



GEORGE YOUNG . . . DOWN BUT NOT OUT

BY ALAN EAST

George Young may be struggling with an injury . . . but he's far from finished in the football action.

The brilliant talents of Young have been dimmed this season by a frustrating and heart-breaking knee injury. But Young is not thinking about quitting.

Even though the VFL-hardened Young is now 30, he still believes that there is football left in his legs . . . and he is determined to come back next season.

Young is currently in hospital having some exploratory surgery on his troublesome right knee and a cartilage removal seems the inescapable result.

Any major operation will be done as soon as possible to give Young all summer to launch himself on the comeback trail.

Young has played only half a game this season — against East Perth on June 4 when he attempted a comeback only to have the knee collapse on him once again and force him back to the trainers' bench.

He made a re-appearance on the training track at Subiaco Oval last week and though his movements were a little restricted, he came through without any problems.

But that is only a short-term situation.

"The trouble is, I never know when it's going to go on me," says Young.

"It felt okay when I played that game against East Perth, but just before half-time I baulked awkwardly and it just went under me.

"It's certainly a frustrating situation.

"All year I have had to battle against it, not knowing really what the problem is. X-rays have revealed a hairline tear in the cartilage and there also seems to be some grizzle, or fat pad as it's known, in the knee. This will eventually dissolve, but it's still not certain whether it will be right then."

"It seems that an operation is the only solution. I'm determined to get right for next season. After all, Subiaco put in a lot of effort to get me back to the club and it is hard for them and for Peter Burton to

see me sitting on the sidelines."

Young was 're-recruited' by Subiaco this year, along with defender Dennis Blair. It was an ambitious programme by the ailing Lions as both players were proven footballers in the tough VFL arena.

To see Young out for the whole season and to watch Blair struggle to overcome ankle injuries has not been just reward for Subiaco's efforts.

Young returned to WA after a six-year career with St Kilda that saw him play 110 games. He had represented Subiaco 76 times before leaving and he was looking forward to the challenge of putting together two or three seasons of football.

"I suppose at this stage I could say that I regret coming home," he says.

"But injuries are part and parcel of football and you just have to face up to them and fight hard to overcome them.

"Who is to know what my destiny would have been had I stayed in Melbourne. I was extremely pleased to be given the opportunity to come back after six good years in Melbourne and I believe it was the ideal time to return, as I was still playing good football."

Young was 20 before he made his debut with Subiaco in 1969, but he had four solid years of preparation under Haydn Bunton before going off to display his talents in Victoria.

He reached some high spots in his Victorian career — and capped it off when he returned to Perth in October, 1977 to be one of the inaugural State-of-Origin men in that momentous victory over Victoria at Subiaco Oval.

"I had always thought I would return to play with Subiaco," says Young.

"I felt that those four years at Subiaco before I went East were good grounding years, a sort of apprenticeship.

"I'd like to wind my career up with Subiaco and I'll be determined to be fit and fresh by the start of next season."



GEORGE YOUNG the sales executive with Radio 6PR.

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ALL EYES WILL BE ON CLAREMONT

A great deal of attention will focus on Claremont's performance in the last round as the Tigers have shown in the past that they are apt to get the stagers when the pressure goes right on.

Though they last made the final four in 1972 the seventies have been their best decade of football since the 1930's. In fact Claremont have an abysmal final four record since the war — which is disguised by the fact that they have been knocking on the door to the four on a number of occasions in recent years.

Since 1942 the Tigers have made the finals only five times — 1952, 1964, 1965, 1971 and 1972 — and won the premiership only once.

There have been a number of occasions in recent years when they have looked final four certainties early in the season only to fall in a hole. Though they missed the final four by less than one percent last year they were in a comfortable position early and appeared to be coasting to a place in the four, but then they faltered.

It was virtually a repeat of 1970 when they also missed out of the four on percentage.

It would seem that more than the bottom would have to fall out of the side for them to miss the finals this year.

So what does the future hold this year?

Captain-coach Graham Moss is confident that Claremont can finish in one of the top two positions. He certainly has every reason to be confident of achieving that goal as Claremont were the most consistent side in the second round when games are usually hard to win. They were able to win six out of seven and in fact have lost only once in their last eight matches.

Therefore it will be interesting to see whether they can go on with the job and win their first premiership since 1964 and record only their fifth ever flag, something they were unable to do in 1972 even though they lost only three qualifying matches.

While on the stagers it is also worth focusing on South Fremantle. In recent years there have been a couple of occasions during the season when they have looked the side to beat for the premiership yet have failed to live up to that reputation in the finals.



Simon Beasley

In fact Souths also have an abysmal final round record, having won only one premiership in the past 25 years. Though the final four appears cut and dried (I still have a suspicion that even though three games separate the fourth and fifth sides that there will be very little difference between these two positions by the end of the qualifying rounds) a great amount of interest still remains in the competition.

It has been generated because of the evenness of the top four sides and the fact that none has really emerged as a premiership certainty.

It is difficult to predict confidently which teams will play off in the grand final let alone who will win the flag.

It has been easy to find excuses for WA's shock loss to SA last Saturday. I say shock because SA have nearly always struggled against WA on the faster WA surfaces. In fact it had reached the stage where many thought that it didn't matter how good or bad the WA side they were guaranteed success because of SA's poor record here.

But in all the post-mortems one factor has been given little attention and that was that SA had a more talented side than WA.

There was certainly no fluke about SA's win. In my opinion the WA side was a very ordinary one. While it was true WA had a number of their top players injured the

Guest Columnist



By Robert Bennett

selectors did not use a great deal of imagination in the selection of the side.

An example of this can be found in the selection of the two key forward positions.

With Ron Boucher unavailable WA simply were unable to afford the luxury of using Graham Moss in one of these key positions.

While SA have usually struggled in WA, one aspect of their game has always been strong... their rucks. They have always come to WA with a strong ruck brigade.

In fact even with Moss in the ruck WA still were undermanned.

There is little doubt that the outcome of the match, despite WA's poor teamwork, was their inability to score goals.

WA simply should not have gone into the game without a recognised key forward, either in the side or on the interchange bench.

For that reason it surprised me that Swan District's Simon Beasley was omitted from the team.

State selector Keith Slater must have been impressed with Beasley's performance against South Fremantle. It didn't matter whether Beasley had performed indifferently up until that game.

He showed against Souths that he was the type of player WA needed in the forward line considering a regular fullforward hadn't been selected. Beasley showed in his nine-goal effort against Souths all the features of his game... agility, high marking ability, fast leading and accurate kicking.

While the game is now history, the WA selectors should give the forward line a lot of attention when selecting the team for the end of season carnival.

A final note on SA. Their win emanated from an attitude that started early in the year. I happened to be in SA just before the start of the season and one of Adelaide's top football writers said there was a fierce desire for SA teams to do well against VFL sides in scratch matches.

SA club officials and administrators were aware that WA had moved ahead of SA as a football state and this had been further reflected by the performance of WA clubs against VFL sides in scratch matches.

That attitude has obviously prevailed through most of the season and culminated with SA's win on Saturday.

One WA football critic remarked after Saturday's game that SA had modernised their football. While I don't believe their football was any more modern than WA's, their approach was certainly more superior.

In fact SA appear to have adopted the kind of attitude to football that East Germany has to swimming and other Olympic sports.

They have put in a concerted effort to lift their standard of football, something WA should have been doing, particularly after recent good efforts against Victoria and VFL clubs.

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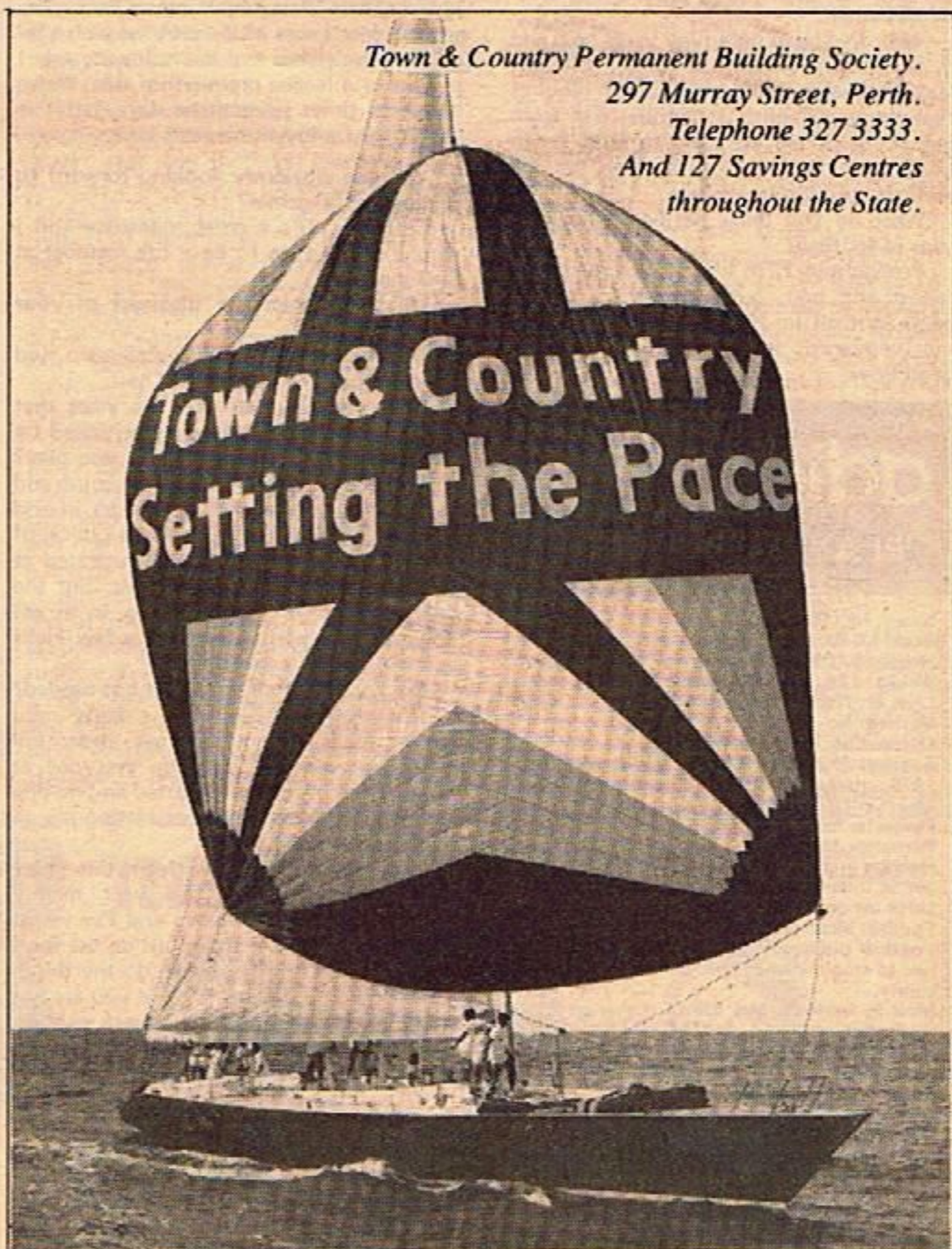
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A SUBI VETERAN . . . AND HE'S ONLY 25

Subiaco half-forward Neil Randall is still only 25, but he is regarded as one of the veterans at the club.

His sheer brilliance can often win a game, but because of the type of player he is — a half-forward specialist — he can fade out of the game for periods.

Randall has enjoyed success with Subiaco — and he has tasted disappointments; particularly in his own game. Trips down to the reserves have dotted his career; as have injuries.

But he still keeps on going and today he is just as loyal and determined to help Subiaco fight their way up the ladder.

This week he talks to ALAN EAST about his football life and thoughts.

People have often regarded you as something of a colorful and controversial player at Subiaco. Do you see yourself that way?

Not really. I think I've played it down the line. But probably I get a bit frustrated at times. The half-forward flank is that type of position where you do get frustrated. It's often the chopping block for the opposition; you certainly get a bit more attention than some other players.

You've been down to the reserves a few times. Any reason behind some of those relegations?

Well, I've been here nine years now and in that time I've been under six different league coaches and every coach requires something different, something else from me. A lot of players seem to settle down okay, but it's hard with new training methods and different ideas.

What do you think has been your best year of football?

Probably in 1976 when I won the club's fairest and best, but I thought I played good football in 1973 and 1974. We won the premiership in '73 and it was a pretty good side.

Where do you think you play your best football?

Probably on a half-forward flank. But I like ruck-roving, especially when the side isn't going so well because you get that many more chances to create your own game. The year I won the fairest and best I played as a rover; I played the last half of the year there.

What do you think are the problems with Subiaco at the moment?

I really think it's just a matter of putting two or three games together. The breaks will come if we can perform every week. But one week we put in a good game and build up the confidence and the next week we get beat by 20 goals. It's a matter of putting our games together. Experience has something to do with it, but it's also a matter of mental approach.

You have also been involved in a few things off the field, such as the formation of a players group at Subiaco?

I've always thought there needed to be one. Clubs tend to run footballers and I thought the players needed a say in things that affected them. Initially the idea met a bit of opposition from the club, but after they found that we weren't going to break the club apart or anything, they saw a lot of good in it. It has turned out really good and we are going as strong as ever. We are raising money for a trip to Hong Kong at the moment.

Where did your own career start from?

Originally I came from Mt Barker and Subiaco recruited me from Scotch College. Several clubs were interested in my services, but I'm glad I joined Subi. The second year I was at the club we won a reserves premiership and the following year I played in a league premiership side. We've had hard times since those days, but I've thoroughly enjoyed the years here.

You are obviously looking forward to getting to 150 games?

Certainly. It's a great milestone and I would dearly love to be a life member at Subiaco.

What has been the highlight of your career?

I suppose the 1973 premiership and winning the club's fairest and best.

Have you ever felt over the years that you have been a bit severely criticised by the media for the type of game you play?

Probably I have, but that's their job and I sometimes agree with it. I'm an in and out sort of player because that's typical of a half-forward flanker. I get frustrated at times and say I'm going to quit. But the only way to prove something is to get down in the reserves and get a few kicks and win back a league place.

Do you think you are a bit hot-headed?

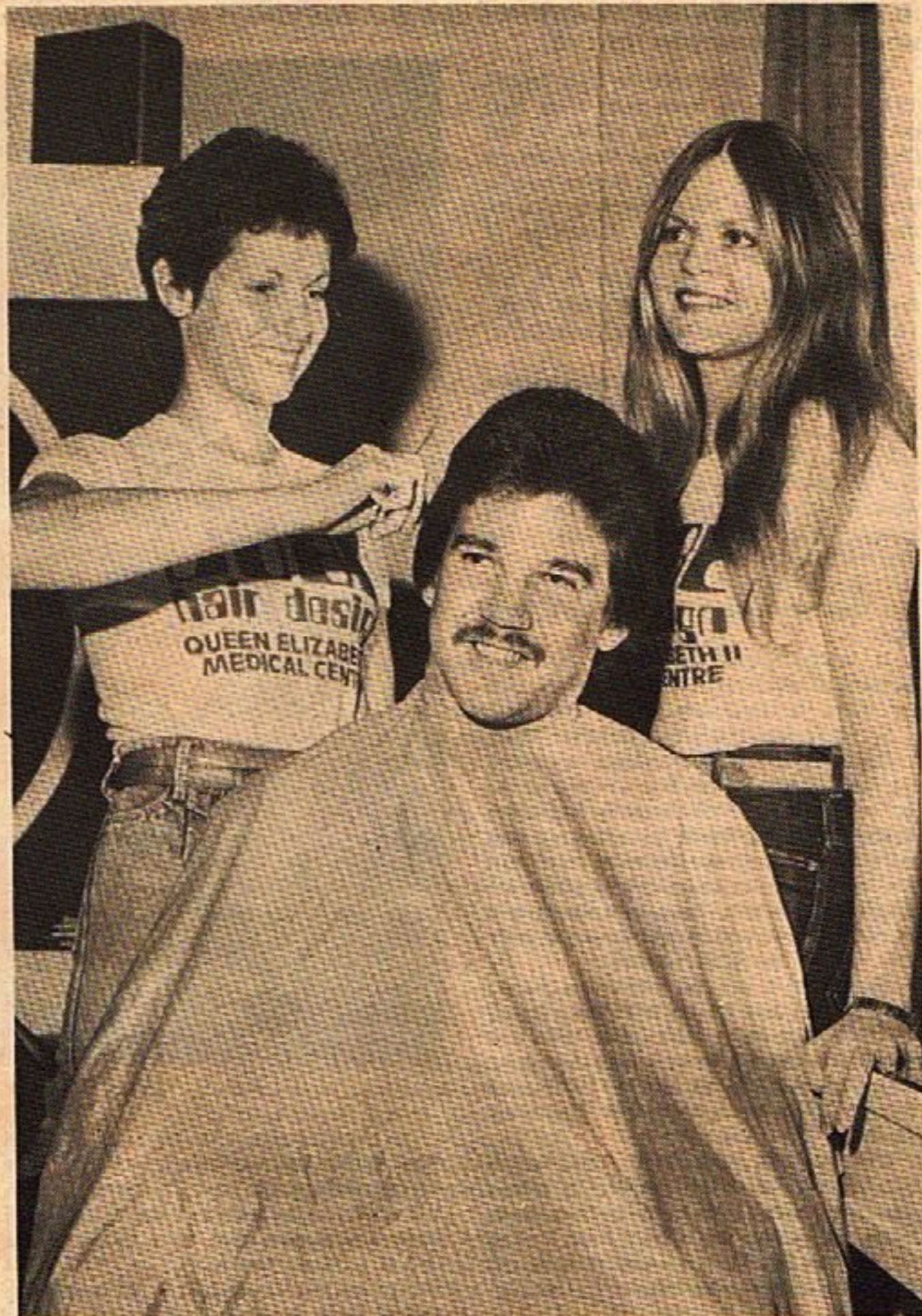
Not really. I think I've a fairly mild temperament, but things get under my collar the same as they do everyone at times. I've never been reported and no-one has ever been reported for hitting me so that's something I guess.

How about your own form this year?

I've had a fairly bad year mainly because of an ankle injury and I've learnt how frustrating it is to be out on the football field and not be able to do the things you know you can do because you are not fully fit. It's just a week-to-week proposition and I just hope I can get through the season and have an operation.

What is the problem?

I have a floating bone in my left ankle. It was suggested that I have an operation a few weeks back, but then a specialist said to have a few weeks rest and it came good. For two games I refused to kick left foot on it and now it's quite good.



NEIL RANDALL gets plenty of attention from his girl-friend LEA ANN WILLIAMS (right) and sister-in-law ERICA in their hairdressing salon.

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Name: Neil Randall
Born: Mt Barker, 4.8.53
Height: 5.10½ (1.79 m)
Weight: 12st. 9lb. (80.5 kg)
Lives at: Wembley Downs
Married: No
Occupation: Sales rep. with 6PR
Football Honours: Subiaco fairest and best 1976, runner-up 1978, club leading goal kicker in 1975.
Favourite food: Seafood.
Favourite drink: Beer.
Hobbies and relaxation: Play cricket. I've also got an interest in a hair-dressing business that keeps me occupied.
Football likes: Winning.
Football dislikes: Players who are put on me just to stop me when they don't have any real ability.
Idols in football: Mal Brown. I was an East Perth fan as a kid and he set me alight.
Hard things in football: Training and chasing.
Ambitions: To play in another successful Subiaco side.
Nickname: Randy.
Guernsey No.: 5
Why: I took it over from Terry Smith in 1971 when I first joined Subiaco and I've had it ever since.
Games played: 146
League debut: 1971.

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HALF-FORWARDS:	Peter Spencer (EP)	Brian Peake (EF)	Tony Buhagiar (EF)
FORWARDS:	Noel Carter (SF)	Simon Beasley (SD)	Graham Moss (C)
RUCKS:	Stephen Michael (SF)	Gary Gibellini (P)	Les Fong (WP)
RESERVES:	Alan Johnson (P)	Kevin Taylor (EF)	Gary Buckenara (S)

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DAVE CLEMENT



Football Flashbacks

In June 1903 Billy Williams, trainer of Perth reported to the W.A.F.A. (as the league was then known) that a player from West Perth, named Tobin had accused him of bribing him to 'play stiff'. Tobin refused to attend the hearing and was disqualified for life by a motion that was seconded by West Perth delegate Greclan. The trainer of a team in those days would most certainly have been the person we know today as the coach.

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Although Australian Rules began in 1858 it was not until some forty years later that one of the game's most spectacular features appeared — the high mark. Charlie Parsons, a famous Essendon player of that era, is acknowledged in history books as the first player to take risks and leap into the air to take marks.

Old timers shook their heads and said "this new fangled idea of marking will ruin the game, people come to watch football not men leaping into the air."

On the 24 July 1915 the Premier of Western Australia, Mr Scadden, bounced the ball to start the first game ever played on Leederville Oval. Subiaco played West Perth and won the game 10.9 to 5.18. This was one of Subiaco's good years, they finished on top and took out the Premiership.

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In 1964 Swan Districts beat East Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval after losing seventeen games straight on that ground.

In 1954 an Adelaide newspaper columnist suggested that Glenelg rover Stan Wickham would need a push bike to keep up with the play in the game next day against Norwood. Wickham took him at his word and led Glenelg onto the field pedalling a bike. He was reported by all five umpires and a charge of misconduct, but the charges were all dismissed.

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The earliest reported football injury was in 1885 when a Victorian's player named Moffatt collided with an opponent and fractured his thigh. He was taken to the Colonial Hospital on a stretcher.

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In 1951 Jimmy Conway of East Fremantle created a league record for a rover by kicking 76 goals, beating the previous best of 70 goals booted by Conway's team mate the late Vic French in 1945.

Old East's rover Kevin Taylor needs only 25 goals to beat that record this season.

SCOTT SAYS

By Umpires Advisor RAY SCOTT



When must umpires stop the game? Naturally at the end of each quarter, but often during the course of the game, umpires are called upon to stop the game because of different circumstances.

As with a lot of the laws of the game, it is left to the discretion of the umpire as to why and when he does stop the game.

In a recent league fixture a player went down with what appeared to be a serious injury and the umpire concerned had no hesitation in stopping the game until that player had been safely removed from the playing arena.

Up until this season the law provided that when an injured player was to be placed on a stretcher the umpire would stop play until the player had been taken from the field.

For some unknown reason that direction has been omitted from the laws of the 1979 season. Umpires will, I'm sure, show common sense and when the situation does arise, will stop the play until the injured player is safely off the ground.

Under the one umpire system if the umpire himself was injured the game was stopped until he recovered or was replaced.

But now with two umpires, if one goes down there is no need for the game to be stopped as the remaining umpire could continue to umpire the game.

If it was necessary to replace the injured umpire the game would be stopped until his replacement was ready to take over. This fortunately does not often happen.

The laws provide that at the request of either captain, the umpire can stop the match and call the players of the opposing team into line for the purpose of counting them. The umpire would line the players up in the centre of the ground and they would stay in that position until dismissed by the umpire.

At the conclusion of the match the um-

pire in his report to the controlling body would furnish the result of such a count. It would be up to the controlling body as to what action they would take.

If a disturbance starts during the game, providing one of the umpires can break it up, there is no need to call a halt to the game. Sometimes when a lot of players become involved, the umpire has no alternative but to stop the game until it has all been sorted out.

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Do players try to exploit the laws of the game?

Naturally they do and good luck to them if they can use the law to their advantage.

The addition to law 13 Holding-the-ball/Holding-the-man tells us that to comply with the law a player must either kick or hand ball the ball or attempt to do so.

Before this addition, when about to be tackled a player bounced the ball and if the tackle was continued he was given a free kick for holding the man. Now in the same circumstances, he would be penalised for holding the ball.

What some players are now doing is when they are about to be tackled they hand ball the ball a metre or two in front of them. This is negative football and should not be encouraged. I'm sure all footballers are encouraged by their coaches to get the ball quickly down into their forward line.

"The spirit of Law 13 is to keep the ball in motion".

Test your knowledge

Ted Morgan has become the first country winner in our weekly Quiz.

Mr Morgan, who lives in Albany, will enjoy \$10 worth of take-away food from Neil Stewart's Taurus Restaurant when he is next in Perth.

He correctly answered, and his entry was first out of the barrel, the questions published in our June 30 issue.

Another take-away voucher worth \$10 is the prize for this week's quiz. Send the answers to the questions below to PO Box 153, Morley.

- 1) Graham Cornes won last Saturday's Simpson Medal, who were the only three previous South Australian players to win the medal?
- 2) What is the name of the WANFL trophy inaugurated in 1963 and awarded to the team heading the league premiership list at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds?
- 3) In what year was the Simpson Medal first awarded?
- 4) How many WANFL clubs have not won a league premiership since 1962?
- 5) What accomplishment do the following players have in common; Mel Whinnen, Bill Dempsey, Jack Sheedy and Bill Walker?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

- 1) Dennis Blair in 1973 grand final
- 2) In 1964
- 3) Ray Gabelich
- 4) 1959
- 5) Graham Farmer and Barry Cable

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

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C. Tapping, Bepton Way, Balga, asks:
What West Australian club holds the record for having participated in the highest number of drawn matches?

West Perth. They have figured in 27 drawn games.

A. Donnelly, Sandpiper Road, Balcatta, asks:

Since the Second World War how many league coaches have there been who did not have previous experience as league footballers?

Three. Joe Brooker West Perth (1945), Jesse Newton Subiaco (1953) and Jack Ensor Swans and Subiaco (1972-1976).

Bryce Riley, Westview Street, Scarborough, asks:

Who was the footballer who came from Nukarni in the Eastern Districts Football Association and after nine games with South Fremantle in 1950 was selected in a State side?

John Crook, who played for WA on the half back line.

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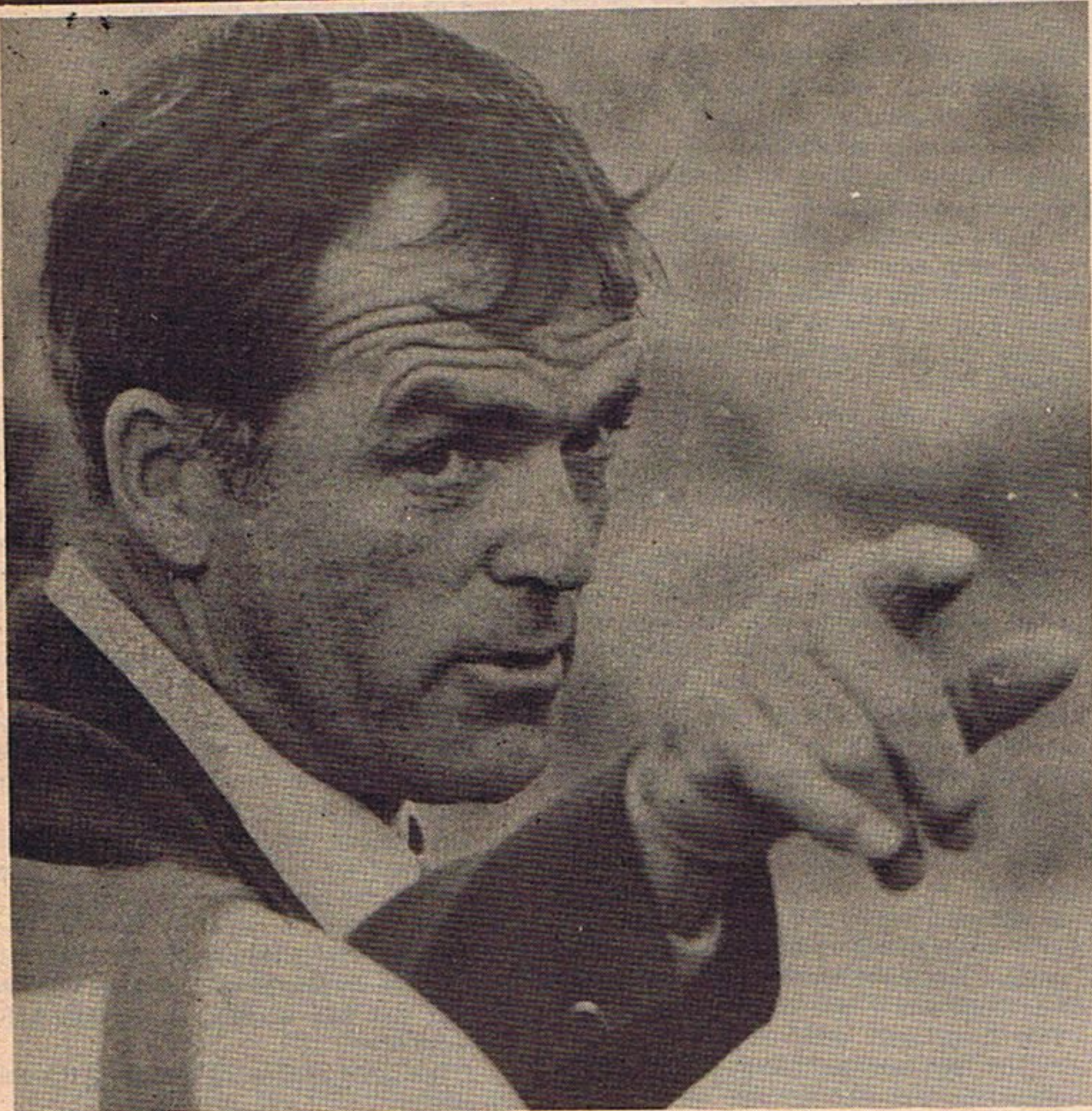
LATHLAIN COACHING CLINIC

Coaching clinics are a part of every young footballer's growing up programme... so Perth defender Clinton Roberts was quite happy to be at Lathlain Park for a recent gathering of local juniors. After all, the 21-year-old Roberts attended many such clinics when he was a junior with the Canning club. He is pictured in the midst of today's juniors from the Perth district.

On the left is David Forster, who is a co-ordinator for the coaching clinics.

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KERLEY'S SPIRIT SOON DAMPENED

State coach Neil Kerley rarely evokes much public sympathy in South Australia. However, many hearts felt for him on Sunday.

His heart, bursting with pride after South Australia's stunning win over Western Australia less than 24 hours previously, was broken at Thebarton Oval.

Kerley's West Torrens which met Haydn Bunton's South Adelaide in the weekly Sunday SANFL match lost by 11 points after leading by 8 points at three quarter time.

Carried shoulder high from Subiaco Oval on Saturday, he was a forlorn, lonely figure slumped in the corner of West Torrens's dressing room after Sunday's match.

"Success doesn't last for long", Kerley said grimly, staring at the fixture list in his

crumpled Football Budget.

Two second half moves by Bunton brought Kerley quickly back to earth and tipped Torrens out of the five. Torrens now stand in seventh spot, equal on premiership points with Woodville and Sturt.

Bunton moved Robin White from a half-back flank into the centre and Stephen Kean from a back pocket to a wing.

The changes had the desired effect. White eliminated Bruce Lindsay, while Kean matched wits with Craig Marriott and cut him back to size.

Poor Kerley must have wished he had been lost in transit on the way back from Perth early that morning.

Victory against WA answered those who had been critical of SA's 1979 interstate policy, according to SA selector Fos Williams.

Specifically he referred to finance and the \$500 paid to each player for each of the three State games.

Speaking at a victory celebration for the players he said that signs of mounting criticism had been evident to those entrusted with the task of restoring SA's football prestige.

He had had to tell the players on Friday night that no incentive bonus would be paid for a win against WA.

Sponsors had been available early in the season to provide players with a substantial bonus for success against Victoria or WA.

But this had been vetoed around the league table.

Williams said that SA's courageous victory also answered the many WA critics who suggested that the visiting team was playing only for money.

The SANFL president, Mr Max Basheer, thanked each player for his contribution to SA football.

He left no doubt that SA's interstate policy, which may cost the league about \$20,000 had been criticised when he said:

"We had no support from around the league table but we did from the management committee."

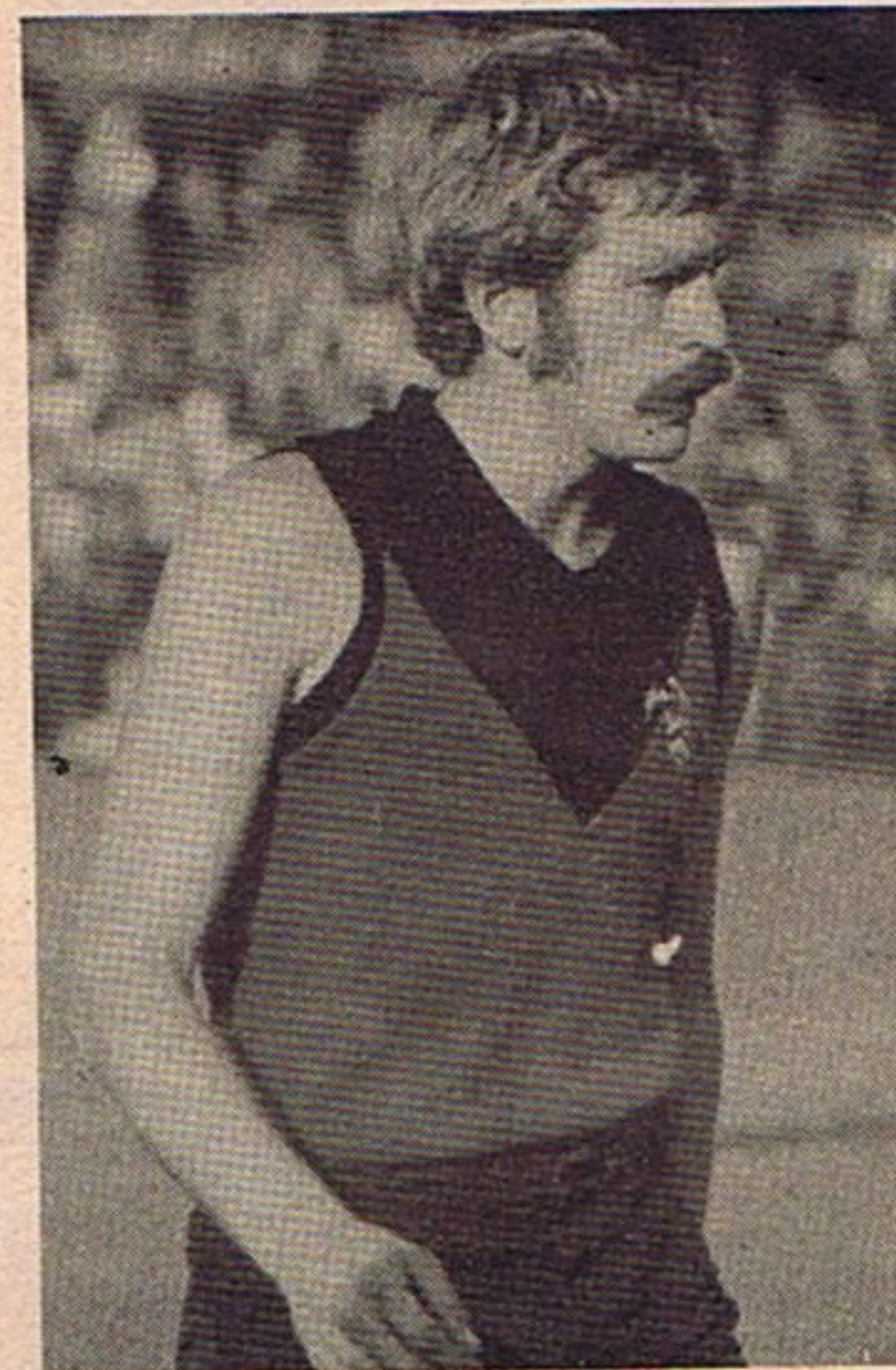
WA SELECTORS CAN LOOK TO VIC.

Western Australian selectors can start marking down a few VFL based players for the State of Origin Carnival at the end of the year.

At Collingwood, Stan Magro and Kevin Worthington are in brilliant form on the backline and Bill Valli is doing better than expected in the middle.

Mike Fitzpatrick is the VFL's top ruckman and has been largely responsible for keeping Carlton at the top of the ladder.

Alan Reid is the surprise packet of the year at Essendon and his wing play has received nothing but rave notices. Barry Day is taking longer to settle in.



Ron Alexander

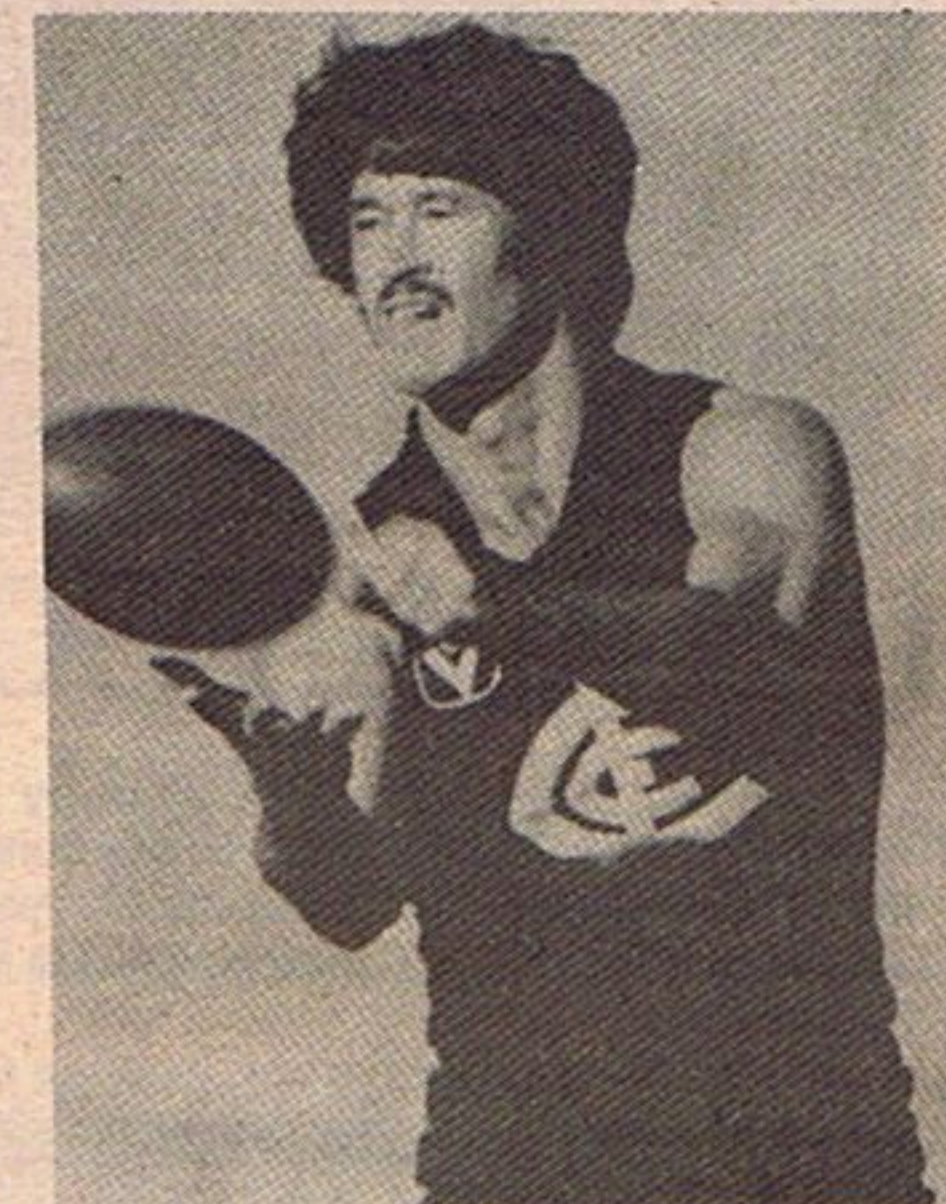
Fitzroy captain Ron Alexander can pack his bags already, while Max Richardson is playing the best football he has produced in years on a forward flank for the Lions.

Geelong's veteran "rookie" Peter Featherby started slowly, but has begun to earn his money with a best-on-the-ground performance.

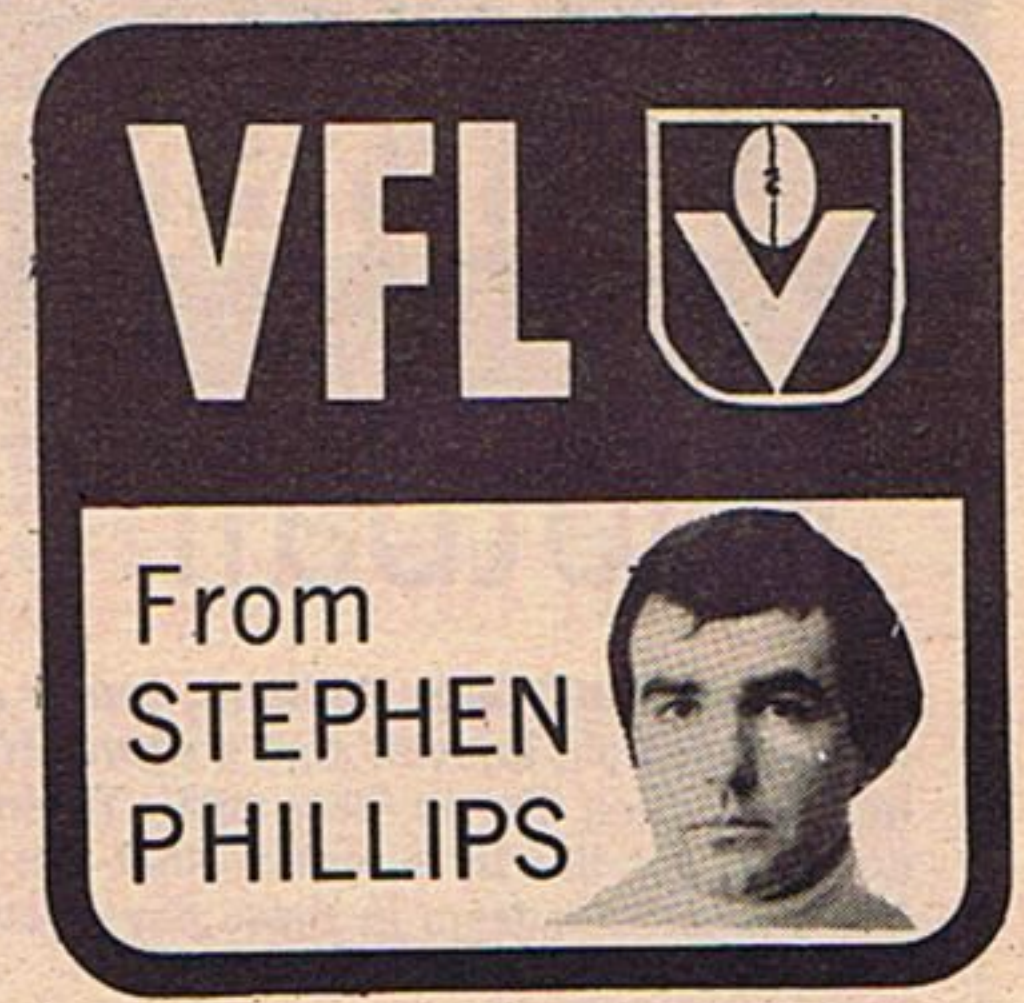
North's Kevin Bryant started brilliantly, as did Graham Melrose, but injury has left a large question mark next to their names at this stage.

Richmond's Robert Wiley has failed to produce consistent brilliance, but is improving week by week. Bruce Monteath, on the other hand, has had a poor year and Neil Balme has only made brief appearances after his injury.

Big Garry Sidebottom stands out like a destroyer in a fleet of dinghies at St Kilda and is a must for another WA guernsey.



Mike Fitzpatrick.



The days of bluffing opponents with phoney team line-ups could be over if Hawthorn have any say in the matter.

The Hawks have suggested that any team which alters its line-up within 30 minutes of the match will be liable to a \$5000 fine.

So far this season clubs have made a mockery of the teams printed in the press each Friday morning. Despite being unable to inform papers of the selected team until late Thursday night the opening line-ups have borne little resemblance.

Hawthorn have been the villain on many occasions. They named Don Scott in one match and even went to the extreme of having him lead the side out. He promptly walked off the field and was replaced.

In Sydney last month the Hawks did it again. The team was on the field when lo and behold, who should appear but Alan Martelle, for his first match of the season.

At last it seems as if the Hawks, and other teams have come to their senses.

Hawthorn captain Don Scott has received his second hefty fine in a fortnight from his club after being suspended by the VFL tribunal.

Scott was found guilty of elbowing Collingwood's Peter Moore in the face early in the final of the Escort championship at VFL park.

The tribunal found Scott guilty and rubbed him out for four weeks. Scott had missed the previous match as he had been suspended for one match on an abusive language charge.

The four-week suspension was the most severe in his 12 year career, spanning 258 games. He has now been reported 10 times, found guilty six times and suspended for 11 matches.

One light note after the tribunal was Scott's declaration that he would like to write a book telling his football experiences.

"I would have plenty of libel writs though if I printed what I wanted to," Scott told reporters.

Former South Fremantle coach Hassa Mann — now a skills adviser with Melbourne — is not normally an outspoken person...

... But he had a few hot words to say last week about the way champion forward Phil Carman is being treated.

Mann believes that Carman is being crucified by umpires.

"Umpires victimise him whenever he goes near the ball," said Mann in a hot outburst after Melbourne had been thrashed by Richmond last week.

"He never gets the benefit of the doubt in any decision. He is a frustrated and confused player."

Mann said that he was speaking as an individual — but was insistent that he would ask Melbourne to meet with the umpires' adviser to clarify the situation.

Melbourne paid Collingwood a huge sum to gain the services of Carman this season — and he has generally been a flop.

But Mann says that this is because he is so frustrated at the treatment he is getting that he has lost all confidence.

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FORMER WP STAR'S SECRET AMBITION

By PETER POAT

Watch out Graham Campbell. . . there's someone after your job.

Former West Perth muscle-man John Duckworth told me last weekend that one of his remaining ambitions in football was to return to West Australia as a coach. And the club he would most dearly love to coach is West Perth.

Though his heart at the moment is thoroughly involved in South Australian football — and the smile he wore last Saturday night proved that — he said when he completed his playing contract with Central District he wanted to return to Western Australia.

He would be 31 when his term in South Australia was completed and he doubted if he would have many playing days ahead.

At this stage his thoughts are that he would become a non-playing coach, but he would wait and see.

Though his first desire is to return to West Perth as coach, his options would be open. He would consider any West Australian league coaching position that became vacant in 1981.

Despite the protracted wrangle he had with West Perth over a financial arrangement earlier this season, he holds no bitterness toward the club.

His move to South Australia followed

an unsuccessful bid to join Claremont after he had reached a deadlock with the West Perth administration over an increase in match payments for this season.

In South Australia he has settled well into the Central District side and is rated as one of the State's "top finds" this season.

He is well to the fore in several major South Australian football awards and his inclusion in the team which beat West Australia last Saturday is his third State appearance for South Australia.

Earlier in the season he was a member of the team that was soundly beaten by Victoria and in June journeyed to Brisbane as a member of the side which thrashed Queensland.

The Brisbane Press reported that he thrilled the local crowds with his long kicking — a feature of his game that most West Australians will remember well. On the small Brisbane Cricket Ground he was repeatedly landing kicks in the goal-square from the centre of the ground.

He said his biggest disappointment last Saturday was not being part of his side's final-quarter onslaught. He had to be content to watch his new-found home State from the bench after leaving the ground with an ankle injury at three-quarter time.

GARY'S GOSSIP



Mal Brown has stirred up a hornet's nest with his recent criticism of State coach Barry Cable and his preparation of the West Australian Team. "Cables" fired a broadside back at Brown during last Sunday's World of Football on Channel Seven when he said that Mal was just a publicity seeker. Cable also said he could be interested to see how many of Brown's injured players fronted up for this Saturday's game. The situation has become really tense and I, for one, am looking forward to the next EP v SF match with a great deal of interest. Watch out for fireworks on that day.

Those Victorian talent scouts have been busy on the Perth scene. Last week the Hawthorn club spoke with Subiaco's Gary Buckenara. The Essendon club represented by Neville Gaye and Allan McGillivray spoke to Tony Buhagiar and Maurice Rioli. Actually, Rioli was also approached by the Footscray club. My information is that Footscray officials offered Maurice \$6000 in cash to sign with the Bulldogs. The deal was allegedly offered to Rioli in a room at the Chateau Commodore Hotel last week. Apparently, the brilliant South Fremantle centreman turned down the offer.

One of football's best kept secrets was the approach Swan Districts made to former East Fremantle star and now North Melbourne rover, Graham Melrose. Apparently, Swans attempted to gain the services of Melrose during the same time they were negotiating with Garry Sidebottom. Both approaches have since fallen through, however, my spies tell me that the Black and Whites haven't given up on "Mellie" and they hope to have him at Bassendean in time for the 1980 season. I bet East Fremantle will be watching developments with interest.

Other interstate visitors in town last week for the SA v WA match included North Melbourne's General Manager Ron Josephs and former South Australian Magarey medallist now "Kangaroos" super star Mal Blight. I wonder who Ron Josephs had his eye on from the Western Australian camp. I'll bet money it was Brian Peake, but "Cheeky Peaky" has apparently signed with Geelong.

Those Essendon officials weren't only interested in talking to Maurice Rioli and the "Budgie" — they had talks with Graham Moss too. "Mossie" didn't play one of his best games, but rest assured the "Dons" want Graham back in Victoria. A lot will depend on what happens this season with Claremont as to just where the former Brownlow medallist will play next year.

Last Sunday evening I chaired a special Football Panel at the Scarborough Sportsmen's Club. The panel featured some top names — Collingwood coach Tom Hafey, former W.A. players Bill Valli and Stan Magro, Collingwood player Renee Kink, John Rogers — Fred Woods — Ian McCulloch — Jim Haines and Channel Seven's Sporting Director, Harvey Deegan. It was a tremendous evening and some \$650 was raised for Telethon 1979.

They tell me that estranged East Fremantle player Ken Judge wants to finish out his footy season with Cockburn. However, I know that Swan's coach John Todd is most anxious to get Judge to Bassendean in 1980. Watch out Toddie! — Mal Brown has some ideas as far as Ken is concerned too.

Did you know that last Sunday, the Subiaco Reserves side defeated the league side by five goals? Lion's reserve coach (Reg Hampson) still hasn't taken the grin off his face.

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Ian Miller

Names . . rumours, and more names

The arrival of June 30 signified the deadline for clearance applications. . . and there was a spate of last-minute wheeling and dealing between clubs in WA.

Apart from the hasty negotiations involved in the triangular deal involving Ian Kent, Vic Melville and Jeff Dickinson, there were plenty of other names mentioned in club negotiations.

And Claremont were heading the list.

Names like Alan Walker, Grant Luhrs, Ross Ditchburn, Gerard McNeil and Geoff Curran were mentioned as possible players in swap deals.

Claremont were happy to let Mel-

ville go to Perth, providing Perth cleared Dickinson to West Perth, who in turn would release Kent to the Tigers.

But West Perth wanted to swap Kent for Ditchburn. . .but that wasn't on.

McNeil moved over to East Perth and made sure that his clearance application was in before the deadline and Luhrs accepted a lucrative offer to join Carey Park, in the South West league.

Claremont also showed interest in talking to speedy Perth wingman Alan Johnson. . .but the Demons were having nothing of that. As for Walker and Curran. . .well, they seem to be sticking it out at Claremont.

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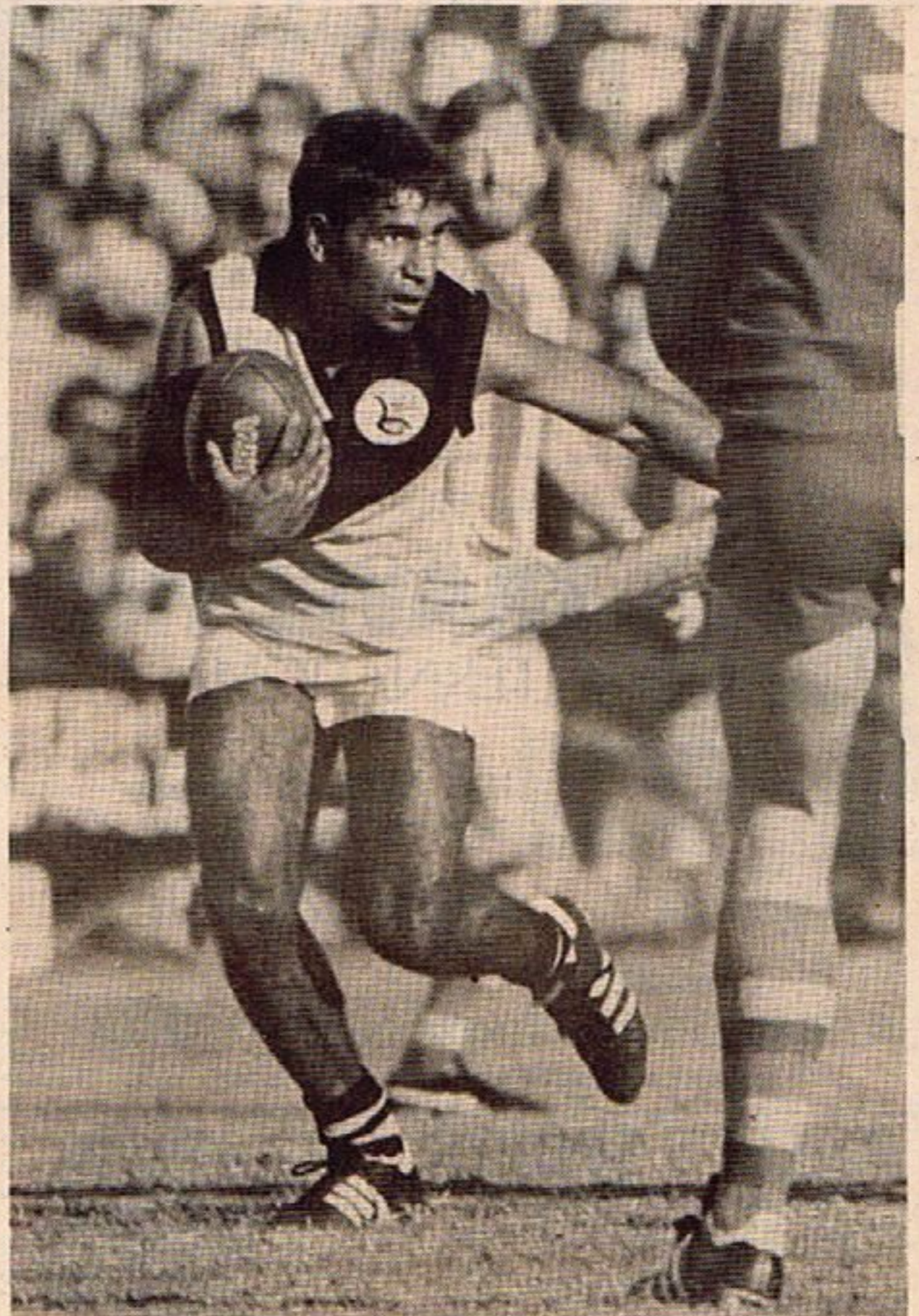
Saturday, July 7 was certainly a black day for West Australians it was the turn of the South Australians to rejoice in the football world.

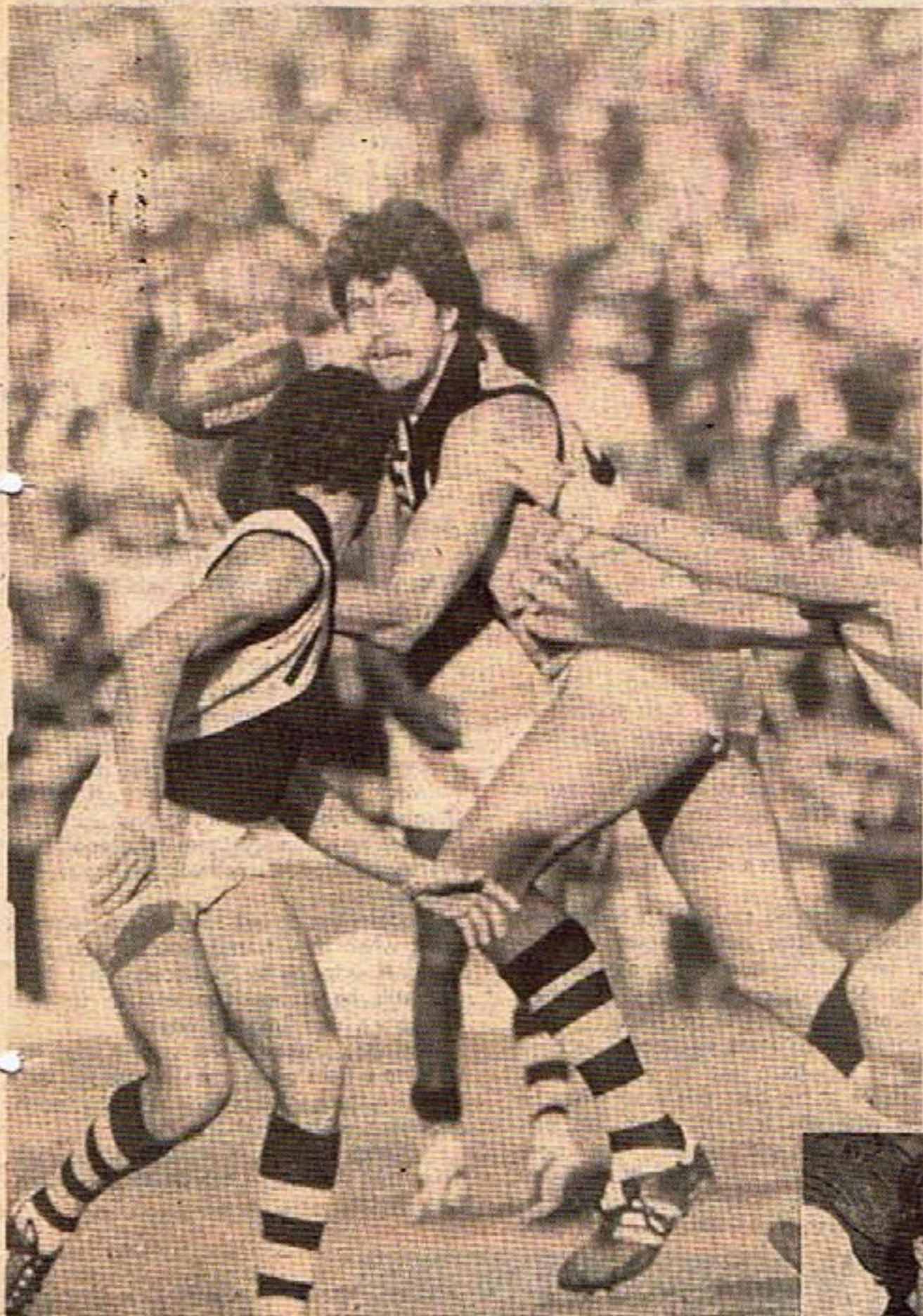
SA beat WA at their own game running and handballing—at Subiaco Oval and these pictures tell the story.

Rick Davies (left) and John Duckworth..... happy.



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SPECIALIST ERA OVER

East Perth coach Barry Cable has probably got one of the best specialist goal kickers in Australia in his camp — but Archie Duda has spent more time in the reserves than in the league side, mainly because of his inability to play in other positions.

The tag of obsolete that has been pinned to the specialist full-forward has only been a recent innovation.

The thinking of coaches of bygone eras was that a specialist goalkicker was a must if you were going to build a side that had premiership potential.

But it is interesting to note that the two men most widely regarded as the best goalkickers of modern times — Bernie Naylor (South Fremantle) and Austin Robertson (Subiaco) — had contrasting effects on the fortunes of their sides.

Goalkicking is an art . . . and many football critics of today's world believe that it is a dying art.

The day of the specialist full-forward has certainly gone. Nowadays a coach demands much more of a footballer than simply to be available to stand around at full-forward and kick goals.

Even Ray Bauskis, South Fremantle's goalkicking specialist who has topped the WANFL table for the last two years, is ex-

pected to be a versatile member of the side. Coach Malcolm Brown often calls on Bauskis to fill in on the half-forward line as he swings players around through the key attacking positions.

Naylor kicked 1034 goals in his brilliant career with Souths, topping the goalkicking ladder six times — and his side won the premiership in five of those years.

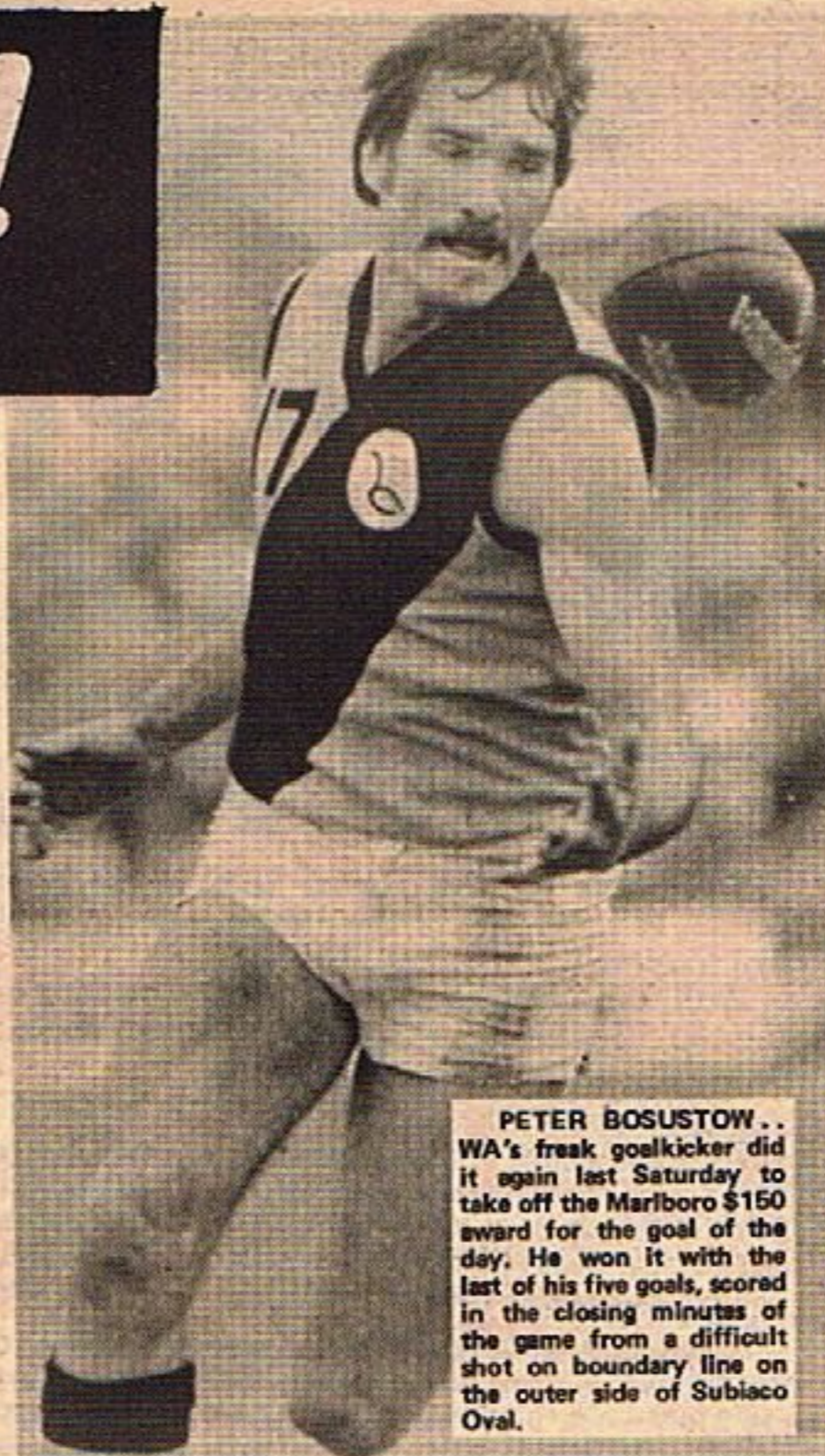
Robertson kicked 1278 goals, finished on top of the ladder a record eight times — but never featured in a premiership in the same year that he topped the table. His only premiership was in 1973 when he finished down the goalkicking ladder.

Who is the best goalkicker of all times? A tough question. The Football 150 book published by the WANFL recently analysed the issue and found that Naylor, Robertson, John Gerovich, Bonny Campbell and George Doig were the leading contenders.

All were champions in their own right. Each had a different approach to the game. All were brilliant marks, fast leaders and — above all — accurate kicks for goals.

Will we ever see such specialist goalkickers again?

That's doubtful in our modern style of versatile football.



PETER BOSUSTOW . . . WA's freak goalkicker did it again last Saturday to take off the Marlboro \$150 award for the goal of the day. He won it with the last of his five goals, scored in the closing minutes of the game from a difficult shot on boundary line on the outer side of Subiaco Oval.

JUNIOR NEWS



By **RICHARD WALKER**
Development Officer
W.A.N.F.L.

Last weekend saw East Fremantle make a clean sweep in junior inter district matches with wins in the U/16 and U/18 finals played at Subiaco Oval.

The previous weekend produced wins in the U/12 and U/14 competitions.

The results were a just reward for Tony Nicholas, Ron Jones and the other East Fremantle junior organisers who commenced their club's preparation and planning in January this year.

The East Perth Junior Football Council will be conducting its annual country football carnival this weekend.

Sponsored by Ampol, the carnival will involve teams from the East Perth districts of Bridgetown, Boyup Brook, Busselton, Manjimup and Margaret River.

All players will be billeted by East Perth district junior clubs and will play games on Saturday and Sunday.

The finals in the three grades — under 12, 14 and 16 — will be played at Perth Oval on Sunday, starting at noon.

Visiting officials will be the guests of the East Perth Club during the game against Claremont.

Sandover guide says:

PRUNSTER IS A MEDAL HOPE

Ross Prunster for the Sandover Medal ?
A rough chance, you might say.

But a survey of our Sandover Medal guide since the start of the season indicates that the West Perth centremen is more than just a roughie in a top-class field.

Each week the eight football media who vote 3-2-1 have their votes recorded in our medal guide cut-out feature. And a quick glance at the weekly poll indicates that Prunster has been best-on-ground — on a majority decision — five times this season.

He shares top billing with Brian Peake, East Fremantle's champion utility player who won the medal in 1977 and is among the favourites to repeat that feat this year.

Peake has also been the best-on-ground choice of the majority on five occasions — and twice he has been the unanimous choice of all eight media whose votes are recorded.

He polled the maximum of 24 votes on May 12 against Subiaco and repeated the effort on June 23 against Perth.

Others to poll the maximum votes have been Prunster (July 7 v East Perth); Ian Miller (June 2 v Subiaco); Les Fong (June 16 v East Fremantle) and Graham Moss (July 7 v Perth).

Claremont's Ken Hunter is another player who emerges as a big chance in the Sandover Medal. He has been the majority decision choice three times — and has been a close second in many other games.

Other players to be the popular choice on more than one occasion have been Fong (3), Miller (3), Alex Hamilton (2), Maurice Rioli (2), Simon Beasley (2), Ray Bauskis (2), Phil Kelly (2) and Moss (2).



Ross Prunster



Brian Peake

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TOUGH BATTLE IN CHASE FOR \$500 AWARD

The battle for the Toyota \$500 in the Westside Ratings competition is certain to prove one of the most cut-throat affairs of the last round of football fixtures.

With seven home-and-home games remaining only a bare six points separate the top 10 players — which means that no player can afford to miss a game or put in one or two bad performances.

The leaders at this stage are:

102	Ken Hunter (Claremont).	99	Ross Prunster (West Perth).
102	Ian Miller (East Perth).	97	Keith Narkle (Swan Districts).
101	Graham Moss (Claremont).	96	Stan Nowotny (Swan Districts).
101	Les Fong (West Perth).	96	Stephen Michael (South Fremantle).
100	Brian Peake (East Fremantle).	96	George Michalczyk (East Perth).

The effort by Miller and Hunter to reach the tally of 102 out of 14 matches means they have averaged 7.28 per game — a remarkably consistent effort when you consider that such a tally puts a player in the best two or three on the ground each week.

One of the advantages of a system such as Westside Ratings is that team-mates do not rob each other of votes.

If two or three players put in outstanding efforts for their team, it is not uncommon for all of them to be rated on the same number of points. Thereby, Westside Ratings is certainly one of the fairest means of establishing the best player in our 1979 season.

However, an interesting aspect of the voting at Claremont — where Hunter and Moss are two of the top contenders for the Toyota title — is that both players have polled poorly when the other has recorded an exceptionally high figure.

On May 26 when Claremont beat East Fremantle, Hunter was in outstanding form, polling the maximum of 10 points. On that day, Moss took a back seat and received only six votes, the lowest figure he has had this season.

Then, on June 30 when Claremont clashed with Perth it was Moss's turn to poll high, receiving nine votes for his match-winning effort. It was the signal for Hunter to have a 'down' day and he polled only five votes — his lowest for the season.

The announcement of Toyota's \$500 award for the winner at the end of the qualifying rounds had a rather interesting side-effect on the voting.

At the time of the announcement the leaders were Miller and Hunter on 97 and Rioli on 95.

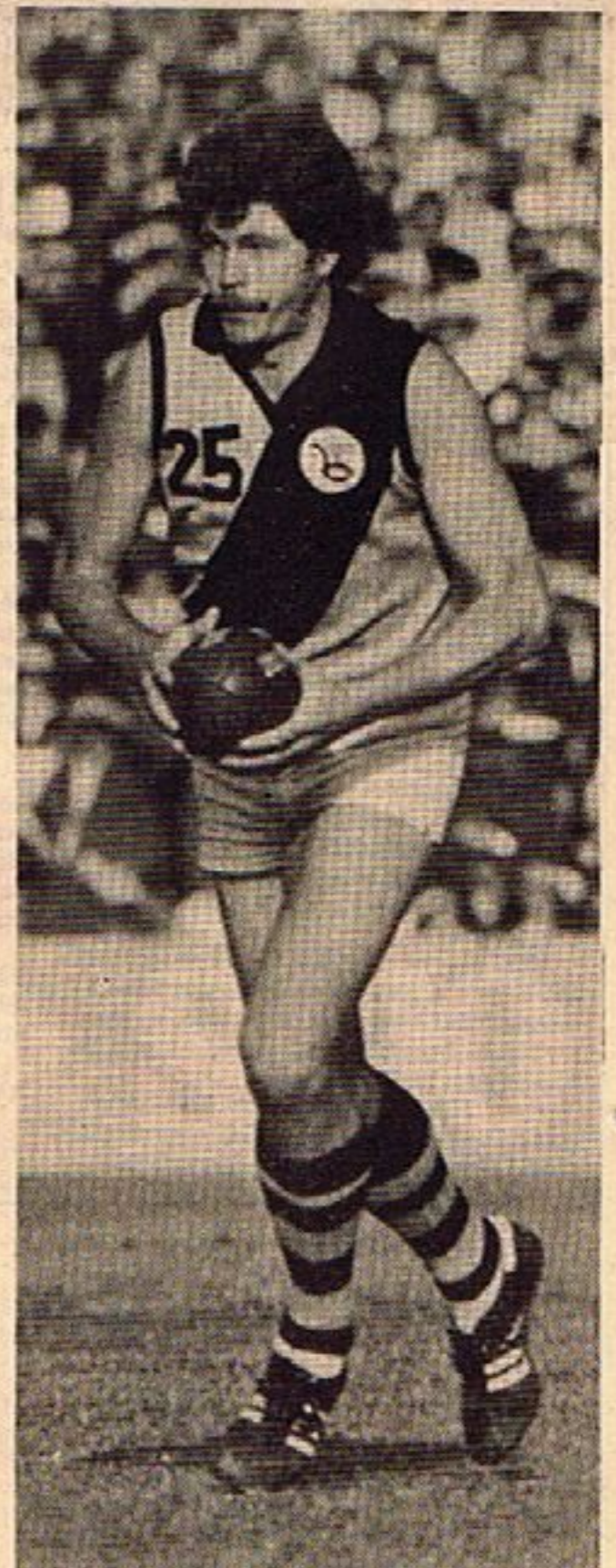
It was ironic that the three leaders all faltered. Miller was injured midway through the game against West Perth and polled only 5; Hunter had a down day for his 5 and Rioli was out injured — costly day without a vote.

But the competition is still wide open.

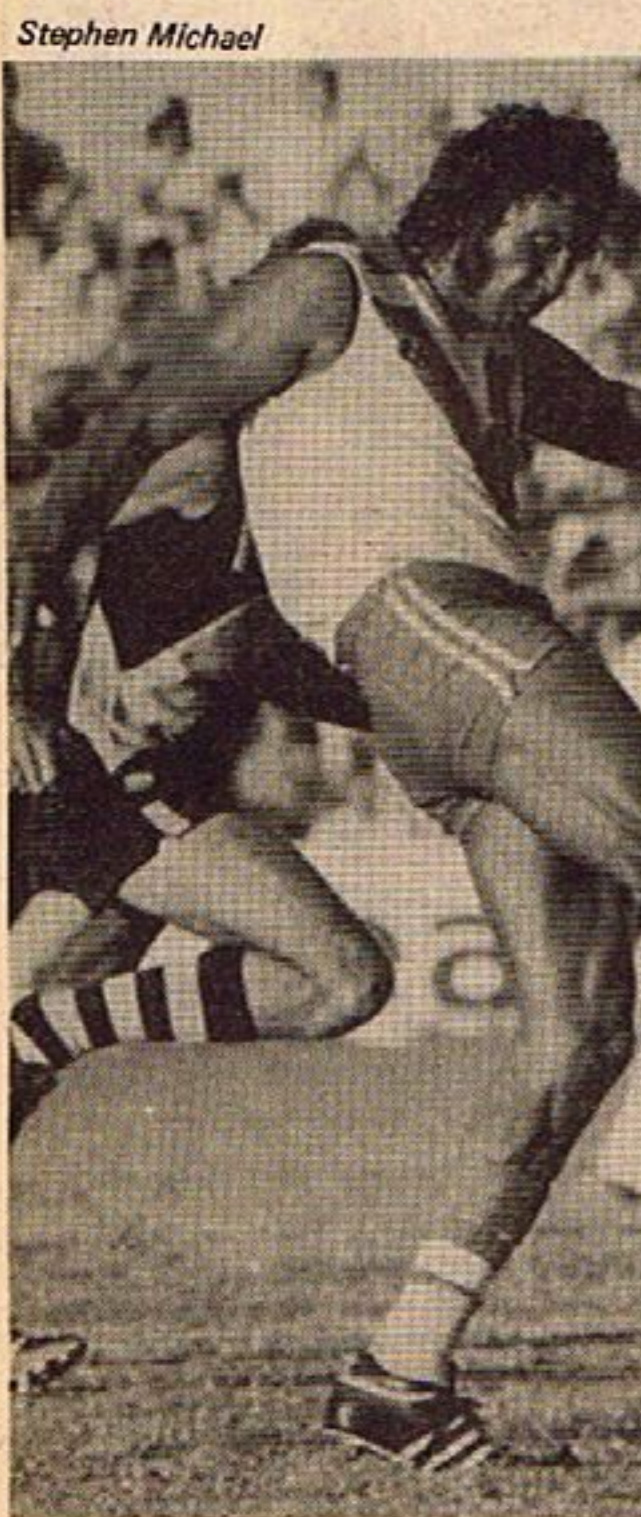
With seven matches remaining, it only needs consistent week-by-week performances by any of the top 10 or even 12 players to give them a chance of adding an extra \$500 to their earnings.



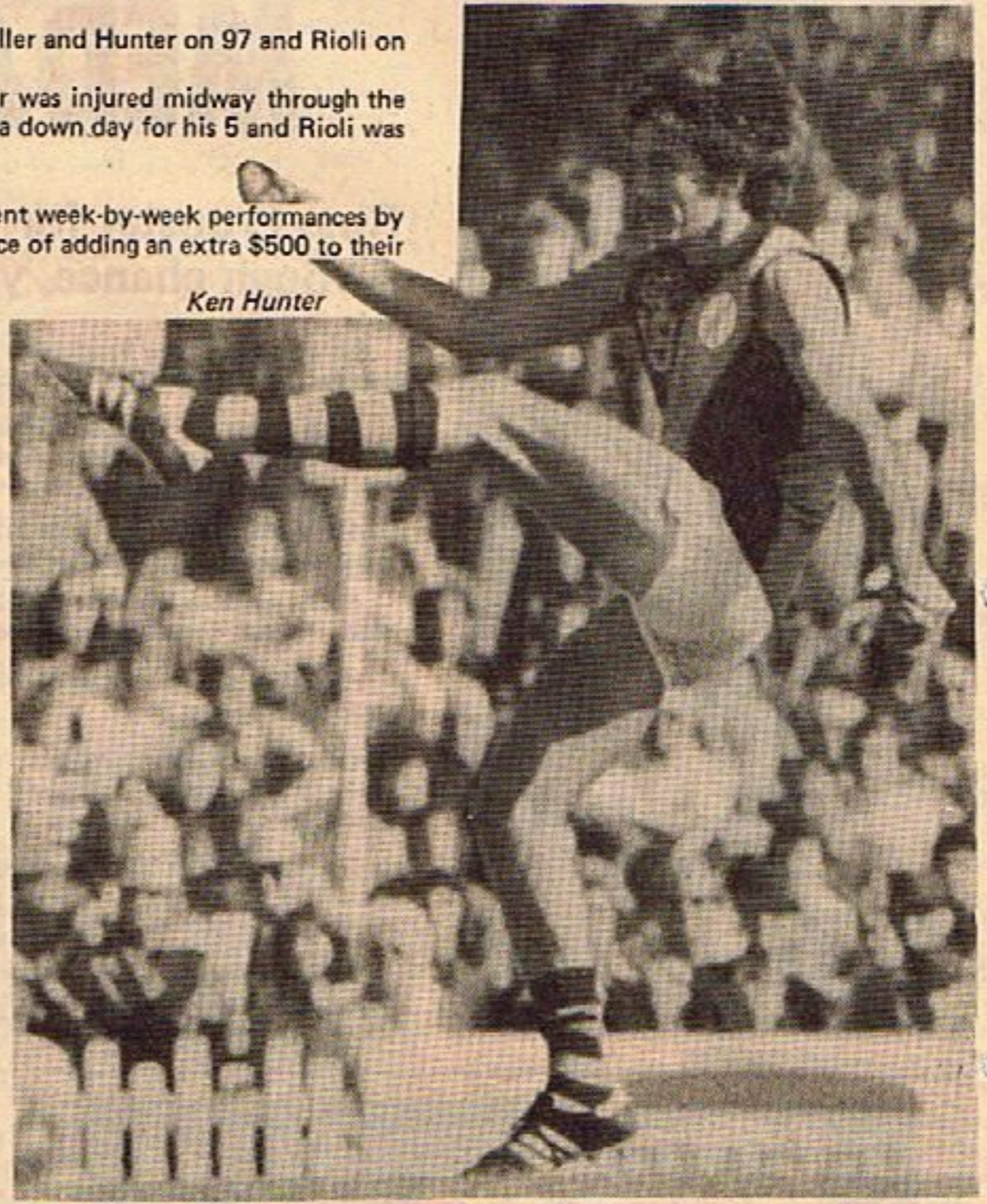
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Subiaco on way back



More words have been written about the plight of Subiaco this season than probably any other football issue... and it is fair to say that the club is not enjoying a great deal of success.

A variety of reasons have contributed to Subiaco's downfall in recent seasons ranging from some over-ambitious managerial decisions to poor player recruiting and a loss of top players to Eastern States clubs.

Subiaco's moments of glory have been few and far between. Though they won premierships in 1912, 1913, 1915 and then 1924, it was a long drought to their next success when Ross Smith took them to a spirited 1973 grand final success.

Since then the fall has been rapid and serious; plummeting to the bottom of the table, not only on the football field, but off as well. Financial troubles have plagued Subiaco, partly because of their geographical location - well away from the hub of their metropolitan zone - and the conflict of interest with the nearby WANFL members' club.

But be that as it may, the woes of Subiaco have generally been self-inflicted and the present-day committee is taking bold steps to rectify the situation. But it's not an easy task. To restore pride and glory to a club that obviously lacks playing talent is an awesome task and first-year coach Peter Burton - a former champion of the Subiaco camp - has one of football's most unenviable challenges.

Subiaco's history goes back to 1897 and they have graduated from Shenton Park to league headquarters. They have produced their share of champions and they have had their moments of triumph.

The season of 1973 still lingers fresh in Subiaco's mind. They bought one of Victoria's greatest footballers, tough little St Kilda rover Ross Smith, and he inspired a team of players who, on paper, looked just a little above ordinary. It was destined to be Subiaco's year as they stormed to an emotional premiership and the club is working to the day when they can repeat those pleasant hours.

Moments of joy have not been common since then, but Saturday, October 8, 1977 ranks high in the few days of highlights.

On that day Subiaco sponsored the nation's first State-of-Origin match. The ambitious venture did not make Subiaco a lot of money in the long run, but they set up a pattern that has now been copied by all States, that is, players being allowed to return to their State of origin for interstate clashes.

The joy of that day will seldom be repeated as Subiaco promotions man Leon Larkin enticed nine expatriates back from the tough VFL arena and mixed them in with some tremendous local talent.

The result was a surprising 94-point victory to WA over a lack-lustre Victorian side - and that is a victory that will long hold pride of place in the Subiaco camp.

Fate has dealt Subiaco several unkind blows this season.

They started out well with the enticing back to the club of Burton, a young man with a steel will and progressive ideas, and then added the experience of Brian Sierakowski to the selection panel. Then they set out to recruit two former club stars - George Young and Dennis Blair - back from Melbourne, where they had played VFL football with considerable success.

They achieved that target. But a disheartening run of injuries has seen Young play only one quarter of football and Blair miss five early games. Added to an injury list that at one stage included 14 of the league training list, Subiaco's misfortunes have been many.



Lance Perkins

Lance Perkins has certainly sat in a hot seat since his election to the post of chairman of the Subiaco Football and Sporting Club Inc. two years ago.

At the time, Subiaco were in an ailing situation, with finances and playing strength at a low ebb. It has been a long, hard struggle and often a battle that seemingly had no end.

"But now I believe that we have turned the corner", says Mr Perkins. "I am reasonably confident that by the end of this season we will have wiped off our accumulated losses. We should break even by the end of the season and then we start afresh."

On the playing side, Subiaco's hopes have not risen as high as they would have liked.

However, the club is solidly behind coach Peter Burton, a man who is giving everything he has to the job.

"We still believe that Peter can lead us out of the wilderness," says Mr Perkins. "We can see that injuries to key players have taken a serious toll at the wrong times. Fate has not been kind to us but next year we hope it will be another story."



Tom Outridge



Ross Smith

Subi star was first

The story of the Sandover Medal is as fascinating as the story of our great game... and Subiaco feature prominently in its beginning.

Tom Outridge, often regarded as the best ruckman produced by Subiaco, was working for the Sandover firm and suggested to his employer, Mr Alfred Sandover, that there should be a medal for the fairest and best player in the competition each year.

Mr Sandover agreed... and it was an amazing coincidence that Outridge was the player who won that first medal in 1921. In those days players received just one vote for being best-on-ground and Outridge and Cyril Hoft (Perth) tied for the award, with the Subiaco player becoming the first winner on the president's casting vote.

Subiaco had another winner when Johnny Leonard, almost certainly Subiaco's best-ever rover, won the award in 1926 and was runner-up for the next three years.

Success did not come easy to Subiaco in those days, but Sandover Medals did as Lou Daily won the 1935 medal when he tied with George Krepp (Swan Districts) and then Haydn Bunton Snr. won three in a row in 1939, 40 and 41.

But unfortunately, that signified the end of Subiaco's success in football's biggest individual award. Though they have had runners-up in Trevor Preston (1942), Jeff Smith (1948) and Peter Featherby (1973) and other champions like Kevin Merrifield, Mike Fitzpatrick, Laurie Kettlewell, Reg Hampson, Bill Alderman, Charlie Tyson

and Tom Robbins, the medals have eluded the club.

Even the great Haydn Bunton Jnr., who had the Sandover Medal when at Swans in 1962, could not repeat his father's effort while he was coaching the Lions from 1968 to 1972.

However, Subiaco's honour roll of champions is plentiful.

High up on the list is Austin Robertson Jnr., unquestionably WA's best kicker of goals over a sustained period. He topped WA's goalkicker ladder eight times, amassed a total of 1278 goals in 251 games and still holds the record of 157 goals kicked in a season.

Subiaco's best-ever player?

A tough question. Ruckman Mike Fitzpatrick must be close to challenging Tom Outridge as the best big-man produced by the club; Laurie Kettlewell was a classic footballer; Peter Featherby has proved himself in all levels of football; Colin Williams was a tremendous servant over many years and Peter Eakins won a Tassie Medal.

However, for sheer quality of skills and later a tremendous coaching record, maybe the honour goes to the brilliant little rover Johnny Leonard.

The club's 200-game honour board has some fine footballers on it:

- 252. Colin Williams
- 251. Austin Robertson
- 224. Reg Hampson
- 217. Tom Outridge
- 213. Kevin Merrifield
- 205. Laurie Kettlewell
- 202. Stewart Dally

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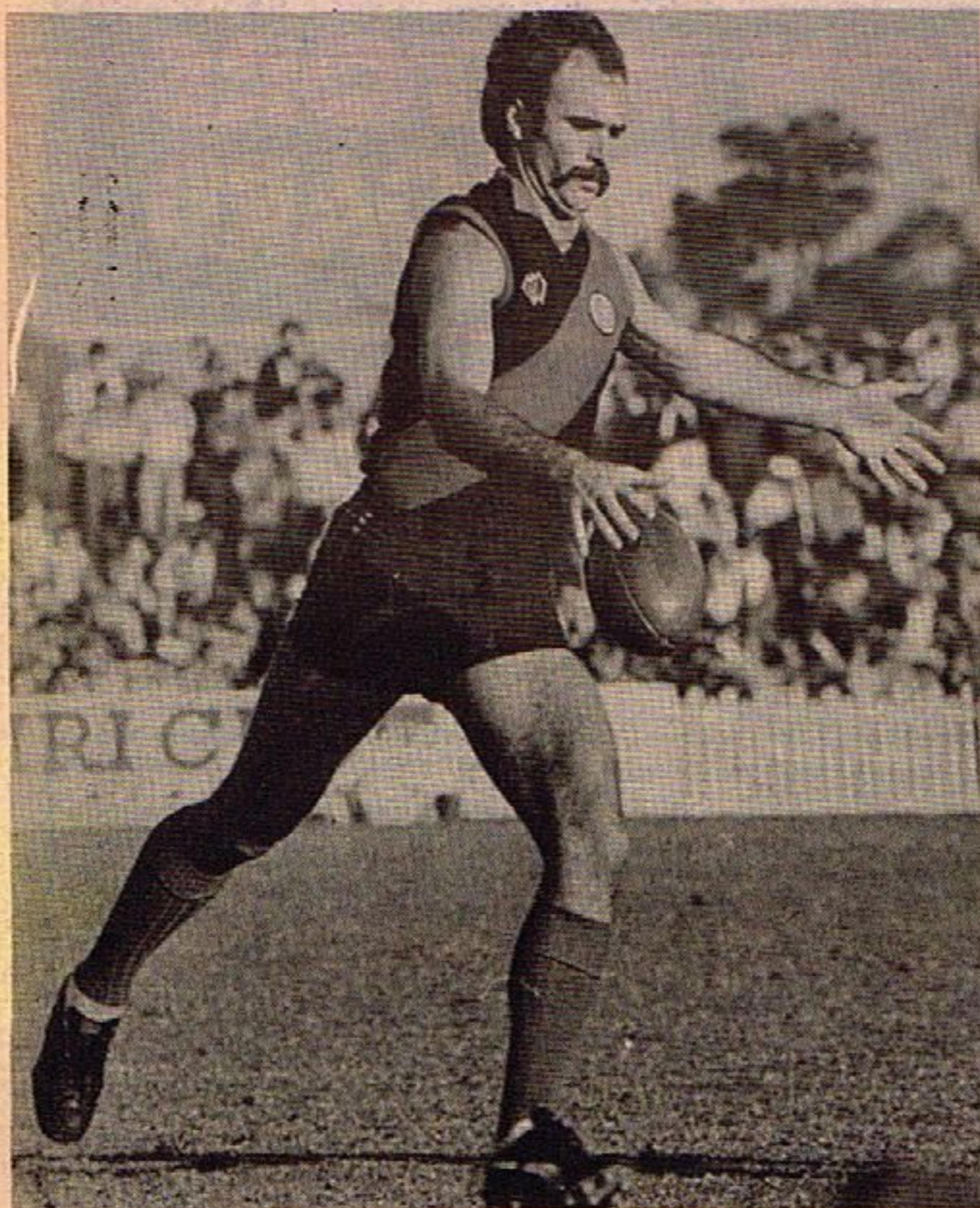
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Reflecting on our interstate shambles last Saturday raised the question of just what does Perth ruck-rover Gary Gibellini (above) have to do to win a berth in a State side. Gibellini is one of WA's most experienced and capable big-game players and his value as a creative link-man would certainly have helped the WA side last week. In a long and creditable career, Gibellini has been continually overlooked by the State selectors. When you think about it, he has everything a State player requires — height, strength, dedication and determination, the capacity to lift himself — and a team — and the fierce desire to always do something constructive with the ball. Maybe his time will still come.

It's not hard to pick the TOP FOUR



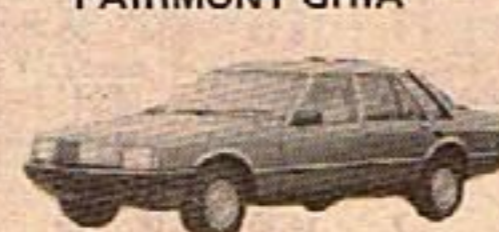
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Full marks to the WANFL Past Players and Officials Association who have seen fit to record the name of Oliver Drake-Brockman in perpetuity. The association awards a trophy to WA's best player in interstate matches and this year it was re-named the Oliver Drake-Brockman award — and went to ruck-rover Brian Peake.

Most key-position footballers who are moved out to a flank for interstate matches usually resent the move — but not so Garry Hardeman, one of South Australia's best players against WA last week. Hardeman has been playing at centre-half-back for his new club Sturt this year — but he played many games on a flank during his 217 games with Melbourne, in the VFL. "I enjoyed being back on the flank and I think it helped my game", he said after the interstate match.

You can't say that former West Australian footballers don't stick together when they move to Victoria and break into VFL ranks. Two film clips from last Saturday's North Melbourne-Geelong match went this way. "Bryant to Glendinning to Melrose" and "Malarkey to Featherby to Burns." Even though John Burns (who has switched from North to Geelong) wasn't strictly a West Australian, he did play enough games with East Perth to learn how to handle senior football after his Tasmanian grounding!

Still on the VFL scene, former Subiaco rover Vin Catoggio grabbed the goal-of-the-day on the ABC's football replay programme. Catoggio showed tremendous pace to take the ball on the half-forward line and race around the boundary, having two bounces before running into the goal square and putting another nail into the Fitzroy coffin for that day.

ROSS CAPES, the man generally considered to be WA's top umpire, has been included in the special end-of-season computer team for the trip to Melbourne for the VFL grand final. The computer team, organised by Radio 6PR and sponsored by Western International Travel and ACI Pink Batts, will all be guests at the big match. Each week, the computer selects the in-form players for each position and the final team will all be part of the weekend excursion. Western International Travel also has several hundred seats available for the public.

There will be plenty of football talent at Lathlain Park on Saturday... but a lot of it will be vintage style. The celebrations of 20 years at Lathlain Park will take the form of a gala day in a bid to promote the game between Perth and South Fremantle. It was 20 years ago — July 11, 1959 — that Lathlain Park was officially opened as the home of the Demons after they had moved from the WACA Ground. Thousands of local juniors from the Perth and South Fremantle zones will parade around the ground before the league game and a cavalcade of motor cars will carry players from the two teams of that bygone era. The lineup includes some famous football names — Bill Leuzzi, Reg Zeuner, Keith Harper, Frank Walker, Neville Beard, Charlie Skehan and Tom Davis among the Demons and the Bulldogs have unearthed veterans such as Tony Parentich, John Gerovich, John Colgan, Pat Daly, Jack Sumich, Gary Scott and Don Byfield. However, there will be one notable absentee — the South Fremantle captain of that day will be unavailable: John Todd has commitments elsewhere!

Veteran Cockburn ruckman Trevor O'Brien received an unexpected — and well deserved — surprise after his strong performance lifted Cockburn to victory in the second half against Mets last Sunday. O'Brien had just played his 150th game for the club and Wafa president Ron Beaver was on hand to present Association Life Membership to O'Brien. The honour had been kept secret from the big ruckman and created an emotional situation. O'Brien was one of the stalwarts of the club in the years when Cockburn was down — but he now has the satisfaction of seeing them securely in fourth place.

Mention must be made of the unique record now established by East Perth's Grant Campbell. The 17-year-old Morley High School student has notched a feat that will take some beating — representing his State in senior and junior football in the one season. Campbell, of course, was captain of WA's Teal Cup side recently — the official under-17 — and his inclusion in the senior side for last week's game against South Australia capped off a remarkable season. Incidentally, he didn't perform all that badly for a State rookie — he had 17 kicks off a half-forward flank.

Cockburn president Keith Geers has hit back over East Fremantle's move to discipline half forward Ken Judge for playing for Cockburn against Mets last week. "WANFL clubs have taken some of the top players from the Wafa mid-season — men like Neal Robinson, Barry Haydinger, Ian Thomson, Glen Durnthaler and Merv Carrott. Why should they get upset when we take one of their players?", Mr Geers said.



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