



Kim McCartney will play at a national talent identification tournament this month.

Young star emerges

SOCCKER: Kim McCartney is a step closer to her dream of wearing green and gold on the soccer field after being selected for the State under 15s soccer team last month.

The 14-year-old from Australind and South West Academy of Sport athlete will run out at the FFA National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour.

McCartney, who has been playing soccer since she was eight-years-old, said the championships will give her an opportunity to experience playing at a high level.

"It will be good to see how the rest of the country plays – and it's where the scouts pick the Australian teams," she said.

The event serves as a talent identification tournament where national coaches from all levels discover future young Matildas.

McCartney is also in the Football West Academy and makes local appearances for the Australind Junior Soccer Club and Australind Soccer Club.

SWAS head soccer coach Perry Krakowczyk said the additional tuition for her and other players was obviously paying off.

"This is a great achievement and SWAS has definitely played a hand in helping them reach that level of competition," he said.