

Chatley in State squad

BEAU Chatley has been selected in the State 16s squad for the NAB AFL under-16 championships in Sydney from July 9-16.

Chatley has been involved in development programs at Manjimup Senior High School, the South West Academy of Sport and the East Perth Football Club.

He has been travelling in between Perth and Manjimup to take part in State training.

"I played with East Perth in the 16s carnival and from there I was picked for the 16s State squad," Chatley said.

Chatley said he played off half-back with the East Perth 16s.

"The State squad coaches have not given us set positions yet, they are testing us out in a number of different positions," he said.

He said there had been a number of key factors in his development.

"Everything has helped including work with my club, Tigers, the SWAS program and East Perth," he said.

Manjimup Senior High School football coach Josh Rayson said coaches looked at Chatley because of his size.

"At 189cm he is the prototype for the modern day midfielder," Rayson said.

"Beau has been playing in the midfield but the 16s program is about development so they look at players in a number of different positions.

"Once they get to the carnival they will have a set position."

Rayson said Chatley had worked hard over the summer to give himself the best chance to succeed.

Chatley also took part in the AFL Draft State Combine at Edith Cowan University in May.

The 30 players who took part in the combine completed all the skill and fitness tests which are conducted at the AFL Draft Combine prior to the National Draft.