

BOXING



Spiders Boxing Club's Harry Price squares up Caboolture's Liam Wilson on Saturday night. PHOTOS: KYLE ZENCHYSON

Tournament a knock-out hit



The bout between Bethania's Sam Dawson in the red and Clayton Townsend from Noosa Box Office was competitive.



Spiders Boxing Club's Ben Smith lands a right jab.



Tianah Potter, from Spiders, gets a hook on Summer Law.



Smith later won his fight against Connor Welsh.



YOUNG GUN: Sam Cairns playing for the Narangba Crows. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Dreaming of playing AFL at highest level

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AFL: Things haven't quite gone to plan for David Cairns since he moved his family from New Zealand to Narangba.

Earlier this year they were denied citizenship and to rub salt into his son Sam has converted from rugby union into an out-and-out AFL star.

In just this third year, the 15-year-old has been picked up by the Brisbane Lions Academy, he's captained the Queensland diversity squad and finished third in the region's best and fairest award.

"I did sort of have to think about maybe playing rugby sevens in the off season (as a way into rugby union), but I've gone so far in AFL," he said.

"I'm in the Brisbane Lions Academy, so why throw it all away for something I might not be as good at - besides I love the game.

"(The dream is) to play AFL at the highest level possible and get drafted in

my first draft age. If not, I will aim to go to the NEAFL and keep trying to get in."

Mum Paula said she and David were coming around to AFL as it had engulfed the entire family.

"We're very much from a rugby union background, David still tried to get him to play just the other day, but he's coming to terms with it as well," Paula joked.

"He (Sam) always watched it on TV and he just loves it ... even his sisters are playing too, so it's all we do for about seven months of the year.

"We were just so proud of Sam when it got selected for the Brisbane Lions Academy and probably a little surprised too.

"When I took him to the try-outs there were more than 100 kids and they were all much bigger and taller than him."

Sam played soccer until he was 12 and made the switch when he was 13 to play with the Narangba Crows where he is quickly becoming a silky midfielder.

Junior Snakes make cup final

RUGBY LEAGUE: THE Caboolture Junior Rugby Club's under-12s reached a historic feat by reaching the final of the Jason Hetherington Cup in Gladstone this month.

The division one side has only lost one game in their regular season against

Noosa but defeated them 16-0 in the cup semi-final. They eventually lost in the final to Townsville's Western Lions 12-4.

Todd Harper has been the team's coach for six years and has even kept some original team members since under-7s.

Harper said the invitational event presented a good chance for the team to bond and play teams who they haven't lined up against before.

"We were up against teams that we knew nothing about so we just got back to good old fashioned football -

defending well, completing our sets and holding the ball," he said.

Two Snakes players were also awarded for their individual performance. Tasman Tommata was judged to be the best forward and Andrew Muaki was the best back.



HEROES: The Caboolture Snakes under 12s reached the final of the 2016 Jason Hetherington Cup. PHOTO: KYLE ZENCHYSON

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