WADEYE MAGIC TO CAST SPELL ON NTFL

The Wadeye Magic will cast its spell on the NTFL Division One competition in 2011-12 as it enters on an 10 game trial as a prelude to entering the competition full time as of 2012-13.

The Wadeye Magic has been the result of the hardwork in the community and assisted by AFLNT Remote Development Manager and 2011 Nichols Medalist James McNamee.

"The Community have been doing all the right things, raising the money, taking ownership of the name and logo, jumper designs via community and school competitions which has created a lot of positive community support which providing the trial goes well will see us enter in 2012-13 on a full time basis."

A further preview of the NTFL is included later in AFLNT Quarterly.

AFLNT TV! THE NEW WAY TO WATCH WET SEASON FOOTY!

Can't get to Darwin to watch the NTFL during 2011-12 but still need your fix of NTFL action each week? AFLNT will be commencing to stream one game LIVE via the web each week. In conjunction with our premier partner Southern Cross Television, KikFM and KikDigital, AFLNT is pleased to be able to offer this product to the NT community FREE OF CHARGE for the 2011-12 TIO NTFL Season.

Simply head to www.aflnt.com.au and follow the links to NTFL Live! A broadcast schedule will be included in each edition of AFLNT Quarterly so you can tune in!

Is your company interested in reaching a vast audience that can not be accessed by traditional modes. Then AFLNT TV! could be your answer! AFLNT are seeking partners to advertise and assist with delivering this weekly program to life.

Please contact Brad Stewart on 08 8980 4802 or email brad.stewart@aflnt.com.au for more information.
Darren Ewing - 99 Goals
RAY HUGHSON MEDALIST
Darren Ewing - 99 Goals

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS & MILESTONES
NT Thunder - 50 Games
Darren Ewing - 50 Games
Cameron Ilett - 50 Games
Jarred Ilett - 50 Games

THUNDER SCORES HOME FINAL!!

NT Thunder have earned themselves a home final after finishing the regular season with a record of 14-4, eight points clear of their nearest rival Mat Gravatt.

Thunder were the standout performers and improvers of the NEAFL Competition and winning 10 straight games to begin the season held them in great stead to secure the home final.

With some rocky moments mid-season the NT Thunder have regrouped with nearly all back to full fitness to take out the Northern Conference Premiership and have a shot at the inaugural NEAFL Interconference Grand Final in the weeks following.

Get yourselves down to support your NT Thunder as they embark on this historic momentus occasion with the NO MORE Cup after the sides linked arms before the game to show their unity in the fight against family violence.

The “NO MORE” campaign is part of a Territory wide initiative using men as a key tool to provide an update on how the Club is tracking regarding its focus on ensuring that all players are actively engaged in work, training or study. The group heard from NT Thunder Chairman, Paul Tyrrell, who emphasised the focus on this area and highlighted the importance of the players not just finding and staying in work, but also the importance of other aspects to the NT Thunder Player Wellbeing Pathway. This includes the preparation of personal development plans for players, mentoring programs and the monitoring of our players progress in this area.

KPMG JOBS AND TRAINING NETWORK

On Thursday 18th August NT Thunder hosted members of the KPMG Jobs and Training network to provide an update on how the Club is tracking regarding its focus on ensuring that all players are actively engaged in work, training or study. The group heard from NT Thunder Chairman, Paul Tyrrell, who emphasised the focus on this area and highlighted the importance of the players not just finding and staying in work, but also the importance of other aspects to the NT Thunder Player Wellbeing Pathway. This includes the preparation of personal development plans for players, mentoring programs and the monitoring of our players progress in this area.

Thunder Wins NO MORE CUP

NT Thunder have defeated the Labrador Tigers in Round 21 of the NEAFL Season to win the NO MORE CUP for the second year in a row. The “NO MORE” campaign is part of a Territory wide initiative using men as a way of expressing men’s commitment to care for their families and to work towards the elimination of family violence. Players and officials from both NT Thunder and Labrador linked arms before the game to show their unity in the fight against family violence. NT Thunder Captain Cameron Ilett was presented with the NO MORE Cup after the side’s 93 point victory and NT Thunders Darren Ewing and Labrador’s Trent Knobel were awarded best on ground medallions for their performances on the night.

A WORD FROM THE COACH: A NEW SEASON BEGINS

It was important for us to finish off the home & away season with a win. Human nature and history could say there was potential for a let down after wrapping up the minor premiership the week prior. To the player’s credit though they never let up on our opposition and overall we were pretty happy with the way we played. What’s not to like about a 93 point win!

The nature of this playing group though is that we are always looking for ways to improve our game. This week has been built around tidying up certain areas of our game and freshening a few players up. Having the week off to manage the playing group gives us some flexibility which at this time of the year is important.

As a football club we have some clear objectives and some non negotiables, we are also sensitive that not every player can be treated the same when it comes to workload. We’ve managed the players through the week and have given them all the Friday night off. We’ll come together on Saturday night to maximize having our full squad together to work on different aspects of our game. It provides a great opportunity for us to fine tune how we want to play our Territory Style of football in the most important time of the year ‘Finals’.

I can assure all our supporters out there we are working diligently in making sure we have a full list to pick from. Round 21 saw the successful return of Matthew Rosier and Josh Watson and with players like Andrew McLeod, Karl Lohde, Jake Dignan, Charlie Maher, Iggy Vallejo and Ross Tungutallum all set to return to the side for our 2nd semi final we’ll be giving ourselves every opportunity to pick a team that we feel can get the job done.

To finish minor premiers was an incredible achievement and everyone should be proud of the efforts to date. It was nice to finish on the top of the ladder but it counts for little if we’re not prepared to go on with it. There was little fan fare from within the group after Saturday night’s win. It sent a message to me that as a group we’re focussed on what’s ahead and not the achievements of the past.

Thanks to everyone for their support during the home & away season. We hope to see everyone at our only home final on Saturday 3rd September. Go Thunder!
KEY DATES & EVENTS

TIO NTFL Season Commences
Saturday October 7th 2011

AFLNT Grand Final
Saturday March 17th 2012

AFLNT Now on FACEBOOK and TWITTER!

AFLNT moves further into the digital age now having available Facebook and Twitter Pages available to the legion of AFL followers in the Territory.

In touch with all the footy news about our new programs, NAB AFL Auskick and Australia’s only premier wet season competition the TIO NTFL.

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AFL 9’s COMP KICK OF IN THE TERRITORY

AFL 9’s is the AFL’s answer to modified games of the other codes. With leagues now in Alice Springs and Darwin this phenomenon is sure to create some interest across the NT.

Alice Springs kicked off their AFL9’s Women’s Competition at Traeger Park on Friday 29th July with 97 registered players across 10 different teams which is a massive coop for Women’s Football in Central Australia.

FLNT CEO Tony Frawley was amazed with the support of this newly formed competition in Central Australia.

“It proves football has no boundaries and with this new and exciting concept we now welcome over 90 more women into regular football competitions which is fantastic and only something that will grow in years to come.”

Darwin also kicked off a social AFL9’s competition at TIO Stadium with Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Team Divisions every Wednesday night during August and September for an eight week tournament.

TIO NTFL HOME TO HEROES LEAGUE OF LEGENDS!

Do not miss the NTFL action in the Top End. Buy your NTFL Membership today.

In response to numerous requests, this year AFLNT are offering two new types of memberships across the board.

A Junior Membership (Ages 11-17) and an Access all Grounds Membership will be on offer for the first time in 2011-12. For further information on memberships contact 08 8980 4888 or email aflnt@aflnt.com.au or visit www.aflnt.com.au.

FUTURE STARS AT NAB U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS

17 year olds Jed Anderson and Jake Neade lit up the NAB U18 Championships for the Northern Territory this year putting in solid performances and both receiving accolades for their efforts.

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The remote community of Galiwicku has been a buzz lately, with the introduction of a women’s AFL competition. The competition quickly started with four teams, but enthusiasm for the competition has grown so much that there are now seven teams. This makes it the largest women’s AFL competition in the NT!

The entire community has put their support behind the concept, with large crowds turning up regularly to watch the matches. The league consists of the following teams:

- Tigers
- Kangaroos
- Eagles
- Bombers
- Cats
- St Marys
- Thunder

Football on Elcho Island is proudly supported by Toll Holdings and Skinnyfish Music.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS FROM 2011 NAB U18 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round 1 - TIO Stadium, Darwin
NT 2.1 4.6 7.9 9.12 (66) def Tas 3.4 3.6 5.7 10.9 (69)

Round 2 - Optus Oval, Melbourne
WA 2.5 3.8 5.13 11.14 (80) def NT 0.0 4.5 7.9 9.12 (66)

Round 3 - Metricon Stadium, Carrara
QLD 3.2 6.3 9.7 15.9 (99) def NT 3.1 3.2 4.4 11.14 (80)

Round 4 - Optus Oval, Melbourne
Tas 3.4 3.6 5.5 10.9 (69) def NT 3.1 3.2 4.4 5.6 (36)

Round 5 - Skilled Stadium, Geelong
NT 3.2 5.4 7.7 10.7 (67) def NSW/ACT 2.1 3.4 6.6 9.9 (63)

Elliott Neade (above), from Elliot near Tennant Creek won the Most Valuable Player of the Carnival for the Northern Territory.

His dashing pace and ability to break the lines was a stand out and caught the eye of recruiters, especially those of GWS of which NT falls under their Zoning Rules. Should Neade not get picked up in 2011 as a 17 year old, and his form continues in 2012 NAB U18 Championships his name surely will be one to watch come AFL Season 2013. And believe us it will be worth the wait!
Who will join the class of 2010? Nomination Now Open

Visit www.aflnt.com.au or Call 08 8980 4804 to obtain a nomination form

Mental Health Week, 9-15 October 2011
Depression and anxiety don’t discriminate. Do you?

Depression and anxiety can affect anyone at any time but often, people won’t talk about how they’re feeling because they’re worried what others will think.

Don’t let discrimination and stigma stop you, or someone else, from getting help.

Depression and anxiety can affect people’s thoughts, mood, behaviour and physical health. They are common illnesses - around one million Australian adults have depression and two million have an anxiety disorder. If it’s not you, it could be someone you know.

People with depression and anxiety need to talk to a doctor or other health professional to get appropriate treatment.

beyondblue CEO Dawn O’Neil is encouraging everyone to make an effort during Mental Health Week, to help break down the stigma associated with depression and anxiety.

“This year, we will be aligning our awareness-raising efforts with Mental Health Week, which runs from Sunday 9 October to Saturday 15 October. Mental Health Week is a national awareness event, held every October and incorporates World Mental Health Day (Monday 10 October).

“During Mental Health Week, we are asking everyone - individuals, community groups, schools and workplaces - to help raise awareness of depression and anxiety, and reduce the associated stigma. beyondblue information materials that can be displayed in workplaces, schools or community centres during Mental Health Week can be ordered via the beyondblue website from September,” says Dawn.

Get the facts about depression and anxiety at www.beyondblue.org.au or call 1300 22 4636.