

Cal Ripken Team Announced



The Australian Cal Ripken team has been announced for 2008. A squad of 15 has been selected with three representatives from New South Wales. Congratulations go to:

- Hayden Bray (Hills Association)
- Zac Shepherd (Hills Association)
- Tim Wakefield (Hills Association)

Hayden Bray was part of the Hills under 14 Association Cup team in the 2007/2008 season and was also part of the Hills North team that was successful in winning the Little League Championships. He will be travelling to QLD over the Queen's Birthday long weekend to participate with the Hills North team in the National Little League Championships.

Zac Shepherd was part of the Hills under 14 Sydney Junior Championships team in the 2007/2008 season that won the championship. Zac is also a member of the Hills North team that was successful in winning the Little League Championships he like Hayden will be participating in the National Little League Championships for Hills North. Zac was also part of the winning Baseball NSW Little League All Star Team that competed in the Autumn Classic in Queensland in April.

Tim Wakefield was also part of the Hills under 14 Sydney Junior Championship team with Zac. Tim was also a member of the winning Baseball NSW Little League All Star team that competed in the Autumn Classic.

These 3 boys are also involved in the current BNSW "A's" Talent Identification Program.

A credit to the Hills association for producing three very gifted and talented players that have an excellent future ahead of them.

As you can see these 3 boys have baseball running through their veins and have already competed in some high standard competitions within NSW. Their inclusion in the Cal Ripken team is now a huge step up in competition, where they will be up against teams from all over the world such as Korea, Mexico, Japan, Dominic Republic to name a few. This is a life time experience for the boys which they will enjoy and treasure for a long time.

The 15 selected members from Australia will take part in the Cal Ripken World Series event in Aberdeen, Maryland from August 9 – 16, 2008. The tour is on a player funded basis, costing the families approximately \$5000 to represent Australia. It is hoped that the ABF will be able to subsidize this tour in the future.

Baseball NSW wishes Hayden Bray, Zac Shepherd and Tim Wakefield and the entire Australian Cal Ripken team all the best in the Cal Ripken World Series and hopefully they can do one better than last year where Australia narrowly lost to the Dominican Republic in the semi final. Good luck and best wishes boys.

Below is a list of the entire Australian Cal Ripken Squad.

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	FIRST	SURNAME	POSITION	STATE
1	Hayden	Bray	INF	New South Wales
2	Ryan	Dale	INF	Victoria
3	Mitchell	Ellis	INF	Victoria
4	Robert	Glendinning	INF	Western Australia
5	Sam	Kennelly	Utility	Western Australia
6	Todd	MacDonald	Utility	Queensland
7	Jalen	McGee	Catcher	Western Australia
8	Sean	Pengelly	Pitcher	Victoria
9	Zac	Shepherd	Pitcher	New South Wales
10	James	Snelgrove	Pitcher	South Australia
11	Lewis	Thorpe	Pitcher	Victoria
12	Tim	Wakefield	Catcher	New South Wales
13	Jason	Warburton	Pitcher	Western Australia
14	Cale	Wood	Pitcher	Queensland
15	Mike	Young	Pitcher	Queensland
COACHING STAFF				
	Bob	Nilsson	Manager	Queensland
	Stephen	Black	Assistant Coach	Victoria
	Robert	Moden	Executive Officer	Queensland

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