

Amy a star in the making

LOCAL teenager Amy Fortescue was unearthed as a future Australian taekwondo champion at a national tournament in Brisbane earlier this month.

The talented 17-year-old was selected for a special Taekwondo Australia development squad after earning a silver medal in sparring at the competitive 2009 Australian Taekwondo Open and National Championships.

The squad was formed to prepare promising athletes to contest selections for Australian teams in 2010.

A gutsy effort in the tournament's 14-17 age group and 55-59kg weight division saw the Gelorup talent take out the medal.

Fortescue, who is also a State soccer player, said being part of the squad placed her in prime position for being chosen to represent the country at future international events.

"I'm really excited about being part of the squad and having the opportunity to develop my skills," she said.

"It will mean a lot of travel to the eastern states but I'm looking forward to it."

In the meantime, the inaugural South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder will test herself against some of the world's best when she competes at the 2009 STA Australian International Sparring Open Championships in Perth in November.



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