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NEW PRE-SEASON TIP OFF TIMES

RAZORBACKS FULL PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

Sat 12 Aug v Big 10 7.30pm at Hills Basketball Association
Mon 14 Aug v Cairns 7.30pm at Parramatta Basketball Association
Tues 15 Aug v Cairns 4.00pm at North's Basketball Association
Tues 22 Aug v Kings 7.30pm at Hornsby Basketball Association
Sat 2 Sept v Singapore 7.00pm Bridgecoast Stadium, Terrigal
Tues 12 Sept v Wollongong at 7.00pm Penrith Basketball Association
Thur 14 Sept v New Zealand at 7.00pm Bankstown Basketball Association

Hoops fans at Parramatta, Norths, Hornsby, Gosford City, Penrith and Bankstown basketball associations will be in for a treat when the West Sydney Razorbacks arrive in their backyards to take on NBL teams – Cairns Taipans, Sydney Kings, Singapore Slingers, Wollongong Hawks and New Zealand Breakers in a six match pre-season program starting on 14 August.

Razorbacks CEO, Robbie Cadee said that giving associations the chance to host the pre-season was one of the positive outcomes of an alliance formed earlier this month between the Razorbacks and Basketball New South Wales.

"The promotion is a highlight of our ongoing activities to draw more youngsters to the game and has come about through our relationship with Basketball NSW," he said.

"We're continually working with the associations to help promote the grass-roots of the sport and, in this instance, to also give people a taste of pro-level basketball in their own backyard."

The matches will give fans a sneak peak at the new-season line-ups ahead of the Philips Championship which gets underway in late September.

For the Razorbacks, Scott McGregor will lead a team featuring sharp-shooting James Harvey, Clint Reed, Rhys Carter, Cam Rigby and Graeme Dann. They will be joined by two as-yet-unnamed American imports who will form a crucial part of the Razorbacks' 2006-07 campaign. New faces in the lineup include former Perth Wildcat, Liam Rush and newcomer to the pro-league, youngster Julian Khazzouh, a one-time development player with the club.

Ticket details can be found on association websites, or via

www.razorbacks.com.au

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