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## **Future Looks Bright for the Newmarket Saints**

The Newmarket Saints were expecting a large turnout for their conditioning sessions this pre season and so far they have not been disappointed. More than 40 different players have attended at least 1 of the 2 sessions and more are expected as the sessions move into their 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Since only 7 of the attendees are players who have played for the Saints previously it is obvious that many young hopefuls will be fighting to fill the vacant positions left by the graduating Saints.

“Our workouts have been very well attended and we couldn’t be happier” exclaimed Head Coach Luke Ringler. “Most of these players are in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of junior eligibility and that bodes well for the future of our program”.

Ringler also realizes that it is very important to develop a good working relationship with the Newmarket Redbirds Minor system as well as other local associations in places like Innisfil and Uxbridge.

“We are encouraging our graduating players to return to the minor system and help out where they can” Ringler continued, “it is important particularly at the older age groups that the minor program is being run in a manner which parallels the junior program. That is why organizations like Orangeville and Whitby remain so strong, it is a continuous development exercise.”

In addition the Newmarket Saints have put in place a plan to initiate an Alumni Club which will help with the many tasks involved with financing and running a junior program. Logan Hurst a recent Saint graduate is expected to head up this newly formed club.

“We are trying to develop a sense of pride and history that goes along with having worn the Saints uniform and this association will provide the graduating players with a way to remain as part of that tradition” Ringler explained.

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