

Court star backs academy

AUSTRALIND'S basketball claim-to-fame, Mark Worthington, has come on board as the South West Academy of Sport's official patron of its basketball program.

Worthington said young people from country and regional areas of WA often had more obstacles to overcome to reach their goals than their city peers, but he hoped the academy would help to even the playing field.

"The South West Academy of Sport is an excellent initiative that will help young players from the South West region achieve their dreams in basketball," he said.

South West Academy of Sport board chairman Don Punch said Worthington was an outstanding choice for patron of the academy's basketball program.

"We are honoured he has accepted the role," Mr Punch said.

"Mark, who is set to represent Australia at the Olympics in August, will make an outstanding role model for young participants in the program."

The academy, which has AFL football, soccer, hockey and basketball as its partner sports, will give young people the level of training and education they require to reach the next level of their chosen sport.