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## NITV Unveils Wednesday Night Sport Night A Midweek Hub for Blak Sport

Flagship NRL program *Over The Black Dot* moves to Wednesdays at 9:30pm from March 4 on NITV and SBS On Demand – with *Pro Bull Riding* and *Inside the Huddle* joining the line-up

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**National Indigenous Television (NITV)** is locking in a new home for its premium sport slate, announcing **Wednesday Night Sport Night**, a dedicated weekly appointment-viewing destination for First Nations-led sports coverage and commentary.

In a key programming update, NITV's popular NRL show **Over The Black Dot** will move from Tuesday nights to Wednesday evenings from March 4 at 9:30pm, forming the centrepiece of the refreshed lineup. The shift strengthens the network's midweek sport offering and creates a consistent slot for audiences.

Joining the Wednesday schedule from March 4 is the new season of **Pro Bull Riding (PBR) 2026 – Unleash The Beast** at 8:30pm, with **Inside the Huddle**, NITV's AFL program delivering sharp analysis, player insights and culturally grounded conversations from a First Nations perspective joining the content slate on March 11 at 10:00pm.

### A Powerful Midweek Line-Up

#### ***Over The Black Dot* – From Wednesday March 4 at 9:30pm on NITV & SBS On Demand**

As the longest-running Indigenous NRL television program, *Over the Black Dot* is hosted by former NRL player and proud Anaiwan man **Dean Widders**. Widders is joined by some of the game's strongest First Nations voices, including dual International **Timana Tahu, Bo de la Cruz**, a proud descendant of the Gudjula and Erubian peoples and multi-award-winning touch, rugby union and rugby league player; and former NRL player and Dunghutti man **Beau Champion**.

Now in its 10th season, *Over the Black Dot* goes beyond the field to explore the powerful intersection of rugby league, culture and community. Through in-depth analysis, exclusive interviews and robust discussion, the panel and special guests share personal stories and lived experiences that highlight the game's enduring impact on Indigenous Australia.

The series continues to champion Blak excellence across rugby league while tackling the key issues shaping the sport – on and off the field.

### ***Inside the Huddle* – From Wednesday March 11 at 10:00pm on NITV & SBS On Demand**

Focused on the world of AFL, *Inside the Huddle* is a premium AFL program blending sharp football insight with relaxed, and authentic conversation through a culturally informed lens. Spotlighting First Nations players, emerging talent and the broader impact of the game in communities nationwide, each week *Inside the Huddle* unpacks the latest news and stories from across the league, with a strong focus on celebrating the rich history and ongoing impact of First Nations football.

Viewers are welcomed into the inner circle by an expert hosting line-up: three-time premierships Lion **Chris Johnson**, fan favourite **Megan Waters**, and a rotating "star on the rise" co-host. Together, they preview the upcoming round and sit down for in-depth yarns with high-profile guests, exploring personal journeys, cultural heritage, defining moments, mentors and career highlights.

Grounded in sincerity and laid-back discussion, *Inside the Huddle* is committed to amplifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices within the AFL and supporting strong pathways for the next generation of talent.

### ***PBR 2026 - Unleash The Beast* from Wednesday March 4 at 8:30pm on NITV & SBS On Demand**

*PBR 2026 - Unleash The Beast* has bucked its way onto NITV, bringing the world's best riders face-to-face with formidable bulls in iconic American cities as they battle for the championship title. The 2026 season delivers the toughest eight seconds in sport, showcasing elite professional bull riding where every ride counts, and every fall has consequences. Across a gruelling tour, competitors chase vital championship points with their sights set on the ultimate prize — the PBR World Championship. Explosive, unpredictable and relentlessly intense, *Unleash The Beast* is a true test of courage, resilience and heart — where only the best can conquer the beast.

### **A Destination for First Nations Sport Storytelling**

The move to Wednesday Night Sport Night reinforces NITV's commitment to elevating Indigenous voices across Australia's biggest sporting codes. By bringing its flagship rugby league and AFL programming together under one consistent banner, the network is creating a dynamic and accessible midweek hub for fans.

Audiences can tune in every Wednesday night on NITV for analysis, conversation and storytelling that centres culture, community and the next generation of First Nations sporting leaders.

### **Also coming to NITV in 2026**

**APRIL** – NITV will broadcast the **2026 National Indigenous Cricket Championships (NICC)** from the Great Barrier Reef Stadium at Harrup Park in Mackay QLD.

**OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND** – NITV will once again broadcast the **2026 Koori Knockout** live and exclusive, direct from King Park Sports Complex, Raymond Terrace in Port Stephens, NSW, over the October Long Weekend.

### **Wednesday Night Sport Night – now the home of NITV's biggest sporting conversations.**

From Wednesday March 4, *PBR 2026 - Unleash The Beast* airs at 8:30pm on NITV, followed by the Season 10 premiere of *Over The Black Dot* at 9:30pm. From Wednesday March 11, *Inside The Huddle* joins the line-up at 10:00pm. All episodes will be available to stream on SBS On Demand.

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