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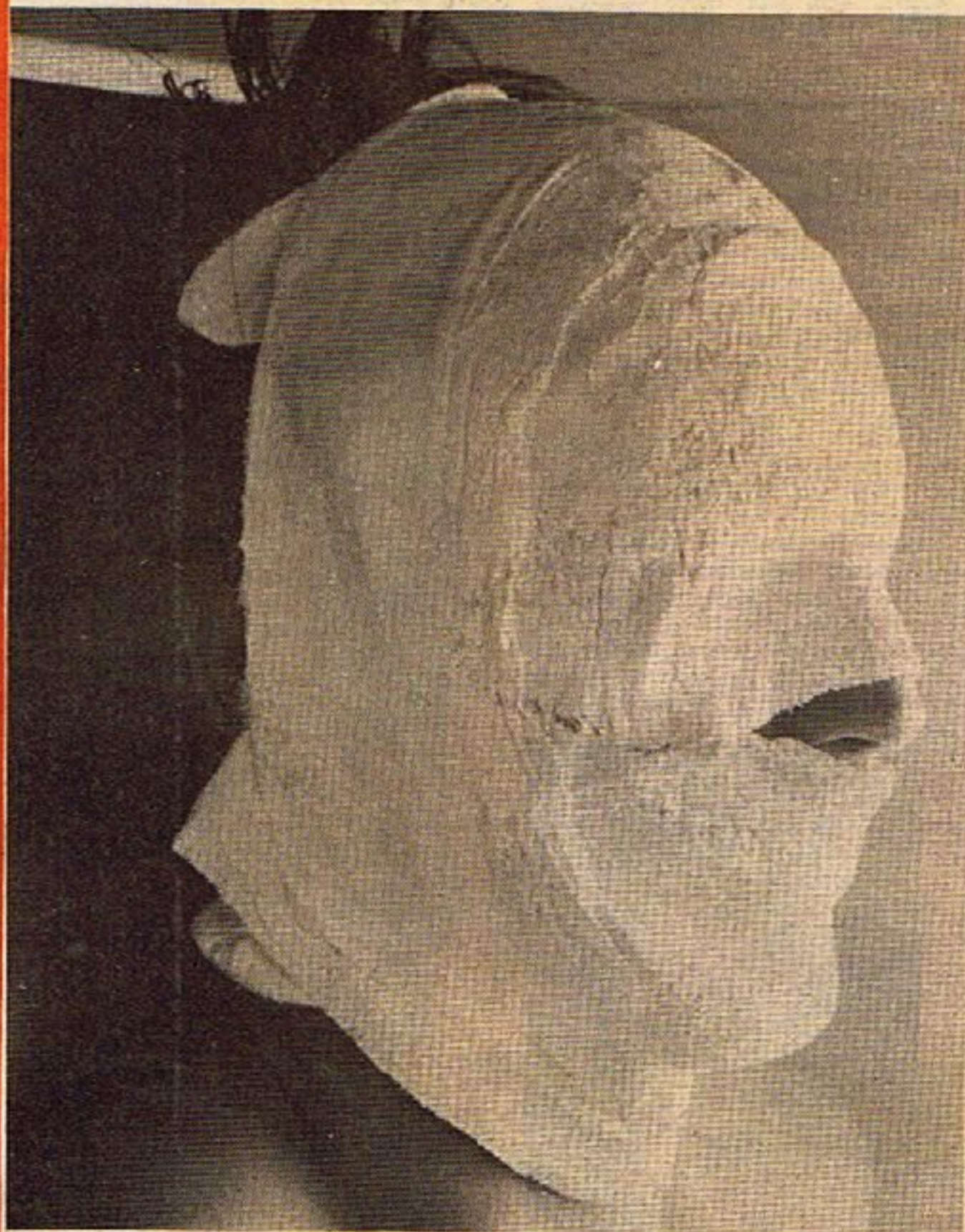
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THE MASKED MEN



Who are these mystery men of football? The men behind the masks are two key members of one of WA's up-and-coming teams this year. Who are they, and what is the story behind those masks? Turn to page 3 for the answer.

ARNOLD — A VFL HOPE

It was only a matter of time . . .

Big East Perth ruckman-cum-forward Paul Arnold has finally attracted the attention of the roving VFL eyes.

Sports administrator Wayne Reid, whose latest venture is to take over as president of the Melbourne Football Club, is most impressed with Arnold and would love to get him to Victoria.

Reid, the man who resurrected the ailing finances of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia and restored Australian tennis to its previous high status in the world scene, hopes to do the same with Melbourne.

A player like Arnold would be a huge success in Victoria. He has loads of talent and at 6ft. 3in. and 15st. his ability to contest the high ball, particularly in the goal square, would make him an ideal VFL proposition.

However, he has only played 45 games with East Perth, who have nurtured him



Paul Arnold

through his early years and the 22-year-old surveyor, who grew up in the shadows of Perth Oval, should be expected to repay the club with a few more years of service.

CAMPBELL'S CHATTER



Former West Perth and Fitzroy coach Graham Campbell is our leading columnist. In his opening burst on page 5 he casts doubts about one of his favourite footballers to be able to succeed in the VFL.

COACHES CORNER



Our league coaches have plenty to say to their players . . . day after day they are cajoling them into producing the goods. Some of our coaches will be talking to you, the football public, as well. See what Graham Moss, coach of the Tigers, has to say on page 5.

GARY'S GOSSIP



Everyone knows that Gary Carvolth is the man-about town for rumours. Gary seems to dig up football tips everywhere. And he is remarkably close to the scene. This week he has some interesting things to say about the West Perth business. See page 7.

SCOTT SAYS

Ray Scott is the man in charge of the men in charge — the umpires. Quite often the umpires often come under criticism — from the public, the media or the coaches. They cannot defend themselves or their policies. But Ray Scott can. On page 7 he talks about the new controversial rule.

EDITORIAL

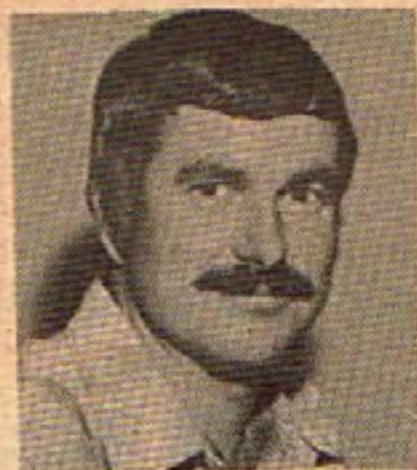
Welcome to the first issue of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, WA's very own weekly football newspaper.

Firstly, we must apologise for entering the football arena a little late. The launching of such a new venture takes time and effort, with considerable loose ends to tie up neatly so that the whole project will be a success from the outset.

Secondly, we must acknowledge the many people who have helped us reach the streets. The concept of a football newspaper is not a new one; but our format is new and we have been considerably encouraged by the enthusiastic responses we have had from a variety of sources — players, coaches, club administrators, advertisers, sponsors and last, but not least, the WANFL.

We are certainly grateful to the league's directors for wishing us well and we genuinely believe that our newspaper will be yet another medium to promote this magnificent Australian game of ours.

What about WESTSIDE FOOTBALL? Well, we hope to cover many aspects of football in this State. We will look at the WANFL competition of course, but we will also cast our eyes over Sunday competitions, country football and the junior scene. We have designed a number of statistical-type sections that will give the keen football



follower added material to chew over during the week as he lives between Saturdays.

Our aim is to be authoritative; informative and constructive. We realise that we will probably tread on a few sore toes around town as we travel through the season. But that is football. It is the controversy; the club rivalry; the loyalty and dedication of players and supporters that lures nearly one million people a year to the games.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL is new. We will not admit to being great, not yet anyway. Like a novice footballer, we promise abundant potential but we expect to take time to mature and develop into a formidable performer.

We trust that the football public will encourage us initially; support us strongly in our formative days and then enjoy us to the full when we reach the top.

— Peter Poat, publisher

A ROYAL TRIUMPH



By ALAN EAST

The Victorian football world is still recovering from the shock they received when they witnessed, first hand, the sheer courage and determination to succeed that East Perth displayed this week.

East Perth gained a memorable 9.9 to 8.11 victory over Footscray in their second-round Escort championship match.

East Perth, under the firm guidance of Barry Cable, a man that many Victorians claim — wrongly, of course — as their own, did it the hard way. They overcame a 26-point deficit on a slippery, treacherous VFL Park surface, under unaccustomed lights and in foreign lands and with 17 fit men.

Footscray found to their discomfort that there is nothing more fearsome than an injured Royal, or an injured Royal's teammate.

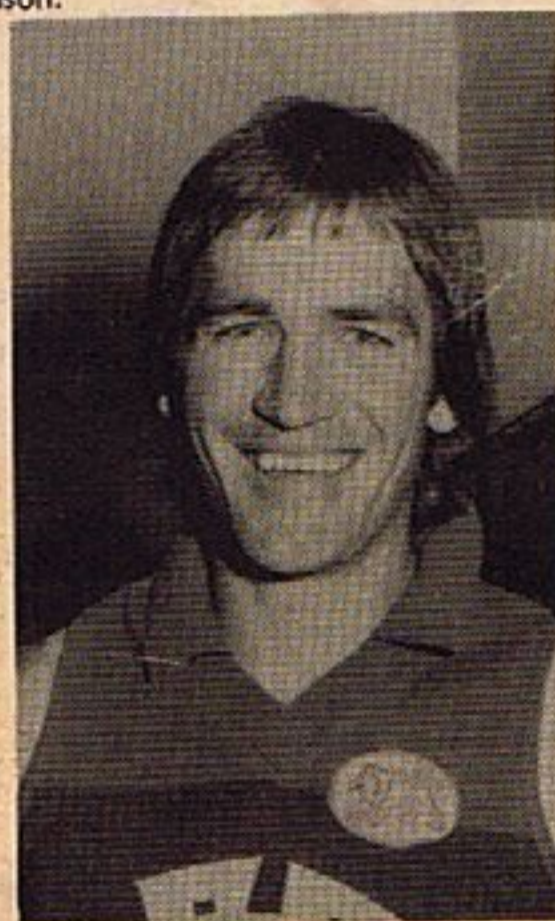
East Perth became only the second club to ever beat a Victorian side under lights at VFL Park, following in the footsteps of East Fremantle, co-incidentally, coached by former East Perth veteran Bradley Smith, who also shocked the Victorian scene with a barnstorming finish to beat St Kilda pre-season.

will be played in Perth.

With Claremont confident of doing well against Hawthorn in their second-round game on May 1, WA could end up with three teams in the last eight.



Kevin McGinnity, a great comeback.



Ian McCulloch, revelling in the Victorian conditions.

Graham Campbell, WESTSIDE FOOTBALL'S chief columnist, knows how hard it is to win at VFL Park — after all, he guided Fitzroy to a premiership in last year's night series against the cream of Victorian football talent.

"It's an enormous task for a WA side to win at VFL Park," says Campbell.

"I felt very proud watching East Perth fight back and win that match against Footscray. They showed just how much character West Australians have.

"WA sides give away a big advantage when they travel to Victoria for night games and you cannot heap enough praise on East Perth and East Fremantle for their victories."

WANFL officials are ecstatic about the success.

It now means that WA will be represented by at least one side in the semi-finals. The winner of next Tuesday's second-round clash between Perth and East Fremantle, at Subiaco Oval, is drawn to meet East Perth in the quarter-finals.

It also means that the quarter-final clash

ESCORT CUP DRAW

Match No.	Date	Result	Where Played	Time
FIRST ROUND				
1	Friday, March 2	South Melbourne 13.16 b West Perth 7.13	VFL Park	Night
2	Sunday, March 4	Essendon 21.14 b Swan Districts 18.14	Perth Oval	Day
3	Friday, March 9	Richmond 22.18 v Subiaco 9.12	VFL Park	Night
4	Sunday, March 11	Fitzroy 20.13 b NSW 11.11	Sydney Showgrounds	Day
5	Friday, March 16	East Fremantle 16.18 b St Kilda 12.10	VFL Park	Night
6	Sunday, March 18	Footscray 19.11 b Tasmania	North Hobart	Day
7	Sunday, March 25	Claremont 17.9 b Melbourne 15.6	Leederville	Day
SECOND ROUND				
8	Friday, March 23	South Melbourne 16.13 b South Fremantle 8.13	VFL Park	Night
9	Sunday, March 25	North Melbourne 24.18 b A.C.T. 7.10	Canberra	Day
10	Tuesday, March 28	Collingwood 12.17 b Essendon 6.11	VFL Park	Night
11	Tuesday, April 3	Geelong 10.17 b Richmond 6.15	VFL Park	Night
12	Tuesday, April 10	Fitzroy 12.18 b Carlton 11.12	VFL Park	Night
13	Tuesday, April 24	East Perth 9.9 b Footscray 8.11	VFL Park	Night
14	Tuesday, May 1	East Fremantle v Perth	Subiaco	Day
15	Tuesday, May 1	Claremont v Hawthorn	VFL Park	Night
QUARTER FINALS				
16	Tuesday, May 8	South Melbourne v Collingwood	VFL Park	Night
17	Tuesday, May 15	Geelong v Fitzroy	VFL Park	Night
18	Tuesday, May 22	East Perth v Winner No. 14	WA	Day
19	Tuesday, May 29	Winner No. 15 v North Melbourne	VFL Park	Night
SEMI FINALS				
20	Tuesday, June 5	Winner No. 16 v Winner No. 17	VFL Park	Night
21	Tuesday, June 12	Winner No. 18 v Winner No. 19	VFL Park	Night
GRAND FINAL				
22	Tuesday, June 26		VFL Park	Night

PRIZEMONEY:

First Round	Losers \$5000	Winners \$7000
Second Round	Losers \$7000	Winners \$8000
Quarter-finals	Losers \$8000	Winners \$11,000
Semi-finals	Losers \$9000	Winners \$14,000
Grand final	Losers \$14,000	Winners \$35,000

FORM GUIDE & THIS WEEK'S GAMES

EAST FREMANTLE — W, W, W, W	West Perth at East Fremantle
EAST PERTH — L, W, W, L	Perth at Perth
CLAREMONT — W, L, W, W	South Fremantle at Claremont
SOUTH FREMANTLE — W, W, L, W	Claremont at Claremont
PERTH — L, W, L, W	East Perth at Perth
SWAN DISTRICTS — L, L, W, L	Subiaco at Bassendean
WEST PERTH — W, L, L, L	East Fremantle at East Fremantle

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WIZZARD**

The Westside Wizzard is our football expert.

He invites readers to submit questions on football and will endeavour to supply the correct answer.

Any person who can stump the Wizzard with a reasonable football question will be awarded a \$2 lottery ticket.

Here are two examples of the type of questions readers are invited to submit.

Is it true that a West Australian played in a VFL and WANFL grand final in the same year. If so, who was the player?

Yes. In 1941 Stan (Pops) Heal played in the VFL and WANFL grand finals. He was a member of the premiership side on both occasions. He played with Melbourne and West Perth. Wartime rulings on servicemen permitted players to transfer without a clearance.

Has New Zealand ever sent a team to Australia to compete in an Australian Rules Carnival?

Yes. A New Zealand side competed in the 1908 Carnival, defeating both the New South Wales and Queensland side.



Ron Boucher

Simon Beasley and Ron Boucher, the two men behind our Page 1 masks, are key figures in the Swan Districts revival.

Beasley (22) and Boucher (26) are relying on the development of facial masks to safeguard their immediate football future.

Boucher has matured considerably as a ruckman in the last two seasons, especially after he felt that his senior career was over when he dropped out of the Swans league side and went to the country in 1977.

His facial mask on Page 1 is simply a plaster cast which was used to mould a special fibre-glass guard that he plans to wear to protect his depressed cheekbone.

"I'm confident about being able to wear the mask," he said. "I'm prepared to try anything that will help me get back into the game quickly."

The talent, high-flying Beasley, in his second year at Swans after coming from amateur ranks where he established a nation-wide reputation as a player of class, is protecting his nose with the specially-designed guard.

"I suffered a broken nose last year and this guard is just what I need to give me confidence," he says. "It felt a little uncomfortable at first, but I've got used to it now and it doesn't bother me at all."



Simon Beasley

COUPER TO BE A ROYAL

Murray Couper, the volatile fire-brand match-winner from Perth, is determined to wind up his career in an East Perth jumper.

Couper, goal-kicking specialist who has walked a football tight-rope in his nine-year career, has told Perth coach Ken Armstrong that he does not want to play at Lathlain Park anymore.

The 30-year-old policeman believes that he still has a season or two of goal-kicking under his belt — and East Perth Barry Cable agrees.

Couper played some of his best football under Cable when the blond-bombshell was coach of the Demons in 1972 and 1973 and Couper now wants to renew that relationship.

"I've told Perth that I'll retire if they don't give me a clearance," says Couper. "I believe that there is plenty of justification in my seeking a clearance. I just hope that there is a sensible man around who will agree with my claim and see that I'm allowed to switch clubs."

Couper has played 121 games with Perth since joining the club from Dowerin in 1971. In that time he has kicked 402 goals.



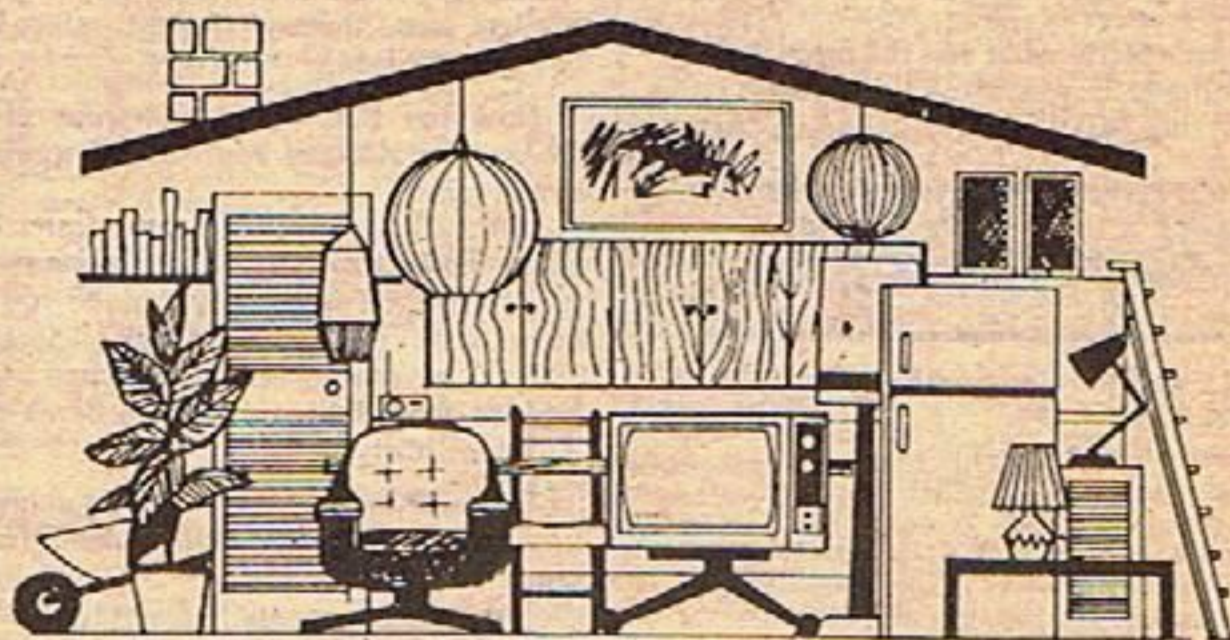
Murray Couper

Disputes between Couper and Perth are not new. He has been in conflict with the club in the past, but the matter has usually been resolved. This time he appears determined to go ahead in his bid to be released, even though his first application for a clearance was hastily ignored.

But Armstrong himself feels that Couper's days at Lathlain Park are over. When Couper told him that he did not want to play there anymore, he was told by the Perth coach: "I think that's a good idea."

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SPENCER - EPITOME OF COURAGE

Peter Spencer had the world at his feet when he won the 1976 Sandover Medal; aged 20 and only in his third season of league football. The son of former East Perth captain Jim Spencer, his future seemed rosy.

But his dreams turned to frustration a year later as a mysterious groin injury started to nag his football. He saw out the 1977 season with tremendous courage, underwent a serious operation and then battled through 1978 in a desperate attempt to make it back. At times his task seemed hopeless as he trained and trained, only to wake up stiff and sore, unable to enjoy freedom of movement.

Spencer's career looked over. Only five games in 1978. But he never gave up. He saw specialists of all kinds, had advice from countless sources, never conceding that he could not overcome the problem. Hours and hours of treatment. Days and Days of hard work. The year 1979 has opened and it is a fit Spencer back in action.

ALAN EAST talks to the modest champion about the fightback:

Was it all worthwhile?

Definitely worthwhile. I regarded it as a challenge and I knew that I would have to put in a fair bit of work to get back. But I believe that throughout your career there are a lot of obstacles put in your path and if you can overcome them, then you become a better player and a better person for it.

Did you ever give up hope of getting back again?

During 1978 I was very confident of being right to at least play in the finals. I was bitterly disappointed with not being able to. Once the season was over I realised then that I had three or four months to get myself totally fit for 1979. I never really gave up.

Just exactly what was the problem?

Initially it was a fractured pubic bone. How that was caused is unknown. After I

had the operation in November 1977 the muscles in the groin were very weak because I had not been able to do any hard exercise. It was just a slow programme of building up the muscles. The operation was a total success even though it took over 12 months to get right. I didn't realise how much strengthening exercises I needed to do straight after the operation to get the muscles right. Once I did that, there were no problems.

Were you guilty of trying to come back too early?

Yes, I did come back too early. There were times when I wasn't 100 percent and I tried to play. It just didn't work. The muscles weren't strong enough to play in a game. Looking back, it might have been the best thing to spend the whole year recuperating.

Are you confident that you can now keep going?

Very confident. I still have to do exercises on the groin every second day, but by doing those I'm certain I won't have any problems.

Was there a lot of pain last year?

The first two games I was virtually free of pain. But the next three there was a lot of pain and after that it was just painful trying to run even at half-pace.

Has the injury been related to that heavy knock you took in the 1976 second semi-final?

Apparently that knock had nothing to do with it. I had a peculiar style of running, especially over the first 10 metres, throwing my legs and arms in all directions without any style at all. State athletic coach Bruce Larsen put me on the right path, spending months with me making sure that my legs came through straight, rather than going to the side.

How has that injury and your earlier broken jaw affected your mental approach to the game?

It hasn't affected my enthusiasm. Probably the opposite. It has made me realise that if you are determined enough you can come back from any setback. There are dozens of players who have had worse injuries than I have and have come back and done really well.

Did everything happen a bit quickly for you, apart from the first broken jaw, of course?

Yes, everything went very smooth apart from that injury. I must admit when I did win the Sandover medal when I was 20 I thought things couldn't be going better. I haven't found it easy, but I believe it has toughened me mentally and also taught me that if you are fit you must go on the ground and play well. There can be no excuses.

Was that broken jaw, after just five games of league football, a shock to your ideals about the game?

That was probably a bigger shock to me than the groin injury. All of a sudden I wasn't playing school football and I thought it would make things a lot harder than I had imagined. I had eight weeks out and a lot of time to think about it. But the jaw mended quickly and once I started running after four weeks, then it didn't worry me too much.



Peter Spencer and his wife Tricia enjoy breakfast together.

What has been the highlight of your career?

Two highlights, I guess. The one State game I have played (against Victoria at Subiaco Oval in 1976) was a tremendous thrill, especially running out onto the ground in front of 30,000 people all cheering for your side. It was great to rove in that match with Robert Wiley after playing a lot of junior football together. Winning the Sandover medal I guess goes without saying. But another thing that stands in my mind was when we won that second semi-final against South Fremantle in 1976. We played the last half with virtually 16 fit men and to watch the way the blokes played in that game was very emotional.

Did you have mixed feelings when East Perth won the grand final last year without you?

When the siren went I felt that I was part of the team and I couldn't contain myself. It was really fantastic. But the next day I just wished that I had been part of it. That will always be the case. But I was just as thrilled as the other blokes.

How do you prepare for a Saturday match?

Firstly I go for a walk, about a mile or so. Have breakfast and usually go to Aquinas College with my father and brothers Terry or David. Jog about a mile, have a few run-throughs and kicks. Come home have something to eat; potatoes with a bit of toast or something light, about 12 and then go to the game.

Do you get nervous before the game?

I don't know whether its nervousness. Just anxious to get out there and get into it.

Where do you prefer to play?

I enjoy centre; but I've got no real preference out of centre, ruck-rovng or roving.

How much influence has your father had on your career?

Without doubt, the biggest influence. Without him I might not have even made it. From under-10s Dad was there for every single game, always explaining things to me after games and that really hasn't stopped now. He had a big influence on my thoughts when I was in hospital with the broken jaw. He said that it was just one of those things that can happen to anyone and I just had to learn to protect myself a bit more. You know, what I did was really an immature thing. I ran back completely open into a pack of oncoming players. You can show guts and determination without that sort of stupid thing.



Player Profile

FULL NAME: Peter James Spencer.
 Born: Perth 11.1.56
 Height: 5ft. 8 in. (1.72m)
 Weight: 11st. 10lb. (74.5kg)
 Lives at: South Perth.
 Married: Yes.
 Wife's name: Tricia.
 Occupation: Company rep with Western Underwriters.
 Football honours: 1976 Sandover medal; fairest and best East Perth 1975 and 1976; runner-up 1974 and 1977.
 Came from: Manning.
 Favourite food: Fish.
 Favourite drink: Orange.
 Hobbies and relaxation: Mainly cricket, sport in general.
 Football likes: Comradeship.
 Football dislikes: None really.
 Idols in Football: Barry Cable, right back when he was playing with Perth. Kevin Sheedy for his fanatical attitude and the way he plays the game.
 Hard things in football: Probably pre-season training, getting started.
 Ambitions: Like to play 300 games; to play with Richmond and to play in an East Perth premiership.
 Nickname: Spanna.
 Guernsey number: 3.
 Games played: 84.

WILL BILL SURVIVE?

There has been a lot of discussion about the new rule — the holding-the-man / holding-the-ball situation. Some football people are for it; some against.

Seems to me that a former WA player, now running around in a Collingwood jumper, would definitely fall into the latter category of those against the idea.

One Bill Valli, no less — former West Perth star.

Bill's game is invariably built around winning the ball and cleverly bouncing it as he is about to be tackled — often gaining a free kick under the old edict.

But as we all know, the new rule deems that the player who bounces the ball is still in possession and, if tackled, he can be penalised for holding the ball.

So, Bill is finding life extremely difficult in Victoria and it is painfully obvious to me after watching him perform on the VFL replays that he will have to change his ways — or perish!

Yes, it could be a short sojourn in Magpie-land for the former Cardie champ.

Don't say I didn't tell you . . . Nobody in the WANFL will boot 100 goals this season!

Consequently, TVW7's \$1500 available to the person achieving this feat, is pretty safe . . . Not to mention the \$15,000 put up by the same sponsors for the man who can kick 150 goals in this WA's sesquicentenary year. Talk about the impossible dream!

Perth's Peter Bosustow is a mercurial player; he can turn the fate of a game in the twinkling of an eye. But, Peter, stop pushing opponents in the back before you contest a mark . . . the umpires are going to wake up to you soon.

Subiaco are certainly copping a few uncomplimentary remarks from the critics at the moment . . . and not without some justification.

They are having a dismal season, but one bright light in the gloom is the form of 20-year-old recruit Gary Buckenara.

Without question, Gary is the best first-year player we have in WA league football so far this season. He plays with the assurance of a veteran and should be around for years to come.

Has anybody noticed East Fremantle's charmed first-round draw this season?

They play five of their first-round seven games at home. Any side worth their salt wins most of their home games and it follows that Old Easts have been handed a considerable advantage by the draw organisers — virtually ensuring the club an excellent start to 1979.

In league football, it is all-important to kick away with early wins and I'll wager that it's never happened before . . . and it shouldn't have been allowed to eventuate now.

On the other side of the coin, South Fremantle are apparently the poor relations down Freo way. They have been allocated only two home games in their first seven encounters. I bet coach Mal Brown is ecstatic about that fact of football life.

I'm told that the reason for this imbalance is that it's traditional to play the June Foundation Day long-weekend derby at Fremantle Oval, so therefore the South-East fixtures were swapped around. This meant that the first-round clash was played at East Fremantle Oval and the next two clashes will be at Fremantle Oval.

I suppose that's some sort of valid reason, but certainly gives East Fremantle a dream run at home to open the season.

COACHES CORNER



Getting rid of a 'gut feeling' has been the ambition of Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss all summer.

Moss and his Claremont colleagues have had to live with the knowledge that one kick cost them a place in last year's final four. The fact that their last-match defeat at the hands of Perth made it easier for East Perth to get into the four — and subsequently go on and win the grand final — has not been easy to swallow.

Moss talks about that feeling:

Graham Moss...



"All throughout our pre-season work that sickening feeling in my gut has nagged away. I've learnt that most of the players had the same feeling. You could tell by their attitude to training. They just threw themselves into training; it was tremendous; they just wanted to get on with '79 and make up for last year.

It was a build-up to that first game against East Perth. We believed that East Perth took our place in the four and we were determined to beat them to open up the season. When we did it was a very satisfying win.

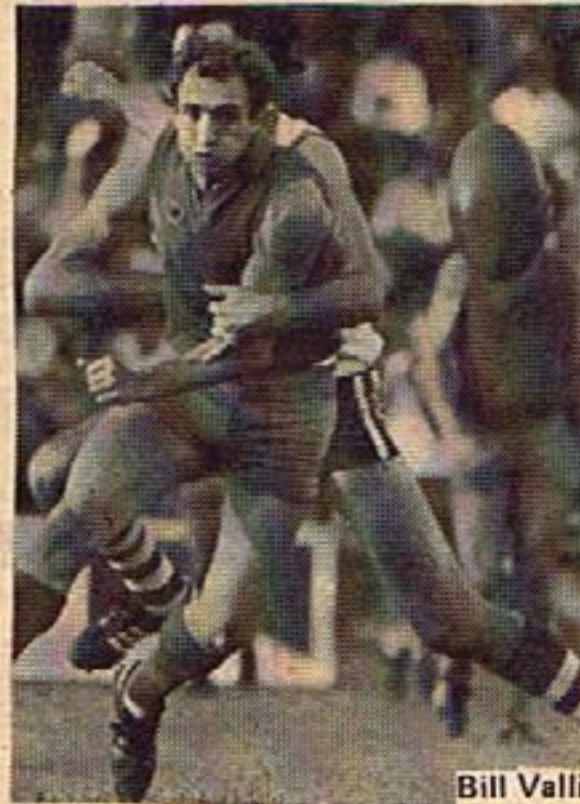
Our players have done a lot of work in the gymnasium this summer and I'm sure our performances will benefit. Players like John Anear and Dave Rawlinson have built themselves up physically and you can see the difference in their body. I could even notice the development in my own physique after the weights programme.

Often when you look at the Victorian sides you see muscles bulging everywhere and I think our footballers tend to under-play gymnasium work a bit. We should concentrate on building our bodies up a bit more.

CAMPBELL'S CHATTER



Anyone who has heard Graham Campbell talk about football is quick to realise that this man has a deep, burning love and devotion for our great Australian game. Graham came from Victoria in 1975 and lifted West Perth from bottom to top — winning a flag on a hot gospel preached in a fervent, but wholly dedicated manner. He went back to Victoria last year to fulfil a life-long ambition and coach his old club Fitzroy. But the lure of living in the West proved too strong and he is back in WA this year, serving as a critic on Channel 7 and Radio 6PM. Campbell's Chatter will be full of authority, full of newsy football gossip and opinion.



Bill Valli

One for the where-are-they-now department . . .

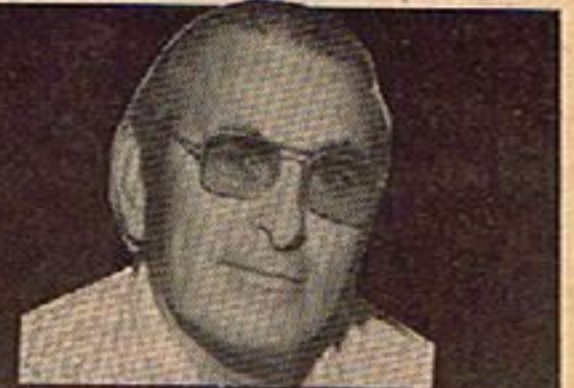
Remember Geoff Gillies, the former Easter Perth utility player who, in 1977, figured in a rather embarrassing swap when Subiaco relinquished their hold on the young son of an East Perth committee man of the day, and Geoff went to the Lions.

Well, Geoff turned up in Tasmania last year and made the State side. As a matter of fact, he played well in a night game at VFL Park against Fitzroy, the club that I was coaching at the time.

It appears that Geoff is on the move again. I see where he is now strutting his stuff with South Australian club Central District.

That's not a bad effort when you think about it — in three years he has played with three league clubs in three different States. Must be some sort of record.

DAVE CLEMENT



Dave Clement is a name not all that well-known in the general football public arena; but in the media and in the production areas of football publicity it is a vital name. For many years Dave Clement has reigned supreme as the State's top football statistician and record-compiler. Each week Dave will present unusual records, statistics that will amaze you and record details to fill your mind.

The two oldest clubs in the competition, West Perth and East Fremantle, meet on Saturday for the 265th time. Naturally they have played each other more times than the others.

East Fremantle have a commanding lead on the score of wins — 152 to West's 110, with two games drawn.

When East Fremantle joined the competition in 1898 there were only four teams in it — the other three were Fremantle, West Perth and Rovers. Consequently, East Fremantle and West Perth met FIVE times that year and also FIVE times the following year (No finals were played until 1904).

Another year that accelerated the East-West games was 1905, when they met FIVE times again, twice in qualifying matches and three times in finals (the Grand Final was drawn, necessitating a replay).

Old East's best winning sequence against West Perth is 11 games straight from 1911 to 1915. They also won 10 straight between 1961 and 1964. The Cardinals' best run was in their first seven games against East Fremantle. Twice in post war football they have notched up six wins straight against Old Easts.

Modern-day football has certainly increased the scoring tempo and sides frequently improve on their previous best scores or expand winning margins. But when Perth and East Perth line up this week there are a couple of records at stake that have stood for 50 years.

*Perth's highest score kicked against East Perth at Perth Oval was 21.14 on July 13 1929.

*East Perth's biggest win over the Demons was their 125 point win on September 1, 1928, 23.25 to 5.8.

When the umpires boycotted the early-season practice games it was not the first time the men in white had put their hand out for more pay.

In fact, back in 1938 they went on strike and the league had to call in volunteers to officiate at the league games one afternoon. Four former players including Sandover Medallists Billy Thomas and Keith Hough, stood in that afternoon.

Then back in 1915 there was another umpires dispute over pay and the league secretary, the late Billy Orr, stepped in and umpired all finals.

The luckless Subiaco were belted by South Fremantle by 83 points last week, a disappointing result for Lions supporters.

However, long-time supporters of Subiaco would care to forget some of their previous encounters with South Fremantle. In 1977 the Bulldogs beat them by 100 points and 77 points in 1976 they went down by 148 points; 1955 by 95 points; 1954 by 96 points; 1953 by 161 and then three months later a league record 192 point margin.

Then there was a 120 point defeat in 1941 but the most ignominious defeat was probably in 1906 when Subiaco failed to score while South Fremantle recorded 12.23. This is the only time a team has failed to score since the scoring of behinds was introduced in 1898.

On the brighter side for Subiaco their day came in 1974 when they 'walloped' South to the tune of 90 points — and at Fremantle Oval too — 23.17 to 10.15.

Getting back to those one-sided games in 1953, the combined total of South in their three games against Subiaco was 80 goals 52 to 16 goals 22.

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A lot of people connected with football are under the impression that the addition to Law 13c is actually a new law —

This is not so. The powers-to-be have added just two lines: "A player who is bouncing the ball is deemed to be in possession of the ball"

Also, there is a new definition "POSSESSION". Possession means a player with the ball, shall be in possession until disposing of it, or attempting to do so, by kicking or handball.

Ever since I have been connected with umpiring the holding the man/holding the ball rule has been the most controversial law in the game. And not for one moment do I think the "ADDITION" to Law 13 will end the controversy. But, as the weeks have gone past, umpires, players and football followers have shown more appreciation and understanding of the situation. There have been a lot of critics saying that the addition will encourage more "sweaters" and that the genuine ball-player will suffer. That is not so, as the player

who is prepared to go in for the ball will still be encouraged. The only difference now is that if he elects to bounce or throw the ball away and — providing he is tackled correctly — he will be penalised for holding the ball. Before he would have been awarded a free kick for holding the man.

This season has shown that free kicks for holding the man have declined, but the percentage of free for all tackling infringements is still high on the list. This proves that the player who goes for the ball or is in possession of it, is still encouraged and the "sweater" will not be looked upon kindly by the umpire.

A very important part of this rule is the ability of players to tackle correctly and this does create problems.

If the player who is going for the ball, or is in possession of the ball, is tackled incorrectly, that is tackled high or carried forward, he would receive a free kick. If he is tackled correctly, he must be given a reasonable chance of disposing of the ball by kicking or handball. If he does not do this, then he is penalised for holding the ball.



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Dear Sirs,

I was pleased to read the advance publicity about your weekly football newspaper — I wish you well!

I trust that you will have a letters column or something similar as it is often frustrating for football followers who want to have a say, especially when there is something controversial going on and all the critics and players are sounding off. We have to sit back and cop it sweet.

One such issue is the holding-the-man/holding-the-ball rule which seems to be upsetting so many people, including a few league coaches. To me it's rather simple: the sooner the players learn to stop trying to be fancy and bounce the ball the moment they lay hands on it, the better.

Before the rule was introduced we saw quite a few players get free kicks for being grabbed when all they had done was out-smart the bloke behind and throw the ball away just a split second before being grabbed. There is a simple solution to their problem — kick the ball or handball it!

The only reason players bounced it was because they were not quick enough or skilled enough to get rid of it properly. Once they get the message that this previous way out of trouble is gone, then they will have to adapt and life will become easier for other players, umpires and, above all, us.

B.R. Allan
Mitchell Road
Westfield Park

Dear Sir,

I have just-read some advance publicity on your proposed new football newspaper. I could hardly believe my eyes. Does it mean to say that we no longer have to satisfy our insatiable football appetites with just a glance every now and then at some 'outside' magazine that is usually late and out of date?

I trust that you will really dish up some of the footy news that will make readers sit up and take notice. Good luck.

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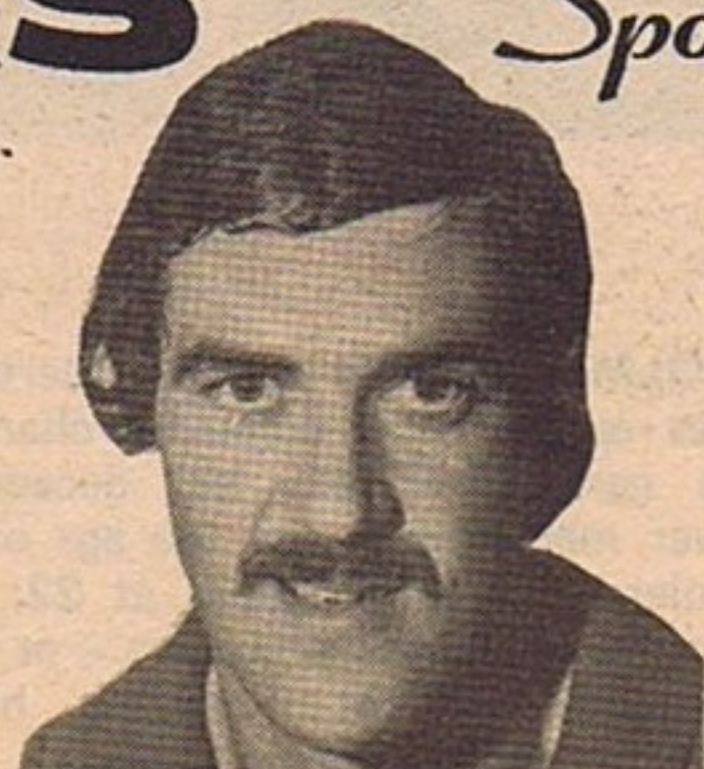
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Sports

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

There is plenty of entertainment around the league clubs after today's games.....

East Fremantle have 'Flute' playing after their home match; Swans have a players' disco with 'Lindsbury Disco Co'; East Perth have a cabaret, and Claremont have 'Headlines' after their trophy presentation.

For those clubs playing away South have 'Blue Brass' back in action at Fremantle Oval after the game; West

Perth have a players' disco; Subiaco have DJ Phil Belmont spinning the tracks and Perth have 'Crumpet' at Lathlain Park.

In the 'unusual entertainment' section, Claremont are holding a fashion parade on May 15 with their senior players modelling the clothes; Subiaco have co-opted their players into presenting a hilarious Review Night on April 30 and East Fremantle have Lionel Yorke presenting his 'crazy variety' show on May 9.

GARY'S GOSSIP



Gary Carvolth is the man-about-town who knows everything that is going on in football. His early-morning rumour spot on Radio 6PR often sends club officials running for the telephone when he reveals talent-scout raids from across the border and surprise signings by our local superstars. We realise that if it's about football, then Gary knows about it. He has his finger on the football pulse and he will keep the WESTSIDE FOOTBALL readers well informed about the goings-on in the football world.

Football looks like being really big business in 1979. Even at this early stage of the season, everything seems positive — good attendance figures, tremendous sponsorship support and a new crop of up-and-coming super stars. Unfortunately, Subiaco look to be the only weak link in a possible football bonanza this season. However, the Lions, despite a heart-breaking series of injuries, are hard at work, both on and off the field. They are desperate to regain some of the prestige that made them a football power in 1973.

P.S.! Watch out for the following changes at Subiaco: — A new general manager, a top candidate could be Don Martin, the club's present team manager. A special fund-raising and promotions committee with a lot of assistance from surprising sectors of the business and media world.

The rumours have been running riot around "CARDIE LAND" that present coach Percy Johnson is just being used as a fill-in until Graham Campbell is able to resume as coach of West Perth. This is one occasion that even I feel that rumours have been grossly unfair, not only to Percy and Graham, but also the entire West Perth club. The latest scurrilous rumour is that Stewart Hillier and Brian Adamson, both of whom are currently domiciled in Adelaide, could return to West Perth this season, provided that Campbell was in charge.

Here's my interpretation of the position —
a) West Perth has been, and still is, a top club and there is no way they could terminate a coach's appointment mid-term, except in exceptional circumstances.
b) Sure, Graham Campbell, if he was asked, would probably jump at the opportunity of resuming at Leederville Oval — but that is in the future. Campbell is pretty well tied up these days in the tyre business, plus his media commitments are both demanding and time-consuming.
c) However, to be fair, Percy hasn't really been helped in his endeavours to succeed at West Perth. I firmly believe that the CARDIES recruiting for 1979 could have been better.
d) Come on West Perth, get behind your team and let coach Johnson get on with the job in hand this season. Next year is another ball game.

Talking about coaches, the rumour is that the Demons want KEVIN MURRAY to coach them in 1980. Ken Armstrong, according to my spies, is anxious to retire as coach. However, I also hear that PERTH have approached Graham Campbell to take over this season if necessary. Again this is only a rumour.

PETER HUDSON, the former Hawthorn super goal sneak, is coming to Perth in the latter part of May — at the invitation of East Fremantle. No, Peter isn't going to play for the blue and white's. He is doing very nicely, thank you, for GLENORCHY in the Tasmanian League. Hudson, is scheduled to appear as a guest at a special East Fremantle seminar.

Junior football seems to be blossoming, particularly in the Subiaco area where WARWICK, for instance, field something like 27 teams. In the 9-year old competition, Woodland's Green side has an up-and-coming potential league player by the name of DAMIAN HAMPSON. Damian is the son of former SUBIACO star Reg Hampson.

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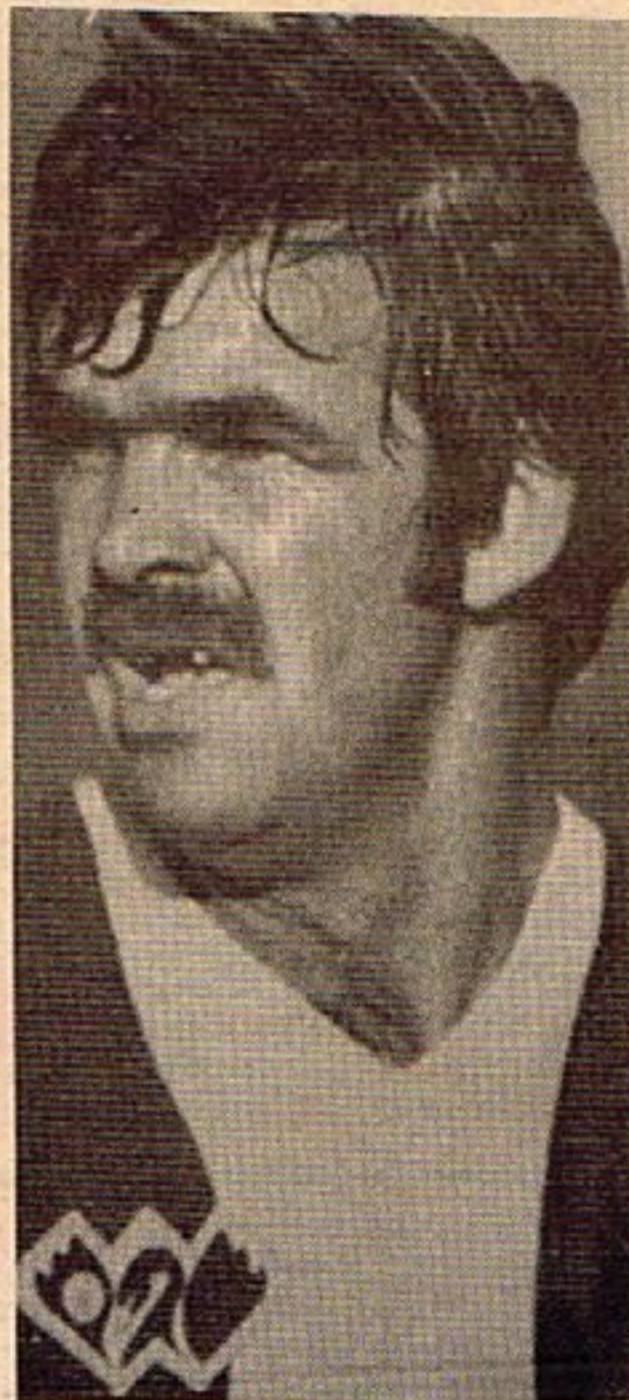
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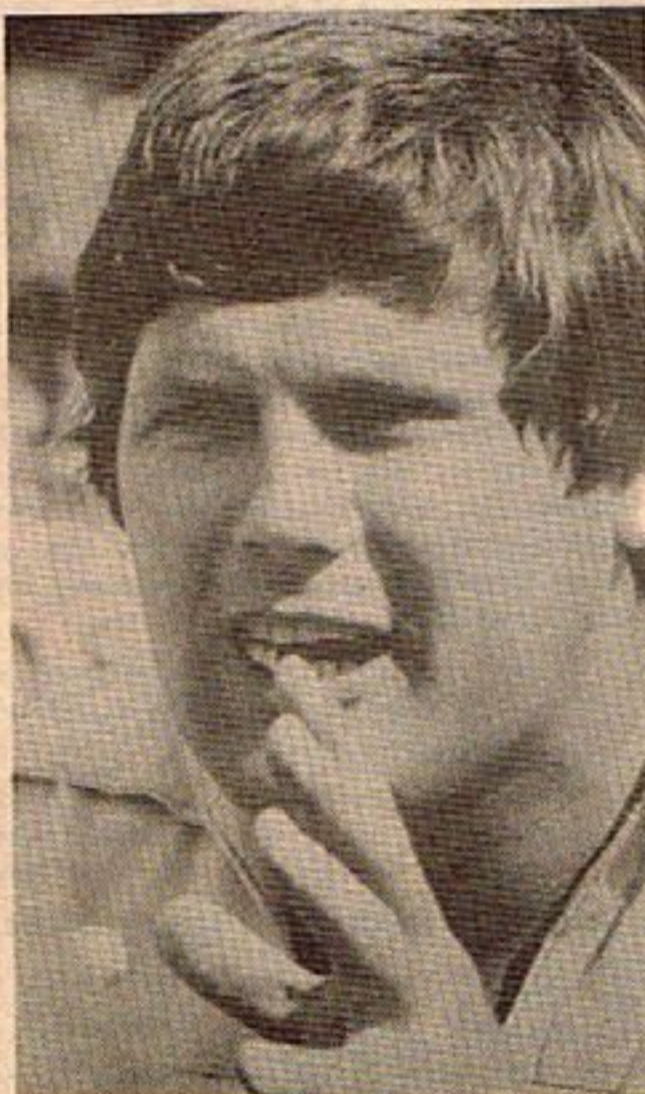
PERCY JOHNSON . . . riding a very turbulent wave; frustrated by a lack of playing strength; determined to mould his team into a unit. Coaching life has not been easy for Johnson; he suffered the disappointment of not having his contract renewed after a year at South Fremantle; sacked by Swans in another decade; but still fervently devoted to the game. Lives football and deserves the rewards that have so far eluded him.



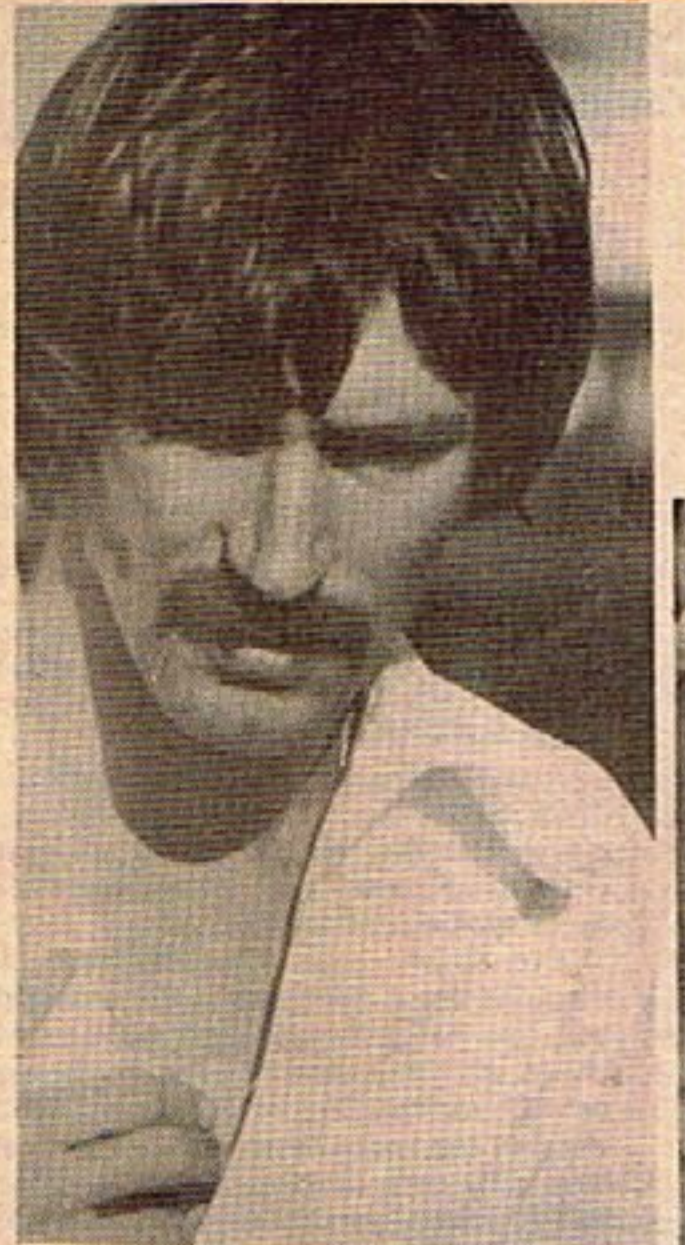
JOHN TODD . . . has accepted three seasons with lowly Swan Districts; has triumphed over a lack of players to now be in the situation where success is almost around the corner. A teenage champion, the youngest Sandover Medal winner at 17, a coach with three clubs, success at East Fremantle, failure at South and Swans . . . but still confident; still a great believer in the ability of his young charges.



BRADLEY SMITH . . . enjoying unexpected early success at East Fremantle. A quiet big man, with firm straight-down-the-middle ideas about football. A veteran player with years of learning under experienced coaches, Smith ruffled feathers when he took over at East Fremantle, but four wins straight is proof of his policies.

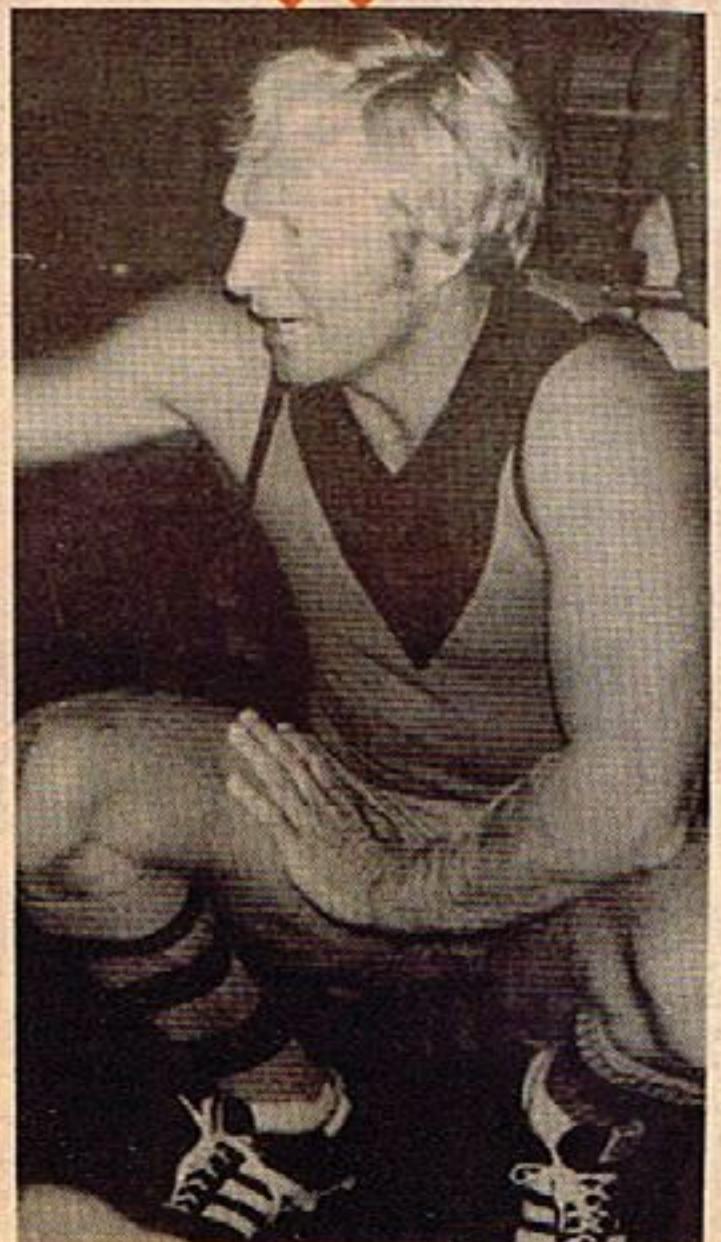


MALCOLM BROWN . . . certainly qualifies as the most colourful character in the game over the last decade. A Sandover medal winner at the age of 20; a premiership-winning coach at 22; controversy follows him everywhere — or leads him, maybe. Brilliant footballer, highly intelligent coach, Brown is football's most intriguing character.



PETER BURTON . . . rookie coach; but a man who is quickly learning how strong a will he needs to avoid the temptation of giving in when the going gets tough. A splendid footballer and a fine clubman; they were probably the reasons when he accepted the challenge back at his own club a year or so before he thought he was ready. He may lack the players, but he doesn't lack the desire, determination or ability to succeed.

BARRY CABLE . . . the little evergreen footballer; the 'chatterbox' who was tagged with the Cassius Cable nickname early in his career. But at 35, with nearly 400 games to his credit, there is some justification to label him as the greatest ever. A deep personal bond is linked between Cable and his players, but he is forceful enough to rule with an iron hand. And discipline is the recipe for success at Perth Oval.



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AM MOSS. . . . big, strong, but quiet
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 FL market to return to his home
 try coaching. It was a role that was
 a bit difficult to handle initially.
 learnt quick; he is now a much
 onfident coach, determined to prove
 football world that he, and his
 can succeed.

TIGERS



DEMONS

N ARMSTRONG has set new
 ndards for professional coaching; two
 esecutive premierships as a result of
 e trend-setting approaches to physical
 iditioning; a character who says what
 believes — and his record has backed up
 beliefs. Finding life hard to accept in
 bottom half of the four, he promises to
 urn to the top.

Interstate Round-up

VFL

FROM
 Steve
 Phillips



Rob Wiley knew he had at least one
 keen supporter when he made his debut for
 Richmond on the MCG on Easter Monday.
 His father had flown from Perth for the
 game and was a special guest of the club
 president Ian Wilson at a pre-game
 luncheon.

With 59,952 people at the ground the
 atmosphere was electric and Carlton
 supplied Richmond with the shock.

Wiley played well in the first half as
 Richmond shot to a 22-point lead, but
 he faded as Carlton fought back.

Veteran Richmond supporters said later
 it was difficult to pick Wiley from skipper
 Kevin Bartlett.

Both have a similar running action, are a
 similar size and appear to have a similar
 bald patch.

For Mr Wiley, the day was a total
 disappointment. The Tigers lost by 51
 points and his son faded badly, but he still
 had that thrill of finally seeing his son in
 the star-studded VFL atmosphere.

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Garry Sidebottom, St. Kilda's self
 acclaimed "clown prince", wasn't smiling
 when he picked himself up from the Windy
 Hill turf on Easter Monday.

The newly appointed Saints Vice-
 captain, who had been such a crowd
 pleaser with his antics against Hawthorn
 just a week earlier, didn't know what hit
 him.

The umpires did however, and reported
 Essendon's young centre half-forward Paul
 Van Der Haar on two charges of striking
 Sidebottom.

In the previous round Sidebottom had
 shown both sides of his rather complex
 nature. He was the outstanding player in
 St. Kilda's shock win over last year's
 premier side Hawthorn. He kicked five
 goals and managed to put the Hawks
 captain Don Scott out of the game.

Scott had appeared at Moorabbin wear-
 ing a headband to control his lengthy
 locks. In one of their frequent clinches,
 Sidebottom grabbed the headband and
 shoved it down the front of his shorts.

Scott retrieved the headband from a
 St. Kilda trainer but didn't wear it again.
 A few days later in fact, he had a hair cut
 that would put an army recruit to shame.

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Kevin Bryant, a bit player in North
 Melbourne's all-star cast, claimed star
 billing in his first two games with the
 Roos.

While Gary Dempsey, Graham Cornes
 and triple Magaray Medallist Russell Ebert
 shared the limelight in the pre-season
 build-up, Bryant was bidding time.

In the VFL opening round he cut
 loose against Essendon, producing one
 of the most memorable debuts in years.

He claimed 18 kicks, took 11 specta-
 cular marks and was unanimously adjudged
 best afield.

He didn't quite repeat that fine per-
 formance against Footscray, but establish-
 ed himself as a regular player with another
 great game.

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Some keen North Melbourne
 supporters are boasting that their side is
 poised to become the first league club
 to get through a season undefeated.

Looking at the talent at North's
 disposal, it is a convincing argument.

From interstate, North have Cornes,
 Mal Blight, Ebert (South Australia), Ross
 Glendinning, Bryant, Steve McCann,
 Graham Melrose (WA) and former
 Tasmanian captain Daryl Sutton.



Happy recruits Kevin Bryant (left) and Gary
 Dempsey after successful games with new
 club North Melbourne.

Add to that Brownlow Medallists Keith
 Greig and Gary Dempsey and regular
 Victorian representatives Stan Alves,
 Wayne Schimmelbusch and David Dench
 and you get some idea of the club's awe-
 some might.

There is an old saying in football, how-
 ever that one champion team will beat a
 team of champions and Ron Barassi,
 North's coach is very aware of it.

In their first two games North have
 struggled to defeat lowly Essendon and
 Footscray.

Reigning Brownlow Medallist Mal Blight
 has been the reason for both fightbacks. He
 kicked seven against Essendon and eight
 against Footscray from full-forward.

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East Perth's hopes of getting Fitzroy
 ruckman Wayne Duke back have dimish-
 ed. Duke was rushed to hospital last
 Saturday after collapsing in the dressing
 room after the game against Richmond.
 Duke had his nose broken in the second
 quarter of the match at the MCG. He later
 complained of headaches and spots before
 his eyes.

SANFL

Duckworth selected

Former West Perth captain John
 Duckworth has been selected in the South
 Australian State squad.

Two surprise omissions from the team
 are Norwood's Glen Rosser and David
 Holst.

Nine of the 34 named haven't played
 for the State previously.

The squad is: Michael Taylor, John
 Clarke, Neil Craig, Phil Gallagher, Neil
 Button, Bruce Winter (Norwood), Keith
 Kuhlmann, Jim Lihou, Paul Weston,
 Stephen Copping, Peter Carey, Kym
 Hodgeman, Peter McInerney (Glenelg),
 Rick Davies, Geoff Wiseman (Sturt), Brian
 Cunningham, Darrell Cahill, Milan Faletic,
 Greg Phillips, Tim Evans (Port), Kevin
 McSparran, Dirk Inglis, Bruce Lindsay,
 Neville Roberts, Matthew Rendell, Ian
 Jackman (Torrens), Andrew Bennett, Ron
 Hateley (South), Ralph Sewer, Phil Maylin
 (Woodville), John Duckworth, Richard
 Cochrane, Peter Beythien, Peter Jonas
 (Central).

West and North are the only clubs with
 out representatives.

The VFL's long awaited entry into the
 Sunday football arena has met bitter
 criticism and has been rewarded with
 lukewarm interest.

Unable to play senior football because
 of State government legislation, the VFL
 has countered by staging one reserve grade
 match.

It has given the seconds competition a
 face-lift, worked hard to get a sponsor and
 has full television coverage on HSV 7. The
 competition, called the Commodore Cup,
 is sponsored by GMH to the tune of
 \$75,000.

As one newspaperman said after 3000
 people saw the opening game at
 Moorabbin: "I wouldn't cross the road to
 see seconds football."

After viewing the game he wrote that
 he had seen better matches on the box —
 the matchbox.

The thrust of the VFL's opposition is
 coming from pro-VFA forces — the code
 that established Sunday football and
 attracts more than 100,000 people to its
 games each Sunday.

Just for interest, there were more
 people at the VFA's hastily scheduled
 match between Preston and Brunswick
 than at the reserves match.

The concept of a national competition
 is moving closer to reality after recent
 developments in Adelaide.

It now appears certain that the SANFL
 will join the Australian Football Cham-
 pionships Pty Ltd competition next year.

The South Australians are presently
 the only major league in Australia not in
 the championships. Queensland and the
 VFA are the only other non-participating
 leagues.

South Australia rejected an invitation
 to take part in this season's Australian
 championship competition mainly as a
 rebuff against the VFL.

A rift has existed between the two
 leagues for about three years. It developed
 after claims by the South Australians that
 the VFL was endeavouring to control the
 NFL.

However, South Australia's lone stand
 against the all-powerful VFL has been in
 vain. The NFL competition, which the
 SANFL tried so desperately to protect, has
 been swept under the table and replaced
 with the Australian championship — a
 competition over which the VFL has even
 greater powers.

The initial exercise in healing the rift
 between the two States will come in June
 when a VFL side visits Adelaide for the
 first interstate match between the two
 States since 1976.

The Croweaters are desperate to defeat
 the Victorians — as has been demon-
 strated by the fact that they have already selected
 a 34-man training squad for the clash.

The state coach is Neil Kerley and the
 team manager is Fos Williams — one of the
 State's most successful coaches.

NEW RULING HAS CLUBS WORRIED

A new weekly permit ruling introduced this year by the WANFL for country clubs has met with mixed feelings.

The ruling allows metropolitan players to play six games for a country club on permits before obtaining a clearance.

The less-financial clubs fear the law will allow their richer counterparts to fill temporary vacancies in their sides with "imports".

They say injured key players could easily be replaced by employing a city player — probably a borderline league footballer from the WANFL side to which they were zoned — at short notice, without the formalities of a clearance.

A similar situation existed a few years ago when league players were picking up easy dollars on Sundays with WFA sides. Clearances were not necessary between the two competitions.

Despite the opposition, some clubs are hailing the new ruling as an important breakthrough.

For many years some country clubs from smaller centres, who are unable to field a strong side with limited local players, have relied heavily on city recruits.

On numerous occasions these clubs have been "seen-off" after paying high fees to enrol the services of former city "stars".

After parting with hard-earned funds they have found they had bought has-beens or reserves players who boast bigger reputations than talents.

Under the new ruling, these clubs will have the opportunity of trying before buying.

Only time will indicate whether the benefits will be outweighed by disadvantages.

The South Bunbury Football club has recently begun regular publication of a club newspaper. In the first issue, the president Barney McNally reflects on the 1978 season, describing it as the worst in the club's history. However, in another item in the same issue there appears an

Country

Impressive list of recruits which the committee feels will boost their 1979 performances. Among the new faces are 1978 Hayward Medallist (the SWNFL top award) Wayne Watterson who quit '78 premiers, Busselton to join Souths; Peter Old and Kim Buswell who spent last season with Swan Districts.

The coal-mining town of Collie, home of two fervent football camps in Mines Rovers and Collie, seem to have a mixed balance of skill in their ranks this season. Mines, who have long been a power in the South West league despite slipping out of top bracket on odd occasions, seem set for a good year. New captain-coach Trevor Stewart has plenty of talent at his disposal and the way they dumped South Bunbury (23.17 to 14.12) recently was an indication of things to come. They only had a point to spare against Harvey-Brunswick, but that meant they had disposed of two of last season's top sides in consecutive weeks. Collie are rebuilding. Under new coach Paul Gurry, this team of youngsters had a shattering start to the season with a crushing 37.18 to 10.7 loss at the hands of Bunbury. But they bounced back to beat Busselton and have the potential to improve as the season progresses.

Kevin Mazzuchelli is certainly one player who missed his calling as a WANFL footballer . . . but Chapman Valley, in the Great Northern League, certainly are not complaining. Mazzuchelli showed promise when he went to East Fremantle a few seasons back, but the demands of the family farm up Northampton way forced him to curtail his city career. He is still playing top-class football for Chapman Valley and has figured in their best-player list every game this season.

* Country football club officials wishing to have their club's news included in this weekly country column should send their news reports to WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, P.O. Box 153, Morley, 6062.

SUNDAY SCENE

DUTCHY IS ALL SMILES

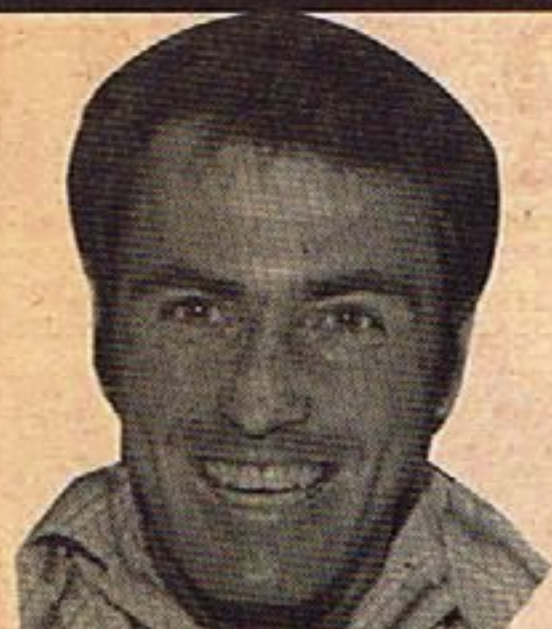
That loveable, happy little double centurion from East Perth, Hans (Dutchy) Versteegen, has a smile from ear to ear.

Versteegen is a football addict and even when his career drew to a close at East Perth after 204 games, he sought greener pastures. A season with Thornlie saw him finish well up in the South Suburban fairest and best voting and this year he has taken over as captain-coach of the side.

Versteegen has plenty of talent and potential amongst his charges and with three straight victories he is sitting pretty on top of the table. Canning are the other undefeated side in the competition and it will be interesting to see if both can maintain that unbeaten record till they clash in the ninth set of fixtures on June 3.

Thornlie have been impressive in their victories over Kwinana — one of this year's big improvers — and lower sides Maddington and Mandurah. However, they face a much tougher test this Sunday when they clash with Kelmscott — and concede the home-ground advantage.

Kelmscott, under new coach Dennis Cometti, loomed as big improvers pre-season, but they are taking time to put it all together. They did things in style, however, last week when they blitzed the previously-unbeaten Kenwick combination in a strong last quarter.



Kelmscott trailed by three goals at the last change — after being second in the race all day — but with goalkicking specialist Ray Witt in top form they hit the front with five minutes to go after Witt kicked his seventh.

That form suggests that today's match-of-the-day should be a ripper. Rivaling it to a certain extent will be the battle between Kalamunda's big guns and Canning's little men.

Canning, with three straight wins, are favoured to run the legs off Kalamunda, who are also unbeaten, but having played only two games to date.

Canning are at home and captain-coach Ron Wilcox is confident that speedsters like Steve Goodall and Terry Eaton will account for the Eddie Michalczyk combination.

The other games see Kenwick at home to new club Willetton; Mandurah home to a rebuilding Gosnells and Maddington, even though they are home, facing a tough visitor in Kwinana. Armadale have the bye.

TV ON SUNDAYS?

Direct telecasts of WA Football Association matches on Sundays . . . that is the ambition of WFA chief Ron Beaver.

According to Mr Beaver, the idea may not be as far-fetched as some people think.

The WFA president has just returned from Melbourne where he had discussions with their Victorian counterparts, the VFA.

The main objective of the trip was to finalise arrangements for the WFA-VFA clash due to be played in Perth in June.

While in Victoria, Mr Beaver and the WFA's promotions advisor, Leon Larkin, took the opportunity to "sniff around" for ideas.

"The thing that impressed me the most was the live telecasts of the match-of-the-day in VFA football," Mr Beaver said.

"Football on Sunday is all the rage and the ratings there have been fantastic. I don't see why the same thing shouldn't eventuate here within a few seasons."

But WFA must get first things first — this season they have teamed with radio station 6PR to broadcast the main match of the day.

So far it has worked well — both parties are delighted with the response and WFA football seems on the verge of shooting ahead.

"After seeing the way the VFA operate, I am confident we are on a par with them on a population basis," Mr Beaver said.

"They have some strong ideas, but their strength falls away dramatically after the first eight or so teams."

Judging by the results of the first two rounds of fixtures this season the same could be said for the WFA.

Last year's premiers Wanneroo appear to be going from strength to strength. In addition Mosman Park, Cockburn and South Perth look threatening and Applecross show signs of improvement.

Osborne Park, last year's beaten grand finalists, have looked ordinary in opening games, but will improve.

Despite an influx of new talent this season, Victoria Park have been thrashed in both matches and will need to improve to play a part in the competition.

Metropolitan Midland and Inglewood appear in danger of becoming the Association's chopping blocks — so far they have contributed nothing.

These three sides face thrashings this Sunday — Midland meet Wanneroo at Midland Oval, Inglewood play Osborne Park at Robinson Reserve and Mets face the fast-improving Cockburn at Forster Park.

South Perth should beat Applecross at Shirley Strickland Oval and Mosman Park should add to Victoria Park's misery at Davis Oval.

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This form guide, which should be cut out and clipped in a file, will give you an easy-to-read indicator of the consistency and form of our leading players. It will also provide an interesting comparison of the best-on-ground lists compiled by the various media.

In this issue the four matches already played are set out below, in subsequent editions only the guide from previous Saturday matches will appear.



Date	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	ABC	6PM	6PR	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
March 31									
East Perth v Claremont	Geoff Christian: Melville (C) Spencer (EP) Miller (EP)	Robbie Burns: Spencer (EP) Trew (C) Melville (C)	Bob Inder-Smith: J. Krakouer (C) Spencer (EP) P. Krakouer (C)	Bob Shields: Kelly (EP) Melville (C) Spencer (EP)	John O'Connell: Melville (C) Miller (EP) Gooding (C)	Wayne Harvey: Melville (C) Spencer (EP) Craig (C)	Phil Mulcahy: Melville (C) Spencer (EP) Miller (EP)	Steve Marsh: Melville (C) Miller (EP) Hunter (C)	Phillips / Morris
Perth v South Fremantle	Colin Hopkins: Rioli (SF) Mountain (SF) Carter (SF)	Alan McIntosh: Carter (SF) Gibellini (P) Rioli (SF)	Bob Cribb: Carter (SF) Gibellini (P) Rioli (SF)	John Dethridge: Rioli (SF) Carter (SF) Outhwaite (SF)	Allan Stiles: Rioli (SF) Vigona (SF) Rosbender (P)	Bob Hicks: Carter (SF) Rioli (SF) Michael (SF)	Laurie Nugent: Rioli (SF) Carter (SF) Bauskis (SF)	John Rogers: Carter (SF) Rioli (SF) Gibellini (P)	Capes / Rowe
West Perth v Subiaco	Alan East: Fong (WP) Prunster (WP) Buckenara (S)	Peter Sweeney: Richards (WP) Fong (WP) Blair (S)	Rod Lohaar: Menaglio (WP) Prunster (WP) Buckenara (S)	Eric Sarich: Prunster (WP) Randall (S) Menaglio (WP)	Joe Fanchi: Fong (WP) Prunster (WP) Blair (S)	Alan East: Fong (WP) Prunster (WP) Buckenara (S)	Rowley Daw: Menaglio (WP) Blair (S) Featherby (S)	Kevin Murray: Fong (WP) Blair (S) Prunster (WP)	Powell / Chinnery
East Fremantle v Swan Districts	Andrew Carew-Reid: Peake (EF) Boucher (SD) Buhagiar (EF)	Brian Paddick: Peake (EF) P. Narkle (SD) D. Green (EF)	Glenn Luders: Peake (EF) Boucher (SD) P. Narkle (SD)	John Vukman: Peake (EF) Taylor (EF) Buhagiar (EF)	Les Mumme: Peake (EF) Boucher (SD) Taylor (EF)	Oscar Howard: Taylor (EF) Peake (EF) Mullooly (SD)	Neil Garland: Buhagiar (EF) Peake (EF) Taylor (EF)	Graham Campbell: Peake (EF) Buhagiar (EF) Taylor (EF)	Buckey / Ball
APRIL 7	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	ABC	6PM	6PR	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
Swan Districts v East Perth	Geoff Christian: Miller (EP) Kelly (EP) Boucher (SD)	Alan McIntosh: Miller Curtis (EP) Beasley (SD)	Rod Lohaar: Miller Olsen (SD) Spencer (EP)	Bob Shields: Kelly Spencer Neesham	John O'Connell: Miller Olsen Spencer	Oscar Howard: Curtis P. Narkle Olsen	Laurie Nugent: Spencer Miller Kelly	Kevin Murray: Miller Kelly Curtis	Chinnery/Powell
Claremont v East Fremantle	Alan East: Buhagiar (EF) D. Green (EF) Taylor (EF)	Peter Sweeney: Sewell (EF) Hunter (C)	Bob Cribb: Buhagiar Peake (EF) D. Green	John Dethridge: D. Green Buhagiar Peake	Les Mumme: D. Green Peake Buhagiar	Alan East: Buhagiar D. Green Taylor	Neil Garland: Buhagiar Lecras (EF) D. Green	John Rogers: Peake Buhagiar Hunter	Capes/Rowe
South Fremantle v West Perth	Colin Hopkins: Michael (SF) Carter (SF) Fona (WP)	Brian Paddick: Carter Fong Rioli (SF)	Glenn Luders: Rioli Carter Fong	Eric Sarich: Carter Michael Fong	Joe Fanchi: Michael Carter Fong	Wayne Harvey: Michael Fong Rioli	Phil Mulcahy: Carter Rioli Fong	Steve Marsh: Carter Fong Rioli	Buckey/Ball
Subiaco v Perth	Andrew Carew-Reid: Hamilton (S) Johnson (P) Fotheringham (P)	Robbie Burns: Hamilton Featherby (S) Gibellini (P)	Richard Grant: Hamilton Fotheringham Johnson	John Vukman: Featherby B. Cook Johnson	Allan Stiles: Hamilton Gibellini Featherby	Bob Hicks: Johnson Cook Featherby	Rowley Daw: Hamilton Gibellini Montgomery (P)	Graham Campbell: Johnson Gibellini Featherby	Phillips/Morris
APRIL 14/16	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	ABC	6PM	6PR	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
East Fremantle v South Fremantle	Geoff Christian: D. Green (EF) Rioli (SF) Michael (SF)	Robbie Burns: Rioli Michael D. Green	Bob Cribb: Michael D. Green Carter (SF)	Bob Shields: Rioli Michael D. Green	Jack Sweet: D. Green Rioli Michael	Bob Hicks: Michael Rioli Carter	Laurie Nugent: Buhagiar (EF) Michael Dobson (EF)	John Rogers: Rioli Lecras (EF) D. Green	Powell/Chinnery
East Perth v Subiaco	Colin Hopkins: Robertson (EP) Kelly (EP) Michalczyk (EP)	Peter Sweeney: Robertson Otway (EP) Capriotti (EP)	Julian Stawell: Kelly Michalczyk Robertson	Eric Sarich: Robertson Kelly Buckenara (S)	Joe Fanchi: Kelly Miller (EP) Robertson	Oscar Howard: Kelly Allen (EP) Cable (EP)	Phil Mulcahy: Robertson Kelly Spencer	Steve Marsh: Robertson Kelly Allen	Capes/Rowe
Perth v Swan Districts	Colin Hopkins: Beasley (SD) Montgomery (P) Neesham (SD)	Peter Sweeney: Beasley Farrant (P) Neesham	Bob Cribb: Beasley Gibellini (P) Bell (SD)	Eric Sarich: Neesham Beasley Montgomery	Allan Stiles: Beasley Neesham K. Narkle (SD)	Wayne Harvey: Gibellini Beasley Frost (SD)	Neil Garland: Neesham Doyle (P) P. Narkle (SD)	Graham Campbell: Beasley Montgomery Gibellini	Buckey/Ball
Claremont v West Perth	Geoff Christian: Moss (C) Gooding (C) Trew (C)	Robbie Burns: Gooding P. Krakouer (C) Melville (C)	Glenn Luders: Moss Trew Prunster (WP)	Neil Dedman: Trew P. Krakouer Washfold (WP)	John O'Connell: Gooding Moss Trew	Bob Hicks: P. Krakouer Gooding Trew	Phil Mulcahy: Melville (C) Gooding Reynolds (C)	Kevin Murray: P. Krakouer Gooding Trew	Morris/Phillips
APRIL 21	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	ABC	6PM	6PR	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
East Fremantle v East Perth	Geoff Christian: Needle (EF) Cormack (EF) Curtis (EP)	Robbie Burns: Michalczyk (EP) Needle Cable (EP)	Julian Stawell: Needle S. Green (EF) Curtis	Bob Shields: Cable Cormack Needle	Allan Stiles: Needle Curtis Cormack	Wayne Harvey: Miller (EP) Cable S. Green	Neil Garland: Needle Curtis S. Green	Graham Campbell: D. Green (EF) Spencer (EP) Hayes (EP)	Phillips/Buckey
Swan Districts v Claremont	Alan East: Hunter (C) Casey (SD) Gooding (C)	Peter Sweeney: Casey Gooding Hoyer (SD)	Bob Cribb: Hunter P. Narkle (SD) Casey	Eric Sarich: P. Narkle (SD) Frost (SD) P. Krakouer (C)	Joe Fanchi: Hunter Casey Gooding	Alan East: Hunter Casey Gooding	Phil Mulcahy: Hunter Carlton P. Krakouer	John Rogers: Hunter Casey Carlton (C)	Capes/Rowe
Subiaco v South Fremantle	Colin Hopkins: Rioli (SF) Vigona (SF) Douge (S)	Alan McIntosh: Michael (SF) Jackson (SF) Lewington (SF)	Glenn Luders: Featherby (S) Douge Jackson	John Dethridge: Rioli Vigona Gepp	Jack Sweet: Rioli Douge Michael	Oscar Howard: Michael Vigona Marshall (S)	Rowley Daw: Rioli Vigona Jackson	Kevin Murray: Rioli Douge Lewington	Ball/Morris
West Perth v Perth	Andrew Carew-Reid: Prunster (WP) Kimberley (P) Bewick (WP)	Brian Paddick: B. Cook (P) Hararaves	Rod Lohaar: Prunster Kimberley B. Cook (P)	John Vukman: B. Cook (P) G. Cooke (WP) Inman (P)	Les Mumme: Prunster Kimberley Cook	Bob Hicks: B. Cook (P) Kimberley Dovle (P)	Laurie Nugent: Gibbs (WP) Lawrence (P) G. Cooke (WP)	Steve Marsh: B. Cook (P) Prunster Lawrence (P)	Chinnery/Powell

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SOUTH FREMANTLE

BARRETT, Rod. Defender/utility. Born 5.5.54. 5.10%. 10.2. League debut 1975. Came from Katanning. Occupation Teacher. Games played 74. Goals kicked 21.

BAUSKIS, Ray. Full-forward. Born 17.6.54. 6.0. 12.7. League debut 1972. Came from Thornlie. Occupation Teacher. Games played 97. Goals kicked 342.

CAMPBELL, Basil. Defender/utility. Born 2.8.56. 5.11. 14.0. League debut 1975. Came from Darwin. Occupation Panel beater. Games played 48. Goals kicked 60.

CARTER, Gavin. Ruckman. Born 17.2.60. 6.4. 14.0. League debut 1977. Came from Cuballing. Occupation policeman. Games played 5. Goals kicked 0.

CARTER, Noel. Rover. Born 9.2.55. 5.10. 10. League debut South Fremantle 1978, Richmond 1973. Came from Richmond/Ulverstone (Tas). Occupation bar manager. Games played 23 South Fremantle, 53 Richmond. Goals kicked 44 South Fremantle, 55 Richmond.

CAVANAGH, Greg. Full-back. Born 2.3.58. 6.2%. 14.0. League debut 1978. Came from Williams. Occupation spray painter. Games played 12. Goals kicked 0.

CORNELL, Kevin. Half-back/utility. Born 14.9.55. 5.11. 12.7. League debut 1976. Came from Hilton Park. Occupation sheet metal worker. Games played 42. Goals kicked 17.

DE LEMENICO, Wayne. Defender. Born 21.8.52. 6.2. 14.0. League debut 1976. Came from Melbourne. Occupation reticulor. Games played 56, South Fremantle, 38 Melbourne. Goals kicked 8 (SF).

DWYER, Larry. Ruck-rover. Born 11.1.57. 5.11%. 13.0. League debut 1974. Came from CBC Fremantle. Occupation insurance rep. Games played 46. Goals kicked 24.

FLORENCA, John. Defender/utility. Born 2.1.58. 6.2. 13.0. League debut - Came from South juniors. Occupation Motor body builder.

HADDOW, Don. Ruck-rover/utility. Born 1.8.50. 6.0. 12.3. League debut 1969. Came from Willagee. Occupation Surveyor. Games played 148. Goals kicked 47.



JACKSON, Mark. Forward/ruckman. Born 30.8.59. 6.2. 13.7. League debut 1979. Came from Richmond. Occupation Roof tiler.

KELLY, Tony. Ruckman. Born 22.7.57. 6.3. 13.0. League debut 1976. Came from Aquinas College. Occupation Groundsman. Games played 25. Goals kicked 1.

KERR, Ross. Defender. Born 12.12.56. 5.10. 10.10. League debut 1976. Came from Hilton Park. Occupation clerk. Games played 27. Goals kicked 4.

Lauritsen, Peter. Ruckman/utility. Born 16.1.54. 5.11. 12.8. League debut 1973. Came from Cockburn. Occupation sheet metal worker. Games played 100. Goals kicked 15.

Lewington, Peter. Utility. Born 16.6.55. 5.10. 11.7. League debut 1975. Came from Melville. Occupation Teacher. Games played 50. Goals kicked 7.

Lockyer, Jamie. Wingman. Born 6.3.57. 5.8. 10.7. League debut 1975. Came from Willagee. Occupation teacher. Games played 43. Goals kicked 24.

LOO, Ollie. Rover. Born 7.3.56. 5.8. 9.7. League debut - Came from Katanning. Occupation student.

MCKAY, Joe. Utility/centre-half-back. Born 10.8.55. 6.2. 14.4. League debut 1974. Came from CBC Fremantle. Occupation accountant. Games played 107. Goals kicked 105.

MICHAEL, Stephen. Ruckman. Born 15.3.56. 6.2. 13.7. League debut 1975. Came from Kojonup. Occupation truck driver. Games played 92. Goals kicked 115.

MORLEY, Tony. Wingman. Born 23.3.51. 5.10%. 11.7. League debut 1971. Came from Kwinana. Occupation sales manager. Games played 137. Goals kicked 86.

MOUNTAIN, Paul. Ruck-rover. Born 24.11.51. 5.10. 10.8. League debut 1977 South Fremantle, 1970 Swan Districts. Came from Swan Districts. Occupation teacher. Games played 35 South Fremantle, 23 Swan Districts. Goals kicked 44 South Fremantle, 17 Swan Districts.

MOYLAN, Mick. Ruckman. Born 14.5.53. 6.2. 15.3. League debut 1978 South Fremantle - Claremont. Came from Claremont. Occupation teacher. Games played 22 South Fremantle; 47 Claremont. Goals kicked 21 South Fremantle; 30 Claremont.

MOYLE, Graeme. Defender. Born 1.7.54. 6.2. 13.8. League debut 1978 South Fremantle; 1976 Collingwood. Came from Collingwood. Occupation reticulation. Games played 13 South Fremantle; 6 Collingwood. Goals kicked 2 (SF).

O'Brien, Geoff. Ruck-rover. Born 12.6.67. 5.9%. 11.4. League debut 1978. Came from Willagee. Occupation clerk. Games played 13. Goals kicked 3.

OUTHWAITE, Simon. Half-Back. Born 20.11.53. 6.0. 12.7. League debut 1973. Came from Hale School. Occupation sports store prop. Games played 84. Goals kicked 9.

POEPJES, Robert. Ruckman. Born 27.4.59. 6.3%. 12.9. League debut 1977. Came from Willagee. Occupation student. Games played 10. Goals kicked 1.

REID, David. Rover. Born 18.5.59. 5.10%. 11.0. League debut - Came from Willagee. Occupation clerk.

RIOLI, Maurice. Centreman. Born 1.9.57. 5.8. 11.0. League debut 1975. Came from Darwin. Occupation director. Games played 65. Goals kicked 36.

RICHARDSON, Jim. Half-back. Born 9.4.56. 6.1. 13.7. League debut 1979. Came from East-lakes, A.C.T. Occupation plumber.

ROSE, Alan. Wingman. Born 26.5.52. 5.10. 12.0. League debut 1969. Came from Willagee. Occupation teacher. Games played 128. Goals kicked 33.

STEWART, Ray. Rover. Born 19.7.58. 5.9. 12.0. League debut 1975. Came from Kwinana. Occupation plant operator. Games played 9. Goals kicked -.

SWEETMAN, Ross. Wingman. Born 4.3.56. 6.0. 12.5. League debut 1975. Came from South Fremantle juniors. Occupation Draughtsman. Games played 26. Goals kicked 2.

VANDERFEE, Andrew. Half-forward. Born 10.9.55. 6.3%. 14.2. League debut 1979. Came from Ulverstone, Tas. Occupation Electrician.

VIGONA, Benny. Half-forward. Born 9.10.58. 5.11.11.0. League debut 1977. Came from Darwin. Occupation storeman. Games played 27. Goals kicked 26.

ZUBRINICH, Kim. Rover. Born 31.3.60. 5.9%. 10.3. League debut - Came from Woodville SA. Occupation clerk.



EAST FREMANTLE

BECU, Bob - Ruckman. Born 23.12.50. Height 6ft 5in. Weight 16 st. League debut 1968. Came from Palmyra. Occupation engineer. Games played 150. Goals kicked 86.

BRENTON, Leigh - Ruck-rover. Born 15.2.58. 5.10. 12.12. League debut 1976. Came from Brentwood. Occupation clerk. Games played 18. Goals kicked 0.

BUHAGIAR, Tony - Rover. Born 3.10.55. 5.6. 12.0. League debut 1973. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Carpet cleaning contractor. Games played 75. Goals kicked 162.

CARTER, Graeme - Ruckman. Born 2.3.59. 6.6. 14.7. League debut 1979. Came from Geraldton. Occupation Driver. Games played 0. Goals kicked 0.

CORMACK, Wayne - Utility. Born 1.7.57. 6.0. 12.10. League debut 1977. Came from Melville. Occupation Student. Games played 31. Goals kicked 1.

CROUCH, Roger - Defender. Born 27.4.59. 6.0. 13.0. League debut 1978. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Storeman. Games played 17. Goals kicked 2.

DIVER, Gary - Defender. Born 13.4.57. 6.0. 13.7. League debut 1977. Came from Dandaragan. Occupation Clerk. Games played 10. Goals kicked 0.

DOBSON, Mal - Defender. Born 26.6.51. 5.10. 11.9. League debut 1974. Came from Palmyra. Occupation Assistant Manager. Games played 102. Goals kicked 2.

HOULT, Glen - Half-forward. Born 18.11.59. 5.11. 12.6. League debut 1979. Came from Shark Bay/Northampton. Occupation Fisherman. Games played 0. Goals kicked 0.

DURNTHALER, Glen. Forward-ruckman. Born 19.2.53. 6.3. 16.0. League debut 1972. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Housing Foreman. Games played 79. Goals kicked 42.

GREEN, Doug. Defender. Born 28.10.51. 6.2. 13.7. League debut 1970. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Farmer. Games played 155. Goals kicked 0.

GREEN, Stephen. Back pocket/centre. Born 3.8.57. 5.9. 12.5. League debut 1976. Came from Brentwood. Occupation Teacher. Games played 32. Goals kicked 4.

JOHNSON, Percy. Forward/ruckman. Born 29.5.55. 6.2%. 15.0. League debut 1977. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Electrical fitter. Games played 11. Goals kicked 2.

JOHNSON, Robbie. Ruck-rover/half-forward. Born 15.4.59. 6. 12.7. League debut, South Fremantle 1976; East Fremantle 1978. Came from South Fremantle local juniors. Occupation Clerk. Games played South Fremantle 15, East Fremantle 11. Goals kicked 10.



JUDGE, Ken - Half-forward. Born 15.1.58. 5.11%. 12.4. League debut 1976. Came from Palmyra. Occupation Clerk. Games played 31. Goals kicked 70.

KICKETT, Graham - Wing/half-forward. Born 27.7.59. 5.10. 11.0. League debut 1978. Came from Brigades, Geraldton. Occupation Clerk. Games played 3. Goals kicked 1.

LECRAS, Peter - Half-back. Born 1.3.57. 6.0. 13.7. League debut 1976. Came from Miling. Occupation Bricklayer. Games played 35. Goals kicked 4.

LESTER-SMITH, Rod - Wing. Born 18.7.59. 6.1. 12.9. League debut 1978. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Clerk. Games played 18. Goals kicked 8.

MILLER, Glenn - Defender. Born 5.8.59. 6.2. 13.0. League debut 1978. Came from Mt Pleasant. Occupation Student. Games played 1. Goals kicked 0.

NEEDLE, Brian - Defender. Born 16.9.54. 6.2. 14.0. League debut 1972. Came from Occupation Games played 96. Goals kicked 54.

NEWLAND, Ken - Forward/utility. Born 4.5.49. 6.1%, 13.8. League debut Geelong 1965, East Fremantle 1979. Came from Warrnambool/Geelong. Occupation Bank Officer. Games played: Geelong 202, Footscray 18. Goals kicked 257 (Victoria).

PEAKE, Brian - Centre half forward/utility. Born 4.12.53. 5.10. 13.8. League debut 1972. Came from Manning. Occupation Squash Centre Manager. Games played 136. Goals kicked 65.

PURSER, Andrew - Ruckman. Born 31.10.58. 6.4. 14.0. League debut 1978. Came from Moore. Occupation student. Games played 1. Goals kicked 0.

ROBINSON, Neal - Utility. Born 10.3.55. 6.1. 13.0. League debut 1974. Came from Riverton. Occupation Salesman. Games played 52. Goals kicked 12.

RYAN, Phil - Ruckman. Born 14.5.51. 6.3. 13.7. League debut: North Melbourne 1971, East Fremantle 1976. Came from North Melbourne. Occupation Architect. Games played East Fremantle 39, North Melbourne 106. Goals kicked 38 (EF).

SEWELL, Jim - Ruckman/forward. Born 3.2.56. 6.2%. 13.0. League debut 1976. Came from Towns, Geraldton. Occupation Salesman. Games played 64. Goals kicked 201.

SIMS, John - Rover/wing. Born 8.8.56. 5.6. 10.11. League debut 1976. Came from Rovers, Geraldton. Occupation Carpenter. Games played 45. Goals kicked 36.

SMITH, Bradley - Ruckman. Born 3.12.48. 6.3%. 15.0. League debut: East Perth 1966, East Fremantle 1979. Came from East Perth/Boyanup. Occupation Business Manager. Games played: East Perth 222, North Melbourne 22. Goals kicked 59 (East Perth).

TAYLOR, Kevin - Wing/rover. Born 15.9.58. 5.9. 11.0. League debut 1978. Came from Carnamah. Occupation Butcher. Games played 14. Goals kicked 19.

TOWNSEND, Rex - Utility. Born 11.8.50. 6.2%. 13.0. League debut 1970. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Electrical contractor. Games played 120. Goals kicked 52.

TSCHIRPIG, Bruce - Centre/ruck-rover. Born 11.10.49. 5.11%, 12.7. League debut: East Fremantle 1975, Richmond 1973. Came from Richmond. Occupation Salesman. Games played Richmond 18, East Fremantle 30. Goals kicked 24.

TURCO, Mario - Rover. Born 21.3.56. 5.8. 12.0. League debut 1973. Came from East Fremantle juniors. Occupation Accountant. Games played 69. Goals kicked 76.

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Perth 18.12, South Fremantle 17.21
West Perth 15.16, Subiaco 13.14
East Perth 11.13, Claremont 14.13
East Fremantle 18.10, Swans 11.13

APRIL 7
Swans 17.15, East Perth 21.8
Claremont 15.11, East Fremantle 21.17
South Fremantle 17.19, West Perth 11.10
Subiaco 11.9, Perth 19.20

APRIL 14 - APRIL 16
East Fremantle 17.18, South Fremantle 14.19
East Perth 29.22, Subiaco 6.11
Perth 11.8, Swans 11.12
Claremont 19.25, West Perth 5.12

APRIL 21
Subiaco 9.11, South Fremantle 20.28
West Perth 14.15, Perth 16.11
East Fremantle 9.16, East Perth 8.10
Swans 15.21, Claremont 17.15

APRIL 28
East Perth v Perth
Swan Districts v Subiaco
Claremont v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v West Perth

MAY 5
South Fremantle v East Perth
Perth v East Fremantle
Subiaco v Claremont
West Perth v Swan Districts

MAY 12
East Perth v West Perth
East Fremantle v Subiaco
Claremont v Perth
Swan Districts v East Fremantle

MAY 19
South Fremantle v Perth
Subiaco v West Perth
Claremont v East Perth
Swan Districts v East Fremantle

MAY 26
East Perth v Swan Districts
East Fremantle v Claremont
West Perth v South Fremantle
Perth v Subiaco

JUNE 2
West Perth v Claremont
Swan Districts v Perth

JUNE 4
Subiaco v East Perth
South Fremantle v East Fremantle

JUNE 9
South Fremantle v Subiaco
Perth v West Perth
East Perth v East Fremantle
Claremont v Swan Districts

JUNE 16
Perth v East Perth
Subiaco v Swan Districts
South Fremantle v Claremont
West Perth v East Fremantle

JUNE 23
East Perth v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v Perth
Claremont v Subiaco
Swan Districts v West Perth

JUNE 30
West Perth v East Perth
Subiaco v East Fremantle
Perth v Claremont
South Fremantle v Swan Districts

JULY 7
WA v SA (Subiaco)

JULY 14
Perth v South Fremantle
West Perth v Subiaco
East Perth v Claremont
East Fremantle v Swan Districts

JULY 21
Swan Districts v East Perth
Claremont v East Fremantle

South Fremantle v West Perth
Subiaco v Perth

JULY 28
Claremont v West Perth
Perth v Swan Districts
South Fremantle v East Fremantle
East Perth v Subiaco

AUGUST 4
Subiaco v South Fremantle
West Perth v Perth
East Fremantle v East Perth
Swan Districts v Claremont

AUGUST 11
East Perth v Perth
Swan Districts v Subiaco
Claremont v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v West Perth

AUGUST 18
South Fremantle v East Perth
Perth v East Fremantle
Subiaco v Claremont
West Perth v Swan Districts

AUGUST 25
East Perth v West Perth
East Fremantle v Subiaco
Claremont v Perth
Swan Districts v South Fremantle

FINAL SERIES -
September 1, 8, 15, 22.



VFL

Matches played on grounds of first named clubs. First mentioned match on each date except April 14-16, 21 and 28 played at V.F.L. Park.

MARCH 31
Carlton 14.17, Essendon 11.14.

APRIL 7
South Melbourne 15.21, Richmond 19.11
North Melbourne 17.27, Essendon 16.13
St. Kilda 19.14, Hawthorn 14.19
Carlton 23.13, Geelong 15.11
Melbourne 18.17, Footscray 16.17
Collingwood 9.15, Fitzroy 21.23

APRIL 14
Footscray 13.16, Melbourne 20.13
Hawthorn 13.24, Collingwood 19.18
Fitzroy 12.14, South Melbourne 21.13

APRIL 16
Geelong 15.16, Melbourne 9.13
Essendon 21.22, St. Kilda 9.10
Richmond 13.18, Carlton 23.9

APRIL 21
St. Kilda 15.14, Footscray 16.13
Richmond 20.12, Fitzroy 16.16
North Melbourne 18.19, Collingwood 14.15
South Melbourne 18.10, Melbourne 16.15
Hawthorn 18.15, Geelong 11.17

APRIL 25
Hawthorn . . . South Melbourne
Melbourne 16.23, Richmond 15.19

APRIL 28
Geelong v North Melbourne
Collingwood v St. Kilda
Fitzroy v Carlton
Footscray v Essendon

MAY 5
Footscray v Collingwood
Essendon v Fitzroy
Carlton v Melbourne
North Melbourne v South Melbourne
Richmond v Hawthorn
St. Kilda v Geelong

MAY 12
North Melbourne v Richmond
South Melbourne v St. Kilda
Hawthorn v Carlton
Geelong v Footscray
Melbourne v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Essendon

MAY 19
Collingwood v Geelong
Fitzroy v Hawthorn
Essendon v Melbourne
Carlton v North Melbourne
St. Kilda v Richmond
Footscray v Geelong

MAY 26
St. Kilda v Carlton
South Melbourne v Collingwood
Hawthorn v Melbourne
Richmond v Footscray
North Melbourne v Fitzroy
Geelong v Essendon

JUNE 2
Geelong v South Melbourne
Melbourne v North Melbourne
Collingwood v Richmond
Fitzroy v St. Kilda
Footscray v Carlton
Hawthorn v Essendon

JUNE 9
Footscray v Fitzroy
St. Kilda v Melbourne
Richmond v Geelong
Essendon v South Melbourne
North Melbourne v Hawthorn
Carlton v Collingwood

JUNE 16 - 18
Richmond v Essendon
St. Kilda v North Melbourne
Fitzroy v Geelong
Melbourne v St. Kilda
Collingwood v Carlton
Fitzroy v Footscray

SEPTEMBER 1
North Melbourne v St. Kilda
Essendon v Richmond
Footscray v Hawthorn
Geelong v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Melbourne
Carlton v South Melbourne

FINAL MATCHES -
September 8, 15, 22, 29.



JUNE 30
Melbourne v Geelong
South Melbourne v Fitzroy
Carlton v Richmond
Collingwood v Hawthorn
St. Kilda v Essendon
North Melbourne v Footscray

JULY 7
Carlton v Fitzroy
Richmond v Melbourne
North Melbourne v Geelong
South Melbourne v Hawthorn
Essendon v Footscray
St. Kilda v Collingwood

JULY 14
Geelong v Hawthorn
Melbourne v South Melbourne
Collingwood v North Melbourne
Fitzroy v Richmond
Carlton v Essendon
Footscray v St. Kilda

JULY 21
South Melbourne v North Melbourne
Hawthorn v Richmond
Geelong v St. Kilda
Melbourne v Carlton
Collingwood v Footscray
Fitzroy v Essendon

JULY 28
Fitzroy v Melbourne
Essendon v Collingwood
Carlton v Hawthorn
St. Kilda v South Melbourne
Richmond v North Melbourne
Footscray v Geelong

AUGUST 4
Richmond v St. Kilda
North Melbourne v Carlton
South Melbourne v Footscray
Melbourne v Essendon
Hawthorn v Fitzroy
Geelong v Collingwood

AUGUST 11
Melbourne v Hawthorn
Collingwood v South Melbourne
Footscray v Richmond
Carlton v St. Kilda
Fitzroy v North Melbourne
Essendon v Geelong

AUGUST 18
Carlton v Footscray
Essendon v Hawthorn
Richmond v Collingwood
St. Kilda v Fitzroy
North Melbourne v Melbourne
South Melbourne v Geelong

AUGUST 25
South Melbourne v Essendon
Hawthorn v North Melbourne
Geelong v Richmond
Melbourne v St. Kilda
Collingwood v Carlton
Fitzroy v Footscray

SEPTEMBER 1
North Melbourne v St. Kilda
Essendon v Richmond
Footscray v Hawthorn
Geelong v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Melbourne
Carlton v South Melbourne

FINAL MATCHES -
September 8, 15, 22, 29.

SANFL

Matches played on grounds of first named clubs. First mentioned match on each date except July 1, 8 and 22 played at Football Park.

APRIL 7
West Torrens 14.14, Central Dist. 14.14.
Sturt 12.14, Glenelg 20.16.
Port Adelaide 12.17, Norwood 19.12.
Woodville 14.20, West Adelaide 19.7.
North Adelaide 11.10, South Adel. 13.13.

APRIL 14
South Adelaide 14.15, Woodville 13.13
Central Districts 21.14, North Adelaide 8.22
West Torrens 18.23, West Adelaide 10.10
Norwood 14.18, Glenelg 14.19

APRIL 16
Sturt 8.13, Port Adelaide 6.16

APRIL 21
Port Adelaide 11.18, South Adelaide 9.12
Norwood 11.20, West Torrens 12.17
Glenelg 10.10, North Adelaide 13.13
West Adelaide 15.9, Central District 16.10

APRIL 25
Norwood . . . Sturt

APRIL 28
South Adelaide v Central
Port Adelaide v Glenelg
West Torrens v Woodville
West Adelaide v North Adelaide

MAY 5
Port Adelaide v Woodville
Norwood v North Adelaide
Sturt v West Adelaide
Glenelg v Central
South Adelaide v West Torrens

MAY 12
South Adelaide v Glenelg
West Torrens v Sturt
Central v Woodville
West Adelaide v Norwood
North Adelaide v Port Adelaide

MAY 19
Woodville v Glenelg
Norwood v Central
Sturt v North Adelaide
Port Adelaide v West Torrens
South Adelaide v West Adelaide

MAY 26
Glenelg v West Torrens
South Adelaide v Norwood

Central v Sturt
West Adelaide v Port Adelaide
North Adelaide v Woodville

JUNE 2
Sturt v South Adelaide
Port Adelaide v Central
West Adelaide v Glenelg
West Torrens v North Adelaide
Woodville v Norwood

JUNE 9
Norwood v West Torrens
Sturt v Woodville
Glenelg v North Adelaide
South Adelaide v Port Adelaide
Central v West Adelaide

JUNE 16
West Adelaide v West Torrens
Port Adelaide v South Adelaide
North Adelaide v Central

JUNE 18
Norwood v Glenelg

JUNE 23
South Adelaide v North Adelaide
Norwood v Port Adelaide
West Torrens v Central
West Adelaide v Woodville

JUNE 24
Sturt v Glenelg

JUNE 30
North Adelaide v West Adelaide
Sturt v Norwood
Woodville v West Torrens
Glenelg v Port Adelaide

JULY 1
South Adelaide v Central

JULY 7
West Adelaide v Sturt
Woodville v Port Adelaide
Central v Glenelg
North Adelaide v Norwood
SA v WA (Perth)

JULY 8
West Torrens v South Adelaide

JULY 14
Woodville v Central
Norwood v West Adelaide
Sturt v West Torrens
Port Adelaide v North Adelaide
Glenelg v South Adelaide

JULY 21
Glenelg v Woodville
West Torrens v Port Adelaide
West Adelaide v South Adelaide
North Adelaide v Sturt

JULY 22
Central v Norwood

JULY 28
Glenelg v West Torrens
Sturt v Central
Port Adelaide v West Adelaide
Woodville v North Adelaide
Norwood v South Adelaide

AUGUST 4
Port Adelaide v Central
Norwood v Woodville
South Adelaide v Sturt
Glenelg v West Adelaide

AUGUST 5
North Adelaide v West Torrens

AUGUST 11
Sturt v Woodville
Port Adelaide v South Adelaide
West Torrens v Norwood
North Adelaide v Glenelg

AUGUST 12
Central v West Adelaide

AUGUST 18
North Adelaide v Central
Sturt v Port Adelaide
Glenelg v Norwood

AUGUST 19
Woodville v South Adelaide
West Adelaide v West Torrens

AUGUST 25
Woodville v West Adelaide
Glenelg v Sturt
Central v West Torrens
South Adelaide v North Adelaide

AUGUST 26
Norwood v Port Adelaide

SEPTEMBER 1
Port Adelaide v Glenelg
North Adelaide v West Adelaide
Norwood v Sturt
Woodville v West Torrens
Central v South Adelaide

FINAL SERIES -
September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 29.



— keeping you informed on the National scene



The success of Kevin McGinnity on a half-back flank for East Perth in last Tuesday's Escort championship came as no surprise to the inner circle at Perth Oval. McGinnity, recognised as a hard-running ruck-rover, has had consistent trouble with thigh muscle strains. So, after a year out of the game, he was brought back as a defender on the basis that his legs would be under less strain if he played in a straight-through position rather than a role where he had to twist, turn and dodge a lot. Therefore, he was tried out at centre-half-back in the reserves and did well enough to win a league berth as a half-back flanker.

Country lawn bowls star John Caffell, who won the champion of champion title in Perth earlier this week, is a former league footballer. Caffell was a prominent member of the Claremont side in the 1950's and in 1955, he was, in fact, Claremont's leading goalkicker with 34 goals for the season. That effort has earned him a place in Claremont's record book and now the Tammin champion has earned a place in the lawn bowls record book.

Ron Barassi, coach extra-ordinaire in Victoria and prominent commentator, has some pretty high opinions about former Swans star Garry Sidebottom. In a recent newspaper article, Barassi had this to say about the WA champion: Sidebottom is an incredibly talented footballer. He has the height to compete with anyone; you can't out-position him with your body; he doesn't fumble; has tremendous agility and speed; he thinks quickly; has razor-sharp reflexes; is confident and aggressive. In full flight, Sidebottom is one big handful."

The East Perth reserves side are not on top of the premiership table, unbeaten or anything like that. But they have a very interesting line-up of players.

East Perth's abundance of promising young juniors, mixed with their plentiful supply of experienced seniors, provides a remarkable contrast in their reserves side.

But, as is often the case, the two components take a while to blend together and two early-season losses were the results of mixing this collection together unsuccessfully.

But they will improve and are expected to again be strong premiership contenders.

It is an interesting exercise to look at the reserves side East Perth named for the game against East Fremantle last week.

Obviously, Royals reserves coach Grant Dorrington uses players in a variety of roles in a bid to provide versatility for the league side. But if you stick to orthodox placings, this is not a bad East Perth reserves line-up . . . in fact, it could probably beat a few league sides around!

BACKS: Hyde Fuller Sparks.
 HALF BACKS: Frost Earnshaw Whitely
 CENTRES: McGuire Kickett Turner
 HALF-FORWARDS: Quartermaine
 Webster Carr
 FORWARDS: Da'Re Duda Williams
 RUCK: Hindson McGinnity Colyer

Busselton coach Doug Peake has been appointed to coach the combined SWNFL side for this year's country championships. It will be his third year as coach. He coached last year's successful side. Peake is having his first season at the helm of Busselton, after a successful period as an official and coach of the South Bunbury club.

Television critic Marty McDonnell was certainly put under the hammer by 6PR's new players panel last Sunday morning. Marty, who has long been recognised as a talent scout for VFL club Footscray, was asked straight out by one of the panel just how he justified his 'recruiting' activities, particularly in relation to the current hot topic down Claremont way about the possibility of the Krakouer brothers joining Footscray. Marty dodged the issue a little, saying that he wasn't all that active in the talent scouting line . . . but that didn't really solve the question. The players' panel must be giving Lou Mutch a grin from ear to ear. Lou is the Toyota man; and with Toyota dealers sponsoring the show, they must be very happy with

the format that chairman Leon Larkin and panellists Joe McKay, Ian Miller, Stan Nowotny and George Young are putting together.

That opening-game loss by East Perth at the hands of Claremont was a bitter blow to Royals coach Barry Cable and his team of pre-match planners. Cable, realising that East Perth would be everyone's target after snatching the 1978 premiership, believed that if the Royals could give Claremont a real walloping, it would leave the champions in a strong psychological position. Cable believed, and rightly so, that Claremont pose a big threat this year and a stiff first-up thrashing could have left the young Tigers in disarray for the best part of the first round. However, that was not to be,

of course, and tribute goes to Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss for his ability to get the side up.

Subiaco coach Peter Burton really gets fired up about his team. If fervent loyalty to the club and burning pride in the Subiaco guernsey means anything, then Burton deserves to succeed. He is instilling a tough, no-nonsense attitude at Subiaco, particularly in relation to discipline, and such a policy must pay off — providing the club can develop sufficient playing quality. In 182 league games with the club, Burton proved to be one of Subiaco's most loyal servants. If some of that dedication and loyalty can rub off on the present generation, then Subiaco fans can feel confident about the future.

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