

Rising sports star:
SportsPower assistant manager Deon Homer with Rebecca Preston and Allan Price from Busselton, Freight Services.



It's basketball all year-round

by Meredith Dixon

IT'S basketball all year-round for young Rebecca Preston (16) who received this month's rising sports star award.

In recognition of Rebecca's long list of basketball achievements and her commitment to coaching junior players, the committee selected Rebecca from a pool of talented nominees.

She was presented with a certificate and gift voucher, donated by SportsPower, last Friday.

Rebecca has been playing basketball for five years and her commitment to the sport keeps her busy all year-round. She plays in the Busselton A-grade women's competition for YCW Stingers who were champions last season. She was also awarded with most valuable player in the 2008 finals.

For the last four years Rebecca has represented Busselton at Country Week and in the regional competition. She also plays for the South West Slammers in Bunbury and is on the South West Academy squad. Last year she received a basketball schol-

arship with the South West Academy of Sport after an arduous interview and try-out process.

Her proudest achievement is representing the state at the national championship two years in a row – in 2007 she played for WA in Gosford, and the following year in Ballarat. She's now in the process of trying out for a position in the 2009 state team.

Ultimately, Rebecca would like to play in the South West Basketball league and she'd also really love to play for the Opals.