

Sport brief

Coaches appointed

NEWLY appointed South West Academy of Sport's Australian Rules coaches are preparing for the first meeting between their squads.

Wayne Barnden, Brad Fraser, John O'Dea and Graham Jeffery will bring their squads together for initial testing in Bunbury during January.

After testing they will operate as satellite squads in their local region and come together monthly for professional development opportunities.

Barnden will coach the Lower South West (East Perth zone) squad, Fraser will oversee Busselton (East Perth zone), O'Dea will take the reins of Bunbury (Swan Districts zone) and Jeffery will head up Leschenault (Peel Thunder zone).

"These coaches will have an enormous, positive impact on their individual squads and the competitions in which they play," South West Football Development manager Shane Atherton said.