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Teen Headed for World Championship

16 year old Klemzig resident, Lauren Aspinall, will head to Eindhoven, Netherlands (25th July – 4th August) to compete in the World Junior Individual and Team Championships.

Lauren is the single South Australian and youngest representative within the 5 person squad. Coach James Rogers is thrilled by this milestone achievement in the Glenunga International High School student's sporting career.

"Lauren is a dedicated member of our squad, from a young age she has demonstrated her willingness to succeed through hard work and countless hours of training. This latest selection is a testament to her work ethic and a chance to test herself at the toughest junior event in the world." – James Rogers

Her announcement within the 5 person World Championship squad comes off the back of a recent trip to Invercargill, NZ, with the Australian team to play in the Trans-Tasman and Oceania Junior Championships. Post Eindhoven, it is hoped that Lauren will also be selected for the Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa this coming September.

Picking up a racket for the first time at age 7, Lauren attributes her inspiration to her family who played together recreationally. Also mentioning a healthy competitive streak with her 3 sisters, particularly with her twin sister, that sparked a desire to turn a hobby into a career.

With such a big trip on the horizon, Lauren explains that for now the focus is on getting in as much training time as possible to improve her game and preparing to get the most out of her trip.

"I'm not overly concerned with where I place, it's more of a learning experience for me and of course a chance to have a lot of fun," says the modest teenager.

Locally, Lauren has built up her prowess as a member of the Campbelltown Squash Club and is quick to discuss her excitement regarding what the currently under construction Campbelltown Recreation Centre squash courts will mean for a new generation, confidently stating "We will put the new courts to very good use!"

Phil Sinnott, CEO of Squash SA adds to that, "We are working closely with Campbelltown Council and the Club and are delighted to see the return of squash courts to the local community. The new courts demonstrate Council's commitment to providing more places for squash, a sport that is enjoying growing participation from masters re-engaging and a younger demographic just like Lauren."

Lauren is regarded as a wonderful role-model with the ideal attitude to compliment her own official coaching accreditation.

Lauren will leave for Eindhoven via Brisbane on the 18th of July.

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