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3 WEEKS TILL KICK-OFF

It certainly has been a busy off-season for people involved in the Ravens, and now, only 3 weeks remain before the kick-off of the E Banc Trade Gridiron Queensland Season 2006. The Ravens will open their campaign against the Ipswich Cougars, a title contender every year in seniors and 2005 playoff team in the juniors. Both contests will be tough openers for the Ravens, keen to start the year well in junior and senior grades. A full copy of the 2006 Season Draw, including times and venues will be available on the website ASAP.

Players have been training at a very high level, with best-ever training numbers producing the best possible preparations. With plenty to learn for new and old players alike, signs have been positive. It has been great to see the new faces who have already added plenty to the club environment on and off the field, and although too many to mention individually, the club would like to welcome you and hope your association with us is long term. Before the season opener, much remains, with Ravens Ryan Kelly, Andrew Martin and Christian McCarty off representing their state at the Nationals in Adelaide. We wish the boys and the whole state team the best for the tournament. A pre-season game against the visiting Coaches Care New Mexico lineup will be a great warm up for those involved.

Hopes are high for the coming season, so make sure you check out the Ravens in 2006!

FLASHBACK PHOTO



Ravens Juniors stretching before the Sunbowl in 2003, current Raven Thompson Sunerton out in front.

RAVENS TRIVIA

- 1) Who were the Ravens captains for their first ever game in the 2001 Charity Bowl vs Rhinos?
- 2) What is the name of the Trophy Contested between the Rhinos seniors and the Ravens seniors every year?
- 3) Christian McCarty was one of the original Ravens. What position did he play in 2001?

RAVENS AMONG SUNDEVILS HEROS

All of the time and effort paid off for the Queensland Sundevils Junior State Team in May, the Sundevils securing an undefeated National Championships.

The Ravens made a huge contribution to the win with players Lachlan McIntyre (Team MVP), Ashley Calvisi, Nic Dixon, Mitchell Eve, Callum McIntyre, Shannon Moen, Graham Reynolds and Jesse Williams along with coaches Steve Box, Paul Knight, David Blyth and manager Ron Knight.

Bayside Ravens would like to congratulate all involved on the wonderful achievement and are very proud of how you represented the club and your state.

WORLDWIDE ONLINE PRINTING SUPPORT RAVENS

Worldwide Online Printing at Morningside have joined the Ravens Fraternity as supporting sponsors of the club. Barry Begley (father of Jay) has provided the club's sensational new promo cards which also feature a great fundraising initiative.

So, for all your printing needs, contact Barry and the team at Worldwide Online Printing Morningside - ph: (07) 3395 7760 e: morningside@worldwide.com.au or visit www.worldwide.com.au.

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Contact the club committee for more information.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

As usual in any sporting team, the emergence of nicknames in the preseason has been noticeable. Some of those doing the rounds are Lucky, Shamrock, Irish, Primetime, Meatloaf, The Flash, Pussycat, amongst others. We hope to hear plenty of cheering for these names in 06.

FUNDRAISING COMING

The 2006 fundraising campaign is just about to kick off. Stay tuned for details of our annual Multi-draw raffle to kick off in July.

A Cadbury chocolate drive is also on the cards for during the season. Fundraising helps keep our costs as low as possible!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) Harry Alderton, Steve Box, Scott Fawke, Paul Knight
- 2) Gateway Shield
- 3) Wide Receiver

RIVALRY TROPHIES BACK UP FOR GRABS IN 2006

In the club's six year history, the club has forged some fierce and friendly rivalries with other clubs in the league.

As a result of these, the Ravens will battle for two special rivalry trophies again this year, both of which are held by opposition teams currently.

The first meeting between the Bears and the Ravens will see a showdown titled 'Fur vs Feathers' for the Knight Farrar Trophy. This is played as a junior and senior aggregate trophy, with Week 4 set down as the date for the occasion.

The Rhinos and Ravens have been rivals since both teams entered the league in 2001. This rivalry has been recognized with the Gateway Shield match played on the second meeting of teams each season. The trophy has changed hands a couple of times since its inception, with the Ravens Seniors hoping to reclaim the hardware in their Round 9 meeting.

RAVENS MERCHANDISE

Bayside Ravens have a range of merchandise options for players and their families to choose from. Ravens supporters polos, caps and bucket hats among the favourites. Polos are available in mens, ladies and kids. Contact the Ravens committee now to place your order and show your true colours in 2006!

RAVENS JERSEY PRESENTATION

The Ravens annual Jersey presentation is among the most enjoyable social events on the Ravens calendar. At this event captains are named and players presented with their game jerseys for the year. With the state team away in mid June, a date has yet to be finalised. A tentative date has been set for Friday 21 July (the night before the season opener). More details will follow via the website and training.