

Young rower races to world ranking

TWO years after setting his sights on representing Australia in sport, local rowing ace Dave Prosser has powered through his final race in the 2009 World Rowing Junior Championships to achieve a world number nine ranking.

From Bunbury to Brive-la-Gaillarde, it's been a memorable journey for the South West Academy of Sport scholarship holder and Bunbury Rowing Club mem-

ber who was part of the men's quad scull that finished third in the B Final during the competition in France last month.

After months of intensive training back home, Prosser and crew members Louis Snelson (New South Wales), Cameron Smith (Queensland), and Benjamin Morley (Queensland) put in a tremendous effort during the championships.

"Our event had one of the strongest fields the junior world championships have ever witnessed, which meant it was going to be tough from the start," he said.

"But from the first nerve-racking heat we pushed ourselves to improve every race and only missed out on a place in the A Final by nine hundredths of a second.

"We ended up placing third in the B Final, ranking us ninth in the world.

"We were happy with our result because we threw everything at it.

"It was a great experience and I learnt a lot about myself which I can carry on to racing in the future."