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AFL PLAYERS HOST 1st ANNUAL TOUCHDOWNS FOR KIDS CLINIC

June 9, 2005—The AFL Players Association (AFLPA) together with the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas will host the First Annual Touchdowns for Kids Clinic on Friday, June 10. This three-hour clinic, sponsored by the NFL Youth Football Fund, with support from EA SPORTS and Upper Deck, will feature various drills conducted by current and former AFL and NFL players followed by a Q&A, autograph session and barbeque. In addition, all participants will have the opportunity to attend Arena Bowl XIX on Sunday, June 12 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“It is an honor to work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas,” said James Baron, President, AFL Players Association. “Through the power of sports we hope to strengthen the efforts of their mission to empower all young people to develop the skills, self-esteem and self-reliance necessary to become productive and responsible citizens.”

From 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Lied Memorial Boys & Girls Club, 200 area youth will have the opportunity to interact with the leaders in the locker room and the community. The inaugural clinic is coordinated around the AFLPA’s Board of Player Representatives Meeting, which is attended by a representative from each of the seventeen Arena Football League clubs.

Participating players include members of the AFLPA Executive Committee: **James Baron**, Nashville Kats/AFLPA President; **Charlie Davidson**, Austin Wranglers/AFLPA Vice President; **Leroy Thompson**, New Orleans VooDoo/ AFLPA Vice President; **Greg Hopkins**, Los Angeles Avengers/AFLPA Vice President; **Chris Jackson**, Georgia Force/AFLPA Vice President; **Alvin Ashley**, Former AFL player/AFLPA Vice President; **Hunkie Cooper**, Former AFL player/AFLPA Vice President

Current and former NFL/AFL players include: **Gene Upshaw**, Hall of Famer and former Oakland Raider/AFLPA Executive Director; **Clark Gaines**, Former NY Jet/NFLPA Senior Regional Director; **Scottie Graham**, Former Minnesota Viking/NFLPA Regional Director; **Jason Belser**, Former Indianapolis Colt/NFLPA Regional Director; **James Guidry**, Former AFL player/AFLPA Regional Director*

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas

Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas provides a “Positive Place for Kids,” serving more than 12,600 youth in 12 Clubs throughout the Las Vegas Valley. The organization offers more than 100 programs that focus on character and leadership; education and career; health and life skills; sports, fitness and social recreation and the arts. In addition, the organization coordinates hundreds of social, cultural, educational and recreational events annually as both Club and fundraising activities. For further information, visit www.bgclv.org.

About the AFL Players Association

Founded in 2001, the Arena Football League Players Association is the exclusive collective bargaining agent for all players employed by clubs of the Arena Football League, governed by a volunteer board of active AFL players elected by their teammates on their respective teams. The AFLPA staff negotiates benefits, working conditions, and medical rights, as well as the salary cap/free agency system with AFL management. For further information, visit www.aflplayers.org.

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