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CRICKET

## Winning streak fuels ambitions

AFTER a winning streak with the School Sport WA state cricket team in a recent competition, James Kirwan (14) is keen to pursue a career in the sport.

The Mazenod College student, who has been playing cricket for about five years, was chosen to represent the state in the under-15s side as part of last month's School Sport WA competition.

An intense training schedule paid off for WA when it enjoyed a first-up win over Victoria.

The team continued the streak right through to the final, in which the boys beat South Australia.

"I knew we had a strong team," James said.

"I know most of the other guys from playing with them in district competitions, but I was still a little bit surprised that we made it to the final and won it."

James said with the cricket season winding down, he was looking forward to getting back to his other passion, football, but would eventually like to play cricket professionally.

"I like both sports, but I would probably lean more towards cricket and go further with it," he said.

School Sport WA was established in



James Kirwan says success in an under-15s state side has fuelled his desire to play cricket professionally. Picture: Matthew Poon d396504

1909 and promotes, organises and co-ordinates sporting competitions for students at local, regional and interstate

level.

School Sport WA coordinates 36 state teams annually.