

# Australind's star goalie

AUSTRALIND teenage hockey talent Ben Johnston headed to the national championships in Rockhampton last Friday.

Johnston is the defending goal keeper for Western Australia at the School Sport Australia U16 Hockey Championships that runs until August 15.

The 15-year-old hopes his team makes the top four.

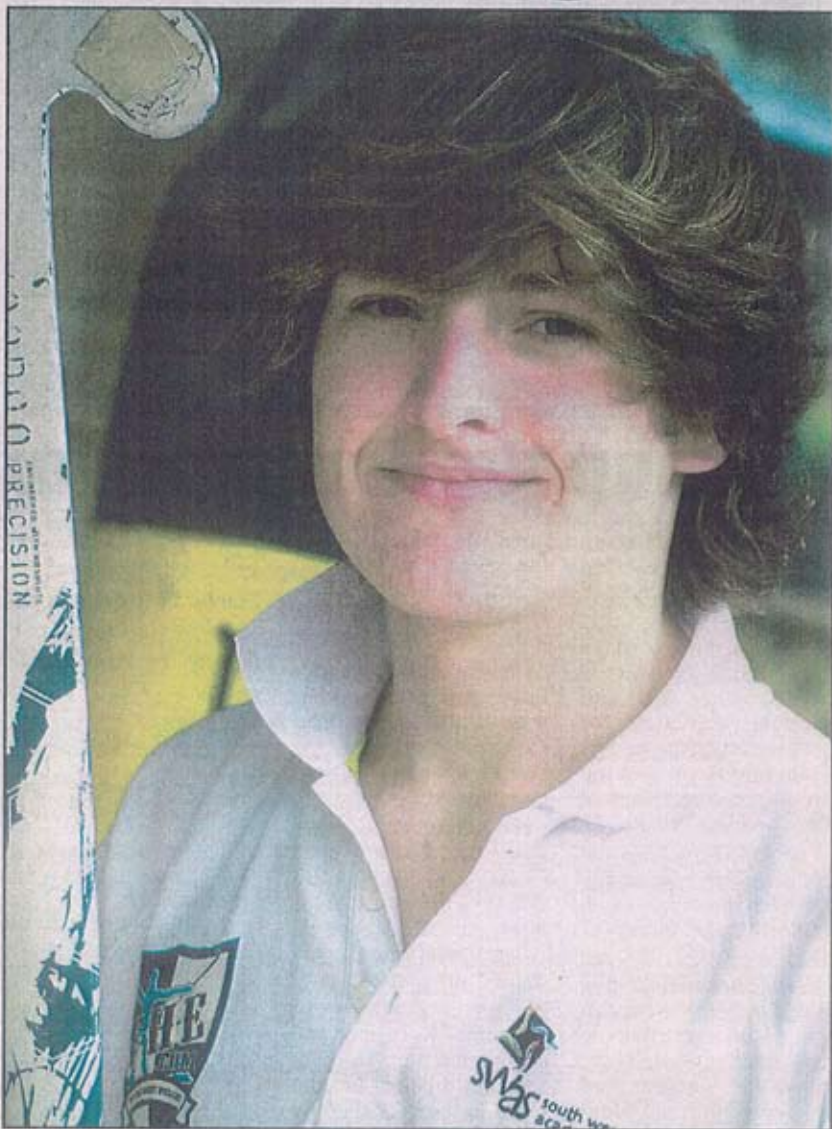
"We've got a fairly strong team," Johnston said.

Johnston is considered one of Western Australia's top junior goalies and said there was one major challenge when it comes to doing his job well.

"It's a bit of a challenge concentrating on the game because you don't get much of a touch," Johnston said.

Last year Johnston was a part of the Under 15 State team and in 2007 he was in the Under 15 State squad.

His performance at the Under 15 Men's Hockey National Championships in Canberra last year earned him the reputation as one of the competition's best goalies.



South West Academy of Sport hockey talent Ben Johnston will be defending goal keeper for Western Australia at this month's School Sport Australia U16 Hockey Championships at Rockhampton.