Liddy’s Chance to Shine

Sport and Recreation Minister Bonson today congratulated NTIS Development Scholarship holder, Candice Liddy, who will be joining Hockey Australia’s Development Group Camp in Perth today.

“Ms Liddy comes from a Territory-proud sporting family with long ties to the sporting community – in fact Candice’s dad has connections to the Buffaloes Football Club and St Mary’s footy club – having captained the club to many famous grand final victories at Gardens Oval,” Mr Bonson said.

“Ms Liddy will get the chance to test her skills against the best up and coming female hockey players in Australia.”

Now into her fourth year at the Northern Territory Institute of Sport, Candice’s commitment and discipline to the program is producing rewards.

Mr Bonson said this was a great opportunity for Candice to train with players from the National squad, some of whom will go on to play at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

“Intense training camps like this provide our NTIS athletes with opportunities to learn in a mentally and physically challenging situation,” Mr Bonson said.

Camp participants will also play three matches against Great Britain, where Ms Liddy will have the opportunity to participate in team discussions and game analysis.

Candice has made a stir around hockey circles in recent times, gaining recognition and selection to the Australian Sports Commission National Talent Identification and Development Program, which aims to fast track Indigenous athletes in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Making her Australian Hockey League debut as a member of the Paspaley Territory Pearls in 2007, Ms Liddy is looking to cement her position in the 2008 side, with this camp providing the perfect foundation.

“This is a great opportunity for Candice and I wish her every success for her future,” Mr Bonson said.

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