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Soccer in full flight

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NEWLY appointed South West Academy of Sport soccer coach Perry Krakowczyk has wasted no time in his new role, taking 19 lucky players on an educational trip to England.

Nine players from the South West and 10 soccer gurus from Geraldton made the trip, which saw the group attend professional training sessions, as well as Premier League and Champions League matches.

“It was an educational trip for them and something they’ll remember the rest of their lives,” Krakowczyk said.

“We wanted to do something for our regional players, and this gives them an insight into what being a professional player is all about.

“Obviously these young guys are on the right pathway to a bright future, and by them seeing the atmosphere of soccer in England, it will further encourage them.”

Players attended four matches while on tour including Manchester United’s Champions League tie with Aalborg at Old Trafford, Liverpool verse Blackburn Rovers in the Premier League, and Reading take on Southampton in the Championship Division.

Krakowczyk said he was looking forward to further developing the talents of the region’s gifted young soccer players through SWAS.

“It’s going to be an excellent program for the South West region,” Krakowczyk said.

“Previously, soccer players living in the region and competing at this level had to follow an extensive training program in Perth, but the academy means they will be able to train in Bunbury.

A total of 17 local soccer players earned a spot in SWAS this month.

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

Members of the squad include: Dominique Fedele (Harvey), Tash Rigby, Declan Flaherty, Jackson Darnell (Margaret River), Kim McCarty, Callum Richardson, Corey Utterson (Australind), Eric Deas, Steven Byrne (Busselton), Ruben Gelmi (Dunsborough), Liam Reeves (Eaton) and Jason Murray (Bunbury). Associate squad: Ryan May, Benjamin Cross (Busselton), Ashley Smith (Manjimup), Caleb Axisa (Bunbury) and Callum Dobbs (Boyanup).



South West Academy of Sport soccer coach Perry Krakowczyk kicked off his new role by taking a group of emerging soccer talents on a trip to England last week.



Australian hockey coach Ric Charlesworth.

Taste of the elite

LOCAL hockey players will have the opportunity to train like a Kookaburra when national men’s coach Ric Charlesworth visits the South West next month as part of a tour that will see Australia host the Netherlands.

Various community programs including clinics, training sessions and forums will be conducted to coincide with the Kookaburras games against the Netherlands that are being held in Busselton on January 20 and Bunbury on January 21.

Department of Sport and Recreation Bunbury regional manager Troy Jones said the tour, which also includes a breakfast with Charlesworth, would bring world-class hockey to the region.

“The opportunity for the public to watch some of the best hockey players in the world play right here in the South West is fantastic,” he said.


“On top of the two matches, there will be a range of community programs that will give local players, coaches and supporters the opportunity to get up close and personal with people such as Ric Charlesworth.

“The DSR is proud to support ventures such as this through the Country Sport Enrichment Scheme, which aims to bring high level sporting events to regional WA.”


South West Academy of Sport chief executive Bernice Butlion said she was pleased local athletes would have the chance to train under Charlesworth.

“Ric has one of Australia’s most successful coaching histories and was recently appointed to coach the national men’s hockey team through to the 2012 London Olympics,” she said.

Registrations for the breakfast open on January 8, 2009. To book a seat contact Bernice Butlion on 9795 4504 after January 8.



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Scholarships and basketball gearing up

SOUTH West Academy of Sport chief executive Bernice Butlion has been impressed with the applications received for the academy’s inaugural individual scholarship program and is in the process of whittling them down to a shortlist.

“We’ve received applications

from athletes from a variety of sporting codes,” she said.

“They’re a good indication of the huge amount of talent in the South West.”

Recipients of the scholarships, which are being offered to talented athletes not covered by the academy’s partner sport

programs, will be announced in January 2009.

Meanwhile, SWAS basketball players will be easy to spot on the court following the presentation of new academy uniforms during an official ceremony at the Eaton Recreation Centre last week.

Basketball training, including

individual and group sessions, have taken place in Bunbury and Busselton since the squad was announced in October.

The SWAS program compliments and continues to build on the current development program overseen by Basketball South West.



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