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SHOWDOWN AT LEEDERVILLE

West Perth coach Graham Campbell sums it up this way: "It's probably the whole season wrapped up into one game."

**By COLIN HOPKINS**

"The side that wins this match will gain an enormous advantage in the drive for the final four."

East Perth coach Grant Dorrington agrees: "It is our most important match this season," he said.

"Our loss in the second round to West Perth was our most disappointing game for the year. The players know it — and they want to make amends for that on Leederville Oval."

The two coaches were talking about this weekend's clash between their clubs at Leederville Oval, which promises to be one of the most critical this year.

The Royals are perched precariously in the top four by virtue of percentage, but locked together on seven wins with the Cardinals. Breathing down their necks is Subiaco on six wins.

West Perth have beaten East Perth in their two encounters this season and will start favourites because of this on Saturday. However, East Perth, for the first time this year won two matches in succession when they beat Perth at Perth Oval last week.

"People will say that those wins were only against East Fremantle and Perth but there were encouraging signs for us in those wins," said Dorrington.

"We are starting to consolidate as a side and I am very

happy with the way the defence is shaping up.

"What we are aiming for now is to get our forward line working and try to make goals come easier."

Campbell is looking for a big rebound from his side and has plenty of evidence behind him that the side will come back strongly after their hiding from Swan Districts last week.

"In the first round we got beaten by Swans by 75 points and then came out and beat East Perth by nine goals the following week," he said.

"In the second round Swans thrashed us and then we came out and kicked a club record score against East Fremantle the following week.

"That is why I am not concerned about last Saturday's result — that became history on Saturday night.

"We have a strong belief in ourselves and our ability to fight our way out of a tight corner.

"This — and the fact that we have shown we have the capacity to kick a lot of goals in the final quarter — are two aspects of our game that I am happy about," said Campbell.

Dorrington is quietly confident that the challenge of beating West Perth at Leederville Oval and the importance of the game will bring the best out of the Royals.

"There has always been fierce rivalry between our two clubs and this helps make the atmosphere so good in games between us," he said.

Over the years there has been some magnificent clashes between these two sides, the best being in 1978 when a record crowd for Leederville Oval of 24,567 watched the Royals beat West Perth and make the final four. They went on to win the premiership after this victory took them into second place on the premiership ladder.

At the end of last season the Cardinals needed to beat East Perth by 53 points to make the four on percentage — but failed narrowly to record that winning margin.

This weekend's clash has much the same importance and will give the winner a tremendous fillip in the fight for fourth spot.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

A spying mission by Grant Dorrington on West Perth last weekend didn't quite produce the results the East Perth coach was looking for.

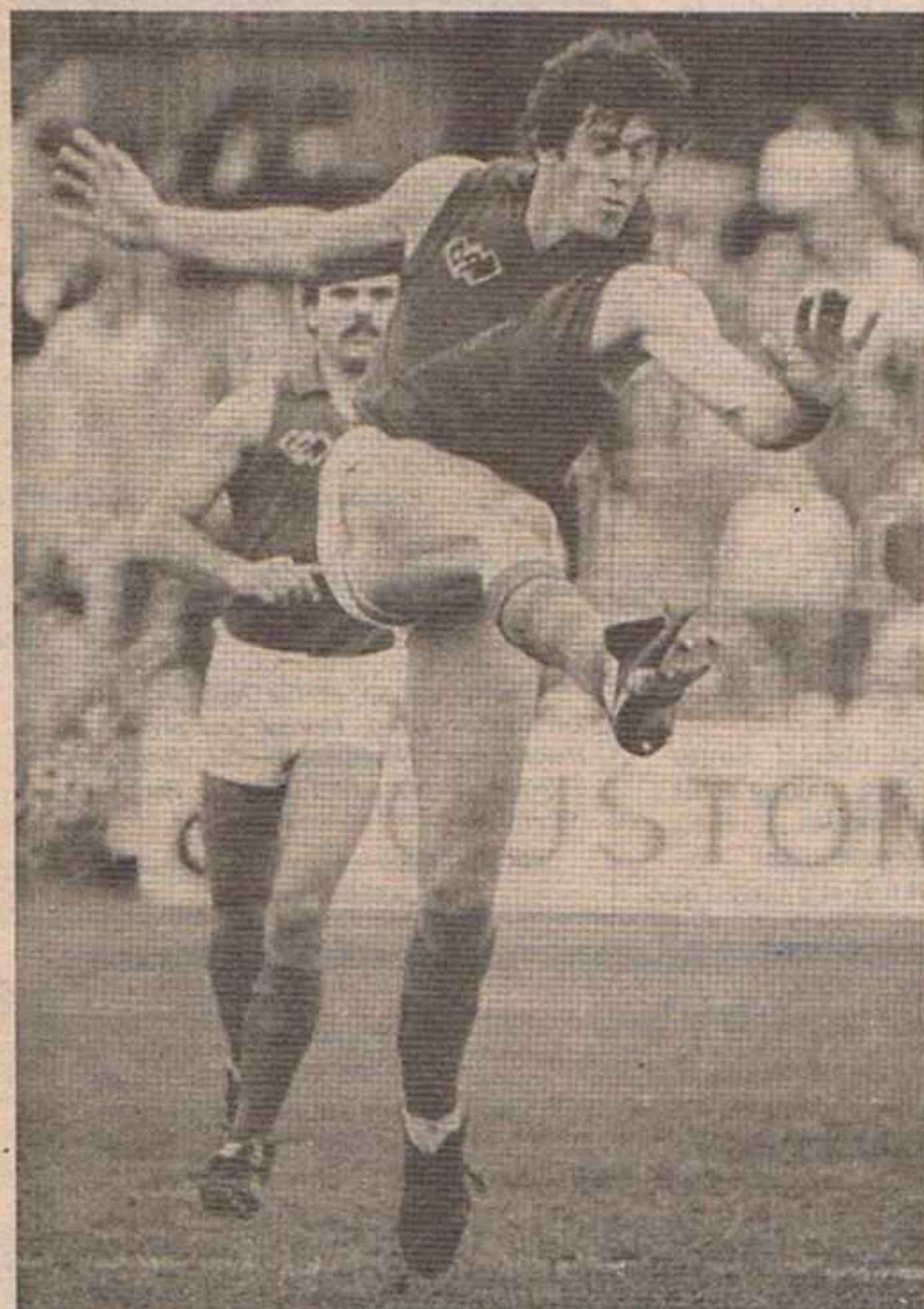
Dorrington sent former East Perth defender Ken Deards to Subiaco Oval to watch the Cardinals play Swan Districts.

"I have a great deal of respect for Ken's knowledge on football and I thought he would be able to give us a good insight into some of the strengths of West Perth," said Dorrington.

"But the game was so one-sided. What can you really learn about a side when someone like Swans hardly gave them a touch of the ball.

"It was a bad game to provide a good guide to the playing strength of West Perth. We expect them to improve a lot this week," said Dorrington.

Obviously Deards did not come back completely empty handed. He spoke in depth to the Royals at training this week on several aspects of the Cardinals' football makeup.

**INSIDE THIS WEEK:****IT'S SWANS FLAG**

... says Bob Cribb

Has there ever been a perfect ump?

... asks Dave Clement

Cardies will bounce back

... says Colin Hopkins

THE CHAMPIONS SOUTH FREMANTLE

Roe flies in to help

South Fremantle have flown former East Perth half-forward Willy Roe back to Perth in a desperate bid to build up their injury-hit ranks.

The talented Roe was flown down from Darwin on Monday and is staying with Basil Campbell.

"The injury situation is serious and we are glad that Willy has decided to play with us this year," said coach Mal Brown.

Roe played three league games with the Royals at the end of last season, but was swapped this year — along with ruckman Barrie Quick — as part of a transfer deal involving utility player Ross Kerr.

He has enormous potential but lost interest in league football at the start of the year and decided to return home to Darwin.

South were happy to see him return there and hoped that he would reconsider his football future at the start of 1982.

"But the situation has become really desperate for us," said Brown. "I had a long talk with Willy last week and he agreed to try and help us out."

Originally both South and East Perth were anxious to sign Roe — but he decided to join the Royals after speaking with East Perth general manager Ron Webster in Darwin almost two years ago. He is the son of former Royals star Billy Roe, who played an important role in the club's 1956 premiership win.

He is expected to play with the reserves against East Fremantle this weekend.

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The Swan-West Perth match produced some pretty tough clashes . . . and photographer Richie Hann was right in there at the peak of it. This picture shows Swans men Stan Nowotny (left) and Ed Blackaby taking West Perth's John Duckworth out of the fray as Cardies' Peter Menaglio (centre) has hold of Phil Narkle's protective helmet.

Tipsters poll

The John Buzza Media Guild tipsters poll has put a few of our football experts to shame . . .

The football media are chasing \$500 worth of clothing from John Buzza's Gentlemen's Outfitters, in the city, and some prominent names are well down the list.

The second-round prize of \$100 was shared last week by three tipsters — our own editor and publisher Peter Poat; Geoff Christian, the doyen of football writers from The West Australian, and Sunday Times cricket writer-cum-football back-up man, Lew Nathan.

They each finished with 29 points for the second round — finishing one ahead of Frank Sparrow (Channel 7-6IX), Rod Lane (Sunday Times) and Alan Newman (West Australian).

However, the overall leader is still Channel 7's Harvey Deegan on 54 — one ahead of former football star Ian Miller.

Voting as at the end of the second round provides some interesting reading:

54 — H. Deegan (Ch. 7); 53 — I. Miller (Westside Football/6PM); 52 — T. Flynn (6PM); 51 — G. Christian (West Aust.), L. Nathan (Sunday Times), P. Poat (Westside Football), F. Sparrow (6IX); 49 — A. East (Western Mail), A. Newman (West Aust.), D. Young (West Aust.); 48 — J. Gerovich (Western Mail/6PR), H. Kelly (Ch. 7), G. Worner (Sunday Times); 47 — R. Lane (Sunday Times), R. Locke (West. Aust.), R. Wilson (Sunday Times), F. Woods (Ch. 7); 46 — B. Miller (Ch. 7), C. Hopkins (Westside Football/Sunday Times); 45 — D. Tanner (Daily News), R. White (Daily News); 44 — R. Bennett (Sunday Times), J. Campbell (Daily News), K. Casellas (West. Aust.), A. Marshall (Ch. 7), T. Worner (Western Mail); 42 — R. Burns (Daily News), R. Lawrence (ABC); 41 — R. Howard (6PR), M. Thomson (Daily News), J. Shterline (West Aust.), B. Cable (Daily News); 37 — M. Carr (Daily News); 35 — N. Garland (6IX), P. Sweeney (Daily News).

ROYAL RIVALS

It was a pretty miserable day all round for Perth last Saturday when they travelled to Perth Oval, the home of traditional rivals, East Perth. The colts copped an 18-goal thrashing; the reserves went down by nearly 30 goals and the league lost as well, with 26 points being the margin. What made it even harder to swallow was the close ties that the two support coaches at Perth have with East Perth. Demons colts coach Eddie Michalczyk and reserves coach Ken McAullay still have soft spots in their hearts for the club that they played their league football with.

GETTING IT RIGHT!

The correct spelling of names is something that really bothers us at times; we always try to be spot on if we can. But sometimes the football media just doesn't really know how a person spells his name . . . as must be the case with field umpire Gillies. Last week his christian name featured in three different media spelt as such — Darrell, Daryl and Darryl. So we decided to check up once and for all to find out the correct spelling and, would you believe, none of those are correct. So from now on Darryle, we will spell your christian name right — and hope everyone else follows us!

DAMAGING DEAN

The improved form of East Perth speedster Dean Turner — he has been his team's best player at least five times this season — can be put down to some summer strengthening exercises that have helped build up his confidence. An example of his strength came last Saturday when he was running downfield with the ball and Perth's Terry Walsh came in with a solid hip and shoulder bump.

Turner simply bounced off Walsh — who ended up in a painful heap on the ground.

KEN'S NEW ROLE

Former Perth captain and champion defender Ken Inman has taken on another role in football — he has accepted the post of treasurer of the Football Media Guild. Inman, who retired at the end of last season with 155 games to his credit, has been working as an around-the-grounds commentator with radio 6PM this season. The newly-established Football Media Guild — now in its second year — has reluctantly accepted the resignation of inaugural treasurer Peter (Binky) Phillips due to his increased business pressure.

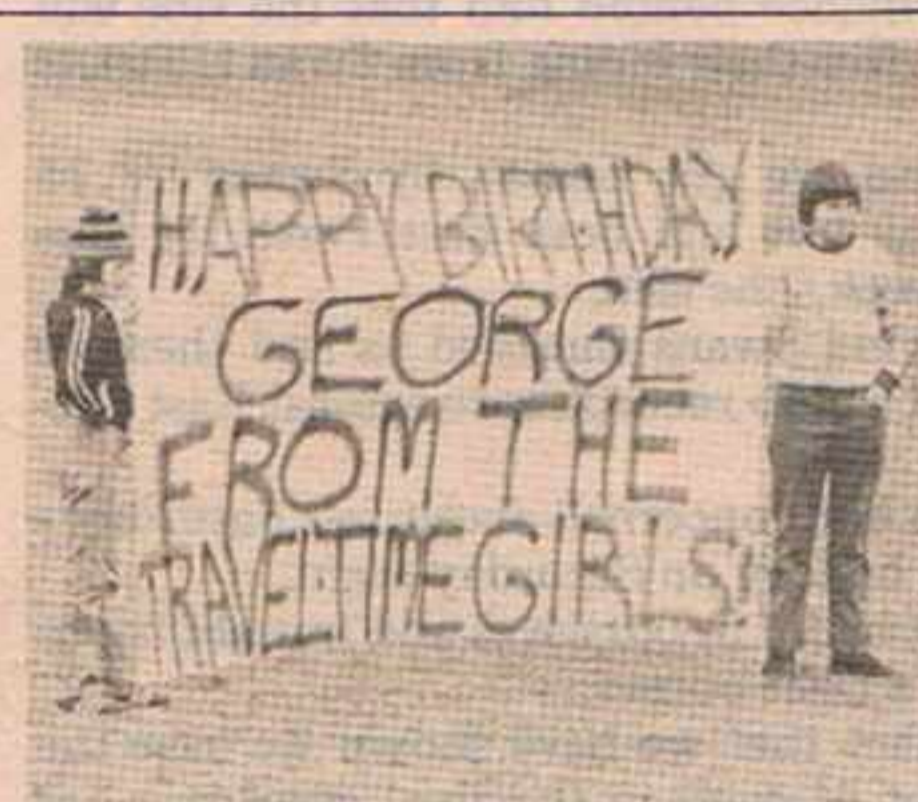
QUIZ NIGHT

While talking about the Football Media Guild, take note of a big night coming up next Wednesday (August 5). The inaugural FMG Quiz Night! With the intense rivalry between all facets of the football media, this promises to be a night with a difference. It's at the Windsor Hotel in South Perth and table inquiries can be made to the WAFL on 381 5599. Tickets are just \$3 — and that includes a bevy of beautiful prizes.

TRAIN MOVE

The W.A.F.L.'s move to press the State government to re-open the North-Fremantle rail link during this year's final round is welcome news for many followers, particularly those in Fremantle and Midland-Bassendean areas.

It wouldn't be a bad idea if South Fremantle and Swans started making a bit of 'noise' in the right circles . . . their supporters would welcome the re-introduction of trains, even if it's only for the finals.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

George Michalczyk has often been described as one of football's most handsome pin-up boys . . . and it seems as though he has a few fans around town. It was his birthday last Saturday (all of 27) and the girls in his Travel-Time International office in the city got this special banner up to mark the occasion.

CAPES WINS AGAIN

Ross Capes has won the Joyce Umpires Award for his performances in the second qualifying round. Joyce Australia's Marketing Manager, Alec Wearn, presented Capes with the \$1000 prize last Sunday.

Four umpires handled seven matches each during the round. Capes won with an average of 22 points, Ron Powell finished next with 20.6; Bob Phillips averaged 19.5 and Darryle Gillies 19.2.

Points are awarded by the umpires advisor and the opposing club presidents and are from a possible 30 points. It is the second \$1000 prize Capes has collected from the awards this season. Another \$8,500 will be distributed by the sponsors at the end of the season.

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 bring you this weekly list.

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

Rod Brown (S) 26 on 3rd
John Bengough (S) 21 on 3rd
Glenn Miller (EF) 22 on 5th
Colin Tincknell (C) 28 on 8th
John Sims (EF) 25 on 8th



Neil Randall (SF)
28 on 4th



Arnold Cox (EP)
21 on 5th

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STH. FREM. — L, W, L, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, L, W, W v East Frem. at Frem.
WEST PERTH — L, W, L, L, L, W, L, W, L, W, W, L, W, W, L v East Perth at Leederville
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Swans have fire-power to take flag

With five sets of home and away games to go before the finals Swan Districts, in my opinion, are sitting pretty to take out this year's flag.

Compared to last season, John Todd and the black and whites are doing everything right as we turn to the business end of the season and will go into the final rounds this year much better organised and equipped than they did in 1980.

Swans have depth this season and last minute injuries to key players, which brought about their undoing last year, will have nowhere near the same unsettling effect.

Swans have coped all season with injuries and the loss of big name players and there is not a footballer in their line-up who can not be replaced.

In the next few weeks potential match winners, Ed Blackaby, Gerard Neesham, Ron Boucher, Mike Smith, Craig Holden and even Ian Williams will start to re-appear.

They are seven top players who Todd has been forced to replace in recent weeks.

Todd's problem in September is more likely to be who to leave out rather than who to put in for the semi-finals.



Players like Don Holmes, Alan Cransberg, Leon Baker, Bill Skwirowski, Alan Sidebottom and Jon Fogarty have made the most of their opportunities in recent games and can hardly be dropped without deep soul searching by Todd and his co-selectors.

The other thing I like about Swans is the deep under-current of sensitivity and

awareness in the club of the task that lies ahead.

Swans have lost three games this year — two to Claremont and one to South Fremantle.

On each occasion the players met, talked about the reasons and came bouncing back the following Saturday to record a big win.

The players are sharing with Todd the responsibility for defeat.

They took stock on each occasion of how vital lapses in concentration occurred and vowed to rectify the situation.

Also the club's supporters have been magnificent in their loyalty this season.

I have been to Swans on a Sunday morning after a losing game to find over 250 members there talking football and giving the players that morale boosting lift needed so much when you are down.

It's my opinion that when the finals come round in a couple of weeks time Subiaco Oval will be invaded by a virtual army of banner waving Swans supporters.

The Swans players are very confident of their ability to beat Claremont when the chips are down.

If anything they would be more anxious if they had to play South Fremantle again in a grand final.

The way things are panning out Souths are not good things to make it to the grand final — let alone win it.

John Todd is going to hate me for saying this but with five weeks to go Swans for mine are odds on for this year's premiership.

I honestly believe they have not yet released their full attacking power on any opposition.

Claremont and Souths will find dodging that full blasted attack, including the emotional contribution from the sidelines, will be like trying to halt a tidal wave.

RECORD FINAL ROUND?

The WAFL has backed more losers than me this year in what was to be a bonanza year for attendances and also a big help in their efforts to pay off the \$5 million commitment at Subiaco Oval.

Somebody up there does not like the league because nearly all of their match of the day attractions at Subiaco Oval have been washed out by bad weather.

However, Vince Yovich and his co-directors should not despair.

They can look forward to the biggest ever attendance at a final round and I venture to say that there will not be a spare seat at any of the finals this season.

Three times this year I have seen quality, pressure football matches which if replayed at Subiaco Oval would have to be a sellout.

The Swans Claremont game at Bassendean a fortnight ago was in fact the best football match I have ever seen in this State and in the second round the Claremont-Souths game at Fremantle was just about the second best.

The East Perth-West Perth game at Perth Oval in the second round was another classic and they are the five sides that are now almost certain to contest the top four positions.

This year our finals will be just as interest packed as the Victorian games and I believe football supporters in this State will come out of the woodwork to be at Subiaco in September.

Guest Columnist

THIS WEEK:

Bob Cribb

Sunday Independent football writer and radio 6PR critic.



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Another Michael medal



Michael



J. Krakouer



Buckenara

The word is out that only three players, Gary Buckenara, Jimmy Krakouer and Stephen Michael can win this year's Sand-over Medal.

The only other two players even mentioned in Medal discussions and unofficial betting at this stage are Phillip Narkle and Alan Johnson.

That being the case, I reckon Stephen Michael has it sewn up again.

Footballers who poll votes in the Sand-over Medal do it with regularity and Stephen Michael has been winner and runner-up in the last two seasons.

At the risk of upsetting my friends in the Aboriginal community again, I predict an "all black" trifecta with Stephen Michael winning from Jimmy Krakouer or Phillip Narkle, and I could not think of three finer sportsmen to fight out the States most important football award.



There was a function with a difference in the board room at the Swan Districts Football Club last weekend...

The club's general manager, Peter Brophy, married Marion Smith in a quiet ceremony on Sunday night.

The bride was given away by Swans' president John Cooper (seen here delivering the traditional kiss) and one of the special guests was none other than Perth Football Club president, Matt Brophy — father of the bridegroom. PICTURE: Richie Hann.

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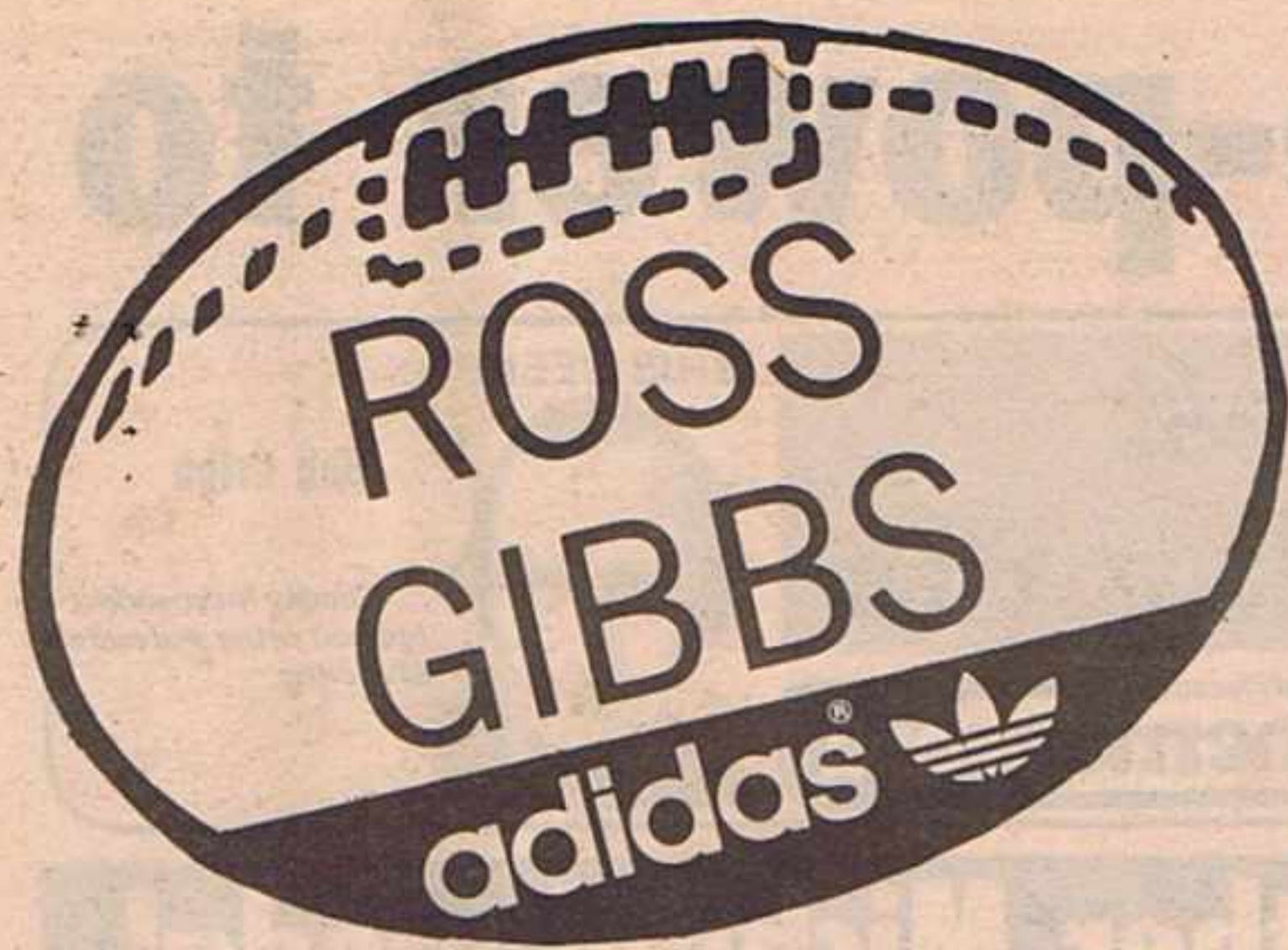
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Now he's a real Cardie

Dashing young West Perth star Ross Gibbs works as a law clerk . . . so he knows what's right and what's wrong.

Out on the football field he knows what's right . . . and he plays his football accordingly; straight-down-the-middle and with no beg-pardons.

The youngster from Mirrabooka should really have played with East Perth except for a boundary change just before he reached the stage of graduating out of juniors. However, he has become a die-hardened Cardinal, proving himself to be one of the best back-pocket players in the business.

But, like most specialist defenders, he likes to think that he could fill an attacking or creative role in league football. In the few times that Gibbs has been moved upfield he has played well and maybe that's a thought for the future as he progresses with his football career.

One thing that marred Gibbs' football last year, when he failed to poll a Sandover Medal vote despite a brilliant season, was disputing umpiring decisions. But like everything else Gibbs has tackled; he learnt his lesson quickly. He is a model of behaviour this year . . . and his football has improved as well.

This week football writer PETER AUSTIN spoke to Gibbs about his career . . .

Q: How did you get to play with West Perth after living in Mirrabooka which is in the East Perth zone?

A: The zoning boundaries were changed and I realised I had to play with the Cardinals.

Q: Any regrets?

A: I had always followed East Perth since I was a young bloke, but I am happy with West Perth. When I was about 16 years old I started playing with the West Perth juniors and when I was 18 I played my first colts game, I played my first league game in 1979.

Q: What position did you play?

A: Ruck-rover. In other grades I have played as either a rover or centreman.

Q: How did you become a back pocket player?

A: One day we were playing Claremont and the Krakouer brothers were going really well. The coach put me on them hoping to stop them and I played well enough to stay there.

Q: Where do you like playing?

A: On the ball or in the centre. I have had the chance in these positions over the past few weeks and it's been good.

Q: When you were named as one of WA's back pocket players it must have given you a good insight into your future?

A: Yes. That was great. I am quite happy to play anywhere really.

Q: Who has helped you the most in your football career?

A: Probably Ken McAully got me really going when I was playing in the colts competition. One day the team was taking it easy and he grabbed me and took me to a corner where he blasted hell out of me. I suppose ever since then it has made me take a little more serious attitude towards the game. He was the man one who really guided me. Although all the coaches have contributed towards my career in some way.

Q: What sort of player do you regard yourself as?

A: By playing in the back pocket you have to be attacking all the time. There is only one way to go and that's straight up the ground.

Q: Have you had any injuries?

A: Not since I have played in the back pocket. You don't have to turn quickly which causes a lot of injuries I suppose. I have had a few ankle problems but have yet to miss a game. I've had a good run so far.

Q: Do you have any thoughts of playing in the VFL?

A: Yes, but that wouldn't be for a few more years yet.

Q: Was it a great thrill to be selected in the WA team?

A: Yes. My first league game was fantastic also but playing for your State is really something. I was very nervous.

Q: Who did you play on?

A: Rod Ashman.

Q: What do you think of West Perth's chances for the 1981 season?

A: Now it looks good. Last season we started off really bad but came good late in the season. This season looks a lot better because we are getting our game together earlier. If we continue our good form and all play together, we will beat anyone.

Q: West Perth seem to have trouble playing in wet weather conditions.

A: Yes. We have had some really bad days in the wet but on the other hand played extremely well in dry conditions. Football's a funny game.

Q: You also play cricket too?

A: I play for Osborne Park in the amateur association. A lot of other West Perth players join in and play and it keeps us together. A lot of us at West Perth also play indoor cricket and that also brings us closer together.

Q: What else do you enjoy during the summer months?



ROSS GIBBS . . . very nervous about his State debut.

A: My father has a boat and I go skiing quite a bit. Sometimes several players join in and have a day out.

Q: Has your father helped you with your football?

A: Not really. He was mainly a tennis player in his younger days and has never played football in his life. He loves the sport and is a member at West Perth now I'm playing. My mother was a good sports-woman in her younger days.

Q: Do you have any brothers interested in football?

A: My older brother is a speedway man who is one of the best drivers in Mt Barker. My younger brother is a keen yachtsman. He has represented the State in sailing.

Q: What do you think of Graham Campbell as a coach?

A: He's very good. Graham is a great motivator whether you are up or down. He gets right behind you and never puts you down.

Q: Do you regard yourself as a consistent footballer?

A: Well I haven't had as good a season as I had last year. I sometimes see my name in the backpocket all the time and it gets

you down. I can't complain, but the thought of playing in other positions is on my mind.

Q: If you went to Victoria, who would you like to play for?

A: Possibly Essendon but anyone in the top five.

Q: What do you do after a game on Saturday nights?

A: A group of us will probably go to hotels and nightclubs and really enjoy ourselves.

Q: Who has been your hardest opponents to beat?

A: The Krakouer brothers. You give them an inch and they are gone.

Q: Do you regard yourself as an aggressive footballer?

A: No, I have never had a fight in my life.

Q: What do you think of WA umpiring?

A: They are all right. I get carried away sometimes and shoot my mouth off. In the backline, you may give a free kick away and it's a goal. Sometimes I see something that the umpires don't and I tell them. I get a bit excited I suppose.

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Name: Ross Gibbs.
Born: 16.2.60 Perth.
Height: 5ft. 9in (175cm).
Weight: 11st. 7lb. (74kg).
Lives at: Dianella.
Married: No.

Occupation: Law Clerk.
Football honours: Third in West Perth' fairest and best in 1980 and represented W.A. in 1981.

Came from: Mirrabooka Junior Football Club.
Favourite food: Steak and vegetables.

Favourite drink: Southern Comfort and coke.
Hobbies and relaxation: Cricket, water skiing and tennis.

Football likes: Winning.
Football dislikes: All training.

Idols in football: Leigh Matthews.
Hard things in football: Training.

Ambitions: Play 150 games for West Perth; represent W.A. again and play in a winning premiership side.

Nickname: None.
Guernsey No: 3.
Games played: 55.



Radio 6IX critic
Allan (Chubby) Stiles.

Chubby's Chatter

It could be good news for Swan Districts supporters in the next two or three weeks.

Coach John Todd tells me that Mike Smith and Ian Williams have improved considerably and could be playing reserves soon.

Smith is trying out a new knee brace, but at present it is not as successful as he would like. However, he feels confident, knee brace or not, that he will be returning to the field this year.

Williams is having considerable problems with fluid on the knee and the doctors have found out that this is due to a weeping muscle and he has slowly overcome the difficulty.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

While on the subject of Swan Districts, two players who certainly deserve mention are Leon Baker and Stan Nowotny. At present I believe Baker, a first year player, should win the best first year player award this year.

He has handled every position he has played in — centre, centre-half-forward, ruck-rover and half-forward — with the maturity of a seasoned league player.

A lot of people thought that the playing days of that tenacious and "never-say-die" captain of Swans, Stan Nowotny, would end as a half-back-flanker. But coach John Todd threw the challenge to Stan and over the past two or three years he has taken on numerous positions, such as centre-half-forward, ruck-rover or half-forward-flank and has handled these with great efficiency.

His determined attitude came to the fore in the first half against West Perth last week when, as a ruck-rover, he set a great example to footballers everywhere with his ability to obtain the hard ball and deliver it to the runners.

These two players should figure prominently in the GPM/Swan Brewery Champion Footballer Awards at the end of the season.

PROBLEM AREAS

In picking Swan Districts to beat West Perth last week, two factors that worried me about West Perth were their centre line and the height of their forwards. As far as the centre line was concerned, this was illustrated in the first half when Swans won in the centre and on Philip Narkle's wing. Even though coach Graham Campbell made changes, West Perth were unable to peg back the strength that Swan Districts had along this line. Other than Les Fong and Corry Bewick, they never had any players who could pick up the crumbs and read the ball off the hands of the pack such as Don Holmes or Mike Richardson. (This is not detrimental to Ron Wilson, who I thought was West Perth's best player in the first half).

Campbell must be a little worried about these lines even though he has some good players. The one thing in West Perth's favour is that, after the two previous big defeats against Swans, they have bounced back to win their next game.

UMPIRE RATINGS

It is noticeable in the umpires' ratings this year that a greater percentage of them are averaging seven out of 10 or over. Yet Stephen Michael, who very rarely plays a bad game and has had a top season is also rating 7.5.

So in the eyes of some people, the umpires must be obtaining the same high standard as Stephen Michael. I will let you be the judge.



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FOOTBALL FACTS

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Has there been a perfect umpire?

The way the men-in-white are getting "shot down" these days makes one think if we will ever get the perfect umpire.

One who may have fitted this category was one Harold 'Ivo' Crapp, who in a career spread over nearly 30 years became known as the Prince of Umpires.

Crapp umpired over 50 finals, including 17 grand finals in Melbourne and Perth between 1897 and 1920.

He controlled the very first interstate game between WA and Victoria in Melbourne in 1904, and he umpired the carnival game in 1921 when WA beat Victoria for the first time.

In WA, he umpired all the finals nine years in a row. It was said that his ability to communicate with all players won respect with losers and winners alike.

'Ivo' Crapp umpired almost up to the time of his death in 1924.

CABLE'S CLUB

When Barry Cable was appointed North Melbourne's coach he joined the list of players having coached league football in Victoria and WA.

In post-war football this has been achieved by Graham Campbell, Graham Farmer, David Parkin, Ross Smith, Alan Killigrew (Killa in fact coached in SA too), Dennis Jones, Kevin Murray, Peter Pianto, Peter O'Donohue and Arthur Oliver.

TURNAROUND

Swan Districts meet Perth this week with nine successive wins behind them against the Demons.

Perth's were dominant over Swans from 1954 to 1960 when they won 18 straight.

FIXTURE PUZZLE

Does the league have to declare next year's fixtures before this season ends?

Promotion is the oft used term in big sport today, but the draw for the opening games doesn't add much for the promoters on 1981 rankings.

Why can't the grand finalists meet in the opening game.

Sometimes by the time they do one side has slipped down the list and it is not the game of the day if played first up.

It was 1968 when the finalists of the previous year last met in the opening fixture, Perth (15.14) beat East Perth (13.16).



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WATTS UP? with J.K.

Hi there folks,

At last it's happened. East Perth, the greatest football team in Australia are actually playing in the Match of the Day. I cannot understand why it has taken so long.

Even better, they are playing West Perth and once again the mighty Royals get the chance to give the "garlic munchers" another football lesson at Leederville Oval.

In my day that was the ultimate. We used to do it every year and then go straight across to the Leederville pub and have about twenty "pots" to celebrate.

I'll never forget those days because not once in my career can I ever remember "Polly" Farmer buying a drink.

GEELONG REMEMBER

Talking about "Polly" I went across to Melbourne to watch Geelong play last Saturday as guest of the club.

Billy Goggin is the king there now and he still raves on about Geelong's last premiership win.

He reckons he was the one who won the game taking all those hand passes from Farmer.

What they all forget is that I was the one who used to give the ball to Farmer in the first place.

"PHIL THE BULLY"

I cannot understand the tribunal letting that big bully Phillip Narkle get away with bashing up poor old John Duckworth last week.

I wish Phillip would pick on someone his own size.

Next time they meet (next year) I am going to help Ducky out. I'll buy him a can of Aeroguard.

LIONS CHANCE

Can my other favourite team, Subiaco, beat the champs Claremont this week?

That would have to be the best result this year if the Lions could do it.

They and Souths are the only teams to have done it this year and it really is Subiaco's last chance to stay in the final four race.

I reckon every football fan in the State that does not follow the Tigers will be barracking for Subi.

I don't wish Mossy any harm but if there's any justice at all, Subiaco will win this game by a point.

BAZZA'S BEAUTY

I told this one on Channel Seven on Monday night. Barry Martin flew over to Queensland on the weekend to make arrangements with Greg Chappell to come to England with us next month.

Bazza put through a direct call to England and asked if he could speak to the Australian Cricket team.

The voice on the other end of the phone said "You can't speak to them now they have just gone into bat."

Quick as a flash Bazza replied - "That's OK, I'll wait!"

P.S. Barry Cable sends his regards to Matt Brophy and the Perth Football Club.

See you folks.

7 INTERSTATE UPDATE

BARTLETT ANGRY AT UMPIRES

One of Australia's greatest football veterans, the evergreen Kevin Bartlett, claims that umpires are victimising him in the VFL.

The normally tolerant Richmond rover and holder of the VFL games-played record of 356, has fired off a heated blast at umpires.

Now 34, the creative will-o-the-wisp said that he felt he was being unnecessarily penalised.

"I'm being crucified," he said after Richmond's loss to Fitzroy last week.

"I think it's a legacy of years gone by. I used to be free-kicked under the holding-the-man/holding-the-ball rule, but now they think I'm putting one over them if I fall over when going for the ball."

Richmond are considering lodging a protest with the VFL — and when you look at the stats and see that Bartlett has received 25 free kicks this year, but has been penalised 41 times, you wonder how their objection will go.

CLOKE'S HOPES

Burly Richmond forward David Cloke has resumed light training and could be in with a chance of making it back for the finals — if Richmond make it.

Cloke's right knee was operated on late in May after he damaged the ligaments. "I've done a bit of weight work to build it up and I hope to join in with club training pretty soon," says Cloke.

Cloke was a key member of Richmond's premiership last season and officials will be watching anxiously over the next few weeks as he gradually returns to the training track.

SIDEY IN STRIFE

Volatile West Australian Garry Sidebottom can't seem to do anything right lately...

Even playing down in the Geelong reserves, Sidey struck trouble in the form of Hawthorn tough man Don Scott (also lamenting in the minor grade despite his 297 senior games).

Sidebottom was reported for allegedly striking Scott in an incident some distance behind the play.

BLUES BLUES

Carlton's run of injuries continues and coach David Parkin has now used 42 players in senior games this year.

His latest casualty is dynamic utility player Wayne Harnes, who pulled a hamstring muscle and will miss this Saturday's big game against Geelong.

Still on the injured list are Barry Armstrong and Geoff Southy.

RENE HAS FLOPPED

The knives are really out at Collingwood for one-time superstar Rene Kink.

The man who has shattered many an opposing defence with his strong play is apparently on the outer in the Magpies camp.

Kink is currently well overweight as he is sidelined with injury and he is starting to be mentioned in future swap deals.

The media aren't being too nice to Rene either... headlines like Roly Poly Rene Flops and so forth. But how about this for a sting-in-the-tail — the infamous Shadow says: Why will Collingwood win this year's premiership. ANSWER. Because they've taken the kink out of their side.



MARK NOW A HERO

Mark Jackson, that hot-headed rough diamond who put in a few games with South Fremantle back in 1979, is something of an anti-hero in parts of Victoria.

But to the solid-core fans of Melbourne he's a real pin-up boy. So much so, that Mark is polling well in the Sunday Press-Ardmona Jams Popular Player Poll.

With something like \$14,000 available in the poll, there's plenty of entries flowing in... and a lot have Mark Jackson's name on them.



Bewdy Blighty!

Malcolm Blight was certainly the toast of North Melbourne last week — even after the humiliation of admitting that he couldn't continue coaching the league side.

Blight stepped down to make way for Barry Cable... and then immediately went out and wrote his name in the North Melbourne goalkicking records.

He booted 11 goals to equal the record set by Jock Spencer in 1950. In a devastating last quarter, that saw North get up to beat Footscray, Blight kicked four goals in five minutes and six for the quarter.

That's a long way from four weeks ago when the luckless coach ran into an open goal against Richmond — and kicked a point from two metres out.

SOUTH FANS DECLARE WAR

The South Melbourne 'stay-or-go' war is hotting up.

John Keogh, chairman of the 'Keep South at South' committee, has declared open war and the hostilities are going to snowball. He has organised a petition calling for an extraordinary general meeting to discuss any proposed move to Sydney.

There is a strong and growing group of people, particularly life members, who want to see South Melbourne stay at the Lakeside Oval.

Mr Keogh is planning to get a motion through sacking the present administration... but he'll meet a pretty confident South Melbourne line-up of officials.

As South's general manager, Barry Rogers, says: "There's heaps of bullets being made at our end too."

CHAIRMAN SLATES PLAYERS

Port Adelaide chairman John Swayne had some pretty rough words to say to his players after their 26-point loss to Glenelg last week.

Top side Glenelg survived with some pretty heartening football in the second half, coming from 34 points behind at half-time to win running away.

Mr Swayne said after the match that he was disgusted with the Magpies' performance in the second half. He claimed that they had thrown the game away — a win that would have helped their cause to snatch a place in the top two.

It was Glenelg's first win at the Port Adelaide's home ground of Alberton Oval since 1973.

Glenelg had an amazing game. They kicked nine straight goals before registering their first point and eventually finished with an incredible 16.2 to beat Port, who notched 9.18 in a terrible display of accuracy.

PHILLIS COMEBACK

Fred Phillis — the former Glenelg champion full-forward — is in training and could make a comeback to league football.

Now 32, he retired in 1978 after constant injury problems.



In 275 games for Glenelg he kicked 858 goals and won a Magarey medal. He won the medal in 1969, after kicking a record 137 goals that year.

He is training secretly in Adelaide, and wants to be fully fit before he resumes training with the Glenelg squad.

He is confident that he can achieve the fitness required to make a comeback. Though Glenelg are sitting comfortably on top of the SA league ladder, his presence in the team would boost the sides premiership prospects. They have had problems for most of the season in that position.

Coach John Halbert is delighted with the prospect of having their former champion back in the side.

He said: "Obviously he has the talent and, if he can regain fitness and form, could be a great asset to us."

Marlboro GOALS!

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DANGERMAN

The brilliant return to league football by Claremont's Steve Malaxos must rank as one of the best comebacks in recent years. After being plagued by injury and loss of form, Malaxos was recalled for the June 13 game against Perth — and his goal tallies since then tell the story: 5, 5, 6, 6, 7 and 8. With a total now of 42 goals in just eight games, he has jumped right into the Marlboro Top Ten goalkicking table and is proving to be a very dangerous player as far as rival teams are concerned.

ON THE RUN

Claremont's Jim Krakouer is certainly one of the best footballers to watch in action... and last week he didn't disappoint his fans. He kicked two great on-the-run goals from deep in the forward pocket, one of which earned him the Town & Country Goal-of-the-Day.

BEWDY BUDGIE!

There's no doubting the fact that Essendon's star recruit, Tony Buhagiar, is one of their most popular players... and he was a deserving winner of the goal-of-the-day on the ABC TV show The Winners last weekend. Buhagiar had three goes at picking up the ball in a tightly-contested pack and when he finally grabbed it he was off like a whippet and spiralled a long kick through the goals.

CLEVER JOHNNO

The deft ball-handling of dynamic Perth centreman Alan Johnson was captured when he kicked his team's fourth goal against East Perth on Saturday. Royals defender Glenn Robertson had his name written all over the ball as it sailed into Perth's forward line. However, Johnson cleverly flicked it out of Robertson's grasp, gathered it on the rebound at the back of the pack and snapped it onto his boot for a timely goal.

BACK-UP ROLE

Craig Edwards was credited with East Perth's 11th goal — the second of his hat-trick — against Perth on Saturday; but credit must go to John Hayes. Hayes led out from full-back to take a handpass from Glenn Robertson out at centre-half-back. However, Robertson elected to go infield, but Hayes kept on running till finally he accepted a pass from a team-mate further upfield, chipped it to Kevin O'Keefe who, in turn, passed to Edwards for the goal.

MARLBORO TOP TEN

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	90.49
Simon Beasley (Swans)	84.36
Brad Hardie (South Frem.)	55.37
Brett Farmer (Claremont)	46.21
Steve Malaxos (Claremont)	42.16
Bruce Monteath (South Frem.)	42.37
Doug Simms (Perth)	42.30
Mike Richardson (Swans)	41.23
Brian Adamson (West Perth)	41.14
Jim Sewell (East Frem.)	40.23

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PREVIEW

With Colin Hopkins

WEST PERTH WILL BOUNCE BACK

West Perth can rebound from their crushing by Swans last Saturday to inflict their third defeat of the season on East Perth at Leederville Oval this week.

The Royals are never happy at Leederville Oval and Cardinals coach Graham Campbell believes he has their measure this season.

The Cardinals' forward line did not fire last Saturday, but it still bristles with goalkicking power.

This is where East Perth could get into trouble against the likes of Brian Adamson, Dan Foley and Ron Wilson.

East Perth are gathering power on the ball and it was interesting to note that four of their best players last week were Dean Turner, Chris Allen, Wayne Otway and John Ironmonger.

Turner started brilliantly as a ruck-rover and then played equally as well when pitted against Alan Johnson in the centre.

Chris Allen has had a disappointing season so far and it was good to see him starting to make his presence felt again.

Otway is one of the most reliable rovers in WA and his clash with Les Fong will be one of the main drawcards.

East Perth got good service from their young ruckmen last Saturday and there are few clubs with as much potential in the big-men department.

The stakes are high at Leederville Oval and there have been some epic clashes between these two sides in recent years at that ground. The best was the last qualifying game of 1978, which East Perth won to guarantee them a place in the final four. The same prize is on offer this week, but the result may be different.



Russell Ellen... will spell danger for the Royals.

Selections:

Lions face big test

SUBIACO are really starting to get their act together, but they face a real test of their growing maturity against Claremont at Subiaco Oval.

The Lions accounted for the Tigers in their first meeting this year at Subiaco, but Claremont, mainly through the Krakouers, turned the tables in a keenly fought rematch at Claremont Oval on May 30.

There is usually plenty of fire in games between these two clubs and this match may be no exception.

Subiaco looked a lot better side last Saturday when Ray Reeves went to centre-half-back and Garry Armstrong took over at centre-half-forward.

Former Footscray player Gordon Polson showed that he could be a handy recruit with a three-goal final quarter, while Laurie Keene showed a touch of class with his performance in the last quarter last Saturday.

The big thing about Subiaco is that they are gradually gaining depth — and it is significant that they won on Saturday with Bill Valli sitting on the interchange bench.

South lack confidence

SOUTH Fremantle are in the middle of a slump and they will find it hard to beat East Fremantle this weekend, despite the fact that the game is being played at Fremantle Oval.

Old Easts are at last looking like a competitive unit, but the big ingredient missing is confidence.

This — and the fact that they badly need an on-field leader — are the two factors that are leading to their downfall each week.

In the last quarter against Subiaco they didn't have a player who could take the game by the scruff of the neck and turn it their way.

They are now getting drive on the ball and Andrew Purser is performing well. Kym Zubrinich showed potential and Mark Norsworthy is starting to get kicks in the reserves.

South Fremantle coach Mal Brown tossed his team around last Saturday in a bid to freshen them up.

Swans easy task

SWAN Districts should have little trouble beating Perth at Lathlain Park and there is little incentive for either side here.

The Perth players have decided to relax and try and enjoy their football, hoping that this will see them improve as well.

It's hard to see them getting much joy in this game against a side where pressure is on all the time to retain a place in the league side.

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

MOTHER BROWN

Umpire Ross Capes must wonder just what else he has to do to gain official recognition.

He won the Joyce umpires award for the second round in succession, which came as no surprise to most people.

The players have always regarded him as WA's best man-in-white. Now the club presidents, who assist in the voting, also seem to think the same thing.

Yet, when it comes to picking a WA umpire for an interstate match, Capes gets overlooked.

This year wasn't the first time that such a thing has happened to Capes. It's good for the game that it hasn't let it affect his performances.

AUSSIE CONVERT

You know, 37 years ago I came from NSW and football was hardly heard of there then.

I can remember going back there on visits 20 years ago and copping plenty of good-natured teasing about my conversion to Aussie Rules.

"That funny game," my friends used to say. "It's nothing more than aerial ping pong."

You can imagine my satisfaction when I sat back on Sunday afternoon and watched 25,500 people turn up in Sydney to watch Collingwood play South Melbourne.

It looks as though the conversion of Sydney to Aussie Rules is well on the way.

But one thing that amazed me is the talk of calling the game Australian football. It has always been, and will continue to be known, as "Aussie Rules".

For the life of me I can't see anything wrong with the old name.

GOOD OLD OKKER!

It's amazing to see Austin Robertson senior still taking an active part in the game.

Austin says he is 73 — but the years have not diminished his enthusiasm for football.

He has never really been out of the game — either as a player, coach, critic or junior coach.

His latest effort has been to help young Steve Malaxos with sprint training and it has obviously made a lot of difference to his game.

There have been few better men in dealing with young players at all levels. It's great to see he still has plenty to offer the game.

LOOK — NOT LISTEN

An annoying thing at any football match is people who listen to transistor radios throughout the game.

Personally, I like to watch a game, form my own opinions — but always look forward to hearing comments on radio or television after the game is played.

But on Saturday we had someone very close to us with the radio going on full volume.

The thing that came across to me is that the commentators spend too much time giving their personal opinions — rather than describing the game.

Foley's hard work was the recipe

Brian Foley will always be remembered as one of WA football's greatest ruckmen.

But it was only through his own hard work and natural ability that he ever made the grade.

At a time when Foley began his career with West Perth in 1954, the Cardinals didn't have anyone to teach him the art of ruck work.

He had to learn by his mistakes.

When he was starting out in league football he came up against some top ruckmen, including Merv McIntosh, the Perth legend.

McIntosh was always a young Brian Foley's idol and in later years Foley was to have a similar impact on West Australian football.

Foley was a champion and he was rewarded for his football expertise in 1959 when he made a clean sweep of all awards including the Sandover Medal.

But the awards are a far cry from the value of trophies players in this day and age can win.

Foley recalls: "I scooped the pool in 1959 which proved to be my best season of football from a personal point of view.

"But the awards didn't carry anything like the prize money these days. The most valuable prize I collected in terms of money was the Sunday Times award worth about \$600."

Aside from his best season of football with the Cardinals, Foley's other great achievements were winning the club's fairest and best award in 1957 and 1959 and playing in the West Perth premiership side of 1960.

But Brian Foley is one of an elite band of former top players who put something back into the game once their playing days were over.

He enjoyed a six year stint as a panelist on the ABC football show, coached numerous junior sides where he passed on his knowledge and was generally a huge asset to the WAFL.

On reflection Foley says he really enjoyed his days as critic.

"I rubbed shoulders with some former great players including Ern Henfry, George Maloney and Merv Cowan who were on the panel the same time I was," Foley recalls.

"We spent many hours reminiscing about old times."

During his many years involved with football Foley has seen some big changes in the game.

"It's much faster now, but I think players in my day were just as skillful and just as tough," he says. "The umpires have had as much to do with the change of pace because of the way they control games these days."

Although Brian Foley no longer plays football the Foley name is still a part of the league side at Leederville Oval.

Brian's oldest son, Dan, is just beginning to make his mark on the league football

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Brian Foley at work as a Telecom supervisor.

scene and his father does not miss a match. But Brian doesn't interfere with Dan's game at all.

"It's up to him now," says Brian. "I don't tell him how to play the game any more."

Brian Foley is a busy man on weekends. Firstly he watches his daughter play netball on Saturday mornings.

Then he moves along to the football and has a look at the reserves game before watching Dan do his best in the league side.

On Sunday his day is tied up with another two games where his sons are involved.

"By the time the ABC football show, The Winners, is finished on Sunday night, I have watched about eight games for the weekend," he says.

VIC INVASION

The MCG will certainly be jam-packed when Essendon and Collingwood clash in the experimental Sunday game in Melbourne this weekend . . . and WA will be well represented. Apart from players such as Tony Buhagiar (Essendon) and Stan Magro (Collingwood) — plus a possible few others — there will be plenty of WA fans in the audience. It seems as though a few package trips have been organised to 'coincide' with this match . . . and we'll report more next week!

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There's no doubting the courage of little Ed Blackaby, the Swan Districts rover who seems to be plagued with injury and illness problems.

Last week he found himself in the hot seat when big West Perth ruckman John Duckworth had an altercation with Swans winger Phil Narkle . . . and Blackaby jumped in the middle to sort things out.

It certainly looks a bit like David and Goliath in this contest . . . and for this endeavour he receives the Hard Yakka award this week. Ed will be the recipient of a pair of Yakka jeans or trousers.

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Prior to the league match between West Perth and East Perth, a helicopter will drop 1200 ping-pong balls among the crowd. Each ball is numbered and every one carries a prize. A full list of prizes appears in Saturday's football budget.

A trip to Melbourne, a colour TV set and an air-conditioner together with restaurant and take-away meal vouchers are among the prizes.

The West Perth club is promoting Saturday's vital match in line with a request from the WAFL for clubs to put special efforts into the promotion of feature matches.

Swans Districts organised special promotions for two of their recent home fixtures and were pleased with the result.

West Perth officials are hoping that their efforts will bring an extra 3000 patrons to Saturday's vital game at Leederville.

FROM A COACH'S POINT OF VIEW

COLIN HOPKINS talks to East Fremantle coach KEN SMITH.

Smith has some hope

East Fremantle coach Ken Smith didn't have a lot to smile about last Saturday — but there was one aspect of the game that heartened him.

That was the performance of utility

player Rod Lester-Smith, who left the ground after a heavy knock early in the first quarter.

But, Lester-Smith later returned to the field and for a while dominated the game.

"That's the sort of thing we are after and Rod is just one of the players who is starting to realise how to shoulder responsibility," said Smith.

Old Easts are becoming a more competitive unit week by week, but Smith admits it is taking a lot more time than he thought it would.

"We lost a lot of senior players such as Tony Buhagiar and Kevin Taylor. Then came the retirement of Doug Green and the move to Geelong by Brian Peake.

"This combined with injuries to Peter Le Cras and Jeff Cassidy certainly put a lot of pressure on us.

"But we are working at it and if you are prepared to work hard, you will get results," said Smith.

The East Fremantle coach is heartened at the amount of young talent within the club and points out that there are usually six or seven players in the league side each week who are eligible for colts.

But, the club badly needs an experienced on-the-field leader who can move around the ground exerting his influence on players around him.

"We need a personality around the club and the player we are looking at is Tony Buhagiar," said Smith.

"We will do everything in our power to get him to return to WA next season.

"He has only been leased for one year to Essendon and we have already spoken to him about returning in 1982."

The accent is on developing young players at the club for the rest of the season — but Smith realises that you need experienced players firing to help assimilate recruits into league ranks.

"We are trying to spread our experienced men around the field and I am reasonably happy with the way it has worked in the last couple of weeks," he said.

"We want to build up a running-type side. We are on the way — but we still have a long way to go."

THE HOOD



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

CHANGE OF HEART

I wonder what John Todd was going to say to the umpires during the three-quarter time break at Subiaco Oval last Saturday? During the break, while on the ground to address his players, he started to make his way toward the umpires in the centre of the ground. However, a Swans official was soon off after him and quickly impressed on him that it might not be a good idea. No doubt Toddy's proposed conversation with the umps would have touched on the subject of Phil Narkle's report.

NOT THE BOOTS

Last week I gave Simon Beasley a serve for wearing white boots. Well, he took my advice and reverted to black last Saturday. Unfortunately, it didn't help his cause . . . he only scored 2.3 out of his side's 25 goals. Maybe it's your socks Simon, I'll have to have a closer look at them next week.

TURN-COATS

No wonder the league are doing some checking up on turnstile operations at a few grounds . . . What, when you have some attendants leaving their post to go to the loo . . . and allowing all-comers to keep wandering through; they need checking up on!

SOUTHERN SLIP

Radio 6PR announcer Steve Gordon might have been pre-empting a VFL move when he was talking about last Sunday's big game up in Sydney. He described the contestants as South Sydney and Collingwood.

POPULAR PANEL

You have to hand it to radio 6PR — they have the football coaching world monopolised at times. Apart from their three regular league coaches-cum-panelists in Graham Campbell, John Todd and Mal Brown; they added Ken Armstrong and Graham Moss as special guests last week.

NOT TOO CHEERY

The development of cheer squads is something that can add colour and atmosphere to our football . . . but there are some problems. Last week the growing band of Young Demons who arrive at the football well decked out in loyal support of their favourite footballers found themselves in heated conflict with some elderly East Perth fans. The verbal criticism from the 'oldies' stirred a few people up and at one stage a scuffle looked like breaking out as the adults carried on the battle, forgetting about the football.

CAREFUL CURTY

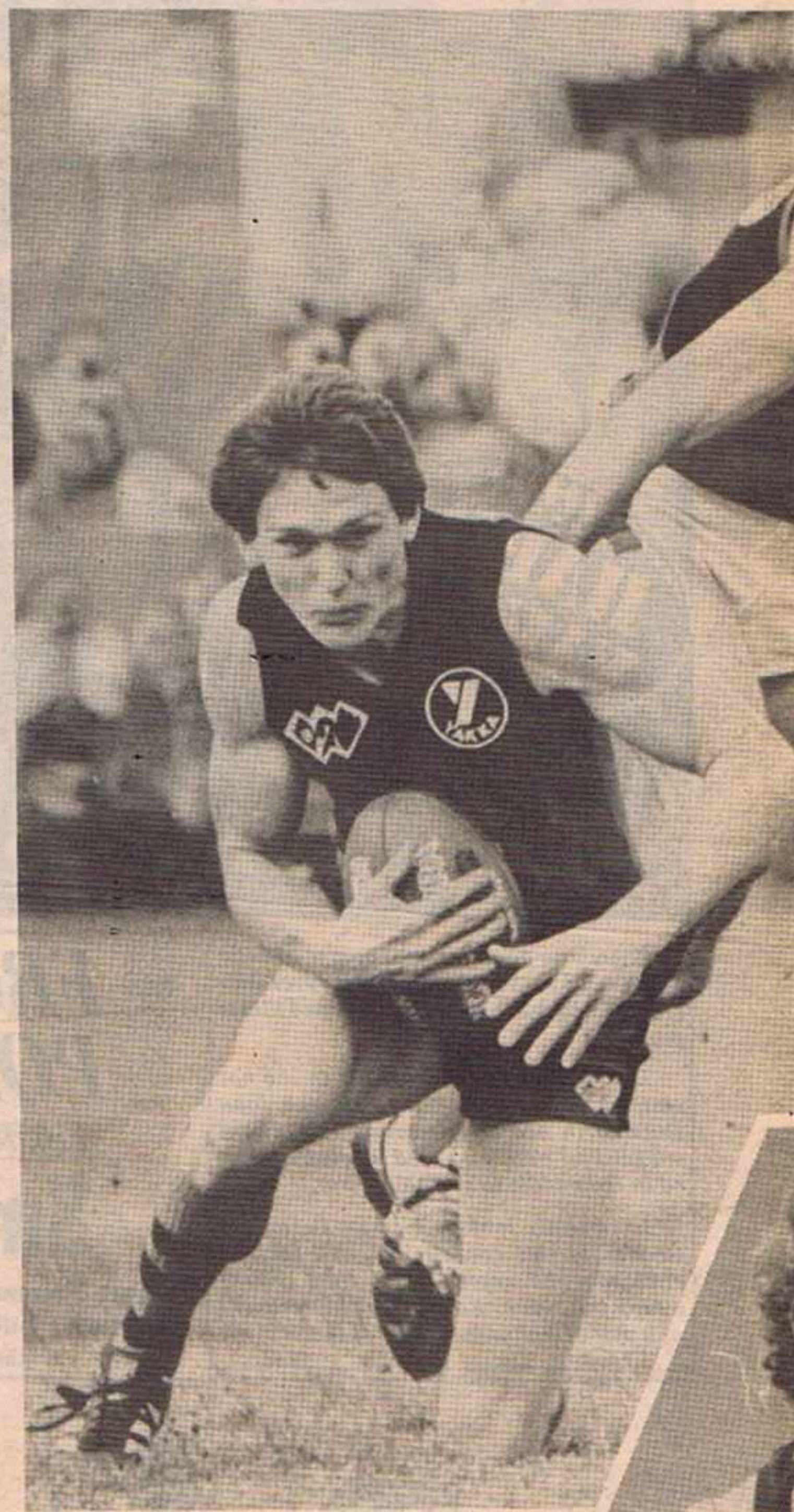
East Perth defender Stephen Curtis showed caution on Saturday when he suddenly remembered the \$50 fine handed out by the WAFL tribunal to South Fremantle's Phil Cronan for disputing a goal umpire's decision. Curtis was standing on the mark in the last term when Perth's Bryce Forman had a shot at goal from within the square. Curtis appeared to touch the ball and quickly let the goal umpire know — but the umpire was unmoved so Curtis packed it in. But, as he said later, "the ball damn near bent my fingers back as I touched it off his boot."

SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

SMALL, BUT IMPORTANT

The big men might rule the football roost out on the arena . . . but it's the little men who can often control the game.

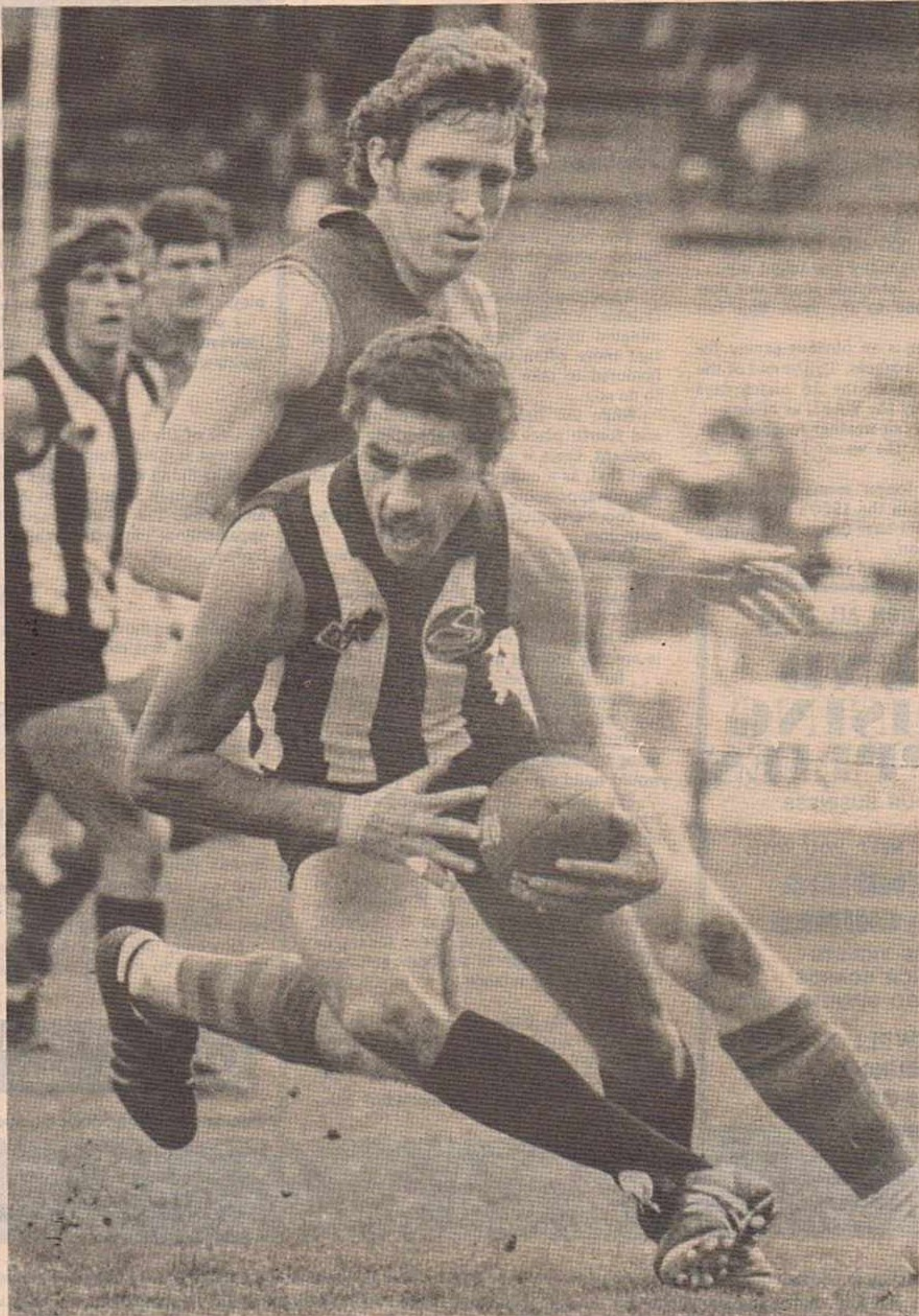
Last week our Westside Football photographers captured some of the mobile players in action . . . and their explosiveness and agility is clearly shown.



Above: GREG WALSH is one of those unobtrusive players who is often unnoticed when the best-player lists come out, but is always in there doing his job. The East Perth player is at his best in defence and few rival forwards can boast an easy time when they line up on him.

Right: NEIL TAYLOR is probably the most improved footballer in WA this year. The Subiaco wingman has been in consistent form, often sharing best-player honours with his roving brother Brian and giving the Lions plenty of drive midfield.

Left: LES FONG is the man who often sets the standard for hard work and determination in the West Perth camp. The tough little rover has shrugged off more than his share of injuries and is always in there battling at the bottom of the packs when the going gets really tough.



KEITH NARKLE is acknowledged as one of football's most graceful players; always well-balanced and in control of the ball. His drive from a wing, coupled with the brilliance of brother Phil on the other wing, confirms the statement that Swans often sparkle with the Narkles.



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BENNETT'S BURST

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Are we losing interest?

League Football in Western Australia is pushing against the tide.

Attendances have dropped alarmingly this season.

To the end of the second round they were almost 13,000 down on the previous year. Not all that many you might say... but we had two interstate games this year opposed to none to the same time last year.

Poor weather is an obvious excuse for the drop in attendances. To the end of the second round, 11 of the 16 match days were classified by the WAFL as being wet.

But are we a fair-weather football State or is interest on the wane? I suspect it is the latter.

Football no longer seems to have the grip that it had in the 1950's and 1960's. Even top matches have drawn only average crowds this season.

It could be claimed that the big differ-

ence between the top three sides and the other five has killed interest this year.

Yet, how often do we go into the final round when three teams are vying for fourth spot on the premierships ladder?

While most believe that the team that finishes in fourth spot will be quickly eliminated in the finals, history has shown that more often than not the team most favoured to take out the premierships fails to do so.

While the fight for the two top spots and fourth place is quite absorbing at the moment, there is no getting away from the fact that, as a competition, this season has been disappointing.

Too many matches have had predictable outcomes.

Take this Saturday for instance. Perth and East Fremantle are given little chance of beating their respective opponents Swan Districts and South Fremantle.

It is this kind of one-sided fixture that is eroding interest in football in this State... but it still doesn't account for the lack of drawing power of matches between the top three teams.

One would think that with these sides being so much better than the rest, people would build up an appetite for a top clash.

For instance, the Claremont-Swan Districts match two weeks ago should have been a promoters dream, yet only 14,019 people went to the game.

Perhaps if the match had been played at Subiaco Oval on a Sunday it would have received the attention that it deserved.

It must be a worrying trend for league officials that people in this State are showing a general reluctance to go to the football.

Perhaps the time has come for the league to carry out a major survey to find out why people aren't being attracted to football matches.

Certainly a vigorous promotional exercise is needed.

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GARY'S GOSSIP



Mark my words, my good mate Ian Miller is real keen to coach a league side in 1982.

Most people agree that he would probably make a good choice. Ian has had a wealth of experience, certainly as a player with Perth, Fitzroy and East Perth. He has won a Sandover Medal, represented his State and commands a high standard of respect from both players and officials alike in the football area.

The question is which side will he coach? There are, of course, a couple of possibilities, maybe more. There could be a vacancy at Perth, there is still talk around that Graham Campbell could be returning to Victoria — plus Mal Brown and Graham Moss could be standing down. I know that Wal Maskiell, Claremont's popular president is anxious to talk to "Mossie" to sort out his future with the club.

Indications are that the big champion ruckman may prefer to end his career as a player, but that's all conjecture at this stage.

I will talk about Brownie's future coaching career in the next couple of weeks. However, I am prepared to predict that (despite protests from some quarters) Ken Smith will remain coach of East Fremantle next season.

JUDGE'S BLOW

One of the most disappointed and disillusioned players in Western Australia at the moment is East Fremantle's Ken Judge. Ken signed a form four last September, but what he didn't know was that South Melbourne cancelled it in December.

It was only recently that Judge found out that he was no longer required at South Melbourne. The "Swans" are allegedly in all sorts of financial trouble and they are apparently selling off anything they can to survive, prior to the proposed move to Sydney.

DRAFT DEALINGS

Under the much talked about new drafting system, the bottom clubs in the VFL would have first choice on W.A. players who qualify for a clearance on the open market.

Bottom side Melbourne want Alan Johnson, so second-last side St. Kilda will probably take Perth's Wayne Simms and then in turn clear him to North Melbourne for an undisclosed sum of money. Cunning aren't they? Footscray will more than likely have third choice of the available W.A. players and I predict that they will choose Ken Judge.

MITSY'S A MATE

While some people say I'm hard on Chris Mitsopoulos from time to time on Channel Seven's World of Football, I would like you to know that we are friends and that I have the utmost respect for him as a television panelist and commentator.

Chris has fitted in nicely at Seven and is extremely popular with his co-panelists and of course, World of Football viewers.

However, 'Mitsy' — don't try and "con" a "con". I know that you were recently approached to join the ABC. Just as well I got you to sign that form four with Seven wasn't it?

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SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

This weekly survey is designed to help the keen football follower keep an up-to-date guide for the Sandover Medal. Each week we list the major media voting on a 3-2-1 basis and leave room for you to fill in the voting by the umpires when Sandover Medal night arrives. This form guide, which should be cut out and clipped in a file, will give you an easy-to-read indicator of the consistency and form of our leading players.

JULY 25	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	TVW7	6PR	6WF	6PM	6IX	Umpires
Claremont v S. Frem.	Geoff Christian: J. Krakouer (C) Blackwell (C) Monteath (SF)	Peter Sweeney: J. Krakouer Blackwell Malaxos (C)	Rob Bennett: Blackwell J. Krakouer Malaxos	Ross Elliott: J. Krakouer P. Krakouer (C) Malaxos	Steve Marsh: J. Krakouer Blackwell Malaxos	Oscar Howard: J. Krakouer Blackwell Monteath	Eric Sarich: Campbell (SF) J. Krakouer Malaxos	Ian Miller: J. Krakouer Campbell Malaxos	Rowley Daw: Michael (SF) J. Krakouer Daniels (C)	Capes/Buckey
Swan Dist. v W. Perth	Doug Young: Richardson (SD) Melrose (SD) Sidebottom (SD)	Robbie Burns: Melrose Holmes (SD) Baker (SD)	Ray Wilson: Richardson Melrose Holmes	Bob Cribb: Melrose Holmes P. Narkle (SD)	Marty McDonnell: P. Narkle Holmes Richardson	Bob Hicks: Nowotny (SD) Richardson Sidebottom	Ray Sleeth: Holmes Nowotny Baker	Ken Inman: Holmes P. Narkle Nowotny	Allan Stiles: Baker Melrose Richardson	Morris/O'Reilly
E. Perth v Perth	John Sheterline: Johnson (P) Otway (EP) Ironmonger (EP)	Michael Thomson: Otway Johnson Ironmonger	Rod Lane: Turner (EP) Johnson Allen (EP)	Ross Nicholas: Prunster (P) Johnson Ironmonger	Chris Mitsopoulos: Turner Johnson Ironmonger	Alan East: Turner Ironmonger Johnson	David Dyson: Turner Johnson W. Simms (P)	Joe Fanchi: Prunster Ironmonger	Neil Garland: Turner Johnson Ironmonger	Phillips/Ball
E. Frem. v Subiaco	Ron Banks: Purser (EF) Buckenara (S) N. Taylor (S)	Rod White: Purser Keene (S) Sims (EF)	Colin Hopkins: Buckenara (S) Sewell (EF) N. Taylor	Julian Stawell: Sewell Purser Buckenara	John Rogers: N. Taylor A. Purser Sewell	Peter van Helden: N. Taylor Sims P. Lamb	John Vukman: Purser Hamilton (S) Buckenara	Less Mumme: Buckenara Sewell N. Taylor	Phil Mulcahy: Sewell Purser N. Taylor	Powell/Gillies

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OLD EASTS GET CLOSER

East Fremantle edged closer to a place in the R & I Little League top four when they downed Subiaco by just one point last Saturday.

Old Easts (represented by a team of boys from local club Riverton) hung on in a grim finish to win 2.2 to 2.1.

Best for Old Easts were Paul Cassidy, Daryl Pitman and Steven Latimer. Best for Subiaco (North Innaloo) were Galan Kremmer, Joseph Thompson and Craig McSweeney.

Mirrabooka is one of the strongest junior clubs in West Perth's council — and they proved that on Saturday with a good 3.1 to 2.1 win over Swan Districts.

Best for the Cardies were Chris Lewis, Phil Simpson and Terry Ward. Best for Swans (Hills) were Laurie Lord, Darrin Russell and Craig Turner.

Claremont maintained top position with a 2.3 to 1.0 win over South Fremantle.

Best for the Tigers (Floreat) were Chris Palmer, Simon Whybrow and Brad Booth. For South (Hilton Gold) their best were Damien Eves, Ross Perie and Dion Johnston.

The strong junior football scene out Armadale way was on display at Perth Oval when their Little League team downed East Perth (Mt Lawley) 4.3 to nil.

Best for Perth were Greg Baron, Greg Casini and Peter Hunt. Best for the Royals were Bruce Hinkley, Bruno Granato and Jamie Lunt.



This Cardie has the ball . . . and has one major intention; to get it downfield. The action came from last Saturday's clash with Swan Districts.

R & I LITTLE LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Claremont	10	4	1	297	101	294	42
Subiaco	9	6	—	304	140	217	36
Perth	9	6	—	177	121	146	36
West Perth	9	6	—	275	215	128	36
East Frem.	8	7	—	184	267	69	32
Sth. Frem.	7	8	—	189	230	82	28
Swan Dist.	4	11	—	127	329	39	16
East Perth	3	12	1	125	278	45	14

THIS WEEK'S TEAMS

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

South Fremantle (Calista); Claremont (Ongerup); West Perth (Central Wheatbelt); East Fremantle (Ross-moyne); East Perth (Maylands); Perth (Central Mortlock); Swan Districts (Lockridge); Subiaco (South Scarborough).

Another Regan on the scene

The name Regan is well known in Fremantle circles . . . and there's another one on the way up.

Shaun Regan, a centreman or ruck-rover with CBC at Fremantle, won the trophy for the best player in the recent high schools carnival conducted by the East Fremantle Football Club.

CBC won the carnival, beating Thornlie 11.6 to 3.2. Best player for Thornlie was ruckman Philip Griffiths.

Eleven schools competed in the carnival, which was being held by East Fremantle for the eighth time.

The club will stage its primary schools carnival next Thursday (August 6) with 36 schools competing at East Fremantle Oval and adjacent Richmond Raceway.

Demon cup

With two qualifying fixtures remaining, Bears head the Demon cup premiership table by a mere 2½ per cent from Hornets.

Last Sunday's results: Hornets 23.12 b Rams 4.2. Goals: Hornets, Mark Hughes, Paul Camarri 5. Rams: Kris van Weelde 2. Best: Hornets: Grant Hebbard, Ross Eiffler, Frank Young. Rams: John Sheedy, Andrew Wright, Alan Leicester. Bears 23.30 b Cobras 3.3. Goals: Bears: Glenn Littlet, Ian Jones 5. Cobras: Chris Blottin, Alan Payne, Sam Vadala 1. Best: Bears: Glenn Littlet, Gary Roberts, Joe Russell. Cobras: Ian Derden, Rollo Napoli, Morris Shiosaki.

Jamie's big day

Sunday, July 26 was a big day for for Coolbinia-Yokine youngster Jamie Daniels. The 17-year-old rover broke the club's record of games played when he led the team out for his 164th game.

Jamie started in 1972, as an eight-year-old, and has only missed one game during that time. He won the fairest and best award in the East Perth Junior Football Council in 1978 and the club's fairest and best award and President's trophy in 1976 and 1978.

He is captain of the Coolbinia-Yokine 17's side and is a member of East Perth's special squad.



A change of junior football clubs has not prevented young Dianella player Bruce West (pictured) from reaching his second important milestone.

Fifteen-year-old Bruce ran up 100 games with the Mt Lawley-Inglewood junior football club in the East Perth council. But because the club could not field a team in his age group as he got older, he switched to Dianella where he recently reached the 50-game mark, giving him an impressive 150 junior games.

Bruce started when he was six years of age and has played most of his football on the half-back line.



Bayswater-Morley 11's coach Kerry Menner presenting Craig Hillman with the fairest and best trophy at the recent Country carnival, Craig is captain of the Bayswater-Morley 11's Green team.

Merger helps

The amalgamation of the Ashfield and Bassendean 17's sides prior to the 1981 season has proved successful.

The teams combined when neither was able to attract sufficient numbers.

Coached by Ron Crosby, the team is so far undefeated in the Swan Districts Junior Council competition and should go into the finals as premiership favourites.

CONTEST TIME

Seven-year-old Troy Weadley, of Balga, is a keen Swans fan — and shortly he will be the proud owner of a great black-and-white Chesson footy to kick around.

Troy is the winner of our Junior Quiz No. 15 as his own hand-written entry was first out of the barrel last week.

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. 17:

QUESTION NO. 1: Who is the new player to join the Marlboro Top Ten on the goalkicking table?

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 2: Who does Tony Buhagiar play for in Victoria?

ANSWER:

QUESTION NO. 3: Who coaches the Perth reserves?

ANSWER:

MY NAME IS:

I LIVE AT:

.

MY AGE IS:

I BARRACK FOR:

MY PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

.

The answers to Quiz No. 16 were: 1—Steve Malaxos (seven goals), 2—Town and Country, 3—South Fremantle.

MILESTONE MEDALLIONS

JUNIORS . . . have you heard about our MILESTONE MEDALLIONS?

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Current coach

Club president (or registrar)

VITAL GAME COULD DETERMINE FOUR

Games between the top four teams this Saturday could determine eventual finishing order in the final four.

Top class matches should eventuate from matches between Old Wesley (4th) and University (1st), and Wembley (3rd) against Nollamara (equal 4th). Old Scotch (2nd) play an out-of-form Collegians.

The Mt Lawley/Maylands encounter could go either way. After Lawley Hawks good form against Nollamara last week, they should start favourites and edge Maylands from sixth place.

A loss for Lawley would be disastrous as it may leave them floundering second last. Trinity Aquinas on equal points (16) should account for Carlisle.

Carlisle have their last chance for a victory in A league. Old Scotch, with the inclusion of ex-Claremont rover Mark Paginin (who booted six goals last week) should not have too much difficulty with Collegians, who have won only once in the last eight weeks.

Nollamara must defeat Wembley to regain a finals berth. Wembley cannot afford a loss. Their form has been more consistent over the past month and have more depth in their club. Nollamara must overcome their injury problems to win.

Old Wesley may find University too strong around the ground, but their state captain Mick Belyea is back after missing several matches with injury. With tremendous pressure to survive in a tightening competition the best will be drawn out of all players and the game could go either way.

B LEAGUE: Bayswater have their last chance for a finals placing if they can defeat Scarborough. However, the task seems beyond them. Floreat/Marist, the present boom team, should thoroughly test Morley, a win will give them a chance of making the finals. C.B.C. could inflict the ninth successive defeat on North Fremantle, who have slid from third to ninth. It is possible for C.B.C. to gain fourth.

C LEAGUE — City Beach became the sixth team to head the premierships table this year and the fifth team in the last five weeks to go to top spot. Even fifth team M.H.W.P. could go to top with a good win. Churchlands, a shadow of a former great team (which included Gary Buckenara), have a chance for their first victory against a struggling Perth.

LAST WEEKS RESULTS

A LEAGUE

Nollamara 15.25 d Mt Lawley 14.18; University 28.18 d Carlisle 12.14; Wembley 12.9 d Trinity/Aquinas 9.10; Old Scotch 15.15 d Maylands 11.9; Old Wesley 19.24 d Collegians 15.7.

Results of Interest in other Divisions

B LEAGUE: University (4th) 14.13 d Morley (3rd) 14.10; Floreat/Marist (7th) 33.14 d W.A.I.T. (10) 6.7. **C LEAGUE:** Whitfords (3rd) 15.14 d T.C. Claremont (1st) 7.12. **D DIVISION:** Osborne Park (3rd) 12.10 d Innaloo (1st) 7.12; Carlisle (9th) 12.18 d T.C.C. Mt Lawley (5th) 9.13. **F DIVISION:** Melville (6th) 15.10 d Muresk (5th) 8.8; Forrestfield (2nd) 20.12 d National Bank (1st) 9.5. **G DIVISION:** Whitfords (6th) 15.15 d Koondoola (previously undefeated) 15.13; Swanbourne (winless) 10.11 d Morley (8th) 10.7. **J DIVISION:** Hellenic (5th) 11.16 d Robbs Jetty (previously undefeated) 5.12; Bullcreek (7th) 11.11 d North Beach (6th) 8.10. **K DIVISION:** Dianella (4th) 11.18 d Whitfords (3rd) 11.11; Maylands (1st) 33.26 d W.A.I.T. (8th) 3.5. **A COLTS:** Mt Lawley (2nd) 21.13 d Nollamara (10th) 5 pts. **B COLTS:** Wembley (5th) 11.11 d Scarborough (4th) 11.3.

THIS SATURDAY

A LEAGUE

Mt Lawley v Maylands at Perth Oval; Wembley v Nollamara at East Fremantle Oval; Carlisle v Trinity-Aquinas at Bassendean Oval; Old Scotch v Collegians at Claremont Oval; Old Wesley v University at Collins Oval.

Other Interesting Clashes

B LEAGUE: Scarborough (1st) vs Bayswater (6th) at Millington Reserve. **C LEAGUE:** Mt Lawley (2nd) vs M.H.W.P. (5th) at Inglewood Oval; T.C. Claremont (3rd) vs City Beach (1st) at College Park. **D DIVISION:** Nollamara (4th) vs Ashfield (6th) at Nollamara Oval; T.C. Mt Lawley (5th) vs Innaloo (1st) at T.C. Mt Lawley. **E DIVISION:** North Beach (1st) vs Old Wesley (5th) at Birralee Oval; University (3rd) vs R & I Bank (4th) at McGillivray Oval. **F DIVISION:** St Norberts (4th) vs Melville (5th) at Queens Park Reserve. **G DIVISION:** Whitfords (6th) vs Lynwood (3rd) at McDonald Oval; Koondoola (1st) vs Scarborough (2nd) at Koondoola Reserve. **H DIVISION:** Forrestfield (5th) vs Old Scotch (6th) at Hartfield Reserve. **I DIVISION:** Osborne Park (4th) vs Bayswater (6th) at Robinson Reserve. **J DIVISION:** City Beach (3rd) vs Swan View (2nd) at City Beach Oval. **K DIVISION:** North Fremantle (6th) vs Maylands (1st) at Troy Park. **A COLTS:** Old Wesley (4th) vs University (1st) at Collins Oval. **B COLTS:** North Fremantle (3rd) vs C.B.C. (2nd) at Gilfraser Oval. **C COLTS:** Coolbinia (1st) vs Ashfield (6th).

Admission to all games free. Colts games commence 12.30pm; Seniors 2.30pm. Public welcomed.

F DIVISION: Forrestfield became the third team to head the table in three weeks, with last week's top team, National Bank, sliding to third.

G DIVISION: Whitfords, with eight successive wins, now loom as positive material after their defeat of glamour team Koondoola. However, they may have left their run too late.

H DIVISION: Either Forrestfield or Old Scotch will drop out of the finals race after the two meet this week.

I DIVISION: Bayswater will retain slight hope of reaching the finals by defeating Osborne Park. A win for the Park would settle the four.

J DIVISION: City Beach could drop out of fourth if they fail against Swanview, as Hellenics should gain a big win over Edgewater.

K DIVISION: North Fremantle have to win against leaders Maylands to retain any final four chance.



Matchan reaches milestone

Former State player Graham Matchan reached his 150th game since joining Wembley in 1971 where he played A league till 1977 (playing in five premierships teams). In 1972 he won the club's fairest and best, in 1973 and 1974 was a member of the State team.

In 1973 after being awarded W.A.'s fairest and best player medal, was selected as All Australian amateur team vice-captain. After a year's break in 1978, "Matches" resumed as B league captain — coach in 1979-80 and is still a member of that team. He has served on general committees and has been a players representative.



BIG TASK

Mrs Joy Grosvenor (wife of the late Secretary), looked upon the June 30 clearances deadline with a sigh of relief. In her role as league clearance officer she handled 1608 clearances, thought to be the biggest volume on record. League registrar Tom Naylor handled in excess of 4,500 playing permits this year. His newly appointed assistant, Ross Cruthenden, along with league stalwart Eric Freeman provided valuable back-up.

TWO SHOCK LOSSES

Previously undefeated teams Koondoola (G) and Robbs Jetty (J) suffered their first losses of the season last weekend.

The last year that were no undefeated teams was in 1978. Swanbourne (G) won their first game of the season, leaving Carlisle (A); W.A.I.T. (B); Churchlands (C); Morley (H); Hamersley (I) and Carlton (Sunday) to open their accounts.

With only four qualifying rounds to compete, losses will finish some finals chances as in many instances fifth and sixth teams are just out by mere percentage (A league; C league; E; H; J and C Colts) whilst in other divisions teams only one game out have better percentage than the team in fourth place (F, G, K, B Colts and Sunday Division). After this weekend's games, the final four will be set in some divisions unless bottom teams can cause upsets.

SUNDAY DIVISION

A.I.C.A. and Graylands are joint leaders, but A.I.C.A. have a hard game against Hellenic this Sunday at Wordsworth Ave. Hellenic must win to regain second place after their loss against the "Grays".

Division Premierships

C LEAGUE

This division, first founded in 1947, with Swanbourne inaugural premiers in their first year in amateurs, has also been called by other names, including B West; B East and B2.

Clubs compete for the premierships, promotion to B league and the Grosvenor Cup (donated by the late secretary H.B. Grosvenor M.B.E.). Winners have been Swanbourne (3); University (3), whilst Palmyra (now Melville), Commonwealth Bank, Mt Lawley, Collegians, all with two premierships.

Single victors are Maylands, Carlisle, Bayswater, M.H.W.P., Floreat, T.C. Claremont, Trinity/Aquinas and N.S.T.C. (now Old Scotch). Several winners now defunct, are Graylands T.C. (2), South Fremantle (2), Victoria Park and Fremantle one each.

A RESERVE PREMIERSHIPS

An A reserve competition was formed in 1972. From '72 to '75 competition was for the Jack Robson Memorial Trophy (now presented in G division). Jack Robson was W.A.A.F.L. president

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

A LEAGUE: University 48; Old Scotch 44; Wembley 40; Old Wesley 40; Nollamara 40; Maylands 20; Mt Lawley 16; Collegians 16; Trinity/Aquinas 16; Carlisle 0.
B LEAGUE: North Beach 52; Scarborough 42; University 36; Morley 34; C.B.C. 28; Bayswater 28; Floreat/Marist 24; North Fremantle 20; Wembley 16; W.A.I.T. 0.
C LEAGUE: City Beach 44; Mt Lawley 40; T.C. Claremont 40; Whitfords 40; M.H.W.P. 40; Swanbourne 24; Wembley 20; Hamersley 16; Perth 16; Churchlands 0.
D DIVISION: Innaloo 48; Commonwealth Bank 44; Osborne Park 40; Nollamara 36; T.C. Mt Lawley 28; Ashfield 24; Teachers 20; Bayswater 16; Carlisle 16; C.B.C. 8.
E DIVISION: North Beach 48; Brentwood 44; University 36; R & I Bank 32; Old Wesley 32; Maylands 24; Collegians 24; North Fremantle 16; Coolbellup 16; Floreat/Marist 8.
F DIVISION: Forrestfield 44; Dianella 44; National Bank 44; St. Norberts 36; Melville 32; Muresk 32; Greenwood 20; Trinity/Aquinas 16; Innaloo 8; W.A.I.T. 4.
G DIVISION: Koondoola 52; Scarborough 44; Lynwood 44; University 40; John 23rd 32; Whitfords 28; Mt Lawley 12; Morley 12; Wembley 12; Swanbourne 4.
H DIVISION: North Beach 52; M.H.W.P. 48; Coolbinia 48; Edgewater 32; Forrestfield 32; Old Scotch 28; Nollamara 20; Old Wesley 12; Collegians 8; Morley 0.
Compiled by R. Lysle. All tables subject to official confirmation.

COLTS

A COLTS: Old Wesley must cause the unexpected by downing University; Old Scotch have the ability to grab fourth. Carlisle could have their third win this season with a victory over Trinity-Aquinas. University look premiers with the strongest challenge from Mt Lawley.

B COLTS: Wembley's second colts team are distinct final prospects. North Fremantle could take second spot by defeating C.B.C. who were downed by leaders North Beach and are the team to beat. W.A.I.T. and Morley must win to keep their slender chances alive.

C COLTS: Ashfield colts (big winners in open age competition) have surprisingly struggled against their own age groups and could find themselves out of luck against Coolbinia.

Division Premierships

from 1932 to 1937 (inclusive). The competition was for the second team of A league clubs. Winners include Wembley (2), with Carlisle and Collegians one each. Wembley won both A league and reserves in 1974.

B RESERVES PREMIERS: Also run the same as A reserves. Competition for the Harry Lewis Memorial Trophy ... a former life member and executive member for many years ... (now presented in H division). Premiers were: Scarborough (2); Nollamara and Floreat.

A2 DIVISION — was conducted for one year only, in 1976. With the abandonment of A and B reserve competition, Scarborough were victors. After this, the W.A.A.F.L. grading system has been for A league down to K division with no reserves divisions.

SUNDAY DIVISION: Formed in 1973, compete for the C.J. Jamieson Trophy, the most successful club was the now defunct Swan Valley with five successive premierships from 1974 to 1978. Other winners are Hellenic, Fire Brigade and Swan Athletic.

• Other division premiers next issue.

THE CHAMPIONS



Golden years produced many South stars

They breed 'em tough down Fremantle way... that's an old football saying and one that surely rings true when you look at the history of the game.

South Fremantle, right in the heart of the Port and the traditional home of hard-headed football fans, has produced many tough footballers; men who know no fear; give no quarter and expect no concessions.

Our Champions series actually starts right in the middle of a tremendous era for South Fremantle — 1950, the year they notched their third premiership in four years and midway through their Golden Days. It was followed by flags in 1952, 53 and 54 — and many of our contenders in this series come from those teams.

Many people regard those early-50 Bulldog sides as the best team of footballers ever collected in WA — and they could be right.

The star-studded team had everything — ranging from brilliant little rover Steve Marsh to high-flying goalkicker, Bernie Naylor. It had brilliant centrelliners like Tony Parentich, John Colgan and Frank Treasure; hard-as-nails defenders like Cliff

Hillier, Ray Richards, Des Kelly and Don Byfield.

Marsh, obviously, was the man who made the difference.

He won the 1952 Sandover Medal with a four-point margin over Frank Sparrow and saw his dead-eye full-forward, Bernie Naylor, kick 132 goals in the same year. A year later Marsh added the Simpson Medal for his grand final effort — and helped Naylor on to his record (later to be broken by Austin Robertson) goalkicking tally of 156.

Marsh was the master rover; a great kicker of the football and a great team player.

So how did Marsh compare with John Todd, the man who came along soon after Marsh had reached his peak at Souths;

Todd was an instant success in football, winning the Sandover Medal in 1955 just four months after his 17th birthday. He was a football magician, almost a freak. Todd could do anything. Be it as a rover or centreman, he was free-flowing footballer with beautiful balance and skills.

Todd's arrival at South Fremantle to take the place of Marsh the roving master was accompanied by another automatic replacement... a high-flier by the name of John Gerovich to take over the aerial feats from Naylor.

Gerovich never broke the goalkicking records set by Naylor. He kicked the century of goals in one season (1960) and also topped the WAFL goalkicking table on two other occasions. Gerovich was an excitement machine; a man whose ability to defy gravity put hearts in mouths as people watched him soar above packs and pluck high marks out of the sky with nonchalant ease.

It was ironic that Naylor and Gerovich fell into a similar pattern. But the difference was that Naylor was the key forward in those six premiership sides; Gerovich never experienced the joys of a premiership win. He arrived too late and left too early.

Selecting an All-Stars line-up for South



Bernie Naylor... setting some hard-to-break records.

is a tough task — mainly because the club has had some brilliant players in recent times and it becomes hard to compare them with bygone heroes.

Take Stephen Michael for example. He is unquestionably the best player produced at South in recent years and his high-leaping ruck tactics and strong around-the-ground play gives him the stamp of class.

His Sandover Medal win last year was evidence of his talent; but how do you compare him with Norm Smith, the No. 1 ruckman who led South to those early-50s premiership with his brute strength; his clever bodywork and his sound marking?

Maurice Rioli, currently plagued by injury, also ranks highly in the South list. Maurice the Magician and it's a title that has been well earned. His ball-getting ability in the centre and his magical, long-kicking style is poetry in motion.

Rioli is a centreman of class, reminding many South followers of the man who was at the pivot right at the start of our Champions era — 1950 and a Sandover Medallist in Clive Lewington.

It was Lewington's skill and class that enabled him to emerge as a great coach for the Bulldogs and with him at the start of our 30-year span and Rioli at the end, it's no wonder the South Champions series is a puzzle of talent.

Well, we virtually gave away part of the result in the East Perth Champions quiz... and most of our readers took the hint. Graham (Polly) Farmer was certainly the top Royals player produced in the last 30 years... but he had plenty of opposition in a talented club.

It was hard separating the current-day players — who have won Sandover Medals in impressive style — with stars of the past. But finally our judges opted for brilliant wingman Derek Chadwick as No. 2 and the all-round defensive talents of Ken McAullay in third spot.

WEST PERTH WINNERS

Here are the winners to the West Perth Champions quiz:

Top prize of a beautiful West Perth club mirror goes to J. Abbott, Yokine. Consolation prizes went to: \$10 Ampol petrol voucher — Barbara Fletcher, Mt Hawthorn. Huttons Football Book — Cameron Graham, Dianella. City Theatres Double Pass — Robert Tana, Dianella. West Perth colour poster — Mrs G. Fewster, Hines Hill.

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Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Grand Finals Sunday

The 1981 Wesfarmers Country Football Championships will culminate with grand finals in all divisions on Sunday.

The series, now in its 17th year, started in Perth yesterday and will continue today with the final qualifying matches.

All finals will be played at Subiaco Oval starting at 10.00am with the C-section grand final. The B-section final will follow at noon and the A-section grand final will conclude the series at 2.30pm.

Four leagues are competing in the A-section, four fewer than normal. There are six sides in the B-section and the C-section has been re-introduced this year with four teams competing. It is the first time since 1977 that there has been a C-section competition.

Plenty of talent in this team

With the Wesfarmers country football championships on in Perth this week, the annual debate about country recruits crops up.

There is no doubt that WA's country areas have produced some outstanding footballers over the years, with many a Sandover Medallist, State captain or leading goalkicker coming from 'the bush'.

All-Australian stars like Jack Clarke and Billy Walker were country recruits and the standard has always been exceptionally high.

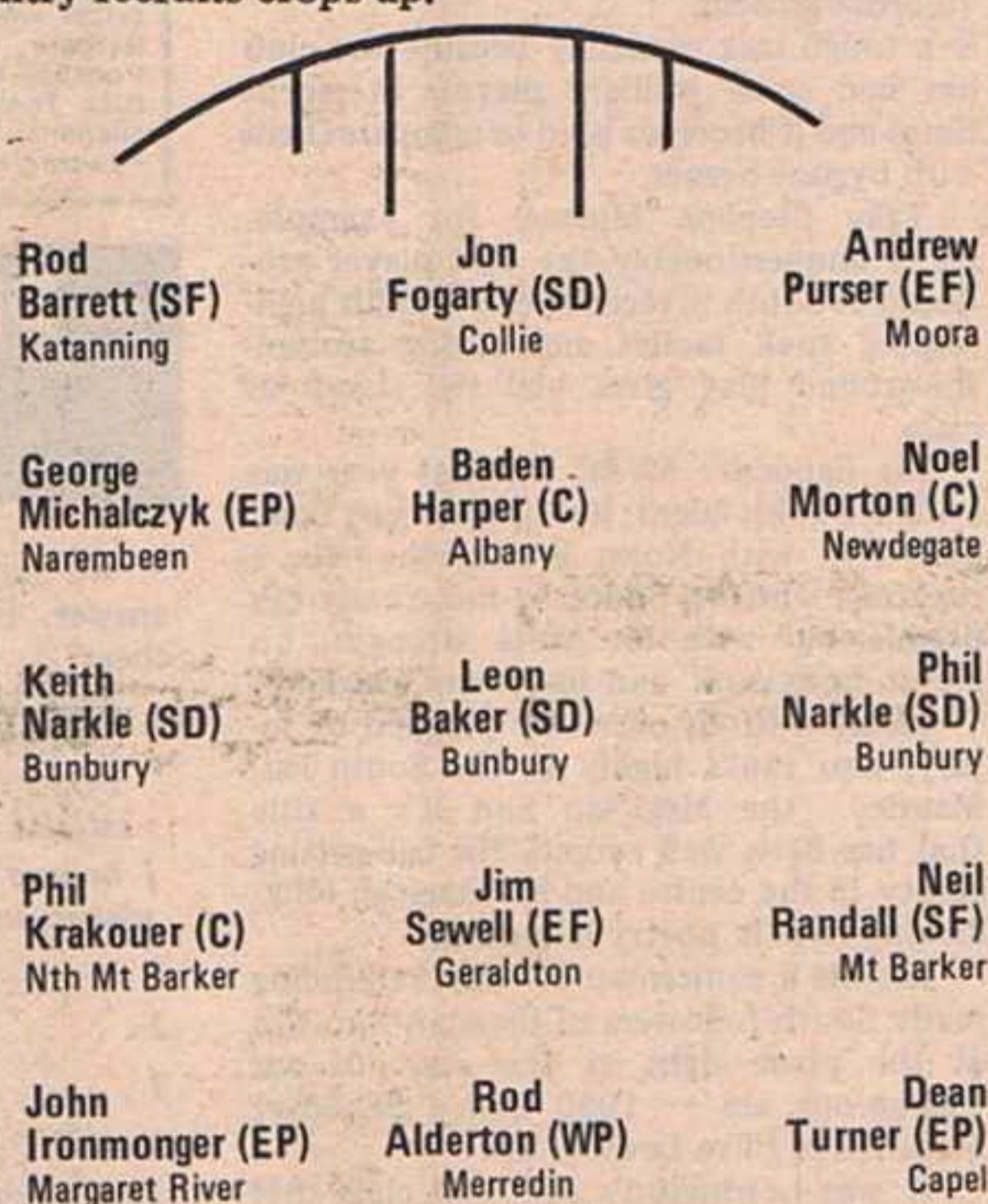
In fact, the standard of country players far exceeds the talent WA clubs have received when they indulge in lucrative clearance deals or swaps with Victorian clubs — generally ending up with 'crocks' or has-beens.

(NOTE: There are some exceptions).

Wesfarmers, who sponsor the country championship for a very hefty amount — \$18,000 in prizemoney, plus a lot of back-up promotional support — keep a tally on country players doing well in the city.

This week we have picked a country All Stars team with a difference — a line-up selected from prominent country players in league ranks today.

This line-up would certainly give a good account of itself in any match.



Ruck: Stephen Michael (SF), Kojonup. Darrell Panizza (C), Albany. Jim Krakouer (C), Nth Mt Barker.

Reserves: Ron Boucher (SD), North Albany. Tom Pearce (C), Kukerin. Bill Skwirowski (SD), Collie.



Bunbury half-back Mick Shinner has South Bunbury's Barry Jarvis off the ground as he applies a vigorous tackle when the two clubs met in a S.W.N.F.L. derby.

Bunbury firing

Bunbury gave further notice last Sunday that they would play a big part in this year's S.W.N.F.L. final round.

After a slow start to the season, the Bulldogs are now in top gear and beat traditional rivals — South Bunbury — by seven goals in the derby.

FOUR DECIDED

With only three rounds of home and away games to be played before the start of the finals in the Central Midlands Football Association, the final four teams have been decided.

Warriors lead the competition with 40 points, followed by Rovers 28, Dandaragan 28 and Watheroo 28.

The remaining teams in the competition Dalwallinu and Bindi-Miling appear to have little chance of making it in 1981. They have 12 and eight points respectively.

The struggle for the vital second spot on the ladder will be a fight to the finish.

With three teams having 28 points, Central Midlands fans look set to have a feast of great football played over the next few weeks.

Last week's games saw Dandaragan defeat Warriors in the upset of the season. Warriors had only been beaten once before but found Dandaragan too strong in that clash.

The final scores were Dandaragan 16.14 to Warriors 8.12.

Rovers easily accounted for Watheroo 15.15 to 7.17 and Dalwallinu defeated Bindi-Miling 12.10 to 7.13.

TOP SIDE DOWNED

Matches played in the Goldfields National Football League last Sunday saw Boulder defeat Kalgoorlie 17.15 to 8.9.

Top side Kambalda went down to Railways 17.9 to 12.17. And Mines Rovers defeated Norseman 16.15 to 8.14.

The table has Kambalda on top with 36 points, leading on percentage from Kambalda, Kalgoorlie 28, Railways 20, Mines Rovers 16 and Norseman 8.

NIGHT SERIES?

The Newtown Football Club, playing in the Esperance Football Association, has made further improvements to their oval by constructing new floodlighting.

KICKETT VISIT

East Perth league footballer Larry Kickett made a surprise appearance at training with the Manjimup Imperials Football Club last week. Larry trained with the club while in town on business with the R & I Bank.

Club reprimanded

The Warriors Football Club, playing in the Central Midlands Football Association, have been severely reprimanded by the protests and disputes board.

Warriors supporters, players and officials were reported by a field umpire in the game against Dandaragan a fortnight ago.

Warriors ended up winning the match after several heated brawls occurred early in the game.

The field umpire reported the club for abusive language.

The P & D board reported that if the club appeared before them on the same charge again they would be fined \$1,000.

OLSEN CREATES HISTORY

Former State full-forward Mark Olsen has made himself a local star with football fans in the Karratha Football Club.

Olsen has played his first match since being forced from the ground injured when playing for East Fremantle nearly 18 months ago.

The tall, lanky forward booted 17 goals for Karratha and created history in the De-Grey and West Pilbara Football League with his effort.

During Olsen's break from the football arena he underwent two knee operations and was nearly on the verge of giving the sport away.

But his performance last week has given Olsen a new lease of life and he is keen to have another try in Perth.

Olsen moved to the North of the State with a transfer through work commitments.

The previous goal-kicking record was held by Ray Turner, who kicked 16 goals in 1976.

Turner is the captain-coach of the Finucane Island side which Karratha thrashed on Sunday.

The final score was Karratha 41.19 to 6.10.

Olsen took 14 marks from which he kicked goals. Two others were soccered through the big sticks and one resulted from a free kick.

One sidelight of the game was that Turner, who is usually a full-forward, was playing at full-back on Olsen. There was no ill feeling as his record was beaten and he was the first to congratulate Olsen on his feat.

NORTH BARKER MOVE UP

North Mt Barker moved into second spot on the Southern Districts National Football League ladder last weekend when they thrashed Railways.

The final scores were North Mt Barker 16.14 to Railways 3.8.

North Mt Barker now take second position on the ladder, but only on percentage over Royals. They both have 28 points with North Mt Barker leading by 13 per cent.

North's win also put paid to Railways hopes of making the finals. With only four games to go before the finals start, Railways have an impossible task.

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WESTSIDE WINNERS



WEST PERTH v EAST PERTH

BOB CRABB: This is Graham Campbell's Leederville Showdown. He believes that West Perth are a 10-goal better side at home... but even the home-ground advantage should not prevent East Perth from holding their deserved spot in the top four.

PERTH v SWAN DISTRICTS

ALAN EAST: Perth are certainly trying hard to enjoy their football; but when you are up against a team of professionals it becomes a bit hard.



SUBIACO v CLAREMONT

MARTY McDONNELL: I think that Claremont will just fall over the line — but don't be surprised to see Subiaco pull off a bolover.



SOUTH FREMANTLE v EAST FREMANTLE

FRED WOODS: Even though South Fremantle are hard-hit by injuries, I don't think East Fremantle are playing well enough to beat them.

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IAN MILLER



THE PRE-MATCH ROUTINE

Probably one of the least-known facts about a league footballer's mental preparation for a game is his Saturday morning routine, which becomes a ritual for most players.

In fact, I doubt whether there are many players who don't go through this same type of regular routine each Saturday.

Some players like to sleep in, others to listen to some music, go to the garage, go shopping, work or have an early breakfast or a late brunch.

Whatever it is, the routine becomes part and parcel of his build up.

Of course, the pre-game meal is always the same and taken at the same time.

As players become more experienced, less emphasis is placed on such routine — though I'm sure it's still an important part of the build-up for Saturday afternoon.

CONFIDENCE

It's no surprise to find that confidence in the Claremont camp is sky high after their success so far this year.

One of the main reasons behind this success has been the emergence of a complete team — a solid defence, top centre-line, great rucks and rovers and, of course, a very effective forward line.

It is certainly a different scene from when Claremont were branded a three-man team comprising Graham Moss and Jimmy and Phil Krakouer.

It must be mentioned however, that Claremont have had a relatively injury-free year compared to most other sides.

This has enabled the side to settle down because of the need to make only limited changes each week.

All the other sides have had their problems. Perth, for example, have used 44 players this year in the senior side.

SOUTH STARS

Don't write South Fremantle off your premiership prospect list.

Apart from their injury list, they had many top players down on form last Saturday.

But, two players that certainly played well were Bruce Monteath and Basil Campbell.

I am sure that coach Mal Brown would have been pleased to see them in such good touch — but his worries will not be over till he can fill that troublesome full-forward spot.

FOURTH SPOT

The battle for fourth spot continues this week with two vital clashes — West Perth-East Perth and Claremont-Subiaco.

Ken Armstrong has done a great job to get Subiaco up and keep them firing this year.

It would be a big disappointment to see Subiaco falter now. The Lions are capable of defeating Claremont (a fact that Graham Moss will stress to his players this week).

If they do, the battle for fourth spot will continue between three teams.

CABLE SHOCK

The appointment of Barry Cable as North Melbourne coach came as a surprise.

But, when you look at the situation realistically, it was on the cards.

Barry is a professional footballer/coach who has achieved everything except a Brownlow Medal and coaching in Melbourne.

Knowing Cables, he had to grasp that opportunity — as he did.

I am sure he will be a success, but the true test will not come in the last five games of this year but in 1982.

NO CHANCE!

There has been some speculation that Brian Peake and Peter Bosustow will return to Perth next season.

I think that the chances of this happening are very remote, particularly in Peake's case.

A player cannot do justice to his performance in one season and after both participate in the climax of the season — the VFL finals — their desire to continue in Melbourne will be greater.

On the subject of Melbourne football, it was great to see my old team Fitzroy win last week against Richmond and stay in the cut-throat race for the final five.

The club has fought hard to climb up the VFL ladder and have done tremendously well in view of the fact that they finished last in 1980.

This week they play Hawthorn at the Junction Oval — an oval that has never been a happy hunting ground for the Hawks, regardless of their position on the premiership table.

DINNER/DATE

East Perth have a special auction-dinner coming up on Friday, August 28 at the Sheraton Hotel.

Last year's auction was a huge success and I'm sure members and supporters won't want to miss this year's follow-up. Full details are available at the club.

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