

# Wood leads State side to second place

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AUSTRALIND footballer Ben Wood had the honour of captaining the WA team 1 at last week's School Sport Australia Football Championships in Canberra that braved tough competition to finish in second spot.

The team defeated Queensland in round one and New South Wales in round two, sharing the top of the ladder with Victoria Country before heading into round three of the competition.

In a tight game, the WA 1 side defeated Victoria Country in round three and faced the WA team 2 which they also defeated.

Unfortunately the team lost against Victoria Metro in the final play-off and had to contend with the runner-up position.

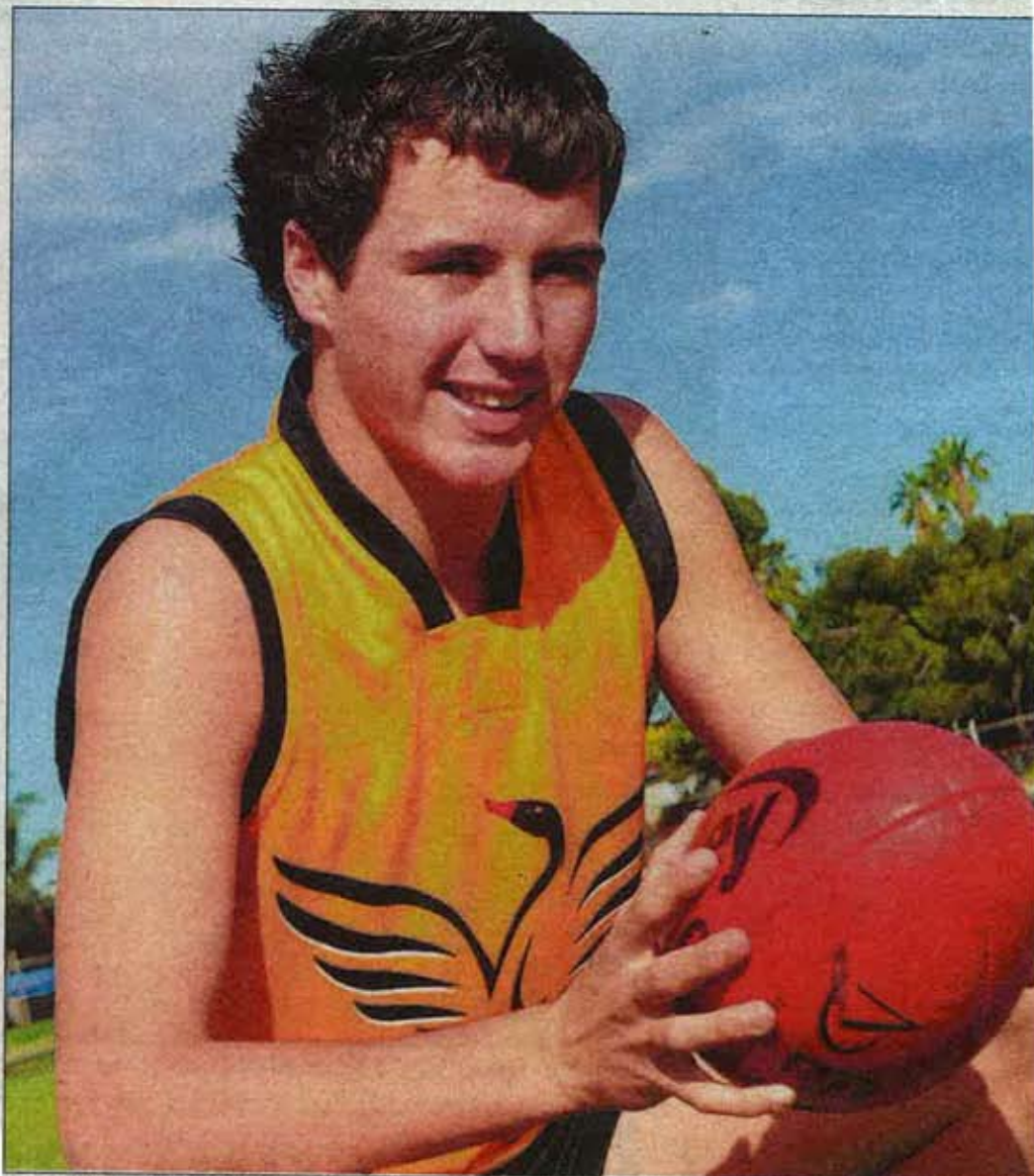
Wood, who was thrilled being named captain of his under-15s team, said his position meant he has had to step up and take a leadership role.

The 15-year-old went well prepared into the competition, having concentrated on developing his skills under the guidance of SWAS coach Paul Fimmano.

He said it was a great experience to represent WA at the National Championships and he realised how hard the competition was against the top players from other States.

Talented Harvey player Jordan Fimmano was part of the WA team 2 that finished fourth.

His side defeated Northern Territory and ACT, but lost against Victoria Metro and the WA team 1.



South West Academy of Sport football player Ben Wood captained the WA team to second place at the School Sport Australia Football Championships in Canberra last week.