

# Liam's starring for WA

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DUNSBOROUGH teenager Liam Cremen is halfway through the experience of a lifetime – representing Western Australia in the national hockey championships, which commenced last Saturday and finishes on Sunday in Launceston, Tasmania.

Liam's meteoric rise to win state selection, and a phenomenal talent with a hockey stick, has also seen him named the Busselton Freight Services Rising Sports Star of the Month for August.

The 15-year-old said he was "stoked" to make the team and was looking forward to playing.

"I love hockey – it's a good, fun team sport and my goal is to go as far as I can," he said.

Along with selection in the WA under-15 state hockey team, Liam is a recipient of a SWAS scholarship and has played for regional representative sides for the past four years.

Part of his SWAS commitments saw him feature in the FHE Cup, where he came up against teams from Japan, New South Wales and the WA state team.

He plays for Margaret River/Cavaliers in the local competition and is coming off an excellent debut season for their South West League side, after featuring for their A2 side last season as a 14 year old.

State selection is a just reward for Liam, who trains and plays hockey fervently several times a week almost all year round, including playing hockey in the 'off-season'.

His mother, Michelle, said she was very proud of Liam and that he had plenty of potential

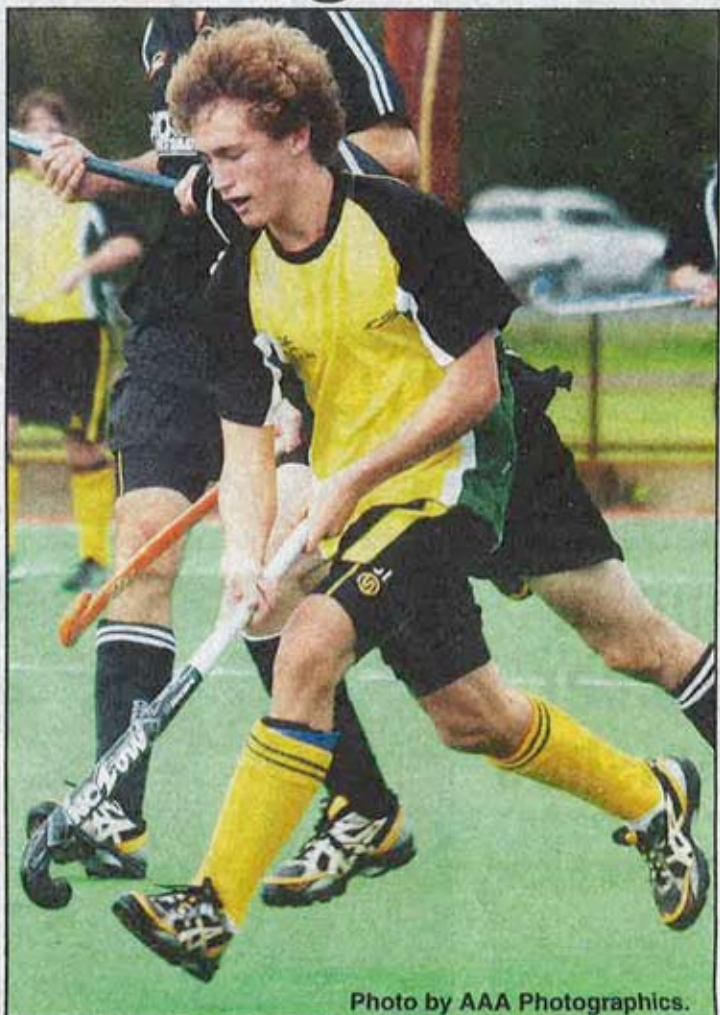


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**Rising sports star:** Dunsborough teenager Liam Cremen.

and support from his family.

"He always had a ball of some kind in his hand and has always been keen on hockey – we even bought him a tiny stick when he was little," she said.

Liam's hockey idols are Kookaburras Jamie Dwyer and Des Abbott and he hoped to one day emulate them.

"It would be awesome to feature in the 2016 Olympics."

Outside of hockey and school Liam doesn't have much leisure time, however he said he enjoys

a surf if he gets the chance.

"I would like to thank my coaches, parents and Busselton Freight Services and the Busselton-Dunsborough Mail for sponsoring the award," he said.

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