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Will's triple treat

YOUNG STAR EYES A ROLE IN THE AFL

Celeste Villani

FIRST he helped West Adelaide win its first SANFL premiership in 32 years.

Then Will Snelling was announced as a monthly finalist in Messenger's School Sports Awards.

Now the Panorama teenager must turn his attention to next month's AFL National Draft, where he hopes to be picked up by a South Australian club.

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Trifecta triumph

PREMIERSHIP WON, NOW FOR THE AFL DRAFT

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Snelling helped the Bloods triumph over Woodville-West Torrens in the Grand Final on September 27 in just his 15th League game

The Year 12 Mercedes College student is hopeful of being taken by an AFL club in the National Draft on November 27 but must first attend the Draft Combine in Melbourne later this month.

There, he will be put through physical and mental tests over four days.

However, Snelling, 18, has allowed himself some time to reflect on his achievements.

"The (SANFL) win is pretty unbelievable at the moment because it is a massive achievement for the club ... and one of my biggest games," Snelling said.

"It was overwhelming seeing the club's fans who have been waiting for this day for 32 years."

His feats on the football field have resulted in Snelling being recognised as one of this month's School Sports Awards winners in the eastern region.

The awards, sponsored by Messenger, recognise the



It's a busy time for West Adelaide footballer Will Snelling - an SANFL grand final win, a Messenger School Sports Award and possible drafting to the AFL.

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achievements of SA athletes aged 10-18 years old.

He is also a finalist for the overall School Sports Award, to be presented at a gala dinner next month.

Snelling started playing football when he was eight years old at Colonel Light Gardens Football Club.

Despite being an Essen-

don supporter, Snelling hopes to play AFL for a South Australian side. And there was a major Mercedes connection with West Adelaide's drought-breaking premiership win last month; old scholar Hugh Haysman and teachers Daniel Caire and Logan Hill also played in the match.



SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS 2015