

Top achievers named

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TEEN surfing sensation Creed McTaggart has beat out a strong field of competitors to take home the South West Academy of Sport's top prize.

The young gun was crowned the South West Academy of Sport's Sports Star of the Year at the academy's annual dinner and awards night held at the All Seasons Sanctuary Golf Resort in Bunbury earlier in the month.

During the red carpet event, Creed was also named the Male Individual Athlete of the Year.

Creed's double win at the awards ceremony capped off a stellar year for the West Australian Junior Surfer of the Year.

His achievements over the past 12 months include representing Australia at the Quiksilver ISA World Junior Surfing Championship in Peru.

McTaggart was one of a number of outstanding individuals who received awards at the event.

Up-and-coming tennis player Louis Asser was presented with the Emerging Star Award and promising football player Scott Jones won the Male Team Athlete of the Year Award.

Hockey talent Keeley Allsop claimed the Female Team Athlete of the Year Award, while hurdler extraordinaire Shenae Peterson



Keeley Allsop was proud to receive the award for Female Team Athlete of the Year.



Creed McTaggart, South West Academy of Sport's Sport Star of the Year, accepts his award from Boyd Brown of Telstra Country Wide.

was presented with the Female Individual Athlete of the Year Award.

South West Academy of Sport tennis coach Christina Ladyman was honoured with the Wally Foreman Award and young netball player Jessica Brindley made history by winning the academy's first ever Community Achiever Award.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Bullion congratulated the award winners.

"Talent alone is not enough to succeed in sport," she said.

"It takes hard work, determination and commitment to reach the top.

"South West Academy of Sport athletes have been working hard all year, juggling training and competition with school and other commitments.

"Their awards are very well deserved and we look forward to following their sporting achievements into 2012."