

Tennis star to take on China



South West Academy of Sport tennis player Louis Asser has been selected to the Associated and Catholic Colleges of WA's tennis team and will travel to China next year.

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WHEN the world counts down the seconds to the new year, tennis champ Louis Asser will have every reason to celebrate the past 12 months and look forward to 2012.

Not only has the 16-year-old made his mark on the West Australian tennis circuit this season with a number of wins throughout the year, but he was also recently named the South West Academy of Sport's Emerging Star.

And to top things off, he will travel to China next year to play tennis.

In April, the Bunbury Catholic College student will fly to Beijing to participate in the China Stars International Friendship Games.

The event is held annually and gives school-aged talents the opportunity to pit their skills against some of the world's most promising junior athletes.

Louis said he welcomed the opportunity to take his game to another country.

"I'm looking forward to experiencing a different culture," he said.

"It will be the first time I have played tennis internationally; I'll be playing at a pretty high level."

The Bunbury resident will be among 28 male students representing Western Australia in two Associated and Catholic Colleges of West Australian teams — a tennis team comprising 12 players and a 16-member soccer squad.

Louis' selection to the tennis team is just one in a long list of achievements.

His recent triumphs include winning the U18 singles and doubles events at the WA Junior Open, claiming the U16 doubles category at the WA State Open Age tournament, and being selected to represent Western Australia at the national Pizzezy Cup.

"Certainly the highlight was winning the WA Junior Open," he said.

"Winning the 18 and under junior final was the best thing."

On November 4, Louis' hard work on the court led to him being named the South West Academy of Sport's Emerging Star at the not-for-profit organisation's annual dinner and awards night.