

Reynolds wins States, gears up for Probikes

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BUNBURY BMX star Lauren Reynolds has won a record 10th State title after blitzing the elite women's open in Perth on Saturday.

Despite tough competition from former Beijing Olympian Nicole Callisto, Reynolds, 19, led from start-to-finish to take first place ahead of Kirsten Dellar in second, and Catherine Hopkins in third.

Callisto finished a disappointing sixth.

Reynolds, who was a finalist in the 2009 *South Western Times* AJ (Tood) Buswell Sports Star of the Year awards, said the recent State triumph was satisfying due to the tough competition.

"Nicole (Callisto) is a great competitor, she represented Australia at the Olympic games and has won numerous national and world championships," Reynolds said.

"So it was awesome to win over her."

And the 2012 London Olympic hopeful has no time for rest, with Reynolds flying out for Canberra today for round five and six of the National Probike series.

"As well as the Probike series, I'm also racing in an UCI ranking race," she said.

"The UCI race is important to get some points if you want a good UCI world ranking."

After Canberra Reynolds will fly to Europe for round one of the World Cup series in Spain, before competing in another UCI round in France.

"My goal is to finish top three in the World Cup series, but it will be extremely tough," she said.

"I have a lot more experience now and I've been training really hard so I expect to get some good results."



Title number 10: Bunbury BMX ace Lauren Reynolds won her 10th State open BMX title in Perth at the weekend. She continues her 2010 campaign with Probike and UCI rounds in Canberra this weekend.