

THE BIG RIP OFF

Every year it happens . . . the Great Player Rip-off!

Every year WA clubs jump up and down about their Eastern States recruiting campaign . . . and then we find that once again, we have been conned!

BY ALAN EAST

The player-drain is all one-way when it comes to interstate football clearances. WA continues to be the poor relation in the matter of players swapping States.

Each year we see several of our top-quality footballers move over to Melbourne — and well they might in view of the tremendous financial incentives available there. But then most of our football clubs fall victim to the old ploy of accepting a few 'promising' footballers from the Victorian clubs as part-payment.

The record books show that the WA clubs seldom finish in front. In fact, a small minority of Eastern States footballers actually succeed here. South Fremantle's Noel Carter, Perth's Doug Farrant, East Perth's Glenn Robertson and Swan Districts' Gordon Casey are among the few to have played consistently well since switching to WA.

But on the debit side, the list is long and embarrassing.

In fact, there have been so many rejects and abject failures that you tend to forget their names very quickly.

Subiaco, particularly, have been victim of falling for second-rate Victorians in recent seasons and there are at least six players who have come to WA as player-exchanges only to seldom see the light of a league match.

It is taking WA clubs a long time to learn that Victorian clubs seldom — if ever — give away a foot-

baller who has any potential. Occasionally they may release someone of value for a short term — such as Dean Herbert to Perth or Wayne Duke to East Perth — but it is generally only an interim move.

Swans have abandoned the thought of picking of 'promising youngsters' or 'over-the-hill' oldies from the Eastern States and are concentrating on developing their younger talent.

In defence of Subiaco, the present administration has also acknowledged the apparent futility of accepting players from VFL clubs and they too are starting to breed their own.

Many Eastern States players come to WA clubs with something of a reputation — occasionally cultivated by themselves or some well-placed friend — but they seldom live up to that form.

There are excuses for some. Players can take time to adjust to WA conditions; players strike injury trouble or even have difficulty settling into a new personal environment.

But generally, the problem seems to be that many of these players think that they can walk straight into a WA league side — probably because WA football is played down so much in the Eastern States, in Victoria particularly.

These border-line players get to WA only to find

that the standard is much higher than they thought they would encounter. Or, they prefer not to work as hard as they should and therefore they fall by the way-side.

Many have received healthy cash payments to switch to the Western coast — and others are on nice, fat pay cheques regardless of whether they play league or not.

All in all, we are the losers. The teams published below provide interesting reading.

The first team, named the INTERSTATERS, is selected from Victorian recruits who have joined WA clubs this season only. Those in capital letters were in their respective league sides last Saturday. The others played reserves — or were out injured — and many of them have been in reserves for some time. In addition, two players indicated by an asterisk have already been sent packing by their WA club.

The other team, called the ROOKIES, is selected from first-year players who were in the league side last Saturday — with the exception of Glyn Williams and Glen Rogers, who were excused from league duties to play for WA in the Teal Cup.

This team represents only a portion of the first-year players we have seen this season. There are plenty of other top-quality recruits who have made their debut this year, but for one reason or another, were in the reserves last Saturday.

It would make an interesting clash, wouldn't it?



Steve Turner



Cam Shepherd



Gary Buckenara



Chris Stasinowsky



Trevor Nisbett



Ross Fitzgerald

THE INTERSTATERS

Backs:	IVANOFF (C)	BEECROFT (C)	Godfrey (C)
Half-backs:	REEVES (SF)	Jamieson (EP)	Richardson (SF)*
Centres:	Cook (S)	BEGG (S)	FITZSIMMONS(WP)
Half-forwards:	Philippe(WP)	JACKSON (SF)	Vanderfeen (SF) *
Forwards:	Cooke (WP)	FRAZER (WP)	Newland (EF)
Ruck:	Hindson (EP)	REA (WP)	Wilson (P)
Reserves:	ALVES (S)	Nolan (EP)	

THE ROOKIES

Backs:	GIBBS (WP)	HOLDEN (WP)	FITZGERALD (SD)
Half-backs:	O'ROURKE (SD)	OVERHUE (EF)	G. ROGERS (EF)
Centres:	SHEPHERD (P)	STASINOWSKY(WP)	WILLIAMS (EP)
Half-forwards:	I. WILLIAMS(SD)	MONTGOMERY(P)	S. MALAXOS (C)
Forwards:	G. CARTER (EF)	W. SIMMS (P)	NISBETT (EP)
Ruck:	TURNER (P)	BUCKENARA (S)	KIMBERLEY (P)
Reserves:	JACKMAN (S)	O'LOUGHLIN (S)	



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EDITORIAL

The forgotten era



In last week's edition of this newspaper, our columnist Dave Clement pointed out discrepancies in the re-enactment of the Victorians v Rovers match at Lathlain Park.

While this paper applauded the Perth Football club for the manner in which this unique promotion was staged (and in fact gave the event wider coverage than any other newspaper) it remains a concern that yet another facet in our game's history has been improperly recorded.

The fact that the Perth Football club believes that the club's birth was evolved from completely different circumstances than research shows is only one instance of the muddled picture portrayed of the childhood of West Australian football.

One of the most disturbing facets in the recorded history of football in this State is the "mix-up" of early premiers.

The official WANFL premiership list, we believe, contains six errors in the recording of premiership sides between 1885 and 1891.

Clement, who pointed out the variations of fact in the Victorians-Rovers re-enactment, has done more research into the early history of West Australian football than any other person. Over the past 20 years he has spent countless hours researching microfilm of early WA newspapers at the State Library.

The evidence he has, for instance, of the early premiership variations is indisputable.

The league hierarchy studied his evidence on the premiership muddle more than a decade ago and a decision was shelved.

For many years the heritage of our game took back-seat importance with our administrators. The publication this year of the book "Football 150" saw a welcome change, though it only briefly touched on that uncertain era before the turn of the century.

In six years time, WA football will celebrate its 100th birthday. In that year there will no doubt be a great deal of fuss about achieving such a memorable milestone.

Most organisations and sporting bodies which reach such a momentous stage in their life find it an ideal time to reflect on their beginnings.

Unless the league directors act shortly to ensure that those early years are "re-discovered", there are sure to be many red faces when the centenary era celebrations are held in 1985.

What better monument could we dedicate to the founders of our game than their efforts be recognised in some form of literary works that could be preserved through the generations to come.

— Peter Poat, publisher

Time to call in the stewards



By ALAN EAST

Stewards are usually reserved for the four-legged sports — but maybe it is time to resurrect the idea in football!

The erratic form of several teams in recent weeks must be giving the football gamblers a mild form of migraine. Just take the last two weeks, for example.

Swan Districts struggled to reach a tally of 12.17 against Claremont; Subiaco had their highest score for many a game even though they lost to South Fremantle and West Perth were trounced by a brilliant-looking Perth.

So, a week later, we have Claremont floundering against South; Subiaco battling to kick a meagre four goals against Swans; West Perth jumping out of the ground to bowl over East Fremantle — the league's early trendsetters — and Perth looking very ordinary against East Perth.

To try and work out some form of consistency is a hopeless task.

against Claremont and any of about four could have deserved best-on-ground honours, depending on how you viewed the game.

WESTSIDE RATINGS (page 11) for example had six players rated on seven or eight and a further eight earning six votes — usually enough to get into a team's best.

Souths figure in another game-of-the-round this week when they travel to Perth Oval for a clash with East Perth, who are arguably the next best team in the competition.

However, this clash may not really be the guide that we are seeking to the relevant qualities of these two powerhouse teams. East Perth will be lining up for their third game in seven days and who can tell what effect their Hawthorn clash on Tuesday night will have on their Saturday performance.



Graham Campbell . . . quite emphatic about the result of the game against East Fremantle.

All that we can hope for is that the unpredictability of our great game continues to confuse and bewilder, but also to amuse and entertain as the fight for top-four positions changes shape every week.

Claremont's five-game winning run was brought to a disappointing end — and they could not use the Fremantle Oval venue as an excuse as the record book shows that Claremont have done well down the port in recent times.

It was a sad-looking Graham Moss who limped his way out of Fremantle Oval last Saturday evening, with the gloom of the weather matching his own feelings as he wondered what had gone wrong with his young, enthusiastic side.

The genuine, four-quarter contributors were very scarce among the Claremont ranks. It would not be fair to name the poor performers in case one or two were overlooked. But it is fair to name the triers and they were led by a Graham Moss who never knows when to give in; a Ken Hunter, who has undoubted courage and determination; a hard-working Barry Beecroft; a talented Robbie Melville, never-give-in performances by Lindsay Kanther and Peter Ivanoff . . . and that's about the lot.

South Fremantle are unquestionably WA's most accomplished football combination at present.

Any of about 12 players could have figured in their best six last Saturday

Three weeks ago, when West Perth took the challenge right up to Claremont before losing by three goals, the critics said that the Cardinals could be competitive. Then they floundered against Perth, but atoned with their brilliant win over East Fremantle.

The question to be answered now is can West Perth go on with things and match skills with a Swan Districts side that still threatens to snatch a top four place.

The other side of the coin sees a big question mark hanging over East Fremantle, winners of five straight in the opening round. Victory against Perth this week would stem the criticism; but a loss would put them out of the four — only four weeks after they were sitting pretty on top of the table.

SELECTIONS

BULLDOGS

OLD EASTS

SWANS

TIGERS

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 16.12 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 7.10 d North Melbourne 6.14	VFL Park	Night
SEMI FINALS				
20	Tuesday, June 5	Collingwood 17.14 d Fitzroy 5.19	VFL Park	Night
21	Tuesday, June 19	Hawthorn 9.13 (67) b East Perth 4.7 (31)	VFL Park	Night
GRAND FINAL				
22	Tuesday, June 26	Collingwood v Hawthorn	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

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

STILES TURNS SELECTOR

Have you ever thought about the team we could come up with if we selected it from the media involved in football on weekends? This is my side: —

BACKS: Allan Stiles
HALF-BACKS: Kevin Murray
CENTRES: John Todd
HALF-FORWARDS: Frank Sparrow
FORWARDS: Keith Slater
FIRST RUCK: Graham Farmer
SECOND RUCK: Slater
INTERCHANGE: Bob Shields
CAPTAIN-COACH: Graham Farmer

John K. Watts
Marty McDonnell
Mick Cronin
Mal Brown
Wayne Harvey
John Dethridge
Sarich
Les Mumme

Bill Dempsey
Jack Sweet
Graham Campbell
Eric Sarich
Steve Marsh
Barry Cable
Marsh



Graham Farmer



Kevin Murray

Every player named in this side has represented either Western Australia or Victoria at one time during their career.

In the team there are three Tassie Medallists (Mick Cronin, Graham Farmer, Barry Cable); five Sandover Medal winners — (Steve Marsh, John Todd, Graham Farmer (2), Barry Cable (3), Mal Brown); and eight Simpson Medallists (Barry Cable (4), Graham Farmer (4) Steve Marsh, Kevin Murray, Keith Slater, Allan Stiles, Bill Dempsey and John K. Watts).

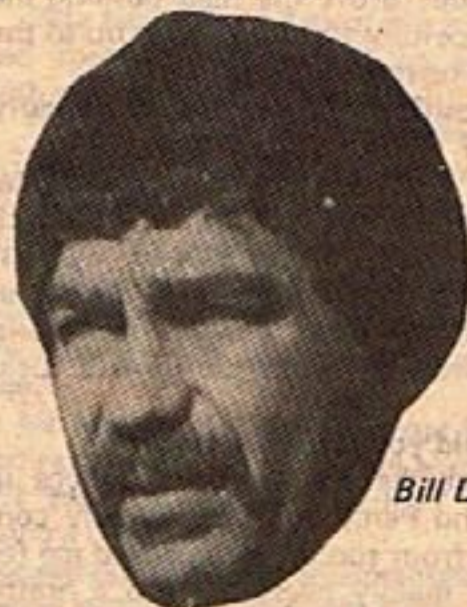
When selecting a team such as this, I now know how State selectors feel. But one could not go past the ruck and roving combination of Farmer, Slater, Cable, Marsh, although Mumme and Joe Fanchi are hard to leave out of the first 18.

Harvey picks himself as full-forward as does Brown at centre-half-forward.

The centreline was hard to pick, with the exception of Todd. Sparrow made his mark as a top centreman as did Cronin, but I lent towards Cronin because of his performance in State football, (Tassie Medallist) and placed Sparrow on a half-forward-flank.

I went for Campbell on the other wing as he had some experience in this position and feel that he would be more capable of adapting than say, Fanchi or John Vukman or Rowley Daw.

The half-back-line picks itself and I picked McDonnell to play at centre-half-



Bill Dempsey



Mick Cronin



Guest
Columnist

ALLAN
STILES



Marty McDonnell



John Todd

back rather than Sweet, mainly because McDonnell's 246 games for Footscray and Victoria were played in this position. Sweet was a more versatile player and could be slotted into numerous positions.

Dempsey took the position of back-pocket ahead of John O'Connell and Percy Johnson as I feel he had better judgment of reading the play. One can still remember the numerous high marks he used to take in the back-line to help settle down either West Perth or his State under extreme pressure.

Wattsie received the full-back-position ahead of Colin Beard. I feel that Beard did better with his football career playing in the back pocket than when playing full-back for Richmond — he was also considered for Dempsey's position.

Picking myself to guard the rovers was not a biased selection!

I rang around to a few old heads who have been in football for a long time and was given the nod.

The hardest position to select was the ruck-roving roles, but in the long run I lent towards Dethridge to interchange with Sarich.

Shields picks himself as an interchangeable player as he can play in numerous positions on the ground and I lent towards Mumme as he never played a bad State game and if necessary could go into a roving position, with Cable playing on the wing.



Bob Shields

There are 11 players who have coached or are still coaching a league side, but in the long run I selected Farmer.

This was the hardest task of all and once again I had to utilise the experience of the old heads in football.

From the players not selected, I have come up with another side which I feel would certainly give the No. 1 team a run for its money.

They also had a Simpson Medallist in Tony Parentich and I have selected Percy Johnson to be captain-coach.

BACKS: John Rogers
HALF-BACKS: Arthur Marshall
CENTRES: John Vukman
HALF-FORWARDS: Neil Garland
FORWARDS: Percy Johnson
FIRST RUCK: John O'Connell
SECOND RUCK: Johnson
INTERCHANGE: Phil Mulcahy

Colin Beard
Bob Hicks
Tony Parentich
David Dyson
Dennis Cometti
Bob Miller
Burns

Laurie Nugent
Ray Lawrence
Rowley Daw
Robbie Burns
Oscar Howard
Joe Fanchi
Howard

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THE NON-FOOTBALLERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: —How about those members of the Media who failed to get a guernsey? Maybe they can fill in as off-field workers, such as:

Team manager — Michael Throssell

Statistician — Ken Casellas

Physical fitness advisers — Geoffrey Christian, Alan McIntosh.

Coaching adviser — Bob Cribb

Team runners — Colin Hopkins, Peter Sweeney.

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Old hero brought Hayes back to Royals

When an Irishman is converted from soccer to become an outstanding Australian rules footballer, you must expect a few fireworks along the line.

John Hayes, a veteran of nearly 200 games with three clubs in two States, is a very talented player; one who has succeeded in many roles, either defence, attack or on the ball.

He has served many different masters, but is currently enjoying probably the best form of his career under a person who ranked high on his list of idols when he was just learning the game . . . Barry Cable.

John Hayes talks to ALAN EAST about his football life.

In your early years you were always regarded as a pretty volatile and fiery sort of character. Have you changed a little in recent years?

Obviously as you get older you get more mature. But I think people labelled me early on as a volatile character simply because I always spoke my mind and looked after myself. But I've always believed that you have to look after yourself and if it upsets people, then that's tough.

Your fiery temper got you into a bit of bother early on didn't it?

Yes, for sure. At one stage at East Perth I thought I was a committeeman I was in the committee room so much. But I forget those things pretty easy and I just worry about the next game that comes along. I'm glad I'm back at East Perth now and I'm pleased about the way I've been accepted back and I hope I'm contributing something to the club that helped me start off.

You have travelled a fair bit in the last few years. What took you back to East Perth?

Barry Cable, it's as simple as that. I wouldn't have gone back if he wasn't there. I've always looked up to him as a player. He had more ability than any other player I've ever seen, maybe along with Billy Walker.

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Name: John Hayes
Born: County Cork, Ireland. 24.2.51
Height: 6ft 1in (1.85m)
Weight: 12st 7lb (80kg)
Lives at: Hamersley
Married: Yes
Wife's name: Margaret
Children: Samantha (8) and Belinda (1).
Occupation: Sales Rep. Pacific Film Laboratories.
Football honours: Runner-up fairest and best East Perth 1973.
Came from: De La Salle, College.
Favourite food: Stew!
Favourite drink: Coke
Hobbies and relaxation: Sport mainly and golf specially.
Football likes: People you meet.
Football dislikes: Unfair criticism by critics.
Idols in football: Barry Cable and Bill Walker; because they just had so much skill.
Hard things in football: Training harder.
Ambitions: To play 150 with East Perth.
Nickname: Irish.
Guernsey No. 12.
Why? Always had that number.
League debut: 1969 East Perth.
Games played: 123 East Perth; 39 Claremont; 11 West Adelaide.



The Hayes family at home John Hayes and his wife Margaret with children Samantha (left) and Belinda.

Your stay at Claremont was rather short and you finished up having a few problems there, didn't you?

I had my problems there. But they were personal problems, nothing to do with the club. I thoroughly enjoyed my two years there and on reflection I think they were probably two of the happiest years of my life. They are a tremendous club. But I had some personal problems with a few committeemen, so I approached East Perth. I had a long talk with Barry Cable and he impressed me. If I hadn't gone back to East Perth I probably would have retired.

When you went back to East Perth there were a few critics around who doubted your value to the club at that stage of your career.

Well, I tend to disagree with that. The years I had at Claremont were good years. But obviously when you are playing in a bottom side, a side that's always getting beaten, the media tend to look at the good players in the other side. In my second year at Claremont I finished third to Graham Moss and Ken Hunter in the fairest and best, which is no mean feat considering how good those two players are. In my first year I think I finished sixth or seventh in their voting. Considering that I had had five operations on my knee I thought it was a good effort, but obviously the knee lacked strength and I had lost a yard of pace and that contributed to people saying that I wasn't as valuable as I was at East Perth before.

You started off slowly back at East Perth last year, but by the end of the season you were a key player.

Going back from Claremont to East Perth was a different style of play, a lot quicker and training was harder. I found it very hard to pick the pace up again. I was just starting to find my feet and I hurt my shoulder. When I came back, Cables put me in a back pocket and that move was pro-

bably the biggest contributing factor to the way I'm playing now. The ball is coming to you and you can read the play. After being on the ball for 10 years or so I found reading the play pretty easy and it gave me a lot of confidence.

Now you are playing well enough to hold down key positions like full-back?

Well I think I'm fitter than I have been for a long time. When I went back to East Perth, Cables was on about me not being fit. He reckoned I should have always been a key position player and he kept on at me; he just about drove me mad pushing me on, but hopefully I'm now living up to the confidence he had in me.

What position did you play your early football in?

When I first went to East Perth, Mal Brown wanted me to play at full-back strangely enough. I had played my first game the year before under Jack Sheedy as a half-back, but when I didn't succeed in defence, Brownie broke me in as a ruck-rover.

Where did you learn the game?

I was at the De La Salle College in Midland and Percy Johnson actually converted me from soccer. He coached me for five years, mainly because I was a pretty big kid and they needed a ruckman, so he taught me the art of ruck work at school. I was only 13 then and when I went down to Swans later on I was a pretty volatile sort of kid. I'd been reported a few times and I don't think Swans were that interested, so Percy introduced me to Hec Stremple.

Have you ever been reported in your league career?

No, never.

What about your time in South Australia. Did that benefit your football?

The reason I went was for money. I was recently married and I wasn't really going anywhere. East Perth couldn't match or

even get close to the offer I'd received from Victoria or South Australia. I was chasing a quid at that time so I went to West Adelaide because that was the best offer I received. On the field, I did better over there than people credit me with. People are of the wrong opinion about South Australian football. When I was over there we didn't hear anything about WA football. We didn't know who was winning and so forth and I was surprised to hear, for example, that Alan Quartermaine won the Sandover Medal. So when I come back here people say I played like a crab over there. How do they know that? I played 10 games and I was in the club's best players seven times and best-on-ground three times. . . . and I had those five operations on my knee in the 9½ months I was there.

Injuries have plagued your recent career, haven't they?

Well, they started when I left East Perth. I did my knee in during that first year in South Australia, 1975 it was. I had done all the pre-season work at West Adelaide. But then in the first game I played I suffered a broken bone in my hand and missed a couple of games. When I came back from that the injuries started. I don't really know when I did the knee in. I was under treatment for so long with it. It was a cartilage and wasn't diagnosed properly first time. It troubled me for most of the season and eventually they took it out half-way through the year. When I got to Claremont in 1976 I missed the first five games with the knee and then when I went back to East Perth I suffered a shoulder injury and missed seven games mid-season.

What about your future?

Well, I'm looking at next year again, mainly because I can get to 150 games and to get life membership at East Perth would be tremendous. I'll take it year by year after that.

DAVE CLEMENT



ORIGIN OF BEHINDS

One confusing term in football is the word 'behind', one behind equals one point, a point is the equivalent of one behind.

What's the difference? How did it all start, is the query put to me almost every year.

Originally only goals counted, they could be kicked, rushed or carried through the goal posts.

Later the rules were changed so that goals could only be scored as a result of a direct kick from the foot or that portion of the leg below the knee. If the ball was touched in transit no score would result.

As many shots were taken for goals from an angle and missed scoring, the terms originated, 'outside the post' or 'behind the post' whichever the case may have been.

It was inevitable that the disappointed losers would comment on their bad luck that so many shots went 'outside the post' or 'behind the post' otherwise they could have won.

As time elapsed 'behind the post' was the accepted term, later to be shortened to simply a BEHIND.

Eventually scorers started to record the number of misses as behinds although they had no scoring value. Ovals did not have behind posts and a shot could miss by any number of yards but was still counted as a missed shot or behind.

These missed shots or behinds have been recorded on official records during the years.

In 1878 the 'Argus' reported Northcote put the ball nine times behind the posts but never between them.

Some results in WA that illustrate how behinds did not count are: 1886 Victorians 0.15 Drew Fremantle 0.4

1891 West Perth 4.5 Defeated Centrals 3.12

1897 West Perth 4.12 Drew Fremantle 4.3
1886 Rovers 2.2 Defeated Unions 18 behinds

The scores of the very first interstate game in 1879 show Victoria 7.14 to South Australia 0.3 yet it was another eighteen years before a behind was worth a point.

In 1897 Victoria and South Australia changed the method of scoring to include behinds as an official score with value.

WA followed suit a year later.

In 1922 a printers strike took place in Perth, from August 22 to September 23 there was no daily papers. To make matters worse for the W.A.N.F.L. the last qualifying round and four finals were played during this period with no prematch publicity.

I'll bet Peter Bowler the league general manager would shudder at the thought of a similar happening today.

If the striking printers of 1922 didn't give the league a headache then the two Fremantle clubs did. East and South, backed up by the Fremantle Businessmen's Association protested because no finals were played at Fremantle.

In the semi-finals East Fremantle lost to West Perth and South Fremantle beat East Perth, with South Fremantle meeting West Perth in the final. Perhaps that explains why no finals were allocated to Fremantle Oval.

Then the two Fremantle clubs caused a stir by announcing they were going to withdraw from the league and start their own competition, fortunately wise counsel prevailed and all was forgotten by the start of the 1923 season.

Subi remind Todd of old nightmares

There was one person at least who knew how Subiaco coach Peter Burton felt as his side was thrashed by Swan Districts last Saturday — rival coach John Todd.

The slump that Subiaco are going through brought back nightmarish memories to Todd, who has had to survive two seasons with a Swans side that often suffered similar beatings.

Todd vividly recalls the low point in his coaching career as Swans managed to win only four games in 1978 and three in 1977.

"When I looked at Subiaco's plight on Saturday, I knew that I could never go through it again," said Todd.

"On paper, their side looked good. But they just can't put it together. I certainly know how Peter Burton feels."

The immediate future for Subiaco certainly looks bleak, but Todd — even though he is coaching a rival club — can possibly be an example to Burton and his Subiaco assistants.

Swans are not yet back in the top four; but their perseverance with youth and their belief in Todd as a coach is starting to pay off and they are enjoying a much more competitive season.

When Todd first took up the reins at Swan Districts there were quite a few senior players who just did not contribute as much as he required. Gradually they left the club and youngsters came up to take their place.

Seven victories in two years was not easy to swallow . . . but they are only one short of that target in this year's programme and the season is just half a year old.

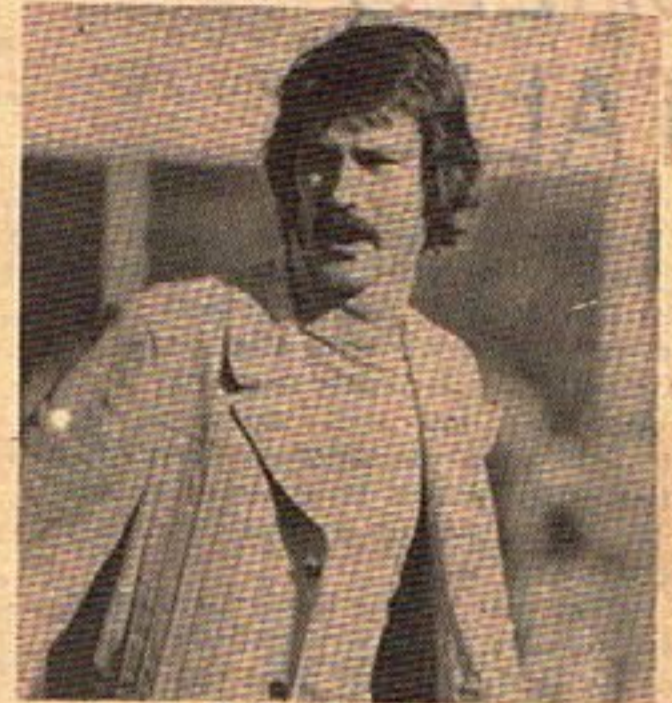


JOHN TODD

"The Subiaco people just have to keep hanging on in there," says Todd.

"It seems like a never-ending challenge. I don't want to comment on the quality of the Subiaco players. But they definitely have to persevere with their younger players. You can be surprised how well some players will respond when they are given responsibility . . . and that builds up their confidence."

"I don't think clubs can get out of such



PETER BURTON

situations by buying players from the Eastern States. I'm glad Swans stuck to their decision to make it a three or four-year plan to develop their own talent.

"But I do think a full-time coach is an essential step. I believe it was a turning point at Swans when they appointed me full-time as it gave me the time to get around and have a good look at the players in our district. It meant that if I wanted something specific done in the coaching sphere I would do it myself. It enables me to spend more time with the players and if there were any problems, then I knew about them first."

One of the innovations Todd took to Swans was the distribution of club jumpers to juniors particularly in country areas.

"When I first went to country zones you would seldom see a black and white jumper," Todd said.


"There was no feeling about the club among the kids — and that was bad. So we started handing jumpers out at coaching clinics and special gatherings of juniors and now you go back to those areas and there is a feeling that they are identified with Swans."

"I don't know whether Subiaco have that same problem or not, but you have to get into your district and cultivate interest in the club. It costs money, but it certainly has been money well spent at Swans."

"Subiaco certainly face many frustrating weeks, but they have to develop a three or four-year plan — and stick to it."

"You cannot give in and take off in another direction just because it doesn't seem to work straight away. You have to adopt a straight-line policy and stick to it. You can leave occasionally just to get a player or something, but always come back to your policy. Don't duck and weave all over the place."

"I believe that Subiaco can get out of their present playing predicament. But it will be long and hard . . . I know, because that's what we have had to survive at Swans."



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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.

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WESTS WERE PSYCHED UP BY SALES TALK

SANFL

Salesmanship has arrived in football... Bottom side West Adelaide trounced West Torrens by 47 points last week... and the surprise win came after a total of 13 minutes of high-pitched sales talk.

Australia's top sales motivator, Ed Litchfield — the man nationally famous for lifting ailing business firms out of trouble — has been signed up by West Adelaide's sponsor, Ken Eustice.

He has been on the inside for three of West Adelaide's games — and they have won two and drawn the other one to give them their only premiership points for the season.

Mr Litchfield pours his sales spell into the players, psyching them to believe in themselves, urging them to completely forget the opposition and to be positive in everything they do.

Mr Litchfield, who was also used successfully by South Fremantle coach Mal Brown, was flown in to Adelaide from Sydney especially for Saturday's match... and on his results, it could become a regular trip.

Neil Hawke, one of Australia's outstanding all-round sportsmen, is keen to take on a coaching role in league football.

The former Adelaide man has represented both WA and SA at football and cricket and has also played Test cricket for Australia.

He is currently living in Nelson, Lancashire, where he is a successful business consultant in the hotel and club amenities sphere.

The 40-year-old Hawke wants to return to SA next year and is on the lookout for a coaching job.

"Players will have to be prepared, mentally and physically, to run and keep running all day if they are to match the West Australians on the big Subiaco Oval."

That was the comment this week from

leading SA football coach and commentator, Bob Hammond, when he was speculating on SA's hopes of beating WA on July 7.

Hammond believes that the SA selectors will have learnt some valuable lessons from their thrashing at the hands of Victoria recently.

He believes the selectors will have a closer look at the fitness of some players and he wants to see South Adelaide captain Geoff Baynes added to the squad.

Baynes has leadership qualities and tremendous ability as a player — and even though he has helped Souths get to the top of the table, he cannot make the squad of 30 players.

Hammond has also called for a reversal of thinking on the use of big ruckman Rick Davies, who seems destined to play at centre-half-forward.

"Davies is a potential match-winner in our ruck and he must be used where we get first use of the ball," says Hammond.

South Australian football has certainly benefitted by the forced return of big ruckman Dexter Kennedy from Victoria.

The high-flying West Adelaide star has not only given his ailing club a new lease of life — as illustrated by their surprise win over West Torrens last week — but he has also added strength to the State squad.

The State selectors rushed Kennedy straight into the squad soon after his return to Adelaide, brought about because of West Adelaide's continued refusal to grant him a clearance to South Melbourne.

Kennedy has only played two club games, but his form was first-class and he seems certain to win a place in the South Australian side to meet WA at Subiaco Oval on July 7.

Sturt, runner-up in the SANFL last year, are having a bad run with injuries and are really struggling in the bottom half of the table.

They dropped their seventh game of the season to Port Adelaide and suffered a further setback when wingman Tony Burgan received a broken jaw — from a kick in the face by a horse — just as he was recovering from a knee injury.

STAN SHOWS HOW

TOUGH

HE IS

Collingwood's rugged little defender Stan Magro is really showing the Victorian football fans just how tough some West Australians can be.

Stan (the man) is proving to be one of the hardest-hitting players in the VFL; he has an insatiable appetite for throwing himself into packs and his sheer physical strength is proving a bonus for Collingwood.

Magro's size belies his physical attributes and few players come off better than him when they are involved in head-to-head activity.

Ask Carlton captain-coach Alex Jesaulenko, the recipient of one of the best rib-shaking shirt-fronts seen in Victoria for years.

Magro committed almost the unforgivable when he ironed out Jessa in front of 46,000 fans at Collingwood's Princes Park.

The Carlton crowd howled in protest, Magro shook the dust off himself and Jesaulenko left the field on a stretcher.



Stan Magro

As if that wasn't enough, Magro flattened tiny rover Alex Marcou in the last quarter and precipitated an all-in brawl that saw four players reported. Magro walked from the incident shaken, but with his record intact.

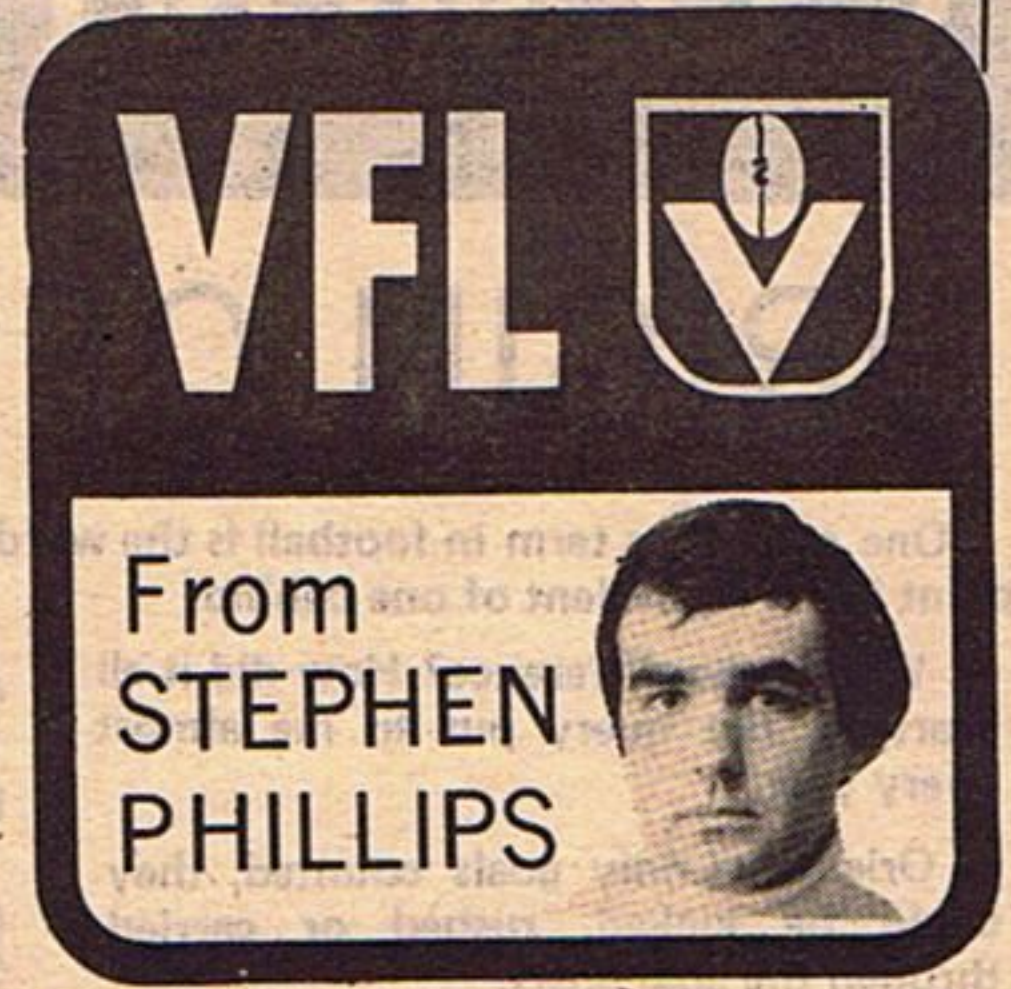
Not so lucky was his Collingwood and former West Australian team-mate Kevin Worthington, who ended up with a two-week suspension for belting Carlton's Mike Fitzpatrick.

The incident had a real WA flavour. As Magro stood over the prone body of Marcou, Fitzpatrick slammed him to the ground. Worthington then raced in and struck the former Subiaco ruckman to the side of the face.

Seconds later Bruce Doull was reported on a striking charge and Phil Manassa was reported on charges of misconduct and striking Doull.

Doull playing his 200th game was outed for a fortnight, Manassa escaped with a reprimand and another Blue, Greg Towns, was cleared.

And Jessa? He was taken to hospital and didn't know the Blues had won until 6pm. He immediately asked to be released so he could go to another hospital across town. His wife Anne had given birth



to a daughter, Kate Louise, on Thursday and she had been worrying about his condition.

Graham Campbell must be regretting his decision to leave Fitzroy as coach and return to WA.

The team he built last year has had enormous success this season and they are aiming at their eighth win in a row. Fitzroy are now in third place on the VFL ladder behind Carlton and North Melbourne.

Last season Fitzroy were unlucky to lose a string of close games by a kick or less and they could have sneaked into the finals with a shade of luck.

This season, with virtually the same lineup, the Lions have slaughtered every team in the five, except Carlton.

A broken jaw has ended Terry Daniher's hopes of winning the VFL goalkicking this year — and has placed Essendon's finals chances in jeopardy.

Daniher, best on the ground for Victoria in Adelaide last month, collided with South's Neville Fields in the match at Windy Hill.

Ironically, Fields was the man Essendon traded to South for Daniher last year.

Daniher has broken his jaw in two places and the medical opinion says he will be out for 10-12 weeks. But that didn't stop the rugged young forward from walking out of hospital the other night and heading for the club gym.

To everyone's amazement, Daniher proceeded to go through his regular workout with his head bandaged and his jaw wired.

Daniher, 21, was the outstanding find for Essendon this season.

He was equal leading goalkicker and had booted 43 goals this season.

What is a Victorian guernsey worth these days?

That was the question asked after the VFL selected the squad that thrashed Tasmania in Hobart on Monday.

The selectors chose 24 players from only five clubs and arranged to use six inter-change men.

Fitzroy, provided only four players — Ron Alexander, Garry Wilson, Graham Allan and Bernie Quinlan — while Collingwood and struggling Geelong will have 15 players between them in Hobart.

Hawthorn were excused from sending players for the match as they played East Perth on Tuesday night in the Escort championship semi-final.

The only person not impressed with the success of the VFL's venture in Sydney was Hawthorn's captain Don Scott.

Scott told Sporting Globe editor Greg Hobbs: "It's... house. It upsets your whole routine."

"The last meal I had was at 7 am before the game. It upsets your whole system. When you play in Melbourne you have certain procedures to follow."

"I suppose playing in Sydney is good for the game but I wonder if that was the real reason we went up there. I think it was mercenary," Scott said bluntly.

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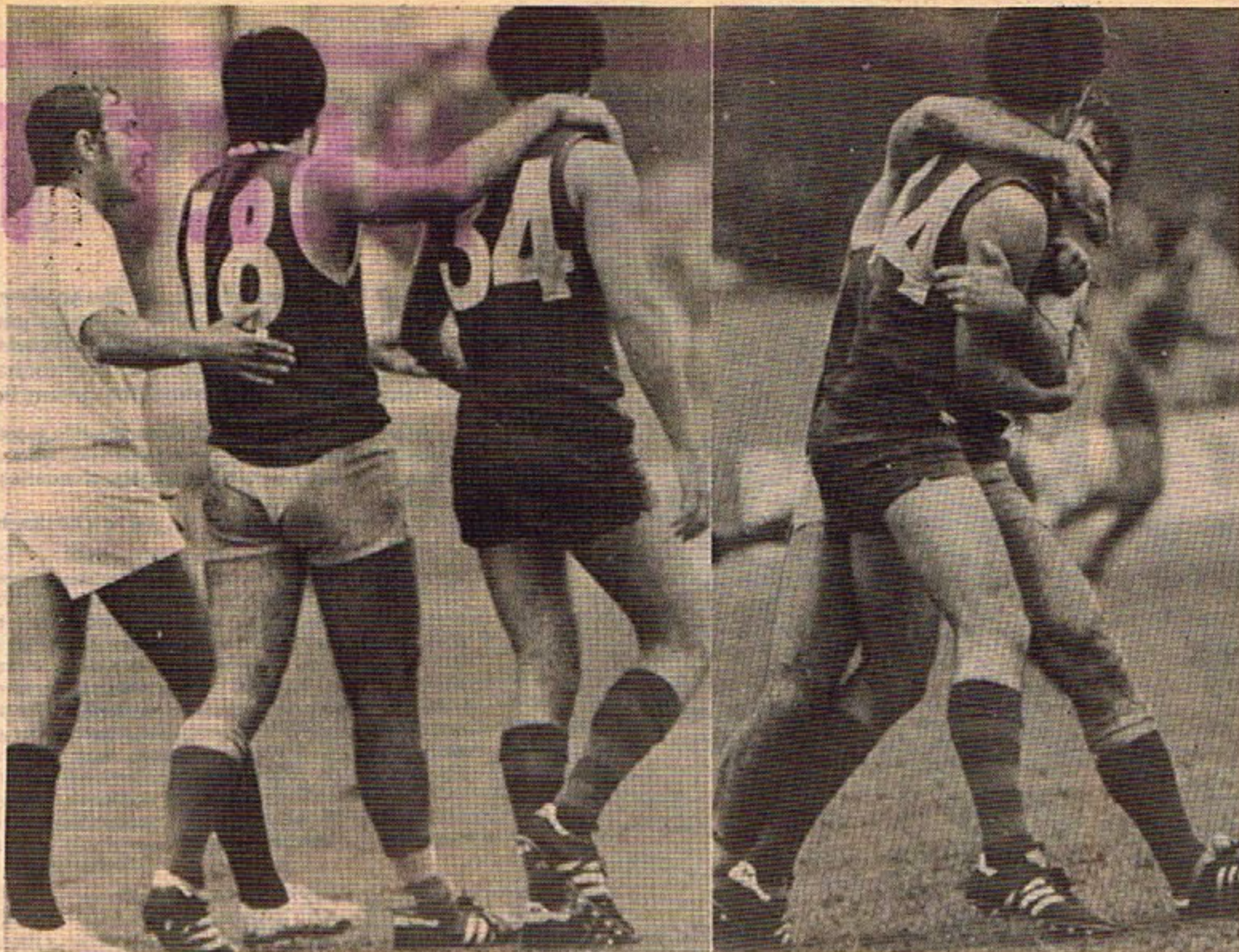
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All friends in love and war . . . umpire John Morris, East Fremantle's Gary Diver and West Perth newcomer Shane Fitzsimmons.

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. . . . but it wasn't always like that. Fitzsimmons and Diver aren't too friendly here.

Test your knowledge

Mr V.B. Jeffrey, of Pimlott Street, Dianella won a dinner for two at the Taurus Restaurant in Como as winner of the Westside football quiz conducted in our June 9 issue.

The Taurus Restaurant, in Como, is going into the take-away foods business and our Test Your Knowledge winners each week can take advantage of this new service.

Mine Host Neil Stewart will provide a \$10 voucher on the take-away section for the winner of our contest each week.

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Entries close on the Friday following publication of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL and the winner is announced in the following week's issue.

1. Name the two brothers who played 446 league games between them?
2. Who was the last West Perth player to win a Sandover Medal?
3. Did former West Perth centreman Don Marinko captain another league side?
4. Name the two men who coached East Fremantle in the year 1967?
5. When did East Perth last finish on the bottom of the table?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. Twice - 1935 when Lou Daily (S) and George Krepp tied on 25 and 1967 when John Parkinson (C) and Bill Walker (SD) tied on 19.
2. Jerry Dolan and John Leonard. Dolan coached East Fremantle to the flag in 1930, 1933 and then East Perth in 1936. Leonard took West Perth premiers in 1934 and 1935 and then coached Claremont to a premiership in 1938, 1939 and 1940.
3. Robin Farmer (C); Mick George (EP), Jim McLinden (SF), Trevor Preston (S) and Len Harman (WP)
4. Jim Gosnell. He won in 1924 and was runner-up to George Owens in 1925 and John Leonard in 1926.
5. John Leonard. After his 1926 victory he was runner-up to Jim Craig and Jack Rocchi.

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

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GARY'S GOSSIP



BY GARY CARVOLTH

Wasn't it good to see Mal Brown on Seven's World of Football last week. Brownie starred, along with Subiaco captain Brian Douge, in a special feature on arm wrestling. Frank Lamp is the State organiser of this unique contest, which is open to all and sundry. Heats will be conducted at Swans Hotels and leading shopping centres. All proceeds will benefit Muscular Dystrophy research in this State.

Talking about Brownie we hear plenty about the alleged silly things that he does. But I can tell you that he is always the first to volunteer when it comes to helping the underprivileged, especially children. He's not doing a bad job as coach of South Fremantle and the Bulldogs under Brown's guidance are really firing so far this season.

The South Australian National Football League conducted a special promotion last weekend where all children were admitted free to any of their league grounds to celebrate "The Year of the Child". I know the WANFL recently organised free admission to children wearing club jumpers bearing the official league emblem. However, I hope we take a leaf out of South Australia's book and give some serious thought to giving all children the opportunity of seeing our footy free in the not too distant future. Apart from being a tremendous public relations exercise, it would enable kids from all areas the opportunity to join in a special celebration weekend.

My prediction that Garry Sidebottom could play (on lease) for his old club, Swan Districts this season looks like coming true. John Cooper and Bill Walker have spoken to St Kilda and the only hitch in the deal could be whether Garry really wants to come back to Perth or not. He is enjoying his football and his job in Melbourne. Either way, congratulations to Swan Districts who are emerging as not only a football power of the future, but their "off field" activities are highly professional too.

Talking about Swan Districts, hasn't John Todd really blossomed as a coach and general football personality? Some critics used to say that John had a "chip on his shoulder". Well I have had the opportunity to really get to know John Todd over the past few years and to my mind he is second to none as a coach and football brains trust. He was also the most talented footballer that I ever saw. Todd possessed all the skills of our game. Incidentally, John will be giving an hour or two of his time this week to coach children. Where? In the Subiaco District - Woodlands under 9's. Thank you Toddie, those of us who live in the 'Subi' district appreciate your gesture and sportsmanship.

I know it sounds too good to be true, but believe me, according to my most informed spies, there is a strong possibility that Peter Knights, the Hawthorn superstar, could be playing in our WANFL competition next season. Hawthorn are not renowned for paying their players a lot of money and I believe there is a lot of dollars waiting here in the West for Knights - especially down South Fremantle way.

In conclusion, there is my rumour of the week. I believe the Wanneroo Football Club have extended an invitation to Mick Cronin to be their special guest of their next home game!!!



WESTSIDE WIZZARD

WESTSIDE WIZZARD, our popular quiz king, awards a double pass to selected feature at City Theatres or Line Drive-ins for every query he publishes.

Three queries are published each week and apart from all the writers receiving double theatre tickets, anyone who stumps the Wizzard will receive a \$2 lottery ticket.

Richard Camm, Manning Street, Mosman Park asks:

Who was the first person to have coached three league clubs in Western Australia?

Jack Leckie who coached WA to victory in the 1921 Carnival coached Subiaco in 1915, West Perth in 1914 and Perth in 1930.

R. Gendle, Gowther Street, Leeming, asks:

The East Perth team that played Perth and South Fremantle this season had in it five Sandover Medallists (Cable, Miller, Kelly, Quartermaine and Spencer). Is this the record for the most number of Sandover Medallists playing for one club at any one time?

Yes, the previous best was the West Perth half back line of Boyd, Craig and Gosnells.

K. Guy, Hollett Road, Hampton Park, asks:

What year did Perth play their last game on the WACA ground and who were their opponents?

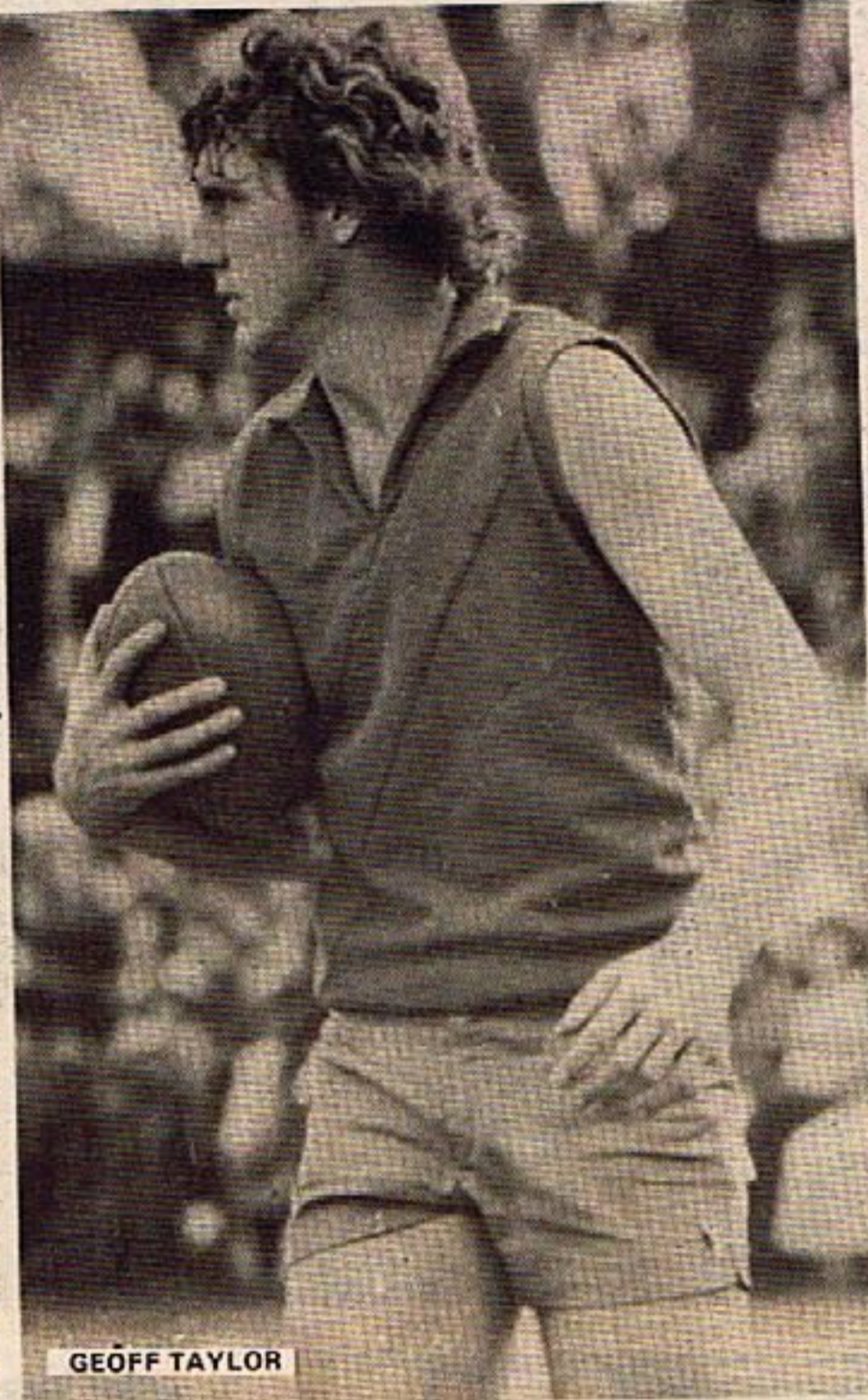
Their last match at the WACA was on September 6, 1958, when they went down to West Perth 19.11 to 15.14.

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NOEL CARTER



GEOFF TAYLOR

Football has many leaders the coaches, . . . All play their part in the game, its promotions . . . But the captains are one group of leaders who . . . Captains play an important role, despite the . . . on-field leader, the inspiration, the guiding light

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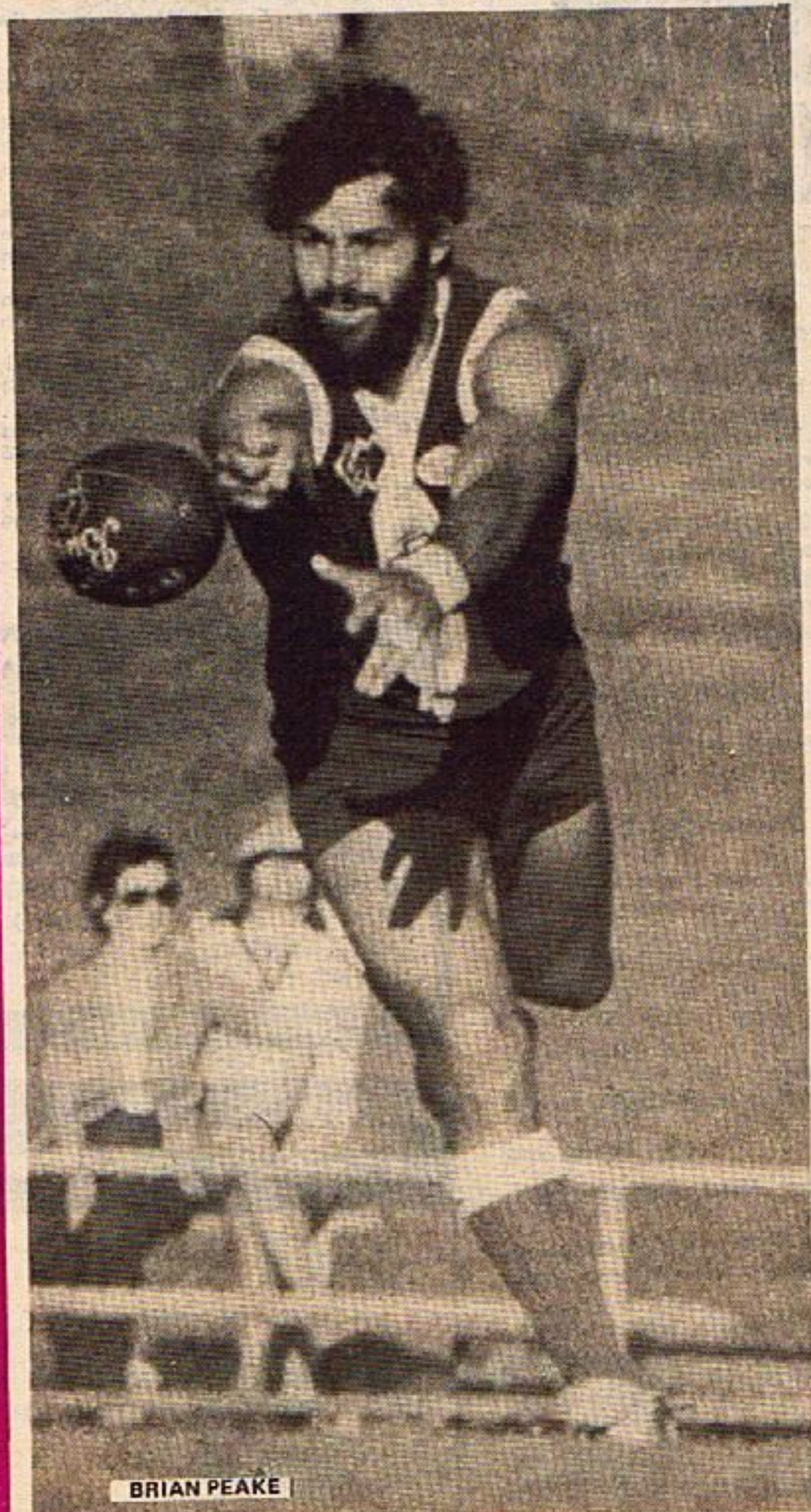
Who are today's coaches . . . and how do they ha

BRIAN DOUGE is a captain who serves by example. A former coach of Subiaco, he stayed on at the club under new coach Peter Burton this season and was the obvious choice as the man to lead them on field. The 27-year-old former Hawthorn star is a perfectionist, both on and off the field. He never stops trying his hardest and his fearless brand of football is something that Burton wants most of his young charges to learn. Douge takes his role seriously; he believes that he can still contribute to Subiaco's development and he works hard out on the field to encourage the younger players.

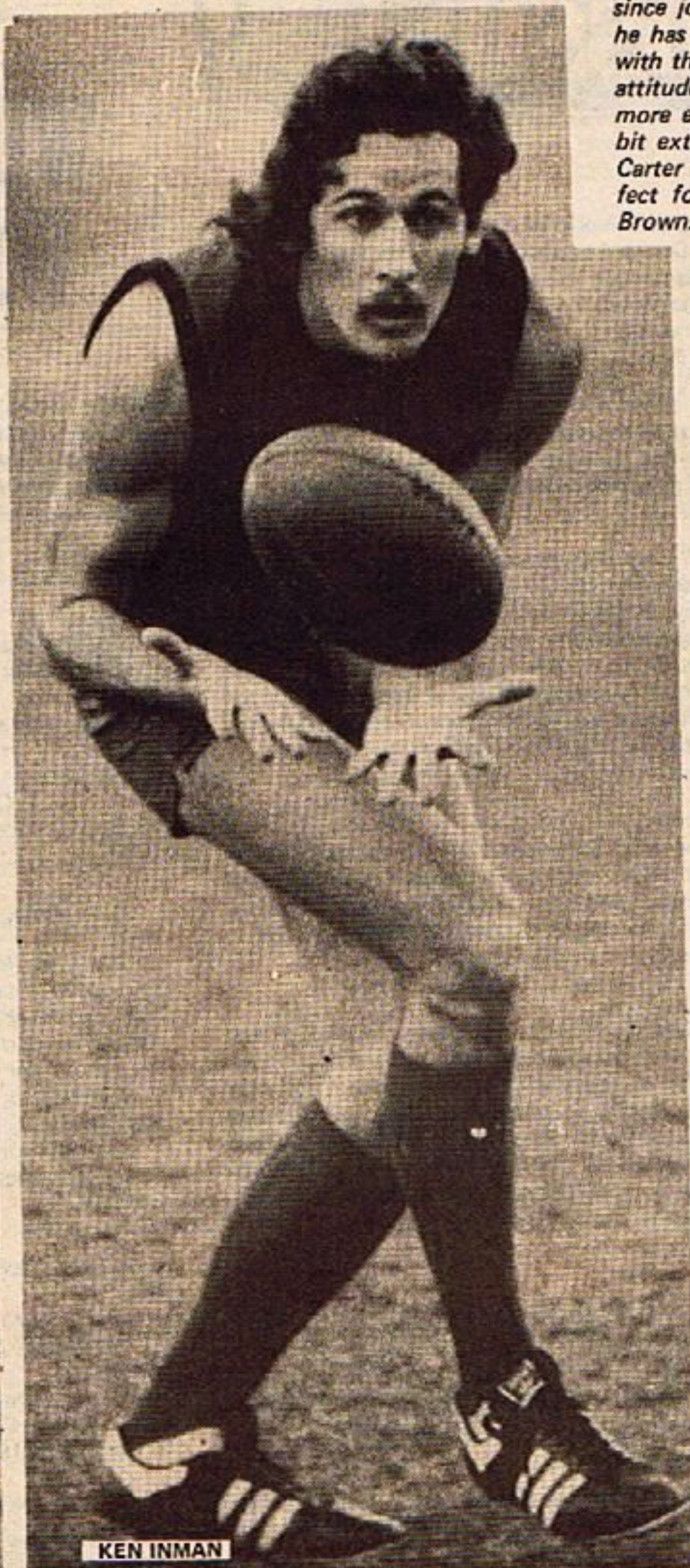
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NOEL CARTER is WA football's surprise captain. Many people were left wondering when the South Fremantle committee handed him the job pre-season after only one year with the team. But he was a sound choice. Carter is a brilliant onfield leader and since joining the Bulldogs from Richmond, he has developed a tremendous relationship with the players. His non-stop hard-working attitude as a rover often spurs his older and more experienced team-mates on that little bit extra. Quiet and serious the 24-year-old Carter is an ideal leader and provides a perfect foil for volatile South coach Malcolm Brown.

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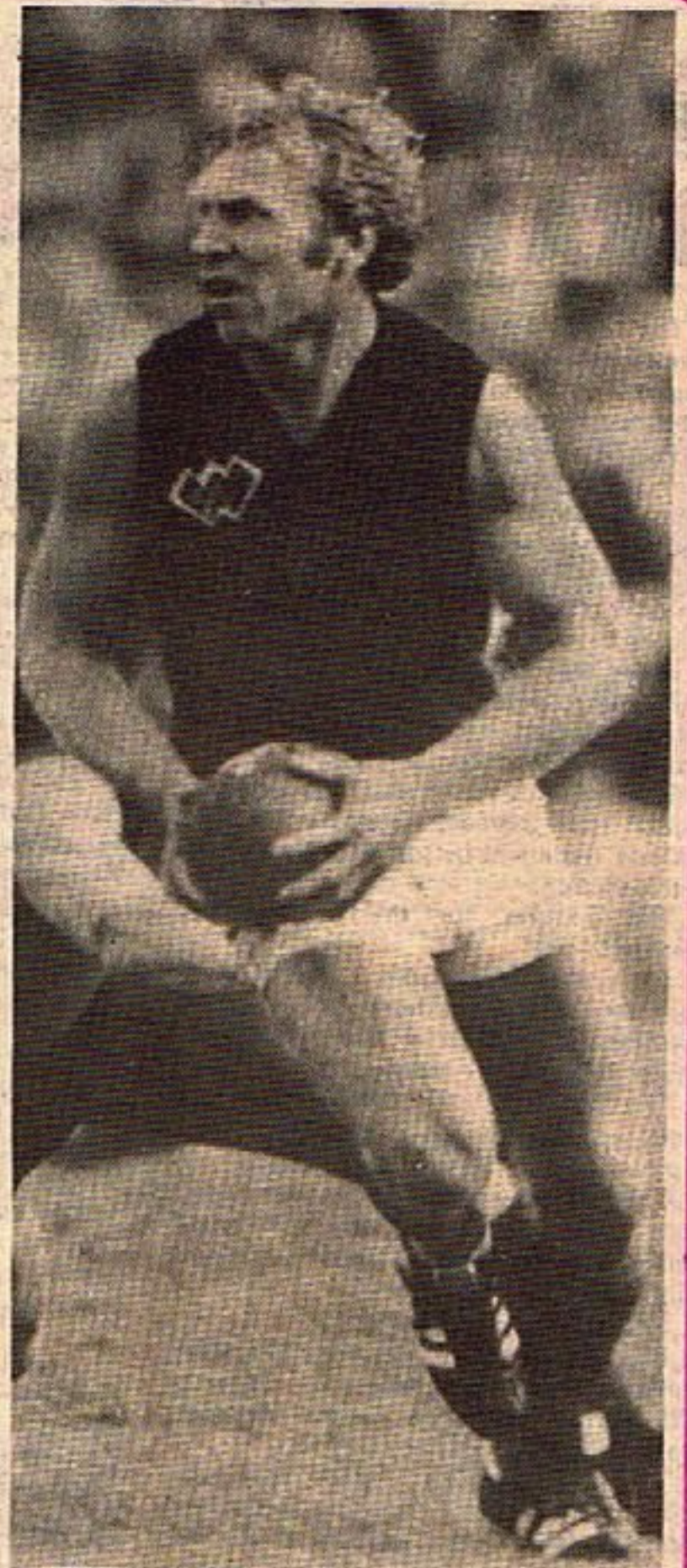
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GEOFF TAYLOR has taken over
football's most difficult captain's role this
season. When the West Perth committee had
to select a player to lead the side this year,
they had to think long and hard. After all,
West Perth had been led by men such as Bill
Dempsey and Mel Whinnen and the choice
had to be carefully made. Taylor, a 30-year-
old veteran of the club, was the team's
regular full-back. But, the committee felt
that his no-nonsense approach to football
and his maturity and experience was more
than enough to overcome his positional
placing. It is unfortunate that Taylor was
struck down by injury after only seven
games. After watching his side struggle
through four humiliating defeats he returned
to the side last Saturday to play a part in
the Cardinals second win for the season.

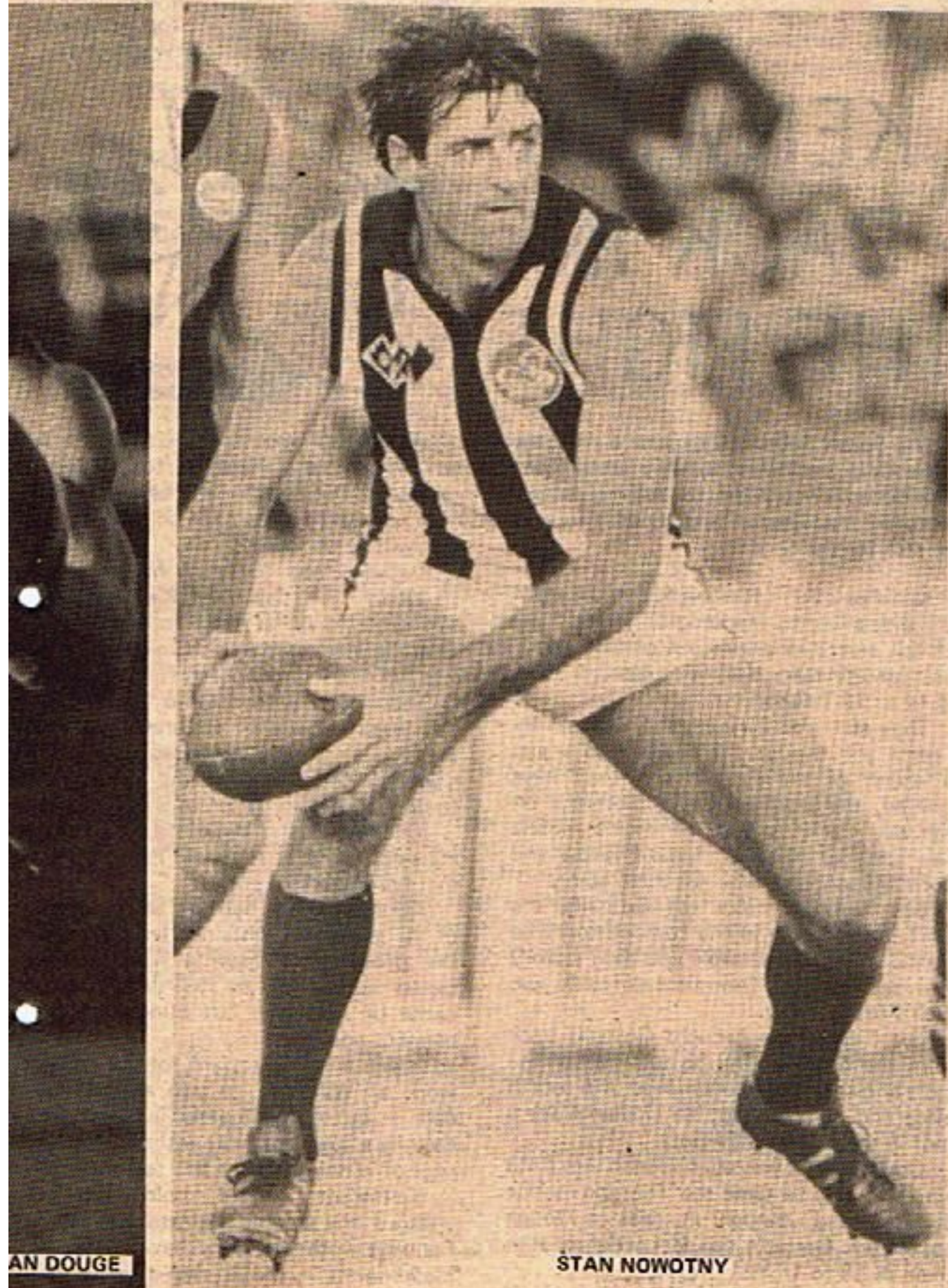
BARRY CABLE is naturally captain of
East Perth in his dual role of playing-coach.
The 35-year-old champion of West
Australian football is probably the most in-
spirational captain we have seen for many
decades. His ability, when in form and fully
fit, to produce incredible acts of football is
enough to spark any side into action. Cable
believes in teamwork and his use of the light-
ning-fast handpass or the deadly-accurate
drop kick is his way of bringing players into
the game. After being sidelined with injury
for a fortnight he resumed last Saturday
quickly assuming the role of director-
general of East Perth's football strategy.

STAN NOWOTNY might feel that he is
not the 'old man' of Swan Districts, but he
is certainly the inspiration behind many of
the brave deeds performed by the young
Magpies. Rugged, fearless, hard-hitting and
courageous are all tags that can be applied
to the 28-year-old man who has
led Swans since 1977. His feats in — and
under — the packs often provide Swans with
the drive needed to go into attack and his
attitude towards shrugging off injuries and
other setbacks is a fine example to young
players. Off the field, Nowotny is a superb
leader. His relationships with players, young
and old, is an ideal captain's one and coach
John Todd knows that he has one of the
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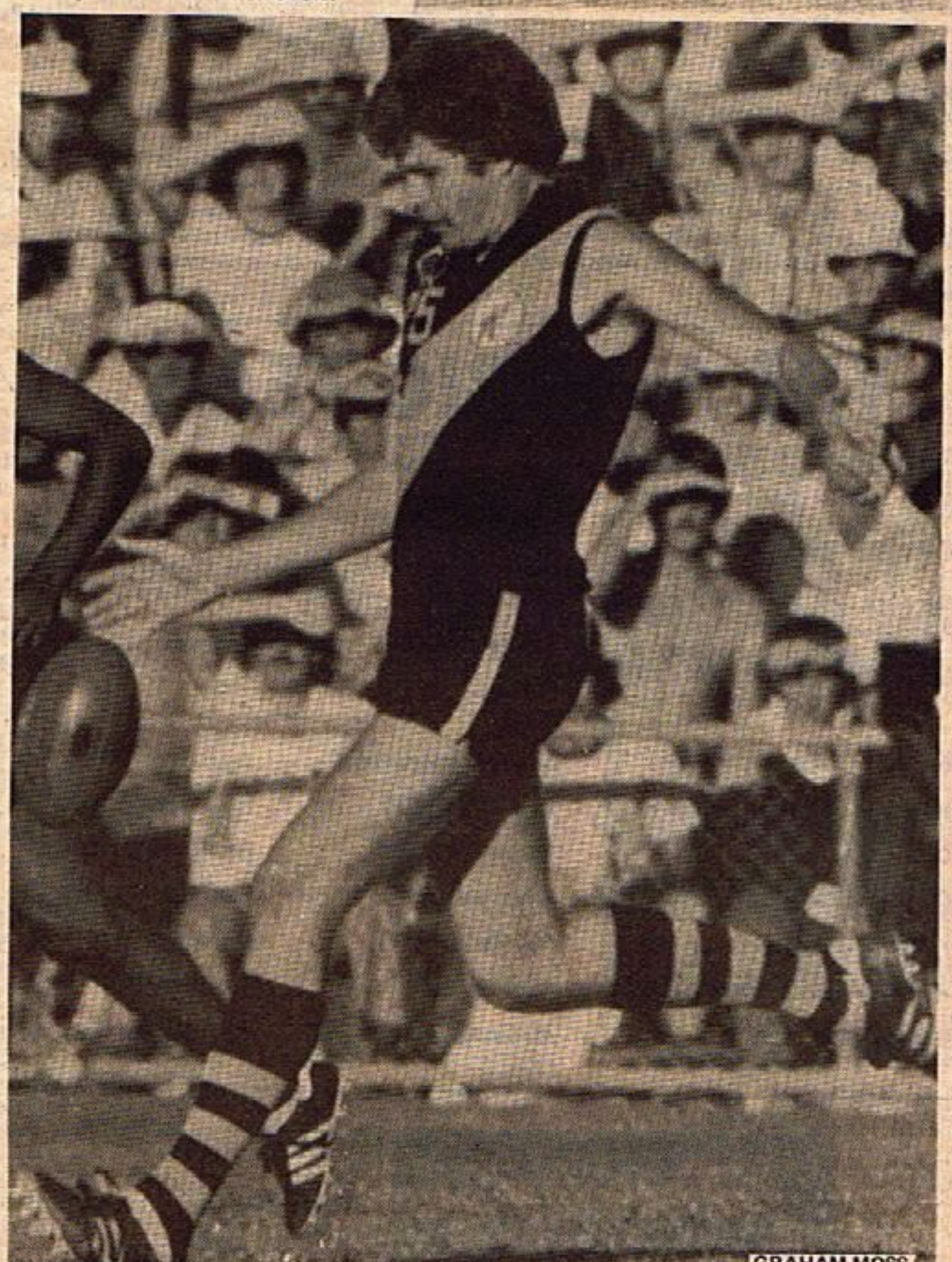
Many people thought that **BRIAN
PEAKE** was too much of an individual
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... and he has been proved correct. East
Fremantle had been well-served
by Doug Green, but farming commitments
saw Green step down from the post this
year and that gave the 25-year-old Peake
his chance to be a leader as well as a star.
Peake loves the challenge; he believes that
it makes him think more about his football
and his contribution at centre-half-forward is
certainly proving to be a team-man's role.



BARRY CABLE



STAN NOWOTNY



GRAHAM MOSS

AN DOUGE

SOUTH-WEST HAVE

GOOD DRAW

The Wesfarmers country football championships will be held in Perth from August 2 to 5 and promises to be a tough, cut-throat battle in all divisions.

The A-division is stacked with strong sides and once again it looks as though Avon, South-West, Mortlock and Great Northern will be the leading contenders.

South West seem to have the A1 division on a plate, but A2 division seems to be a battle between the other three sides.

Avon won their first country title in 1976 and repeated it the following season before heading back the crown to the strong South West combination.

Lower South West, who have won promotion from B-grade, are also in A2 division and there will be some tough matches in this section.

The fixtures for the opening day (August 2) are:

A1: Lake Grace-Kulin v South West; Central Great Southern v Southern Districts. A2: Avon v Great Northern; Lower South West v Mortlock.

The teams in each division will play their second game on August 3 with the top two sides in the final on August 5.

The B-grade competition seems wide open with Eastern Districts, Central Midlands and Murray Districts fielding strong sides.

The B-grade fixtures are:

B1: Esperance v Central Wheatbelt; Upper Great Southern v Ongerup. B2: Murray Districts v Central Midlands; North Midlands v Eastern Districts.

There will be no C-grade again this year and it will be interesting to see how Murray Districts, the winners of the last C-grade event in 1977, perform in the higher grade.

Dowerin coach Brian Lee has been appointed non-playing coach of the Mortlock side for this year's carnival.

Lee is recognised as a master football tactician and he currently has Dowerin right at the top of the Mortlock table.

He takes over as combined coach from Mal Mason, who is unavailable, and he will be assisted by selectors Russell Wood and David Bryant.

Country

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Carnarvon have their own Mick Nolan . . . the galloping gasometer of North Melbourne.

Sixteen-year-old John Laurance is the Goliath of the under-17 combination, playing a giant role for Ramblers on a half-back-flank.

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Derbies are always tough affairs, regardless of where they are played.

The traditional derby between Northam sides Federals and Railways in the Avon league recently was as fiery as any South Fremantle - East Fremantle clash could be.

Federals recorded a major upset with their 14.22 to 12.8 victory over the previously-undefeated Railways.

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Getting players together for combined sides is often a frustrating task . . . as Central Midlands coach Ross Ralph is finding out.

Only 17 players out of the squad of 50 named were at Watheroo for their first training run - mainly because of heavy seeding commitments in the strong farming community.

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Secretary of the Great Southern Football Council Mr Charlie Punch was awarded a British Empire Medal when the Queens list of Imperial Honours were announced last weekend. Mr Punch had been a dedicated servant of the game in the Katanning area for more than 30 years. No doubt he had little time for celebrating as he is currently involved in the running of the councils colts carnival over six weekends.

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The Avon Football Association last week named a 54 strong squad from which teams will be selected to play the Mortlock league on July 8 at Goomalling. Training sessions will be held at York on June 27 and July 4. Selectors will meet again next Wednesday to make adjustment to the squad if necessary.

SUNDAY SCENE

CRACKDOWN ON BAD BEHAVIOUR



W.A.F.A.

There has been a hard-line clamp down on the behaviour of players in the WA Football Association.

The image-conscious W.A.F.A. administration are concerned by the amount of foul and abusive language during matches.

Umpires have been instructed to report offenders and last Sunday's round of fixtures indicated that the men in white are following the letter of the law.

Nine players faced W.A.F.A. tribunal chairman Ernie Cooley this week - eight of them on charges of foul language or abusive language towards the umpire.

Hardest hit was Midland - six of their players were reported during the league game against Osborne Park in a clash that was more like a verbal slanging match than a football game.

Umpire Terry Haydon, one of the W.A.F.A.'s most experienced men, also reported one Osborne Park player.

One Wanneroo reserves player was reported on a similar charge in the game against Mosman.

The performance of Midland this season remains the only blight on W.A.F.A. football and must be causing administrators a good deal of concern.

Midland have not won a match this season and in most cases offer only token resistance to the other nine clubs.

With the exception of Midland, all clubs have improved their playing performances as the season has progressed by self-help programmes.

The best example has been Victoria Park. Even though they have won only two games, they have worked hard to re-

cruit players and are being rewarded by a vast on-field improvement. Their biggest triumph has been to attract a \$10,000 major sponsor and their Flatman Motors deal over the next two years should ensure that they will start to become a force.

In fact, Cockburn could feel the improvement of Victoria Park as early as this Sunday when the two teams clash at Russell Road.

Cockburn gave a dismal display in their last game against South Perth in the wet and as a result their place in the four is now in jeopardy.

Cockburn coach Paul Bennett and his players will be anxiously waiting the result of the Osborne Park - Applecross game at Shirley Strickland Oval.

Osborne Park are breathing down Cockburn's neck and are now showing some of the form that took them into last year's grand final.

Part of their improvement has been the result of recruiting West Perth reserves player Angie Papadopoulos who has played creatively as a ruck-rover in his two games. His best-on-ground performances have been partly responsible for Osborne's improvement.

In the other W.A.F.A. games this week, South Perth should lift their already healthy percentage at the expense of Midland at Ernest Johnson Oval: Wanneroo should easily beat Metropolitan at Kingsway and Mosman Park should consolidate their position in the top two teams by beating Inglewood at Inglewood Oval.

KENWICK BACK IN THE FIGHT



The South Suburban became a six-team battle once again last Sunday when Kenwick returned to form to down a much-improved Maddington and thereby stay in the race for the final five.

Kenwick's John Riseley, facing the stark fact that a loss to Maddington would have left his side two games out of fifth position, got the team back into gear for their 14.14 to 12.7 victory.

They still trail Canning and Gosnells by a game and though the road ahead is just as tough as the recent path they have covered, the teamwork and morale is on the way back. It was Kenwick's mobile men such as Alf Stal, Mike Shallow and Norm Mitsopoulos who got them going.

But Kenwick now face Gosnells, the most in-form side in the competition who are storming up the table and their victory over second side Thornlie last week was their fifth in a row.

Ian Gibson has brought Gosnells back from the brink of the bottom half of the table and they have now moved into fourth place and appear ready to challenge for a spot in the second semi-final.

Once again it was big ruckman Jim Kidd who was able to tame the Thornlie mobile division and though it was a tough encounter, Gosnells can feel satisfied with their 21.18 to 15.12 victory.

The defeat cost Thornlie the chance of

regaining top spot from Kelmscott and now as the sides shape up for the second round, the battle will really be on. Thornlie have to travel to Kwinana this Sunday and that will not be easy.

Kwinana had to work hard for their 16.17 to 13.13 win over Kalamunda and will need to be at their top to handle a Thornlie side that will obviously have had a tough week under coach Hans Versteegen.

These two matches hold top billing in this week's round of fixtures and though the home ground advantage belongs to Kwinana and Kenwick, the visiting sides could return with the premiership points.

Kalamunda and Willetton, two struggling sides, clash at Hartfield Park in a game that has important status.

Kalamunda are battling to regain some of the glory they obtained last year - and the prospect of beating Willetton, who tasted victory for the first time at the expense of Armadale last Sunday, is no pleasant one.

It was a fitting reward for Gary Greer's work at Willetton to win against Armadale - but unfortunately it leaves Armadale in a low situation without any prospect of winning a game this season.

Kelmscott should hold top spot without any trouble against Armadale and Canning - though they have to travel to Maddington - should win to stay in the top five.

THE 6PR BIG TEAM

WA's first-ever computer team being promoted by 6PR is picked on the basis of media surveys of best players each week.

Western International Travel will send all those in the final line-up to Melbourne for this year's VFL grand final.

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 as it stands:

BACKS: George Michalczyk (EP)	Neil Fotheringham (P)	John Hayes (EP)
HALF-BACKS: Ken Hunter (C)	Doug Green (EF)	Ross Prunster (WP)
CENTRES: Phil Kelly (EP)	Maurice Rioli (SF)	Phillip Narkle (SD)
HALF-FORWARDS: Ian Miller (EP)	Brian Peake (EF)	Peter Spencer (EP)
FORWARDS: Noel Carter (SF)	Ray Bauskis (SF)	Graham Moss (C)
RUCKS: Stephen Michael (SF)	Gary Gibellini (P)	Les Fong (WP)
RESERVES:	Alan Johnson (P)	Kevin Taylor (EF)

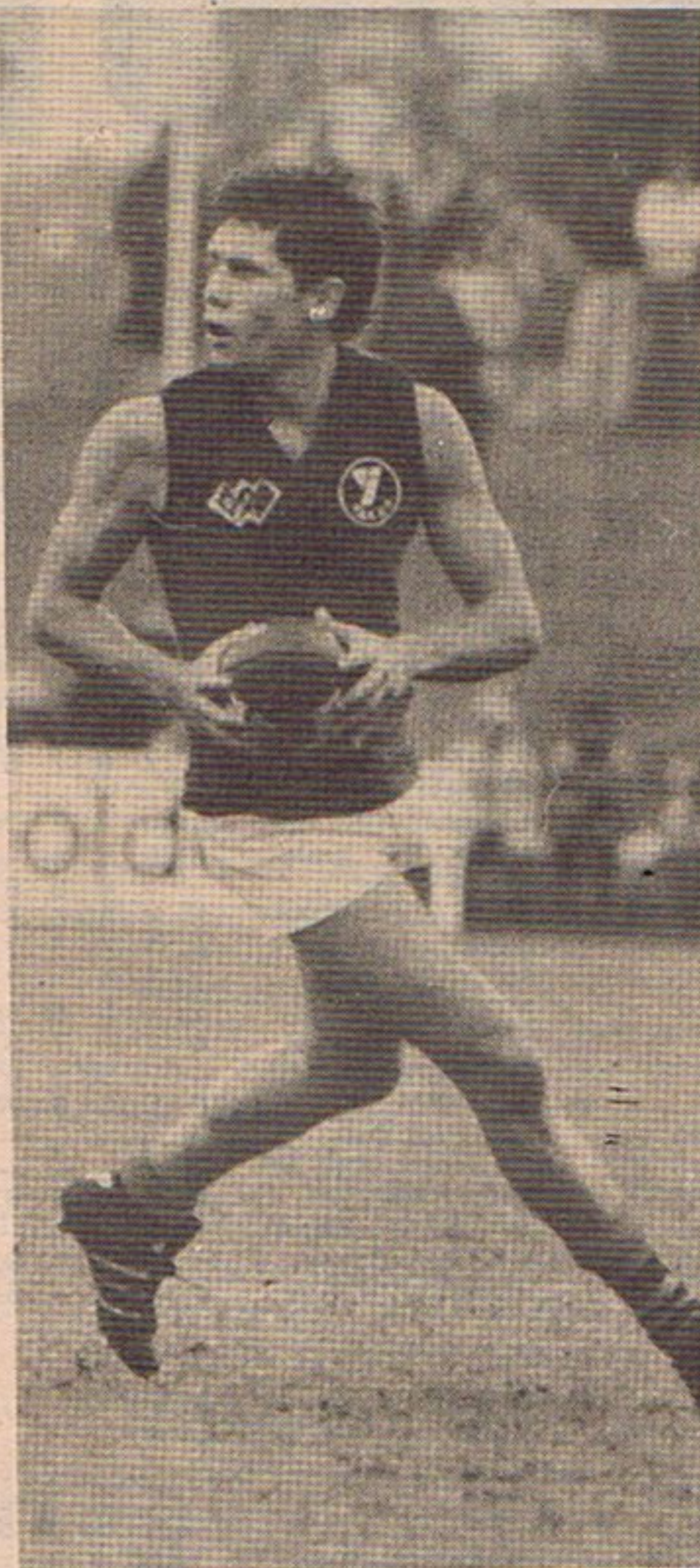
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GOALS!

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It's not often that players need to apologise to umpires, but East Perth's Phil Kelly did last week. Kelly produced the third of his five goals when he ran into the square and put a left foot shot through on a difficult angle. The ball hit the goal umpire fair on the chest — but he still managed to signal the all-clear. Kelly was quick to run up to the umpire and offer his apologies.

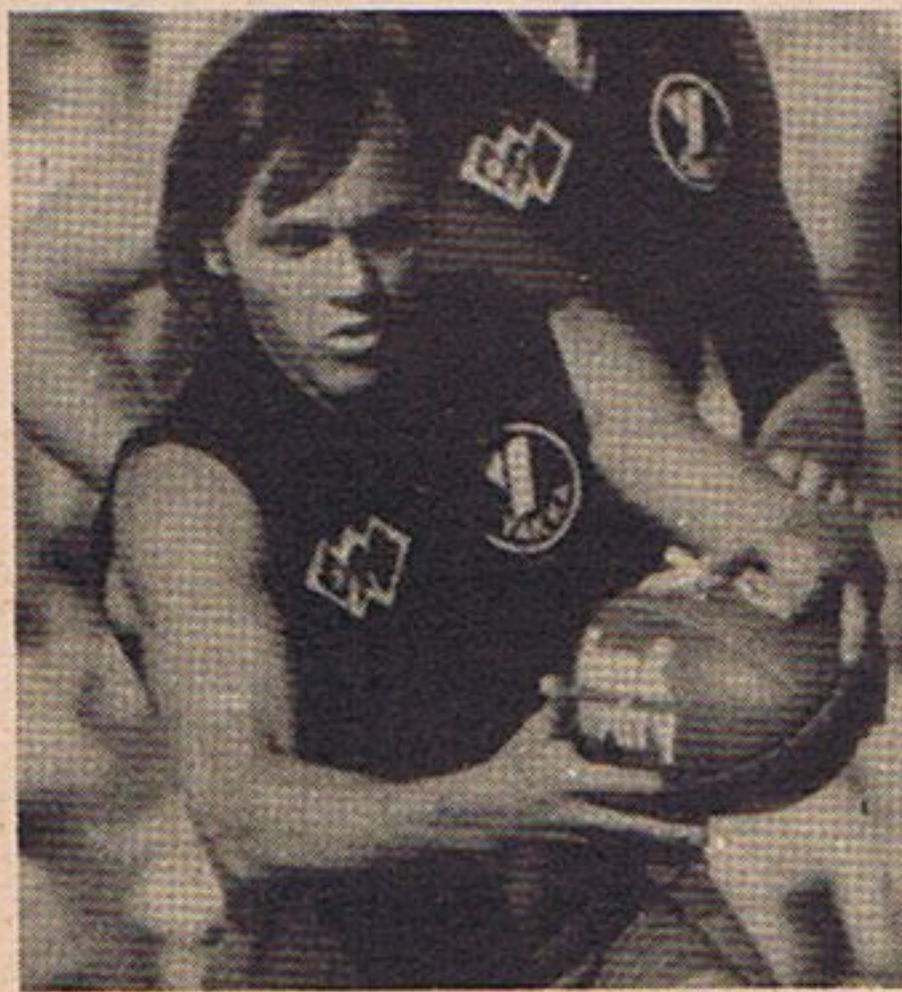


Phil Kelly

Wingmen usually have a poor goal-kicking record, generally finishing the season with probably twice as many points as goals, mainly because a lot of their shots are from a long way out. However, dashing South Fremantle winger Benny Vigona — who is also at home on a half-forward-flank — was in superb goal-kicking form last week and finished with 3.1, all of which were immaculate long goals.

Reading the ball off packs is a real art in football and one that stamps class rovers above just ordinary players. That is why many Swan Districts people are hailing first-year player Ian Williams as a real star of the future. Williams, the 21-year-old late-arrival from amateur ranks, was in top form against Subiaco last Saturday and almost all of his six goals came off the packs. Williams has shown tremendous ability to read the ball well and he was at his best in the third quarter when he kicked three goals, all with balls that came off the high-flying packs across the half forward line.

Snapshots are also part of a goal-kicker's bag of tricks and two prominent scorers were on the ball in this department last week. East Perth rover Wayne Otway collected the Marlboro \$150 for the goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Football with a brilliant right-foot snapshot over his shoulder in the goalsquare. Otway virtually threw himself at the ball as he screwed it back for a grand goal. West Perth's specialist forward pocket player Rod Alderton produced a similar goal at Leederville Oval. He picked the ball up in a pack and snapped it back over his shoulder with an accurate left-footer.



Wayne Otway

Swan Districts high-flyer Mark Olsen was in great form early in the game against Subiaco. He picked up seven of his eight goals in the first half and most came from clever leading and good marking in the wet conditions. Olsen's ability to drop into the open space gives the Swans players mid-field something to aim at.

East Perth's George Michalczyk is obviously a quality half-back-flanker . . . but he still holds secret desires to resume his role as a ruck-rover. Last Saturday Michalczyk once again turned attacker when he kicked a long goal after running through from the defence. The goal came after an intelligent handpass from Larry Kickett and all Michalczyk had to do was evade one Perth player, make good his ground and kick long . . . and he goaled for the second time this season since his return to defence.

Dogged Claremont centreman Lindsay Kanther was a hard-worker in a losing cause against South Fremantle. His ability to take a hard buffetting, but keep coming back was illustrated in the third term when he kicked Claremont's seventh goal. Kanther took a strong mark in a goal-front pack and no sooner had he hit the ground than he was up again and playing on to kick a goal.

leading goalkickers

Ray Bauskis (South Fremantle)	57.23
Mark Olsen (Swan Districts)	55.29
Kevin Taylor (East Fremantle)	47.33
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	40.18
Paul Arnold (East Perth)	38.16
Jim Sewell (East Fremantle)	33.15
Ken Marshall (Subiaco)	28.6
Graham Moss (Claremont)	27.8
Mark Jackson (South Fremantle)	27.13
Phil Krakouer (Claremont)	26.19
Ross Ditchburn (Claremont)	26.22

TEAL CUP PROVES INCONCLUSIVE

The Teal Cup competition — the clash of the nation's best under-18 footballers — has developed into a farce.

In the last two years, the organisers of the Cup have produced lop-sided divisions which have prevented the top sides from clashing with each other in a genuine knockout series.

This year WA drew Tasmania, A.C.T. and the Northern Territory in their division — giving them no chance of meeting the two other top sides, Victoria and South Australia.

Subsequently, SA had an easy win in the carnival when they amassed a huge percentage in games against Papua New Guinea, NSW and Victoria.

But they did not clash with WA — and the young West Australian side had to be content with second place in the series on percentage without getting the chance to meet the top side. . . .

Last year WA had to play Victoria, NSW and SA in the space of three days, while SA had a first-round bye and an easy match against Tasmania.

East Perth officials are also incensed about the way the final match against Northern Territory produced injuries to Royals league players Grant Campbell and Glynn Williams.

WANFL officials at the game reported that the NT players simply went out of their way to inflict injuries on the WA boys once it became obvious that the result was going to be a walk-over.

Bookings open

WANFL members should note that bookings for the forthcoming WA v SA match open at the leagues offices on Monday. A booking fee of \$2 will apply, and members are reminded that they must present their membership books when making bookings.

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.

JUNE 16	West Australian	Sunday Times	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	TVW 7	6PR	6PM	6IX	Umpires
South Fremantle v Claremont	Geoff Christian: Rioli (SF) Michael (SF) Moss (C)	Alan East: Michael Mountain (SF) Hunter (C)	Robbie Burns: Michael Moss Rioli	Michael Throssell: Michael Kerr (SF) Vigona (SF)	Kevin Murray: Rioli Mountain Michael	Alan East: Michael Mountain Hunter	John O'Connell: Rioli Carter (SF) Michael	Laurie Nugent: Mountain Moss Rioli	Capes/Gillies
Perth v East Perth	Colin Hopkins: Kelly (EP) Bosustow (P) Michalczyk (EP)	Robert Bennett: Michalczyk Kelly Kickett (EP)	Peter Sweeney: Kelly Michalczyk Fotheringham (P)	Bob Cribb: Kelly Michalczyk Bosustow	Marty McDonnell: Kelly Michalczyk Bosustow	Wayne Harvey: Kelly Kickett Miller	Allan Stiles: Bosustow Kelly Michalczyk	Neil Garland: Michalczyk Kelly Fotheringham	Phillips/Buckey
Subiaco v Swan Districts	Ken Casellas: Holden (SD) Williams (SD) Nowotny (SD)	Geoff Worner: Holden P. Narkle (SD) Nowotny	Brian Paddick: P. Narkle Holden Nowotny	Glenn Luders: Holden P. Narkle Williams	John Rogers: Williams Holden Nowotny	J.K. Watts: Neesham (SD) K. Narkle Nowotny	Les Mumme: Nowotny Williams E. Bauskis (SD)	Phil Mulcahy: Williams Nowotny Holden	Chinnery/Hearne
West Perth v East Fremantle	A. Carew-Reid: Fong (WP) Jager (WP) Heal (WP)	Rod Lane: Fong Jager K. Taylor (EF)	Alan McIntosh: Fong Cormack (EF) Bewick (WP)	Julian Stawell: Fong Jager K. Taylor	Steve Marsh: Fong Stasinowsky (WP) McGuinness (WP)	Oscar Howard: Fong Stasinowsky Ellen (WP)	Joe Fanchi: Fong Stasinowsky K. Taylor	Rowley Daw: Fong Stasinowsky K. Taylor	Fogarty/Morris

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Tigers bridging the gap

Claremont certainly do not rate high in the list of clubs that have been consistently successful since their inception... a fact the club is very aware of.



For those reasons Claremont have adopted a very professional approach to administration in recent years as they attempt to bridge the gap with the other clubs.

Their 53-year history has only produced four premierships — and three of those were in their golden years, 1938, 1939 and 1940. Claremont's last premiership was in 1964 and their glory moments have certainly been few and far between since then.

Many times Claremont have opened up a season with plenty of promise, only to fall by the wayside, thereby earning the tag of "April Premiers". This is a tag the Claremont folk do not accept too readily and the whole emphasis on their current programme is to avoid a second-round slump.

The return of Graham Moss, certainly one of Claremont's most famous sons, stimulated the playing atmosphere when he rejoined the Tiger's den in 1977. Fresh from a Brownlow medal victory in the tough VFL arena, Moss turned his back on what would obviously have been a very lucrative year of football in Melbourne to take up the challenge of playing-coach of his old club.

He has worked hard and long to learn the art of coaching and the journey has not been without its traumatic moments. His return back to Claremont was accompanied by Russell Reynolds, one of the club's former champions who also decided to rejoin the Tigers after a successful time with St Kilda.

But tragedy was to strike Reynolds down as a home accident broke his leg and he has not played football since then. The loss of a player of the calibre of Reynolds was a shattering blow to Claremont. Moss had his troubles trying to marry the difficult coaching role with his onerous on-field duties, particularly as Claremont lacked quality big men.

However, he has improved in his 2½ years as coach and is mastering the art with much more assurance nowadays.

Claremont got to second place on the table as a result of five straight wins and though it was a sad and sorry Moss who trudged out of Fremantle Oval after last week's drubbing, the club still has the quality of footballer to recover and play a big part in this year's fight.

Claremont are still aware of their drastic slide after their last appearance in the top four — in 1972 when they finished top of the table but lost the grand final to East Perth.

Claremont still recall suggestions that they tried to 'buy' a premiership in 1972 as they had a team stacked with interstate

recruits. Today they have a successful blending of Eastern States players, but the emphasis is now on cultivating juniors and country zone players.

The Tigers plummeted to rock bottom the very next year and it has been a hard, slogging road to lift themselves up the table. Last year they missed the final four by 0.9 percent — the equivalent of about two points — and the players lived with that thought all through the summer.

Claremont's approach to physical fitness is now following the pattern set up at Perth a few years back and Lloyd Christopher — a protege of the Perth scheme — is the man in charge.

Sponsorship is another realm that Claremont have done well in and their success in obtaining a national sponsor such as Kelloggs has been a big boast.



Claremont president Wally Maskiell confidently believes that his club is on the right road to success — but making the final four this year is an important part of their planning.

"We adopted a five-year plan in 1977 and it included reaching the top four last year and then a premiership this year," says Mr Maskiell.

"It is history that we just missed out last year, but we are still confident of making it this year.

"Such plans have to be on-going things and we naturally revise it every year or so.

"We have planned carefully for financial and football success and we are pleased with our position.

"The club has attracted a major sponsor in Kelloggs and associate sponsors in Broadlands Finance, Pinjarra Bricks, Heinz and Cathay Pacific.

"Whatever the results of the finals this year, our success is shown in the fact that we have proved to be a top competitive side."

Mr Maskiell is confident that Claremont can reverse the financial loss they suffered last year, but he sees football finance as being a constant worry.

Many stars, but few medallists

Claremont's record in the Sandover medal is not a good one — they have only won the medal six times, and two of those victories went to one man.

But they have always had the stars capable of taking off the major prize in the individual honours and Claremont players have finished in the disappointing runners-up role on nine occasions.



Denis Marshall

champion Bill Walker.

Claremont have produced many stars over the years. McClements, a champion ruckman and the Tassie Medal winner in 1947, ranks high among their best, as does John McIntosh and Moss who all matched with the best in the nation.

Marshall is regarded as one of Claremont's most brilliant footballers as he could play in virtually any position.

However, for overall brilliance and outstanding record, Moss must go close to being his club's best-ever product.



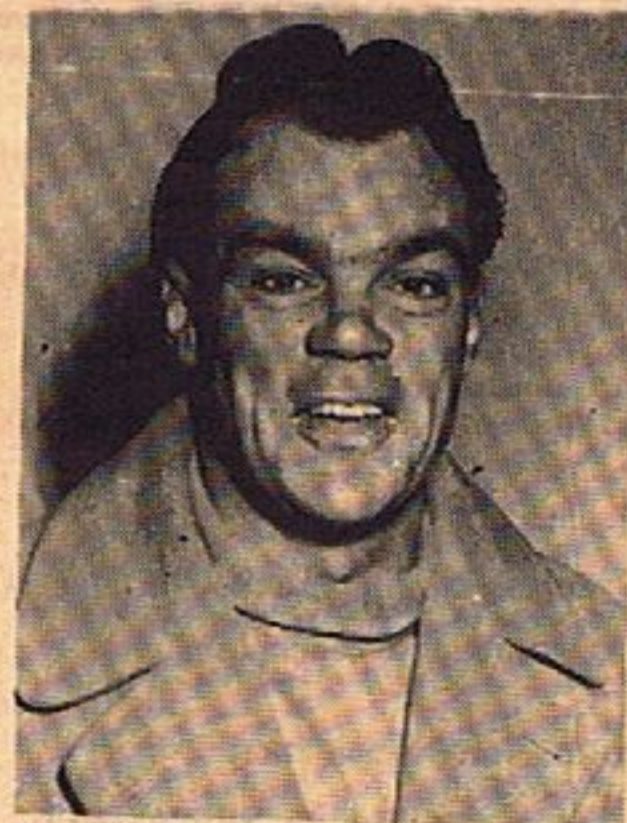
Graham Moss

Strangely enough, Claremont have produced the only West Australian footballer to win the Brownlow Medal — Graham Moss took the highest award in VFL football in 1976. But the talented Moss has just failed to win the double as he has been runner-up in the Sandover Medal in the last two years — behind Brian Peake and Phil Kelly.

Claremont made a relatively late start to the competition in 1926 but they had plenty of early champions and within six years they had a Sandover medal winner in Keith Hough in 1932. They made it a hat-trick for the club when Sammy Clarke won the award in the next two years and then for good measure, George Moloney was successful in 1938 to make it four medals in five seasons.

Though Claremont had some outstanding players in the next two decades — especially through their premiership years — the Sandover medal eluded stars like Les McClements, Jack Reid, Ken Caporn, Les Mumme, Denis Marshall and Kevin Clune. Their only winner in those many barren years was George (Sonny) Maffina who took the award in 1949.

They had to wait till 1967 before another medal went Claremont's way and then it was rover John Parkinson, who shared the honour with Swan Districts



Les McClements

Claremont's 200-Club:

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231.	Kevin Clune
230.	Lorne Cook
218.	Wayne Harvey
204.	Les Mumme

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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
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Subiaco 17.12, Cl'mont 17.10
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JUNE 2
W. Perth 13.16, Claremont 16.10
Swans 15.14, Perth 10.17

JUNE 4
Sth. Frem. 20.30, E. Frem. 20.15
Subiaco 9.12, East Perth 16.21

JUNE 9
Sth. Frem. 27.22, Subiaco 19.17
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JUNE 16
Perth 6.10, East Perth 10.21
Subiaco 4.12, Swans 21.26
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W. Perth 12.16, E. Frem 10.11

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

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Melbourne 18.17, Footscray 16.17
Collingwood 9.15, Fitzroy 21.23

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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 9.10, Carlton 15.13
Sth. Melb 6.8, Col'wood 20.11
Hawthorn 17.18, Melb. 10.17
Richmond 22.26, Footscray 12.13
Nth. Melb. 13.16, Fitzroy 21.22

JUNE 2
Geelong 12.11, Essendon 12.12

JUNE 9
Geelong 18.15, Sth. Melb. 17.8
Melb. 17.9, Nth. Melb. 23.18
Col'wood 19.18, Richmond 10.20
Fitzroy 18.15, St Kilda 11.12
Footscray 11.12, Carlton 18.19
Hawthorn 16.12, Essendon 17.14

JUNE 16-18
Richmond 16.12, Essendon 20.12
St Kilda 15.17, Nth Melb 16.14
Fitzroy 19.18, Geelong 9.11
Melb. 11.16, Col'wood 13.18
Sth. Melb. 18.18, Carlton 15.17
Hawthorn 15.10, Footscray 15.11

JUNE 23
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Essendon v North Melbourne
Richmond v South Melbourne
Geelong v Fitzroy
Carlton v South Melbourne
Footscray v Hawthorn

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.



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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.L. 6.13, V.F.L. 15.20

MAY 26
Glenelg 13.14, W. Torrens 17.12

Sth. Adel. 10.10, Norwood 23.16
Cent. Dist. 21.13, Sturt 15.15
W. Adel. 13.14, P. Adel. 18.14
N. Adel. 21.16, Woodville 13.16

JUNE 2
Sturt 15.6, Sth Adel 14.19
P. Adel. 23.17, Cent. Dist 9.4
W. Adel. 13.15, Glenelg 12.21
W. Torrens 17.14, N. Adel 23.15
Woodville 13.12, Norwood 12.13

JUNE 9
Norwood 28.11, W. Torrens 10.8
Sturt 18.6, Woodville 17.19
Glenelg 20.10, N. Adel 11.14
S. Adel. 16.16, P. Adel. 11.13
Cent. Dist. 18.11, W. Adel. 16.16

JUNE 16 - JUNE 18
W. Adel. 18.17, W. Torrens 10.18
P. Adel. 19.10, Sturt 17.12
N. Adel. 10.12, Cent. Dist. 13.11
Woodville 15.16, S. Adel. 12.9
Norwood 15.13, Glenelg 13.16

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

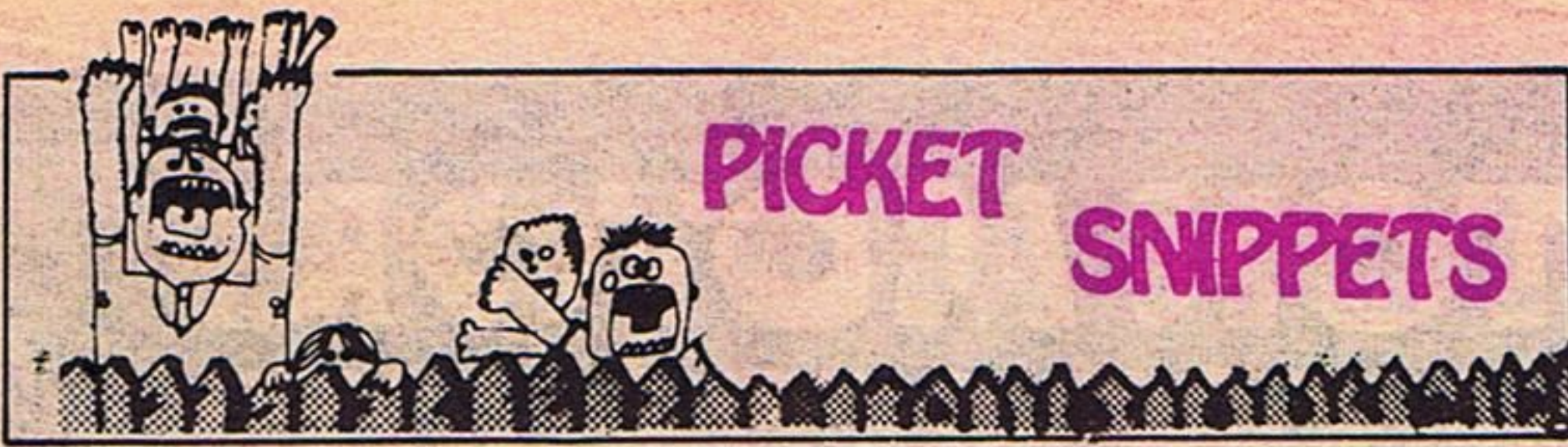
AUGUST 26
Norwood v Port Adelaide

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



Three young South Fremantle footballers competed in the recent Teal Cup competition . . . but as members of the Northern Territory side. Paul Lyons, Michael Heenan and Poncei Cubillo have all joined South Fremantle from Darwin and were released by the club to represent their home State. However, they found themselves on the losing end of the game when NT were thrashed by WA by more than 20 goals in the final match.

Let's hope Fred Woods can pick a few more "winners" in his judicial role on Channel Seven's umpiring segment than he does selecting teams to win football matches. It was interesting to note that Fred was a dismal last in the media tipsters when the latest tallies were published last week.

Melville junior footballer Brett Guy has been suspended for 18 weeks after being found guilty of striking an umpire. Guy was reported after a recent under-16 match in the East Fremantle junior council.

Women generally take a back seat in football . . . but the East Perth trip to Melbourne for Tuesday's Escort championship match at least gave one football wife some unexpected pleasure. Margaret Hayes, wife of Royals defender John Hayes, was a special guest on Channel 7's World of Football to receive a \$500 Pye award on behalf of her husband for the mark-of-the-day. Mrs Hayes indicated her preference for a dishwasher — probably because her husband's heavy training commitments prevent him from doing that manly chore!

A drawn grand final is probably the ultimate dream of any football administrator. Though it is a slim bet, a drawn final round match in WA might please some people but it would certainly create chaos for the organisers of the many Victorian grand final excursions being planned by WA travel firms. In recent seasons, week-end excursions to the grand final in Melbourne have gained in popularity. With 15 weeks to go, before the big match, Perth travel firms have already opened bookings for this year's trip. One firm, Western International Travel, which is flying 20 of WA's top footballers to the VFL match as part of an award, has booked 600 tickets for clients.

The Fitzroy-Geelong game last Saturday certainly had a West Australian flavour with Alexander, Richardson, Beecroft, Featherby, Molarkey and Cousins plus Neville Taylor and John Burns who played here with East Perth and Jeff Cassidy who was at East Fremantle.

No wonder the WANFL has a high priority for covered accommodation at league grounds. West Australian crowds — unlike their Victorian counterparts — are certainly frightened at the prospect of a little rain falling during matches. Last Saturday's match at Fremantle was a prime example — a crowd of only 11,800 turned out in the damp conditions to see a match which had one of the biggest build-ups of the season, including special television promotion. Maybe the Vic fans, like the footballers they follow, are a more dedicated lot.

While some fans stayed away from the footy last weekend, one youngster, obviously a first-up client, was heard to remark to his father as he got his first glimpse of the playing area at Leederville Oval "..... and gee dad, the wickets are pretty big".

Wayne Harvey, 6PR round-the-grounds man, filled in for Bob Hicks when the station's commentary team went to Melbourne on Tuesday night to call the Escort match between East Perth and Hawthorn. Harvey cut his teeth as a commentator this season when he was appointed to the 6PR team to cover Sunday Wafa matches.

Two of Swan Districts' most promising defenders of 1978 have had to sit back and watch the side do well this season. Wayne Brown and Brian Kerr were regular players last year but, for different reasons, they are out of the league side this year. Brown has decided to retire for this year after being plagued with back problems and hamstring injuries. He will concentrate on gymnasium work to regain top fitness. Kerr has been unable to clinch a regular league spot, mainly because he missed most of the pre-season work when he went home to Esperance for holidays and found several other promising players in the side ahead of him by the time he reached peak fitness.

Swan Districts are definitely interested in getting champion ruckman Garry Sidebottom back this season . . . despite denials from club officials. Swans had talks with Sidebottom — and other former club players now in Melbourne — last week and will probably renew the discussions shortly. They believe that there is no harm in trying to convince Sidebottom — and St Kilda — that Sidebottom should be leased back to Swans for the remainder of this season. St Kilda probably won't agree, but then they just might. After all, they are floundering, they cannot make the four and they are in financial strife, so why not grab a bit of extra cash for the remaining league games.

The West Australian, WA's only morning newspaper and therefore the major media when it comes to daily football news, missed a big chance to build its football image even higher this week. The newspaper refused to allow its chief football writer, Geoff Christian, to go to Melbourne to cover the important Escort Championship semi-final between East Perth and Hawthorn. Subsequently, the paper had to accept a second-rate cover before and after the event from its Melbourne office. Radio 6PM, who also employ Christian as a commentator, were happy to fly him to Melbourne for the game, but The West Australian backed off the idea and virtually left themselves out in the cold when it came to covering a very important football match.

Fremantle Oval has long held a reputation for its noisy audiences. One spectator found a way to solve the situation last Saturday, he went to the match equipped with a healthy-sized set of ear-muffs.

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