



South West Academy of Sport tennis player Corey Bavin wears the green and gold colours of Australia.

Corey returns with a trophy

FORGET traditional souvenirs, a trophy is proving to be the best reminder of a local teenager's trip to China.

South West Academy of Sport tennis player Corey Bavin recently spent 12 days in Nanjing where he picked up his prize.

Competing as part of a Tennis West group, Corey was one of six players who represented Australia at the China-Australia Junior Tennis Friendship Cup.

Styled in a similar format to the Davis Cup, the competition saw players compete in singles, doubles and mixed doubles games.

Corey triumphed in two of his matches and the Australian team was presented with the Group Runner-Up trophy at the

conclusion of the tournament.

"To be able to play against some of the best players in China and represent my country was an honour," Corey said.

"It meant quite a lot to me."

The 15-year-old said it was fantastic to gain experience playing tennis at an international level, as well as to compete at the world-class Nanjing Olympic Sports Centre.

"It was good to see the standard of international players," he said.

During their time in the city of Nanjing, Corey and his Tennis West peers also had the opportunity to fine-tune their on-court skills during a five-day training camp conducted by American coach Jeff Bearup.