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## **TOMBIDES RECOGNISED AT SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

WA's West Ham United footballer Dylan Tombides took out the 6PR Special Achievement Award at last night's annual Sports Star of the Year awards held at the Burswood's Grand Ballroom.

Member's of Dylan's extended family, including two aunts, and his grandmother Chrissie, were there to celebrate the award.

His cousins Jason Bondi and Alexander Christian accepted the award on his behalf and read a small statement from Dylan.

"On behalf of Dylan we are honoured to accept this award being the 6PR Special Achievement Award for 2011.

"Dylan would like to thank the WA Sports Federation, the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, radio station 6PR 882 and Football West.

"He would also like to acknowledge West Ham United and Football Federation of Australia for the opportunities and ongoing support that he has received this year.

"As you may or may not be aware Dylan is currently undergoing treatment in London for testicular cancer and he is overwhelmed by the messages of support he has received from around the world.

"It means a great deal to him and his family."

17-year-old Tombides has been touted as 'the next Harry Kewell' and starred at the 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup representing Australia.

Football West would like to congratulate Dylan on his win and wish him all the best in his recovery.

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