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YOUNGSTER IS PLANNING A FUTURE IN NRL

Peter Theodosiou

FINDING a gap in the opposition team's defence is the speciality of rugby league speedster Samuel Karwhin.

The 11-year-old fullback scored more than 40 tries and saved countless more for the Blacktown PCYC under-12 side last season.

His efforts won him a scholarship at Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown, where he is a year 7 student.

"I just like to play," the Doonside youngster said.

"My favourite player is Ben Barba because he plays fullback really well. It's not always about speed but it's about training hard. I really want to make it in the NRL."

Samuel and his family migrated from Liberia in 2005 and his brother Obed was recently selected for the under-17 Parramatta Eels development squad.



PCYC rugby league president Stephen Warwick said Samuel's style of play reminded him of former Melbourne Storm speedster Marcus Bai.

"He's been here since under 8s and he has played a year above himself every year," Warwick said.

"Anything he puts his mind to he just excels at.

"He's a champion athlete and a great footy player. He has been loyal to the club, this is his sixth year."

More than 50 players of African descent play in the Blacktown PCYC's nine grades.

Samuel is this week's

Blacktown Advocate Junior Sports Star award nominee.

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Samuel Karwhin has proved a tryscoring machine for Blacktown PCYC rugby league club.

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