



South West Academy of Sport players Ben Wood, Jordan Fimmano, Travis Cleggett and Connor Blakely represented Western Australia at the School Sport Australia Football Championships.

Young talent shines

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THE siren has sounded on the annual School Sport Australia Football Championships for another year and the four South West Academy of Sport athletes who represented Western Australia at the carnival in Canberra are now back home.

Ben Wood, Connor Blakely, Travis Cleggett and Jordan Fimmano enjoyed a memorable championships, with all four football talents playing for U15

WA teams that finished on the top half of the ladder.

Ben captained his State team to second place while Connor, Travis and Jordan were part of the WA side that finished in fourth position.

Fifteen-year-old Jordan Fimmano said the tournament, which attracted some of the best emerging school-aged footballers from around Australia, was a 'big step up' in terms of competition.

'It's a lot faster and rougher,' he said.

'I thought it was a good effort, but I was a little disappointed we didn't get third.'

The four South West Academy of Sport athletes were granted the opportunity to represent Western Australia at the tournament after impressing at selection trials held earlier this year in Bunbury and Perth.

The trials attracted about 300 students hoping to earn positions in the WA sides, and were followed by a comprehensive training schedule for the chosen players.