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AND MORE TO FOLLOW

By RAY WILSON

SUBIACO'S Summer of Futility that's the story of the Lions recruiting campaign of 1979-80.

The intensive recruiting campaign led by Subiaco director and former football star Brian Sierakowski has virtually been thrown out the window by the club's new coach, Ken Armstrong.

Subiaco spoke to nearly 100 footballers in four states during their summer campaign and a flood of recruits resulted. The club steadfastly maintained that they had not expended any vast amounts of money - that they would all be on a pay-as-you-play basis.

But the three "top-name" recruits who were axed by Armstrong this week - former East Perth trio Archie Duda, Mick Ray and Brent Levitzke - DID cost Subiaco money, about \$5000, plus, of course, defender John Dimmer, who is now playing top football with the Royals.

Once the new-look Subiaco committee decided that Peter Burton, the coach appointed by the previous administration, had to go, it was inevitable that footballers would follow.

Armstrong does not want 'over-the-hill' players - and with the knowledge that he once sacked Ray from Perth and he has never been a fan of Duda, the two Royals stars almost voluntarily put their heads on the chopping block.

The Summer of Futility has been a costly one for Subiaco.

It has certainly taught them that home-grown products will, in the long run, turn out better than imported products.

And the axing is not over.

Armstrong wants to get his senior list down to 45 - and it was 60 when he took over - so there's more to go.

"There's too many so-called senior footballers at Subiaco," Armstrong says.

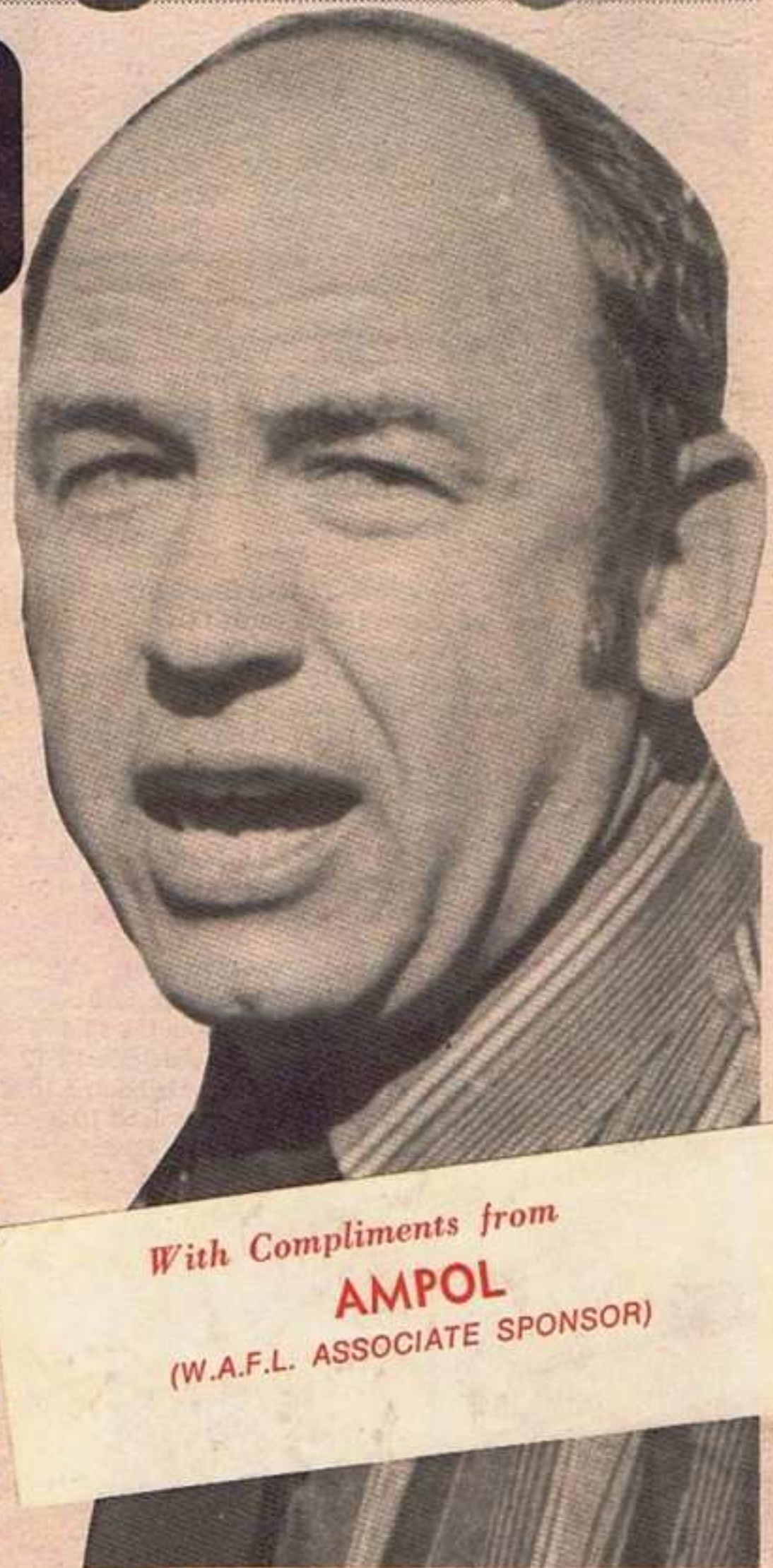
"The numbers on the senior list, which includes league and reserve players, needs some radical tidying up."

The new coach says the backlog of "senior" players has stifled the development of the younger brigade.

"Many players at Subiaco are not long term footballers. They are restricting the movement through the grades of young players who do have potential," Armstrong says.

"The percentage of footballers who will be asked to leave would be classified in the senior bracket."

Armstrong told the players when he took over that he would finalise a list of about 45 men in a month. That gives him two weeks to finalise his plans.

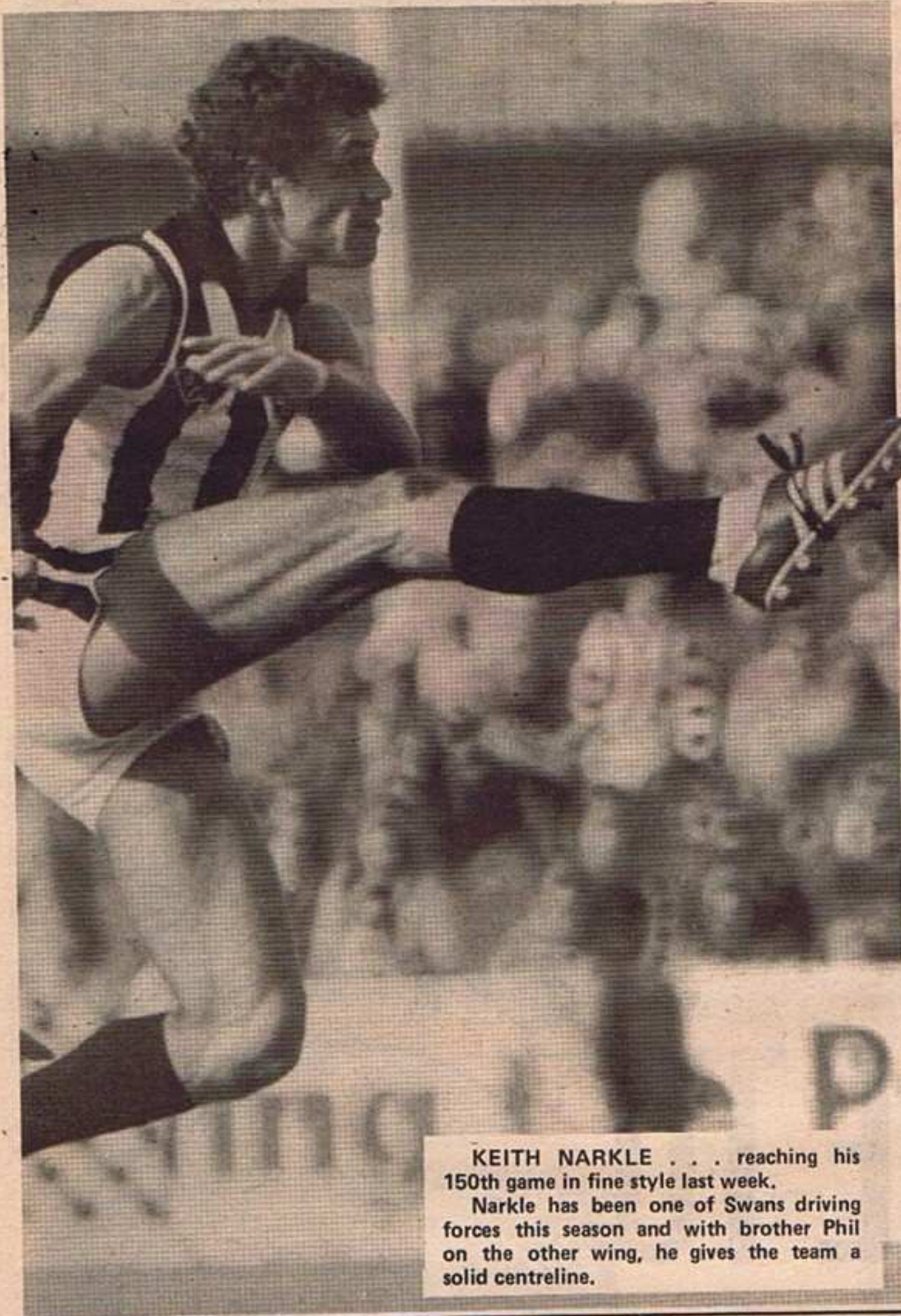


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KEN ARMSTRONG "Too many senior players"

PLAYERS ALREADY AXED: 1 Archie, 2 Mick Ray, 3 Brent Levitzke, 4 John Hall, 5 Colin Jackman, 6 Wayne Williams, 7 Terry Bruce.

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KEITH NARKLE . . . reaching his 150th game in fine style last week. Narkle has been one of Swans driving forces this season and with brother Phil on the other wing, he gives the team a solid centreline.

BULLDOGS LOST NO FRIENDS

There is nothing more exciting in football than a thrilling last-minute fightback — and South Fremantle have not lost any friends with their defeat at the hands of Claremont last week.

They may have offended a few Tiger supporters, but the quality of their final five minutes of football left no doubts in the minds of everyone at the ground that the Bulldogs are still in the premiership battle.

Claremont simply had to win this game. The fact that they almost let it slip out of their grasp over-rides the blow that they have delivered to the competition by ending South's unbeaten run. The May 17 clash with the other unbeaten combination — Swan Districts — has now become a slightly lesser drawcard.

But, in the meantime, Claremont's recovery from the dungeons has fired new life into their bid to be a finals contender and there are plenty of top-class drawcards coming up in the next few weeks. For example, how about Swans and West Perth this week; South and Swans a week later and then Claremont and West Perth on June 2.

East Perth are still hanging on in there, clinging to fourth place almost by default. Their record of a surprise win over Claremont, an expected victory over Subiaco and disappointing losses to Perth and East Fremantle, and Swan Districts does nothing for their confidence.

They are in a similar position to East Fremantle — why and how have they lost the true grit and determination that was so evident last season? They still have basically the same players and so their efforts this week opposed to South Fremantle and Perth respectively will put them to the character test.

The competition badly needed a revival from the bottom teams last week. There is nothing more depressing than the sight of the bottom four sides losing touch with the top four.

The message from the East Fremantle camp is that coach Bradley Smith has seldom been as red-hot as he was after Saturday's loss to the Cardies. Apparently Smith let fly with some scathing attacks on the attitude of his players — with the exception of captain Brian Peake and non-stop ruck-rover Wayne Cormack, there was not a lot of life in the Old Easts' legs.

Smith has promised that heads will roll this week and it seems pretty certain that he will re-appear in the senior side.

What about Alan Joyce?

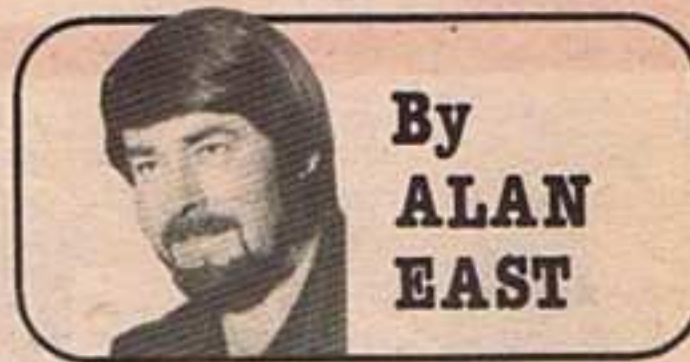
A week earlier he was very angry and upset when he had to apologise to the Perth members for the debacle put on by the league players against West Perth. He promised that he would return to the dias in a week with a victory to Perth's credit.

What he did to the Demons no-one knows — and few hate to think how it felt when he delivered his mid-week speeches to them!

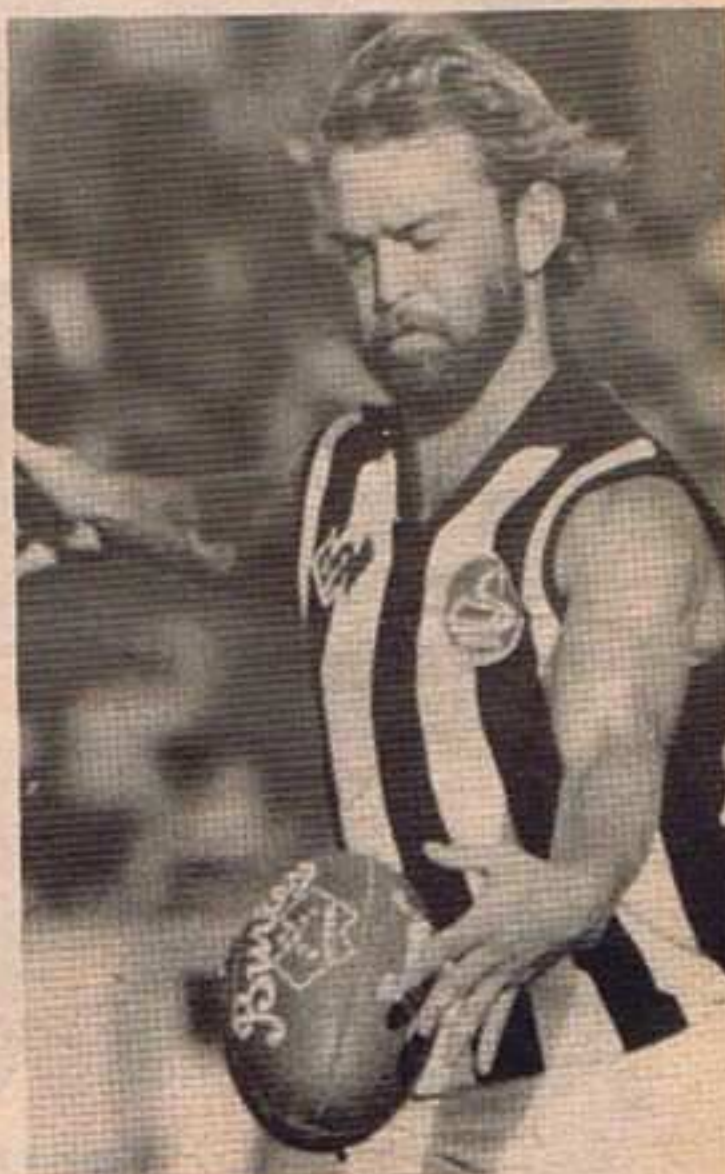
But can Perth go on with the business? They are running hot and cold and it will require a very determined effort to stem the East Fremantle camp. Old Easts will be like Perth were a week earlier — and that means nasty business.

East Perth have to face South Fremantle — at Perth Oval — and that's a venue the Bulldogs don't normally like. It will be interesting to see if Barry Cable can regenerate the spark in the Royals. The East Perth team selections seem to be going haywire and one just wonders what is going on behind the scenes at Perth Oval. It's not good, that's for sure.

Swan Districts have ordered in huge quantities of amber fluid this week for the bumper crowd expected at Bassendean Oval. West Perth fans love to see their side win and though they don't like travelling too much, they will make the effort to



By **ALAN EAST**



GERRARD NEESHAM . . . in top form for Swans. get up to Bassendean, if only to see how good these new Swans really are.

This will be a top-class encounter as both sides have the same type of hard-running stars. Fong, Watling, Logan, Stasinowsky versus Melrose, Williams, Neesham and the Narkles.

Boy, what a feast of football. Get there!

WILLS SPORT ESCORT REPORT

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE A.F.C. ESCORT CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Match No.	Date	Teams	Venue
1	March 3	Claremont 22.10 b East Perth 4.16	Leederville Oval
2	March 3	Subiaco 15.9 b Perth 11.14	Perth Oval
3	March 2	Hawthorn 18.13 b West Perth 11.15	Perth Oval
4	March 4	Melbourne 22.16 b Swan Districts 8.18	V.F.L. Park
5	March 11	North Adelaide 14.11 b Norwood 13.13	Adelaide
6	March 14	Glenelg 11.13 b Central District 6.8	Adelaide
7	March 8	St Kilda 19.6 b Sturt 8.11	V.F.L. Park
8	March 8	South Melbourne 10.16 b West Adelaide 7.18	Adelaide
9	March 11	Footscray 17.10 b West Torrens 12.3	V.F.L. Park
10	March 16	Queensland 15.17 b Tasmania 9.15	Tasmania
11	March 15	Richmond 20.17 b Woodville 9.3	V.F.L. Park
12	March 16	NSW 17.10 b A.C.T. 10.11	Sydney
SECOND ROUND			
13	March 15	Claremont 16.20 b Subiaco 12.9	Leederville
14	March 18	Hawthorn 17.17 b Melbourne 14.4	V.F.L. Park
15	March 21	Glenelg 22.11 b North Adelaide 13.12	Adelaide
16	March 22	St Kilda 17.15 b South Melbourne 10.6	V.F.L. Park
17	March 23	Footscray 18.14 b Queensland 10.8	Brisbane
18	March 23	Richmond 17.19 b NSW 14.16	Sydney
THIRD ROUND			
19	March 25	Claremont 10.13 b Geelong 9.14	V.F.L. Park
20	April 1	Hawthorn 20.20 b East Fremantle 4.11	V.F.L. Park
21	April 15	North Melbourne 9.16 b Glenelg 9.11	V.F.L. Park
22	April 29	St Kilda 16.11 b South Adelaide 13.11	Adelaide
23	May 6	Footscray v Collingwood	V.F.L. Park
24	May 13	Richmond v Fitzroy	V.F.L. Park
25	March 14	Essendon 18.10 b Port Adelaide 12.14	V.F.L. Park
26	March 16	South Fremantle 23.19 b Carlton 9.12	East Fremantle
QUARTER FINALS			
27	May 20	Claremont v Hawthorn	V.F.L. Park
28	May 27	North Melbourne v St Kilda	V.F.L. Park
29	June 3	Winner 23 v Winner 24	V.F.L. Park
30	June 10	Essendon v South Fremantle	V.F.L. Park
SEMI-FINALS			
31	June 24	Winner 27 v Winner 28	V.F.L. Park
32	July 1	Winner 29 v Winner 30	V.F.L. Park
GRAND FINAL			
33	July 15	At V.F.L. Park	

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Swans to end Cardies glory



There are not many, if any, football critics in town at the moment still unconvinced that West Perth have what it takes to make the finals this year, but I happen to be one of them.

The Cardies have done everything right so far this year, but I am sure their Glory Trail will come to a shattering halt at Bassendean Oval on Saturday.

You see, I just cannot accept that Graham Campbell has succeeded in turning what was a very average side last year into potential premiers.

Apart from Neil Fotheringham and David Palm, it is virtually the same West Perth side.

I do not count Brian Adamson because he has contributed practically nothing to West Perth's four big wins this season.

As soon as it gets wet, the Cardies will be just another team in the competition.

They still have practically no reserves and if Les Fong is injured that will be the end of the penny section for the garlic munchers.

I am not saying that Campbell has not done a great job. I just have a gut feeling that the Cardies are playing above themselves and that the crunch is just around the corner.

Campbell, and Ron Bewick and Les Day and Len Roper will love me for this because its not the first time that I have got stuck into West Perth and had to eat my words.

But then again maybe, just maybe, I am right and that's why I am sticking my neck right out NOW when West Perth are doing everything right.

Boy is this going to make interesting re-reading one way or the other on Saturday night.

WILLIAMS' CHANCE

FORMER Teal Cup player Glynn Williams finally got a game for East Perth last Saturday.

Williams is only 18 and I have been singing his praises on the 6PM Sportsworld show for the last couple of weeks.

I went as far as to rubbish the East Perth selectors for not giving him a go.

It was pretty rough on Williams because all eyes were on him at Lathlain Park last week and I bet he felt the pressure.

To make matters worse, he played on former team mate John McGuire in the first half and McGuire was in unbeatable form.

However, Williams again proved to me that he is going to be a top player by producing an excellent fighting second half.

Three years ago I saw an East Fremantle player called Rod Lester-Smith carving them up in the reserves and I nominated him as a star of the future.

This kid will be better. In fact if he continues to work on his skills I think he could win a Sandover Medal.

SIMMS' DOUBLE

No wonder Doug Simms is making a name for himself in football this year . . . he is the spitting image of Maurice Rioli, or at least that's the impression you get looking at last Monday's West Australian.

It seems as though some pictures got transposed . . . and I just hope my boss saw it.

It might make him get off my back about wrong scores, mis-spellings and Radio station football signs!



Glyn Williams . . . a future star.

Guest Columnist

Presented by

McInerney Ford

THIS WEEK:



Bob Cribb

Sunday Independent football writer and radio 6PM critic.



COACHING PERCY

I have been coaching Percy Johnson on how to win friends and influence people . . . I must admit he does not need much help.

However, Percy got off to a great start in his career with my paper, the Sunday Independent, by declaring that East Fremantle would not make the four this year.

Percy killed them with that prediction, but now he's trying to go one better.

Listen Percy, Swans WILL make the

finals, Swans CAN win the premiership and if you keep making these outrageous comments, I am going to have to think of a new lurk.

ROYAL PROBLEM

Everybody knows that East Perth are doing it wrong at the moment, but nobody seems to have a solution.

The white ants are saying that Barry Cable has not got what it takes as a coach and the Royals are looking totally disorganised.

For what it's worth I am sure East Perth will come back. They badly need a big ruckman and I think Paul Arnold should get the job.

He's big and lazy, but with Murray Couper in the side now its time Cables and his selectors made Paul earn his living.

SUPPORT

I didn't get much warning about writing this column this week, but I cannot let the opportunity go without congratulating Alan East and Peter Poat on producing the paper.

If your reading this, recommend it to your mates.

The boys only need a little more support from the football public to make it a permanent part of our football scene and you must agree they deserve the chance.

FOOTBALL FORUM

It is with pleasure that I take interest in your football paper and read the articles with interest, especially as your paper sees fit to support junior football.

However, I must express my disappointment when your paper prints such articles as "More work needed in Juniors" by Frank Bird.

It appears that it's the time of the year again where people can only criticise.

In my past three years as a Director at Subiaco, extensive visits and promotions have been carried out within both the primary schools and the juniors of our district.

The assistance given by our league players, especially Graeme Schultz, Neil Taylor and Wayne Loxley was exceptional and clubs only had to ask through the right channels and we would assist.

We do admit, however, that on occasions players haven't turned up, but only through wrong information given or clashing with special requirements by the league coach at the last minute.

The incident referred to with one of our players not attending to a Wembley Downs function can only be related back to about 10 years ago and it appears Mr Bird only lives in the past.

I am sure the Wembley Downs Club must feel embarrassed in singling out this incident and without permission to use their name.

We at Subiaco have some 3000 boys playing junior football within our district and all endeavours are made by our league players to project their image as well as promote the club.

GERRY STOKES

Director

Juniors Schools & Country Zones

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TOP SIDE FOR WA CLASH

Victoria's team for the State-of-Origin clash against Western Australia at VFL Park on July 5 will be chosen on open selection.

Club affiliation will not be a consideration when the selectors meet to finalise the squad. The best 20 players available will get a guernsey.

The VFL is keen to regain the prestige it lost when WA won the first State-of-Origin carnival in Perth last year. All efforts will be made to make sure WA does not repeat the performance . . . particularly on sacred VFL ground.

VFL coach Tom Hafey and co-selectors Ron Cook (chairman), Bill Hutchinson, Allan Jeans and Ian Ridley will announce the State squad on June 25.

It is expected that teams to meet Queensland, in Brisbane, and ACT in Canberra on July 6 will be announced on the same date.

However, the sides selected to play in those States will be selected on a proportional basis, with at least one player coming from each club.

North Melbourne's Ron Barassi will coach the Victorian team to play in Brisbane and Fitzroy's Bill Stephen will be in charge of the side for the Canberra match.

Hafey has coached Victorian sides on four previous occasions, against SA and WA in 1971, against WA again in 1976 and in 1978 against Tasmania.



TOM HAFEY . . . 1980 Victorian coach.



SAINTS SEE HULA DANCERS

Two straight losses, after their tremendous win over Essendon on April 19, has bought more than gloomy looks to the faces of many St Kilda players. Following their fighting victory over the Bombers, there seemed to be a real chance that a pre-season promise by the club's chairman Lindsay Fox may be realised. Fox told players that the club would send its team to Waikiki beach in Honolulu if the club won more matches than it lost during the 1980 season. The players were given a taste of their pending reward last week when hula dancers were brought to the club and wiggled their way around the club rooms before a training session. Now with only one win and a draw from six starts, the thought of seeing those hula girls in their native Hawaii territory must slowly be fading from the minds of St Kilda players.

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RANTALL JOINS MURRAY

John "Mopsy" Rantall equalled Kevin Murray's record of 333 VFL league games when Fitzroy narrowly lost to Essendon last Saturday. Rantall, 36, is in his 17th season of VFL football. He played 258 games with South Melbourne, 72 with North Melbourne and has now played two with Fitzroy — ironically the club with which Murray played all his 333 games.

Rantall was told by South coach Ian Stewart last month that his services were no longer required and after being cleared to Fitzroy, he is keen to prove that he can still play league football.

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PERCY READY

Carlton coach Percy Jones could be on the verge of a reappearance in his league side. He has been improving steadily in reserves matches and Carlton officials believe a comeback is getting closer. His next appearance in league football will be his 250th.

BARASSI'S SYDNEY DATE

North Melbourne's coach Ron Barassi literally flew out of the North Melbourne rooms after his side's win over Carlton last Saturday. He wasn't on cloud nine . . . he had to catch a flight to Sydney where only hours after the match was a special guest on a TV interview programme hosted by England's Michael Parkinson.

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CARMAN SELLS UP

Phil Carman, the man suspended for 20 weeks for head-butting an umpire and striking Garry Sidebottom, claims he will lose \$30,000 in football earnings.

Carman and wife Betty plan to sell their \$150,000 house and four hectare property at Lilydale (just outside Melbourne). He has been running about ten horses on the property. Also on the market is a restaurant he owns in the Lilydale shopping centre.

"I have relied on football for my income and now that will have to change" he says "I've never had the opportunity to put a lot of time into work. I hope some people will give me the chance now".

He said he would be looking for work in the public relations area.

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THE END

The careers of two of Victoria's most colourful footballers could be nearing an end. Hawthorn's Don Scott limped off the ground last Saturday with a hip injury. He has been troubled with several injury problems in recent times. Geelong's living legend John Newman, received the ultimate humiliation in his 17th year of league football when he was taken off the ground in the third quarter last Saturday. It appears that father time may have caught up with him and that his injury studded career is near an end.

Woodville sign two Vics.

Woodville have signed two Victorians in the campaign to lift the club from the bottom of the SANFL ladder.

Robert Briedis, one of the renowned North Melbourne brothers and St Kilda rookie Andrew Metheson could be in this Saturday's line up.

Briedis and Metheson were secured by Woodville general manager Jim Hewitson after an exhaustive recruiting mission in Melbourne last week.

Hewitson and club vice president Jim Crichton contacted more than 20 players during a hectic weeks work in Melbourne.

The pair had gone to Victoria with the hope of signing up to seven Victorians. Apart from Briedis and Metheson, the club was hopeful of securing the services of two other players who were still considering offers.

AND SOME BAD NEWS

The news is not all good for Woodville, their champion goalkicker Glynn Hewitt — who headed the SANFL goalkicking list last year — will miss about six matches through injury. He has three broken vertebrae in his back and will wear a protective brace when he eventually makes a comeback.



PETER DARLEY . . . the star of the sixties.

DARLEY OFF TO AMERICA

Peter Darley, one of South Australia's greatest post war ruckmen is leaving Adelaide this month to live in America. He plans to enter a sporting clothing and equipment business in Florida. Though he has not given details of the venture, he said it will mainly concentrate on tennis . . . a sport now played by 50 million Americans.

WOITE PLAYS 200TH

The 1975 Magarey Medallist, Peter Woite, played his 200th league match when his side beat Woodville last Saturday. Woite who won the medal while playing with Port Adelaide, is now in his second season with Glenelg.

CARMAN FOR SA

Phil Carman's absence from the playing arena isn't keeping him out of the football news. His target now is the end of season State-of-origin carnival planned for Adelaide. He said this week "My aim is to represent South Australia in the carnival (he is a former Norwood player) and to help Essendon in the finals".



GOALS RECORD TO EVANS

Port Adelaide's Tim Evans kicked 16 goals last Saturday in his side's win over West Adelaide.

In doing so, he broke Neil Hawke's record of 15 goals in one match which was set in 1957. Evans' performance shot him to the head of the SANFL goal-kicking list . . . with 34 goals this season he is now 15 clear of closest rival.

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BENNETT'S BURST



Freeo is a bad scene

The time has long passed where umpires and opposing players should be subjected to the treatment that is constantly dished out at Fremantle oval.

Claremont president Wally Maskiell went close to the mark when he said that last Saturday's incident was the kind that started riots.

It is easy to over dramatise incidents . . . after all, name a ground where umpires aren't on the receiving end if the home team are beaten in a close game.

However, the vehemence and persistence of the incident last Saturday was disturbing.

It's difficult to accept that South Fremantle supporters are much worse than those of other clubs . . . yet they are constantly involved in ugly incidents at Fremantle.

The problem stems from the proximity of the umpires and visiting changerooms to the area containing supporters.

I understand that a move is underway to put in an enclosed race at the ground . . . which won't be before time.

However, I don't think South Fremantle helped the situation on Saturday when they announced, while tempers were still hot, that they would consider challenging the result.

Such a comment, did nothing to douse an already inflammatory situation. While I appreciate that they have a responsibility to their supporters, it would have been a lot better to have attempted to clarify the situation over the disputed point before inferring that the club may have been deprived of a draw.

It's a sad day for football when players have to be told to remain in their clubrooms for a period after the game and that umpires can't venture into clubrooms after a match.

I wonder why the situation has changed so quickly at South Fremantle. There was no noticeable antagonism towards umpires Bob Phillips and Saturday's alleged villain Darryl Gillies after Souths clash with Perth at Fremantle oval in the opening fixture.

It is not a valid argument to say it is in the umpire's own interests not to go into clubrooms after a match.

I know there is concern at South Fremantle that if umpires venture into their clubrooms after the game and something happens then the club will receive the blame.

But while it is extremely difficult to control supporters outside clubrooms, it shouldn't be too hard to keep a rein on members inside them . . . they seem to be able to at other clubs.

FOOTNOTE: I also don't believe that clubs should allow anyone to stand up in front of supporters in an official capacity in clubrooms and pay out on umpires.

From what was said to South supporters after Saturday's game, it certainly was wise for umpires to steer clear of the clubrooms.

ROBERT BENNETT



WESTSIDE WIZZARD

The Westside Wizzard has plenty of fans. Our phones ran hot last week when, due to space commitments, his weekly column was held over.

However, he's back in business this week with more answers to the steady flow of questions he is receiving each week.

He will accept questions on LEAGUE football in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

This week's questions:

Richard Camm, Manning Street, Mosman Park, asks:

When was the last successful protest against the result of a league game in WA?

In 1935. Subiaco successfully protested against West Perth. (In 1943 in the underage competition East Perth were successful in a protest against Claremont).

Gavin Kerruish, Post Office Wickiepin, asks:

Who is the only West Australian footballer ever selected in the West Australian State side while still uncleared from his country club?

There were many to fit this category, all State sides between the years of 1904 and 1914 comprised half WAFL players and half Goldfields National Football League players.

V.B. Jeffery, Pimlott Street, Dianella asks:

Who was the footballer who was runner-up for the 1938 and 1939 Sandover Medals?

S. (Spec) Sinclair of Swan Districts.

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EAST FREMANTLE, L, L, L, W, L	v Perth at East Fremantle Oval
WEST PERTH, W, L, W, L, W	v Swan Districts at Bassendean
SUBIACO, L, L, L, L, L	v Claremont at Claremont
SWAN DISTRICTS, W, W, W, W, W	v West Perth at Bassendean
CLAREMONT, L, W, L, L, W	v Subiaco at Claremont
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W, W, W, W, L	v East Perth at Perth Oval



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BUHAGIAR - ON HIS WAY BACK

Courage and determination has always been the trademark of tough little rover Tony Buhagiar.

Right from his early days when he was always considered too small to play football, it has been a battle; a battle to win selection, a battle to survive. Injuries have been many and varied; selectors have been reluctant to throw him to the fray; but through it all Buhagiar has emerged triumphant.

Nicknamed Budgie because of his diminutive size, the year 1979 saw the No. 1 rover for East Fremantle hit a high spot. Not only was he part of a premiership combination, but he won State selection for the State-of-Origin interstate carnival, was part of WA's victorious side and then capped it all off by winning selection in the All-Australian side.

But 1980 has seen the transformation from glory to agony with Buhagiar struggling to regain form after yet another knee injury hampered his pre-season programme.

He resisted invitations to move to Melbourne, set out early in the summer to build up his fitness and stamina even more and looked to the 80's with renewed confidence. Till his knee injury that was . . .

Now, with the season six weeks old, Buhagiar is slowly but surely coming back to his best. However, his side are struggling and it all points to yet another need for grit and determination from this typical East Fremantle player to come out on top.

This week ALAN EAST asks Buhagiar about some of the high and low points of his football career.



A proud moment for Tony Buhagiar . . . receiving his All-Australian jumper from WAFL president Jim Davies.

You have changed jobs several times in recent years. Just how important is it to have a job that fits in with football?

Football demands certain hours of the day and you just have to be there, whether you like it or not. There is no other time when some football things can be done and your day virtually revolves around football and most players now have to get a job that fits in. If you don't, then your football suffers, so the decision comes whether it's work or football and for me it was football.

When did you realise that this decision had to be made?

When I couldn't find enough time to train, especially during the summer months. I had my own business and I found that I just couldn't get out in time for training. Right now I'm suffering from a lack of pre-season conditioning.

But you did have a few injuries during the summer that held you back, didn't you?

Yes, my knee was playing up again. I've had both cartilages out of my left knee and it was giving me trouble again. I just jarred it on one occasion and it took about four or five weeks to come right again. For weeks I wasn't even allowed to train half-pace, let alone flat out. This meant that I wasn't able to do any long, hard running mid-week.

Has that been the key to your recent good football, long, hard-running?

Over the last few years it has been my pre-season buildup that has been important. I'm pretty stocky, which means I put on weight fairly easy and I cannot afford the luxury of not training.

The last few years have seen you jump from being a support rover to a State rover, why is that?

My knees were the early problem. I had both my cartilages out of one knee before I was 20 and that put a lot of strain on one leg. That was probably my biggest downfall as I could never prepare myself properly.

Has your attitude changed in recent years? You were considered something of a rebel early on, weren't you?

I wouldn't really say I was a rebel! But I guess I wasn't all that keen on training. But Alan Joyce cured that, he pushed me and I need to be pushed. He really urged me along in 1977 and 1978 and that was the turning point.

Tell me about your early football upbringing.

I played with the East Fremantle juniors and then St Louis school. I came to East Fremantle in 1973 and started in fourths - but I went up to thirds, reserves and league in the one year. They were desperate for a rover, so I was lucky! I played seven league games at the end of 1973 and stayed in the league side for our 1974 premiership. But I had my first knee trouble in 1975 and that was when I started going downhill. I had another cartilage out at the end of 1976 and had to start all over again. Then one thing after the other went wrong.

Did you think about giving it away?

Yes, I was going to chuck it in. But at the end of 1977 Alan Joyce pushed me like mad and I decided that if I didn't succeed at the start of 1978 I was prepared to chuck the towel in.

You are obviously glad that you stuck with it then?

Sure. That's the problem with too many players. They get disenchanted too easily. Once they cop a few setbacks they just chuck it in, which I would have done as well if it hadn't been for Alan Joyce.

How much of an honour was it getting picked in that All-Australian team?

Not as much as playing my 100th game in the premiership side. That was a real highlight. I had a pretty bad slump in the middle of last year, but everything clicked at the end and in the last round I picked up. The idea of playing in the finals really gave me a lift. I had played in the 1977 finals and went hopeless, so I was keen to do well last year.

For a player who made his debut in 1973 and has only played 100 games, you've had a few highs and lows, haven't you?

Yes. There have been lots of lows alright. In 1977 I played my first league game of the year in the last qualifying match of the season. I then played badly in the three finals, so I guess that was my biggest down.

What about the future. Still want to go to Melbourne?

Yes, but I think the knee will be important. I wouldn't dare go over if I didn't think I could handle the pressure that goes with it.

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Name: Tony Buhagiar
Born: East Fremantle 3.10.1955
Height: 5ft 6in (168cm)
Weight: 12 stone (76kg)
Lives at: East Fremantle
Married: No
Occupation: Sales Rep with TNT
Football honours: State representative All Australian team 1979
Favourite food: Steak
Favourite drink: Beer
Hobbies and relaxation: Water skiing
Football likes: Winning
Football dislikes: Nothing really
Hard things in football: Pre-season training and overcoming injuries
Ambitions: To play 200 games
Nickname: Budgie
Guernsey No: 2
Why?: No real reason
Idols in football: Michael Regan, because he was a tough ruck-rover and Alan Joyce in recent years because he has shown me the way.
Came from: East Fremantle
League debut: 1973
Games played: 105

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GOALS!

It's a long time since we have seen two half-forwards heading the goal-kicking table but Perth's Doug Simms and Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth) are doing it in fine style. Simms has proved to be WA's most improved footballer, being converted from a half-back to a goalkicking avenue at half-forward. With 27 goals from 40 scoring shots he is really a Demon success story. Stasinowsky, now confirming the potential he showed early last year, doubles as a ruck-rover at times, but he virtually has a free hand as a half-forward. If he had kicked straighter last week his tally would have been a double-figure one.

Swan Districts' boom rover Ian Williams picked up Town and Country's \$100 cheque last Sunday for the goal of the day on TVW7's World of Football. Williams produced a brilliant over-the-left-shoulder snap with his right foot as he ran out of trouble in a pack.

Another Swans goal-kicking star, this time captain Stan Nowotny, a man who doesn't boot many majors. But last week Nowotny produced a real gem as he ran away from the goals, but dropped the ball on to his right foot in that awkward-looking style that is all his own. But the shot was right on target as it screwed back for a goal.

Claremont's David Rawlinson looked far from being a tall, gangly ruckman when he brought up his team's third goal against South Fremantle last week. Rawlinson grabbed the ball in a pack, swung out like a rover and dropped it neatly through for a goal.

Don Haddow's unblemished goal kicking run for South Fremantle came to an end on Saturday when he kicked a point. After kicking 12 goals straight in two consecutive matches, Haddow posted 5.1 on Saturday - but still holds a high place on the Golden Boot table.

West Perth wingman Peter Menaglio got a mention recently for kicking long goals - and he did it again against East Fremantle last week. Menaglio's only goal for the day was early in the first quarter when he fired a long shot from almost out on the wing. It seemed to keep sailing and as the goal-front pack retreated the ball slipped over their fingers, bounced near the goal line and through for a surprise major.

East Fremantle's Ken Judge had a similar goal a few minutes later. A long shot from the half-forward flank bounced right on the goal-line and went through the right direction.

West Perth's Chris Stasinowsky boot-ed 8.6 on Saturday - but gave one easy goal away in the third term. He had the ball in front of him, but saw rover Corry Bewick out in the clear so a beautiful tap over the head of an East Fremantle defender landed the ball in his hands and a simple goal resulted.

GOLDEN BOOT

Doug Simms (Perth)	27.13
Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth)	24.14
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	22.14
Don Haddow (South Fremantle)	21.7
Simon Beasley (Swan Districts)	20.13
Paul Arnold (East Perth)	20.9
Ken Judge (East Fremantle)	17.17
Rod Alderton (West Perth)	17.10
Ian Williams (Swan Districts)	13.13

West Perth -- A team full of goalkickers

West Perth, a trendsetter in league football this season, are a team without a spearhead.

Though the Cardies do not have a recognised full-forward as such, they do have a bundle of versatile players who are capable of scoring goals off their own boot - and subsequently West Perth are producing anything up to 10 or 11 goalkickers a week.

Last week's match against East Fremantle saw nine different players post goals in the first half and the week before against Perth the story was exactly the same.

West Perth do use Rod Alderton as their nominal full-forward. He is the player they look for when necessary. But the composition of the Cardinals forward lines is such that they could almost all move around a place or two and not upset the balance of the attack.

Graeme Seaby is the tall man of the department and though he can play at centre-half-forward, he is usually placed in the forward pocket to provide Alderton with some back-up.

Chris Stasinowsky is the new star of the forward division. He is quick and strong, mobile enough to move around anywhere, but big enough to take a key role when necessary.

Alan Watling and Geoff Hendriks are free-movers on the half-forward line, playing anywhere and serving as the ruck-rovers.

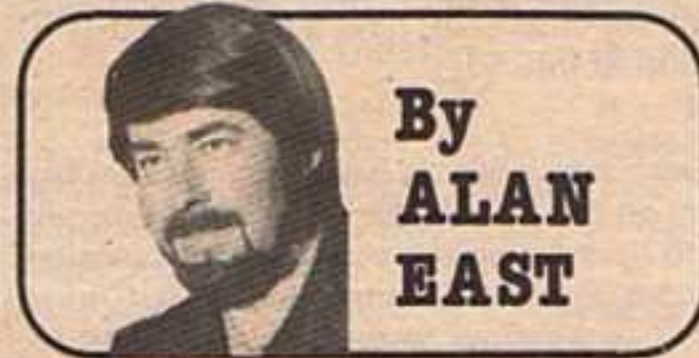
Steve McEvoy has slotted in nicely on the other half-forward flank and he too is capable of filling any of the key attacking positions.

The West Perth rovers, of course, do not have to carry the burden of versatility, but they are becoming more proficient in the goal-scoring department - both Les Fong and Corry Bewick notched four majors each last week.

So the West Perth attacking division is hard to keep in check with such a variety of goalkickers - and that's with star forward Brian Adamson sidelined with a leg muscle injury.

Coach Graham Campbell feels a little sorry for Alderton, who is a player capable of kicking a bundle of goals on his day - as he illustrated once last year with a 10-goal haul.

"Our players have been told to shoot whenever they are in range," says Campbell. "Even though Rod is our nominal full-forward and he leads whenever possible, we don't rely on him all the time."

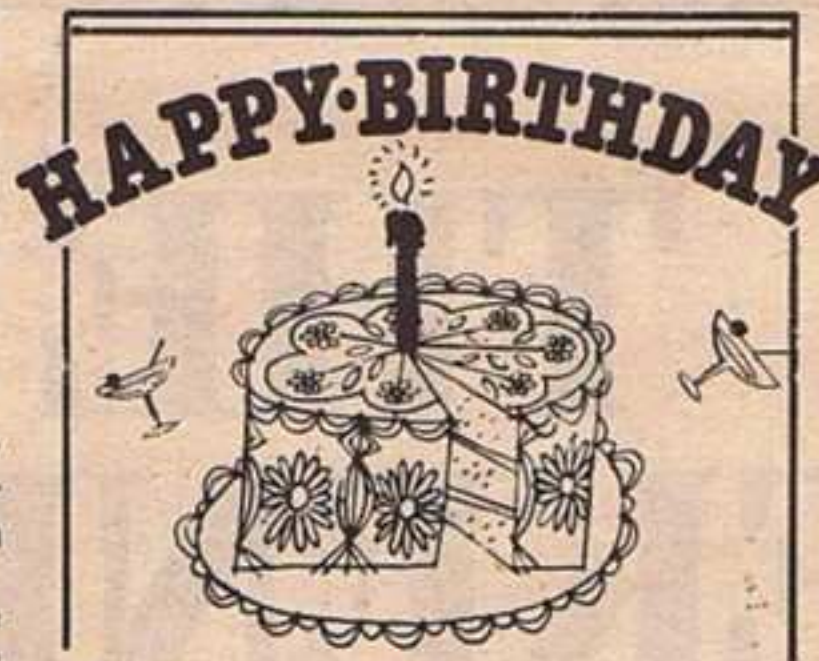


By ALAN EAST

So with players like Stasinowsky, Alderton, Hendriks, McEvoy and Seaby all capable of filling any of the set forward-line positions, West Perth certainly have a striking force full of danger.



Rod Alderton



These players this week celebrate birthdays, we join their fans in wishing them well.

- Vince Reid (Swans) 20 on 13th.
- Mick Moylan (Souths) 27 on 14th.
- Graham Moss (Claremont) 30 on 14th.
- Zane McDonald (Subiaco) 23 on 15th.
- Graeme Schultz (Subiaco) 27 on 17th.



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MOTHER BROWN

WHAT a tremendous game last week's clash between South Fremantle and Claremont was! It had everything you could possibly want in a football match. Top-class football from both sides early in the game; a strong break-away by Claremont; a last-minute fightback by South . . . and then all the excitement afterwards.

I thought ABC commentator Bob Shields was as weak as water when he said on Saturday night that it wasn't really a good game of football. What do some of these critics expect?

JUNIOR FEES

I hear a lot about junior football as the weeks go by and I must admit I sometimes get a little puzzled.

I heard about one club this week that charges \$25 membership for a boy to join in the lower age-group. Admittedly, they get to keep their playing guernsey at the end of the season. But is that really necessary?

I don't want to interfere when I don't really know the full details, but it does seem a bit steep, doesn't it? I'd like to hear more about that type of thing.

We are trying to promote football wherever possible, so I think the cheaper we can give boys a game, the better.

GOOD RESULTS

It's just as well Claremont and Perth won last Saturday - the league would have been a bit worried if the top four sides had won, thus splitting the competition in two at a very early stage of the season.

Just referring back to the South Fremantle-Claremont game - I'm blown if I can work out why people leave the ground before the game is over.

There were scores of people going home before the final siren - just imagine, they missed out on one of the most exciting finishes we have seen for ages.

FULL MARKS

I was most impressed to see a Subiaco trainer go out of his way to assist an injured South Fremantle player in the reserves match recently.

The South player had left the ground and collapsed and the Subiaco trainer ran straight over and helped.

It's good to know that sportsmanship hasn't died out completely.

CARVOLTH'S MESSAGE

You know, a lot of people rubbish Gary Carvolth on radio 6PR - and I've done it myself, I guess.

But he is good for football with all the gossip and rumours that he comes up with. Say what you like about him, the fact that he gets people talking about football is enough to satisfy me. We don't talk about the game enough these days.

COME ON LADIES

Ladies of the football world unite. I'm interested to hear some of the gripes that our female supporters have.

If you have a complaint or want to get something off your chest, write to me c/- Westside Football, Post Office Box 153, Morley 6062.

Cheers,

EILEEN BROWN



Chubby's Chatter

Looking at the points scored for the against this season it has been noticeable that West Perth's back line has had the least amount of points kicked against them — 40 fewer than Swan Districts.

Basically, one of the reasons why this has been brought about is because they have not changed their back-line in the five games this year. It brings back memories of Perth in 1966-70 when their back-line seldom changed. Most of the changes in the side were either across the centre or up forward.

If one was to go into greater depth, you would probably find 80% of the time that sides who have won premierships, or have made the final four, have a back-line that is rarely changed during the year, with the exception of injury.

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Robert Wiley, who I mentioned in the column last week, is having an outstanding season with Richmond and last week — judging on the TV playback, he was definitely in Richmond's top two players. Robert seems to have found the pace which he seemed to lose last year, plus his depth in kicking has improved considerably. But most important of all is the way he executes the ball to a fellow team-man. Last week he was in the top kick-getters in the whole of the VFL.

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It was noticeable in the game I watched last week, Subiaco versus Swan Districts, that Gary Buckenara is trying to play a lone hand for his side. In the first quarter he dominated the centre, but then started to roam far and wide and tried for too many spectacular marks which allowed his opponent Mike Smith (who played an exceptional game) a free hand by playing the true centre position. If coach Ken Armstrong is to allow Buckenara to play this style of game, I feel that he must instruct his ruck rovers to pick up the opposition's centre men.

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As a coach in the East Fremantle Junior Football Council, I was among coaches of under-15s and under-17s who were requested to attend the East Fremantle Football Club for a meeting. Interesting to note that it was chaired by club president Mr Merv Cowan and also present were two club directors, Mr Eric Johanson and Mr Ron Jones. A lot of valid points were brought forward by the coaches and I must say that I learnt a few things myself. Mr Cowan said he was worried that junior footballers come to league clubs and were not aware of the systematic football that is played today. He wondered how they could help the coaches to improve the junior players' knowledge of the game today. Sometimes meetings of this type fall on deaf ears and are not put into practice. But in this day and age with football how it is and the high transfer fees, I doubt that this will eventuate as all league clubs will be relying heavily on the junior football areas and country zoning areas.

ALLAN STILES

DAVE CLEMENT



More Swans records

Swan District's record breaking run continues, last week's scoring spree 27.32 was easily their best score against Subiaco at League Headquarters.

The margin they won by, 131 points, was the biggest win in their 46 year league history. Last Saturday's score 27.32 is the most scored shots (59) scored by one team in a league game. The record is held by East Fremantle with 64 shots against Midland Junction in 1917.

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CARDINALS TOO!

Also running hot is West Perth, last weeks effort produced their highest score and biggest winning margin against Old East. Their 26.24 and 105 point win bettered a 25 year old record, set when Arthur Oliver coached the Cardinals.

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HIGH SCORING LOSERS

South Fremantle's losing score last week 22.11 (143 points) would win most games. In May 1978 they also scored 143 points, but went down to Perth by 21 points. The highest losing score was East Fremantle's 23.9 (147) when they lost to West Perth at Leederville by seven points.

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OLD EASTS FINISHED!

Going, going, almost gone are last years premiers East Fremantle's hopes of making the finals. I know there's only five games gone, but just look at the way they've lost their games.

Before this year Old East had only lost

two games ever by 100 points (in 1960 to West Perth by 100 and 1979 to East Perth by 102 points). This year they have already lost three games by over the hundred point margin, to Swans by 111 points to South by 107 and to West by 105.

Old Easts were the first team to miss the finals after going Premiers the year before, the list reads:

EAST FREMANTLE	premiers of 1914
WEST PERTH	1935
EAST PERTH (under age)	1944
WEST PERTH	1960
SWAN DISTRICTS	1963
WEST PERTH	1969
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1970

Early in 1976 West Perth were suffering from a "Premiership Hangover" too, they lost five of their first six games, but recovered to take fourth place.

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NOT THE FIRST

Disputed scores at Fremantle Oval last Saturday is not the first happening of this nature, though must admit they are very rare. I recall one such case to illustrate the human error element.

In May 1978 the goal umpires returned cards showing West Perth 23.9 to Subiaco 10.17, a subsequent protest by West resulted in the scores being changed to 24.10 to 9.16, after viewing a video tape on that game. (The two umpires concerned were suspended for ONE WEEK).

Then there was a similar incident in a game between East Perth and Swans some years ago, the goal umpires had the Royals down for an extra goal that NO ONE at the game knew anything about.

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ALERT READER

Last week's edition of Westside Football was barely on the streets last week when Stephen Davies of Willagee was right onto me about 2 errors in my column. Yes Stephen, Claremont did win 10 straight in 1972 and East Fremantle lost 13 straight in 1968.

FLASHBACK...

West Australian and Victorian namesakes, Jack Clarke and Jack Clarke each won their third all-Australian blazer in 1958. WA's Clarke went on for a record breaking fourth in 1961.



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Smash nearly ended it all

When Brad Lohar emerged from the tangled wreckage of his car six weeks ago, he didn't give himself much chance of playing any football this season, let alone league.

Brad was involved in a car accident just before the start of the season and could see months of pre-season training going down the drain.

But a programme incorporating jogging and weights saw Brad back on the track in remarkable time.

A virtually faultless performance in the reserves in his first game back saw Brad go up to the league team the following week.

"I thought I might score a few games of league towards the end of the season, but I never dreamt of this" he said.

"I just could not believe it." Seventeen year old Lohar has had something of a meteoric rise to league football.

Brad was a Teal Cup representative last year, and like many other members of that side, has now made league ranks. Other league players from the same side include Brad Hardie, Grant Campbell, David Court and Glyn Williams.

He found the tension of league football a lot easier to handle than many would have thought.

"I was nervous a long time before the game, but then I saw the other blokes making their debut and that relaxed me somewhat," he said.

Both Brian Douge and Ken Armstrong were instrumental in calming the youngster's nerves.

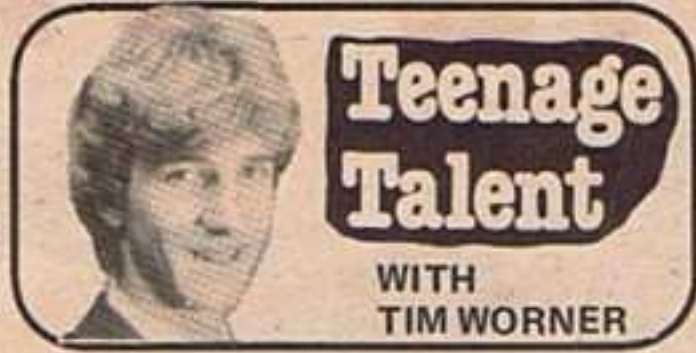
Said Armstrong: "Brad, you can do it - I know you are not going to disappoint me."

Brad says he has never experienced anything like running on to the league arena.

"You have no idea what it is like - 8000 people just roaring. I found I became extremely conscious of the team - the build up was great," he said.

Brad found it difficult to get into the play in the first half, but gradually found his feet and impressed many onlookers.

"I just took a few marks in the first



half and wasn't winning the hard ball - something I love to do" he said.

He found the difference between league and reserves football a vast one.

"League football is a lot quicker, more skillful and far more tactical as far as the play is concerned" he said.



"I felt I ran out of puff in the last quarter because I wasn't used to the pace - I now know I must adapt" he said.

He is setting his sights on becoming a regular league player and is aiming at 200 games. He nurtures a fierce desire to help Subiaco get back on top and become a football power once again. Brad is also an extremely accomplished cricketer, having been a member of various State sides. But now it seems his cricket may fall by the wayside as top priority, he says, must go to football.

Many players at the Subiaco-Floreat Cricket Club will be sorry to hear this as Brad has become one of the most promising fast bowlers in the State.

GARY'S GOSSIP



It seems hard to believe, but my spies tell me it could be on - Graham Farmer to coach the Bulldogs in 1981. Mal Brown has stated on several occasions that he would like to take a year off. Incidentally, I asked Farmer on last week's 6PR Football World, was the rumour true. However, he declined to answer one way or the other. I guess we will just have to sit back and wait, but if Brown does decide to retire Farmer would be an ideal replacement.

NEESHAM NEXT ?

There's no doubt about that Ron Joseph, he really is incredible. His latest target in North Melbourne's quest to find a rover is Swan District's Gerard Neesham. Neesham, who is a school teacher, will probably spend most of the May holidays in Melbourne as a guest of the Kangaroos - and in view of his contract situation at Swans, I believe he will go to Victoria next year.

FLYNNS' QUIZ KIDS

I had the pleasure of compering the big 1980 Telethon Quiz Night at the Hotel Floreat last Monday night. There were about 500 people in the audience and it was a highly competitive field, but guess who was the captain of the winning table? My counterpart from 6PM Tim Flynn. Tim had a real team of professionals including Geoff Christian, John (Strawb) O'Brien and Cardies coach Graham Campbell. Well done, fellas and thanks to all of those people who came along and contributed to Telethon.

WILL SHAW STAY ?

Be warned South Fremantle you are in danger of losing one of your star recruits, namely former Collingwood player, Derek Shaw, who is apparently unhappy because he is having real problems finding suitable employment. He has also had problems with injury too. So business men, if you are in need of a costing clerk, Derek Shaw is your man.

TWO BULLDOGS UNHAPPY

Talking about South Fremantle, two of their camp - Peter Dougan and Paul Vasoli - are really hot under the collar following a certain football writer's story which appeared in the press on Monday, alleging that Dougan and Vasoli had criticised the umpires during the Souths versus Claremont game. The writer of the story could be hearing from both players soon.

COACHING SPANS

There has been a lot of discussion in recent times on just how long a coach should stay at the helm of a club. Ken Armstrong, for instance has been appointed at Subiaco for two years, but maybe in his case it should be longer as he has a lot of rebuilding ahead. Here are some interesting facts and figures regarding long coaching spans - Collingwood's Jock McHale coached the first team from 1913 to 1950, 37 years; Norm Smith had 24 years of coaching Fitzroy from 1949 to 1951, Melbourne from 1952 to 1967 (winning six premierships) and four years with South Melbourne. Dick Reynolds coached Essendon for 21 years.

Gary Carvolth
GARY CARVOLTH

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

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

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MAY 3	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	6PR	6PM	6IX	TVW7	Umpires
South Fremantle v Claremont	A. Carew-Reid: Rioli (SF) Panizza (C) Hunter (C)	Robert Bennett: Rioli Hunter Gooding (C)	Kevin O'Brien: Panizza Rioli J. Krakouer (C)	Peter Sweeney: Panizza Moss (C) Carter (SF)	David Self: Rioli Panizza P. Krakouer	Joe Fanchi: Moss Rioli P. Krakouer	Neil Garland: Moss Michael (SF) Rioli	Marty McDonnell: Moss Michael Rioli	Capes/Gillies
West Perth v East Fremantle	Geoff Christian: Fong (WP) Peake (EF) Stasinowsky (WP)	Alan East: Fong Peake Cormack (EF)	Julian Stawell: Fong Stasinowsky Watling (WP)	Robbie Burns: Fong Peake Stasinowsky	Alan East: Fong Peake Cormack	Tim Flynn: Fong Peake Stasinowsky	Phil Mulcahy: Stasinowsky Peake Watling	Kevin Murray: Fong Peake Menaglio (WP)	Powell/Morris
Perth v East Perth	Colin Hopkins: D. Simms (P) Kelly (EP) Montgomery (P)	Rod Lane: D. Simms Frost (P) Kelly	Bob Cribb: D. Simms Hayes (EP) Kimberley (P)	Mario D'Orazio: Frost D. Simms Hayes	Oscar Howard: D. Simms Kelly Inman (P)	Colin Hopkins: D. Simms Kelly Montgomery	Laurie Nugent: D. Simms Inman Cousins (P)	Steve Marsh: D. Simms Inman Cousins	Buckey/Ball
Subiaco v Swan Districts	John Sheterline: Williams (SD) Neesham (SD) Melrose (SD)	Geoff Worner: Williams Neesham Melrose	Ray Wilson: Neesham Melrose P. Narkle (SD)	Paul Simpson: Williams Smith (SD) Neesham	Brien Thirley: Neesham P. Narkle Nowotny (SD)	Allan Stiles: P. Narkle Neesham Williams	Roley Daw: Williams P. Narkle Richardson (SD)	John Rogers: Williams P. Narkle Neesham	Phillips/Green

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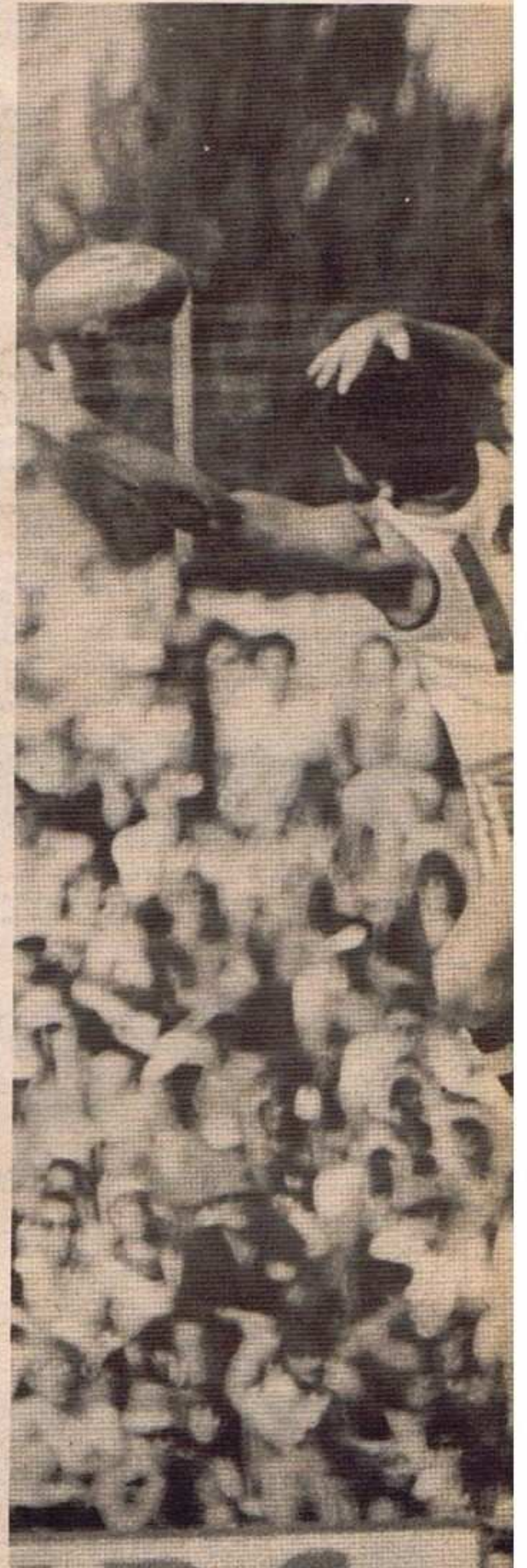
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'Those magnificent men are

Left: Ian Williams has a birds eye view of the game last week.

Below: South Fremantle's Mick Moylan has hands to the ball ahead of Claremont's Baden F



LIERS

almost flying machines'

football action in the Swans-Subiaco

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rper.



Above: Claremont's Graham Moss can get pretty determined at times — and this vigorous punch (at the ball) was an effective clearing move against South Fremantle.



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SUNDAY SCENE



WANNEROO SHOW THE WAY

Wanneroo, trend-setters in the W.A.F.A. over the past two years, seem destined to continue that pattern this year and their victory over Cockburn last week confirms their power.

Bolstered by the inclusion of former West Perth defender Ian Kent and the likely arrival of his former clubmate Lyndsay McGuinness, Wanneroo are going from strength to strength.

But this week they face their toughest test when they meet second-placed South Perth at Ernest Johnson Oval.

Last week the Roos easily accounted for Cockburn, fourth on the table, and Kent made his debut in the Sunday competition in fine style.

He was in top form at centre and this week he clashes with former East Fremantle player Gary Diver in a highlight of the match-of-the-day.

Osborne Park, who won their first game when they beat Mets-Victoria Park last week, will have a stiff test when they clash with Mosman Park at the Osborne Park Showgrounds.

Mosman, who lost their first three games, fired back into prominence last week when they surprisingly beat Applecross.

Mosman, with players like Gavin Hambly, Barry Haydinger and Geoff Allen

all playing strongly, are now looking to be a force.

Cockburn, who are sitting in fourth place, need to beat Melville to hold their position.

The teams meet at Davilak Reserve and Cockburn, who looked very ordinary when Wanneroo applied the pressure last week, will find Melville a much easier proposition.

The physical strength of players like Phil Cronan, Trevor O'Brien and Phil Clucas, together with mobile men Joe Locantro and Chris Parsons, should be too much for Melville.

Applecross should have little difficulty in disposing of Mets-Victoria Park in the remaining game at Forster Park.

The premiership table is:

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pc	Pts
WANNEROO	5	5	0	791	430	184	20
SOUTH PERTH	5	4	2	569	412	138	16
APPLECROSS	5	3	2	636	518	123	12
COCKBURN	5	3	2	529	581	91	12
Mosman	5	2	3	449	567	79	8
Melville	5	2	3	430	587	73	8
Osborne Park	5	1	4	481	638	75	4
Mets-Vic Park	5	0	5	459	616	75	0



STAGE IS SET FOR THRILLER

The South Suburban-Murray competition is in danger of splitting into two divisions after this week's set of fixtures where top sides play bottom sides — with one exception.

The big exception is the match-of-the-day between Maddington and Mandurah, the two most improved sides in the competition.

After the clash of the unbeaten sides two weeks ago — when Canning survived and Maddington dropped their first points — all eyes have been on the Maddington-Mandurah clash to see just who has improved the most since last season.

Both sides finished in the bottom half of the 1979 table, but this year it has been a different story with both winning five of their six games. Second place is the reward for the victorious side on Sunday and the crowd should be a bumper one at Maddington Recreation Ground.

Maddington returned to the winner's list as expected last week with a comfortable 14-goal victory over Armadale and Mandurah continued their high-scoring form by finishing five goals in front of Willetton.

Mandurah go into this game with their captain-coach Merv Kennedy in good form; whereas Maddington are relying on the tactical thinking of non-playing coach Glenn McAullay to guide them from the sidelines.

Trying to find an upset result among the other five matches is hard — all the top sides look comfortable winners.

Kelmscott are back to winning form and though they had only a seven-goal margin

over Thornlie, the form of former WAFL players Alan Griffiths, Terry Moir and Kim Dellacqua indicates that their strength is building up — and that's bad news for Willetton today.

Gosnells travel to Hartfield Park to do battle with Kalamunda, who showed promising signs of a revival by pushing Canning for most of last week's match. But Gosnells are going to be in a mean mood after booting only 4.9 in their losing effort against Kenwick and they should return to winning form.

Canning are at home to Armadale and that will be a formality and Kwinana are at home to Thornlie in what should be another procession of goals.

Kenwick travel to Rockingham and though they have been showing spirit and determination, the home side are struggling in this their first year in the South Suburban league and will not have the skills to match Kenwick.

If there is going to be an upset it could be the Kalamunda clash with Gosnells.

Kalamunda's new coach Jeff Dickinson has returned to the football arena and his on-field leadership could be what Kalamunda need. Their effort in pushing league leaders Canning to a 19-point margin last week comes two weeks after they downed Kwinana in a surprise win and they could be the side to upset the battle for top five places.



CARLISLE CAUSE BIG UPSET

Carlisle upset all critics by defeating Wembley last Saturday — recording their first win for the season.

It was a tremendous victory, because in most other games they have been found wanting in the closing stages.

It was the first time Carlisle have defeated Wembley since their promotion to 'A' League in 1960.

Their win threw new interest into the competition and should give notice to other teams not to take them for granted. The final scores were 17.11 to 17.15.

Collegian 14.14 also won their first game against a spirited Bayswater 8.14. Neil Pendreigh (a former Prendagast Medal winner for Swan Districts) coach of Bayswater has had a very eager and young side that must turn the corner soon.

A tradesman-like effort by University easily accounted for CBC 20.23 to 7.8, to top the premiership table.

Although Nollamara 20.17 d Old Wesley 18.8 in a great exhibition of football, they slipped to second spot.

The luckless Maylands 15.16 failed to match a tenacious Mt Lawley who scored 16.19 and grabbed fourth place. Maylands have failed in their 3 losses by margins of less than 2 goals.

This week CBC are at home to Collegians at Fremantle Oval. Although CBC will push them hard, they will find victory hard to obtain. Collegians could make it two victories in a row, as should Carlisle who meet Bayswater at Carlisle Reserve. Both teams are evenly balanced and have the will and spirit although not the spread of top players throughout their teams. Last weeks great win for Carlisle may give them that little lift required.

Old Wesley meet Maylands at Lathlain Park and a close encounter is expected. Maylands perhaps unlucky not to have more success for their efforts have the strength to push Old Wesley to a very tight finish.

University should inflict the second successive defeat on Wembley at Leederville Oval. These traditional rivals always produce their best football against each other. Since the 1960's both clubs have been great opponents and the results have not always gone as expected, however, University with a younger and better balanced ruck division must start favourites.

In the expected clash of the day Mt Lawley face up to a in-form Nollamara at Inglewood Oval. The Lawley Hawks cannot

afford a loss as they have a shaky hold of fourth position. Last season they produced some of their best football when in a tight situation. Nollamara have talent spread evenly over ground and now seem to have gained the experience of tasting victory in the hard games.

In the 'A' League Colts Wembley coached by Malcolm Murray and Nollamara under Stephen Smeath both remain undefeated and should continue to set the pace. Their clash on May 31st should be first class.

The 'A' League table is: University (190%) 16; Nollamara (150%) 16; Old Wesley (178%) 12; Mt Lawley (97%) 8; Wembley (91%) 8; CBC (39%) 8; Maylands (98%) 4; Collegians (89%) 4; Carlisle (65%) 4; Bayswater (59%) 0.

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Our quiz No. 4 was mainly about Simpson Medal winners and it is surprising how quickly people forget things. The question answered wrongly the most times was No. 3 . . . who won the Simpson Medal in last year's grand final? Of course, it was dynamic East Fremantle rover Kevin Taylor - but the answers were many and varied.

This week all our questions are referred to in articles elsewhere in this issue of Westside Football, so kids, you have to do some searching through our paper.

Remember, the quiz is only open to children under the age of 17 and the coupon must be filled in correctly, in your own handwriting and with your parent's signature.

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JUNIORS CONGRATULATE BRIAN DOUGE

Last weekend one of the best junior assistants within the Subiaco Junior Council reached a milestone in league football that only a rare type of man achieves.

All junior footballers and officials within the Subiaco district extend their congratulations to Brian Douge on playing his 150th league game.

Since arriving at Subiaco, Brian has been a keen supporter of Juniors within the area and has dedicated many hours in coaching boys in fitness and skills.

Brian's enthusiasm towards juniors has greatly assisted in the promotion and his dedication is surely a fine example of a true sportsman.

Congratulations to the Woodlands Doubleview 12s in breaking the ice by beating Swan Districts in the R & I Little League, and giving Subiaco their first outright win, the previous best being a draw earlier in the year.

These lads are truly a credit to a fine coach in former Perth stalwart in Noel Wilson.

It is pleasing to see former league players supporting junior football and turn to coaching.

Combined sides coaches have now been selected for the WAFL inter-district knock-out being held over the long weekend in June.

This year Subiaco teams will be coached by: 12s - Keith Shorthill, 14s - Trevor Barron, 16s - David Orr, 17s - Murray Howard.

All coaches are of the highest quality with a vast experience in junior coaching and we look forward to a successful carnival.

One of the oldest clubs in the Subiaco district is Scarborough, which was formed in 1966 with their home ground being situated at Abbott Park.

Prior to 1966 the club fielded 13-15 year old teams known as Coastals in the Police Boys competition.

These teams were organised and coached by Jim Jarvis. The clubs colours were gold, green and black and following hours of meetings and pie nights, being held in the Sportsmans cricket and tennis clubs, were finally able to secure premises above the cricket pavilion in 1978.

During the Scarborough club's fifteen years existence they have seen many fine administrators, including past presidents - F. Shortland, W. Francis, K. Backshall, R. Halnan, J. McQuade and A. Snook.

Officials honoured with Life Membership are Messrs J. Wilson, E. Hagdorn, E. Salter, W. Francis, K. Backshall, N. Brown, R. Halnan, A. Ewen, W. Hooper, H. Walker, J. Somers, J. McQuade, B. Pritchard, J. Dawson, C. North.

The Scarborough Club is not only one of the oldest, but can boast many successes on the field in premierships and fairest and best awards and are always contesting finals in some grade.

Many players who commenced their junior football with the Scarborough club have gone on to achieve league status with Subiaco. Colin Williams, Mick Malone, Dennis Blair, John Dimmer, Phil Lamb, Geoff Ironmonger, Phil and Clinton Brown, Tony Connolly and Phil Dobson all started with Scarborough.

Surely a great testimony to many volunteer hours spent by coaches over the years.

Submitted by G STOKES



• Phil Lamb

Junior coaches aids

Junior football clubs and schools constantly seeking new coaching aids are advised of a service offered by the Junior Football Council of Victoria.

This body makes available, at a nominal cost, a variety of coaching material including manuals, films, videos and charts.

Some of the manuals and charts available:

- Basic Skills of Australian Football
- Physical Education Guide - Primary Schools
- Physical Education Guide - Secondary Schools
- Primary School Manual
- Coaching Notes for Junior Coaches
- Junior Football Council Handbook
- Pictorial Chart of the Skills
- What Parents and Coaches Should Know About Youth Sports
- Management of a Club

The address of the Junior Football Council of Victoria is Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne, 3002.

Perth trials

Trials will be conducted this weekend for the selection of under-age combined teams to represent the Perth Football Club in the WAFL Junior combined competition.

About 250 boys from 11 years of age up to 17 years from the Perth Junior Football Council and the Avon Junior Association will participate in the trials, which will start at 9.30 am on Sunday at Lathlain Park.

From the trial games teams will be chosen to represent Perth in the competition to be held on the June long weekend. Finals for the respective age groups will be held in July.

Contributed by BARRY GREEN

Which team is on top of the South Suburban-Murray football league's premiership ladder?

ANSWER.

When did Tony Buhagiar make his league debut?

ANSWER.

Where does the Sturt Football Club, in South Australia, play its home games?

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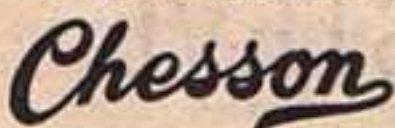
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO. 5
1: East Fremantle, 25 premierships. 2: Claremont and Swan Districts. 3: Claremont. MYSTERY PLAYER: Les Fong.

Country League Review

GOLDFIELDS NATIONAL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

GOLDFIELDS LEAGUE STEEPED IN HISTORY

No other country football league in Western Australia, and possibly Australia, could boast a history as colourful as that of the Goldfields National Football League.

Originally known as the Hannans District Football Association, the league was formed at a meeting in the Great Boulder Hotel on July 12, 1896.

The first affiliated teams were the Hannans, Boulder, Victorians and White Feather.

During the first decade of the century quite a number of other teams joined the competition. Teams remaining today, which joined the association in those days, include Mines Rovers, Railways, Boulder and Kalgoorlie City (successor to Hannans).

In 1907 the body changed its official title... dropping the word "Association" in favour of "League". In 1920 the league broke ties with the WA League and affiliated with the Victorian Football Association. This arrangement continued until 1926 when it resolved differences with the WA league and re-affiliated.

During the period the league was associated with the Victorian body, exchange tours were undertaken by both leagues.

The composition of the West Australian Carnival teams in 1908, 1911 and 1914 was half Goldfields and half coast (W.A.F.L.). The respective captains were Bill Trehwella, Hughie Gavin and Phil Matson — all Goldfields players. The captain of the successful 1921 carnival side was W. (Nipper) Truscott who had transferred from Mines Rovers to East Fremantle the previous season.

Ironically the man chosen to captain West Australia's next successful Carnival team (Brisbane 1961) was another former Goldfields player John Colgan. Unfortunately, due to injury, Colgan was forced to withdraw from the side.

In 1932 the G.N.F.L. became the first country football league to be granted radio air-space for promotion of their competition. Local commercial radio station 6KG made quarter of an hour available each Saturday evening to preview the following day's matches.

The competition survived the first couple of years during the Second World War but was abandoned and replaced with a junior competition for the 1942, 43 and 44 seasons.

After the War the competition gradually got back to normal with visits from W.A.N.F.L. and interstate clubs again being commonplace during the rest of the Forties.

In 1947 overtures were made to secure the services of a W.A. League umpire for

the league finals and this provoked the existing officials to resign, causing the abandonment of some matches. It then became obvious that no W.A.N.F.L. umpire would travel to the Goldfields, fresh applications were called locally and the season subsequently concluded without further problems.

In 1956 there was a clearance wrangle between W.A. and Victoria with the result that clearances for Alex Epis (Mines Rovers) to Essendon and Dave Cuzens (Kalgoorlie City) to Richmond were refused. Cuzens was eventually cleared in 1957; but Epis, who went on to represent Victoria several times and become a very colourful personality in that State, was not cleared until 1958.

In 1963 the league gained its first sponsorship when the Caltex Oil Company awarded \$200 to the premier league side and \$40 to the junior premiers.

Kalgoorlie radio station 6KG commenced broadcasting one league match each Sunday during the 1967 season.

1969 was an eventful year for the league with the introduction of a new team from Kambalda and a protest over the result of the Grand Final.

The grand final dispute arose when the half time siren in the match between Mines and Boulder at Boulder Oval was not heard by the W.A.N.F.L. field umpire, K. Moralee, and play continued until a Mines player had kicked a goal. This score gave Mines a tally their opponents were unable to overhaul during the remainder of the game. Appeals by Boulder City to the League and the Appeals Board proved abortive and Mines were officially awarded their 28th premierships pennant.

Despite opposition from the Goldfields League, and many other country leagues and associations, country zoning became a reality in 1972. The G.N.F.L. drew Subiaco as its host W.A.N.F.L. club.

The association between the two bodies could not be described as ideal.

In his annual report presented earlier this season, president Doug Krepp was critical of Subiaco. He said it was obvious that the W.A.F.L. club did not intend to send its league side to the Goldfields and clearance transactions, in some instances were not satisfactory.

Secretary for 54 years



● REX MITCHELL

GNFL beat WANFL

On June 5th, 1933 the Goldfields played its first inter-league match against a combined W.A.N.F.L. side at Subiaco Oval. In extremely bad weather conditions the W.A.N.F.L. won 18.14 to 5.9.

In 1934 the result was reversed when the W.A.N.F.L. side played a re-match in Kalgoorlie. The local side won a thriller 14.9 to 13.14.

Bad weather again prevailed when the sides next met at Perth Oval in 1935. The W.A.N.F.L. won this encounter 16.18 to 11.22.

In 1937 the South Australian State team visited Kalgoorlie to play a combined G.N.F.L. side. The Goldfields won 21.21 to 18.12.

For 54 years of the 95 seasons of competitive football on the Goldfields, one man has held the position of GNFL secretary.

Rex Mitchell, at the age of 24, became GNFL secretary in 1926 and has held the position ever since.

He has a job that nobody wants. After 55 years service to the league (he was vice-president for one year before taking over as secretary) he felt he had had enough and this season the league advertised for a replacement. There were no takers despite several advertisements in the local press.

So, Mr Mitchell still has it. And surely it must be a record for service to Australian Rules Football.

His services to the game were recognised 22 years ago when he was awarded an AFC Merit Award in 1958.

In 1977 the Town of Kalgoorlie honoured him when it named the new grandstand at Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre "The Rex Mitchell Stand".

His service to football is only surpassed by his service to the fire brigade movement, he has held official positions in the Goldfields fire brigades continuously since 1921. He has also been secretary of the Coolgardie Bowling Club, the Coolgardie Rifle Club, Kalgoorlie Swimming Club and the East Murchison Racing Club.

He also served many years as a Kalgoorlie Town Councillor.

Mines' impressive record

Mines Rovers have the most impressive record of GNFL clubs.

Formed in 1899, the club has won 30 premierships — believed to be an Australian record.

The club's most famous son was the late W.J. (Nipper) Truscott who played for Mines between 1906 and 1912. Another of the club's heros is present day 6PM football critic Joe Fanchi. He is remembered especially for his part in WA winning the 1961 Australian Carnival.

The Boulder club's history dates back to 1896. It has produced many stars including Sandover Medallists "Blue" Richards, George Krepp and Sonny Maffini. It is 21 years since the club won the last of its 16 premierships.

Railways — the club which has won the last two Goldfields premierships — was born near the turn of the century and was originally known as the Locomotives Club. The famous Tyson and Jarvis clans played their early football with the club as did Sandover Medallists Jimmy Gosnell and Steve Marsh. Since its first premiership in 1903 (after which they beat East Fremantle in the State premiership) the club has

notched a further 20 pennants.

The Kalgoorlie City Football Club was formed in 1896 and in the past 84 years have won only six premierships. Their greatest premiership, no doubt, was in 1954 when they defeated Mines Rovers in the grand final after Mines had gone through the entire season undefeated. Sandover Medallist Billy Thomas started his career with Kalgoorlie, as did Stan 'Props' Heal, Judda Bee and Doug Oliphant.

When the Nickel boom came in the sixties, a new town was created and Kambalda was admitted to the league. They entered the competition with league and reserves sides in 1969 and seven years later won their first premiership.

The Norseman Football Club was admitted to the league in 1971, and after two seasons, dropped out. The club was reformed in 1974 and was readmitted to the competition and is yet to win a premiership.



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Goldfields has produced six Sandover Medallists

The Goldfields National Football League has a record of producing star footballers that could not be matched by any country football league or association in Australia.

It can claim six Sandover Medallists — Tom Outridge, W. (Digger) Thomas, Jack Rocchi, "Blue" Richards, "Sonny" Maffini and Steve Marsh.

In earlier times, four State Carnival captains (see other story on the page) were former Goldfields players and at least three others captained State sides.

Approximately 200 Goldfields players have graced the ranks of WA league sides over the years and two have headed the WA League goal kicking competition. At least 20 have played in State carnival teams.

Victoria also has gained many former GNFL players. In the twenties, Charlie Tyson (Junior) to Collingwood and captain about 1925; Otto Pool to Hawthorn; Cleve McDiarmid to Geelong; Dave Griffiths and Dick Jones to South Melbourne; "Blue" Richards also to South Melbourne.

During the fifties Alex Epis to Essendon and Dave Cuzens to Richmond.

Boulder competition

During the Goldfields boom years in the early part of this century, football was big on the Goldfields and at one stage Boulder had its own competition and there is also record of a midweek competition.

Next week

The Great Northern National Football League will be featured in this section in next weeks edition.

COUNTRY NEWS

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The championships, which have become the top football attraction on the North West sporting calendar, will be played on the weekend of July 5 and 6.

Teams from the De Grey, Fortescue, Newman and West Pilbara football leagues will again compete in the championships.

The inaugural championship, in 1976, were held in Newman and since then have been contested at Port Hedland, Tom Price and last year at Karratha.

The Fortescue National Football Association, based around Tom Price, has been the most successful league in the carnivals held so far. Fortescue has won three titles and the Newman National Football Association has won one.

—ADRIAN MARSHALL

• Westside Football will publish a special feature on the championships in its June 28 edition.

GOOMALLING FIRING

Goomalling have shortened to red-hot favourites for the 1980 Mortlock Football League premiership after some outstanding early-season form.

Unofficial prices quote Goomalling at 6/4 — which has shortened considerably from the 3/1 quoted a month ago — and Dowerin have halved their price to second favouritism at 5/2 with Wyalkatchem and Gingin steady at 4/1.

Wongan Hills, defending premiers, continue to drift and are now quoted at 6/1, the same as Ballidu. Calingiri's price has lengthened one point to be 8/1. Toodyay are steady at 10/1.

WASHED OUT

Torrential rain and thundery conditions marred two lightning football carnivals in the De Grey and West Pilbara league.

The South Hedland carnival was eventually washed out and at Wickham Karratha were untroubled to take out the title, winning all four matches against Wickham, Karratha Cardinals and Dampier.

FIXTURE CHANGE

EDFL secretary, Kevin Duffy, advises of a change in fixtures for August 3. The matches have been transferred to July 3 because the Wesfarmers Country Carnival finals will be held in Perth on August 2 and 3.

FORTESCUE DELUGE

Dave Greenaway has been re-elected President of the Fortescue Football League for the 1980 season and his wife, Carol, has been appointed Secretary. Adrian Marshall is the league representative in Paraburdoo.

The first round commenced with an upset when Tom Price Crushers downed the highly fancied Towns side. The second round was played under atrocious conditions.

CARNARVON SWAPS

Transfers are still taking place in the Carnarvon Football League.

Leaving the Warrior's camp are Dale Phillips and Kevin Allan, who will continue their dominating form with rivals East Carnarvon, who have also recruited Peter Laylan, of Toodyay.

Terry Shaw has been cleared from Geraldton Towns and is now free to play with Warriors.

ANOTHER CARDINAL?

The Eastern Districts Football League, which gave West Perth top class footballers Bill Duckworth and Rodney Alderton, has another fledgling who should keep selectors happy.

Nukarni's, Warren Crook, 17, kicked three goals in his first league game recently. Not bad considering Crook spent all last season playing in the back pocket.

MORE SPIRIT WANTED

Central Wheatbelt Football League leaders, Mukinbudin, are playing well under captain-coach Phil Becker and vice-captain, Robert Miguel.

However club president, Brian Watson, is not too happy with club spirit and is demanding an improvement.

THRASHING

Wonder how the Dowerin thirds felt when Toodyay beat them 20.24 — 0.02?

MODIFIED RULES

Gingin Nippers, members of the Avon Football Association, will be playing modified rules this season to hopefully eliminate rough play and encourage new players to hop in and have a go.

Apparently, parents who attend the games have been warned to encourage the sport and not criticise players and umpires.

FOXON'S FORM

Former Swan Districts defender Mark Foxon has found a new lease of life in country football — as a forward. Foxon is playing for Gingin and last week he booted 19 goals, the first 16 straight and then one point to spoil his accuracy record. Gingin, coached by former East Perth player Stephen (Chooky) Fowles thrashed Wyalkatchem 32.21 to 3.8.

NITSCHKE IN FORM

Geoff Nitschke, formerly from the Avon Football Association, looks likely to gain a league berth with Perth if current form is any indication.

In doing so, he will follow in the footsteps of nippy rover Kim Coleman — originally from Cunderdin.

Nitschke, for many years an Avon association league representative, is a robust player with plenty of pace and a lot of talent.

Bunbury sides set pace

The South West will be fielding a strong combined side at this year's Wesfarmers country carnival judging on the high standard of football down south this season.

Carey Park and South Bunbury are setting a hot pace in the competition, both undefeated after four games — and there is plenty of stiff opposition in the other sides.

Carey Park had a hard, slogging victory over Bunbury last week — 11.11 to 5.14 — and fourth-placed Bunbury were left a little flat-footed at the speed of the Panthers.

South Bunbury, one of the traditional top teams in the competition, trounced Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 23.24 to 8.10 — and the Boyanup boys certainly look like finishing near the bottom of the table.

Collie coal miners celebrated a double on Sunday when the town's two sides notched great wins.

Collie, who have slumbered — and lumbered — near the bottom of the table for a couple of seasons, jumped up a spot when they beat Busselton 17.13 to 11.11. The two clubs had been battling it out for the dubious honour of sitting on the bottom — and that goes to Busselton now.

Collie's other team, reigning premiers Mines Rovers, beat traditional neighbours Donnybrook 16.22 to 7.10 in another tough and sometimes-nasty battle.

NORTH ALBANY GET AWAY TO A GOOD START

North Albany have shown that they are going to be a force in the SDNFL after starting the season with good wins.

In their opening games they have shown the right blend of pace, vigour and skill and are forming into a very competitive unit, and something for which their supporters can be proud.

North Albany officials believe their club was unfairly criticised for incidents in last year's grand final, when four of their players were reported and suspended in what was probably the most violent game ever played in SDNFL history.

It seems the criticism has become one of the driving forces behind their opening success. North officials believe the side will improve even further when the suspended players return.

YARLOOP REVIVAL

The Wagerup refinery project has brought with it the revival of football in the area. After an absence of more than twenty years Yarloop is once again fielding a football side. Club promotions officer Charlie O'Leary said that the influx of people into the area with the refinery had made it possible to reform the club. Though the club will only compete at reserves level this season — in the Murray Districts Football Association — club officials are pleased with the enthusiasm shown by its players. The new side is coached by Keith McDonald and Graham Lindsey is the president.

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Drama and trauma mark the Subi year

SUBIACO have had a traumatic start to 1980 — but president Kevin Merifield is confident that things can only improve.

The football year got off to a hectic opening at Subiaco with a big change in administration; the sacking of a coach and the launching of a major sponsor.

All this, tied in with a massive recruiting drive, a deepening financial crisis and the inconvenience of the \$4 million redevelopment plan at Subiaco Oval has made the Subiaco area a hive of activity.

"I certainly hope things will settle down now," says Mr Merifield.

"When I took over as president this year I genuinely believed that the club was about five years behind most other clubs in the competition. We lacked playing strength on the field and fell short in other areas off the field. Our major aim is to try and bridge that gap as quickly as possible."

Subiaco's new-look administration took many quick and positive steps to improve the situation.

They were faced with a disastrous financial situation verging on almost bankruptcy and their playing strength was at an unacceptable low level.

The influence of Mr Merifield — a former champion with the club and a highly-successful businessman in Perth — as president and the expertise of former Subiaco and St Kilda star Brian Sierakowski in the football field gave the club the impetus it needed.

Mr Merifield took steps to tighten the financial situation and called a meeting of creditors — and getting them to agree to a deferred payment scheme was one initial step. That was soon followed by the announcement of a major sponsor in the Swan Valley firm of Houghton Wines and a recruiting drive that has already boosted membership.

"When we looked at our membership situation last year and saw that it brought only about \$38,000 into the club, we knew we had to boost our efforts in that area," says Mr Merifield.

"We set a target of \$50,000 from memberships and we are rapidly approaching that figure.

"However, our poor start to the season, with big losing margins, has not helped and the momentum has slowed down. This is an area that worries us considerably.

"We know how vital it is to keep our members' enthusiasm up and this is why we are doing everything we can to improve our on-field performances."

Mr Sierakowski spoke to something like

100 possible recruits in Subiaco's pre-season campaign and though the results were not as good as hoped for, they have added depth to the club.

Subiaco's problem in recent years has been a lack of experience and the inability to cultivate young players. One goes with the other and Mr Merifield believes that by adding depth to the club's playing resources, the atmosphere is right to develop young players.

"It is true to say that our recruiting has probably not been as successful as it should have been" he says.

"Several players have not lived up to our expectations, but we were a little unlucky in our campaign.

"We spoke to a number of really top recruits, players such as Joe McKay and Ross Prunster, and if we had been lucky enough to jag a big name our recruiting would have looked much better."

Mr Merifield is disappointed that Subiaco had to replace Peter Burton as coach; an issue that pushed Subiaco into the media spotlight and created some hot topics in their clubrooms.

But he said the move was inevitable. Burton was appointed on a two-year contract by the previous administration and though the new committee was keen to let the contract run its full period, it became increasingly obvious that a new approach to the playing situation had to be found.

"Our football recovery has to be a long-term project," says Mr Merifield. "That's why we went for a man like Ken Armstrong and we are planning on being a force in the competition within two or three years.

"Obviously we would like to set our sights on the final four this year, but we realise that's probably too ambitious.

"Nothing will happen overnight; I've told our members that all along. I've made no rash promises, but we are over-hauling every aspect of our operations and we are certainly not sitting on our bottoms.

"We are prepared to go out and have a go — and I'm convinced that we will be competitive within two years."

ARMSTRONG IN ACTION . . .



Ken Armstrong . . . forceful as always

ATTITUDE THE KEY TO SUCCESS

For Subiaco's new coach, Ken Armstrong, an eight letter word almost sums up whether a footballer will succeed . . . attitude.

"If a footballer wants to do things he'll succeed with the right attitude" Armstrong says.

Armstrong, the coach who took Perth to two premierships, has a philosophy that may shock died-in-the-wool theorists.

"Football is not everything in life" he says.

"I rate family life first, work second and football third."

But the point Armstrong makes is that if a person is a success in the first two points he has listed, he'll more than likely succeed at football.



His view is that if a man has the right attitude towards family life and an ambition to succeed at work, he'll be a success on the field.

Right now he has a tough job in toughening the "soft" attitude that has crept into the Subiaco camp.

Accepting defeat week after week, is not an attitude that Armstrong condones.

He says a coach must get to know players extremely well. Their strengths, weaknesses and areas which need development.

"A coach should instill and strengtn characteristics in players that will benefit themselves and the team," Armstrong says.

Motivation is a word that is often bandied about football cricles but Armstrong believes that with the right attitude, players will motivate themselves.

Apart from attitude, fitness and skill rate highly on Armstrong's list of coaching priorities.

He doesn't believe that footballers need train from October to the start of season as a group on a tightly regimented programme.

He says players should be given special areas to work on — whether it be running, body-building or a skills area — over the summer months.

"Spot checks should be held now and again to ensure that players are sticking to a programme. But total supervision is not necessary," he says.

"Players would come together as a group about mid-January and start training as a group for the start of the season."

Armstrong says his coaching methods cannot be explained in half an hour. Basically it involves getting to know his players, re-inforcing a positive attitude, getting them fit and ensuring basic skills are evident.

But that's skipping over the thoughts of a man who is regarded as one of the best coaches in the State.

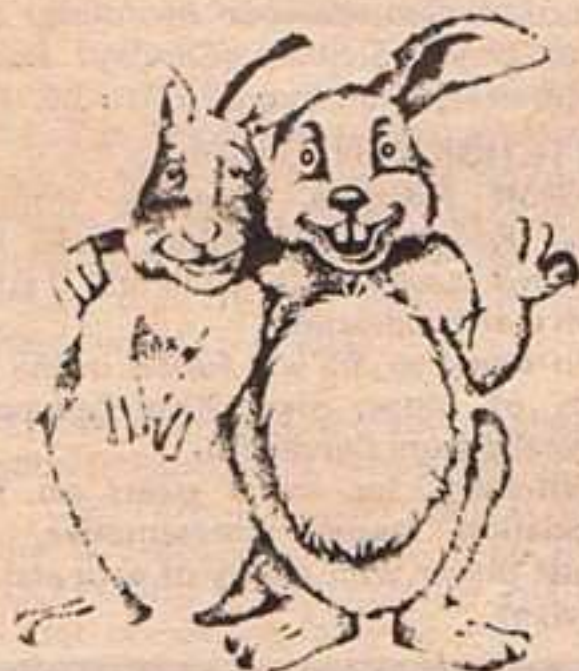
He'll need all his knowledge of the game and methods to get players to perform well to become a successful coach at Subiaco.

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MATCHES PLAYED ON GROUNDS OF FIRST MENTIONED CLUBS

APRIL 5
Subiaco 8.9, West Perth 17.16
South Frem. 23.23, Perth 16.21

APRIL 7
Claremont 11.17, East Perth 13.13
Swan Dist. 24.17, East Frem. 6.14

APRIL 12
East Perth 19.11, Swans 21.20
East Frem. 15.12, C'mont 24.14
W. Perth 15.11, S. Frem. 15.18
Perth 27.20, Subiaco 12.10

APRIL 19
Subiaco 8.14, East Perth 23.17
East Frem. 10.14, Sth Frem. 28.13
W. Perth 21.15, Claremont 9.12
Swans 22.23, Perth 13.20

APRIL 26
Sth. Frem. 25.17, Subiaco 13.8
Perth 15.17, West Perth 27.12
E. Perth 15.14, E. Frem. 20.22
Claremont 20.18, Swans 23.19

MAY 3
Perth 18.22, East Perth 16.10
Subiaco 8.15, Swans 27.32
South Frem. 22.11, Claremont 21.18
West Perth 26.24, East Frem. 11.9

MAY 10
East Perth v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v Perth
Claremont v Subiaco
Swan Districts v West Perth

MAY 17
West Perth v East Perth
Subiaco v East Fremantle
Perth v Claremont
South Fremantle v Swan Districts

MAY 24
Perth v South Fremantle
West Perth v Subiaco
East Perth v Claremont
East Fremantle v Swan Districts

MAY 31
East Perth v Subiaco
Perth v Swan Districts

JUNE 2
South Fremantle v East Fremantle
Claremont v West Perth

JUNE 7
Swan Districts v East Perth
Claremont v East Fremantle
South Fremantle v West Perth
Subiaco v Perth

JUNE 14
Subiaco v South Fremantle
West Perth v Perth
East Fremantle v East Perth
Swan Districts v Claremont

JUNE 21
WA v SA, Adelaide

JUNE 28
East Perth v Perth
Swan Districts v Subiaco
Claremont v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v West Perth

JULY 5
W.A. v Victoria, VFL Park

JULY 12
East Perth v West Perth
East Fremantle v Subiaco
Claremont v Perth
Swan Districts v South Fremantle

JULY 19
South Fremantle v Perth
Subiaco v West Perth
Claremont v East Perth
Swan Districts v East Fremantle

JULY 26
East Perth v Swan Districts
East Fremantle v Claremont
West Perth v South Fremantle
Perth v Subiaco

AUGUST 2
Subiaco v East Perth
West Perth v Claremont
East Fremantle v South Fremantle
Swan Districts v Perth

AUGUST 9
South Fremantle v Subiaco
Perth v West Perth
East Perth v East Fremantle
Claremont v Swan Districts

AUGUST 16
Perth v East Perth
Subiaco v Swan Districts
South Fremantle v Claremont
West Perth v East Fremantle

AUGUST 23
East Perth v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v Perth
Claremont v Subiaco
Swan Districts v West Perth

AUGUST 30
West Perth v East Perth
Subiaco v East Fremantle
Perth v Claremont
South Fremantle v Swan Districts

FINALS

SEPTEMBER 6
First semi-final

SEPTEMBER 13
Second semi-final

SEPTEMBER 20
Preliminary final

SEPTEMBER 27
Grand Final

Matches played on home grounds of first named clubs. First mentioned match on each date except April 5, 26 and 27. May 25th played at V.F.L. Park. ● Played in Sydney.

MARCH 29
St. Kilda 14.16, Melb. 18.14
Hawthorn 15.16, Rich. 16.15
Footscray 17.11, Fitzroy 18.17
Essendon 12.15, N. Melb. 15.10
Collingwood 13.16, Carlton 19.18
Geelong 12.13, S. Melb. 13.10

APRIL 5
Richmond 17.15, Essendon 17.22
St. Kilda 11.17, Hawthorn 15.26
N. Melb. 7.14, Collingwood 7.19

APRIL 7
Fitzroy 17.14, Melbourne 22.8
S. Melb. 14.17, Footscray 10.13
Carlton 14.25, Geelong 15.14

April 12th
Sth. Melb. 14.17, Essendon 24.12
Footscray 14.10, Carlton 17.17
Richmond 18.20, St. Kilda 19.14
Geelong 17.17, Melbourne 14.9
Hawthorn 19.16, Collingwood 16.23
Fitzroy 14.18, Nth. Melb. 21.22

APRIL 19
Fitzroy 12.10, Hawthorn 11.19
Collingwood 8.9, Richmond 16.13
Melbourne 18.21, Footscray 18.12
North Melbourne 10.9, Geelong 16.10
St. Kilda 11.17, Essendon 12.8
Carlton 22.18, South Melbourne 13.15

APRIL 25
Carlton 14.9, Melbourne 9.20
Geelong 14.19, Hawthorn 13.11
Richmond 29.25, Fitzroy 11.15

APRIL 26
Essendon 9.15, Collingwood 10.13
Sth. Melb. 17.20, St. Kilda 7.15

APRIL 27
● Footscray 8.7, Nth. Melb. 26.21

MAY 3
Geelong 10.17, Richmond 12.16
Hawthorn 19.16, Footscray 18.5
Fitzroy 16.12, Essendon 15.23
North Melbourne 18.11, Carlton 12.15
Collingwood 26.12, St. Kilda 16.12
Melbourne 15.14, South Melb 19.16

May 10th
Melbourne v Nth. Melbourne
Sth. Melbourne v Collingwood
St. Kilda v Fitzroy
Carlton v Hawthorn
Essendon v Geelong
Footscray v Richmond
May 17th
Footscray v Essendon
Richmond v Carlton
Geelong v St. Kilda
Hawthorn v Melbourne
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Nth. Melbourne v Sth. Melbourne

May 24th
Nth. Melbourne v Hawthorn
Collingwood v Geelong
Melbourne v Richmond
St. Kilda v Footscray
Fitzroy v Sth. Melbourne

May 25th
● Carlton v Essendon

May 31st
Carlton v St. Kilda
Essendon v Melbourne
Footscray v Collingwood
Richmond v Nth. Melbourne
Geelong v Fitzroy
Sth. Melbourne v Hawthorn

June 7th
Richmond v Sth. Melbourne
Footscray v Geelong
Hawthorn v Essendon
Fitzroy v Carlton
St. Kilda v Nth. Melbourne
Collingwood v Melbourne

June 14th/16th
Carlton v Collingwood
Richmond v Hawthorn
Nth. Melbourne v Essendon
Fitzroy v Footscray
Melbourne v St. Kilda

June 15th
● Sth. Melbourne v Geelong

June 21st
Collingwood v Nth. Melbourne
Melbourne v Fitzroy
Hawthorn v St. Kilda
Geelong v Carlton
Essendon v Richmond
Footscray v Sth. Melbourne

June 28th
Essendon v St. Kilda
Sth. Melbourne v Carlton
Footscray v Melbourne
Richmond v Collingwood
Geelong v Nth. Melbourne
Hawthorn v Fitzroy

July 5th
Victoria v Western Australia

July 12th
Hawthorn v Geelong
Fitzroy v Richmond
Nth. Melbourne v Footscray
Collingwood v Essendon
Melbourne v Carlton
St. Kilda v Sth. Melbourne

July 19th
Nth. Melbourne v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Hawthorn
Melbourne v Geelong
Carlton v Footscray
Essendon v Sth. Melbourne

July 20th
● St. Kilda v Richmond

July 26th
St. Kilda v Collingwood
Sth. Melbourne v Melbourne
Carlton v Nth. Melbourne
Essendon v Fitzroy
Footscray v Hawthorn
Richmond v Geelong

August 2nd
Richmond v Footscray
Geelong v Essendon
Hawthorn v Carlton
Fitzroy v St. Kilda
Nth. Melbourne v Melbourne
Collingwood v Sth. Melbourne

August 9th
Collingwood v Fitzroy
Sth. Melbourne v Nth. Melbourne
Melbourne v Hawthorn
St. Kilda v Geelong
Carlton v Richmond
Essendon v Footscray

August 16th
Essendon v Carlton
Footscray v St. Kilda
Richmond v Melbourne
Geelong v Collingwood
Hawthorn v Nth. Melbourne
Sth. Melbourne v Fitzroy

August 23rd
Hawthorn v Sth. Melbourne
Fitzroy v Geelong
Nth. Melbourne v Richmond
Collingwood v Footscray
Melbourne v Essendon
St. Kilda v Carlton

August 30th
Geelong v Footscray
Sth. Melbourne v Richmond
Essendon v Hawthorn
Carlton v Fitzroy
Nth. Melbourne v St. Kilda
Melbourne v Collingwood

FINAL SERIES - TOP 5 TEAMS

September 6th
Team No. 2 v Team No. 3
Team No. 4 v Team No. 5

September 13th
Team No. 3 v Team No. 4
Team No. 1 v Team No. 2

September 20th
Preliminary Final

September 27th
Grand Final - M.C.G.

SANFL



First match listed on each date played at Football Park. Thereafter, games played on home ground of first mentioned club. ● Sunday Games (all at Football Park)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Nth. Adelaide 14.10, Sturt 16.21
Sth. Adelaide 13.16, Norwood 6.14
Central Dist. 9.18, Port Adel. 9.18
W. Torrens 16.20, Woodville 14.20
W. Adelaide 8.9, Glenelg 20.14

SAT/SUN, APRIL 12/13
West Torrens 16.17, West Adel. 6.10
Port Adel. 27.20 d Norwood 11.8
Woodville 10.19, Sturt 30.12
Glenelg 21.17, Nth. Adel. 17.15
● Sth. Adel. 13.15, Cent. Dist. 13.16

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
Port Adelaide 37.21, Woodville 13.4
North Adelaide 10.13, South Adel 18.11
Norwood 24.13, West Adelaide 7.21
Sturt 12.12, West Torrens 14.16
Glenelg 24.26, Central Districts 15.18

FRIDAY APRIL 25
Port Adel. 9.12, Sth. Adel. 5.7
W. Torrens 8.14, Glenelg 5.9

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
Cent. Dist. 13.11, Norwood 16.20
Nth. Adel. 25.13, Woodville 12.18
West. Adel. 24.13, Sturt 7.19

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Central District 19.15, Nth Adelaide 17.12
Port Adelaide 28.19, West Adelaide 10.10
Sth Adelaide 18.19, Sturt 18.16
Woodville 8.11, Glenelg 29.11
W. Torrens 18.20, Norwood 11.16

SAT/SUN, MAY 10/11
West Torrens v North Adelaide
Central Districts v West Adelaide
Woodville v South Adelaide
Sturt v Port Adelaide
● Norwood v Glenelg

SATURDAY, MAY 17
Port Adelaide v Glenelg
South Adelaide v West Torrens
Norwood v Woodville
West Adelaide v North Adelaide
Central Districts v Sturt

MONDAY, MAY 19
South Adelaide v Queensland

SATURDAY, MAY 24
Norwood v North Adelaide
South Adelaide v West Adelaide
Central Districts v Woodville
Glenelg v Sturt
Port Adelaide v West Torrens

SATURDAY, MAY 31
South Adelaide v Glenelg
Port Adelaide v North Adelaide
Woodville v West Torrens
West Torrens v Central District
Sturt v Norwood

SAT/SUN, JUNE 7/8
Central District v Port Adelaide
North Adelaide v Sturt
Norwood v South Adelaide
Glenelg v West Torrens
● West Torrens v Woodville

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
South Australia v Western Australia

MONDAY, JUNE 16
Norwood v Port Adelaide
North Adelaide v Glenelg
Central District v South Adelaide
Sturt v Woodville
West Adelaide v West Torrens

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
Central District v Glenelg
South Adelaide v North Adelaide
West Adelaide v Norwood
Port Adelaide v Woodville
West Torrens v Sturt

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
Central District v Norwood
Woodville v North Adelaide
West Torrens v Glenelg

SATURDAY, JULY 5
Port Adelaide v South Adelaide
Sturt v West Torrens

SAT/SUN, JULY 12/13
Norwood v West Torrens
Central District v North Adelaide
Glenelg v Woodville
Sturt v South Adelaide
● Port Adelaide v West Adelaide

SATURDAY, JULY 19
Port Adelaide v Sturt
South Adelaide v Woodville
Norwood v Glenelg
North Adelaide v West Torrens
West Adelaide v Central District

SATURDAY, JULY 26
Sturt v Central District
Woodville v Norwood
North Adelaide v West Adelaide
Glenelg v Port Adelaide
West Torrens v South Adelaide

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
South Adelaide v West Adelaide
Woodville v Central District
West Torrens v Port Adelaide
Sturt v Glenelg
Norwood v North Adelaide

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
North Adelaide v Port Adelaide
Central District v West Torrens
Norwood v Sturt
Glenelg v South Adelaide
West Adelaide v Woodville

SAT/SUN, AUGUST 16/17
West Adelaide v Glenelg
Port Adelaide v Central District
South Adelaide v Norwood
Woodville v West Torrens
● North Adelaide v Sturt

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
Woodville v Sturt
Central District v South Adelaide
Norwood v Port Adelaide
North Adelaide v Glenelg
West Torrens v West Adelaide

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
West Torrens v Sturt
South Adelaide v North Adelaide
Port Adelaide v Woodville
Glenelg v Central District
West Torrens v Norwood

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
West Torrens v Glenelg
Port Adelaide v South Adelaide
Norwood v Central District
North Adelaide v Woodville
Sturt v West Adelaide

FINALS SERIES MATCHES
COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 13

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLUB HOME GROUNDS		VICTORIAN CLUB HOME GROUNDS	
North Adelaide	Prospect	Footscray	Western Oval
South Adelaide	Adelaide Oval	Fitzroy	Junction Oval
Central District	Elizabeth	Richmond	M.C.G.
Port Adelaide	Alberton	Geelong	Kardinia Park
Norwood	Norwood	Hawthorn	Princes Park
West Torrens	Thebarton	South Melbourne	Lakeside Oval
Sturt	Unley	Melbourne	M.C.G.
West Adelaide	Richmond	Carlton	Princes Park
Glenelg	Glenelg	Essendon	Windy Hill
Woodville	Woodville	North Melbourne	Arden St. Oval
League Headquarters	Football Park	St. Kilda	Moorabbin Oval
		Collingwood	Victoria Park

WESTSIDE WINNERS



CLAREMONT v SUBIACO

FRED WOODS: Claremont showed true grit by getting back to the winners' circle last week — and that's something Subiaco don't have right now.



SWAN DISTRICTS v WEST PERTH

ALAN EAST: West Perth have no hope this week — they will be outnumbered by about 15,000 one-eyed Swans fans and that's too much of a hurdle to overcome.



EAST FREMANTLE v PERTH

BOB CRABB: Perth probably think that they have got their act together now — but anyone could have beaten East Perth last week. I reckon East Fremantle will put the Demons back in their box.



EAST PERTH v SOUTH FREMANTLE

MARTY McDONNELL: The great Cable come-back tradition will be revived this week. I'm suggesting that East Perth will pull off the shock of the year and will down the mighty Bulldogs.



PICKET SNIPPETS

LONG RUN

So you think you're fit and can run a bit, eh? Well, just be careful before you challenge one of the WAFL's boundary umpires in a long-distance event. The umpires have been experimenting with pedometers in recent weeks and have discovered that they average about 20kms on a Saturday afternoon. Last week Gil Bishop did the game at Lathlain Park and covered 25 kms. Not bad for a Saturday afternoon job!

MOONLIGHT FLIT

East Fremantle are still a bit annoyed at the treatment they received from young Essendon rover Darren Williams. The 19-year-old Victorian showed promise in pre-season matches and did well in the opening league game. But he didn't fare too successfully in the next match, so he was dragged off. What did he do? He packed his bags and went home to Victoria! Didn't say a word to the people at East Fremantle and has certainly left a nasty taste in the mouths of a few locals.

SPORTSMAN BEN

Big Ben Jager is a gentle giant at Leederville — and he's a sportsman as well. A few people got a little irate at Ben last week when he bundled out East Fremantle's Tony Buhagiar in a hefty collision. He also clashed heavily with Old Easts captain Brian Peake in another hectic passage of play — but this time many people saw his sportsmanship when he ran back to Peake after the ball had moved on and apologised for the incident. Well done Ben.

BAREFOOT BRAD

Coaches set new trends almost every week in football today — and East Fremantle's Bradley Smith chalked up yet another innovation last week. He became our first barefoot coach. Smith played in the reserves game on Saturday, then left in time to address the league players before the match. He changed quickly into a track suit and subsequently, when he spoke to the players at quarter-time he was barefooted. He had a shower and changed at the half-time interval.

INTERCHANGE SPECIALIST

West Perth's Michael Rea is certainly making an impression as a last-quarter interchange specialist. In the game against Perth two weeks ago he came on in the final term and took up a position in the forward pocket. He booted two goals after some fine marking, so when he ran on about the same time in last week's match against Old Easts, he repeated the effort with more strong marks. One of them was that controversial mark-of-the-day on Channel 7 on Sunday when he climbed up Andrew Purser's back to take a ride-em-cowboy style mark. But then he spoilt the record by kicking it out of bounds on the full!

FAIR PLAY

Talk about fair play in football — there could be nothing fairer than this. West Perth's centre-half-forward Brian Adamson has a troublesome thigh muscle problem and he is being treated by Perth's medico, Steve Kargotich!

EYES ON PEAKE

Geelong general manager, Terry Hogan, said in Melbourne last weekend that his club would definitely make a further approach to Brian Peake before the June 30 deadline on clearances. Geelong officials are keeping a close watch on East Fremantle's progress and still believe if Old Easts continue their downward trend they stand a chance of securing Peake's services for the second half of this season. Meanwhile, the Cats have virtually given up hope of luring Stephen Michael to Melbourne.

'Star of the future!'

For any football team to kick 40 goals in a match it is news, but it is even more creditable when the side's average age is barely nine years of age.

And this is just what happened last Sunday when the Canning 10 years and under side defeated Manning Gold.

The brilliant Canning side scored 40 goals 26 behinds while keeping its opposition scoreless.

The Star of this match was undoubtedly eight year old Des Little who kicked 17 goals from his position at centre half-forward.

Playing in only his 16th game of football, Des had 37 kicks, 12 marks and eight handpasses as well as being responsible for setting up numerous goals for his teammates.

Joining the Canning Club part way through last season at only seven years of age, Des was still able to finish third in the counting for his club's Fairest and Best award last year.

The Perth League talent scouts should immediately put tabs on this young star of the future.

Incidentally, though the Canning side performed brilliantly last Sunday, having already lost one game this season, they are only in fourth position behind three other undefeated sides.

—BARRY GREEN

CARDINAL FOR RICHMOND?

West Perth's promising reserves ruckman John Gavranich will find it a battle to win a regular league berth this season if Ben Jager and Russell Ellen continue in their current good form.

However, his lack of opportunity to play league football has not deterred the Victorian talent scouts. There is a strong report from Melbourne that Richmond are keen to gain his services. Richmond also plan to step up their efforts to lure Chris Stasinowsky to their fold.

ANOTHER SCOREBOARD GROAN

It seems to be becoming a habit to have to point out the deficiencies of scoreboards . . . however, undaunted we will continue. Our complaint this week (and we mentioned this last year) is the speed in which the attendant at Leederville Oval rips the final scores off the board. The final siren had hardly finished echoing last Saturday and the numbers were back in the box. As too were the results of other matches. Also, during the match when West Perth's score totalled 30 points, the scoreboard showed 50 points — hard for radio commentators to give hurried score checks!

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