

# Jaedan special talent



## TORIN CHEN

BASEBALL catcher Jaedan Cavill is not just good at the plate.

Jaedan, 10, of Wattle Grove, one of this week's *Liverpool Leader* Junior Sports Star Award nominees, recently caught the eye of selectors of the NSW Talent Identification Program.

The under-12s Moorebank Baseball and Macarthur Colts representative beat more than 80 children in May to make the program's final cut of 25.

The year 5 St Christopher's Primary School Holsworthy student, who has also been chosen in the NSW Mackillop boys softball team, undertakes weekly coaching sessions with the program's specialist coaches.

"I feel really happy to be in the program where I can learn more about baseball and become a better player," Jaedan said.



Baseball catcher Jaedan Cavill has been chosen for the NSW Talent Identification Program.

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"It's really special to be in it because I have never been in anything like this before.

"I have learned about how you train the right way and how you should listen to your coach."

Jaedan has been playing baseball for five years.

His idol is US Major League star

David Ortiz, who plays for the Boston Red Sox.

The youngster said it was both challenging and enjoyable being the team's catcher.

"You get to make all the calls of the pitcher and the fielders," he said.

■ Our Junior Sports Star of the

Year will receive a medal and \$1000, with all other nominees considered for the Young Achiever Award (medal and \$500). Our major sponsor is Rebel Sport.

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## Master of the art

AT four years old, Moorebank's Gary Martin was given a taste of the Chinese martial arts.

Fifty years later he has never forgotten the gift of his grandfather's teachings.

The kung-fu grand master and owner of Australia's largest kung-fu complex, Gary Martin Kung-fu Centre, is celebrating his golden anniversary in the art and 30 years of operation at Liverpool.

Martin's centre has training areas, lecture rooms, a canteen and martial arts supply shop, but he thinks it is the spirit of the local people who are the key to his business' success.

"This centre is built on the young people of Liverpool - those

who start young, bring their children and continue training through their 40s and 50s," he said.

"I am now training youths in their 20s whose parents were my students in the '80s."

Martin has trained seven masters in his school.

"Becoming a master is a 22-year journey, training seven is unheard of in martial arts," he said.

"I have a great amount of respect for my students, they have so much personal discipline and drive to achieve their goals."

His students train in street defence, Chinese medicine and pain control techniques.

— By Maryann Wright



Kung-fu master Gary Martin, in his traditional uniform and stance, celebrates 50 years in the Chinese art.

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## BRIEFLY

### Top place awaits

ALL Saints Liverpool crushed Campbelltown City 44-18 in round 15 of the Western Suburbs Group 6 rugby league third grade competition at St Andrews on Sunday. All Saints are third on the ladder with 20 points, two points adrift of top-placed Collegians. The green and golds take on Collegians at Bradbury Oval, Bradbury on Sunday. The game starts at 2.30pm.

### Future champion

LIVERPOOL Swimming Club member Zoe Diamond has been named in the Australian women's individual medley Prodigious Talent squad. Zoe, 15, from Austral, will attend a five-day camp in September headed by elite Australian swimming coaches Leigh Nugent and Michael Bohl. The squad includes Australian swimmer Emily Seebolm and Olympic gold medallist Stephanie Rice. Diamond is the second youngest member of the 11-strong squad. "It's an honour to be picked by Leigh Nugent and Michael Bohl as one of the up-and-coming individual medley swimmers," Diamond said. "It's great to be recognised as someone with potential."

### Brosque strikes

HINCHINBROOK'S Alex Brosque netted a goal in Sydney FC's 1-1 draw with the Newcastle Jets in a trial game at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday. Brosque scored for the Sky Blues in the 28th minute to give the home side a 1-0 lead at halftime before the Jets equalised in the second half. FC will be back at the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday for the club's annual fan day. Details: [www.sydneyfc.com](http://www.sydneyfc.com)

### Clean sheet

VALLEY United kept their unbeaten record intact in A Grade rugby league with a 16-0 win over Thirlmere at Thirlmere on Sunday. Valley raced in three tries with Scott Adams crossing for one try and Nathan Williams picking up a double. Fady Saleh kicked two goals. Valley takes on Oakdale at Oakdale on Sunday at 1pm.



### NOMINATION FORM

This award is open to sportspeople aged between 10 and 16 at the time of nomination who live in the local area. Published nominees will be in the running to become this newspaper's Junior Sports Star of the year and receive \$1000 prizemoney. An overall winner will be chosen from all Junior Sports Star winners to receive a further \$1000. Each newspaper will also present a Young Achiever Award, with a recipient to be chosen from the year's published nominees to receive \$500.

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