

Academy signs up players

THE regional South West Academy of Sport soccer squads kicked off this month with several local soccer players earning spots in the first selection.

They were chosen for the squad from hundreds of hopefuls who participated in try-outs hosted by Football West in October.

The athletes will begin training in Bunbury under coach Perry Krakowczyk, a Busselton-based regional development officer with Football West.

"The program will take participants to the next level of competition and serve as an incentive for other soccer players in the region who want to push through the ranks," Mr Krakowczyk said.

"It will also act as a positive extension of our junior Football West academy which is already in full swing."

Members of the South West Academy of Sport soccer squad include Eric Deas and Steven Byrne from Busselton and Ruben Gelmi from Dunsborough.

Members of the associate soccer squad include Ryan May and Benjamin Cross who are both from Busselton.