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CENTRE CIRCLE - UMPIRES COMMENT

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Edition 16

LEON WAVE'S OFF FOR HIS 250TH LEAGUE MATCH

This Sunday's match between Palmerston and Nightcliff will see League Goal Umpire Leon Fennell umpire his 250th League Game of NTFL footy. Leon has made his name known throughout the Football community as an ever-reliable Goal Umpire with a very impressive record of achievements.

Leon's dedication to football is not just umpiring as he is heavily involved in the NT AFL Masters Football for the past 22 years. Leon is also an NT AFL Masters Life Member, and also joins an elite group as a National AFL Masters Hall of Fame inductee.

The most important thing is Leon is an all round top bloke. He is always willing to help out with all things possible, whether it is behind the bar after training or helping organise social events.

Leon has a long and impressive list of achievements and finding his name in past records was relatively easy, listed below is some of his more prestigious achievements:

- First Started Umpiring - 16/10/1993
- Debut League Goal - 12/2/1994
- NTFLUA Life Member -2004
- Most Improved Goal award 1997/98
- 5 Tiwi Island Football League Grand Final in 1993/94, 1995/96, 1998/99, 2004/05 and 2005/06 - the most by any NTFLUA member
- 661 NTFL Goal Umpiring Games – 249 League
- 169 Reserves including 3 Grand Finals
- 122 Under18 including 3 Grand Finals
- 95 Under16 games including 4 Grand Finals



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- 6 Under15 games including 1 Grand Final
- 14 Under14 games including 1 Grand Final
- 1 Under13 game

Congratulations Leon! Below are the achievements of other Umpires joining Leon in Milestone Avenue this weekend:

AFLNT Umpires Recruitment

We are currently in desperate need of **more Junior Field and Boundary** umpires at the moment as the **Juniors return this weekend**. So if you're interested in giving umpiring a go then please call the AFLNT on 8980 4811 during business hours or come down to TIO Stadium on Monday or Wednesday Nights from 5.40pm.

Milestone Avenue Round 16:

- Leon Fennell – 250th League Goal Umpiring Game
- Kieth Pratt – 850th Combined Umpiring Game
- John Colwill – 200th Combined Umpiring Game
- Michael Butler – 100th Boundary Umpiring Game
- Dean O'Donoghue – 50th League Umpiring Game
- Brent Campbell – 50th Boundary Umpiring Game
- Luke Robins – 50th Field Umpiring Game

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