



# JASON PURUNTATAMERI

Born: 23 January 1993

Height: 180cm

Weight: 75kg

## GOAL

*“To play backline in the AFL  
and make my family proud!”*

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# SNAPSHOT

**Age:** 17  
**Nickname:** Pura, Pura Magic  
**Clubs:** St Marys, Imalu Tigers  
**Fav AFL Club:** Hawthorn  
**Fav AFL Player:** Josh Gibson  
**Fav Food:** Asian / Chinese  
**Fav Drink:** Coke & Powerade  
**Fav Music:** RnB & Hiphop  
**Interest/Hobbies:** Hunting  
**Role models:** Patsy Tipungwuti  
(Aunty / Guardian)  
Luke Tipuamantamerri  
(Uncle / Legal Aid  
Worker – Tiwi Islands)  
Edward Darcy (Uncle  
& Tiwi Bombers player)  
**Last words:** May the best team  
win!!! (Saint Marys)



*Assets: Speed, Intelligent decision making, Strong defender, Creative on-the-run player, Leader*



*Preferred positions: Back pocket, Full back, Half-forward flank*

# 2006 - 2010 St Johns College, Darwin



Student Leader, Year 12  
#2 First 18s AFL team - Captain 2010  
NT Smoke Free Cup winners 2007

# #32 Saint Marys (NTFL)

2005/6: U13s

2006/7: U14s premiership captain

2007/8: U16s premiership vice-captain

2008/9: U18s

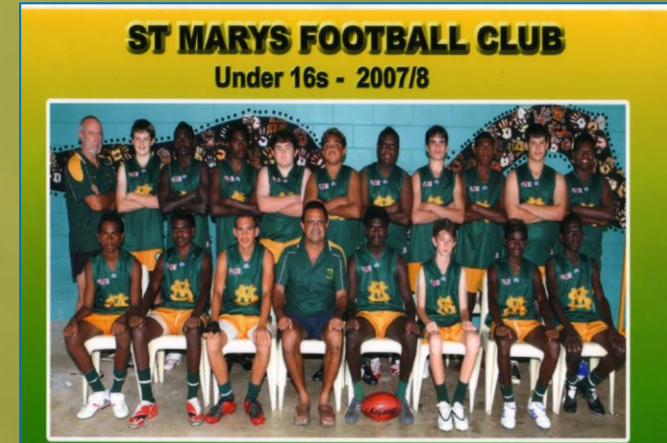
2009/10: NTFL league debut - Rd 3

2009/10: Premiership player

SMFC Best First Year Player

NTFL Rising Star Award

ABC Dream Team of the Year

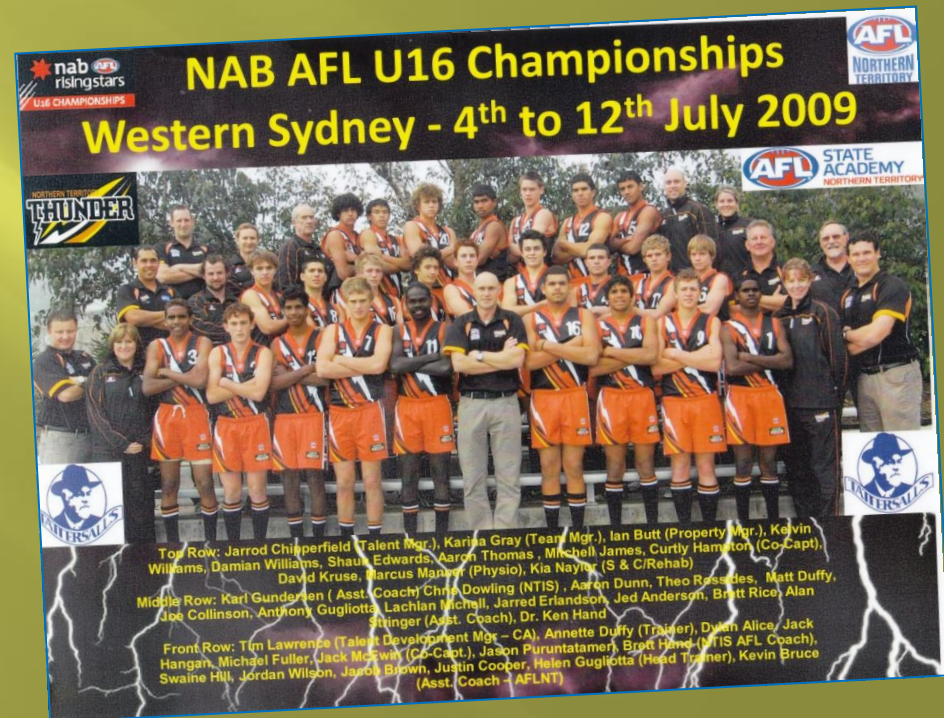


# # 11 NT Thunder State Academy 2009

ACT / NSW pre-carnival  
game (ACT)

National Championships  
(Division 2): 3 games

★ Vice Captain



# #17 Imalu Tigers

Debut: 2008



- ★ 2008 Premiership player  
Tiwi Islands football League
- ★ 2008 Premiership player  
AFLNT Umpires Carnival
- ★ 2009 Player  
Dreamtime at the G curtainraiser



# #8 QANTAS KICKSTART TEAM 2008

Olympic athlete, Cathy Freeman, with Tiwi Islanders, Jason Puruntatameri and Michael Dunn, at Albert Park Lake in Melbourne during the AFL Kickstart camp.

*Published: The Australian - July 17, 2008 Page, 16  
Picture: David Geraghty*



# MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

## Tiwi Islands Team 15 April 2010



### NT THUNDER CURTAIN RAISER RUMBLE

The curtain raiser match to last Friday night's demolition of the Brisbane Lions provided valuable match practice for a number of senior players.

Roy Kantilla, serving a 1 match suspension from the NTFL season got through unscathed & kicked a classy goal while Shaun Wilson, emergency for Friday nights match worked hard for 4 quarters.

The Reserves side, made up of predominantly U18 Academy players were outplayed by a slick Tiwi Islands outfit boasting St Marys premiership players, Ross Tungatalum & Jason Puruntatameri. Tungatalum was awarded best on ground honours and presented with a Thunder guernsey by club CEO, Stuart Totham at the end of the match.

Steven Lawton from Tennant Creek rucked well for the Thunder with Nathan Morrison and Liam Carusi playing well through the midfield. Jacob Brown and David Kruse tried hard in defence.

### Match Results:

Tiwi Islands	3.3	7.5	11.11	15.12 (102)
Thunder Reserves	2.3	5.4	6.8	8.11 (59)

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Northern Territory News, Monday, March 15, 2010

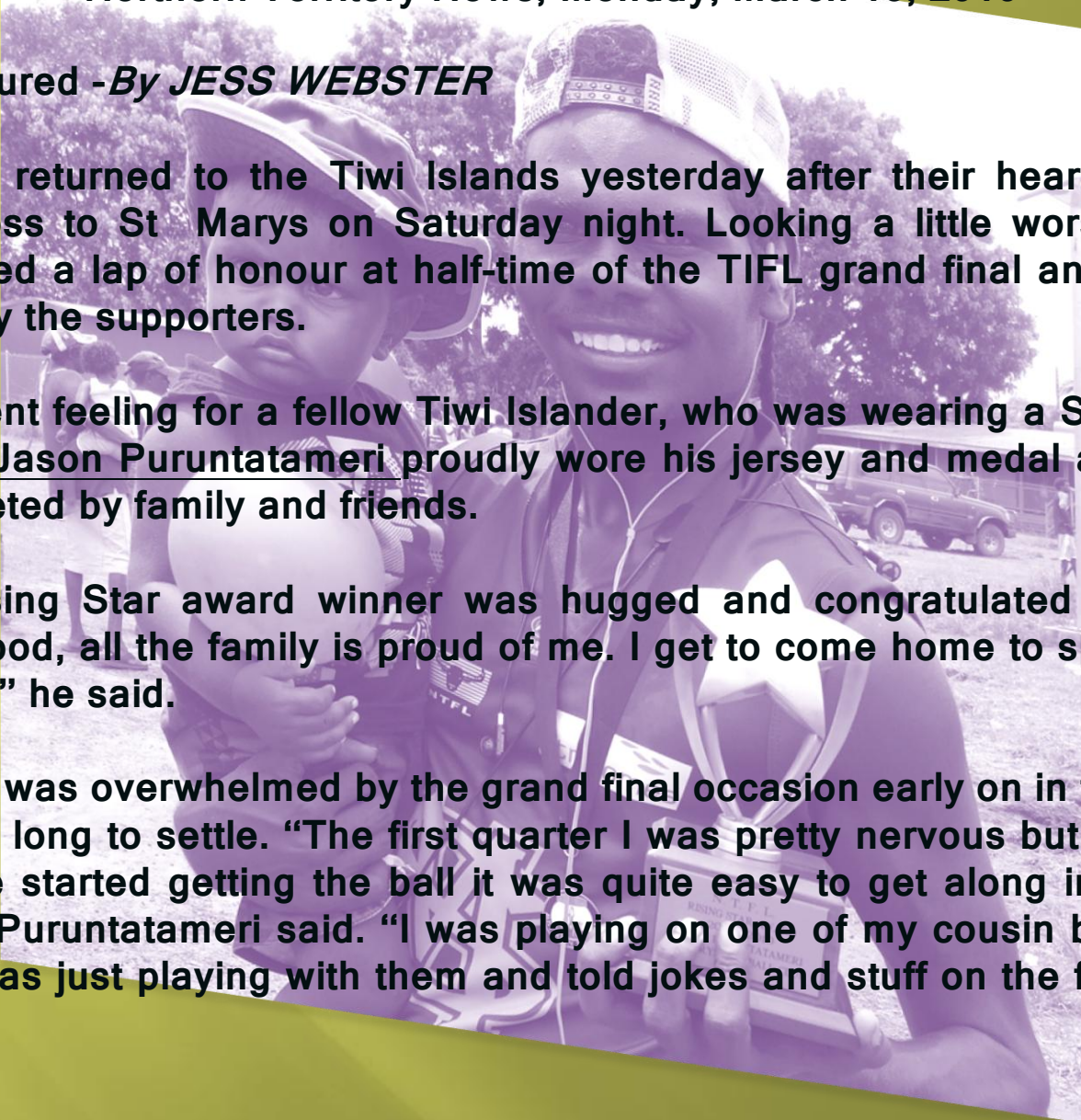
**Bombers honoured -By JESS WEBSTER**

**THE Bombers returned to the Tiwi Islands yesterday after their heartbreaking NTFL Grand Final loss to St Marys on Saturday night. Looking a little worse for wear the Bombers walked a lap of honour at half-time of the TIFL grand final and were thanked and cheered by the supporters.**

**It was a different feeling for a fellow Tiwi Islander, who was wearing a Saints jumper on the weekend. Jason Puruntatameri proudly wore his jersey and medal around his neck as he was greeted by family and friends.**

**The NTFL Rising Star award winner was hugged and congratulated everywhere he went. "I feel good, all the family is proud of me. I get to come home to spend some time with my family," he said.**

**The youngster was overwhelmed by the grand final occasion early on in the match, but it didn't take him long to settle. "The first quarter I was pretty nervous but then at the end as soon as we started getting the ball it was quite easy to get along in the game and start playing," Puruntatameri said. "I was playing on one of my cousin brothers and my uncles and I was just playing with them and told jokes and stuff on the field and started laughing."**



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NT News - March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

## 'Jason rewarded for his best defence with rising star', By GREY MORRIS

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 goalkicking 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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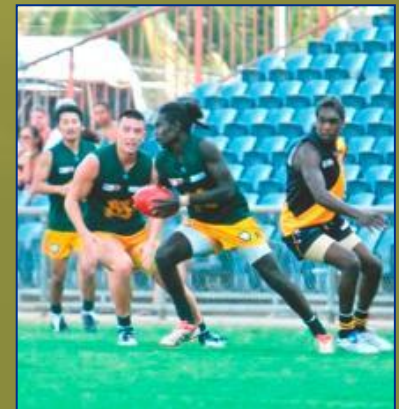
20 October 2009, NTFL Round Up, by: Karina Gray

*Excerpt:*

Tiwi Bombers will take on league leaders next week after Palmerston Magpies keep their tag as early flag favourites by toppling reigning premiers Saint Mary's. In what ended up a comfortable win, Magpies fended off the Saints challenge, running out the game 106 to 75. A depleted Saints looked to provide opportunities for new players coming through with Jason Puruntatameri, captain of the NT Thunder 16's squad, having an impact running of the half back line. An unfortunate incident for fellow Saints debutante Justin Cooper left him with a broken leg, likely to prevent him from getting another league guernsey for some time. Palmerston was bolstered by the return of Pierce Liddle to NTFL footy and under the directive leadership of coach Russell Jeffrey continue to dominate, topping the table for all three rounds thus far.

March 12, 2010 by Charlie King

ABC DREAM TEAM OF THE YEAR,  
Half Back Flank - Jason Puruntatameri





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