

# THE HALO

GRAND FINAL EDITION  
March  
Season 2009/2010



**Saint Marys Football, Sporting &  
Social Club**

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Welcome to the Grand Final ed. of season 2009/10! The HALO is your essential guide to all things SAINTS.

Want to contribute to our next edition? Send any news and Sainly thoughts through to: [saintsfc.office@gmail.com](mailto:saintsfc.office@gmail.com)

## PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

Well what a busy weekend! I don't recall ever being involved with a sporting club that can boast being in every grand final that the sport has to offer on the final day of the year! Add to that the Under 15 grand final Thursday night and the already secured women's premiership last weekend and I think you will agree we have had a ripper of a year. Congratulations to all involved, coaches, volunteers and players.

On other matters we once again will be hosting a fund raiser for Bryan Ah Mat to help with his speedy recovery. If you at the ground cast your eyes to the big tent nearest the St Mary's dug out. We have been overwhelmed by support and at the time of writing all 150 places in the tent were completely sold out. A big thank you to all that have donated or helped with this project it has truly been a humbling experience to see how our sporting and social community has rallied around Bryan in his time of need.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone competing the best of luck this week and weekend. A special thank you to the fantastic support we received making the banners this week they look great! GO SAINTS!!

Greg Connors



## COACHES COMMENT with Head Coach: Brenton Toy



Grand Final weekend, perhaps one of the biggest games in the history of the NTFL.

It couldn't have been scripted any better – Saints v Tiwis. The mood in the camp during the week has been one of quiet confidence and a sense of destiny. Finals football is what this club is about, more importantly – winning Grand Finals.

The Tiwis have done well to get this far but the boys will give their all to make sure there is no fairytale ending.

In the biggest game of them all, I expect our big game players to stand up and be counted; Iggy Vallejo, Luke Stapleton, John Anstess, Aiden Hill, Heath Culpitt, Karl Lohde, Cameron Ilett, Peter MacFarlane, Anthony Vallejo, James Puautjimi, Shannon Rioli and Ross Tungatalum.

But it will take nothing less than our best from the 22 individuals that make up our TEAM on Saturday to make sure that we are the ones on the winners podium with the premiership cup raised above our heads. GO SAINTS. BT.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

# GREEN & GOLD GRAND FINALS

*THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2010*

TIO STADIUM 1

7.40pm Under 15s

**Saint Marys v Waratah**

*SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2010*

TIO STADIUM 1

9.30am Under 14s

**Saint Marys v Waratah**

11.30am Under 16s

**Saint Marys v Wanderers**

1.30pm Reserves

**Saint Marys v Waratah**

3:45pm Under 18s

**Saint Marys v Southern Districts**

6:00pm League

**Saint Marys v Tiwi Bombers**



## SAINTS SCOREBORDS

### FINALS RESULTS: WEEK THREE

*Women's Grand Final: Saint Marys* 8.2.50 def. Waratah 3.5.23

*Reserves Preliminary Final: Saint Marys* 17.12.114 def Southern Districts 4.8.32

*Under 16s Preliminary Final: Saint Marys* 13.4.82 def. Darwin Buffaloes 9.7.61

*Under 14s Preliminary Final: Saint Marys* 10.6.66 def. Palmerston 6.7.43

### FINALS RESULTS: WEEK TWO

*League Semi Final: Saint Marys* 14.15.99 def. Tiwi Bombers 7.8.50

*Reserves Semi Final: Saint Marys* 11.10.76 def. Wanderers 7.5.47

*18s Semi Final: Saint Marys* 5.8.38 def. Southern Districts 4.6.30

*16s Qualifying Final: Saint Marys* 7.11.53 def. Waratah 5.8.38

*15s Semi Final: Saint Marys* 9.4.58 def. Waratah 3.11.29

*14s Elimination Final: Saint Marys* 7.10.52 def. Nightcliff 2.1.13

*13s Elimination Final: Palmerston Magpies* 4.10.34 def. St Marys 2.0.12

### FINALS RESULTS: WEEK ONE

*League Qualifying Final: Saint Marys* 14.10.94 def. Southern Districts 12.7.79

*Women's Qualifying Final: Saint Marys* 6.4.40 def. Waratah 4.5.29

*Reserves Elimination Final: Saint Marys* 15.11.101 def. Nightcliff 9.5.59



## SAINTS WOMEN LEAD THE WAY

**Saints women grab third flag in a row** *(featured in NT News)*

JESS WEBSTER

March 7th, 2010

**ST MARYS** made it three premierships in a row yesterday after defeating Waratahs by 25 points to claim the NTFL women's premiership at Marrara.

A dominant second term won the match for the Saints, prevailing 8.2 (50) to 3.5 (23) winners.

The Tahs started strongly and led by one point at quarter-time but their success was short lived.

The Saints kicked five goals to none in the second to go into the half time break 30 points clear.

Waratahs started to mount a comeback, converting the first two goals of the second half but were outplayed thereafter.

**Jamie Lee Puautjimi** took home the medal for best on ground and sealed the win with her second goal in the last quarter. **Captain Kristy Irvine** led her troops **superbly**, and also chipped in with two goals.

Lisa Roberts was among the Tahs best while Abbey Hay and Summer Caston shared the goals.

The latest premiership for **St Mary's** makes it their **fifth in six years** as they continue their **dominance in the women's NTFL competition**.



## SENIOR PRESENTATION

Congratulations to all those involved with the Senior Presentation on Saturday 6 March at the club. The winners for each grade were as follows:

### UNDER 18s

*Best Forward:* Edward Fletcher  
*Best Defender (Xavier Clarke Memorial Trophy):*  
Shaun Pollock  
*Best Utility:* Steven Miles  
*Most Consistent:* Owen Thomas  
*Most Improved:* Victor Moffatt  
*Best Team Man:* Brayden Davis  
*Coach's Trophy:* Glen Lindner  
*Most Likely to Succeed (Gerry Roe Memorial):*  
Shaun Edwards  
*Runner Up Best & Fairest (Gerry Roe Memorial Shield):* Virgil Puruntatameri  
*Gympie Lew Fatt Medal (Best & Fairest):*  
Shaun Pollock



### WOMEN'S TEAM

*Leading Goal Scorer:* Talannah O'Reeri  
*Best Defender:* Jessica Brogan  
*Best Forward:* Talannah O'Reeri  
*Best Utility:* Beckie Taylor  
*Coaches Award:* Rachael Hill  
*Most Promising Junior (Sadie Ludwig Award):*  
Michelle Friel  
*Most Improved (Sharyn Smith Trophy):* Naomi Alliston  
*Most Courageous:* Kahlisha Rioli  
*Most Consistent:* Kristy Irvine  
*Best & Fairest Runner Up (Shiela Clarke Memorial):*  
Natasha Puautjimi  
*Best and Fairest (Agnes Long Memorial Medal):*  
Kristy Irvine



### RESERVES TEAM

*Best Forward:* Daniel Johns  
*Best Utility:* Matthew Patterson  
*Most Consistent:* Brendan Lee  
*Coach's Trophy:* Johnathon Miles  
*Leading Goal Scorer (Doreen Wells Memorial Trophy):*  
Anthony Gardiner  
*Best Defender (David Rose Memorial Trophy):*  
Nathan Hoult  
*Runner Up Best & Fairest:* Kendall Garling  
*Best & Fairest (John Cubillo Memorial Medal):*  
Marius Clarke



### LEAGUE TEAM

*Leading Goal Scorer:*  
Anthony Vallejo  
*Best Defender (Xavier Clarke Memorial Trophy):* Aidan Hill  
*Best Utility (Terry Lewfatt Memorial Trophy):* Karl Lohde  
*Noel Long—Success Through Perseverance Award:*  
Shannon Rioli  
*Most Consistent:* Josh Heath  
*Best Team Man:* Peter MacFarlane  
*Most Improved:* Mathias Liddy  
*Best First Year Player (Gerry Roe Memorial Shield):*  
Jason Puruntatameri  
*Coach's Trophy:* Tom Frawley  
*3rd Best & Fairest:* Cameron Ilett & Perter MacFarlane  
*Runner Up Best & Fairest:* Shannon Rioli  
*Best & Fairest (Vic Ludwig Medal):* Karl Lohde



## OUR RISING STAR—PURA MAGIC #32

### Jason rewarded for his best defence with rising star

*(as featured in the NTNEWS)*

GREY MORRIS  
March 9th, 2010

**ST MARYS defender Jason Puruntatameri (pictured) joined an elite list of young Territory stars when he was named the 2009-10 NTFL Rising Star at Darwin's Skycity casino on Sunday night.**

The 17-year-old defender from Garden Point on Melville Island beat a big field of contenders to win the award, including Palmerston wingman-forward Kirsten Hunter and Darwin defender Samson Henry.

Another product of the St John's College Australian football program in Darwin and a cousin of Melbourne and former St Marys and Tiwi midfielder Austin Wonaeamirri, Puruntatameri made his league debut in Round 3 against Palmerston.



A career that started in the under-13s at St Marys has since spread to the Territory Thunder elite player program and the Saints senior side. And while his free-running out of the backline and superb kicking skills would suit a midfield or goal kicking role, Puruntatameri is happy in defence where his job is to prevent rather than score goals.

"My dad (James) played in the backline with Imalu and Tapalinga, so it's a family thing being a backman," he said. "Coach Brenton (Toy) gave me a chance with the senior side and I'm happy back there."

Toy approached Puruntatameri early in the season and told him a league career was in front of him if he wanted it. "I basically chipped him about his attitude when he was going through the motions in the U18s at Saints," Toy said. "It must have worked because he's been very good for us this season, including both finals matches."

Puruntatameri will play two grand finals this weekend when he lines up for St Marys on Saturday night against the Tiwi Bombers and his home side Imalu on Sunday when the Tigers meet Tapalinga in Sunday's TIFL Grand Final on Bathurst Island.

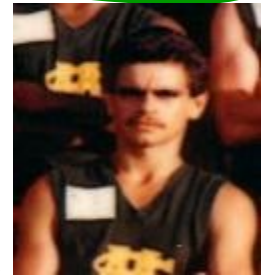
And like thousands of Tiwi Island youngsters, he yearns for a crack at the AFL. "I'd love to play in the AFL, with the mighty Hawks of course," was his response.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL LONG FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO ESSENDON BOMBERS HALL OF FAME!

### From The NTFL to the AFL - "The Michael Long Story"



Michael will be fondly remembered by the St Marys faithful as that young skinny youngster who started his football career with **St Marys Juniors playing 17 Junior Colts** games and kicking 18 goals and also playing **9 Senior Colts** games and kicking 13 goals before playing his **first League game at the tender age of 16** which back in those days was quite an achievement as St Marys absolutely dominated the competition

He **played 53 first grade games and kicked 70 goals and played in the 1986/87 and 1987/88 first grade premierships at St Marys**. In 1988/89 he played with his six other brothers in the 1989/90 losing preliminary final side. He also played 3 Reserve grade games.

Michael **represented the NTFL in nine representative challenge matches against AFL Clubs and Tasmania from 1988 - 1993** and played in the **1988 NFL Bicentennial\* against Tasmania, All Australian Amateurs and the VFA and was named in the all Australian team**. He has also played for a **combined QLD/NT side Vs Tasmania and played for Essendon twice against the NTFL**.

Michael ventured down to South Australia in 1988 and played **22 games with West Torrens** (now the Eagles) and finished third in the Magarey Medal with 17 votes. Not only did Michael do well **he won the West Torrens Club Champion and their best first year player for 1988**.

The man with the famous magical goose step **transferred to Essendon in 1989, winning AFL Rookie of the year and played his 100<sup>th</sup> AFL game against the West Coast Eagles on the 12/09/1993 in the First Semi Final and also played in Essendon's 1993 Premiership, winning the Norm Smith Medal as best on ground and was also a member of their 2000 Premiership side**. He also played in the **1990 and 1993 AFL Night Premierships**. In 1995 he was picked in the **All Australian Team on the Wing**.

After three knee reconstructions he reached his **150<sup>th</sup> game on the 25/06/1999 Vs Western Bulldogs** in round 13 of the 1991 season, ironical the same number he wore at Essendon. He had **played 190 games and kicked 143 goals when he retired at the end of the 2001 season**. He also played 15 night games and kicked 10 goals for Essendon

Michael also has the honour of being the **first NT and Indigenous player to Captain an AFL side** when in round 3 he led Essendon onto the ground against Sydney Swans on Saturday 10/04/1999 at the MCG. He was made **co - captain for season 2000**.

Michael developed his physique through the rigorous weight and other training methods of the southern clubs and has improved his skill level to attain his standing as a champion, a term that is often used too loosely, but in this case thoroughly deserved.

Note \*St Marys had 13 Representatives and the Coach at the Bi Centennial Carnival representing the NTFL such was their dominance of the NTFL competition. (Michael Long, Dennis Dunn, Willie Roe, Adrian Moscheni, Roy Casseti, Willie Rioli, Brian Long, Maurice Rioli, Cyril Rioli, Tony Vigona, Cadji Dunn, Michael Athanasiou, Damian Berto and the coach John Taylor).

*Information compiled by Rex Nixon*

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## SAINTS SCOREBOARD

TEAM	LADDER POSITION	WINS	LOSSES	DRAW
LEAGUE	3rd	11	7	
WOMEN	1st	11	4	
RESERVES	4th	15	8	
18s	1st	11	3	1
16s	1st	11	0	
15s	1st	10	4	
14s	3rd	7	3	1
13s	4th	9	5	



## CLUB AWARDS 2009/10

Graeme Smith Memorial Shield, Best Club Person Award:

Di Flesfadar

Collins Anderson Award: Cyril Rioli

Life Members 2009/10: Mark Palmer & Adrian Moscheni



## BRYAN AH MAT APPEAL

Please note – the Grand Final Function is *sold out!* Donations are still welcome though & people can drop a few coins or more in the collection tins at the entry and the grandstand on Grand Final Day or call the club on (08) 8927 9900 to donate with your credit card.

***Your support is much appreciated!***

## THE BRYAN AH MAT APPEAL HELP US HELP BRYAN



The well known and much loved St Marys Football Club, Pioneers Football Club and Darwin Basketball Association stalwart, Bryan Ah Mat, is currently in hospital after sustaining a serious head injury in a recent fall.

Bryan will require ongoing care and support as well as financial assistance for his family whilst he is recovering.

Bryan is a very popular member of the NT sporting community and his misfortune has caused immense sadness for all his family and those who know him.

To raise funds for Bryan's recovery and to ease the financial burden placed on his family, St Marys Football Club, AFLNT, Karen Sheldon Catering & Fosters Australia will be offering a unique game day

corporate package at TIO stadium for

Anyone wishing to help Bryan should attend any or all of the games and secure their corporate package available on the Level 3, Ah Mat wing.

- HOSTS:** Michael Long & Adrian Moscheni.
- WHERE:** Level 3 Ah Mat Wing (next to Super Boxes) at TIO Stadium, Marrara.
- COST:** \$50.00 per person (max people 110 per date). Includes beer, wine, soft drinks & finger food.
- DATES:** Saturday 27 February 2010 2nd Semi Final, Tiwi Bombers V St Marys 6.00pm.  
Saturday 6 March 2010, Preliminary Final (teams and start time to be confirmed).  
Saturday 13 March, Grand Final 6.00pm (corporate location & teams to be confirmed).
- TIMES:** Saturday 27 February 2010 – 5.30pm to 8.30pm.  
Saturday 6 March 2010 – 5.30pm to 8.30pm.  
Saturday 13 March 2010 – 5.30pm to 9.00pm.

**ENTRY DETAILS:** Enter TIO Stadium and pay admission price (\$10/adult).  
Proceed to Level 3 Ah Mat Wing and pay admission price (\$50/adult).

**COLLECTION POINTS:** Donation's will be collected at TIO Stadium inside the entry gates, on the concourse from main stairs to Level 2 and at the corporate day entry Level 3 Ah Mat Wing.

**BOOKING DETAILS:** Peter Thornton 0401 117 633  
Adrian Moscheni 0412 827 396  
Greg Connors 0401 115 787



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See:

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Please send any contributions (photos included) or feedback through to [king.charlie@abc.net.au](mailto:king.charlie@abc.net.au).



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## SPONSORS SECTION

Dear Sponsors, Senior Presentation Night is on Saturday 6 March. Please RSVP to [saintsfc.office@gmail.com](mailto:saintsfc.office@gmail.com) ASAP to reserve your seats.

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**Corporate Sponsors Women:** Straitline Blinds, Truman's Upholstery

**Corporate Sponsors (Junior):** Spa World & Johnno's Camper Trailers, Airlec, Tiwi Supermarket

**Player Awards:** De Silva HeBron (League), Ted Egan Enterprises (Women), Tiwi Supermarket (Juniors)

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Adam & Liz Cruse, sponsor of Rory Hood



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Family (2 adults, 2 children): \$25

Full Member: \$10

Player: \$10

Social: \$5

See the Staff at the club to sign up now. Memberships valid until September 2010

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Sessions run all week:

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Sunday: 2 -5:30pm



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