



Visiting from England, Charterhouse School Hockey Team are pictured with their victors, the South West Academy of Sport team.

# SWAS meets Charterhouse

ONE of the perils of playing a winter sport like hockey is being required to play on cold, wet days.

This was exactly the kind of conditions endured by players on a chilly Friday afternoon last month when the South West Academy of Sport boy's hockey team clashed with Charterhouse, an international team who played in Bunbury as a part of their 2011 hockey tour.

Situated just 30km south of London, Charterhouse is a prestigious boy's school with a long history of excellence in hockey.

Fortunately for Bunbury however, the team from SWAS were victorious, coming away from the match 5:2.

"It was actually a lot closer than it looked," SWAS coach Matthew Mellor said.

"They hit a couple off the posts, so we were pretty lucky there, otherwise it we could have been in some trouble."

South West Academy team captain Matthew Williamson said the team enjoyed the opportunity to play Charterhouse.

"It's always good experience to play international teams, but it's even better when we win," he said.



South West Academy of Sport Hockey team member Jake Loxton, of Collie.

"While each of the SWAS team members play regularly with their own home teams, it is not that often they get to play a game together."

Matthew, a senior student from Georgiana College in Busselton, said he relished any chance to play with the SWAS team.

"As an academy team, we don't get the opportunity to play that

many games together so for us to play a game against a touring team is always a bonus," Matthew said.

In addition to the South West team, Charterhouse also played matches against Christchurch, Wesley and Como school teams in Perth and will play games in Singapore and Hong Kong before heading back to England.