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THE BIG FIGHT

THE CONTENDERS



GRANT DORRINGTON
(East Perth): The next four games are the most important of the season for us.

GRAHAM CAMPBELL
(West Perth): We have got our act together and are coming home at the right time of the season.



This is the way the two coaches of the main rival teams for fourth position on the premiership table see the last half of the season.

Dorrington has made a successful start to his league coaching career and despite severe player losses this year, has the Royals sitting in fourth position on the premiership table — four premiership points and about eight per cent in front of the Cardinals.

While West Perth loom as the main rivals to his side, he doesn't discount either Subiaco or East Fremantle of making a strong challenge for fourth spot in the second half of the year.

"Let's face it," he said. "We all have the same problem and this is consistency. The side that can string together a sequence of wins is the one that will go into the final four."

"I am confident we can continue on. At the start of the year we set out to make the four and so far we have done this."

"Now we must accept that the pressure is going to be applied by our rivals and that's why the next four games are so crucial to us."

"If we are in front at the start of the third round, I think we can make it."

"I believe that we can improve a lot because many senior players have not exerted a great deal of influence on a consistent basis in the first 10 matches



By
**COLIN
HOPKINS**

"Both injuries and lapses in form have been responsible for this — and yet we have still been good enough to hold down fourth position."

Campbell likens the 1981 season to 1976, the year after West Perth won their last premiership.

"In 1976 we won only four out of our first 11 games and made it with three games break to the fifth side," he said.

"In that year we won eight out of our last 10 games and I think the same sort of pattern will emerge this year."

"The win against East Fremantle not only put us back in the fight but saw us lift our percentage from 77 to 92."

THE CHAMPIONS

Who do you think have been the best footballers in YOUR club over the last 30 years?

This week Westside Football launches a new series which will give you, the reader, a chance to express your views . . . and also to win some special prizes.

Each week our team of football writers will examine some of the stars produced by the eight league clubs, looking at their strengths and weaknesses, the teams they played in and the contributions they made.

Then you will be invited to list, in order, the top three players in that era. If your entry corresponds with our consensus of opinion — and is the first correct one out of the barrel — then you'll share in our prize list.

Turn to page 16 for the first in the series, Perth.

"This combined with East Perth's loss to South Fremantle means that there is nothing in it now for the battle for fourth position," he said.

Campbell is happy with the Cardinals form in the last six weeks and says they have only turned in one bad performance — when they were thrashed by Swan Districts in the rain.

He points to four main factors why the side is now up and running — the regaining of complete fitness by three key players — Les Fong, Brian Adamson and Ben Jager, and the recruiting of full-forward Phil Bradmore from Footscray.

"Les was forced to gain fitness in matches and just couldn't see games out. It's a different story now," said Campbell.

"For the first time since Brian returned from Adelaide he is free from back trouble. At his top, he has no peer in the competition at centre-half-forward."

"Ben is a hard-working ruckman and his vigour and strength is something we badly need around packs."

"Phil Bradmore has stiffened our forward line. He can take a strong mark and is an excellent kick for goals — and he never wanders too far away from them," said Campbell.



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OVER THE FENCE

PETE THE POET

They say that 6PR around-the-groundsman, Peter Van Helden, is a wizard with words; coming up with something special every week.

I don't know if you caught his quick quip on 6PR last Sunday when he was doing the Wafa round-up. He was introduced by the studio announcer immediately after Elvis Presley had sung one of his Golden Oldies. Pete was right on the ball, coming in with his opening line 'That was the King and now it's I'...

FINE FORECASTING

Talking about radio commentators... how about the gem from Dennis Cometti, on Saturday morning ABC football preview? Talking about Warren Ralph's chances of taking his place in the State side, only if it was fine, Cometti said: "I guess Ralph will turn up at the ground wearing bermuda shorts and thongs in his bid to convince the selectors that it's going to be fine."

SUTTON'S SUCCESS

Swan Districts recruit Darryl Sutton mightn't have any immediate plans to move to South Australia — but the thought has probably crossed his mind since last Saturday.

Sutton made his debut for Western Australia to give him the impressive record of representing three major football States.

He has played for his home State of Tasmania about 12 times since 1972 — and as recently as last year's State-of-Origin carnival. Last year he won his Big V colours when selected in the Victoria side to play Queensland up in Brisbane... and now he has his WA jumper.

Maybe South Australia will be his next target...

CORNES CORNERED

South Australian high-flier Graham Cornes wasn't on his best form against WA... and he certainly came off second best in the high-marking duels.

It was only two years ago that Cornes won the Simpson Medal on Subiaco Oval for a scintillating display that included many fine high marks. Last Saturday he was on the receiving end as two of the best marks of the day — by Stephen Michael and Gary Buckenara — were taken over the top of Cornes.

SINCLAIR BACK

It was good to see former Royals man, Bruce Sinclair, back in the football fold.

He has been off the scene for several years after being an innovator at East Perth with his physical instruction approach and being involved with previous State teams.

State coach Mal Brown, always willing to introduce new voices, faces or ideas to his coaching methods, invited Sinclair back to help with the preparation for the South Australian match.

And didn't Bruce look nice; all decked out in his Adidas gear?

FRIENDS... OR FOES?

Football makes many friends who, at times, have to become enemies on the battle field.

Such was the case down at Fremantle Oval a couple of weeks back when Grant Dorrington took his Royals down there to do battle with Mal Brown's Bulldogs.

The former team-mates are great respecters of each other's coaching prowess; so they decided to get together socially after the match. They were joined by East Perth captain John Hayes and Royals director Jim Haines at Dorrington's place for dinner.

The match (won by South) was naturally rehased quite a bit... and it was Brown who held the floor for most of the night; keeping his younger rival up till 4am!

Dorrington had ordered a 6.30am training session at Perth Oval for his players — and he was worried about getting there himself!

Eventually he ushered Mal out of the front door — and sat up reading the paper for another hour or so, to make sure that he wouldn't oversleep if he went to bed.

FRIGHTENING SIGHT!

During the preliminaries in the WA rooms before last week's clash with South Australia, renowned Fremantle boxing trainer, Laurie Flanders, went through some regular routines with the South Fremantle players.

It's a regular warm-up exercise down at South, but few other players have ever seen it done.

Stephen Michael is no slouch when it comes to throwing some pretty vicious punches in his workout with Flanders and leaves no doubt in the mind of any on-looker that he could be a top-class boxer if he wished.

Claremont coach Graham Moss was watching with interest as the two sparred fiercely and the big Tiger commented: "I'm glad I didn't know he went through that before playing against us, I might not go out there."

OUT OF TUNE

The pre-game band group must have run into parking problems or something before the big Interstate clash.

As the bandsmen marched out and took up their places it was obvious that there was one man missing from the end of the line. A few seconds later, out he came; looking a bit breathless and with his little instrument case clutched in his hand.

Out came the cornet and the band played on...

MEDAL TIE

When Gary Buckenara and Jim Krakouer dead-heated for the Simpson Medal last Saturday it became only the third time in the history of the medal that voting had ended in a tie. The first time was in 1969, when our two greatest football sons, Graham Farmer and Barry Cable, drew for the medal at the Australian championships in Adelaide. In the 1974 WAFL grand final, East Fremantle's Gary Gibellini tied with Perth's David Pretty.



Brian Peake... in a Geelong jumper at last.

POPULAR PEAKEY

Well, Brian Peake has finally arrived at Geelong.

Football's longest on-again-off-again saga has finally come to an end in speedy fashion with the East Fremantle captain pulling out of his State and club side to fly to Melbourne last last week and take his place in the Geelong line-up... and weren't the Cats camp pleased to see him!

Apart from flying him to training in a helicopter, flying a gas balloon with a Welcome Peakey message over the ground and turning on special meet-the-media sessions, the fans were out in force as well.

The film clip at the end of the ABC-TV Winners show showed Peake in a situation that was becoming just a faded memory — surrounded by back-slapping fans.

Peake had to really struggle to get through the milling fans after the game, reminiscent of his 1979 premiership success with East Fremantle.

It certainly proved that Victorians DO love West Australians — but only when they are in Victorian teams!

Incidentally, the word is that Geelong forked out \$20,000 to Old Easts — plus the promise of two players. And Peake's fee is a reported \$1000 a game. However, even at that price, it seems likely Peake will seek to stay in Melbourne next year despite talk that he will be back at East Fremantle to complete his contract.

BOSUSTOW WRAP

A Melbourne newspaper critic last week remarked that he saw a touch of Ron Barassi in former Perth star Peter Bosustow. Barassi replied by saying that he was "flattered" by the comparison, but wasn't aware that Bosustow had done much ruck-roving.

MEDIA IMPORTANCE

South Australia's media bosses obviously place a greater importance on interstate matches between WA and SA than do their WA counterparts. Journalists, radio commentators and a television commentator were all sent to Perth last Saturday to cover the State match. When the WA side played SA in Adelaide last year, Westside Football was the only WA media represented. We sent a writer and photographer. Television, radio and all newspapers relied on coverage from Adelaide commentators.

UNIQUE DOUBLE

WA completed a unique double last Saturday when they beat South Australia. It was only the second time in 52 years that West Australian State teams have beaten both South Australia and Victoria in one season. The last time was in 1977. Previous to that they achieved the double three times during the twenties... in 1921, 1926 and 1929.

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.

Wayne Cornack (EF) 24 on 1st
Gary Buckenara (S) 23 on 3rd
Clinton Browning (EF) 19 on 3rd



Brian Adamson (WP) 29 on 30th.



Ian Williams (SD) 24 on July 1st

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MARLBORO CUP

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SWANS... 14	E. PERTH... 7
S. FREM... 13	SUBIACO... 5
CL. MONT... 12	E. FREM... 3
W. PERTH... 11	PERTH... 2

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Player Association choice \$500.

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

What price a rover?

Rovers are the key to success for any football team and it would be rare for any side to win a premiership without at least one top rover in their ranks.

If ever that point was emphasised, it was last weekend when the major difference between Western Australia and South Australia was the performance of the respective rovers.

Jim Krakouer and Noel Carter clearly out-pointed Mark Naley and Phil Heinrich to set up the WA victory.

The only time the South Australia team looked likely to win was during the early part of the third quarter — and it was no coincidence that, during that period, Naley kicked two goals and he and Heinrich were briefly in control.

The combined match statistics of the rovers show that the WA pair gained a total of 12 marks, 49 kicks and 14 effective hand passes compared to the South Australian total of four marks, 14 kicks and 10 effective hand passes.

With the knowledge that the South Australians considered ruckman Peter Carey to be their best player, it shows that good rovers do not entirely rely on ruckmen for their opportunities.

Of course, a good ruckman will make a rover's job easier. But if you are not in control in the ruck, a good rover will "shark" the opposition knocks.

After all, it is not important who gets the knock, but who takes the ball away.

In looking back on various clubs premiership years, we see that during the '50s South

the services of Robert Wiley and Victorian State rover Dale Weightman, they would be anxious to regain Carter's services.

As the advert says:

You can do without a ruck
you can do without a back
you can do without a forward
but you can't do without your rover.

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THIS WEEK:

LES
MUMME

Radio 6PM
commentator



MEDIA MEN GET PLENTY OF HELP

Recently there has been some criticism of our league clubs and coaches for not releasing team placings on Thursday evenings.

While I agree that the public and press would appreciate knowing the team placings early, it is obvious that coaches feel there is some advantage in not letting the opposition know the final line-up until they take the field.

The league should endeavour to find a solution to the problem as the promotion of teams and individual players is difficult if it is not known which players will be opposed.

In general, however, I believe our coaches co-operate with the media and the public is provided with a first class coverage.

Three coaches are regular panel members on radio and every coach gives interviews to the media. For my part, I certainly appreciate their co-operation.

Some sections of the media should have a look at the treatment they give the coaches, as undisciplined utterances and untruths can cause friction and pressures between clubs, coaches and the media.

THE FACTS AND FIGURES . . . and the man behind them

For as long as football has been played, people have argued the value of statistics when judging a player's performance.

A few years ago they were rarely used. But now all clubs have a statistician and coaches use the statistics to gauge a player's activity during a game.

Radio 6PM has Peter Phillips, who has been keeping statistics for eight years and last year went to Adelaide as the official State team statistician.

Peter can tell you the marks, kicks and hand-passes of each player and his opponent at any stage of the match — and he enjoys a high reputation because of the accuracy and speed with which he supplies the information.

No accolades are given to statisticians during the football season; they remain mainly forgotten by the public as they work at their arduous task — hawk-like recording every mark, kick and hand pass.

So where would we be without them? Well, we on the 6PM commentary team would often be in the mire! Without Peter Phillips (affectionately known as Binky — will have to ask him why, one day) to back us up in moments of stress.

Imagine the Press Box with John O'Connell commentating, yours truly on the oval ready to interview a VIP and Tim Flynn is showing some of his natural Irish exuberance tipping a cup of coffee over the whole team! John has just announced that Beasley has taken the mark of the season — making it his?? Mark of the match. Frantically, John glances at Binky — who, cool, calm and collectedly glances at his records and gives John the figure. Statisticians to the rescue again — good on you, Binky.



Kevin McGill

Fremantle had Steve Marsh and Harry Carbon and East Perth had Jack Sheedy, Kevin McGill and Reg Hall.

The early '60s were dominated by Swan Districts and they had Haydn Bunton Jnr. and Billy Walker, who were a formidable pair.

In the latter part of that decade, Perth won three premierships with the services of Barry Cable and Graham Jenzen.

Since then, all premiership sides have had top rovers and who will forget the part Kevin Taylor and Tony Buhagiar played in East Fremantle's great year in 1979. In 1980, when both rovers played below form, East Fremantle were not the same force in the competition.

In 1980, Swan Districts recruited Ed Blackaby and Graham Melrose and took all before them until illness forced Blackaby out of the side.

It has been suggested that Brian Peake will be receiving \$1000 per game from Geelong. But I believe the correct figure would be closer to \$4000 per game.

I wonder what the market price for Jim and Phil Krakouer would now be as a package deal.

Noel Carter must be valued by South Fremantle in their top two or three players. I am sure if his former club, Richmond, did not have

CONGRATULATIONS

• To Jack Sweet for receiving the A.O.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Jack recently retired from a top position with Telecom, worked hard for charity and, of course, was a top league footballer, coach and captain and also was a top football commentator with 6PM for over a quarter of a century.

• To Mal Brown. After South Fremantle's premiership last year, Mal has now coached WA to two great interstate victories in 1981 and South Fremantle are firmly entrenched in the top four.

• To Jim Krakouer and Gary Buckenara for their great performances last weekend and in being named joint Simpson Medallists.



Murray Couper . . . heading for a milestone.

• And to Murray Couper, who has bounced back to league ranks at his third senior club and is set for an unusual double. At his next league game he will reach the 150 milestone after 134 with Perth, 14 with East Perth and now one with East Fremantle. Providing he can kick two goals, he will reach the 500-goal mark.

An impressive double for a player who has often come under fire for his mercurial style.

Well done, Coups!



Peter Phillips

ODE TO STATISTICIANS

Excitement on the press box floor,
they stand and cheer — a mighty roar.
But all is lost — I cannot see,
and those at home rely on me.

For information the listeners desire,
but now yours truly is in the mire.
My view is blocked from window and door,
Oh! hell — for I can't see anymore.

Binky help — I'm in a mess,
can you tell me the score — at best?
I must relay to those at home
before their concentration roams.

Quick as a flash and twice as smart,
the answer comes and I take heart.
So, once again he's done us proud
and I relay it — strong and loud.

So Binky, keep it up and never fear,
your stats we need to bring us near
To being a perfect commentary team —
full of fire and hot as steam.

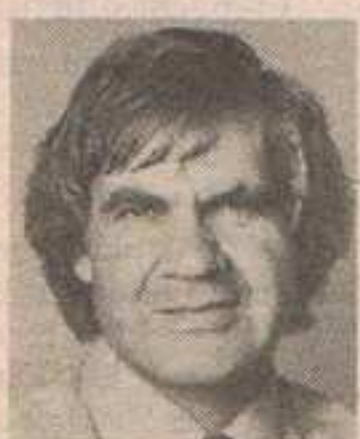
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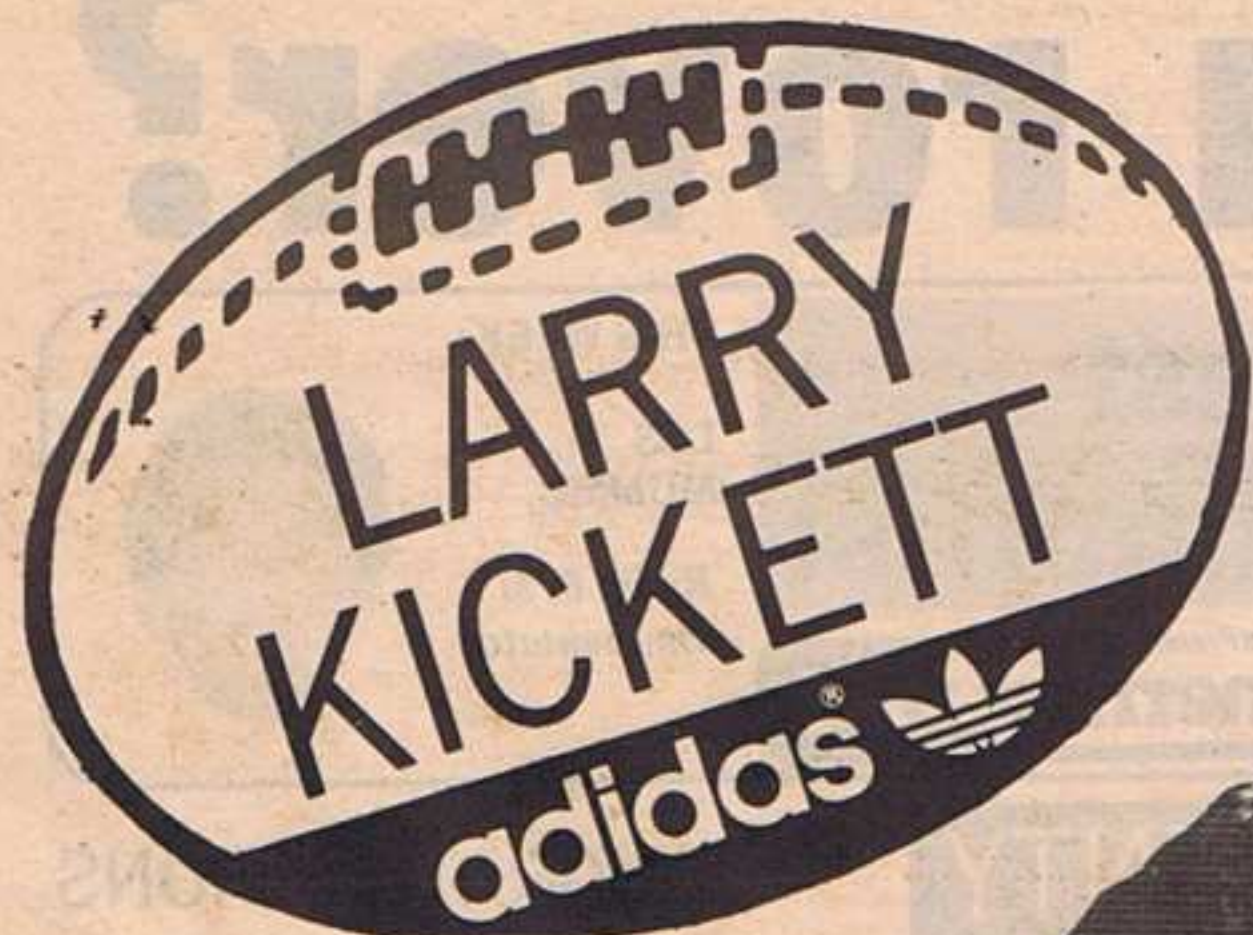


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BORN TO BE A FOOTBALLER



Larry Kickett certainly hasn't had things all his own way at East Perth . . . but he's a valuable member of the current Royals line-up.

Kickett is a will-o-wisp magician on the football field, capable of winning a game off his own boot in minutes. He is one of the most dangerous men in the business when it comes to goalfrost accuracy.

Kickett's football has seen him used in a variety of positions with East Perth . . . but most critics agree that he is at his best in the centre, where he is given freedom to move and has that uncanny ability to bob up in the open spaces at the most unexpected moments.

Cricket has been one of Kickett's loves, but he has dropped out of the A-grade competition to concentrate on football and now that he has passed the 100-game mark he believes that consistency is starting to come into his game.

This week PETER AUSTIN caught Kickett at training and talked about his football thoughts . . .



Q: How and when did you get involved with football?

A: I think I was born and bred in football. When I was a young child in Tammin, I played in the junior competition. No matter what sport it was, I used to always go down to the oval and practise. I liked cricket and football, but preferred football. A lot of people have helped me with football skills over the years and you can't really name them all but I appreciate what they have done.

Q: Who enticed you to East Perth?

A: I was attending Guildford Grammar

adidas® PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Larry Kickett.
Born: Kellerberrin 30.10.53.
Height: 5ft. 9in. (172cm).
Weight: 11st. (70kg).
Lives at: Dianella.
Married: No.
Occupation: Bank officer.
Football honours: Played in 1978 premiership side. Best clubman 1980.
Came from: Tammin.
Favourite food: Oysters.
Favourite drink: Scotch and coke.
Hobbies and relaxation: Golf and playing cards.
Football likes: Comradeship amongst the players.
Football dislikes: Sunday morning training.
Idols in football: Peter Spencer and Barry Cable.
Hard things in football: Pre-season training.
Ambitions: Play as many games with East Perth as I can.
Nickname: Blackie.
Guernsey No.: 9.
Games played: 128.

at the time, completing my schooling when the East Perth Football Club asked myself and John McGuire, to join. We both played in the fourths competition in about 1970.

Q: Did you break into the atmosphere quickly?

A: With the club and players I did, but I probably thought playing in a game was going to be easy. I was green and a bit soft and didn't realise that you had to be hard to play seniors.

Q: Did it take you long to adapt?

A: Yes. That's why I played a full season with the fourths. The following year I played fourths again and then thirds. Once I felt I was ready for league I really made a go of it. I said to myself before the start of the 1974 season that I would play four reserves matches and then should be ready for a league match. It happened alright because I played my first league match straight after those reserves games.

Q: Who was coaching East Perth at the time?

A: Ray Giblett.

Q: How did you go?

A: It was great. I kicked a goal with my first kick in league ranks and did well enough to hold my place in the side. I have been in and out of the side, but in the early stages it was because of inexperience.

Q: What positions have you played?

A: I started as a rover, but have since played in many positions, mainly in the centre, half forward or on the wing. Now days all players have to be versatile.

Q: Where do you like playing?

A: Anywhere really. I just like being part of the team. It's all up to the coach Grant Dorrington to where I play. He likes us to be able to fill any spot capably.

Q: You have played under many league coaches with East Perth. Can you compare any of them?

A: Every coach has their own methods but all in all they each emphasise the things the public don't really look for - talking and handballs. Barry Cable and Grant Dorrington had very professional approaches to the game. Giblett probably didn't have the coaching knowledge that these men have. Polly Farmer was also a good coach.

Q: Was it a good feeling being a member of the winning East Perth grand final side in 1978?

A: Yes. All the hard work we did was really worth it at the end.

Q: Is it really that good winning a grand final?

A: I think it is. It's something that's hard to explain. It is the goal that everyone wants and when you think of players who have contributed 10 years to the game and never got near a flag win. Yes, it's great.

Q: Do you regard yourself as a versatile footballer?

A: Yes I do. Grant Dorrington has the confidence in placing me in various positions and I have to give him my best. It is also a good idea of Grant Dorrington's to make everyone prepared to play in different positions. Grant emphasises that you don't know what could happen during a game and one should always be prepared to fill a vacant spot if anything goes wrong. We know the team can benefit from a particular move Grant makes on the ground.

Q: What is wrong with East Perth this season?

A: Inconsistency is the problem. It all comes down to attitude amongst the players.

Q: Has East Perth lost that desperation needed to win tight matches like back a few years ago?

A: We are certainly lacking that desperation since the 1978 grand final win. I suppose it is up to the individual to want to give 100 percent.

Q: Has East Perth been good to you?

A: Yes. Very good.

Q: Where do you see yourself in the future?

A: I would like to play with the club for as long as I can.

Q: How many kicks a game are you happy with?

A: Grant Dorrington said to us recently that everyone should set themselves a goal during a match. I am happy to see myself kick three or four goals a game when I am playing on say a half-forward flank.

If I don't I am not very pleased with my performance. As long as I contribute towards the teams' success.

Q: Has football changed a lot during your career?

A: Yes. Football is fast hard running these days. You look at any of the good sides in the competition and they are hard runners giving the fast flow on football. Take the WA versus SA game for instance. WA won that game because they were prepared to run.

Q: Who has been your hardest opponent to beat?

A: Actually Leon Dwyer, of West Perth was my hardest. I found him very hard. Another would be Rod Barret, of South Fremantle. He is a disciplined player.

Q: Do you see yourself as an attacking footballer?

A: I like to think I am. Grant Dorrington puts a lot of emphasis on attacking and defending.

Q: Apart from your football, hobbies and work, what other things in life do you enjoy?

A: I like socialising with my friends. On the weekends I like to watch television and lay up.

Q: What do you do on Saturday mornings before a game?

A: I usually get out of bed at a set time, about 9a.m. I have a few pieces of toast with honey.

Q: Are you still good mates with John McGuire even though he plays for another team?

A: Yes. I was his best man last October but when we play against each other he has a different jumper on and I have to beat him.

Q: Have you had a lot of trouble with injuries?

A: Yes. The second year I was playing I received a broken jaw which wasn't very nice. I have also broken my hand a few times and been knocked out once.

Q: Is football that good after all that?

A: Yes, I wouldn't be playing if I thought otherwise.

Q: Do you train 100 percent at all times?

A: I like to think I do. I always try to improve my skills when ever I can on and off the field.

Q: What thoughts have you got at the end of your playing days?

A: I want to continue playing for a few years yet but I suppose I'll always be a part of East Perth Football Club. I'm a person who likes to get involved with the juniors. Each player at East Perth has a coaching course they have to complete during a season. I like to put a lot into developing juniors.



Radio 6IX critic
Allan (Chubby) Stiles.

Chubby's Chatter

Further to my paragraph on junior football last week, I am subsequently astonished at what is happening in Government schools.

I have since found that the greater percentage of schools are not playing organised football against other schools.

Australian Rules is our own national game and what I consider to be the best team sport in the world. But one wonders when we hear the WAFL thinking of ways to promote football that they have not put pressure on the Education Department.

In my school days, one looked forward to Friday afternoons to see if they were good enough to win a place in the school team and play against other schools.

It developed a great deal of comradeship and gave the individual something to aim for.

When not participating in competition football, we used to play factions (blue, green etc.) in which even the not-so-brilliant players had a chance to take part.

I feel it is time that something has to be done in Government schools and I suggest that both the WAFL and the Education Department have a good look at this aspect.

SA RECRUITS

During the South Australian team's visit here, I ran into an old friend in Norm Russell (Chairman and President of Central District Football Club).

It is interesting to note that Central District was one of the first South Australian clubs to approach West Australian players.

They have been pleased with their recruits, not only with their ability on the field, but the manner in which they conduct themselves off the field for the club. Names that come to hand are Tom Grijusich, Keith Shorthill, Peter Medhurst, Dennis Barron, Tony Casserley (who ended up coaching the team and is now a vice-president), Phil Haughan and of course, John Duckworth (who ended up winning the Magarey Medal).

Now they have just recruited Jeff Collier, who has obtained a clearance from Swan Districts and played his first game in the reserves for Centrals last week.

CROWDS UP

Talking to Peter Marker (with more than 200 games for Glenelg and has also captained that side as well as South Australia), it seems that even though SA football is slightly up in the amount of people going to football, some games are only drawing 2,000 to 4,000 people.

Apparently, the SANFL is looking at playing double-headers — in other words, two league games at the one ground. He feels that the main reason for the low attendances is due to the introduction of 10 teams in their competition, where their population just does not allow for this. Similarly in Western Australia, a lot of clubs just do not have the depth.

JKW IS TOPS!

Last week I was chairman at a sports night and I must admit that JKW is a top man to have on the panel. Believe it or not, not only is he entertaining, but has more knowledge about football and life than people give him credit. Don't thank me JKW — Once again I was glad to help you obtain a large audience!!

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PREVIEW

With Colin Hopkins

Cardies can maintain run

Subiaco have never beaten West Perth at Leederville Oval since Graham Campbell has coached the Cardinals — and it doesn't look like happening on Saturday.

While the Lions are the big improvers of 1981, it's hard to see them beating a rejuvenated West Perth line-up.

Subiaco just lack that extra bit of class. Put another two Gary Buckenaras into the Lions team and this would make the difference.

West Perth centre-half-forward Brian Adamson played brilliantly against East Fremantle a fortnight ago and he looms as one of two real danger men for the Lions.

The other is new full-forward Phil Bradmore (22), who has come to Perth with a point to prove — that he can succeed in senior football.

This pair kicked eight goals each against East Fremantle and forward pocket Rod Alderton chipped in with a further six.

One point that has escaped many people about the Cardinals' start to the season is the number of games that they have played away from home.

They will get a much better deal as far as this aspect is concerned in the second half of the season — and will capitalise on it.

Subiaco gave a real fighting performance against Swan Districts a fortnight ago and the effort that has gone into their performances is the most encouraging aspect of their rise this year.

I can see a number of players in the Cardinals line-up that have the capacity to swing the result of this match through their own individual brilliance. At Subiaco I can only see one — Buckenara.

ROYAL CHALLENGE

Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss didn't have to do a lot in last week's interstate game, but he must have really enjoyed what he saw ahead of him in the field.

For most of the day Moss sat in the back pocket and saw his teammates — the two Krakouers and Warren Ralph really make their names in the big-time.

To have performed so well at Subiaco Oval will give these players enormous confidence for their appearances in the final round.

This confidence should be sky-high this weekend for the match against East Perth at Perth Oval.

If the Royals can upset one of the top three sides, it will do wonders for their final four stocks. I can't see that happening against Claremont.

The Tigers didn't really have a team of stars in their last game against Perth. In fact Herman Van de Beek was probably their best player.

But they are putting their team game together in fine style. There is a lot of method, purpose and determination in what they set out to do and this spells danger for any side in the competition.

BIG BATTLE

East Fremantle have virtually gone back to square one — and it might be some time again before they move to the next square.

It's hard to see them being really competitive against Swan Districts at East Fremantle Oval.

Swans strengths are in East Fremantle's weaknesses — in the mobile department.

There are no destroyers on the ball for Old Easts. Swans coach John Todd's biggest problem in this department is who to play.

Perth are capable of causing an upset in the second half of the season but their big problem is in the forward line.

DEMON SHORTAGE

The Demons are desperately short of key forwards and it is significant that their chief goalscorer against Claremont was centreman Alan Johnson.

On the other hand South have an abundance of goalkicking potential, the players on the ball to exploit Perth's weaknesses here and far more competitive and consistent attitude towards the game.

Souths biggest problem will be who to pit against Johnson in the centre.

SELECTIONS: West Perth, Claremont, Swans, South.

JOHN K. WATTS
6 PR Radio
personality and
football
commentator.



Hi there folks,

I was glad to see Brian (Flick-trick) Peake make a sensational debut at Geelong wearing number 27 guernsey.

Peake agreed to go to Geelong for \$200,000 plus air fares and accommodation and provided he could wear the jumper I made famous number 28.

Bill Goggin coach of Geelong who I also made famous with bullet like hand passes out of the ruck, would not permit the jumper to be taken out of its glass case.

Peake settled for \$100,000 and the number closest to it.

TWO BALLS

South Australia had a thrilling weekend in Perth and their coach John Cahill has asked me to thank everybody for their marvellous hospitality.

John also said that the next time we play South Australia in Adelaide they are going to use two balls.

They are going to give one to Jimmy and Phillip Krakouer.

That way the other thirty four players get a chance to have a kick with the other one.

CASSIUS BACK

Barry Cable was up in the Press box last Saturday watching the game against South Australia.

Barry was writing his column for the Weekend News but I am sure he wished he could have been involved in some way with the playing part of the game.



Cassius Cable looks really well again and I know its breaking his heart not being physically involved in football this year.

Bung leg and all I still reckon he would have got more kicks last Saturday than those South Australian rovers.

Great to see you back on top of things Cassius.

THANKS SUBI

I would like to thank the Perth and East Fremantle footy clubs for their participation in this year's competition.

It's been fun having them along this season and I wish them all the best for next year.

Next week it looks like being goodbye to my favourite club Subiaco, who incidentally, have done a mighty job this year by hanging in there until the end of June.

P.S. Ken Armstrong . . . Graham Schultz sends his regards.

See you folks.

INTERSTATE UPDATE

PERSEVERENCE PAYS DIVIDENDS

"I've discovered that Essendon supporters are very excitable people" — that's this week's comment from new Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy.

The former veteran Richmond player is riding high on the crest of a long-running wave in his first season as a league coach.

After a 254-game career with Richmond, Sheedy decided to accept the challenge of coaching the Dons; only to see them flounder in the early matches this season. But he persevered and showed tremendous confidence in his players; confidence which has overflowed to the team members themselves.

Essendon are now playing like a massive orchestra, all firing in tune and with eight straight wins they have now got themselves into the top five.

Sheedy, a man openly hated by Don fans in bygone years, was mobbed by the excitable Essendon camp after the match. In fact, he had to be rescued by police as he made his way to the players' rooms. The fans gave him a standing ovation.

However, the jubilation has to be kept in check, according to Essendon's chairman of selectors, Brian Donohue.

"It would only take one idiot to create a nasty situation," said Mr Donohue as he appealed for restraint when it came to applauding Sheedy's progress with the Bombers.

But Sheedy, apart from being cock-a-hoop, is not worried by the fans: "I believe that enthusiasm is a big part of football and it's great for the fans to get such a kick out of the team winning."

MERGER TALKS

Fitzroy could be on the move again... One of the VFL's most travelled clubs, the Lions have been invited to join Collingwood at Victoria Park.

Collingwood are keen to attract a co-tenant at Victoria Park and the offer to Fitzroy involves building a new grandstand.

Fitzroy, based rather unhappily at Junction Oval, tried sharing Princes Park with Carlton in 1967 and also failed to settle in at the old St Kilda ground.

SOUTH GOING NORTH?

And talking about football club moves, South Melbourne are the latest club to feature in talks about moving to Sydney.

The VFL, determined to work harder on their ground-sharing programme, are believed to have offered South Melbourne big incentives to move to Sydney — and the club, headed by former East Perth star, Graeme John, is reportedly on the verge of saying yes.

There is a million dollars in sponsorship waiting for the side prepare to settle itself in Sydney... and that's a big bait for a club in the financial horrors.

BARASSI BATTLES

If Footscray coach Royce Hart felt that his side played badly in beating Melbourne... then how did Melbourne coach Ron Barassi feel?

Hart saw his Bulldogs lead all the way to down Melbourne and win their second match for the season — but he said afterwards that it was the worst they had played in six weeks.



TRIBUNAL STATS

Melbourne's hard-hitting columnist, The Shadow, has unveiled some interesting stats from the tribunal.

Before last weekend's matches, the VFL tribunal had heard 24 cases for 1981, with a total suspension of 28 weeks.

And it seems as though if you are reported from a top club, you've got a good chance of getting off. If you are in a bottom club, that's tough.

Fourteen of the cases involved top-eight players... with only four suspensions. The other 10, from the bottom four clubs (South Melbourne, Footscray, Melbourne and St Kilda) saw nine cop suspensions.

FEATHERBY STARS

Former Subiaco player Peter Featherby is heading for the top in the VFL's kick-getting tally.

Now playing with Geelong, his second VFL club, Featherby is running hot. Against North Melbourne last week he picked up 31 kicks and eight handpasses — the biggest tally in the set of fixtures. Featherby now has had 264 kicks for



the season, just four behind Hawthorn's Terry Wallace.

Another WA player, Richmond's Robert Wiley, is fourth with 245 kicks. On the marks and handballs scoresheet, Ross Glendinning and Tony Buhagiar hold fourth place with 75 marks and 113 handballs respectively.

UMPIRES REPORTED

Two Victorian field umpires found themselves on the wrong end of a report last week.

Graeme Marcy and Neville Nash were themselves reported after the Junction Oval match between Fitzroy and Carlton.

Fitzroy lodged the complaint — even though the Lions had turned on some brilliant football to down top side Carlton.

Before the Fitzroy camp burst into celebrations after their shock win, the officials gathered for a hasty meeting.

Lions president Keith Weigard said that the umpiring was disgraceful in the opinion of the Fitzroy camp — and Carlton coach David Parkin agreed.

"We were fortunate to receive the assistance of the umpires," admitted Parkin, who said that the scoreboard did an injustice to Fitzroy as they had received the raw end of the umpiring deal.

CRITIC SLAMS STATE TEAM

SA's humiliating 87-point defeat by WA has almost certainly ended the interstate football careers of some of South Australia's top players, according to Adelaide Advertiser football writer Geoff Kingston.

He said "Some are not good enough; others are not good enough any more!"

"SA chose its best, in-form side, yet 10 minutes into the game the ineptitude of the SA players was embarrassing.

"Even at that early stage, winning was as possible as serving water with a pitchfork.

"The implication of such a miserable performance is that the quality of our local competition is not too good.

"Players who consistently are in our best players at club level were never a chance in Perth on Saturday with the exception of Peter Carey, Kevin McSpornan and Eddie Fry.

"The others should feel guilty when they pocket their pay packets for their performances. Maybe it was too bad to be true."

As coach John Cahill said afterwards, "They couldn't have played that badly if I had asked them to."



S.A. coach JOHN CAHILL endeavouring to inject a little life into his players during the three-quarter time break in Saturday's match at Subiaco.

Cahill, who was speaking two languages after the game, English and profanity, was shattered by what had happened.

"I'm stunned, I can't believe it," he said. "We had done everything right." Yet everything went wrong.

Marlboro GOALS!

It was to be expected, of course — Warren Ralph's first goal in interstate football just had to come as the result of a brilliant pass by one of his Krakouer team-mates, either Jim or Phil. Turned out it was Jim (a brilliant player all day) who pushed a pass down Ralph's throat to enable the Tigers full-forward to register his first interstate goal with his first kick of the match early in the first quarter.

SHADES OF LORDS

Jim Sewell had a mortgage on the Town and Country goal-of-the-day on Channel 7 as soon as he produced his "googly" shot in the last quarter. He picked up the \$100 when he grabbed the ball after it was kicked out by full-back Keith Kuhlmann and snapped at the goals. It landed in an empty goal-square and did a left-hand "leg-break" to trickle through the goalposts.

INEVITABLE...

Goals flowed easily for WA in their 10-goal last quarter... and Jim Sewell seemed fated to kick the 14th goal. Jim Krakouer won a mark on the half-forward line and Sewell was standing in



the forward pocket by himself, without a SA jumper in sight. But Krakouer didn't spot him and a SA defender eventually moved back on to Sewell. Undaunted, the WA player then ran forward to the vacant space created by the defender's retreat — and accepted a nifty pass from Krakouer, which led to an easy goal.

BUCKENARA'S TALENTS

Gary Buckenara's goal-kicking talents deserted him a little last week when he kicked seven points to add to his three goals. However, his first goal was a gem as he accepted a ball from John Dimmer, ran right out to the half-forward flank and steered a long shot back accurately for WA's 11th goal.

Buckenara certainly knows how to kick goals from the boundary line... but he missed a few sitters later on. However, when he kicked WA's 16th after a great mark over Graham Cornes, he ended a string of four consecutive points.

ROVING RUCKMAN

Big Wayne Simms certainly moved like a rover when he brought up WA's 12th goal in the last term. He read the ball beautifully off the front of the pack and moved quickly around to shoot an accurate snapshoot towards the big sticks.

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Tough going for Phil



WA's easy victory over South Australia was a dream result for local football - but there was still plenty of hard Yakka involved in the success.

This week's Hard Yakka winner is South Fremantle's Phil Cronan, who was the last player named in the team, sitting on edge till just before the match. He came off the interchange bench and played solidly throughout - even though he is under pressure here from three South Australian rivals.

His effort earns him the Yard Yakka award of a pair of Yakka jeans or trousers.

FROM A COACH'S POINT OF VIEW

Colin Hopkins talks to East Fremantle coach KEN SMITH.

SMITH NOT WASTING TIME

East Fremantle coach Ken Smith didn't waste any time last weekend in a bid to get the club out of its present rut.

Smith ordered an intra-club practice match on Saturday morning in a bid to start planning his team's campaign for the rest of the year - without Brian Peake.

It's virtually a rebuilding job now for Old Easts, who have seen players of the calibre of Peake, Doug Green, Tony Buhagiar and Kevin Taylor leave the club in the last six months.

But, Smith is happy with the young talent coming up through the ranks and gave some of this talent the opportunity to show their wares on Saturday.

Teal Cup ruckman Paul Harding was pitted in the ruck against Andrew Purser; his elder brother Mark went into the centre against Stephen Green and former Teal Cup player Glen Rogers took over at centre-half-forward.

Rogers, who played one league game two years ago, has recently been playing with Applecross, but will probably return against Claremont this week.

He kicked five goals against West Perth in the reserves last Saturday week and could be the player to hold down centre-half-forward on a permanent basis for many years to come for the club.

"I think we will have to completely reshuffle the side," said Smith. "I am going to try some experienced players in new areas."

"I think there has been a change in attitude already by some senior players, who realise they must take more responsibility now that Brian has gone."

"A lot of people have said that we have been a one-man side and the players here are determined to prove that this is not the case."

"I think we have the nucleus of talent to build up a really good side again in the next two years, and we will take the first step in this direction on Saturday."

Wingman Wayne Hardie and rover Kim Zubrinich have joined the club from South Fremantle and add more depth to the ranks.

"They played on Saturday and it will take them some time to settle down," said Smith.

East Fremantle will be keeping their eyes open for recruiting opportunities in the Eastern States, but Smith realises that you don't get anything good for nothing from the VFL.

Move to examine junior progress

Organised moves are under way to challenge the WAFL on its junior development programme.

Following the publication of an article by Guest Columnist Geoff Worner in Westside Football last week, a number of junior football officials have expressed concern at the lack of direction for the grass-roots level of the sport.

Mr Worner, who has been involved in all levels of sports coaching, administration and observation for more than 25 years, raised some valid points about the lack of direction in junior football, particularly since the resignation of the WAFL's Development Officer, Richard Walker.

The case was taken up by Sunday Independent special writer and former league player and coach, Percy Johnson, who suggested that there could be a revolt in the junior ranks.

Concern has been expressed also at the lack of action apparently being taken over a special report submitted to the WAFL last September.

The report came from a specially-selected committee which included such respected football people as former State and South Fremantle player John Colgan, physical education expert Dr Frank Pyke, sports administrator Basil Worner, former player John Grieve and current Subiaco skipper Brian Douge.

The report that they came up with has been before the WAFL for more than six months - and some members of the committee want to know what is happening.

Radio 6IX will have a special look at the problems confronting junior football in their 7 am to 9 am football show this Saturday (June 27) and will invite comments from listeners.

Over the next few weeks, Westside Football will look at two additional avenues to the controversy:

... The special report prepared for the WAFL.

... The activity of the WAFL's newly-appointed junior development committee headed by Swan Districts president John Cooper.

CAPRIOTTI FOR SOUTH PERTH

Former East Perth wingman Tony Capriotti is the latest player South Perth have snared in an effort to lift themselves back into a position of power in the WAFA.

For a number of years Souths have been a force in the WAFA, but this year they made a disastrous start by losing their first five games.

But now they are on the road to recovery with a recruiting campaign that has netted a number of good players.

The diminutive Capriotti played five league games for the Royals, but was never able to crack a regular league berth.

However, he is likely to have a big influence on Sunday football.

Capriotti is just one of a number of players recruited by Souths over the past few weeks.

The most successful so far has been former St Kilda player Gary Lugg, who came to WA to play with Subiaco.

Lugg booted six goals from centre-half-forward in Souths' run-away win over Cockburn last week and should be a star in the WAFA.

THE HOOD



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

GO HOME, CROWS!

The visiting South Australians didn't win any friends with their PR approach during last week... and a few media men were pleased to see their backs.

In one case three of their players gave a newspaper photographer false names when he took a picture of them relaxing at their hotel... and then they turned up at State training all wearing different numbers to the ones they had been allocated in the Football Budget.

It's hard enough picking up new players at any stage, let alone when they switch jumper numbers!

LOCKED OUT!

The WAFL members gate, in Subiaco Road, is also used by most members of the Media as it is just underneath their stairway to the Press Box.

All media have special identification passes to enable them to pass through the gate - so what was the little blonde-headed fellow doing having to explain to the gatekeeper who he was?

Seems as though Barry Cable, champion footballer he might have been, is yet to get himself on the media accreditation list! Check with your editor, Cabes.

PEAKED

It was ironical that the front cover of last week's Football Budget featured a picture of East Fremantle defector, Brian Peake.

Peake is a natural when it comes to photography, as everything he does looks good when captured on film.

His last-minute withdrawal from the State side didn't really affect WA's chances and good luck to him in Victoria - he deserves his chance over there, especially after the way he has carried Old Easts on his shoulders for 1½ seasons.

OFF TARGET

State chairman of selectors Kevin Merifield said it first, then coach Mal Brown said it (both in Daily News interviews last week), then Steve Marsh repeated it (Channel 7's World of Football). They all claimed that South Australia had beaten West Australia in the last three interstate clashes before last Saturday.

They're all wrong. WA only lost their last two matches against SA. In Perth, in 1979, and Adelaide in 1980. The sides did not meet in either of the 1979 or 1980 Australian Championships.

SOOKS

I'm fast coming to the conclusion that a big percentage of so-called WA football "supporters" are no more than grizzling sooks. At least 10,000 people stayed away from Subiaco Oval last Saturday when they saw a few black clouds in the sky. They are probably the same crowd that are continually complaining about the standard of WA football and say that all the good footballers are in Victoria. Well, take it from me, the supporters in Melbourne have more dedication, rain doesn't scare them.

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

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EILEEN BROWN, mother of football's Mr Controversy, Malcolm Brown, is Australia's first female football columnist.

MOTHER BROWN

Anyone who thought that all our best footballers were now playing in Victoria received a rude shock last Saturday.

The WA team did themselves proud against South Australia and showed once again, our ability to produce top players.

I thought the most significant aspect of the game was that players such as Warren Ralph and Craig Holden really came of age as top performers.



Warren Ralph

The worst aspect of the game was that one section of the crowd hooted Graham Moss when he got the ball late in the match.

This was very unfair and I always thought WA spectators were good sports until Saturday.

Moss did everything he had to. Sure, he wasn't a star, but he put in just as much as anyone else did... and did the job asked of him.

UMP DIDN'T PLEASE

The decisions given by the SA man-in-white weren't the only things that made me angry. Again, I didn't think much of all the advertising he wore.

In fact if the match was played at Bassendean Oval, the Bassendean Town Council might stop him from going onto the ground!

GOOD VIEW

Again I watched the match from the new stand and it is a wonderful view. There is no doubt that the building of this stand is one of the best developments ever undertaken in the game in this State.

I thought the WAFL were on the right track by allowing people to pick their own seats - rather than book them.

This gave everyone a good chance to look all over the stand and work out just where they would prefer to book a seat for the final round.

WA easily won the match, but I thought the pre-match promotion was stolen by South Australia.

Their cheer squad really stole a march on us with that magnificent banner for the team to run through.

In contrast our small black and gold banner looked pitiful.

WELL DONE, BRIAN

It was good to see Brian Peake do so well in his Victorian debut. But there is another player that I can't get over - is that really the same Graeme Schultz who played with Subiaco, now playing with Essendon?

It makes me really wonder just how hard Schultz tried in his stay in WA.

I think everyone at Subiaco would have a bad feeling in their mouth about the whole matter.

It seems to me that there has been a sudden change in attitude towards the whole game by Schultz.

It looks as though Essendon are playing him as second rover - and he could even clash with Peake when they play Geelong.

The fact that Geelong played Peake as their second rover certainly shows the amount of depth in their side.

Cool head helped make John a State star

Former South Fremantle captain and wingman John Colgan was, by his own admission, light on in the skills department.

But a cool football head, a tenacious approach to competition and a love of training, saw him make 220 league appearances, captain his State and develop into one of the best wingmen of his era.

Colgan arrived at South in 1951 from Boulder City and turned down offers from four other league clubs to join the Fremantle team.

Money was not the factor in those days - it was the deal South offered. They told him that if he was unhappy at the end of the year, he could have an open clearance to any other club.

To the boy from the bush that had never seen a league game, this was the deciding factor. In fact the first game of the league football Colgan saw, was the first game he played in. "There was no television in those days," he chuckled.

And there was another incredible co-incidence that developed many years later from his league debut. Colgan, then 19, played on Perth's Brian Wheeler - whose son later married Colgan's daughter.

Colgan played in the South Fremantle premierships sides of 1952-53-54 and his career reached another high point in his final year when he was named captain of the State team for the Brisbane carnival, which WA won.

Unfortunately for him, he suffered a hamstring injury on the final night of training before the team left for Brisbane and Haydn Bunton took over as skipper.

"It was disappointing, but I can remember that I got my first opportunity in State football when someone else was injured back in 1953. That's the way it goes in sport," said Colgan.

Colgan loved training and could not remember missing a session at Fremantle Oval during his long career.

"I clicked with the game of football," he explains. "I got a great deal of satisfaction out of both training and playing.

"It was a way to express myself and there wasn't a better feeling than coming off a football field completely exhausted and a bit battered."

Colgan has never been far away from

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Sporting historians Ian Everett and Norm Sowdon are compiling an index of information on every WA league footballer since 1885 and require your help.

Information required:-

- Players full name
- Place and date of birth
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- Games played
- Goals kicked
- When player was recruited
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- Major awards won
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John Colgan... "too much pressure on kids today."

the game since he retired at the end of 1961. First there was a coaching stint with Gosnells in the South Suburban Murray League where he took the side to a premiership; a term with the Collier and Applecross under 18 sides; and then back to South Fremantle as chairman of selectors in 1974.

In recent years he has taken over as junior coaching co-ordinator at the club, a role he has just phased himself out of. "This year I am only going to barrack," he says.

Colgan has played a big part in the development of junior football in the South area and the direction it is heading. He has some very strong views on the game's development in this area.

"Firstly I think that all junior football in primary schools should come under the control of the Education Department - not league clubs.

"Boys up to the age of 13 should be instructed by trained physical education instructors - not amateur officials.

"I think the State Government - through the Education Department is shirking its responsibilities in these areas.

"There should be no competition until boys are about eight. It should be

a free-ball idea of getting kids to play and enjoy themselves by using a football.

"Modified rules should be played until they reach high school. Too much pressure is put on kids in these early years by parents.

"They should be taught to develop their skills and it is only by doing this that we are going to prevent the big drop out rate when they hit 17.

"A lot of footballers are burnt out at this stage by being pushed too quickly too early.

"The other aspect of the game that worries me is the lack of a development programme for senior footballers.

"Sure, league clubs take the cream, but what happens to everyone else that can't make it with a league club?"

Colgan has seen a lot of innovations in football since he first took an interest in the game and is a big admirer of league players today.

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CRACKS SHOWING IN FOOTBALL

Is league football starting to wither in Western Australia?

Once again an interstate match in Perth failed to be a big crowd drawer.

While the weather was a pertinent factor in keeping people away, it was noticeable once again that there were gaps in the under-cover sections of Subiaco Oval.

Events in the past fortnight indicate that cracks are starting to develop in leagues outside the VFL... and in my opinion the WAFL and SANFL are assisting to erode the foundations of their own competitions.

Three events in particular show how league football outside the VFL is facing pressures that will make it increasingly difficult for other Australian Rules States to maintain strong and viable competitions.

The most significant was the decision by the SANFL to try and enter a team in the VFL. The others were the VFL's continued expansion along the eastern seaboard, this time Brisbane, and the clearance of Brian Peake.

While the Peake clearance may appear to be parochial in the context of the other two developments it needs to be realised that he was cleared at a time when East Fremantle were at probably their lowest ever ebb.

All this subservience to the VFL is only hastening the demise of competitions outside Victoria.

There is no way the WAFL and SANFL can harness the VFL's expansion into NSW and Queensland. In some respects it is a good thing for Australian Rules as it is establishing a beachhead in states that have been traditionally rugby oriented.

However, it is a different story in the other two instances I have cited.

There was a fair amount of scoffing when East Perth made an application last year to join the VFL. Those who chortled at the prospect, or audacity, must now be choking.

East Perth gave an insight into the trend that is likely to develop in Australian Rules football.

The WAFL and SANFL cannot continue to absorb the blows from the constant assaults by VFL clubs which have weakened competitions in other states.

Unless they put up combined resistance they will buckle and finally put down for the count by the VFL.

Perhaps a national competition wouldn't be a bad idea. It would be better than a third rate competition in other States.

If the SANFL are successful in their application to join the VFL then pressure will be on the WAFL to follow suit.

Quite obviously from the VFL's attitude they have little regard for the football competitions in the other major Australian Rules states, as they continue to drain the life out of those States.

At a recent function former WA football great Jack Sheedy predicted that soccer could become the major code in WA because of what it had to offer, namely overseas trips.

As it is, football is being attacked at the knees. Soccer is making great inroads at junior level.

In my opinion league clubs in WA are allowing their own personal interests to overshadow the operations of the WAFL. One can only wonder whether the league have donned blinkers.

If they were dinkum about resisting the pressures from the VFL then Peake should not have been allowed to go. The individual does not count.

Consider the ramifications. Suddenly we see Peake on television, after his first appearance with Geelong, espousing the virtues of the VFL. We all know that; how could it be otherwise with the players they attract from other States.

The VFL also leaves the other states for dead with their promotion.

Suddenly Peake is an ambassador for the VFL.

But what about the poor East Fremantle supporter? Having experienced the worst drubbing in their history they see their star player desert the sinking ship.

In clearing Peake, East Fremantle conceded this season, even though it is only half way through and they are still within striking distance of the four.

THAT IS NOT GOOD FOR WA FOOTBALL.

It is time club interests were thrust aside. A vigorous central body should be formed to look after the interests of football in this State.

One of the first duties of such a body would be to put intense pressure on the VFL to scale down their activities in the other three major football states. A three year moratorium on recruiting would be a start.

6PM WESTSIDE FOOTBALL FOOTY QUIZ



The 6PM Footy Facts quiz is about to wind-up... and what a success it has been!

Entries have flowed in every week for the write-in quiz and drive-time announcer, Gary Shannon, has had plenty of fans for his daily phone-in quiz. Shannon has given a 6PM Chesson footy away every afternoon and this week is your last chance to be in his quiz.

However, if you miss out you can still be a write-in winner by answering the quiz question below and sending it off. All the phone-in and write-in winners now go into the barrel for the end-of-series prize of a great Adidas jogging outfit.

Incidentally, if you are a write-in winner you'll receive a double pass to a City Theatres cinema.

QUESTION: A 6PM panellist captained Claremont to their last premiership. Who is it?

ANSWER

Name

Address

Postcode

POST TO: Gary Shannon's Football Facts, Radio 6PM, P.O. Box 157, Subiaco, 6008.

Write-in winners: Michael Brunsma, of Inglewood; Jeff Beament, of Tuart Hill; Paul Gregory, of Mt Yokine; Chris Marazis, of Morley; Andrew Dodd, of Wembley Downs; Anne White, of Scarborough; Robert Tana, of Rangeway; Don Milder, of Karrinyup; Lyn Smith, of Swanbourne; Ray Walsh, of Dalkeith.

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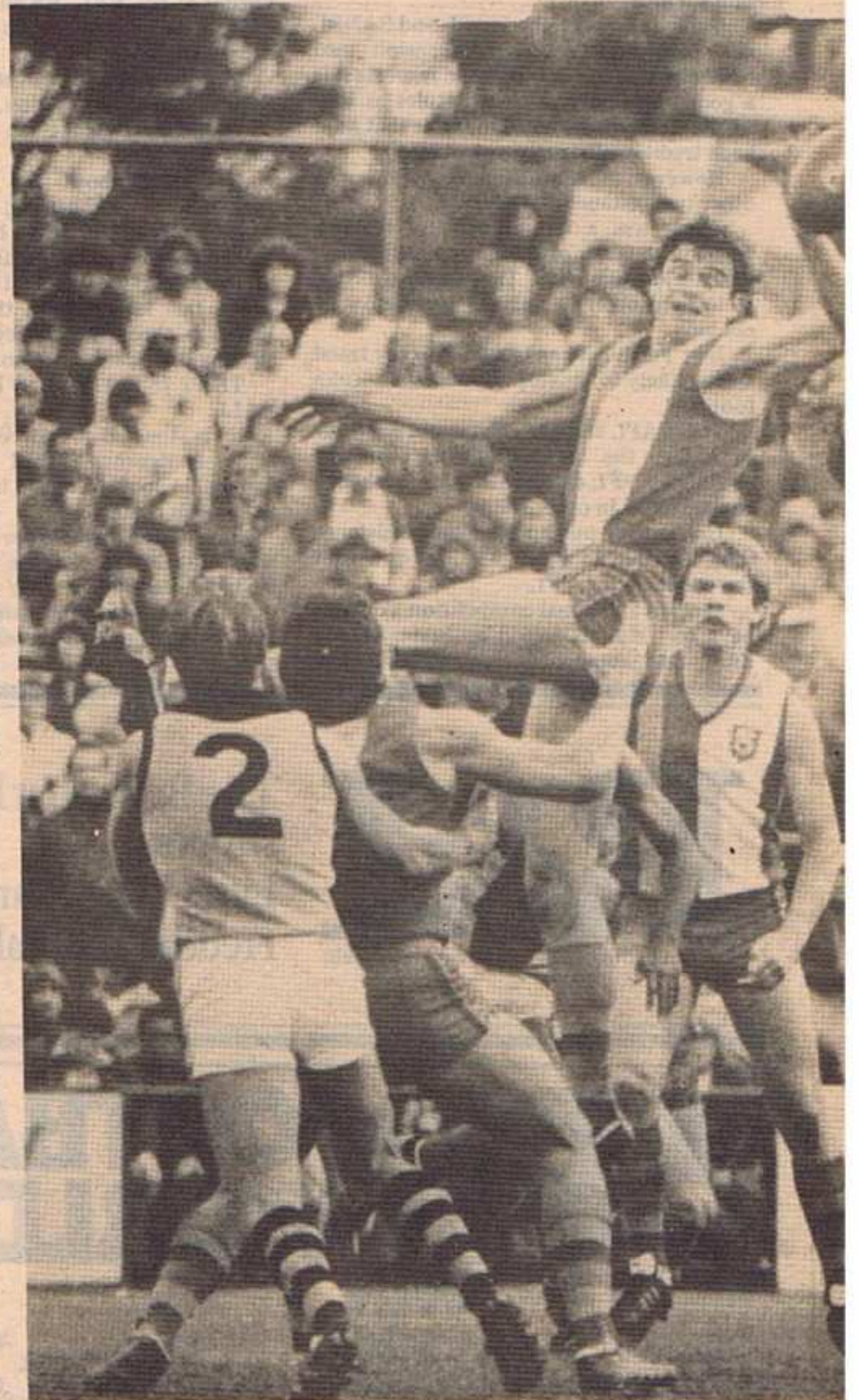
THE BIG MEN



Western Australia pulled out plenty of big men in the interstate clash at Subiaco Oval. Our photographer, Graham Bezant, was at the big-man action.

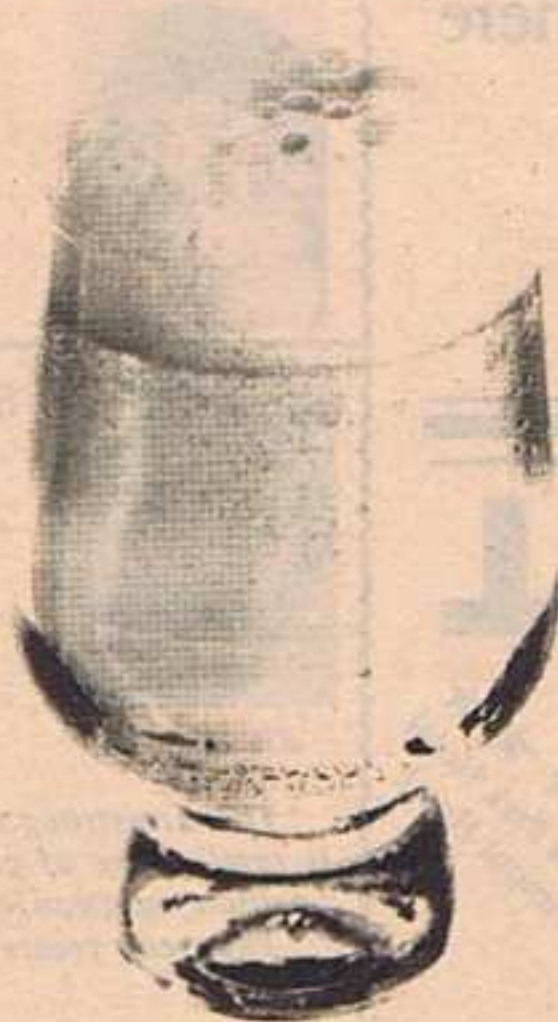
LEFT: Stephen Michael, South Fremantle's high-leaping ruckman, certainly has the upper hand here over SA's Graham Cornes.

BELOW: Perth's bearded Wayne Simms, seems set for a fall here, but he has the main thing that's the main thing.



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RIGHT: Swan Districts' interstate recruit Darryl Sutton made an impressive debut for WA — and here he marks safely despite the high-leaping tackle by SA's Eddie Fry.

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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

In a recent issue of Westside Football (May 22), my friend and I read that a Women's Football League has been established in Victoria.

We would appreciate it if you could inform us about any similar scheme operating in Western Australia. If there is nothing like this at the moment could you please tell us if you think that a Women's Football League will be developed in the next few years (in Western Australia).

My friend and I are both 15 and would very much like to be able to play football. We know many other girls our age and some a few years older than us who would also like to play football.

We would appreciate any information you could give us about this subject. We have enclosed a stamped self-addressed envelope and await your reply eagerly. — Helen Bettridge and Margot Cranes.

Editor: We would only be too happy to help get such a league off the ground — anything to help football comes into our sphere. What about it ladies of the football world? Write to us if you think this is a good idea.

VFL REPORT

I wish to comment on the V.F.L. report in your issue of June 12. I feel it is completely unfair and very untrue that the failure of a Victorian league side could be attributed to a number of imported players; however experienced they may be. This was the impression given in this article — undoubtedly compiled by a Victorian.

In particular I, and many others, take exception to the remarks about the former East Perth players Spencer and Kelly. These two have been consistently in the best player lists over the last month. The article says "Peter Spencer, Kym Hodgeman and Peter Jones are all struggling —"

Melbourne papers indicate that Spencer is playing excellent football. In the last two matches against Melbourne and Carlton and again against Essendon the Sunday Times had him third best for North Melbourne.

This is hardly the performance of

a player struggling for form.

We in W.A. all know the attitude of Victorians when it comes to football so I believe your paper should check the V.F.L. report more carefully for such inaccuracies about former W.A. players.

Also it would not be remiss of you to correct any wrong impression regarding Spencer as he appears to be in fine form.

Also of course Kelly has given excellent service since he went to North Melbourne. North Melbourne's relative failure can hardly be attributed to these two fine players.

J. Lyons, Wembley

Ed's Note: While most West Australian media centralise their VFL coverage on W.A. ex-patriates, this newspaper differs in as much as it endeavours to present a cross section of the main news stories in Melbourne during the week of publication. The V.F.L. report is not the views of any one person, but rather a cross section of media reports. We do agree however, that there tends to be an inconsistency in points of view. This is bound to happen with critics all having different opinions.

The item to which the correspondent refers, received extensive coverage and as our report mentioned, one newspaper carried the single word heading "Floppers" emblazoned across its back pages. Sensationalism, maybe, but we make no attempt to act as a censor. We leave it to our readers to form their own judgement.

THE DRAFT SYSTEM

I noticed the other week where you published a story about the proposed drafting system for WA footballers wanting to go to Victoria — why wasn't there some reaction to it?

I now notice that WAFL president Vince Yovich is expressing some concern about it — but I cannot understand why there isn't an outcry about the whole operation.

There is only one winner in this drafting proposal — the VFL naturally. Didn't they design it? I wonder how much longer WA officials are going to be 'conned' by their Victorian counterparts.

Everything that is drawn up for Australian football comes from the Victorian headquarters — and benefits only the Victorians. J.R. Williams, Capel.

GARY'S GOSSIP

Well, I see that the rest of the media have finally caught up with my story regarding Simon Beasley playing with Footscray next season in the V.F.L. One of my spies in Melbourne contacted me last week when he thought he saw a form and with Simon's name on it in V.F.L. House in Melbourne. It's also common knowledge these days that Beasley's employers would like him to transfer to Melbourne next year. So you figure it out from there.

P.S. Sorry Tim Flynn, but you have really got to work hard to get all of these football scoops — but I will do my best to keep you informed as well.

SCOUT IN TOWN

South Melbourne's full-time recruiting officer, Greg Miller, was in town last week. Miller, a former Souths player, was keen to talk to Gerard Neesham (who has already signed with South Melbourne), Craig Holden, Ken Judge and Warren Ralph. Miller also spoke to Perth officials regarding estranged South Melbourne centreman Neville Fields. Fields has fallen out with the "Swans" and is said to be keen to play in W.A. I predict that if he comes West, he will play with Perth — if he stays in Melbourne he will probably join Fitzroy. Incidentally, Fields could be with the Demons sooner than you think if he decides to head our way.

BUCKENARA CAMPAIGN

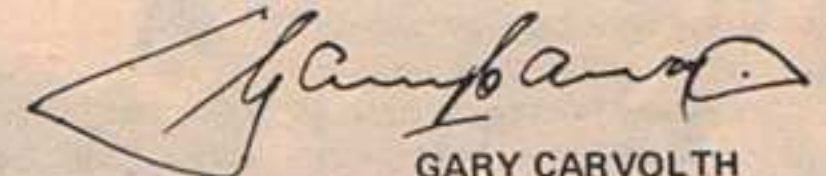
Greg Miller also told me that Hawthorn will go all out to move Subiaco star, Gary Buckenara to Melbourne next season. They intend to make Gary an offer he can't refuse — so be warned Subiaco, you had better start planning your counter moves now because the club can't afford to lose a player of "Bucky's" class. I know there is at least one powerful businessman (and a Lion's supporter) who could be persuaded to assist in the campaign to keep Gary in the West.

P.S. Memo — Kevin Merifield, I am only too happy to assist you in these negotiations. Please feel free to contact me at anytime on 322 5166.

QUIET CABES

My mate Barry Cable isn't saying much, but I believe that he will coach a league side again next season. The question is — which club? I was convinced that he would have been a logical candidate for the Perth job (should Allan Joyce not continue next season). However, my informants at Demonland tell me there is no way that "Cables" will coach Perth in 1982. Maybe Barry will take over East Fremantle (should Ken Smith not continue next season); maybe he will bob up at West Perth as there is a strong possibility that Graham Campbell will return to Victoria next season. However, it is also rumoured that Graham Moss may stand down at the end of this season as coach of Claremont (allegedly his own decision) to continue as a player only. Can you see Barry at "Tigerland"?

If I haven't totally confused you yet, think about another possibility — it is well known in certain quarters that Mal Brown will either go to Sydney in his employment next year or alternatively take a year off coaching. So we could have a vacancy at South Fremantle! Funny, isn't it, that "Cables" has been seen at several South Fremantle training sessions this season. One final possibility is that Barry will be approached to take over at North Melbourne next year. North Melbourne, I think, are favourites (at this stage) to have the "little champion" next year.


GARY CARVOLTH

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

NEESHAM SETS PACE

The 1981 Sandover Medal battle is still wide open . . .

That's the conclusion reached by a survey of our weekly Sandover Medal guide, based on the best-on-ground votes by various segments of the football media.

Each week the media votes are tabulated in our Sandover Medal guide and a consensus of opinion of all the voting up to date indicates that the Medal is still up for grabs.

Stephen Michael, last year's Channel 7 Sandover Medal winner, is hot favourite to get the umpires' attention again this season . . . but our figures put him in third place.

Working on an aggregate vote for the 40

club games played so far, the Sandover Medal voting is:

Gerard Neesham (Swan Districts) 13; Gary Buckenara (Subiaco) 12; Stephen Michael (South Fremantle) 11; Jim Krakouer (Claremont) 10.

According to our survey, Neesham has earned the majority best-on-ground vote from the eight media in three games — and has picked up the two votes in two other matches. Buckenara and Michael have also had three best-on-ground votes.

Other players who have polled well to date are Maurice Rioli (Souths), Wayne Otway and John Dimmer (East Perth) all on nine and big Perth ruckman, Wayne Simms, on eight.



GERARD NEESHAM (left) and GARY BUCKENARA — during the counting of votes at last year's Sandover Medal presentation at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel. Could their luck change this year?

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SUBIACO ACADEMY WORKING WELL

The specialised football coaching academy set up by Subiaco is proving to be a winner for juniors in the club's district.

Gary Buckenara and Bill Valli have established the WA Junior Football Academy under the guidance of Subiaco and already more than 500 children have benefitted by coaching.

The academy is currently staging an eight-week course at Glengarry involving 120 pupils — all of whom had a night out at the Subiaco Football Club this week, watching the league players in action and having a good look at the way a senior club operates.

The academy has also made one country trip to the Goldfields and is planning another expedition to that area within about three weeks.

Valli, who switched to Subiaco from West Perth this season, partly because of the challenge of being involved in such a junior operation, is pleased with the way it is progressing.

"The idea is gathering momentum," says Valli.

"However, I do believe that some coaches feel a little reluctant to push the academy too much because they feel that it covers some of their own territory.

"But, of course, that's not the case.

"We are simply trying to develop a situation where a lot more Subiaco league players get out into the junior territory and become involved with the players-of-tomorrow.

"The idea is to eventually get every league player more personally involved in a special club, taking time to help the juniors develop their skills."

Valli sees the academy as being important in giving the players a solid grounding in basic football fundamentals and an understanding of the game itself.

Royals country zone tour

Two of East Perth's leading junior football officials have completed an extensive tour of the club's country zone to strengthen ties on a junior level.

Athol West, the vice-president of the East Perth Junior Council, and Colin Campbell, the council's secretary, visited Bridgetown, Margaret River, Busselton and Donnybrook.

A number of recommendations arose from the trip including:

- The East Perth's Development Officer (Trevor Nisbett) include High schools in a proposed tour of the South West.

- Special training sessions for all junior clubs be included in any Sunday visits planned by senior players to country areas.

- The conducting of two six-hour basic coaching courses — one at Busselton involving Busselton, Augusta-Margaret River and Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup junior coaches and the other at Bridgetown involving coaches from Nelson and Warren Associations, plus the Boyup Brook and Donnybrook clubs.

CONTEST TIME

None of the questions in our Junior Quiz No. 10 related to Claremont... but that didn't daunt Tigers fan BRETT SCRIVENER, of Karrinyup.

His was the first correct entry out of our mail box and he collects a Chesson football in Claremont colours for his effort.

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

JUNIOR QUIZ
Westside Football,
Post Office Box 442,
Morley, 6062.

QUIZ NO. 12

QUESTION NO. 1: Where did Larry Kickett go to school?

ANSWER

QUESTION NO. 2: How many players did East Perth have in last week's State team?

ANSWER

QUESTION NO. 3: Who is running second in the Westside-Toyota Ratings award?

ANSWER

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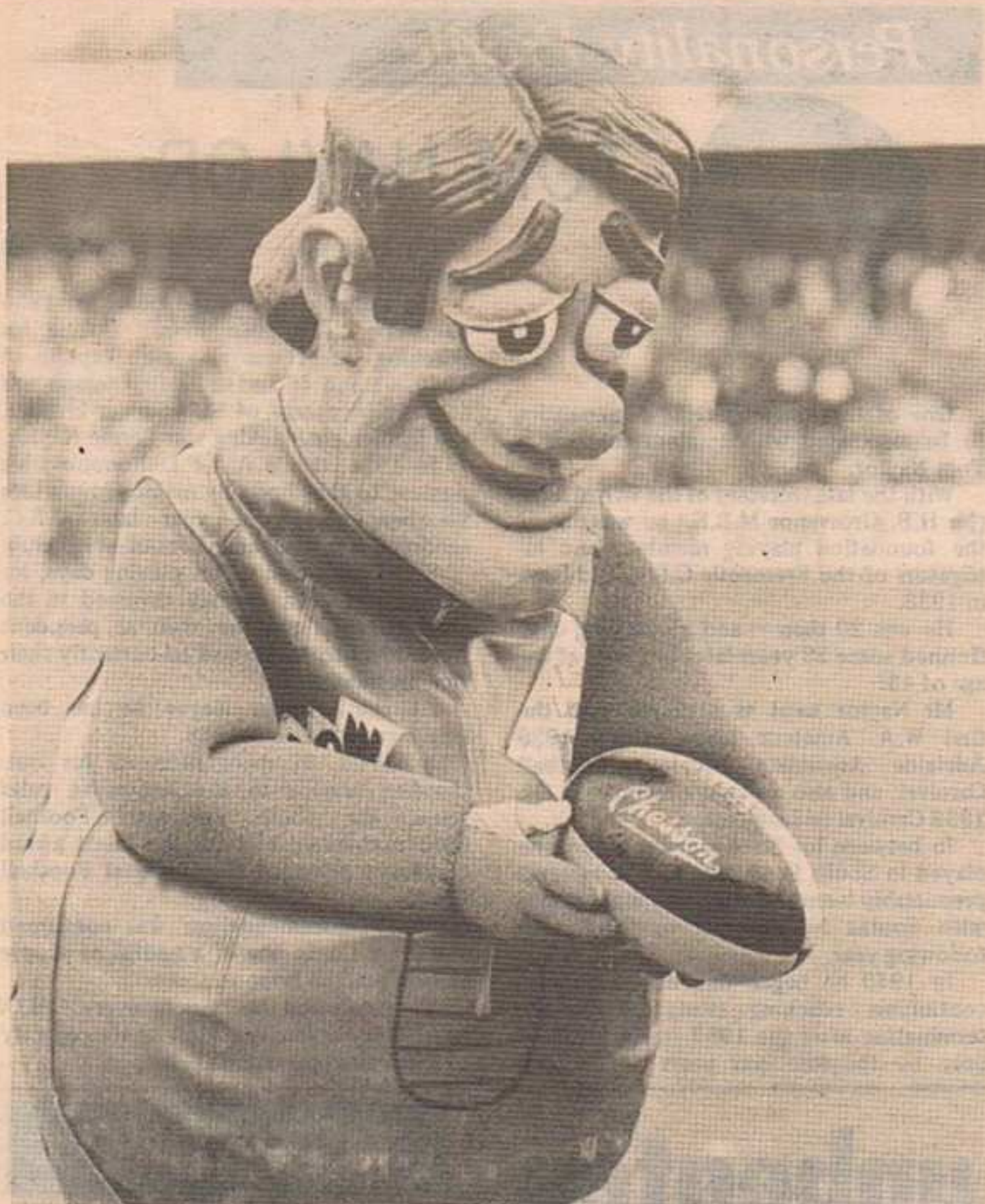
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The answers to Quiz No. 11 were: 1 — Noel Carter. 2 — Tuart Hill. 3 — Magarey Medal. The winner's name will be published next week.



Freddie Footballer, that loveable character of the junior football world, was right in the action at Subiaco Oval on Saturday.

No interstate clash is complete without WA's newest football personality. The R & I Bank, sponsors of the Little League competition, and Westside Football had Freddie in fine form at Subiaco Oval as he bounced and jogged his way around the arena... accompanied by a fleet-footed band of Little Leaguers...

Freddie managed to kick or handball a few Chesson footies into the crowd... and boy, did the young fans enjoy that part of the half-time display!

Freddie is the mascot for the R & I Little League competition... and you'll start to see him at shopping centres in the near future. So watch out for some spectacular Thursday night entertainment!

R & I Little League

THIS WEEK'S TEAMS

West Perth (CBC); Swan Districts (Koonga Valley); Subiaco (Marist Blue); Claremont (Sorrento No. 2); South Fremantle (Mandurah); Perth (Queens Park); East Perth (Warren); East Fremantle (Great Northern).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
West Perth	10	7	3	222	89	250	28
Claremont	10	6	4	163	67	243	24
Subiaco	10	6	4	209	103	203	24
Sth. Frem.	10	6	4	144	147	97	24
East Frem.	10	5	5	111	200	55	20
Perth	10	4	6	75	95	79	16
Swan Dist.	10	4	6	92	203	45	16
East Perth	10	2	8	66	175	38	8

East Perth carnival

East Perth's Annual Country Carnival for juniors will be held in Perth over the weekend of July 11 and 12.

Teams from Busselton, Warren (Manjimup), and Augusta-Margaret River will be in Perth for the two day carnival.

Some 350 boys will be billeted out by the city clubs in the East Perth district. Knockout matches will be played against the city teams on the Saturday and Sunday mornings in the 11's, 13's and 15's grades on various ovals throughout the district.

Perth Oval will be the focal point on the Sunday with games commencing at 9.00am and finishing with Grand Finals between the top city and top country teams. An official luncheon will be held prior to the presentations.

The carnival is sponsored by Ampol and Town and Country Building Society and is a highlight of the East Perth Junior Council calendar.

Demon Cup

Hornets defeated Bears in the only Demon cup match played at Lathlain Park last Sunday.

Details: Hornets 18.20 b Rams 5.5. Goals — Hornets: Paul Camarri 7, Mark Hughes 4. Rams: Patrick Bianchini 2. Best — Hornets: Greg Campbell, Chris Cook, Paul Camarri. Rams: Ted Deacon, Patrick Bianchini, David Rubery.

INTERDISTRICT FINALS

17 & UNDER INTER-DISTRICT GRAND FINAL

East Fremantle 21.20 (146) d Claremont 8.10 (58).

GOALS: East Fremantle: Helmrich 6, Lester-Smith, Gibbions, Regan 3, Waterman, Barnes 2, Robinson, Burton 1. Claremont: Irvin, Klemm 2, Heavy, Ramshaw, McCleery, Hunter 1.

BEST: East Fremantle: Helmrich, Buktenich, Temmpera, Waterman, Claremont: McManus, Hunter, Irvin, McCleery.

UNDER 16 INTER-DISTRICT GRAND FINAL

West Perth 10.17 (67) d East Fremantle 9.5 (59).

GOALS: West Perth: Averill 3, Zampogna, Miska 2, Tavanya, Hart, Paterson 1.

BEST: West Perth: Zampogna, Paterson, Piccirilli.

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WEMBLEY ARE IN TROUBLE

Wembley are now in the hot seat after their loss against Old Scotch last weekend.

Nollamara, with equal points, appear to have solved their early loss of form and could take fourth place after the next round. Old Wesley were lucky to defeat Mt Lawley who have lost some close games. Over recent weeks.

The game between Nollamara and Old Wesley will provide amateur football followers with plenty of top class action. Old Wesley appear to have lost some of their usual pace and skills in recent weeks and on form should not be good enough for "Nolla" who are looking better each run.

Wembley may find Mt Lawley difficult, with much depending on the weather. Both teams had a close contest in their first game of the season and Wembley were not impressive last week and the "Lawley Hawks" deserve a change of luck.

Collegians look to have turned the corner and should press University on the wide Claremont Oval and win to keep their slender finals hopes alive.

Old Scotch should run the legs off Carlisle and take a firm hold of second spot. Old Scotch with successive premiership wins in C League 1979, B League 1980 have a chance to make history with three in a row in different divisions.

Maylands, disappointing last week, have too many in form players for Trinity Aquinas. The fortunes of their forwards lead by consistent Brian Davey should be capable of kicking a large score.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

A LEAGUE - University 32, Old Scotch 28, Old Wesley 28, Wembley 24, Nollamara 24, Collegians 16, Maylands 16, Mt Lawley 8, Trinity/Aquinas 4, Carlisle 0.

B LEAGUE - North Beach 32, Scarborough 30, University 24, Morley 22, North Fremantle 20, C.B.C. 20, Bayswater 16, Wembley 8, Floreat/Marist 8, W.A.I.T. 0.

A COLTS - University 32, Mt Lawley 32, Wembley 32, Old Wesley 24, Old Scotch 20, Maylands 12, Trinity/Aquinas 12, Carlisle 8, Collegians 4, Nollamara 4.

B COLTS - North Beach 36, C.B.C. 32, North Fremantle 28, Scarborough 20, W.A.I.T. 20, Wembley 16, Morley 12, University 12, Bayswater 4, Floreat/Marist 0.

C COLTS - Coolbinia 20, Takari 20, Dianella 16, Hammersley 12, Brentwood 8, Whitfords 8, Innaloo 8, Forrestfield 8, City Beach 8, Ashfield 8, Mt Lawley 4, M.H.W.P. 0, Collegians 0.

I DIVISION - Applecross 32, Bullcreek 28, Dianella 24, Osborne Park 16, Floreat/Marist 16, Bayswater 12, Maranatha 8, Ashfield 8, Hammersley 4.

J DIVISION - Robbs Jetty 36, Hellenic 28, Mt Lawley 28, Swanview 28, City Beach 20, North Beach 16, Bullcreek 12, Lynwood 8, M.H.W.P. 4, Edgewater 0.

K DIVISION - Maylands 32, Carlisle 24, Whitfords 20, Koondoola 16, Dianella 16, W.A.I.T. 12, North Fremantle 10, Coolbellup 10, Greenwood 4.

SUNDAY DIVISION - A.I.C.A. 24, Graylands 24, Hellenic 20, Firebrigades 16, Swan Athletic 12, E. Fremantle 8, Carlton 0.

Compiled by R. Lysle

All tables subject to Official Confirmation.

THIS SATURDAY

'A' LEAGUE - JUNE 27TH

Mt Lawley vs Wembley at Inglewood Oval, Collegians vs University at Claremont Oval, Old Scotch vs Carlisle at Lathlain Park, Nollamara vs Old Wesley at Nollamara Oval No. 1, Maylands vs Trinity Aquinas at Bassendean Oval.

LAST WEEKS RESULTS

University 14.27 d Maylands 5.9, Old Wesley 9.16 d Mt Lawley 8.13, Collegians 19.15 d Carlisle 10.9, Nollamara 16.12 d Trinity/Aquinas 6.6, Old Scotch 11.9 d Wembley 4.12.

RESULTS OF INTERESTS IN OTHER DIVISIONS

B League - Morley (5th) 10.12 drew Scarborough (2nd) 11.6; **D Division** - Innaloo (2nd) 16.12 d Commonwealth Bank (1st) 5.8; **E Division** - Old Wesley (7th) 10.6 d University (2nd) 9.10, North Fremantle (9th) 7.12 d Coolbellup (5th) 4.11; **G Division** - University (5th) 7.7 d Lynwood (2nd) 5.10; **H Division** - Old Scotch (6th) 9.13 d M.H.W.P. (previously undefeated) 7.13, Collegians (8th) 11.11 d Forrestfield (4th) 11.10; **K Division** - Dianella (5th) 15.16 d Koondoola (3rd) 3.10; **A Colts** - Carlisle (9th) 8.7 d Collegians (7th) 4.8.

Four sides unbeaten at half-way mark

With the completion of half of the 1981 home and away games, only four teams remain undefeated - North Beach ('B' Colts); Koondoola ('G'); Robb Jetty ('J') and Maylands ('K').

In the revised 'C' Colts competition, three teams - Coolbinia; Takari and Dianella - remain undefeated after five completed rounds.

'B' LEAGUE

North Beach became clear leaders after the draw between top team Scarborough and an improving Morley.

University jumped back into third at the expense of North Fremantle.

C.B.C. have won their last three on end and now are definite challenges for fourth.

Scarborough meet University at Millington Reserve. University must win as Morley, North Fremantle and C.B.C. play lower placed teams.

'C' LEAGUE

Mt Lawley have slumped to fifth place after two bad performances, and were replaced by City Beach who play Swanbourne at City Beach Oval. Both teams must win as Mt Lawley should defeat Hammersley (8th) at Aintree Reserve.

'D' DIVISION

Innaloo took top spot, displacing Commonwealth Bank. A two-game gap has developed between Nollamara (No. 2) and fifth placed T.C. Mt Lawley.

'E' DIVISION

Brentwood and University play at McGillivray Oval No. 1 for second place. Maylands (4th) must defeat top team North Beach at Riley Oval to retain that spot as four teams - Collegians, Coolbellup, Old Wesley and R & I Bank - are all one game behind with superior percentage.

'H' DIVISION

M.H.W.P. suffered their first defeat at the hands of sixth-placed Old Scotch and this has let North Beach (No. 3) head the table. Collegians (eighth) upset Forrestfield who have only a slight hold on fourth.

Personality Profile



TOM NAYLOR

One of the longest-serving personalities to be associated with amateur football is Tom Naylor.

With the late secretary of the W.A.A.F.L. (Mr H.B. Grosvenor M.B.E.) he was one of the foundation playing members and instigators of the Fremantle C.B.C. Old Boys in 1933.

He was 20 then - and his playing days finished some 23 years later in 1956, at the age of 43!

Mr Naylor went as a player with the first W.A. Amateur team to the 1936 Adelaide Australian Amateur Football Carnival; and also a playing member at the 1938 Carnival in Launceston.

In between his State representations, he played in South Fremantle's 1936 reserves premiership team and after only eight games with Souths he returned to C.B.C. the following year.

In 1940 he began one of the longest continuous coaching stints on record, terminating after the 1952 season (broken only by the four war years of 1942 to

1945) when there was no amateur football conducted.

He was also appointed coach in 1954 to make it 10 years in all. During his coaching career was also club captain in 1940, 41 and 46 and in his first season was actually in charge of his younger brother, the former goal-kicking star Bernie Naylor.

In 1954, the W.A.A.F.L. honoured his services to that body by making him a Life Member, while one year later C.B.C. accorded him the same honour at his club.

Since the finish of his playing days, Mr Naylor has been actively involved in the administration of the club as president from 1959 to 1974, and to currently their vice-president.

At the amateur league he has been league registrar since 1969.

In 1965, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Australian rules game, the South Fremantle Football Club nominated him for the merit award certificate given by the National Football League.

That recommendation was confirmed and is still only one of a handful of people to gain such an honour.

Tom can still be seen at every C.B.C. game every Saturday mainly in the capacity of team manager and time-keeper.

MILESTONES

Nollamara, a strong force within the Amateur League, has recently had many players reaching milestones.

Life member and 'D' division captain Russell Bartle played his 250th game and shows no sign of tiring or retiring.

He has been a club member for many years and has been a driving force, both on and off the field, serving on numerous committees, with strong sound advice backed with ability.

Two of his club members - Albie Rosich and Bob Clarke - have just reached the 100 game mark. Rosich - despite his talk of retiring for the past five years is a true battler, a life member and the club veteran who joined Nollamara in 1968. Quiet retiring "Beanie" Clarke joined the club in 1975, the first year that Nolla was promoted to 'A' League and has played all his games in that senior team.

One of the leagues stalwarts Ross Crutenden played his 150th Amateur game last week. Recently appointed W.A.A.F.L. assistant registrar he has been with the North Beach club since 1967.

From 1968 till 1980 he served as a committee man mainly as Club registrar.

During his association with the club he has been a team manager, selector and vice-captain in various teams and a delegate to the W.A.A.F.L. permits committee. Ross was awarded club life membership in 1979.

Sunday Division

A.I.C.A. have a shaky hold on top spot after a defeat by a vastly improved Fire Brigades and Graylands could take over as division leaders if they defeat them at Wordsworth Reserve in what promises to be an evenly matched game.

The "Grays" showed no mercy against Carlton last week with captain coach Gillies booting nine majors.

Both Trevor Woodward and Bob Palandri chipped in with seven goals.

East Fremantle should grab their third win against Carlton after some disappointing games. Hellenic meet Swan Athletic at Lilleyman Reserve and could secure second spot.

Top-Level talks on country football

Major discussions on the future of country football will be held at the WA Football League headquarters this week.

Some 20 delegates from affiliated leagues and associations throughout the State have called for a meeting to discuss future developments of the game.

The president of country football in WA, Mr Bud Byfield, said all leagues and associations have been asked to attend. "Three major points will be brought forward —

- Long term viability of leagues, associations and clubs.
- Restrictions on the number of paid players competing for country football teams.
- A long look at the country zone transfer fees paid by country clubs to metropolitan clubs in WA.

Mr Byfield said he could not give further information but it was all for the future developments of country football.

LEAGUE UPSET

The Upper Great Southern National Football League is upset with affiliated clubs failing to give correct guernsey numbers of players for the local Budget.

A spokesman said the budget is there to help football fans. But it was hard for them when incorrect guernsey numbers were being worn by players.

TEAMS SLOW

Timekeepers in the UGSNFL are having trouble getting teams onto the grounds at the correct time.

A spokesman said the timekeepers can only sound the siren, but players and officials are ignoring it.

Clay Lewis moves on

Former Claremont footballer Clayton Lewis is now playing with Railways in the Southern Districts National Football League.

Lewis was on the list to leave his club at the start of the season but decided to have another crack at making it as a regular league player.

His form at Claremont wasn't up to scratch so Lewis asked to leave. Claremont refused to allow the East Perth Football Club to talk to Lewis, so he decided to return to country ranks.

To top off a disappointing season for Lewis he played in a losing side last week and failed to gain a mention in the best players.

Grant sought

The Esperance Football Club hope to get a \$10,000 grant from the local shire council so that it may go ahead with building extensions.

CARNARVON WIN SHIELD

Carnarvon regained the shield when they defeated Exmouth in the annual inter-league match in Carnarvon last Sunday. Final scores were Carnarvon-Gascoyne Association 19.27 to Exmouth League 13.15. Carnarvon's Steve Clarke booted five goals for the winners and Glenn Dellar kicked seven for Exmouth.

MORE MILESTONES

Kondinin veteran footballer Jim Pond reached a milestone recently at the Southern Cross Oval when he played his 350th league game.

Spanning his career over 20 years, Jim has played in a mammoth 14 winning grand final sides.

A spokesman said his career is still far from over as he is one of the top players in the competition.

Esperance footballer Vic McGrath notched up his 100th game for his club recently.

McGrath, a tall versatile player — capable of holding down key positions on the ground, has been one of the club's top players for many years.

FULL-TIME APPOINTMENT

The Railways Football Club, affiliated with the Upper Great Southern Football League, has appointed a full-time manager, believed to be the first of its kind outside of the metropolitan area.

Raymond Hanbury has been a bar manager at the Narrogin Hotel for the past three years and will live on the premises.

The club directors said that the advent of licenced premises meant a year round responsibility and obligations that could not be carried out by voluntary club members.

Railways has grown enormously over the years and is one of the most professional clubs in the area.

In 1975, the club bar facilities turned over \$2,500 but directors believe it will exceed \$100,000 this season.

This growth was a measure of the club's on and off field success.

The directors said the aim of appointing Mr Hanbury was to ensure first class facilities and service to members.

UMPIRE STRIKE AVERTED

A threatened umpires strike in Geraldton was averted last weekend after the G.N.N.F.L. agreed to meet local umpires.

The umpires had said they would not umpire matches until the league changed its attitude.

Geraldton Umpires Association president Mr Geoff Jamieson said the umpires had decided on strike action for two reasons:

- The failure of the league to allow them to umpire the local finals.
- The league's refusal to allow an extra umpires car to travel to distant assignments.

"It is our way of protesting to the league over the treatment that has been handed out to us," he said.

"Each year we ask the league to let us umpire the finals. Each year they say next year, next year.

"Now they have decided to again have a Perth umpire for our four finals this season.

"We have to make a stand, and this is one way of doing it," Mr Jamieson said. "We are good enough to umpire all year, so why not the finals?"

"Our players are all used to the two umpire system, yet they will get only one from the city for the finals — at a much higher cost to the league than if they employed us."

Mr Jamieson said the umpire's other point was the allocation of only two cars when the umpires had to travel out of town.

A meeting has now been arranged to thrash out both problems.

GREAT SOUTHERN CARNIVAL

The Annual Great Southern Football Carnival will be held in Albany again this year. Matches will be played at Collingwood Park and Centennial Oval on the weekend of July 11 and 12.

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.

KRAKOUER TOAST

Champion brothers Phil and Jim Krakouer were the toast of celebrations at their old football club, North Mt Barker, on the weekend.

Both players gave outstanding efforts in the WA versus SA clash.

IMPROVEMENTS

The Esperance Football Club are spending \$60,000 on new extensions to the club-rooms.

New change rooms and a social area will be built on the existing premises.

GOULD GETS TO 300

Champion Northampton ruckman Malcolm Gould recently played his 300th game.

This outstanding footballer, now 33 years old, has been one of the best players in the Great Northern National Football League for over 15 years.

He has won the Clune Medal 1969, Rocks Footballer of the Year Award (1970 and 1972), coached Northampton to a premiership win in 1978 and capped off a great season winning the Guardian Medal for the best afield in that grand final victory.

Gould hung up his boots in the 1979 season but could not keep away from the scene and returned to the field the following year.

KALGOORLIE FINAL

The Goldfields National Football League has decided to play its grand final in Kalgoorlie at the Sir Richard Moore Sports Centre. The ground was chosen because it has better spectator accommodation than other venues. Any club participating in the grand final, which loses the home ground advantage will be compensated by the league. They will receive \$250.

BOILOVER

Esperance Football Association club team Newtown caused the boilover of the season last week when they beat undefeated side Gibson by two points.

Newtown, lying in last position on the table, produced hard desperate football to down the flag favourites.

Gibson have won the last two premierships in the association but had no answers for Newtown's desperation.

The final scores were 6.6 to 5.10. In the other game of the day Ports were far too good for Esperance 17.9 to 9.13.

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THE CHAMPIONS



WAS CABLE PERTH'S BEST?

When you have a footballer of the calibre of Barry Cable in your camp, it's hard to talk about other champions.

But was he the best footballer at Perth in the last 30 years?

How does he rate up alongside the great Merv McIntosh, a giant of a ruckman and a lion-hearted performer? How does he fare against the superb talents of full-forward Ron Tucker, a mercurial man in his day? What about the week-after-week con-



Barry Cable

tributions of hard-workers like Charlie Skehan, Reg Zeuner or even Pat Astone?

Perth has produced a bundle of champion players in the post-War football era, many of them coming from its local district where the population explosion in the 50's and early 60's turned out football stars of all kinds.

Ken Armstrong, the current coach of Subiaco, was such a successful coach at Perth that his days as a player tend to be overlooked. It must be remembered that Armstrong was a naturally-talented centreman who played 170 games with the club, well up among the veterans of the Demons camp.

The club's record holder, Terry Moriarty, played 253 league games, proving himself to be a half-back flanker of the highest order. He was a hard-hitting defender who conceded nothing to his opponents. Scrupulously fair, he seldom had to lower his colours and was a consistent worker, even in losing teams.

The fairest and best honour board at Lathlain Park has Merv McIntosh high in its list of champions. He won the award five years straight - from 1946 to 1950 - and still proved himself to be a champion in the 50's when he topped the club's voting again in 1952 and 1954. He won Sandover Medals in 1948, 1953 and 1954 and it was his superb effort in the grand final of 1955 that, almost single-handedly, brought victory to the Demons.

It must be remembered, also, that Ian Miller was playing for Perth in 1972 when he won the Sandover Medal - and he still remains the only centre-half-forward to have won the medal. His skill and creative play was something that helped Perth reach the finals.



Merv McIntosh

Neville Beard, too, cannot be left out of the calculations.

As a centre-half-back, he had no peer in the early 60's, taking the Sandover Medal in 1961 to confirm that he was a player of class and tremendous courage, often taking on talented forwards and reducing their effectiveness with his own brilliance and judgement.

It is hard to overlook players like Roy Harper, whose versatility saw him play 213 games for Perth and hold-down many positions with style. His brother, Keith Harper, also rates a mention. A classic wingman, he notched 228 games, seldom letting the side down.

He rates strongly alongside Greg Brehaut, a wingman whose feats in the interstate arena earned him All-Australian selection.

Of course players like Graham Ramshaw, Bob Shields, Colin Lofts, Allan Stiles and John Quartermaine rank among some of the best defenders we have seen in WA.

Then we come to Robert Wiley, a player who filled Cable's shoes in fine style and has now also followed the master's trail to Melbourne to establish himself as a VFL star.

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TOYOTA'S WESTSIDE RATINGS

WA'S ORIGINAL PLAYER RATING CHARTS



1980 Sandover Medallist **STEPHEN MICHAEL** is the pacesetter in this year's Westside-Toyota ratings. He leads with a tally of 77 votes from the 10 matches so far this season... giving him an average of 7.7 votes per game.

MICHAEL STILL TOPS

The Toyota Ratings award published weekly in Westside Football is regarded by most senior league players as the most accurate guide to form that we have seen in this State.

Many players turn to the Toyota Ratings first-up each week to see how our experts have rated them in club football.

This week, with the absence of club voting for last week's football because of the interstate match, we look at the 'niners' — those league players who have received 9-out-of-10 in their club games.

That is an exceptionally high rating, reserved exclusively for outstanding efforts — and South Fremantle's **STEPHEN MICHAEL** heads the list with the high vote being accorded to him three times — against Perth, Subiaco and West Perth.

Close behind is his Bulldogs team-mate,

MAURICE RIOLI, with two nines in his last three games — against East Fremantle and East Perth.

Others to receive 9-out-of-10 votes this year have been:

BILL VALLI (Subiaco) versus East Fremantle.

GRAHAM MOSS (Claremont) versus East Fremantle.

JOHN DIMMER (East Perth) versus Subiaco.

GERARD NEESHAM (Swan Districts) versus West Perth.

BRIAN COOK (Perth) v Subiaco.

BRIAN PEAKE (East Fremantle) versus West Perth.



MAURICE RIOLI, who has missed two full games with injury, is the only player besides Michael to have polled nine votes in more than one match.

CLUB LEADERS

EAST FREMANTLE



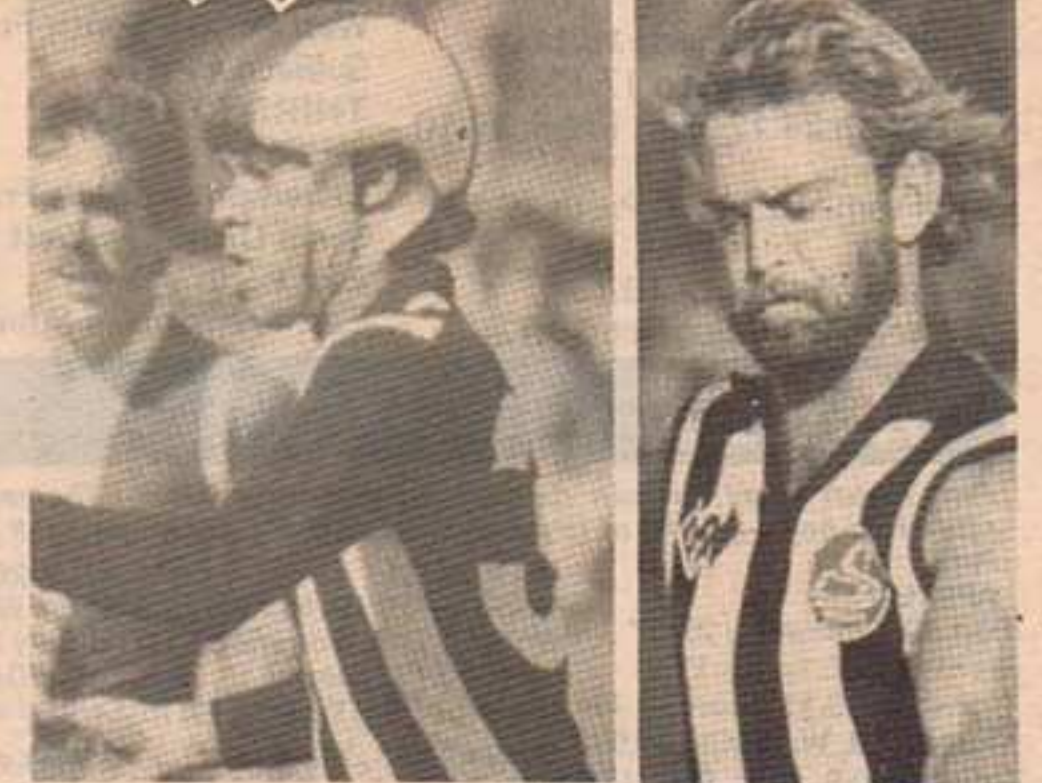
The departure of East Fremantle leader Brian Peake has left **JIM SEWELL** and **STEPHEN GREEN** in front with 56 votes each.

PERTH



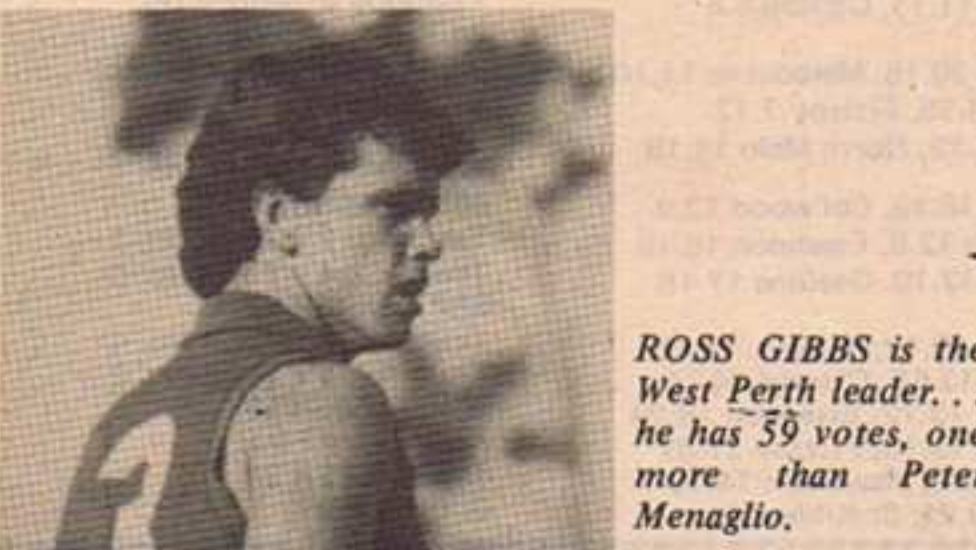
Perth and State ruckman **WAYNE SIMMS** leads the way with 72 votes for the Demons.

SWAN DISTRICTS



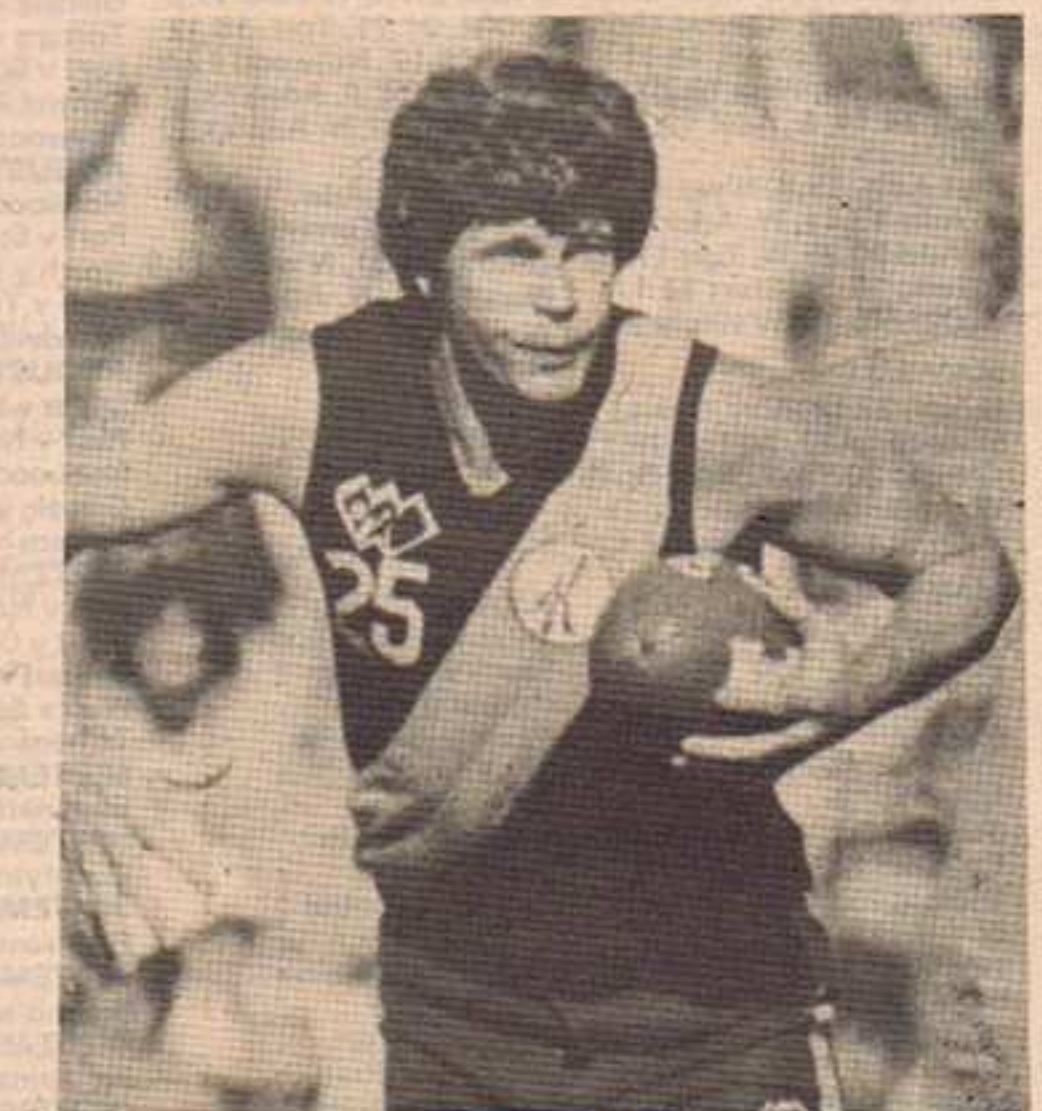
PHIL NARKLE and **GERARD NEESHAM** are joint leaders at Swans with 70 votes each.

WEST PERTH



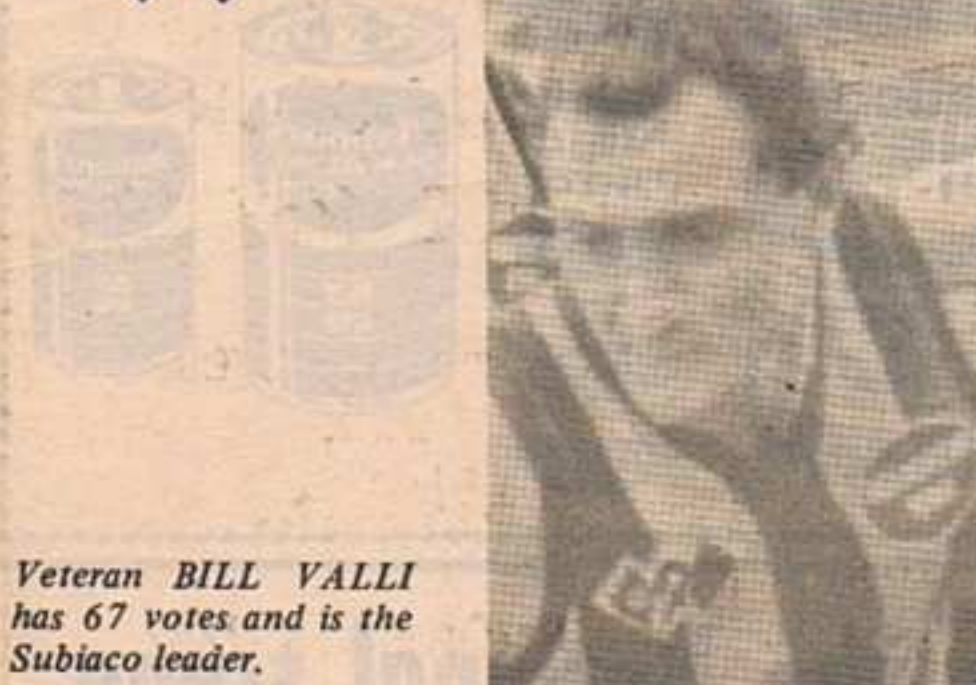
ROSS GIBBS is the West Perth leader... he has 59 votes, one more than Peter Menaglio.

CLAREMONT



Claremont captain-coach **GRAHAM MOSS** leads the way for the Tigers with a tally of 69 votes.

SUBIACO



Veteran **BILL VALLI** has 67 votes and is the Subiaco leader.

EAST PERTH



WAYNE OTWAY, with 65 votes is East Perth's top poller.

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WESTSIDE WINNERS



WEST PERTH v SUBIACO
BOB CRIBB: *I have been on the West Perth bandwagon all year and just when they are coming good I am going to get off because I have so much respect for Subiaco's losing effort against Swan Districts.*



EAST FREMANTLE v SWAN DISTRICTS
ALAN EAST: *You can't sink much lower than the low tide Old Easts have drifted on to... and they will surge back this week; but not enough to dump the Swans high-riders.*



SOUTH FREMANTLE v PERTH
FRED WOODS: *It's hard to fault a team who are playing faultless football... and the Bulldogs are looking so good the Demons will really think they are in hell this week.*



EAST PERTH v CLAREMONT
MARTY McDONNELL: *Claremont have got too much talent in all departments for the Royals... and will win.*

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STATE-GAME REST IS HELP

A week's rest in the middle of the season can make a lot of difference to a side in more ways than one.

The half-way mark is an ideal time for players to rest injuries and for coaches to ease training, rekindle enthusiasm and prepare for the balance of the year.

But, it is also a danger period because a club can lose momentum after a break.

The next three or four weeks will be vital for three teams — East Perth, West Perth and Subiaco — and I'm sure all coaches would have made good use of such a break to mentally tune up their teams for the onslaught.

Despite the apparent break in the competition, whoever makes fourth spot will be a danger side in the final round.

The final round is a whole new ball game. A new season virtually starts in September and the successes or failures of sides in the lead-up to those vital four games at Subiaco Oval mean nothing.

CLASS FULL-FORWARDS

The two State games this year have seen the emergence of two good full-forwards at this level of football.

Both Simon Beasley and Warren Ralph showed that their physically stronger approach to football in 1981 has had its rewards.

You can't go past the State game without commenting on the brilliance and skill of the Krakouer brothers. It was something worth seeing — except if you supported South Australia.

PEAKE IN 1982?

Brian Peake had a dream run first-up for Geelong, who incidentally are always hard to beat at Geelong.

Making a debut in VFL football in a side that wins more than 20 goals would have been a great confidence booster for both Peake and the Cats.

There is no doubt that Peake will be a success over there and he will return to WA with renewed enthusiasm.

The only problem is when will that be. I'm sure that after three months the taste of VFL football will be enough to get him to return to Melbourne in 1982.

BIG DIFFERENCE

The replay of the Essendon-Richmond clash at Windy Hill on Sunday probably illustrated the major difference between

football in Victoria and WA.

It wasn't the standard of the game that was better but the "crowd participation." There was a continual "din" from the crowd that was jam-packed into the ground.

The spectators in Melbourne voice their opinion and support much more than their counterparts in Perth.

They are also a lot closer to the game — which is an important factor in creating atmosphere.

INTERSTATE ROUTINE

It is often very difficult to prepare yourself for a State game when you are playing interstate.

The normal routine gets broken and many players have to worry about their business interests as well.

One group of South Australians that tried to make the most of their trip to Perth included Paul Weston, Russell Ebert and Peter Carey.

They own sports shops in Adelaide and on Saturday morning they took the opportunity to check out the WA retail scene by visiting a number of shops.

This certainly didn't do them any harm because they all finished up in their best players' lists — even Ebert, who did exceptionally well after coming on in the second half.

ORDINARY AFFAIR

To say the least, the pre-match promotion before the game at Subiaco Oval last Saturday was very ordinary.

To make matters even worse for league officials the WA banner was embarrassing when compared to that of South Australia's.

Why don't the league put some money into it at finals and assist in making eight huge banners for all the teams competing at all four finals?

I think this is certainly something the crowd would enjoy.

UMPIRES

The WAFL umpires are certainly behind their VFL and SAFL counterparts when it comes to sponsorship.

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