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SEASON STEAMROLLS AHEAD

The EBanc Trade Gridiron Queensland Season 2006 is now in full swing, powering towards the playoffs and the ultimate prize of Sunbowl XXII. The Ravens have reached record numbers in junior and senior registrations and have shown plenty in games to-date.

The junior program, perennial title-contenders are again in the finals mix, despite some early battles, and again appear poised to take it to all opposition in a bid to return to a fifth consecutive Sunbowl. The new 9-man junior format has been a sensation, with all clubs benefiting from the extra game-time and solid preparation for the next level.

In the senior ranks, two victories so far have exceeded expectations, along with competitive performances in numerous other contests. With a stifling defense that has improved the team's points against category by 50% and an offense which has added some much-needed run offense to the passing game, things are building well in this second year of the progress plan.

Only four games remain before the playoffs. Some strong performances over the coming weeks will hopefully see the Ravens involved come playoff time.

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RAVENS WELCOME NEW SPONSOR

Bayside Ravens are delighted to welcome Eagle Boys Pizza Capalaba onboard as sponsor of the club, with the commencement of what is hoped to be a long and fruitful partnership.

With club connections through player Floyd Nevis, Nathan and the gang at Eagle Boys are sponsoring our weekly Best Bird winners each week as well as catering to our hungry hordes post games and training.

The eatery at Eagle Boys Capalaba has almost become a second home, especially to the senior birds. We thank Eagle Boys, particularly Nathan, for all of their support, and we look forward to continuing the relationship into the future.

RAVENS TRIVIA

- 1) Only two Ravens have ever kicked a field goal. Who are they?
- 2) Who is the first Raven ever to win a Gridiron Queensland award?
- 3) Four Ravens juniors made the 2002 Queensland Sundevils. Who were they?

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

Following the staging of junior and senior national championships this year, Gridiron Australia announced National Team selections at junior and senior level. 5 Ravens were selected at junior level, with Ryan Kelly among senior players chosen.

The junior players chosen were Mitchell Eve, Lachlan McIntyre, Shannon Moen, Graham Reynolds and Jesse Williams. Ash Calvisi and Nic Dixon were named to the 'B' squad.

The selection is a great honour for all, and the club congratulates the great achievement. More details will be coming soon about the nature of the National commitments.

COMMITTEE SOUGHT FOR 2007

Although we are still finishing off the 2006 season, already the club is looking ahead to 2007. The club is seeking to add some new committee members to the fold next year, with a view to forward planning beyond the Box/Miller/Knight trust.

The longevity of the club depends on the willingness of people to put their hand up for roles off the field as well as on the field. It is desirable to start spreading the workload for 2007 so involvement long term is viable for all who work so diligently for the club.

If you are interested and able to be involved in formal positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Home Game Manager, Fundraising Committee, Events Committee or any other role, please contact the existing club committee. The roles could happily be filled by players, past players, parents, partners and other interested volunteers.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) Steve Box, Nathan Chapman
- 2) Luke Neale, Junior Defensive Back of the Year 2001
- 3) Luke Neale, Matt Neale, Dean Malseed, Jonathon Bohan

ANNUAL AWARDS LIST

This season's end of year Trophy Presentation will see the return of many prestigious awards as well as the addition of two new awards.

The first new award is to be titled – RAVEN OF THE YEAR. The award will go to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the club on and/or off the field, espousing the club's values and demonstrated a commitment to working for the betterment of the club. The second is an award recognizing and valuing the BEST LINEMAN. Often the big guys (or not so big depending on the week) are overlooked despite their efforts in the middle.

Other awards will be - Senior MVP, Junior MVP, Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved and Man of Steel. All of these awards will be presented in both senior and junior divisions.

RAVENS 2007 JERSEYS

With the current Ravens senior jerseys now in their 4th season of action and the juniors in their 3rd season, the club is looking to replace the jerseys for next year. This can be a large expense for the club, but there are a number of activities planned to assist in this regard.

Stay tuned for news of fundraising activities directed at raising the money needed to see the 'Birds in new jerseys for 2007, with both juniors and seniors desiring to share the same strip (colours to remain Red, Green & White).

As part of the process, current Ravens will be given the opportunity to purchase their existing jerseys from the club. Along with the jersey, this arrangement will also include 'Jersey Number Licenses', whereby players will get preference in allocation and selection for numbers for the new jerseys.

More details will follow at a later date.