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2008 PRE-SEASON UNDERWAY

Bayside Ravens juniors kick-started their 2008 campaign with training getting underway on Wednesday 16 April under the leadership of Coaches Steve Box, Thompson Sunerton, Paul Knight and Liam Flannery. With a good group of returning juniors and a strong recruiting class, the Ravens have set their sights on a return to the Sunbowl. Apart from the great numbers in attendance, it was fantastic to see the new Ravens training apparel in use by all players and coaches to give a really strong visual appearance to match the training performance.

Senior Ravens will begin their training program on Monday 5 May, with Head Coach Paul Knight and assistant Paul Cech ready to lead the group of players towards the July season start. Plenty of returning players, some graduating seniors and new recruits will come together to form the core of a group committed to returning to the playoffs in 2008 after a much improved 2007 season.

In the midst of the pre-season, a number of Ravens have been busy with representative commitments in National Championships, and some new Australia representatives announced. We look forward to continuing the pre-season in this positive manner.

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RAVENS TRIVIA

- 1) Who scored the first touchdown in Bayside Ravens Senior history?
- 2) The 2003 Bayside Ravens White team went undefeated to win the Sunbowl. Who was the leading scorer on that team?
- 3) What colours did Bayside Ravens juniors wear in their 2002 Sunbowl runner-up season?

NEW COMMITTEE STEERING RAVENS

Some new faces will be part of the Ravens committee for 2008, following the club's AGM on 16 April.

Arthur Williams, father of Jesse will take on the position of President, providing the club with strategic vision and more of a figurehead leadership. Long time President Steve Box will comfortably take on the position of Treasurer and stay heavily involved in club operations. Senior player Liam Flannery has been elected Secretary and along with Ashley Calvisi as new Vice President, the Ravens have some youth involved in the club's leadership.

Paul Knight will return as the Club Coaching Coordinator.

We look forward to continuing strong leadership within the club and having a successful 2008 under the incoming committee.

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ASIAN GETAWAY RAFFLE

Bayside Ravens will offer one of the best prizes ever in its 2008 mega-raffle, giving the chance to win a trip for 2 people to Malaysia, including Airfares and 5 nights accommodation.

Each club member will have a book of 20 tickets to sell for \$5 each to help raise funds for the club. It is hoped that this fundraiser will be popular, and achieve much of the Ravens fundraising goals.

The prize is drawn on 4 July 2008 with winners to be notified by telephone.

See a Ravens member to purchase your ticket, or contact Steve on 0402 859 406.

RAVENS TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) Phil Taylor
- 2) Jeremy Warren
- 3) Black jerseys, gold helmet and pants.

WARRIORS WIN FLAG FINALE

The Warriors were crowned Flight League Flag Football Champions for 2008, taking out Bird Bowl I at Judy Holt Park in April. After finishing atop the ladder, the Warriors overcame a determined Wolverines lineup to take the title with a 48-42 victory. The Warriors lineup was – Heytch Mahuika, Kurt Mahuika, Mitch Eve, Limbie Kelegai, Corey Russell and Kieren Tumata.

Following the Bird Bowl contest, Matt Nugent of the Moundbuilders was named tournament MVP after weekly voting. Thanks go to all teams who participated in the great tournament, along with the efforts of Steve Box and Darryl Hodgkinson for the organizing and operational work on the nights. We look forward to an even bigger and better competition in 2009!

RAVENS AUSSIE SELECTIONS

Eight Bayside Ravens players have been selected to represent their country on a tour of the USA in August/September. The team was picked from performances at the Gridiron Australia National Championships on the Gold Coast last year, with 22 QLDers earning selection. The Ravens picked were: Mitchell Bruin, Mitch Eve, Limbie Kelegai, Kurt Mahuika, Johnson Maiava, Will Sunerton, Phil Whap and Jesse Williams. The club congratulates all players and wishes them well in their representation. Players are looking for any sponsorship or fundraising assistance possible, contact the club for more information.

NATIONALS FEVER FOR RAVENS

Four Bayside Ravens seniors will don the Maroon and Gold of the Queensland Sundevils this month at the GA National Championships on the Gold Coast. Harry Alderton, Chris Josey, Christian McCarty and Matt Nugent will take on the best NSW, Victoria and WA have to offer in the week long tournament. All games are played at Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre, with clashes at 4pm on Sunday 27 April, Tuesday 29 April, Thursday 1 May and either a 1 or 6pm game on Saturday 3 May. Check out the details on:

www.gridironaustralianationals.com