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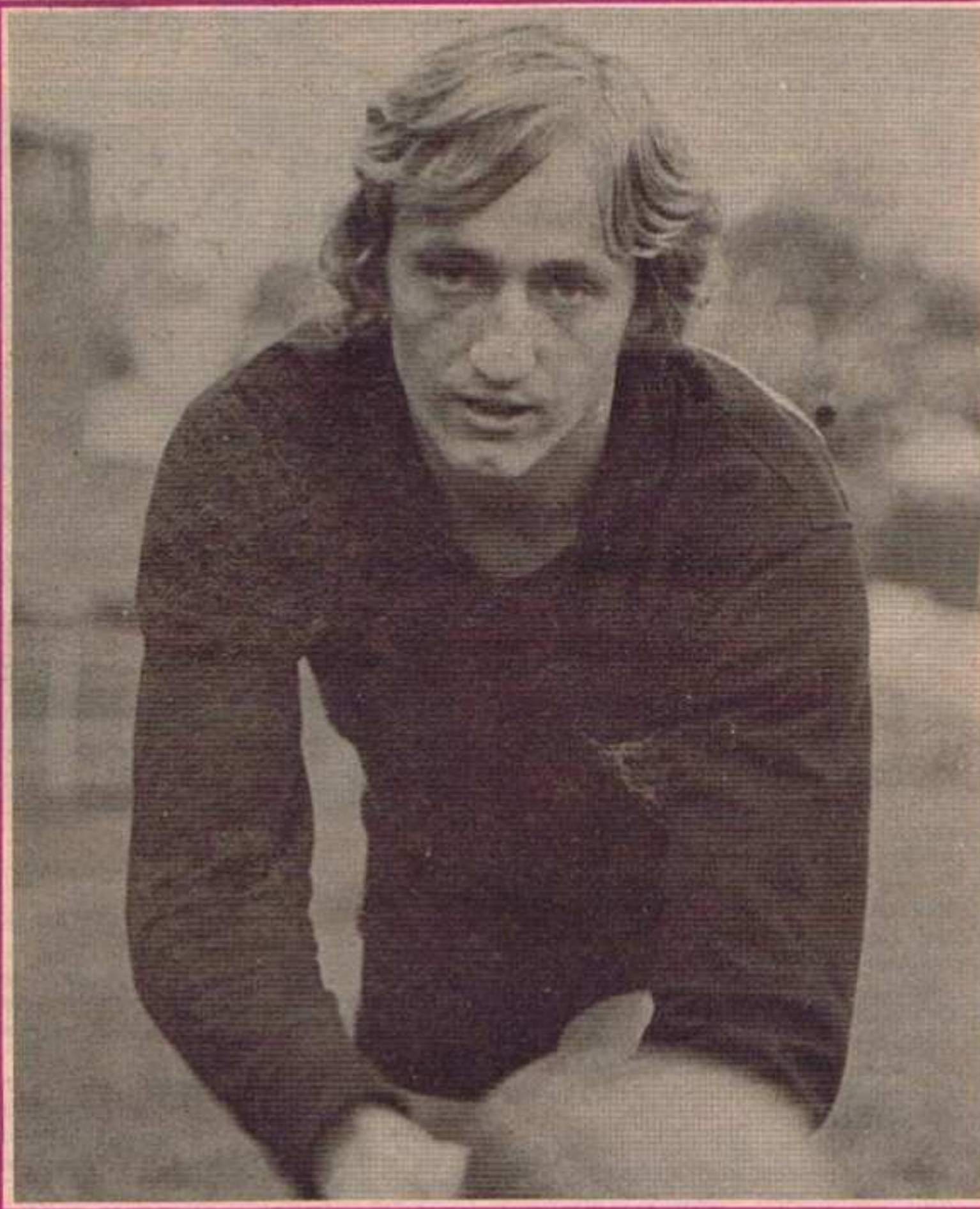
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Wiley has a new role

Former Perth rover Robert Wiley has virtually clinched a place in WA's State-of-Origin side for the July 5 clash with Victoria with a new-look approach to football.

Wiley, now 25, has developed into a top kick-getter in the VFL as he cements his place in Richmond's side as a ruck-rover.

Wiley was back in Perth this week to announce his engagement to Marcia Brennan and to receive some treatment for a strained hamstring muscle in his left leg — an injury that kept him out of Richmond's side last season.

"I've got a completely different role in football now," says Wiley, who was one of the biggest kick-getters in WA football when he covered tremendous ground as a rover.

"I play as a link man, something like Garry Gibellini did at Perth. I only operate between the half-forward and half-back lines and seldom go into the goal-scoring area."

Richmond, currently riding high on top of the VFL table, use Wiley and either Merv Cain or Terry Smith as the ruck-rovers. Barry Rowlings has been successfully converted into a rover and he changes with Dale Wakeman, which leaves veteran VFL rover Kevin Bartlett stationed permanently on a half-forward flank.

Wiley is confident that his current injury is only a minor one — but some Richmond officials are worried that it could be a repetition of the serious strain that affected his VFL football last season. But Wiley was confident of being passed fit to play for Richmond against Hawthorn this weekend.

Wiley's confidence has really soared this year after the frustrations of his inaugural year in the VFL last season.

He is also thriving on the VFL atmosphere . . .

"Playing at the MCG is tremendous," he says. "The game against Carlton a few weeks back attracted 85,000 people and the atmosphere was unbelievable." — ALAN EAST.

ARMSTRONG HITS OUT

Subiaco coach Ken Armstrong has blasted the unethical tactics of some Victorian talent scouts.

Armstrong, who says many VFL clubs use "back door" approaches, would like to see fines of up to \$100,000 imposed on the Vics for shady dealings.

"That's not a ludicrous figure," Armstrong says.

"In Victoria, clubs can't speak to opposition players unless they have full permission from the player's club.

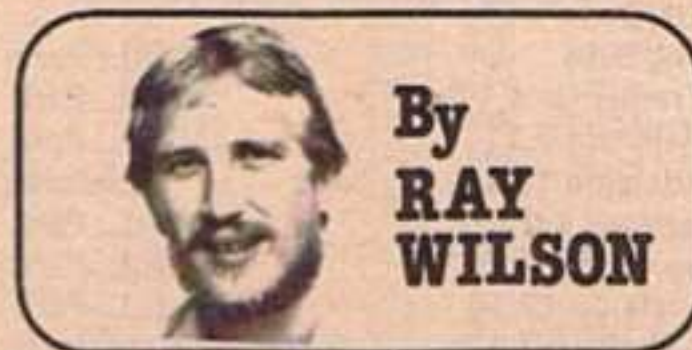
"Why can't that policy be adopted Australia wide? If it's good enough for the Vics in Victoria, surely it should be good enough for the Vics throughout Australia."

"The maximum fine in Melbourne for unethical approaches is \$100,000. The same should apply here."

Armstrong says football administrators in WA almost condoned the methods of some talent scouts because of their lack of action.

Though Victorian clubs have been limited to signing two interstate recruits a year through form-fours, they have found various ways around that restriction.

The methods include paying a player not to sign with any other club and has got to the stage where WA players have been



By
RAY
WILSON

paid not to get contracted to their own club.

Armstrong says a young WA player should have given at least five years service or more than 100 games before making the move to Melbourne.

That's why it is very unlikely that star

Lions centreman Gary Buckenara will be released for several years.

Hawthorn approached Subiaco to lease Buckenara for the remainder of this season.

However the Lions flatly refused the deal. Subiaco officials were amazed when two players talked about in the deal were released from Hawthorn and directed to other VFL clubs.

Armstrong says the way in which VFL clubs snatch teenagers was particularly reprehensible.

"Just watch them swoop on the young players taking part in the Teal Cup," he says.



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East Perth's Larry Kickett shows his beautiful balance... even when he is on the ground.

ESCORT REPORT

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

Claremont our last hope

The treacherous VFL Park surface and the difficult Melbourne weather ended South Fremantle's hopes in the Escort Championship series — but they have departed with \$14,000 prizemoney from their two games.

Claremont, who won their first Escort match back on March 3, are now the only Western Australian club in the series, sharing the semi-final berths with North Melbourne, Collingwood and Essendon.

The prizemoney breakdown for all four clubs at this stage stands at: Claremont \$25,000; North Melbourne \$16,000; Collingwood \$16,000; Essendon \$16,000. The losers of the semi-finals will receive \$8000 as their final payment. The two winners will enter the July 15 grand final with \$36,000 going to the ultimate champion and \$20,000 to the runners-up.

South Fremantle's effort on Tuesday was a valiant one after they gave Essendon — one of the form sides of the VFL at present — a 26-point start in the first term. South were slow to start, but as players like big men Basil Campbell, Steven Michael and Kevin Cornell and runners in Neil Randall, Paul Vasoli, Paul Mountain and Brad Hardie found their feet the game evened out.

Essendon were held to two points in the second term, but bad kicking by South saw their chances fritter away as they posted 1.5 for the term.

Essendon finished strongly with a five-goal last term to win by 39 points — 12.14 to 6.11.

Match No.	Date	Teams	Venue
1	March 3	Claremont 22.10 b East Perth 4.16	Leederville Oval
2	March 3	Subiaco 15.9 b Perth 11.14	Perth Oval
3	March 2	Hawthorn 18.13 b West Perth 11.15	Perth Oval
4	March 4	Melbourne 22.16 b Swan Districts 8.18	V.F.L. Park
5	March 11	North Adelaide 14.11 b Norwood 13.13	Adelaide
6	March 14	Glenelg 11.13 b Central District 6.8	Adelaide
7	March 8	St Kilda 19.6 b Sturt 8.11	V.F.L. Park
8	March 8	South Melbourne 10.16 b West Adelaide 7.18	Adelaide
9	March 11	Footscray 17.10 b West Torrens 12.3	V.F.L. Park
10	March 16	Queensland 15.17 b Tasmania 9.15	Tasmania
11	March 15	Richmond 20.17 b Woodville 9.3	V.F.L. Park
12	March 16	NSW 17.10 b A.C.T. 10.11	Sydney

SECOND ROUND

13	March 15	Claremont 16.20 b Subiaco 12.9	Leederville
14	March 18	Hawthorn 17.17 b Melbourne 14.4	V.F.L. Park
15	March 21	Glenelg 22.11 b North Adelaide 13.12	Adelaide
16	March 22	St Kilda 17.15 b South Melbourne 10.6	V.F.L. Park
17	March 23	Footscray 18.14 b Queensland 10.8	Brisbane
18	March 23	Richmond 17.19 b NSW 14.16	Sydney

THIRD ROUND

19	March 25	Claremont 10.13 b Geelong 9.14	V.F.L. Park
20	April 1	Hawthorn 20.20 b East Fremantle 4.11	V.F.L. Park
21	April 15	North Melbourne 9.16 b Glenelg 9.11	V.F.L. Park
22	April 29	St Kilda 16.11 b South Adelaide 13.11.	Adelaide
23	May 6	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

QUARTER FINALS

27	May 20	Claremont 12.12 Hawthorn 7.10	V.F.L. Park
28	May 27	North Melbourne 18.11 d St Kilda 13.11	V.F.L. Park
29	June 3	Collingwood 10.14 b Richmond 5.13	V.F.L. Park
30	June 10	Essendon 12.14 b South Fremantle 6.11	V.F.L. Park

SEMI-FINALS

31	June 24	Claremont v North Melbourne	V.F.L. Park
32	July 1	Collingwood v Essendon	V.F.L. Park

GRAND FINAL

33	July 15	At V.F.L. Park
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It's getting close for Swans

A few people are starting to get the jitters up Bassendean way . . . all of a sudden this 12-in-a-row challenge has become a reality.

Just two more victories and Marlboro will be paying out football's biggest-ever cash bonus, a cool \$20,000 for achieving the 12 straight home-and-away wins.

The 10 wins Swans have chalked up have guaranteed them a few rewards already — 40 premierships points, certainly enough to qualify for the finals even at the half-way mark; \$4000 for the first-round Marlboro Cup and a healthy start to the second round of the Cup series.

The attention of the football world will certainly focus on Bassendean Oval in the next two weeks as Swans are host to Claremont and Subiaco. It is unfortunate that this week's Claremont clash will be when the State side is away. One can only hope that a depleted Swans side is not deprived of the Marlboro money by losing this anticlimax match.

Swans ability to survive last week's match with East Perth was a severe test of strength. The Royals have the capacity to nullify top sides and top players — they've done it many times in the past — and Saturday's win can certainly be classed as Swans most impressive and toughest to date. East Perth pulled out all their big guns for the match and despite throwing everything they had at Swans, the black-and-whites held off the threat — and stormed home to win running away.

The depth of talent at Swans is not enormous — but it is sufficient to meet and beat the Claremont challenge this week. But it will be interesting to see how the side operates without the generalship that is exerted on the field by players like Gerard Neesham, who plays a leading role in the Swans football pattern.

But Claremont will be without their general — captain-coach Graham Moss — so the battle will be evened out.

East Perth lost their place in the top four last week, but they can regain it at the expense of East Fremantle — who notched their only win of the first round when they downed the Royals at Perth Oval. East Perth can return the favour when they travel to East Fremantle Oval this week — and victory, coupled with a Claremont loss, would reverse the situation of last weekend.

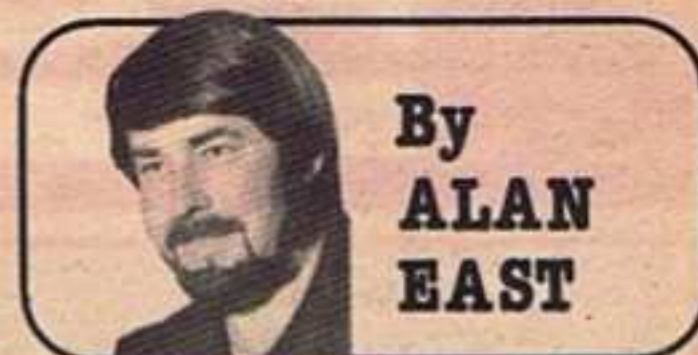
West Perth are also looking vulnerable. They have slipped from second to fourth with two straight losses, but the battle for three finals berths is so tight that every week counts, so the Cardies must beat Perth this week to keep breathing.

West Perth believe that they must win every match they contest at home. So far this season they've lost to the three other sides in the top four — Swans, Claremont and South Fremantle — and all have been away. They now tackle those sides at home over the next few weeks and if they are to stake a genuine claim for a finals appearance they will need to win at least two of those encounters.

Subiaco failed in what was probably their biggest test to date — tackling coach Ken Armstrong's old club. Victory was within their grasp at times, but could not be grabbed with two hands.

Now Subiaco are at home to South Fremantle, who returned to the winning list against West Perth, but it wasn't all that impressive. In fact, the Bulldogs functioned like a rusty wheel at times, but the return to form of key players like Joe McKay and Benny Vigona augurs well for the future . . . and that's bad news for Subi this Saturday.

Perth are putting their games together in good style, but not quite earning enough premierships points — they kicked 16.18 to



By ALAN EAST



Doug Simms

lose to Swans; 19.17 to go down to South and 20.12 when beaten by Claremont.

Their hopes for victory this Saturday will depend on their ability to survive without key players in Peter Bosustow and Brian Cook. It is time for goalkicking half-forward Doug Simms to return to top form and take Bosustow's place.

Football takes a low-key attitude this weekend because of the absence of the State players. But the premierships points are still there to be taken — and that's the main thing.

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NO WONDER THEY ARE SO GOOD!

Swan Districts have now won 10 games straight and are well on their way to a season of undefeated football. When you add last season's five wins in a row it brings their unbeaten tally to 15.

Undefeated is a word last heard of in the football world 34 years ago, in 1946 when East Fremantle won the premiership without a loss.

Similar to Swans, they finished one season strongly, winning their last 10 games of the 1945 season and then went through the 1946 season without a loss. They then won their first four games in 1947 taking their undefeated tally to a record 35 games.

Once again, similar to Swans, old Easts had a great following division in Alan Ebbs, Jack Sheedy and the late Vic French. And players like George Prince, Ron Mellowship, brothers Jim and Dinny Conway, Ken Ebbs, Harold Jeffries and captained by Charlie Doig. They were a side of ball users.

Swans also have an outstanding bunch of followers. Ruckman Ron Boucher, ruck-rover Gerard Neesham (both State players) and rovers Ian Williams and Graham Melrose.

Maybe history will repeat itself. Much of the credit for Swans success must go to their directors.



Alan Ebbs

Add to these 1975 state schoolboys Craig Holden and Mike Smith, plus first and second year players like Jon Fogarty, Craig Hoyer, Don Holmes, Don Langsford, Phil Narkle, Mike Richardson, Simon Beasley and Ian Williams. They are all being taught the game by a no-nonsense, skills coach in John Todd.

Swans have an experienced captain in Stan Nowotny, have recruited experienced players such as Gordon Casey, Gerard Neesham, Graham Melrose, Tony Solin and Ed Blackaby.

It's no wonder it took fans 1½ hours to get away from Bassendean oval after the clash with East Perth last week!

As in all, sports crowds will come in their thousands to see champions in action.

So I say: "Keep it going Swans" because if you get beaten, the next Saturday will be a day to "Catch up with some gardening" for a thousand or two fans who are following your football every week.

Swans are sure playing up to the slogan on their changeroom wall which reads:

Deep in every man there lies a greatness. Only he can match it. Only he knows its meaning and value. With it he will answer every challenge. With it he is never defeated.



Jim Conway

They have shown faith in coach John Todd, who, after a shaky start at Bassendean four years ago, cleaned the club out of so-called name players who were not performing.

He has helped develop players like Bill Skwirowski, their best 1st year player in 1975; Alan Sidebottom, their best 1st year player in 1977 and Ian Williams, who gained the honour last year.

Guest Columnist

Presented by McInerneyFord

THIS WEEK:



OSCAR HOWARD

Radio 6PR Commentator

TIPS FOR JUNIORS

A thought for junior coaches. We should rephrase the words "play on at all times" to read "play on whenever possible".

Far too often we see junior players (and league stars at times) take a mark or free kick and handball to a player alongside or even behind him, only to see that player run into an opponent and have to kick or handball the ball hurriedly.

There are 36 players on the field and the average player handles the ball only 10 or 15 times a game, and the way in which he disposes of it is vital to the team.

We all know if a player stops on every occasion the flow-on and teamwork will be affected. But "playing on at all times" is only affecting the overall standard of our game.

FIVE STILL IN DOUBT

With nearly half the season completed only three sides know their fate in 1980.

Swan Districts will be in the four, possibly finishing on top. Whereas Subiaco and East Fremantle could hardly be expected to win enough games to make the finals.

Now the struggle is on for second, third and fourth spot and any of the other five teams could fill the three positions.

West Perth won early games, but now appear to be on the slide. Perth are not consistent and these two look like missing out at this stage.

But bearing in mind we have two state games in the next month or so, and quite often these games take the edge off top players. The other three teams - South Fremantle (Stephen Michael and Noel Carter), Claremont (Graham Moss, Jim Krakouer, Ken Hunter and Dalton Gooding), East Perth (Peter Spencer, John Dimmer, Wayne Duke, Stephen Curtis and John Hayes) have quite a few state reps and this could affect their chances.

Yes, five teams and only three vacant places in the four. It's going to be interesting!



TONY KELLY

Unusual jumpers

Noel Carter and Tony Kelly are a bit unique at South Fremantle - they don't wear the conventional club guernsey, but prefer the old lace-up type.

Carter says that it fits snugly making it difficult to hold on to in a tackle, and being fleecy lined is very warm.

Kelly finds it more comfortable to wear over his kidney guard, which is the result of a heavy clash in last year's grand final.

By the way, have you noticed that Carter NEVER wears long sleeves?

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The Westside Football team of editor Peter Poat and photographer Richie Hann will travel to Adelaide to bring you an exclusive behind-the-scenes report on the big match.

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DOBSON — EXPERIENCE

PAYS OFF

Football has had plenty of ups and downs for tigerish East Fremantle defender Mal Dobson — to the extent that he is already on his second comeback trail.

Dobson lost interest in league football so much a few years back that he dropped out of the local scene and went holidaying around the world to get the game out of his system. But even a year overseas did not completely cure him of his love for the game and on his return he was back at East Fremantle Oval — a decision that a legion of Old Easts fans are now applauding.

Dobson has proved that experience pays off, particularly in defence, and his football in the last two seasons has been of an exceptionally high quality.

In fact, the success of Dobson could easily have been a case of 'double trouble' for opposition sides as his twin brother Mark was also a league player at East Fremantle. However, a series of injuries and a preference to play in Sunday league saw Mark depart from East Fremantle Oval after playing in the same league side as his brother on only one occasion.

This week ALAN EAST spoke to Mal Dobson about his fluctuating football fortunes.



The Dobsons — Mal and Louise — on their way to work at Town and Country Building Society.

can't get a break on you and get to the ball first. You have to have pace and you must be able to spoil in the air and back up your full-back. It's important to develop some good understanding with your full-back so if either of you spoils, the other retrieves the crumbs or cuts off the lead of the full-forward or the rover. You really have to be able to work in with your full-back.

What sort of feeling do you get when a resting rover starts kicking a bundle of goals?

You hate it! You know if you don't stop him you'll get dragged because the back pocket is the worst position in the field. If you let players kick goals you've had it. You know that if the rover starts getting goals you are letting the team down, so you don't like it one bit.

Who is the hardest rover you've ever played on from the point of kicking goals?

I'd say that among the current crop of rovers Phil Krakouer would be the toughest; he's so quick and deadly and he seems to be able to read the play so well. Of the rovers I've played on in the past, Greg Bennett, of Perth, was really hard to keep track of.

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

Probably 1976 was my best individual year, but last year when East Fremantle won the premiership I played far more consistently; more as a team man and that was more satisfying.

Your worst year?

That would be 1977. East Fremantle didn't do well and neither did I. I started the season with a couple of injuries and never really recovered and I didn't seem to be able to put games together.

Have you been troubled by injuries over the years?

I seem to have more facial injuries than anything else. I've had my nose broken five or six times and just normal things like stitches. Probably the ankle injury I've just had, when I missed two games, was the longest time injury has kept me out.

How do you account for all the broken noses?

Just being a back pocket player, I guess. You have to try to go straight through the packs and you often collide with someone's fist or elbow and you just stick your head down and go. If you cop something it's just too bad.

Have you been dropped many times in your career?

Early on in my career my inconsistency caused me to be dropped, but the last couple of years I've been pretty steady.

What about Mark, your twin brother. Why didn't he stay here?

He was a bit unfortunate because he was trying to slot in as a wingman or half-forward and we had a lot of players in that mould. He also had a couple of bad injuries and missed a lot of games. Then he got married and decided that league football was taking up too much of his time, so he went to South Suburban. There was only one league game where we played together — I was in a back pocket and he was on the wing — but we played a lot of reserves games together.

Where did your football career start?

I played all my junior football with Palmyra juniors and had a season with Melville amateur colts and then went to East Fremantle's fourths.

You had a year's break at one stage, didn't you?

I chucked it in in 1974 when I had trouble fitting work and football together. I felt I needed a break, so I went overseas for a while — and they won a premiership. I only came back to be best man at a friend's wedding. Preseason training was on so I thought I'd join in just to keep fit — and I got the taste again.

The last couple of seasons have seen you produce probably your best football. Agree?

Yes, I think I've learnt to become more consistent; as you get older you realise that your football career is probably becoming limited so you work harder and try to make less errors. In the early days you often went out and tried to boost your performances by trying to be the best player all the time; try to do all the spectacular things. But as you get older you realise it's better to play an even game, looking for consistency and more efficiency.

Do you find that many of the younger players try too hard, try to be best all the time?

Yes, but I think it's natural when they first start in the game that they try a lot harder and they do a lot of things on the spur of the moment without thinking too

much. Sometimes that costs them a few weeks back in reserves till they gradually learn to be more efficient.

Have you always been a defender?

Throughout my career I've generally been a defender, but there have been some games where I've filled in at different spots such as centre, half-forward or even rover. I was picked for my first league game on the bench and went on as a wingman.

But you feel at home in a back pocket watching the resting rovers?

Yes, but obviously you like to think that you can play in more than one position and if you ever get the chance to play somewhere else that you can adapt.

What do you see as the priorities to succeed in a back pocket?

You have to be able to read the play, mainly to make sure that your player

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Mal Dobson
Born: Nedlands, 26.6.51
Height: 5ft. 10in (178cm)
Weight: 11st. 9lb (74kg)
Lives at: Leeming
Married: Yes
Wife's name: Louise
Children: None
Occupation: Assistant departmental manager, Town and Country Building Society
Favourite food: Crayfish
Favourite drink: Beer
Hobbies and relaxation: I'm an avid sports-watcher and follow all sports
Football likes: Being part of a winning team
Football dislikes: Opposition rovers
Idols in football: My first idol was a chap by the name of Roy McGlenn; he was a great player for the state years ago and was my next door neighbour and taught me how to kick a footy and so forth.
Hard things in football: Coping with the time demands on your life
Ambitions: To reach 150 games; play in another premiership side and maybe coach
Nickname: Dobbo
Came from: Palmyra
League debut: 1974
Games played: 134

VFL TOP DOGS HAVE HUMBLE HOME

In the shadows of Australia's greatest sporting arena — the MCG — is a football ground that lacks any of the charisma attached to the VFL football.

It is a ground scrapped by the VFL for football matches 16 years ago. Its surface could best be described as grassed mud.

It was a bleak Melbourne winters' evening, with floodlights shining through drizzling rain as Australia's top football team sweated through a torrid training session.

The place was Punt Road Oval; headquarters for VFL leaders, Richmond.

Though the club now plays its home matches 200 metres away at the M.C.G., they still do all their training and run their administration from the delapidated Punt Road Oval.

The surroundings are a far cry from the glamour of VFL football portrayed on television.

TELEVISION

Television has developed an image of grandour about football and W.A. viewers could be excused for believing that everything from training to boot-studding is carried out in elaborate style.

The first person I met as I walked into the Tigers modest changeroom was former Perth star Robert Wiley.

He was looking as miserable as the surroundings, nursing an injury that would sideline him for one of the club's biggest challenges of the season... the clash against South Melbourne.

The disappointment at the surroundings must have shown on my face. Wiley was quick to point out: "It's not a bad club — they've spent a bit of money around here lately — the gym and the social rooms are pretty good."

Wiley, nursing a hamstring injury spoke about his woes this season, the disappointment of missing Saturday's match, and his current injury. He left then to catch a plane on his way back to Perth to announce his engagement to Perth girl Marcia Brennan.

The next face I ran into looked a little more cheerful — it belonged to the immortal Richmond star Kevin Sheedy.

Sheedy, now Richmond's promotions officer, is still a hero around the club, especially with the kids. While we spoke for a few minutes, at least a dozen youngsters sought his autograph.

Most youngsters, while obviously overawed by their big moment, had a simple question or comment for Sheedy.

"My Mum knows you," said one young-



In 1979 Richmond finished eighth on the VFL Premiership ladder. With basically the same team and coach, the side has so far been defeated only once this season. Last week PETER POAT flew to Melbourne with Ansett and watched the club build up for one of its biggest challenges of the season.



• BRUCE MONTEATH

ster. "What's her name?" inquired a smiling Sheedy. "Mrs such-'n-such" said the proud kid. "Oh yes, tell her I said hello" said a bewildered Sheedy. He had never heard of her, but the kid wandered off feeling 10 feet tall with a message for Mum from his football idol.

COACH

Meanwhile, out on the track in the misty drizzle, a million dollars worth of football talent was going through their paces under the watchful eye of coach Tony Jewell.

When the players left the ground and the drizzle turned to rain, one lonesome figure remained... it was that of the club's most senior player, Kevin Bartlett. He had decided he wanted to do a bit more.

Destined to break John Rantall's VFL record for the top game player, Bartlett's decision to do a little extra epitomised the dedication he has. It must also have created a tremendous impression on the 100 or so youngsters who had braved the conditions to watch their heroes train.

As the team stripped, I spoke to captain Bruce Monteath, the former South Fremantle player.

Monteath, serving his first term as Richmond skipper, was delighted at his club's performances this season.

"We have a great team, no real in-



• TONY JEWELL

dividual stars... a real bunch of triers," he said.

"It's a great feeling to be part of it all. "We beat North Melbourne with three out; if we can knock-off South it will prove we have depth in the club."

By Saturday the rain had gone... it had given way to a wind straight off the South Pole.

With 50,016 others — dressed as if they were headed for an Antarctic expedition — I travelled to VFL Park for the big match.

This is where the grandiose spectacle really begins. Changerooms, spectator facilities (it seats 80,000), bars, canteens and electronic scoreboards are a far cry from the dinghy Punt Road set-up.

VACUUM

Victorian football supporters are a breed of their own... their whole lives revolve around 2½ hours of excitement each week. To them the other six days of the week only form a vacuum between Saturdays.

By half time, the Richmond camp was worried that the 10-point lead may not be enough.

The side had gone down in a tough night match against Collingwood the previous Tuesday and were starting to look a little leg weary.

Their supporters' fears were unfounded.

At exactly 4.38pm the Richmond week ended in success... the Tigers had run away to win by 53 points.

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MOTHER BROWN

STATE SELECTION

I'm afraid I have to be a little bit sour this week... on the point of State football.

I think it's ridiculous to have our best players playing over in South Australia, thus depriving our local teams of a full side when the battle is so intense for premiership points. Take Swan Districts for example. They have worked hard to get where they are now with 10 straight wins — and the chance of \$20,000 if they win two more games.

It would be terrible if they lost to Claremont because of the absence of their State players.

But even East Perth are in a bad position, with five players in the State side and certainly in need of four points to stay in the race for the finals.

We should have a bye when State sides go away — it's as simple as that! Continuing with club matches while our stars are missing doesn't do anything for WA football.

TV BRICKBAT

Another shot at Channel 9, I'm afraid.

Last Friday, on the eve of a fairly interesting week of football — matches which attracted more than 44,000 people — they did not even give the sport a mention.

It seems as though Channel 9 only worry about mentioning football when it is something controversial or sensational. Football is our major sport in this State and even if Channel 9 are not totally involved, they cannot afford to ignore the game.

WELL DONE, BOYS

Congratulations to our State school-boy footballers. It's a tremendous honour to be selected in any sort of State team and these boys are our footballers of the future.

Special mention to Ian Newman, of Dowerin... my home town!

BIG Wafa CLASH

A lot of people who are really interested in football are looking forward to the interstate clash between our local Sunday competition, the WA Football Association, and their South Australian counterparts.

This inaugural match will be played at Bassendean Oval this Sunday and should be an exciting encounter.

The State schoolboys will feature in a curtain-raiser match against a combined side representing the Public schools. All in all, it will be well worth the trip to Bassendean and football fans should make every endeavour to get there. It's in aid of Telethon as well.

JUNIOR COSTS

I'd like to thank David Hewitt, of the Swan View Junior Football Club, for his informative letter in last week's Westside Football about the costs of running junior clubs.

It was certainly enlightening to learn about hidden costs in junior football. I don't think parents begrudge paying out to see their boys play football, but it at least satisfies them when they know where the money is going to.

Thanks David, and keep up the good work.

Cheers,
EILEEN BROWN



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KEVIN BRYANT



ALAN REID

SHOCK INJURIES TO FORMER WA STARS

North Melbourne have lodged an official complaint with a Melbourne hospital over an operation involving former East Perth defender Kevin Bryant.

North secretary John Dugdale said last week that Bryant's injured knee became infected after he had been released from hospital too early.

Bryant had been forced to spend several days in hospital while recovering back in Perth.

He received the injury against Essendon in the first game of the season and, according to Mr Dugdale, he will miss at least eight more matches.

Meanwhile, former East Fremantle star Alan Reid may never play football again.

Reid received a back injury playing for Essendon in the second match of the season and will be out at least for the rest of this season.

His future in the game is very doubtful. His specialist has advised that re-occurrence of the injury could cause permanent damage.



GRAHAM TEASDALE

It was nearly seven years ago that a young fair-haired kid from the bush played his first VFL senior game with Richmond — against South Melbourne.

Last Saturday that same player lined up for his 100th game. This time he was playing with South Melbourne against Richmond.

The 1977 Brownlow Medallist, Graham Teasdale, has been an enigma in Australian Rules football. Back in 1975 when Tom Hafey and Richmond officials told him he didn't fit into their plans, he was swapped with Brian Roberts and Francis Jackson — for South player John Pitura.

Two years later he won the Brownlow, then last year quit football and toured America with a pop group.

After a controversial start to the season — amidst reports that he would be sold for anything up to \$200,000 — he has settled into the South side and was his team's only clear winner when they went down to Richmond on Saturday.



FITZROY FOR "PIE PARK"

Fitzroy may be moving next year... but not to Sydney as some critics have suggested.

There are moves afoot in Melbourne to relocate the Fitzroy club's headquarters and the ground being suggested is Collingwood's home ground — Victoria Park.

Collingwood town clerk Dudley Cook said last week: "Some informal representations have been made to the Collingwood Football Club on the possibilities of such an arrangement."

Fitzroy secretary Kevin Dixon confirmed that his club was looking for alternative accommodation. He said that attendances at Fitzroy's home matches had dropped off over the years.

Fitzroy's home ground is Junction Oval — St Kilda's former headquarters. The club moved there several years ago after their former home ground in Fitzroy became inadequate.

Their present ground is in the heart of St Kilda, on the opposite side of the city to the suburb of Fitzroy. The Collingwood ground would be much closer to the club's traditional area of support.

ATTENDANCES UP

Attendances at V.F.L. grounds this season have shown a 10 per cent increase for the first 10 home-and-away matches.

This season 1,626,363 people have watched the 12 clubs participating on Victorian grounds and at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This represented an increase of 147,612 on the comparative figure in 1979 of 1,478,751. Gate receipts were up by \$452,649 or 22.2 per cent.

ZANTUCK FINED

South Melbourne's Shane Zantuck was fined \$500 by his club last Saturday when the club match committee found him guilty of misconduct in the changerooms prior to the reserves match.

CARL TO QUIT

Thirty-four-year-old Melbourne skipper Carl Ditterich has announced that he will retire at the end of this season. Now in his 18th season, he has played 280 games.

VALLI JOINS AN OLD TEAM-MATE

Bill Valli has found a new home.

Sacked by Collingwood a fortnight ago and not wanted by North Melbourne, Valli has joined Essendon.

The 30-year-old former West Perth rover trained with his new club for the first time last Thursday and was cleared the same day.

On Saturday he was named best man on the ground in a reserves match against Hawthorn.

He had 20 kicks for the match, 16 handballs and booted 2.2

Valli joined Collingwood last year on a reported two year \$60,000 contract. He played 17 games but was hampered by a hernia and internal muscle strains which led to an operation at Christmas.

Following his sacking from Collingwood he resisted offers to return to W.A. saying that he still wanted to prove himself in V.F.L. football.

At Essendon he joins another former Cardinal, Barry Day.

Day left West Perth at the same time as Valli and he too has been hampered by injury.

Day said last week that he had suffered more injuries in his 1½ seasons in Victoria than he had during his entire career at West Perth.

From shortly after the West Perth duo left for Victoria there has been constant rumours in football circles that either one, or both, would make surprise returns to the Cardinals.

Valli had already made his position clear, when he rejected the offer a fort-



BARRY DAY

night ago, and Day said last week that he is only half way through his contract and he would definitely serve that out before deciding his future at the end of the 1981 season.

It is ironical that both men have ended up with the same club after both experienced indifferent form and injury worries. The pair are now also both real estate salesmen, a profession they didn't share before leaving W.A.

It may not be long before they are once again teammates and hopefully proving their ability to succeed in the tough VFL competition.

CARMAN FOR ADELAIDE



There is a move afoot in Adelaide to secure the services of suspended Essendon star Phil Carman.

The word is that Carman would be cleared by Essendon to West Torrens before the June 30 deadline.

He would then be available to play for West Torrens when his 20 match suspension had been served — making him available for the South Australian finals.

When Carman had competed in the finals he would be cleared back to Essendon.

It seems unlikely that Essendon would give the "plan" any consideration if they feel they are still in the race to reach the VFL finals when clearances close in a fortnight.

TORRENS CHASE HEGARTY

West Torrens are set to offer a rich lure to untried Carlton ruckman Mark Hegarty, according to a Melbourne report.

West Torrens officials, believe they are only a ruck-rover away from winning the South Australian premiership.

Hegarty has not lived up to Carlton's expectations so far this season.

CLUB GAMES MONDAY

The interstate game in Adelaide this weekend has not caused local fixtures to be abandoned. Normal home-and-away games will be played on Monday... a public holiday in South Australia.

WOODVILLE AT LAST

Following ten straight losses, Woodville have cracked-the-ice in the SANFL competition.

The "Peckers" defeated West Torrens before a crowd of less than 5000 at last Sunday's match at Football Park.

The credit for Woodville's win went almost entirely to ex-Victorian, and now coach of the club, Barry Goodingham.

ROBRAN MILESTONE

North Adelaide champion Barrie Robran played his 200th league game when his side comfortably defeated Sturt last weekend. North are captained by his brother, Rodney.



BENNETT'S BURST



The State selectors have put all their eggs into one basket for Saturday's clash with SA in Adelaide.

It could be interpreted as taking a major gamble as the team is loaded with attacking players, particularly followers, and very short on defenders.

It is ridiculous that the team should be so lop-sided.

WA could have problems covering their defence because of a lack of flexibility in this department.

While it is very easy to sit back and criticise, I don't see why the selectors should take a "punt" on so few recognised backmen and perhaps be forced to improvise — it's not as though we are short of these players in WA.

There is noticeable lack of height and physical strength among defenders — John Hayes, Ken Hunter, Brain Cook, John Dimmer and Stephen Curtis — and they will have their hands full against the tall and physically strong South Australian forwards.

Victoria paid the penalty last year, in the State-of-origin series, by not bringing enough defenders to WA. Injuries left them very bare in defence against WA.

While this is only one game, there is still no excuse for going into a match with a dearth of backmen.

Why is it necessary to have four ruckmen, three rovers and four ruckrovers/centremen?

To my mind there is at least one too many of each of these players in the team, particularly with a player like Peter Spencer, who can be used as a rover, ruck-rover and centremen.

It is obvious that one of the ruckmen will be used in a back pocket to mind the resting SA ruckmen — why Kevin Worthington wasn't chosen for this role is difficult to comprehend.

He is a specialist in this position, but more importantly could be used at full back. A player with his experience, height and vigour would have been very handy in the 20.

Obviously WA will rely very heavily on their ruck-roving contingent, but this is where the lop-sidedness of the team can be best gauged.

On his current form Gary Buckenara could easily be used in the centre, however with Brian Peake, Peter Spencer and Gerard Neesham in the side, it is highly unlikely that he will be used there. With so many ruckmen in the team even Stephen Michael could be used as a ruck-rover.

In other words it will not be possible to accommodate all of these players in the 18.

It can be argued that Stan Nowotny can be used in defence — however he has obviously been selected to play at centre half forward, where he has played top football all year.

But, with so many ruckrovers cum-centremen, cum half forwards it is difficult to understand why there should be two centre half forwards in the team. The side would lose nothing with Bosustow at centre half forward and Buckenara on a half forward flank.

This shows the dilemma in which the selectors have placed themselves.

It will be more a case of "who do you leave out" rather than who do you put in?"

The abundance of followers can be further assessed when it is realised that Nowotny is an experienced ruck-rover and John Hayes is equally at home on the ball.

There can be little argument that it is a very talented WA side. Let's hope that WA are able to monopolise play on the ball to an extent that they can fully utilise these players to exploit the SA defence.

But if WA are unable to control mid-field play then they could pay the penalty for paying too much attention to attacking players and neglecting the defence.

ROBERT BENNETT



STRIKERS FIND A FRIEND

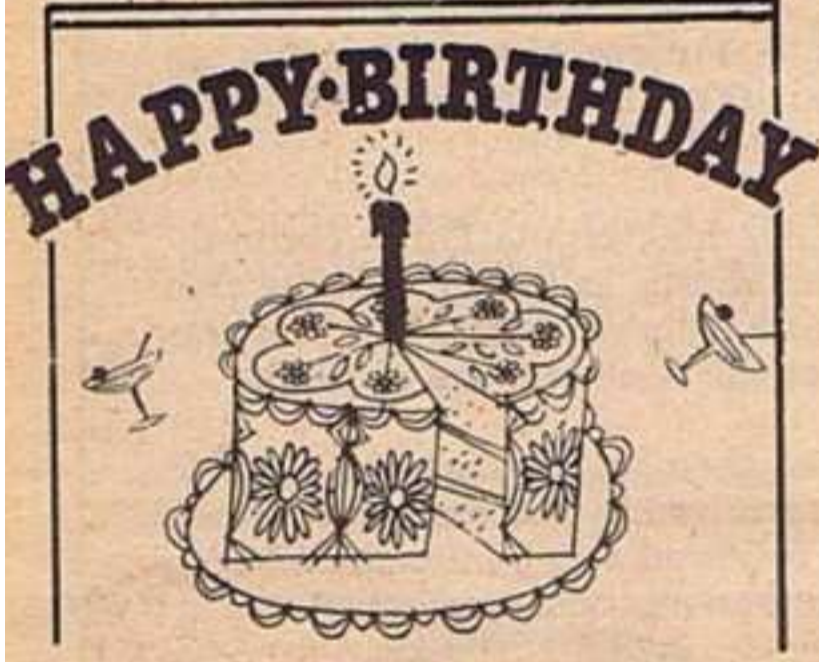
Well-known television commentator Marty McDonnell is always quick to give people a helping hand ... and he chipped in to lend a bit of support to Perth's striking journalists last week.

Marty turned his Coronation Hotel, in Queens Park, over to journalists, photographers and artists for a free lunch.

With the help of a few friends such as Joe Isaia (Clarevale Isaia wines); Neville Catchpole (Sunday Independent sports editor — and a productive fisherman); Barry Milsome (Marlboro), Berry Collinson (Peters) and the Re Store, nearly 100 people were wined and dined in fine style.

Our photographer caught a few of the football personalities around the piano with Marty in charge. They include (from the left): Todge Campbell, Nev Catchpole, Ray Wilson, Colin Hopkins, Maurice Carr, Alan McIntosh, Brian Paddick, Bernie Leo, Robert Bennett, Alan East, Doug Young and Tom Dann

Well done, Marty!



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

John Annear (Claremont) 21 on 17th.
Ray Bauskis (South Fremantle) 26 on 17th.

Stephen Curtis (East Perth) 24 on 19th.
Steve Malaxos (Claremont) 19 on 19th.

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WEST PERTH, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, L, L	v Perth at Leederville
CLAREMONT, L, W, L, L, W, W, W, L, W, W	v Swans at Bassendean
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W, W, W, W, W, L, L, L, W, L, W	v Subiaco at Subiaco
PERTH, L, W, L, L, W, W, L, L, L, W	v West Perth at Leederville
EAST PERTH, W, L, W, L, L, W, L, W, W, L	v East Fremantle at East Fremantle
SUBIACO, L, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L	v South Fremantle at Subiaco
SWAN DISTRICTS, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W	v Claremont at Bassendean

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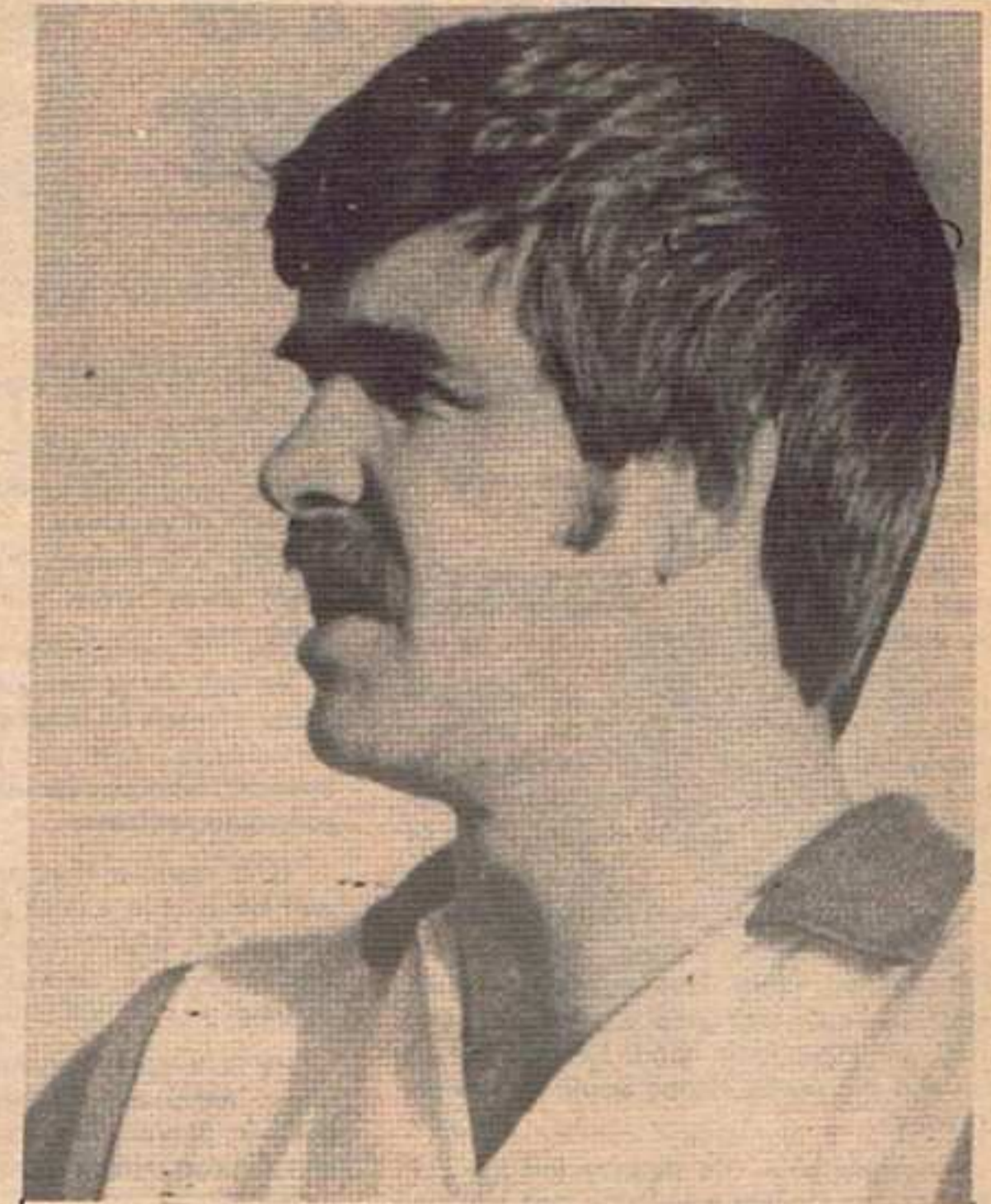
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WEST AUSTRALIA



• BRIAN PEAKE

THE WA PLAYERS



SMITH ON TRIAL

Bradley Smith has more than victory in an interstate match at stake this week when WA meet South Australia.

Smith's whole coaching reputation is currently under the WA microscope as he has seen his club side, East Fremantle, tumble from 1979 premiers to being well out of the finals running in 1980.

Smith has earned the right to coach the WA side by virtue of his premiership success last year — a tradition that is followed strictly by the WAFL, but one that often draws critical comments.

It has been a frustrating season for Smith, a veteran of football with East Perth and North Melbourne and a man who represented WA in the interstate arena many times. Glory came quickly last season in his first year as a coach and it was a talented team of East Fremantle players that rewarded him with a first-up premiership.

Things didn't quite happen that way this season and Smith sees this interstate clash as an opportunity to use the State's best players to help restore his coaching reputation. He also has a strong loyalty to WA at stake and the strength and dedication that epitomised his own interstate football is certain to be shown out in his coaching approach to this crucial clash.

SIMON BEASLEY (Swan Districts) age 23, height 6.4, weight 13.7, club games 46, state 0.

PETER BOSUSTOW (Perth) age 23, height 6.½, weight 13.0, club games 102, state 3.

RON BOUCHER (Swan Districts) age 27, height 6.3½, weight 15.4, club games 123, state 0.

GARY BUCKENARA (Subiaco) age 21, height 5.11½, weight 13.0, club games 32, state 0.

NOEL CARTER (South Fremantle) age 25, height 5.10, weight 10.0, club games 53, state Tasmania 2.

STEPHEN CURTIS (East Perth) age 23, height 5.9½, weight 12.4, club games 160, state 8.

BRIAN COOK (Perth) age 26, height 6.2, weight 13.6, club games 162, state 1.

JOHN DIMMER (East Perth) age 25, height 6.1, weight 11.7, club games 11 East Perth, 90 Subiaco, state 0.

WAYNE DUKE (East Perth) age 25, height 6.5, weight 15.0, club games 37 East Perth, 9 Fitzroy, state 0.

LES FONG (West Perth) age 23, height 5.7, weight 11.3, club games 132, state 2.

DALTON GOODING (Claremont) age 25, height 6.1, weight 13.0, club games 132, state 1.

KEN HUNTER (Claremont) age 23, height 6.0, weight 12.0, club games 89, state 5.

JOHN HAYES (East Perth) age 29, height 6.1, weight 12.4, club games 145 East Perth, 39 Claremont, 11 West Adelaide, state games 8.

JIM KRAKOUER (Claremont) age 21, height 5.7, weight 10.7, club games 61, state 1.

STEVEN MICHAEL (South Fremantle) age 24, height 6.2, weight 14.2, club games 128, state games 8.

GRAHAM MOSS (Claremont) age 30, height 6.5, weight 16.0, club games 171 Claremont, 87 Essendon, state games 14 WA, 5 Victoria.

STAN NOWOTNY (Swan Districts) age 29, height 6.0, weight 13.4, club games 208, state 5.

GERARD NEESHAM (Swan Districts) age 25, height 5.10½, weight 12.0, club games 30 Swan Districts; 45 East Fremantle, state games 0.

PHIL NARKLE (Swan Districts) age 19, height 5.9, weight 10.2, club games 43, state 0.

BRIAN PEAKE (East Fremantle) age 26, height 5.10, weight 13.8, club games 172, state 11.

PETER SPENCER (East Perth) age 24, height 5.8, weight 11.7, club games 102, state 3.

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KERLEY HAS KNOW-HOW

West Australians will certainly take a long time to forget the name Neil Kerley.

It was just a year ago that Kerley, the King of coaches in South Australia, brought his team to Perth; unheralded, low-key and with no publicity or advance information.

History has now recorded that the South Australians handed out a thrashing to WA on Subiaco Oval — and that was one of the many triumphs in the Kerley football campaign.

Kerley, a veteran of 300 club and State games in South Australia, is a fervent believer in his State's football ability. He shuns Victorian superstars; virtually ignores West Australian claims to fame. He played with three SA clubs — West Adelaide, South Adelaide and Glenelg — and represented his beloved State 36 times.

His coaching career covers four clubs — but only three premierships: West Adelaide in 1961; South Adelaide in 1964 and Glenelg in 1973.

His first State coaching role was back in 1967 and since then he has been in the helm of SA's team in 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1977 and last year.



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THE SA PLAYERS

PETER CAREY (Glenelg) age 26, height 6ft 5in, weight 15st, club games 211, state 9.

GRAHAM CORNES (Glenelg) age 32, height 6ft 3in, weight 13.7, club games 251, state 16.

PETER COUSINS (West Torrens) age 31, height 5.11½, weight 13.4, club games 131, state 1.

DOUG COX (West Torrens) age 23, height 6.0½, weight 13.0, club games 26, state 1.

RICK DAVIES — captain (Sturt) age 28, height 6.2, weight 14.7, club games 223, state 15.

JOHN DUCKWORTH (Central District) age 31, height 6.4, weight 16.0, club games Fitzroy 68, West Perth 44, Central District 30, state WA 3, SA 4.

RUSSELL EBERT (Port Adelaide) age 31, height 6.1, weight 14.4, club games Port Adelaide 257, North Melbourne 25, state 18.

TIM EVANS (Port Adelaide) age 27, height 6.3, weight 15.3, club games Geelong 59, Port Adelaide 113, state 4.

MILAN FALETIC (Port Adelaide) age 27, height 6.3, weight 13.7, club games West Torrens 151, Port Adelaide, state 3.

PHIL GALLAGHER (Norwood) age 25, height 5.9, weight 11.3, club games 152, state 5.

TONY GILES (Port Adelaide) age 25, height 6.0, weight 12.7, club games 99, state 1.

TREVOR HILL (North Adelaide) age 24, height 5.10, weight 12.0, club games 111, state 1.

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DEXTER KENNEDY (West Adelaide) age 26, height 6.6, weight 15.10, games 177, state 2.

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PETER McINERNEY (Glenelg) age 26, height 5.8, weight 11.10, club games 114, state 4.

GEOFF MORRIS (West Adelaide) age 26, height 5.8, weight 12.0, club games 116, state 1.

MARK NORSWORTHY (Central District) age 24, height 5.4, weight 11.0, club games 92, state 1.

GREGORY PHILLIPS (Port Adelaide) age 21, height 6.1½, weight 14.0, club games 100, state 3.

MATT RENDELL (West Torrens), age 29, height 6.6, weight 13.0, club games 72, state 1.

RALPH SEWER (Woodville) age 29, height 5.8½, weight 12.7, club games 194, state 6.

MICHAEL TAYLOR (Norwood) age 27, height 6.0, weight 12.0, club games 195, state 7.

PAUL WESTON (Glenelg) age 23, height 6.2, weight 12.10, club games 129, state 3.

MARK WILLIAMS (Port Adelaide) age 22, club games 102, state 1.

● The SANFL was not due to announce a squad of 21 until this morning. The above list is made up from the most likely starters from the 30 man training squad.

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MIDDLE ROW: Don Smith (Subiaco, trainer), Noel Carter (South (Swan Districts), Wayne Duke (East Perth), Steven Michael (South trainer), Ted Doherty (Subiaco, property manager).

BACK ROW: Stan Nowotny (Swan Districts), Gerard Neesham (Claremont), Dalton Gooding (Claremont), John Dimmer (East Perth)



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Fremantle), Brian Cook (Perth), Stan Brown (Subiaco,

Swan Districts), Gary Buckenara (Subiaco), Ken Hunter
h), Peter Bosustow (Perth), Steven Curtis (East Perth)



ABSENT: Ron Boucher
(Swan Districts)

FLASHBACK...



A jubilant Neil Kerley is chaired off Subiaco Oval after SA's win over WA last year.

PREVIOUS CLASHES

West Australia first met South Australia 76 years ago when the two sides clashed in Adelaide.

West Australia was victorious on the first meeting winning 10.7 to 8.10. WA went on to win the next two encounters between the states played in Melbourne and Adelaide.

It wasn't until 1911 that South Australia won their first match against West Australia. It was in that year the Croweaters won their first and only Australian carnival series.

The biggest winning margin in meetings between the two states occurred in 1938 when WA won by a margin of 123 points - 29.33 to 10.14. South Australia's biggest winning margin was 83 points in 1953. (SA 19.24 b WA 8.7).

The slimmest winning margins in clashes between the two states: WA 6.9 to SA 5.13 (2 point margin in 1908). AS 9.21 to WA 8.11 (2 point margin in 1936).

Results of encounters during the seventies:

- 1979: West Aust b South Aust (carnival-Subiaco) South Aust 15.15 b West Aust 10.15 (Subiaco)
- 1978: West Aust 24.18 b South Aust 13.15 (Adelaide)
- 1977: West Aust 18.17 b South Aust 11.9 (Subiaco) West Aust 15.18 b South Aust 15.11 (Adelaide)
- 1974: South Aust 14.20 b West Aust 12.12 (Adelaide)
- 1973: West Aust 11.14 b South Aust 8.10 (Subiaco)
- 1972: West Aust 15.11 b South Aust 6.17 (Subiaco)
- 1971: South Aust 15.19 b West Aust 12.10 (Adelaide)
- 1970: West Aust 12.17 b South Aust 13.7 (Subiaco)

GARY'S GOSSIP



My Victorian spy tells me that Barry Cable is now odds-on to coach North Melbourne in 1981. I know it's hard to believe, but that's the word in Melbourne town and after a lot of research, I am convinced that the story has some foundation. Yes, I also know that "Cables" has another year to run at East Perth, but what a challenge for the "Little Champ" - the opportunity to take over from his mentor and close friend, Ron Barassi, as coach of the "Kangaroos".

What about Barassi you say - where is he going? I am positive that Ronald Dale Barassi will coach his first football love - Melbourne - in 1981. Also, keep in mind that Cable is probably a bigger football name in Victoria than he is here in Western Australia. North Melbourne holds Barry Cable in a very special position of reverence. However, neither Perth nor East Perth have ever reached the same standard of adulation for "Cables".

Take it from me, if Barry Cable wants to coach North Melbourne next season, the job is as good as his.

Rumour has it that Tom Hafey is also interested in leaving Collingwood to take over the reins of North Melbourne.

PS! I would have bet money that Malcolm Brown would coach Richmond in 1981. However, Tony Jewel has (and congratulations to him) earned the right to stay at the helm of the Tigers for at least another season. But here is a long range prediction - Brown to coach Collingwood in 1981!!

CHEEKY CHAPS

Talking about Hawthorn, they booked some seats to see the Teal Cup (which commences in Perth today) at least a week ago. Yes, along with every other VFL club, the representatives or talent scouts, will be here in force to see the cream of Australia's young football stars. Incidentally, all the best to all the boys representing Western Australia, particularly young Craig Beard, son of Colin Beard, my colleague from "Football Inquest".

Incidentally, the Teal Cup is a major promotion in Australian football and is sponsored nationally by Caltex Oil and in W.A. by those ever-green supporters of our game, Town and Country Building Society.

WELL DONE MARLBORO

I would like to complement the Marlboro company, not only for their unique idea of offering a \$20,000 bonus to Swans if they can win 12 games on end, but tomorrow they also offer an additional bonus prize of \$2000 to the winner of the Swans versus Claremont game. I believe that this type of gesture is a real boost for football in general.

CARLTON OFFER

Carlton are also extremely anxious to have Demons champ Peter Bosustow join them for the last four or six games this season. Rumour has it that they are offering big money (\$30,000) plus a player or two in an effort to get Cliff Houghton to sign a release for "Buzz".

Prediction: Phil Carman to Subiaco in 1981. (How do you like that one Ken?).

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.

JUNE 7	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	TVW7	6PR	6PM	6IX	Umpires
Swan Districts v East Perth			• Spencer (EP) Fitzgerald (SD) Boucher (SD)	• Spencer P. Narkle (SD) Neesham	Marty McDonnell Spencer Boucher Melrose (SD)	Peter Van Helden Spencer Williams (SD) Holden (SD)	Allan Stiles Spencer Williams Neesham	Neil Garland Spencer Boucher Holden	Morris/Capes
South Fremantle v West Perth			• Randall (SF) Michael (SF) Mountain (SF)	• Michael Randall Fong (WP)	Chris Mitsopoulos Mountain Michael Randall	Alan East Mountain Michael Gibbs (WP)	Joe Fanchi Michael Mountain Fong	Laurie Nugent Michael Mountain Fong	Ball/Powell
Claremont v East Fremantle			• Ralph (C) Salomons (C) Trew (C)	• Ralph Lester-Smith (EF) Moss (C)	John Rogers Salomons Trew Panizza (C)	Oscar Howard Panizza Salomons Ralph	Jack Sweet Salomons Moss Trew	Roley Daw Salomons Trew Panizza	Buckey/Hearne
Subiaco v Perth			• Tschirpig (P) Buckenara (S) Cook (P)	• Tschirpig Cook (P) Marshall (S)	Kevin Murray Cook (P) Stevenson (P) Hamilton (S)	J.K. Watts Cook (P) Tschirpig Stevenson	Colin Hopkins Cook (P) Tschirpig Stevenson	Phil Mulcahy Hamilton Stevenson Cook	O'Reilly/Phillips

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"HANDS OFF" WARNING TO VIC. CLUBS

Cradle-snatching VFL clubs have been given a "hands off" order by the WAFL during the Teal Cup matches this weekend.

Victorian clubs have been told not to speak to the young WA players during the Teal Cup.

And WA players have been gagged from talking to the Victorian talent scouts.

It was made a condition of selection in the WA squad that no player speaks to representatives of VFL clubs.

All 12 VFL clubs will have their band of spies at the matches.

WAFL development officer Richard Walker says: "We don't want a bar of it."

"We don't like the fact that talent scouts come over and speak to the kids, but there is very little we can do about it."

"All players have been told not to discuss their football futures during the championships."

Walker says the young footballers — all 17 years or under — are easy targets for fast-talking talent scouts.

He says in the past some youngsters have made the mistake of signing for paltry sums. Years later they could ask for much more.

The Cup — sponsored nationally by Caltex and in WA by Town and Country — kicks off on Friday at Lathlain.

All six states and the Northern Territory and Canberra will be represented.

Games will be played at Lathlain and Fremantle Oval on Friday, at Perth Oval and Lathlain on Sunday and the Grand Final contested at Leederville on Monday.

WA has been runners-up in the last two years.

Coach Jack Ivankovich is confident the side can atone for those previous losses — last year on percentage to SA when both

sides won three games each and 1978 when WA lost to SA in the final after playing three games in three days compared to only two by their opponents.

"The boys have trained hard and we should win our three games. On what I've seen over the last two years I think SA will be the hardest team to beat," he said.

Several of the Cup players are destined for early league football careers according to Ivankovich.

Peter Davidson, a strong defender from Collie, has already been signed by Swan Districts; Rhett Baynes is currently playing reserves with Perth and Peter Sartori is under the watchful eyes of Swans as well.

Three of WA's top players — Mark Taylor and Michael Cockie (both from Aquinas) and Scotch star Warren Asplin — are unavailable for the opening match and Baynes is being rested because of an ankle injury.

The line-up for the opening game should be:

BACKS: Trevor Malcolm, Jeff Brookes, Robert Zupanovich.

HALF-BACKS: Stephen Da'Rui, Peter Davidson, Wayne Heathcote.

CENTRES: Greg Goad, Lindsay Carter, Warren Musconi.

HALF-FORWARDS: Michael Smith, Glenn Rogers, Ken Pryer.

FORWARDS: Craig Beard, Alan Rowe, Mark Valli.

RUCK: Peter Sartori, David Anderton, George Sofoulis.

RESERVES: John Andrich, Grant Edwards.



Chubby's Chatter

Last Saturday I was able to see the most disciplined side in Western Australia — Swan Districts. Coach John Todd has the side moving very methodically and, for example, we notice that Phil Narkle has been in the goal kickers most weeks yet never leaves his wing area unguarded. This is bought about by centreman Mike Smith moving across to the wing as Narkle moves into the forward line and either Graham Melrose or Gerard Neesham cover the centre. Similarly, the same works with Smith when he moves into the forward line. The ruck-rover covers his centre position and, of course, at all times Ron Boucher lurks about the centre. Boucher is the great example of Swan's discipline, for if he cannot mark, he brings the ball to the ground to allow Swan's smaller men to take it away. At times, opposition players do not make enough effort to be in the right position when the ball looms about Boucher.

Stan Nowtony, at centre-half-forward, is a busy player running all the time, creating space for the Swan's half forward flankers to run into. His strength in pack situations enables him to get the ball out.

If there is one thing a backman dislikes — it is chasing people. Mike Richardson is a forward with a difference. Most players play the ball and then go back to their "resting" position, but he is willing to run all about the forward line creating an opportunity for players coming down the field to kick to him.

Swans back line, not lush with big-name players, is both dour and attacking. Each player has the ability to take the high mark overhead and are good ground players. The confidence each player gives to the other makes them rise above average footballers.

They pinpoint the ball down field to their players and are willing to run from their positions to create a lead if a fellow-player has no-one to kick to. Much like the old style of East Fremantle — when in trouble, they will criss-cross across the ground and kick over short distances to break up packs.

It has been noticeable in most games this year that Swans have had seven or eight players who kick goals and they do not rely as heavily as other sides do on their full-forward kicking the majority of goals. Another factor which most coaches hope for, is for their forwards to be willing to chase the opposition backmen down the field so they are under pressure when kicking the ball up-field. In recent weeks Swans have proven themselves under pressure and they are still full of running and are persistent in their style of play.



You can certainly tell that Robert Wiley still has strong feelings towards Western Australia. His former junior coach, Jack Ivankovich, did not hesitate to ask Robert to coach WA's Teal Cup team last Monday night during a brief spell back in Perth.

Wiley has had more opportunities on the ball this season with Richmond and this has shown up in statistics. Up until the South Melbourne game, which he missed, he was in the top three VFL players in obtaining possession of the ball.

Although he plays as a ruck rover for Richmond, he has made the "Team of the Week" in a Melbourne paper five times as first rover.

ALLAN STILES



Teal Cup programme

THURSDAY JUNE 12th
Teams arrived in Perth

FRIDAY JUNE 13th
Lathlain Oval 10.30am Official Opening
A. 11.15 am South Australia v Tasmania
B. 1.15 pm Victoria v New South Wales
Fremantle Oval
C. 11.45 am West Australia v Northern Territory
D. 1.45 pm Australian Capital Territory v Queensland

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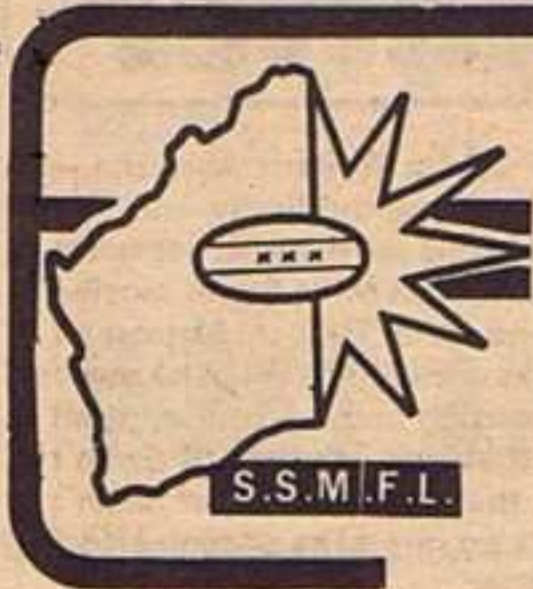
SUNDAY JUNE 15th
Perth Oval
E. 11.45 am Winner A va Winner B
F. 1.45 pm Loser A v Loser B
East Fremantle Oval
G. 11.45 am Winner C v Winner D
H. 1.45 pm Loser C v Loser D

MONDAY JUNE 16th
Claremont Oval
J. 10.00 am Loser F v Loser H
K. 12 noon Winner F v Winner H
Leederville Oval
M. 11.30 am Loser E v Loser G
1.30 pm Winner E v Winner G

The Closing Ceremony will commence at approximately 3.30 pm after the Grand Final at Leederville Oval.

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SUNDAY SCENE



UPSETS APLENTY

Upsets were the order of the day when South Suburban-Murray football resumed last week — and once again, the course of events in the final-five battle changed.

Kelmscott showed that despite being in fifth place they have the credentials to be premiership contenders as they downed league leaders Mandurah by a comfortable eight goals. The victory pushed Kelmscott into fifth place as Gosnells went down in a surprise loss to Thornlie.

Kelmscott knew that they had to lift themselves for the clash with Mandurah or face the prospect of seeing the gap between themselves and the top five widen if the other games had gone as expected.

So it was encouraging to see players like Midland recruit Wayne Scroop, Mick O'Donnell and Brian Doering return to their best.

Now Kelmscott face a hat-trick of tough games coming up — Kwinana this week, followed by Canning and Kenwick. It will be a severe test of their ability to keep firing and consolidate a place in the top five.

Mandurah again relied on their recruits Ken Gillam, Glen Hurst and Tony Connolly to set the standard for football determination and they will look for more support this week when they are at home to Kenwick in another tough battle.

Kenwick's prospects of victory this Sunday will depend on their recovery powers. Coach Mal Day saw some of his stars below form last week when it was left to players like half-forward Dave Watterson, Ken Simeon and Hughes to carry the burden. Day will demand better contributions from key players this week.

Kwinana, at home to Kelmscott, will need another blistering display from the mercurial Barry Cooper, the former South Fremantle half-forward who has gradually been working his way back to top form.

His best-on-ground display in Kwinana's 21-goal win over Armadale was a real tonic as far as coach Brian Ciccotosto was concerned.

Maddington earned some valuable breathing space on the premiership table when they moved into equal top — but second on percentage — by downing Kenwick with Dean Rakich, Des Shiosaki and David Glendinning featuring prominently.

This week they are at home to Gosnells, who will be shattered by their loss to Thornlie and determined to regain that valuable lost ground.

However, Maddington have the ruck strength that Gosnells seem to lack and that could tell the story.

Canning had no trouble outplaying Rockingham and bolstered by big Bob Becu — and the discovery of a top recruit in Bunbury's John Willoughby — they look strong enough to handle Thornlie this week.

John McGurk was a top performer at centre for Canning and Willoughby, in only his second game for the club, booted 14 goals at full-forward.

Kalamunda turned in one of their better team performances to finish 28 points ahead of Willetton — with Terry Enright in top form — and they should account for Armadale even though they are away from home.

Rockingham, at home to Willetton, can pick up their third victory and move up a place on the table.

Premiership points: Mandurah, Maddington, Canning 32; Kenwick, Kelmscott 28; Gosnells, Kwinana 24; Thornlie 12; Willetton, Rockingham, Kalamunda 8; Armadale 4.



MT LAWLEY INTO FOUR

Mt Lawley slipped into the top four for the first time this season in the W.A.A.F.L. 'A' League after their percentage boosting performance against Bayswater.

The fourth consecutive loss for University cost them dearly as they fell from fourth to sixth and have a hard road ahead to displace any of the teams above them.

Old Wesley, despite the injuries to two of their State players, J. Duffy and M. Belyea, defeated an indifferent Wembley, whilst Maylands scrambled home against an improved C.B.C.

Results of last Saturday's games: Maylands 20.15 d C.B.C. 16.13; Old Wesley 15.14 d Wembley 10.12; Collegians 20.17 d Carlisle 8.10; Mt Lawley 26.19 d Bayswater 6.9; Nollamara 21.16 d University 18.11.

Nollamara still remain the pace setters, at this half-way mark of the season. Old Wesley, with the best equipped defence in the league, look like the only team to break Nollamara's winning sequence.

Results of games this week could be possibly easy to tip as the 4 top teams

meet the bottom 4, whilst in the game of the day Collegians (5th) and University (6th) (both with 4 wins and separated only by percentage) meet. The winner will be in a position to lay claim to a finals place while the loser will almost be looking to 1981, unless there are other upsets by lower clubs.

Old Wesley at home to Bayswater at Lathlain Park should register their 8th win. Mt Lawley may have another percentage-boosting win against C.B.C. at Fremantle Oval. A good win could see them edge closer to third spot.

Nollamara in their best ever team efforts since promoted to 'A' Division in 1974, meet Carlisle at Claremont Oval and their 9th successive win should be a formality.

Wembley and Maylands clash at Perth Oval and remembering that their first clash of the season was a torrid affair, the Maylands "Rams" will not be easy push-overs.



TEST FOR STATE SIDE

The WA Football Association will face one of its biggest tests in a long history when a combined WAFWA team clashes with the South Australian Football Association at Bassendean Oval on Sunday.

The WAFWA have selected a strong and flexible team for this first match against their SA counterparts — a big proportion of the team have had extensive experience in WAFL ranks.

Coach Phil Haughan and his co-selectors have not yet named their final team, but it appears that at least 12 of the 20 will be former league men.

One of WA's trump cards will be former West Perth full forward Colin Northcott who has booted 70 goals for Wanneroo in just 10 games this season.

Northcott, who booted 10 goals against Mets last week, will line up at full forward.

Another player the South Australians will find difficult to counter will be former West Perth and WA star Laurie Richards.

Richards, who has also played interstate football for the VFL, has been averaging 15 marks and about 35 kicks a game as a ruck rover for the unbeaten-Roos.

Richards, who is a selector for the WAFL state team, will have to make a rush trip back from Adelaide on Saturday night in order to take his place in the team.

He looks certain to start at centre-half-forward, but don't be surprised to see him switched to the ruck-roving role before the game is through.

Richards has done all his damage this season on the ball where he has been given full freedom of movement. Finding a player to negate Richards' marking ability will be South Australia's primary objective.

WA look well set in the ruck-roving department where South Perth pair Barry Stockdon and Kerry Coates have been in electrifying form this season.

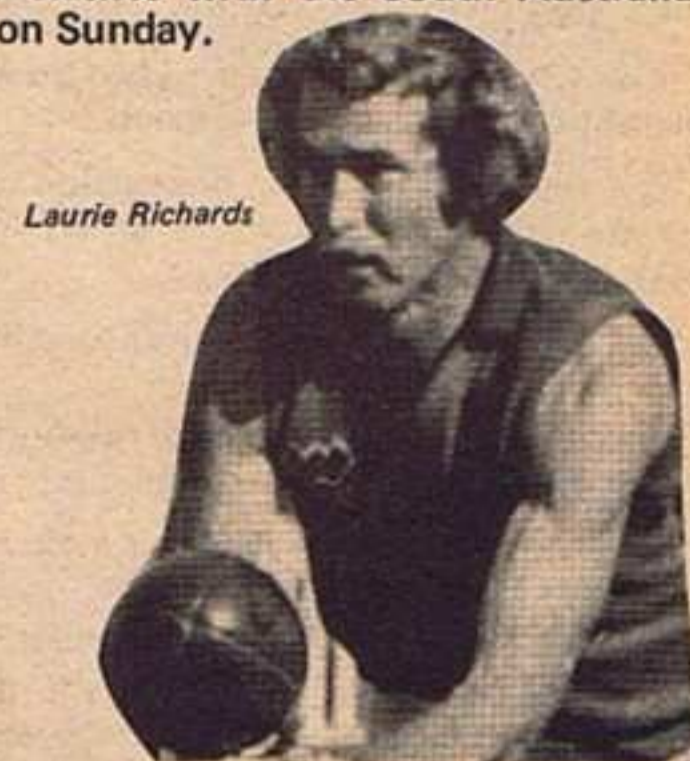
Rovers Mick Pember (Applecross) and Ross Parker (Wanneroo) are also prolific kick getters and should ensure WA plenty of chances around the packs.

But if the selectors go through with their plans to play veteran Cockburn ruckman Trevor O'Brien and Applecross player Ray Davies in the ruck, they will lack both height and leaping ability at the centre bounciedowns and boundary throw-ins.

Giant former Subiaco ruckman Gary Fee has been in good form for Mets and the 6ft 8in player is likely to be in the final 20.

The man the selectors wanted in the team was Wanneroo star Dennis Williams but the high leaping ruckman did not attend training and was ruled out.

Former Subiaco defender Alan Shephard has started to find his form at full back for Wanneroo recently and he and Mets defender Ron Lilley will vie for the full back spot.



Laurie Richards

Wanneroo back pocket player Colin Blab will look after the rovers and South Perth ruckman Richard Peel will start in the other pocket.

South Perth centre-half-back Ric Marshall has been the form defender in the association this season and will line up in the key half-back role, flanked by his teammate Gary Diver and either Wanneroo's Noel Knight or Osborne's David Adamson.

Mosman's star centreman Barry Haydinger has earned the right to start in the middle and will be flanked by Glen Schofield (Osborne) and Mosman's Gavin Hambley — three very talented players.

Osborne's Angie Papadopoulos is likely to start on a half-forward flank and could share the ruck roving with Stockdon and Coates if necessary.

While the WA team looks strong, the South Australians have a proven combination. A few weeks ago they took on — and beat — the powerful Victorian Federal league.


With that game behind them they should be a more settled combination than WA.

The curtain raiser to the main game will be a match between the WA State school-boys team and a combined Public Schools team. This is sure to produce an exciting brand of football from the stars of the future.

Proceeds of the big match will go to Channel 7's Telethon.

The likely WAFWA side:


BACKS: Blab, Shephard, Peel. HALF BACKS: Diver, Marshall, Knights. CENTRES: Schofield, Haydinger, Hembley. HALF FORWARDS: Stockdon, Richards, Papadopoulos. FORWARDS: O'Brien, Northcott, Parker. RUCK: Davies, Coates, Pember. RESERVES: from Fee, Baker, Hurren.



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New film for juniors

Junior footballers can now call upon the experience of top umpires to help clarify the sometimes controversial rules of the game.

The interpretations of several leading umpires have been recorded on a twenty minute film produced by the Commonwealth Bank as part of its three year sponsorship of a NFL junior training programme.

The 16mm film was launched this week at WAFL headquarters. It contains sequences, demonstrated by VFL stars, pointing out the correct interpretation of rules covering marking, tackling and disposal of the ball.

It also deals with time keeping from an

umpire's and timekeeper's point of view.

The aim of the film is to improve the understanding of the rules of football amongst umpires and players at junior level.

Ray Scott, WAFL Umpires' Adviser, said the film will provide junior umpires with a much needed and authoritative source of information to supplement existing training material. He considered senior umpires too, would use the film as part of their pre-season instruction and that it will make a most useful contribution to the training of umpires.

Junior football bodies and schools can borrow the film through any branch of the Commonwealth Bank or by contacting the WAFL Development Officer on 381 5599.



JUNIOR QUIZ

It's not very often that we get an Englishman doing well at Australian Rules football . . . but East Perth star John Dimmer has proved to be an exception.

Dimmer has switched from Subiaco to the Royals this season — and his form has earned him selection in the State side for this week's big clash with South Australia.

And Paul Kowaleff, of Kelmscott, will long remember the fact that Dimmer was born in England — because that was one of the questions in Quiz No. 9 and he answered all three correctly to be our winner.

Paul wins a great Chesson football in the colours of his favourite side, South Fremantle, plus a beaut Adidas sports bag.

Remember, kids this contest is open to everyone — boys and girls — under the age of 16. Just fill in this week's coupon and post it off to our address right now. Our questions come from this week's Westside Football, so search hard for the answers.



SCHOOLBOYS SIDE IS VERSATILE

A strong State schoolboys side, with plenty of height and versatility, has been named for this year's interstate carnival.

Twenty-one high schools, ranging from Esperance to Geraldton, provided the 25 boys in the squad to go to Darwin in August for the all-States carnival.

Applecross, Churchlands and Cyril Jackson high schools were the only schools to provide more than one representative. Applecross led the way with three boys earning selection.

The strong Woodlands Junior Football Club had an impressive double when their two 15-year-old ruck-rovers — Stephen Gava and Nick Gorn — made the side as representatives of the Churchlands High School.

Ian Newman, of Dowerin, is the tallest boy in the team, standing 6ft 5in (195cm).

The State schoolboys is restricted in footballers under the age of 16 and who are students at Government schools.

The team will be coached by Graham Bomford, of the South Fremantle High School, and North Innaloo teacher John Mill will be the team manager.

The boys selected, with their junior clubs mentioned last, are:

APPLECROSS HIGH: Stephen Cutt, 15, centre, Applecross. Wayne Hellmrick, 15, ruck-roller, Melville. Peter Hardstaff, 15, half-back, Brentwood.

CYRIL JACKSON HIGH: Richard Dennis, 14, Ruckman, Maylands. Osman Dikolli, 14, rover, Ashfield.

BALCATT HIGH: Dean Foster, 14, centre, Innaloo.

JOHN FORREST HIGH: John Garnett, 15, rover, East Perth colts.

CHURCHLANDS HIGH: Steven Gava, 15, ruck-roller, Woodlands. Nick Gorn, 15, ruck-roller, Woodlands.

SOUTH FREMANTLE HIGH: Wayne Hall, 14, half-back, South Fremantle.

BELMONT HIGH: Eddie Hoyer, 15, ruckman, Redcliffe.

HOLLYWOOD HIGH: Graham Irvin, 15, rover, Claremont's Kellogs Cup.

SCARBOROUGH HIGH: Shaun Kelly, 15, centre, Karrynyup.

CARINE HIGH: Tim Masters, 15, ruck, Sorrento-Duneraia.

PERTH MODERN: Mike Pearson, 15, half-forward, West Perth Cardinals.

LYNWOOD HIGH: Ray Sterrett, 15, ruck-roller, Lynwood.

GOVERNOR STIRLING HIGH: Michael Thomas, 14, full-forward, Swan Districts.

MORLEY HIGH: Clayton van den Dungen, 14, centre-half-forward, Morley Police Boys.

HAMPTON HIGH: Ned Vulin, 15, ruckman, Bassendean.

BALGA HIGH: Craig Whatmore, 15, rover, Balga.

MIRRABOOKA HIGH: Darren Woods, 15, ruck-roller, Westminster.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

NARROGIN HIGH: Darren White, 14, half-back, Wickpin.

ESPERANCE HIGH: Terry Rodgers, 15, ruck-roller, Esperance.

DOWERIN HIGH: Ian Newman, 15, ruckman, Dowerin.

JOHN WILCOCK HIGH: John Bedford, 15, full-forward, Geraldton Railways.

Results of the under-18's West Perth City Motors Cup competition played on May 25:

Panthers 14.6.90 def Raiders 9.6.60; Buffaloes 7.16.58 def Eagles 5.4.34; Buccaneers 8.16.64 def Bears 2.5.17.

Premiership Table:

Buffaloes 20 — 129.08; Eagles 20 — 114.56; Buccaneers 16 — 139.47; Raiders 12 — 90.61; Bears 12 — 72.69; Panthers 4 — 61.85.

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ANSWER.

How many times has WA captain Brian Peake played for his state?

ANSWER.

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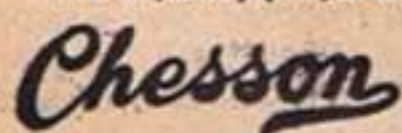
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO. 10: 1: Phil Matson, 2: Ross Smith, 3: Ken Armstrong.
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GOALS!

South Fremantle sharp-shooter Neil Randall certainly proved how devastating he can be when he erupted into life at the start of the third quarter against West Perth last week. Randall grabbed his third goal right at the start of the term when he brushed aside a David Palm tackle, ducked around a couple of other Cardie defenders and screwed a left-foot shot at goal that went over the back of the pack, took a right-hand turn and crossed the goal-line. He produced another snap only minutes later to help South break away to a match-winning lead.

East Fremantle's Kevin Taylor, the top goalkicker in the league last season, was back to something near his best from last week and his goal-of-the-day on World of Football was a gem. Taylor broke across the centreline, had a bounce, recovered the ball after it went off line, beat a tackle and then drilled a long shot. It was a worthy winner of Town and Country's \$100 cheque.



Paul Mountain is proving to be one of South Fremantle's most consistent players over recent games . . . and last Saturday's effort against West Perth was no exception. He kicked two goals, the second of which came after he slipped out of a tight tackle and spun around on his left foot to snap quickly . . . and truly.

Claremont first-year player Warren Ralph is certainly solving problems in attack for the Tigers. His effort in booting 11 goals last week - to take his tally to 41 goals in his eight matches - was outstanding. Not only was it the highest individual tally kicked in league ranks this year, but it pushed him up to second place on the goalkicking table. The feature of his five-goal last term was the way his teammates delivered the ball accurately to him. Many of the goals looked easy as he made position to take easy, uncontested marks and shoot straight from a standing position.

GOLDEN BOOT

Simon Basley (Swans)	47.35
Warren Ralph (Claremont)	41.18
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	39.24
Doug Simms (Perth)	37.26
Ken Judge (East Fremantle)	34.24
Rod Alderton (West Perth)	36.18
Ian Williams (Swans)	30.22
Jim Krakouer (Claremont)	25.21
Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth)	24.17

Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

GOLDFIELDS CHASING ESCORT MATCH

A strong move is being made to stage an Escort Cup football match in Kalgoorlie.

Unofficial discussions on the possibility were held recently when leading football administrators from WA and Victoria were in Kalgoorlie for the opening of the Rex Mitchell grandstand at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre.

Goldfields National Football League president, Mr Doug Krepp, and Kalgoorlie mayor, Mr Ray Finlayson, raised the matter with WA Football League president, Mr Jim Davies, and general manager, Mr Peter Bowler, Victorian Football League secretary, Mr Ralph Lane, and Subiaco Football Club chairman of directors, Mr Kevin Merrifield.

Mr Merrifield said his club would raise the matter with the WAFL.

Mr Finlayson is keen to stage as many big sporting events as possible in Kalgoorlie to make full use of the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre.

In recent years the oval has been the venue for international cricket matches and is considered one of the best sporting venues outside the Metropolitan area.

Mr Krepp said he was confident an Escort Cup match in Kalgoorlie would attract a crowd of 5000.

This was far greater than some of the crowds which had watched Escort Cup matches in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

The biggest problem would be provision of television coverage but he was confident this hurdle could be overcome.

"An Escort Cup match in Kalgoorlie between a Victorian and West Australian team would provide a big boost for football not only in the Goldfields but for WA country centres in general," Mr Krepp said.

ALBANY MATCH

The Southern Districts National Football league will meet a combined South West National Football league side in Albany this weekend.

The South West squad was published in our May 23 issue, here now is the Southern Districts squad.

B. McKain, D. Nesbitt, A. Taylor, R. Waugh, M. Bell, R. Cooper, R. Killick, R. Smith, M. Smith, B. Williamson, K. Draper, D. Williams, M. Khan, R. Mountford, J. Back, G. Foon, M. Wynne, P. Walsh, G. Evans, R. Sutton, A. Coyne, D. Haendel, P. Braimbridge, J. Stone, N. Hulm, R. Skinner, N. Williams, N. Hill, M. Tweedie, S. Penny, D. Bell, G. Stewart, M. Thomas, M. Anning.

The main match will be preceded by a game between the two league colts sides.

WIN FOR EASTERN DISTRICTS

The Eastern Districts Football League defeated the Lake Grace Kulin League in an interleague match at Kulin. The visitors won 16.12 to 11.13. The match which was described as a hard fought affair was played in shocking conditions before a large crowd. Best for Eastern Districts were P. Antonio, G. Tuckwell, M. Bushe-Jones, A. Crook and B. Antonio and for Lake Grace-Kulin B. Attendriehg, M. Bearstow, R. Walker and A. Watt

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.

WATHEROO ON TOP

After seven rounds in the Central Midlands Football League, Watheroo head the premiership table with six wins. Warriors are next with five wins.

WONGAN HILLS TUMBLE

How the mighty have tumbled! Last season Wongan Hills kicked a record score of 24.11 to score a mammoth 83-point win over Dowerin in the Mortlock grand final.

But in 1980, Wongan Hills are the only side yet to win a game and are firm favourites for the wooden spoon. In their return match on May 25, Dowerin crushed the reigning premiers, 26.20 to 9.11 - a difference of 111 points.



Percy in Albany

The North Albany Football Club were hosts to Percy Johnson last Friday when he visited the town to conduct coaching clinics.

A junior clinic was held at 4pm followed by a league training session under Johnson's supervision. At 7pm he addressed members and attended a Cabaret held by the club later in the evening.

BROOKTON ON TOP

Brookton are currently heading the Avon Football Association premiership ladder. Having lost only one match from seven games. They are followed by Federals and Tammin both who have also lost only one game from six matches.

CAREY PARK SLUMP

Carey Park, who won their first seven games of the season in the SWNFL competition, have fallen on poor times in recent weeks.

They have now lost their last two games - against South Bunbury, who remain undefeated at the end of the first round - and Mines Rovers, who have taken over second spot, with Carey Park third.

In addition to several players sustaining injuries, Carey Park have also had 10 players reported in their last three games.

Five of these reports came out of last Sunday's games against Mines Rovers - three from the reserves game and two from the colts game.

The previous week against South Bunbury they had three players reported in the league game and one in the reserves.

Going into last Sunday's game against Mines with a drastically revised line-up, Carey Park produced probably their best team football for the season to be beaten in a thrilling finish by two points.

Terry Holtzman, playing at centre-half-forward for the first time, was Carey Park's star, winning the club awards for player-of-the-day, the goal-of-the-day and the mark-of-the-day. Former South Fremantle and West Arthur player Wayne Coles was unbeatable for Mines.

UMPIRING MOVE

Moves are underway to form a reserves umpiring panel in 1981 in an effort to improve the standard of umpiring in the Mortlock League.

A committee of five has been appointed to investigate all aspects of the proposal.

The home club is currently responsible for providing the reserves field umpire, with the standard payment of \$10. This falls well short of payments to reserves umpires in other country senior competitions, which is usually in the range of \$30-\$40.

TOODYAY ON THE RUN

Toodyay, who cruised through undefeated in the Mortlock thirds competition last year, are doing the right thing again.

Their winning margins from three games played this season are versus Dowerin (20.24 to 0.2), versus Goomalling (15.15 to 2.2) and versus Wyalkatchem (12.19 to 1.2).

The team has scored a total of 340 points this season, with opposition clubs only scoring 24 points against them.

EXMOUTH MATCH UNDER LIGHTS

The interleague match between the combined Carnarvon and Exmouth sides will be played next weekend at Exmouth. It will be a unique event in country football as the match will be played under lights.

RAMBLERS ON TOP

Ramblers are heading the Gascoyne Football League ladder with four wins, followed by Warriors with 3. The leading goalscorer is Warriors player M. Mippy, with 15 goals.

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National FIXTURES-RESULTS



WAFPL

MATCHES PLAYED ON GROUNDS OF FIRST MENTIONED CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAY 10
East Perth 21.12, Sth Fremantle 18.8
East Fremantle 16.16, Perth 22.11
Claremont 28.15, Subiaco 15.11
Swans 27.20, West Perth 8.8.

MAY 17
W. Perth 13.21, E. Perth 12.14
Subiaco 20.25, East Frem. 9.13
Perth 20.12, Claremont 29.17
Sth Frem. 15.18, Swans 22.15.

MAY 24
Perth 19.17, Sth. Frem. 21.25
West Perth 22.18, Subiaco 15.13
East Frem. 15.16, Swans 29.17
East Perth 19.20, Cl'mont 14.13

MAY 31
East Perth 28.11, Subiaco 12.10
Perth 16.18, Swans 19.17

JUNE 2
Sth Frem 14.21, East Frem 16.17
Claremont 18.15, West Perth 7.11

JUNE 7
Swans 16.21, East Perth 12.12
Cl'mont 24.18, East Frem 15.15
Sth Frem 18.16, W. Perth 12.22
Subiaco 13.17, Perth 16.17

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

JUNE 21
East Perth v Perth
Swan Districts v Subiaco
Claremont v South Fremantle
East Fremantle v West Perth

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

JULY 5
W.A. v Victoria, VFL Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINALS

SEPTEMBER 6
First semi-final

SEPTEMBER 13
Second semi-final

SEPTEMBER 20
Preliminary final

SEPTEMBER 27
Grand Final

VFL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APRIL 27
● Footscray 8.7, Nth. Melb. 26.21

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

MAY 10
Melbourne 10.12, Nth Melb 24.15
Sth Melb. 17.14, Collingwood 13.12
St. Kilda 12.20, Fitzroy 19.23
Carlton 14.27, Hawthorn 17.17
Essendon 13.15, Geelong 16.11
Footscray 10.10, Richmond 27.18

MAY 17
Footscray 10.11, Essendon 22.16
Richmond 19.24, Carlton 12.13
Geelong 20.15, St. Kilda 10.12
Hawthorn 17.16, Melb. 15.18
Fitzroy 17.16, Collingwood 17.16
Nth. Melb. 15.19, Sth. Melb. 16.10

MAY 24
Nth. Melb. 14.9, Hawthorn 10.13
Col'wood 18.28, Geelong 15.15
Melb. 15.12, Richmond 29.21
St. Kilda 19.15, Footscray 15.13
Fitzroy 14.16, Sth. Melb. 16.25

MAY 25
● Carlton 20.11, Essendon 13.16

MAY 31
Carlton 14.20, St. Kilda 9.8
Essendon 17.18, Melbourne 11.10
Footscray 18.11, Collingwood 24.17
Richmond 15.15, North Melb 13.20
Geelong 18.15, Fitzroy 17.6
Sth Melbourne 28.15, Hawthorn 14.15

June 7th
Richmond 18.13, Sth. Melb 10.8
Footscray 15.13, Geelong 22.12
Hawthorn 9.17, Essendon 13.11
Fitzroy 19.12, Carlton 22.24
St. Kilda 12.18, Nth. Melb 25.13
Collingwood 19.15, Melb 18.11

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

June 15th
● Sth. Melbourne v Geelong

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

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

July 5th
Victoria v Western Australia

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

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

July 20th
● St. Kilda v Richmond

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINAL SERIES - TOP 5 TEAMS

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

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

September 20th
Preliminary Final

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

SANFL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAT/SUN, MAY 10/11
W. Torrens 8.7, North Adelaide 14.10
Cent. Dist. 23.12, W. Adel. 16.12
Woodville 10.11, Sth Adel. 23.12
Sturt 13.22, P. Adelaide 23.12
● Norwood 9.13, Glenelg 14.22

SATURDAY, MAY 17
Port Adel. 18.14, Glenelg 9.17
Sth. Adel. 12.15, W. Torrens 13.14
Norwood 21.16, Woodville 17.17
W. Adel. 17.14, Nth. Adel. 14.15
Cent. Dist. 17.17, Sturt 18.8

MONDAY, MAY 19
South Adelaide v Queensland

SATURDAY, MAY 24
Norwood 14.13, Nth. Adelaide 14.21
Sth. Adel. 16.16, West Adel. 13.14
Cent. Dist. 27.19, Woodville 15.15
Glenelg 17.20, Sturt 11.13
Port Adel. 23.12, W. Torrens 9.6

SATURDAY, MAY 31
Sth Adelaide 15.12, Glenelg 20.16
Port Adelaide 27.16, Nth Adelaide 8.8
Woodville 13.10, West Adelaide 13.22
West Torrens 16.14, Central District 13.14
Sturt 16.14, Norwood 13.16

SAT/SUN, JUNE 7/8
Cent. Dist. 11.18, Port Adel. 12.16
Nth. Adel. 23.17, Sturt 15.15
Norwood 25.15, Sth. Adel. 7.7
Glenelg 23.15, W. Adel. 16.13
● Woodville 15.8, W. Torrens 12.14

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
South Australia v Western Australia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINALS SERIES MATCHES
COMMENCE SEPTEMBER 13



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WESTSIDE WINNERS



SWAN DISTRICTS v CLAREMONT
FRED WOODS: *If Swans are going to lose a game this year, it will be this one — and I think Claremont can do it.*



SUBIACO v SOUTH FREMANTLE
ALAN EAST: *Souths will be back at Subiaco Oval last this year for the finals — and this week's cakewalk against Subiaco will be a good trial run for the Bulldogs.*



EAST FREMANTLE v EAST PERTH
BOB CRABB: *East Perth proved last week that they are good enough to be in the top four. Even without their State players they will not let East Fremantle halt their progress.*



WEST PERTH v PERTH
MARTY McDONNELL: *State team losses are minute with both teams — and West Perth will be pushed further down the ladder this week by the Demons.*

Best wishes to the WEST AUSTRALIAN team in Adelaide

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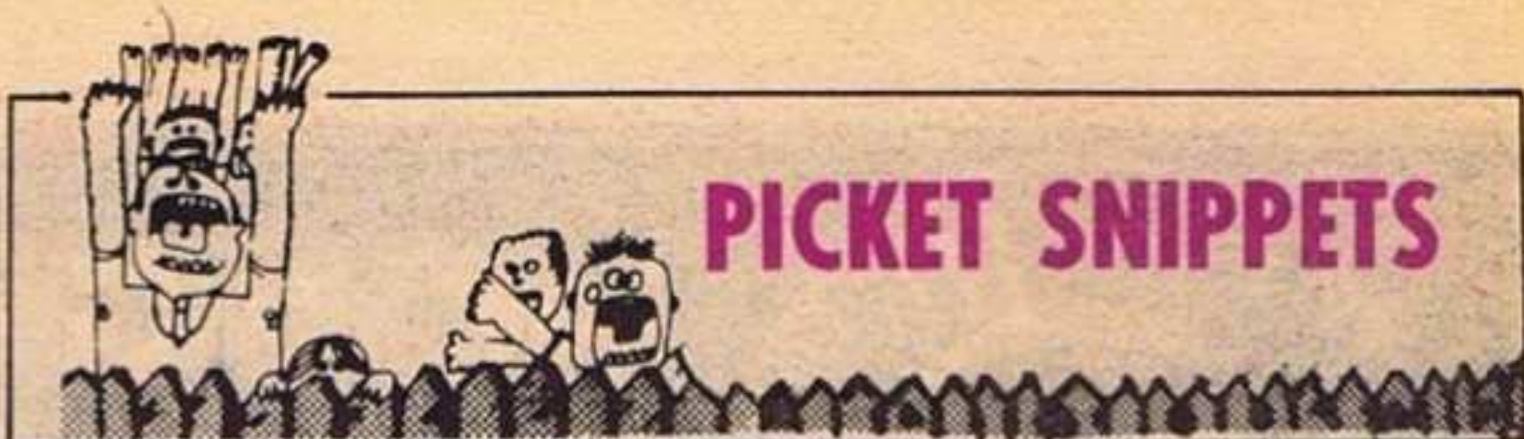


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12 DELICIOUS VARIETIES



PICKET SNIPPETS



CARDIE CLASHES

West Perth had plenty of problems handling the South Fremantle players at Fremantle Oval last week . . . and they had some troubles within their own ranks too. Twice in the second quarter — within the space of a few minutes — four Cardies were laid out on the ground after collisions between themselves. Firstly, big Ben Jager cleaned up small wingman Peter Menaglio as the two players charged towards each other in search of a mark. Then Chris Stasinowsky and Steve McEvoy were involved in a head-on collision in pursuit of the ball.

ROD NOT FORGOTTEN

Former Channel 9 and Sunday Independent football critic Rod Lohaer is a proud father nowadays with his son Brad doing well in the Subiaco line-up. And Rod himself is not forgotten either. Radio 6PR commentator Brien Thirley called Brad 'Rod' during one hectic passage of play . . . but quickly remedied the error.

Professional athletics could be introduced to the Mortlock National Football League this year. At a recent delegates meeting it was suggested that professional athletic events be held during the half-time intervals of all league finals fixtures. Suggested events are: first semi-final (1600 metres), second semi-final (800 metres), preliminary final (400 metres and 120 metre heats), grand final (3200 metres and 120 metres final).

The sprint will be the "blue ribbon" event.

98 SHOTS!

A scoring shot every minute . . . that was just about the average achieved by Hamilton reserves in the Wafa second division last Sunday. They beat Victoria Park-Metropolitan 57.41 to nil.

BIG "Vs" START BIG

Little league teams playing at the half time break at VFL matches, unlike their WA counterparts, use the full length of the ground for their matches. It seems to prevent big packs chasing the ball . . . often a feature of local games. Scores for their matches are similar to WA tallies.

SCOREBOARD GIMMICK

The VFL makes every post a winner. People attending a match and wishing to follow the progress scores of other matches must firstly purchase one of the league's official programmes to be able to de-code the results as they are posted on the scoreboard. Without the aid of a programme the figures and letters on the scoreboard are meaningless.

ANOTHER ARMSTRONG FOR SUBI

Gary Armstrong, former State school-boys star and son of coach Ken Armstrong, is seeking to join his father at Subiaco. Gary graduated through the junior ranks to reserves level at Perth, but has been unable to break through for a league game. At 6ft 2in he is a handy ruck-rover type and could do well at Subiaco.

ANOTHER LION SACKED

Yet another of Subiaco's pre-season recruits has been given his marching orders. Enzo Corvino, a 24-year-old utility player from St Kilda, has been told that his services are no longer required. At last count, something like 15 players have either left the club or retired since pre-season training.

SPENCER SCORE

East Perth officials were a little worried before last Saturday's game against Swan Districts when someone suggested that Peter Spencer's knee guards would need the approval of the field umpires before he could take his place on the ground. East Perth, who have raised queries at WAFL directors level about the use of Phillip Narkle's helmet, felt that the Swans camp might be trying to 'even up' a little. However, it was only a light-hearted query and Spencer was allowed to play with his guards — and went on to be best on the ground.

ANOTHER THREE DAY ROUND

For the second time this season, one round of V.F.L. fixtures will be split over three days.

This weekend there will be three games in Melbourne on Saturday, one in Sydney on Sunday (which will be telecast direct to W.A. by Channel 7) and two more matches in Melbourne on Monday, a public holiday in that State.

RISING STAR

On the credit side for Subiaco is the recent form being shown by David Court, an outstanding junior and a star in last year's Teal Cup series. Court was tried as a centre-half-forward in Subiaco's league side early in the season without a great deal of success, but his form as a ruckman in the last two games has been very promising. At 6ft 2in and 14 stone, he is just the sort of mobile player the Lions need on the ball.

BECU RETURNS

East Fremantle have lost hope of regaining the services of dependable ruckman Bob Becu.

The 29-year-old Becu has recently returned to Perth after an overseas holiday, but has decided to continue his career with Canning, in the South Suburban-Murray competition.

Becu, a veteran of 165 league games with East Fremantle, gives Canning a formidable ruck battery with Ian Tracey (formerly of Perth) and Geoff Naughton both in good form.

JEZ FOR SAINTS?

St Kilda are chasing the services of former East Fremantle wingman Mick Jez.

Jez, now 26, has played only two league matches since joining Carlton last year.

St Kilda vice-president Graham Huggins confirmed that his club would apply for permission to interview Jez.

However, Carlton have already made it clear that Jez was not on the market.

The St Kilda offer came after a Melbourne report indicated that Jez was considering quitting Carlton because of the lack of opportunities.

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