



Hyacks Football Headlines

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High School News & Notes

WEIGHT ROOM WARRIORS

This has been the best off-season of training in the history of the NWSS program. An appearance in the Provincial semi-finals last fall has the players truly believing a Subway Bowl championship is a realistic goal in 2008. To that end, 40-60 players have been attending workouts daily since January and all have been working very hard.



The first testing period has just concluded with both **Vivie Bojilov** and **Matt Mussenden** becoming the first players to break the 900 lb barrier (for 3 core lifts). **Casey Chin** and **Tyler Digby** (pictured above, right) joined the 800 Pound Club, while **Enoch Osei** and **Nigel Eberding** lifted over 500% of their body weight. Grade 9 linemen **Nick Adomat**, **Jamie Wandell** and **Michael Dyatchenko** led the JVs by all lifting in the 700 lb range. Special thanks to Coach Oatway and Coach Semenowich for doing a fabulous job with a strength and conditioning program that many universities would be envious of.

PARENT MEETING – APRIL 2ND

There will be a parents meeting for all parents whose sons will be playing either Varsity or JV football this season on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the NWSS Library. Parent Handbooks will be provided and all academic and athletic expectations will be outlined. There are a number of activities our program will be undertaking this season, including the trip to Ontario, team camp and many others for which information will be provided at this meeting. This is an especially important meeting for parents of players new to the high school program.

HYACKS THANK RYAN BEEDIE

In February, Ryan Beedie made a substantial donation to the NWSS Football program. Beedie is the President and CEO of the Beedie Group, a Burnaby-based construction company. His company buys land, designs and builds industrial buildings and is also involved in residential and commercial real estate developments. They are the largest landlord of industrial space in B.C. Beedie was a high school friend of Coach Lalji and is a huge sports fan. Thanks to his donation, the Hyacks will be able to attend Team Camp in Oregon this June. Thanks for your support Ryan!

HYACKS EXCEL AT SENIOR BOWL ALL-STAR CAMP



Four NWSS graduating football players took part in the Senior Bowl All-Star camp over spring break. Running backs **Darnell Sikorski** (#36), **John Drury** (#32) and **Chenghao Cui** (#44), along with linebacker **Glenn Boyce** (#50) represented the Hyacks well all week at the camp, which was held at the BC Lions training facility in Surrey. The All-Star game was held at McLeod Stadium in Langley on Friday, March 23. All four Hyacks played very well against some of the top competition from around the province, with Boyce being recognized as the Most Improved Linebacker for the week. Cui is making the transition from offensive line to fullback and will be playing next fall at UBC. Sikorski is still deciding between SFU and UBC, while Boyce will be off to Nanaimo to play for the BCFC's Vancouver Island Raiders. Several junior and midget football scouts in attendance were also very impressed with Drury's potential.

KIN'S MARKET SPONSORSHIP A BIG SUCCESS

On February 16th, the Hyacks Football team was on hand for the grand opening of Kin's Farm Market on Marine Way and Byrne Rd. Players were serving lunch and providing VIP cards, with all of the proceeds (\$1500) going to the Hyack Football program. This interactive approach is an exciting and new feature of the Hyack sponsorship package. For more information on becoming a sponsor, contact Lynn Duncan (dn.duncan@shaw.ca) or Lisa Brady (vegasbrady@hotmail.com)



REGISTRATION FEES AND JACKETS

There are a number of players (especially JVs) who have yet to pay their registration fees. The \$200 fee was due in February so please get this in ASAP. All cheques should be made out to **NWSS** and delivered to Coach Lalji or Coach Oatway.

Jacket orders are now being taken at Prime Time Sports at Royal City Center. The order deadline is Friday, March 28th, but orders will not be approved until the player's registration fees are paid. The cost for these optional team jackets is \$200 if you pay the entire amount up front, or \$225 if you decide to split the payments (\$100 deposit up front with a balance of \$125 upon delivery).

NWSS ATHLETICS MUSHROOM MANURE SALE

NWSS Hyack Athletics is holding its annual mushroom manure sale April 11-12. The cost is \$5.00 per bag, with all proceeds benefiting NWSS athletics programs. Orders must be placed by April 9 (please specify that you are supporting Hyacks football). To order, please call 604-517-6300 and leave a voice mail with #517-9637. You can download an order form from our website, or get one from the Pearson office at NWSS. Please make all cheques payable to NWSS.

Youth Football News & Notes

For all the latest news and information about the upcoming 2008 season, check out the Youth section on our website at www.hyackfootball.com.

Royal City Hyacks Football Club Registration

If you have a child between the ages of 10 and 13 (born from 1995 to 1998), be sure to get them involved so that they can enjoy an outstanding experience. Please note that registration priority is given to New Westminster residents, so submitting proof of residency will be required.

- Advance registration is now possible online through our website. This allows parents to get information in to us in advance of the in-person registration opportunities, securing their child's place on the registration list. Note that the registration is not complete until all fees and documents have been submitted.
- **April 26:** the first in-person registration session for the 2008 season will take place at Prime Time Sports in Royal City Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- **May 31:** the first equipment issue will take place in the NWSS Massey Small Gym from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registrations will also be processed at this time as well.
- **June 7:** a skills mini-camp, free for all interested youth ages 9-13, will take place from 10:00 to 12:00 pm at Mercer Stadium. Registrations will also be processed at this time as well. Afterwards, the NWSS junior varsity team will be having their spring scrimmage.
- **June 21:** the final registration and equipment issue session will take place in the NWSS Massey Small Gym from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Hyacks Coaching News

- Jason Hoffman will be joining the coaching staff for the youth teams for the 2008 season, assuming the position of Head Coach for the Pee wee team. Coach Hoffman, who was a member of the high school coaching staff from 2003 to 2005, is excited to be back coaching in New Westminster. His knowledge, energy and passion for the game will be a great asset for the program.
- Several other new coaches are coming on board to join the growing Hyacks program this year. If you are interested in being involved as a coach, trainer or in some other major capacity, please send an email to Coach Leslie at rleslie@hyackfootball.com.

RCHFC Annual General Meeting – March 31

The RCHFC Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, March 31st at 8:00 pm in room 188. If you have a son planning on playing Pee Wee or Junior Bantam football this season you are welcome to attend this meeting.

Special thanks to the City of New Westminster and the Province of BC Gaming Authority for their financial support of RCHFC.

Looking ahead....

TAILGATE AUCTION DATE SET

The sixth annual Hyack Football Tailgate Auction will be held on Saturday, September 20th at the Justice Institute of BC. This has been a very entertaining and successful event in past years and is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the football program. Ticket information will be available shortly. If you would like to assist in this event or provide any donations, please contact Coach Lalji at flalji@tsn.ca.

HOMECOMING GAME FEATURES KUSHNIR BOOT

The final piece of the Hyacks 2008 schedule has been completed with the annual Homecoming Game on Friday, September 19th, 7 pm at Mercer Stadium. South Delta HS will provide the opposition, as this year's game will also be a battle for the Kushnir Boot. **Bill Kushnir** started the Hyacks program in 1955 and then went on to start the Sun Devils program 1978. The crowd is always the best of the season (1500+) and with "The Boot" on the line, we need as much alumni support as possible. If you can assist in finding any NWSS football alumni from the 50's, 60's or 70's, or are interested in helping with Homecoming festivities, please contact Shelly Spittler at spittler@somersco.ca.

TEAM CAMP ON THE OREGON COAST – BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

The Hyacks will again be attending a team camp this June. This year's camp will take place from June 23-26 at Camp Rilea Army Reserve Base in Warrenton, OR, along the beautiful northern Oregon Coast. Because of the location of the camp, we are inviting all Hyack families to join us. No one will be asked to volunteer. While the players take part in scrimmages against American schools, parents can watch the action, or better yet, just enjoy the area and take advantage of all of the outdoor opportunities to relax and get away. Selected Varsity and JV players will be attending the camp and the registration, housing and meal costs have been taken care of. There will be a \$50 charge for bus transportation due at departure.

GRID BITS....

Do you ever wonder where all the fundraising dollars go? The list of items to make and keep the Hyacks a top football program seems endless at times. This year the coaching staff is very excited about two major purchases that will significantly improve the quality of our program:

- A new 5-man Crowther S-Advantage sled, an invaluable tool that helps players to learn to block properly and safely, has been purchased. This piece of equipment replaces the used sled that the program purchased in 2003 when the program launched. This sled features the latest technology from one of North America's top field equipment manufacturers, and the Hyacks are the first football team in Western Canada to use this model.
- A digital sports editing software package has also been purchased. This will allow the coaches to achieve much greater efficiency in their film sessions with players and get very specific with their teaching. The system will also allow players to receive interactive scouting reports with detailed opponent tendencies.

Upcoming Events

NWSS Team Meeting

Friday, March 28 11:30 AM (lunch hour) NWSS Room 188

There will be a full team meeting for all NWSS players – attendance is mandatory.

RCHFC Annual General Meeting

Monday, March 31 8:00 PM NWSS Room 188

Any parents of peewee or junior bantam players are welcome to attend this meeting.

NWSS Parents Meeting

Wednesday, April 2 7:00 PM NWSS Library

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RCHFC Registration

Saturday, April 26 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Prime Time Sports @ Royal City Centre

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