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BARTY LEADING WA'S PARALYMPIC CHARGE

WA might not have a full senior State Paralympic team established yet, but goalkeeper Chris Barty is one example of how Football West is excelling on the Inclusive front.

North Perth resident Barty is about to fly out to yet another National training camp under the ever watchful eye of Pararoos Coach Paul Brown.

With three goal keepers vying for just two spots in the National team, and if he were to be selected, Barty would be Western Australia's first national Paralympic footballer. It's now in the selector's hands.

To improve his chances of selection, Barty was granted permission to play for Victoria at the recent National Paralympic Football Championships in Adelaide.

Victoria took out the Bronze Medal at the Championships after a 2-0 win over South Australia, and Barty was even named captain of Victoria for a match against Queensland.

Barty was encouraged by his own personal performance on the National scene, but admits it was a tough schedule.

"Playing seven matches in five days followed by a two-day National camp was pretty full-on," he said.

"I was relatively pleased with how I went, I made quite a few key saves against South Australia to deny them an equaliser and obviously being named captain was an enormous privilege having been born in Melbourne.

"Now I just have to play the waiting game to see if I've been lucky enough to be selected for the National team - I performed as well as I possibly could have."

Barty also plays in the Football West Sunday League with Subiaco AFC.

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