

Boys represent Collie

Hockey

TWO Collie boys recently made outstanding achievements in hockey after being selected to represent their home town.

Kyle Davies and Gareth Shepherdson recently represented Collie at both an international level and South West level.

Davies recently travelled to Canberra to participate in the 2008 Pacific School Games, which is an international sporting event for primary and secondary school aged students.

Davies, who is 16, was selected for the team after attending three trials in Perth following his nomination for selection by his Collie men's clubs, Centaurs and the Collie South West League.

He was also part of the South West Hockey Academy which is a program similar to the Australian Institute of Sport, although it is based in Bunbury for the convenience of country sportspeople.

Davies travelled to Canberra on November 27 and competed against countries including Malaysia and Singapore before coming home on Sunday.

During his training for the competition, he and his family travelled to Perth three times a week to attend sessions that took place on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Davies played in the mid-field as an inverter but was unlucky not to score any goals during the competition.

Shepherdson was recently selected in the South West Academy Development Squad and trains once a week in Bunbury.

He had to attend one trial in Bunbury after being nominated by his Collie men's clubs, Centaurs and the Collie South West League.

Shepherdson now attends one and half



Great achievements: Gareth Shepherdson (left) and Kyle Davies are representing Collie at both South West and international levels in hockey.

hour training sessions in Bunbury once a week.

His participation in the South West Academy has allowed him to prepare for State selection.

Both Shepherdson and Davies were selected for their teams through their participation in the under 15s South West Regional team and said that they would love to play for Australia in the future.