaders Matthew Wonaemerri, Walter Kerinauia and Cyril Kalippa (Above)

An emotional ‘Rookie of the year ’ Anthony ‘Walla’ Tipungwuti (Above)

The ‘Awesome Foursome’...recruits Courtney, Anthony, Blake and Joel...

"Never have we played for a team like this.....unbelievable!!" (Left)

Can they sing and dance too?....well....don’t give up your day job boys.....

....but B2M certainly can......they ‘Rocked the House Down!!!’ (Left)