

OLD EASTS A BIG HURDLE

BY ALAN EAST

Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss believes that he has the side capable of winning this year's premiership . . . but he sees East Fremantle as the stumbling block.

Moss tackles East Fremantle for the eighth time in his short coaching career this Saturday . . . and he regards it as a crucial test.

Claremont managed to beat East Fremantle in their opening two encounters in the 1977 season — strangely enough, a season when Old Easts finished high up the ladder and Claremont won only six games.

But after losing the third clash of that year, Moss has seen the Tigers go down in their subsequent four meetings and he plans to pull a few tricks out of the bag this week to reverse that trend.

"We are simply not disciplined enough when we play East Fremantle," Moss said this week.

"East Fremantle usually play a short game that does not suit us. Our players will not pick them up and they usually cut us to pieces.

"It is mainly our mental approach that is wrong when we play East Fremantle. The players become rattled and subsequently East Fremantle jumpers run everywhere.

"However, I believe our defence is starting to tighten up, even without Robbie Melville. If the defence can continue to play tightly and we can change a few things elsewhere, then we can beat East Fremantle.

Moss's reference to making changes elsewhere obviously means that he will have to re-assess the role played by the Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, in the roving department. Neither rover is good in defence and Moss will have to find someone else to act as a defensive rover.

Moss believes that he can stay at centre-half-forward — a role that was literally 'dreamed' up by reserves coach Syd Duffall.

He also believes that Claremont are a long way from being in their best form.

"We can improve a lot more," he says. "Sure, our guys are becoming more desperate in their desire to get the hard ball

off the ground. But they have to become more consistent.

"Losing to Subiaco was probably a blessing in disguise. It proved to the players that they cannot afford to look at the scoreboard — or the premiership table positions."

MONEY TALKS

It is amazing the effect money can have on some people . . .

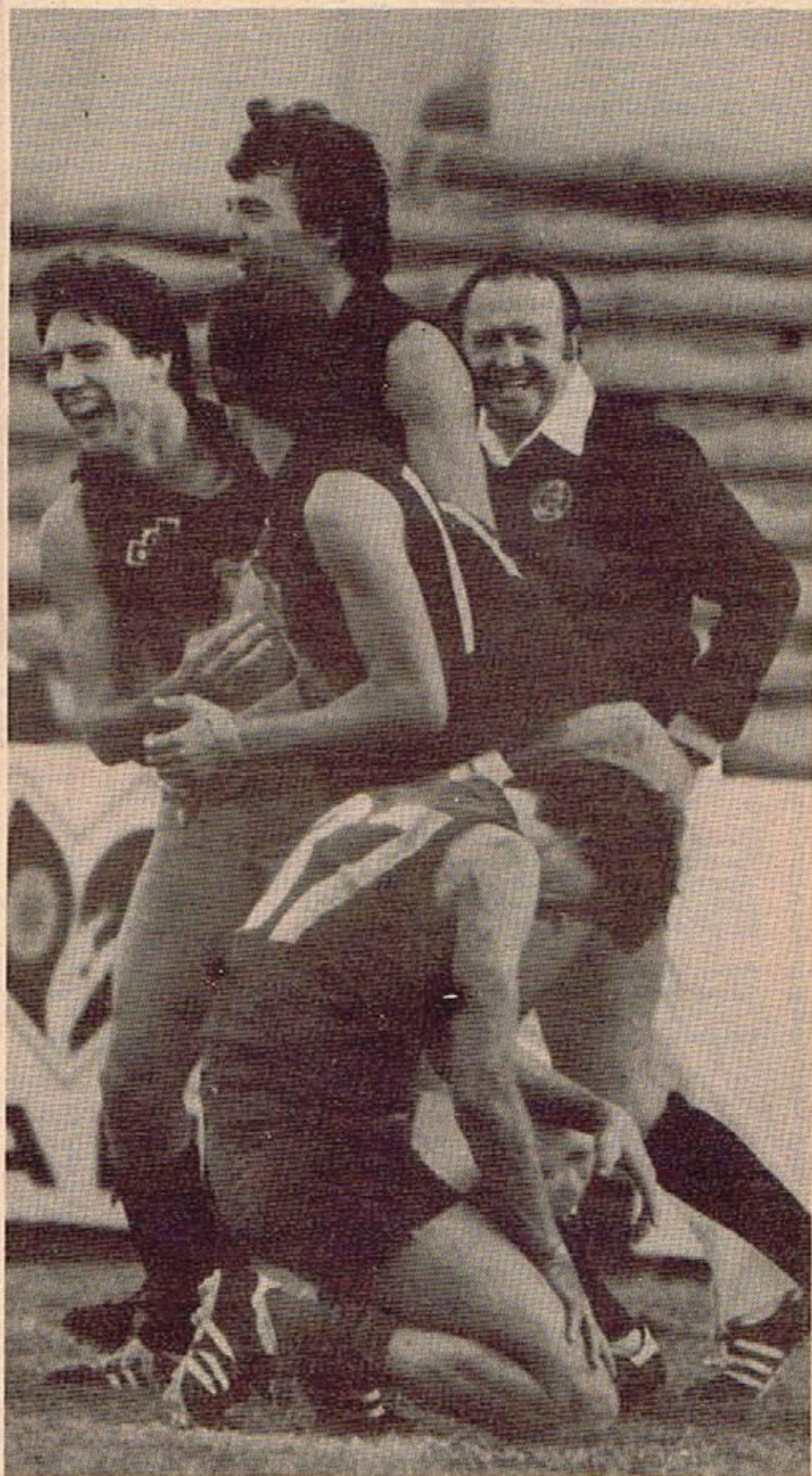
It seems purely co-incidental that several of Subiaco's injured players made surprise recoveries last week . . . just as their match payments were about to be curtailed.

Subiaco have a standard clause written in their contracts that players will be paid for three weeks if they are out injured. After that time, the matter is reviewed on an individual basis.

With the club's shocking run of injuries this year, the committee decided to review the situation in a number of cases . . . and several players were told No Play; No Pay.

While we are certainly not suggesting that this decision affected the injury of those players; it does seem remarkable how much harder they pushed themselves to get back into league ranks!

Anyway, well done Subiaco. We believe that there is still hope for those Peter Burton boys to contribute in a big way to the 1979 season.



The agony and ecstasy . . . this picture tells the story of last week's win by Subiaco over West Perth. Subiaco forward Phil Lamb is jubilant after kicking the goal that sealed the game . . . West Perth defender Ray Holden is shattered.

EDITORIAL

Swans plans

Sponsorship is certainly the name of the game in sport today and it is interesting to note the priorities that Swan Districts have adopted in their campaign for the future.

Swans, often considered the poor relations of the WANFL because of their late start and their inability to win more than three premierships, have embarked on a very ambitious plan that has sponsorship as the keynote.

The decision to spend an estimated \$150,000 on a special viewing area and entertainment section for sponsors may seem a little extravagant to the poor football supporter who braves the wind and rain on those wet, cold Saturdays.

But before that poor football supporter starts rushing off to complain to his general manager, he should stop and think for a moment.

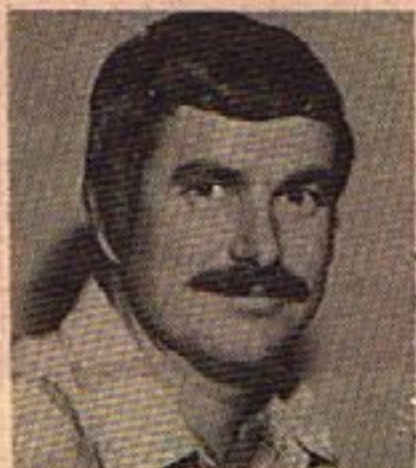
Football, its promotion, its costings and its overall administration has come a long way in the last decade. It has been pushed much of that way by escalating financial demands from players and constant financial pressure from Eastern States clubs who like to reap the benefit of some of WA's magnificent breeding grounds.

Therefore the financial demands are heavy. The restrictions placed on football clubs by the Licensing Court make it difficult to utilise their premises to the full and the job of surviving financially is a constant battle.

So sponsorship, which has only recently lifted its helping hand, is the salvation and the people who put that money up must be protected, encouraged and even spoilt to the hilt if necessary.

Swan Districts talk about 'selling' their club to sponsors.

By that they mean they must be able to invite the big-money-men back to their club; they must be able to enter-



tain them as do big corporates when they open the wood-panelled doors to their board room. Top-class facilities are needed for this and that means adequate seating and viewing accommodation . . . plus the trimmings that go with it.

If a big firm — or even a small firm for that matter — decided to put \$20,000 a year into a football club, they must see some reward for what is virtually a donation.

Logos on jumpers and arena advertising are obviously the high points, particularly with our improving television coverage of the sport. But the club's contribution must go further than that.

A few free tickets are fine; but the club must be seen to be promoting their sponsor wherever possible and this means continued identification with the sponsor virtually on a seven-day-a-week effort.

The sponsor also, must be prepared to do a little bit extra.

Several sponsorship deals in the past have not been renewed, partly because the sponsor felt that his initial cash contribution was the end of the road. The sponsors that are thriving on league football are those that match their cash contribution with similar amounts in advertising and promotion of their own that links their name with the club of their choice — and also continues to promote our game.

— Peter Poat, Publisher

Clubs react . . . and media retracts

By ALAN EAST



The unpredictability of sporting contests was never more classically illustrated than last Saturday.

Footballers from at least three clubs must have revelled in the glory of retaliating to media criticism by notching upset victories. In fact, any media tipster who finished with more than two points was either lucky or biased.

Saturday's fixtures were in marked contrast to those just seven days earlier. At one stage we looked as though the competition was going to divide into two divisions as Subiaco, Perth, Swan Districts and West Perth suffered ignominious defeats. Fortunately, three of those clubs — Subiaco, Perth and to a lesser extent, Swan Districts bounced back with much-improved displays last Saturday.

Perth provided the shock treatment that the competition so badly needed. Perth, the trendsetters in recent seasons, must have reacted to Ken Armstrong's 'rabble' comment just as he hoped they would — by fighting their way back to form.

Their slashing victory over South Fremantle — and at Fremantle Oval, too — has confirmed once again that they cannot be ruled out of the final four stakes. We only hope that they do not experience a low trough this week as they did after their impressive victory over East Fremantle three weeks back.

This week they face a danger game against Subiaco; a game that almost takes on match-of-the-day status when you analyse the mixed fortunes of both clubs and just what is at stake in such a clash.

Subiaco coach Peter Burton was all smiles after his team of Lions restored some of that lost morale. Whatever Burton and Co. did during the week between their crushing defeat at the hands of East Fremantle and their stirring win over West Perth would be worth bottling if possible.

Swans did not return to the winning list last week; but they did restore hope in their ability to push top sides. Any team that kicks 20.20 — and 9.10 in a single quarter — must have ability.

But once again it was inaccurate kicking that robbed Swans of the chance of sewing up the game when they had more than their share of the play.

The big question marks came out against reigning premiers East Perth and West Perth, obviously favourites now to take the wooden spoon for only the third time in their long and illustrious career.

East Perth, at one stage short-priced favourites to repeat their premiership success, have drifted in the betting. But it should be remembered that East Perth are probably in a better position this season than they were at this time last year. They have won the same number of games — four out of eight — but this time they are in the top four, not sitting in sixth position. In those 1978 games they had also failed to beat any of the top three sides.

There appears to be little hope for West Perth even if coach Percy Johnson



Glen Durnthaler, strong and valuable in Subiaco's win.

does threaten to improve — and, as he says, his threats often come true.

West Perth need a resurgence of team spirit, team aggression and team work — all factors lacking against Subiaco — and if the right standards can be set by the right players, then it is not beyond the realm of possibility that they will win games. They certainly have the players on paper to do just that, so what about it fellas?

SELECTIONS



ESCORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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	Perth 13.11 b East Fremantle 11.9	Subiaco	Day
15	Tuesday, May 1	Hawthorn 16.18 b Claremont 14.9	VFL Park	Night
QUARTER FINALS				
16	Tuesday, May 8	Collingwood 15.12 d South Melbourne 7.9	VFL Park	Night
17	Tuesday, May 15	Fitzroy 9.6 d Geelong 7.13	VFL Park	Night
18	Tuesday, May 22	East Perth 13.9 b Perth 11.1	VFL Park	Night
19	Tuesday, May 29	Hawthorn v North Melbourne	VFL Park	Night
SEMI FINALS				
20	Tuesday, June 5	Collingwood v Fitzroy	VFL Park	Night
21	Tuesday, June 12	East Perth 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 and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

EAST FREMANTLE — W, W, W, W, W, L, W, W, v Claremont at East Fremantle
 EAST PERTH — L, W, W, L, W, L, W, L, v Swan Districts at Perth
 CLAREMONT — W, L, W, W, L, L, W, W, v East Fremantle at East Fremantle
 SOUTH FREMANTLE — W, W, L, W, W, W, W, L, v West Perth at Leederville
 PERTH — L, W, L, W, L, W, L, W, v Subiaco at Lathlain
 SWAN DISTRICTS — L, L, W, L, W, W, L, v East Perth at Perth
 WEST PERTH — W, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, v South Fremantle at Leederville
 SUBIACO — L, L, L, L, L, W, L, W, v Perth at Lathlain

WHERE HAVE ALL THE RUCK

"GREATS" GONE

Over the years, W.A. Football has been blessed with the presence of champion ruck exponents — names like Graham "Polly" Farmer, Jack Clarke, Merv McIntosh, Brian Foley, Keith Slater and Bill Dempsey readily spring to mind.

But, sad to relate, there are very few class ruckmen running around in league football these days.

In defining the word "Class" I'm looking for the big man who has the ability to:

- Dictate the hit-outs at centre bounce-downs and boundary throw-ins.
- Take a big mark consistently in general play.
- Kick the timely goal or two when resting in the forward pocket.

To my mind, only two present-day ruckmen possess these qualities. No prize for guessing: Graham Moss — and my other choice would be South Fremantle's Stephen Michael.

Michael is somewhat haphazard in his disposal of the ball, both by hand and foot. But he has a natural flair for ruck play that stamps him as a quality performer.

We have an abundance of honest toilers in our league ranks, but apart from Moss and Michael, no other man stands out as star material.....and I'll tell you something else. While some coaches persist with the latest fixation of interchanging their ruckmen off the bench, we are not going to see a potential "Polly" Farmer on the horizon!

Royal bonanza!

East Perth shared in a bonanza when they stormed to an impressive 20-point victory over Perth in Tuesday's Escort championship match.

The Royals adapted much better to the VFL Park lights and ran away to a 13.9 to 11.1 victory that earned them a guaranteed \$20,000 — plus the \$8000 they picked up for winning their second-round match.

East Perth received \$11,000 for the quarter-final victory over Perth and now they can earn a minimum of \$9000 even if they lose their June 12 semi-final against the winner of next week's Hawthorn-North Melbourne quarter-final.

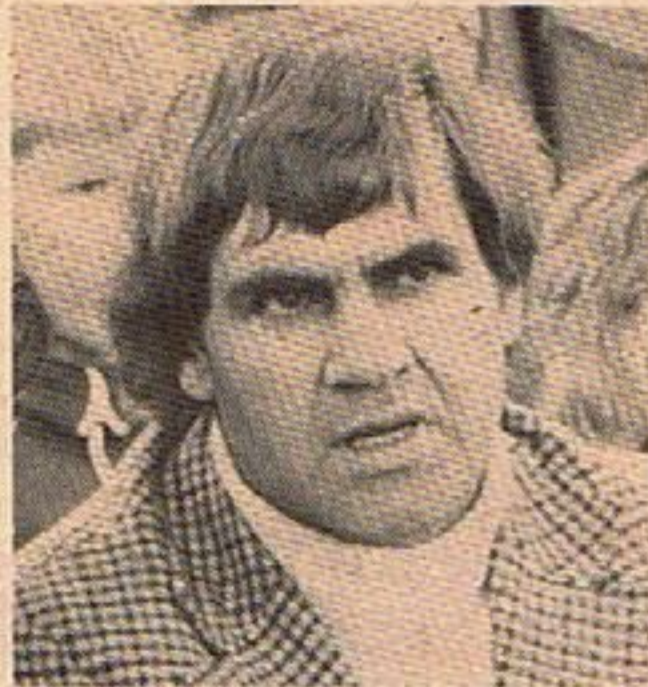
Victory in that game would give East Perth a winning fee of \$14,000 — plus either another \$14,000 for losing the grand final or \$35,000 for winning the series.

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Graham Farmer



Merv McIntosh



Bill Dempsey



Brian Foley

CAMPBELL'S CHATTER



What a performance by Fitzroy to beat Geelong in their Escort Championship game at VFL Park last week.

My old club took the field with an unbelievable 14 changes to their previous Saturday's line-up. That would have to be some sort of record in League football in any State.

For Fitzroy to do this and still win was nothing short of a miracle.

Actually, it doesn't say much for Geelong. The Lions now advance to the semi-finals and are obviously going to take some stopping in their quest for back-to-back night premierships. Fitzroy beat North Melbourne by 76 points in last year's night Grand Final.

Saw this year's State full-back in action at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

Perth's custodian Neil Fotheringham is the man I am referring to.

He outpointed South Fremantle goal-kicking ace Ray Bauskis, and had the further satisfaction of seeing Bauskis shifted to the back line during the last quarter of the game.

As Bauskis is almost certain to line up at full forward in the W.A. side, Fotheringham has now done all that can be asked of him.

I am, however, a little concerned that the state selectors may not go for a specialist full back when they look at that position . . . but if they do, then Fotheringham is their man.

While on the interchange bench bit . . . it did my heart good to watch Perth coach Ken Armstrong's lack of activity with his interchange players in his side's clash with South Fremantle.

Armstrong saw fit to leave his side intact until the 20-minute mark of the last quarter, when he brought young Cam Shepherd on for a quick touch of the big time.

And rightly so! When your team is firing, as Perth were, leave well enough alone.

It was refreshing to see a coach go through a game leaving his side virtually unchanged.

It was a bit of old-time coaching. Good Stuff, Ken! My Bouquet of the week goes to you.

But surely the coach of the week has got to be Subiaco mentor Peter Burton.

For the second time this season, he has brought his side back from a 20-goal plus defeat to victory in the space of a week.

There must have been a lot of soul-searching in Lion territory after their debacle against League leaders East Fremantle. From the despondency of defeat, they rallied to beat West Perth, and in so doing, climbed off the bottom of the ladder.

I took Burton to task in this column last week for refusing to make a coaches comment after his side's loss to Old Easts — but this week I praise him.

Which only goes to prove the old saying, "everybody loves a winner".

Well done, Peter! Now the hard part — a follow-up win!

With their loss to Subiaco last Saturday, West Perth were handed an unwanted distinction for 1979.

The Cardinals now become the first side in the W.A.N.F.L. to have been beaten by every other team in the competition.



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MORLEY FIGHTS BACK FROM INJURY

Tony Morley was once one of WA's most dashing wingmen. A State player; a leader in many awards and an exciting speedster who was an integral part of the South Fremantle machine.

But two bad ankle injuries — a broken bone in one in 1975 and muscle damage in the other in 1978 — brought his career almost to a standstill. But Morley has not given up. He has battled on and he is now regaining some of that brilliant form.

Here he talks to ALAN EAST about his form and his injuries.

How do you feel about your form this year?

I didn't play well in the early games and I struggled a bit in the practice matches, but it was mainly confidence. I'm more relaxed now and things are starting to come off. I was probably under pressure from last season, having not played well. I was worrying about whether I could come back and continue as a top player.

What was the problem last year?

Basically I had a pretty bad ankle injury which just wouldn't come right. I missed 14 weeks and when I came back I wasn't fit. The ankle was alright but I was not able to get fit at that late stage. The muscles and ligaments in the ankle had collapsed and I had to go through a lengthy programme to build them up. I built my leg up that much during summer that it's $\frac{3}{4}$ in. bigger than the other one.

So at the end of last year you certainly were not prepared to concede that your football career was finished?

No way. Actually this year has probably been a real big challenge to me; probably more than any other year because I've never had a really bad year with injury. I'm still not satisfied that I've made it. I'm still



Souths star Tony Morley at home with the family . . . wife Christine and children Brett (left) and Karen, plus the family dog.

getting there; I've got quite a way to go yet, but I'm working on it. Basically it's my own self-pride I suppose that wants me to play well. I reckon I've got another three or four years left yet.

What do you consider has been your best season?

Probably 1975. I made the State side for the first time that year, but it was also the most disappointing year of my career when I broke my ankle and couldn't play in the finals. It was disappointing having to watch Souths go into the grand final and lose.

A broken bone is a tough injury to come back from, especially in your legs. Were you worried that you might not make it?

I struggled a little pre-season in 1976. I had to hobble around but it was just a matter of confidence.

When did you break your ankle and how did it happen?

It was in the second or third game of the last round. I went up for a mark and came down and someone just fell on it.

Was it a disappointment losing the captaincy at South after only one year?

For sure. I was delighted to be named captain last year and it was a big disappointment that I couldn't fulfil my duties as much as I would have liked because I was out for so long. The club just wanted me to worry about my own game this year and by taking the responsibility of captaincy away from me, I think it is starting to pay off now as I'm getting back to form.

Have you always been a South fan?

Yes. I originally came from Albany and moved to Perth in 1966 and I played with Kwinana for a while before I joined Souths in 1971, when Hassa Mann invited me up.

How important is it to be loyal to one particular club?

Every player has his disappointments. The more disappointments you get the bigger the challenge becomes. I personally feel that I've given everything I can to Souths and I don't think I could play with another league club.

Have you any thoughts about coaching one day?

Possibly later on. I'd like to coach kids once I finish playing league football. I've done a bit of work with kids and I think that helped me a lot. You think of all the things you should be doing yourself and you tell the kids what to do and it helps you a lot.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Tony Morley
 Born: Albany, 23.3.51
 Height: 5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1.79m)
 Weight: 11.7 (73kg)
 Lives at: Kwinana
 Married: Yes
 Wife's name: Christine
 Children: Karen 6 and Brett 5
 Occupation: Sales manager for Chesson Sporting Goods.
 Football honours: Runner-up fairest and best at South Fremantle 1976 and 1977.
 Favourite food: Steak, chips and salad.
 Favourite drink: Milkshakes
 Hobbies and relaxation: Play cricket and basketball; a bit of golf. Listen to records and just staying at home with the family.
 Football likes: Just playing the game, it's a great thrill.
 Football dislikes: Sunday morning training.
 Idols in football: John Todd, because he was such a great player when I was a kid. I also tried to model myself on Derek Chadwick.
 Hard things in football: Discipline. You have to be prepared to work hard. Nothing comes easy.
 Ambitions: To play in a South premiership team.
 Nickname: T.M.
 Guernsey No: 6
 Why: It was the first jumper I ever got and I've had it since.
 Games played: 144

THE 6PR BIG TEAM

WA's first-ever computer team takes on a new look this week with a few positional changes.

The side is picked on the basis of media surveys of best players each week.

The team is being organised by Western International Travel and all those in the final line-up will win a free trip to Melbourne for this year's VFL grand final.

Radio 6PR and their commentators are promoting the team each week and their selections for the best five players in each match are part of the survey.

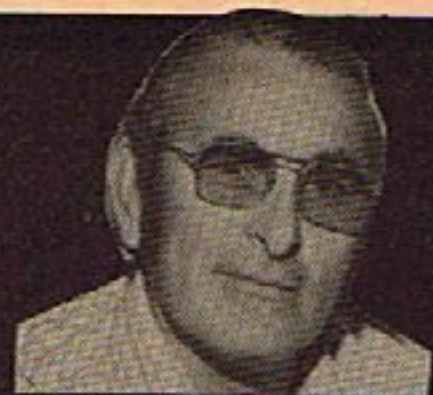
The successful players will also be guests at the North Melbourne breakfast and there are about 500 seats available for WA supporters who wish to join the party for the Melbourne weekend.

The computer places players in their normal position, even though they may have collected points playing in a different role.

The computer team — and the voting — this week is:

21 Brian Doug (S)	15 Neil Fotheringham (P)	15 Brian Needle (EF)
71 Ken Hunter (C)	37 Doug Green (EF)	51 Ross Prunster (WP)
50 Alan Johnson (P)	77 Maurice Rioli (SF)	53 Phil Narkle (SD)
48 Phil Kelly (EP)	79 Brian Peake (EF)	56 Peter Spencer (EP)
48 Graham Moss (C)	19 Ray Bauskis (SF)	48 Tony Buhagiar (EF)
RUCK:		
66 Stephen Michael (SF)	43 Gary Gibellini (P)	54 Les Fong (WP)
RESERVES:		
45 Noel Carter (SF)	42 Ian Miller (EP)	

DAVE CLEMENT



100 up for Royals?

The last time East Perth and Swan Districts played at Perth Oval, East Perth recorded their 50th win against Swans on that ground. If the Royals win this Saturday it will be their 100th win against Swans, who have beaten East only 37 times, 14 at Perth Oval, 21 at Bassendean and twice at Subiaco.

East Perth have won their last eleven games against Swans and a win this Saturday will equal their best sequence of wins against the black and whites — twelve wins during the 1956-60 seasons.

NOT A RECORD

Swan Districts score of 20.20 (140) last week would win most league games but was not the highest losing score. Last year East Fremantle kicked 23.9 (147), their highest score ever at Leederville and still went down to West Perth. Another higher losing score than Swans last week was South Fremantle's 21.17 (143) against Perth last year.

South Fremantle and West Perth staged some thrilling encounters in post war football. Since the start of 1945 South and Wests have met 118 times, two games have been drawn and each side has won 58 games. South have won only 14 games at Leederville in this era to Wests 33. At Fremantle South lead 26 to 20 but at Subiaco, where it really counts, South have 17 wins to West 5. Sixteen of these games were finals and West Perth won only three of them.

Overall tally of wins show the Cardinals just in front — 127 to South Fremantle's 116, with three draws.

How the times have changed — starting times that is. Now its 2.20, in 1957 the 2.30 start was introduced, from the War till then it had been a 2.45 start. Before the war games commenced a 3 o'clock start.

Starting times were a controversial point way back in the last century when it was not uncommon for half the team to miss the train to Perth or Fremantle and a start was delayed half or sometimes one hour for a scheduled 3pm game.

This couldn't happen today! In 1929 two league games were postponed because the Kings Cup was rowed in Perth.

In 1907 the W.A. League postponed the semi final between West Perth and East Fremantle because a visiting Canadian lacrosse team was playing an exhibition game in Perth.

(The following week incessant rain caused a further one week postponement).



Did Nipper Truscott play 300 games of league football and what age was he when he retired, was a question put to me this week by an old timer.

Truscott who has the rare distinction of playing in five successive carnivals joined East Fremantle in 1913 and retired in 1926. He could not have played more than 240 games in that time. When selected in the first two carnivals Truscott was playing for the Kalgoorlie team Mines Rovers.

Truscott captained WA when they won their first carnival in 1921. He was 37 years old when he played in the 1924 carnival, retired in 1926 a few weeks before his fortieth birthday.

Test your knowledge

Neil Stewart, the mine host at the Taurus, has also involved his delicious food establishment with WESTSIDE FOOTBALL in the form of this weekly quiz session.

Below are five questions on football. The first nearest correct entry received each week will win a dinner for two at the Taurus Restaurant.

Send your entries to WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, Post Office Box 153, Morley, 6062.

Entries close on the following Friday after the publication of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL and the winners will be announced in the next issue.

1. Swan Districts rover Bill Walker won three Sandover Medals. He could have won four, but lost on a countback. When and to whom?
2. Hayden Bunton senior won three Sandover Medals, but one player prevented it being a successive hat-trick. Who was that player?
3. Did East Fremantle captain Bob Johnson ever top the WANFL goal-kicking ladder?
4. Name the father-and-son combination who each coached a WA league club in the last 30 years.
5. When was the last tie in a finals match?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. 1946.
2. In April 1969 West Perth and South Fremantle played at Perth Oval.
3. 1973.
4. 10 years. 1956-1964 and then 1969.
5. West Perth and Subiaco.

The winner of last week's quiz will be announced in next week's issue.

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WESTSIDE WIZZARD, our popular quiz king, will award a double pass to selected features at the City Theatres or the Line Drive-Ins for every query we publish.

Each week we are receiving numerous questions for WESTSIDE WIZZARD — and as yet he has not been stumped.

We publish three queries a week and apart from all the writers receiving double theatre tickets, anyone who stumps the Wizzard will receive a \$2 lottery ticket.

P. Howard, Lot 48 Matison St., Gosnells asks:

What is the record for the highest number of brothers playing in the same league side in a game in Australia?

Six. The McShane Brothers (Phil, Jack, Tom, Joe, Jim and Henry) playing for Geelong early this century. In West Australia, the record is held by the five Dolg brothers.

Richard Hooker, 16 Cawston Rd., Attadale asks:

Were there any rules for the first ever game of Australian rules, and if so what were they?

There was only one rule for the first recorded match played between South College and Melbourne Grammar in Melbourne on August 7, 1859. The first team to score two goals were the winners.

NB: Matches played in 1858 and '59 were described as scambly, clumsy and unspectacular affairs with goal posts 1 mile apart. Rules to prevent tripping, hacking, pushing and throwing the ball were introduced in 1890.

J.B. Riley, 68 Westview Street, Scarborough asks:

When do South Australia and Queensland next meet in an interstate match?

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LINE DRIVE-INS

SCOTT SAYS



With the two Umpire system being a contributor to the increased speed and tempo of the game, what has it done for the umpires? If nothing else, it has given more umpires a chance to umpire league football.

There are many more opportunities now and umpires can come into the game much younger and expect to stay in the game for a longer time.

Before the two-umpire system came into operation, umpires had to wait longer for a chance to umpire at league level. Since the start of the system three years ago, 17 umpires have umpired league football and 39 have been used in reserves football.

The umpires who haven't made the grade have either, left the league panel for other associations or are umpiring in lower grades.

It was an unusual happening 10 years ago to umpire 19 or 20 league games in one season. But now three or four umpires do that number of games regularly. The senior umpires who appear to have a strangle-hold on a league birth every week have as many as six or seven umpires in line for the other positions and this develops a healthy competition among themselves.

Umpiring is like any other game and there is no substitute for experience. The only place that you can get experience is out in the middle. Umpires who are now starting in reserves or league have an ad-

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Sir,
I purchased the first issue of your paper while in Perth for the weekend, enjoying it very much. When returning to the country I decided to order it from a local news-agent only to find that it doesn't get to them until Mondays.

This put me off to a large degree as you may imagine, I have since bought your 3rd edition which was also very good, but I won't buy them regularly a week out-of-date.

Is there any possibility of getting your paper printed earlier to get it to the country by Friday? as I am sure there would be a lot larger market and happier readers.

Fred Lally,
"Cazna"

Kendenup, 6323.

Publishers Note: The problem that you are experiencing is one that has been of great concern to us and unfortunately there is no immediate solution. At this stage there is no way that the printing time can be advanced. However, if our readers are prepared to stick with us through our early days, we may find an answer to the problem in the future.

Dear Sir,
Something I have always been curious about, but never been able to find is a run-down on the South Australian Clubs. I am interested to know what colour and style jumpers and nicknames each club possesses, and details on club histories etc.

If we Western Australians knew as much about South Australian football (and vice-versa) as we do about VFL the game would become just that little bit more uniform through the country.

Hoping for your assistance.

S. Long
Kewdale

Editors Note: Most of these questions will be answered in features planned for future editions.

Interstate Round-up

Davies milestone postponed

The decision by the South Australian State selectors to prevent members of the State team playing in their club games last Saturday - two days before their clash with Victoria - meant that champion Rick Davies had to postpone the celebration of a major milestone.

Davies, the Sturt veteran, has notched 199 league games, so his appearance in this week's clash against Central District will see him join the elite 200-club.

The big ruckman did not enjoy his interstate day out - despite his efforts, SA went down to Victoria in a humiliating low-goal drubbing.

Davies was SA's best player - but he simply could not take on all the Victorians himself and he found the avalanche of the Big V too much to handle.

He will certainly be in an angry mood when he takes Sturt into Saturday's game . . . so watch out Central!

However, the absence of Davies meant that all attention could focus on another club champion . . . captain Paul Bagshaw, who played his 328th league game to break the club record.

The champion little rover led Sturt to a stirring victory over third-placed North Adelaide and the victory proves that Sturt are not down and out this season even though they are in the bottom half.

The rumours have been settled at West Adelaide . . . Trevor Hughes will definitely coach the side next season.

West Adelaide, lamenting on the bottom of the premiership table with only one victory, have decided to stick with Hughes. Club president Bob Lee said that Hughes had accepted the proposal to extend his coaching term for another year.

"We are committed to developing our younger talent and it is a sign of our confidence in Hughes that we have appointed him to continue as coach."

Hudson record

Peter Hudson kicked 15 goals for his club side Glenorchy last Saturday to equal the Tasmanian Football League goal-kicking record for one game.

Hudson's 15 goals and five behinds spearheaded Glenorchy to a 130-point win over Hobart. Glenorchy 27.19 (181) beat Hobart 7.9 (51).

Hudson equalled the match tallies of Hobart's Bernie Waldron in 1950 and New Town's Alf Cook in 1942.

The Hudson goal feast followed 11 goals the previous Sunday in another TFL match and took the former Hawthorn full-forward's tally for the season to 65 goals in only six club matches.

Hudson is well on the way to topping his TFL season record of 142 goals which he set last year and his Australian record of 191 goals in all matches in a season, also set last year.

SANFL

High flying Hill



Kevin Hill, Torren's new wingman didn't take long to make his presence felt in SA football. The former Perth player shone for the Eagles when he went on and will be a valuable asset for the club. Hill 'starred' in two Perth grand final wins before he moved to SA this year.

BARRY PRICE RETURNS

Barry Price returned to League football at VFL Park on Saturday, almost 13 years to the day after he made his VFL debut way back in 1966.

Price, back after three years with Claremont, was named an interchange player for Collingwood and played his part in the Magpies win over Geelong.

It was a strange feeling for Price, who was the oldest and most experienced player on the Collingwood team.

At 30 and with 160 VFL games behind him, Price said that he felt like a raw recruit fronting up for his first match.

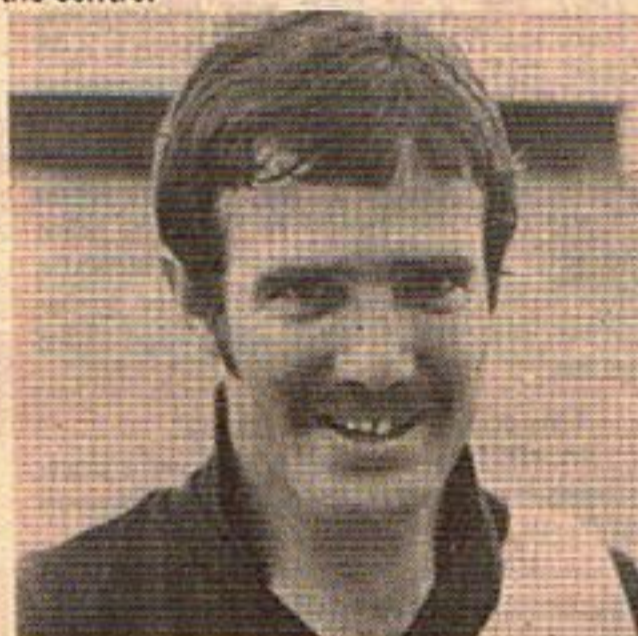
When he left for Perth, after the 1975 elimination final on the same ground, little did he realise that he would return to a side denuded of its old champions.

The men Price grew up with are still playing but not with Collingwood.

Max Richardson is at Fitzroy, Wayne is in the reserves and Len Thompson is at South Melbourne.

Price was lured back to Collingwood by coach Tom Hafey, who heard through a mutual friend that the stocky centreman was returning to Victoria.

"I started training straight away," Price said. "I want to win a permanent place in the Collingwood side and I have my eye on the centre."



Barry Price

Another record

Hawthorn's wobbly boots cost it victory against Fitzroy and wrote another chapter in the record books at the Junction Oval on Saturday afternoon.

The reigning VFL premiers kicked 16 consecutive behinds before Peter Russo notched the first goal, eight minutes into the third quarter.

Trailing by 46 points at the time, Hawthorn then put through a barrage of goals scoring 7.1 in the next 22 minutes.

Hawthorn's atrocious kicking cost it the game. In a thrilling finish David Parkin's Hawks lost by only 12 points after missing nine times from close range in the last quarter.

The key to Hawthorn's third loss to Fitzroy in as many meetings was the loss of star rover Leigh Matthews and spectacular centre-half-back Peter Knights who were out injured.

In previous years Matthews and Knights have made a regular habit of tearing Fitzroy apart on their own. In fact Matthews has kicked 20 goals in his last four games against the Lions.

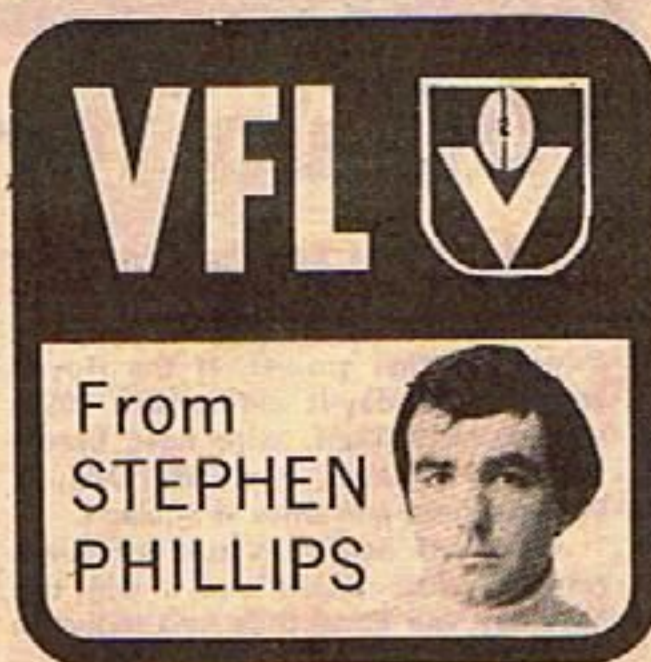
Glendinning's winner

Ross Glendinning kicked North Melbourne to its seventh consecutive victory in the match of the year at Princes Park last Saturday.

Glendinning's goal at the 30 minute mark pushed North to the top of the VFL ladder displacing Carlton and leaving Ron Barassi's 'Roos the only undefeated side in the competition.

How lucky are North Melbourne though?

It's last two wins have come through goals on the siren. Wayne Schimmelbusch



gave them victory over Richmond with his last kick of the day and Glendinning did it against Carlton.

Barassi won't discuss the subject but every North Melbourne fan is crowing about their side's chance of becoming the first VFL team to go through the season undefeated.

Collingwood came close in 1929, losing only the second semi-final.

With 22 home and away games plus the new fangled finals system, North Melbourne would have to win another 17 games in a row.

Young moves

Sacked South Melbourne centreman David Young has been signed by Collingwood and will start with them this week against Geelong.

Young came from South Australia at a fee reputed to be \$70,000 and is rumoured to have asked for \$20,000 a year from prospective clubs.

His fallout with South Melbourne coach Ian Stewart came about after he refused to play with an ankle injury.



It was a bad day all round for Carlton's veteran captain-coach Alex Jesaulenko last Saturday.

Not only did Jezza have to watch his side have victory snatched from it in time on but he had to limp from the field with an ankle injury that forced him to withdraw from the Victorian side. Jesaulenko had been honored with the Victorian captaincy for the match against South Australia last Monday and had been looking forward to his return to State football.

The Victorian selectors had paid the Carlton champion a magnificent compliment. Although he has been in superb form this season on the Blues backlines, Jesaulenko was preferred over a number of the great names of the VFL.

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Tigers do well with Vic. recruits

By ALAN EAST

Barry Beecroft (rear) and Peter Ivanoff... teaming well together in Claremont's defence.



Claremont can feel more than pleased with their recruiting campaign . . . particularly when it comes to their two VFA recruits, Barry Beecroft and Peter Ivanoff.

In a season when very few good-quality recruits have emerged from the many Eastern States players to cross the border, the Tigers are well in front.

VFA recruits have not always been up to standard, but fortunately these two Port Melbourne team-mates are an exception to the rule.

Ironically, their arrival at Claremont was one of contrast.

Beecroft was recruited as the result of many pain-staking weeks of searching by club president Wal Maskiell. Ivanoff was purely accidental.

Claremont's long search for a quality defender saw Mr Maskiell scan Eastern States football papers each week and noting names of full-backs who featured prominently.

"I saw this name Beecroft appearing

regularly, so we got some Collingwood people to check him out for us," recalls Mr Maskiell.

"He was keen to come to WA, so we signed him last June and then just waited for everything to be sorted out in time for this season."

Ivanoff, in fact, came to WA keen to join Subiaco.

He had played alongside Beecroft in the VFA, winning Port Melbourne's fairest and best award as a half-back flanker.

A day or so after he arrived in Perth he happened to meet a Claremont woman member at a night club. He told her of his football plans, but she acted quickly and the next day the wheels were in motion to entice Ivanoff to Claremont.

"We did not know where to contact him," says Mr Maskiell. "So our general manager, Gerry Atherden, rang every Ivanoff in the Melbourne telephone book till we found his parents and then got his Perth address."

"As it turned out, he was staying with Gerard McNeill, one of our players from Victoria.

"We checked his credentials with Bruce Duperouzel, now with St Kilda, and he assured us that Ivanoff was the sort of player to give 150 percent every time he stepped out.

"That has proved so right and we are certainly well pleased with the signing of both players."

Beecroft (24) showed signs of his football potential when he won a long-kicking competition at Claremont's pre-season athletics carnival. However, thigh strains prevented him from showing early form and it is only the last few weeks that he has played really well.

Ivanoff (21) was used as a centreman in early pre-season matches, but he has settled down better in defence.

He is a strongly-built and rugged defender and his clearing dashes out of defence have often been an inspiration to players upfield.

GARY'S GOSSIP



What a season it's been for KEN SCREECH. First, he obtains a clearance from Subiaco to join East Perth. The Royals claim they have gained the right player to fill the full-back position. Ken plays a few games but loses form and is dropped. He incurs the wrath of GRANT DORRINGTON, because of his alleged lack of attitude and walks out. He claimed he wanted to return to amateur football. Well mark my words, you read it here in Westside Football first - KEN SCREECH will return to league ranks and with his old Club, SUBIACO.

Frank Sparrow made a brief return to Perth last weekend after completing the first half of an eight week live-in business and finance course in Sydney as part of his State Energy Commission work. Incidentally, a lot of people have asked me whether I have taken over the chairmanship of World of Football. Just to put the record straight, Channel 7 asked me to host eight World of Football programmes in Frank's absence. They told me quite clearly that Frank would resume his role just as soon as his business course was completed in Sydney.

I am getting sick and tired of all the people criticising West Perth coach Percy Johnson. Sure the CARDIES aren't having a great year, but is that entirely the fault of the COACH? Take a good look at the players. How many, particularly so called name players are contributing for four quarters? There is also a lack of communication between the West Perth committee and their coach. A perfect example was last week, when 6PM's Tim Flynn interviewed Percy Johnson before the Subiaco/West Perth game. Tim asked Percy what he thought about the signing of John Frazer for the rest of the season. Percy, judging by his surprised comment, had not been informed of this latest player acquisition. I know that Johnson can be a pretty volatile sort of bloke and probably difficult at times, but his heart beats for football and he is anxious to see West Perth succeed. So come on "Cardies", what about a bit of talking both on and off the field.

I hear that former Cardie coach Graham Campbell is going overseas, together with Geoff Christian, at the end of the season. It sounds like a great trip especially the American side of the tour, where Geoff has already established strong connections in the grid-iron scene. Graham will no doubt have a close look at the COACHING METHODS employed in top American pro-football - which will be of great assistance to him next season when he returns to the COACHING SCENE!

Football is a great game and it produces some great people. On Monday June 25, Subiaco will conduct a special three course DINNER for some 60 present and prospective sponsors. The 6PR panel of JOHN K. WATTS, MAL BROWN, JOHN TODD and BILL DEMPSEY will donate their time to present a Subiaco ROAST & TOAST. Others who have agreed to join us "gratis" on the night include Channel 7's Steve Marsh, Fred Woods, Marty McDonnell, Keith Slater and Colin Beard. It promises to be a great night. Any prospective businessmen who would like to attend should contact David Foster of the Subiaco Football and Sporting Club.

P.S! A word of warning to FRED WOODS: "WOODSIE", I am a little worried about the way you are constantly criticising South Fremantle coach, Mal Brown. The Bulldogs had a set-back against the Demons last week, but apart from that, the Red and Whites look top contenders for a crack at this year's grand final. Despite one outburst from Brownie against you Fred, he has been remarkably calm. However, if you continue to snipe at Malcolm I predict a head-on confrontation soon - and Freddy, he's bigger than you.

It was my pleasure to attend the guernsey presentation at the Mandurah Football and Sporting Club last Friday evening. What a tremendous set-up they have at Mandurah - an extremely modern complex which augers well for the future of the club. Bob Cribb and I were there for the Sunday Independent, whose subsidiary, the Mandurah Advertiser, have just taken up sponsorship of the Red and Whites. Mandurah is part of the very strong South Suburban League and their coach is former West Perth star, Merv Kennedy.

Watch out W.A. league clubs and in particular Jimmy and Phil Krakouer. A Footscray raiding party is in town to sign local players. The Footscray talen scouts will be heading for Bassendean Oval too. Simon Beasley is high on the list, plus a couple of others.

I had a query the other day from a Westside Football reader who wanted to know the record for the longest drop kick ever recorded. Well according to the the Ampol Sporting Book of Records they are as follows:
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OUR WORLD OF FOOTBALL

BY PETER POAT

If the founders of our great Australian game were able to see the healthy state of our code in southern Australia today, they could not help but be impressed.

Their joy, however, may turn to disappointment if they looked in the scene in our Northern States.

In Australia's most populated State, New South Wales and in Queensland and the Australian capital territory Aussie rules still take a back seat to rugby.

During the past four or five decades, there has been little activity by the sport's hierarchy to expand football in our northern States or to promote it in neighbouring countries.

In this article WESTSIDE FOOTBALL has briefly surveyed the growth of football in the so-called minor States and looks at its projection overseas.

Recent moves indicate that there is a change of thinking among our administrators and developments, particularly in NSW and Queensland, will no doubt lead to a growth of the game.

For far too long these States were viewed with pessimism and regarded as unconquerable rugby strongholds.

Recent activity has been financed largely by the National Football League and Australian Football Championships Pty. Ltd.



The game in NEW SOUTH WALES can look forward to a new and exciting era following three significant administrative appointments earlier this year.

Bern Heafey, a Victorian with a wealth of football administrative experience at all levels, has been appointed President of the NSW association.

Allan Jeans, whose coaching experience is well known to most followers of the code, has been appointed State coach.

Former VFA and Hawthorn general manager, Russ Hooper, has been appointed general manager of the association.

One of the immediate targets of the new administration will be in the vast populated areas of metropolitan Sydney, which are not deeply committed to any football code. There is extraordinary potential in this vast metropolis which offers a wealth of untapped player talent and financial resources.

When elected president Mr Heafey said he had three aims for the game over a five year plan:

To upgrade on-field professionalism; to upgrade professionalism off the field in administration and promotion; and to upgrade grounds and facilities.

Mr Heafey believes the present eight-team first-grade competition will increase to 10 teams in the next three years and to 12 teams within five years. He also predicts that a VFL club will, within three years, play home matches in Sydney.

One of Mr Heafey's first moves after being elected was to form the NSW Country Australian Rules Football League to foster the game in country areas.

The code has solid support in the Riverina with the Farrer, Murray and South West District Leagues in the forefront. Hume, Central Riverina, Coreen and Northern Riverina also have Australian rules as their main code. In all other areas with the exception of the Central West, and some parts of the Tablelands, the national game is gaining support.

The North West NSWFL now consists of six teams from towns that were not long ago considered totally impregnable rugby

league areas — Tamworth, Gunnedah, Moree, Wee Waa, Coonabrabran and Goondiwindi.

Other developing leagues include — Illawarra, South Coast, Central Coast, Newcastle and New England.

Though New South Welshmen have had the opportunity of watching Victorian football live on television from Melbourne each Saturday for several seasons, the big test for its following in NSW will come when two official VFL fixtures are played at the Sydney Cricket Ground this season.

The first match between Hawthorn and North Melbourne, will be played on June 10. It will be the first official VFL premier-ship game to be contested in that State since 1952.



Australian rules football in QUEENSLAND goes back many years. The State attended the inaugural meeting of the Australian Football Council (now the NFL) in November 1906 and competed in the first Australian Football Championships in 1908.

However, football suffered a recession in Queensland soon after and battled for many years to re-establish itself. Though there is still a long way to go, recent progress has been tremendous.

The State team — coached by Warren Roper, son of West Perth president Len Roper — has performed well over the past couple of seasons, recording wins over the Victorian Football Association in 1977 and 1978 and against the Tasmanian State side last year.

Their biggest challenge will come when they take on the South Australian State side at the Gabba on June 3.

The Queensland Australian Football League is the controlling body for the State. There are eight district clubs in the QAFL in Brisbane, each fielding four teams. Also based in Brisbane is the South Queensland Association with 33 teams in four divisions and the Queensland Junior League, which fosters juniors from nine to 17. Altogether, there are nearly 250 teams playing in regular competition in Brisbane.

The QAFL district clubs are promoting the game through schools and some clubs have appointed full-time junior coaches.

There are more than 250 school teams in the Brisbane metropolitan area. In 1977 a State Schoolboys team toured New Zealand and another trip is planned this season.

The code is not restricted to the Brisbane metropolitan area. It is also played in Bundaberg (four clubs), Cairns (five clubs, with 29 teams of various grades), Capricornia League, Rockhampton

(five clubs with 10 teams), Darling Downs, Toowoomba (six clubs with 10 teams), Gold Coast (six clubs, with 40 teams from under 10's), Mackay (five clubs with seniors and juniors), Mt Isa (six teams with seniors and juniors), Townsville (six clubs and 32 teams) and Sunshine Coast and Gympie (22 teams).

The NFL has supported the game in Cairns by purchasing a substantial piece of real estate. It is leased to the Cairns league and now boasts two playing ovals and a licensed social club.

Last year the QAFL appointed a full-time State director of coaching and he is now implementing the NFL's National coaching scheme.



In the NORTHERN TERRITORY, the code is continually gaining strength and nearly 8,000 people attended this year's grand final, which was held recently. With a population of around 45,000 the pro-rata percentage of people attending was excellent.

Six teams form the NTFL which conducts its season through the summer months because of climatic conditions. This allows many players from the southern States to go north during our off-season and play in the Darwin competition. During the season just completed at least a dozen league players from Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne played football in the Northern Territory.

The game in the ACT continues to gain momentum with the ever-increasing population and this season a new side, Sutherland, joined the competition.



In PAPUA-NEW GUINEA the code continues to strengthen and expand.

One of the weaknesses of the game in PNG for many years has been the availability and standard of umpires.

In an effort to overcome this problem the league found a sponsor to assist in the upgrading of umpiring. Coupled with this development, came the formation of the Port Moresby Umpires Association.

Another important organisation to be formed in PNG recently, was a National Junior Coaching Council.

The immediate task of this group is to conduct coaching clinics throughout the islands and form underage competitions. Already, such competitions have started in Madang, Goroka, Lea and Rabaul as well as Port Moresby.

However, junior football is not new in PNG. Last year an under-17 team visited Australia on a four-State tour winning several matches.

I had the pleasure of seeing the side give an exhibition at VFL Park last June and was most impressed with their ball handling. After parading onto VFL Park

in full uniform, the Papuans removed their boots in ankle deep mud before proceeding with a demonstration of kicking skills.

It was possibly that successful Australian tour which has led to an invitation this year for a Papua-New Guinea side to compete in the national under-17 Teal Cup competition to be contested in Hobart in June.

Next year an Australian under-17 side will tour New Guinea.

On BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, a summer competition has not long been completed. The game in this area continues to make gains and is mainly fostered by Australians on transfer to the area. At the end of the season just completed, a combined side was selected and visited Rabaul to play an interleague match in early April.

Competitions on both the North and South islands of NEW ZEALAND on are gaining strength.

However, the most gratifying aspect of the game's development in that country is the fact that it is now a sports option in many secondary schools.

A Queensland State schoolboys side visited New Zealand last year for matches in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland and the New South Wales Football League has actively supported the growth of football in New Zealand.

In RABAUL the 1979 season has just commenced, and like many neighbouring islands, it is gaining in strength year by year.

In the SOLOMON ISLANDS, Australian football is in its infancy and is mainly being promoted by expatriate Australian teachers. A teacher in Honiara has taught a squad of boys the skills of the game and they are now playing matches among themselves. They have also beaten a team of Australians who work in Honiara, mainly as bank officers.

Assistance for promoting the game is coming mainly from the PNG league with some support from VFL club Hawthorn.

IRELAND has often been mooted as a possible starting place for the game overseas. This is because the national football code in that country — known as Gaelic football — has many similarities with Aussie rules. In 1967 and 1968, well known Melbourne football identity, Harry Bietzel, organised matches in Ireland. After a 10-year gap he took another Australian side there last year.

Tours such as this, and other exhibition games played in London, America, Singapore and India in recent years, do little to promote the game as they cater for spectators only.

They lack any form of follow-up and unless people are taught to participate, there is little hope that the game will grow.

With the proper promotion there is no reason why the game cannot take a grip in more overseas countries.

For instance, in AMERICA there are several primary schools on the West Coast which are playing Australian rules. This is a direct result of an exchange teacher system which operates between that area and the Victorian Education Department. Footballs and equipment have been funded by the Victorian Junior Football Council.

A substantial amount of promising feedback was received after NBC Television showed the 1977 VFL drawn grand final.

In ENGLAND, BBC television last year showed 15 minutes of edited highlights of the 1978 VFL grand final.

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Surely one of the best pictures of the year South Fremantle's Maurice Rioli soars over Swan Districts centremen Gordon Casey to take this spectacular mark. It was captured at Bassendean Oval by Richie Hann.

SOUTH BUNBURY MISS OUT

South Bunbury, one of the strongest clubs in the country football, are smarting over being out-smarted.

South's lost the chance of picking up some easy money earlier this year when their former coach and player, Merv Kennedy, switched to Mandurah, in the South Suburban competition.

Kennedy filed his first application for a clearance; but was told verbally by South Bunbury that it would be refused.

However, South Bunbury failed to put the rejection in writing; in fact they failed to reply within the customary 21 days — and the alert South Suburban officials claimed Kennedy as their player.

So Mandurah found themselves with a captain-coach — and no hassles over clearances or big payouts.

However, a knee injury is keeping Kennedy on the sidelines at present while the South Bunbury officials still debate whether to appeal to the WANFL or what.

Neil Dellar and Colin McIntyre are the pace-setters in the Goldfields Express \$150 footballer-of-the-year award.

Dellar, the young Norseman wingman, has been in brilliant form in recent weeks to join McIntyre, Kambalda's top ruckman, in the lead.

The award is a little different from many other awards — only the best-on-the-ground receives one vote and Dellar and McIntyre share the lead with two votes apiece.

Kukerin have merged as the new glamour team in the Lake-Grace Kulin competition.

After beating the previously unbeaten Lake Grace side two weeks ago, Kukerin's all-star line-up notched up an easy win over Dudinin to maintain their own unbeaten record at the end of the first round.

Dowerin saw their unbeaten record crumble in the Mortlock league when they crashed to Wyalkatchem last week.

Dowerin had reigned supreme on top of the table with 12 premiership points — a game clear of a big field including Wyalkatchem.

However, they found the improved Wyalkatchem side too good as they ran out winners 8.17 to 4.4.

After seven rounds in the U.G.S.N.F.L. Wagin Rovers hold a one game lead over their rivals in the race for premiership honours. Rovers begun the season in outstanding fashion with six wins. They lost by two points in the derby to Federals in their only defeat. Coach Terry Archer was injured in the derby and will miss several games, but with players of the

Country

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calibre of Terry Ball, Gavin Bolt, Peter Naylor and Bill Tulley firing they should be able to maintain a position in the top order. Tully has 38 goals from six games.

Williams and Federals have been the other big improvers and are up amongst the leaders. Federals, with Denis Sprigg as coach have recruited several new players and until losses in the last two games showed good form. Last years premiers Railways, lying third are still a force and Pingelly, after a slow start are coming back strongly.

Boddington, for years a battling side are perhaps the unlucky team, coming close on several occasions, but with more experience will not be able to be taken lightly.

West Arthur, Towns and Guballing have been disappointing so far, but are still able to provide surprises. Wickopin, for many years a top side, have blooded several youngsters and with Peter Quartermaine at the helm and Keith Miller providing the inspiration they are not far away from winning games.

When traditional Mortlock league rivals Wongan Hills and Goomalling met recently there was more than the normal fireworks to keep fans on their toes. Shortly after half time, Goomalling officials noticed that their opponents had nineteen players on the ground. The umpire was asked to stop the match and count the players. After first advising that the Wongan Hills score would be wiped, umpire Gary Harding reversed his decision during the three-quarter time break, declaring that he had made an incorrect ruling at the time, because when he conducted the count there had been only 18 players on the field.

The South Mount Barker Football Club which is affiliated with the Southern Districts National Football League, would like to keep life members and past supporters posted of developments within our club. The club is now called the HAWKS, which was changed from the Maroons last year.

The league team is hanging on to fourth position on the ladder, but we are confident we will be lining up for the first semi-final later in the year.

Our president this year is Mr Ian Lock and secretary is Mr Alan Denning.

Patrons are Mr Don Redman, Mr Stan Bailey, Mr Frank Sounness and Mr Jim Hunt and Trevor Stoney. Herb Dunn has retired from an active role within our club and we all know what a great role he played over the last 25 years.

Senior players worthy of mention are Greg Bennett, imported from South Australia, Mike Brierty, a robust policeman from Kelmescott, Brian Stamp, the find of last season from Teachers College, Ray Trinnick, a young campaigner from Wongan Hills and Geoff Quartermaine, who has received his clearance from Katanning.

Stalwart Les Holt, a former East Fremantle player is an early favourite for fairest and best awards this season.

Three dates in the Hawks' diary for all concerned to keep in mind are: 17th August — our raffle and cabaret night; 12th October — for annual wind-up and presentations night and December 7 and 8 for our annual "Fleece" night.

SUNDAY SCENE



Thornlie have opened up a four-point lead at the top of the South Suburban premiership table — but they have to sit back and watch their four rivals battle it out this Sunday to see which two teams will join them on top.

This week's eighth set of qualifying fixtures will almost certainly provide the best guide to grand final prospects.

As the cut-throat battle for top five places continues, this week's games will see Kenwick at home to Canning and Kelmescott at home to Kwinana.

All four sides have 20 premiership points each and the two winners will take that vital step forward and join Thornlie in the battle for second-semi-final berths. Kelmescott are the only one of those four sides not to have had their bye, so they need to pick up an extra victory in the next three weeks to keep pace.

Kwinana's 18.11 to 7.13 defeat of Canning last Sunday certainly makes them look like premiership material. The defeat ended Canning's run of six straight wins and now they face some heavy going with Kenwick this week, followed by Thornlie and the much-improved Gosnells.

Brian Ciccotosto has put together a strong side at Kwinana and their ability to out-play the fast-running Canning side confirmed that they have plenty of mobility. This week they clash with Dennis Cometti's Kelmescott brigade, a side that has plenty of mobility on paper, but has just not been getting the effort needed from their following division.

Players like ruckmen Marinus Potter and Paul Polsen and ruck-rovers Graham Davidson and Brian Arbon will have to be in top form to combat Kwinana's following division, which gets great drive from players like ruck-rovers Tony Solin and Bill Dunne.

Kelmescott have a trump card in goal-kicking ace Ray Witt and it will be interesting to see which Kwinana defender gets the awesome task of restricting him. Maybe Ciccotosto will use the in-form David Payne to do the job.

Kwinana's all-round strength makes them appeal in this clash as they are playing in top form and despite the presence of Witt in the opposition line-up, Kwinana will have goalkicking skill of their own.

Kenwick seem capable of inflicting Canning's second defeat in a row when they meet at Mills Park.

Coach John Riseley has plenty of strength on the ball with Mike Shallow and Ray Grigg ruck-roving strongly; Alf Stal is among the best rovers in the competition and ruckman Kevin Beale has seldom been beaten this season.

Kalamunda's stocks hit rock-bottom last week when they were thrashed by last year's premiers Gosnells in a replay of their 1978 grand final. The injury ridden Kalamunda could only kick 9.4 to Gosnells' tally of 32.22.

Gosnells, with 16 points, are just outside the top five but they will come into contention this week when they beat Armadale and therefore join the two big-game losers on 20 points apiece.

Kalamunda will find it hard to keep in touch as they meet Maddington, boosted by their crushing win over Willetton, and could go down again.

Mandurah played well enough against Kelmescott last week to suggest that they could beat Willetton, at Willetton.

The final tour in the W.A.F.A. has now taken what appears to be a well-moulded shape with Wanneroo and Mosman Park still unbeaten and Cockburn and South Perth sitting in third and fourth spot.

Little separates these four teams — though Wanneroo are firm favourites to repeat their grand final win of last year.

The biggest disappointment of the season has been the fall-off of last year's beaten grand finalists, Osborne Park.

Coach Richie Haddow inherited a club that lost about 15 senior players over the summer and he has battled to recover from that set-back.

Osborne Park managed to score only four goals when they were humiliated by Mosman Park last week and they are now in fifth place.

Although they have won three of their six games, they have a percentage of only 79.00 and this tells the story.

With the possible merger of the two associations next year, it is vital for teams like Osborne Park, Applecross and Inglewood to perform well — otherwise they could find themselves playing second division football.

W.A.F.A. fixtures for Sunday (with likely winners in capitals) — Midland v MOSMAN PARK at Midland Oval, Osborne Park v METROPOLITAN at Osborne Park, APPLECROSS v Victoria Park at Shirley Strickland Oval, WANNEROO v Cockburn at Kingsway, SOUTH PERTH v Inglewood at Ernest Johnson Oval.

What's On!

Champagne is the toast of the night when things are tops . . . and that's the procedure at South Fremantle tonight when the club holds its BUBBLY cabaret.

"Select" is the band and four hours cabaret entertainment, plus two bottles of free champagne all for \$10 represents good value.

At Subiaco, we have "Black Power Disco" tonight; Swan Districts have "Focus" and the other clubs have a variety of entertainment.

Wednesday, June 6 sees the arrival of the Subiaco Fashion Parade, with the latest gear modelled by some of WA's footballers.

At East Fremantle this Wednesday you can almost win free admission with a period costume for the club's Foundation Day ladies luncheon. The Tigers Quiz Night at Claremont club rooms on June 13 promises to be a night with a difference . . . especially with Grant Luhrs and 6KY disc jockey Jim Beam in charge.

On-the-ball scene: The Tigers Ball is a 150th celebration and happens at the Buccaneer Room at the Claremont Showgrounds on July 6; Perth's ball is at Ascot on July 6 also; East Fremantle have decided that the same Friday night is the best time to hold their ball at the club.

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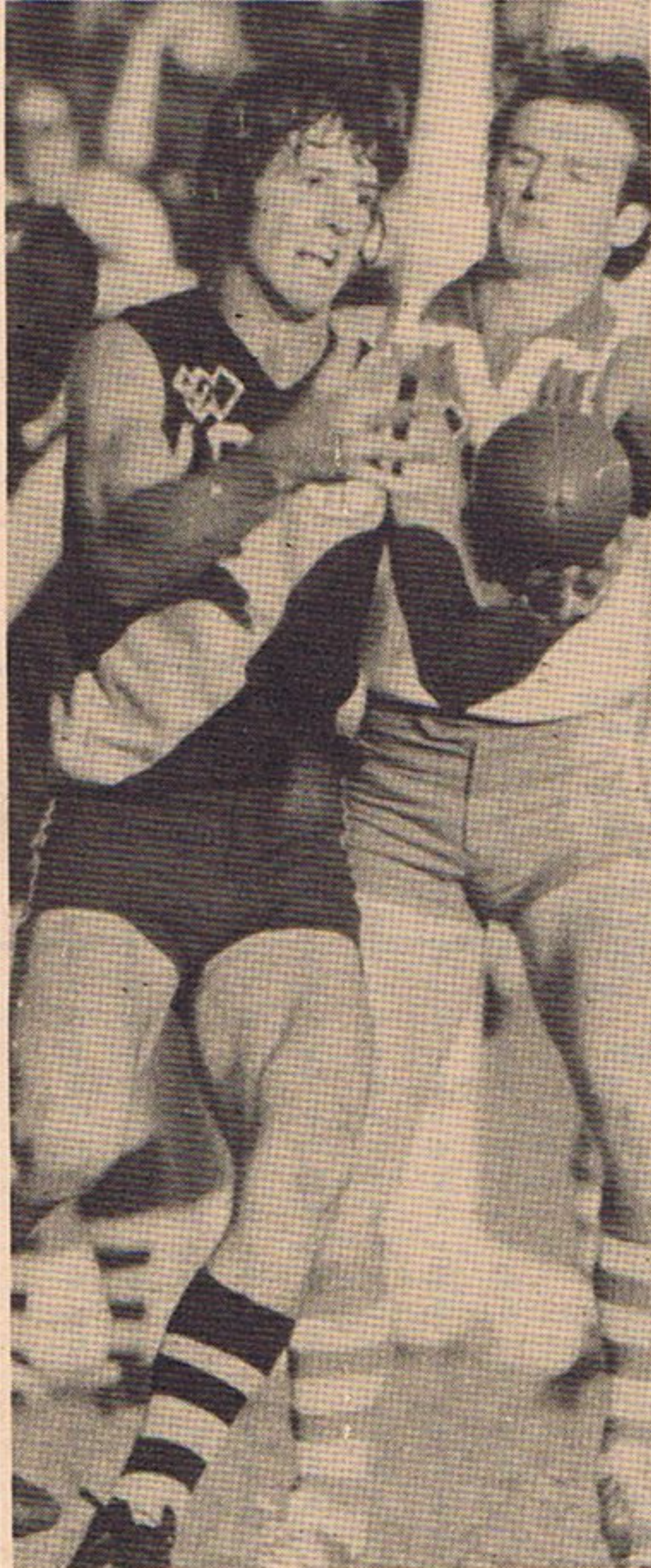
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Ross Ditchburn

The value of being able to kick with your 'wrong' foot was clearly illustrated in goals produced by three prominent goalkickers last Saturday. Swan Districts captain Stan Nowotny kicked a neat left-foot goal as he raced across the half-forward flank and kicked the ball long; teammate Phillip Narkle produced a left-foot snapshot after a great pressure hand-pass from Nowotny and Claremont's Ross Ditchburn topped them both off with his effort in the game against East Perth. He rode a tough bump from Craig Earnshaw; dodged around the groping hands of John Hayes and snapped a left-foot kick just before Glenn Robertson tried to blanket the ball. The resulting goal won Marlboro's \$150 cheque for the goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Football.

Perth first-year-player Allan Montgomery is certainly a recruit of the highest order. The 20-year-old Montgomery kicked six goals against South Fremantle last week, five of them coming in the last half. One came from a free kick but all the others were on the run and were the result of cool, precise play under pressure.

leading goalkickers

Ray Bauskis (Souths)	38.13
Mark Olsen (Swans)	36.17
Kevin Taylor (East Frem)	32.27
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	26.9
Jim Sewell (East Frem)	25.11
Paul Arnold (East Perth)	25.7
Ken Marshall (Subiaco)	24.4
Norm Uncle (Claremont)	21.12



Phil Lamb

Phil Lamb, one of the contributor's to Subiaco's victory over West Perth last Saturday, must have stole the goalkicking honours in a game where there were plenty of brilliant goals. Lamb was an interchangeable reserve and his goal when he came on in the final term was a ripper. It was the second of his hat-trick for the game and came as he raced into a goal-front pack and soccered the ball as it sailed through the air. His foot connected perfectly and it was one of the goals that helped seal the issue for the Lions.

Another Subiaco star, the golden-haired Ken Marshall, set the goalkicking standard early in the game. Marshall is a brilliant, but occasionally erratic player; one who plays on confidence more than anything else. Midway through the first term Marshall found himself trapped with the ball about 15 metres out directly in front. But his resultant kick back over his head produced a remarkable goal and that sparked him into action. Within three minutes he had grabbed two strong marks and kicked two long goals and Subiaco had opened up a match-winning lead.

WANFL PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION



By **IAN MILLER**
President

The Players Association had its first official meeting with the WANFL last week and we were very pleased with the outcome.

George Young, David Rawlinson and myself met with the WANFL executive members Jim Davies (president), Peter Bowler (general manager) and Neil Judge (secretary) and we discussed a number of policies and with the result that both groups know now where we stand with each other.

The obvious factor that emerged is that there is simply not enough communication between the club administrations and their own players and the league felt that this is where we should direct most of our inquiries.

The WANFL suggested that many of our policy ideas could well be handled at club level and it was this sort of guidance that we were seeking. Issues such as parking, seating and insurance coverage were seen as basically falling into player-club relationship and we can now go to the individual clubs as an association and discuss the matters further.

We realise that the credibility of our association is still under scrutiny and as long as we approach all these contentious issues in a sensible manner, then I'm sure that we will get a good hearing from the club administrations.

It was pleasing that the WANFL has recognised us as a body and now we can concentrate on other tasks such as building up our membership as we spread the ideals and ambitions of our association among the league, reserves and colts players.

FOOTNOTE: Talking about parking. I wasn't too impressed at having to pay 70c just to park at Claremont Oval last week. You can park in the city all day for a bit more than that — and you don't have to go home losing either!

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

This weekly survey is designed to help the keen football follower keep an up-to-date guide for the Sandover Medal.

Each week we list the major media voting on a 3-2-1 basis and leave room for you to fill in the voting by the umpires when Sandover Medal night arrives.

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 also provides an interesting comparison of the best-on-ground lists compiled by the various media.

May 19	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	Sunday Times	TVW7	6PR	6PM	6IX	Umpires
Subiaco v West Perth	Geoff Christian: Dimmer (S) Buckenara (S) Taylor (S)	Alan McIntosh: Buckenara Taylor Marshall (S)	Julian Stawell Dimmer Buckenara Taylor	Alan East: Dimmer Buckenara Taylor	Steve Marsh: Buckenara Dimmer Taylor	Alan East: Dimmer Buckenara Taylor	Jack Sweet: Dimmer Buckenara Taylor	Rowley Daw: Featherby (S) Schultz (S) Buckenara	Ball/Powell
Claremont v East Perth	Colin Hopkins: Moss (C) Hunter (C) Ivanoff (C)	Peter Sweeney: Beecroft (C) Moss Spencer (EP)	Bob Cribb: Beecroft Moss Spencer	Robert Bennett: Moss Ivanoff Daniels (C)	John Rogers: Moss Beecroft Kanther (C)	Bob Hicks: Kanther Hunter Moss	Les Mumme: Moss Spencer Beecroft	Phil Mulcahy: Hunter Beecroft Spencer	Rowe/Morris
South Fremantle v Perth	Andrew Carew-Reid: Johnson (P) Gibellini (P) Kimberley (P)	Doug Young: Gibellini Johnson Outhwaite (SF)	Rod Lohar: Johnson Gibellini Bosustow (P)	Geoff Worner: Johnson Gibellini Rioli (SF)	Graham Campbell: Johnson Bosustow Gibellini	Wayne Harvey: Johnson Kimberley Rioli	Allan Stiles: Johnson Bosustow Fotheringham	Don Rowe: Gibellini Bosustow Kimberley	Hearne/Phillips
Swan Districts v East Fremantle	Ken Casellas: Buhagiar (EF) Nowotny (SD) S. Green (EF)	Robbie Burns: Boucher (SD) S. Green Lester-Smith (EF)	Glen Luders: Nowotny S. Green Boucher	Lew Nathan: Boucher S. Green P. Narkle (SD)	Kevin Murray: Buhagiar Nowotny Needle (EF)	Oscar Howard: P. Narkle Taylor (EF) Nowotny	Joe Fanchi: Boucher Taylor S. Green	Laurie Nugent: S. Green Needle Nowotny	Capes/Gillies

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Over the next eight weeks, WESTSIDE FOOTBALL will take readers behind the scenes of each league club; having a brief look at their history, their future, their stars of today, tomorrow and yesterday; their thoughts, hopes and aspirations for the future.

To start the series, we look at last year's premiers, East Perth.

It's tough at the top



East Perth, riding high after last year's incredible finish to the season when they won nine of their last 10 games — faltering only in the second semi-final — are finding out just how true the statement is that life at the top is tough.

Currently, East Perth are in the top four by virtue of their four wins from eight games. But they have yet to beat a top-four side and they are certainly travelling in troubled waters. They have player problems, but they also have tremendous depth and a variety of talented players available.

For this reason there remains plenty of confidence at Perth Oval. With players in the super-star category such as Phil Kelly, Peter Spencer, Ian Miller and Barry Cable the Royals have plenty of skilled footballers. With rookie players of the calibre of Paul Arnold, Grant Campbell, Barrie Quick, Glyn Williams, Trevor Nisbett, Chris Allen, Dean Turner and Russell Sparks their future seems assured.

East Perth have always had a strong junior zone. However, numerically they fall behind other clubs in their junior tallies. But the quality and number of league players that emerge from their district has outstripped all other league zones.

By contrast, East Perth seems to produce only the occasional footballers from their country zone — the lower south-west corner of the State ranging from Bunbury down to Manjimup — but those that have come to the city have proved to be champions. Stars of the past such as Derek Chadwick, Bob Graham, Bradley Smith, Syd Jackson, Alan Quartermaine, Ray Giblett, Keith Doncon and Dick Michalczyk are among the top-quality players to have country backgrounds.

On a club side, East Perth have been among the trendsetters.

They were the first club to build a major grandstand; the first to seek a liquor licence; they are the only club to win five straight premierships (1919-1923) and they set something of a hard-to-beat record this year when they lined up five Sandover Medallists in their league side. On April 28 for the game against Perth, at Perth Oval, the side had Barry Cable (1964-68-73), Ian Miller (1972), Alan Quartermaine (1975), Peter Spencer (1976) and Phil Kelly (1977) in the line-up.



Harry Atlas

Disappointed but confident

By East Perth
President Harry Atlas

We are certainly a disappointed club at present when we examine our form and remember that we are last year's premiership side. But it doesn't take much imagination to remember just where we were this time last year — far worse off than we are today.

It is early days yet and we are quite confident that we have the makings of an excellent side. We have problems, but I believe that we have the players, the character and the coaching expertise to kick back again and I'm convinced that East Perth will feature in the finals this year.

Our first football priority is to make the final four. After that it is a different story.

OFF THE FIELD, we are looking at great advances.

It is true to say that we put all our resources into our playing strength last year in a desperate bid to win a premiership.

We sought out top players; recruited a person who we thought represented the best coaching value in Australia and concentrated on developing our playing facilities.

We succeeded. Now we are embarking on a new era of building up our membership participation. Our general manager, Alan Hughes, is being charged with new responsibilities in this field and the appointment of a full-time football administrator in Ron Webster gives us the chance to concentrate on protecting our playing strength of the future.

I believe that we have come a long way in recent times. We still have a long way to go, but at least we believe that we know exactly where we are going.

Eight Medallists

East Perth have produced many champions over the years and their eight Sandover Medal winners have been no exception.

The record book shows that the first Sandover medal arrived at the club in 1923, only three years after it was inaugurated by the Sandover family.

It went to "Digger" Thomas and his namesake, Billy Thomas repeated the effort in 1929. In between was George "Staunch" Owens, who gave the club the medal in 1925. When Billy Thomas made it three in seven years it was glorious days for East Perth — but it was to be another 27 years before one of today's champion names headed the Sandover medal poll — Graham 'Polly' Farmer in 1956.

Farmer's victory, when he took the medal by only one vote — ahead of teammate Tom Everett and Perth's Reg Zeuner — with the exceptionally low tally of 15 votes, signalled the start of an East Perth run.

The champion ruckman, who had graduated from Sister Kate's home to be one of Australia's all-time greats, collected another medal in 1960 and in between, his teenage mate, Ted Kilmurray, had scored a similar victory in 1958.

Strange as it was, Farmer's 1960 win saw him have a clear 10-point margin — 26 votes to his nearest rival, Kilmurray, on 16.

The Malcolm Brown story — a controversial saga that has travelled the pages of football history from his teenage days in the late 60's to his non-playing and coaching role of the late 70's — made an early

appearance when the fresh-from-Scotch-college student grabbed the 1969 medal with 21 votes — ironically, one vote ahead of his former mentor, Graham Farmer, who was by then captain-coach of West Perth.

The East Perth dominance of the Sandover medal started unexpectedly in 1975 when flashing half-forward Alan Quartermaine polled 16 votes to win by a margin of two — with team-mates Peter Spencer and Ross Glendinning behind him on 14 (plus, of course, Swans iron-man Stan Nowotny).

Spencer atoned the next year with a three-point win over East Fremantle's Brian Peake, a fellow club-mate at Manning Junior Football Club who repeated Spencer's effort the next year.

Then, of course, Phil Kelly, the reluctant star, became WA football's first \$20,000 Sandover medallist when he took the award last year with a three vote margin over Graham Moss.

There is plenty of conjecture as to who is East Perth's most meritorious Sandover medal winner.

They come from vastly different eras, but for quality of performance over nearly two decades, Farmer must take priority.

The big ruckman was runner-up in 1955 — his third year of football — lost the medal on a countback to East Fremantle's Jack Clarke in 1957 and still proved his star-quality material by his runners-up performance to Brown in 1969 — 16 years after his league debut.

CLUB HAS A WEALTH OF TALENT....

Any person who tries to analyse the star-quality of players currently residing at East Perth invites trouble.

The club has a hard-core of solid individuals, mixed with a sprinkling of superstar-status players and a good blend of youthful potential.

On a purely skills basis, Peter Spencer

Phil Kelly



and Phil Kelly must surely rank as two of the most brilliant footballers in WA — if not in Australia.

Both have been worthy Sandover medal winners; Spencer is a player who thrives

on hard-running, creativeness and skilled football. Kelly is an exhilarating player, who can rise to great heights with pure brilliance.

Pound-for-pound value poses a problem. Ian Miller, a Sandover medallist with Perth eight years ago, has returned from Victoria to prove that he is far from being over the hill and his contributions week after week are hard to fault.

Two smaller-looking defenders must also rank among the club's top players — Stephen Curtis, the fairest and best in 1977 and George Michalczyk, one of the team's most versatile players.

There are plenty of other players with lots of good service behind them; lots of talent and, above all, lots of potential.

200 Game Players —

- 269.....Derek Chadwick
- 257.....Ted Kilmurray
- 257.....Jackie Guhl
- 222.....Bradley Smith
- 217.....Val Sparrow
- 213.....Laurie Kennedy
- 211.....Bob Graham
- 207.....Ritchie Thomas
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MARCH 31
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 Frem 21.17
South Frem 17.19, West Perth 11.10
Subiaco 11.9, Perth 19.20

APRIL 14 - APRIL 16
East Frem 17.18, South Frem 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 19.16, Perth 13.13
Swans 31.16, Subiaco 11.12
Claremont 18.12, South Frem 20.24
East Frem 18.24, West Perth 17.12

MAY 5
Sth. Frem 20.20, E. Perth 11.18
Perth 15.18, E. Frem 13.12
Subiaco 17.12, Cl'mont 17.10
West Perth 19.13, Swans 21.14

MAY 12
East Perth 21.18, West Perth 7.10
East Frem. 27.21, Subiaco 8.9
Claremont 17.12, Perth 7.11
Swans 11.20, Sth. Frem. 21.14

MAY 19
Sth. Frem. 13.15, Perth 16.15
Subiaco 18.12, West Perth 13.17
Claremont 18.14, East Perth 9.16
Swans 20.20, East Frem. 22.16

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 Melb 18.19, Collwood 14.15
South Melb 18.10, Melbourne 16.15
Hawthorn 18.15, Geelong 11.17

APRIL 25
Hawthorn 29.15, South Melb 15.5
Melbourne 16.23, Richmond 15.19

APRIL 28
Geelong 10.13, North Melb 19.9
Collingwood 31.21, St. Kilda 3.11
Fitzroy 11.16, Carlton 20.19
Footscray 20.8, Essendon 19.14

MAY 5
Footscray 12.17, Col'wood 20.17
Nth. Melb. 19.24, Sth. Melb 12.16
Essendon 10.16, Fitzroy 25.22
Carlton 15.20, Melb. 13.18
Rich'md 11.16, Hawthorn 24.17
St. Kilda 17.10, Geelong 22.10

MAY 12
Nth. Melb. 14.15, Richmond 13.16
Sth. Melb. 26.19, St Kilda 11.20
Hawthorn 16.12, Carlton 25.18
Geelong 9.18, Footscray 7.5
Melbourne 21.14, Fitzroy 24.19
Collingwood 14.15, Essendon 19.19

MAY 19
Col'wood 13.14, Geelong 6.15
Fitzroy 14.18, Hawthorn 11.24
Essendon 23.18, Melb. 9.20
Carlton 15.14, Nth. Melb. 16.12
St. Kilda 16.15, Richmond 14.15
Footscray 22.17, Sth. Melb. 14.17

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
Essendon 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 Collingwood
South Melbourne v Carlton
Hawthorn v Footscray

JUNE 23
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Essendon v North Melbourne
Richmond v South Melbourne
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 Melb.
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 20.17, Sturt 12.14

APRIL 28
South Adelaide 14.18, Central District 9.18
Port Adelaide 14.11, Glenelg 9.16
West Torrens 18.13, Woodville 16.13
West Adelaide 14.10, North Adelaide 18.18

MAY 5
Pt. Adel. 9.26, Woodville 10.18
Norwood 14.16, Nth. Adel. 18.10
Sturt 19.18, W. Adel. 12.16
Glenelg 14.14, Central 8.14
St. Adel. 14.16, W. Torrens 12.16

MAY 12
Sth. Adel. 11.9, Glenelg 8.15
W. Torrens 15.16, Sturt 17.11
Cent. Dist. 20.26, Woodville 17.11
W. Adel. 19.9, Norwood 19.17
N. Adel. 17.8, Port Adel. 10.17

MAY 19
Woodville 23.13, Glenelg 9.14
Norwood 10.15, Central 17.14
Sturt 23.10, Nth. Adel. 19.13
Port Adel. 18.13, W. Torrens 13.13
Sth. Adel. 15.18, West Adel. 15.10.

MAY 21 S.A.N.F. 6.13, V.F.L. 15.20

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

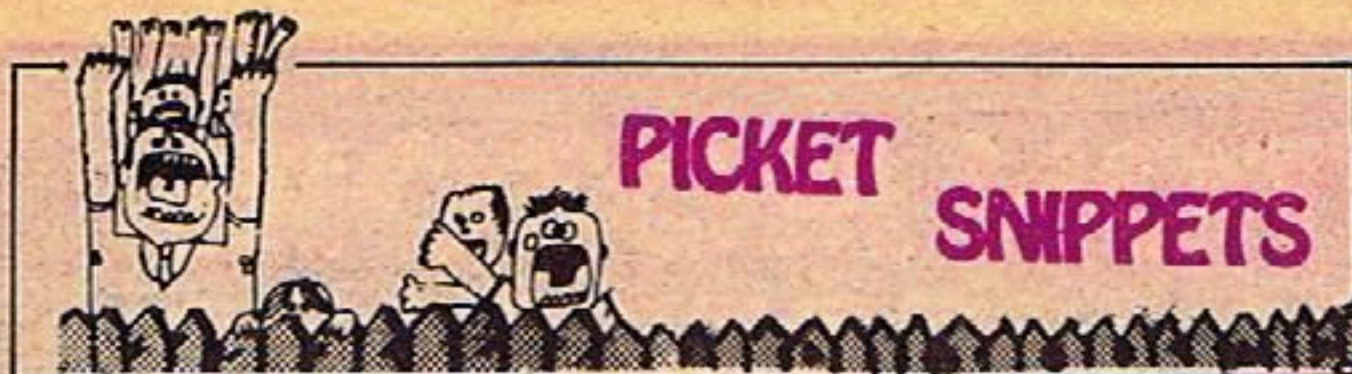
AUGUST 26
Norwood v Port Adelaide

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



Talking about the Escort championship match — rival coaches Barry Cable and Ken Armstrong were against suggestions that the match should be switched to a Perth venue to avoid travelling. They both realised that the victor would have to return to VFL Park on Tuesday, June 12 to play the semi-final under lights, so all the experience they could get the better. One interesting sidelight of the clash was that both teams travelled over and back on the same flight and were in fact booked in at the same hotel. However, East Perth felt that was taking the friendly rivalry too far, so they booked in at the Southern Cross and footed the extra bill themselves.

Sandover Medal betting fans would not have been too happy if they were Brian Peake supporters and they saw the match against Swan Districts last week. Peake, the 1977 medallist and red-hot favourite for the award this year, indulged in a bit of back-chatting with umpires Ross Capes and Darryl Gillies. We only hope that such actions will not prejudice his medal hopes for '79.

Claremont's Ken Hunter and East Fremantle's Jim Sewell are starting to dominate one of WA football's richest

weekly awards... the Pye mark-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Football. In eight weeks the two players have won the award twice each. The mark-of-the-day carries Pye electrical equipment worth about \$500 and so far Hunter has taken home a refrigerator and a freezer and Sewell has collected a television set and a dishwasher.

East Fremantle's Brian Peake set a little-known record when he collected the \$500 from Marlboro for winning their player-of-the-round when the first set of qualifying fixtures ended. The award is based on a combined survey of media votes and Peake collected 38 votes to give him a record winning margin of 13 over South Fremantle centreman Maurice Rioli. Third place went to Ken Hunter (Claremont) on 21.

Watch out for two brothers of league footballers who have the ability to graduate into senior ranks. East Fremantle have their eyes on Fred Taylor, the 15-year-old brother of Kevin, who plays at Carnamah. He is a talented centreman or half-forward and will be enticed to East Fremantle Oval shortly. Subiaco have high hopes for Clinton Brown, the 16-year-old brother of

Phil Brown. Clinton has been playing well at full-forward in the reserves at Subiaco and though he lacks football maturity, he shows plenty of promise.

East Perth have taken the somewhat unusual step of trying to improve facilities for visiting clubs at Perth Oval. Most visitors' changerooms are well below the accepted standard, but the decision by East Perth to carpet the visitors' rooms is a breakthrough in this area. The club also plans to upgrade the medical facilities in the visitors' rooms and this too is a badly needed improvement. Maybe a few other clubs will start to follow this line of thinking.

VFL coaches called for a meeting with the umpires this week to iron out kinks in the new holding the man-holding the ball rule.

Representatives of the men in white appeared but only five senior coaches bothered to attend the meeting at VFL House.

Hawthorn coach David Parkin and Geelong's Rod Olsson were furious at the roll up and branded the meeting a waste of time.

East Fremantle are keen to have a closer look at big 6ft. 10in. ruck hope Geoff Wilson when he lines up in the reserves in the next week or so. The giant Wilson has been restricted by volleyball commitments and study, but he is now clear of those problems and will certainly be encouraged to concentrate on football. A league ruckman of that height would certainly be a boost to any club.

Sometimes you wonder about television coverage of football. Channel Nine, who are certainly the poor relations when it comes to coverage of football in WA, tried to do the right thing last Monday when they had a few brief glimpses of the only football around — the State match between Victoria and WA. Channel Nine, who have been undernourished in their coverage of local football lately, picked up about two minutes of film clip from their fellow SA station — but the action showed three free kicks; no goals and very little movement.



Big Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss, unquestionably one of Australia's top knock ruckmen, is enjoying a new lease of life as a goal-kicking forward. The decision to take up position at centre-half-forward was an idea that stemmed from his reserves coach Syd Duffall and has certainly paid off in the last two games. Moss has kicked five goals in those two games, but has set up many more. He showed his agility several times last Saturday when he read the ball off the back of the packs to pick up two quick goals in the second term.

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Then the six men — plus 6PM Sportsworld host Tim Flynn — meet regularly to discuss the best positional players; the men who will finally emerge as the 6PM-Swan champions.

Following are the votes for last week's games and the progress votes for the overall champion footballer.

CLAREMONT vs EAST PERTH
G. Moss (CL) 8, P. Spencer (EP) 8, B. Beecroft (CL) 7, L. Kanther (CL) 7.

PERTH vs SOUTH FREMANTLE
A. Johnson (P) 8, P. Bosustow (P) 8, N. Fotheringham (P) 7, B. Kimberley (P) 7.

EAST FREMANTLE vs SWAN DISTRICTS
R. Boucher (SD) 8, K. Taylor (EF) 7, S. Green (EF) 7, P. Narkle (SD) 6.

SUBIACO vs WEST PERTH
J. Dimmer (S) 8, G. Buckenara (S) 8, N. Taylor (S) 7, L. Fong (WP) 7.

PROGRESS VOTING

M. Rioli (SF) 40, B. Peake (EF) 39, I. Miller (EP) 37, G. Moss (CL) 30, S. Michael (SF) 29, D. Green (EF) 28, L. Fong (WP) 28, D. Gooding (CL) 23, K. Narkle (SD) 23, K. Hunter (CL) 23, R. Prunster (WP) 22, P. Spencer (EP) 21, T. Buhagiar (EF) 21, P. Narkle (SD) 21, K. Taylor (EF) 20, P. Kelly (EP) 17, B. Vigona (SF) 16, S. Beasley (SD) 16, M. Moylan (SF) 16, A. Johnson (P) 16, G. Casey (SD) 15, G. Neesham (SD) 15, J. McGuire (EP) 15.



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