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Rider in top form against the world

BMX champion Lauren Reynolds secured her first podium finish on the World Cup circuit during the final round of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup series earlier this month.

Competing in Frejus in the south of France, the 19-year-old South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder claimed second place, finishing just behind New Zealand's Sarah Walker.

"This is a massive result for me and extremely important for Olympic selection as the Games are not far away," Reynolds said.

The rising star has spent the year racing against some of the world's best riders at international events to gain points towards Olympic qualifying.

BMX world ranking points will accumulate up to May 2012 and determine the number of riders each nation qualifies for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Having achieved an impressive eighth overall placing in the 2010 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup, Reynolds is now looking forward to a well-earned break before getting back on her bike again early next year.

"I look forward to an even better year next year as we move closer to London 2012," she said.



BMX champion Lauren Reynolds has capped off another successful year on the World Cup circuit.

Board shares passion for junior sport

THE South West Academy of Sport board has three new faces.

Jennifer Coote, Toni Ciffolilli and Richard Jackson recently joined the SWAS board, filling the positions left vacant by Greg Trevaskis, Cary Green and Denise Jenkins.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Bultion welcomed the new members, saying they would bring a wealth of experience to the board of management.

"The new board members all share a common passion for sport, they will be assets to the SWAS team," she said.

"I would also like to thank the outgoing board members for their valuable contributions to SWAS over the past couple of years."

Toni Ciffolilli, a community relations advisor for BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina, said she was looking forward to being part of the SWAS board.

"Having been an athlete myself, I was drawn to this position as a way to share my experience with others," she said.

"The South West Academy of Sport is providing our talented young athletes with the opportunities and support they need to achieve their potential and it is very exciting to be a part of that."

Bunbury businessman Richard Jackson, whose love of sport took him



Jennifer Coote

to the Sydney Olympics as a volunteer, was pleased to be part of the academy.

"I look forward to being associated with SWAS and helping it to grow in strength and security by using my experience in business, passion for sport and a belief in the sporting prowess of our youth," he said.

Bunbury woman and rower Jennifer Coote said participating in sport can be one of life's most rewarding experiences.

"It is an honour to belong to SWAS to provide opportunities to our young sports people to pursue their dreams through their sport," she said.

Taekwondo talent doubles up on gold

TEENAGE taekwondo talent Jasmine Klumpp has every reason to celebrate. Not only has she just graduated from high school, but she steps out of the classroom with a bright future ahead of her.

With her sights set on representing Australia at the Olympics, the 17-year-old's performance at recent events has put her on track to realising her dream.

At the STA National Championships in Melbourne earlier this month, Klumpp's impressive sparring abilities saw her earn gold in the competition's open category.

It is the second consecutive year that the South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder has won the national title.

"It's good to win it twice," Klumpp said.

"It was a really good feeling knowing the training and hard work had paid off. It was a great reward."

Klumpp has also recently passed the first stage of selection trials for the national team and is now training for the second phase in the process.

Having juggled TEE with taekwondo this year, Klumpp said a desire to achieve her goals kept her on track.

"It's a real motivator to achieve your goals and do the best you can," she said.

Klumpp, who is part of the leadership team at Taekwondo Central, said young people wanting to follow a career in sport should "get as much experience as you can and aim high".



Jasmine Klumpp won a gold medal at the 2010 STA National Championships in Melbourne.

A surprise result

DUNSBROUGH mountain biking prodigy Rowan Brown excelled in familiar surroundings when he dominated at the recent Cape to Cape MTB race.

After 210km of riding in the four-day marathon through the Margaret River region Brown finished fifth in a time of 8h08m09s — only 11 minutes behind Australia's current Elite National Champion.

The 17-year-old South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder said he even surprised himself with the strength of his results.

"Beating some of the top Eastern States riders was a bit of a shock on some of the stages," he said.

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