

Interstate success for players

AUSTRALIND tennis talent Samuel Galati is focussed on becoming one of the players in the Association of Tennis Professionals' pro-circuit and recent success has brought him a step closer to his dream.

The South West Academy of Sports scholarship holder is the under-16 singles winner of the Launceston Dunlop Tasmanian Indoor Championships and narrowly missed the doubles' title.

Together with his Tasmanian partner, he won three round robin games, but had to forfeit the last one because his partner became sick.

The excellent results followed an impressive performance at the Hobart Junior Open Age Championships where Galati faced peers from different States.

A successful scholarship application to Department of Sport and Recreation and Tennis West eased the costs of travelling to Tasmania.

"Going to Tasmania was really



Young gun Samuel Galati has left his mark at the tennis championships in Tasmania.

good for my tennis because I learnt a lot," Galati said.

"I was extremely happy to play such good tennis and it was great to compete against different players from all over Australia."

On the girls' side, 11-year-old Madelaine Muller-Hughes, also from Australind, was one of the youngest competitors and stepped up to the challenge of her first interstate tournament.



Australind girl Madelaine Muller-Hughes was one of 11 WA juniors to compete in Tasmania.

Madelaine won the under-12 singles consolation round in Launceston and reached the semi-finals in the doubles.

In Hobart, she finished in the quarter finals in the singles consolation round.

Madelaine said she tried really hard and it took her a couple of games to read her unknown opponents, but she loved the experience.