

Academy Action

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The Official Newsletter of the South West Sydney Academy of Sport

Softball

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected in boys and girls NSW U17 Softball teams and competed at the National Championships in January, Mason Rossi, Samuel Spooner, Bianca Abrahams and Karla Davidson.



Former Academy athletes Julia McCann (pictured), Grant Clarke and Kayne Kajan have also been selected into NSW teams.

Congratulations also go to Mason Rossi, Samuel Spooner, Julia McCann, Grant Clark and Kayne Kajan for being selected into Australian squads. A fantastic result for our Softball program.

Netball / Lone Star Athlete Recognition

The Academy is pleased to announce that Netball athlete Tenille Leet and Lone Star athlete Padriac Kearney were joint winners of the 2011 Wollondilly Shire Council 'Young Sportsperson of the Year' Award.

Tenille Leet

Tenille's sporting achievements have been numerous. From 2005 to 2009 Tenille has received outstanding results too many to list here, in swimming, cross country, athletics, netball, touch football and oztag.

In 2010, Tenille was the 15 year swimming champion at Picton High School and was selected for the Open Sydney South West Touch Football team. Tenille was also selected in the Campbelltown 15's Representative Team and was awarded the *Players Player* for the weekend.

Tenille has also been selected for the South West Sydney Academy of Sport in its U17's Netball Squad, and in Oz Tag has been invited to attend National Titles for selection in the Under 17's Australian team to tour New Zealand. She has also represented at State Level for swimming and athletics.

Paddy Kearney

Paddy (pictured) is a 2010/2011 South West Sydney Academy of Sport scholarship holder within its 'Lone Star' athlete program. During 2010, Paddy competed in NSW U20's State Age Championships for Judo taking two Silver Medals and one Gold Medal.

Paddy has been NSW State Champion for the past 4 years, in his respective age and weight categories. Paddy won a Bronze Medal in the Australian National Championships in Brisbane and also won a place in the Australian team to fight in the Oceania Championships, in Canberra, in 2010.

Paddy is now ranked 3rd in the Under 20's age group in his weight division in Australia and in August last year was awarded the '2010 Clive Graham Memorial Trophy', for his Outstanding Achievements, across all aspects of his Academy scholarship. Paddy also secured funding from the Australian Judo Federation for a two week trip to Japan to improve his international experience



Ten Pin Bowling

Congratulations to Ten Pin Bowling athlete Tristan Foo, (*pictured*) who was recently selected in the 2011 Australian Schools National Team to compete at the Asian Schools Championships in Bangkok in May.



Harold Matthews

Commencing training in September 2010 the Harold Matthews Rugby League squad has been working hard in preparation for the 2011 Harold Matthews competition.

Over the last two weeks a squad of 30 players have played in trial games against South Sydney and Wests Magpies, with the final squad of 23 named after the Wests trial.

The squad had it's final trial game against a Cronulla U15/16 development squad last Saturday winning 20 to 8. The squad will now play the Canberra Raiders, in Canberra in round one.

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected to represent the Academy in it's 2011 Harold Matthews Representative Rugby League competition.

Ak-Keni Raymond, Mike Borsato, Hayden Burgess, Adam Burnett, Alec Bush, James Goring, Allan Haddad, Taylam Halls, Ireland Kaleopa, Jackson Kuli, Jordan Lewis, Jack Marcocci, Mitchell Martin, Jacob McKinnon, Tayler Nash, Zachary Rhodes, Jonah Ruka, Daniel Saolotoga, Matthew Sheck, Christian Tulua, Matt Van Der Meulen, Kyle Weatherall, Benjamin Zucchetto



Hockey

Congratulations to former Academy athletes Emily Smith, (*pictured*) Emily Hurtz and Kellie White on gaining Australian Institute of Sport Scholarships, for 2011.

This month will see the current Hockey squad complete a detailed fitness training and testing assessment, as well as attending a two day weekend camp, in Goulburn.

Lone Star

Lone Star sprint racing driver Max Johnston (*pictured*) has recently been selected as one of 7 drivers in Australia, by Sprint Car Racing Australia to participate in the 2011 NASR Rising Star Program.



The program will give young drivers the opportunity to improve themselves in a range of areas including fitness training, psychology, marketing and media training. The program services athletes between 16-23 who have a long term goal in the sport and demonstrate a history of good results in Speedway Racing.

The program will include a 3 day camp at the Australian Institute of Sport, NASR website support, driver/teams press releases, video clips of drivers, a results page, graduate listing, NASR E-News publicity, marketing exposure for sponsors, network opportunities and media support.

Max has recently withdrawn from his Academy scholarship to provide the time to appropriately pursue this valuable opportunity. Well done Max, you will always be an Academy athlete to us.

Rugby League Development

The 2010/2011 U15's Rugby League Development program is the Academics' largest program servicing 55 athletes. This program has just completed an intense 10 week training program finishing up with a weekend training camp in Culburra. The program has a number of educational sessions and a carnival trip for selected 14 year old players at Nyngan, coming up in future weeks.

The program has been developed to provide a quality pathway for local athletes into the Harold Matthews representative rugby league competition. The program is supported by the NSW Rugby League, Wests Tigers, Group 6 Junior Rugby League, Combined and Commercial Real Estate, Executive Automotive and Wests Magpies.

SKINS™ Dedication to Task Award

Skins™ Compression Garments have been a proud supporter of the Academy since 2006, providing the Academy's State and National representatives with a quality package of Skins™ Compression wear.

The South West Sydney Academy of Sport has implemented a monthly award to a member of the Academy Community who shows dedication, contribution and commitment to task in their Academy training, support and community promotion of the organisation.

Academy Members are encouraged to nominate a person they see fit of receiving this high profile award via the nomination forms available on the SWSAS Academy website: www.swsas.org.au/swsas/skinsaward.htm

This month's winner will receive a plaque of recognition to be presented at the 2011 Graduation and Sports Awards Dinner and will be featured in the Academy 'Corporate Monthly News Update Bulletin'.

The SKINS™ Dedication to Task Award

January/February Winner Leanne Andaloro

Leanne is taking on her second year as the Hockey squad manager with the South West Sydney Academy of Sport.

Leanne's involvement in the Academy Hockey program as its manager enables the Hockey program to operate smoothly. Leanne is not only the first line of Academy communication from the coach to the athletes, but she also works tirelessly booking venues and accommodation, ensuring athletes are kept up to date with the program, catering events and keeping the Hockey program on track.

Her tireless effort and commitment to program makes her a deserving winner of this month's SKINS award.



**Combined and Commercial Real Estate
Supporting the U15's Rugby League Program**

FEBRUARY 2011

5th – Harold Matthews trial vs. South Sydney

6th – Hockey Fitness Testing / Softball Training

7th – Rugby League Development Training

8th – Softball Training

9th – Golf Training

12th – Harold Matthews trial vs. Cronulla / Netball Training / U15's Rugby League Camp in Cullburra

19th – Harold Matthews Round 1 vs. Canberra Raiders in Canberra / Hockey Camp in Goulburn

26th – Harold Matthews Round 2

EXECUTIVE AUTOMOTIVE

The Academy is proud to announce that Executive Automotive Pty Ltd has recently joined the Academy as a Silver Level corporate partner, of the U15's Rugby League Development program.

Director Elvio Modolo expressed his excitement in supporting, and seeing our regions local talented athletes develop towards their maximum potential.



Executive Automotive specialises in all kinds of mechanical repairs to all makes of cars and trucks, including fleet servicing and repairs.

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