

State team goal realised

HOCKEY

BUSSELTON hockey player Jamie Williamson has achieved a long-held goal of making a State team.

After months of intensive training in Bunbury, Busselton and Perth, Williamson was selected for Western Australia at the recent Under 18s Men's National Hockey Championship in Canberra.

The South West Academy of Sport athlete has had a mixed journey towards State represen-

tation, after narrowly missing out on selection in years gone by.

"I've worked for a long time to make this team," Williamson said.

"It's a great fulfillment of a dream.

"The skill level, the competition, the discipline (in Canberra) — it was all at such a high standard.

"It was a great experience — it's always been my goal to make a State team."

Williamson, who says his selec-

tion was a combination of efforts from the SWAS programme, his local club Wests and the South West Strikers, is already looking ahead to making the cut in WA's U21s side.

"Not only has SWAS worked with me on vigorous fitness training, they've also worked on elite skills," he said.

"I think with a lot of hard work and determination I'll be aiming for the under 21s State team."



Jamie Williamson