

Cycling star heads to world championships

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CYCLING: Local teenager Bradley Linfield will venture to Europe later this year after it was announced last week that he had made it into the Australian squad for the 2011 Road Cycling World Championships.

The teenager, who will turn 17 this week, said the announcement was a great birthday present and dream come true.

The selection includes training camps in Italy and Belgium before the main event in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Linfield raced in three national road races to qualify for the international event and performed well – finishing in the front group for one race, second in the Oceania qualifiers while crashing out in the Tasmanian leg.

“I was nervous at nationals – I had to race well or I may not have made it,” Linfield admitted.

Although performing exceptionally well, Linfield was anxious on selection day.

“Tuesday was the longest day – the announcement was not made until late in the afternoon so it seemed to drag on,” he admitted.

The announcement confirmed Linfield’s talent and his commitment to the sport.

Linfield has been cycling for four years and trains over 25 hours a week.

The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar student is also likely to drop out of year 12 to continue his cycling endeavours.

Linfield however says the sacrifices are worth it as it is important preparation for the 124 kilometre world competition.

“Thinking of racing makes me train harder and keeps me going,” he said.

“I am always looking forward to what I can achieve in the sport – I want to continue racing



Bradley Linfield was selected for the 2011 Road Cycling World Championships last week.

in the world championships and then hopefully join a pro team and work toward cycling in the Tour de France.”

The Road Cycling World Championships will be held in September.