

Duo in with chance to represent Australia



Tyler Hickert and Cory Richardson before the AIS camp. Richardson was selected in the Australian team.

GLITTERING performances for WA Country at the recent National Under 18s Basketball Championships have handed South West dynamo Cory Richardson a chance to represent his country.

Based on performances at the tournament, Richardson and fellow Bunbury resident Tyler Hickert, vice captain and captain of the side respectively, were hand-picked to participate in a week-long selection camp at the Australian Institute of Sport, with the view of forcing their way into the 12-man squad for the World U17 Championships in Hamburg, Germany.

Hickert was chosen to attend the Australian U17 camp for a fourth time after his performances at the Natio-

nals saw him lead the overall statistics for rebounding and scoring, averaging 12 and 20 per game respectively, but he was unfortunately cut from the squad.

But Richardson made a stunning AIS debut and has since made it down to the final 15 in the country.

Richardson played an outstanding National U18s tournament, averaging 14 points, four rebounds and five assists per game.

"I was really pleased with how I went in the tournament," he said.

"I was just going out there to do the best I could really, and see what happened.

"I've set my sights on going to Hamburg."

One more AIS camp remains for Richardson before the final squad is announced.

WA's Country outfits enjoyed successful stints at the U18s tournament that was held in Terrigal, NSW.

The women's team finished 11th after triumphs over Queensland North and the ACT and four narrow losses.

Local SWAS scholarship athletes Shannon McRobert and Jess Cameron had outstanding tournaments showing their true class when matched up against girls from the other states.

Meanwhile the men finished sixth after two five point losses to Tasmania and Victoria Country cost them the opportunity to play for medals.