



Media Release

Gary Higgins
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Demons v Eagles – it is ON!!!

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The thrill of AFL Premiership action returns to the Top End this weekend when the Melbourne Demons take on the West Coast Eagles at TIO Stadium on Saturday night.

A large crowd of Territorians and visitors is expected to flock to the match in Darwin, which is part of the Northern Territory Government's agreement with the AFL that two of the Demons' Premiership matches will be held in the Territory in the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins presented a Territory flag to Melbourne captain Nathan Jones at the Demons' open training session today.

"The Demons arrived back in town this morning and will be looking forward to some strong Territory support from their second home base," Minister Higgins said.

"Ticket sales have been very strong, so I urge anyone who's thinking of going to the game and who hasn't yet bought their ticket to get online or get to one of the ticket selling venues without delay.

"Prior to the big game on Saturday I encourage Territorians to get down and support our elite team the Northern Territory Thunder as they take on Brisbane Lions Reserves in a curtain raiser match from 3.30pm. By getting there early you'll also reserve yourself a prime viewing position for the Demons versus Eagles match, which will get underway at 7.10pm."

While the Eagles will go into the match as favourites at second place on the AFL ladder to the Demons who are currently sitting 15th, the battle is likely to be lively. TIO Stadium has brought mixed fortunes for the Demons, who have played five matches in Darwin for three wins, while this is the first Premiership match at TIO Stadium for the Eagles.

Tickets for the match are available online at www.yourcentre.com.au or through the follow outlets:

Intersport Mitchell Centre

Intersport Palmerston

Intersport Casuarina

Nightcliff Newsagency

Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) on Mitchell Street

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