



SIDEBOTTOM COULD BE BACK



BY ALAN EAST

Champion ruckman Garry Sidebottom could be back at Swan Districts next year... and that's not wishful thinking.

Swans are far from happy with St Kilda and their method of payment for Sidebottom... and the Victorian club could lose their star if they don't come up with the required monthly payments.

St Kilda, struggling along in the financial mire at the bottom of the VFL ladder, are well behind in their payments for the \$100,000 WA super-star.

They also owe Swans money for Garry McDonald, who joined his former Bassendean Oval team-mate at St Kilda earlier this season.

And Swans are in the mood to foreclose...

They have realised that the presence of a big, strong ruckman like Sidebottom this season would probably have meant the difference between finishing fourth instead of fifth.

In fact, they went within an ace of getting Sidebottom back for the latter half of the season.

At the time, St Kilda were well in debt and Sidebottom had agreed to return home for the remainder of the season. But, unfortunately for Swans and WA football in general, the loose ends could not quite be tied up.

"He wanted to come back... and we could have done with him", says Swans' president John Cooper.

"We are naturally disappointed at having missed the four this season, especially as we now know that our team is worthy of a place in the finals.

"But the breaks didn't go our way..."

"However, we have already started planning for next year and we have signed a rover whom we believe will help solve one of our major trouble spots.

"We cannot divulge his name, but he is an interstater."

Swans are also confident that Gordon Casey, who celebrates his 200th league game in football this week, will stay on for another year.

The versatile Casey had indicated that he would return to Melbourne at the end of this season after a three-year stint at Swans has added 73 games to his record.

Swans have offered Casey a handsome contract for another season and he could well change his mind and stick with the side.

The decision to re-appoint John Todd for a further year emphasises the fact that Swans believe they have the potential to be a power in football once more.

Their effort in winning 10 games so far this season is their best since 1975 and players like Casey and Fremantle recruits Gerard Neesham and Eddie Bauskis have made solid contributions, particularly in the experience department.

... and Cooper will stay

Swan Districts' president John Cooper is about to change his mind...

He seems certain to be persuaded into standing for the president's post for one more year.

Cooper, who took over as Swans' leader in 1976, had intended to step down this year, particularly if Swans did not make the four.

But though he is bitterly disappointed at having gone so close and still missed out, he is entitled to have one more shot at success.

The emergence at Bassendean Oval of Bill Walker, the club's champion footballer, as a capable administrator leaves Mr Cooper with a feeling of confidence.

"I've always said that I wouldn't step down till I could see a suitable successor," says Mr Cooper.

"Bill has developed into a tremendous vice-president and I'd be happy to step down and let him take over.

"We have worked well together this year and maybe one more year is not out of the question."

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that's the message field umpire Bob Phillips has for Perth ruckman Wayne Simms during last week's match against East Fremantle. Simms blotted his copy-book in the year of his debut when he was found guilty of striking East Fremantle wingman Rod Lester-Smith (below) with an elbow during the game at Lathlain Park.



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EDITORIAL

CONCERN OVER TRIBUNAL

There is considerable concern in the football world about our tribunal. In a time when football administrators are continually looking at ways of promoting the game, changing rules or cultivating more professional players, the concern at the tribunal's dealings is probably warranted.

Too many inconsistent penalties would surely not encourage our umpires to police the laws more stringently.

The umpires have been under considerable pressure this year, both from within the league and outside. True, our umpiring quality may not be what we would desire, but that is a fact of life we have to live with.

Umpires do not report players lightly.

To report a player, particularly a star player, is flaunting with danger, especially when it comes to the future relationships between umpire and club.

The recent two-week penalties handed out to Simon Beasley (Swan Districts) and Alan Walker (Claremont) hardly compare with the cautions dished out to Noel Carter (South Fremantle) and Phil Krakouer (Claremont).

Both incidents involved fisticuffs. The degree of severity in each was certainly taken into account.

For the tribunal chairman - Mr Geoff Martin in the latter case - to say that the players deserve a caution because they had 'reasonably good records' is not really good enough, as far as the umpires go.

Both Carter and Krakouer were making their second visit to the tribunal this season.

Certainly, the frequency of trips to the tribunal by the Krakouers - brother Jim has had three visits this year - is of concern, particularly, of course to Claremont people.

Jim Krakouer was the recipient of a fairly lenient decision from tribunal chairman, Bernie O'Sullivan, who said that he was not convinced that the charge of fighting with East Fremantle's Glen Durnthaler would hold up.

But more concerning than that, was Mr O'Sullivan's comments that he felt that case was open to question anyway because the reporting umpire, emergency Michael Sullivan, had not informed the players as to the report, as the rules and regulations stipulate.

It was certainly a bad piece of administration on the part of Sullivan, but this legal technicality should not have been hounded as much as it was. After all, Sullivan had informed both captains of the report and he felt that was sufficient.

And one final point - the stern rebuke handed out by Mr O'Sullivan to Claremont advocate Harry Milner over his harsh cross-examination of Sullivan was an interesting footnote.

Umpires are subjected to too much cross-examination at tribunal hearings.

One often wonders whether advocates are really needed.

- Peter Poat, publisher

Can Swans go out with glory? BY ALAN EAST

Well, this week we say goodbye to four coaches - in fact, farewell to four football teams.

It's mothballs day for Swan Districts, Perth, Subiaco and West Perth and we lay them to rest in the hope that when they return in 1980 they will be the better for their disappointing 1979 experiences.

Swans will hold the glory spotlight as the qualifying season ends - this Saturday they have the chance to down league leaders South Fremantle before a home-town crowd that would love to see - and fully deserves - a spirited victory over the top side.

Swans have been enjoying a feast of goal-scoring in recent weeks - in fact, they have now kicked 107 goals to win their last four games and a fifth victory this week would leave them with a respectable 11 victories for the season. If it had not been for those unexpected failures - particularly the home-game loss to West Perth on June 23 - they would almost certainly have been in the finals.



JOHN TODD

A repeat of that goal-scoring habit this week would please the Swans fans - and would prove costly to South Fremantle.

They are keen to grab the Town and Country Building Society cheque for \$10,000 that goes to the team finishing on top of the table - and victory would be necessary this week to make sure of the booty.

Claremont, the most improved side in the competition, also have their eyes on the money. In fact, they have it earmarked for an end-of-season trip!

Claremont's chances of getting the cash depend on their ability to trounce Perth at Claremont Oval.

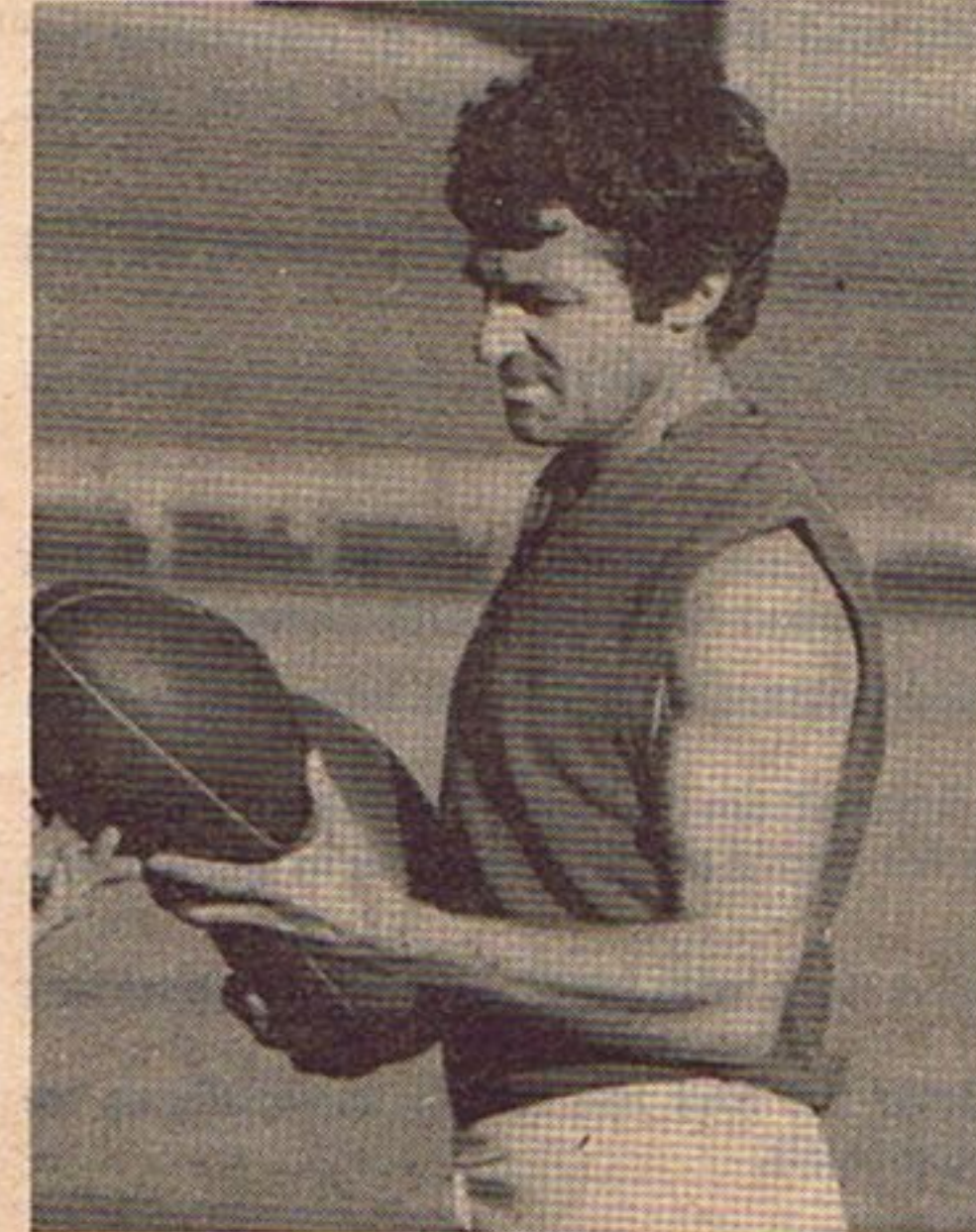
Once again, the Tigers had to struggle against Subiaco. Fortunately, this time they finished on the right side of the ledger, but all three games with the Lions have been difficult. Maybe the pre-season battles between the two clubs when they featured in a number of team contests has put them on an even keel when it comes to football.

Though there is little interest in this week's games from a premiership table

point of view, there is plenty to attract attention.

East Perth, who were sunk by a first-quarter salvo in the mud at Fremantle Oval last week, are not unduly worried by that loss to Souths. They know that the wide-open, dry spaces of Subiaco Oval at finals time may well tell a different story.

This week they wind-up their rehearsals by tackling arch-rivals West Perth - and that is a game the Cardies would dearly love to win. Coach Graham Campbell has



Graham Campbell

lost a little of the magical inspiration he injected into the side a few weeks back and their recent performances have been dismal.

"We lack experience in too many areas," was his post-match thoughts after going down to Swans in a match that had stark contrasts - plenty of promise early, plenty of despondency later.

West Perth's inability to kick a goal in the final term was a sad reflection on their

scoring potential. But all is not lost at Campbell's Cardies' Camp. They will be back next year - and with some selective recruiting, they should be able to pick up the reins of success once more.

Subiaco have one last chance to put two games together for a change when they travel to East Fremantle. Even though they didn't win the clash with Claremont, they did enough to boost confidence in the camp - and a surprise victory over East Fremantle would at least enable coach Peter Burton to depart from this season



PETER BURTON

with a smile on his face; after all, he hasn't had too many reasons to be happy in his coaching debut year.

East Fremantle are the dark horses of the finals series. Bookmakers say that they are eight to one chances and that makes them real outsiders - something that coach Bradley Smith is not too worried about.

So as the 21 home-and-away qualifying matches come to their traditional end, all eyes will be on the top four campaigners. The track-watchers will be out to see how their stars perform - but unfortunately with nothing at stake - apart from Claremont and South doing battle for \$10,000 - this week's games could certainly be full of surprises.

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KEN ARMSTRONG

FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Match Details. Rows include PERTH, SWANS, WEST PERTH, CLAREMONT, EAST FREMANTLE, EAST PERTH, SOUTH FREMANTLE, and SUBIACO.

MURRAY COUPER'S SECRET

One of the best-kept secrets of league football this season is that Perth sharpshooter Murray Couper has broken his left forearm for the third time.

"Coups" has continued to play with a strap around the arm and, in addition, he suffered a fracture at the base of a thumb in June, which Perth's head trainer John Fisher has covered with a foam wrapping.

Couper has a special place in the history of the Perth Football Club.

At 18 he joined the regular army and found himself in Vietnam as a radio operator with the Fifth Royal Australian Regiment. On July 21, 1969, he was wounded in action in the Hat Dich district of Bien Hoa Province. His ankle was almost severed by a Viet Cong rocket splinter in jungle fighting.

Operations on the leg followed in hospitals in Vietnam, Malaysia, Sydney and Perth before he was allowed to see the 1969 WANFL grand final on crutches.

That was how I met Murray Couper. I received a special request as general manager of the WANFL from the Repatriation General Hospital at Hollywood for a seat at the grand final for the young war veteran.

It was a pleasure to arrange this for "Coups" and we have remained close friends since then.

He is the only first-grade footballer in any code in Australia to be on a war pension.

At 30 he still suffers pain from the leg wounds he suffered in Vietnam and, on occasions, has to receive pain-killing injections before a match. There are still pieces of shrapnel in the leg.

In 1970 — barely 12 months after he had been repatriated back to Australia — he was the target for five league football clubs after kicking 100 goals for his old team Dowerin and 100 goals in the mid-week Army competition.

However, he was tied to Perth after playing for the fourths side when he lived for a time in East Victoria Park.

In 1971 "Coups" kicked 93 goals for Perth reserves and made his debut in league football when Mal Atwell promoted him for two games.

Murray Couper played interstate football in 1968 for New South Wales as a centreman (when he was in the Army before going to Vietnam) and for Western Australia as a half-forward in 1973 against South Australia.

He headed the W.A.N.F.L. league goal-kicking in 1975 with 63 goals from 12 games and from 133 games with the Demons, he has kicked 459 goals.

He will, of course, play with the Demons in 1980 with the prospect of life membership (150 games) available for him if he can retain his form.

"Coups", whose impertinent genius has made him a target of hate from opposition supporters, has a burning ambition.

"I've learned a lot about football... I'd certainly like to coach in the not-too-far-distant future..." he has told me.

And adds: "I'd like it to be one of the Perth teams."



Murray Couper

South Fremantle captain and No. 1 rover Noel Carter has been invited to play for Tasmania in the State-of-Origin games at the end of the season.

Carter is the only Tasmanian playing in the W.A.N.F.L. this season and is very keen to represent his home State.

He played with Ulverstone and Richmond before joining South.

Winning a premiership does not necessarily boost club membership.

West Perth are seventh on the league ladder — but they are the league leaders with a membership of about 3000.

Traditionally, the Cardinals have always had a strong following and this has increased under the presidency of Len Roper.

Perth is second on the membership table and new president Cliff Houghton is delighted to report an all-time record Perth membership of 2788 — five more than the previous record of 2783 set in 1978.

Then follow Claremont (2700), East Perth (2500), South Fremantle (2010), East Fremantle (2070), Subiaco (1700) and Swan Districts (1500).

Subiaco is not the first league club in W.A. to admit women as full members.

Swan Districts' general manager Peter Brophy will tell you that Swans' constitution has allowed women to join the club as full members since 1934.

What is more, some women do take up the membership and regularly vote at the club's elections.

"We would get more women", said Peter, "if we publicised the situation."

So, black and white supporters, there's an open door at Bassendean for women to join in the 1980 membership drive.

Cliff Houghton is well aware of the potential of women to help the club's cause and recently invited associates to form their own sub-committee to advise the Demons' Board of Management.

Twenty-one of Perth's 526 Associate

Guest Columnist



FRANK BIRD

members attended the first meeting and there was so much enthusiasm that they have already arranged their next meeting for October 2 at 7.30p.m. in the Rovers' Lounge so that a representative sub-committee can be elected.

Back to their home State in 1980 will come Bob Beecroft, Bruce Monteath and Bryan Cousins — that's my belief.

Beecroft, now a top full-forward with Fitzroy, wants to return to Swans as a ruckman.

Monteath told me this week that his five-year contract ends with Richmond at the end of the season and he and his wife are ready to return so that he can resume with South Fremantle.

Cousins, now a qualified accountant and the holder of a real estate licence, has been organising his return for some months with the Demons.

He will be going into business in Armadale.

Bryan played every game with Geelong this season on a wing before suffering a back injury.

He could be Perth's next centreman.

Multivision, the firm headed by former Subiaco general manager Basil Fuller and Subiaco director Ron Sullivan, are successfully selling new presentation nights for club fairest and best voting.

Perth is one club to adopt the new

format and their show will be at the Pagoda ballroom on October 4.

Among the highlights of the night will be:

- 6 PR's football panel.
- Attendance of the Victorian Football League team, who are being hosted by Perth while they are here for the Australian championships.

- Audio-visual colour blow-ups of contenders for the Butcher Medal (Perth's top fairest and best award) as they poll well. These will be three metres high.

- Big prizes for the audience, including a TAA holiday award.

- Bell and buzzer contests.

Cost to members and their friends will be \$5 a double or \$3 a single — a small charge for what promises to be an exciting evening's entertainment.

Rugby League clubs in Sydney are now sending cartilage cases to a New York surgeon for operations.

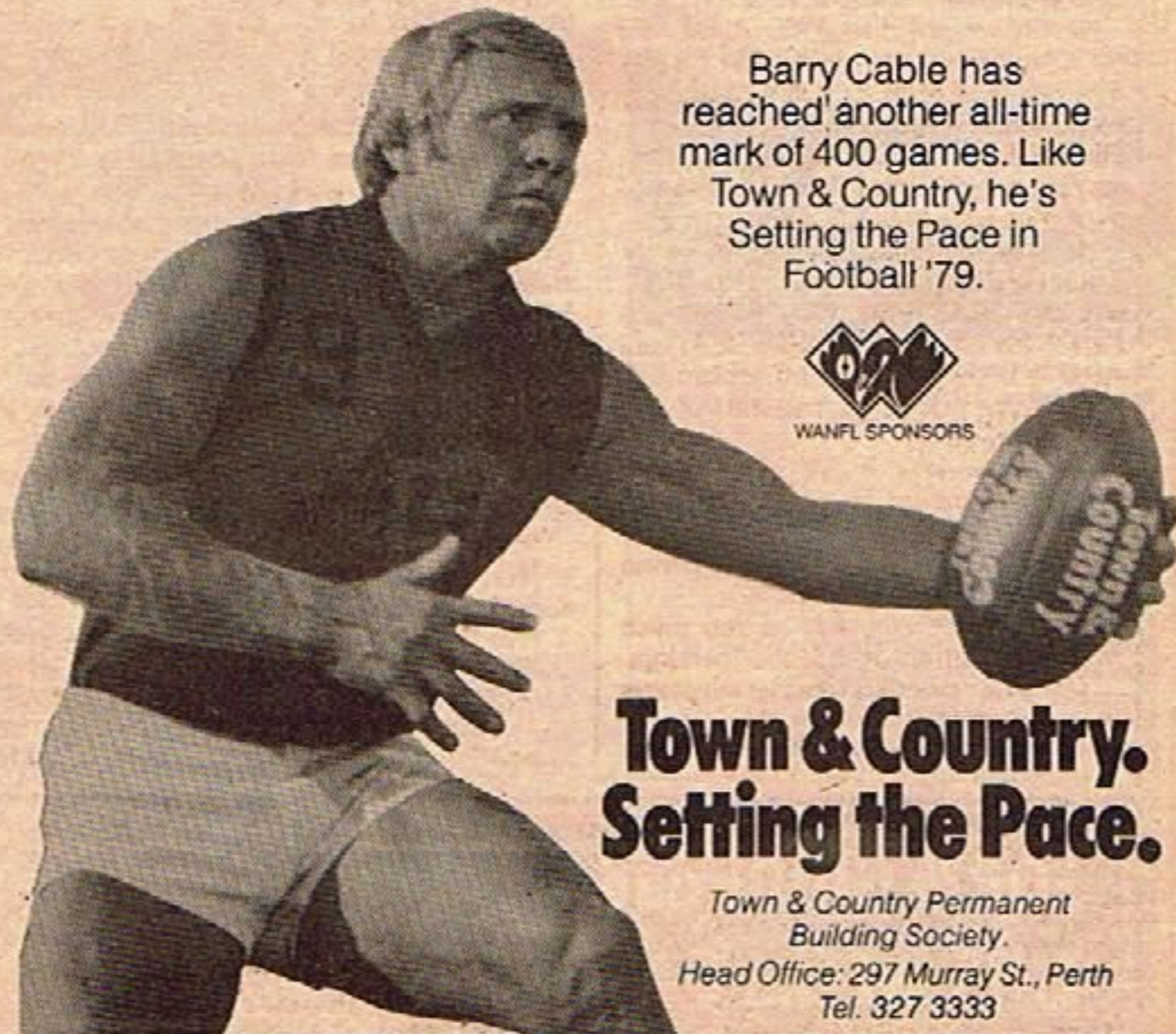
Newtown, Balmain and Eastern Suburbs have flown front-row forwards — the big men of rugby league — to America with cartilage problems and had them back in competition within three weeks.

David Grant, a Balmain second-rower, holds the record recovery rate.

He broke down, went to New York for the operation and missed only two matches.

Victorian football league club doctors are more than just interested in the Grant case.

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"Rookie of the year" a late starter

It has been generally accepted by the football public and the media that the title of rookie of the year should go to Subiaco's Gary Buckenara.

The 21-year-old Buckenara made a late entry into league ranks — he joined Subiaco this year from Churchlands College, when he established a reputation in amateur ranks that travelled with him to Subiaco.

He had represented the State amateur side for two years in a row, had won the association's fairest and best award and he was runner-up in Churchland's fairest and best — taking second place to his brother Rod, a talented 23-year-old who is destined to join Subiaco next year.

Buckenara's entry to league ranks was certainly a belated one, but he could have made it a year earlier if it had not been for an injury he suffered early in 1978 which means that he missed the pre-season work.

Rather than come into Subiaco's den half-way through the season, he elected to spend another year in amateurs — and so his mark was stamped on league football right from the start of 1979.

It was obvious that here was a player with exceptional talent and he was ready made to star as a ruck-rover. In fact, he earned selection in the State squad for the game against South Australia only to learn that football also has its disappointments when he was the No. 21 player on the day.

In this interview with ALAN EAST, Buckenara talks about his entry into the football arena.

Has your first year of league football been anything like you had expected?

I had expected it to be hard. The biggest thing was pre-season training and initially it was a question of whether I would last through that — that's often the thing that kills people when they tackle football for the first time. But I got through okay. The football itself has been a bit of a surprise, I thought it would be much harder to get used to than playing amateurs. However, I haven't found that to be the case.

It has been a mixed year with your own good form, but Subiaco not enjoying much success?

It has been disappointing. We started out thinking we could get into the four. But injuries didn't help. If we had been able to field fit players such as George Young, Dennis Blair and John Dimmer things might have been a bit different. But things just didn't work out for us at the start of the season.

How about your own form over the year?

I thought I started reasonably well. But the last few weeks I've been a bit disappointed. I copped an injury and played the next week with bad ribs and I was a bit

tentative. So I had to have a bit of a think about it and pull my socks up.

What sort of approach and motivation do you have for a game?

Early in the week I try and relax as much as I can; try to forget about it a bit. But as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday come around I start to think a lot about the game and motivate myself to perform as well as I can. I generally try to motivate myself, but everyone gets motivated by the feeling in the rooms before a game.

What brought you to Subiaco this year?

Even though I was in the Subiaco district, I first had aspirations to play with West Perth, but Subiaco wouldn't clear me. So I went back to amateurs and then this year I decided that league football was league football no matter which club you played with so I came to Subiaco to have a try out.

Have you been a bit surprised at your success?

Well, I have been quite overwhelmed at the way I've done. I was hoping to get a league game and thought that if I did get a game, I'd just have to keep playing well. But to get selected in the State squad was something I never had thought about.

How much of a disappointment was it to miss out on the State side after getting so close?

I hadn't given myself much hope early on, but when there were a few injuries at training I thought to myself that I had a better chance of getting in. We didn't know till we walked into the rooms on the Saturday afternoon just who was going to miss out. I had keyed myself right up to play, so it was a big disappointment. But I have to learn to take those things in my stride. It was just unbelievable to get into the 21.

You have obviously had a few approaches from Victorian clubs?

Yes, a few clubs have talked to me. A couple of clubs have put the pressure on for me to go over next year, which I don't want to do. I haven't signed with anyone, but obviously I'd like to go. My contract with Subiaco runs out at the end of next year and I'll be 23 then, so if I'm going to make a move it should probably be around that age.

Why did you come into league football so late?

Well, I was probably a bit slack, I suppose, like most amateur footballers. In



Gary Buckenara . . . the up-and-coming young insurance consultant.

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Name: Gary Buckenara
Born: Subiaco, 3.7.58
Height: 5 ft 11½ in (1.85 m)
Weight: 13 st (82.5 kg)
Lives at: Doubleview
Married: No
Occupation: Insurance salesman
Football honours: Amateur association's fairest and best in 1976.
Favourite food: Steak
Favourite drink: Beer
Hobbies and relaxation: Play cricket and golf.
Football likes: Friends you make.
Football dislikes: Pre-season training.
Idols in football: Mel Whinnen, because he was the star centreman when I followed West Perth as a youngster.
Hard things in football: Playing consistently.
Ambitions: To play for WA and see Subi do well.
Nickname: Buke — George Young made it up, I don't really know what it signifies.
Guernsey No.: 7
League debut: 1979
Come from: Woodlands and Churchlands Teachers' College.
Games played: 21

amateurs you can take it a bit easy, its only a two-day week effort. When I first came to Subiaco, I found the discipline a bit hard to accept, but I just wanted to play league football, so I wasn't going to let that stop me.

You are also a capable cricketer, so how will you mix the two sports in together?

When I first came over here pre-season I was playing A-grade with Scarborough and it was a hard decision. But I wanted to get in the team to go to Melbourne for Subiaco's Escort championship match, so I had to drop off cricket. But football is my first love, so cricket will take a back seat. I'll play cricket again this summer, but when football requires me, then I'll drop off cricket.



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SANDOVER SIDELIGHTS

Next Monday will see the name of another W.A. footballer cemented into the greatest honour roll of all — the Sandover Medal list. There are many stories to be told about this prestigious award — here are some:—

The first nine winners were decided on a one vote per game basis, but because of a triple dead heat in the Brownlow Medal in 1930, voting was changed to the 3-2-1 system that has lasted 49 years.

The biggest winning margin in the Sandover is 16 votes when Claremont's Keith Hough won the 1932 award polling 32 votes — double his nearest rival Joe Munro from East Fremantle.

Only two players have won the medal in their first season of league football and both came from South Fremantle — Frank 'Scronno' Jenkins in 1937 and John Todd in 1955.

Eight times the medal count has left two players level — in 1935 and 1967 a tie was declared, five times a countback system was used to decide a winner and another year, 1963, one of the dead-heaters (Syd Jackson) was ineligible having been suspended during the year.

Test your knowledge

Murray Carter of Greenville Street, Swanbourne has won the quiz conducted in our August 11 edition.

The winner correctly answered all questions and was the first entry out of the barrel.

He won a \$10 take-away food voucher with the compliments of Neil Stewart's Taurus Restaurant in Como.

The Taurus has made available another \$10 take-away voucher for this week's quiz.

Simply answer the questions below and send your entries, marked "Westside Quiz", to P.O. Box 153, Morley.

- 1 Which two brothers have coached the same league team?
- 2 Which league club has won the least number of premierships?
- 3 When was the last final round game played at Fremantle Oval?
- 4 How many times did Mel Whinnen win West Perth's fairest and best award?
- 5 Who was the winner of the first Tassie Medal in 1937?

ANSWERS TO AUGUST 18 QUESTIONS

- 1 Keith and Roy Harper (Perth)
- 2 Lou Richards in 1946
- 3 Barry Cable (1966/67/68/69)
- 4 Stan (Pops) Heal in 1949
- 5 Frank Sparrow (1953)

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Kevin Murray

The oldest player ever to win the Sandover was East Perth's W. 'Billy' Thomas who was 34 at the time of his 1929 win. (The oldest Brownlow winner was Kevin Murray in 1969 at 31 years).



The closest finish in a Sandover Medal vote was in 1967 when Bill Walker and John Parkinson dead-heated with 19 votes. Equal third with one vote less was Barry Cable, Lorne Cook of Claremont, Brian France of West Perth and Norm Cox of South Fremantle. Next came Fred Lewis of East Fremantle and Perth's Bob Page on 17 votes, then Claremont's John McIntosh on 16 votes in ninth place but only 3 votes from the winners.

The most experienced winner was Pat Dalton the 1970 winner, he had played 212 games before his win.

1969 Brownlow winner Kevin Murray had played something like 297 games and 1964 Magarey Medallist Geoff Motley had 222 behind him.

The most votes polled by a winner was Frank Jenkin's tally of 34 in 1934. Present day league chief Jim Davies received 33 votes when he won an under-age Sandover in 1944. The only other winners to poll more than 30 votes were George Moloney (1936) and Keith Hough (1932).

The most votes polled by the runner up was 25 in 1940 when Subiaco's Les Hardiman and West Perth's Stan 'Pops' Heal finished equal second to E. 'Checker' O'Keefe.



The lowest number of votes to win a Sandover (in open football) is 14 when Perth giant Merv McIntosh won in 1953. East Perth team-mates Gerry Burton (13) and Jim Spencer (12) filled the placings. In the under-age year of 1942 Laurie Bowen of West Perth won with 13 votes from five players on 12. Voting ceased that year after each club had played 12 qualifying games.

Of the 60 Sandover Medals awarded since 1921, Perth lead the way with 11 winners. East Perth have 10, West Perth 9, East Fremantle 7, Subiaco, Swan Districts and Claremont have six and South Fremantle five.



1975 saw a unique occurrence when three team-mates headed the voting. Alan Quartermaine won with 16 votes from Peter Spencer (14) and Ross Glendinning (14), all from East Perth.

Rovers dominate the winners list — 19 times they have taken out the prize, centremen have won 14 times, half backs have 12 wins and 11 ruckmen have been successful.

Only once has a winger, a full-back or a centre-half-forward won.

Its 10 years since a ruckman has won but, 1979 could end their losing sequence.



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.

M. Pignatiello, Birkett Street, Bedford, asks:

What five players have played the highest tally of league games in major leagues in Australia?

Kevin Murray (424), Barry Cable (401), Graham Farmer (392), Mel Whinnen (385), John Nichols (362). H.V. Cumberland played 411 senior games, but 113 of them were in Tasmania.

John Eoannidis, Lefroy Road, Hilton Park, asks:

Which player has made the most State appearances for Western Australia?

Graham Farmer with 31 games. He also represented Victoria five times.

Jeffrey Pesick, Waterton Place, Hamilton Hill, asks:

In South Fremantle's golden years, when they won the 1947, '48, '50, '52, '53 and '54 premierships, how many players played in all six premierships?

Only four — Steve Marsh, Bernie Naylor, Frank Treasure and Eric Eriksson.

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'OLD MAN' COULD BE VIC. CAPTAIN

Kevin Bartlett just laughed when people said that he was getting too old to hold down his place in the Richmond side earlier this season.

Bartlett begrudgingly gave away his treasured first roving berth and retired to a forward flank . . . perhaps to see out his playing days in greener pastures.

On Monday the VFL named a 36 man squad for the inaugural State-of-Origin carnival in Perth in October and that man Bartlett was among the first to be selected. Not only will Bartlett be called upon to share the roving but it seems highly probable that the 32-year-old Tiger will be captain.

The selectors named four captains in the squad, to be coached by Hawthorn's David Parkin.

They are Geelong's Ian Nankervis, North's Wayne Schimmelbusch, and St. Kilda's Barry Breen.

Bartlett's credentials are impeccable and he told me that he would dearly love to lead the side.

He has played 316 games for Richmond, 14 for Victoria, is in his first year as skipper at Punt Road and intends to keep on playing next year.

Unlike some of the youngsters in the squad, Bartlett knows from experience the hardships of playing two games in three days.

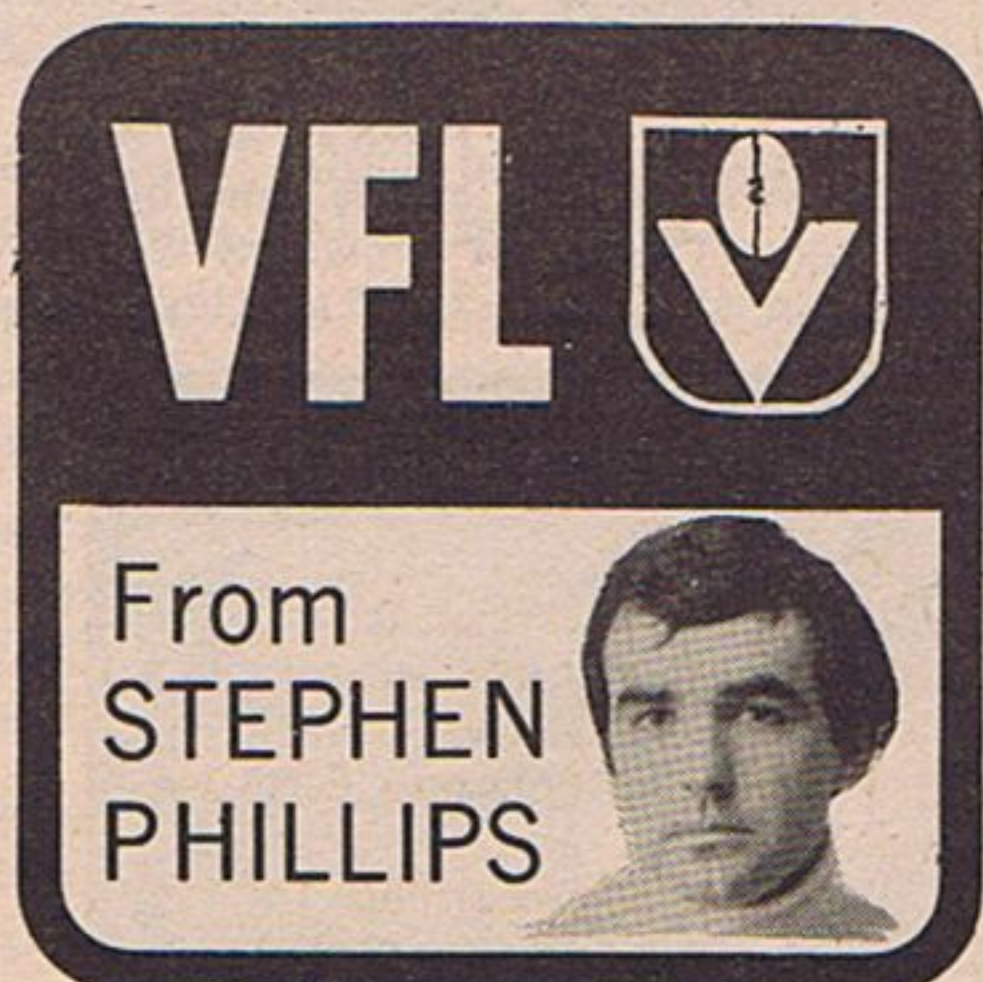
He was at Perth for the 1972 carnival.

The names of Jeff Dunne, Wayne Harmes, Peter McCormack and Max Crow may not mean much to footballers outside Victoria but they are the backbone of future Victorian sides.

Dunne, a bearded back pocket from St. Kilda is a dasher who has had plenty of work in a defence that has been pounded unmercifully all year.

Harmes is one of the most brilliant teenagers in the land. Related to the great Len Smith, a former coach of Richmond, Harmes is a rugged, strongly built utility player who can set top side Carlton alight with his penetrating kicking and clearing dashes.

Max Crow is a tall ruckman with huge hands whose marking over the last two years has been one of the game's delights, and Peter McCormack . . . a former school-boy champion who has made the transition from full forward to full back with Collingwood with ease.



The VFL is sparing no pains in displaying the security surrounding this year's Brownlow Medal.

Early this week members of the football media were invited to Metropolitan Security Services in Richmond to look at the safe in which the votes are being stored.

On hand were grand final umpires Kevin Smith and Bill Deller to explain their part and the voting procedures.

The VFL is still smarting from the controversy last year when Fitzroy rover Gary Wilson was quoted in newspapers as saying that Malcolm Blight had supposedly won the medal, three days before the official count.

He was right and the aftermath left a bad taste in many mouths and a lot of red faces.

With only two rounds to go, North's Gary Dempsey is red hot favourite, followed by Gary Sidebottom, Ross Glendinning, Mike Fitzpatrick, Robert Flower and Barry Round.

Peter Knights will certainly remember his 200th league game for Hawthorn . . . he ended up having an operation in hospital. The normally-happy 200th game milestone resulted in Knights damaging his right ankle and he has now had surgery to reconstruct lateral ligament problems. And what's more, he did the damage in the final minute of the match — against Geelong at VFL Park on July 14.

Interstate Round-up

Skilton joins "possibles"

Plenty of names are being thrown around for the Torrens coaching job if Neil Kerley quits.

Triple Brownlow Medallist Bobby Skilton is the latest and he joins Graham Durbridge, Doug Wade and Bob Shearman amongst other "possibles".

Skilton was in Adelaide last week and wasn't too far away from the Eagles camp.

Norwood are in mourning . . .

Four straight losses have put last year's premiers in the hot seat and they face a real prospect of dropping out of the final five.

Norwood's 17-point loss to Glenelg means that they now have to play Port Adelaide and Sturt — and win both — or else slip out of the top half of the table.

Former West Perth star Brian Adamson was Norwood's best in a disappointing effort against a side that is well down the ladder.

South Australian football has acknowledged the retirement of one of their all-time greats — Rex Voigt.

A nagging groin injury has forced the 31-year-old Glenelg defender into retirement after a distinguished 258-game career.

Voigt is an outstanding club man and will continue with the club as a special junior coach.

Rick Davies, one of South Australia's giants in terms of experience and contribution to the game, is facing his second game out with injury in a 210-game career.

He was carried off the ground last week as his side, Sturt, went down in a heap to Port Adelaide.

His previous injury was back in 1972 when he missed one game.

Davies suffered a deep-seated corked thigh in last week's game and he will probably miss this Saturday's match against Glenelg.



Bobby Skilton

West Australian Geoff Gillies is well and truly a part of the Central District premiership plan this year.

The former East Perth and Subiaco player is continually among Central's best players and along with John Duckworth, is one of the reasons why the team have jumped to the top of the ladder.

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Beecroft record?

Fitzroy spearhead Bob Beecroft is heading towards a record year with Fitzroy.

Beecroft needs only 12 goals in the next two home and away matches and the finals to become the highest goalkicker in a season for the Lions.

The former West Australian has kicked 72 goals this year, and 213 in his 73 game VFL career.

He needs the dozen to pass the great Jack Moriarty's record of 83 that has stood since 1927.

On Saturday Beecroft will be at one end aiming at his record and Footscray's Kelvin Templeton will be at the other, also aiming for the record books.

Templeton is celebrating his 100th game and needs only five goals to become the highest goalscorer ever for the Bulldogs.

In 99 games he has kicked 378 goals . . . five short of the record kicked by Jack Collins in the fifties.

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GARY'S GOSSIP



Big Ben Jager to leave West Perth? Well that was one of the hottest rumours of the week. I find it hard to believe that Ben would be even contemplating leaving his club. However, something must be amiss, because my information came from a very reliable source. Even if the story has some basis, you can rest assured that the West Perth management will be working overtime to ensure that Ben stays with the Cardies.

Have you had a telephone call from someone claiming to represent the Carlton Football Club and Telecom?

I don't know what the score is, but friends of mine received a telephone call last Saturday afternoon from somebody supposedly representing Carlton and Telecom. The mystery caller went on to explain that he was conducting a survey to find out how many persons over the age of 18 years lived in the household. It's all a little bewildering. I telephoned league general manager, Peter Bowler to see if he knew anything about it. Peter told me he hadn't heard anything about it, but promised to make further investigations.

Talking about the League, did you hear about the "Good Samaritan" who last Saturday, after the Subiaco-Claremont game, saw a lady struggling to carry a carton of beer, from the league members bar to her car. It was teeming rain at the time and the poor lady was trying to balance her umbrella, along with the carton of refreshments. Our "Good Samaritan" told the lady to stay where she was. He would take her burden to her car, if he could borrow her umbrella. The grateful lady, duly gave the beer and the brolly to the Good Samaritan who was last seen heading in the general direction of her car. Alas, he was never seen again.

Each and every year at this time, the question is always asked - will Brian Peake go to Victoria next season?

Just a few weeks ago I could have said yes - but now I'm not too sure. Peake is bound to Geelong, who after "great expectations" have faded away as a final five contender this season.

Geelong have always been of the opinion that with Peake in their side they can win a flag - but Brian realises only too well, that no side can build their premiership hopes around one player. If the "cats" were to recruit more successfully, "bleaky Peaky" may be interested in making the big move. After all the money is right.

Guess who was in town earlier this week? None other than the former Geelong super goal getter Doug Wade. Doug is the national Sales Manager for Universal Gym Equipment (Manufacturers of Physical Conditioning Equipment).

Doug is still very active on the football scene in Melbourne, he has a regular weekly newspaper column and is considered the "Rumour Man" in Victoria - sounds vaguely familiar.

I am really looking forward to hosting the Channel Seven/Sandover Medal on Monday night next from the Golden Ballroom of the Sheraton-Perth Hotel. What a night it promises to be - I will be assisted by Frank Sparrow, Peter Waltham and the World of Football Panel.

Talking about the Channel Seven/Sandover Medal - former Fitzroy champion the late Haydn Bunton won the medal in 1938 - 1939 and 1941 after winning 3 VFL Brownlow Medals in 1931, 1932 and 1935 and was runner-up in 1934. Haydn Bunton Snr. was with Subiaco when he won his three Sandovers. Haydn Jnr. won the medal in 1962 when he was playing with Swan Districts. This is the only case in Australian Football History in a capital city where a father and son have won the fairest and best awards. Haydn Jnr., with 22 votes, scored exactly the same number of votes as his father did in winning the 1941 medal.

GARY CARVOLTH

COUNTRY AFTER LIVE COVER

By John Whistler

With the WANFL finals coming up shortly, a number of country football leagues are crying out for live television coverage... and rightly so.

Although most leagues receive coverage of the finals via the ABC, those closer to Perth are making last-minute pleas to the WANFL to allow coverage.

The reason country centres like Bunbury and Busselton (South West), Northam, Cunderdin and Kellerberrin (Avon) and Toodyay and Wongan Hills (Mortlock) can't get live coverage really boils down to one simple thing.

The WANFL have maintained for many years that the number of people going through the Subiaco Oval turnstiles would drop if country people near Perth had the game on T.V.

Unfortunately, according to football officials in the leagues concerned, this is a fallacy.

They say very few people from these areas go to the finals.

In fact, most would prefer staying at home and watching the replay on Saturday night.

Those ardent football fans who work on Saturday mornings say it takes too long to get to Subiaco Oval, find a parking spot and then get into the game.

By the time they do, they usually miss the first quarter.

Some people are so keen about the grand final that they go to towns which get live coverage to watch the games.

This is the case in the Avon where supporters from Cunderdin and Kellerberrin regularly make the short trek to Merredin to see the games on television.

It happens in the South West too.

An encouraging sign is that towns in the Eastern Districts and Central Wheatbelt leagues got the finals coverage live for the first time last year.

And attendances at the finals weren't affected.

A spokesman for the Avon league said there was little chance the Northam area would get the live coverage.

Association secretary, Mr Kevin Watson, said local officials had 'thrown in the towel' and couldn't be bothered asking the WANFL any more.

Mr Watson said the WANFL was always co-operative in most aspects concerning football, but he could not understand the negative attitude to the finals' coverage.

It seems leagues like Avon and South West will just have to keep plugging away and hope that their persistent requests bear fruit.

Long sleeves . .

Panelists on last Sunday's Channel 7's World of Sport engaged in a long debate on the benefit of players wearing long sleeved jumpers. Various members of the panel were using examples of players with or without long sleeves, the previous day. However, none mentioned the fact that in the Subiaco v Claremont match all Claremont players appeared after half time wearing long sleeves. When the match commenced in the first quarter only about six of the 36 players had long sleeves. Suffice to mention to these panelists using Victorians as a yardstick, coach Moss has had some Victorian experience.

Carlton has lost only two games this season yet Saturday's win against Footscray last week was tinged with sadness. It was the first time in 20 matches that the Blues have failed to top the ton.



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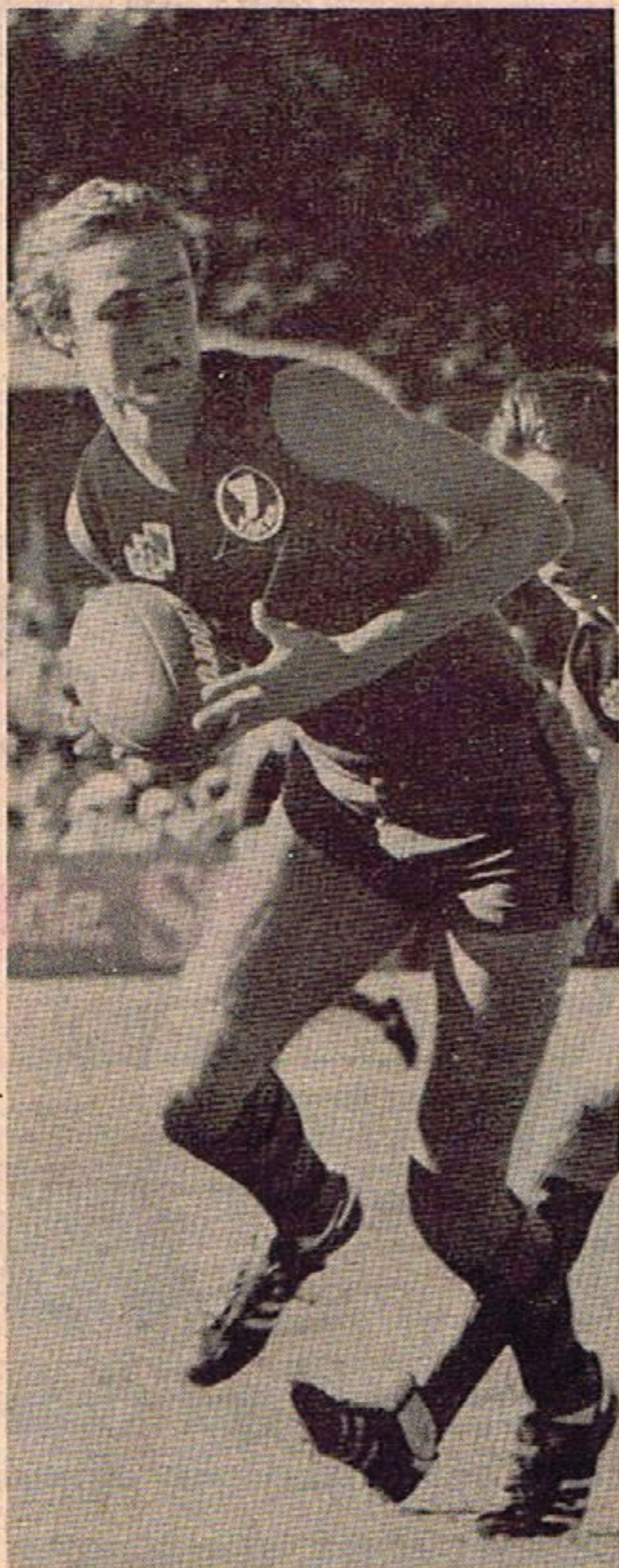
Then the six men - plus 6PM Sportsworld host Tim Flynn - meet regularly to discuss the best positional players; the men who will finally emerge as the 6PM-Swan champions.

Voting for the 6PM Swan Champion footballer awards has now gone "into camera" until the announcement of the awards at the presentation night at the Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel on Monday, September 17.

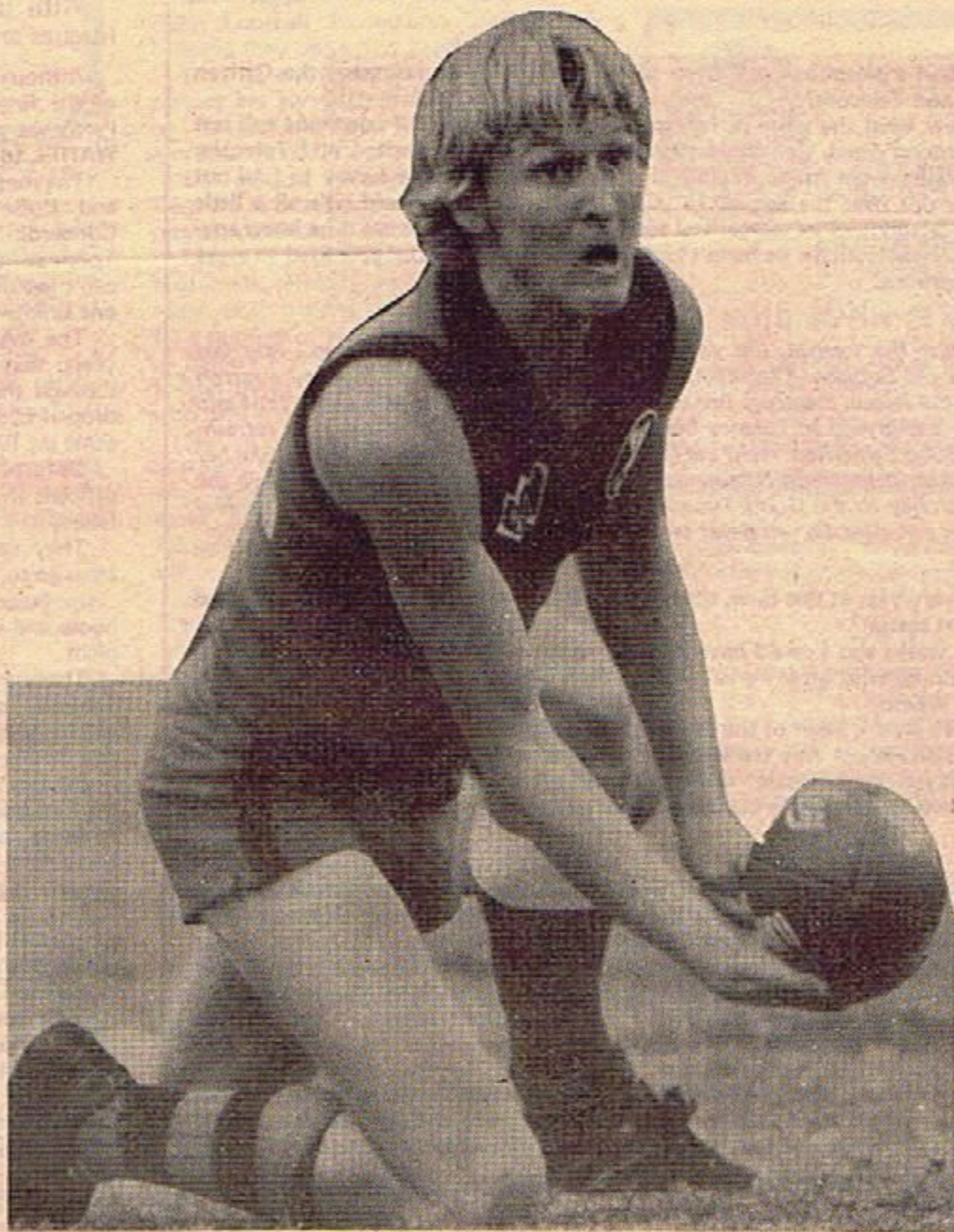
PROGRESS VOTING

G. Moss (CL) 69, M. Rioli (SF) 63, B. Peake (EF) 63, I. Miller (EP) 61, S. Michael (SF) 59, K. Hunter (CL) 53, R. Prunster (WP) 47, K. Narkle (SD) 46, T. Buhagiar (EF) 45, L. Fong (WP) 43, P. Kelly (EP) 40, N. Carter (SF) 35, S. Bessley (SD) 30, D. Green (EF) 28, P. Narkle (SD) 28, K. Taylor (EF) 27, P. Bosustow (P) 24, B. Vigona (SF) 24, B. Buckenara (S) 23, J. Hayes (EP) 23, D. Gooding (CL) 23, S. Nowotny (SD) 23, J. Krakouer (CL) 23, P. Spencer (EP) 22, R. Bauskis (SF) 22, G. Gibellini (P) 22, G. Neesham (SD) 21, S. Green (EF) 21, R. Boucher (SD) 21, N. Fotheringham (P) 21, A. Montgomery (EP) 21, B. Jager (WP) 21, M. Moylan (SF) 16, A. Johnson (P) 16, T. Morley (SF) 16, I. Williams (SD) 16, G. Casey (SD) 15, P. Krakouer (CL) 15, J. Sewell (EF) 15, J. McGulra (EP) 15, C. Allen (EP) 15, A. Hamilton (S) 15, L. Heal (WP) 15, L. Kickett (EP) 15, P. Mountain (SF) 15.

PICKING A FOOTBALLER THE FUTURE



Grant Campbell... has had an outstanding season. Played one game at the end of last year and though he has been in the reserves side in recent weeks, his early season form earned him a berth in the State side. Captain of the Teal Cup side.



Glyn Williams... has only managed six league games, but he is up against some talented players in his position as a half-forward or wingman. Was vice-captain of this year's Teal Cup team.



COCA-COLA - 6

On Tuesday of next week a young West Australian footballer will win the title of the future.

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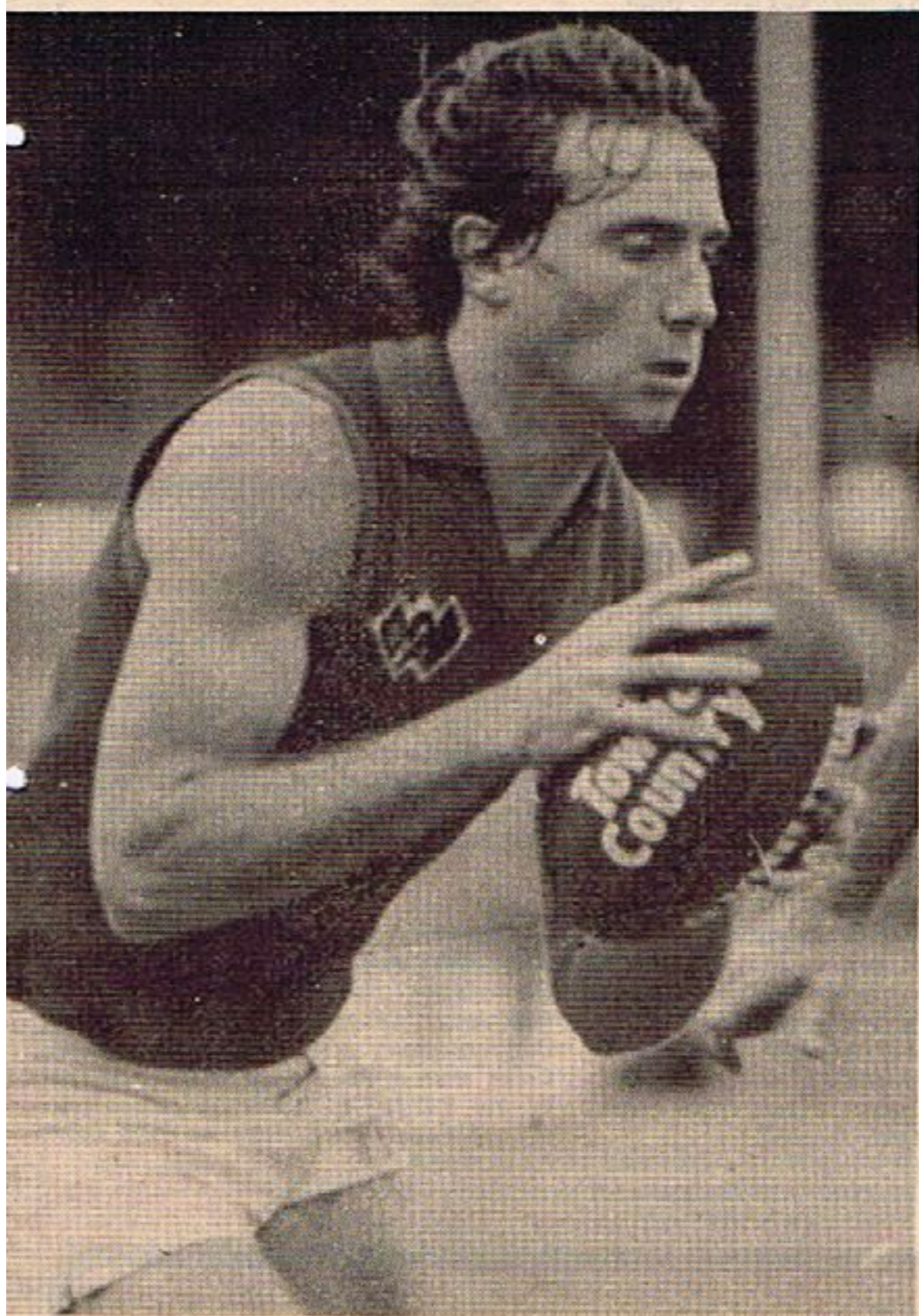
Each week the 6PM football panel nominate a player from their broadcast. The player with the most nominations. A judging panel will select the player of the future.

Up to last week the nominations went this way:

10 - Grant Campbell (East Perth); 8 - Steve Malaxos (Claremont Districts); 6 - Tim Gepp (Subiaco); Glyn Williams (East Perth); Ross (Claremont).

Two players - Phil Krakouer (Claremont) and Ken Marshall (Subiaco) were disqualified on a reportable offence by the WANFL tribunal. This week we feature some

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Chris Stasinowsky . . . after a slow start to the year, he developed into a promising ruck-rover with West Perth, only to receive an injury which has forced him out recently.



Steve Malaxos . . . has graduated from colts ranks to be a solid performer with Claremont, particularly in the latter half of the season.

M AWARD

One of the newest awards in the game — the footballer

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and their training methods and will also see them play a match

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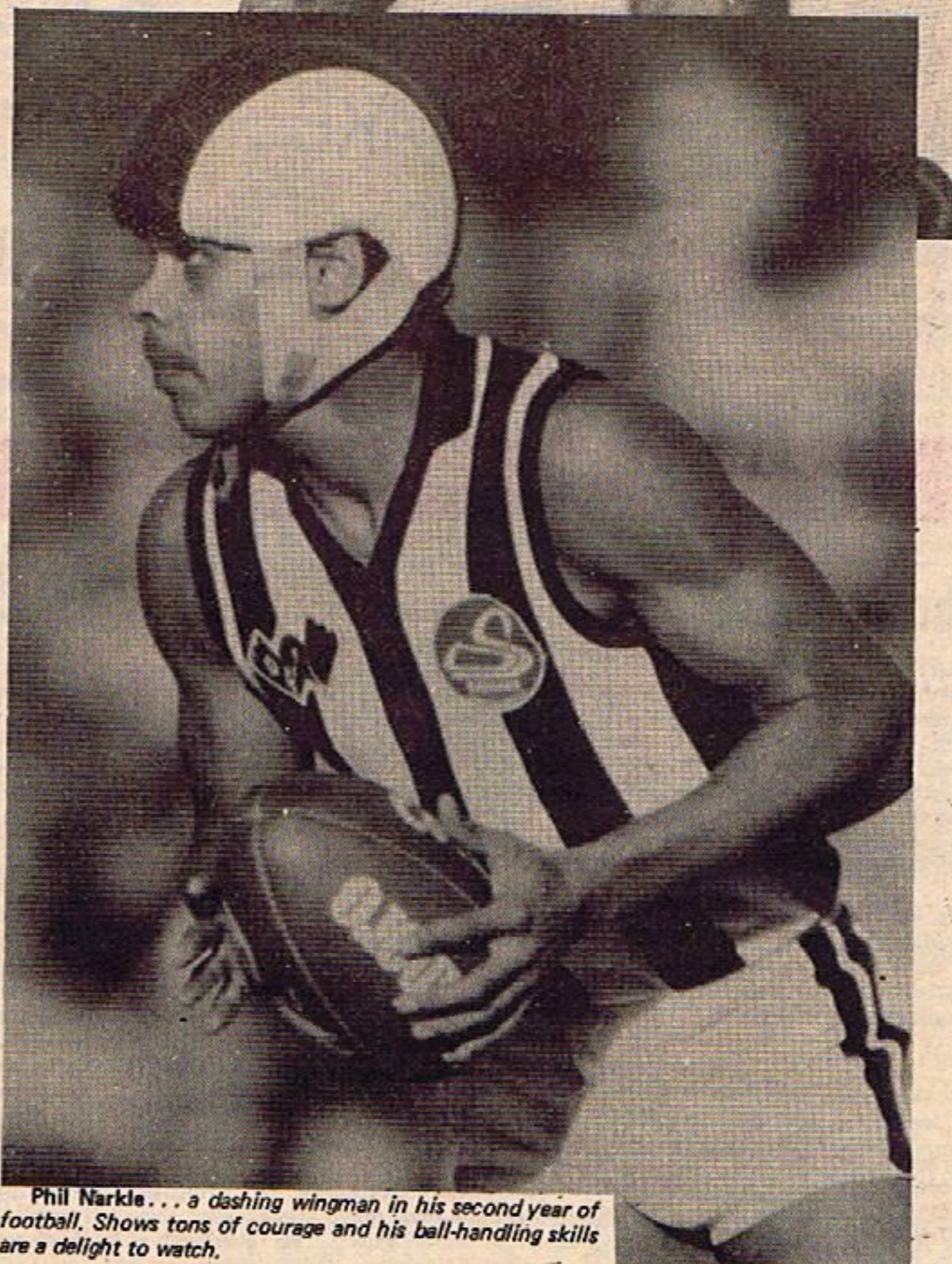
one they think most suitable to be judged WA's footballer

Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth); Phil Narkle (Swan

sea (West Perth); 3 — Brad Hardie (South Fremantle).

They were ruled ineligible when they were found guilty of

being the contenders for this tremendous award.



Phil Narkle . . . a dashing wingman in his second year of football. Shows tons of courage and his ball-handling skills are a delight to watch.

SUNDAY SCENE



MOSMAN BACK TO THEIR BEST

Mosman Park seem certain to win their way into the WAFA preliminary final by beating Cockburn in the first semi-final at Inglewood Oval on Sunday.

Mosman proved that they are coming back to their best when they pushed top team Wanneroo to within eight points in their final qualifying game last week.

By contrast, Cockburn have struggled in the latter half of the season and their game against South Perth last week was one of their worst for the year.

Cockburn were thrashed by 15 goals in a match that did nothing to restore their confidence.

In fact Cockburn were lucky to hang onto their spot in the four in the face of the last-ditch attack launched by the in-form Applecross over the last three weeks.

Mosman were boosted by the return to form of former East Fremantle ruckman Joe Angel who combined with Jeff Allen to give his side supremacy on the ball against the 'Roos.

This pair should get on top of Cockburn ruckmen Trevor O'Brien and newcomer Darryl Brown.

Brown, who was promoted last week when regular ruckman Tim Cullinane was injured, is big and strong and South Perth

players can testify that he is a fiery character.

Mosman are fortunate that rover John Hall has held his form over the season and he should again provide the side with an advantage over Cockburn's less consistent Ray Stewart and Robert Simpson.

Cockburn coach Paul Bennett and powerful centre-half-forward Phil Clucas could hold the key to Cockburn's hopes of recovering enough to beat Mosman.

Bennett, who has played a spare-parts role this season, is likely to start at centre and if he can get on top, his side's chances of winning will improve.

Clucas has been one of the few players to be consistent at Cockburn this season and he will pose a threat to the Mosman defence.

But in the final analysis, it will be Mosman's strength all over the ground that should take them to a comfortable win.

There is hope in the Mosman camp that outstanding centreman Barry Haydinger could make a return to football for this match.

Haydinger has been out for four weeks with a badly broken arm but is making a good recovery.

The number of former WANFL players going to the country to continue their football careers is increasing.

People often wonder what happens to these players because little publicity is given to them.

Struck by injury or retiring from league football, these players often decide to go on contract for country clubs where their experience and skills are certainly valued.

Last week, I mentioned a number of former league players had gone to the Avon Football Association because they believed they had a 'few years left in them'.

Well, it seems three former East Perth players are currently making a big impact on football in the Wongan Hills-based Mortlock Football League.

Bill Matson who played full back in East Perth's 1969 grand final year now plays for Ballidu as a ruckman.

Matson plays with a former Royals team-mate, Robert Armanasco who is a rover. Both players have been with Ballidu for a number of seasons.

Ballidu's high leaping full-forward is former Swan Districts player Jeff Sartori, who still has a shock of long blonde hair.

Ironically, despite being stacked with apparent talent, Ballidu have won only two games this season. However, these three players are not to blame. They frequently make the side's best players list.

Another former East Perth player, Steve Muir, has also headed into the wheatbelt to play in the Mortlock league.

Muir has played about two seasons with Wongan Hills at centre-half-forward. Unfortunately, the Mortlock will shortly lose this player to Geraldton where he has been transferred.


Two brothers playing for Goomalling in the Mortlock have nearly compiled a mammoth 700 games between them.

John Manuel has played 340 games while brother Terry has knocked up 350. However, Terry now plays most of his games in Goomalling's reserves team.

Incidentally, John travels from Perth every Sunday to play football.

This speaks very highly of a man who has devoted so much time to football and

COUNTRY HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER



COUNTRY ROUNDUP

with JOHN WHISTLER

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is now teaching his younger team-mates some of the skills he has picked up over the years.

Donnybrook ruckman John Awcock has won the 1979 Hayward Medal — the South-West national football league's fairest and best award. He won the medal, polling 21 votes from South Bunbury's Peter Old (20) and Mines Rovers' Wayne Coles (16).

South-West finals commence this weekend with Augusta-Margaret River and Donnybrook clashing in the elimination final and Harvey-Brunswick and South Bunbury meeting in the qualifying final. Collie team Mines Rovers finished on top of the S.W.N.F.L. ladder on percentage, despite a loss last Sunday to sixth team Carey Park.



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FIFTH SPOT AT STAKE

The moment of truth has finally arrived for final-five aspirants Thornlie and Kenwick...

The two sides clash at Kenwick's home ground, Mills Park and the vital fifth spot seems certain to go to the winner.

Kenwick did their cause a heap of good when they downed premierships hopes Kwinana by a comfortable eight goals last week and now they face Thornlie and then Maddington before the finals.

Nicholls back

You can't keep a good man down... that certainly applies to VFL giant John Nicholls, who is now back in Victoria to help North Melbourne build-up for the grand final. Big Nick has been in more trouble over the years than Brick Bradford, but the former Carlton star was quick to accept an invitation from Ron Barassi to help North's bid to beat Carlton for the flag.

Nicholls has been active in Adelaide recently, helping Neil Kerley (West Torrens) and John Cahill (Port Adelaide) teach their young ruckmen how to improve. He had earlier resigned as Glenelg's coach.

Kelvin Templeton works in a sports store in Melbourne and has plenty of trophies around him. But the 22-year-old Footscray star is after a special trophy of his own — the highest goalkicker in the club's history. Templeton has now kicked 378 goals in his brief career and is only five short of the club record held by Jack Collins.

Kenwick's victory — coupled with Thornlie's loss to Canning on Sunday — has given them a four-point break on the premierships table, and with a better percentage they are in the box seat to play in the finals.

Kwinana's hopes have certainly slumped at the wrong time of the season.

They went down to Canning three weeks ago and then successive losses to Kelmscott and Kenwick has raised doubts about their ability to recover in time for the finals.

Kwinana have slipped to third place and they need a strong revival against Willetton — at Willetton — this week, plus hope for a Gosnells loss to Canning.

However, Gosnells are the big improvers. They have stormed their way up the table and after a bye last week, they should be too strong at home for Canning.

Canning's victory over Thornlie — by a comfortable 27 points — marked the return to form of a number of small men and with mobile players like Terry Eaton and Greg Green back to their best, they cannot be totally ignored.

Kelmscott should finish the season off by beating Kalamunda at home and that will give them 76 points for their 19 wins from 20 matches.

They are odds-on favourites for the flag and they will welcome back two stars this week in Russell Aitken and Brian Doering to bolster an already-strong midfield division.

Mandurah, at home to Armadale, feature in the other game with little interest other than giving Mandurah a chance of jumping up to eighth spot if they win and Kalamunda lose.



FINALS START SATURDAY

This Saturday is first semi-final day for teams in 10 senior and 4 colts divisions in the W.A.A.F.L.

The Sunday division has 2 more qualifying rounds to complete. In 'E' and 'F' divisions the results saw teams placed 4th dropping out of the final four, and in 'A' League despite Old Wesley's 28 point loss to University, they remained in the finals by a better percentage of 4.53. University, last year's grand finalists, were unfortunate in missing by such a narrow margin after some great victories over the last month. 1979 minor premiers Wembley made a good last quarter effort against Maylands (who led at 3/4 time) to fall over the line by 7 points in a close, hard fought game, that puts their favouritism for premiers in question, especially considering the way Mt Lawley (2nd) carved up C.B.C. by 18 goals. Carlisle also finished the season by being overrun by Nollamara throughout the game. In the battle for relegation Bayswater shook off North Beach to record their 3rd win. North Beach, under coach Roy Harper (ex Perth), finished with only one victory and were the great disappointments of the year.

The 1st semi-final between Nollamara, who are contesting their first 'A' League finals game, and Old Wesley at Leederville Oval should result in a chance at the premierships for Nollamara. Over the season both teams have either headed the table or placed 2nd but lack the consistency of the other two finalists Wembley and Mt

Lawley. Old Wesley's fortunes have slumped over the last games and last week's defeat was certainly not the encouragement needed for finals. Both coaches Colin Tinknell (Nollamara) and Steve Arnott have the ability to get the best from their charges, as well as their own abilities to match, and their performances and motivation could decide this one.

Other finals games are as follows:—
"A" Colts also at Leederville Oval. Uni play Mt Lawley.

"B" League Trinity Old Boys and North Fremantle meet at Fremantle Oval as do the "B" Colts teams of W.A.I.T. and Trinity O.B.

"C" League Swanbourne and Morley, "C" Colts Wanneroo and Morley play at Robinson Reserve, Osborne Park.

"D" League Whitfords vs Ashfield, "D" Colts East Perth and Mt Hawthorn-West Perth at Kingsway Reserve, Wanneroo.

"E" Division Floreat Marist vs Old Wesley at Gilfraser Oval.

"F" Division Bayswater vs Brentwood at Hartfield Reserve.

"G" Division North Fremantle vs John 23rd at Raphael Park.

"H" Division Innaloo vs Swanbourne at City Beach Oval.

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"J" Division Koondoola vs Collegians at the Inglewood Oval.

All senior games commence at 2.30p.m.

GOALS!

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Two goals from East Perth's Larry Kickett in the opening minutes of the final term in last Saturday's match against South Fremantle laid the foundations for a final term fightback. Both goals were contenders for the Marlboro goal of the day on channel 7's World of Football. However, the first of the two, snapped from a difficult angle deep in the left forward pocket earned him the \$150 as the goal of the day. Both goals - his only two scoring shots in the match - were real gems considering the atrocious conditions.

Subiaco certainly didn't waste any opportunities when they went into attack early in the first quarter opposed to Claremont last Saturday. The second of their goals, scored at the one minute mark of the first quarter was the result of a determined effort from Colin Jackman. Swooping the ball up from a scuffle on the Lions half-forward-line, Jackman had a long kick toward goal, and saw the ball carry over the heads of the players setting themselves in the goalsquare to register one of the longest goals of the afternoon.

One of the men behind Subiaco's great effort against Claremont was rover Graeme Schultz who topped off a solid performance by scoring 5.1. His first goal, a brilliant snap shot, set the pattern for some fine goal-kicking culminating with his fifth goal which put the Lions within two points of Claremont in the closing minutes of the last quarter.

The Marlboro goalkicking competition will climax this weekend with the conclusion of the qualifying matches. The 21 weekly mark-of-the-day winners will qualify to win \$500 first prize in the mark-of-the-season award. Channel 7's World of Football team will select the winner from film clips of the goals scored by the weekly winners. The second best goal of the season will earn its scorer \$200 and the third best will receive \$100.

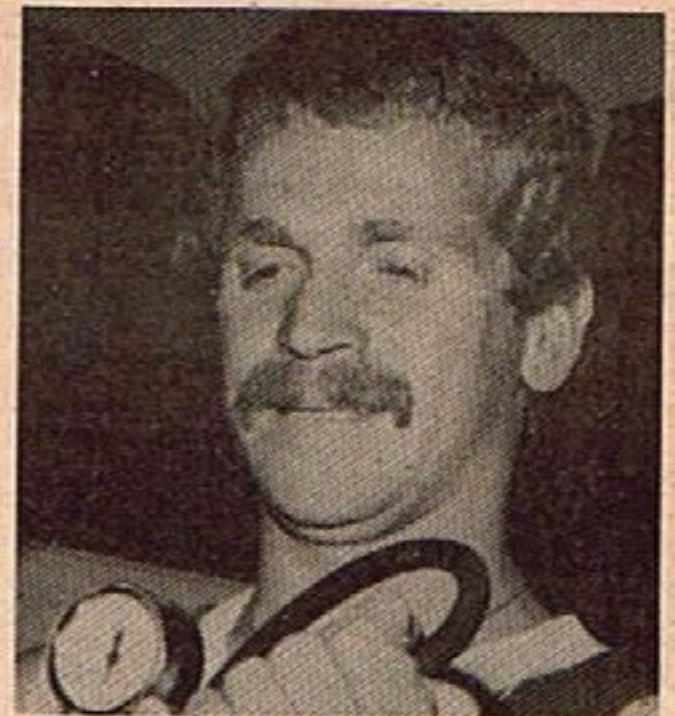
Mark Olsen soccered what must rate as one of football's longest goals last Saturday. He soccered the ball from at least 20 metres out and had to really urge it over the line as it slowly dribbled towards the goals... finally beating a desperate lunging West Perth's Dean Campbell by the barest of margins.



Mark Olsen (Swan Districts)	79.49
Kevin Taylor (East Fremantle)	77.55
Ray Bauskis (South Fremantle)	66.30
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	61.33
Norm Uncle (Claremont)	54.30
Mark Jackson (South Fremantle)	51.23
Jim Sewell (East Fremantle)	48.27
Archie Duda (East Perth)	47.15
Graham Moss (Claremont)	46.21
Murray Couper (Perth)	46.33



Mark Olsen (Swan Districts)



Kevin Taylor

East Fremantle rover Kevin Taylor broke Jim Conway's 1951 goalscoring record when he booted his third goal last Saturday, 14 minutes into the last term. When he scored his 77th goal for the season he broke Conway's 28-year-old record for the highest tally of goals kicked by a rover in qualifying matches. No doubt Taylor will use his last opportunity this Saturday to consolidate his new record.

Ross Fitzgerald, a former forward who has had to adapt to a defensive role to get a berth in the Swan Districts league side, relished the chance to move into attack for the last half against West Perth last week. He picked up three goals, two of which were absolute gems. The first came from a long shot right out on the boundary line and the second came soon after as he piloted one through a narrow opening from the opposite pocket.

Recognised for his long kicking, but not necessarily his accuracy, South Fremantle's Joe McKay got his side off to a great start with a 65 metre goal to set Souths on the road to victory against East Perth. This goal was followed by another shortly after and he was also instrumental in his side's third goal.

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE



Our weekly Sandover Medal guide has reached its moment of truth. On Monday night, at the Sheraton Hotel's Golden Ballroom, the winner of the 1979 Channel 7-Sandover Medal will be announced. The strain of a year of football is summed up in the tension of a few hours of vote counting... with a reward of \$20,000 going to the winner.

Who will it be . . . ?

Our weekly guide has surveyed the best on ground by the major media and our special panel has left space for you to write the umpire's votes in for each week.

Our tip for the medal?

Moss 1. Michael 2. Kelly 3.



AUGUST 11	West Australian	Sunday Times	Weekend News	Sunday Independent	6PR	6PM	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
South Fremantle v East Perth	Geoff Christian: Robertson (EP) Michael (SF) Kelly (EP)	Rob Bennett: Reeves (SF) Robertson Kelly	Robbie Burns: Rioli (SF) Reeves Kelly	Bob Cribb: Rioli Spencer (EP) Morley (SF)	Oscar Howard: Rioli Reeves Robertson	Jack Sweet: Robertson Michael Reeves			Capes/Morris
Perth v East Fremantle	Ken Casillas: Lawrence (P) Currie (P) Purser (EF)	Geoff Worner: Lawrence Sewell (EF) Gibellini (P)	Alan McIntosh: Purser Lawrence Sewell	Glenn Luders: Currie Lawrence J. Sims (EF)	Wayne Harvey: Lawrence Buhagiar (EF) Currie	Rod Lohaar: Judge (EF) Lawrence J. Sims	IN CAMERA	IN CAMERA	Phillips/Gillies
West Perth v Swan Districts	A. Carew-Reid: Williams (SD) P. Narkle (SD) K. Narkle (SD)	Alan East: K. Narkle Washfold (WP) P. Narkle	Peter Sweeney: Williams Holden (SD) Gibbs (WP)	Julian Stawell: Williams P. Narkle Casey	Alan East: K. Narkle Washfold P. Narkle	Joe Fanchi: P. Narkle Holden Williams			Powell/Rowe
Subiaco v Claremont	Colin Hopkins: Schultz (S) Buckenara (S) P. Krakouer (C)	Rod Lane: Buckenara P. Krakouer Douge (S)	Brian Paddick: Schultz Buckenara Blackwell (C)	Mike Throssell: Schultz Buckenara J. Krakouer (C)	J.K. Watts P. Krakouer Douge Schultz	Allen Stiles: Schultz Buckenara Hamilton (S)			Buckey/Ball

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BULLDOGS



Verse 1

We are the Mighty Bulldogs.
Always Fighting on
With Victory and the flag our goal.
With guts and determination
We put the rest to shame.
Because our fighting spirit wins the game.

Chorus

We're the Bulldogs (yes we are)

Chorus

We're the Bulldogs (yes we are)
And we're the greatest (yes we are)
The Mighty Red V which stands for victory
The rough tough Bulldogs (yes we are)
South Fremantle (yes we are)
The Southerners for evermore.

VERSE 2

Down by the Port of Fremantle
We hit them really hard
With true grit and courage we win
So come on Souths let's show them how
To play the game to win.
South Fremantle for evermore.

CLUB SONGS

TIGERS

Oh! We're from Tigerland
A fighting fury, we're from Tigerland,
In any weather you will see us with a grin
Risking head and shin
If we're behind then never mind
We'll fight and fight and win

Oh! We're from Tigerland
We never weaken 'till the final siren's gone
Like the tiger of old, we're strong and we're bold
For we're from Tiger (yellow and blue)
We're from Tigerland.

OLD EASTS

Once more (and more and more)
We cheer the blue and whites

Once more (and more and more)
We got a foe to fight

It's blue and whites once more coming through
That's right (r-i-g-h-t)
The other team is black and blue

Hit 'em harder and more (make 'em raw)
We've got a foe to beat

Once more (make them sore)
They're still upon their feet

If they don't know what blue and white is for,
Maybe they'd better be hit once more

Once more
We cheer the blue and whites

Once more
We got a foe to fight

It's blue and whites once more coming through
That's right
The other team is black and blue

Hit 'em harder and more
We've got a foe to beat

Once More
They're still upon their feet

If they don't know what blue and white is for,
Maybe they'd better be hit,
Maybe they'd better be hit,
Once more

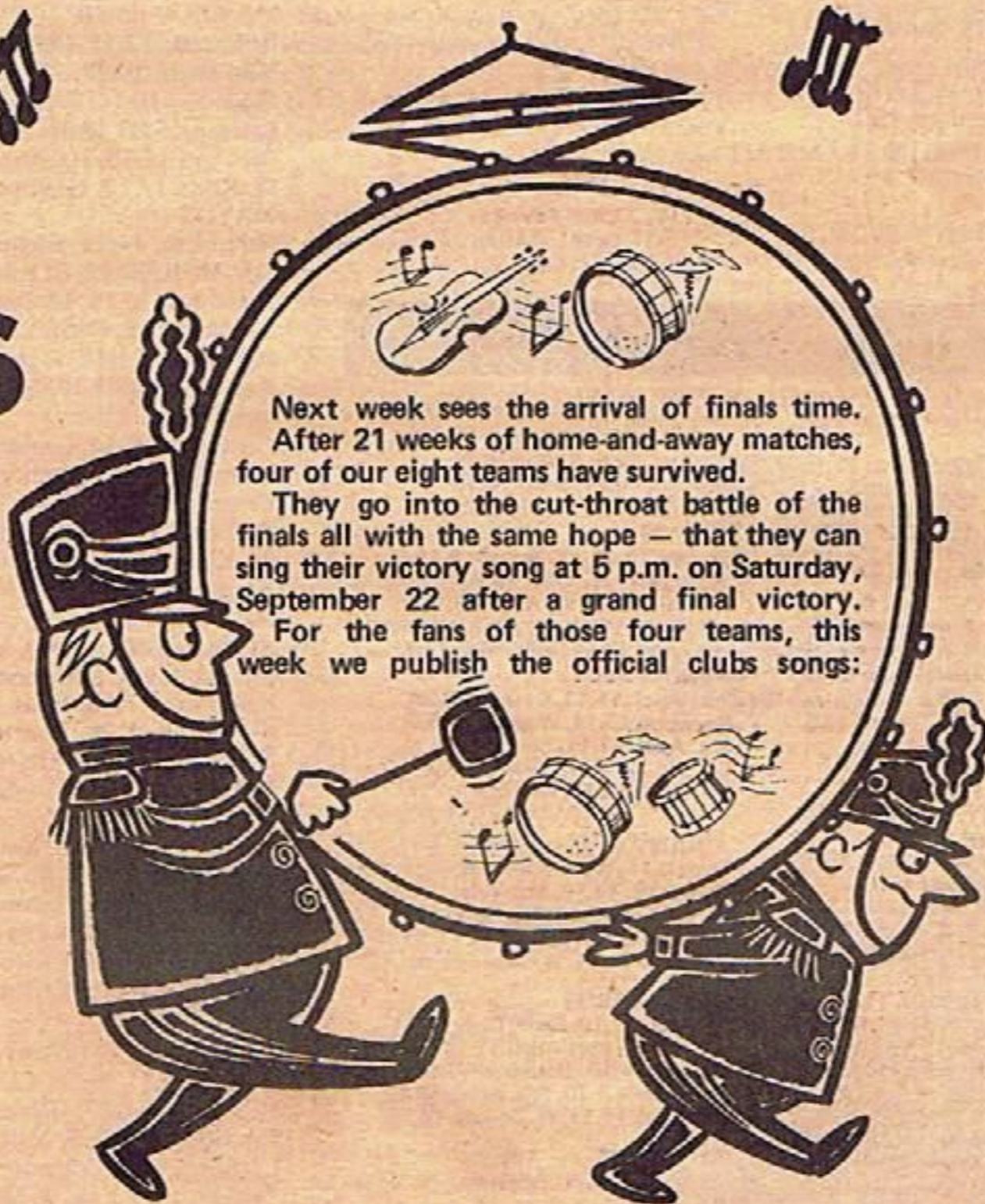
ROYALS

East Perth for ever boys,
East Perth are we
East Perth a great tradition
with the premiership our mission.
East Perth for ever boys
and to the cause
For we are the mighty Royals,
East Perth is the greatest
team of all.

We'll beat the Demons
whether it be wet or fine
We'll beat the Cardies
at the bell they'll be behind
no doubt about
the reason for it.

Chorus:

East Perth for ever boys
East Perth are we
East Perth a great tradition
with the premiership our mission.
East Perth for ever boys
and to the cause
For we are the mighty Royals,
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team of all.



Next week sees the arrival of finals time. After 21 weeks of home-and-away matches, four of our eight teams have survived.

They go into the cut-throat battle of the finals all with the same hope — that they can sing their victory song at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 22 after a grand final victory.

For the fans of those four teams, this week we publish the official clubs songs:

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MUD BATH... That's what happened when South Fremantle's Wayne Delmenico returned to league football last Saturday. Here he sinks into the slop at Fremantle Oval as East Perth's Larry Kicket is about to take off with the ball.

Rookie of the year, Garry Buckenarra, won a Pye refrigerator last Sunday when channel seven's World of football team judged one of three brilliant marks he took the previous day in the match against Claremont as the Mark-of-the-Day. Viewers will see the top 21 marks of the season in this Sunday's World of Sport, when the channel replays film clips of the weekly winners to select the Mark-of-the-Year. The winner of this award will receive a Video cassette player valued at nearly \$1000. The results of several other major awards will also be announced on the programme.

Talking about Buckenara, he is a real find for Subiaco... and his success raises a few interesting sidelights. Buckenara had never played senior football before this season - he played with Churchlands Teachers' College and last season they were in C-grade in the amateur competition. Now, with his instant success, he finds himself in senior ranks - and has never played a reserves or colts game. At 21, he has abundant talent - and he is our player of the week and is featured on page four of this issue.

Wanneroo reserves (in the W.A.F.A.) completed the qualifying rounds last Sunday without having suffered a defeat for the entire season. In fact their smallest losing margin during the season was about ten goals.

Apparently football is a pretty serious business up Carnarvon way. A report in the Northern Times tells how "an important junior game between East Carnarvon and Ramblers was delayed 35 minutes by the failure of Warriors to supply an umpire". The report went on "Eventually the two coaches went on to umpire the match, Jack Winder did his usual impeccable job, whilst Breheny resembled a sleeping gnome in hibernation."

Former West Perth coach Percy Johnson made a stinging attack on the West Perth administration last Sunday night on the channel 7 news. He said it was shocking that Ray Boyanich had been dropped from last Saturday's West Perth line-up. A place in the side, together with another appearance this Saturday would have allowed Boyanich to reach his 200 game milestone.

Former East Fremantle player Jeff Trott has just completed a great season in the East Kimberley Football Association. His team, Towns, won the premiership, he was top goalscorer and won the fairest and best trophy for the grand final. He also won the association's fairest and best award the Vagg Medal, and to top it off, was the association's leading goalscorer for the season.

An incident (which received statewide publicity) at Wickham this season when a football match was abandoned after an umpire was struck, has left a sour taste in the mouths of many people in the town of Shay Gap. A member of the Shay Gap team (which played in the ill-fated match) wrote to the local Press last week complaining of what he described as unfair treatment toward his side since the incident. He claimed that one team had announced they would forfeit rather than play Shay Gap, newspaper articles began referring to Shay Gap Football Club and the townspeople as a "pack of animals", an unfounded umpire's report cast aspersions on town police and high ranking businessmen and an airline advertisement on local radio said "Sportsmen fly MMA, Shay Gap drives".

South Fremantle wingman Tony Morley was one of his side's best players last week - and he should not have even played. Morley had been in bed ill for several days before the game and even as late as Friday night he was doubtful. But he turned in an outstanding game on the wing - and then went back to bed again for the rest of the weekend.

The two port clubs have produced new club songs this year - although the East Fremantle version has not yet been officially adopted by the club. On page 13 of this week's issue we have published the songs of the four teams due to compete in the forthcoming finals. The South Fremantle song was produced by Ken Walther, of Planet Sound Studios, and has really taken off down Fremantle Oval way.

Victorian sports writer Scott Palmer has uncovered an interesting snippet about one of Australia's greatest big men... Big Bob Johnson. The former East Fremantle hero is now an expert Chinese chef in Melbourne and has a hand in the catering for most of the toffy parties around town.

Swan Insurance, the firm that has thrown its weight behind Swan Districts this season, is also involved in yachting. The firm will sponsor a big race from Melbourne to Hobart as part of the new Sovereign Series with more than \$35,000 in prizemoney up for grabs.

Here's a tip from Victoria... Ross Glendinning to win the Brownlow. The former East Perth champ has turned in some outstanding games this season and, as we well know in the West, he is a vote-catching type of player.

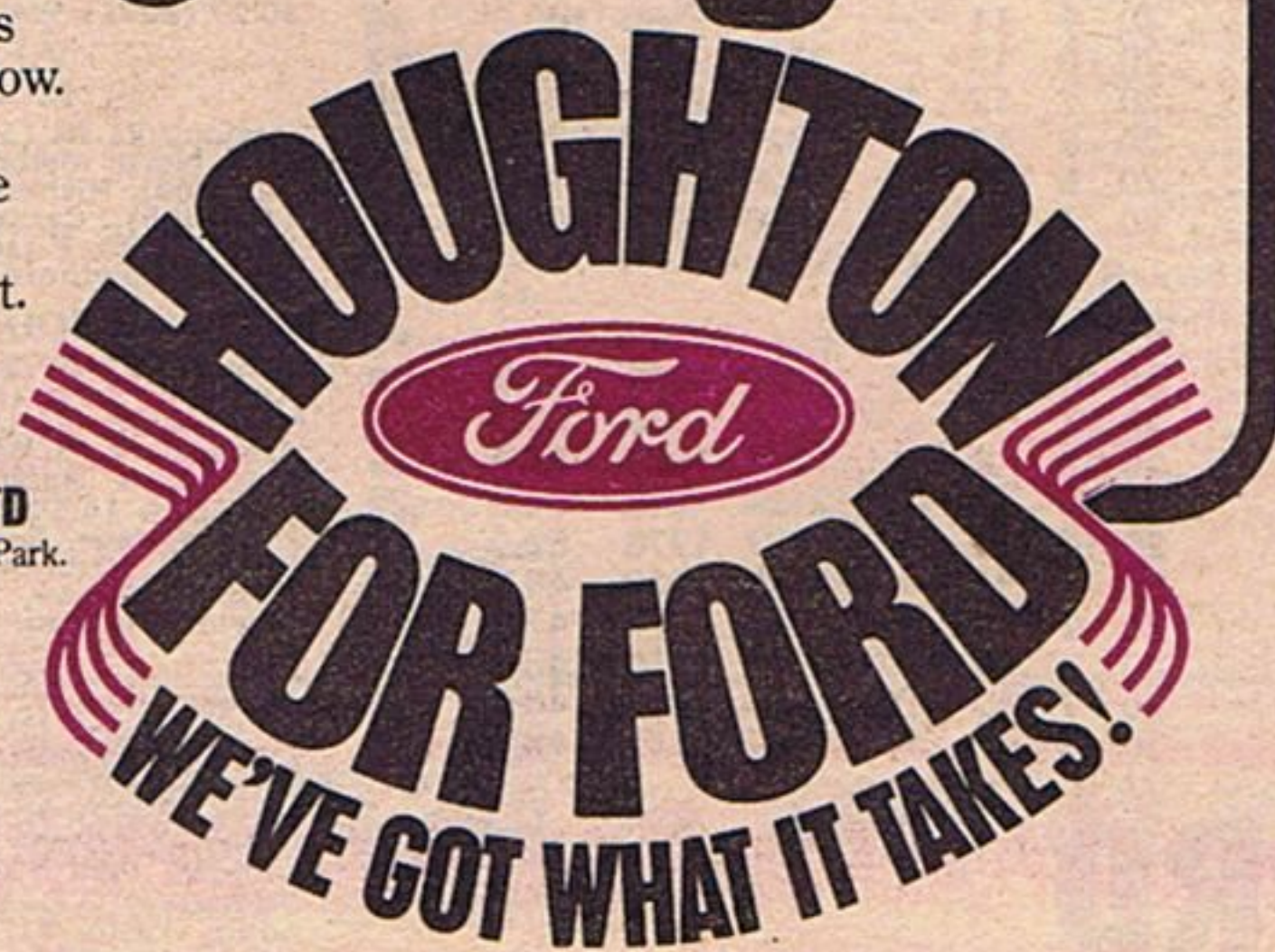
The absolute arrogance of the VFL is often something that frustrates West Australians, be it football clubs or media. One of our media men has found out just how impossible the VFL headquarters is to deal with. After a letter and seven telephone calls in a bid to arrange media accreditation, being shunted from one body to another, he was finally put on to the MCG people themselves... who quickly fixed up the request with the minimum of fuss. When the VFL was asked why the letter - written eight weeks ago - had not warranted a reply, the answer simply was: "Why should we".

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