



Talented tennis player Corey Bavin is putting his skills to the test in China.

Determined player going places

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WITH his tennis racket in his hand, up-and-coming Harvey teenager Corey Bavin is definitely going places.

The 15-year-old South West Academy of Sport member is part of a talented group of West Australians putting their skills to the test in Nanjing, China after being selected by Tennis West to take part in a tour.

He is the only country member of the six young players representing WA in China.

Before flying out on October 21

Bavin said he was looking forward to his first overseas tennis experience.

The Harvey Senior High School student has enjoyed a stellar season, winning his categories in a number of contests including the WA State Open Age, Dunlop Tasmanian Indoor Championships, Winter Junior Hard Courts and Greenwood Junior Open.

SWAS tennis head coach Christina Ladyman said part of Bavin's success was down to his determination and work ethic which was second to none.

"He gives 100 per cent in every

training session and tournament match," she said.

"He has played some high level tournaments this year.

"He travelled to Queensland to play nationals earlier in the year.

"His game is continuously improving and if he keeps working hard then he will be a player to watch."

The tour included a week of training with 40 of the top coaches in China and a friendly cup between Australia and China.

Bavin will return from the 12-day trip this Wednesday.