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# THE TAX MAN COMETH

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By **ALAN EAST**

**League football stars are about to go under the Taxation Department's microscope . . .**

The tax man is making no secret of the fact that some of football's superstars are going to be hit where it hurts most . . . in their pocket.

Dozens of players have already been queried, both in WA and Victoria, and clubs are careful not to prejudice their situations with their method of paying players.

Some changes in player-payments have been introduced to WA clubs this year and new-style contracts have been implemented in the cases of high-bracket footballers.

"Black Money" — a word that is often officially denied in football circles — has been going on in Victoria and WA for many years and the current VFL crackdown is aimed at unearthing player-payments going back to the mid-70's.

## BALME QUIZZED

Former Subiaco player Neil Balme — who is now coaching South Australian side Norwood — has been quizzed about the money earned while he played with VFL club Richmond.

Hawthorn's Norm Goss, a long-serving VFL rover, is believed to have been served with a taxation bill of more than \$10,000.

The big problem as far as footballers are concerned is in the area of trophy rewards.

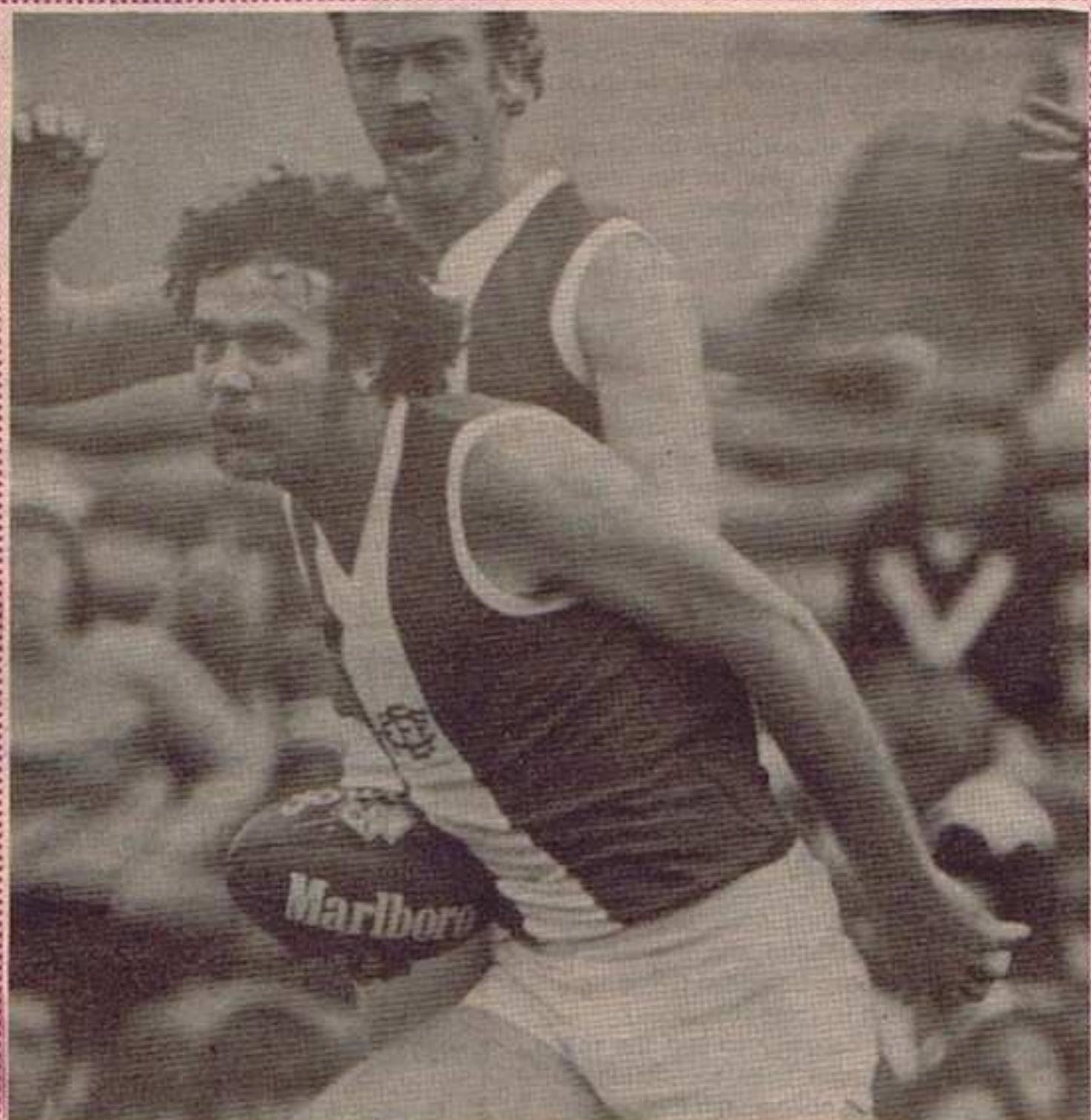
A player can win a trip to Asia or a wardrobe full of clothes. He may not particularly need — or even use — the trip, but he can be taxed on the value of it.

## PLAYER AWARDS

Players also receive best-player awards each week and WA clubs are careful about how these are presented and in many cases it is left up to the player to handle his own finances.

Football is a time-consuming and demanding sport today. Players who mix football with a regular job are having trouble fitting both facets of their life in — they don't need unfair pressure being brought to bear by Taxation Department officials as to the finer details of their football rewards.

Football income should be assessed independently — the rewards from the sport should not be added on to the overall salary of a wage-producing football star.



Graeme Carter, who played a major role in East Fremantle's premiership win last year, is in the football horrors . . . and has even contemplated quitting.

The giant ruckman wanted to drop out last week . . . and it took some fast talking by Old Easts officials to recharge his enthusiasm.

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## DEMON STAR

Perth's **KIM COLEMAN** . . . . . in full flight last week.

# WILLS SPORT ESCORT REPORT

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

Claremont have more at stake than a few thousand dollars when they clash with Hawthorn in an Escort Championship match at VFL Park next Tuesday night.

The Tigers still bitterly remember how they went down to Hawthorn last season — when the automatic sprinklers at VFL Park unexpectedly came on and stopped the momentum of a thrilling last-term fightback by Claremont.

Claremont felt that they were in with a chance in that game, but the sprinkler incident stopped their run.

They have already collected \$16,000 in this year's rich \$400,000 Escort series, sponsored by W.D. & H.O. Wills, and they are determined to take off the \$9000 for the winning side next week.

Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss believes that the fact the players have already had one victory on the floodlit VFL Park this season — over Geelong — will help them against the Hawks.

The Tigers will be taking their strongest team to Victoria and they are planning a return trip to VFL Park on June 14 for a semi-final clash.

Even if they fail in that objective, Claremont can feel well satisfied with their \$7000 losing fee — giving them a handsome reward of \$23,000 from this year's competition.

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
<b>SECOND ROUND</b>			
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
<b>THIRD ROUND</b>			
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	Collingwood 12.9 b Footscray 11.9	V.F.L. Park
24	May 13	Richmond 16.13 b Fitzroy 13.12	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
<b>QUARTER FINALS</b>			
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	Collingwood v Richmond	V.F.L. Park
30	June 10	Essendon v South Fremantle	V.F.L. Park
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>			
31	June 24	Winner 27 v Winner 28	V.F.L. Park
32	July 1	Winner 29 v Winner 30	V.F.L. Park
<b>GRAND FINAL</b>			
33	July 15	At V.F.L. Park	

# HOW DO YOU STOP SWANS?

How do you stop the Swans Steamroller?  
That's the question a few league coaches are asking around town right now.

It's certainly a tough one. After all, they have a fleet of mobile, creative and productive ball-getters who can stream into attack in team formation, destroying any type of defensive network that lies in their path.

They are so adaptable. If one of the Narkle brothers is getting beaten, the other is a winner; if Mike Smith is being shaded at centre then any of about six other players can go there; if ruck-rovers Ian Williams or Gerard Neesham are being blanketed, then there is an abundance of rovers to do their job — players like Graham Melrose, Don Holmes and Mike Richardson.

In fact, the whole Swans mobile brigade has the ability to be untamed on their day — and quite frankly, they can afford to have one or two players 'down' without suffering any real effects.

Then they have those four vice-like hands hovering in attack — two belonging to the agile Simon Beasley and a pair attached to the big bulk of Craig Hoyer. Swans have an ideal double in their attacking duo — and it's complemented out at centre-half-forward where former half-back-flanker cum ruck-rover Stan Nowotny sets a merry pace.

Nowotny is no star footballer; he's far from a classical centre-half-forward. But he runs hard, bustles even harder and breaks up the opposing defensive lines and that allows his little team-mates to run riot.

The South Fremantle camp will find out just what sort of footballer their 'reject' Tony Solin is this week when he takes on — and will probably beat — one of their key forwards.

Solin played a couple of league practice games for South Fremantle back in 1978 before opting for Sunday league. But already, in his four appearances for Swans at centre-half-back this year, he has eclipsed some pretty talented forwards.

Enough of Swans — they are going to be tough to stop and it won't be South Fremantle this week, even though the Bulldogs will have a few goals start down at Fremantle.

West Perth will bounce back from last week, don't worry about that. Not too many teams could have lived with Swans in the third quarter last week and East Perth, despite their moral-boosting win over South, will need to sharpen up this week.

However, the Royals enjoy Leederville Oval and if they can get one or two more key players back into a winning frame of mind they could just about snatch four points off the Cardies while they are still in a state of delayed shock.

The significant factor in East Perth's win was that some of their runners started running. That's South's major strength, so this will be a battle of the fleet of foot.

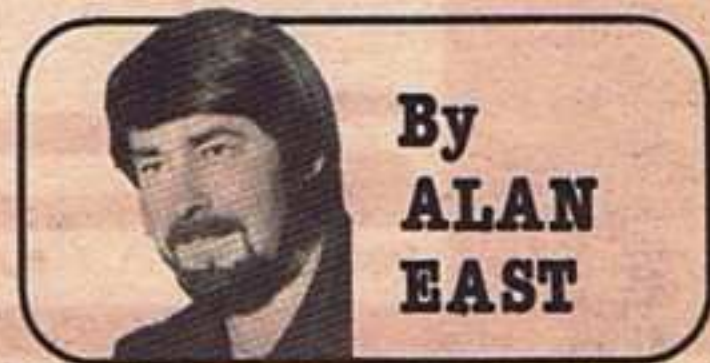
Perth must be giving Alan Joyce mild nightmares. One week bad, the next beautiful. Now they've been beautiful two weeks in a row, so what is in store this week?

Perth have the capacity to test the top sides and even though they are sitting in sixth place they are only a stab-kick away from the top four — and Claremont know that.

The Tigers are in a similar position, sitting fifth, but in need of victory this week to give them the four first-round wins that they require to fulfil the early part of the 1980 premiership campaign.

Subiaco — their surprise win is coming, but when?

East Fremantle are nice and vulnerable right now and Subi have the pleasing knowledge that they toppled Old Easts a couple of years back when the form guide said they shouldn't.



By  
**ALAN EAST**



Mike Smith . . . in top form

Subiaco showed more aggression last week than they have for a while — even if most of it was mis-placed — and now they need to show some form. East Fremantle produced a glimmer of fighting quality as they surged to within a few points of the Demons at times last week and a repetition of that type of gritty football will enable them to survive this Saturday.

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# THE MEDAL FIELD IS REDUCED..

The ranks from which this year's Channel Seven Sandover Medallist will come from are thinning week by week.

This week another six players were rendered ineligible for the medal and the \$20,000 first prize when they received terms of suspension at the hands of the WAFL Tribunal.

Missing out on the chance to win the Sandover Medal and the cash seems to be the worst punishment inflicted on the players.

Certainly, very few of those found guilty so far this season can honestly complain of their treatment by the Tribunal.

Light penalties are the order of the day, and it's hardly surprising Umpires' advocate Ray Montgomery believes the men in white are not getting the support they deserve.

His argument is a convincing one when we recall the terms of suspension metered out to players found guilty of physically interfering with umpires this season.

Essendon's Phil Carman received 16 weeks for head butting an umpire, and that sentence appears to have been a yardstick for several other incidents here and interstate in recent weeks.

The day must be drawing nigh when umpires are armed with the send off rule for their own protection and for the protection of players on the field who still believe skill is the cornerstone of our game.

It's more than coincidental that Swan Districts fined a player after he had been found guilty of striking a player in a reserves match four weeks ago.



JOHN COOPER

Swans President John Cooper is one of the few, if not the only, WAFL Director who's pressing for the send off rule.

But he's gradually attracting support from within and without the WAFL.

Channel Seven "Judge" Fred Woods

has been one of the most outspoken advocates for the rule, and now Umpires' Appointment Board Chairman Brian Purslowe wants to see it introduced.

Stick with it John, you won't be a voice in the wilderness much longer.



BRIAN PURSLOWE

## GRAND FINAL TIMING

Television viewers won't be able to see this year's VFL Grand Final live for the first time in several seasons. The reason is that our own Grand Final is scheduled the same day. The league have several reasons for wanting the Grand Final on September 27, instead of a week earlier.

- Building improvements at Subiaco Oval may not be far enough advanced to cater for a Grand Final crowd until September 27.
- A week earlier would mean the first semi final being played in August, and that according to the WAFL is too early.
- It would create too great a gap between the grand final and the proposed interstate carnival in Adelaide on October 11-13.

All well and good, except it doesn't change the fact that hundreds of thousands of viewers will be denied the chance to see Victoria's (some say Australia's) greatest sporting event live.

To give us the best of both worlds, I wonder whether the League would think about moving our Grand Final to Sunday September 28. At least it would give the builders at Subiaco an extra day to prepare the oval

## Guest Columnist

Presented by

McInerney Ford

THIS WEEK:

HARVEY DEEGAN  
TVW 7 football commentator



## NO FOOTBALL

On the subject of fixtures, there will be no football in Perth on Saturday July 5, when WA takes on Victoria in the state of origin match in Melbourne.

That is a sensible move as it means clubs won't have to play with sides not at top strength.

But of course no football means no money through the gate. Again, the League could do worse than look at some activity such as a lightning carnival for the day after, Sunday July 6. All clubs would have to be involved, and play knockout matches of, say 20 minute halves. I'm sure sponsors

could be found, and I'm equally certain such a carnival would attract a large crowd.

## 1981 FIXTURES

Finally, when the League gets around to framing next year's fixtures could they discuss the merits of playing this year's grand finalists against one another in the opening round. The start of this year's season was not as exciting as it might have been, with three of the four sides who played on the opening day having failed to make the four in 1979.

Had the first and third sets of fixtures been swapped around, the 1980 season would have started on a much higher note.

# WORK HINDERS YOUNG STAR

Graeme Carter, one of East Fremantle's star performers in their 1979 premiership success, is in a dilemma about his football.

Carter, a 21-year-old 6ft 6in giant, was a powerful thrust in the premiership drive, but he has failed to recapture that form this season.

He has seriously considered dropping out of league football and had to be talked out of seeking a clearance to a Sunday football association.

Carter's football has suffered for a number of reasons this year — and probably the major one has been his decision to move into business as a delicatessen proprietor.

"I have found that I just don't get the time to put into training," says Carter.

"Right from the start of the season I've been trying to catch up. I had the time to put a lot of work into getting fit last year and that helped my form."

Carter has found himself back in the reserves side recently after several poor league efforts — but he is determined now to make another go of it.

"I've changed my mind about quitting," he says.

"We are looking at ways to give me more time to train and I'll just have to fight my way back slowly."

Carter's return to form and fitness is a big factor in East Fremantle's bid to revive their flagging 1980 hopes.



GRAEME CARTER

Last year it was the dual ruck duo of Carter and Andrew Purser who took everything in their stride. This year, Purser's form has slipped and with Carter losing touch, the East Fremantle ruck brigade has floundered.

Newcomer Marinus Potter has stepped into fill the breach admirably, but support is certainly needed if East Fremantle are to get back into the business of winning matches.

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# VIC COACHES GRAB THE HEADLINES

VFL coaches took the limelight in Victoria this week as sensational football matches, incidents and reactions filled the headlines.

Just have a look at a few of the headline-grabbing situations:

\* St. Kilda's magical coach Alex Jesaulenko has seen his wand go sour and has threatened to lop off a few heads belonging to a few stars.

\* Royce Hart the former champion who was supposed to work miracles with Footscray, was hooted by the fans at three-quarter time as the Bulldogs slumped to yet another defeat.

\* Geelong coach Billy Goggin was upset about treatment handed out to full-forward Glen Middlemiss — but he wouldn't go any further with his criticism as he briefly talked about an incident with Essendon's Ron Andrews.

\* Carlton coach Percy Jones is being out-voted by his selection committee as he strives to prove that he should be recalled to the league side to notch what would be his 250th senior game.

\* Collingwood coach Tom Hafey fired a lethal broadside at some of his players, saying that they were simply too lazy to run.

The word is really out at St. Kilda and Jezza is quite emphatic when he says that some senior players will be in the reserves side this week — and two former Swan Districts stars are on his list, captain Garry Sidebottom and utility player Gary McDonald.

Jezza, normally quiet, placid and taciturn in his approach to bad football situations, was far from that last week. He was furious.

"There are not enough players making sacrifices", he said.

"I have over-rated a few players and many are not committed. A few big names will be back in the reserves — we'll promote young kids, so watch out."

Hart, the former champion Richmond and VFL centre-half-forward, was not angry at his supporters for booing him and the team at three-quarter time when Footscray trailed his old side by 12 goals.

"I know how they feel", he said. "They want results, so don't worry, I'll keep telling the players what I want till I get the message across".

Carlton, who started the year so dramatically for new coach Percy Jones, kicked themselves right out of the game against Hawthorn.

Big Warren Jones, nicknamed Wow by his supporters, certainly didn't wow anybody with his final kick of the match — eight metres out, dead in front and needing a goal to win — and he hits the post!

Carlton's 14 straight points for the final quarter — before Wayne Harmes steered a difficult goal through after the final siren — is probably a VFL record for inaccurate shooting in one quarter.

## SENIOR STARS SLUMP

Two of Victoria's most senior players seem to be heading for early retirement. Hawthorn's rugged ruckman Don Scott and Fitzroy's talented Robert Walls are both labouring in their football displays this season.

Walls was pulled from the ground in the third quarter of the match against St. Kilda — which Fitzroy won — and he could be back in the reserves — where he was for the first time in his career two weeks ago.



Scott's tired body has suffered the effects of a series of injuries — and years of rugged football — and he is playing on heart only.



Peter Keays . . . without a helmet

## MORE SAFETY GEAR

It seems as though the day of safety gear in football has well and truly arrived. Fitzroy's Garry Wilson and Peter Keays, who sported protective helmets last week, are going into the business and will be marketing their gear around Australia. Former West Australian star goalkicker Austin Robertson Jnr. is also going to be involved in the marketing campaign.

## ONE TOO MANY

Collingwood had 19 men on the ground at one stage of their clash with South Melbourne last week — but no-one did anything about it.

Collingwood's ruck-rover Kevin Morris was laid out in a heavy collision and was put on a stretcher, apparently unconscious.

The umpires stopped the play and the interchange player ran on to the field. But as Morris was being carried off, he suddenly came to life, jumped off the stretcher and wanted to get back into the game.

South coach Ian Stewart said afterwards that he didn't consider a protest — even though he could technically have called for Collingwood's 4.6 to be taken off the board. He felt that Morris was not quite himself and didn't constitute an "effective player".

# MILESTONE IN BIG SA CLASH

The clash between Woodville and South Adelaide last week — which went to South by 13 goals — was a memorable one for milestones.

South's centre-half-back Stuart Palmer played his 200th game; his teammate and dashing forward Phil Cox played his 100th for the club and Woodville chipped in when rover Darryl Hewitt notched his 100th as well.

But it was a game that Hewitt would rather forget.

VFL recruits Robert Briedis (North Melbourne) and Andrew Matheson (St. Kilda) were included in the side, but it didn't help and Woodville continue to lament down near the bottom of the table.

Former Swan Districts player Brian Close is performing well as a ruck-rover for South Adelaide.

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## THINK-TANK PLAN

South Australian football is looking to the future with the suggestion that they establish a 'think tank' to concentrate on the welfare of the game.

Club delegates are examining a proposal to set up a state football authority. The proposal came from former SA great Fos Williams, who is director of State team football.

The authority would work exclusively to improve the image of the game inside South Australia — and outside.

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## BATTLE FOR CENTRE SPOT

Glenelg captain Paul Weston and Norwood's Phil Gallagher had more at stake than the match when they clashed in the centre position last Sunday.

They are the leading contenders for the centre berth in the South Australian team to play Queensland this week — and last week's duel was a ripper.

Glenelg went on to win the game — but Gallagher was Norwood's star at centre.

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## MIGHTY MAGPIES

Sometimes it can be a disadvantage to be a strong and aggressive power in football.

Port Adelaide, traditionally one of the top clubs in SA football, provoked unexpected and fierce opposition from Sturt last week — and a four-point loss was the result.

All clubs — and Sturt in particular — love challenging the might of Port Adelaide and the Blues approached their clash as if it were the last game they'd ever play. They lifted their standards and slogged it out for a torrid four-quarter victory.

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## NORTH BACK IN BUSINESS

North Adelaide had heaps of talented winners on all lines when they shattered West Torrens in a tough game at Football Park.

Right down the middle North held the tune — full back John Riley, centre-half back Peter Cloke, centreman Greg McAdam, centre-half-forward Mike Doszina and full-forward Craig Stanbridge.

It was a bad day for Torrens — they were confident of winning and breaking the club record of five consecutive victories.



Barrie Robran . . . waiting to notch his 200th.

## ROBRAN WAITS

North Adelaide veteran Barrie Robran is still waiting to notch his 200th league game.

The North coach has played two halves of reserves football in recent weeks in a bid to regain form and fitness before returning to the seniors. But he pulled out of the reserves side last week when his injured knee flared up again at training.

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## GOAL RECORD

South Adelaide set a goal-kicking record in their easy win over Woodville last week.

They produced 11 goals straight in the opening term — the first time a SA club had kicked more than 10 goals straight in a quarter.

South went on to win 23.12 to 10.11 — and Woodville coach Barry Goodingham came out strongly in a bid to get the Woodville camp back together again.

"The only way we can get out of this losing situation is to restore our confidence", he says. "That means we must win matches — and we have to stop knocking one another."

Woodville's plight — they are at the bottom of the table with six straight losses — is being reflected in their attendances. Only 2426 people saw the game at Woodville Oval and at one stage a player had to leap the fence in the outer to retrieve a ball because there was no-one around.

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## TURN THE LIGHTS ON!

Talk about players getting lost in the dark on the way home from the football . . . the lights almost had to be turned on for the final term of the Sturt-Port Adelaide game last week.

Street lights around the ground were switched on at 4.30 pm and Channel 9 officials asked the Sturt club — unsuccessfully — to turn the flood lights on so they could improve the telecast.

Officials and players said that they had never experienced such darkness at the end of a game.



# BENNETT'S BURST



## SUPPORT NEEDED

Last Saturday's brawl at Claremont Oval highlighted the need for a better system of controlling players. No doubt some probably saw it as a supportive argument for stewards.

While there were six reports out of the melee, the two worst incidents went undetected — by the umpires anyway — the flattening of Claremont's Ken Hunter and Subiaco's Frank Bucknall.

It shows how difficult it is to record every reportable incident in a brawl involving most players on the ground.

It could be claimed, and justifiably so, that it is unfair to single out a couple of players when everyone is throwing punches.

In this particular case I believe that the chairman of the tribunal Bernie O'Sullivan, adjudicated the matter in a sensible way.

As one who was at the game, there is no doubt in my mind that the brawl erupted because of the action of one player, and he received the kind of retribution he deserved.

Too often the instigator of an incident is the one who escapes detection while the one who retaliates gets the "cane" from the tribunal.

While it may be commendable on the part of players to dash to the assistance of a teammate, who has been unnecessarily dealt with, it is a situation that should not be tolerated in football . . . or in any other sport for that matter.

Umpires should not be expected to try and break up fights that involve a hoard of players. It would be better if they stood back and took numbers, but even then there is no guarantee they will catch everyone who commits a reportable offence.

I also don't believe that stewards are the answer. Since the introduction of the two-umpire system a lot of behind-the-play incidents have stopped.

One way of approaching the task is for an inquiry to be carried out, rather than it be left merely to what the umpire or umpires did or did not see.

I'm not talking about the dustups where players merely push and shove each other or give each other a polite cuff behind the ear.

I'm talking about incidents that bring the game into disrepute and where players receive nasty injuries.

Every endeavour should be made to find the culprit, or cuprits, who spark a violent incident.

In this respect clubs have a part to play. They should accept some of the responsibility of enforcing discipline among players.

It is interesting to note that there has been at least one instance this year of a club taking its own action against a player who was suspended.

Football teams are in the business of winning football matches . . . not fights.

Okay if they believe that such methods are necessary to win an important club game, or final round match, then they flirt with the consequences.

In other words, fine clubs whose players are involved in incidents that have an adverse effect on the image of football.

Last Saturday was one of those occasions. **ROBERT BENNETT**

# TELEVISION A GREAT ASSET

The greatest asset Australian Football possesses in helping with development, is television. This was brought home to me very forcefully during a week's coaching and promotion in Newcastle N.S.W., organised by the Rothmans National Sport Foundation.

Using the services of Kevin Sheedy and Ray Jordon, we conducted several junior coaching sessions. Virtually all the children were familiar with the characteristics of Australian Football through the direct television coverage and the "Cazaly" song and film clip.

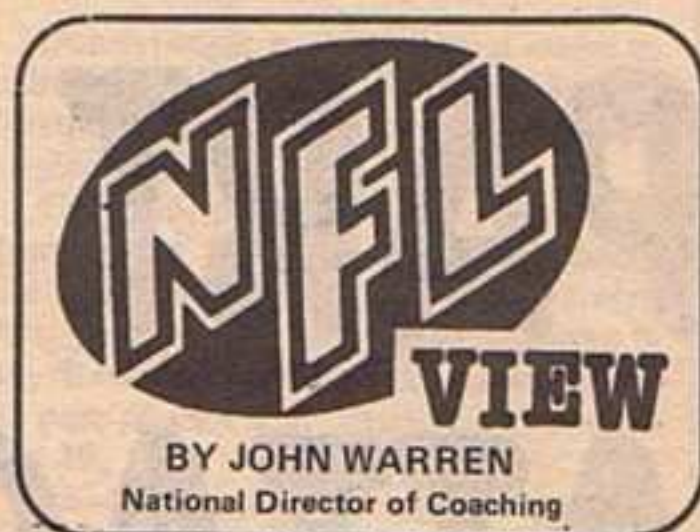
It was interesting to note the different reaction and attitude both by teachers and schoolchildren to people promoting our game. Formerly, irrespective of how low key the approach, inevitably there would be at least some snide remarks in the time honoured "aerial ping-pong" tradition. Not now. Even those who are completely dyed in the wool Rugby or Soecer adherents have a respect for the skills of Australian Football. This respect without doubt comes from the enormous number of television viewers our code possesses.

The number of people of all ages who are obviously prepared to watch our game on television is astronomical. It is unfortunate that only a very small proportion of them are prepared to transmit this interest into any form of practical support. It has always been a source of some disappointment and amazement to me that there are literally thousands of people who relate to football on television and yet will not consider watching a lower standard local game "in the flesh". I guess it is harder for me to understand than most because I am one of those very fortunate people who enjoy a game played at Ungarie, Tallangatta, Manjimup or Dalby just as much as when I view "the best" in Melbourne.

A major breakthrough as a result of the Newcastle visit was an undertaking by the Lecturer in Recreation at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education — a very hospitable Englishman named Peter Brown — to include Australian Football in the Physical Education Course at the next Semester. This of course will ensure that teachers graduating will have a knowledge, understanding and maybe even a desire to promote our game in the schools.

Kevin Sheedy and Ray Jordon took senior training at three Newcastle Football League clubs and were agreeably surprised at the enthusiasm and general skills. The standard was assessed at around average Melbourne suburban league standard which when considered in context is very gratifying.

The main initiative which needs to be undertaken in order to ensure continuity of Australian Football in Newcastle — and other cities in a similar stage of development — is the teaching of skills in Primary Schools and in the promotion of competitions for boys in the 8-13 year age bracket. Too many boys try to learn our game at Secondary School or Junior Colt Level. These boys naturally have great



difficulty in mastering techniques which need to be learnt years earlier.

It is also an unfortunate fact of life that boys of any age who have been coached in the Rugby codes and Soccer, are generally, very poor ball handlers which is surprising in the case of Rugby which has great emphasis on taking and passing the ball. Soccer of course completely "spoils" boys in terms of mastering the difficulty of kicking and generally controlling a spheroid ball. Anyone with even reasonable skill can control a round ball with a completely predictable bounce. It takes infinitely more skill to control our Australian ball. So much for people "having to be so much more skilled" to play Soccer — and they have even eliminated one complete skill area from their game — that of handling the ball!!

## FLASHBACK...

The 1905 season must have been a wet one in WA. On three separate days one of the games scheduled was abandoned. Forfeits, protests, postponements and abandoned matches were commonplace in the early days of WA football.

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## FOOTBALL FORUM

Sir,  
In your May 2nd issue Mother Brown commented about the women's role in football — usually behind the scenes and unsung. I would like her to know that the Toodyay Football club has just made four ladies life members.

Following is an extract from last week's local Football Budget.

After last week's games at Toodyay four women of the Toodyay football club were presented with life membership medals by the club president Mr Athol Donegan.

They are Mrs Beryl Donegan, Mrs Molly Hayward, Mrs Doreen Waton and Mrs Kath Sinclair. Mrs Watson is the wife of Jim (Spot) Watson and this must be unique for a husband and wife to be life members of the same club. Between these four is over 100 years service to the club.

Mrs Donegan is the mother of the president.

Hope this is of interest to your readers. Thankyou for a super paper.

Doreen Watson  
Toodyay

Sir,  
In Mother Brown's column her statement re "Women's Role" in football, I notice she asserts that the hard working women of the various clubs do not receive the honour of Life Membership.

I'm afraid "Mother Brown" you did not do any "homework". If you had contacted the league clubs you would have found that the Perth Football Club have four lady life members, elected in the following years 1912, 1947, 1968 and 1979.

Congratulations "Westside" on your excellent publication.

Bill Renouf  
Lathlain

# Marlboro

## MARLBORO CUP

### ROUND 1

Swans . . . . . 31	East Perth . . 17½
Sth Frem . . . 26	Perth . . . . . 17
West Perth . . 23	East Frem . . 8½
Claremont . . 20	Subiaco . . . . . 1

## FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

PERTH, L,W,L,L,W,W . . . . .	v Claremont at Lathlain Park
EAST PERTH, W, L, W, L, L, W . . . . .	v West Perth at Leederville
EAST FREMANTLE, L, L, L, W, L, L . . . . .	v Subiaco at Subiaco
WEST PERTH, W, L, W, L, W, L . . . . .	v East Perth at Leederville
SUBIACO, L, L, L, L, L, L . . . . .	v East Fremantle at Subiaco
SWAN DISTRICTS, W, W, W, W, W, W . . . . .	v South Fremantle at Fremantle
CLAREMONT, L, W, L, L, W, W . . . . .	v Perth at Lathlain Park
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W, W, W, W, L, L . . . . .	v Swan Districts at Fremantle



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# KRAKOUER BROTHERS

## -A VITAL PART OF ATTACK

It was at the tail end of the 1977 season when a lightning fast Aboriginal from down south hit the city football scene.

He dazzled the opposition in six brief games of league football — only to come up with that time-worn cliché "Wait till you see the brother I left home."

So it was 1978 that the brother arrived — and since then the taciturn Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, have turned out to be the toughest roving combination in the league.

Jim, the bigger and stronger, is a right-footer and is now 22 years old. Phil, leaner, slighter and a left-footer, is just 20.

They come from a big family in Mt Barker; a family obviously brindling with football talent. But they have their problems in the city.

Tribal feuding has led them into several tight corners, one of which has resulted in people going to jail after an attack on the brothers.

The Krakouers are a vital ingredient in the Claremont plan of attack for 1980 — and their officials will walk a tight rope throughout the year, hoping that their two stars can keep out of hot water.

The Krakouers are two very shy and sensitive country boys. In this joint interview, ALAN EAST talks to them about their football lives.



Flashing smiles from dashing rovers. Phil (left) and Jim Krakouer

### adidas PLAYER PROFILE

**Names:** Jim and Phil Krakouer  
**Born:** Jim — Mt. Barker, 13.10.58.  
 Phil — Mt. Barker 15.1.60  
**Height:** Jim — 5 ft 6 in (1.67 m)  
 Phil — 5 ft 7 in (1.70 m)  
**Weight:** Jim — 10 st 7 lb (68.5 kg)  
 Phil — 10 st (63.5 kg)  
**Lives at:** Claremont  
**Married:** Jim — Yes.  
**Wife's Name:** Fiona  
**Children:** Karla  
 Phil — No.  
**Occupation:** Unemployed  
**Football honours:** Jim — Association fairest and best in Southern Districts Association 1975. State football, 1979. Phil — Fairest and best Southern Districts Association 1977.  
**Favourite food:** Jim — Steak  
 Phil — Fried chicken  
**Favourite drink:** Jim — Orange  
 Phil — Coke  
**Hobbies and relaxation:** Basketball, tennis.  
**Football likes:** Jim — Winning  
 Phil — Success  
**Football dislikes:** Jim — Injuries  
 Phil — Losing  
**Idols in football:** Barry Cable  
**Hard things in football:** Pre-season training.  
**Ambitions:** Jim — Winning a premiership with Claremont. Phil — A premiership and State football.  
**Nicknames:** None  
**Guernsey Nos.:** Jim — 3  
 Phil — 7.  
**Came from:** North Mt. Barker  
**League debut:** Jim — 1977. Phil — 1978.  
**Games played:** Jim 54; Phil 49.

The 1980 season has promise of being a good one for yourselves and for Claremont. Are you looking forward to the business end of the year?

JIM — Yes, I'm looking forward to it. I think it will be a good one. I've done all the pre-season training and I've lost a bit of weight. The injuries I had at the end of last season are pretty well right.

PHIL — I believe we will do well. I want to improve on my ball-getting around the ground. I've done plenty of running over the summer, trying to build my stamina up. I'm a lot fitter this year and I'm getting more confident.

It has become obvious that you two share the ball between yourselves quite often in a match. Do you consciously look for each other?

JIM — No, I think it just comes naturally. I just look for a player in the best position and try to give it to him. But we do know how each other plays, so that probably means we can read what's happening and get into position to receive the ball.

Phil, where do you like doing most of your roving, defence or attack?

I enjoy kicking goals, so I prefer to stay in attack.

When and where did your early football start?

PHIL — I started with North Mt. Barker seniors when I was 16½. JIM — I started seniors when I was 15. We only played together in the same team for about half a year. We came up through nippers together, both started about nine. PHIL — Football has been the main thing all our life, just wanting to make it up here.

What about the future, do you think you'll play in Victoria?

PHIL — Hope so. JIM — Possibility, but I'll try it here for a while longer. If we go, we'll probably go together.

How have you settled into the city life after a country background?

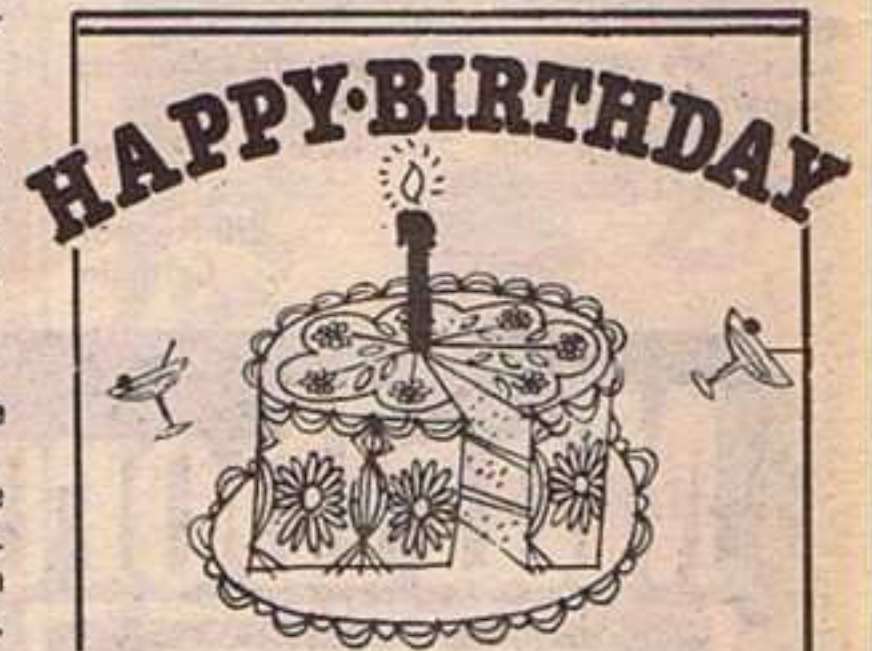
JIM — Okay. I've got a family and we don't miss Mt. Barker too much. PHIL — We find it hard to get a job; we're both out of work and we'd rather be working. We'd like to do any outside type of work, but it just doesn't seem to be around.

Jimmy, particularly, you have a fiery temper, do you find it erupting whenever you see Phil receiving some unfair treatment?

JIM — Yes, I do, but I'll have to get over that.

Phil, are you finding that opposing players are giving you a lot more attention this year?

Not a lot more, no. I noticed last year that I received more attention towards the end of the year. I don't really think it's any tougher this year, but I feel that the umpires aren't really giving us a go.



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

David Reid (Souths) 21 on 18th.  
 Paul Collie (Perth) 23 on 19th.  
 Graeme Comerford (Swans) 21 on 20th.  
 Barry Kimberley (Perth) 23 on 24th.

# GOALS!

It's not often that one club has three players in the top 10 on the goalkickers table — but that's the case with Swan Districts right now. Swans have booted a mammoth 144 goals in six qualifying matches this season — a healthy average of 24 goals a game. Their attack is spearheaded by Simon Beasley, whose agility to recover after spilling marks — or even to grab marks at the second attempt — makes him hard to counter. He took several goal-producing marks last Saturday and that saw him twist and turn in the air to grab the ball at the second attempt.



Beasley is backed up by a big Craig Hoyer, a strong, raw young ruckman who takes a safe mark — and surprisingly, has a good kick for a big man. This season, playing out of the forward pocket, Hoyer has kicked 16 goals from 18 scoring shots — including two five goal tallies.



East Perth rover Wayne Otway took off the Town and Country goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Football last Sunday. Otway, winner of the goal-of-the-year last season, booted one of his six majors in the first term — and he was almost lying completely on the ground when he got his boot to the ball.



Claremont's captain-coach Graham Moss usually has more to worry about with his side than goalkicking — beating two opposing ruckmen for starters — but he was in good form in front of the goals against Subiaco. He kicked five, including a great rover-like snapshot with his right foot that brought up his first and Claremont's fifth in the opening term.



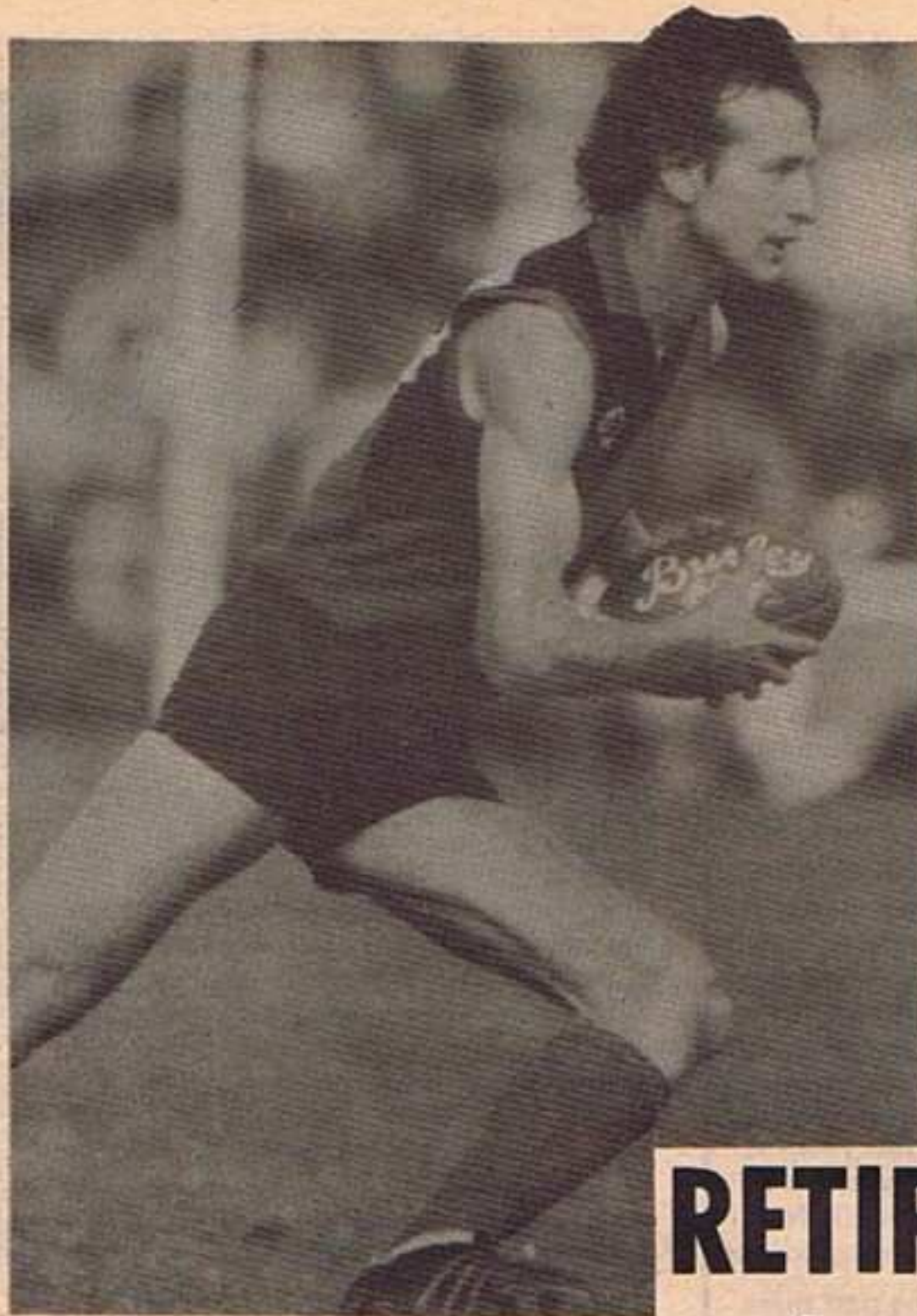
West Perth are getting good value out of former Norwood player David Palm — particularly his ability to cover big areas of ground. Palm brought up West Perth's second goal against Swan Districts with a typical piece of elusive play. He passed to Geoff Hendriks out of the centre and then ran on into the forward line, where he was left unguarded to take an easy mark and goal.



Goalkicking ace of 1979 Kevin Taylor is probably not enjoying playing on the wing in East Fremantle's line-up — but it might help him regain confidence. After booting a record 102 goals in 1979, Taylor's tallies this year have been 0.2, 1.4, 0.1 and 2.1

## GOLDEN BOOT

Doug Simms (Perth)	29.14
Simon Beasley (Swan Districts)	27.21
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	24.15
Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth)	24.17
Paul Arnold (East Perth)	22.10
Don Haddow (South Fremantle)	22.8
Ken Judge (East Fremantle)	21.19
Rod Alderton (West Perth)	17.11
Craig Hoyer (Swan Districts)	16.2
Ian Williams (Swan Districts)	16.13



## WIM FOR HEADS 150th AND RETIREMENT

The shock decision by Perth captain Wim Rosbender to quit WA football midway through the season has added another chapter to the apparent jinx on captains in the Demons camp.

Rosbender, who hopes to notch another five games for 150 with Perth — and life membership — has been transferred in his employment to NSW. He is currently manager of the WA branch of Hoover Australia and he is being promoted to take over the Sydney office.

He is the third captain in a row whose career as club leader on the field has had interesting side effects.

Previous captains Colin Lofts and Ken Inman both found themselves in the football horrors at various times during their leadership — and both were relegated to reserves through injury or loss of form.

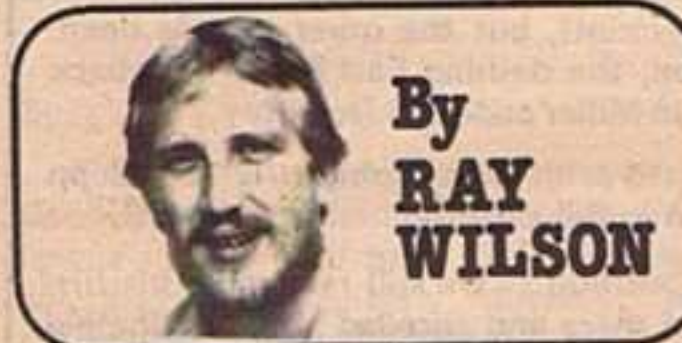
Rosbender's decision to move to Sydney places a lot of pressure on the club to find a suitable skipper — a role that carries a lot of responsibility and needs a strong team-man to bear its burden.

The obvious choice, however, is Brian Cook, a courageous defender who is held in the highest esteem at Lathlain.

Rosbender hopes that his shock announcement will not mean that he will be automatically dropped from the league side in order to make way for his replacement.

Rosbender is the first to admit that his chances of being selected in the ensuing weeks are doubtful — mainly because of his poor form.

But Perth coach Alan Joyce is sure to find a spot for him for those matches to allow Rosbender to reach a lifelong target. Rosbender makes an ideal interchange



By  
**RAY WILSON**

player and is still capable of leading the ruck if he finds some touch.

Rosbender knows that his form over the last five games has not been up to the standard he usually sets himself.

Rosbender has been an efficient ruckman for the Demons in his 145 league games that started in the era of coach Barry Cable.

He regards 1977 as the high spot of his career when he won the Simpson Medal in a workman-like display in Perth's premiership win.

Rosbender has never shown a high degree of skill in his football, but his courage and efforts to be a workhorse will leave him as one of the favourites with Demon supporters.

A product of local juniors, Rosbender has played in three State games. He made a comeback this season after a serious facial injury forced him to announce his retirement after only three league matches last year.

A big reason for the comeback was the lure of playing 150 games. The gangly ruckman has always wanted to have 150 against his name, and Westside football hopes he makes it. All the best, Wim!

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## MOTHER BROWN

I'm a bit annoyed at some of our television football shows, particularly on a Saturday night.

When we get home and watch the replays, all they highlight are the violent parts — they never show the tremendous passages of play that have taken up most of the afternoon. We are trying to promote football, particularly among the young, so it seems strange that our TV replays highlight the bad parts, not the good.

### LOST CHILDREN

Parents, don't they get up to some strange things at times?

I'm often curious about the lost children announcements that come over the PA system at the football — especially the ones that are repeated.

Surely parents know fairly quickly that their two or three-year-old has gone missing. Sometimes I wonder whether parents take them along to the footy and just let them run riot.

### EXCITING SWANS

I'm really looking forward to seeing Swan Districts this week.

It's exciting when you have young, fresh new teams like Swans — particularly when they can draw record-breaking crowds.

I wasn't too disappointed by our loss to East Perth last week — it was a good game and we had quite a few players out injured.

Incidentally, I always watch the football from the outer when I travel to away games — it's really interesting out there!

### STATS TALLIES

I'm a keen reader of the stats in most papers, but I always wonder about the free-kick tallies.

Last week I checked all four newspapers — and not one of them had the same free-kick tallies.

Wouldn't it be a good idea if there was a central, or official source, for such things?

### MANIPULATING TACTICS

The ploy by Claremont to bring over a North Melbourne player for just one game could have bad side-effects on our football if it continues regularly.

I believe it could happen again this year — and Geelong are obviously keen to fly Brian Peake over to Victoria for a similar experiment.

I think teams could manipulate themselves into the four — which would be bad, as it could give them a false situation.

### MAL'S DECISION


A parting word on my son Malcolm, who has been in the news once again!

I don't always agree with things he does — or says — but this time I know he acted in what he believed was a genuine manner. He didn't storm off before the end of the game — as some commentators suggested — as he was still in the rooms at least 30 minutes after the match finished.

I don't want to get involved in the umpires versus South Fremantle controversy. But I'll say this — I do think that Basil Campbell and Stephen Michael are being given a tough time at present.

Malcolm wasn't hot under the collar this time; he didn't act in a fit of temper. It's something he thought out quite seriously.


Cheers,  
Eileen Brown.




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# Chubby's Chatter

The most difficult job the State selectors face this year for the June 14 game against South Australia is picking their defence.

As far as the back pocket is concerned, two players stand out — Steven Curtis, who is now back in the back pocket after doing a roving stint with East Perth, and Ross Gibbs the West Perth defender who has not put a foot wrong since he has taken over this position from Ian Kent last year.

The selectors will probably lean a little towards Curtis, who has had a mortgage on this position for many State games. But Gibbs is a worthy contender as I feel he has more depth in his kicking and his disposal up the ground to his fellow team-mates is far superior.

The hardest position of all to pick is full back and I can hear the cries of many loyal supporters stating that their full back is the best. But there is a difference between home and away games and State games. Realising that the South Australian full-forwards are big and strong. Players in the mould of Greg Cavanagh (South Fremantle) and Neil Fotheringham (West Perth) could fall by the wayside in this department. This is not underestimating their ability, but I lean towards Kevin Worthington as he is strong and very quick for a back man.

As far as the other back pocket is concerned, we must remember that last year the South Australian team played their ruck rovers in the forward pocket. So we have to look for a player who has the ability to leap and run quickly, and that player is John Hayes, of East Perth.

The half-back line would have Joe McKay, if fit, at centre half-back. In the past three or four years Rick Davies has filled centre half-forward for South Australia. He is 6ft 2½in and very quick and I feel at this stage that McKay would be the only player capable of looking after Davies.

One half-back flank is for Ken Hunter (Claremont), but the other is wide open. Names that come to mind are Glenn Robertson, the dashing East Perth half-back flanker who kicks the ball over long distances, Ian Miller and Stan Nowotny.

One young player who I have been impressed with from Subiaco is Tim Gepp who has played solidly and has rarely been beaten in this position.

I would like to see Basil Campbell in that position as we still remember his first State of Origin game at Subiaco when he played there and excelled himself. Whether Campbell is fit enough to hold down this position is a question mark, so I see the back-line starting like this:

CURTIS HUNTER	WORTHINGTON McKAY	HAYES CAMPBELL
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After seeing the Perth-East Fremantle game last week, Alan Joyce must have been happy with the performance of Alan Johnson and on a centre wing his game was reminiscent of his 1978 season. The only criticism I would say about his game was that at times he short kicked and put his forwards into a lot of trouble. Another player who would be happy with his improvement would be Wayne Simms, who kicked five goals at full forward and played constructively when he was on the ball. Simms, up until now, had not played with the same ability or attitude as he had last year. Maybe coach Alan Joyce has shaken the Victorian recruiting-itis out of him.



I have said very little about umpires this year, but the two games I have seen Ross Capes umpiring have been below his normal standard. It was noticeable on Saturday that he seemed harsh on the outstanding Perth half-forward flanker, Peter Bosustow. Hopefully, I could be mistaken in my judgement.

—ALLAN STILES



## WESTSIDE WIZZARD

Westside Wizzard our popular quiz king will accept questions each week on league football in West Australia, South Australia and Tasmania.

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As is normal with any "stumping" competition the writer must be able to provide reasonable evidence of the correct answer if the Wizzard cannot answer a question.



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This week's questions:

John Kennedy, Viking Road, Dalkeith asks:

Who were the official umpires of the first game of football ever played in WA Central and boundary?

The central umpire was Moondye Joe and the boundary umpires were King Billy and Charlie Pratt.

R. Cook, Carnarvon Street, East Victoria Park, asks:

What age was Merv McIntosh at the time of his first league game? Seventeen.

G.R. Williams, Reynolds Road, Forrestfield, asks:

In 1966 a player kicked all of his team's goals, who was he and how many goals did he kick?

On July 30 1966, Subiaco's Reg Hampson kicked all of Subiaco's three goals in a match against West Perth. (West Perth won 4.17 to 3.3).

# DAVE CLEMENT



## A BUSY TRIBUNAL

When seven league footballers faced the tribunal last Monday night they would just about have created a record. (During the entire 1979 season there was only six league players reported).

Looking back on the activities of the tribunal over the last five years it is apparent that players from the Fremantle clubs suffer most at the hands of the 'Judge'.

In this time East Fremantle players figured in 15 reports and 12 were suspended, South had 9 reported for 8 suspensions. By comparison in the same time Perth have had only one player, Murray Couper, suspended from six reports.

For those who think too many players are 'let off' there was 67 reports in these five years and on 47 occasions the reported player received a suspension.

And who is the most reported man in WA football? Well I guess the record has to go to Malcolm Brown, I'm not quite sure of the number of times big Mal has been on report but the number is around 24!

Jack Sheedy in his long career with East Fremantle and East Perth was never a popular boy with the men in white and went 'out' thirteen times.

East Fremantle ironman Norm Rogers was suspended three times in a space of fourteen games.

Swan's Gary Sidebottom was at the tribunal hearing seven times in twenty one games but only as a witness, he was the player offended against.

In the VFL Richmond bad boy Don (Mopsy) Fraser received a total of eighty four weeks suspension during his playing career.



### BULLDOGS AT PERTH

South Fremantle's record against East Perth at Perth Oval went further into the Red last Saturday. In the 96 games these two sides have played there since East Perth moved there in 1910 South have won only 27.

Since the start of 1956, when the Royals became a power in post-war football, the

Bulldogs have been to Perth Oval 38 times, their tally of wins is Five. 1960, 62, 75, 77 and 1978.

### SWANS AGAIN

Swans have done it again — last week's 27.20 was their highest score ever against West Perth, the margin 126 points is their biggest win over the Cardinals. (Ironically, 126 points is West's biggest win over Swans at Bassendean).

### POSTERS

All those posters in the Claremont v South Fremantle game a fortnight ago (some reports said as many as seven) brought up a difficult query as to what is the most times the ball has hit the goal post?

Naturally this information is 'not officially' recorded but I have read of instances like

1937 Subiaco's 12.20 includes 7 posters  
1920 South Melbourne 8.25 includes 8 posters, 5 in the last quarter.



Australian Rules has experienced many ups and downs since it was first established in New South Wales in 1880. In 1898 competition completely folded after administration trouble. A league was reformed in 1902 and gradually gathered strength in the first quarter of this century. By the twenties the game was so strong in New South Wales that State sides in 1923 and 1925 defeated Victorian State sides. Their rise in power bought with it a tremendous following and crowds of up to 25,000 were common at NSW club games. Then when the game seemed set to rival Rugby as the State's number one sport the games administration began to squabble and fractional fighting killed the boom.



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# KANTHER CLOSE TO STATE BERTH

Lindsay Kanther has developed into a classy back-pocket specialist for Claremont over the past two years — and he must be going close to state selection.

His pace and courage have made him a winner in that position more times than he has been a loser.

His league football career started from humble beginnings when he ran onto the oval as an eight-year-old for the Graylands club in the Claremont district.

From there his football has never stopped improving and now, as a relative youngster, he possesses a keen knowledge of what playing the back pocket is all about.

He spent three years in the Christchurch First XVIII with his final year in that side as captain.

The year he was the skipper (1977) Christchurch tied for the coveted Alcock Cup with Aquinas to give Kanther one of his biggest football thrills.

He played the remainder of the 1977 season with the Claremont colts side and was a vital part of the side that eventually netted the premiership.

The list of players who have come from the powerful Claremont colts squad to break into league is getting longer every year and it is a credit to the coaches and selectors at Claremont.

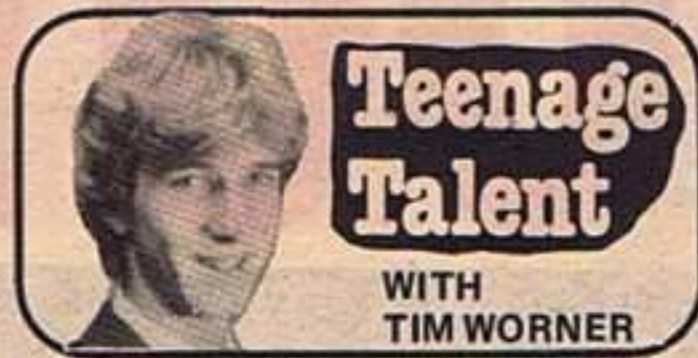
After his colts success, Kanther was made a regular member of the league team the following year and since then he has missed very few league games.

He is one player who really enjoys his football.

"I love the crowds, but most of all it is the satisfaction of knowing that when you line up you are surrounded by a wealth of talent that is ready, willing and able to support you" he said.

He also believes he has made many firm friends from football. "The people at Claremont have been good to me and I find the guys my own age have the same interests and aims so naturally I have formed close friendships."

Like most young footballers, Kanther finds it difficult to combine his sport, which is also his income, with his studies — he is working towards gaining an Arts degree from the University of Western Australia.



LINDSAY KANTHER

"When I come home from training the last thing I feel like doing is hitting the books — for this reason I have to fit my studies in during the day."

Kanther realises he has the chance to play state football, if not this year, then maybe next.

After a recent game when East Perth's and Western Australia's back pocket specialist Stephen Curtis was tried as ruck-roller, Kanther said: "I hope he has 35 kicks and is best man afield!"

He concedes that his rivals for the state spot are top players.

"Ross Gibbs has been doing wonderful things for West Perth and Stephen Curtis has filled the position for a while."

Kanther holds a tremendous respect for teammate Ken Hunter and when he talks of Hunter a tinge of idolism creeps into his voice.

"When the chips are down Kenny is a real goer — an inspiration."

Kanther finds his biggest stumbling block is young Royal rover Wayne Otway.

"He can kick goals from anywhere."

## GARY'S GOSSIP



What a sensational round of fixtures we had last weekend — "Mal Brown resigns" — "Record crowd at Bassendean Oval" and "Greatest fights of the century at Claremont Oval".

Regarding Malcolm Brown I personally believe that by the time you read this edition of Westside Football, Brown will be back at the helm of South Fremantle. His main intention in resigning was to highlight (in his opinion) the victimisation South Fremantle players have been receiving from the umpires. Whether you agree with his point of view or not, Mal has always had the courage of his convictions and he is a man of decision. He has always been tremendous "Box Office" for football and the game would be the poorer with his retirement.

### ADELAIDE OFFER FOR BROWN

Talking of "Brownie" my South Australian spies inform me that a certain Adelaide club has made an offer in the region of \$50,000 for Mal and Noel Carter to join them at the completion of the 1981 season. Apparently, both Brown and Carter are contracted to South Fremantle until then. This mystery club wants Carter as a playing captain and Brown as coach. Although I can only treat it as a rumour at this stage, it does come as a very reliable source.

### GEE LONG DEAL

Although East Fremantle are not out of the final four stakes as yet, their chances are certainly diminishing weekly and the time is right for their champion Brian Peake to go to Geelong. I know East Fremantle have already rejected a Geelong offer to get Peake over there immediately — but don't think Geelong will stop there. If the June 30 deadline for clearances arrives and East Fremantle are out of the running the Geelong pressure will be stepped up. But you can bet that it will cost them a heap of money.

### QUARTERMAINE COMEBACK?

I've heard another good rumour from Subiaco and this time it concerns their general manager Alan Quartermaine. The former Royal's star and 1975 Sandover Medalist is thinking about making a comeback to football. Stranger things have happened and I know "Quarters" is extremely fit as he has been doing a lot of running with Subiaco's dynamic little football co-ordinator David Orr.

### PROPERTIES ON THE MOVE

The WAFL Properties Division is really starting to get off the ground, thanks mainly to a guy by the name of Richard Fisher. You probably saw him on Channel Seven's World of Football last week when he explained his role as properties officer with the league. Each of our eight leagues clubs will benefit financially every time you buy a league endorsed product — be it a football, tea towel, cushion, club badge, sox, guernsey or shorts. The range of products is outstanding and you can see them at any Boans store where we have special WAFL shops. In fact I've started the first of a series of personal appearances to promote the Boans shops on Monday lunch time in their city store. Les Fong and Peter Spencer assisted me and I'm sure that all the boys who took part in our handball competition really got a thrill at meeting a couple of champs like these two. This Saturday you can meet more league footballers at Grove Cottesloe from 9am.

*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.

Each week we list the major media voting on a 3-2-1 basis and leave room for you to fill in the voting by the umpires when Sandover Medal night arrives.

This form guide, which should be cut out and clipped in a file, will give you an easy-to-read indicator of the consistency and form of our leading players. It also provides an interesting comparison of the best-on-ground lists compiled by the various media.

MAY 10	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	TVW7	6PR	6PM	6IX	Umpires
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East Perth v South Fremantle	Geoff Christian: Hayes (EP) Otway (EP) Randall (SF)	Geoff Worner: Otway Curtis (EP) Delmenico (SF)	Ray Wilson: Curtis Mountain (SF) Otway	Paul Simpson: Otway Hayes Rioli (SF)	John Rogers: W. Duke (EP) Otway Mountain	David Self: Nolan (EP) Mountain	Jack Sweet: Otway Hayes Carter (SF)	Phil Mulcahy: Otway Hayes Dimmer (EP)	Phillips/McBride
East Fremantle v Perth	John Sheterline: Peake (EF) Frost (P) Overheu (EF)	Rod Lane: Peake Frost Cook (P)	Julian Stawell: Peake Johnson (P) Frost	Peter Sweeney: Frost Peake Doyle (P)	Marty McDonnell: Peake Johnson (P) Frost	Bob Hicks: Peake Frost A. Johnson	Allan Stiles: Peake Frost Johnson	Roley Daw: Peake Doyle W. Simms (P)	Gillies/Capes
Claremont v Subiaco	A. Carew-Reid: Moss (C) Hunter (C) Morton (C)	Rob Bennett: Moss Hunter Munro (S)	Kevin O'Brien: Moss Gooding (C) P. Krakouer (C)	Mario D'Orazio: Moss Salomons (C) Buckenara (S)	Kevin Murray: Moss Buckenara J. Krakouer	Oscar Howard: Moss Buckenara Ditchburn (C)	Joe Fanchi: Moss Morton Hunter	Neil Garland: Moss Panizza (C) Buckenara	Powell/Rowe

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# SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

# FOOTBALL



ABOVE: South Fremantle's Norm Uncle grapples with East Perth's Gerard McNeil; umpire Ron McBride separates Glenn Robertson and Basil Campbell

... MORE

Last weekend WA witnessed wild incidents marred three league matches. Suspensions totalling 13 weeks gave the seven reports was one more than last weekend and will look forward to in

Subiaco's Frank Bucknall was suspended coach Graham Moss and Claremont's Frank Moss, tribunal chairman Mr B.M. O'Sullivan the play and without any provocation. Bucknall for striking Moss."

These head-hunting exploits start squarely on the players and coaches.

The pictures in this page are of incidents. . . . Ironically there were no reports.

BELOW: The heat is still on . . . this time Robertson has something to say to Uncle.



# L FURY

## DISCIPLINE NEEDED

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nes and seven players were reported from two games.

WAFL Tribunal its busiest night in years.

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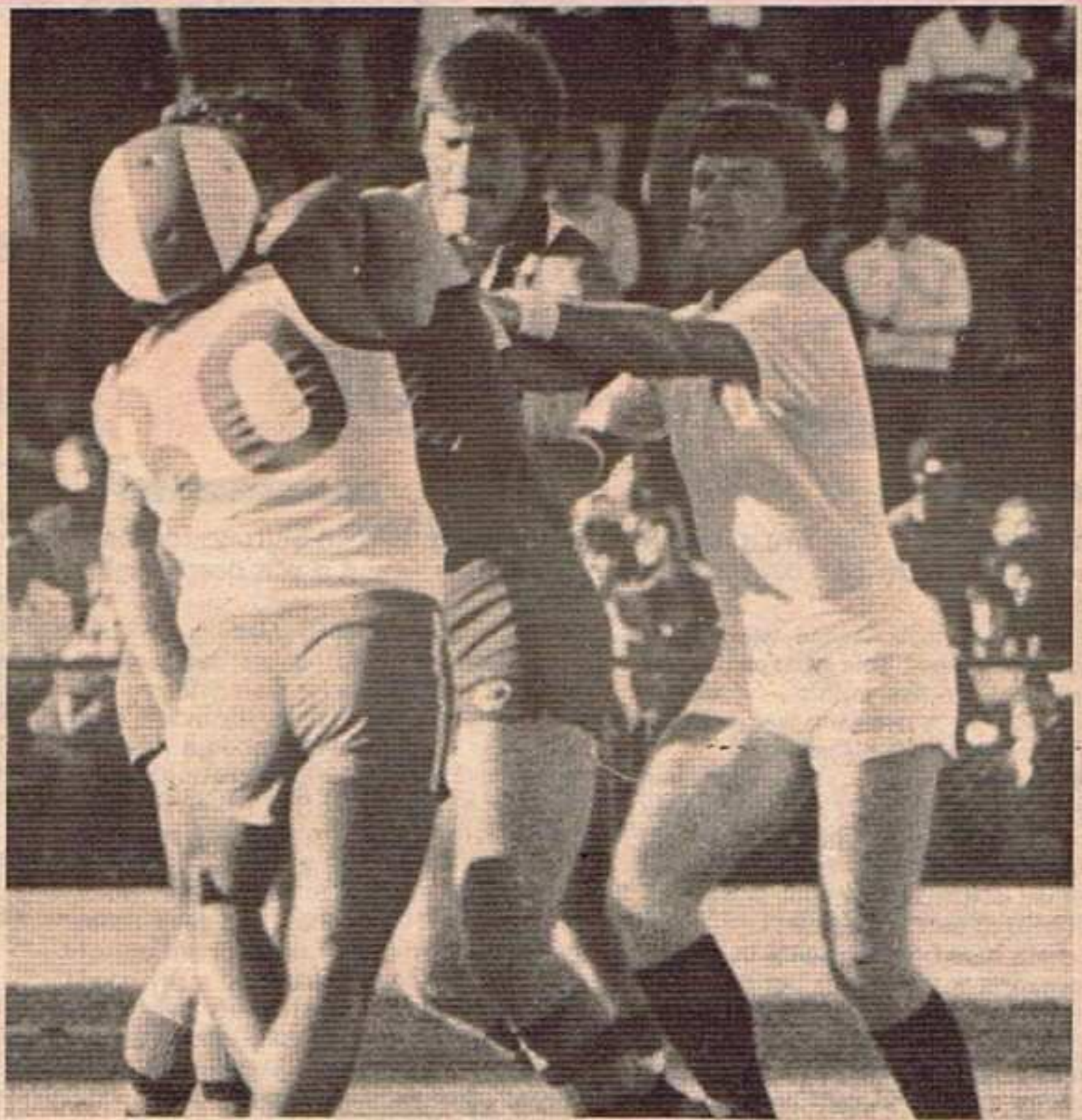
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a lack of discipline and usually end at the tribunal . . . the onus lies

s which occurred in the match between East Perth and South Fremantle.

OW: Campbell and Robertson battle it out . . . .



ABOVE: Campbell and Robertson . . . . (continued)  
BELOW: South runner Tom Grljusich has a cooling-down word for Campbell



### SWAN GOLD

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# SUNDAY SCENE



## CUT-THROAT BATTLE CONTINUES

The battle for top five places in the South Suburban-Murray football league continues to be a cut-throat seven-team affair — and it was nearly eight last week.

Willetton, in their second year in the competition, pushed Kelmscott all the way before losing by five points — a victory that opened up a two-game gap between the seventh and eighth-placed sides.

Canning continue on their unbeaten way, but face another stiff task this Sunday when they travel to Gosnells, a side who returned to impressive form last week when they downed Kalamunda and a team always hard to beat at Gosnells.

Gosnells have been struggling in the big-man department this season, but the return to form of veteran Kevin Shenstone gives them renewed life on the ball.

Canning continue to get tremendous drive from their little men and naturally players like Terry Eaton, John Vlahov and Steve Goodall were among the big kick-getters in their runaway 10-goal win over Armadale.

That power on the ball should prove too much for Gosnells this week.

Mandurah won the battle for second place when they out-stripped Maddington to the tune of 25 points and they will consolidate further by beating Armadale, at Mandurah, this week.

Maddington, however, have a tougher task recovering from their loss and they travel to John Dunn Memorial Oval to do

battle with Kelmscott. Maddington saw Rod Mohr return to his best last week — and that's good news for their defence.

Kelmscott's football is spasmodic, but Ray Witt gives them tremendous drive in attack and with Alec Gryta proving to be a good ruck recruit and Roy Arbon showing renewed form they are gradually regaining their premiership-style of 1979.

Kenwick held on to their fourth place by downing Rockingham and they travel to Thornlie, who have slipped right out of contention. Kenwick have too many good players on the ball, particularly height, to allow Thornlie to win their second game.

Willetton, frustrated at doing so well against Kelmscott — particularly with former Kelmscott players Kim Bingham and Kim Barrett turning in top-class games — will need to maintain that momentum when they are at home to Kwinana.

The Brian Ciccotosto camp — which again saw veteran Tony Micale in outstanding form — ended any Thornlie revival hopes last week and they will provide Willetton with a tough encounter.

Kalamunda were never in the hunt against Gosnells and it was a disappointing result. So this week they travel to Rockingham and the league's newest side will be keen to record their second win.



## AMATEURS TO MEET AVON

The interests of the WAAFL is be divided this weekend with the normal club fixtures on Saturday and then on Sunday two representative Amateur teams playing against two strong Avon combined teams at Jubilee Oval, Northam.

The traditional inter association clash is of interest to both leagues, for the amateurs it will be a guide to their playing strength when they meet the Victorian and South Australian Amateur State teams later in the year. For the strong Avon teams it will be a warm up to the country championships. Although the WAAFL has lost many of last seasons interstate carnival players it always comes up with a highly rated team. This year the top team under coach Harry Neesham and the combined reserve and colts team coached by Phil Turner will be flat out to maintain their unbeaten record against Avon.

Last weeks results in the 'A' amateur league games were: Wembley 17.21 returned to winning form defeating Uni 13.8. It was a great effort by the Black and Whites and although depleted with injuries showed they will again be in with a big chance in the finals. Collegians 20.14 d CBC 10.8. Old Wesley 17.13 d Maylands 14.7. Carlisle 16.13 fell over the line when they downed a luckless Bayswater 16.9. Nollamara 18.18 dealt a blow to Mt Lawley (14.11) who needed to win.

Next Saturdays games should once again provide some interesting results and changes to the league table. Nollamara should make it 6 in a row by accounting for Bayswater at Bassendean Oval, but 'Nolla' should not be taking their opposition lightly as an upset could easily be created. Wembley and CBC meet at Perth Oval, Wembley should find no trouble in winning this one and taking a hold on 4th

spot. Uni face up to Old Wesley at East Fremantle Oval and have the job in front of them. Coach Mike McPhee has the talent at Uni, but lapses in vital stages could cost them four points, as happened last week. Mt Lawley with the inclusion of 1979 'A' league fairest and best winner Denis Ireland may be a little too experienced for the improving Collegians at Claremont Oval. Collegians with the possible inclusion of former league rover Alan Rose may now set that extra lift around the ground they need. Maylands must win against Carlisle to have any chance to stay within touch of the four. This should be a top clash at Carlisle Reserve despite their positions on the table.

In other divisions undefeated teams after five rounds are Morley, M.H.W.P ('C'); Innaloo ('E'); North Fremantle, National Bank ('F'); Forrestfield ('G'); St Norbetts ('H'); Lynwood ('I'); Coolbinia ('J'); Melville ('K'); Nollamara ('A') Colts; North Fremantle ('B' Colts); Forrestfield ('D' Colts); Swan Athletic, E. Fremantle (Sunday Division).

'A' League premiership table is:

	W	L	For	Ag.	Pc.	Pts
NOLLAMARA	5	0	598	343	146	20
OLD WESLEY	4	1	864	398	166	16
UNIVERSITY	4	1	558	371	150	16
WEMBLEY	3	2	540	534	101	12
COLLEGIANS	2	3	466	440	105	8
MT LAWLEY	2	3	409	447	91	8
CARLISEL	2	3	431	593	72	8
CBC	2	3	313	753	41	8
MAYLANDS	1	4	499	531	93	4
BAYSWATER	0	5	371	558	66	0



## South Perth put new life into competition

South Perth, fresh from their win over top side Wanneroo last week, clash with Cockburn at Ernest Johnson Oval in the W.A.F.A. match-of-the-day on Sunday.

South Perth breathed new life into the competition when they outplayed the team everyone thought was invincible. And on Sunday they should be far too strong for Cockburn.

South Perth were boosted when they recruited Subiaco 'reject' John Hall — one of the players axed in the Lions latest chop-up.

Hall played soundly on a half-back flank in South Perth's win and will be a definite acquisition.

Cockburn, with big centre-half-forward Phil Clucas in top form, are improving and the clash between him and South Perth's centre-half-back Ric Marshall will be a highlight.

But South Perth's runners in Kerry Coates, Barry Stockden and Brian Higgins

should provide too many scoring opportunities for their forwards.

Applecross have slumped dramatically in the past two weeks to lose to Mosman Park and Mets-Victoria Park and they will need to show a reversal of form to beat Osborne Park at Shirley Strickland Reserve today.

Earlier in the season their top recruits Ray Davies, Frank Treasure, Mick Pember and Larry Dwyer were the trend-setters in the competition. But these players have not been sighted while the team has been floundering.

Coach Tony Ryan will demand bigger efforts from these players because Osborne Park, although holding a lowly place on the premiership list, have players like Wayne Bradshaw, Angie Papadopolous and Greg Murphy all in top form.

The match between Mosman and Mets, at Davis Oval, will be well worth watching.

Mets showed that they have the ability to trouble all sides when they beat Applecross and with Stroud Dale and Kim Sidebottom giving them goal-scoring potential and Colin Dowson dominating across the centreline.

But Mosman have a place in the four at stake and should prove too strong.

Wanneroo received a jolt last week but should more than make amends for their loss by beating Melville on their home ground, Kingsway Reserve.



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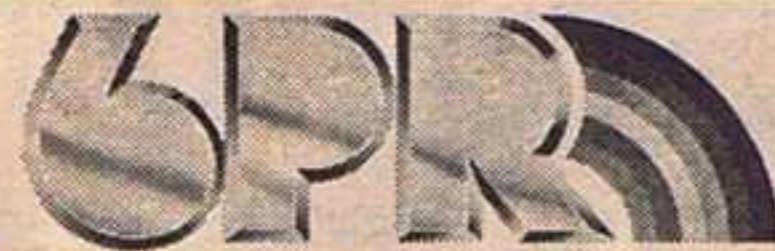


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**JUNIOR QUIZ**

Well kids, it seems as though winning premierships is a popular topic among today's youngsters. Our Quiz No. 5 was all about premierships and we received a big boost in our entries.

Once again, our winner was found quickly when entries closed on Friday and the first correct coupon opened was from a 14-year-old boy this time. Mark Bottrell, of Hamilton Hill — who is an ardent South Fremantle fan, correctly answered the questions.

Mark wins a great Chesson football in South Fremantle colours and a top-class carry bag from Adidas to cart all his footy gear around in.

The answers to the Quiz No. 5 were, of course, fairly easy if you had your records up to date. East Fremantle have won the most premierships (25), Claremont and Swans failed to win a flag in the 70's and Claremont finished on top of last year's premiership table at the end of the qualifying rounds.



Where is former East Fremantle and Subiaco player Neal Robinson coaching now?

ANSWER: .....

Who won the premiership in last year's Great Northern National Football League?

ANSWER: .....

Which WAFL club has a lot of interest in the Geraldton district?

ANSWER: .....

The answer to all these questions can be found in this issue

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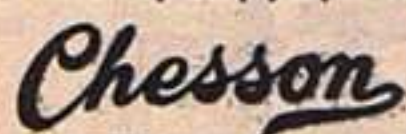
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO. 6

1: Canning, 2: 1973, 3: Unley Park, MYSTERY FOOTBALLER: Noel Carter.

**COACHING CAMP AT SORRENTO**

By Richard Walker, WAFL Development Officer

More than 80 boys from different areas throughout the state are in a special coaching camp this week at the Sorrento venue of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

But unfortunately many more boys who were eligible for this camp have missed the opportunity because of a lack of liaison within their clubs.

The five-day camp for 15 year-olds and under, cost \$20, but in the cases of those boys who have attended, this charge has generally been met by the league club. It is disappointing, therefore, that the maximum number of participants was not achieved because of a breakdown in junior development areas.

The boys have experienced a wide range of personalised coaching with several league coaches in attendance and other football experts contributing their time and knowledge.

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**R & I LITTLE LEAGUE**

The 'Little League' matches played each Saturday during the halftime break of the league games, have been slightly modified so that a completely different team represents the league clubs each week.

With this change now in force, it is anticipated that more than 3,000 boys will take part in matches this year.

Results to date show West Perth — with one loss, are closely followed by South Fremantle.

All clubs have won at least one match,

while Subiaco and East Perth also fought out a draw.

The premiership table is as follows:—

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
W. Perth	5	1	—	86	44	195	20
S. Frem.	4	2	—	80	36	222	16
Swan Dist.	3	3	—	73	75	97	12
Claremont	3	3	—	77	100	77	12
Perth	3	3	—	38	62	61	12
Subiaco	2	3	1	65	69	94	10
E. Frem.	2	4	—	68	68	100	8
E. Perth	1	4	1	50	83	60	6

**TEAL CUP**

The Teal Cup championship for teams aged 17 years and under will be conducted in Perth during the weekend of June 13 to 16.

Teams from all States and Territories will take part with WA endeavouring to improve slightly on the last two years in Adelaide and Hobart, where they were runners-up.

Under coach Jack Ivankovich more than 40 boys are preparing themselves for possible selection in the final team of 25.

This weekend a team of 30 will travel to Northam to play a match against a side from Avon Football Association.

The team to represent WA will be announced on Monday May 26.

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

With the May school holidays now on the Subiaco Junior Council has commenced their annual involvement with their fellow juniors from the country zones.

Last weekend saw the 12-year-olds travel to Kalgoorlie under the guidance of Messrs. T. Barron, D. Shorthill and coach K. Shorthill.

The trip to the Goldfields is always a highlight in this age group as it is often the first time boys of this age are away from home and the experience gained both in football and educational guidance is first class.

This weekend the Kalgoorlie and Murray Districts 15-year-olds visit Subiaco and partake in a combined coaching clinic under the guidance of Ken Armstrong, David Orr and league players.

Following the coaching clinic a series of games between these teams and a Subiaco team will take place.

All boys will be guests of the League Club on Saturday and a warm welcome is extended to all officials and boys who are making the journey.

Champion Club of the Subiaco Junior Council in 1978-79 is the most recent honours acclaimed by the Marist Club which celebrates its 12th anniversary in 1980 of participation in the Junior Council.

The nucleus of the present club was formed in 1964 when Marist College, then located in Salvado Road Subiaco, fielded a team in the under 18's district junior football competition.

The college shifted to its present location at Churchlands in 1965 and by 1968 were fielding teams in all age groups and it was

at this stage, the Inaugural General Meeting of the club was held, with Laurie Ryan being elected first president, a position held until 1972. He was succeeded by Cliff Costello (1973-74). Jim Doherty has since presided over all the club teams from 8's—17-year-olds.

Brian O'Dea and Jim McMahon, after whom perpetual trophies are named, are best remembered for their efforts as former club secretaries, whilst Brian Lee who joined the club as treasurer in 1968 still occupies that executive position.

Former club associates include Brother Terry Gleeson (Life Member of Subiaco Junior Council in 1972), Bob Taylor (Coach of first U-18's team), former league players in Kevin Clure, Ray Marinko, Frank Margaria, Eddie Wylde and Bill Brown.

Life memberships have been bestowed on Pauline O'Dea, Don Bell, Barry Rubie and Fred Symons in addition to some of those previously mentioned.

The club's most successful teams have been the current 13's who won their age premiership in 1978 and 79 and the 1979 — 17's side which is the only team in the club's history to have won three premierships.

From the first 17's premiership saw Phil Lamb graduate to the Subiaco League team, whilst the most recent recruit to league was Brad Lohar from the 1979 team.

G. Stokes.

## Country League Review

### GREAT NORTHERN NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# GNNFL — A GREAT BREEDING GROUND

The Geraldton region has been a prolific breeding ground for brilliant young footballers — and East Fremantle are well aware of the value of their country zone.

When East Fremantle stormed to victory in the 1979 grand final, their team included four players from the Great Northern National Football League — Jim Sewell, John Sims, Graeme Kickett and Merv Carrott.

Over the years East Fremantle have maintained a close liaison with the Geraldton region and it is probably the best city club-country league relationship in existence on the WA football scene.

The current GNNFL season looks like being one of the most exciting and keenly-contested for years. All seven teams have recruited heavily over the summer months and all coaches have expressed confidence.

The coaching line-up itself is full of talent — Neal Robinson (Towns), Alan Fairley (Northampton), Bevin Rose (Railways), Gary McCormack (Mullewa), Alex Kotovski (Rovers), Wayne Proudlove (Chapman Valley) and Kevin Stone (Brigades).

Northampton have been the pace-setters in recent years.

It is strange to think that a relatively small township some 50 kms north of the main Geraldton centre can field the strongest football line-up — but that's the way it is with Northampton pulling off a hat-trick of premierships when they downed Towns last season.

The club recruits exceptionally well and has a proud tradition of competing on a consistently high level.

Northampton's only previous premierships were back in 1967 and 1968 and they will be out to set a GNNFL record this year by becoming the first club to win four flags in a row. Their hat-trick of wins has equalled the effort of Chapman Valley, who won their only three premierships all in a row in 1972-73-74.

Norths are a strange combination; they take a pretty casual attitude towards training, but when the pressure goes on they are right in the action. The team is made up mainly of locals and they are all fit, strapping young farmers — and with five premierships and six runners-up efforts to their credit in the last 19 years, the record book suggests that they can do it again.

Rounding up wild goats is North's

major fund-raising campaign and a typical outback country one at that. They have raised more than \$4000 from this hazardous occupation in recent years and the club is in a sound financial position — though it naturally lacks a big following because of the wide-reaching areas of their population.

A lot of their 1979 premierships success was attributed to veteran Malcolm Gould, a big man who was enticed out of retirement to help bolster the Norths ruck brigade. Gould has a special place of history alongside his name at Northampton — he was full-forward in the club's first



NEAL ROBINSON

premierships side in 1967 and headed the ruck brigade in their most recent success, the only player to still be competing since that first flag.

Former East Fremantle (and briefly Subiaco) player Neal Robinson is the man who could thwart Northampton's plans for four-in-a-row in 1980. Robinson is coaching Towns, the team who have earned the bridesmaid tag in Geraldton.

Towns beat Northampton to win the 1976 premiership, but in the last two years they have walked off the grand final battlefield as the vanquished — even though last year they stormed to what seemed to be



GARY McCORMACK

an unassailable half-time lead, only to fall into a hole in the second half.

Towns are probably the most professional club in the competition — and Robinson has fitted nicely into that scene.

With last year's coach, top country footballer Graham Sertorio, still in the camp and looking fit after a season in Darwin, Towns have plenty of experience to back Robinson up with.

And Robinson himself has already set a high standard of discipline and is making a good impression with his three basic rules to be successful in football — dedication, skills and attitude.

Towns have them all and this could be their year of atonement.

## TWO HAVE ACHIEVED HAT-TRICK

Two players — Graham Sertorio (Towns) and Graham Smith (Chapman Valley) have a high place of honour in Geraldton football.

They are the only two players to complete the hat-trick of winning the GNNFL's three major awards in the one season.

The top award, the Clune Medal, is followed up by the Rocks footballer-of-the-year award and The Sunday Times medal.

Smith capped a brilliant year in 1966 when he topped the poll in all three awards — a feat that was not equalled till 1978 when Sertorio copied him.

## Clune medal is top award

The J.J. Clune Medal is the top individual award in the GNNFL — and some classy players have been the recipient of the league's fairest and best trophy.

Towns players have won the award for the last two years — with Gary Meginess winning it in his second year in the competition and Graham Sertorio having the honour the year before. Those two players are, in fact, the only Towns footballers to have won the award.

Chapman Valley and Mullewa top the poll with four winners each since its inception in 1961. Brigades are next with three winners, followed by Railways, Towns and Northampton with two each. Every other club has had at least one winner.

Some top players have won the award including Leon O'Dwyer in 1977 when he led Northampton to a premiership and going back to the days of big Angus Horwood (Brigades) in 1964.

## CARNIVAL WILL BE THE TEST

Geraldton's claim to being a top football region will be proved at this year's Wesfarmers country carnival in Perth.

Though they performed disappointingly last year, the Great Northern league side will be bolstered by many new recruits for the 1980 country championships.

Players like former Tasmanian star Gary Cowmeadow, East Fremantle veterans Ron Bentley and Neal Robinson, big Perth ruckman Gus Mourish, Ken Pense, Owen Miller, Loui Erceg, John Herrick and Stephen Muir are top country footballers and will boost the GNNFL combined side.

It is six years since the league won its last country championship.

In 1975 Great Northern defeated current title holders — the SWNFL in the grand final after beating Mortlock and Upper Great Southern in preliminary matches.

The league's only previous success in a country carnival was in 1969.



### Next week

The De Grey and West Pilbara National Football League will be featured in this section in next week's edition.



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## Junior club produces stars

One of the most successful football clubs in country areas has to be St Pats — and they don't even play in the league competition.

The St Pats school football programme has seen youngsters from their ranks graduate in a steady stream to senior sides in Geraldton — and then down to Perth.

Subiaco star Ken Marshall is the latest player from St Pats to make the WAFL grade.

St Pats play in the thirds competition, where they have won eight premierships. They fielded a side in the reserves competition one year — in 1961 — and took off the premierships.

St Pats will field sides in the 9, 11, 13, 15 and thirds competitions — and they have boys from St Lawrence and St Francis Xavier schools making up the under-9 and 11 teams.

A lot of St Pats' boys will make their mark in senior football this year after having finished their schooling — players of the future such as Rodney Morrison, Lindsay Greator, John Valli, Wayne Broad, Albert Tondut and John Cheg-widden.

## Zone Football

State of Origin football has been taken a step further in the country area with state-of-zone matches in the GNNFL.

East Fremantle, who do a lot of promotion and development work in their country zone which extends right up to the Geraldton region, introduced the concept last year.

A similar match is planned for 1980 and July 6 is the day that East Fremantle will take their league side to Geraldton to do battle with a side made up of country-origin footballers.

The leagues in East Fremantle's zone — Great Northern, North Midlands and Central Midlands — will probably come together for a carnival weekend, competing in a round-robin series.

The weekend selected is when the Western Australian side is playing Victoria, in Melbourne, and it should produce some power-packed football.



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## ROVERS UNDEFEATED IN UGSNF COMP

After five rounds in the Upper Great Southern National Football League, Rovers have emerged as leaders, being the only undefeated team.

Rovers, led this year by Country All-Stars captain and former West Perth and Wickpin player Keith Miller, have shown a vastly different attitude in two of their four games. With Miller showing the way Rovers have come from behind to score excellent wins against Williams and Railways, and last Sunday defeated another top side in Pingelly.

Hayden Edwards and Alan Campbell, both top footballers from the GGSNFL, have proved top recruits, and with former coach Jeff Szczesney back in town, gains have certainly outweighed losses from last season. Youngsters Peter Dennett and David Robinson have shown enormous potential in their few league games so far. Unfortunately the club has had their share of injury problems and top players Jeff Szczesney, Gavin Bolt, Peter Naylor, Terry Ball and Denis Sprigg have all missed games through injury.

The tag 'April Premiers' has dogged Rovers for many years, but this year coach Miller is determined to erase that stigma.

### POOR UMPIRING

The Southern Districts Football League are having more than their fair share of problems with umpires.

A recent game played between Railways and Denmark, which had the potential to be match of the day, was turned into a fiasco through poor umpiring.

The game however, did have its moments and several players featured.

New Railways player, Weston Jackson, was on top at centre-half-forward where his strong overhead marks made him the spring-board for Railways' attacking moves.

Railways' wingmen, Steve Wynne and Syd Penny both produced a brilliant brand of football.

Railways stormed home in the final quarter to win 18.5 (113) to 12.19 (91).

### MERREDIN UPSET

Perhaps the biggest upset in WA country football happened in the Eastern District Football League last week when Southern Cross beat Merredin.

It was the first time Southern Cross had scored a win on the Merredin oval.

Southern Cross have been the traditional wooden spooners for the past few seasons and this win must give the Cardinals hope for future games.

### COUNTRY NEWS

\* Country football club and league officials wishing to have news included in this weekly country section should send their news reports and photographs to Westside Football, P.O. Box 153, Morley, 6062.



Ron Bentley... a key figure in Geraldton football

### MIXED FORTUNES

It was a weekend of mixed fortune for the first weekly winner of The New Pilbara Times and 6NR Supporter-of-the-Year award, John Purser.

John and his wife Lyn lost everything they had, including two pet dogs, in a caravan fire at South Hedland.

John, however, correctly forecast the Club Med Malaysia winning team and margin and won a holiday to South East Asia.

### ROOSTERS PLUCKED

Balidu proved that they are top contenders for the Mortlock National Football League premiership when they had a 47 point victory over rivals, Wongan Hills.

Balidu coach, Phil Mincherton, was determined to make this game a percentage booster so for inspiration to encourage his meaty men he wrote on the change room blackboard: "Pluck the Roosters".

The Roosters is the nickname of the Wongan Hills club.

### 150 TO McPHERSON

Congratulations to Central Midlands League footballer, Norm McPherson, who played his 150th game for Rovers on Sunday.

### PATTERN DEVELOPS

A pattern has already developed after only two rounds of fixtures in the De Grey and West Pilbara National Football League.

Panthers and Karratha Kats appear to be favourites for the premiership with Rovers close behind.

The unbeaten South Hedland are on the top of the ladder and have been offered little competition so far this season.

## DONNYBROOK REUNION

Donnybrook have staked a claim to being the oldest football club in Western Australia still operating under its original name.

The club, one of the top sides in the South West National Football League, are celebrating their 85th anniversary this year — and they have planned a big 'Back to Donnybrook' weekend for all past players and officials on June 14 and 15.

An All-Star football panel show will be part of the weekend's activities with well-known football commentator Ross Elliot interviewing past champions such as Noal (Dixie) Lee, Con Regan, Cyril Litterick and Kelly Allsop.

Organisers have compiled a list of 350 past players and officials and they are anxious to attract as many of them as possible back to the town for the weekend.

Anyone interested in the function can telephone Donnybrook (097) 311 320.

## MINERS WIN

Last season's South West National Football League grand finalists, Mines Rovers and Augusta Margaret River, had a spectacular clash at Collie on Sunday.

Mines produced some top class football to eventually repeat their premiership win 22.14 (146) to 18.14 (122).

Mines had to work hard for the four points however, because a desperate and determined Hawks established a handy lead after the first quarter.

Mines inspirationalists, Wayne Coles and Geoff Saunders, were able to take complete control of their forward line in the second quarter and soon put an end to the Hawks confidence.

Despite a strong Hawks defence, lead by Laurie Craven, Mines were unable to gain the upper hand.

## Cardie trip

The West Perth Football Club will be spreading the message among their country juniors this week.

The club's full-time football co-ordinator, Graeme Pleydell, will take a party of league players to Merredin and Corrigin for special clinics next Monday and Tuesday.

About 100 children will be at each session and the emphasis will be on developing skills.

West Perth will also return with a party of officials to Merredin on Wednesday night for a Nukarni Football Club function.

### SLATER LEAVES

A presentation was made last Sunday to one of Cunderdin Football Club's more experienced and talented players, Peter Slater, who is leaving the district.

Slater could be lining up with a WAFL side soon.

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EAST FREMANTLE



# NEW APPROACH WILL BE A WINNER

EAST FREMANTLE have adopted a new approach to their football image in the last few years — and it should pay big dividends in the future.

The club has placed great emphasis on developing both their sponsorship and patronage side of football — and their image with the public, via the media.

Subtle changes in a variety of ways have enabled East Fremantle to communicate more with their members, supporters and the football public in general. Despite their current lack of form, the club's progress off the field is healthy — and a magnificent \$140,000 patron's lounge is the latest example of that.

East Fremantle — with the help of the East Fremantle Town Council — have recently opened a comfortable viewing and refreshment area in their club premises, providing 120 armchair viewing spots for what they call their vice-patrons.



And club president Merv Cowan sees this type of development a vital one if football clubs are going to survive.

"We have to provide better facilities at the football", he says. "So we might as well start with our sponsors and financial supporters. They are the people who put money into the club, so they have to be rewarded and entertained in comfortable surroundings."

Mr. Cowan sees East Fremantle raising at least \$60,000 from sponsorships this season — and that will be a vital contribution in the never-ending battle to stay afloat financially as a football club.

"Football is an entertainment", he says. "To keep providing the best quality entertainment we need money and we therefore need the type of premises that will attract people to support the club."

"I've noticed that the introduction of our patron's area has resulted in some of

our supporters involving their wives in their football activities. Instead of just the men going along to the football by themselves, they can now involve their wives and have comfortable viewing facilities. Football becomes a family outing."

Mr. Cowan believes that East Fremantle are well geared up for the future — and though he is a little despondent about their current form, he sees this as a short-term situation.

"We have Trevor Sprigg working full-time in the field of football and I believe we have become more professional in our handling of players", says Mr. Cowan.

"Our decision to lease players to Victorian clubs in preference to selling them outright or getting involved in lengthy and costly clearance battles is paying off. We still get the money, and we still retain the player when his lease is expired."

"Last year we returned \$50,000 in lease payments — and still had the football talent to win a premiership."

"Winning that 1979 flag was important for us; particularly as it justified our football policies."

## Development work pays off

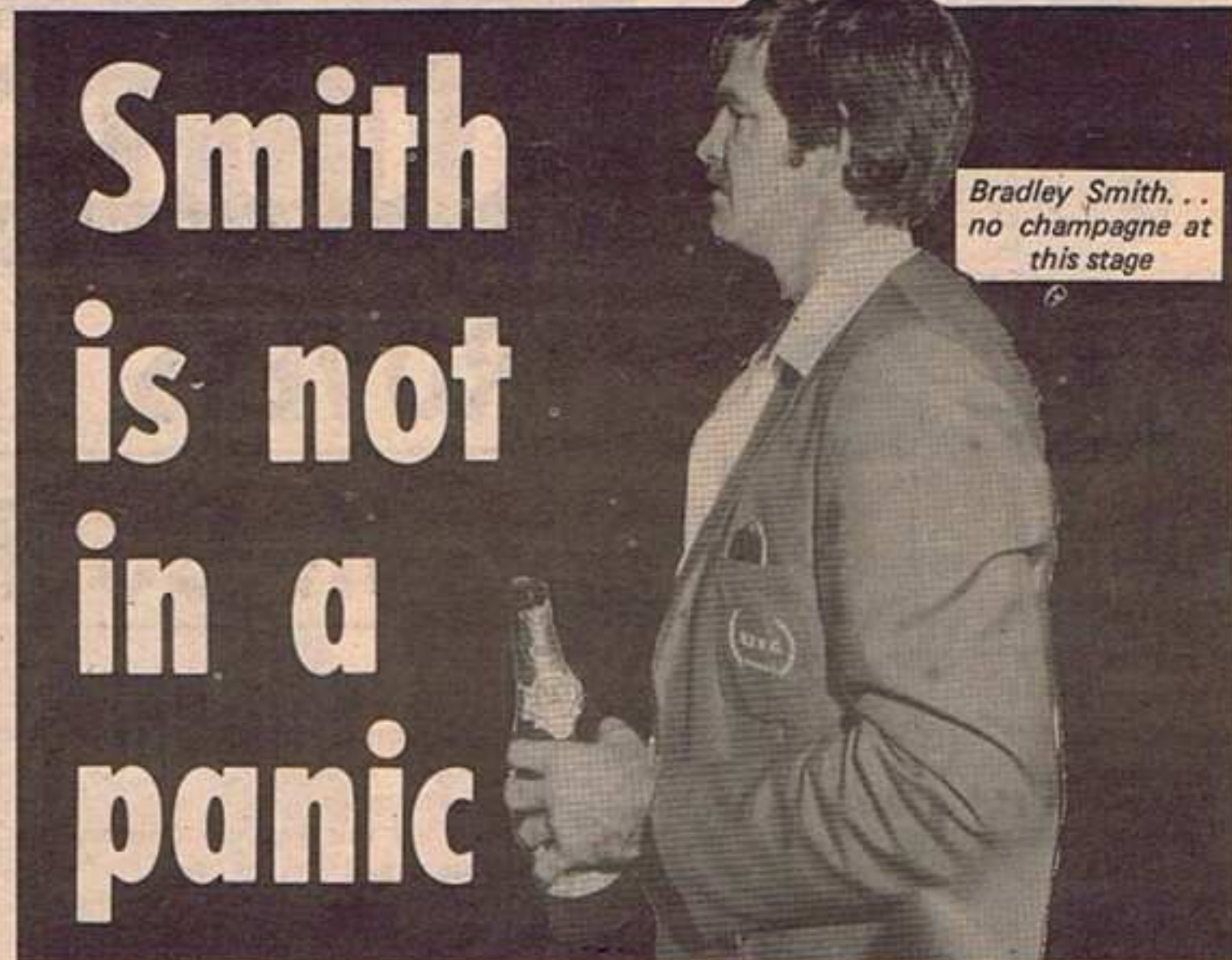
East Fremantle are reaping the player-rewards from two often over-looked areas — their junior district and their country zone.

The club has worked hard in their country zone in recent seasons — covering many miles through towns north of Perth from Moora up to Geraldton.

Coaching clinics, player exchanges, junior development, constant liaison and even full-scale matches have been the theme of their work. And it has paid off — the stream of league quality players from their northern zone has been steady and consistent in recent seasons and almost half of their 1979 premiership side came from country football.

Their local junior development work is carried out by the district council with club director Ron Jones co-ordinating the activities.

Club president, Merv Cowan, is con-



Bradley Smith... no champagne at this stage

Rags to riches and back again could well be the Bradley Smith theme song this year — but it isn't.

Smith, a veteran of nearly 250 league games in two states and a tough and hardened footballer, is not getting soft or silly just because his premiership side of 1979 is lamenting near the bottom of the 1980 table.

Smith concedes that he is finding coaching a lot harder this year than in his debut year last season. He admits that the run of luck this year hasn't been as good — and he is quickly finding out how frustrating it can be when you are coaching a side that suddenly loses a few key players.

The basic difference between 1979 and 1980 is that he had a big, talented group of players available last year — and they just

needed honing into shape; moulding into the right combination.

This year, as the result of a combination of retirements, injuries — and several disappointing attitudes — he is working hard to regenerate the enthusiasm and team spirit so necessary in successful football clubs.

Look at the list — Mario Turco to Melbourne; Doug Green retired; Ian Crawford and Barry Haydinger back in Sunday football after showing league potential; key players like Jim Sewell, Ian Thomson, Tony Buhagiar, Rod Lester-Smith, Glen Hout, Brian Needle and Mark Olsen all injured.

Smith doesn't use this list as an excuse — he refers to it simply as the obstacle that he and his players now have to overcome.

With only one win out of their first six games, he's not exactly overjoyed or bristling with confidence about making the finals.

"It's getting harder week by week as we lose", he says. "That's why we must start winning. They played much better against Perth and I feel that the hard work will soon pay off. If we only win one or two games in the first round — instead of the minimum four or so — then we'll have to make it up in the second round."

"Our defence hasn't measured up this year, our rucks are not performing to the standard they attained last year and they are just not doing the things expected of them."

Smith doesn't believe that he was a coaching 'flash in the pan' last season. He is confident that East Fremantle can be competitive this year — he has to; his job depends on it.

But East Fremantle are not pressing any panic moves; they are working just as hard as ever to get the side back into a winning frame of mind — and opposing clubs better believe that!

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# WESTSIDE WINNERS



## SUBIACO v EAST FREMANTLE

**FRED WOODS:** *Whoever wins this game will have to wait seven weeks before their next win — it'll probably be East Fremantle.*



## PERTH v CLAREMONT

**ALAN EAST:** *Perth coach Alan Joyce was pleased with his boys last week — but he won't be too happy this Saturday when they fall victim to the Tigers.*



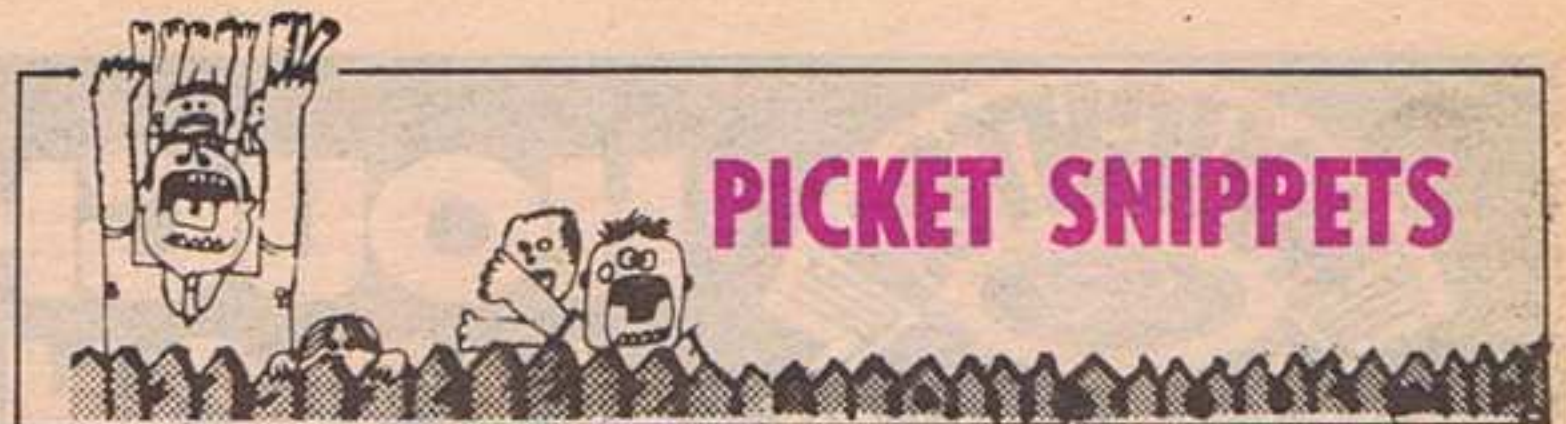
## SOUTH FREMANTLE v SWAN DISTRICTS

**BOB CRIBB:** *Listen Malcolm, you should have stayed "resigned" this week. By the time Swans have finished with South this Saturday you'll probably never want to coach again!*



## WEST PERTH v EAST PERTH

**MARTY McDONNELL:** *East Perth are back with a vengeance; the Cardies run is over. They'll go down screaming today and that puts them out as a threat to the top three.*



# PICKET SNIPPETS

## TRAFFIC JAM

A certain semi-trailer driver around town must have rued his decision to drive down Railway Parade, Bassendean about noon last Saturday. As he turned into Sixth Avenue he jack-knifed his semi — and caused one of the biggest traffic jams seen at a football match for years. With 22,350 people packing the ground, the last thing footy fans wanted was a traffic hassle as they struggled to get in. The hapless truck driver had to spend a nervous couple of hours trying to get things right — as the fans gave him some stony stares as they inched past the truck blocking a major intersection.

## GOOD VIEW

Talking about the crowd at Bassendean Oval — how about the three workmen who undoubtedly had the best view in the ground and with plenty of elbow room. Fans were not allowed on to the new building that will be Swan Districts Sponsors' Lounge — going up alongside their social club hall — but that ban didn't apply to three workmen, who sat there untroubled all game.

## VERSATILE TROT MAN

Former Daily News football writer Ross Nicholas has become a versatile operator since joining the WA Trotting Association as their promotions officer. Nicholas was seen at Bassendean Oval last week driving the mobile barrier car around the ground as champion pacer Pure Steel loped along behind. A couple of weeks earlier Nicholas found himself in the spider behind another champion, San Simeon, when he was entrusted with guiding the horse back to the stables after an on-track presentation.

## HOLD-UP

West Perth ruckman Ben Jager was given the benefit of an umpiring decision against Swans last week. Jager lost his jumper in a fierce tackle and he threw the torn shreds to the ground. As he ran around without a guernsey field umpire Ron Buckey told him that this was against the rules. A goal was scored and the ball was about to be bounced — except that Jager was in the centre square minus a jumper. Umpire Buckey probably should have ordered the No. 1 ruckman out of the play — but he elected to hold the game up for a minute or so till the replacement jumper was ferried out.

## POOR OLD LOU!

Everyone rates Lou Richards as the hot gosseller of the Victorian football media ... even Lou.

Everyone considers Lou Richards is the current expert on everything in Victorian football ... even Lou.

So even Lou Richards must be feeling pretty sick when he looks at the tipsters poll published in Victoria's Sunday Press each week.

Poor old Lou. He's tipped 18 winners out of a possible 36 and he is one point ahead of the bottom of the pile! Incidentally, former WA commentator Drew Morphett, currently compering The Winners on ABC TV, picked all six last week to share the lead on 25 out of the 36.

## A TASK FOR UMPIRES

Here's a well meaning bit of advice to umpires in junior ranks — there seems to be too much smart talking among our kids of today on the junior fields and that's the place for it to be stamped out. We've had several people talk to us about young kids slinging mud at their opponents in junior games and if we could eradicate that now through tighter umpiring, the boys would be better footballers for it.

## PREMIERSHIP RAFFLE

Despondent Footscray coach Royce Hart wins this week's star quote. Feeling rather annoyed with his players who are not contributing enough he said: "I reckon if they had the choice of playing for four premierships points or winning them in a raffle, they'd buy a thousand tickets and sit back and see what happens."

## TOO HARD!!

East Fremantle seem to be running out of luck this season. They were pretty disappointed when Essendon youngster Darren Williams returned home unexpectedly — and they are not too impressed with the attitude of Ian Crawford and Barry Haydinger. Both have returned to Sunday football after showing enough potential to succeed in the big league — but not without the accepted hard work that goes with it.

## BRICK BATS FOR UMPs

A couple of weeks ago Westside Football threw a few bouquets on umpires Ross Capes and Brendan Green for their display in controlling the match between East Fremantle and Claremont. Capes continues to umpire well, but Green fell down badly in the Swans-Subi game two weeks ago and last week Ron McBride showed he has still got a lot to learn after an insipid display in the Royals-Bulldogs clash. McBride was all at sea in the holding the ball rule and his inconsistency marred an otherwise exciting game.

## NIGGLING MATCH

Neil Randall and George Michalczyk have a love-hate relationship on the field. It was never more evident than in last week's South Fremantle-East Perth match where niggling was the name of the game between these two. Randall came out a clear winner and emerged as one of the Bulldogs' best players. George, next time you play on "Randy", keep your eye and your mind on the ball. You are a much better player when your concentration is centred on the play.

## BILLETS WANTED

Most of the WAFL clubs are hosting interstate visitors for the forthcoming Teal Cup championships — and billets are needed for the junior footballers.

If you are interested in billeting a star football-of-the-future during the Teal Cup, then contact your local junior council or your nearest football club.

## TEARS FOR MAL?

The feelings that Mal Brown can evoke should not be taken lightly ... whether you agree with the man or not. South Fremantle general-manager Ross May was distraught after last week's match when Brown told officials and players he had resigned. When May talked to Ray Wilson as the siren sounded, the Bulldogs' man was still wiping the tears from his eyes.

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