



Liam Davis is representing Western Australia at the School Sport Australia Under 15 Schoolboys Championships.

Talented quartet gets State call-up

FOUR South West Academy of Sport football players are pulling State guernseys and representing Western Australia at a national competition.

Bunbury resident Liam Davis, Manjimup's Beau Chatley, Jordan Lowe from Greenbushes and Blake Riley of Busselton were all selected to compete at this year's School Sport Australia Football Championship.

The talented foursome are currently in Perth for the prestigious event, which boasts a number of AFL stars on its list of past participants.

Aspiring football player Liam Davis said he was excited about taking part in the championships, which started on Saturday and last one week, will see up-and-coming football players from around Australia vie for national honours.

"I'm looking forward to playing against the other States and just being part of a competition at that level," he said.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion said it was a great achievement for four of the academy's football players to be chosen for the State side.

"I personally congratulate the four players who were selected and believe this selection is testament to the core objective of SWAS which is to provide opportunities for talented athletes to achieve excellence in sport," she said.

"I would also like to pass on my congratulations to Riley Hutchinson who was a member of SWAS last year and who has earned a position in the State Under 16s team."

As well as praising the hard work and dedication of the academy's athletes, Butlion also highlighted the efforts of SWAS coaching staff.

"SWAS coaches are continuously striving to help athletes achieve success in State teams and coordinate key services so athletes can perform at a higher level," she said.

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A leader of the future

BUNBURY resident and talented football player Herman Humphries is preparing to make his debut at the SCG after being hand-picked to participate in the 2010 Qantas AFL Kickstart Camp.

The 15-year-old will travel to Sydney to take part in the annual development program, which will see indigenous teenagers from around Australia play a curtain-raiser to the Sydney Swans and Western Bulldogs game on August 21.

The camp will also give the young gun the opportunity to partake in training sessions with AFL coaching staff and undergo performance testing with the NCIE.

He will also spend time with AFL heroes and national legends



South West Academy of Sport football player Herman Humphries has been selected to participate in the 2010 Qantas AFL Kickstart Camp in Sydney.

including Olympic champion Cathy Freeman during team building and personal development activities.

The camp, which lists names

such as Chris Yarran, Michael Waters and Steven Motlop on its list of past participants, aims to develop indigenous leaders of the future.

Humphries, who is in the South West Academy of Sport and Clontarf South West Football Academy, was nominated for a spot on the camp by Swan Districts Football Club player development officer Greg Harding and SW football talent and coaching coordinator Jamie Douse.

"Herman has earned this trip because of his dedication to football and the SWAS program, and for excellent attendance at school with the Clontarf South West Football Academy," Douse said.

"Herman's a quality young man and we're proud that his hard work has been rewarded with this exciting opportunity."

The program takes place from August 15 to 22.



Cory Richardson played for Australia at the FIBA U17 World Championship in Germany.

Rising talent fulfills his childhood dreams

CORY Richardson has returned home from Germany after fulfilling his childhood dream of representing Australia.

The rising Bunbury basketball star slipped on the green and gold to play for the national team at the recent FIBA U17 World Championship in Hamburg.

Competing on court against some of the world's finest basketball players, the South West Academy of Sport athlete helped

Australia to secure an admirable top-half finish.

Australia finished a commendable sixth place in the tournament after losing to Serbia in the fifth-place playoff.

Richardson said beating host country Germany was a highlight of the competition.

"The experience of the whole thing was amazing," he said.

"Just being there playing for your country was a dream come true."

Academy welcomes back sponsor

THE South West Academy of Sport has welcomed on board BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina as a major sponsor for the second time.

The alumina giant recently signed on for another two years of sponsorship, after supporting the not-for-profit organisation through its first two years of operation.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion said BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina's continued sponsorship would help ensure aspiring athletes in the region received opportunities to develop their talents in the years ahead.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Worsley for its support, both funding and in-kind, over the years," she said.

Worsley asset president Julius Matthys said the organisation was very proud to be able to sponsor the South West Academy of Sport.

"It's a great opportunity for the young people of this region to excel in their chosen sport," he said.



Worsley asset president Julius Matthys, SWAS chief executive Bernice Butlion and SWAS chairman Don Punch. PICTURE DAVID BAILEY

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The South West Academy of Sport would like to thank The Griffin Group for its generous support over the past two years. Griffin's sponsorship has been instrumental in getting the academy off the starting line.

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