

Players selected into academy

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SEVEN junior basketball players from the Busselton Dunsborough region will go down in history having been selected to be part of the first South West Academy of Sport.

Tom Fossati and Sam Fossati from Dunsborough and Damien Lee, Connor Bradbury, Amy Chinnery, Rebecca Preston and Mitchell Bradbury from Busselton, will participate in the talent development programme along with 21 other players from the South West.

These promising basketball players, who range from 13-16, were inducted into the high performance program at a function at the South West Sports Centre last Friday.

Pictured here are Tom and Sam Fossati, Damien Lee, Connor and Mitchell Bradbury who all attend Mckillop Catholic College.

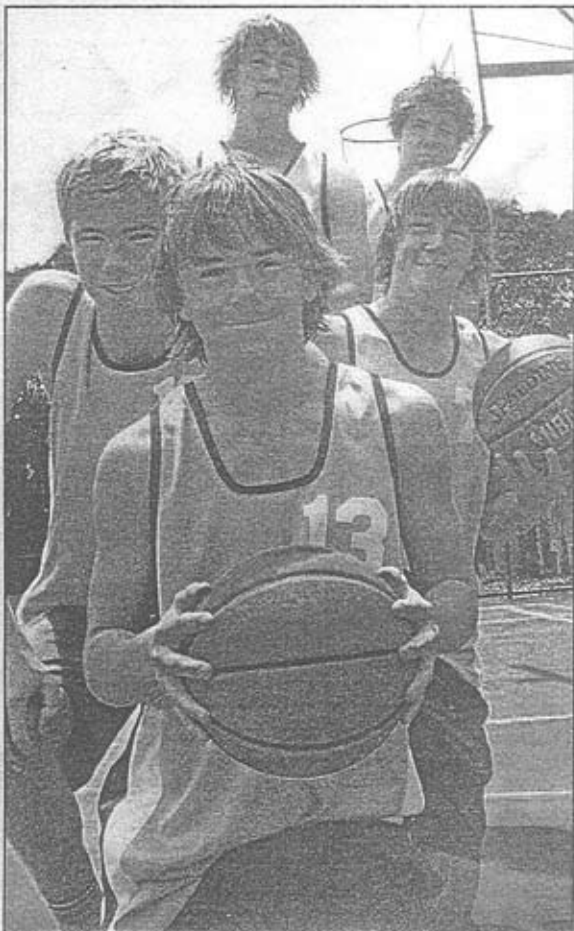
The boys, who also play for the junior South West Slammers, aspire to play in the National Basket Ball League or to secure an American college basketball scholarship.

Being part of the academy gives the players intensive coaching and game-play experience for the twelve months.

Youngsters involved will benefit from training by specialist coaches as well as tuition in areas such as strength development and life skills.

It's a big commitment and involves regular travel up to Bunbury – but for these young basketball hopefuls it's all worth it.

“The basketball scholarship means everything to me, I have worked really hard to get on the squad and I'm really happy” said Sam Fossati.



Front to back: Damien Lee, Connor Bradbury, Tom Fossati, Sam Fossati and Mitchell Bradbury.