

THE EAST KIMBERLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL, KUNUNURRA, 4 AUGUST 2018**Photographer: Darren Clark**

Port Wyndham Crocs claimed a nail biting grand final win over Kururrungku Roos on Saturday afternoon the 4th August 2018. The Crocs overcame an early deficit to draw level with the Roos late in the game and force 10 minutes of extra time.

The Crocs eventually prevailed 11.17 (83) to 11.7 (73) on the back of solid performances and a strong focus on team football. The Roos had been hoping for their first flag having previously been beaten by the Halls Creek Hawks in the 2014 southern division Grand Final. That season the East Kimberley Football League was split into two conferences to reduce the travel burden on teams. Controversy had marred the lead up to Saturday's game with the Roos accused of fielding an unregistered player in their preliminary final win.

It is very satisfying for a team to win the Grand final because it breathes new life into the club and the whole town loves it. The town comes alive for something like this, even people who are not particularly interested in footy take a bit of pride in their boys doing their thing. There are a lot of people behind the scenes who don't get the recognition the players do but they put in a huge effort as well. At the end of the day they all end up back at the clubrooms celebrating as one big family.

IMAGE No.	FORMAT	DATE	COMMENTS
BA2840/956	Digital	4 August 2018	The Wyndham Croc supporters letting everyone know who their team was and where they are from. I loved it.

BA2840/957	Digital	4 August 2018	Supporters of the Kururrungku Roos, all revved up and ready to go.
BA2840/958	Digital	4 August 2018	The Kururrungku Roos making their way onto the oval at Kununurra on a perfect afternoon in the East Kimberley.
BA2840/959	Digital	4 August 2018	The Port Wyndham Crocs standing to attention as the national anthem is played before the game.
BA2840/960	Digital	4 August 2018	The Crocs huddling together before heading out onto the oval. I could feel the tension and excitement that the players were feeling. This was a day for the resilient and committed, for the calm in a crisis.
BA2840/961	Digital	4 August 2018	It was a tough game from the word go and every player on the ground was 100% committed.
BA2840/962	Digital	4 August 2018	The Roos and the Crocs getting physical during the 2018 East Kimberley Football League Grand Final. The first 20 minutes of the second term was a test of will, with neither defence giving an inch despite the immense pressure applied.
BA2840/963	Digital	4 August 2018	The skills shown by both side were of an extremely high level which made the game exciting to watch. While the second term was a defensive struggle, the goals flowed freely through the third term as the Crocs chipped away at the 12-point deficit at half-time.
BA2840/964	Digital	4 August 2018	I couldn't believe my eyes as the siren sounded at the end of the fourth quarter. I have never seen a local football match end in a draw and I was excited to see which team had that little bit extra in their tank to finish the job off.
BA2840/965	Digital	4 August 2018	As the siren sounded the boys of the Wyndham Crocs all came together to start celebrating the sweet victory. They showed great heart. It was a really great team effort.
BA2840/966	Digital	4 August 2018	I could feel the relief of the Wyndham Crocs players as they hugged each other after a hard fought victory.

BA2840/967	Digital	4 August 2018	Wyndham fans celebrating a hard earned victory for the Crocs.
BA2840/968	Digital	4 August 2018	At the end of the game all the young boys gathered together from each community and started to throw insults at each other. It was really quite a funny sight to watch.
BA2840/969	Digital	4 August 2018	The Roos supporters started to get a little out of hand with their insults. Luckily the local police defused the situation quickly before it got physical.
BA2840/970	Digital	4 August 2018	The Croc's supporters insulting the Roo's supporters by dancing in front of them singing the Croc's team song.
BA2840/971	Digital	4 August 2018	One of the Croc's supporters threw a plastic bottle at the Roo's supporters. That is when the local police stepped in and separated the young blokes before a full scale riot broke out.
BA2840/972	Digital	4 August 2018	Up to now I had never witnessed anyone giving an insult to another person by dancing in an aggressive style in front of them. I have now.
BA2840/973	Digital	4 August 2018	The local police separating the young supporters before things got out of hand.