



Flawless technique: Jacob Evans.

Cricket star

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A LITTLE over twelve months ago Busselton's Jacob Evans was starring in two sports – hockey and cricket.

However, a standout season with the bat for Capel has seen Jacob decide to focus on cricket and he has won the Busselton Freight Rising Sports Star Award for April.

He played for Capel's men's B-grade side, as well as their under-17s and scored more than 1300 runs for the season.

In their B-grade side Jacob scored 808 runs for Capel at an average of 73.45, which saw him the association's leading runscore, as well as Capel's batting aggregate and average winner.

He hit two centuries, and three fifties, with a top score of 167 not out, and helped Capel to a premiership.

In the grand final, Jacob scored 32 vital runs as Capel posted 5-252 against Marist who finished on 9-245.

He also took a catch and ran out Marist's number six batsman.

Capel was eliminated in the semi-finals of the under-17 competition, however Jacob was still the competition's leading runscore with 585.

Jacob was not out in six of his 11 innings, which saw him post an impressive average of 117.

In addition to excelling at club level, Jacob was the leading runscore for Bunbury at Junior Country Week.

This performance saw him selected for a Geoff Marsh scholarship, the Kerry Packer Foundation and a trip to the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence (in Brisbane).

He was also selected in the Perdamen Academy (formerly the South West Emerging Warriors) and has a SWAS scholarship for cricket.

Jacob is a right-handed batsman, whose favourite shot is the cover drive.

He decided to play in the Bunbury and Districts Cricket Association, as he felt it would be more competitive.

So what does he enjoy about cricket?

"I like the tactics – you need to understand the game well," he said.

"And that the game can change with every ball."

He said he like to keep an open mind when facing each delivery.

"I relax and have nothing on my mind."

However, his hockey talent hasn't diminished, as he is still fronting up to play men's South West League matches for Wests, every weekend.

Jacob thanked Busselton Freight for donating the \$200 award and said it would go towards new cricket gear.