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Focus on star forwards

One of WA's two top goalscorers may have kicked himself into the ranks of the VFL on Saturday.

Both Simon Beasley and Warren Ralph were under the Carlton spotlight last week when chief recruiting scout Keith McKenzie flew into town.

Mr McKenzie had a busy day. He watched the first half of the West Perth-Swan Districts clash at Bassendean before scooting off to see the last half of the game between Subiaco and Claremont.

And his timing couldn't have been better.

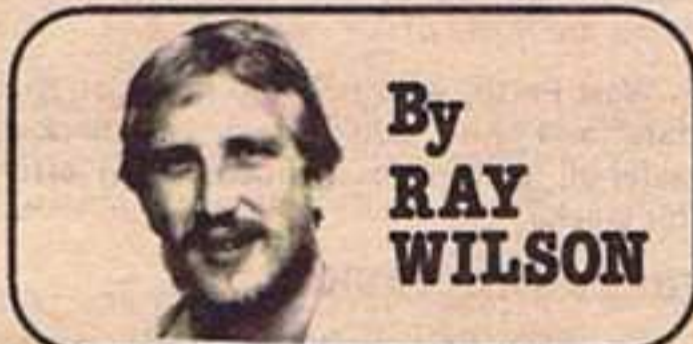
Beasley bagged five goals in the first half against the Cardinals in an impressive display against Neil Fotheringham.

By the time Mr McKenzie had reached Claremont Oval, the Tigers' full-forward was well on his way to 11 goals for the day.

While in Perth Mr McKenzie also spoke to players that Carlton had already signed. Ken Hunter and Brad Lohar were two of them.



• SIMON BEASLEY



By
**RAY
WILSON**

And it is believed Mr McKenzie also talked with Ken Judge, the talented East Fremantle half-forward.

Carlton have made no bones about the fact they are after a top forward.

Earlier this season the club had its talons into Perth's high-flyer Peter Bosustow.

Carlton were browed off when Perth refused to release Bosustow at a time when the Demons had little chance of making the four.

It is believed that Carlton have gone a little soft on the Bosustow deal and now realize that he may have to serve out his contract which expires at the end of 1981.

One Carlton official told Bosustow in June that "contracts were made to be broken."

Mr McKenzie was impressed with both the efforts of Ralph and Beasley last week and approaches should be made soon.

And a word of warning to East Fremantle...

... On Sunday Mr McKenzie flew to Geraldton to speak to several players. Perhaps Stephen McCann told him the directions to take.

Watch your step Bill!



PUTTING YOUR FOOT IN IT... that could be the problem with West Perth rookie Bill Duckworth.

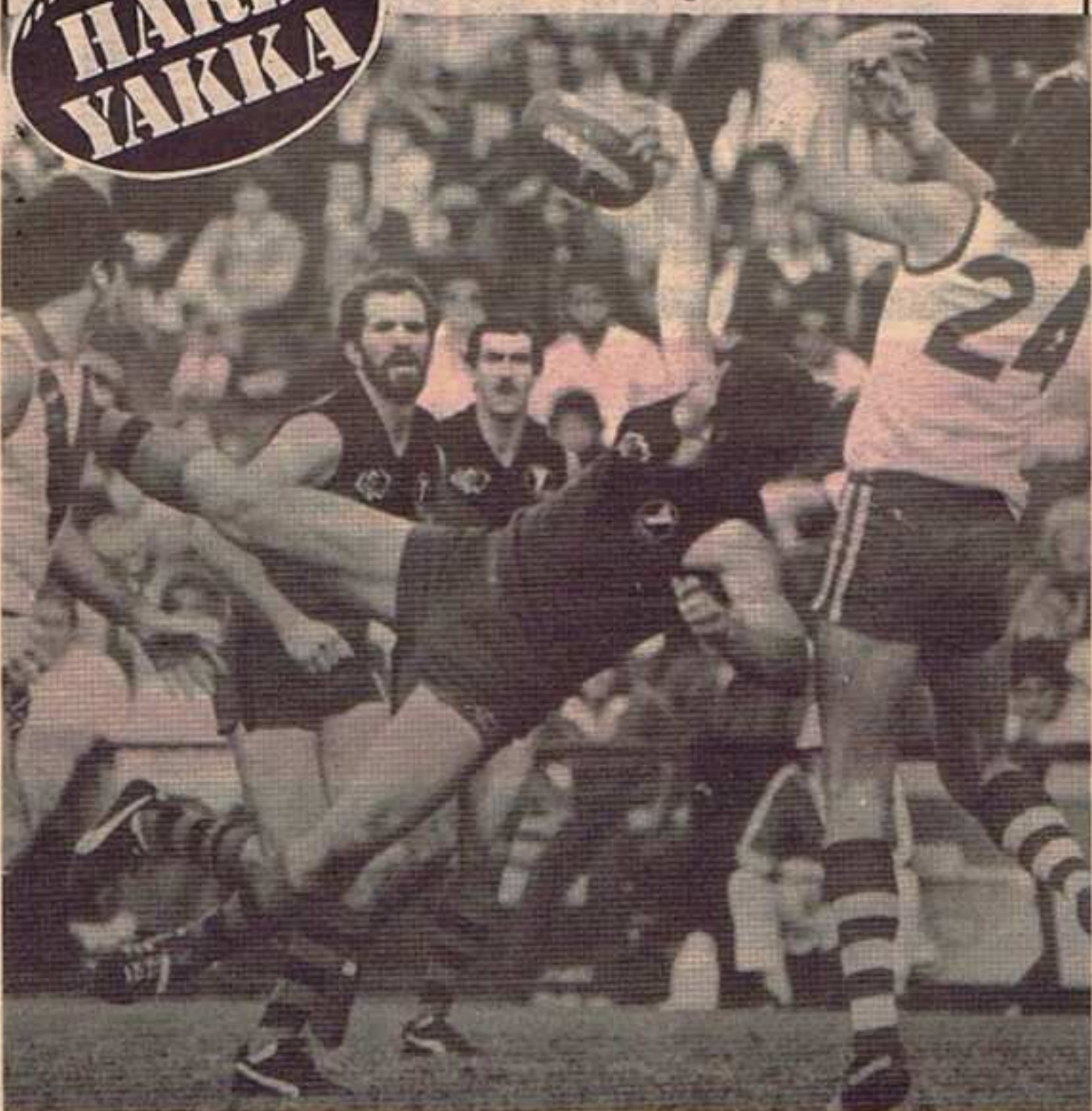
The Cardies defender seems to have his size 10 boot planted firmly on the toes of field umpire Bob Phillips in this encounter. But Phillips is taking it in his stride.

Incidentally, the arm waving around behind Duckworth belongs to another player who is completely obscured - the West Perth man is not a three-armed footballer!

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Webster is in the process of negotiating a Hard Yakka mark amidst a group of South Fremantle players.

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STILL PLENTY AT STAKE

The final set of qualifying fixtures this Saturday probably won't affect the composition of the premiership table — but they will have some serious effects on the point of psychology.

For example, South Fremantle are determined to down Swans to prove that they too are capable of winning 12 in a row; East Perth want to beat West Perth just to prove that they are the side worthy of filling fourth place; East Fremantle need to beat Subiaco to confirm that they were not quite the worst performers in the 1980 season and Claremont must beat Perth to avoid any chance of despondency before they tackle the finals.

So even if this week spells mothballs for four clubs, there is sufficient interest in the matches to arouse controversy.

South Fremantle, the form side of the competition with 11 straight wins, were the side to stop Swans earlier this year and they believe that was no fluke.

Swans, on the other hand, disposed of West Perth convincingly last week — and were badly under-manned as well — and they will return to full strength this week.

POWER STRUGGLE

This is a power struggle to produce the premiership favourites.

Both sides were impressive last week. Swans had too much punch at the end of the game for West Perth and South, though they faded a little, still had enough in reserve to hold off an East Perth revival.

South Fremantle's football is becoming a real threat to the other sides. Any team that can perform with such an even bunch of contributors — and not rely on individuals firing on any particular day — must be respected.

Sure, they have the brilliant skipper Noel Carter and the creative ruck talents of Stephen Michael. But they also have 18 or 20 other solid contributors in the club — and that's the stuff premiership teams are made of.

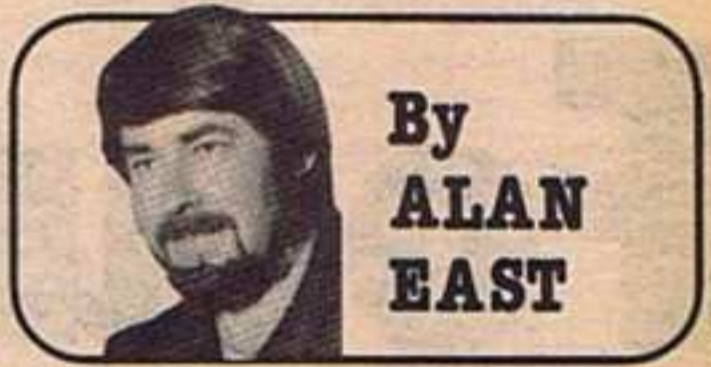
West Perth, who rely too much on their stars and just don't have the back-up material, will need a super-human effort this week.

DIFFICULT TASK

To beat East Perth on their current form is a difficult enough task. To beat the Royals by at least 10 goals looks impossible but West Perth are at home and if the Cardies have one thing in their favour it is the partisan Leederville Oval crowd.

It should be a titanic struggle. But to win, the Cardies have to sink the Royals' flag ship — Paul Arnold, whose goal-kicking feats at full forward make him an ideal battle ship to lead the fleet.

East Perth are also smiling all the way to Subiaco Oval with the unexpected return of dual Sandover Medallist Phil Kelly. Fingers are crossed at Perth Oval that Kelly has recovered well from last



By ALAN EAST

week's game — and he is the man most needed to add creativity to the forward zone.

East Fremantle have avoided the possibility of being labelled the worst-performers in the club's history.

Their victory over Perth last week was their fourth for the season, equalling the winning games tally recorded in 1968 and 1970 — their previous worst years. But a victory over Subiaco this week would give them five wins and put that little bit of breathing space between those two other disastrous years. And it would also give them a slight morale-booster as far as being an also-ran for 1980.

Subiaco seem destined to live with the fact that 1980 was one of their worst years on record — and it's hard to see them beating East Fremantle.

Claremont, after a slow and concerting start against Subiaco, finished full of running and Graham Moss wants that mood to continue this week.

The signs are already building up in the forecasts that the Tigers will be the No. 4 side in 1980 — and they will need a strong and competitive display against Perth to build up confidence for a likely semi-final clash with East Perth a week later.

REBOUND

Perth let their coach Alan Joyce down badly last week — and he will be looking for a rebound performance.

With seven first-year players in last week's side, Perth had to face the unfortunate fact that it was their senior players who didn't show the required leadership standards. Much more will be demanded in this final match for 1980.

So when the siren goes at 5 pm on Saturday, four clubs will breathe a sigh of relief and four others will continue their high-level planning for the coming weeks.

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FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

EAST FREMANTLE, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, L, W,	v Subiaco at Subiaco
WEST PERTH, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, L, L, W, W, L, L, L, L, W, W, L,	v East Perth at Leederville
CLAREMONT, L, W, L, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, L, L, W, W, W, W, L, L, W,	v Perth at Lathlain
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W, W, W, W, L, L, L, W, L, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W,	v Swans at Fremantle
PERTH, L, W, L, L, W, W, L, L, L, W, L, W, W, L, L, W, L, L, L,	v Claremont at Lathlain
EAST PERTH, W, L, W, L, L, W, L, W, W, L, W, L, L, W, L, W, W, W, L,	v West Perth at Leederville
SUBIACO, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, L, L,	v East Fremantle at Subiaco
SWANS, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, L, W, L, W, W, W,	v South Frem. at Fremantle

MARLBORO CUP — ROUND 3			
Sth. Frem	28	West Perth	17
East Perth	24	Perth	12½
Claremont	23½	East Frem	9
Swans	23	Subiaco	7

1980 MARLBORO AWARDS

A bonus prize of \$20,000 has been won by Swan Districts for being the first team to win 12 straight qualifying games. The Marlboro Cup has \$4000 for the team with the most Marlboro Cup points in each round, plus a \$1500 runners-up prize. Swans won the first round and South Fremantle the second. The Marlboro player-of-the-round award gives the top player \$1000 — with Les Fong (West Perth) winning round one and Wayne Duke (East Perth) round two. Marlboro finals money sees \$5000 for the premiers, \$3000 for the runners-up, \$2000 for the third side and \$1000 for the fourth team.



Parkin concerned about violence

Hawthorn's coach, David Parkin, is the latest in a long line of senior football officials to express his concern about the continuing incidence of violence and unduly rough play in league football.

And Parkin's concern is not only for the victim of the unfair and often cowardly football assault. His primary concern is more far-reaching.

Parkin is concerned with the impressions that violent acts are leaving on junior players and the subsequent effects they will have on the future of the game.

And he is well placed to establish his views. In addition to being a well-credentialed VFL player and coach, Parkin is considered one of Australia's foremost authorities on junior sport. It's a subject on which he has done extensive research in his capacity as a lecturer at the Burwood State College in Victoria and as an involved parent.

He aired his views on the effect the so-called sporting heroes can have on junior sportsmen in a forthright manner on a recent 6WF phone-in programme.

DEVELOPMENT

Parkin said he believes the development of Australian Rules is being retarded by the poor example many senior players are setting each Saturday.

He said he can understand why parents won't let their children play the game and why many boys are turning to other sports, when he sees the numerous illegal physical confrontations that occur each week.

"We have appear to have some mis-conception about what draws people to see football," Parkin said.

"I'm sure that the controlling bodies are convinced that if we remove the aggressive acts or the violence from our football, we're not going to draw the same crowds to our games.

"I believe that is the mis-conception. People certainly want to see good football played competitively but I don't believe they go to the football to see blood drawn.

"I'm convinced that people who control professional sport at the upper echelon see it differently."

ARGUMENT

And in support of his argument, Parkin cites league tribunals and their findings.

"I believe almost every player who goes before a tribunal is guilty of the offence with which he's charged but invariably the tribunal adjudicates in favour of the player."

Parkin said if the various leagues are serious about cleaning the game up, they could do so in the space of six months or at the outside, one season, through their tribunals.



• DAVID PARKIN

"Having done that parents who are undecided about the value of letting their son play the game can watch matches without this violent aspect. This will only encourage parents to direct their children into the game."

Parkin concluded by saying that the standards of behaviour in football are established at the highest level of competition and unfortunately aggressive and unfair acts had become an accepted mode of behaviour.

When one considers the repercussions if many of the on-field incidents occurred off the field, David Parkin does have a very strong argument.

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THIS WEEK:

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COMMENTATOR.



Graham Gooding on target

Former Claremont player, Graham Gooding, was on target in last weekend's round of Lake Grace-Kulin Football League fixtures. Playing for Kukerin, Gooding kicked 27 goals 3 behinds in their game against Dudinin.

Needless to say Kukerin won, the scores being 47.19 to 8.6.

Gooding is an elder brother of current Claremont wingman, Dalton and he played a total of 41 league games for the Tigers during 1967 and 1968.

His 27 goal effort is believed to be a record for the Lake Grace-Kulin competition, but it falls well short of the best-ever recorded goal kicking feats.

The three leading sharp-shooters in any grade of football are all Victorians.

The record is held by Doug Ensor, of Noble Park, who kicked 60 goals 8 behinds in a Melbourne suburban competition in 1967.

That same year Kerry Hourigan kicked 42 goals for Springvale and in a junior competition Kim Albiston kicked 40 goals for Doncaster Youth Club.

They are tallies that would make the likes of Peter Hudson and Austin Robertson just a little envious. But in league football the club record is still shared by Bernie Naylor and Ken Farmer (North Adelaide) at 23.

THE MT. BARKER SAGA

There was a sensational climax to the Southern Districts National Football League competition last Sunday. The League is centred on Albany.

Before the final round of qualifying fixtures the two Mt Barker teams, South Barker and North Barker, were disputing fourth place. South held fourth by a game and a small percentage advantage.

But in the final game they were drawn to play the previously undefeated North Albany. North Mt Barker had a slightly easier game against Albany Railways.

North Barker defeated Railways and in so doing, improved their percentage.

But South Barker never suffered the defeat that was imminent.

South forfeited to North Albany, claiming they had insufficient players to take the field. The forfeit meant they lost the points for the game, but preserved

their percentage and hold on fourth place.

South officials can only be taken on their word when analysing their claims regarding their playing strength. But if it was a deliberate attempt by the Club to secure a finals berth by bending the rules, it backfired.

A special meeting of the S.D.N.F.L. delegates found South Barker guilty of misconduct under Rule 116 in the W.A.F.L. constitution. They suspended the club from the A Grade competition for the remainder of the 1980 season.

Rule 116 says that no club can abstain from playing a match without the permission of the league - which South Barker did not obtain.

At the same time the delegates voted to promote North Barker to fourth place and this week they meet Railways again - this time in the first semi-final.



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BRIAN COOK

Perth star proves his versatility



Perseverance certainly pays off as far as Brian Cook is concerned.

The versatile Perth player has proved his perseverance with his State football record — three different positions on the interstate arena and all three years apart.

Cook has developed into Perth's top player this season. His courage and dedication have been beyond question — but for those who were not aware of his unswerving loyalty to the club, they only have to look at his performance against East Perth a couple of Saturdays back. Cook received a cut above the eyebrow, but after having the injury stitched up at half-time, he returned to the fray to be a top defender in a losing cause.

The local junior has already put his name in the record books at Perth with life membership after 150 games. But it is his interstate record that is worth commenting on.

In 1974 the talented young wingman was thrown to the hungry Victorians, up against the brilliant Brownlow Medallist Keith Greig — and he copped a thrashing. But he fought back, earned a place in the 1977 State side as a half-back flanker and then this year went to Melbourne as the full-back in the State-of-Origin side — to be one of WA's top players.

This week Cook talked to ALAN EAST about his football . . .



Q: You have probably produced the best form of your career this season. Any special reason?

A: It's certainly the best year I've had from the point of consistency. As you get older you seem to put a lot of things aside in your game, don't worry about the little silly things and just play your own game. When you are younger you tend to worry about things, especially in the back-line where you tend to be more negative than you need to be. As you get older you take things in your stride and develop more confidence.

Q: Do you think younger players have too much emphasis on getting into the best players each week?

A: I think so. There can be too much emphasis also on statistics. As a young player myself I was more concerned with just holding my place. But I've got past that now; the pressure is off a bit and you can do things you feel confident about; you learn to do the unselfish things. You also take a few more risks and your skills are probably higher as a result; you back your judgement more.

Q: You haven't felt that your place in the side was in jeopardy in the last couple of years?

A: No, I think it's fair to say that we haven't had a replacement centre-halfback in the club. So it's been a thing of confidence — I was playing with confidence.

Q: Your previous best season was probably the year you made the State side on the wing?

A: I still don't think it was as consistent as this year. I played about half a season of my best football and half a season of pretty average football. I think I've put in other years where I've been more consistent without being brilliant, which I am personally happy about.

Q: You probably want to forget about that terrible day against Keith Greig?

A: I certainly can't remember too much about it! Actually I only played one quarter on Greig and the next three on Keith Fletcher. But they weren't good quarters! I think I was just over-awed that day. It's the perfect example of a young player. I went out there expecting these Vic stars to take marks over my head and all sorts of things. I know that I could do much better now.

Q: How did that game affect your confidence later?

A: I didn't play as well as I had earlier. I started putting in a good game every two or three weeks.

Q: Where have you played most of your football then?

A: I first played as a half-back flanker. I was usually a defender in juniors. But in that first year Mal Atwell tried me out as a

wingman because I was pretty lean and had a bit of pace. But after about 10 games or so I got a punctured lung and a few broken ribs which put me into hospital for a while. I came back for a few games at the end of that year. But the next season under Barry Cable I was shifted all round the place. In 1974 I spent the year on the wing but by 1975 I was back in defence and I've pretty well stayed there ever since.

Q: As an accountant, have you found your career interfering with football very much?

A: My employers have been very good actually. At the start of 1976 I played a couple of games in reserves at the beginning of the year, probably because I was concentrating on exams. But it has been hard to mix the two — it's the time factor with studies and work and especially during the season with team meetings and so forth.

Q: You must have been happy to do well in this year's State match?

A: Yes, it was good to get a few kicks. I played in the 1977 team but got dropped after that game as well. I certainly felt that this year atoned for those two games. I've had the ambition to get back into the State side and do well for a few years now.

Q: How far ahead are you looking now then? Can you keep this improvement up?

A: I always feel that I can do more in a game and I often still feel that I become too negative. Even though I like centre-half-back I think I'd relish the change of a position. I'd like to try centre-half-forward, but we have a lot of centre-half-forwards in the club. I'm fitter than I've been for two or three years, so I can't see why I shouldn't be able to continue for a while yet.

Q: Your effort in returning to the game the other week after having seven stitches in a cut eyebrow was courageous. How did you see it?

A: I could see no reason to stay out of the game at the time. Maybe I didn't think of the consequence. But it had been stitched up and there was a bandage across it to stop it from opening up again and I didn't see how anything else could go wrong. I wasn't concussed at all and I think the worst thing that could have happened was for another knock to open it up again.

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Name: Brian Cook
 Born: Adelaide, 27.6.53
 Height: 6ft. 2in (188cm)
 Weight: 13st. 6lb. (85kg)
 Lives at: Kalamunda
 Married: Yes
 Wife's name: Kathy
 Children: None
 Occupation: Accountant
 Football honours: State representative 1974, 1977, 1980; Perth premiership sides 1976, 1977.
 Favourite food: Desserts
 Favourite drink: Coke
 Hobbies and relaxation: Squash, cycling, bit of gardening.
 Football likes: Comradeship in the team.
 Football dislikes: Playing a bad game.
 Football idols: Ken McAulley.
 Hard things in football: Nothing really, maybe some of the rubbish that goes with the game.
 Ambitions: To play 200 games.
 Came from: Collier
 League debut: 1971
 Guernsey No.: 12
 Games played: 171



Wayne Blackwell (Claremont) 20 on Aug. 30th.

Murray Reid (East Frem.) 20 on Aug. 30th.

Maurice Rioli (South Frem.) 23 on Sept. 1st.

Allan Montgomery (Perth) 22 on Sept. 2nd.

Glenn O'Rourke (Swans) 22 on Sept. 2nd.

Ray Holden (West Perth) 21 on Sept. 3rd.

Tony Solin (Swans) 23 on Sept. 3rd.

Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 22 on Sept. 4th.

SPIRIT MISSING AT PERTH

What's wrong with the team spirit at Perth?

Last Saturday the Perth league players turned in a spirit-less display that would have certainly shocked some of the club stalwarts.

It wasn't the loss to East Fremantle that hurt so much; it was the way the players accepted defeat — a failing that was not evident at Lathlain during the successful years of the 70's.

Where it was most obvious was when players kicked goals.

Seldom did a team-mate run up to congratulate the goalkicker. Five years ago, players would have run 100 metres to pat the player on the back.

Last Saturday Barry Kimberley kicked a top goal in the third term to keep the Demons' hopes of victory alive — and he was virtually ignored after the shot.

That wasn't the only example.

An examination of the replay will confirm to Perth fans that there was a total lack of camaraderie in the team, particularly in the goal-scoring department.

Football is a team game — and while the Australian game doesn't need to go to the kissing and cuddling lengths the English counterparts have achieved — kicking goals, particularly top-pressure goals, certainly warrants a pat on the back.

With seven first-year players in the Demons line-up on Saturday — and many more talented youngsters in the wings — it is up to the senior players to set the example.

It seems as though most of the older hands at Perth are simply playing out time for 1980... but where will that take them to in 1981?

It's time a few people over at Lathlain Park had a real good look at themselves.

ALAN EAST

200 up for John Devine

John Devine has pushed his legs more than 5000kms in pursuit of his favourite Saturday afternoon pastime.

He is the WAFL's senior boundary umpire and this week he will notch his 200th league game.

Devine joins an elite group of umpires who have reached the 200-game milestone — and he has the 236-game record of veteran Charlie Pratt on his sights.

At 37, Devine is super fit. Apart from covering an average of 25kms each Saturday afternoon, Devine likes to run on five of the other six days of the week.



He works in the city, so twice a week he goes around the bridges (City-Causeway-South Perth-Narrows) and then he has regular training on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Then, just to run out the stiffness, he has a short jog on Sundays.

"I guess I just like running," says Devine.

"I tackled field umpiring one year, but it was not as enjoyable — mainly, I guess, because there was more country travelling involved."

Devine joined the WANFL panel (as it was then known) in 1966, graduating to the league boundary line for the last two qualifying games of the field. He spent 1970 on the field umpires' panel and also missed the 1976 season when he was transferred to Esperance with the bank.

"Being an umpire, even on the boundary line, is a challenge," says Devine. "You are part of the game and it's good to be involved with the league scene."

"It is a bit harder than it looks, especially in league ranks when the game can be really explosive."

"It's not hard to get caught out of position with the ball rocketing downfield and suddenly you are running flat out to keep up with it."

Devine is currently president of the WAFL Umpires Association.

He has been a consistent league performer, especially in finals, and should be high on the list of candidates when the Umpires Board selects boundary umpires for this year's grand final.

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ST. KILDA WANT SIDEBOTTOM

St Kilda have squashed rumors that Garry Sidebottom would move to another VFL club next season.

St Kilda's assistant chairman Graham Huggins said his club wanted Sidebottom to play for them, not against them.

He said: "We have to clear Sidey back to Swan Districts as part of a contractual deal."

"Then we'd be making every endeavor to get him back again. He can't play with any VFL club without our permission..."

Huggins said Sidebottom played well against Carlton.

Sidey has been a disappointment this season, playing many matches in the reserves.

He has opted out of his insurance business in Moorabbin, adding fuel to the rumors that he was heading across to Geelong.

SCOTT ON TARGET

Young St Kilda full-forward Mark Scott had the honor of having the great Geoff Southby moved from him in the match against Carlton last week.

Scott, 21, kicked nine goals and missed another in a top display.

Ironically, Scott, a former Hawthorn player, was believed to have been offered to the Blues early in the year.

Scott booted three goals before Southby was shifted. Then Val Perovic dropped back on him, but the youngster managed another six.

OLIVIA WATCHES SAINTS

She came a little late and left early but Olivia Newton-John's visit to Moorabbin oval last week went off without a hitch.

Arriving in a convoy of LTD Fords, the blonde singing star nestled next to Prime Minister Fraser at St Kilda's VIP lunch.

Nicknamed "Olivia Newtron Bomb", the world's sweetheart then watched her team, Carlton, for the first three quarters before slipping away.

BROWN BITTER

Peter Brown, one of Carlton's footballers in exile, remains bitter and does not appear likely to rejoin the club.

"No I won't be back," he said. "I can't even look at a footy jumper."

Brown, Carlton's 1979 premiership full-forward has forfeited his chance of a repeat grand final performance.

Brown and Alan Mangels walked out of the club after disagreements.

Mangels wants to play for Geelong while Brown had a clearance application to Collingwood knocked back on the eve of the clearance deadline.

STATE DUTY

The league have finally become aware that State-of-Origin games and carnivals



have bred a new selfish type of character — the malingerer.

The League is now ready to stamp out the habit of feigning illness or injury to avoid State duty before it gets any worse.

Practice matches will be held at the MCG and VFL Park to get the players ready for the end of season carnival.

State selectors want players to appear before the VFL executive or the Tribunal if they withdraw from the team without a good excuse.

DIPLOMATIC MISSION

Foreign Affairs Minister Andrew Peacock, interrupted his busy schedule last week to address the VFL umpires dinner last week.

Mr Peacock's oratory skills are well known and he was at his best for the umpires.

As Essendon's No.1 supporter he sees as many games as time permits.

BROWNLOW POLL

It's Kelvin Templeton, Peter Moore and Keith Greig.

This was the result of the Sunday Observer's Brownlow computer, poll on the Brownlow Medal.

It says Footscray's star forward Templeton should become the first forward to win the Medal.

Templeton is leading most media awards and has shortened to 7/2 favoritism in the Brownlow market with one round to play.

Collingwood's showy ruckman Peter Moore, last year's Brownlow winner, should again poll well.

North Melbourne's dual medallist, Keith Greig is the computer's next best tip.

The dark horse of the competition could be Gary Dempsey.

FITZROY JOB

The names that have been thrown up in the Fitzroy coaching position next season, reads like a Who's Who of football.

Current coach Bill Stephen has stated that he will resign at the end of this season.

But rumors have it he is still interested in the job.

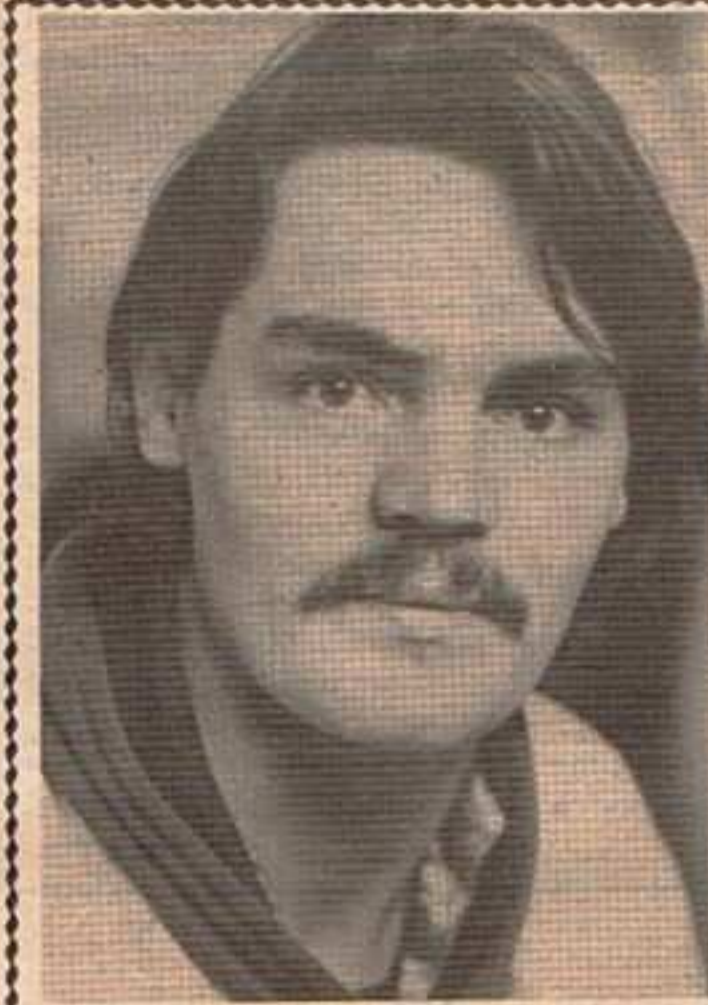
The list includes current assistant coach Norm Brown, John Rantall, Robert Walls, Ron Barassi, Haydn Bunton, Graham Campbell, Don Scott and Mal Brown.

FROM WHERE?

South Melbourne last week toasted the kid from Mangoplah-Cookinda United. Believe it or not that's the name of the team from which Wayne Carroll was recruited.

Carroll comes from Ganmain, about 32km from the towns near Wagga which field the team.

He's being tipped as a star of the future and last week booted four goals.



Another set-back for Earnshaw

Former East Perth defender Craig Earnshaw can't take a trick.

His surprise move to South Australian club Central District this year saw him receive a broken jaw in his first game.

He got back into action a few weeks ago — only to come down with a knee injury against South Adelaide last week. He was carried off the field and x-rays this week will determine the extent of the damage.

Hartfield in hot water

Former Claremont star Brenton Hartfield is in hot water with the North Adelaide officialdom.

Hartfield and Kym Dillon were, in fact, 'banned' by the club.

They were overlooked for selection in league or reserves teams for last Saturday's match against Glenelg. They were also told not to enter the Roosters' dressing rooms or attend the after-match entertainment in the President's Lounge.

The disciplinary action came after Hartfield and Dillon were carpeted for being in the West Adelaide dressing room at Football Park a week earlier when that side was playing Glenelg. North Adelaide were playing on the Sunday.

North's general manager, John Condon, said that the two players were under contract and had a standard of conduct to maintain. Obviously, being entertained by rival clubs did not measure up to that standard.

But it seems as though it is a storm in a tea cup.

Dillon works for West Adelaide coach Trevor Hughes in a sports store and Hartfield, a sports goods traveller, is a friend of both men.

Hughes invited them into the rooms and arranged for them to sit in the West Adelaide private box.

He said there was no suggestion of officials having talks with the players about their future.

NO CELEBRATIONS

South Adelaide captain Geoff Baynes celebrated his 150th game last week — but it turned out to be a disappointing outing.

South went down to Central District by eight points, severely denting their finals hopes.

Two former West Australians figured in the Centrals victory — John Duckworth was back to form at full-back and Geoff Gillies was a danger man at centre.

COMPUTER MEDAL

The counting of votes in the Magarey Medal is joining the computer age.

The live telecast from the Old Lion



Hotel on Monday, September 15 will be beamed by NSW-9 viewers — and a computer will be the focal point of the show.

The computer will be programmed to flash the eight leaders up at any given time and the leaders in each of the clubs.

GRAHAM'S MILESTONE

South Australian and Sturt half-forward Michael Graham will play his 200th game this week.

Graham, a consistent star in interstate matches, will reach the milestone against West Torrens — and a big crowd at Football Park will help him celebrate.

Graham has, in fact, played more than 300 senior games.

He has moved up to Darwin every summer for the last eight years to play for St Mary's.

BIG TURNOVER

West Adelaide have used a remarkable 51 players in their league side this season.

The club record figure indicates just how serious injuries have been at the home of the Wolves.

Eighteen of those players have made their league debut in 1980. Even though the club's league side is lamenting in eighth place on the premiership table, the reserves are in second spot.

BIG WINNERS

Port Adelaide, riding high on the premiership table with 17 wins from 20 games — including a draw — have an average winning margin of 80 points.

Port have booted more than 20 goals in 13 of their games and will become the first SA team to amass more than 3000 points in the qualifying rounds.

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What is Phil Kelly saying? And who is he talking to? We wouldn't like to guess. But it seems as though Kelly wasn't too happy when our cameraman caught him last Saturday . . .

BENNETT'S BURST



Attitude . . . the key

How would you like to have four stitches put in a cut near an eye without anaesthetic? Swan Districts ruck rover Ian Williams did a few weeks back.

Tough — or just a frame of mind?

Attitude is a big thing in sport and it is likely to be a decisive factor in the outcome of this year's final round.

There is little doubt that the attitude at Bassendean Oval is one of fierce determination. Players are hungry for success.

When I took part in their regular Sunday morning panel show last week the question of attitude was raised in respect of Swans' match against West Perth.

Swans' utility player, Gordon Casey, remarked that anyone not knowing which of the two teams were fighting for their football life would have thought it was Swans judging by the respective approaches of both teams.

It seems that irrespective of the circumstances, Swans enjoy winning and this was demonstrated once again against the hapless Cardinals.

Coaches realise the importance of attitude of players to the success of the team.

East Fremantle coach, Bradley Smith, identified attitude as one of the main reasons for the poor performance of the side this year.

Well what of the sides in the four . . .

have they all got the required attitude to win a premiership?

As I've mentioned, Swans, after being on the receiving end for so many years, are determined to reverse the situation this year. They lack nothing in attitude.

South Fremantle have been given the tag by some of being a side that can't handle final round pressure. One league coach confided in me last year that he considered South a mob of weakies.

Having seen South Fremantle on numerous occasions this year — and in pressure games in the past two weeks — I don't believe they deserve such a title this year.

They have learnt how to win games under pressure.

Though Claremont and East Perth both ran South to four points, South showed admiral football qualities by regaining the ascendancy after surrendering the initiative in both games.

Claremont, the side tipped by many to be the success story of 1980, are considered by some players and officials of other teams as not having the tough mental approach needed to win finals.

Like Swans, Claremont have not tasted success very often. I think they have the talent, but at times lack the desperation one would usually associate with a side that rarely makes the finals.

Two other members of the panel show at Swan Districts believe that Claremont's stay in the four will be brief once the finals start.

I think they have too much talent to dismiss so lightly but they will play one of the character teams of football in the first semi-final, East Perth.

East Perth have the players who are prepared never to give in in tough matches and for that reason cannot be ignored in the final round.

I've left West Perth out of calculation because their chances of wresting fourth spot from the Royals is extremely thin. But if they should make the four, then they would have shown football qualities that are needed to win final round games.

ROBERT BENNETT

Australia's first female football critic . . .

MOTHER BROWN

What a joke the Sandover Medal night is.

I'm not talking about the preparations or effort that go into putting on such a night. I'm sure it will be a huge success . . .

. . . without women!

Yes, ladies, apparently we are not good enough to be allowed in by the WAFL.

It's OK for us to actually follow the football week after week in sun, rain or hail, but the WAFL sees the Sandover Medal night as a boys' night out.

Perhaps the next step will be to bar women from the footy altogether. Or perhaps we can boycott games until this ludicrous point is changed.

I'd love to be able to attend the Medal night, and I'm sure a lot of other women fans would like to go with their hubbies, or even by themselves.

After all, the Sandover Medal is the biggest thing that happens in football apart from the Grand Final.

We put up with all the swearing and goings-on at the football, so I don't think that a well-presented night at the Sheraton would alarm any women.

ANOTHER LEWINGTON

It is good to see another Lewington bobbing up on the football scene.

Barry Lewington played his first game for the South Fremantle Colts a couple of weeks ago and won a trophy for his good effort.

We'll have to wait and see how he develops but I hope he can reach half the heights of his father, Clive.

If he does, he'll be a star.

PEAKE'S BURST

Brian Peake had a few bursts at people in his column in the Daily News last week.

Peake had some unkind things to say about Kevin Worthington and Mal Brown.

On the Brownie issue he said that it wasn't the best thing for Malcolm to get stuck into Robbie Burns while that reporter was out of the State.

Burns is currently in England on a cricket travel tour, in the middle of our football season.

Well, Brian, as far as I know, Robbie hadn't left when Malcolm said his piece about Burns' story on Carter being the big bookies' tip for the Medal.

COURAGEOUS FRANCIS

Watching Francis Bourke last Sunday on the Winners reminded me just how courageous this player is.

Bourke copped a nasty knock above his eye and needed stitches to mend the damage.

Blood was gushing from the cut but Bourke got his treatment and continued to do his job.

A far cry from some of the actors playing footy here where the slightest touch is enough to send them reeling.

For those who don't know, Bourke was a hole-in-the-heart victim as a child and doctors told him he would never play football.

It just goes to show what dedication and courage can do.

I wish some WA footballers would take a leaf from his book.

Cheers,

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GOALS!

Using the wind to advantage in kicking goals is something of an art — and last Saturday's game at East Fremantle Oval saw two players handle the conditions perfectly. Stephen Green kicked East Fremantle's 7th goal when he floated the ball in from the forward pocket at the southern end in the first term. Perth rover Barry Kimberley kicked his team's 14th goal in the third term with a clever shot from the boundary line at the other end that also floated across the field and into the open goal mouth.

It is often said that players go down in the scorebooks with goals that only represent the finished product of other players. There was one classic goal credited to Perth's Peter Bosustow last week. After mishandling the ball and failing to shoot for goal when he had the opportunity, Bosustow lost the ball — only to see first-game player Rhett Baynes fight desperately to regain the ball and shoot out a handpass to none other than Bosustow, who goaled this time.

There were smiles all round at East Fremantle when Jim Sewell returned to his best goalkicking form last week. The brilliance of Sewell has, unfortunately, been absent for most of the year at East Fremantle, with injury taking its toll. But last Saturday he celebrated his 100th game with a six-goal effort and his fifth was a gem. He lost control of the ball as he raced goalwards, but re-contested it again without faltering stride, won back possession and continued his dash over the half-forward to goal on the run.

Talking about Peter Bosustow. His third goal came when he had a fairly simple shot at goals only to hit the post. But East Fremantle's Roger Crouch mis-directed the kick out and Bosustow swooped on it quickly and atoned with a snapshot goal.

West Perth rover Corry Bewick will remember his three goals against Swan Districts last week for some time. Any of the goals could have been the Town and Country's goal of the day. But Bewick got the \$100 award for a freak snap over his shoulder. The ball came to ground from a big pack in the goalsquare. Bewick snapped it up and had to take a few paces away from the goals. He kicked the ball over his head, it sailed high but his aim was true.

While most of Warren Ralph's 11 goals came from direct shots, he did kick one under extreme pressure last week. The Tigers' sneak grabbed the ball in a pack about 40 metres from the goals. He spun around on his left foot and had only a second or two to get his sights. But the left foot snap was true.

Few backmen get the opportunity to kick goals but Claremont's Noel Morton, the dashing half-back didn't miss one of the few chances he has had last Saturday. Morton was following his man downfield when he intercepted a hand pass from Phil Krakouer. He had no time to think and snapped surely.

GOLDEN BOOT

WARREN RALPH (Claremont)	80.46
SIMON BEASLEY (Swans)	79.57
PETER BOSUSTOW (Perth)	74.41
ROD ALBERTON (West Perth)	66.37
NOEL CARTER (South Fremantle)	62.35
KEN JUDGE (East Fremantle)	60.34
PAUL ARNOLD (East Perth)	60.24
PETER MUNRO (Subiaco)	57.32
DOUG SIMMS (Perth)	52.35
IAN WILLIAMS (Swans)	52.38

DAVE CLEMENT



JACK'S LONG RUN

Radio man Jack Sweet of station 6PM is set to call his 27th final round. This puts Sweet in a bracket of longest running football callers that include Lou Richards and Jack Dyer.

Sweet has already called some 104 finals, just over 40 interstate games and some 570 qualifying games for a total of just over the 700 mark.

Jack Sweet commenced his radio career during the 1954 season when he replaced the late Val Sparrow, father of Frank of 6IX fame.

Sweet had had a playing career of 103 games with East Perth. He coached East Perth in the latter part of the 1948 season, relieving Sparrow on this occasion. Then he coached Subiaco for three years — 1950, 1951 and 1952.

RECORD FOR RALPH?

For the first time ever, the top eight positions on the goalkicking list are occupied by players from the eight different clubs. Only South Fremantle's Noel Carter has not played at full-forward.

If young Claremont forward Warren Ralph can hold his lead on the list, this week he becomes the second footballer in postwar football to win the goalkicking title in his first year of league football.

The other being Subiaco's Austin Robertson in 1962. George Doig of East Fremantle headed the list in 1932, his first year.)

A NEW FOUR

West Perth don't seem able to make the finals... so that leaves the combination of Swan Districts, South Fremantle, Claremont and East Perth to play off for the first time ever.

Even if Graham Cambell's team does pull off the impossible it would still be a complete new four.

LOSING RECORD

Perth's losing score at East Fremantle last Saturday 22.14 (146) was that club's highest losing tally. In fact it was only one point short of the league's all-time highest losers 23.9 (147) by East Fremantle at Leederville in 1978.

FINALS

Finals were first played in WA in 1904 and of the 76 already decided East Fremantle have contested the most, 67. West Perth have been in 49 final rounds, East Perth and South Fremantle 45, Perth 40, Subiaco 29, Claremont 13 and Swan Districts 10.

FATEFUL KICKS

With Claremont making their premiership bid from the first semi-final, it's interesting to recall how fate played its part in their last premiership, in 1964.

A shot at goals in the dying minutes of three different games enabled the Tigers

PLAN FOR 1981

No matter what size or competition, all football clubs in WA will have the opportunity to plan for next season with the aid of a special section which will appear in Westside Football during our finals editions.

In those issues we intend to run a section of "Situations Vacant" for clubs throughout the State. At a special reduced rate, clubs will be able to advertise for COACHES and PLAYERS for the 1981 season. See the advertisement on page 7 for further details.

to win their first flag in 25 years.

Kick No. 1 was taken by Swans ruckman Robin McVee against West Perth in the third last qualifying game. With only seconds to go, he missed and Claremont couldn't replace Wests in the four. But he goaled and the Tigers still had a chance.

Kick No. 2 was a week later at Lathlain Park. If West Perth beat Perth they were safe in the four. With 10 seconds to go Cardinal rover John Vukman (now an ABC football panellist) runs into an open goal and hits the post, leaving his side two points down.

Claremont then beat West Perth to make the finals, Subiaco in the first semi-final and Perth in the preliminary final.

Kick No. 3 came in the last minute of the grand final when Ian Brewer, from a very acute angle, goaled to put the Tigers four points ahead.

DUBIOUS HONOUR

For the ninth time in history we have a premiership side missing the four the following year.

Old Easts brought up their hat-trick this year.

Other clubs with this dubious honour are West Perth (three times), Swan Districts, East Perth and South Fremantle (once each).

However, never before has a side slipped back to seventh place, like this year.

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But when it came to collecting her prize of six bottles of club wines, she opted for East Perth labels.

"I want to give them to a relative who was with me at the game," she said.

You too can be a winner in our wines contest — just have a close look at the picture above and see if you can pick yourself out.

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SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

Westside Medal Poll

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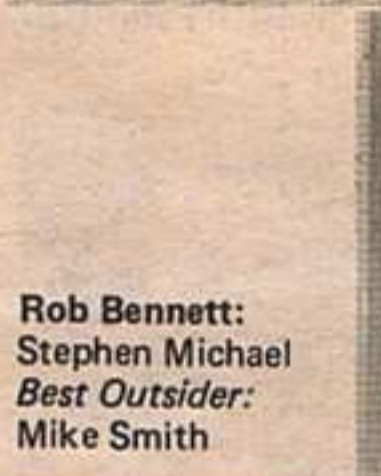
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FLASHBACK...

Back in the 1940's the Sandover Medal count was done in small rooms at WANFL headquarters... and here we have league officials (from left) Tom Nielsen, Walter Stooke, Billy Orr and Tom Soutar counting the votes in 1946. — Picture courtesy of WAFL and Football 150.

Medal was once barely recognised

Many of football's greatest names have been placed on the Sandover Medal honour board since its inception in 1921.

The award has grown into football's biggest individual honour, with the introduction two years ago of Channel 7's sponsorship turning it into a financial bonanza for the winner.

But it hasn't always been such a prestige event.

Back in its early days, the medal was hardly recognised by the media. In fact, in several of those first years the winner was announced with a brief one-sentence report in the local press. In three of the first four years the voting wasn't even published.

However, over the years the Sandover Medal has grown to be the highlight of the qualifying matches.

Some outstanding footballers have carved their place in history by winning the medal three times — Barry Cable, Bill Walker, Merv McIntosh and Haydn Bunton sen. There have also been four dual medal winners — Phil Kelly, Sammy Clarke, Graham Farmer and John Leonard.

The medal was introduced in 1921 by the Sandover family on the suggestion of

Tom Outridge, a leading footballer of the time and an employee of the firm. It was fitting that Outridge won the first medal, awarded on the casting vote of the league president after a tie with Cyril Hoft.

There was another tie, with the president's vote going to Billy Thomas in 1929. But the system then came under review and the 3-2-1 method was introduced in 1930, allowing for a countback system.

There have been four countbacks since then — Jim Conway beat Frank Allen in 1960; Jack Clarke beat Graham Farmer in 1957; Neville Beard beat Ray Sorrell in 1961 and Pat Dalton beat Bill Walker in 1970.

The only time the countback system has failed to pick an outright winner was in 1967 when Bill Walker and John Parkinson could not be separated on first, second or third votes. Two medals were awarded that year.

The last 12 years have seen the Sandover Medal dominated by just three clubs — East Perth (five wins), Perth (four) and East Fremantle (three).

AUGUST 23	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	6PR	6PM	6IX	TVW 7	Umpires
East Perth v South Fremantle	Geoff Christian: Carter (SF) Cronan (SF) Spencer (EP)	Robert Bennett: Carter (SF) Michael (SF) Rioli (SF)	Bob Cribb: Carter Michael Spencer	Peter Sweeney: Carter Arnold (EP) Haddow (SF)	Peter Van Helden: Carter Arnold Spencer	Jack Sweet: Carter Spencer Arnold	VOTING IN CAMERA		Buckey/Powell
Swan Districts v West Perth	A. Carew-Reid: Smith (SD) Melrose (SD) Jager (WP)	Rod Lane: Gibbs (WP) Smith K. Narkle (SD)	Rod Inder-Smith: Richardson (SD) Smith Jager	Doug Young: Melrose Hemming (SD) Gibbs	Bob Hicks: Neesham (SD) Solin (SD) Smith	Allan Stiles: Melrose Solin Gibbs		Phillips/Morris	
East Fremantle v Perth	John Sheterline: W. Simms (P) Kimberley (P) Sewell (EF)	Alan East: W. Simms Sewell Kimberley	Julian Stawell: Sewell Kimberley Buhagiar (EF)	Mario D'Orazio: Sewell Thomson (EF) J. Sims (EF)	Alan East: W. Simms Sewell Kimberley	Joe Fanchi: Sewell Kimberley W. Sims		Ball/Hearne	
Claremont v Subiaco	Colin Hopkins: P. Krakouer (C) Ralph (C) Douge (S)	Geoff Worner: Aitken (C) P. Krakouer B. Taylor (S)	Kevin O'Brien: Aitken Hunter (C) P. Krakouer	Paul Simpson: Aitken Hunter Ralph	Oscar Howard: Ralph P. Krakouer Harper (C)	Colin Hopkins: P. Krakouer Ralph Douge		Capes/Gillies	

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SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT MEDAL



6/1 BRIAN PEAKE (East Fremantle): It has been said so many times — Australia's top footballer! Peake is a proven vote-getter in this medal contest, winning handsomely back in 1977. As the leader of East Fremantle, he has faced enormous pressures this season, a poor one for last year's premiers. But he has continued to be a tremendous team-man and this will probably cost him votes. All-Australian captain is the top of the interstate table and with Victoria beckoning next year he is destined to be one of the all-time greats from WA.

IT'S Sandover Medal time... Monday night and the glamour of the football on to the centre stage at the Sheraton-Perth's Golden Ballroom.

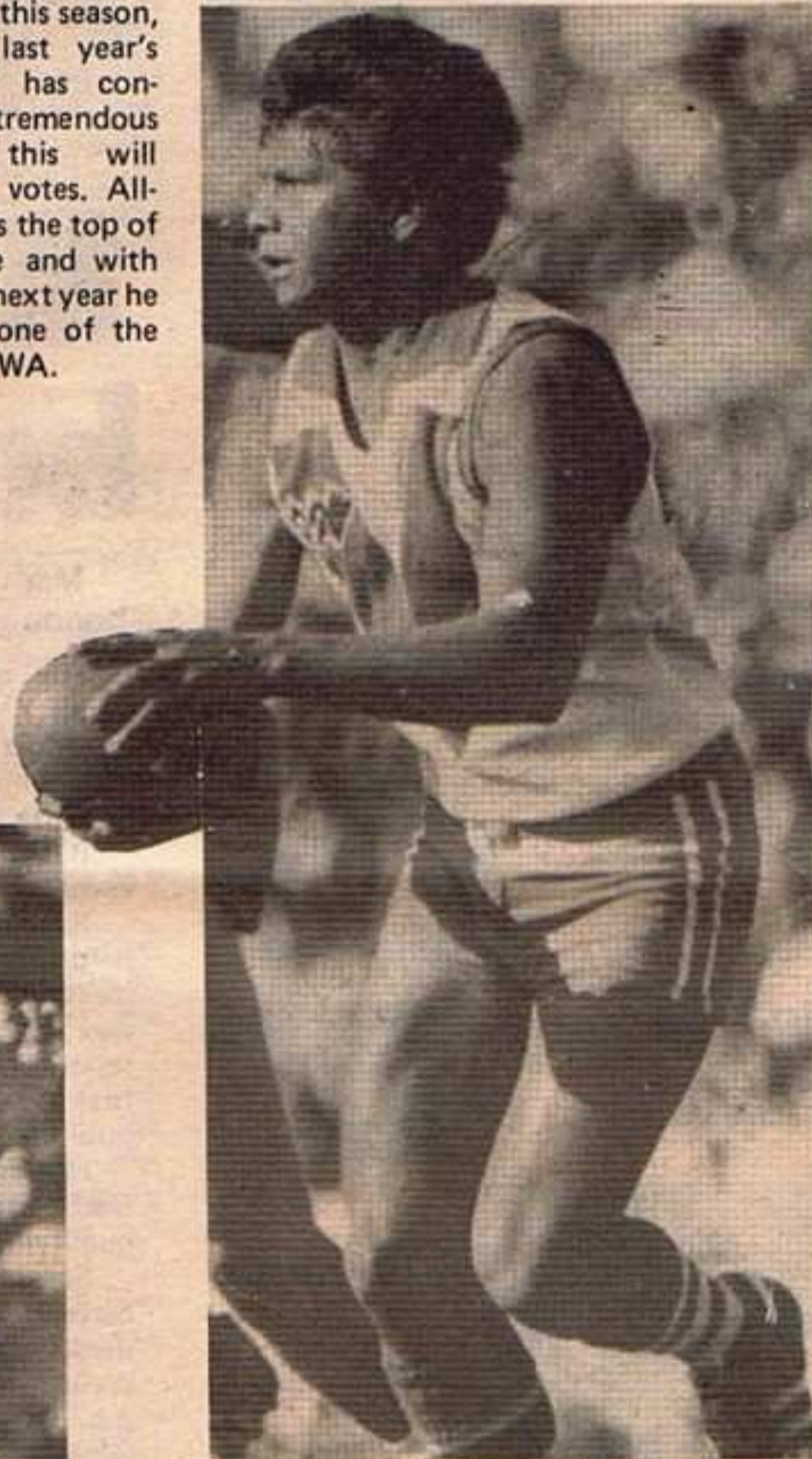
The cream of the football world will watch the unfolding of the season's most exciting event. The vote counting for the 20 qualifying games — with no votes being cast on State side was away in Adelaide.

Eighty sealed envelopes will be opened, each with three names written on them.

For almost 60 minutes of nerve-tingling tension the football fanatics will watch and another WA superstar will join the Hall of Fame. In addition, the Channel 7 will collect a cheque for \$20,000 to make him football's highest money-earner for the year.

The Channel 7-Sandover Medal \$20,000 bonus has gone to East Perth's Phil Kelly's existence. This year the Royals star is out of the running because of injury, so the spotlight is on other players.

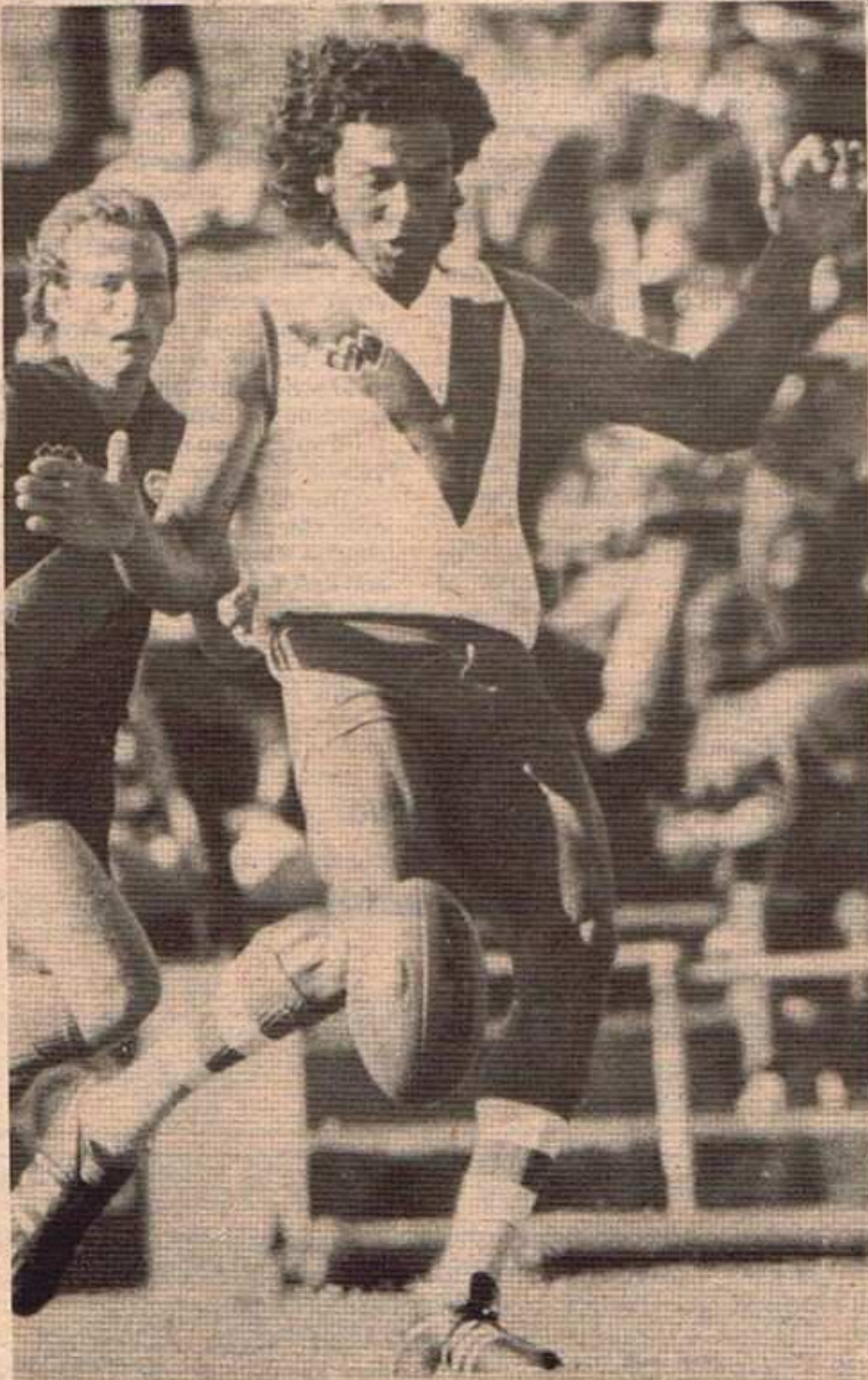
Our form guide gives the football public a chance to make up their own mind.



Above: 10/1 MAURICE RIOLI (South Fremantle): Mr Magic. A player overlooked by many in the Sandover Medal discussions. His sheer brilliance; his magical flowing style and his superb grace on the field must surely capture the attention of the umpires. An outstanding centreman with a burst of brilliance that often defies description, his football feats in the centre square packs can be mystifying.



Above right: 7/4 NOEL CARTER (South Fremantle): This brilliant South Fremantle skipper has been an outstanding success since moving to WA from Richmond in 1977. His emergence as a top quality footballer has not only earned him representation for his home state of Tasmania in last year's State of Origin carnival, but saw him appointed captain of one of WA's most traditional football clubs. A proven vote-getter and a man whose football has been consistently brilliant this season.



Left: 5/2 STEPHEN MICHAEL (South Fremantle): Many people felt that the high-leaping South Fremantle ruckman should have won the Sandover Medal last year. He was a red-hot favourite and, in fact, led with only three games to go. But he was pipped on the post by Phil Kelly. This year his football has been of a similarly high standard. He is an inspirational ruckman, a player who does the hard things and protects his team-mates all the time.



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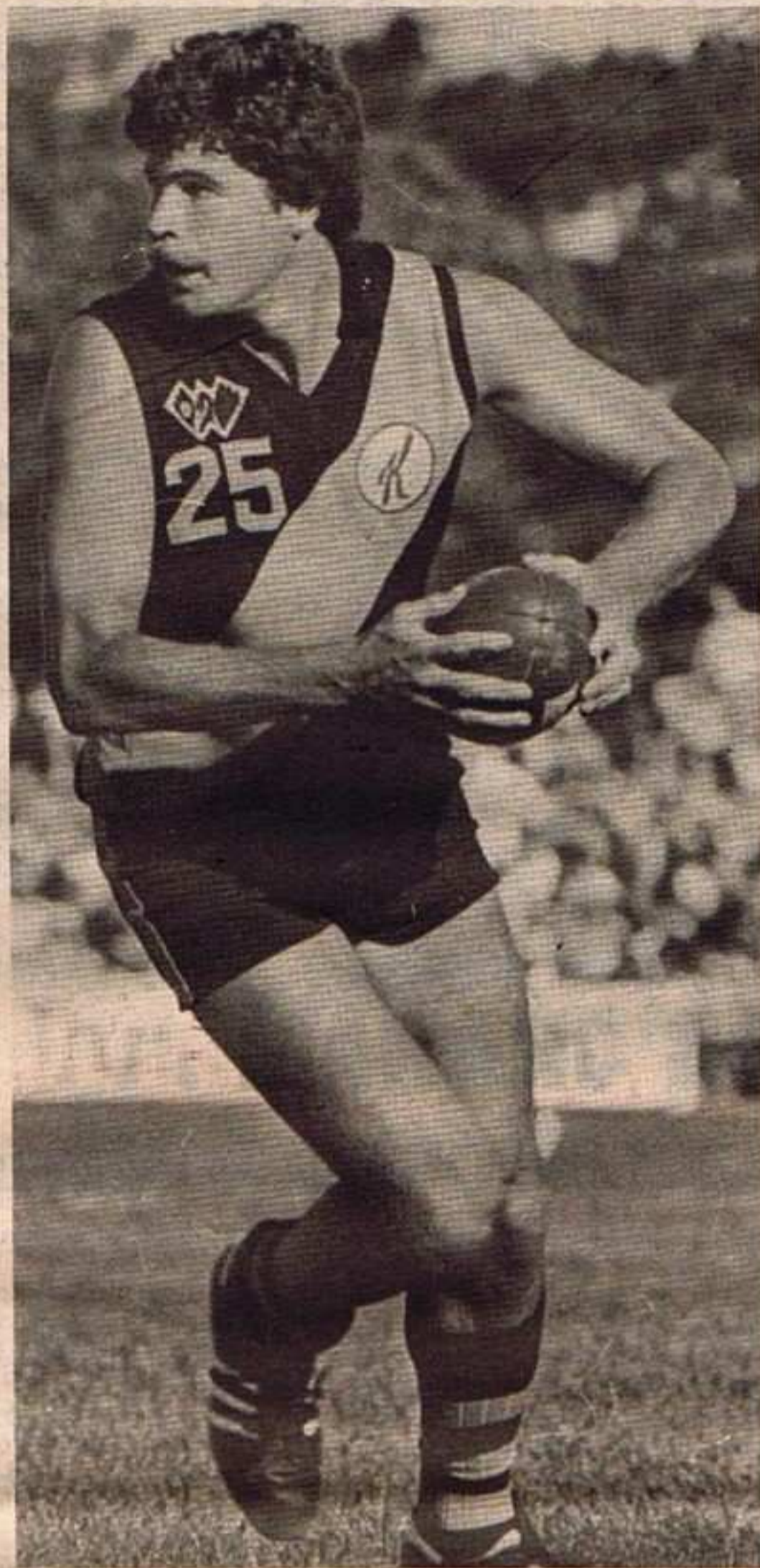
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1980.

Kelly in its two years of
who will wear the crown?



Left: 7/1 KEN HUNTER (Claremont): Courage personified; an aerial artist. That's the dashing Claremont defender's credentials for this medal. Last year Hunter was voted as the player-of-the-year by his fellow players in the inaugural WAFL Players' Association award. He is a superb competitor, shrugs off injury without a grumble, flies above the packs for incredible marks — and always uses the ball to the advantage of his team.

Right: 8/1 GRAHAM MOSS (Claremont): Football has its unkind moments and the Claremont captain-coach probably feels that being runner-up for this medal two years running is his share of the bad luck. He won the Brownlow Medal for the best player in the VFL in 1976 and then returned home to Claremont to take second place in the Sandover Medal in the next two years. A champion ruckman, a great leader and a strong Medal contender. However, his desire to be an on-field coach and leader has probably affected his vote-getting chances.



Left: 6/1 GERARD NEESHAM (Swan Districts): The rise to prominence by Swan Districts this year goes hand-in-hand with the emergence of Gerard Neesham. Strong, tough and talented, he is a proven competitor, a great ball-getter and a player who is confirming the potential that made him a brilliant All-Australian player in amateur ranks. He has been awe-inspiring for Swans this year and the standard-setter in their run-on football.

11/1 LES FONG (West Perth): The courageous West Perth skipper has had an outstanding season, working his heart out in the packs and setting the standards for dedication. Fong is a very conspicuous player; one who is continually under the attention of the umpires. Scrupulously fair and a tremendous on-field leader, Fong is just the type of player to win the umpires' support.



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He's been described as the best back pocket player in WA since the war — but you won't find him at the football these Saturdays.

Bob (Dobbie) Graham spends his time relaxing on a golf course or at the races.

You see, there are a couple of things that upset him about football today. The main one is football supporters — and their comments.

"I know they are entitled to them and it's all part of the game. But they really rile me," he said.

"You get so many people making comments about things they haven't got a clue about. It upsets me the way they talk about players and it's enough to keep me away from the game."

Graham plays off a 10 handicap at the WA Golf Club and there is a strong football flavour about some of those golf days.

His regular playing partners include former coach Jack Sheedy and former centre-man Tom Everett.

East Perth were a power in football for most of Graham's career, which ended with 212 games under his belt in 1971.

But during that period he never played in a premiership side. "I played in six grand finals and we lost every one of them," he said.

Graham now runs two delicatessens and likes to watch the football replays on television.

He served a two-year stint as a State selector after he retired and rates this as one of the most enjoyable jobs in football.

He has seen a lot of changes in the game,

but does not necessarily agree that they have improved it.

"Jack Sheedy really started the play-on game at East Perth, but I believe that it has been carried too far today," he said.

"Players just handball for the sake of doing it, not because it is constructive. There is nothing wrong with handball, providing it is used properly. But you should only use it in the backline as a last resort.

"I also don't think that players are tagged close enough today. There seems to be too many men moving around the ground with no-one on them."

He is also disappointed that the drop kick had virtually disappeared from the game. "I don't think anybody ever bothers now to teach it and coaches instruct their players not to use it," he said.

"But it was a more accurate kick and there was nothing wrong with using it, providing you were well balanced.

The highlight of Graham's career was playing in the back pocket in the 1961 side that won the carnival in Brisbane.

He saw some fine players during his years at Perth Oval, but none better than Polly Farmer.

"Ted Kilmurray was also a great player and Don Langdon was one of the neatest footballers I have ever seen.

"For skills and determination, you couldn't get a better player than Derek Chadwick."

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GARY'S GOSSIP



BARASSI FOR ESSENDON

The big question in V.F.L. circles at the moment is which club Ron Barassi will go to at the end of this season. I have always maintained that Ron would rejoin his old club Melbourne, where he starred as a player years ago. However, my spies in Melbourne are now saying that Barassi is a hot tip to join Essendon as coach. What do you think about that, Graham Moss? But my money is still on Melbourne. Incidentally, North Melbourne officials say they won't stand in Barassi's way, but they also said his worth as a coach on the open football market was around \$500,000.

NORTHCOTT COMEBACK

Another rumour circulating the football corridors concerns former Cardinal, now Wanneroo "good kicking machine" Colin Northcott. Colin has signed again with West Perth. If this story is true the Cardinal's hierarchy may have been better served to re-enlist the services of Northcott early in the season. Nevertheless, it's hard to see the Wanneroo club allowing Colin to play with West Perth this season, as he is well and truly on top of the W.A.F.A. goal kicking competition and Wanneroo of course are looking good for another premiership.

JOSEPH HERE FOR 1ST SEMI

Ron Joseph, the ever elusive and highly successful general manager of the North Melbourne Football Club, hopes to be in Perth soon to see Claremont play in the first semi-final. Naturally, he will be keeping a close eye on Tiger super stars Jimmy and Phil Krakouer, as they could be an important addition to the "Kangaroos" next season.

DUNLOP DEAL

I wonder how many football club directors realise that one of the top men from Dunlop Footwear is currently in town. The rumour is that Dunlop will be playing a far greater role in Australian Rules Football from next year. Actually, my spies tell me that Dunlop almost became involved with West Perth last year. If this rumour has any substance, I can't for the life of me work out why nothing came of the proposed sponsorship. Anyway mark my words, Dunlop will feature heavily in football in 1981.

OLDIES TOPS

My thanks to all the dads — and one mum in the "Fathers versus Sons" football match last week at Scotch College. Although I am still stiff and sore, it's reassuring to know that a team of grown men can defeat a team of 9 and 10 year old boys (by 4 points only).

MAUMILL BACK

Fanatical Bulldog's supporter Robert Maumill is heading back to the West to live after a sojourn in Melbourne. Maumill is one of the most interesting and all-round talented blokes that I have ever met — horserider, author, film writer, livestock buyer, newspaper columnist, radio and television commentator — you name it, he's done it and furthermore he does everything he tackles well. So watch out you South's supporters, Maumill's back in town — welcome home Robert.

HAVE MERCY ON ME

I opened my big mouth during World of Football last week and predicted that a young 17 year old Aboriginal boy by the name of Michael Cockie who hails from Darkan, would make his league debut this week for South Fremantle. I also said that if he didn't make the league side I would push Mal Brown up the Hay Street Mall — all 17½ stone of him. Come on Souths selectors have mercy on me — please.

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JUNIOR QUIZ

Country football fans certainly don't miss much when it comes to the city competition.

ROBERT JONES, a 14-year-old from Nungarin, is our Junior Quiz winner this week after correctly answering our three questions in Quiz No. 20.

Robert was right in identifying the mystery player too. It was Brian Taylor, of Subiaco, and we published the same photograph just a week earlier.

Robert wins a beautiful Chesson football in the colours of West Perth, his favourite club. He also receives an Adidas sports bag. His prize will be on its way shortly.

Meanwhile, kids get your entries in for Quiz No. 22. This week, with the Sandover Medal coming up on Monday night, our theme is on the history of the medal.

There are only four editions remaining this season . . . so hurry kids to have the chance of winning these great prizes before the season ends.



Junior action in Busselton

ABOVE: Diminutive Warren Morris is just about to turn 10 years of age . . . but that doesn't prevent him from tackling the big boys.

Warren (centre) recently won the fairest and best for Towns, in the Busselton competition, in the under-12 grade.

He is pictured at the presentation ceremony with two other Towns fairest and best winners, Neil Stanbury (left) in the under-14s and Wayne Peake (under 16s).

RIGHT: Murray Carter, of the Towns under-14 side in Busselton, has his eyes firmly on the ball in this marking contest against Rovers. The grand final went to Rovers, when they kicked a goal right on the siren and won 3.8 to 3.3. Photographs by Colin Bywaters, Busselton.



QUESTION NO. 1: Who won the first Sandover Medal?

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 2: Before Phil Kelly, who was the last player to win the medal two years running?

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 3: Which club has not had a Sandover Medal winner since the Second World War?

ANSWER:

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Little league

The final qualifying matches in the R & I Little League will be played this week but the teams to play in the finals have already been determined.

All that remains is to decide which teams will play in the two semi finals.

The first and second semi finals will be played on the same day with the preliminary final on September 13 and the grand final on September 20.

After the grand final, presentation of the winner's pennant will be made by R & I Bank representatives.

Teams playing in the final rounds will be combined sides chosen from the best 11 and 12 year-old players in each league club's zone.

Congratulations are extended to all players who have represented their league club in 1980. Their efforts have been acknowledged by the R & I Bank through the presentation of a certificate.

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SD	20	8	11	1	178	270	66	34
P	20	8	12		148	218	68	32
EP	20	6	13	1	156	242	64	26
C	20	6	13	1	169	300	56	26

Another win for Vic. Park

Sixteen schools completed in the Perth Football Clubs schools Field Day at Lathlain Park last week.

The Victoria Park Primary School, continued on from their success in the State Schools competition to win their section of the field day.

The previous week, Victoria Park had won their first State Schools premiership for 20 years.

Last week Victoria Park defeated Clifton Hills, Collier and Kingsley to qualify for the final. In the grand final they beat Como 4.3. to 2.0.

The successful school is coached by Wayne Taylor.

JUNIOR NEWS

As the football junior season nears an end, why not take advantage of Westside Football to publicise your trophy winners?

Any photographs of fairest and best winners or other star performers will be accepted for publication — as will any team photographs of premiership sides. All photographs will be returned to the sender.

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SUNDAY SCENE



KENWICK BOW OUT

The South Suburban-Murray competition finally resolved itself into a five-team battle for the premiership on Sunday when Kenwick officially bowed out of the race.

With five teams locked on 15 wins each and Kenwick two games behind them, there was still hope.

But Maddington, who are sitting pretty up on top of the table, finished that hope with a thrilling four-point victory over Kenwick.

In a power-house game, the Kenwick camp went down fighting and certainly left a feeling that they were a bit unfortunate to miss the finals. However, the top five sides — Maddington, Mandurah, Canning, Kwinana and Kelmscott — will keep the sparks firing in the next few weeks.

Kelmscott put themselves in the elimination final hot seat by losing to Mandurah — a costly loss not only from a morale point of view, but because it puts them a game behind the other four sides with only one match remaining.

Kelmscott, last year's premiers, look like having to do it the hard way this season as they play Kwinana this week in the only top-five clash. All other teams play bottom-half sides and should collect four premiership points.

The clash at Kelmscott will see rival coaches Dennis Cometti (Kelmscott) and Brian Ciccotosto going flat out for victory. The final positions on the table can all change this week and the top spots are still up for grabs — and that means more than one chance in the premiership battle.

Kwinana's 17-goal win over Armadale last week was not a real guide to their form, but it was significant that their most experienced players — Ciccotosto and Tony Micale — were the best performers.

Kelmscott's football is lacking sparkle at present.

They are not getting the drive from their senior players and the hard work is

being left to 'lesser lights' such as last week's best three in Bizzaca, O'Donnell and Hooker.

Maddington, whose form is almost without blemish in recent weeks, are match-hardened and full of confidence.

They travel to Gosnells this week, but it is a danger game and could result in an upset. Gosnells are a little annoyed at their end-of-season fade out and they will be keen to prove their capabilities by downing a top-five side.

Gosnells thrashed Thornlie by 19-goals last week and a repeat of that form could put Maddington under pressure.

Canning travel to Thornlie and their football is also hard to fault.

They made short work of Rockingham last Sunday — to the tune of almost 19 goals — and it was their mobile brigade who were in command. That should be sufficient to triumph over Thornlie.

Kenwick, now that they have acknowledged their failure to make the finals, have one last chance to prove their worth by playing Mandurah, at home.

Victory to Kenwick would at least give the youthful players and their first-year coach Mal Day some satisfaction.

Mandurah's football relies on strong ruckwork through Glen Hurst, capable and creative play at centre-half-forward by Mike LeRoy and hard running by rover Brian Borlini.

Kenwick will be hard put to cut off those three avenues. But a fierce desire to seek atonement for missing the finals could be to their advantage.

In the other bottom-half matches Willetton will be at home to Rockingham in a game that will decide which of these new sides has finished the season the better and Kalamunda should down Armadale at Hartfield Park.



Melville face relegation

After 20 qualifying games, Melville are looking down the relegation barrel.

In their first season of Sunday football, Melville have managed only four wins and seem certain to lose to league leaders Wanneroo this week.

Relegation may cost Melville more than their pride.

Their decision to leave Saturday Amateurs came with a commitment with the Palmyra Rugby Club to build \$250,000 worth of new facilities at the Melville Reserve.

Melville took a half share in that commitment in the hope of attracting better players to that club.

"We had been floundering a bit in amateurs and we felt that if we were to make the most of the Melville Reserve area then we should attract players and join the Sunday competition," said their president, Mr Terry Allen.

Melville's committee discussed the effect of relegation at a meeting this week but will make no plans until after the season.

"W.A.F.A.'s secretary, Barry Bitters, has told us no decision will be made until after the season. We therefore must adopt a wait-and-see policy," said Mr Allen.

Mr Allen said the club held the view that the team should be given more than one season to prove themselves and he hoped the association would take the same view.

The club attracted many proven players this season, including former WA and East Fremantle stars Noel Avery and Trevor Sprigg.

But for the most part they have been disappointed with the form of those recruits.

"We realised Noel had been out of football for a long time and it has taken him a while to get back near his best. I still don't think he has reached his best," said Mr Allen.

"Trevor was recruited because of his ability to attract other players to the club, which he has done."



UNIVERSITY ARE UNLUCKY

WAAFL side University, coached by former Perth player Mike McPhee, must be considered a bit unlucky.

For the second successive year they have missed the finals by mere percentage.

At the end of the last home and away games on Saturday, the composition of the final four remained as it had for most of the 1980 season.

Nollamara once again failed to show their early-season form that gave them 12 wins on end, when they were thrashed by Wembley.

Looking back over the past season — apart from the top six teams — there has not been consistent performances from the lower four teams. They did not provide the upsets, and pressure football required to maintain their 'A' league rankings.

Perhaps Maylands could be considered unlucky as they lost several games by margins of less than a couple of goals.

Carlisle, an 'A' league club of many years standing, appear to have once again finished a season with enough wins to prevent relegation. Both C.B.C. and Bayswater must consider their future in the top division of amateur football.

C.B.C., once a club of great influence in the amateur scene, has hit an all-time low with many of their state representatives leaving to play in other competitions. And now will most probably be competing in 'B' division in 1981.

Bayswater, after a hapless two-year stint in 'A' league, may also be playing second division.

Two top teams in 'B' division — Nedlands S.T.C. and Trinity Old Boys — would be worthy 'A' competitors. Also Scarborough ('B') could deserve a trial in the stronger competition.

Collegians proved that their promotion was well worth it in their first year and with the recent acquisition of new club-rooms, they should be stronger in 1981.

Results of last week's games in 'A' league: University 24.14 d Maylands 13.10; Wembley 18.15 d Nollamara 9.9; Mt Lawley 26.23 d Carlisle 8.14; Bayswater 13.14 d C.B.C. 9.15; Old Wesley 14.12 d Collegians 12.14.

This week the 'A' leagues first and second semi finals will be played.

In the first semi Mt Lawley should be too strong for Wembley at Claremont Oval.

Although Wembley have played their best football in recent weeks, they may not have the ruck strength to overpower the Mt Lawley big men.

Old Wesley should have little trouble in downing a Nollamara team, who are presently playing lack lustre football, in the second semi final at Perth Oval.

The finals all start at 2.30.

In 'F' division North Beach, coached by Eddie Herold, finished on top. Herold has built up an impressive finals record. In three seasons (1977, 78, 79) whilst coaching Wanneroo's top amateur team he had them in the final four and each year was promoted to a higher division.

Wanneroo dispensed with his services at the start of 1980 and North Beach snapped him up.

Wanneroo's top team ('E') look like facing relegation after indifferent results this season.

'A' LEAGUE FINAL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	%	Points
Old Wesley	17	1	173	68
Nollamara	13	5	121	52
Mt Lawley	12	6	157	48
Wembley	12	6	141	48
University	12	6	124	48
Collegians	10	8	109	40
Maylands	5	13	82	20
Carlisle	4	14	64	16
Bayswater	3	15	60	12
C.B.C.	2	16	60	8

'A' Colts (At end of Qualifying Round): Mt Lawley 66; Wembley 56; Nollamara 52; Collegians 52; University 46; Bayswater 32; Old Wesley 28; Carlisle 16; C.B.C. 8; Maylands 4.

'C' Colts (At end of Qualifying Round): Innaloo 68; Brentwood 48; Morley 48; Uni 44; Mt Lawley 40; Hamersley 36; City Beach 28; M.H.W.P. 24; E.V. Park 24; Bayswater 0.

'D' League (At end of Qualifying Round): Whitfords 64; Teachers 52; Perth 48; Osborne Park 44; Nollamara 40; C'wealth Bank 40; Ashfield 28; Carlisle 16; C.B.C. 16; Floreat-Marist 12.

'E' Division (At end of Qualifying Round): Innaloo 72; Bayswater 60; R & I Bank 48; Maylands (1) 48; Old Wesley 46; Brentwood 32; University 24; Wanneroo 18; WAIT 12; Maylands (2) 0.

'F' Division (At end of Qualifying Round): North Beach 56; North Fremantle 52; Collegians 52; Dianella 48; National Bank 48; Greenwood 44; Trinity O.B. 36; Churchlands 14; Muresk 8; John 23rd 6.

(Other premiership tables next week).

Results of last week's first semi finals: 'B' League: Scarborough 19.14 d Wembley 12.9; 'B' Colts: Trinity O.B. 8.11 d North Beach 8.10; 'C' League: Mt Lawley 17.14 d T.C. Claremont 14.11; 'C' Colts: Morley 16.12 d University 9.5; 'D' League: Perth 15.15 d Osborne Park 14.13; 'D' Colts: Osborne Park 12.8 d Dianella 7.5; 'E' Division: Maylands 15.17 d R & I Bank 5.11; 'F' Division: Collegians 14.17 d Dianella 13.7; 'G' Division: University 20.9 d Whitfords 8.4; 'H' Division: Sth Perth 15.13 d Nollamara 10.4; 'I' Division: Collegians 15.13 d Forrestfield 8.16; 'J' Division: Scarborough 17.16 d Applecross 11.6; 'K' Division: Innaloo 14.11 drew with Carlisle 15.5.

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Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

SOUTH BUNBURY CREATE RECORD

South Bunbury became the first team since the formation of the SWNFL in 1953 to go through the qualifying rounds undefeated when they easily beat Collie at Hands Memorial Oval last Sunday.

With their full-forward Paul Harris trailing Mines Rovers' Wayne Coles by three goals going into last Sunday's game, South Bunbury concentrated on getting the ball to Harris whenever possible. Harris responded by kicking 12 goals to take his season's tally to 70 goals and win the P.G. Crabb \$250 goal-kicking award.

At Collie, Coles gave a sensational display of ruck and forward play to finish with eight goals off his own boot as well as figuring in other goals for his team. He finished the season with 69 goals.

Mines, without five or six regular league players, created an upset when they beat Carey Park 18.20 to 15.15.

Harvey-Brunswick beat Donnybrook to take fifth spot. The final five is South Bunbury, Carey Park, Mines Rovers, Augusta-Margaret River and Harvey-Brunswick.

Next Sunday Augusta-Margaret River will play Harvey-Brunswick in the elimination final and Carey Park will play Mines Rovers in the qualifying final. All final round games will be played in Bunbury.

TAMMIN DEFY ODDS

A determined Tammin defied the odds and cemented themselves in the Avon Football Association's final four when they thrashed Federals 25.18 to 11.14.

A loss would have meant curtains for Tammin and a fall to fifth or sixth position.

The club has gone to considerable expense to make this season a success.

The services of captain-coach Dave Clark, Hayden McAullife, Geoff Taylor and Colin Penter has not been a cheap project for the Tammin Football Club.

Before their loss to Tammin, Federals — who beat league leaders Railways last week — were backed as a side capable of clenching the 1980 flag.

Federals, who were at full strength apart from centre-half forward Shane Eeles, and ruck-rover Rex Starling, had no excuse for the loss.

KARRATHA'S SONG

The Karratha Football Club has released 500 copies of their club's song. The record cost the club \$2000 to produce.

The song, which is broadcast regularly on the Karratha Kats football radio programme, was written by club members.

However, the disc recording was sung by professionals and backed with an orchestra. An earlier effort by club members proved unsatisfactory.

The record cover includes a history of the Karratha Kats... the oldest existing club in the West Pilbara Football League.

FINALS FEVER

An 18 point win over Nukarni has guaranteed Merredin of a place in the Eastern Districts Football League second semi-final.

The defeat shattered Nukarni's plans for a second semi-final appearance and now they must win well against rivals Bruce Rock to confirm their place in the final four.

Finals fever is also brewing up in the EDFL reserves with Nukarni pushing Merredin for their right to play in the second semi.

When these two sides clashed last week the score was tied 3.3-3.3.

Surprise result of the games played on Sunday was the win by sixth placed side Southern Cross.

The Cross beat final four side Bruce Rock, 17.28 to 14.25.

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COUNTRY NEWS

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Compiled by Marie Rose.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Naremben football casualty Ross Domney, has had his shoulder broken in two places.

By coincidence his brother, Colin, who plays football at Mandurah, had his shoulder broken in two places on the same day.



FARMER A GUEST

Graham (Polly) Farmer was guest speaker on Wednesday night at the counting of votes for the fairest and best in the Lake Grace-Kulin league for the 1980 season.

More details will be available in next week's edition of Westside Football.

FITZROY'S MEDAL

Top centreman and ruck-rover, Steve Fitzroy, has won the Norseman Football Club's fairest and best for 1980.

Fitzroy finished nine votes ahead of defender and half-forward Keith Giblett at a medal count last week.

Fitzroy polled 99 votes and led voting with Giblett and utility player Geoff O'Dea (84).

Rover Mike Robertson was fourth with 51 votes and was followed by defender Tony Venturini (46), winger Neil Dellar (44) and defender Mal Quinlivan (35).

The Norseman Hotel \$500 award was shared by Fitzroy (\$350), O'Dea (\$100) and Dellar (\$50).

In the Reserves, centreman Mick Goldsworthy scored a dominating win with 88 votes.

Closest to Goldsworthy was defender Kevin Nazari with 52 and was followed by Wally Donkin (40), Murray Brown (32), Colin Adams (28), John Brown (27) and Tony Dimer (25).



● MARK SKEHAN

SKEHAN'S AWARD

Dalwallinu ruck rover, Mark Skehan, has won the J.J. Lussick Medal for the Central Midlands Football League's fairest and best for the 1980 season.

Charlie McNeill, also of Dalwallinu, was runner up and winner of the Bank of NSW \$40 passbook award.

Bevan King of Bindi/Miling was third on a countback.

In the A Reserves Alan Southcott, of Dalwallinu, was clear winner of The Sunday Times medal with 21 votes.

Bob Scott scored 15 votes to repeat his last year's performance as runner-up. He wins the Bank of New South Wales runner-up award of \$30.

Junior council also counted Thirds and Fourths votes resulting in Mark Sloan, of Keanney, winning the Bill Scott medal.

Bank of New South Wales runner-up award was won by Joe McCormack, also of Keanney, on a countback from G. White, of Warriors.

Colin Lamb of Rovers, was the winner of the Des Seymour medal in the fourths.

Competition has been intense in the CMFL's leading goalkicker competition.

A meeting of club delegates will decide whether goals kicked in club matches against Geraldton on July 6 are to be counted or not.

Totals for all matches played are: Gary Delane (Bindi-Miling) 46 and 6, total 52; Alan Diver (Dandaragan) 48 and 3, total 51; Mark Skehan (Dalwallinu) 42 and 2, total 44; David Bickford (Watheroo) 38 and 2, total 40; Robert Bropho (Warriors) 34 and 3, total 37; John Duthie (Warriors) 32 and 3, total 35; Robbie Lawrence (Warriors) 31 and 3, total 34; Gary Reed (Watheroo) 32 and 1, total 33; Bevan King (Bindi-Miling) 30.

In the A Reserves competition Nev Delane (Bindi-Miling) was a clear winner with 38 and 2, 40; Michael Archer (Dalwallinu) 28 and 4, 32; Kingsley Miller (Rovers) 17 and 9, 26; Robert Holland (Warriors) 20 and 2, 22.

PRICES PEGGED

Prices for pensioners and children will remain the same for all finals played in the Esperance league this year.

The only increase will be in adult admissions which will go up by 20 cents to \$2.

Season ticket holders are reminded their tickets are invalid for all finals.

Williams win

A four point win by Williams ruined any chance by Towns to qualify for the 1980 Upper Great Southern finals.

If Towns had beaten Williams it would have been their eighth consecutive win and guaranteed them fifth position on the ladder after the completion of the qualifying rounds.

Towns have only themselves to blame for the loss.

If it wasn't for a disgraceful exhibition of inaccurate kicking Towns could have caused an upset to the premiership table.

BROWN, TODD WOO BAKER

Malcolm Brown and John Todd who appeared on a football hotline radio show in Bunbury on Monday revealed that both South Fremantle and Swan Districts are interested in obtaining the services of South Bunbury centre-half-forward Leon Baker next season.

Brown has already sought permission from Todd to speak to Baker who is living in Swan Districts' country zone and is geographically bound to Swans.

Baker, originally from Bendigo, won the A-grade fairest and best at the 1977 Wesfarmers country football championships. He returned to the Eastern States in 1978 but has played for South Bunbury in both 1979 and this season.

He is generally recognised as the most elusive footballer in the South West.

JONES FAVOURED

Brigades footballer, Warren Jones, looks odds-on to win his second Rocks Footballer of the Year Award in the Great Northern Football League.

Jones, who won the award in 1977, has nearly an unbeatable lead in this year's award. He would have to miss the remaining games or play very badly not to gain any further votes.

His nearest rival is Gary O'Brien, of Railways. It would take a mammoth performance by O'Brien to gain top votes in the remaining qualifying games.

Chapman Valley's Bernie Knight had his chances ruined when his side forfeited to Northampton.

Other leaders in the award are: Ken Pense (Mullewa), Chris Hicks (Rovers), Ron Bentley (Railways), Alan Hartley (Mullewa), Gary Meginess (Towns), Graham Sertorio (Towns), Glen Criddle (Rovers).

GOLDFIELDS AWARDS

Members of the 1980 Goldfields National Football League premiership team will each receive an inscribed medal.

The medals will be presented to the players at a brief ceremony following the grand final on September 7 at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre.

The presentation of a league premiership flag will also take place at the grand final.

CENTURY UP

Karratha Kats Reserves coach, Clark Couper, played his 100th league game recently.

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The Swan Districts' team was selected on the basis that a good big man will always beat a good small man.

Physically, Swan Districts' All Star team would rate as the biggest of the five sides we've selected so far.

In fact the four followers, apart from the rovers, are some of the biggest and toughest men to play football in WA.

Leading the ruck is Jack Murray who came to Swans pre-war and remains one of the greatest big men to play the game at Bassendean.

Murray had the broadest shoulders of any player of his time, but was blessed with an athlete's body, could dispose of the ball well and was rarely beaten at tap outs.

Keith Slater — Murray's "ruck-rover" in the first ruck — is still remembered for his football skills at the club while Ron Boucher and Garry Sidebottom need no introduction to young supporters.

Selecting the rovers was one of the easiest tasks. We couldn't go past triple Sandover Medallist Bill Walker for the first berth while Haydn Bunton fills the other.

Bunton, the man at the helm during Swans' "Golden Years", took the club to premierships from 1961-63.

The club has had two outstanding full-backs over the years in Joe Lawson and Tim Barker.

We've chosen Lawson and naturally Colin Maynard as his offside in the pocket. These two had a hand-in-glove working arrangement in their playing days.

But we haven't forgotten Barker, a player of the fifties with immense talent and he is on the interchange bench.

The half-back line is the most versatile any club could possibly select.

Duggan Anderson got the centre-half-back berth because of his ability to kick either foot, read the play and take the timely mark. Anderson played with Swans in the late forties and early fifties notching up more than 200 games in his career.

He is flanked by two of the best known footballers to pull on a black and white jumper — Frank Sparrow and Fred Castledine.

Castledine played most of his football in a key goal-to-goal line position as well as in the ruck, but we've slotted him at half-back because of his fierce desire to win the ball and his ability to cut a player

out of the game, but play attacking football at the same time.

Sparrow gets the other half-back slot and could be easily shifted to the major backline position.

We've selected Peter Manning in the centre, a State representative mainly on a wing, because of his elusive style and ability to do something with the ball.

It was difficult to come up with anybody better on the wings than the current footballing brothers Phil and Keith Narkle. Brian Gray could be considered unlucky not to get a centreline position.

Filling the centre-half-forward spot presented problems, but we decided on utility player Ken Baguley, who could take the big grab and pinpoint the ball.

The other option was Ted Holdsworth but he's been given the full-forward role ahead of Eric Gorman, a man who could count himself unlucky at being left out.

The two half-forwards are Tom Stannage and John Turnbull. Stannage had the ability to cut a backline to ribbons and it was a great football tragedy when studies curtailed his playing days.

Turnbull, a robust player, was fast and elusive and could be used on the ball.

Stan Nowotny — Swans current skipper — gets the other bench job. Nowotny, of course, has proven that he can fill a variety of roles, is a tough customer and great team man.

There was little doubt in our minds that the coaching job should go to Haydn Bunton.

There is a list of players who could count themselves unlucky but none moreso than Tony Nesbitt, a backman or on-the-ball player, who gave the club great service in the sixties.

Backs:	Colin Maynard	Joe Lawson	Ron Boucher
Half-backs:	Frank Sparrow	Duggan Anderson	Fred Castledine
Centreline:	Keith Narkle	Peter Manning	Phil Narkle
Half-forwards:	Tom Stannage	Ken Baguley	John Turnbull
Forwards:	Garry Sidebottom	Ted Holdsworth	Haydn Bunton
Ruck:	Jack Murray	Keith Slater	Bill Walker
Interchange:	Tim Barker, Stan Nowotny. Coach: Haydn Bunton.		

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SUBIACO v EAST FREMANTLE

ALAN EAST: *There's absolutely nothing left this season for either side. But at least Old Easts know how to win matches on Subiaco Oval — and that will help.*



PERTH v CLAREMONT

FRED WOODS: *Perth have plenty of pride to restore — but Claremont won't let them do it at their expense. The Tigers easily.*



STH. FREMANTLE v SWAN DISTRICTS

MARTY McDONNELL: *There's not much at stake for the winners, apart from the psychological advantage. I think South will be going flat out to win — and will.*



PICKET SNIPPETS

FULL-BACK NEXT

Full-back — that's the ultimate aim of East Fremantle's Brian Peake. After all, it is the only position in league football that he hasn't filled as a result of last Saturday's game against Perth. The versatile Peake was used as a ruckman last week, using his spring to overcome his lack of height in the big-man department. He won quite a few tap-outs by being able to leap over Wayne Simms, who had dominated the ruck by using his bulk to hold position. Peake has been used in a variety of roles in his years in football and all he needs is a spell at full-back to complete the entire field.

UMPIRE MILESTONES

Inside our publication this week we have an article on boundary umpire John Devine reaching the 200 game mark. Umpires work just as hard and long as footballers in our weekly sport, but seldom receive the accolades the players do. However, milestones such as Devine's should not go unnoticed. Other umpires with milestones to their credit were field umpire John Morris, with his 100th game last week and boundary umpire Gil Bishop, also with his 100th last week.

1980 POSTPONED

One footballer who has postponed 1980 till next year is high-flying full-forward Mark Olsen. The rangy Olsen, a prolific goalkicker in recent seasons, is making a slow recovery from damaged knee ligaments. Olsen switched from Swan Districts to East Fremantle this year, but played only one game with his new club. He fell heavily on the knee and had to have it operated on. "But I'll be back nice and early for pre-season training for next year," says Olsen.

ON-AGAIN OFF-AGAIN

Beards on footballers can often help commentators in identifying players... but down East Fremantle way the situation can often get confusing. Team captain Brian Peake and nuggetty centreman Stephen Green both display beards for the majority of the season — and can, at times, look similar out on the field. But when Green shaved his beard off that helped a bit — except that Peake took his off as well!

FRIENDLY RIVALS

The 1980 season hasn't really been a good return to WA football for Brent Levitzke. When he returned after a spell in Adelaide he was recruited by Subiaco, but was an early casualty when that club started swapping coaches and axing players. He moved to East Fremantle, where personal injury and team failures didn't help. However, last week he was back in the league side — and probably looking for a bit of help from a long-time friend to enable him to put in a good game. The only problem was that he lined up on the friend — Perth defender Brian Cook, who has been in top form all season. Both players put in creditable games, with Cook probably just taking the honours.

ANOTHER DOUG GREEN?

East Fremantle fans must have looked twice when they saw the centre-half-back wearing the No. 19 guernsey in recent weeks. No, it wasn't Doug Green... but the shape carved out by first-year player Shane Ellis was very similar. Ellis, a local junior, has developed into a league regular in the last few games and his style is quite similar to Green's — plus, of course, he is wearing Green's old number. Ellis played a game early in the season in a back pocket, but then suffered an injury and could not get back into the side. However, his form as a key defender recently has been good enough to suggest that he could be a key player next year.

COUNTRY COMPLAINT

Some people really take their football seriously. Take Mr Howard Ward, of Dumbleyung, for example. A couple of weeks ago we had an article in this column about Mal Brown's comments relating to a clash between Dumbleyung and Gnowangerup. Our correspondent unfortunately informed us that Dumbleyung hadn't won a game in two years — an incorrect statement that we apologise for and rectify here and now, thanks to Mr Ward. In 1977 they won the premiership; in 1978 they won more than they lost and this year they have won two — at the time of writing. Mr Ward doesn't tell us how many games they won in 1979. However, this error, which we felt was a minor one in relation to the story itself, has drawn a long and bitter letter of complaint from Mr Ward. We don't believe the full letter warrants publication — all we say is that it's a pity we didn't receive more letters informing us about matters of interest in country areas... instead of unwarranted pages of minor criticism.

SUBI BLUES

Trouble is brewing at Subiaco. Despite the club's gallant attempts to fight their way out of their difficult situation, the year 1980 hasn't been good to them. The resignation of general manager Alan Quartermaine this week did not come as a surprise. The club is facing continued financial trouble, despite the enticement of Houghton Wines as a major sponsor — and even that deal is not working too well. Subiaco lost money on their boxing promotion, they have apparently dropped their gambling extravaganza trip to Asia. Fighting your way out of trouble is no easy task... and even on the field the Subiaco stalwarts have had more than their share of problems. Let's hope that next season will be better for them.

SWANS BONANZA

In contrast to Subiaco's problems, Swan Districts are experiencing a bonanza. This season the club has swelled its membership to record proportions. Club director Rod Sargeant said yesterday that the club is still attracting at least 20 new members each week.

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