FOOTBALL

Where there's a Will...

Celeste Villani

WEST Adelaide's Will Stelling will not have much time to recover his club's first SANFL premiership in 32 years.

The Pennington teenager, who helped the Bloods triumph over Woodville-West Torrens in the Grand Final on September 27, by just his 15th League game, now must turn his attention to fulfilling his AFL dreams.

The Year 12 Parade 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, where he will be put through various physical and mental tests over four days.

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

The awards, sponsored by Messenger Community News, recognise the achievements of SA athletes aged 10-18 years old. He is also a finalist for the overall South Australian Sport Award, to be presented at a gala dinner at Colonel Light Gardens Football Club. In 2015, he moved to Goodwood Saints Football Club before moving to West Adelaide in 2015. Despite being an Essendon supporter, Stelling hopes to play AFL for a South Australian side.