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The hits keep coming for SA Junior Sports Star of the Year, Alex Haydon

South Australian Junior Sports Star of the Year, Alexandra (Alex) Haydon, has finished the year with even more to be proud of.

On Friday 24 November Alex received the prestigious award of South Australian Junior Sports Star of the Year. Alex (aged 16) has grown rapidly as a squash player, and is currently ranked Australian Number 1 in the Under 17 age group, competes regularly at Under 19 level, and is the best junior female player in Australia. Alex has been selected to represent Australia as part of the Australian Junior Squash Team and has competed in the Commonwealth Youth Games. Alex is not unfamiliar with the SA Sports Awards, having won the Primary School Sports Award in 2014. It is not just great results that make Alex a winner however, she is also known for her great sportsmanship and positive attitude, for which she has received the MC Hazell Sportsmanship Award on more than one occasion at the Australian Junior Squash Championships.

Alex states, "It felt incredible to be recognised for all my hard work and dedication in becoming the best squash player I can be. It was a great opportunity to emphasise my appreciation of my support network; my parents, coach and everyone else who came along to celebrate this amazing achievement with me. The whole night was unforgettable and I especially loved being amongst many of South Australia's sporting greats which I aspire to be."

To add to this year's amazing achievements, Alex has now received a number of awards at Henley High School (HHS) where she has just completed year 10. The awards were presented on 6 December, and Alex won both the Year 10 HHS Female Sports Person of the Year and the Year 10 Female DUX Award. Alex has really shown her high achieving nature as she continues to excel at sport and academics. To cap it all off Alex has also won the IDM Scholarship Award for Henley High School (\$200 fees paid for the Specialist Sports Program).

Squash SA CEO, Phil Sinnott says, "It is a great honour for Alex who more than deserves these awards. For Alex to be recognised as SA Junior Sports Star is an incredible achievement for her and shows that squash is a competitive, high achieving and exciting sport with excellent grassroots foundations and pathways to progress a sporting career. To top it off with her amazing tournament results this year and now the awards from her high school is testament to her dedication and hard work."

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