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# COME OFF IT BROWNIE

Malcolm Brown . . . are you trying to pull your greatest con trick of all time?

Everyone knows just what a controversial and colourful character you are, particularly when it comes to dreaming up new ideas to help your team's cause out on the field.

And it seems as though your latest tactical plan is surely one of your best.

We believe that you have deliberately set out to antagonise as many people as possible in recent months in order to build up outside dislike of South Fremantle. That would enable you to go into the pressure-packed finals as the under-dog; the 'bad boys' as it were.

You could build on that tremendously; convince your players that everyone out there hates them; that no-one wants them to succeed. What a tremendous psychological spur.

South Fremantle's record in recent finals matches has not been good. Too often they have gone in favourites, only to be bundled out unceremoniously just when they seemed capable of taking off the premiership.

To overcome that "Bulldog Wobbles" is a tough task, but one that you have thought hard and long about all season.

Therefore, it makes sense to do a few outrageous things — nothing really new for you, Malcolm — but put into context, these all add up to an interesting propaganda campaign.

Let's look at a couple of recent examples:

\* Twice — on television and radio — you described Claremont president Wal Maskell as 'insincere'. Not very complimentary, especially as you were a previous coach of Claremont. But certainly good ammunition to get the Tigers fired up about South. You also got into hot water over your use of the coaches box at Claremont Oval — after apparently becoming a bit vocal and upsetting some Tigers fans.

\* Your famous comment about 'those pair of bastards out there' is oft repeated. We all believed you were referring to the umpires after a traditionally tough and tense Derby clash. But you say you meant two East Fremantle players who figured

prominently in your defeat. Nice antagonising comments for the East Fremantle camp. You also had a few words to say when East Fremantle president Merv Cowan was fined \$20 for misconduct.

\* \* You were far from complimentary about Barry Cable and his coaching methods for the interstate match earlier in the season. You felt, and maybe with some justification, that his 'commando type' training methods had brought about injury problems to your stars Noel Carter and Maurice Rioli. You fired a few broadsides at Cable and that was nice antagonising stuff for the Royals camp to simmer over.

\* You have given poor old Fred Woods a tough time in a few recent encounters. Woodsie, off-beat he may be, is a fan with the 'oldies' and that put you off-side with another big slice of the football public.

\* You stitched up rumour-monger Gary Carvolth nice and nastily when you described him on radio as a liar, cheat and a deviat. Nice slenderous stuff! Certainly the sort of bait that helps get people's backs up.

There have been a few more controversial situations all of which we believe could be part of your subtle campaign to try to break the premiership drought at South.

Unbiased, as we are, one can only admire your approach. It's different, so for that reason we have to reluctantly admit that it may just succeed.

If it does, Malcolm, then well done — even if you have trod on a few toes on the way up! You may have to emigrate to Richmond next year, but you will no doubt consider it well worth the effort.

P.S.: We almost forgot. You had a few inflammatory things to say about us — and we took the bait also!



## VALE, MICK CRONIN

The late Mick Cronin held a unique place in Western Australian football.

He ranks as the only person who has figured prominently in four major aspects of the game — player, coach, umpire and critic.

Mr Cronin excelled in all aspects of his involvement. He recently marked 50 consecutive years of football going back to his playing days at East Perth.

He is still fondly thought of at Perth Oval — or Lotons Park as he preferred to remember the ground — and as he went on to make his mark as an umpire and then a coach (with East Perth) — he left few enemies.

As a critic, Mr Cronin was often outspoken; often controversial. But there are few people who are better qualified than him to comment on the game that he loved so much.

Sincerity and honesty was the Cronin gospel. He saw the game through unbiased eyes and he never spoke with a forked tongue. What he said was genuine and from the heart.

So, as we mourn the passing of a gentleman in our field, let the football world honour D.J. (Mick) in a fitting manner.

In fact, the WANFL plans to build a media room in the proposed new facilities at Subiaco Oval. It could be named after Mick Cronin.



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## EDITORIAL

# CHANGES AT THE TOP

This year will see the departure of several of our league club presidents — Harry Atlas is stepping down at East Perth; Lance Perkins has resigned at Subiaco.

There is speculation that Len Roper, at West Perth, and Merv Cowan, at East Fremantle, could vacate their seats. Decisions will be made later in the year when nominations — and likely candidates — are confirmed.

It is a difficult role; one that many football supporters do not fully appreciate.

The football world owes a debt of gratitude to men like Mr Atlas and Mr Perkins. Life is tough for them, be they leaders of top teams or bottom teams. They seldom win. The rank-and-file members are watching for any slip-up they may make; the media are forever observant of their words and actions and in between all that they must play the pacifist role among players, coaches, administrators and sponsors.

It is almost a full-time job. In fact, the day is fast approaching when your credentials to be a successful club president will include a notation that you can devote yourself full-time to the role.

One of the most difficult roles facing a club president is his participation at the WANFL directors' table. They must exchange caps, put on their 'general football' hat and try to steer the game in the right direction. At the same time, they have to keep their club cap handy in case something crops up that will directly affect their own well-being. Then, they have to look after themselves as individuals and that means maintaining a responsible attitude on all controversial matters.

One wonders whether the time might also be approaching when our league is run, not by club directors, but by outside individuals, people who are closely involved with the game, but have no deep link with any club at the present time.

Football administration is a ticklish business; it is a million-dollar business and that means we must have million-dollar thinkers and million-dollar brains. We need to think big; act fast and work furiously to further establish our great game; to make sure the grip that it has on the community is developed even more fervently.

The thought of an independent board of say, three or four directors running the WANFL, with club representation at a subsidiary table to be called on for opinions when necessary, is food for thought for the future.

— Peter Poat, publisher.

# GREAT STUFF

BY ALAN EAST



# ... and more to come

Sheer exhilarating football . . . that was the recipe dished up to 30,000 spectators at Subiaco Oval last week.

East Perth and East Fremantle, two of the really great tradition clubs in WA, turned it on in the first semi-final and one only hopes that the standard continues over the next three weeks.

It was a meritorious victory for Old Easts, mingled with some emotion surrounding Bradley Smith, coach, and Ian Thomson, comeback specialist. Both were former Royal stalwarts and it just shows that football loyalty is a dying art. There is no room for sentiment when it comes to battling it out in the arena.

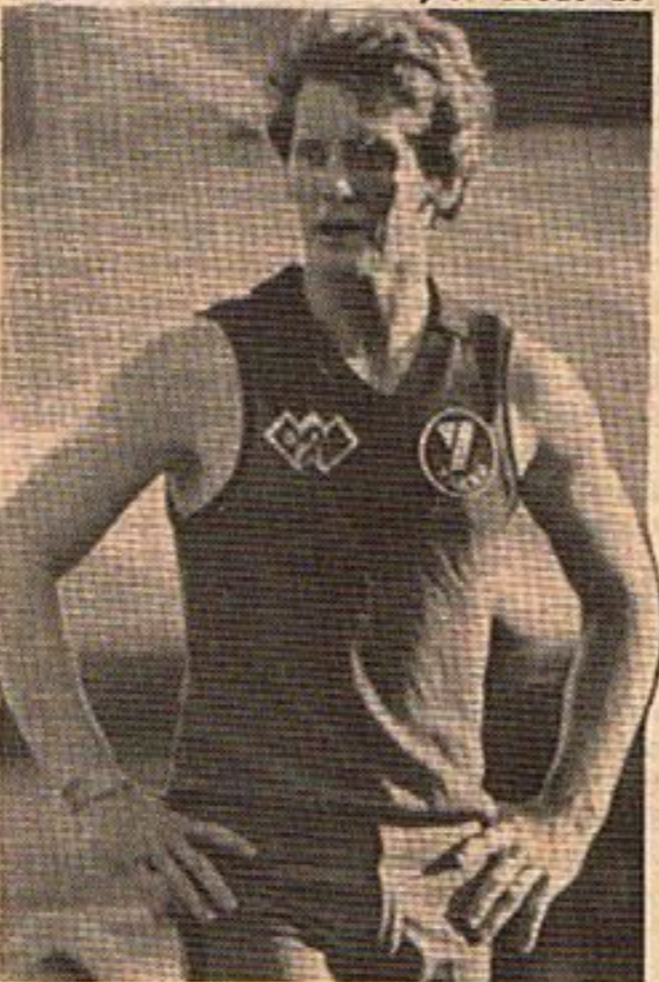
Thomson's effort symbolises the true grit of some of our establishment footballers.

Thomson, whose effort last Saturday certainly enabled East Fremantle to win the match, came just five days before his 30th birthday and the former Cooroo youngster has held his own in senior ranks across Australia for 12 years. His departure from East Perth last year was an amicable agreement, but then Thomson found the lure of football too much and he resumed with Wanneroo. Those few games in Sunday football was enough to convince his old mate Smith that he had a few more league games left in him.

Thomson resurrected the boots he had thrown away at the end of the 1978 season and he certainly kicked East Fremantle into the final three of this season.

With spirit like that, there is no reason why Old Easts cannot help Smith to become the 17th coach to win a premiership in his first year with a club.

It is certain that neither South Fremantle nor Claremont want to meet East Fremantle in the preliminary final after watching their spirited victory over East Perth. Therefore, this week's second semi-final will be a torrid affair with the reward of a grand final appearance going to the victor. The vanquished will have to front up to a fully-fit and ferocious East Fremantle side that would just about be



PETER SPENCER . . . not too happy.

favourite to win, even at this early stage.

Claremont, the young glamour side of the competition, have had trouble with South in recent years, though they broke the spell with their August 11 victory at Claremont Oval. But they have a team of youthful inexperience, whereas South have a tough and talented team with a lot of experience.

Stephen Michael versus Graham Moss will be a ruck duel worth fighting the crowds to see. However, Michael is virtually a ruck-rover and with the burly Mick Moylan — a former Tiger — throwing his weight into the ruck duels, Michael might be given a free rein to roam the field, cutting his own path of destruction.

South will certainly miss captain Noel Carter, especially when the Krakouer brothers take charge in the roving department, as they will almost certainly do. Jim and Phil are two greased-lightning stars whose roving skills are second-to-none. South will have to find a counter for them, else the battles around the packs will be lost.

Claremont's goal-scoring potential looks stronger and more varied than South's. Ross Ditchburn, at centre-half-forward and

OOPS . . . who is the mystery player?



Ron Webster (East Perth) found himself really on the outer in last week's first semi-final.



Tony Buhagiar sums it all up . . . we've won!

Norm Uncle, at full-forward, are both strong marks and good kicks.

South have had trouble with the unpredictable Mark Jackson and Ray Bauskis is a questionable commodity in finals football.

The Claremont defence has been the second-tightest in the league this season.

Robbie Melville, the State's best centre-half-back in recent times, is out of touch on a half-back flank and he has been overshadowed by his replacement, Ken Hunter. But maybe the time is right to throw Melville back into the key defensive spot in a bid to recapture his confidence and form. Hunter is classy enough to adapt to another position and the gamble would be well worth it if Melville can regain the form he showed early in the season.

It will be a tough, bruising affair . . . and maybe the young Tigers can tame the angry Bulldogs.

## SECOND SEMI FINALS AT SUBIACO OVAL

LEAGUE — SOUTH FREMANTLE v CLAREMONT AT 2.20 P.M.

1979 PERFORMANCES

CLAREMONT — W, L, W, W, L, L, W, W, W, W, L, W, W, W, W, L, W, W, W — 16 WINS

SOUTH FREMANTLE — W, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, L, W, L — 15 WINS

April 28 (Claremont) S.F. 20.24 d C. 18.12; June 16 (Frem.) S.F. 16.13 d C. 10; August 11 (Claremont) C. 18.19 d S.F. 12.12

RESERVES — SWAN DISTRICTS v SOUTH FREMANTLE AT 11.40 A.M.

COLTS — CLAREMONT v EAST PERTH AT 9.40 A.M.

## FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

# One of the kids remembers

WHEN I was a freckle-faced kid in South Perth just after the war, we learnt our footy in the streets.

Refinements such as footy boots were almost unheard of (unless your old man was really loaded), and the sprigs soon wore out on the bitumen anyway. And besides, it was considered pretty sissy if you couldn't do a droppy barefoot and not let the pain show when you took the skin off your toes.

The bitumen didn't worry us too much, because the playground at the Forrest Street State School, where my brother and I and most of the local kids went, was bitumenised anyway, and there just wasn't anywhere else in the district to kick a ball.

The then South Perth Roads Boards' one concession to football was the local "rec" in Hensman Street, but kids got kicked off for playing footy there, so we stuck to the streets.

I was only a little kid then, and little kids in those days relied for their kicks on foxing the rubbish for the big kids. It was a working chore, but at least you got to play.

It was almost a caste system based on age, and the only real leveller was ownership of a ball, which automatically elevated you to big kid status, with all its attendant privileges.

Ownership of a ball, no matter how battered, meant the big kids would play outside your joint, instead of their's, and if by some strange quirk of fate or affluence, you also owned a footy valve for your bike pump, you were in football's Valhalla. You were actually sought after.

I can still remember my first ball. It was a Match, and with the passage of time, changes of ownership and countless thousands of kicks up and down the bitumen in Hampden and Sandgate Streets, it had become grossly misshapen, and the bladder (a real rubber one) was a maze of patches.

But it was a ball.

And it meant I got to play with the big kids like Jack Ensor and "Butch" Baker, both of whom lived around the corner and who both went on to make their marks in football. We grew up together, though I somehow doubt they go around telling people they grew up with me.

In those days, I was just one of thousands of kids kicking balls around in the streets or in the local parks (provided



THE LATE MICK CRONIN

they had a more enlightened curator than we did at the South Perth "rec.").

But fortunately for the fight against juvenile delinquency and later, even more fortunately for the Perth Football Club, some of our Dads decided to get us off the streets by helping us form the South Perth Junior Football Club.

I don't know whose brainchild it was, but I remember Len Wright was mixed up in it (he had four sons - he had to be), Billy Thomas (the Sandover Medallist) was our patron and the secretary was a bloke named Cyril Edwards, one of those rare human dynamos who did everything from buying the oranges to running the boundary.

We played in green and gold, and we had a team in Temps - the Temperance League run by the indefatigable W.H. Rose - and later a team in the Metropolitan Juniors, that now defunct nursery for so many hundreds of the State's best footballers.

I played on a wing in the Temps against blokes like Athol Bengough, whose son John last week won the Medallists' Medal in the Colts for Subiaco, a little fellow called Paul Seal, and a freckle-faced red-

## Guest Columnist



Michael Throssell

head called Tommy Robins, among others.

It was a good breeding ground.

In later years, South Perth was to provide the Demons (though they called them the Redlegs in those days) with players like Dick Walker, who still holds the record for games played, Brian Baker, Laurie Basire, Denis Ranford, Des Foyne etc., etc.

But it was a very humble beginning.

For a start, we didn't even have a coach, something kids who kick balls around on street corners don't really need. To be truthful, it was something we hadn't even given any thought to.

I'm not sure how it finally came about, but some of the gang rode their bikes over the highway to see a former league player I'd never even heard of, and asked him to be our coach. There was no fancy advertising, no talk of remuneration, just a simple request from a bunch of kids.

Anyway, he took the job.

I'd seen him before, because he ran the Theatre shop at the Hurlingham, where we bought ice-creams at the Saturday afternoons matinees in summer when we went to see the latest episode of The Green Hornet, or Don Winslow, USN, but I'd never known his name before.

He would have been in his late 30s then, but he could still drop-kick a ball beautifully, just as though each kick was another stroke on a canvas. He was that sort of artist.

He never stopped emphasising to us that if you held the ball correctly, whether for a drop-kick or a torpedo punt (the drop-

punt was unknown then), and you followed through correctly with your leg, you would kick correctly.

It's a lesson I have never forgotten, and I know how disappointed he was when the art of drop-kicking went out of the game.

But there was another lesson he preached which stuck more in my mind, and I became a disciple because of him and the sense it made.

"If you can't play the part son, you can at least look the part", he told me. "Pull your flamin' socks up!"

He was a hard taskmaster (we all called him "Mr") and I can tell you that first South Perth Temps team played with their socks pulled up to a man, because that meant discipline, and he impressed on us that discipline won matches, because discipline meant teamwork.

What a pity he didn't coach Mick Jez, or Ken Hunter, or Jimmy Krakouer and the like in their early days, because like him, I find a player with his socks down an eyesore, no matter what his ability.

It was only a few weeks ago at Claremont Oval, while we discussed how good a player Ken Hunter is for his comparative lack of size, that my old coach said: "He'd be an even better player if only he'd pull his flamin' socks up."

That's the sort of man he was; he stuck to his principles all his life because he was a man of very high principle.

And like the thousands of other kids he taught to kick a ball correctly and to pull their socks up - I will be eternally grateful to my old coach, Mick Cronin.

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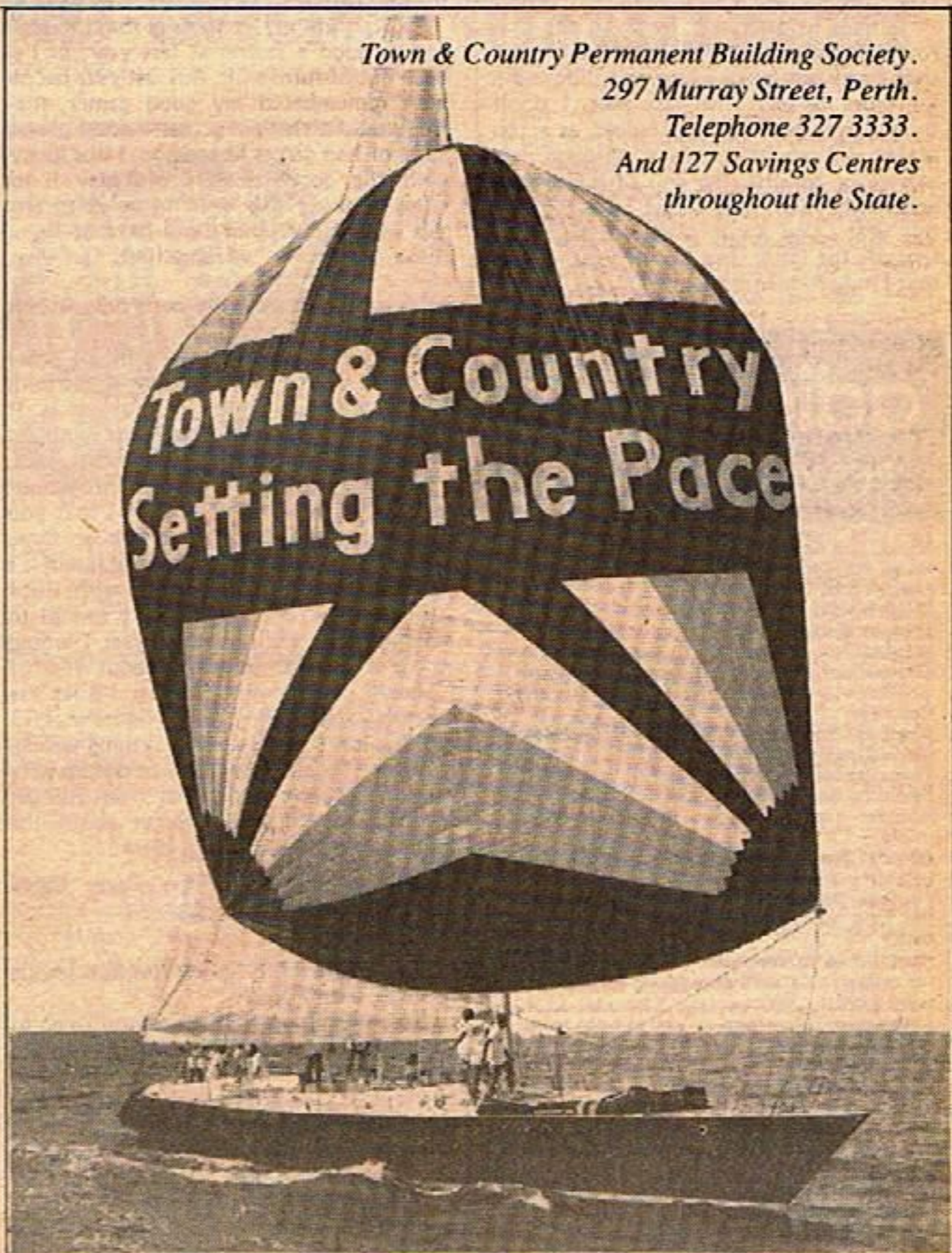
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# TOUGH LIFE AS A STAR

Phil Kelly went down in football history as the first \$20,000 Channel 7 Sandover Medal winner. He has now made it a double by winning the medal — and the money — for a second successive year.

The arrival of the big sponsorship money — \$25,000 for the award from Channel 7 — coincided with Kelly's rise to the top. He took first prize last year ahead of Claremont's Graham Moss and this year he again put a classy field behind him to finish clear of South Fremantle's Stephen Michael.

Kelly has been considered something of a reluctant hero; a footballer who took the game casually. Since his arrival in Perth from Busselton in 1975 he had occasionally shown signs of indifference towards the game.

In fact, his first Sandover Medal win came in a year that almost didn't happen. Kelly had to be talked into continuing his league career at the start of last year.

However, his attitude has now changed. He has become a dedicated professional; a footballer who has learned just what it means to be part of the game. The influence of Barry Cable, his coach at East Perth, has obviously affected his outlook.

This year he has played consistently, doing lots of hard little things, but still doing enough of the glamorous things to win the umpires' votes once again.

Football has been good to Kelly. He has now stepped into a new job as the result of his football success; he is financially secure and he is mature well beyond his 22 years.

This week Kelly talks to ALAN EAST about his football career.

**How hard has it been playing this year after winning last year's Sandover Medal?**

Initially it was very hard. In the first round particularly I had trouble as I found that I was being picked up and followed a lot more closely than last year. I don't think I was really acknowledged as a top player till about half-way through last season, or towards the end of the season, and it was often easy to get kicks. I think this year I was aware of the pressure but towards the latter part of this season I feel that I'm getting into the play more.

**Have you been happy with your form for the season?**

Well, it's funny. People say that I haven't had as good a season as last year, or I've been out of form a bit. But last year people only remembered my good games, they forget about the bad games — and I played a lot of bad games last season. I was lucky, with the good games I did play I got votes. I think I've been more consistent this season, but not brilliant, not doing those things that were noticed last year.

**You have never really been fully fit this season, have you?**

No, I've had problems with an ankle injury all year; I missed all pre-season with it. I'm not sure what the problem is. It seems to be very sore around the joint and I've never really recovered from that. Plus, I've had hamstring problems throughout the year. They are not problems that you can diagnose and say that two or three weeks rest will cure. You keep at it and it's just something I have to put up with. But I feel that I've become mentally geared to handle minor injuries. Last year I would worry about injuries, worry about whether I should play or not, whether I'd let the side down by playing. So I'd figure that if I didn't play I couldn't do anything wrong. But this year I've been able to put up with the injuries, I've learnt that I can still get involved in the game, forget about the injuries or just put up with them.

**Is that a bit of the Barry Cable philosophy getting through?**  
Yes, I think so.

**You had a fairly quick rise into league football, didn't you?**

Yes, I came up from Busselton to go to University and I went and played with the Uni colts side. I was happy to play there, but it was a weak competition with some lop-sided teams, so I didn't enjoy it. I couldn't play senior football because it was University policy that no first-year students could play A-grade. So then I went to East Perth. There was no real approach from East Perth. They had

followed me through when I was 15 or 16 — and they had invited me to join them whenever I wanted to have a try out. So it was a big jump from colts at East Perth to the league side for the finals that season.

**What about your football in Busselton?**

I only played one or two senior games as we had a top under-18 side in those days and I was very much fun orientated. I did whatever was most enjoyable and we had a great bunch of guys playing under-18's so I preferred to stay there.

**When did you really get serious about football?**

I think the last half of this season is the only time I've really become professional in my approach, that is wanting to improve, wanting to spend time on my skills, spend extra time working on my game and spend more time thinking about the game. Previous to that I didn't really like training; I just wanted to get out there on Saturdays and run and have a kick. Last year I thought I'd get stale if I talked and thought about football all the time. I thought I'd play best if I played on Saturday and then forgot about it till the next week. I had thought that any guy who was totally dedicated to football, had something lacking in his make-up. But since knowing Barry Cable and training under him I've changed my mind completely. He is totally involved in football and he is a great person because of it. I'm full of admiration for him and it's really changed my outlook.

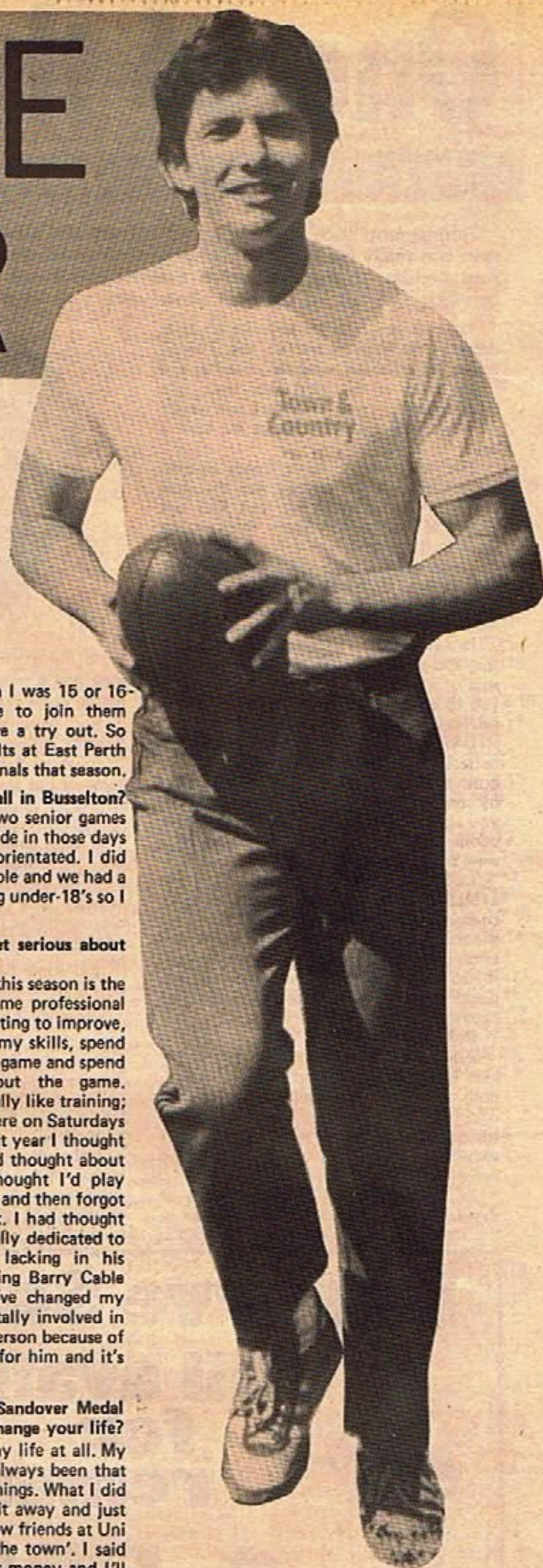
**Did winning the 1978 Sandover Medal — and all that money — change your life?**

No, it hasn't changed my life at all. My attitude towards life has always been that money shouldn't change things. What I did with that money was put it away and just use it if I need it. I had a few friends at Uni who said 'let's go out on the town'. I said okay, but you spend your money and I'll spend mine. It's just the way I am. Nothing's changed. It's still there. It's just dollars and cents.

**Do you see your career continuing to become more professional?**

Well, I can see myself playing another six years of football. Previously I thought

that I'd give it one or two more years or just take it as it comes. If I felt like playing, I'd play. But now I have committed myself to play three more years with East Perth and then I'd like three years in Melbourne, or even stay here.



## adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Phil Kelly  
Born: Busselton. 26.8.57  
Height: 6 ft. 1 in. (1.85 m)  
Weight: 12 st. 10 lb. (81 kg)  
Lives at: Subiaco  
Married: No  
Occupation: Phys. Ed. teacher, but currently working in promotional work with Town and Country.  
Football honours: 1978, 1979 Sandover Medals.  
Favourite food: Seafoods  
Favourite drink: Soft drink  
Hobbies and relaxation: Play golf, enjoy music.  
Football likes: Being with players and sharing football experiences.  
Football dislikes: Letting ourselves down on the field when we know we can perform better.  
Hard things in football: Mental preparation for a game. It's worrying having to come up every week.  
Ambitions: To perform as well as I can for as long as I can.  
Nickname: None  
Guernsey No.: 5  
Why? Just the number I was given.  
Idols in football: I didn't really follow football close enough when I was younger to have an idol.  
Came from: Busselton  
League debut: 1975  
Games played: 97

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## The finals system

Although football dates back to 1885 in W.A., finals did not decide the premiership until 1904. Before this the team on top at the end of the season were the winners.

In the 75 years of finals the team that finished on top, or minor premiers, did not win the flag on 33 occasions. Seven times in the 27 years under the old system, when the minor premiers could challenge if beaten in the finals and 26 under the present system, which has been operating for 48 years.

It makes one wonder if the finals is a fair way of deciding who was the best team for a season!

The present method of deciding premiers, the Page System, is named after VFL delegate Percy Page, who steered it through legislation. But it was actually the brain-child of a young Melbourne solicitor named McIntyre and for a short period it was known as the Page McIntyre system.

The final five system operating in the VFL today was also devised by the same Mr McIntyre.

East Perth's score of 18.18 in last week's semi-final was the highest losing score ever kicked in a final round game in W.A.

Although the loser of this week's second semi gets another chance, the record books don't favour them. Of the 48 second semis played, 17 losers did not make the grand final, of the others, 19 who did finish up with second prize and only 12 losers reversed the second semi-result in the grand final.

Last week I mentioned some of the most accurate scores. This week I relate some of the most inaccurate:

1957 East Perth 3.30 v Swan Districts 5.11 (at ¼ time E.P. were 1.27)

1912 South Fremantle 1.16 v North Fremantle 9.9

1917 East Fremantle 23.41 v Midland Junction

1917 South Fremantle 2.10 v Perth 1.11

1912 North Fremantle 0.15 v East Fremantle 4.17

And some bad kicking in the Derbies:  
1931 East Fremantle 4.28 v South Fremantle 5.8

1908 South Fremantle 4.17 v East Fremantle 1.10

1910 East Fremantle 5.15 v South Fremantle 0.10

So perhaps some of our footballers from yesteryear were not as skillful as we are told.

Some Second Semi-Final Records: Highest Score: Perth 23.16 v East Frem. 15.10 1977; Lowest Score: West Perth 6.6 v East Frem. 7.12 1954; Biggest Win: 84 points East Perth 20.15 v Perth 7.8 1957; Closest Game: 4 points Sth. Frem. 12.16 v Perth 12.12 1970; Most Appearances in 2nd semi finals: East Fremantle 23; West Perth 22; East Perth 14; Perth 11; South Fremantle 11; Claremont 7; Subiaco 3; Swan Districts 3. Most Successive: 10 West Perth (1945 - 1954).

Phil Kelly is one of the eight Sandover Medallists who had to face the football public just five days after being voted the State's fairest and best. It's history how Kelly's team was eliminated last week but spare a thought for big Merv McIntosh, the three years he won the Sandover his team, Perth, was beaten in the first semi-final.

This week's finalists, South Fremantle and Claremont, have met in final round games four times before - in a first semi (1941), a second semi (1940), a preliminary third (1952) and a grand final (1940). The only game Claremont won was the one that counted most, the 1940 Grand Final to give them their third successive premiership.

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# GARY'S GOSSIP



South Fremantle general manager Ross May was in Melbourne the other week as you know. His prime target was former Bulldog's star, now Richmond ruck-rover, Bruce Monteath. However, Ross also spoke to former South's rover, John Wise. Could it be that Wise will return to the Bulldog's camp next season?

"One of the toughest assignments the World of Football Panel has experienced." - That's the way I would describe last week's show on Channel Seven following the death of our good friend and colleague, Mick Cronin.

Mick, of course, was close to us all, but he had a particular affinity with Frank Sparrow. Frank, I know, won everybody's admiration for the way he handled the opening of an emotion-charged programme. Plenty has already been said about the career of Mick Cronin, both as an outstanding sportsman and as a controversial, but always constructive, commentator. Let me say - he will be missed. So long Mick.

If you are a football fan you will really enjoy yourselves this Sunday afternoon at the Osborne Park Bowling Club. It's the annual Telethon Day and what a day it is. Plenty to eat, plenty to drink and special guests on the football panel will include John K. Watts, Malcolm Brown, Fred Woods, John Rogers, Marty McDonald, Kevin Murray, Peter Bowler, Frank Sparrow, Jim Chadwick and many other sporting and media personalities. We'll look forward to meeting you this Sunday from approximately 4 p.m. at the Osborne Park Bowling Club - all proceeds to Telethon 1979.

Here is a piece of information which should be of interest to footballers and supporters alike. Next year there will be a giant Handball competition involving our league stars with big money to be won at the end of the series. The competition will be conducted at major shopping centres on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. Children will also have the opportunity of competing for a galaxy of prizes too. Co-compères will be Malcolm Brown and yours truly. Further details will be announced in the not too distant future.

Talking about Mal Brown, I predict that he will be following in Ron Barassi's shoes, that is as a regular guest speaker and motivator for large companies with sales personnel. Brownie is an excellent speaker and is in demand not only here, but also in the eastern states.

GARY CARVOLTH

## Test your knowledge

Mr I. Johnston of Northam won the quiz conducted in our September 1 edition.

On his next visit to Perth Mr Johnston will be able to use his \$10 voucher to sample the delights of the take-away food available at the Taurus Restaurant in Como.

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

Neil Stewart, mine host at the Taurus, has made available yet another \$10 Take-Away food voucher for the winner of this week's quiz.

Entries close on the Friday following publication and should be addressed to Westside Quiz, Post Office Box 153, Morley 6062. The winner will be announced in our Grand Final edition.

Simply answer the questions below and post your entry today.

- 1 Which team won last year's (1978) second semi-final?
- 2 Who is the only Claremont player to have been chosen in an all-Australian team?
- 3 How many Sandover Medallists have been produced by South Fremantle, and who was the last?
- 4 How many premierships have Claremont won?
- 5 How many premierships have South Fremantle won?

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

- 1 W. (Digger) Thomas aged 34.
- 2 1954.
- 3 John Todd.
- 4 Jim Davies and George Bailey.
- 5 H. Bonny Campbell, South Fremantle and East Perth.

The winner of Last Week's Quiz will be announced in next week's edition.

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# Interstate Round-up

## Sidebottom in Vic. to stay

Garry Sidebottom won't be returning to Western Australia in 1980 under any circumstances... and St Kilda are drawing up plans to keep him in Melbourne for years to come.

A revolutionary shake up has put St Kilda on a new path into the 80's under trucking tycoon Lindsay Fox.

The millionaire businessman took control of the club at a meeting on Tuesday morning and promised immediate reform.

It is a triumphant return for a man who was told by Allan Jeans in 1961 that he wasn't good enough to play with the club anymore.

He intends to keep every player at the club... build on that foundation and at the same time look at a premiership within five years.

The Saints are in a dreadful financial mess. The club has debts of \$1 million off the field and came last in the VFL for the second time in three years.

Mr Fox is a hard nosed businessman and knows only one avenue to success. Hard work and talented disciples under him.

His handling of the announcement and the press conference afterwards was masterly done.

He said Sidebottom would be staying at St Kilda and as far as the Saints were concerned they would be looking for many more players like him to bolster the club.

He displayed his ruthlessness by making seven members of St Kilda's administrative staff redundant at the 7.30 a.m. meeting. As he pointed out later that move alone would save the club upwards of \$150,000 a year.

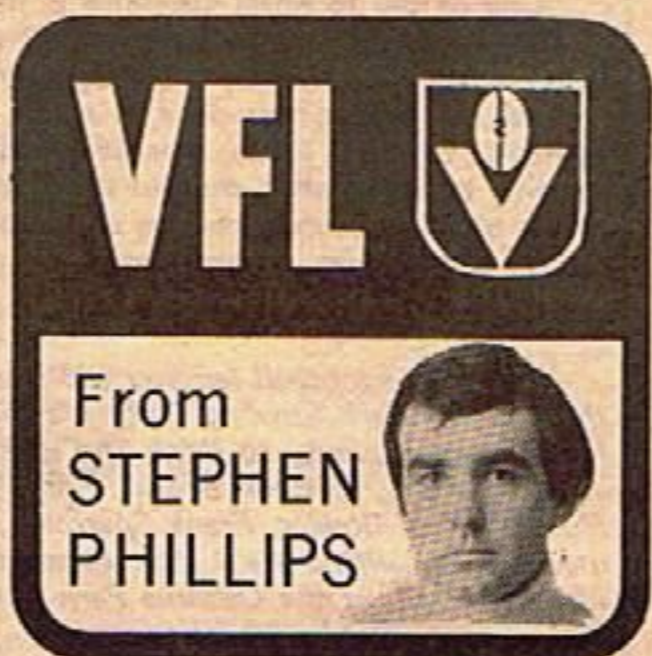
For Graham Huggins it was both a sad and exhilarating moment. He has been club president for 22 years, guided them to their first flag ever and orchestrated the shift to the Moorabbin ground. But as he said later: "Lindsay Fox is just the man to put the club back into business".

Footscray will advertise nationally for a senior coach on Saturday morning but it seems that one man has already got the job earmarked. Although the Bulldogs are loathe to admit it, John Nicholls is red hot favourite to take over in 1980.

Nicholls was one of two men - the other was Geelong's Charlie Clymo in 1931 - to take a team to the premiership in his first year as coach.

That was in 1972 at Carlton when the great ruckman was nearing the end of his 331 game career.

He had an unsuccessful run in Adelaide



but said just a few weeks ago that he would dearly love to return to coaching in the VFL.

Before Big Nick goes signing any contracts he might just have a glimpse around the coaching scene here.

North has been mentioned as a likely alternative and although Barassi has one season to run on his contract, Nick would make a superb understudy for that last year.

And St Kilda's shake-up has thrown their coaching position into chaos. Mike Patterson has the job but it will only take a nod of the head from the new chairman of the match committee and former premiership defender Roger Head and he will be out of action.

Head is on holidays in Las Vegas and will be meeting with the new committee next week.

And Richmond will be looking at their coaching set-up over the next few days. It seems unlikely that there will be any change to the panel of Tony Jewell and Royce Hart although Hart is being tipped as a prospect for Footscray.

*The courage of North Melbourne's former captain and dual Brownlow Medallist Keith Greig has never been questioned but this time it is feared he might be going a little bit too far.*

*Greig has a broken bone in his arm - a legacy of a knock in the match against St Kilda last week.*

*He has his arm in plaster and yet within 48 hours was back on the track vowing to play in the preliminary final with his arm in a metal guard.*

*The Victorian talent scouts have been active in Adelaide recently.*

*Carlton sent an agent out to Football Park last week to have a look at Port Adelaide's brilliant young wing star Bruce Abernethy.*

*Richmond were on the prowl also as they went to Elizabeth Oval to see how State and South Adelaide ruckman Andrew Bennett was shaping up.*

*Port have signed young Abernethy up on a three-year contract but that hasn't stopped the Victorians - even North Melbourne and Footscray have shown an interest in SA's new wonder boy.*

How many times do you see players who have swapped clubs turn up trumps when they line up against their old team?

It was on again last week when brilliant little rover Mike Nunan, who is enjoying a new lease of life with Norwood and was the man who helped the Redlegs trounce Sturt last week to the tune of 65 points.

Former West Perth star Brian Adamson was another who figured prominently in the carve up - he collected eight goals from centre-half-forward.

## KERLEY WILL COACH SA

Neil Kerley, the man who coached South Australia to their memorable win over W.A. in July has decided to remain as coach for the State-of-Origin Carnival.

Kerley had earlier said that other commitments would prevent him from coaching the South Australian side.

When the South Australian squad was announced last Sunday, State manager Foss Williams said that Kerley would coach the side after all.



Neil Kerley

Five VFL players have been included in the SA squad.

They are Robert Klomp (Carlton), Russell Ebert and Malcolm Blight (North Melbourne), Max James (South Melbourne) and David Young (Collingwood).

The State-of-Origin squad will begin training together on September 12.

The Victorians will fly to Adelaide for training as soon as VFL finals commitments permit.

Other members of the squad are: Central District (Beythein, Jonas, Mobbs, Wilson); Port Adelaide (Cunningham,

## SANFL

Cahill, Phillips, Sorrell); South Adelaide (Bennett, Hatley, Baynes); Norwood (Taylor, Button); Woodville (Maylin, Sewer, G. Hewitt, Roberts); Stuart (Graham, Davies); North Adelaide (Hill); Glenelg (Weston, Cornes, Lihou, Hodgman, Carey); West Torrens (Rendell, Lindsay); West Adelaide (Meuret, Kennedy, Morris).

## CROWDS A BOOST

South Australian football officials are esthetic about a jump in crowds during this year's qualifying matches.

Total attendance at the minor round was 857,633 - an increase of 6,158 on last season.

The crowds have averaged 7,797 for the 110 matches and president Max Basheer believes the figures should end the speculation from critics that football in South Australia was losing its appeal.

SA is now heading for the million. Last year just under 200,000 people attended the finals series to take the tally past the one million mark and SANFL officials confidently predict a repeat of that situation.

But this year's finals are missing the big crowd-pullers Sturt and Glenelg. By contrast, the top five has Woodville and South Adelaide among them and they are two of the lowest crowd-pullers in the competition.

However, the glamour side, Central District, have built up a massive following and that could offset the other sides.

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Mick Moylan and Graham Moss . . . . . rivals again this week.

# Tigers discard now a happy Bulldog

Mick Moylan ranks as one of the real success stories of league football.

## FITZROY FAVOURITES

The Lions of Victoria — Fitzroy — have their best premiership prospect for many years and will be almost everyone's favourite when the finals start.

The Lions of WA, Subiaco, can take heart as their fortunes have been similar to their Victorian namesakes. In the last 55 years, Fitzroy have won ONE premiership (1944). In the same time Subiaco have won TWO (1924, 1973).

There has been many links between Fitzroy and WA through the years, apart from the contingent of players who are there now such as Alexander, Beecroft, Richardson and former Lions Miller, McCulloch, Robertson, Duke, Frazer and Richards playing there.

Fitzroy were the first VFL club to visit WA in 1922.

There has been five former Fitzroy players coaching here and two of them won premierships. First up Jack Cashman in 1932 and Graham Campbell followed in 1975 with West Perth. Haydn Bunton Snr. (1938) and Dan Murray (1961) coached the local Lions Subiaco.

Kevin Murray coached East Perth in 1966 and Dan, Kevin's father, played in Fitzroy's last premiership in 1944.

The burly 26-year-old schoolteacher is regarded down South Fremantle way as one big reason why the Bulldogs can win this year's premiership.

Moylan, discarded by Claremont two years ago, is now relishing the role of support ruckman to Stephen Michael and he derives great pleasure from doing well against his old side.

The clash between the big men of South and Claremont in the second semi-final is sure to provide plenty of sparks — particularly with former Tigers coach Mal Brown directing traffic for South.

Moylan had a choice of a number of clubs to pick from when he decided to leave Claremont at the end of the 1977 season after managing only 47 games in four seasons. He had offers from East Perth and West Perth, but finally elected to try South, where he renewed links with Brown, the man that had coached him at Claremont for two seasons.

"It was like starting all over again", says Moylan. "I didn't really know too many people at South, so it was hard at first. But I'm glad I've stuck it out."

Moylan will finish this season with 22 games.

He now has 44 games at South to add to his Claremont tally and by the end of the finals he will be just a few short of his 100. So he will be back next year — and he plans to keep coming back till he reaches 150.



## 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.

Jay Nichol, Rallbures Way, Hamilton Hill, asks:

What is the highest number of goals ever kicked by an East Fremantle player in one season?

152 by G. Doig in 1934.

F. Hanson, Coffee Street, Belmont, asks:

How many Brownlow Medallists have played league football in Western Australia?

Three. Haydn Bunton (snr), Ross Smith and Graham Moss. Kevin Murray played here for East Perth and won a Brownlow after returning to Victoria.

F. Raymond, Tupelo Court, Greenwood, asks:

Which former East Perth Sandover Medallist went on to win fairest and best awards with three separate clubs?

Graham Farmer, East Perth, Geelong and West Perth.

## Tassie Medal for carnival

The Tassie Medal for the fairest and best player in an Australian championship will be awarded for the first time in seven years at the State-of-Origin carnival in Perth.

Named after the late Eric Tassie, the medal was last awarded in 1972 when it was won by WA's Ken McAullay.

The first medal, which followed the 1937 Australian Championships, was won by the late D. J. (Mick) Cronin. The second World War then saw the award lapse for 10 years until the Australian Championships were next held in 1947. In that year another West Australian, the late Les McClements, tied with R. Furler, of Canberra, to win the medal.

From 1947 till 1956 the medal was awarded at the championships every three years. During those years, two great West Australian ruckmen, Merv McIntosh and Graham Farmer, won medals.

In 1958, present VFL president Allen Aylett, playing for Victoria, won the prestigious award. The 1961 medal was won by another well-known Victorian, and later member of Parliament in the Victorian House of Representatives, Brian Dixon, at the memorable Brisbane championships.

Barry Cable became the next West Australian to win a Tassie Medal with his performance in the 1966 carnival.

In 1969, WA's Peter Eakins tied with Geoff Molly (South Australia) in the Adelaide championships.

West Australians have dominated the Medal over its 40 year history and its re-introduction at this Perth carnival will no doubt receive a warm welcome.

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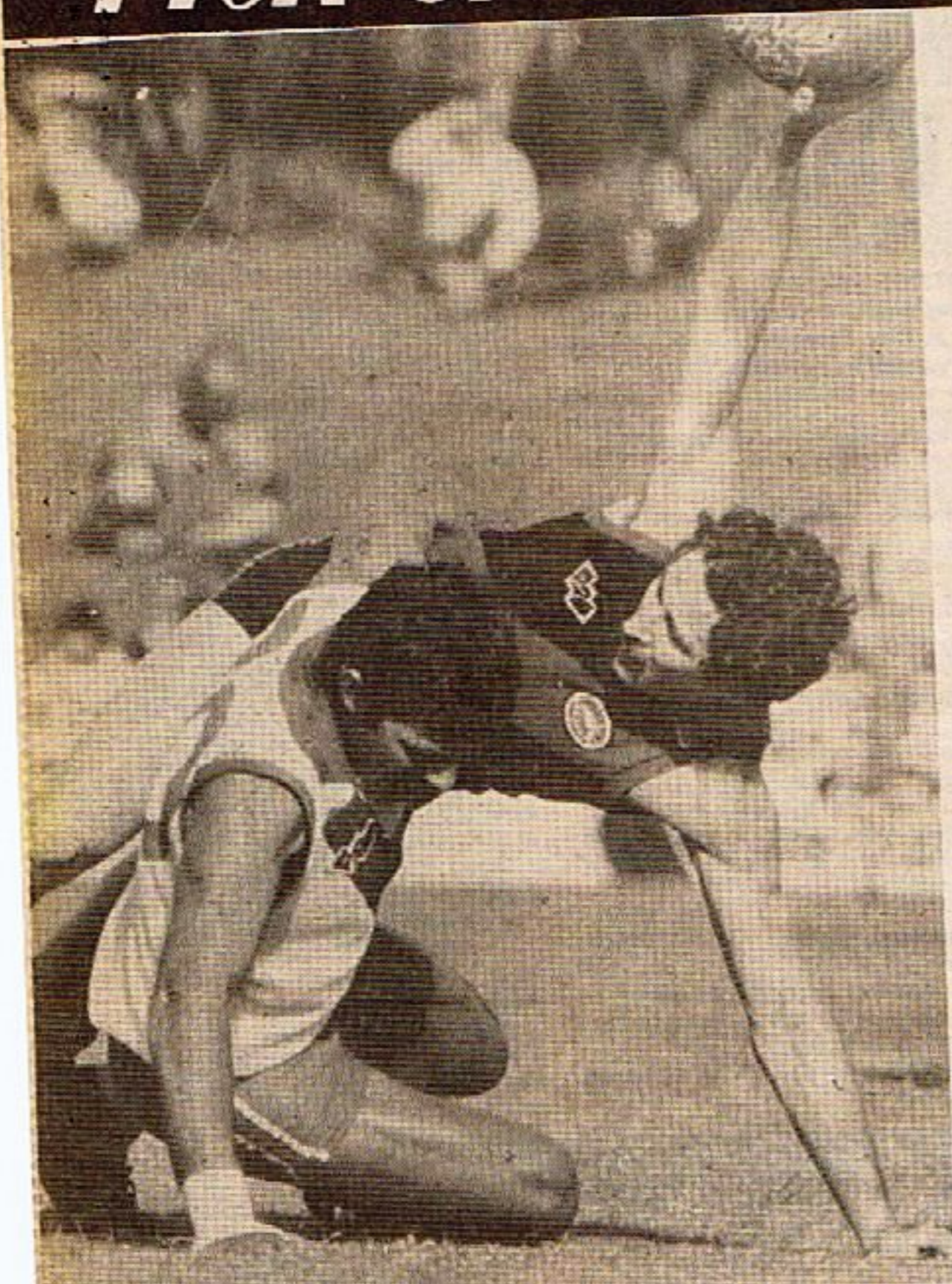
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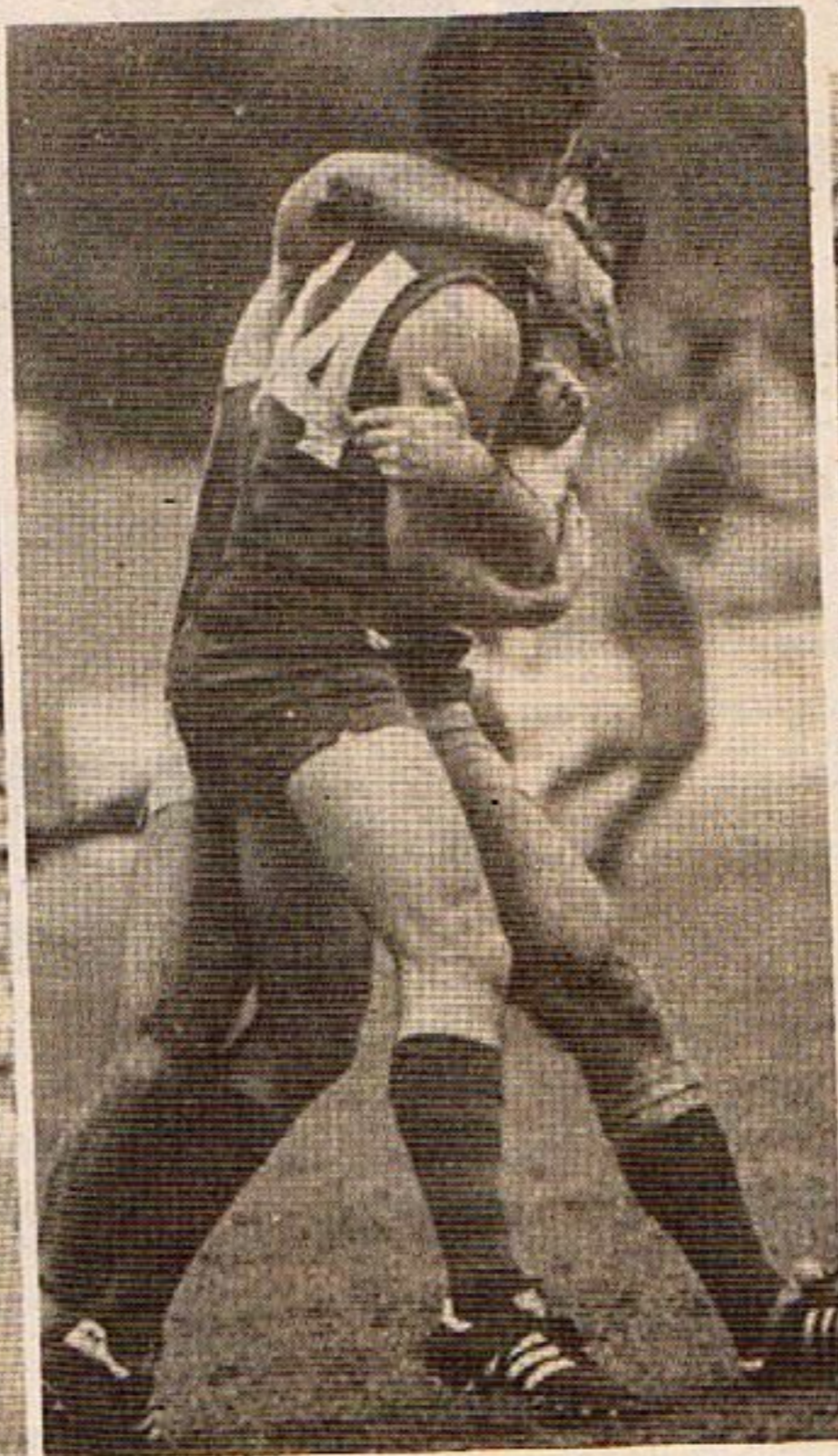
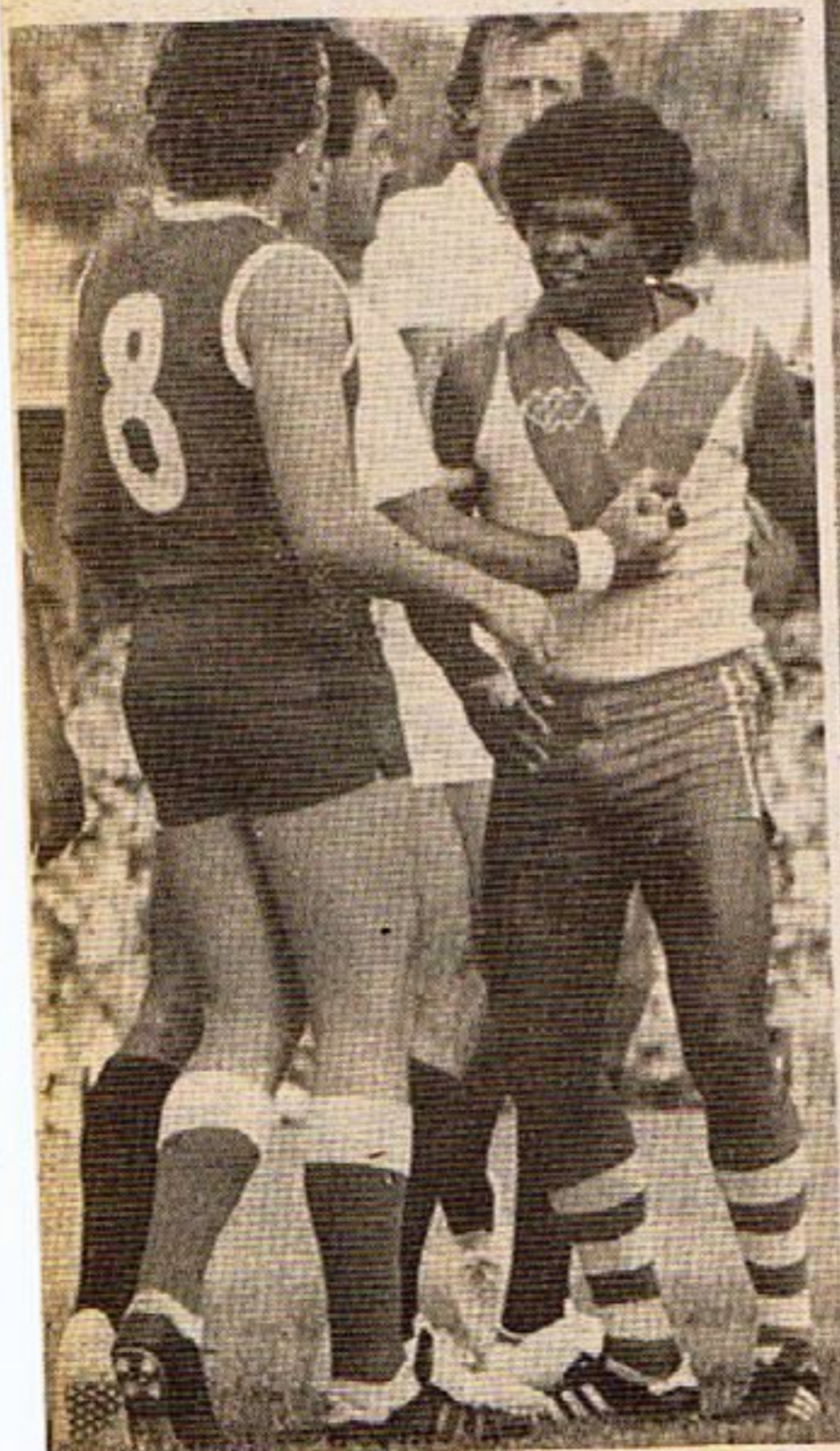
There have been some tremendous football pictures taken this season — and WESTSIDE FOOTBALL has had many of them. During the next three weeks we are publishing the pick of our pics on this page.



It's mine... says Perth captain Ken Inman as he holds the ball aloft despite a tackle from Basil Campbell. It proved to be one of Campbell's last actions in football this season, moments after our photographer Richie Hann caught this shot. The South Fremantle star received an injury which put him out of the game for the remainder of the season.

Mark Jackson seems to find himself in hot water quite a lot and here he has a difference of opinion with Graeme Carter (above) and Doug Simms (below).

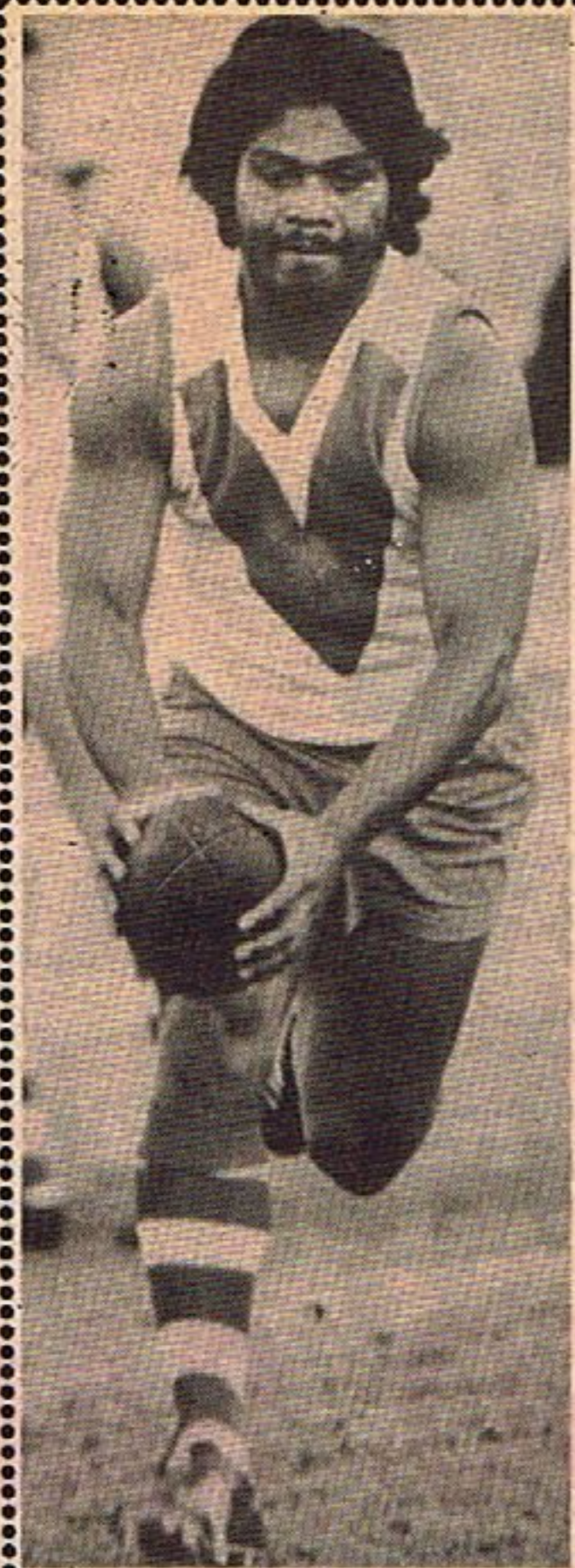
Maurice Rioli (Souths) is a little angry with East Fremantle's Ken Judge.



Shane Fitzsimmons (West Perth, No. 34) and East Fremantle's Gary Diver get a bit mixed up.







SIBBY RIOLI... can he make a comeback?

# RIOLI INFLUENCE IS STRONG

By Peter Schmitt

The Rioli influence at South Fremantle has been a big one — and next season there could be three of the brilliant brothers down at Fremantle Oval.

Maurice is the club's talented league centreman; Laurence has shown enough potential in the reserves to stamp him as a player of the future... and the third?

Sebastian, of course, the brilliant half-forward of a few years back who is keen to make a comeback with South.

Sebastian — or Sibby as he was known in his playing days with South — spent last summer coaching back home in Darwin and his renewed enthusiasm enabled him to play during the recent winter with Kwinana, the South Suburban side coached by former South Fremantle veteran Brian Ciccotosto.

Still only 25, the mercurial Sebastian showed plenty of form with Kwinana, playing off a half-forward flank in short bursts, and South would obviously like to have him back and firing.

South supporters well remember his brilliance when he first came down from Darwin in 1972. He only played 50 games in five seasons, with injury slowing him

down, even though he made the State squad in 1973.

He was a player who could turn a game with one electrifying turn of brilliance and his uncanny goal sense made him a potential match-winner.

Unfortunately, he put on a lot of weight towards the end of his league career and this did not enable him to overcome hamstring injuries that plagued him.

He returned to Darwin to coach Melville Island side Imalu, who went premiers by a meagre 23 goals!

Maurice joined Sebastian in Darwin, playing a few games during the holiday period and helping develop the skills of players in the team. In fact, the Riolis believe that there are several players in that side who would be league potential in Perth.

Standing 5 ft. 8 in., Sebastian was obviously overweight at 15½ stone, but since being back with Kwinana he has got his weight down to 14 st.

"I would like to do pre-season training

at South next year and if I can get down to 12½ stone, then who knows?" he said.

"I've gained a lot of confidence playing with Kwinana and that was something I lost when I finished up at South."

There is another Rioli on the scene, but it may be a few years before the family expands at South.

Twelve-year-old Cyril is rated as probably the most talented of the Riolis and his performance in Adelaide recently when he dominated an interstate schools competition confirms his ability.

Cyril played several senior games under big brother Sebastian in Darwin last season and he kicked 15 goals out of a forward pocket in three matches.

Sebastian talks with justifiable pride of his six brothers (and two sisters) and there is certainly a heap of football talent in the family.

What does South coach Mal Brown think of the prospect of having Sebastian back at South? "I'd be delighted," says Mal.

## HUDSON TO END CAREER HERE

Goalkicking genius Peter Hudson will finish his playing career in the end-of-season carnival in Perth.

Regarded by many critics as the greatest full-forward in the history of the game, Hudson will represent Tasmania in the State-of-Origin carnival in October.

He said in Hobart this week that it would be his football finale.

### Dave Clement recalls

TEN YEARS AGO  
1969

MAL BROWN of East Perth wins the Sandover Medal by three votes from Polly Farmer, third was Cam Blakemore.

15 YEARS AGO  
1964

KEVIN CLUNE one of the Tigers all time greats played his 200th game in the grand final.

20 YEARS AGO  
1959

PERCY JOHNSON resigns mid season as coach of Swans.

BRIAN FOLEY of West Perth wins the Sandover Medal by 10 votes from Swans Wally Brown.

When qualifying games ended in Hobart a fortnight ago, Hudson had kicked 170 goals for the season, to head the Tasmanian goalkicking competition for the seventh time.

During his 18 year league career he also headed the VFL table five times. With South Melbourne's Bob Pratt he jointly holds the VFL record for the highest tally of goals kicked in a single season. He booted 150 goals in 1971 to equal Pratt's 1934 record.

In his remarkable career in Tasmania, where he is currently captain-coach of Glenorchy, and in Victoria where he played nine seasons for Hawthorn, he has been kept goal-less on only three occasions.

Though many Tasmanians believe Hudson has plenty of football left in him, he is determined that this is his last season. His 170 goals this year follows an all-time league record of 191 scored last year.

Hudson will make his first appearance in WA during the carnival when Tasmania meet Queensland at Leederville Oval on Thursday, October 4.

If the Tasmanians win this match they will meet West Australia at Subiaco Oval on Saturday, October 6, and though WA fans won't be keen to see Hudson break any records in that match, they will no doubt show their appreciation as the curtain falls on the career of the greatest full-forward in modern times.

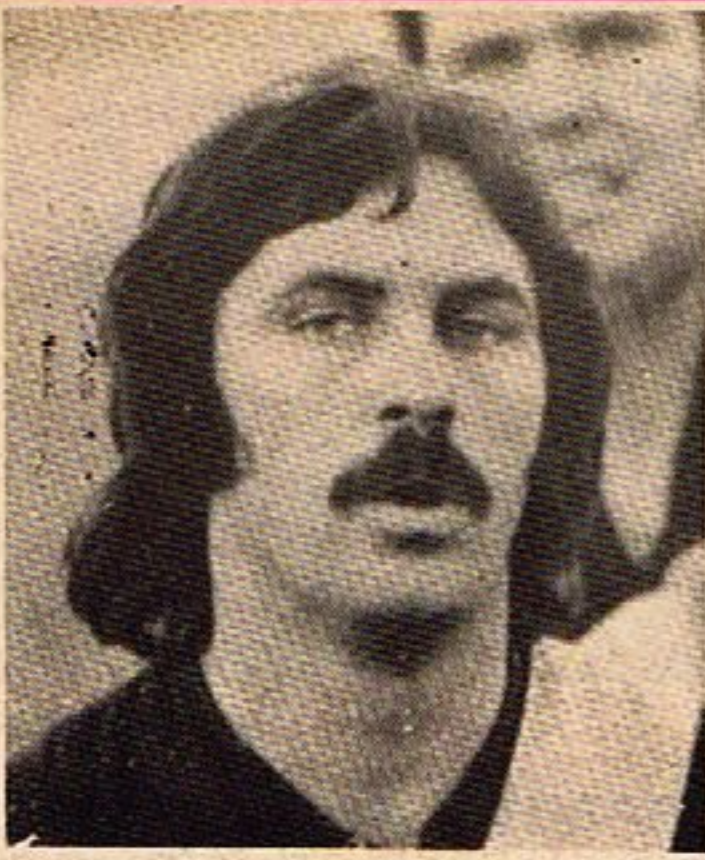
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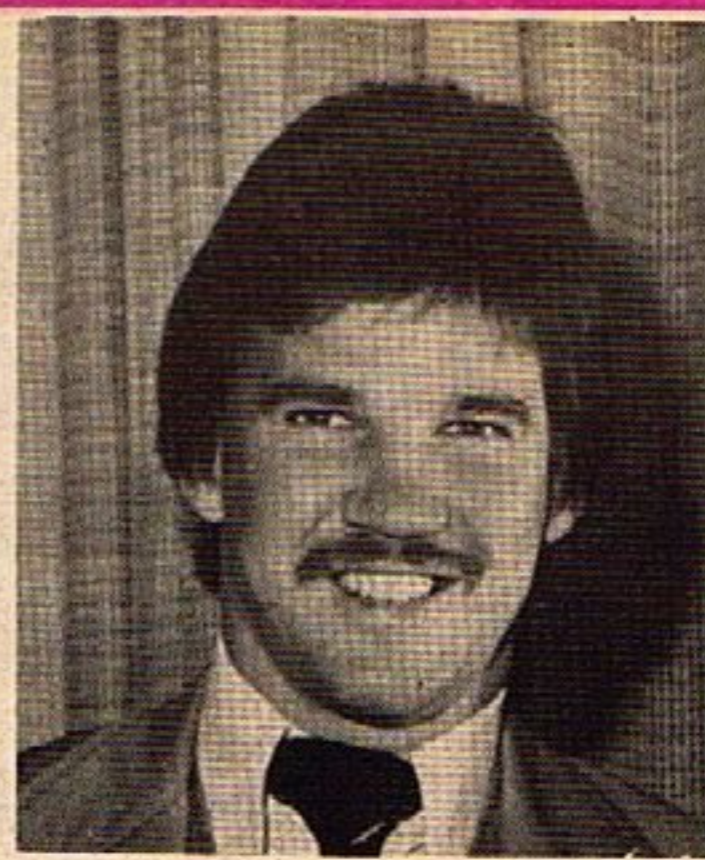
**SHANE SHERIDAN (West Perth)**

Football has been unkind to Shane Sheridan in recent seasons. A frustrating groin injury curtailed his career in 1978 and seemed likely to force him out of football. But the solid little rover fought his way back to fitness to play a pre-season Escort championships match — only to break down once again. Then it was a long season of recovery for the 27-year-old Tuart Hill graduate and with just that one game needed for 150 he finally made it on August 4. That game was costly, as he broke down again; but courage and determination is Sheridan's trademark and he is certain to be back at Leederville Oval next year.



**GRAHAM MOSS (Claremont)**

Reaching the 150-game milestone was certainly something that was important for Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss — but he has more important things on his mind this season; and today in particular. Moss has triumphed as a coach this year and reaching milestones in his own personal career has taken second place. However, his decision to return to Perth in 1976, after winning the Brownlow Medal, has enabled him to earn life membership at Claremont and he has also passed the 200-game mark when you remember the 87 games he played with Essendon. A premiership this year would cap a remarkable career for the 29-year-old Moss.



**NEIL RANDALL (Subiaco)**

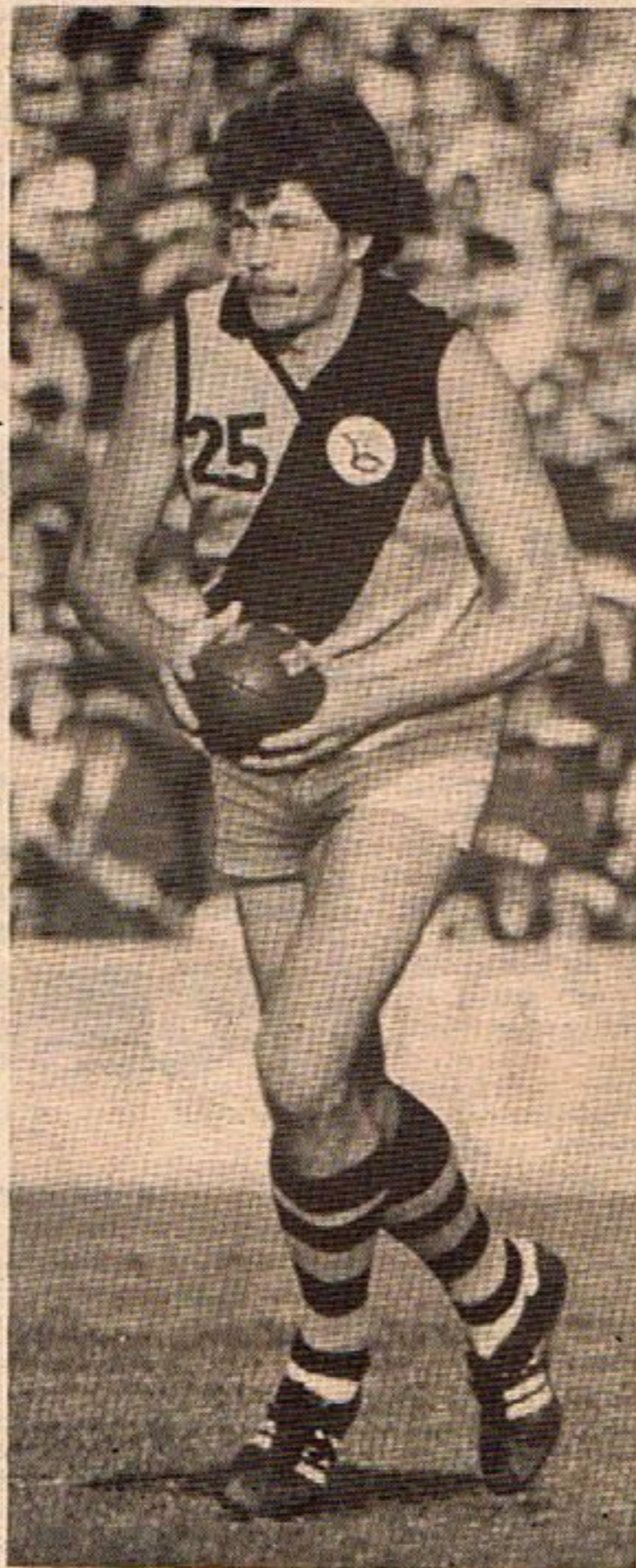
From a very young age it was the ambition of Neil Randall to play 150 games of league football. His effort in reaching that mark with Subiaco has seen the boy from Mt Barker play some incredibly-good games. The 25-year-old Randall is a classy half-forward flank specialist; a left-footer with the uncanny ability to read the ball brilliantly and zip into the play just when all appears lost. It was 1971 when he made his league debut and since then he has survived some tough seasons with Subiaco; he has won the club's fairest and best and has always been a consistent goalkicker for the Lions.

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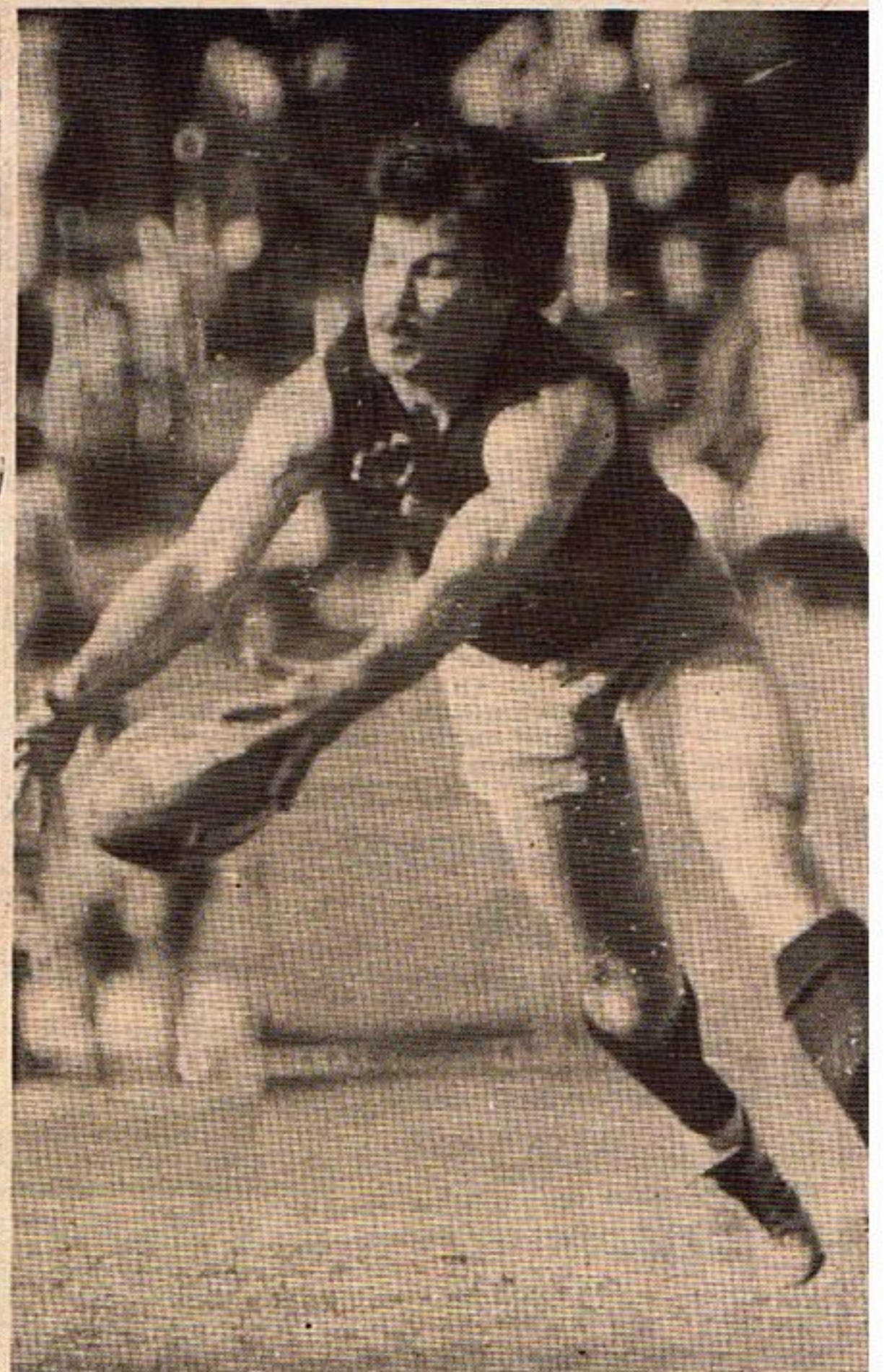
# MORE 150 GAM



SHANE SHERIDAN



GRAHAM MOSS



NEIL RANDALL



second instalment of the 150-game players. 1979 sees WA celebrate its 150th birthday and occasion 12 footballers have so far notched 150 for their club. (Several others have passed the 150 mark with two or more clubs).  
 As ago we acknowledged the first batch of 150: Morley and Don Haddow (South Fremantle), (West Perth), Geoff Watt (Perth), Brian Peake (East Perth) and Tom Mullooly (Swan Districts).  
 We salute more 150 men — and congratulate them on reaching the milestone that earns them a life pass in WAFL.



**BRIAN COOK (Perth)**

Brian Cook has certainly experienced some highs and lows in his football career. He has long been regarded as one of the most dashing defenders in the game; but injuries and occasional loss of confidence have reduced him, at times, to a reserves player. But Cook's tremendous heart, his ability to fight his way back from injury and his determination to perform consistently have helped him survive. He made his league debut in 1971, after graduating from local junior club Collier, and he was a key member in the Perth premiership sides. Now 25, Cook is in the veteran class with 150 games up, but he has the capacity to notch many more games.



**FRED DAVENPORT (Subiaco)**

Any footballer who breaks a bone in his leg is generally regarded as a most doubtful quantity for the future. Not so with players like Fred Davenport. The 30-year-old defender has made a fine recovery after suffering a broken ankle several years back and he has been one of the backbones behind the club since his debut in 1971. A former State player, Davenport ranked as one of the most fearless and effective back pocket specialists around at his peak and he gave resting rovers a torrid time. This season, he has been used in a variety of roles and though his football may be slowing down, his appetite for the game is not. The former Scarborough junior will probably add a few more games to his tally next year.

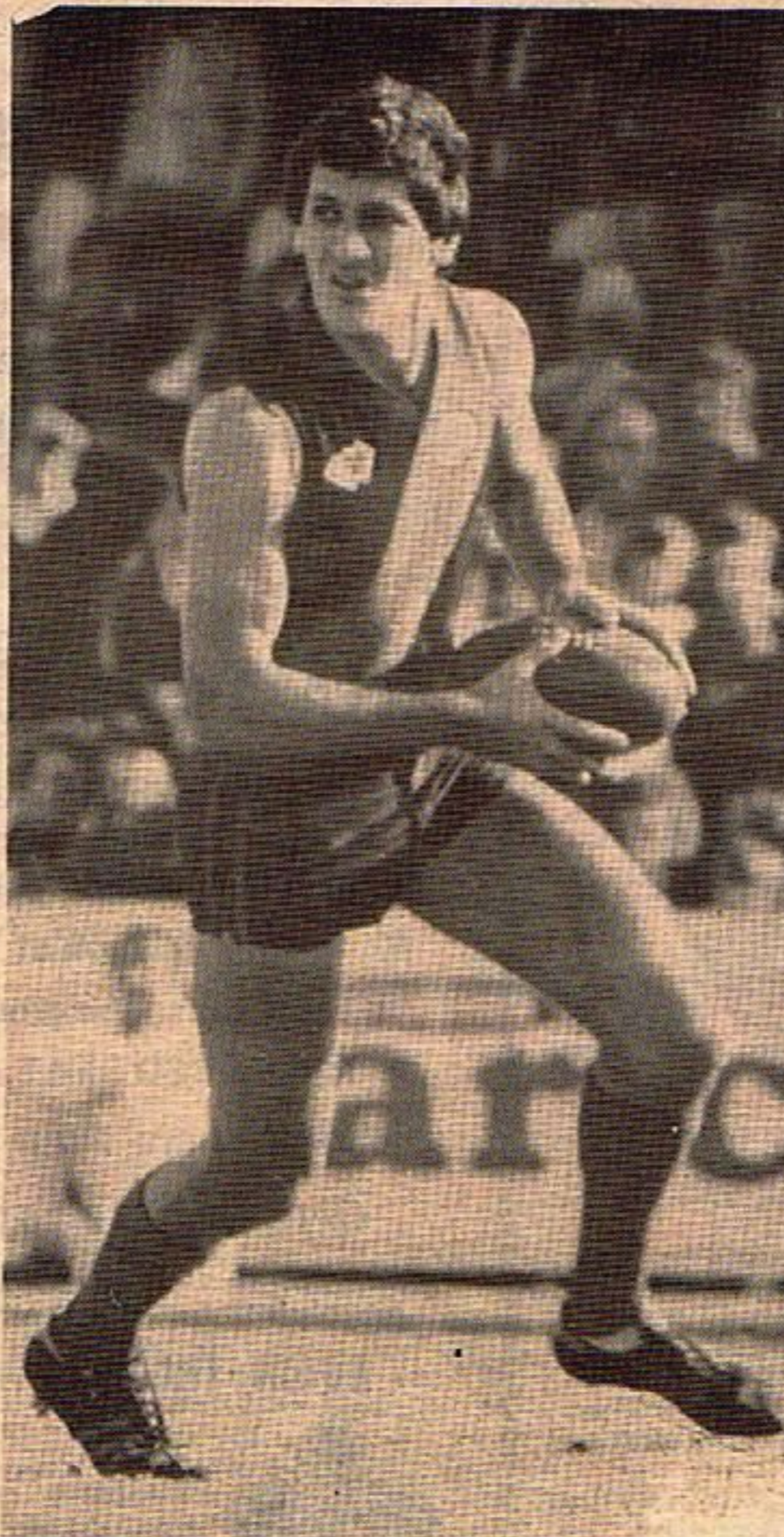
# 150 MILESTONES



**JOHN HAYES (East Perth)** and **MICK RAY (East Perth)** are two players who also reached the 150-game mark this season — but with two different clubs.

Hayes notched his WA milestone early in the season when he played his 111th game for East Perth, to add to the 39 he recorded with Claremont in his two years there. Hayes has been an outstanding footballer in the 10 years since he made his debut, after being converted from soccer. His athletic ability to run, jump and fly high makes him an exciting player and though injuries have now taken their toll on the 28-year-old Irish-born star, he never fails to contribute. Hayes has made a remarkable comeback after a move to South Australia proved to be his downfall as far as injuries go. He suffered a crippling knee injury requiring five operations — but he has made it back to top ranks.

Ray was a footballer who found himself discarded at Perth in 1974 after notching 88 games in his five years of senior football at Lathlain. A high-leaper with a strong pair of hands, Ray surely qualified as one of the most honest toilers in the football world. He is not blessed with the skills of some of his more glamorous teammates, but he never stops putting in, be it in the reserves side or the league team. There have been many times in recent years when the 28-year-old Ray could have quit — particularly when cartilage trouble struck him down. But he stuck it out and his inclusion in East Perth's premiership team last year — when they ironically beat Perth — was his measure of reward.



**BRIAN COOK**



**FRED DAVENPORT**

# SUNDAY SCENE

## TOP SIDES GET SERIOUS



Four of the top five teams in the South Suburban competition do battle this Sunday in their bid to earn the right to challenge trendsetters Kelmscott for this year's flag.

With 22 weeks of home-and-away competition now completed, the battle in the finals over the next week will produce some top-class football.

This week Kenwick and Canning clash in the elimination final at Mills Park and Kwinana play Gosnells in the qualifying final at Gosnells Oval.

Kelmscott, who finished the season with a loss to Kalamunda and then a bye last week, have to wait till Sunday week before they can get back into action.

Kenwick look strong enough to handle the Canning threat and advance to the first semi-final, where they will meet the loser of the Kwinana-Gosnells clash.

Canning's attacking force is depleted by injuries to a number of players, including full-forward Graham Edwards, and their defence has not looked impressive during the absence of Peter Kimberley.

Last week Canning floundered against Mandurah — but Kenwick also went down, losing to another lower-half side in Maddington.

So neither of those results really count. Therefore victory this week will go to the team that can recover quicker — and that should be Kenwick.

Gosnells have the capacity to win the qualifying final and earn a second semi-final berth against Kelmscott.

They absolutely trounced Thornlie (by 18 goals) last week and the goalkicking potential of players like Shane Baker and Ian Gibson gives them a potent striking force.

Kwinana, however, produced their best form for some time when they resisted the opposition from a revived Kalamunda side and ran out impressive winners by nearly 20 goals.

With dynamic players like Sebastian Rioli and David Frazer picking up kicks everywhere, Kwinana will be a tough nut for Gosnells to crack and it should be a brilliant game.



## WANNEROO IN FOR BATTERING

Wanneroo, still licking their wounds from their nine point loss to South Perth in the second semi-final last week, face another battering from Mosman Park in Sunday's preliminary final at Inglewood Oval.

Wanneroo, short-priced favourites to take out the flag early in the season, now face a hard task to even reach the grand final.

Their chances could well depend on

how resilient their players are — if they can come up fit against Mosman, their slight edge in skills should take them to victory.

But Mosman are one of the toughest and hardest-hitting sides in the Association and they will be fresh after their two week lay-off.

Mosman showed enormous fighting qualities when they beat Cockburn in the first semi-final.

Mosman should be even stronger this week — star centreman Barry Haydinger and top utility player Neal Robinson were both playing first-up after serious injury and they should benefit from that game.

If Wanneroo have a weakness it is in the roving department. Although Ken Smith played well in a beaten side last week, he will find stiff opposition from Mosman pair John Hall and Doug Theedom.

Mosman also have a top ruck division where Joe Angel and Jeff Allen have been in great form. But the duel between this pair and Wanneroo's Denis Williams and Leo Hayes will have a big bearing on the game.

Williams' ability to win the ruck knocks and take strong marks around the ground against South Perth were features of the game last week.

Wanneroo will be looking for an improved display from their forwards — particularly experienced men like Colin Northcott and Alan Shephard.

Both were badly out of touch last week opposed to the bustling Souths defenders — and they can expect similar treatment from Mosman's defenders.

Wanneroo will look to their talented band of ruck-rovers Trevor Heath and Stephen Smeath to form the link between defence and attack — if this pair can be curbed, the 'Roos may have to say goodbye to the 1979 season.



## WEMBLEY IN GRAND FINAL

Wembley marched into their 15th successive W.A.A.F.L. 'A' League grand final when they beat Mt Lawley 11.13 to 8.15 in the second semi-final last Saturday.

The lowly Hawks led by nearly two goals at the half time break, only to lose the ascendancy in the third quarter. They went into the last term two points down, but with the advantage of a useful breeze.

The Wembley team, full of that finals magic and with experienced players like veteran former captain-coach Alan Cockrane in great form in the last quarter, showed once again they can win the tight games.

Mt Lawley failed to run in the last quarter after being in a position to win and will have to face up to Old Wesley this week at Leederville Oval.

This should be a do-or-die effort by both teams, with both having the opportunity of reaching their first grand final.

Old Wesley, out of form for several weeks, beat highly fancied Nollamara two weeks ago in the first semi. The "Hawks", running hot till last week, still have to win their first game in a final round.

The one week rest will have done the Wesley boys good, but the loss last Saturday against Wembley will make Mt Lawley come up more positive and determined. This game could go either way.

The Wembley club was successful in getting two other teams into grand finals, with the 'A' Colts defeating Nollamara and their 'D' Division team decoupling for Mt Hawthorn-West Perth.

In the 'B' League, Collegians' senior team (under former Claremont player Oscar Mill) and their Colts team both won their way into their second successive grand finals. Last year they were 'C' League and Colts Premiers.

Other teams to win their way into the grand finals were 'C' League N.S.T.C., 'C' Colts East Victoria Park, 'D' Colts Osborne Park, 'D' Nollamara, 'F' Innaloo, 'H' Scarborough, 'I' Forrestfield, 'J' South Perth.

This week's preliminary final games are 'A' Colts Nollamara and Mt Lawley also at Leederville. At Fremantle Oval, Trinity Old Boys meet Floreat Marist in 'B' League and meet North Fremantle in the Colts.

Perth Oval is home to Morley 'C' League and Colts who play Scarborough and Innaloo respectively. 'D' Division team Mt Hawthorn-West Perth also have both their senior and colts teams playing. They are opposed to Whitfords and Dianella.

This game is at Bassendean Oval. 'E' Division Teachers vs Floreat Marist at Claremont Oval. 'F' Division Wanneroo vs Bayswater at Inglewood Oval. 'G' Division Muresk vs North Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval. 'H' Division Mt Lawley vs Swanbourne at Gilfraser Oval. 'I' Division Nollamara vs Hamersley at Robinson Reserve. 'J' Division Koondoola vs T.C. Mt Lawley at Kingsway.

The first semi-final in the W.A.A.F.L. Sunday division between Swan Athletic and Hellenic is at Leederville Oval, and Fire Brigades and Swan Valley play the second semi-final at Perth Oval this Sunday.

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# Finals fever builds up

Interest is mounting as various country football grand finals get closer.

Most leagues have completed their first and second semi-finals.

In games last week, there were no real upsets. In fact most games were fairly one-sided.

In the Lake Grace-Kulin league's second semi-final Lake Grace 14.11 beat Kokerin 10.15.

Eastern Districts, second semi-final: Kondinin 21.18 b Corrigin 10.16.

Mortlock, second semi-final: Wongan Hills 13.7 b Goomalling 12.12.

Central Midlands, second semi-finals: Watheroo 17.24 b Bindi-Miling 11.14.

Central Great Southern, second semi-final: Kojonup 26.19 b Tambellup 7.11.

Avon, first semi-final: Brookton 17.13 b Beverley 14.11.

Goldfields, first semi-final: Railways 19.12 b Mines 10.18.

South-West, second semi-final: Mines Rovers 21.13 b Harvey-Brunswick 12.13.

First semi-final: Augusta-Margaret River 14.17 b South Bunbury 11.9.

Ongerup, preliminary final: Jerramungup 11.11 b Boxwood Hill 10.16.

Upper Great Southern, second semi-final: Williams 18.11 b Federals 12.6.

Lower South West, second semi-final: Southerners 18.15 b Boyup Brook 15.9.

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Kondinin captain-coach, Gary Robertson, has won the Eastern Districts league Miller Medal for the second year in succession.

Robertson, a former Claremont player, was in brilliant form this season. He roved intelligently and was inspirational in many of his team's wins.

Kondinin lost only one game this season and have won a place in the grand final — looking to win their second pennant in a row.

Robertson is considered by many to be too young to coach. He is 22.

However, last season, Southern Cross had a 19-year-old captain-coach, Graeme Gawned.

An Eastern Districts player selected in the Country All-Stars side after the annual Country Week championships must consider himself unlucky.

Robbie West, who plays for Burracoppin, was runner-up in the Miller Medal after missing the first six games of the season because of suspension.

West was suspended at the end of the 1978 season for disagreeing with an umpire's decision.

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The Southern Districts League will hold its annual Dinner at Tara Hall Albany on the 29th September. Highlights of the evening will include the presentation of the Manley Stanwell premierships awards, the Kleemann Medal and the Stillwell Airlines Award. Representatives of the W.A.N.F.L., W.A.N. Country F.L. and the Claremont Football Club will be invited to attend as well as league and club officials and the S.D.N.F.L.'s major sponsors.

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East Fremantle's loss is Dandaragan's gain.

Gary Diver, who spent a number of seasons struggling to gain a regular league berth with Old Easts, this season decided to return to the bush to continue his football career.

Diver, regarded by many as a promising back-line player, was lured to Dandaragan to help that team win the Mortlock grand final pennant.



## COUNTRY ROUNDUP

with JOHN WHISTLER

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Diver played a few games with East Fremantle this season and probably should have stuck it out a while longer.

Nevertheless, he has enjoyed a successful season and is regularly among his side's best.

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With the defeat of all three South Mt Barker teams in S.D.N.F.L. first semi-finals, the town of Mount Barker for the first time ever does not have a single team left in the competition. North Mount Barker in addition to collecting their first wooden spoon in the league competition also failed to qualify either their Seconds or Thirds for the finals. However, there has been one minor advantage come out of such a frustrating season. The Shire of Plantagenet has been quick to seize on the opportunity to undertake major maintenance work on Shounness Park. A new drain cut between the oval and clubrooms has already proven quite effective and during the last week the entire oval has been aerated and heavily top dressed. In the past nine years maintenance has been restricted by the need to provide training facilities for some teams up to grand final day as well as a venue for a final round match most years.

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Towns footballer Gary Meginess has won this year's Clune Medal as the fairest and best player in the Great Northern National Football League. He won the medal from former East Fremantle player Kevin Mazzuchelli.

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The two-umpire system, a great success in the VFL and WANFL competitions, will be seen in the South-West for the first time during the final-round games this season.

Two WANFL umpires will officiate at the preliminary and grand-final matches.

Fears that players could be inhibited by the presence of two umpires on the field instead of the one they are used to, have been dispelled by league publicist Kevin Lynn.

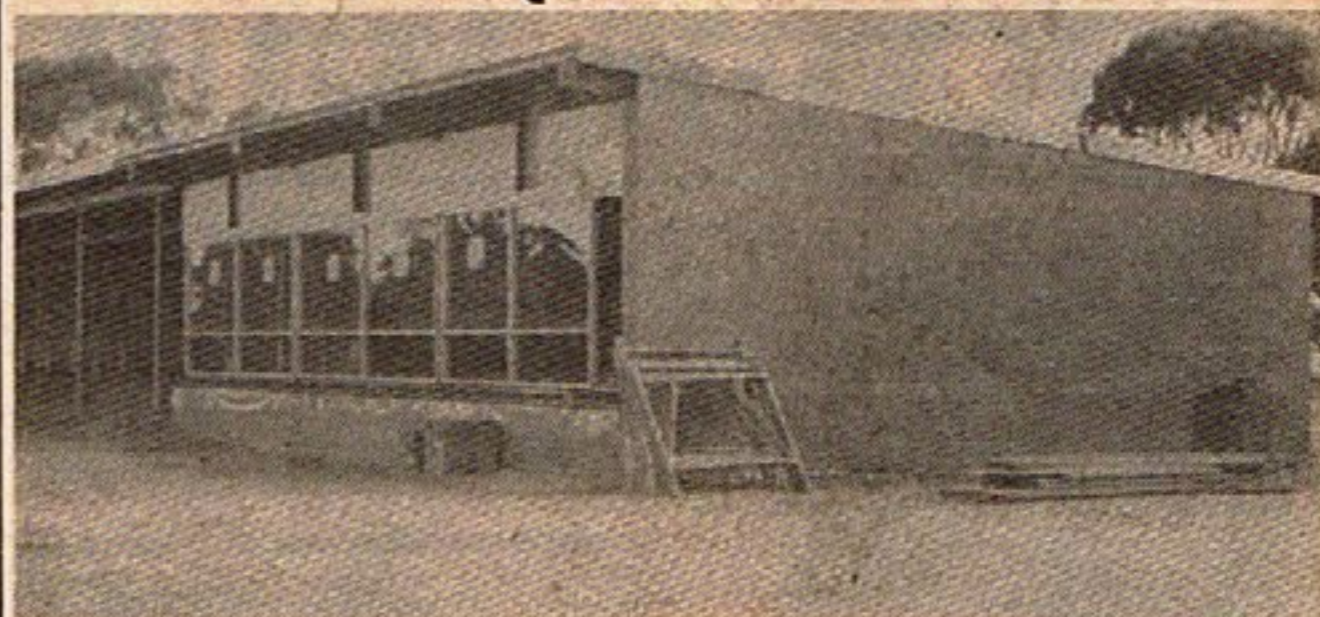
"The umpires will be putting the same interpretation on the rules and players will have no need to change their style," he says.

Two umpires, while desirable, will not become a permanent arrangement. It would be beyond the resources of the league for several seasons.

Both the availability of umpires and the economics of the situation have to be considered.

Even if the league was in the position to pay a double amount towards the already high cost of umpires, there would not be enough umpires on the local board to make such a move possible.

## NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR SWNFL



The South West National Football League's new headquarters at Hands Memorial Oval is nearing completion.

The new facility incorporates a meeting room, viewing section, storage area and function room.

The league will pay only \$22,000 for the building which is estimated to be worth more than \$50,000.

SWNFL officials engaged the pre-apprentice group at the Bunbury Technical College to do the bulk of the work.

## Mourish wins third medal

Beverley ruckman Geoff Mourish has won the Byfield Stacey Medal in the Avon Association. He now joins the champion brothers from Cunderdin, John and Norm Dennis as the only players to have won three medals. John achieved this in 1962, '63 and '64, Norm in 1967, 68 and 69, and now Angus adds the '79 medal to those of 1975 and '76.

The Ron Aitkenhead Medal for the fairest and best in the reserves was won by Graeme Gelmi of the Qualrading club, and Michael Lally from Railways won the Colin Mann medal in the thirds competition.

Mourish tied with Railways centre-half-forward Geoff Nitschke for the Baxter's Rural Centre award last week.

Mourish, a former Perth player, has been Beverley's key player this season.

The Perth Football Club award for the club champions went to Northam-based side, Railways.

Railways finished the season on the top of the premiership table.

However, it is interesting to note that the team which has won this award in the past has not been able to go on and win the premiership.

And Railways' chances of winning the pennant have decreased since being beaten by another Northam side, Federals, recently. Federals didn't even make the four.

High-leaping Wyalkatchem ruckman, Dexter Davies, has won the Mortlock's fairest and best award.

Davies polled 18 votes to beat another ruckman, Dowerin's Joe Collard, by one vote.

Equal third were the Goomalling pair of Phil King and John Hardman.

Veteran Goomalling player, John Manuel, who has played nearly 400 games, won the Reserves medal.

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It seems that Aussie Rules football isn't being restricted to just Aussies.

In the Central Midlands Reserves grade, Watheroo's budding star is Aaron Abdullah.

Partly due to his efforts, Watheroo won their second semi-final clash against Dandaragan recently.

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Bindi-Miling captain-coach, Phil Mincherton, has won the Central Midlands Lussick Medal.

It was the second year in succession that he has won the award. Joint runners-up were Gary Reed of Watheroo and Bob Wilson of Dandaragan.

The A Reserves award went to promising 16-year-old, Bobbie Wyatt, from Rovers.



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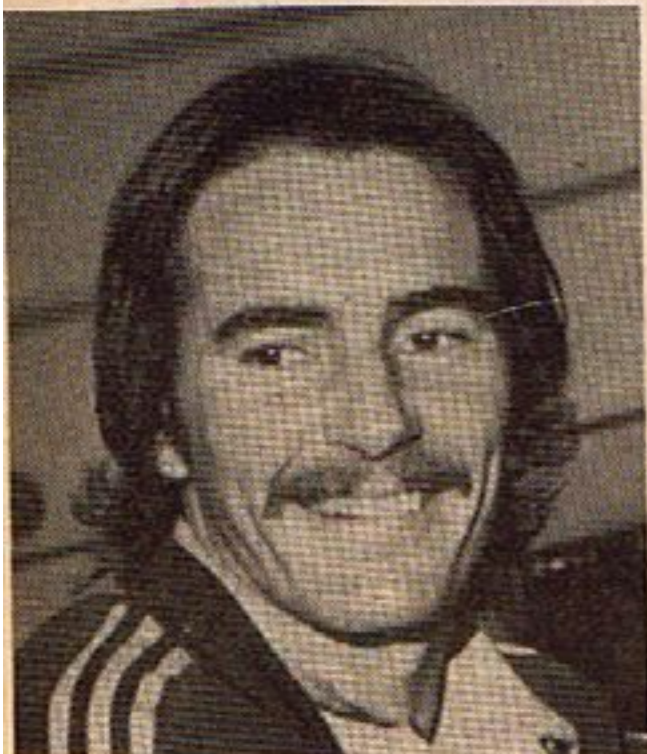
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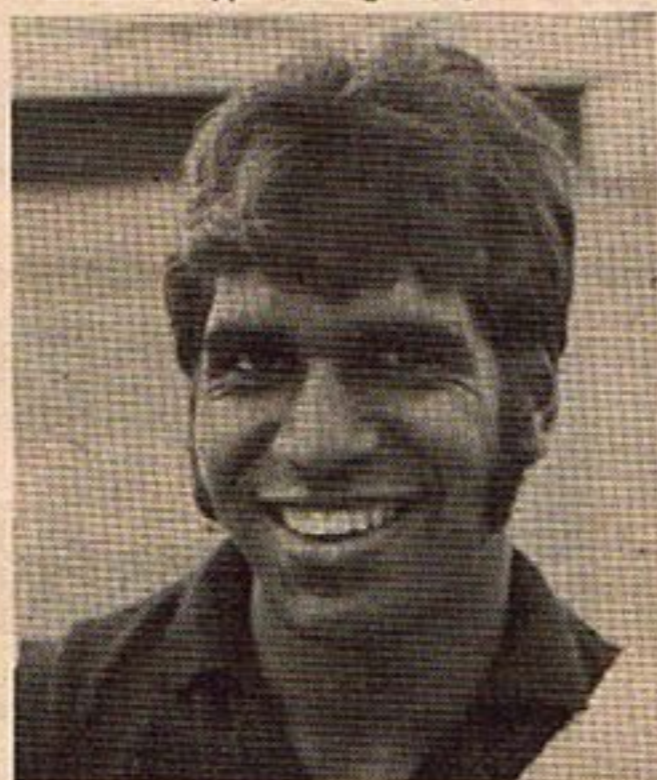


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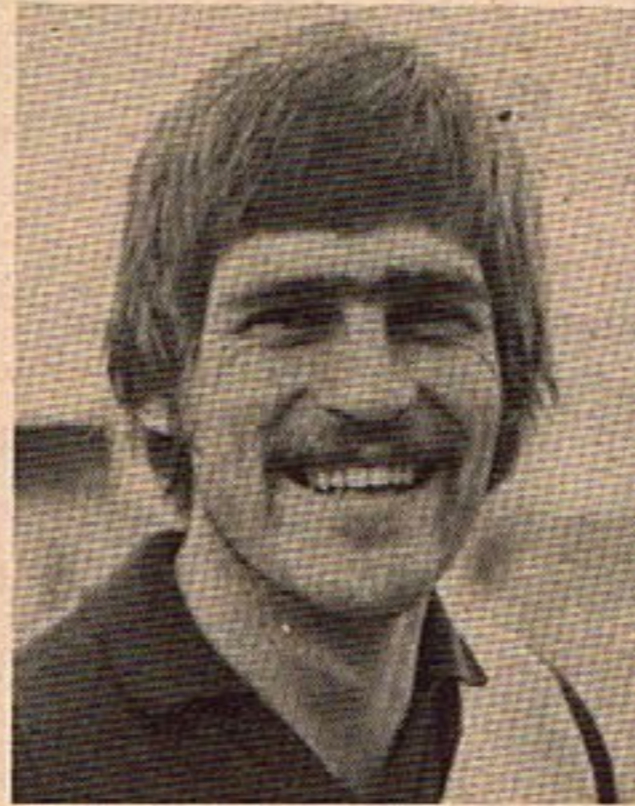


LINDSAY KANTHER

- 1 DAVID RAWLINSON, Age 26, Height 6.3, Weight 13.4  
A lanky ruckman whose support role to Graham Moss makes him a valuable player. Club games: 48
- 3 JIM KRAKOUER, Age 20, Height 5.6, Weight 10.7  
A strong, robust rover who, together with brother Phil, often sets Claremont alight. Uses the ball well. Club games: 44
- 6 BRADLEY REYNOLDS, Age 22, Height 6.0, Weight 13.7  
Has developed over the season to be a dependable member of a tough half-back line. Solid and effective. Club games: 49
- 7 PHIL KRAKOUER, Age 19, Height 5.7, Weight 10.0  
A livewire rover whose left-foot kicks are devastatingly accurate. Moves like quick-silver. Club games: 43
- 10 NORM SALOMONS, Age 29, Height 5.9, Weight 11.3  
Is enjoying a new lease of life as a ruck-rover. Playing his best football for years after overcoming injuries. Club games: 132
- 11 JOHN ANNEAR, Age 20, Height 5.10, Weight 11.7  
A dashing wingman who has strength and marking ability. Injuries have kept him out of the side for half the year. Club games: 30
- 12 KIM MALCOLM, Age 24, Height 6.3, Weight 13.7  
Has returned from South Australia looking a more creative footballer. Has done well as a ruck-rover. Club games: 35
- 14 LINDSAY KANTHER, Age 19, Height 5.9, Weight 12.9  
A solid and dependable man-of-many-parts. Moves between centre and a back pocket with equal efficiency. Club games: 37
- 18 KEN HUNTER, Age 22, Height 6.1, Weight 12.0  
One of WA's most talented footballers. His ability to play in any position makes him a hard man to curb. Starring at centre-half-back. Club games: 73
- 19 ROSS DITCHBURN, Age 22, Height 6.2, Weight 13.0  
A strong-marking forward whose ability to play at centre-half-forward or on a flank gives Claremont a solid avenue of attack. Club games: 81
- 22 MARK CARLON, Age 25, Height 6.2, Weight 13.7  
A versatile defender who has filled in exceptionally well at full-back. A strong and effective 'stopper'. Club games: 94

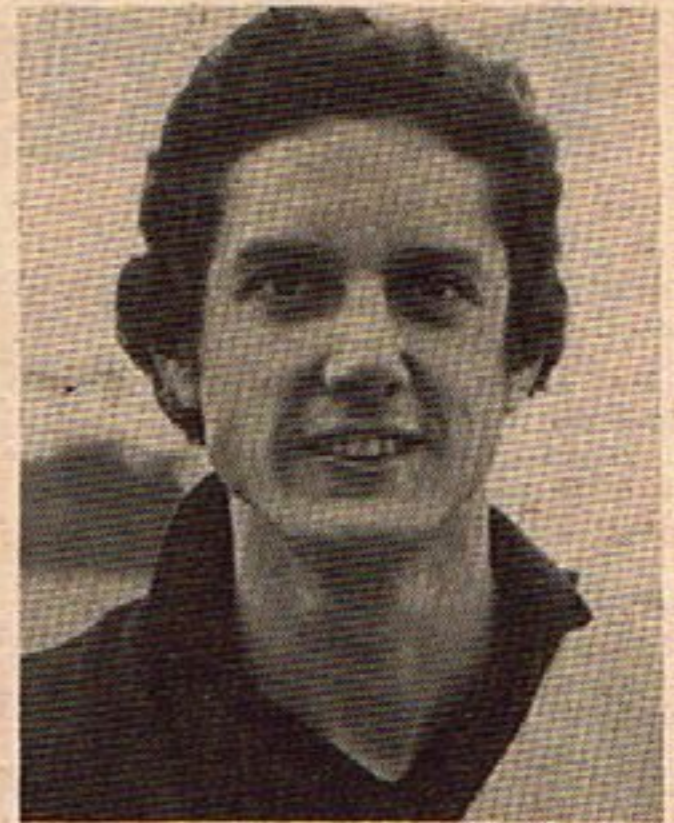


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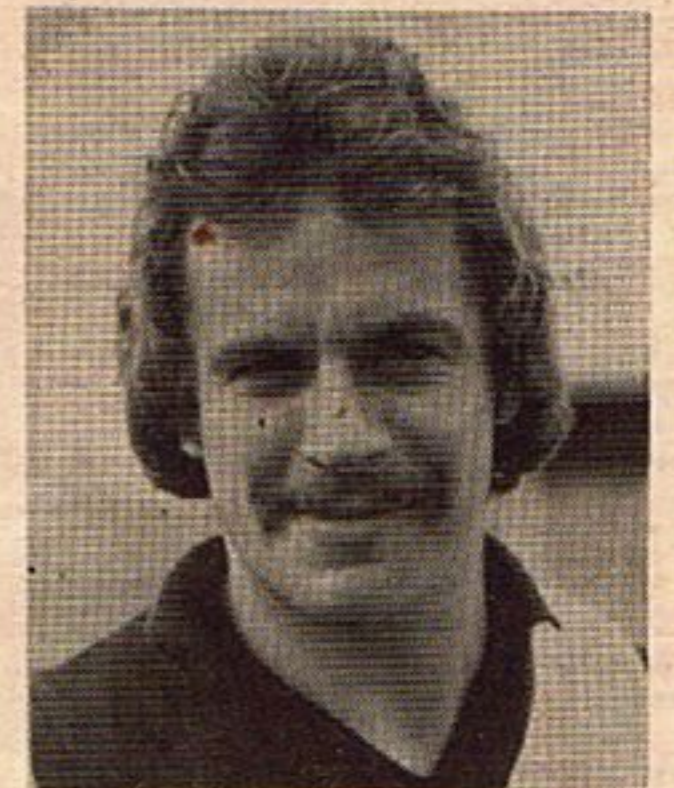


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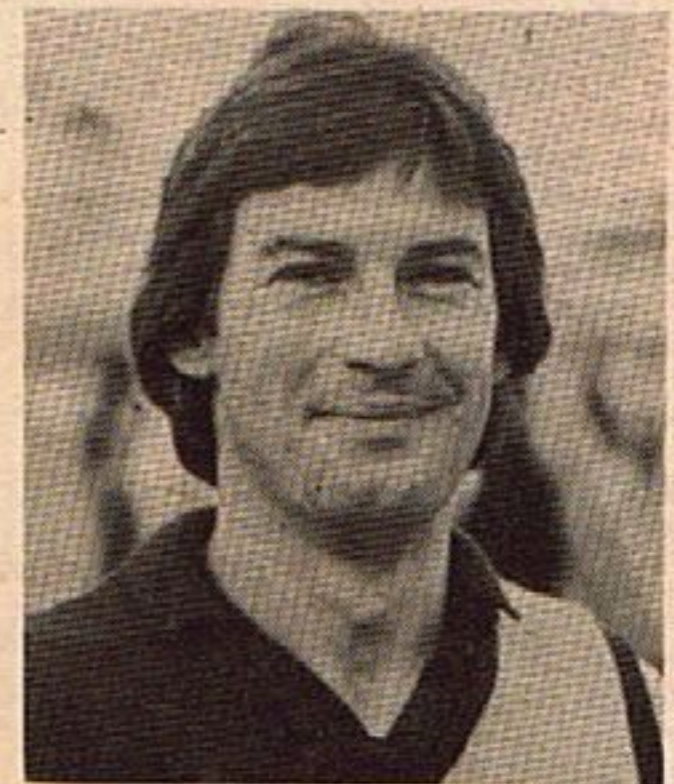
- 23 ROBBIE MELVILLE, Age 26, Height 6.2½, Weight 13.12  
Has held the honour of being WA's best centre-half-back, but injury has taken its toll this season. Has returned to fill a flank position effectively. Club games: 130
- 25 GRAHAM MOSS, Age 29, Height 6.5, Weight 15.7  
The man behind Claremont's second semi-final appearance. Can dominate in the ruck or at centre-half-forward. A super-star. Club games: 153
- 27 BARRY BEECROFT, Age 24, Height 6.4, Weight 14.12  
A Victorian recruit who has developed into a handy and versatile player. Offers strength in defence and ruck support. Club games: 20
- 29 GEOFF CURRAN, Age 21, Height 5.8, Weight 10.2  
A tough little man whose ability to play in a back pocket or serve effectively as an interchange makes him a valuable player. Club games: 23
- 32 KIM CRAIG, Age 28, Height 6.2, Weight 13.5  
A big man who can fill a variety of roles. At best in defence, but has served as a ruck-rover this season. Club games: 67
- 35 ALAN DANIELS, Age 20, Height 5.10½, Weight 12.7  
Another of the outstanding crop of youngsters at Claremont. Has played effectively as a wingman. Club games: 10
- 37 NORM UNCLE, Age 25, Height 6.1, Weight 13.6  
An enigmatic forward whose ability to mark strongly in front of goals can turn a match. In good form recently. Club games: 93
- 38 STEVE MALAXOS, Age 18, Height 5.9, Weight 12.0  
Another colts player to step into league ranks this season. Plays strongly in attack, working creatively off a flank. Club games: 20
- 39 WAYNE BLACKWELL, Age 19, Height 5.10, Weight 12.0  
Has emerged as a tough, ball-getting centre-man. A youngster with loads of talent and still developing. Club games: 26
- 40 DARRELL PANIZZA, Age 20, Height 5.11, Weight 12.0  
A young wingman with potential. Has had to battle to make the league side, but is a handy reserve. Club games: 4
- 42 COLIN BARNES, Age 18, Height 6.2, Weight 12.8  
A tall and promising youngster who has done well in his few league games, playing out of a forward pocket. Club games: 3
- 44 DALTON GOODING, Age 24, Height 6.1, Weight 12.12  
A dashing wingman with the ability to mark strongly and help create centreline supremacy. Enjoying his best year for some time. Club games: 114



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## SOUTH FREMANTLE



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GREG CAVANAGH



ROSS SWEETMAN

**1 NOEL CARTER**, Age 24, Height 5.10, Weight 10.0

Has accepted the challenge of leading South Fremantle in fine style; only to be struck down by injury in the latter half of the season. His roving skills are certainly missed. Club games: 39

**2 DALE REEVES**, Age 21, Height 6.0, Weight 14.0

Joined South from Carlton this year and has developed into a solid and reliable defender. Has strength and coolness. Club games: 13

**3 GRAEME MOYLE**, Age 25, Height 6.2, Weight 13.8

A versatile Victorian who has succeeded in a variety of roles at South this year. At home in defence or attack. Club games: 29

**6 TONY MORLEY**, Age 28, Height 5.10%, Weight 11.7

A classic wingman who has fought back from some severe ankle injuries. Is one of South's driving forces. Club games: 158

**7 ROD BARRETT**, Age 25, Height 5.10%, Weight 10.2

A wiry, but rugged and versatile player. A former back-pocket specialist, he now finds himself being used as a rover or ruck-rover. Club games: 92

**8 BENNY VIGONA**, Age 20, Height 5.11, Weight 11.0

An exciting footballer whose electrifying feats on a wing or at half-forward have sparked South many times. Club games: 46

**10 WAYNE DELMENICO**, Age 27, Height 6.2, Weight 14.0

A strong and mobile player who has been plagued by injury. However, his timely return gives South added strength in the big-man department. Club games: 60

**12 MICHAEL MOYLAN**, Age 26, Height 6.2, Weight 15.3

One of the real strong backbones of the South side. A perfect foil for the high-leaping Stephen Michael as his strength and bulk often bursts open the packs. Club games: 43

**14 PETER LEWINGTON**, Age 24, Height 5.10, Weight 11.7

A talented wingman, but has found it hard to hold a place after an early-season injury. Club games: 69

**15 KIM ZUBRINICH**, Age 19, Height 5.9%, Weight 10.3

A promising young rover who has shown exceptional skills around the goals. Club games: 9

**17 GREG CAVANAGH**, Age 21, Height 6.2%, Weight 14.0

A versatile player who has solved the troublesome full-back position. Clears with dash. Club games: 32



BENNY VIGONA



ROD BARRETT

**18 RAY BAUSKIS**, Age 25, Height 6.0, Weight 12.7

A brilliant goalsneak; leads quickly and marks strongly, particularly under pressure. Club games: 115

**19 JOE MCKAY**, Age 24, Height 6.2, Weight 14.4

A big man whose talents and adaptability make him a potential match-winner. Just returning to top form after injury. Club games: 121

**20 MARK JACKSON**, Age 20, Height 6.2, Weight 13.7

A volcanic player whose strength and marking talents in attack make him a danger-man. Full of surprises. Club games: 22

**25 STEPHEN MICHAEL**, Age 23, Height 6.2, Weight 13.7

A brilliant footballer. His high-leap makes him an ideal No. 1 ruckman, but his skills can make him an outstanding ruck-rover. Club games: 114

**26 SIMON OUTHWAITE**, Age 25, Height 6.0, Weight 12.7

A fearless player whose courageous feats on a half-back flank often set the pattern for South's determination. Club games: 104

**27 KEVIN BRIGHT**, Age 22, Height 5.11, Weight 12.7

A versatile player who can fill flank roles in attack or defence. Club games: 4

**28 ROSS KERR**, Age 22, Height 5.10, Weight 10.10

A specialist back pocket player whose ability to rove has helped over injuries in that department. Club games: 49

**31 BRAD HARDIE**, Age 16, Height 5.10, Weight 11.7

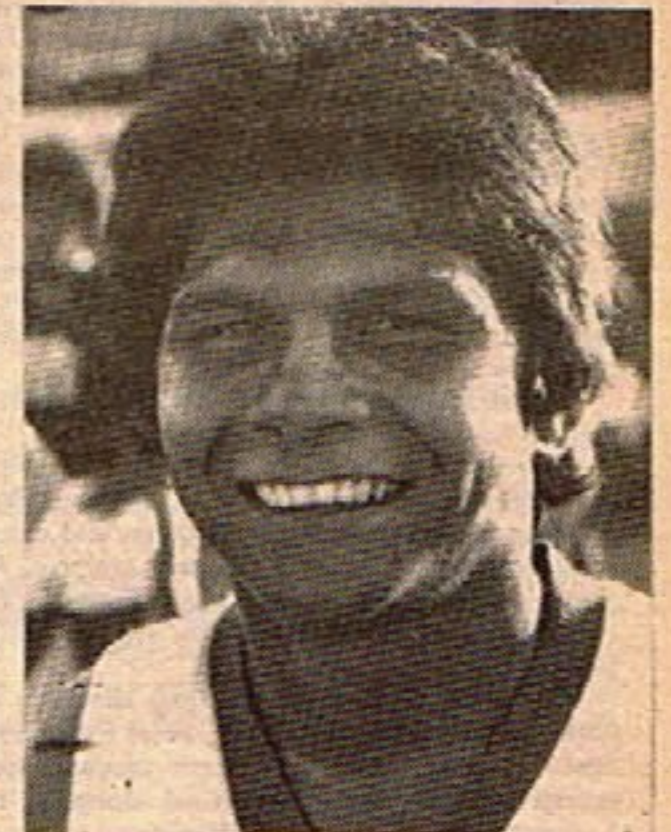
Joins the elite who have played football at the age of 16. A talented rover with tons of potential. Club games: 6

**32 KEVIN CORNELL**, Age 23, Height 5.11, Weight 12.7

A strong and versatile player who is currently suffering a lapse in form. Handy under pressure. Club games: 57



TONY KELLY



MAURICE RIOLI

**33 OLLIE LOO**, Age 23, Height 5.8, Weight 9.7

A diminutive rover whose few games this year have shown that he will be a star of the future. Club games: 2

**35 PAUL MOUNTAIN**, Age 27, Height 5.10, Weight 10.8

Is enjoying the best form of his career. Now playing as a rover, but more suited to ruck-roving. Club games: 56

**38 PHIL CRONAN**, Age 22, Height 5.11, Weight 12.0

Has fought hard to win a place in a talented line-up, doing well on a wing in his few games. Shows tons of promise. Club games: 5

**38 GEOFF O'BRIEN**, Age 22, Height 5.9%, Weight 11.4

Four years after his league debut, is finally showing his early potential. Playing constructive football on a wing. Club games: 34

**40 ROSS SWEETMAN**, Age 23, Height 6.0, Weight 12.5

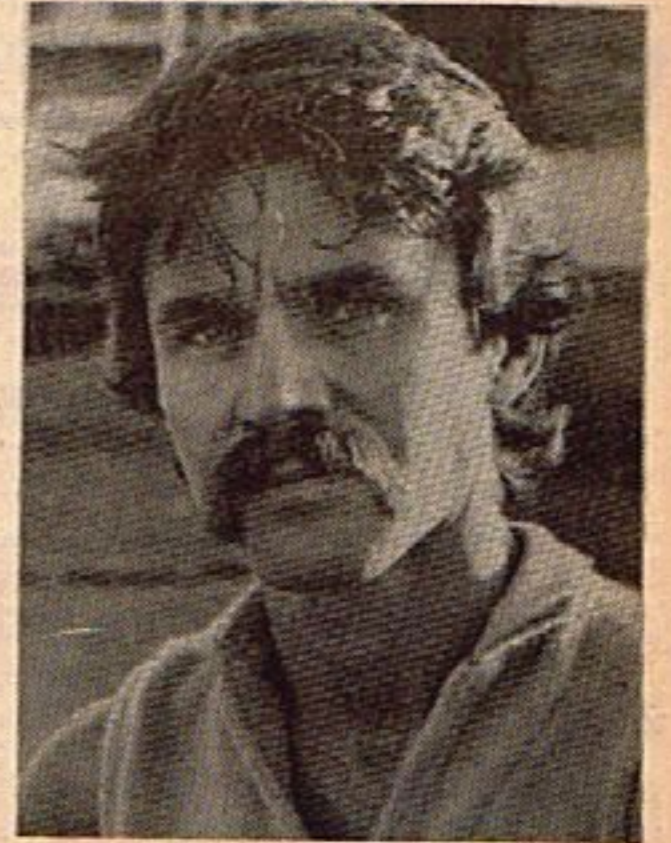
Has been called on to fill a number of roles this season, but does best on a half-back flank. Club games: 32

**49 MAURICE RIOLI**, Age 22, Height 5.8, Weight 11.0

A high-class centremen. His ball-getting ability and penetrating kicks out of the middle mark him down as a dangerman. Club games: 85

**51 TONY KELLY**, Age 22, Height 6.3, Weight 13.0

A big, strong but rather inconspicuous player who can hold down key positions, such as centre-half-back. Club games: 44



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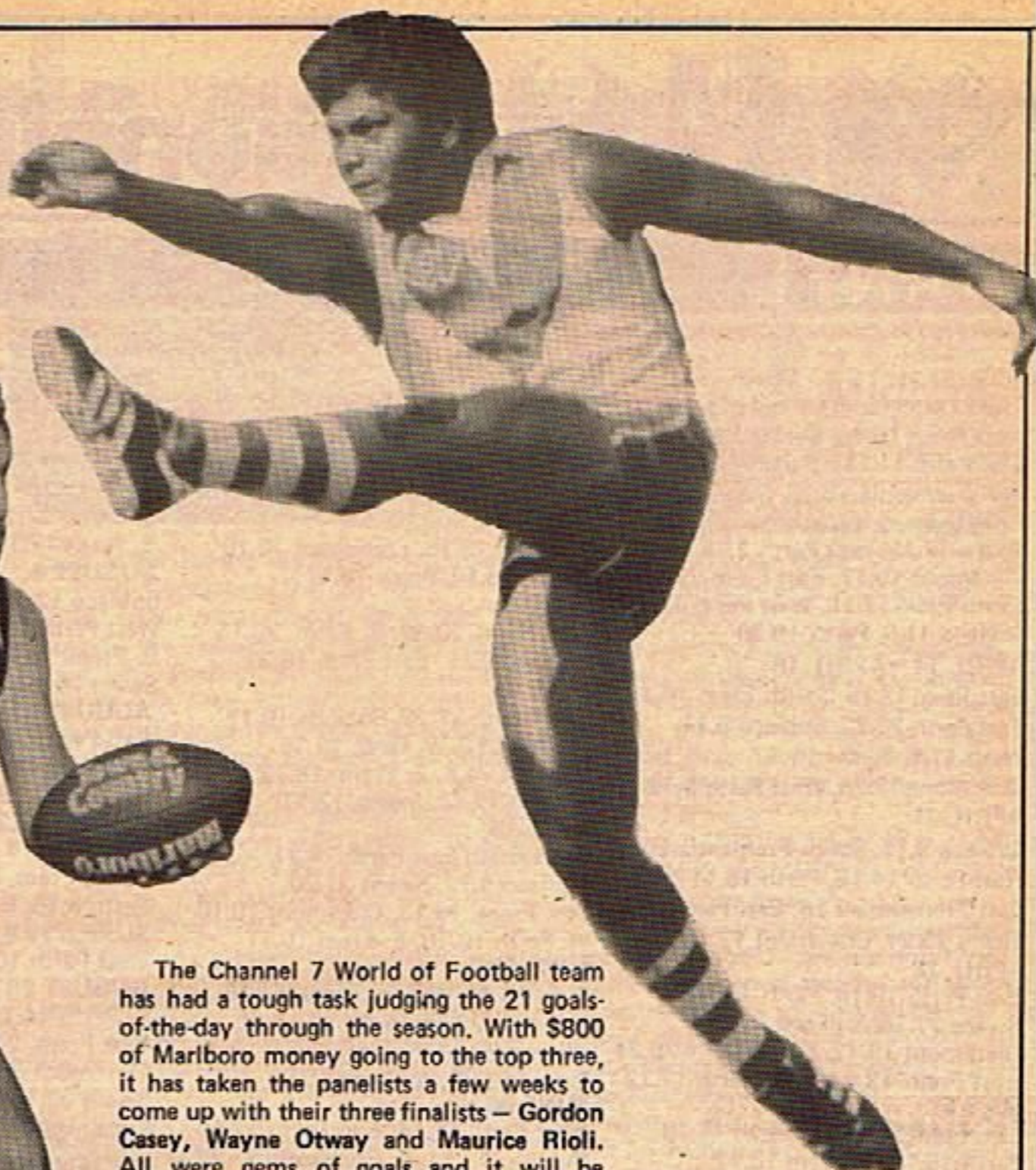
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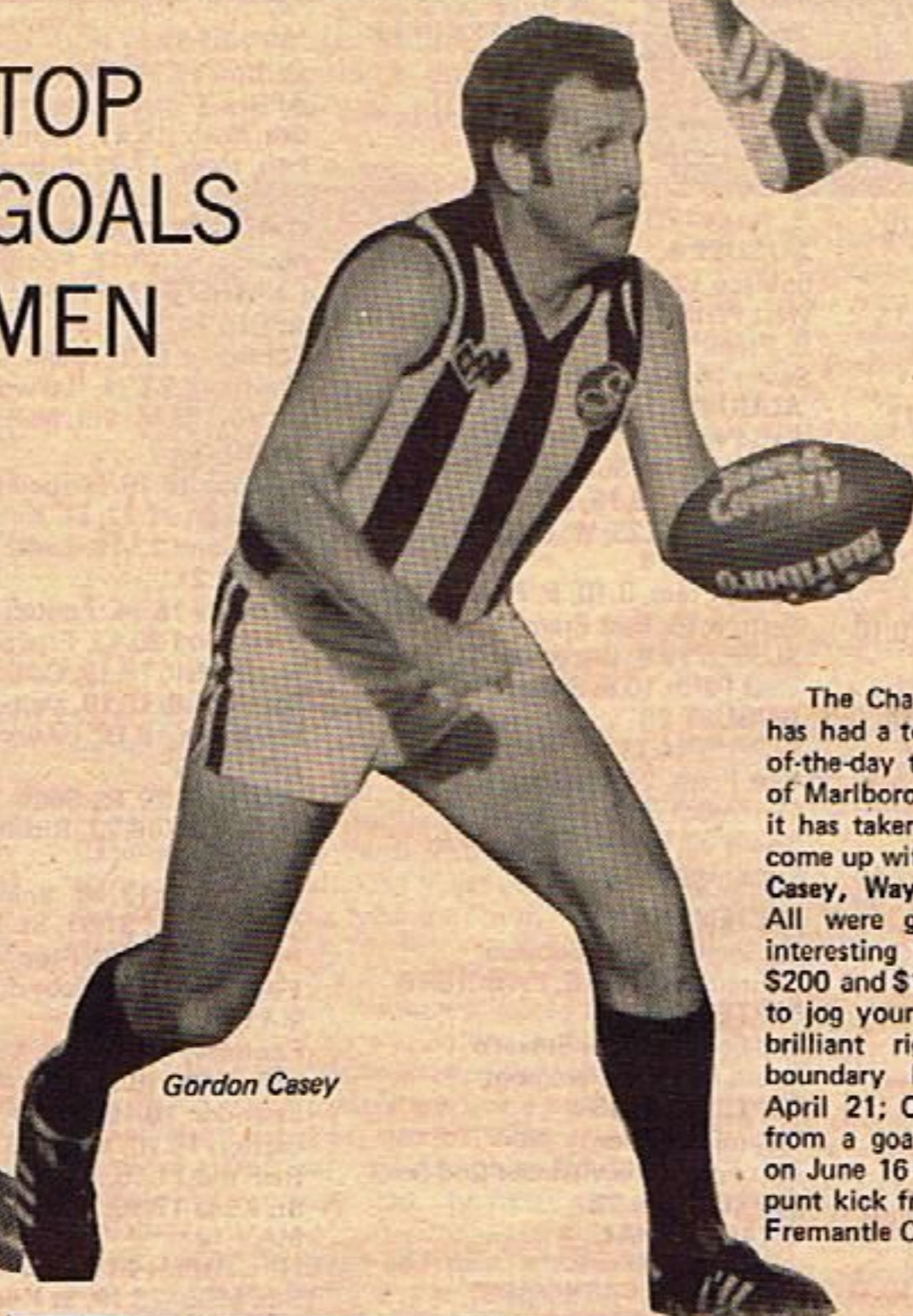


Maurice Rioli

## TOP GOALS MEN



Wayne Otway



Gordon Casey

The Channel 7 World of Football team has had a tough task judging the 21 goals-of-the-day through the season. With \$800 of Marlboro money going to the top three, it has taken the panelists a few weeks to come up with their three finalists — Gordon Casey, Wayne Otway and Maurice Rioli. All were gems of goals and it will be interesting to see which way the \$500, \$200 and \$100 prizemoney is split up. Just to jog your memory — Casey's goal was a brilliant right-foot snapshot from the boundary line at Bassendean Oval on April 21; Otway's was an overhead snap from a goal-square pack at Lathlain Park on June 16 and Rioli's was that long, spiral punt kick from inside the centre square at Fremantle Oval on July 28.

There was no goal-of-the-day in last week's first semi-final between East Fremantle and East Perth — which was just as well because it would have been a tough choice. Obviously Ian Thomson (East Fremantle) and Larry Kickett (East Perth) would head the list. Thomson's fifth goal was so close to being the 'impossible' shot that it didn't matter. The left-footer was out on the boundary line in the left forward pocket — on his wrong kicking foot — and the angle was so tight that no-one gave him a chance. But a coolly, deliberate Thomson steered it right through. Kickett's goal, his second and East Perth's last, came as he raced around the grandstand boundary line and piloted a right-foot shot through on a similarly difficult angle.

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But there were plenty of other good goals. What about East Fremantle sharpshooter Ken Judge who proved that he can kick off his left foot when he snapped a great goal on the run in the final quarter. Judge picked up four goals — and could have had a few more as he registered four points as well — and it was a strange move to see him taken off in the closing minutes of the game, just when such a damaging player could produce a match-winning goal.

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Rival full-forwards Ian Thomson and East Perth's Paul Arnold were both heading for a record-breaking day at half time. Their goals were almost coming one-for-one as Thomson kicked his team's first four and Arnold replied with five of East Perth's first nine. At half-time Thomson was just in front with six goals and Arnold had five — and they came out knowing that nine goals is the record for finals football. But both found tighter defensive work around them in the second half and they each added only one more.

## Future of cup under discussion

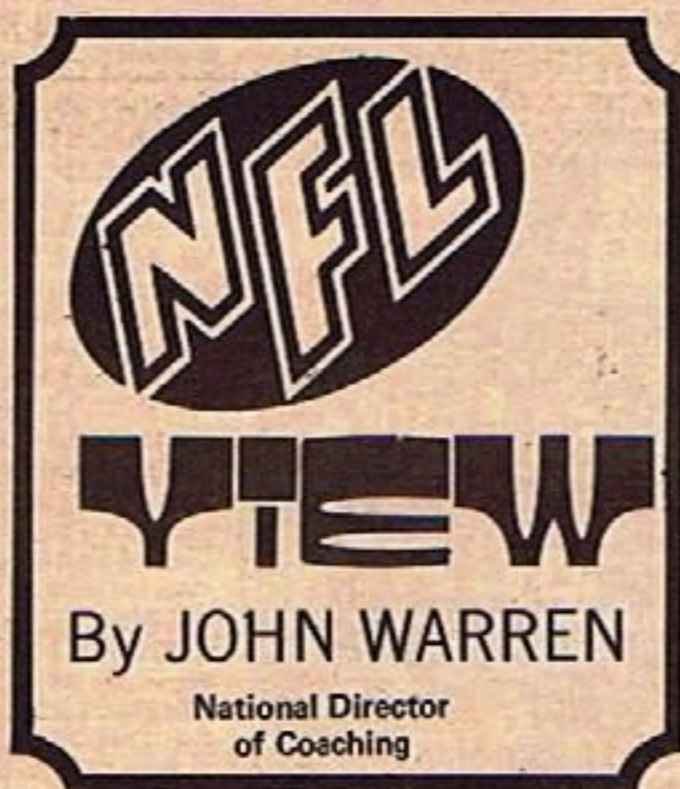
The Shell Cup under-15 championships have been completed in Brisbane between four states — N.S.W., Queensland, A.C.T. and Tasmania. There has been considerable general discussion by the NFL Junior Advisory Committee as to the possibility — and advisability — of extending the series to a concept similar to the Caltex-Teal Cup which is completely national.

There are points for and against the increase in the number of teams. It would seem desirable for such a prestigious, high-standard series to "go national". Doing this however, adds an enormous burden in terms of cost and time. It also places a great worry on the host state with the number of players who need to be billeted. With the Shell Cup being played in the August school holidays, the billeting of large numbers in Canberra, where next year's Shell Cup will be held, poses a real problem.

It is doubtful if the competition will extend in 1980, as the Australian State Schools' National Football Council have recently rejected a request from the NFL Junior Advisory Council to standardise player's ages at under-16. At present the so called developing states enjoy up to 12 months age advantage over the traditionally stronger Australian football states.

The Shell Cup was won for the seventh successive year by a strong N.S.W. team on percentages from Tasmania and Queensland. Each team was defeated once. The deciding game between N.S.W. and Tasmania proved to be a magnificent exhibition of our game with all the skills being evident — particularly the great pressure that emanates from the use of properly controlled defensive skills.

Tasmania's 13-year-old Phillip Loring won the Arthur Bridgewater Trophy for best and fairest player in the series. Others



to poll prominently were Hilton Kotzur, Paul Hawke and Craig Patterson from N.S.W., Stephen Fisher from A.C.T. and Graham Adams and Bevan Hohns from Queensland.

### Discipline

There was a most unfortunate and thankfully very isolated incident in Sydney junior football recently in an under-17 semi-final. Four boys were brought before the tribunal after a brawl had erupted, which deteriorated to the extent that the crowd became involved.

The tribunal suspended the four players for life — an action which I heartily endorse. There is no room whatsoever in our game for these types of thugs. The same penalty this week was handed out to a V.F.A. player in Melbourne who physically assaulted the tribunal chairman. The actions of the tribunal are warranted

and our code must disassociate itself from such undesirables.

As the National Coaching Scheme has more coaches accredited at the various levels, there will be a greater awareness of the ethics required by the players under their control. Playing is the easy part. The harder part is conducting oneself with true sportsmanship at all times. This is the basic aim of the NFL Coaching Scheme and the Rothmans National Sport Foundation together with the intensive and professional teaching of skills.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that there are a small proportion of Australian football coaches who are imbued with a wrong set of priorities in their methods. These wrong attitudes breed contempt and violence in their charges at all age levels. The National Coaching Scheme will gradually weed these people out and we will be all the better for it.



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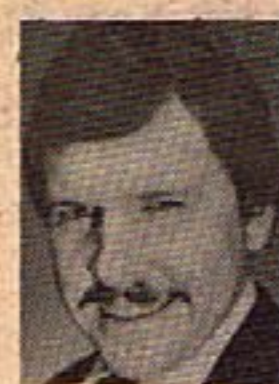
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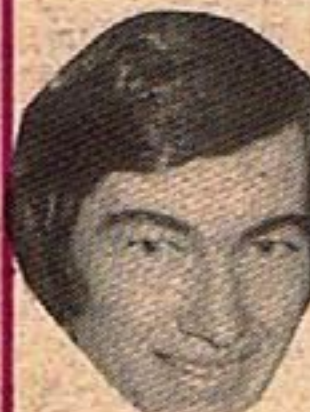
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Former East Fremantle player Bruce Tschirpig has had a runaway win in the South Suburban league's fairest and best award. Tschirpig joined league leaders Kelmscott early in the season and has proved to be a star recruit. He polled 29 votes to win the Dr Bowden medal, plus a return MMA trip to Darwin valued at more than \$1000. He finished well clear of Maddington rover Dean Rakich, on 22 votes, with Gosnells utility player Shane Baker third on 16. Kelmscott took the double when Ray Witt won the Park Plumbers goalkicking award with 112 goals for the season.

Another former WANFL player in South Fremantle rover Brian Ciccotosto has also done well in the awards business in the South Suburban league. Ciccotosto has won the Kenwick Motors best-player award — for the second year in a row — based on the voting of goal umpires each week. He finished with 38 votes, seven ahead of Bruce Tschirpig.

Murray Hansen (Kelmscott) won the fairest and best medal in the reserves for the second year in a row and also topped the goalkicking table with 127 goals. Wayne Chadwick (Armada) was the fairest and best player in the colts competition.

Reaching the 100-game milestone is something every footballer aims at — and juniors are no exception. Young Ronald Adams, of Palmyra, has just passed the 100-game mark with the local junior club — and he is only 12. Well done.

Former West Aussie Max Richardson has adopted a rather unusual approach to try and cure a nagging Achilles tendon injury.

The Fitzroy veteran has gone to the snow areas for two days of complete rest in a bid to be declared fit enough to play in this week's elimination final against Essendon.

And back to Tigerland... Claremont are organising a reunion to top all reunions. They are calling on every player who has ever represented the club at league level to attend a special dinner on the eve of this year's grand final. More than 800 footballers have played in Claremont's league side in their 53-year existence and it is a huge task to try and track them all down.

Getting free plugs in for sponsors or commercial organisations is something football people love doing and Claremont president Wal Maskiell is no exception. Accepting a \$10,000 cheque from Town and Country general manager Ray Turner, Mr Maskiell dropped the ANZ bank's name when he said that they would obviously welcome the money in the club's account. And just to prove that Mr Maskiell is not biased... he works for the Commercial Bank!

Talking about Town and Country, one of the WANFL's two major sponsors this year and a firm who have developed a most successful liaison on a promotional basis with Barry Cable... they have another Royal in the camp: Phil Kelly. The dual Sandover Medal winner has joined the firm in a semi-executive capacity and will be involved in some of their promotional work.

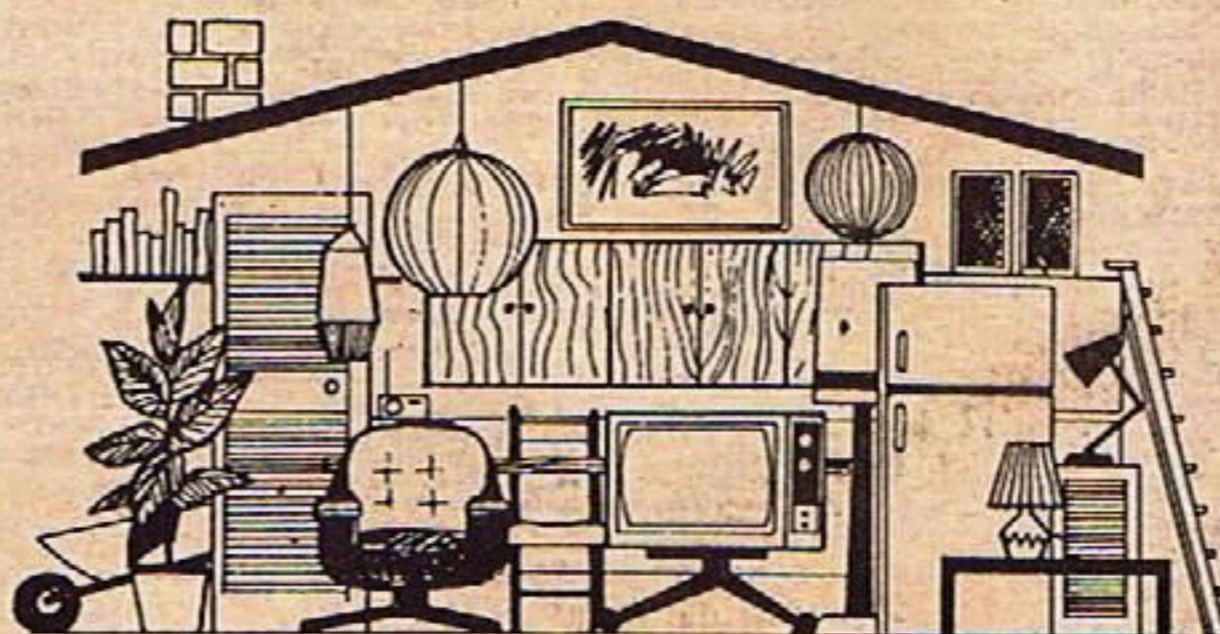
Whoever heard of a football league with only three teams?

Well in the Carnarvon-Gascoyne Football League, all three league teams are naturally assured of competing in the finals.

The teams — Ramblers, Warriors and East Carnarvon — are pretty evenly-matched. The size of the league would mean that each team would meet every second week.

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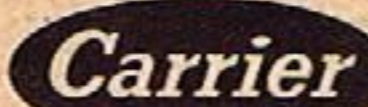
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