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VALLI NOT OVER THE HILL

Veteran Bill Valli summed up his last two seasons in Victorian football's back blocks with one short sentence: "The injuries, they just crippled me."

Valli wasn't making excuses for his limited success in two years in VFL football, firstly at Collingwood and then Essendon.

He doesn't have to. His form since returning to WA has made him one of the best recruits of the 1981 season.

This is quite an achievement considering he is now 31 and was thought by many to be over the hill when he arrived back in Perth.

But Valli is a confident player who only wanted one thing — to regain complete fitness.

"I know what I am capable of if I am fit and healthy," he says.

"But there was a big question mark against me, and all I could do was keep my fingers crossed."

When Valli arrived at Collingwood in 1979 a painful hernia put paid to his chances of really performing at his best.

The same year a change to the holding-the-man, holding-the-ball rule had an enormous impact on his football. During his career Valli became a specialist at throwing



Bill Valli . . . keen to play till he is 36.



By
COLIN HOPKINS

the ball out in front of him as if he was bouncing it, then being retarded and receiving a free kick.

In retrospect, he has no bad feelings about this change in the Laws. "I think it has made me a better footballer," he said.

"It was hard at the start. In one match I got penalised five times, but I think I have almost got it out of my game.

"I also think the umpires are just giving you that extra second to help you get rid of the ball — if you are prepared to go in and get it," he said.

And, going in and getting it is what Valli is all about these days. He gave a superb performance in the sloop at Subiaco oval on Saturday.

He has never used handball better and he is one of the main reasons why Subiaco are a far more competitive side this year.

Valli moved from Collingwood to Essendon last year, but a groin injury became his main problem and it still was a big worry when he returned home.

Now that he is standing up to league football again, Valli has no intention of quitting the scene.

"When players get to my age they usually talk about taking it year by year," he said.

"But I would love to keep playing till I am 35 or 36 — I feel fresh and I still enjoy the game."

He has settled in well at Subiaco and is keen to improve on one aspect of his game — kicking goals.

"I should be good for two or three a match — but at this stage they just aren't coming," he said.

He sees a bright future at Subiaco. "We can only improve and we should be even more competitive in the second round," said Valli.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm at the club and everyone is keen to make us respected again as a playing force.

"I am just happy to be part of it."



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OVER THE FENCE

FINE WEATHER FELLAS

The arrival of wet weather didn't change the clothing habits of too many of our footballers. At the West Perth-Swan Districts game, for example, only eight players in either team chose to wear long-sleeved guernseys — and that included a number of players such as Simon Beasley and Don Langsford who wear long-sleeves all the time. One of the West Perth players, Geoff Hendriks, even swapped his for a short-sleeved jumper in the second term downpour.

MARLBORO MONEY

South Fremantle, with six wins straight now look to have the strongest chance of taking off the Marlboro \$20,000 for winning twelve straight qualifying matches. Last Saturday's win brings them to the half-way mark. Their toughest hurdles will be Swans at Bassendean on July 4 and if they're still in the race, they will be going for their 12th win in their game against Claremont on July 25. If South can reach that game undefeated, the Tigers will not forget that it was South who ruined their chances after they had reached the half-way mark. For Claremont to take off the \$20,000 they would have to win every one of their remaining qualifying matches. If there was a special award for consistency in the competition it would have to go to East Perth. They have alternated from win to loss in every match so far this year. (See the Marlboro guide below for all sides weekly form so far this season).

WHAT WAY?

That was a top comment from TVW 7 commentator, Chris Mitsopoulos, on Sunday when talking about Royals rover Wayne Otway. With a nice play on the movie titles, he posed the question Which-Way-What-Way-Otway!

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OUT OF LUCK

West Perth reserves player Peter Falconer must be regretting the fact that he just missed out on league selection last week. Falconer was the unlucky 21st man for the Cardies and took his place in the reserves line-up — only to finish up in hospital. He received a heavy blow to the face and was taken off for treatment to a suspected fractured cheekbone.



West Perth's Geoff Hendriks is about to be put under pressure by Swan Districts defender Jon Fogarty at Leederville Oval last week.

MARLBORO HANDBALL

The Marlboro Handball competition on Channel 7's World of Football is providing some worthwhile viewing. So far Gary Buckenara (Subiaco) and Brian Cook (Perth) have emerged as winners as the club winners fight their way into the semi-finals. Coming up we have Kim Bevan (Claremont) versus Glenn Robertson (East Perth) and then Ed Blackaby (Swans) against Geoff Hendriks (West Perth). The semi-finals and finals will see the action really hot up.

FATHERS SONS

West Perth coach Graham Campbell touched on a very sensitive issue in the social hall after last week's debacle against Swan Districts — the question of sons of people within the club playing league football. He referred to two players in particular — his own son Dean and Corry Bewick, son of club committeeman and former chairman of selectors, Ron Bewick. During the presentations, a West Perth member made an award to Dean Campbell for his 20-kick plus effort against Swans and coach Campbell, in his customary role of making comments on each best-player award, said that he was pleased someone else had recognised Dean's effort. "It seems as though players who are sons of people around the club have to get 50 kicks to get recognition," was his comment. Ron Bewick is aware of the sensitive situation involving a father-and-son in a club and that was one reason why he stepped down as chairman of selectors a couple of years back, so that no inference could be drawn about his involvement with Corry's future.

SCORELESS

Still at West Perth... and still on one of our favourite topics: the scoreboard, or rather lack thereof. When is someone going to get serious about looking after the paying public and do something about the Leederville Oval scoreboard? Once again last Saturday the board failed to show the scores in the colts or reserves... and when the R & I Little League came on even that was ignored. Even the windsock at Leederville is so tattered and torn that it's hardly worth leaving up in place.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Watch out for next week's edition of Westside Football. It will contain a special souvenir preview of next Saturday's interstate match at Subiaco Oval.

WINNERS

Neil Randall's great right-footer from a pocket took off the Town and Country \$100 goal-of-the-day on World of Football... but team-mate Brad Hardie kicked one which must have gone awfully close to winning the award. Hardie beat off a Claremont tackle, spilt the slippery ball, regained it quickly, warded off a second tackle, ducked around another Tiger defender and snapped a left-foot shot that brought up South's 16th goal in the closing minutes of the last quarter and virtually sealed victory.

SMILING TIGERS

The Claremont players have certainly given their fans some good reasons to smile this season with their consistent form in the opening round. So it's only natural that they share in the spoils and club president Wal Maskiell was quick to point out that the players will receive half of the Marlboro Cup money won in the first round. Marlboro's State manager Barry Milsome presented Mr Maskiell with a cheque for \$5000 last Sunday — and that means a nice \$2500 boost for the Tigers' trip fund.

SUNNY CITRUS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

A lot of young football fans like to know when their idols are having a birthday... so Westside Football and Sunny Citrus brings you this weekly list.

These players celebrate birthdays this week and we wish them well.

Paul Grigg (P) 21 on 19th



Steve Curtis (EP) 25 on 19th



Steve Malaxos (C) 20 on 19th



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FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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

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Swan Dist 11	Subiaco 6
Sth Frem 9	West Perth 5
Claremont 6	East Frem 3
East Perth 6	Perth 2

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PLAYERS HAVE THEIR SAY ON TRIBUNAL

The Players' Association has achieved a major breakthrough with the recent round-table-conference involving members of the tribunal and the WAFL.

This is our third year of operation and though we have had to face some tough battles to become organised and accepted, the decision by the WAFL to involve us in this conference was an indication that we are now being recognised.

We are certainly not planning to be a militant group; simply trying to get together an organisation of players — league, reserves and colts — to benefit the players themselves and give them the opportunity to "have their say".

The tribunal meeting was an excellent one and gave the Players' Association a very real chance to put a few points across to its chairman Mr. Bernie O'Sullivan.

We told him that basically the players in WA felt that the tribunal — and many of its decisions — were inconsistent. He was rather surprised at that reaction and certainly took note of some of our comments.

One area that the players would like to see improved regarding the tribunal is mandatory penalties for certain offences.

It was a unanimous decision at a Players' Association meeting that any player found guilty of a serious offence such as kicking or striking, should receive at least a one-week suspension. In other words, we don't like seeing reprimands, cautions or fines for such offences. In addition, if a player has a previous conviction and is found guilty of a second offence, then he should receive a minimum of two weeks' suspension.

Mr. O'Sullivan felt that the tribunal had to have some flexibility in its decision, but I'm confident that we will see a little more consistency now that things have been put on the table and discussed openly.

DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

The Players' Association is about to launch a membership drive among the 600 possible footballers in WAFL clubs.

Currently their membership stands at just under 300, but president George Michalczyk believes that they should be able to attract many more players.

"There are a lot of things happening in the Association," says Michalczyk.

"We are working on such things as obtaining car parking spaces for players in visiting teams; seating for wives and girl friends; improvements to visiting changerooms; after-match entertainment and a combined end-of-season cabaret."

"We certainly don't want people to think that we are out to stir up problems or become militant. We are there to help the players."

Guest
Columnist

Presented by
McInerney Ford

THIS WEEK:

GEORGE
MICHALCZYK

President
of the WAFL
Players'
Association.



PLENTY OF PROGRESS

We have achieved a number of things since our inception including becoming an incorporated body and adopting our own constitution.

Among other things achieved by the Players' Association have been:

- * The establishment of an advisory committee to help players who need guidance in their football planning. The committee comprises Ian Miller (the inaugural president), Malcolm Brown, David Rawlinson and our administrator, Peter Rule. The committee is available to help players who need advice on anything pertaining to football. Two players who have used the committee so far are Craig Hoyer, of Swan Districts, and his former club-mate, Jeff Collier.

Hoyer was given considerable advice on how to handle his negotiations with Hawthorn and what pitfalls to avoid and so forth. Collier was finally advised that he should return to Swans

and abandon his clearance plans for the time being.

- * We have established a Player of the Year award and an Umpire of the Year award, both in conjunction with the Marlboro Company.

All members of the Players' Association are eligible to vote in these awards and thanks to the generosity of Marlboro, we have been able to provide substantial cash awards — \$500 for the top player and \$250 for the top umpire.

- * In conjunction with Adidas and the Western Mail newspaper, we have initiated a Player of the Week series with a weekly article and photograph of the player chosen by his opponents as the most outstanding performer for the weekly matches. The nominated player receives an Adidas track suit and recipients so far have been Jeff Trott,

Craig Edwards, Ross Sweetman, Ray Reeves, Wayne Simms, Ray Holden, Gerard Neesham and Bradley Reynolds.

- * The players magazine, The High and the Mighty, will again be published this year as an annual football book.

- * Tee shirts are available for all members as part of their membership fee.

- * We have reached an agreement with an advertising agency to involve players in public relations and advertising promotions. We see this as an ideal avenue for players to pick up additional revenue and also to expose our footballers and promote the game. We believe that advertising promotions involving major retail outlets using male models for football gear would be better served by using genuine football stars.



Office bearers

The structure of the WAFL Players' Association for 1981 is:

President: George Michalczyk
Vice President: Noel Carter
Administrator: Peter Rule

Club delegates: Wayne Simms (Perth); Stuart Hillier (West Perth); Wayne Cormack (East Fremantle); Steve Malaxos (Claremont); Paul Mountain (South Fremantle); Wayne Duke (East Perth); Tim Gepp (Subiaco); Simon Beasley (Swan Districts).



Cormack



Duke



Mountain



Hillier



W. Simms



Beasley



Malaxos



Gepp

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

Issues such as the introduction of Sunday football are matters that the Players' Association want to become involved with.

In Victoria, the VFL Players' Association was asked by the VFL to canvas its members on the Sunday football question — and a survey gave the scheme the green light, but with certain restrictions.

That is the situation we are seeking in WA — where the WAFL will recognise us sufficiently as a body to seek our opinions on matters before introducing new ideas, particularly when they relate to us so much, as Sunday football does.

Our association is certainly not against innovations like Sunday football; after all, we want the game to develop as much as the WAFL does. But we believe that the players are entitled to have a say and it would be interesting to survey local footballers to assess their thoughts on Sunday football matches.

We certainly don't want the WAFL or the club committees to think that we are going to tell them what to do — far from it. But with so much time and effort going into football nowadays, it is only fair that the competitors themselves have some say in how they must be expected to perform.

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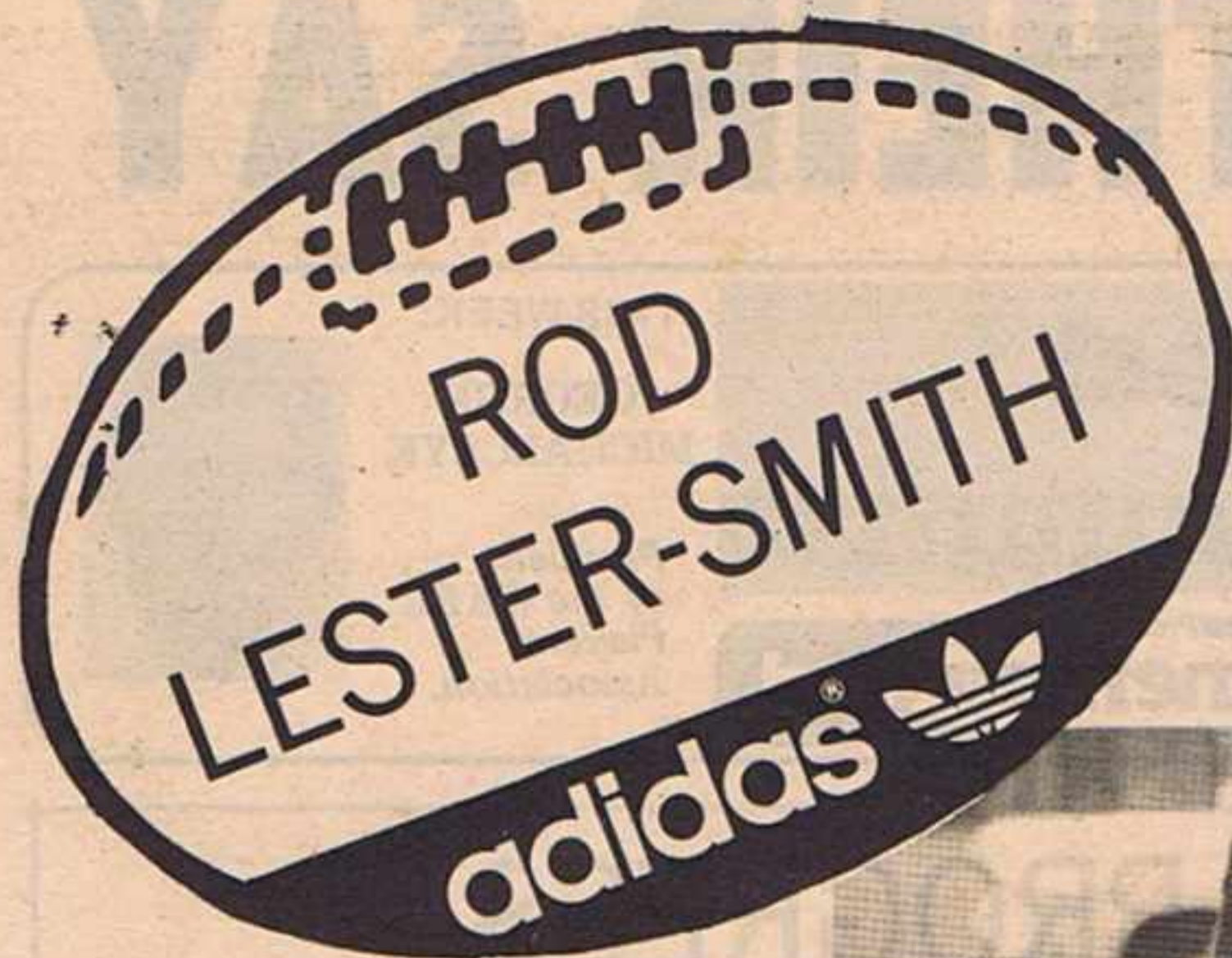
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Having a strong belief in your own ability is the major factor in achieving success, particularly on the football field. And that is something Rod Lester-Smith certainly has.

After graduating from the local junior competition, Lester-Smith has always known where he is going — to the top of the football tree. His efforts this year have seen him earn State representation and his interstate debut against Victoria saw him turn in a top-class game to justify that selection decision.

Victorian football is something that this tall wingman has in his sights — and the VFL talent scouts have been having a good look at talents of Lester-Smith.

Wing is the position that Lester-Smith has excelled in — but centre-half-forward is the spot that he would like to hold down in league ranks. He has the height and marking skill to be a success in attack and it will be interesting to see if his football develops sufficiently for him to win a permanent attacking position in the future.

This week football writer PETER AUSTIN talked to Lester-Smith about his career . . .

Q. Where did you start your football career?

A. I started with the Brentwood Football Club when I was eight years old. My father was coaching at that stage and I quickly went through to the under-12's. My father's business became more involved and the family had to live in New Guinea. We stayed there for three years and came



Rod Lester-Smith . . . sights set on a bright career.

back to Brentwood. When I was 17 years old in 1975, I was approached by the East Fremantle Football Club and came down here.

Q. Did it take you long to break into the different environment?

A. No I played in the thirds for about 18 months and then the remainder of the 1978 season I played reserves.

Q. When did you first play your first game of league football?

A. 1978.

Q. Did you find any great difference in tempo of games between the reserves and league?

A. League was a far better game to play in. Reserves is scrappy while the league is more open and positive.

Q. Does being over 6ft tall make any difference to you playing on a wing?

A. Yes. I find it a great advantage.

Q. Have you always played on the wing?

A. No. It was an unfamiliar position for me. I used to play most of my football at centre half forward or full forward.

Q. Did you enjoy playing in your first Stage game several weeks ago against Victoria?

A. Now it is all over I really enjoyed it. I was nervous at first like playing in a final round game. In the first 10 or 15 minutes nothing went well but after that I settled down and did better.

Q. Playing against a speedster like Michael Turner must have worried you?

A. Yes it did. I went out on to the ground and expected him to run around a lot but I think the delayed plane trip must have had a lot to do with it. They were pretty sluggish. I'm not a fast footballer and I thought Turner would give me a hard time. but I was pleased with my performance.

Q. Do you think that game improved your attitude towards football?

A. That is hard to say. Everyone has told me that I haven't played well since that match but East Fremantle play a different style of game than in the State clash. I find it hard to get kicks from my team mates where as in the State game I was given more opportunities.

Q. Have you been approached by any VFL club?

A. No. But there has been a lot of rumours. At the moment it doesn't mean that much to me because I'm concentrating on my form with East Fremantle. When

... knows where he is going

the right time comes and I think I'm ready to go over, I will.

Q. Has East Fremantle looked after you?

A. Yes. Last year wasn't a good year for the club and it worked the same for the players. This year has been alright.

Q. Do you enjoy playing with East Fremantle?

A. Yes. I said to myself at the end of last season that I wasn't going to play with the club if they had a coach I didn't like. But Ken Smith joined us and I enjoy it. East Fremantle spoke to me and gave me what I wanted. But now that I have played State football, you think back and wonder whether I asked for enough. I am happy with some people at East Fremantle.

Q. Do you think you are producing the goods for the club at the moment?

A. I'm trying to. The team has not set the world on fire this season.

Q. What is wrong with East Fremantle? Are you lacking players?

A. Yes. We are losing the games on the ball. Mark Norsworthy joined us and is slowly getting into the fold of things. He's a good bloke and will probably take time before he really makes his mark. Other teams have good mobile divisions they are the positions that have killed us in recent games.

Q. Was it lack of attitude that left East Fremantle at the latter end of the table last season?

A. Yes. I don't think the players and the coach got on very well.

Q. Do you think coach Brad Smith asked too much when the going got tough?

A. Well it was his first season in 1979 and it is hard to know what to expect from a coach. Brad probably fell down when he let things just roll along as they were going.

Q. What do you think of Ken Smith?

A. He's a good coach and gets through to the players. The greatest thing about him is he tells the players what to do and is also prepared to listen to their point of view.

Q. Are you a relaxed person before a game?

A. Yes. Everybody knows what they have to do and as far as I'm concerned you don't need to come in to the change rooms an hour before the match starts and get changed. You only get nervous. I seriously start thinking about the game about 20 minutes before I go out. I don't need anyone to motivate myself.

Q. Who do you think your hardest opponent has been?

A. The Narkle brothers. They are uncanny, fast and play their own game.

Q. Do you train hard apart from club training sessions?

A. I don't like training. I think I could come down here at East Fremantle Oval in March and still play the same as I do now. I'm not a keen believer in doing a lot of work.

Q. What is in store for East Fremantle in 1981?

A. We have to put three or four good wins together now to have any chance of holding a position in the four.

Q. Can you see yourself playing in any other position than on the wing in the near future?

A. Yes. I've never been a fast runner and I think I could play centre half forward. I have played there for about a quarter but never stayed there. I think it could be on the cards. If I'm good enough I suppose I'll have the chance.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Rod Lester - Smith
Born: 18-7-59 East Fremantle
Height: 6ft 1 1/2in. (186 cm)
Weight: 13 1/2st (86kg)
Lives at: Mt Pleasant
Married: No
Occupation: Council worker
Football honours: Best first year player with East Fremantle 1978 and represented WA in 1981.
Came from: Brentwood juniors
Favourite food: Sweet and sour pork
Favourite drink: Beer
Hobbies and relaxation: Tennis and horse riding
Football likes: Atmosphere
Football dislikes: Bad decisions by umpires
Idols in football: None
Hard things in football: Training
Ambitions: To play good consistent football with East Fremantle and play regularly for the State. Play VFL.
Nickname: Snuff
Guernsey No: 12
Games played: 67 East Fremantle



Radio 6IX critic
Allan (Chubby) Stiles.

Chubby's Chatter

The drafting system proposed for the VFL — and the WA players who want to head over there — will have some interesting sidelights.

David Robb, who is Ron Barassi's manager and Melbourne's recruiting officer, points out that players who are not signed on Form Fours in the VFL, but are simply "contracted" to a Victorian club are not eligible in the eyes of the VFL to play for that club.

Some Victorian clubs have been known to pay players NOT to sign any Form Fours until they definitely make up their mind to go to Victoria.

The system will work along the lines of the American grid-iron one where names are put on a list and the bottom clubs have first choice of the player they want to recruit.

It will then be up to that club to negotiate with the player.

If he refuses to play for the club, or is not happy with the amount of money offered by the club, no other club can approach him and his name is crossed off and does not go back on to the list for another three years.

Even though these contracts are legal, but not recognised by the VFL, one wonders if more court cases are looming in the near future. I was talking on this subject with Ron Joseph on radio and he feels that this system will not work as a player has no freedom of choice and most players like to go to a club which is successful or have a good chance of making the finals in Victoria.

BEASLEY'S ROLE

With the inclusion of Warren Ralph in the State squad, I certainly hope the selectors are not thinking of replacing Simon Beasley or putting him at centre-half-forward.

His place is at full-forward. He is the leading goal-kicker (with 64 goals) and kicked six goals against Victoria at full-forward.

His application to the game and his desire to win the ball at all times has certainly made him a full-forward to be recognised. Most of his goals on Saturday were brought about by his sheer endeavour.

A PROBLEM

I do not envy the State selectors in picking the back pocket position with the four contenders — Ross Gibbs, Rod Barrett, Craig Holden and Steve Curtis. All are in good form and Holden and Barrett were outstanding in trying conditions last week. Although I thought that Ross Gibbs was down a little on form against Swans, his performance against Victoria was creditable and I feel he deserves another chance. However if South Australia play the tall Sturt rover, Phil Hiendrich, Gibbs could be in trouble in the height department.

PEAKE'S RECORD

It is about time a few people got off Brian Peake's back. He does not have to go to Victoria to prove himself. He has done that in 191 games for East Fremantle and 19 for WA over 10 seasons.

Peake may not be getting as many kicks today as he was two years ago, but he is now a more valuable player through his captain's game.

My advice to you Brian is to forget Geelong and stick with that great traditional club, East Fremantle.

Let's have another look at drafting

It was refreshing to hear comments last week from WAFL president Vince Yovich that he felt the VFL would still be getting the best end of the stick when the new player drafting system comes into effect next year.

He is reported as saying that the \$40,000 mandatory transfer fee should be more in the region of \$250,000.

Many people associated with football in this State will agree that \$40,000 is too light when it is considered that the market price for top players this season was around \$100,000.

We are going to pay very dearly for the scheme which gives WA few benefits. For instance, players under the age of 24 will be unable to leave the State unless they have played 110 league matches and no more than 12 players will be cleared in any one season.

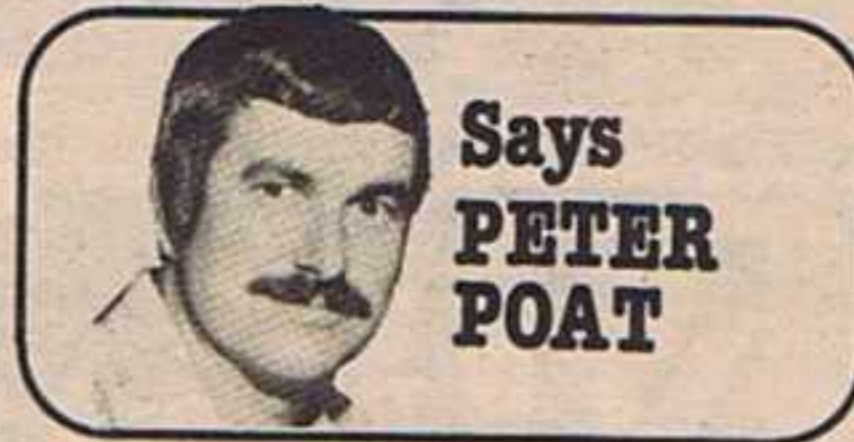
The top four players to leave WA this season virtually all fulfilled those criteria. Ken Hunter would have qualified by age, Peter Spencer by games played and age, Phil Kelly would have missed going because he was one game short and Peter Bosustow would have qualified by games played (111). The net result would have been that the VFL clubs would have secured the players much cheaper than they actually did pay for them.

It is obvious from this example that WA football will be the loser. The set transfer fee must be re-negotiated before the system starts.

No doubt the draft-system is on the agenda for summit talks planned between the WAFL and the SANFL in Perth next weekend.

The SANFL is not party to the drafting system. South Australia will remain a "free-zone" for the VFL to attack as it pleases.

Though the drafting system has its weakness, it would be a starting point if WA could entice South Australia to



Says
**PETER
POAT**

enter the scheme and jointly push for improvement.

A joint approach from the two States could make stronger demands on the VFL.

For instance, they could push for the VFL to take its annual quota of 12 players from the joint leagues. Therefore, the players would come from 18 clubs. A limit of one clearance per club could be demanded, and as already pointed out, a bigger transfer fee must be negotiated.

In recent years there has been little in common between the SANFL and the WAFL. The WAFL has generally gone along with most suggestions, whereas the SANFL has been vehement in its opposition to the VFL.

It is obvious that the SANFL and the WAFL have more in common than do either league with the VFL.

The two minor States basically share the same ills, loss of top players, declining attendances and a host of other problems.

Therefore the formulation of an alliance at a time when both States are facing common problems must surely be of high priority.

In recent years the two groups have drifted slowly apart in terms of ideology and ground will have to be given on both sides, but for the sake of football let's hope that next weekend's talks lead to the beginning of a new and meaningful allegiance between the two States.

FROM A COACH'S POINT OF VIEW

Colin Hopkins talks to Claremont coach Graham Moss.

Big test for Tigers

Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss always rates the second round as the most difficult in the football qualifying fixtures.

The wet weather is always likely to see a few upsets — and once a team gets near the top of the ladder, lower clubs have something special to aim at.

But, he is happy at the way things are going — despite the Tigers' defeat by South Fremantle last Saturday.

Moss, like most critics who saw the game, believes that his side came out of the match with plenty of plusses.

"We played well but they got a few breaks at a vital stage," he said.

"We missed a couple of shots in front of goals and South kicked a couple of freaky goals," said Moss.

Moss obviously doesn't want to compare any of the other top sides, but will admit that you need to play a different style of football for each opponent.

What he wants to make certain of now is that Claremont don't fall victim to any of the bottom four sides in the next couple of months.

A loss to a lower side could mean the difference between the Tigers finishing in one of the top two spots — and qualifying for the second semi-final.

He has got something extra going for him this season when it comes to keeping pressure on players.

That factor is the increase in depth at the club. "In the first round we only had

Graham Moss...

more players to choose from



about 21 or 22 players to choose from on most occasions but now we have about 25 or 26," he said.

"This keeps everyone on their toes and makes a big difference if you get a run of injuries."

Some of the players that must come into calculations for senior selection include Peter Jamieson, Rob Lawson, Roger Podolczak, Steve Malaxos and Des Hindson.

Team spirit has been high all year at Claremont and Moss aims to keep it that way for the rest of the season.

"We will be working on that — and also try to stabilise a couple of key positions," said the Claremont captain-coach.

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6 PR Radio
personality and
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commentator.



Hi there folks,

We sure sorted out the men from the boys last Saturday. Swans, Subiaco, and Souths proved they can play water polo as well as football.

I thought East Perth were frightened to get their tootsies wet and they made Perth look a lot better than they are.

They tell me Jimmy and Phillip Krakouer killed them in the mud at Fremantle and Bill Valli obviously grows another leg when the rain comes tumbling down.

However we don't play many finals in the wet and if its still raining in September they won't have any parking problems for the finals. We can all go in row boats.

UMPS TOO!

I tell you someone that cannot handle wet conditions and that's our umpires.

You don't pay tiggie tiggie touch wood free kicks on a wet day. That business of giving away a free kick in front of goals on a wet and muddy day has got nobs on it.



Ray Scott

They always seem to penalise full backs and not those pansy full forwards. It was just the same in my day. The only way John Gerovich, Ray Scott and John Coleman could get a kick when they played on me was by hitting my fist with their heads.

GOOD TIP

I was glad to see the State selectors take my tip and pick Wayne Otway in the State squad.

If the rest of the East Perth team had half as much "guts" as that little bloke they wouldn't lose another game.

The only reason Wayne took up footy was because he was too small to be a jockey.

COME ON GIRLS

I hope all you girls are going to enter the WAFL Miss Football prize. I am one of the judges and first prize includes a night out at the Sheraton Hotel with me. Second prize is two nights out.

I have already received entries from Simone Beasley, Warrenna Ralph, and Pauline Arnold.

See you folks.

P.S. Gary Carvolth; Don't call me. I'll call you. Brien Thirley sends his regards.

See you folks.

INTERSTATE UPDATE

VFL'S MILLION DOLLAR FLOPS

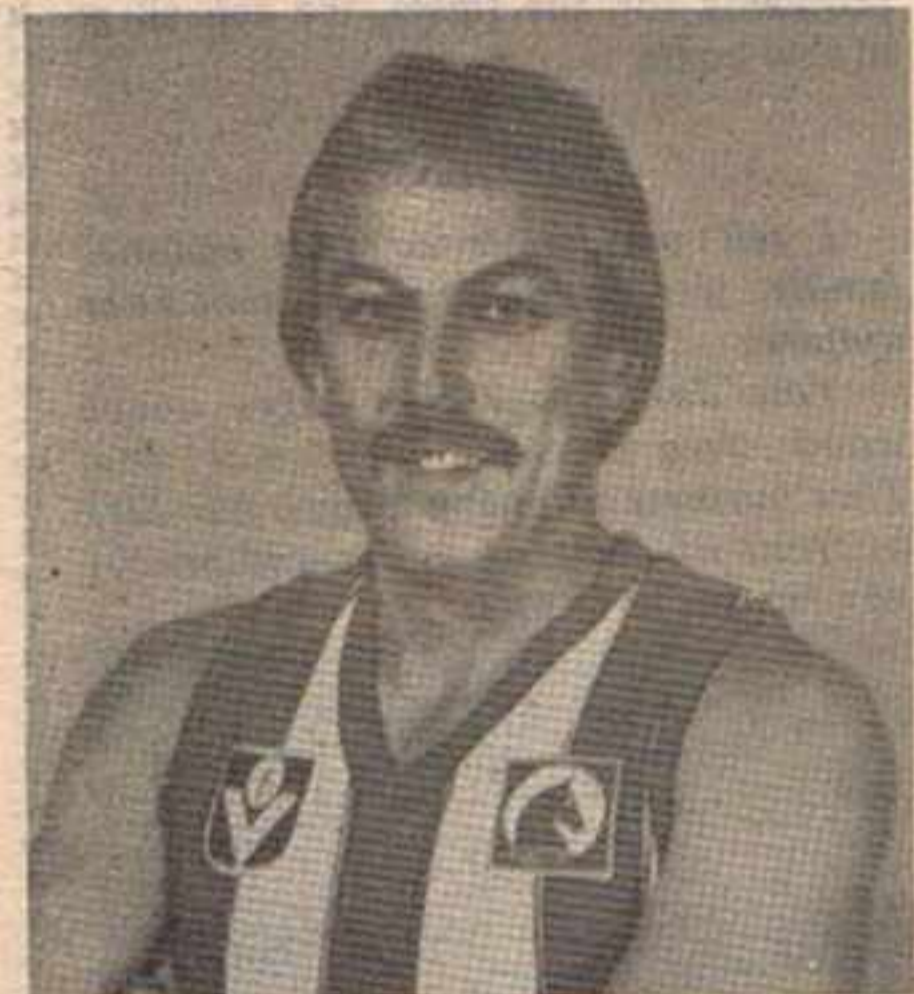
It seems as though the seal of failure has firmly been stamped on the highly-priced North Melbourne team.

"Flopperos" was the screaming headline in Melbourne's Sunday Observer as the press generally lambasted North Melbourne after their disappointing fade-out against Carlton last week.

The million-dollar buying spree seems to have backfired on the 'Roos as they struggle to cement a place in the top five.

As criticism is heaped on the expensive recruits, one of WA's star players in Ross Glendinning is under fire. Glendinning, who was labelled as the complete footballer last year, seems to be having a touch of the horrors this year as he fails to perform up to standard in the pressure games.

Peter Spencer, Kym Hodgeman and Peter Jonas are all struggling according to a



Malcolm Blight

consensus of media opinion — but Phil Kelly, East Perth's dual Sandover Medallist, is standing out among the big-money recruits.

North's new coach Malcolm Blight — having a few problems himself when it comes to performing — has paid out pretty heavily on some of his big-name players. These quotes from his blackboard at half-time confirm that: Hodgeman — undisciplined; Dempsey — don't make excuses.

Despite the criticism of the North talent-hunt, the feeling in the 'Roos camp is that good sides fight back — and that's what they will do as the season progresses.

INJURY RUN

Carlton have been hard-hit by injuries this season — but are over-riding them as they ride high near the top of the premiership table.

The bad run of injuries continued last weekend when brilliant defender Robbert Klomp was carried from the muddy Princes Park with a strained hamstring in his right leg.

Blues coach David Parkin says that they have used 32 players in the senior side this year — in marked contrast to Carlton's average of about 24 senior players who are generally shuffled around to plug the gaps.

Also on the injured list at present are ruckman Warren Jones, South Australian winger Phil Maylin, Jim Buckley, Des English and Barry Armstrong.

GREAT SCOTT

So near and yet so far — that was probably the feeling of Hawthorn's 1980 skipper Don Scott when he was named on the interchange bench for last Monday's match against Collingwood.

Scott, playing his 293rd game for the Hawks, has really been out of touch in recent weeks, but the selectors have stuck by him and retained him in the 20.



SAINTLY CAUSE

Another VFL veteran in Barry Breen seems to have won back a place in the St Kilda side as he, too, chases the 300-game mark.

Breen (33) notched his 288th game helped by a stroke of misfortune suffered by a team-mate in Mark Kellett.

When the Saints' senior side was selected on Thursday night, Breen wasn't in it. But the former St Kilda skipper was a last-minute inclusion when Kellett failed to pass a fitness test.

He played well against Fitzroy and coach Alex Jesaulenko conceded that his form has been good enough to probably guarantee him a game this week.

But the background to the story could have been different if Breen had been able to contact Jezza on Friday.



Barry Breen

Breen felt that he had been hard done by when he saw that he was in the reserves and he tried to telephone the coach to seek an explanation. But he couldn't contact Jezza — which is just as well in case the wrong words had been said.

Jezza's comment about Breen was: "I'm picking a side to win. It doesn't matter if you've been here for one year or 20 years."

PREMIERSHIP PRICES

The market for the flag in Victoria goes like this at present:

5/2 Collingwood; 7/2 Carlton; 6/1 Richmond; 7/1 Hawthorn, North Melbourne; 10/1 Geelong; 16/1 Essendon; pick your own figure for the rest.

GOOD WIN FOR NORTH TASMANIA

Tasmania's Greater Northern Football League defeated the VFA in an inspiring match at Devonport last weekend.

Final scores were 15.20 to 15.10. Trailing by 28 points at half time, the Tasmanians turned on a powerful third term, kicking 8.8 to their opponents 2.4.

The victory was a great shot in the arm for the league which was formed this year by the amalgamation of the former associations centred around Launceston and Burnie.

It was the first time for 15 years that a Tasmanian side has beaten the VFA.

Veteran fires in his 350th

There's no keeping down a champion — that was obvious last Saturday as the balding, but ball-hungry, Kevin Bartlett notched his 350th senior game for Richmond.

At half-time Bartlett was probably wondering why he hadn't retired at the end of last season as he had found himself being thrashed by young Melbourne defender Peter Giles.

Perched out on a half-forward flank, the wily Bartlett was struggling for kicks. But the second half was a different story as Bartlett, as he has done so many times before, exploded into life and turned the tide for Richmond.

Early in the last term Melbourne got within one point of the Tigers — and then along came Kevin. He burst into action with three great goals in five minutes and the match was over.

After the game, the VFL's record-holder allowed himself a few glasses of celebratory lemonade and a smile or two, amidst suggestions that he now has the 400-game mark in his sights.



Kevin Bartlett

"Too many players give the game away too early," said the 34-year-old Bartlett who has carved his own special niche in football history.

However, after 16 seasons — during which time he has won his club's fairest and best five times — Bartlett is still missing one major honour, the Brownlow Medal. He was the red-hot favourite in 1978 but could only manage fourth place. In 1969 he was fifth, third in 1974, second in 1977. The season 1981 probably won't see him get any higher — but Bartlett can still claim to be one of the game's greatest players.

West Torrens seek clearance ruling

West Torrens has asked the SANFL permit committee to set a transfer fee on North Adelaide players Kym Dillon and Mark Downie, who are seeking clearances to the Eagles.

The two North players have been training at West Torrens for the past few weeks after being told they were not required by Norths, but they have not yet sent in clearance papers.

The application to the committee was made last week, but it is unlikely to be heard.

In the present circumstances the committee only can set a transfer fee if both Torrens and North agree to the hearing, but North Adelaide does not believe it is necessary.

North's general manager, John Condon, said he believed the amount being asked for the players was not excessive, and the matter could be settled between the clubs without having to go to the tribunal.

He said North had no intention of holding up the transfers, but wanted reasonable compensation for Downie and Dillon.

He said claims that North wanted \$15,000 for each player were vividly exaggerated, and indicated that \$15,000 would easily pay for both of them.

Downie has played 51 senior games with North and Dillon 16.

GLENELG SCRAPE HOME

Glenelg remain unbeaten on top of the South Australian premiership table after a thrilling 1 point victory over Norwood at Football Park last Saturday.

The Tigers led by six points at three quarter time and withstood tremendous pressure to win 13.10 (88 points) to 12.15 (87).

Perhaps the loneliest man after the match was former South Melbourne and Footscray rover Steve Hoffman, who had a golden opportunity to put Norwood in front in the dying stages of the game.

He accepted a good handball, ran and bounced the ball, lost the ball and



tripped over himself and saw a Glenelg defender clear away.

GRANGER'S COMEBACK

Firey Port Adelaide player David Granger had a comeback to league football cut short this week. In his first game for the season, on Monday, he was reported by four umpires.

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THE HOOD



WA's most feared columnist fires some more of his barbed arrows.

Well, I wonder just how old that John Rogers, of Channel 7's World of Football, really is. Someone says that he played in the 60's, but then those make-up rooms do a lot of strange things. What got me wondering was his continual reference to players during his commentary as "son". It's usually "well done, son" or "great goal, son". Maybe he was lamenting the absence of the sun last weekend!

IS IT LOYALTY?

You have to admire the loyalty of West Perth supporters who rally around to make donations to players after matches — even when they have been thrashed. Last week some keen fan put up \$100 for the player he chose as West Perth's best — David Palm. Coach Graham Campbell let slip a comment that summed up many people's thoughts about the Cardies' best players when he said: "Was he at the game, or not?" Palm might not have been West Perth's best — but he was a trier and that's the message the supporter was giving out.

CHEERFUL THOUGHT

I hope, for the sake of WA football, that someone is organising a WA cheer-squad for next Saturday's interstate match. We would sure look strange as the home State without one when you consider the South Australians are sending over their own squad by bus. About 30 fanatical South Australian cheer-squad members are paying \$90 each for the bus trip across the desert to urge along their team. I hope they don't show us up.

STRANGE SIGHT

I thought I was seeing things when I momentarily took my eyes off the play in that gripping last quarter battle at Fremantle Oval last Saturday. Perched up in one of the best vantage spots on the ground was the public address announcer. I couldn't believe what I saw, so I peered out from under my soaking mask a couple more times during that tense final quarter to reassure myself that I hadn't been seeing things. But each time I saw the same thing. The announcer was sitting back in his cosy dry spot reading the paper.

WANT A RECRUIT?

One of my spies in Melbourne has a footballer who wants to head West. He's played about 80 senior VFL games, is just over the 6ft mark; can play half-back or ruck-rover and is fitter than most of your average players. He's not happy in his current camp and has decided that it's time to head for the Sunny West.

It might mean that you have to admit to reading my column . . . but if you are a club official and you check it, you might end up with a good recruit.

BOOZY BOYS

Wet football days combined with poor performances by one side generally results in one thing — a good bar trade. Such was the case at Leederville Oval last Saturday with a lot of Cardie fans heading to the bar early in the match to drown their sorrows.

For obvious reasons, The Hood will remain anonymous. His comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Westside Football.



PREVIEW

With Colin Hopkins

Subiaco deserve a better rating

West Perth and East Fremantle, the "pretenders" of the 1981 season will meet at Leederville Oval on Saturday.

It's a match that is being billed as both sides' last stand for the 1981 season.

But, what about Subiaco, who will take on league leaders, Swan Districts, at Subiaco Oval.

In my opinion Subiaco should be regarded as the fifth best team in the competition at this stage.

For a start they have beaten Claremont and they have disposed of both West Perth and East Fremantle at Subiaco Oval this year.

Make no mistake. The quality of Subiaco's football on their home ground has been first class.

Swans can expect a lot more opposition on Saturday than they encountered against West Perth at Leederville.

But, they will be ready because Subiaco took the game right up to them at Bassendean Oval in the first round.

Swans should win this match because of their strength on the ball and the ability of full-forward Simon Beasley.

This is where they won the match in the first round on April 25. Mitch Fussell held Beasley to two goals in the first half.

But, then Beasley exploded into action to kick eight in the second to steer his side to victory. His six goals in the wet last Saturday shows that he continues to hold that form.

Subiaco's defence has settled down well this year; they are getting more than enough opportunities from the centre; but their forward line needs to improve.

Goals don't come easily for the Lions. Full-forward Peter Munro has only kicked 24 and they don't have another player in the top 10 of the league goalkicking table.

CARDIES CAN DO IT

Who would want to back either West Perth or East Fremantle this weekend? Old Easts crushed the Cardinals in the first round — but have fallen into a hole since then.

Captain Brian Peake and utility player Ken Judge are the only two players that Old Easts can really rely on to get kicks on a regular basis.

The Cardinals obviously don't like the wet — but there is nothing fancy about their football in the dry either.

West Perth could win this match because of their home ground advantage and the fact they have a genuine rover in Les Fong.

SOUTH WILL AVENGE

South Fremantle will be out to avenge their first round defeat at the hands of East Perth in the return game at Fremantle Oval.

South have improved out of sight since then and East Perth have also gone on to consolidate their position in the top four.

However, South should have too much

Selections:



power on the ball, in the forward line and a tight enough defence to keep the Royals down to a losing score.

East Perth coach Grant Dorrington has done a fine job with his side this year and no-one is performing better than tenacious rover Wayne Otway.

Otway would do his State team chances a lot of good against South. He deserves a place, but has tremendously tough opposition in forcing his way into the team ahead of Noel Carter, the Krakouer brothers, Mike Richardson and perhaps Les Fong.



Saturday was a day for the real hardy football fan . . . as our picture of the Subiaco Oval terraces show.

SIMMS CHANCE

Big Perth ruckman Wayne Simms gets a chance to add to what must already be an impressive tally of Sandover Medal votes in the game against Claremont at Lathlain Park.

This won't be his only object though. He looks certain to be given the No. 2 ruckman's job in the State team next Saturday — if he comes up well against Graham Moss today.

Moss, however, may be content to take a back seat today. It's hard to see the Demons really taking the game up to an in-form Claremont, who have not played with such determination for many seasons.



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MOTHER BROWN

I don't know if I am happy about what is going on with the league tribunal at present.

Let's just hope that there is not a change of direction and attitude mid-stream.

It would seem unfair to me if any players that are reported later in the year receive much stiffer penalties.

Let's hope that the chairman's recent explanation to everyone concerned works out for the betterment of everyone in the game — and doesn't only see players that face the tribunal in future penalised more severely if they are found guilty.

TEAM PLACINGS

Every week now some sections of the media criticise coaches who don't announce their team placings in full.

I don't think this stops anyone from going to the football each week.

Football matches are won on the ground, not in the paper.

BOGEY TEAM

While Victoria have generally been our bogey side in senior competition, South Australia are the team to beat in junior ranks.

Each year now we have problems with SA in the Teal Cup competition.

The people who run this competition do a great job unearthing our league players of the future.

Keep it up — and eventually we will prove successful against SA — just as we are doing against Victoria in senior teams.



Basil Campbell

I swore I wouldn't go crook at umpires. But I am unable to contain myself after last Saturday.

I don't know just what Basil Campbell has to do to get a free kick.

The man going for the ball is supposed to be protected by the umpires — but Campbell didn't get one ounce of help from the umpires on Saturday.

It seems to me that too many umpires are remembering his past. Whatever Campbell has done before is history. He has paid the penalty already for any misdemeanours.

His effort in remaining in the game is magnificent, considering the number of serious injuries he has had.

Anyone who saw the game against Claremont on Saturday were given a great reminder of just what a wonderful player he is.

It was probably the best game I have had the pleasure of seeing him play.

Marlboro GOALS!

\$1000 Golden Boot Leader:

Simon Beasley

East Perth half-forward Grant Campbell is certainly a talented player, even if he shows some inconsistency at times. Last week he turned on a brilliant quarter of football — the third — to help the Royals clinch victory. He booted three goals in a row, all from brilliant play. East Perth's seventh was a cleverly-flighted angle shot; the eighth came less than two minutes later and then the ninth was a great snap shot from the boundary line.

BEATING THE WET

Marlboro's Golden Boot leader Simon Beasley certainly dispelled any suggestions that he cannot handle the wet weather. His six-goal effort against West Perth was outstanding — and he helped set up three other goals as well. Two of his goals came after some brilliant teamwork by the Swans players. The first came after a chain of accurate foot-passing out of defence starting from Ed Blackaby to Craig Holden to Mike Richardson and to Beasley, who handpassed to Stan Nowotny and then took the rebound ball and kicked the goal on the run. The second (Swans' 15th) came when Leon Baker cleverly flicked the ball out of the mud to set up a chain of handpasses to the full-forward.

GOOD VALUE

The value of a defender following his opponent downfield when changing on the ball was certainly emphasised at Leederville Oval last Saturday. Swan Districts' half-back flanker Don Langsford had gone deep into the attacking zone in pursuit of his opponent — and suddenly found himself right in the goalsquare where he soccered the ball through for his team's 11th major. It was only Langsford's third goal in more than 50 senior games.

PRESSURE PACKED

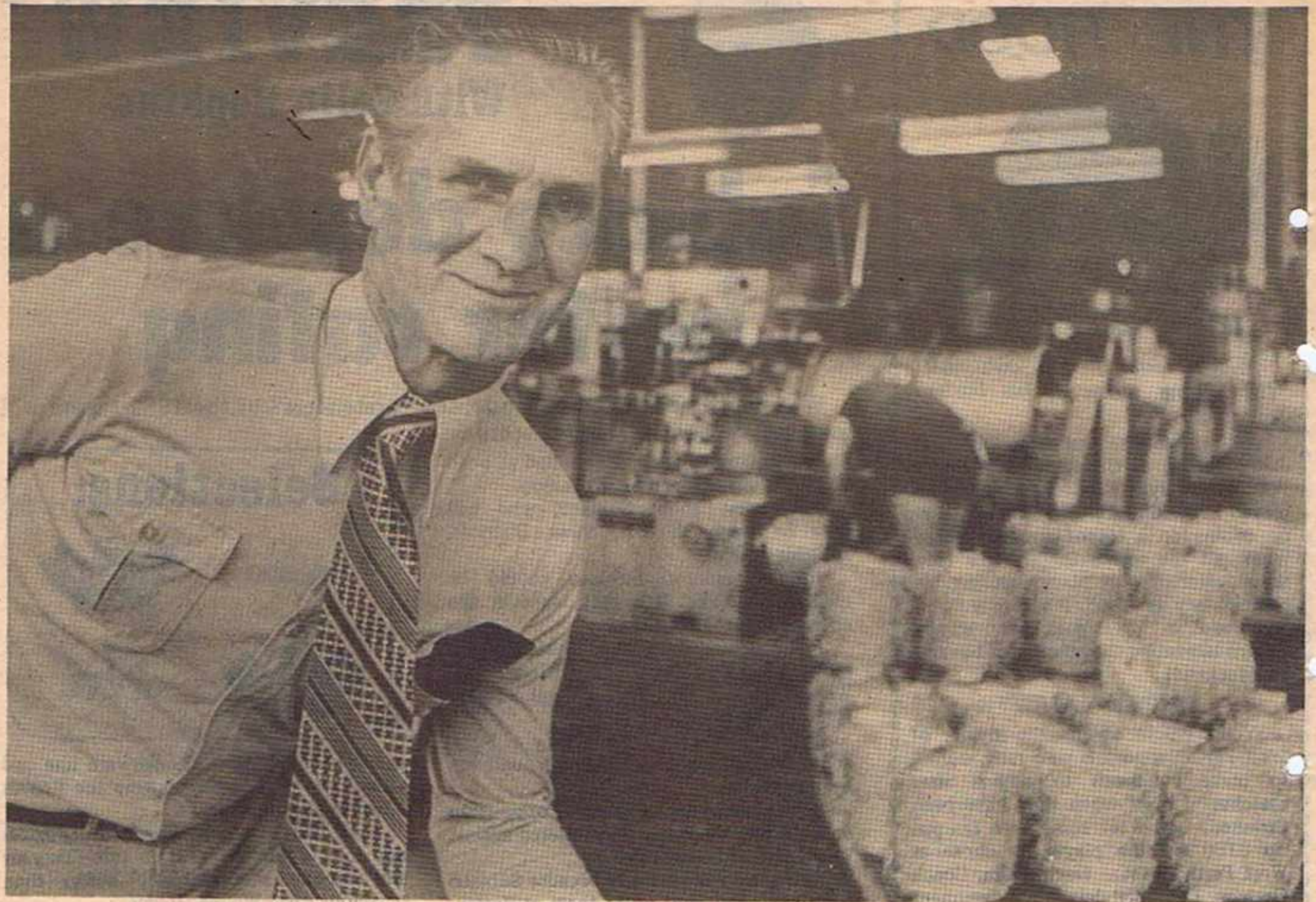
The South Fremantle-Claremont clash produced some of the best goals of the season. The Krakouer brothers, especially Phil, was in brilliant form with his uncanny shots for goal and South Fremantle showed how valuable pressure goals are in the closing minutes of a tight match. Half-forward specialist Neil Randall was right on line when he kicked South's 14th goal after running deep towards the boundary and snapping a right-foot shot back — a classic goal for a left-footer. It was followed soon after by an urgent snap out of a goal-front pack by Paul Mountain to help seal South's victory.

LONE RANGER

It is incredible when you think that in three quarters of football — more than 90 minutes of play — only one West Perth player out of 20 could find the goals. Full-forward Mick Rea kicked the Cardies' only two goals up to three quarter time, the first after 40 minutes of play.

MARLBORO TOP TEN

Simon Beasley (Swans)	64.18
Warren Ralph (Claremont)	48.26
Brett Farmer (Claremont)	34.14
Jim Sewell (East Fremantle)	33.19
Brad Hardie (South Fremantle)	33.23
Paul Arnold (East Perth)	29.16
Mike Richardson (Swans)	28.12
Doug Simms (Perth)	27.15
Noel Carter (South Fremantle)	24.15
Peter Munro (Subiaco)	24.12



Price has firm opinion on the role of backmen

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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These days Wally Price would be found more often at a hockey ground than at a football oval.

But that wasn't always the case.

Price played 256 league games with West Perth, which was a record until it was broken by Ray Schofield, Bill Dempsey and then Mel Whinnen.

Instead of lining up in a back pocket for the Cardinals, he now watches his two sons, Phil and Greg, play hockey.

Price also represented the State nine times.

The bulk of his football career was spent in a back pocket during the 1940s and early '50s and understandably, he does not agree with the theory that the backline is easy to play because the ball is always in front of the defender.

"I don't go along with that at all. People don't seem to realise that the opposition forwards are working with team-mates who they train with two or three times a week and know each others' game backwards.

"Forwards rely on players upfield delivering the ball to them, while a backman has to out-think his opponent and base his game on judgement," says Price.

The back pocket would have been a difficult position to play especially when one considers the calibre of the rovers around during Price's era.

Price rates former South Fremantle rover, Harry Carbon as his hardest opponent.

"Since retiring from league football I have had a lot of discussion as to who was the best rover in my time and the hardest to nullify," he says.

"Many people think that Carbon's roving partner, Steve Marsh, was harder to curb. But I found Harry was always in the game, while Steve went to the forward pocket for a rest.

"Harry never stopped and he was tall for a rover in those days. I think he played State football on a half forward flank and in the centre on different occasions.

"He was tough and never gave in. I got many a bruise from Harry Carbon."

Price doesn't see that the game has changed a great deal since his playing days.

"Apart from running the ball into the forward line and using handball more, the game is pretty much the same.

"Ray Schofield and I had a good understanding. Ray played full back and we often used handball to get the ball up the ground. Our understanding came naturally, although we may have been exceptions to the rule."

Harry Price achieved many feats during his long and distinguished career and rates his first State game, the Cardinals' 1951 premiership victory and a top performance by WA against Victoria at the MCG as the highlights.

"It was a great thrill to play my first State game and then in 1952 we got within nine points of beating the Vics on their home ground. That performance held pride of place until Graham Farmer took a side over there in 1970 which went down by just six points," said Price.

In 1951 West Perth bounced back after losing to South Fremantle in the second semi final to win the grand final by three points.

It proved to be the best year in the club's history. West Perth made a clean sweep of all the individual honours for that season.

Fred Buttsworth won the Sandover Medal, Ray Scott, with 127 goals, was the leading goal kicker, Don Porter won the Simpson medal in the grand final while Buttsworth won the same award in that almost triumphant match against Victoria.

That feat has been equalled only twice in the history of the WAFL — South Fremantle in 1947 and East Perth repeated the performance in 1958.

The only thing Price did not achieve was to coach a senior side to a premiership.

He coached country teams here and in the Eastern States, but never met with the same success as he did when playing.

However, his playing record is not easily beaten.

He was at Leederville Oval during the club's most successful years.

In his 13 seasons with the Cardinals he played in eight grand finals and as far as he can remember the team was never out of the final four.

Although West Perth won only three pennants in this time, Price says it could easily have been five or six.

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HOME TEAMS STRIKE A DOUBLE

Steve Riley of Embleton is a keen football supporter and he collects records as avidly as a prospector gathers nuggets.

Not only has he pointed out to me that the four home sides this week are the same as last week but he wants to know when did this last happen.

Good question Steve. I think one might have to go back to the last century.

(Steve Riley was a contestant in TVW 7 Football Quiz in 1966 when only 16 years old!)

NICK NAMES

My "nick" name quiz a couple of weeks ago was too easy I'm told. Well try these. (1) 'Whale'. (2) Cowboy. (3) Stork. (4) Rooster. (5) Oscar. (6) Bones. (7) Dutchy. (8) Mary. (9) Dooley. (10) Evil.

Answers at the end of the column.

SECOND PRIZE

Who said there's no prize for second in football.

Driving home from a game recently I heard one radio station give its top three cash awards to players of the beaten side.

RESERVES AWARDS

In answer to a query, the name of the reserves award for the fairest and best in the three mainland States are: W.A. — the Prendergast Medal; VFL — the Gardner Medal and S.A. — the Magarey Medal (the same as the league).

Former South Fremantle wingman Rowley Daw, now a 6IX around-the-grounds man, won a reserves Magarey playing with Sturt in 1973.

POOR GLENORCHY

I guess no fair-minded follower would begrudge Collingwood a premiership this year; they have been runners-up seven times since their last win in 1958.

East Perth too were 'bridesmaids' in the seven grand finals they played in before their 1972 victory.

So let's spare a thought for Glenorchy in the Tasmanian League. They have been second in the last five seasons.

100 UP

Another question put to me recently was — who was the first West Australian to kick 100 goals in a season?

Well, there are three ways of looking at it. W.A.F.L. records show George Doig, of East Fremantle kicking 102 in 1933. But Claremont's George Maloney kicked 109 playing for Geelong in 1932.

However, many will argue, justifiably perhaps, that East Perth's Bonny Campbell was the first.

In 1924 he kicked 65 goals in the local competition and 51 at the mid-season carnival at Hobart for a total of 115.

The first 100 in senior football is credited to VFA player Dave McNamara of Essendon in 1912.

RECORD GOES

West Perth's impressive record against Swans at Leederville Oval meant nothing to the black and whites last Saturday.

Before that game Swans had won only 11 games out of the 68 contested there since 1934.

Swans' margin of 85 points was only four points short of their biggest win at that ground in 1965.

It was their fifth straight win over the Cardinals, their previous best run was four on end during 1963/64.

For West Perth it was their lowest score ever against Swans at home. The previous lowest was 7.15 in 1945 but this was a winning score.

West's lowest score versus Swans was their 5.9 at Bassendean in 1975.

NICK NAMES

Nick name answers: (1) Brian Roberts (E.F.); (2) Gary Bygraves (E.P.); (3) Jack Clarke (E.F.); (4) Frank Johnson (S.F.); (5) Ray Howard (E.F.); (6) Cliff Hillier (S.F.); (7) Hans Verstegen (E.P.); (8) Don Porter (W.P.); (9) Warren Marshall (Cl. & S); (10) Colin Williams (S).

BEWARE OF SYDNEY PLAN

The VFL'S elephant-like pregnancy for it's 13th offspring is starting to show uncomfortable side-effects.

When the new arrival . . . to be called Sydney . . . is born there are fears that a big portion of its make-up will be from foreign bloodlines, those of the Sandgroper and the Croweater.

In recent weeks there have been disturbing murmurs from Melbourne that several VFL clubs are pushing for a large portion of the Sydney team to be recruited from Perth and Adelaide.

Suggestions that six players come from WA and six from SA and one each from the top six VFL clubs are growing in momentum.

These 18 players would form the backbone of the club which would

then go into the market place and bid for additional players to swell their ranks.

If Father VFL decides that this is how the Sydney team will be brought into life, then that is the way it will be. The mammoth budget that is expected to be injected into the birth of a Sydney team will ensure that the VFL gets its own way. Money speaks all languages.

The WAFL must act now before any official announcement is made.

The league should push for an undertaking that the Sydney team receives no greater benefit than any other VFL club from the player drafting system which takes effect next year. This would restrict WA's contribution to one player.

— PETER POAT, Editor



Burly ruckman Vic Melville turned in probably his best game of football in WA last week when he helped Subiaco down East Fremantle in the muddy conditions at Subiaco Oval . . . but it wasn't all easy going.

Melville, who is now with his fourth senior club in two States, found himself in the midst of a few heated East Fremantle players in this situation.

For his fortitude, Melville is our Hard Yakka winner of the week and he receives a pair of Yakka jeans or trousers for his effort.

FUN DAY

The Claremont Football Club has organised a Fun Day for all its districts 8's, 9's and 10's modified rules teams, in place of normal fixtures this Sunday.

Running from 9.45 till 11 a.m. at the McGillivray Oval, Brockway Road, Graylands all clubs will be competing in teams of 12 to participate in freeball and tabloid sports activities.

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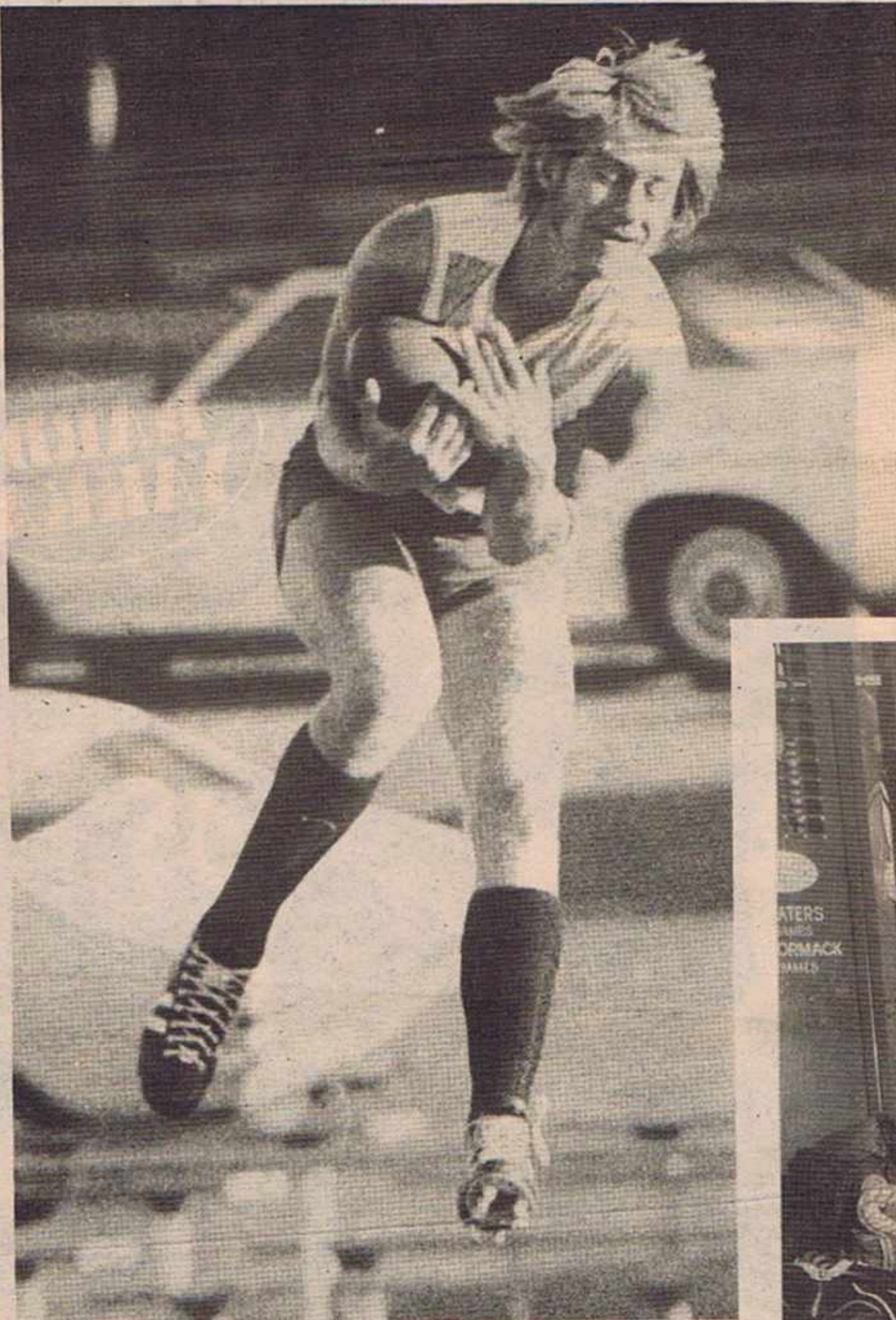
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SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

MORE RETIRED STARS



RAY BAUSKIS has etched his name on the WA football record roll by topping the league's goalkicking table in two consecutive years.

The fast-leading, high-flying, accurate-kicking full-forward was an excitement machine; a player who kicked 427 goals for South Fremantle in his 120 senior games. Injury brought his career to a premature end at an age of 26 and last year saw him finally give in to ankle problems after managing only three games early in the season.

The ability of Bauskis to anticipate the ball coming out of the centre made him a dangerous player — particularly with his strong marking technique, capped off with a consistency record that enabled him to kick goals from a long way out.

In 1977 and 1978 he topped the WAFL goalkicking table with 108 goals and 82 goals respectively and those were certainly his best years.

Every season sees a passing parade of stars . . . the time when league footballers decide that their WAFL careers have come to an end.

Recently we looked at some of the 1980 stars who are no longer out on the league arena; retired or moved on for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it is injury; sometimes pressure of work; sometimes just a lessening of the desire to tackle the seven-day-a-week grind of being a league footballer.

Our Swan Gold Spotlight believes that these players, who have given the fans hours of enjoyment over the years, should be given an official farewell.

They might be missing from the 1981 scenario, but they have left some impressionable memories . . .



DAVID HOLLINS was a football magician; a player whose dazzling talents in the centre of the ground won him the 1971 Sandover Medal.

Last year, at the age of 29 and almost exactly 10 years after his senior debut in Perth, Hollins finally decided to retire; a decision that had been made and postponed several times in the previous few years.

Hollins came to East Fremantle from South Bunbury in 1970 with a big reputation as a talented ball-handler, a medium-sized player with incredible skills and a penchant for doing miraculous things with the football.

He didn't disappoint the city fans — and within two seasons he had won the State's top award in a most controversial Sandover Medal runaway victory.

He managed only seven games last season, taking his tally to 189, and it was a disappointing day when he finally conceded that fitness, form and time prevented him from continuing in the league arena.

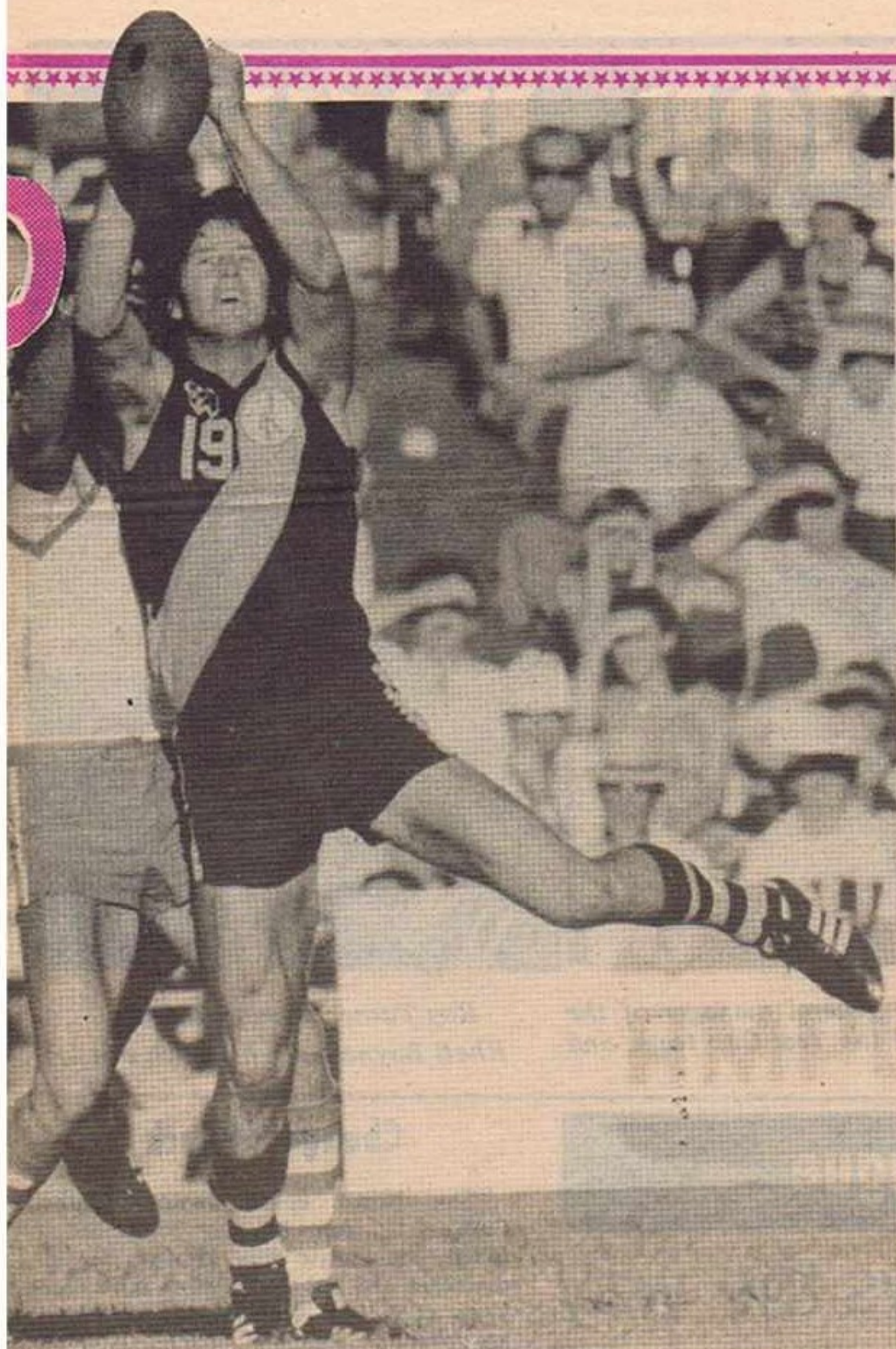
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DITCHBURN certainly qualifies as a footballer who has retired prematurely — or victim of the country farming scene. The young-looking Ditchburn arrived down at Claremont from Kukerin in 1975 — came under notice of the Claremont talent scouts at Aquinas College — and made a name for himself in league ranks. Ditchburn's ability to take high — and unexpected — marks in attack made him a star player; he kicked 152 goals in his 110 games — most of them out at centre-forward. His best goal tally was 8.4 in 1980 (against Swan Districts) and was always the one who demanded constant attention by the opposing defence. Ditchburn is aged only 24, which means that he has plenty of football ahead of him — Claremont can re-recruit him back from his farming commitments.

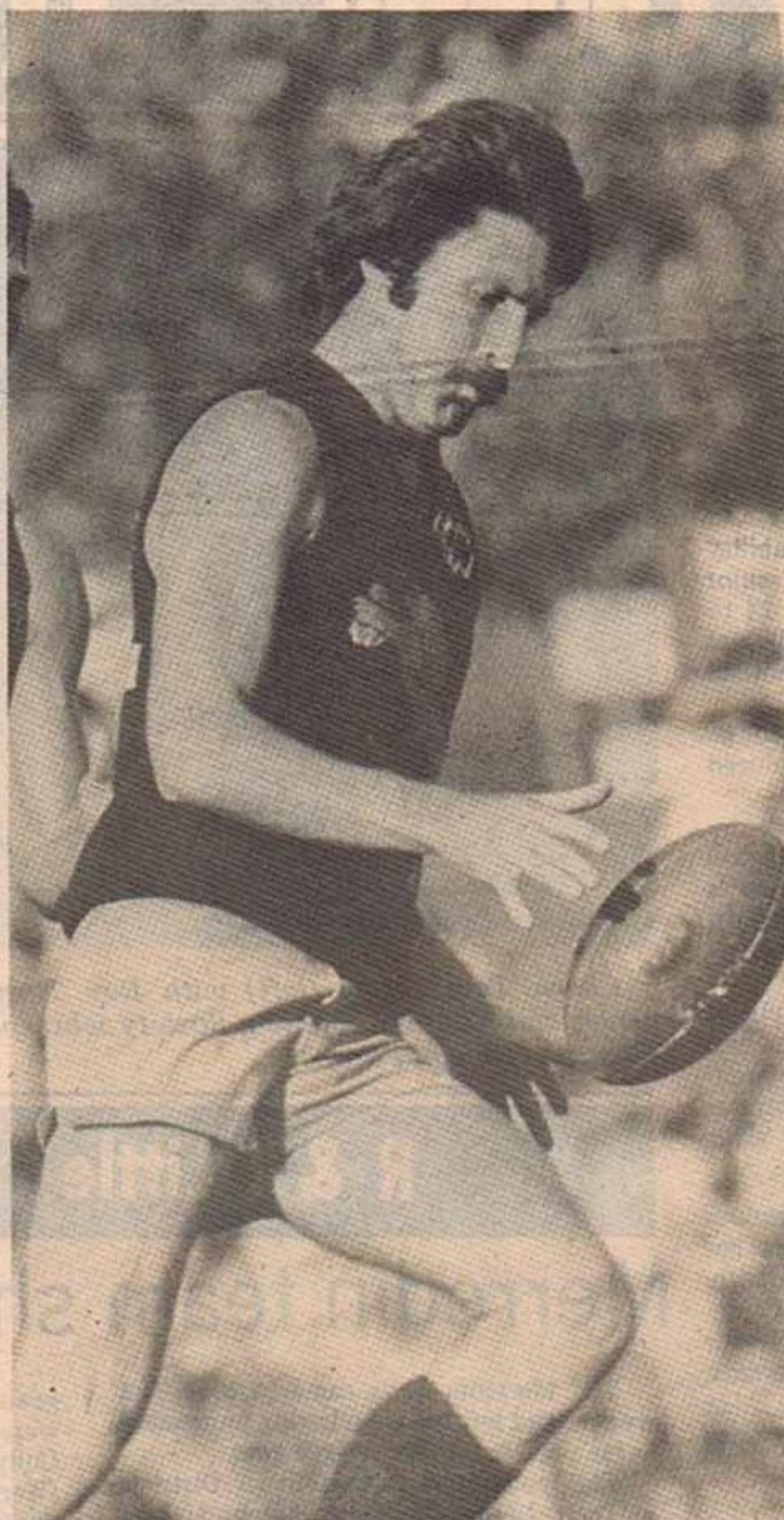


ARCHIE DUDA (left) ranks as one of football's real characters; a man who had a deep desire to prove himself as a full-forward; but one who faced considerable opposition from over the fence.

Duda was a classical forward; a player who could run hotter than hot when things went his way; but one who looked very much out of place when the bounce of the ball went against him.

But the record book shows that there were very few better full-forwards in the history of the East Perth club — and, in fact, in WA — than Duda. He played 118 games with East Perth — averaging 4.12 goals per outing for the Royals. He kicked double-figure tallies three times, with his best being 11.3 versus West Perth in 1977. He reached the 100-goal target — exactly — in that year and was a spearhead for the Royals in many of their finals appearances.

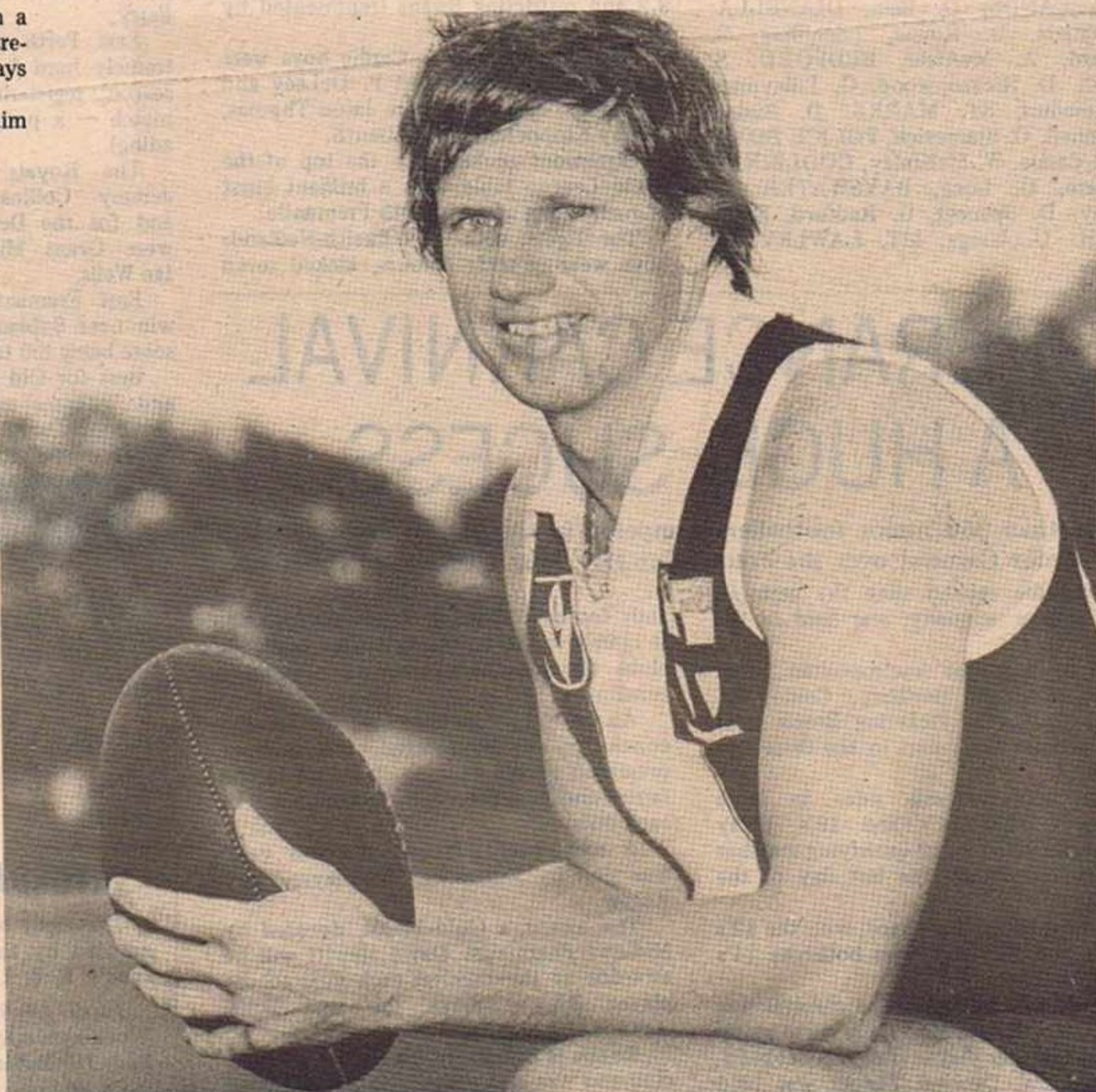
Football ended on a frustrating note for Duda, an excellent kicker of the ball. He transferred to Subiaco, but couldn't win a permanent niche there and finished his career with six senior games at Perth last year. He has now returned to East Perth to help out as a skills coach.



IAN CUNNINGHAM is one of those genuine footballers who have served a club — Subiaco, in his case — faithfully for more than a decade.

It is fair to say that Subiaco have not been one of WA's most successful clubs — but that lack of success has not daunted Cunningham, who finished with an impressive 187 games for the Lions.

Cunningham, in fact, probably officially retired during the 1980 season. He did not notch a senior game with the Lions last season and indicated during the year that his career was over. But it was the summer of 1981 that really confirmed his departure; a sad sight for Subiaco fans who have watched Cunningham soldier on in defence — or in a variety of other positions — since his debut back in 1967.



GEORGE YOUNG was a talented footballer whose Subiaco career was never really long enough.

Young opened up his career with Subiaco way back in 1969, graduating from nearby Wembley — where he has now returned as a coach of the strong

amateur club — and proving to be a very classy forward. He moved to St Kilda in 1973 — in an era when only a select few West Australians crossed the border — and played 110 games with the VFL club.

It was something of a coup for the Lions to entice Young back to WA in 1979 — only to

be frustrated with nagging knee injuries, managing only one game in 1979 and spending most of 1980 striving desperately to regain fitness before finally conceding defeat; retiring after 186 senior games in two States — plus some impressive displays for Western Australia.

**EAST PERTH
SELECT SPECIAL
SQUAD**

The East Perth Football Club have selected their 1981 special squad of junior players.

The boys are selected on their ability and potential to become future senior grade players and are aged between 14 to 15 years of age and play with district teams in the East Perth Junior Football Council.

This year's squad is the sixth to be formed since the scheme was introduced in 1976.

Previous squads were coached by current league coach Grant Dorrington but the coaching of this year's squad is in the capable hands of Trevor Nesbitt, who is the Development Officer at East Perth.

The league club equips each player with a complete set of football gear and the squad trains at Perth Oval every Wednesday afternoon. Coaching concentrates on the improvement of the basic skills associated with football.

This concept has been a tremendous success and in the first four years has produced seven players who are presently in the league team. They are: Grant Campbell, Glyn Williams, Arnold Cox, Trevor Malcolm, Steven DaRui, Craig Edwards, and Gary Frost. Teal Cup players Alex Ishchenko and Glen Bartlett have also been members of the squad.

The special squad for 1981 is:
MAYLANDS: D. Bain, DIANELLA: S. Bartlett, D. Rowse, I. Schilling, G. Goddard, A. McAleer, BEDFORD: S. Griffith, D. Hicksonwood, G. Lilleyman, G. Ameduri, ST. MARKS: D. Budge, G. Connell, C. Starcevic, POLICE BOYS: F. Del Casale, W. McKinlay, COOLBINIA: D. Fare, G. Long, BAYSWATER: A. Rattray, D. Spencer, G. Radford, EAST PERTH: C. Wragg, MT. LAWLEY: D. Geleno.

**ESPERANCE CARNIVAL
A HUGE SUCCESS**

More than 350 junior footballers competed in the annual Swan Districts Zone Junior Carnival over the Foundation Day long weekend in Esperance.

It was the second time the carnival, which rotates annually, was held in the town.

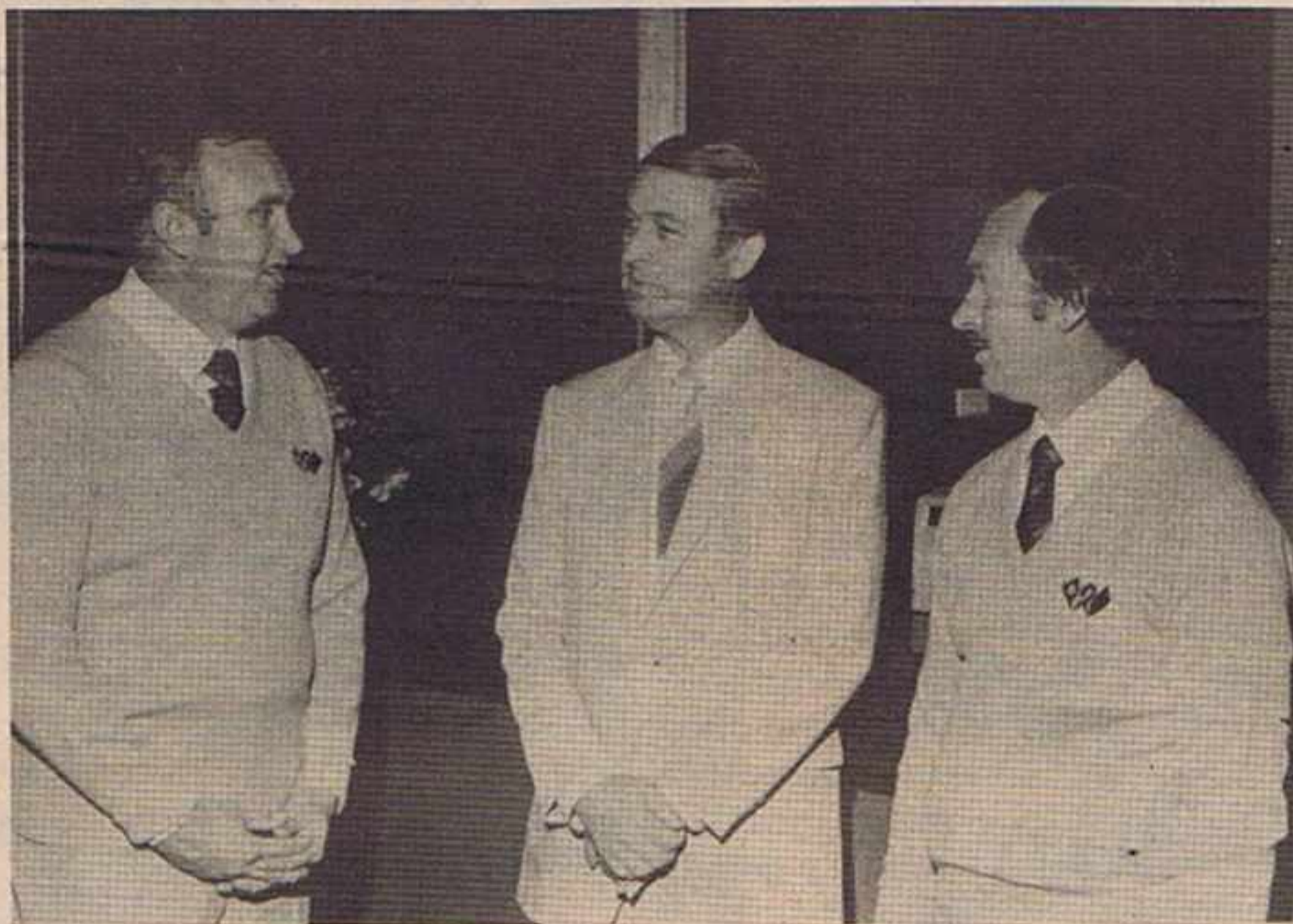
Teams from the metropolitan Swan Districts Council, Bunbury, Collie, Esperance, Hills (the Pickering Brook area) and Esperance took part in the three day carnival.

Each area entered sides in three divisions... 12's, 14's and 16's. Every team participated in 10 qualifying matches before the finals on the last day of the carnival.

The host town, Esperance, won the 12's division and Bunbury won both the 14's and 16's divisions.

Despite the fact that the carnival was dogged by bad weather, there were many top class matches played over the weekend.

An official Carnival Dinner was held on the Saturday night for the many officials that travelled to Esperance. Among them were Swan Districts president, John Cooper



Coach Tom James (left) with Ray Turner, the general manager of the Town and Country Building Society who sponsored the Teal Cup team, and manager Graham Forsyth.



Ray Turner presents captain Rhett Baynes with his track suit.

R & I Little League

Merredin team shows the way

The Merredin boys came to town last week — and left behind a lasting impression as far as R. & I. Little League goes.

The youngsters blitzed Swan Districts in their Leederville Oval match, kicking 9.2 and restricting Swans (represented by Guildford) to nil.

Best players for the Cardie boys were A. Scorza, S. Crook and P. DeLacy and for Swans, their best were Jason Thomas, Jeffrey Klopper and Chris Dauth.

Claremont rocketed to the top of the Little League table with a brilliant burst of goalkicking against South Fremantle.

The Tigers, with the Dalkeith-Nedlands boys wearing their colours, kicked seven

goals straight to South's nil. Best players were Tony Evans, Phil Barrett and David Cully for the winners and for Souths (Warnbro) their good players were Kim Shuttleworth, Allan Robinson and Evan Perry.

East Perth (Police Boys) worked extremely hard for their second win of the season, registering the only score of the match — a point — against Perth (Quairading).

The Royals' best were Tim Pense, Jeremy Collinson and Paul O'Malley and for the Demons, their good players were Grant Mills, Chris Bradshaw and Ian Wells.

East Fremantle (Melville) had a good win over Subiaco (Takari) with the final score being 5.0 to 3.2.

Best for Old Easts were Preedy, Crotty and Williams and for the Lions, Aaron Johnson, Darryl Buckingham and Nicky Stilian were good triers.

**R & I LITTLE LEAGUE
PREMIERSHIP TABLE**

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Claremont	9	6	3	154	49	314	24
Subiaco	9	6	3	195	76	256	24
West Perth	9	6	3	168	88	190	24
South Frem.	9	5	4	125	133	93	20
East Frem.	9	5	4	110	146	75	20
Perth	9	3	6	57	86	66	12
Swan Dist.	9	3	6	65	189	34	12
East Perth	9	2	7	52	156	33	8

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The eight league clubs will be represented by these junior teams in this week's R & I Little League matches:

Perth (Byford); South Fremantle (Rockingham); Claremont (Whitfords No. 3); Subiaco (Murray Districts); Swan Districts (Belmont); West Perth (Osborne Park); East Fremantle (Mt Pleasant); East Perth (Bayswater).

Change of luck

The North Beach Junior Football Club's 14's team has just completed its fourth consecutive win. Previous to this, the team had not won a game in its three years since they came together in a lower age group.

CONTEST TIME

There are more South Fremantle junior fans around than any other club, judging on the response to our Junior Quiz.

Every week our letter box is full of entries from Bulldogs fans and this week it is a 10-year-old from Spearwood who has had his entry drawn out of the barrel.

Michael Dunstan was the first correct entry opened and he receives a great Chesson football in red and white colours, as his reward.

You too can be a winner simply by answering this week's questions and sending your entry off to:

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QUIZ NO. 10

QUESTION NO. 1: Where was Rod Lester-Smith born?

ANSWER

QUESTION NO. 2: Who are the Magpies in Victoria?

ANSWER

QUESTION NO. 3: Who did GPR commentator John Watts play for in WA?

ANSWER

MY NAME IS:

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MY AGE IS:

I BARRACK FOR:

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The answers to Quiz No. 9 were: 1. South Fremantle; 2. Melbourne; 3. Stephen Michael.



FRONT ROW (from left) Ken Allen, Mark Valli, Michael Smith, Terry Booth, Paul Cook. SECOND ROW: Michael Mori, Tim Bushe-Jones, Rhett Baynes (captain), Tom James (coach), Robert Zupanovich (vice-captain), Roy Morgan, Brenton Steward. THIRD ROW: Graham Forsythe (manager), Gary Bock, Paul Harding, Alex Ishchenko, Peter Sartori, Glen Bartlett, Dean Farmer, Warren Dean, Mal Newington (trainer). BACK ROW: (from left) Brent Hutton, Danny Platts, Joe Agnello, Steve Da Rui, Ken Martin, Graham Saunders, Rod Grljusich.

TEAL CUP TEAM

WA's Teal Cup officials have returned home disappointed at their efforts in Melbourne — but already planning for next year's series.

The cream of WA's junior footballers finished third after going down to South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Their only victory was over the Australian Capital Territory — but the WA camp believes it was robbed in the Northern Territory match.

A WA player had taken a mark just before the final siren and just a couple of metres out from goals, with the Northern Territory only two points in front. However, the umpire ruled that the match was over and wouldn't allow the kick to be taken.

Four WA players — Robert Zupanovich, Rhett Baynes, Paul Cook and Alex Ishchenko — earned selection in the All-Australian team.

Below are the results of the WA matches:

W. A.	4.5	7.10	10.12	16.14	110
ACT.	2.1	4.1	6.2	6.2	38

Goals, WA: Harding 5; Allen 4; Booth 2; Valli 2; Grljusich, Platts, Sartori. Best, WA: Zupanovich, Baynes, Bock, Platts, Allen, Grljusich.

S.A.	4.6	8.8	10.8	11.11	77
W.A.	1.4	4.5	7.6	10.7	67

Goals, WA: Bock 2; Sartori 2; Hutton 2; Baynes, Ishchenko, Harding, Stewart. Best, WA: Cook, Hutton, Ishchenko, Platts, Booth, Baynes.

N.T.	2.3	4.5	8.6	10.7	67
W.A.	4.4	6.8	7.13	8.17	65

Goals, WA: Sartori 3; Bock 2; Valli, Booth, Allen. Best, WA: Hutton, Platts, Saunders, Martin, Sartori, Farmer.

6PM WESTSIDE FOOTBALL FOOTY QUIZ



There's no shortage of football expertise around the town according to radio 6PM drive-time announcer Gary Shannon.

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Simply be a write-in winner and answer this Footy Fact question and win yourself a double pass to a City Theatres cinema, plus be eligible for the major prize.

QUESTION: 6PM has a former captain of Perth on their around-the-grounds team. Who is he?

ANSWER

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Watch this space next week for the five lucky winners of the write-in quiz and the five on-air winners in Gary Shannon's programme ... and keep tuned to 6PM drive time.

Write-in winners for Week No. 2: Debbie Hargrave, Merredin; Peter Borgogono, Balcatta; Dale Johnson, Embleton; Richard Glass, Leederville; Nick McDonald, Mt. Lawley.

Phone-in winners for Week No. 2: Kerry Paddick, Noranda; Cathy Hill, Lathlain; Frank Arongio, Hilton; Anthony Citriani, Dianella.

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WA suffers two defeats in ES tour

The West Australian Amateur Football League suffered two defeats during its rushed two-State tour last weekend.

The squad was easily defeated by Victoria in atrocious conditions in Melbourne on Saturday, but the battle scarred squad put up a good showing in Adelaide on Monday against South Australia.

MELBOURNE MATCH

Kicking against a handy breeze in the first quarter they held out the opposition and Victorian coach Fisher was worried that his lead was not enough at quarter time. Three early disallowed marks in the W.A. full-forward area, (which would certainly have been allowed by W.A.F.L. umpires) did nothing to help the visitors morale.

Though the W.A. team had equal amount of possession of the ball throughout the game, they did not make proper use of it and blazed away with indiscriminate high kicks and were clearly outmarked in most positions.

The WA side didn't display the team work, backing up and run-on style of play that has been a hallmark of past WA teams. The Victorians regained the Sunny Citrus Cup won last year by W.A.

It may be a long time before another W.A. Amateur side visits Victoria. It was obvious from last Saturday's match that our sides are unable to master the conditions that the Victorians revel in.

Sometimes scores do not reflect the true efforts of losing sides, but clearly the best the W.A.A.F.L. could offer was not good enough.

W.A.A.F.L. coach Greg Parker, despite many desperate moves, could not gain any resemblance of stability in his team and was certainly dejected after the shattering loss.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

As at May 30 and subject to official confirmation:-

'A' League - P. Botsis (Wembley) 24; K. Simeon (Maylands) 15.

'B' League - G. Fathers (Morley) 42; R. Mitchell 21.

'C' League - M. Doig (Wembley) 33; S. McNamara (T.C.C.) 31.

'D' Division - B. Choules (Mayswater) 25.

'E' Division - G. Blight (R & I) 30; R. Kane (Maylands) 22.

'F' Division - J. Walker (Dianella) 24; M. Drasic (Forrestfield) 20; B. Barber (Melville) 18.

'G' Division - H. Piotrowski (Koondoola) 32; J. Miller (John 23rd) and G. McMullan (John 23rd) 26 each.

'H' Division - J. Fox (Forrestfield) 19.

'I' Division - I. Thomson (Applecross) 32.

'J' Division - I. Kelly (Robbs Jetty) 59; L. Wainwright (Swanview) 22.

'K' Division - G. Jacques (Maylands) 16; W. Lewis (Koondoola) 13.

'A' Colts - K. Brent-White (Collegians) 21.

'B' Colts - K. Garnaut (Hamersley) 16; C. Kirby (Ashfield) 14.

Sunday Division - T. Woodward (Graylands) 33; M. Bathurst (E.F.) 19.

This list was compiled from goalscoring lists supplied to league on match sheets.

IMPORTANT

There are many clubs who do not record all goals kicked by team members on their match sheets before submitting them to the umpire. In many cases there are players who have kicked more goals than actually recorded by some of the above division leaders.

• Further comments on the interstate tour will appear in next week's edition.

OUR AMATEUR EDITOR COMMENTS...

It seems that no matter what grade of football is played in Melbourne mid-season, W.A. teams all seem to suffer the same fate against Victorian teams.

This is despite the closeness of matches against Victorian teams in Perth.

Our highly fancied Teal Cup team, who pushed all other States, suffered the same fate (as the Amateurs), when they played Victoria last weekend.

ADELAIDE MATCH

The match against South Australia was played in much better conditions at Alberton Oval.

West Australia, though still feeling the effects of the tough Melbourne match, enjoyed the dry surface and felt more at home.

The W.A. side, again kicked against the breeze in the first quarter and the 27 point margin established by South Australia in this quarter proved to be a match winning lead.

Injuries sustained in the Saturday match left W.A. one man short on the inter-change bench and this again proved to be a telling factor in the final quarter, when W.A. lacked the finishing power.

Under the circumstances, W.A.'s performance against the undisputed leaders in Australian Amateur Football, was creditable and did much to regain some of the prestige that the W.A. side lost against the Victorians.

• Full details of both matches appear on the National Scoreboard on page 19.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

C LEAGUE - Mt Lawley 20, Whitfords 20, T.C. Claremont 20, Swanbourne 20, City Beach 16, M.H.W.P. 16, Wembley 12, Hamersley 8, Perth 8, Churchlands 0.

D DIVISION - Commonwealth Bank 24, Innaloo 24, Nollamara 20, Osborne Park 16, Ashfield 16, T.C. Mt Lawley 16, Bayswater 12, Teachers 8, C.B.C. 4, Carlisle 0.

E DIVISION - North Beach 20, University 20, Brentwood 16, R & I Bank 16, Coolbellup 16, Collegians 16, Old Wesley 12, Maylands 12, North Fremantle 8, Floreat Marist 4.

F DIVISION - Dianella 24, National Bank 24, Muresk 20, Forrestfield 16, Melville 12, St Norberts 12, Innaloo 12, Greenwood 8, Trinity/Aquinas 4, W.A.I.T. 4.

G DIVISION - Koondoola 28, Lynwood/Ferndale 24, Scarborough 24, John 23rd 20, University 16, Wembley 12, Mt Lawley 8, Morley 8, Swanbourne 4, Whitfords 0.

H DIVISION - M.H.W.P. 28, Coolbinia 24, North Beach 24, Forrestfield 20, Edgewater 12, Old Scotch 12, Nollamara 12, Collegians 8, Old Wesley 4, Morley 0.

I DIVISION - Applecross 24, Bullcreek 20, Dianella 20, Osborne Park 12, Floreat/Marist 12, Ashfield 8, Maranatha 8, Bayswater 8, Hamersley 0.

J DIVISION - Robb Jetty 28, Mt Lawley 24, Swan View 24, Hellenic 20, City Beach 16, North Beach 12, Bullcreek 12, Lynwood/Ferndale 4, M.H.W.P. 4, Edgewater 0.

K DIVISION - Maylands 28, Koondoola 20, Whitfords 16, Carlisle 16, Dianella 12, W.A.I.T. 8, North Fremantle 6, Coolbellup 6, Greenwood 4.

All tables are subject to official confirmation

The Koondoola Club are conducting bingo in the Koondoola Hall (just behind the shopping centre) in Burbridge Avenue, Koondoola every Wednesday night.



West Australia's Wayne Howes makes a desperate attempt to retrieve the ball in this tight situation in the match against Victoria at Elsternwick Oval in Melbourne last Saturday.

IMPORTANT MATCH FOR NOLLAMARA

Normal fixtures resume this weekend in all 15 Divisions.

The game of the day in 'A' league should be between University and Nollamara.

'Nolla' cannot afford to drop this one as they are one game out of the four and the second, third and fourth teams (Old Wesley, Wembley and Old Scotch all on equal points) are already one game clear and play lower placed teams.

Mt Lawley do not look like causing an upset against Old Scotch as is the similar case between second placed Old Wesley who meet the 'Boomers' (Trinity/Aquinas).

Wembley should retain third spot with a win over an unpredictable Collegians. Maylands have a chance to win their fourth game of the season and edge up the ladder against Carlisle who have yet to win.

B LEAGUE

Morley must defeat fourth placed North Fremantle to prevent a two-game gap opening up. Bayswater and C.B.C. should provide fireworks in their encounter with the winner gaining valuable ground and the loser playing out the rest of the season with no hope of making the finals.

Top placed North Beach and University (third) clash at Riley Oval and it could be an interesting affair as Uni have been playing good team football over recent weeks.

C DIVISION

City Beach (fifth), must beat division leaders Mt Lawley, otherwise their chances at a finals place will diminish as will M.H.W.P. (equal fifth) who play fourth placed Swanbourne.

D DIVISION

Both Ashfield and T.C. Mt Lawley have their first chance to grab fourth spot as currently fourth placed team Osborne Park meet a stronger Nollamara. Carlisle could open their account against C.B.C. at Carlisle Reserve.

E DIVISION

Tommy Hitchcock's Old Wesley's team - a pre-season highly rated side - has slipped in recent weeks and have to defeat R & I (fourth) to regain fourth spot.

Even eighth placed Maylands can jump into the four with a good victory over Floreat/Marist in a very tight competition.

THIS SATURDAY

Mt. Lawley v Old Scotch at Perth Oval, Collegians v Wembley at Claremont Oval, Maylands v Carlisle at Bassendean Oval, Nollamara v University at Nollamara Oval No. 1, Old Wesley v Trinity-Aquinas at East Fremantle Oval.

A LEAGUE - JUNE 20TH

Old Wesley vs Mt Lawley at Claremont Oval; Wembley vs Old Scotch at Perth Oval; Carlisle vs Collegians at Carlisle Reserve; University vs Maylands at McGillivray No. 1; Trinity/Aquinas vs Nollamara at Bassendean Oval.

F DIVISION

The luck has changed for National Bank A.F.C. who have missed out on the last two years' final rounds by percentage. Now placed second, they meet a luckless W.A.I.T. and a victory will almost guarantee them a place in the finals.

G DIVISION

Undefeated giant-killers Koondoola, despite a run of injuries, meet Lynwood who suffered their first loss last game against third placed Scarborough.

H DIVISION

The top four teams have cleared out from the rest (see table) and now are juggling for placings within the four.

I DIVISION

An interesting situation has developed where only one game separates the fourth team Osborne Park and ninth team Bayswater.

J DIVISION

The City Beach team in fifth place look likely to be the only team to challenge for a place for the four as the other teams look too weak to cause any upsets.

Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

S. West withstand strong challenge

The South West National Football League retained its title as the top country league in WA last Sunday when they defeated a combined Southern Districts National Football League side in Bunbury.

In what had been predicted as an easy match for South-West turned into a hard, slogging affair played in windy and wet conditions.

South West led for the first half but as soon as the rain fell, Southern Districts showed great fighting qualities to lead by four points at the 10-minute mark in the third quarter.

But the powerful South West side fought back in the concluding stages of the match to win by 29 points.

The final score was South West 13.21 to Southern Districts 10.10.

Southern Districts won the clash when the sides met in Albany last season by 13 points.

LAKE GRACE WIN . . .

Lake-Grace Kulin, led by former Claremont star, Ross Ditchburn defeated Eastern Districts in an inter league match at Kondinin on Sunday. Final scores were 9.17 to 6.15.

However, Eastern Districts turned the table in a clash between the two leagues second-eighteens, and won 7.19 to 3.3. Eastern Districts also won the under 19's match 9.15 to 8.5.

BP PILBARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The De Grey Football League has appointed Harry Newman as non playing coach of the combined side to play in the annual BP Pilbara Championships in South Hedland on July 4 and 5.

Newman, a former star player with Goldsworthy and Port Hedland Panthers captain-coached the combined side in the 1978 championships at Tom Price.

Newman has played more than 100 games for Goldsworthy and led them to the 1977 premiership.

He has won the De Grey gold medal and the fairest and best in the league as well as winning his club's medal twice.

West Pilbara has appointed Don Newman (no relation) as their coach for championships.

Don is the captain-coach of Karratha. He coached West Pilbara at Newman last year and the Fortescue League at South Hedland in 1977.

Other sides to play in the championship are Newman and Fortescue but coaches have yet to be named.

MANJIMUP IMPROVEMENTS

The Tigers Football Club, playing in the Lower South West Football League has just completed major improvements to their Rea Park Oval surface.

Club president, Mr Danny Jones said the club members had carted 550 truck loads of sand to the oval during the past 12 months.

The surface is nearly ready for play. Goal posts and training lights have also been installed and make the ground one of the best in the competition.

LSWFL NAME OFFICIALS

The Lower South West Football League has appointed officials for their interleague matches this season. The league will take part in the Great Southern Carnival in Albany and the Wesfarmers Carnival in Perth. Those appointed: John Turner (league coach), Henry Gibelline (seconds coach), Don Hicks and John Turner (selectors) the league captain will be the third selector, J. Milentis and M. Morgan (trainers), D. Hicks (property man) and J. Sebire (team manager).

COUNTRY NEWS

Country football clubs, associations and leagues are invited to submit news items and photographs to Westside Football.

It is our aim to provide as wide a coverage of country football as possible and this can only be achieved with the co-operation of the various clubs and the governing bodies.

Contributions should be forwarded by mail to P.O. Box 442, Morley, 6062.

SORRELL REACHES TON

Rovers full-forward Kim Sorrell, playing in the De Grey and West Pilbara Football League, has become the eighth player to notch up 100 games for a club.

Kim has been a follower of the Demons camp for many years and is one of the top goal scorers in the competition.

Kim joins the elite group of players to record this feat since the league was formed in 1969.

HAYWARD MILESTONE

Veteran Collie player Bill Hayward played his 250th league game last Sunday. Bill has also played 50 games in inter-league football playing for the South West National Football League.

OLD EAST CLINICS

Over 800 children attended a successful East Fremantle Football Club zoning junior coaching clinic held recently.

Old East's coaching co-ordinator Jeff Cassidy was in charge of the annual clinic held at three country towns held over three days.

The clinic started off in Geraldton where 227 youngsters took to the field, 247 at Three Springs and 320 at Moora.

Helping Jeff Cassidy conduct the clinics were East Fremantle footballers Graham Kickett, Clinton Browning and Bevan King.

Each of the league players selected groups of boys and were presented with East Fremantle jumpers, travelling bags, boots and socks.

RAILWAYS CITY BRANCH

The Railways Football Club Old Players Association has formed a city based group in Perth.

Former club president Mr Bill Magnall joins Kevin Jackson and John Oag to be the Albany club's city representatives.

Their aim is to direct people interested in football and heading for Albany, to join the Railways club.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS BACK TO NORMAL

After a two week break, normal home and away fixtures recommence this Sunday in the Southern Districts National Football League competition.

The game-of-the-day should be the match between Royals and South Mount Barker who will do battle for second spot on the premiership ladder. Another interesting tussle will be that between Railways and North Mt Barker. The Albany side must win this match to keep their finals chances alive.

CARDIES ON TOP

Unbeaten Karratha Cardinals, coached by former East Fremantle player Danny Malone, pounced on Wickham last Sunday to defeat that side easily.

Malone has his side in great form. They won 26.24 to Wickham's 6.4.

Cardinals have won seven games straight this season and lead comfortably on the premiership table.

Karratha, who have won six games and also unbeaten this season had a bye last week and remain four points behind the leaders.

South Hedland gave little chance for Panthers when they crushed that side 15.14 to 9.9.

Dampier had no trouble in beating Goldsworthy 24.22 to 9.10 and Port Hedland Rovers defeated Finucane Island 30.19 to 18.17.

SERTORIO OUT

Former Great Northern National Football League player and now Towns captain-coach Graham Sertorio, could be out of action for a month because of a dislocated shoulder injury.

Sertorio had to be carried from the ground after a heavy clash during a game recently.

His injury comes as a big blow to Towns as they are near the bottom of the ladder this season and hopes of making the four will be determined on Sertorio's return.

He has been one of the best footballers in the Geraldton area for many years.

COACHES BOX

The Norseman Football Club want coaches boxes constructed at the Dundas Memorial Oval.

The club sought shire approval and requested the material to be supplied and the club would erect the boxes.

COLLIE CLASH

The Collie Recreation ground is expected to burst at the seams this Sunday when the two top South West National Football League Clubs, Mines Rovers and Carey Park do battle.

A record crowd is expected to witness the match which is being billed as the "game of the season".

Former East Perth ruckman Ian McCulloch is expected to make a return to the Mines side and could add vital experience.

Carey Park suffered a severe setback when their star centre-half-back, John King received a broken arm in last Sunday's interleague match in Bunbury.

Other games this weekend: South Bunbury v Collie at Hands Oval, Busselton v Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup at Busselton, Augusta-Margaret River v Bunbury at Margaret River and Harvey-Brunswick v Donnybrook at Brunswick.

AVON WARM-UP

The Avon Football Association combined side will clash with Mortlock at Goomalling in July in preparation for the Wesfarmers Country Championships.

A spokesman from the Avon association said the league wanted to make sure all the players know each other well before the carnival starts on July 30.

"We easily defeated the WA Amateur side two weeks ago and this was a good indication for a bright chance in the championships," he said.



Swan Districts president John Cooper (right) and director Lindsay Johnston visited Esperance recently and are pictured here with Esperance Association officials Bob McGillivray (second from left) president Mike Farris (centre) and vice-president Gerry Middleton. - Picture: Esperance Express.

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BENNETT'S BURST

With leading newspaper football critic ROBERT BENNETT.



Do some coaches have us bluffed?

How's this for a change . . . league coaches bluffing members of the media.

Who are these ogres? John Todd, Ken Armstrong and Malcolm Brown.

But while I'm prepared to name the coaches I will not reveal the names of some football commentators. I cannot encourage other coaches to get into the act!

By commentators, I mean the various branches of the football media.

The main reason for being wary of the trio of coaches mentioned is the way they sometimes react after matches.

I know some post-match comments by Armstrong have annoyed some members of the media. He tends to be ambiguous with his comments and some aren't quite sure who he is really having a shot at.

This season Todd became embroiled in a heated argument with one commentator that almost resulted in a "come-outside-and-we'll-see" situation.

Brown has jarred the occasional commentator over the years, but to my mind he has mellowed to his earlier coaching days, (he once threatened to knock my head off and probably with good reason). But he still has some media wary of him.

One media man was not prepared to venture into Brown's "lair" on Saturday after an earlier incident, even though it didn't directly involve Brown.

That commentator is still fuming over a load of sand that was dumped on his front lawn!

The above incidents indicate the sour relations that have started to develop between some coaches and members of the media.

It is unfortunate. Certainly no media man likes to have strips torn off him

in a situation where he can't really defend himself.

To make matters worse, such verbal blasts only inflame supporters who cram into clubrooms after a match.

Also commentators shouldn't have to put up with snide remarks from officials when they are trying to get a comment from a coach after a match.

While I concede that clubrooms are an emotional venue immediately after a match, I would remind coaches and officials that most media are under pressure to meet a deadline in their reporting of football.

They shouldn't have to put up with acts of petulance and I direct those remarks to all coaches. If they find that they can't restrain themselves after a game, then perhaps they should have someone else to handle the media for them.

If coaches, or officials, make certain members of the media and umpires their target in after-match comments, then it can lead to ugly situations. Just ask Alan McIntosh.

Okay, if we fire bullets then we should expect flak in return. But coaches have the opportunity to return the "favour" through the media.

It does not advance football if they, or club officials, become embroiled in verbal fisticuffs with the media at a time when emotions are running high.

FOOTNOTE: After this article perhaps I should wear my motor cycle crash helmet next time I venture into clubrooms for a coach's comment.

GARY'S GOSSIP



BROWN TO COACH SYDNEY TEAM

I broke the story sometime ago, that Mal Brown could be moving to Sydney in his job with Australian Insurance Brokers. Well, I now believe that Brownie will move east at the end of this season.

I also hear that he will probably coach the proposed 13th side to take part in the VFL competition.

The VFL is most anxious to have a strong Sydney team in their competition, plus of course they could then take advantage of the NSW gambling laws to help finance such a venture.

Brown will probably deny it, but I know that he has already had talks with some of the big wigs in Melbourne and Sydney. Never-the-less, you can bet that the South Fremantle management will try hard to keep controversial Malcolm for at least another two seasons, as he has done a fine job with the Bulldogs.

My informants also told me that if Brown does coach in Sydney, his assistant and physical fitness advisor could be East Fremantle coach Ken Smith.

MELLIE FOR WEST PERTH?

One of the big rumours of the week is that Graham Melrose could be entering the coaching arena next year. The club that is rumoured to be interested in signing "Mellie" is West Perth.

Now before you "Cardies" supporters start ringing me up and abusing me and before I get banned from the West Perth club, you may be interested to know that this little "tit bit" of tantalizing information came from a Swan Districts league player and it wasn't Graham Melrose.

Although, to be fair, it's hard to imagine Graham Campbell being replaced next season as coach of the Cardies, or is it the "Falcons"?

BUCKENARA WILL STAY

Most of our local critics expect Gary Buckenara to go to Hawthorn next season. However, I now believe that this talented all-rounder may stay with the Lions after all as he and the club will be offered some financial assistance shortly from one of Perth's leading businessmen.

I know who it is and what he intends to do, but I have been sworn to secrecy and you know me, I never break a confidence.

COUNTRY INTEREST

There is a tremendous amount of interest being generated from the country areas regarding guest appearances by some of our league stars and coaches.

I know that Barry Cable is off to Kalgoorlie soon and yours truly will accompany Mal Brown to the same town to be guest speakers at the Tower Hotel on Thursday evening, July 16. Other centres to be visited soon include Bridgetown and Katanning.

TROTTLING TV SHOW

I am really looking forward to visiting Gloucester Park on Friday June 19 for a really big occasion at our Trotting Headquarters. I will be joining the 6IX World of Football Panel - Percy Johnson, Fred Woods, Harvey Deegan, Allan (Chubby) Stiles and John Rogers in the new stand at Gloucester Park for a special football programme, followed by a trotting panel show which I will co-host with my good mate TVW-7/6IX racing and trotting expert, Jimmy Chadwick.

We will be giving away dozens of passes to the big interstate match WA versus South Australia, which will be played of course the following day, Saturday June 20.

GARY CARVOLTH

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

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

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

This form guide, which should be cut out and clipped in a file, will give you an easy-to-read indicator of the consistency and form of our leading players.

It also provides an interesting comparison of the best-on-ground lists compiled by the various media.

JUNE 6	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	TVW 7	GPR	GPM	6IX	6WF	Umpires
Sth. Frem. v Claremont	Geoff Christian: Rioli (SF) Hardie (SF) P. Krakouer (C)	Ray Wilson: Rioli P. Krakouer Campbell (SF)	Bob Cribb: Campbell P. Krakouer J. Krakouer (C)	Robbie Burns: P. Krakouer Hardie Michael (SF)	John Rogers: Rioli Barrett P. Krakouer	Oscar Howard: Rioli Hardie P. Krakouer	Joe Fanchi: Rioli J. Krakouer Hardie	Frank Sparrow: Hardie P. Krakouer Rioli	Ray Lawrence: Barrett Rioli Aitken (C)	Powell/Gillies
West Perth v Swan Dist.	Ken Casellas: Neesham (SD) Baker (SD) Blackaby (SD)	Robert Bennett: Neesham Baker Beasley (SD)	Julian Stawell: Neesham P. Narkle (SD) Baker	Michael Thomson: Neesham Baker P. Narkle	Steve Marsh: Neesham Baker P. Narkle	Alan East: Baker Neesham Holden (SD)	Les Mumme: Neesham Baker Beasley	Allan Stiles: Neesham Baker P. Narkle	David Dyson: Neesham Beasley Baker	Heame/Rowe
Subiaco v East Frem.	Doug Young: Valli (S) B. Taylor (S) Peake (EF)	Colin Hopkins: Valli B. Taylor Peake	Ross Elliott: Valli Judge (EF) B. Taylor	Alan McIntosh: Valli B. Taylor Judge	Chris Mitsopoulos: N. Taylor (S) Valli Peake	Peter Van Helden: N. Taylor Valli Judge	Ian Miller: Valli N. Taylor Melville (S)	Rowley Daw: B. Taylor Valli Judge	Eric Sarich: N. Taylor Valli Peake	Capes/White
Perth v East Perth	John Sheterline: W. Simms (P) Otway (EP) Johnson (P)	Rod Lane: Campbell (EP) W. Simms Otway	Ross Nicholas: Johnson W. Simms Otway	Peter Sweeney: W. Simms Campbell Johnson	Marty McDonnell: W. Simms Otway Turner (EP)	Bob Hicks: W. Simms McGuire (P) Otway	Ken Inman: W. Simms Campbell Otway	Phil Mulcahy: W. Simms Otway Turner	Ray Sleeth: McGuire Johnson W. Simms	Phillips/O'Reilly

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SOUTH FREMANTLE v EAST PERTH
BOB CRABB: South Fremantle are going to give Graham Campbell and his West Perth players one final chance to get back into the top-four race by beating East Perth.



PERTH v CLAREMONT
ALAN EAST: Football is due for an upset and the Demons showed some encouraging signs last week. But this Tiger den is jam-packed with talent that will take some stopping — and that's beyond the Demons just now.



SUBIACO v SWAN DISTRICTS
FRED WOODS: Subiaco's form has been great and I'd love to see them continue winning. But they just haven't quite got the expertise to win against Swans.



WEST PERTH v EAST FREMANTLE
MARTY McDONNELL: West Perth are still in the finals business — but they have to win this one to stay there and put Old Easts out.

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IAN MILLER



Our crowds don't like the wet

There are a lot of differences between football in WA and Victoria — and crowd reaction to weather is one of them.

Sure, Saturday was a bad day but people in Perth just don't support the game in wet weather the same as they do in Melbourne.

I thought that the crowd at Subiaco Oval was disappointing in view of all the covered seating available at the ground.

It was obvious from this match that Subiaco handled the conditions much better than East Fremantle.

The downpour reminded me of the 1978 grand final, when the ground became flooded.

Obviously, there has been some work put in on the drainage since then.

But the Subiaco end of the ground was a lot more water-logged than the other half — which would suggest that there still could be a bit of a drainage problem there.

UNDER FIRE

Umpire Lance White came in for a lot of criticism after the game between Subiaco and East Fremantle on Saturday.

It came from all quarters, but particularly East Fremantle supporters.

But umpires are only like players. He is young and inexperienced and will obviously make mistakes.

The Umpires Board is doing the right thing, however, by putting him with Rose Capes on a Saturday.

Capes is the best and most experienced man-in-white in WA. If umpire White can learn anything, it is by being on the same ground as Capes.

RABBITTING OUT?

On the subject of Capes, I thought he really put his foot down well on Saturday on the issue of "rabbitting."

There is no doubt that the controversial decision against John Bengough — who played well — was correct.

Could this mean that the defender's nightmare of forwards ducking their heads is over?

HELPING OUT

It is always good to see former players chipping in and helping their old club out.

I couldn't help but think of this when I was a guest on the Claremont club's panel show on Sunday.

On the panel were chairman John O'Connell, Les Mumme, Lorne Cook and John McIntosh.

I also ran into former Claremont and Geelong great Dennis Marshall during the week.

Marshall spends most of his time with

his business interests these days. But it was refreshing to hear his views on today's current teams — and Claremont in particular.

HATS OFF

You have got to take your hat off to South Fremantle coach Mal Brown.

There is no doubt that he has really got South out of their attack of "premier-ship blues."

They have shown in the last three weeks that they are really on the right track again.

The State coach already has one leg of his 1981 trifecta in. WA have beaten Victoria. Now he needs a win against South Australia and another premier-ship for the Bulldogs.

TRIBUNAL MOVE

It was good to see the WAFL tribunal chairman call a much-needed meeting of all members of the game.

Mr Bernie O'Sullivan has shown a lot of foresight in this area and it can only lead to more consistency in penalties.

WET-WEATHER FAN

Subiaco's new recruit, Mike Sheldon, wasn't worried about the wet conditions on Saturday.

What he did miss, however, was the sticky Victorian mud that gets on the ball in Melbourne on wet days.

This assists in marking the ball and stops it slipping through your hands.

Sheldon did enough to suggest that he could be a useful player for Subiaco.

IT'S HARD!

If you think playing three football matches in seven days is hard, spare a thought for Australia's new hockey coach Richard Aggiss and his team next week.

They will play six games in seven days in Frankfurt and Amsterdam against the world's best.

This is very similar to playing six grand finals in a week.

WHAT'S ON SECTION

The Maylands Amateur Football Club is holding a Sportsman's Night on June 18 at the Peninsula Tavern, Railway Parade, Maylands. Cost is \$12 per head for males only (includes food and refreshments).

Gary Carvolth will be compere. Tickets and further information from Alan Clement 271 6855 or Keith Parry 401 2900.

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