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JW chasing the Rhinos QB



Jesse, Lachlan and Kurt

RAVEN'S FLIGHT TO HAWAII

Bayside Ravens junior player Jesse Williams has followed his goals and dreams to achieve an enormous milestone – offered a full scholarship to play football at the University of Hawaii. The 16yo was scouted during the Junior National Championships on the Gold Coast by Hawaii Assistant Coach Rich Miano (a former NFL player) and invited to visit the UH Campus. Williams made his visit in September and was offered the scholarship by Head Coach June Jones.

Jesse will be the first Queenslander to receive a full scholarship at a Division 1 college, and will join Adrian Thomas from NSW on the Warriors squad. Jesse will complete his Ravens junior season, finish his academic requirements and look to head to Honolulu in January.

Bayside Ravens would like to congratulate Jesse and his family on the wonderful achievement and look forward to seeing him represent our club in Hawaii for the next few years. Jesse's achievement goes along way to prove that if you are dedicated and motivated enough to go after your goals, they can happen. For all Ravens youngsters interested in pursuing football at the collegiate level, a reminder to work hard in school so you can ensure that you academically qualify.

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RAVENS TRIVIA

1. Who was the first Ravens player to reach the 50 game milestone?
2. The Ravens won their first junior Sunbowl in 2003. Who was their opponent in the exciting overtime win?
3. Who has kicked the longest field goal in Ravens history, and how long was it?

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS CONT.

Joining Jesse in his international endeavours during September were fellow Ravens Lachlan McIntyre and Kurt Mahuika. McIntyre impressed Hawaii coaches enough to be offered the opportunity to 'walk-on' and join the football team as a non-scholarship player. This in itself is an amazing achievement for Lachlan who has been a Raven since the age of 12.

Kurt picked up with the boys for the Utah and California legs of the Gridiron Australia Development tour and himself made an impression on coaches and observers, with possibilities for future opportunities in the US also.

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for Ravens football. We are very proud and excited about the opportunities ahead!

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FLAG FOOTBALL REFOCUS

The traditional Bayside Ravens off-season flag football will take on a different light next year with the introduction of a formal competition to be held on Wednesday nights during February and March.

Teams (made up of 7 players) will be asked to nominate for the tournament played under 5 on 5 rules. Two games a night will be played by each team, with a small fee for registration and \$2 weekly cost to cover expenses.

All past, present and future Ravens are welcome to be part of the action set to kick-off in Superbowl week.

Stay tuned to the Ravens website for more details!

RAVENS TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Tim Cottis
2. Toowoomba Chargers
3. Steve Box, 43 yards vs Cougars 2001

HOME GAME THANKS

With the Ravens home games now passed, the Ravens committee would like to thank all involved in the success of the occasions. Thankyou to those involved in the field marking process, to chain crew members and field setup and packdown assistants. Many thanks to sideline officials Liam Flannery, Duane Miller, Peter Soluch and Steve Box who gave their time to officiate in junior fixtures. A special thanks to Stacey Bryden for all of her hard work as first aid official for our home games, donating her time to the cause. A big thankyou to the Alexandra Hills SHS Pep Band for their performance and atmosphere provided at our homecoming game against the Rhinos. One final mention to the staff and volunteers of Redlands Rugby Club for their support in running canteen etc at the fixtures.

STRONG START FOR SENIORS

The best season in Ravens senior football history appears on the cards this season after some strong early and mid-season form collected a handful of victories, included a strong 22-12 win over the Rhinos in Round 7. Injuries have threatened to derail the season, but playoff hopes still remain with a hard-working core of players remaining to wear the Ravens jersey with pride. Big strides have been made during the season, and it is hoped a good finish will see the momentum continue.

RAVENS REMAIN IN HUNT

With a strong, dominating defense and a talented young offense, the Ravens have secured second place on the ladder in the junior competition heading into the final part of the season. The only loss for the Ravens a narrow 18-14 defeat to the defending champion Stingrays. The defense has used their experience and added some new faces to be a dominating unit while the young offense, in the hands of QB Phil Cottis for the first time, has shown its point scoring potential. The Ravens will look to build as they head into the playoffs.