

Friday, December 07, 2007

WA Reds on show for the first time

The WA Reds squad will train at Members Equity Stadium as a near complete group for the first time on Saturday December 8th as their 2007 pre season campaign nears an end.

It will be part of an Open Day for the Reds and WA Rugby League to celebrate the beginning of the new era of Rugby League in Western Australia which will see them enter into the national Jim Beam Cup, kicking off on March 29, 2008.

The Open Day will be for all people keen to see Rugby League head back on to the national stage and will commence at 11am.

Under head coach Chris Dever and strength and conditioning coach Matt Fuller, the squad now 35 strong includes 19 local players and 16 from outside the state. The recruited players have mostly settled now, but the major signing, back rower Shane McMenemy is currently finalising moving back from the UK is expected to arrive early in the new year.

The squad have not rested since October as they prepare to step up to the competition based in Sydney and need to be able to both compete at the higher level and meet the rigours of travel which most WA based teams are now subject to.

The training session begins an intense final week which culminates in a camp next weekend before a four week festive break. The break will be used by locals to freshen up and the new recruits to head home for a final catch up with families before settling into the nine month assault on the 2008 premiership.

For the public, management have put on some entertainment outside of the training for families to enjoy, including free sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and face painting for the kids as well as chairs and tables on the field for families to mix and talk to players and staff. Santa will even show up!

Posters, merchandise and membership opportunities will be available.

The official part of the day and one which has been long awaited by fans will see the unveiling of the 2008 home and away strip along with the major sponsors.

Saturday, December 8, 2007 11.00am to 2.00pm

Members Equity Stadium

310 Pier Street, Perth

11.00 - 12.00:	Reds Training
11.00 - 12.00:	Academy Training
11.30 - 1.00:	Free Sausage Sizzle
12.15 - 12.30:	Official Welcome & Jersey Unveiling
12.30 - 1.30:	Kids rugby league activity sessions
1.00 - 1.30:	Santa arrives

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