

## **News Release**

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## Beagles smash their way to inaugural win

South Australian touch football stalwarts, the Smashed Beagles, last night won their first touch football grand final in spectacular fashion, with a thrilling victory decided in overtime at the Waite Touch Football Finals.

The talented E grade mixed team trailed for the entire match until two spectacular second half tries saw them force overtime.

In searing 37C heat, and with only four players left on the field for each side, the Beagles clinched the flag after Dave took possession of the ball and powered down the eastern wing of the field to score the knock-out try.

Buoyed by vocal support from the sidelines, the Beagles overcame aggressive tactics, a depleted line-up, an alleged over-50 opposition member posing as Gilligan, and the blazing sun to bring home the mugs for the first time.

Veteran of 36 seasons, Neil "Thommo" Thompson said the success was a victory which will be savoured for years to come.

"We have an immensely talented group, who have been training hard in the lead-up to the final. We take it week by week, and don't get too far ahead of ourselves, and last night's win shows just what perseverance and hard work can achieve."

"This victory is one which will become legend – our kids and grandkids will know about the night the Smashed Beagles broke through for their first flag. We are a proud team and look forward to the next season with much anticipation.

The win sees the Smashed Beagles secure a new sponsorship deal with upcoming services provider Yellow Wig, in a multi-hundred dollar arrangement, for the following season.

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