

# Preah in state team

■ Hetherington takes next step into under-18s women's state hockey.

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LOCAL hockey player Preah Hetherington was picked in the under-18s Western Australia women's hockey team last week.

"I was stoked," the state side's youngest member said.

"But I was also a bit shocked because I was the only 15-year-old left (in the trials)."

Hetherington went through three trial sessions and players were eliminated at the end of each session.

The team was announced on the Hockey WA website on Friday.

On April 17, Hetherington will compete in the championships in Brisbane.

Being the youngest mem-

ber in the side does not bother her, she said.

"I know some players from the under-15s state team. I am looking forward to playing, but it will be a bit daunting playing against 18-year-olds."

Hetherington has had plenty of experience playing among the best.

She was selected in the 2009 and 2010 under-15 state teams, has played in the south-west regional team and for Collie in the South West League competition. She has played from Collie in the state championships since she was 11 and also plays for the local women's Mustangs team.

"I am looking forward to playing with more experienced players in a higher


level," she said. "I hope to learn tactics and discipline and the maturity of the game with older players."

Hetherington said she doesn't plan stopping any time soon. She wants to try for the state under-18 team for another two years.

She said her success so far has largely been due to local hockey coach and former Olympic hockey player Jan Ramshaw, her South West League team mates and the South West Academy of Sport program.

She advised any hockey newcomers to always try hard.

"You've got to be in it to win and you never know if you don't try. If you miss out, try again," she said.



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