



PLENTY OF CLOUT: Squash player Grace Pattison has represented Australia twice in the past year in junior competition. Picture: Stuart Wilson.

Grace on target for international career

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GRACE Pattison's developing career in the world of squash continues to blossom.

The 15-year-old has this year cemented her standing as one of Australia's top young players, representing her country twice in the past year in junior competition.

In fact, Grace is the

youngest Tasmanian girl to be selected to represent Australia.

She will soon gain further experience on the international scene, having been selected in the Australian team to compete in a Trans-Tasman event in Queensland in January.

For her efforts, Grace has been bestowed the honour of being the monthly winner for August in *The*



Advocate-IGA Junior Sports Awards for 2015.

Grace's coach, Leon Barnett, said her success was testament to her hard work.

"She started playing when she was eight, and it's just been a continuation since then," Barnett said.

"She trains about four times a week and plays competition twice a week, so she's on the court six days a week. She's keen."

Barnett said Grace showed plenty of promise in the sport and had some clearly defined goals on the horizon.

"Her goal is to win the Australian junior championship – this year she got through to the final and just got pipped at the post," he said.

"Her long-term goal is to go on the Professional Squash Association circuit.

"She's dedicated enough to achieve her goals and I think that next year is going to be a big year for her."