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THE ONUS IS ON RON TO SURVIVE

By **GARY STOCKS**

RON Alexander is walking a tightrope at East Fremantle.

OLD Easts wanted the big ruckman to take over the coaching reins at the club last year — but they did not have enough finance and after 12 months of saving, they were able to afford the former Fitzroy captain.

Alexander must feel a little uncomfortable because East Fremantle have dispensed with their last three coaches.

First Alan Joyce was overlooked in favour of former East Perth and North Melbourne big man Bradley Smith. And after taking old Easts to a premiership in 1979, Smith could not get the backing of the players the following season and was subsequently replaced by Ken Smith for 1981.

East Fremantle were dismal failures last season and Smith was not asked to continue as coach.

Now it is Alexander's turn.

Mental fortitude

He has a massive mental fortitude and it is no wonder he is playing his cards close to his chest.

He is mentally tough and that is the biggest point in his favour as he tackles West Australian football's hottest assignment.

He was strong enough to take on the VFL when he was elected as the inaugural president of the VFL Players' Association. The VFL don't like competition, but Alexander took on the unenviable task of presenting the players case to the league.

Fitzroy knew Alexander wanted to leave the club before the beginning of last season, but he had what it took mentally and physically to put that behind him and win the club's fairest and best award at the age of 30.

The message is — don't underestimate Ron Alexander.

In the last two seasons, in particular, East Fremantle have lacked discipline.

But Alexander's football is full of discipline and he won't accept anything less than dedication from the players at his disposal.



Ken knows all about it

New East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander was snapped in deep conversation with his predecessor, Ken Smith. Smith knows only too well how failure is greeted at the club and lasted just one season with Old Easts. Now it is up to Alexander to lift them back into the top half of the table.



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WE'RE BACK

Welcome to Football '82. Westside Football is proud to be back for its fourth big season.

You've probably already noticed changes... improvements we hope that will meet with your approval.

Our expert team of writers has been joined by Graham Campbell and Gary Stocks.

Campbell was one of the most popular columnists in our first season. However, he "hung-up" his pen when he was recalled to the West Perth coaching post in mid 1979. We're delighted to have him back and his weekly report will appear on the back page.

IAN MILLER, after one season in the Press Box is back in the thick of things at Perth, but he has agreed to retain his link with the media through his weekly Westside column.

ROBERT BENNETT is back. A former chief football writer with the Daily News, he is now widely read in the Sunday Times and the Australian. His hard hitting "Bennett's Burst" column often strikes a few soft spots, but he says it as it should be said.

EILEEN BROWN (Mal's Mum) will continue to contribute the women's angle in her ever popular Mother Brown column.

DAVE CLEMENT... WA's walking football encyclopedia... is back with his R & I Footy Facts column. His knowledge of the game's history adds a special dimension to our football coverage.

GARY CARVOLTH, rumour monger extraordinaire, has lined up for his fourth season with his column of gossip, predictions and free plugs!

Football journalist Gary Stocks is a new member on the team and he will cover most of the major happenings during the winter. He will discover and report on what makes players "tick" in weekly player profiles and "Young Talent" columns.

We regret to announce a price increase - our first. Rising costs have forced the decision upon us. However, you'll be getting more for your money as our pages are bigger and we will be running regular lift-out features - similar to the "Who's Who in '82" supplement in today's edition.

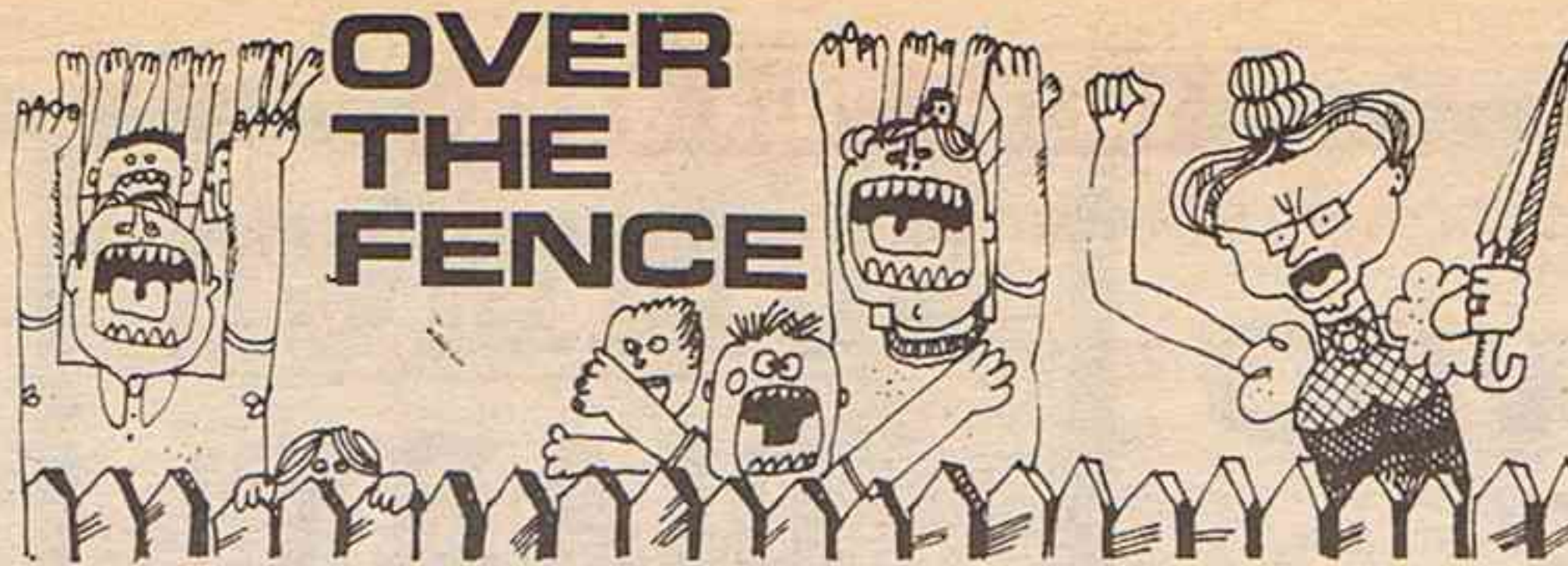
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To our thousands of loyal readers, thanks for your support in the past. We look forward to bringing you an even better paper through the 1982 season.

Peter Poat, Publisher.



WILLIAMS IN LIMBO

Talented Swan Districts ruck-rover Ian Williams has headed back to the bush, virtually, in a bid to regain his football confidence. Williams has been troubled by knee injuries in the last two seasons and will play with Sunday side Swan Valley this year. The knee has apparently healed and it wouldn't surprise me to see Williams back at Bassendean Oval before the year is out if he can regain form and confidence.

ANNEAR FIRES

It seems as though former Claremont player John Annear is at last making an impression over in Victoria. The rugged mobile player is looming as a contender for a key roving berth with Collingwood this year after a frustrating run of injuries, including the complete reconstruction of a badly damaged shoulder. His form in pre-season games indicate that he can really earn his senior place this year.

HUNTER'S NEW LOVE

Talking about Claremont champions... Ken Hunter has found a new sporting love in Victoria - boxing. The tough defender has been seen ringside supporting Victorian boxer Frank Ropis and is keen to be in the Aussie's camp as he chases a tilt at a world title fight.

MURNANE RELIEF

West Perth were quite relieved to find that Victorian recruit Peter Murnane had come through a series of x-rays without any real bad news. It was thought that he had a damaged cartilage and would spend the first half of the year on the sidelines. However, it was only jarred and Murnane is keenly looking forward to getting back on the track after a two-week break.

NIGHT OFF

New West Perth coach Dennis Cometti seldom shows his emotion... as players and supporters will notice this year. After his team won the Red Rooster Championship last Sunday, Cometti was cool, calm and collected in the rooms afterwards. One of the first things he did when he returned to the changerooms was to grab a wet rag and erase the team placings on the blackboard. He then replaced the names with a simple message: "There will be no training tomorrow night." That was his thank you message.

SNAPPY SWANS

Swan Districts have, once again, set the pace with awards for the media in 1982. One of the club's sponsors, Solahart, have chipped in a healthy amount to provide substantial rewards for photographers and journalists in the media this year. The Solahart mark of the year will see a lucky photographer win a \$1,050 Solahart hot water system for the best picture featuring a Swans player. Other awards include cash prizes for a variety of print media stories. All in all, the media will receive about \$4,000 in prizes from Swans... and Solahart themselves will put in a total of \$7,000 to the club in other areas.

MEDIA ACTIVITY

The Football Media Guild has a new line-up of office bearers this year. The group was formed in 1980 to help promote higher standards in football media reporting and commenting and to inaugurate new media awards. Office bearers for the coming year are: President - Alan East (Western Mail); Vice-President - Tim Flynn (6WF); Secretary - Robert Bennett (Sunday Times); Treasurer - Rod Lohar (Westside Football); Past President - Geoff Christian (West Australian); Committee members Frank Sparrow (6IX), Todge Campbell (West Australian), Peter Sweeney (Sunday Independent) and Alan Newman (Western Mail).

A highlight of the Media Guild's activities is the annual dinner where two important awards are announced - the media's player-of-the-year last year was South Fremantle's Stephen Michael (a \$1,000 gold medal) and the footballer-of-the-future, which saw Subiaco's Laurie Keene receive a magnificent silver champagne bucket.

BEGG MISSING

South Fremantle are a little worried about the 1982 prospects of John Begg, the player they picked up from Subiaco midway through last season. Begg is a geologist and is working off the South Australian coast, commuting to training in Adelaide every now and then, but basically getting further and further behind in his pre-season work. It seems as though it will be another few weeks before he manages to get himself back to Fremantle Oval to pick up from where he left last year.

Smile

It's your birthday

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

Players with birthdays coming up this week:

Ray Smith (C) 23 on 29th March



Kym Zubrinich (EF) 22 on 31st

Geoff Howard (SD) 20 on 31st
Peter Thomas (S) 22 on 31st
Lindsay Kanther (C) 22 on 2nd April
Phil Bradmore (WP) 23 on 2nd
Mitch Fussell (S) 22 on 3rd
Mark Watson (C) 22 on 4th



Jeff Stone (SD) 20 on 4th

Have a Coke and a smile.

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FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WORLD OF

SPORT

9am Sundays

CLAREMONT (1981 Premiers - 21 wins, 2 losses)	v East Perth at Claremont
SWAN DISTRICTS (1981 - 16 wins, 7 losses)	v East Fremantle at Bassendean
SOUTH FREMANTLE (1981 - 15 wins, 9 losses)	v Perth at Fremantle
SUBIACO (1981 - 9 wins, 12 losses)	v West Perth at Subiaco
EAST PERTH (1981 - 11 wins, 11 losses)	v Claremont at Claremont
EAST FREMANTLE (1981 - 5 wins, 16 losses)	v Swans at Bassendean
PERTH (1981 - 3 wins, 18 losses)	v South Fremantle at Fremantle
WEST PERTH (1981 - 8 wins, 13 losses)	v Subiaco at Subiaco

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WA football will play second fiddle

Guest Columnist

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THIS WEEK:

RAY WILSON

Sunday Times football writer



Perfect pose

Sooner of later — and it may be a lot sooner than many people think — WA's league football will play second fiddle to a national competition.

The sad fact of football life for some administrators is that our local competition is set for a metamorphosis to the extent that, in 10 years, it will not remotely resemble the form it takes today.

Most administrators and critics will agree that a national league is inevitable. The VFL's push to Sydney and its interest in Brisbane is the first step.

However, unless WA makes an aggressive approach, that is where the national competition may start and finish — on the east coast.

You won't get too many arguments that a national league is inevitable. The debate comes over what effect it will have on our ailing local competition.

Quite simply, it will see the demise of the current set-up. A national competition would place football in Perth in a similar bracket as pennant cricket. And to say that, I'm not knocking pennant cricket.

The pennant set-up provides a breeding ground for State cricketers. A football system will do much the same thing. However, like pennant cricket, people won't flock to the grounds to see it.

Some administrators will refuse to allow the WA league to assume similar importance to pennant cricket. That's only natural after nearly 100 years of club competition in WA.

Eventually, however, that's the way it will go. Like it or not, we will lose the glamour of club matches.

The demise, or partial demise, of the current competition will see the birth of a vibrant, marketable national competition.

East Perth have again emerged as the forward thinkers in this area.

Two years ago the Royals 'tested the water' when their application to join the VFL was refused. It caused a storm then, but the initial shock has slowly receded.

Now, East Perth, in a proposed submission to the league, believe WA should have two 'State' sides in a national competition, when one is formed.

According to East Perth, one side would be drawn from East Fremantle, South Fremantle, Swan Districts and Perth while the other would come from East Perth, West Perth, Subiaco and Claremont.

One of the WA sides would play in Perth on a Sunday while the other would play interstate. The local competition would continue on Saturday.

Eventually, games may be played on Sunday and Wednesday nights during the season.

Football in WA has failed in a key area over the past 20 years. In the parlance of promoters, football's greatest failing has been to get bums on seats. We simply haven't had enough.

Revenue source

A national competition will give WA a chance to tap into a huge source of revenue, not only from the attendance money, but from sponsorship and TV rights.

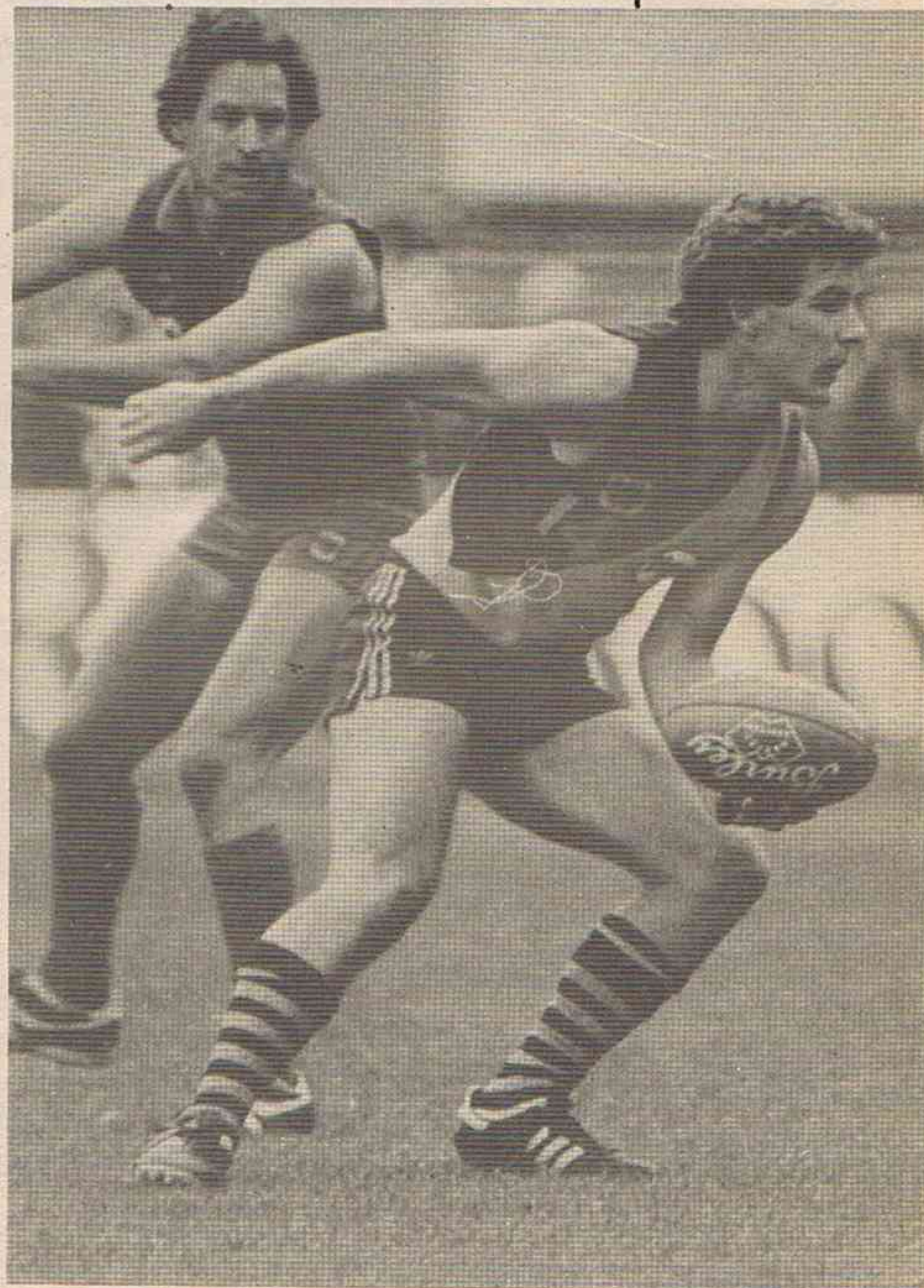
It would be pig-headed to ignore the fact that VFL football is the best and most exciting in Australia.

A national competition would allow WA players the chance to earn big money and play against the best in Australia without leaving the State.

Now, WA has the chance to jump on the Victorian bandwagon. We have never prospered by anything the VFL has done. It has almost always been one-way traffic.

I think East Perth's proposal is commendable. They will also seek the advice of the other seven league clubs before submitting the work to the WAFL.

There is divided thinking within the league hierarchy on the matter which needs to be settled immediately if WA is to get a slice of the action. If nothing is done, we may well be left out in the cold.



Lindsay Kanther, the Claremont ruck-rover, prepares to shoot out a handpass during last weekend's carnival.

Falcons did it well



One swallow doesn't make a summer, but West Perth really took a big mouthful of the \$30,000 Red Rooster carnival last weekend.

The Falcons took the competition by the scruff of the neck on the first day and finished off well to thoroughly deserve the grand final.

However, coach Dennis Cometti will be the first to tell his players that inflated egos are the last thing that win football matches.

Of course West Perth have become the current rage of the competition, but I still find it difficult to slot them in my top four.

The Falcons have the strength on the ball, and the sparkle in the forward line, but I believe, they face big troubles in defence.

Half-backs Laurie Heal and Ron Wilson are steady footballers, but are suspect to really talented opponents.

To complete West Perth's problems across the half-back line is centre-half-back, a position Geoff Hendriks will be asked to fill in the absence of Dan Foley.



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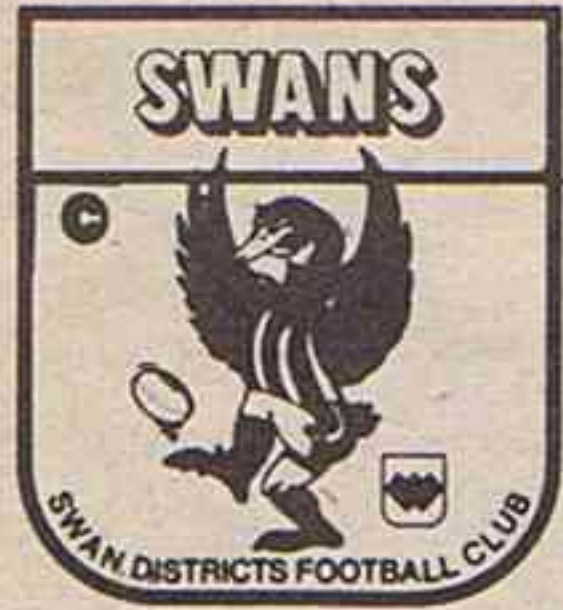
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Ready to tackle senior role



Jon Fogarty has been busy finding sponsors for Swan Districts in his new role as a sales representative for the club. Rural and Metro Realty have taken over as one of the major sponsors at Bassendean Oval and here Fogarty talks to two of the principles of the company Peter Gibson (left) and Don Copley. Rural and Metro Realty have supplied the prize money for Swans media awards in 1982.

FOOTBALL fans who happened to watch Channel 7's Celebrity Challenge — either live or on TV — would have seen a new-look Jon Fogarty.

The youngster from Collie has worked hard in the gymnasium during the summer months . . . and a much stronger physique is the result.

Fogarty is now ready to emerge as a senior footballer.

He joined Swans from Mines Rovers (at Collie) where his father Alf was not only head of one of the mining companies, but was a prominent figure in the football fraternity down South.

Jon's career has developed gradually since his 1979 debut, filling a variety of roles but not staking a permanent claim to any key position.

Swans coach John Todd expects that to change this year . . . he believes that the 22-year-old Fogarty is about to emerge as one of the best youngsters in the game.

Football writer GARY STOCKS caught up with Fogarty this week to talk about his career.

Q: After coming from the country, how did you find it when trying to break into league football in Perth?

A: I broke into league football in my third game, but the problem was staying there. I was injured and that put me out for 12 months. The most important thing is that when you get an opportunity to make the most of it.

Q: What sort of an influence did your father have on your career?

A: He has always had a lot to do with my career and is always ready to offer some constructive criticism. He was a lot of help in Collie and he still comes up every match day to watch the game.

Q: Did anyone else have an influence on your career?

A: A few of the guys I played football with in Collie, but there are too many to mention.

Q: How did you handle playing league football in your first season?

A: You have to work hard to get there and after a while I was accepted and it was great.

Q: How did you find your first pre-season in Perth?

A: That was pretty hard. It's something that will always remain in the back of my mind as the most difficult test.

Q: It must have been great to make the grade in senior football but it would also have been disappointing to have made the finals in the last two years and fail to go on and win the grand final.

A: Yes it has been. The players haven't performed at the right time of the year. In 1980 we played pretty well in the preliminary final and probably in the end we played too well. We played the grand final a week early. We weren't really prepared for what was going to happen. Everyone serves an apprenticeship and I think the last two years have been ours.

Q: Swans started pretty well at the beginning of the year and handed out a couple of drubbings, but towards the end seemed to taper off a little bit. What was the reason for that?

A: Fitness played a big part in it. We copped injuries at the wrong time of the year. Richo (Mike Richardson) was thrown through a window and couldn't play in the

finals. Neesham was carrying an injury and so was Boucher. We couldn't afford not to play the guys and had to take a chance.

Q: Can Swans bounce back this year?

A: Yes. I think so. The atmosphere is terrific. Now that we have lost three or four of our top players the young guys realise they have got a chance to play league football and they are giving everything. They are enthusiastic and it has rubbed off. With Neesham, Beasley and Holden gone it means I might have a chance to play somewhere else other than half-back! I was used as a ruck-rover before being injured pre-season and I'd love to play there.

Q: Who are some of the young guys you think will make it in league football?

A: Well Alby Smith played pretty well in the back pocket in practice matches and if he can maintain that form he would have to be a chance. Gary Winter and Jeff Davidson have put in some top performances on the wings and they'd have to be a chance as well.

Q: How big was the difference between playing football in the country and playing in front of a finals crowd at Subiaco Oval?

A: There's really no comparison. It's a terrific feeling to run onto the ground in front of that many people, but it's all over in a couple of seconds. You realise you are there to do a job and once the ball is bounced you just concentrate on doing your job. The most important thing in finals football is that you know each other's game and you can work as a well oiled machine. You have to because you can't communicate. The noise from the crowd means you can't hear your team-mates.

Q: Have you ever played on the ball before?

A: When I was in Collie I ruck-roved all the time. But one day our centre-half-back was hurt and I got to play there.

Q: You were playing league football in Collie at 16, was that an advantage when you came to play with Swans?

A: Yes. You learn a lot. You get a whack around the ears and you know you are playing against men. But the thing is that it gives you confidence. Up here they are a bit quicker and have to concentrate on your game all the time. By playing against

men you can assert yourself. The important thing in Perth is that you don't get overcome by the situation. A lot of young players get nervous because they're playing against league super stars, but when you have played against them before it doesn't worry you that much. All you do is try harder to beat your immediate opponent.

Q: You were in your final year at WAIT last year, did all the study have an affect on your game?

A: It certainly did. The study was a bit much, especially in the final year. But this year I won't have to put up with the worry. At the moment I am a sales representative with Swans and it means I can concentrate on playing football without worrying about results at WAIT.

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Name: Jon Fogarty
Born: 31.1.60 at Collie
Height: 6.1 (185 cm)
Weight: 12.9 (80.5 kg)
Lives at: South Perth
Married: No
Occupation: Sales representative
Football honours: Nil
Favourite drink: Bundaberg
Favourite food: Steak
Hobbies or relaxation: Swimming, water skiing.
Football likes: Playing well and winning.
Football dislikes: Playing badly and losing.
Injuries:
Football idols: Ross Glendinning
Hard things in football: Getting over injuries.
Ambitions: To play State football
Nickname: Foges
Guernsey number: 27
Came from: Collie
League debut: 1979
Games played: 52

Our selections

	Clarem. v E. Perth	Swans v E. Fremantle	Sth. Frem. v Perth	Sub. v W. Perth
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
GARY STOCKS	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
ROBERT BENNETT	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
DAVE CLEMENT	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
ALAN EAST	East Perth	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Subiaco
IAN MILLER	Claremont	Swan Districts	Perth	West Perth
MOTHER BROWN	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Subiaco
PETER POAT	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
GARY CARVOLTH	East Perth	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Subiaco
MOST FAVOURED	Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth

More than money at stake

WEST Perth won the money last weekend, but this Saturday they will want four premiership points.

They come up against a young and enthusiastic bunch in Subiaco and it promises to be a great match.

Lean Subiaco ruckman Laurie Keene was in fine touch last week and his duel with Russell Ellen and Ben Jager will be a highlight of the match.

Both teams are strong across the middle of the ground and there should be some great individual clashes.

Peter Menaglio, George Michalcyk and Rod Alderton looked capable across the centreline for West Perth and did the job in fine style last weekend.

Young Pinjarra recruit Greg Kelly is a Subiaco player of the future and his clash with Michalcyk should be one of the high spots in the game. But Subiaco will have a bonus on Saturday if new captain Neil Taylor is fit to resume.



forwards can capitalise on the weaknesses remains to be seen.



Claremont's Lindsay Kanther gets the ball away despite the attention from West Perth's Neil Fotheringham in last week's Red Rooster carnival.

Claremont still have the most lethal forward line in the business and it is a tall order for a side to keep Warren Ralph, Brett Farmer and Steve Malaxos quiet for the afternoon.

All three have the ability to turn a match off their own boot and the East Perth defence is not equipped well enough to stop the trio.

But at the other end of the ground they have Grant Campbell. He is the best centre-half-forward in Perth and Claremont will not find the task of curbing the brilliant youngster easy.

Claremont look to have too much pace around the ground in addition to the tremendous fire power in attack.

REVIEW PREVIEW

SWAN DISTRICTS have lost some key players but they are still good enough to finish in the final four and should begin with four premiership points on Saturday.

They are always hard to beat at home and unfortunately East Fremantle face the task of beating Swans on their home soil first up.



East Fremantle look more disciplined this year, but Swans have still got enough class to see them through.

Graham Melrose, Mike Richardson, Ed Blackaby and Phil Narkle have got enough zip to get their side moving into top gear and East Fremantle don't have the small players capable of countering players of this class.

Big Ron Alexander should be able to win in the ruck opposed to Ron Boucher, Peter Sartori and possibly Allan Sidebottom, but he could find the Swans little men sharking his knocks.



PERTH beat South Fremantle by 10 goals in the Red Rooster carnival but it won't happen this weekend.

South are a better side and although Perth will put up a good fight they are not capable of matching South in the skills department.

THE HOOD



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

SPLIT PERSONALITY

Tim Flynn, that man-about-the-media, certainly wins the Jekyll-and-Hyde award for 1982, even at this early stage. Who else could work for Radio 6PR — football headquarters, but home of the laugh-a-minute football coverage headed by king clown John K. Watts on Fridays, and then change to the dulcet tones of the conservative and traditional 6WF on Saturdays, where George Grljusich always tries to be serious.

NO TEE-TOTALLER

A legend in his own morning-tea time... that's one of the behind-the-scenes men in WA football. John Campbell, better known as Todge to a legion of football and cricket people, is WA's best sporting photographer... but the socialising he manages to achieve before most of us have morning tea is incredible.

WHO IS WHO?

Who is the mystery columnist trying to copy me?

The Hood was WA's most feared columnist last season and now that Johnny-come-lately newspaper, The Western Mail, is trying to get on the bandwagon. I can assure you that this so-called mystery columnist that they are unveiling this weekend is not me... or any of my associates!

Let's see how good this bloke really is!

POOR OLD IAN

How does poor old Ian Miller feel now that he's back at Perth? The club didn't want him four years ago when he returned from Victoria and so he went on to win a Simpson Medal for East Perth at the expense of his old side in the grand final. Latest report is that Miller has been cleared back to Perth (just in case they run out of players) in exchange, would you believe, for Archie Duda's clearance!

NEESHAM'S HOPES

Swan Districts player Gerard Neesham wants his old club to value his house for him. Neesham says that if Swans really can value his services at \$210,000 — the figure reported in Eastern States newspapers as his clearance bid to go to South Melbourne becomes deadlocked — then he would like them to value his house so that he can make a real estate killing.

NOT SO MILD

What was mild-mannered Marty McDonnell, renowned South Fremantle man and Cottesloe Hotel licensee, doing in Swans territory the other week? Seems as though he was guest speaker at the guernsey presentations and thought that it was a men-only show... as are most of his gatherings at the Cottesloe. When he got there and found women in the audience it was too late to change his script... and red faces abounded. Marty says it was still one of his best-ever speeches.

FALCON TURN-COAT?

In a recent newsletter to parents of pupils at the Infant Jesus Primary School in Morley, it was announced that the school's 1982 soccer coach would be Geoff Hendriks. I wonder if it is the same Geoff Hendriks who plays on a half-back flank for West Perth.

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

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

PARKIN DECLARES:

NO JOB, NO FOOTY

An ultimatum from VFL premiers, Carlton, has sent several senior players searching for jobs on the eve of the club's first match of the new season.

Coach David Parkin has told all his senior players that they will not be considered for selection unless they hold down a Monday to Friday job.

Parkin, a strong disciplinarian, believes it is essential for players to have a diversification to do well consistently.

It is understood Parkin was fuming when he heard Peter Bosustow had quit his job on the eve of the 1981 finals.

He told Bosustow, his poor form in the grand final was a direct result of playing that game 60 or 70 times over in his mind before the actual day.

It is also believed Parkin has clamped down on long hair and beards.

One player turned up for training recently wearing ear-rings. Needless to say they didn't last long.

SYDNEY SUNDAY

South Melbourne will play their first match at their new home this weekend when they meet Melbourne on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Sydney Swans as they are now labelled, will play matches in the Harbour State this winter. This represents all their home games and gives Sydney a match every fortnight. All these games will be played on Sundays. Last weekend they said farewell to their old home, Lakeside Oval with an impressive performance over St Kilda in a practice match. The Swans won 21.55 to 12.17.

"SIDEY" STILL SLIDING

Gary Sidebottom could be in for another flop season. In a practice match against North Melbourne at Geelong last weekend, he was pulled from the ground in the second quarter after being given the oppor-



tunity to prove himself at centre-half-forward. He failed to get into the game and spent almost the remainder of the match on the bench. He made a reappearance in the back-pocket ten minutes before the end of the game and got one kick which went out of bounds on the full. Cats coach Bill Goggin didn't want to discuss Sidebottom's performance after the game. He will be hardpressed to find him a spot in the line up for this Saturday's clash with Collingwood at VFL Park.

HART'S HEART-BREAK

Footscray coach Royce Hart is annoyed at his club's lack of foresight over recent years in clearing top players.

During the seventies, Footscray virtually cleared an entire team, including last year's two Brownlow Medallists, Bernie Quinlan and Barry Round. Gary Dempsey is also a former Bulldog who won a Brownlow after leaving the club.

Hart has a tough job moulding the Footscray camp into a formidable side. Injuries to senior players also hampered his first season as coach last year. He said this week "on one occasion last year we had only six contract players out of a total of 30 on the track".



BIG WA FLAVOUR

Most VFL clubs announced their senior training lists last weekend and many former WA players are among those announced in the official squads. Over 40 players either have WAFL experience or were recruited from WA as juniors.

Looking at each of the clubs:

NORTH MELBOURNE have added Craig Holden and brothers Jim and Phil Krakouer to their list which already includes Ross Glendinning, Phil Kelly, Stephen McCann, Peter Spencer and Mario Turco.

CARLTON: Ross Ditchburn joins Mike Fitzpatrick, Ken Hunter and Peter Bosustow.

RICHMOND: Maurice Rioli and Darryl Sutton are the newcomers joining Robert Wiley and Brian Taylor.

FITZROY: Kevin O'Keefe is the only player with WA connections at Fitzroy.

FOOTSCRAY: Simon Beasley is on the provisional list awaiting a clearance. Stephen Hargrave remains on the senior list.

ESSENDON: Bill Duckworth and Wayne Otway team up with Tony Buhagiar, Alan Reid and Graeme Schultz.

MELBOURNE: Alan Johnson is the only true West Australian. However, two other players, though Victorian, have strong links with WA. Vince Catoggio (also formerly of Carlton) and Mark Jackson are on the senior list.

HAWTHORN: Craig Hoyer is waiting to be joined by Gary Buckenara who is still in need of a clearance before he can officially be declared a Hawk.

COLLINGWOOD: Stan Magro is having what probably will be his last season of VFL football. Former Claremont team-mates, John Annear and Kevin Worthington are also on the list together with South Fremantle's 1980 ruckman Derek Shaw.

GEELOG: Peter Featherby, Gary Malarkey and Gary Sidebottom retain their spots with new captain Brian Peake.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Barry Beecroft joins Kevin Taylor while Gerard Neesham awaits a clearance.

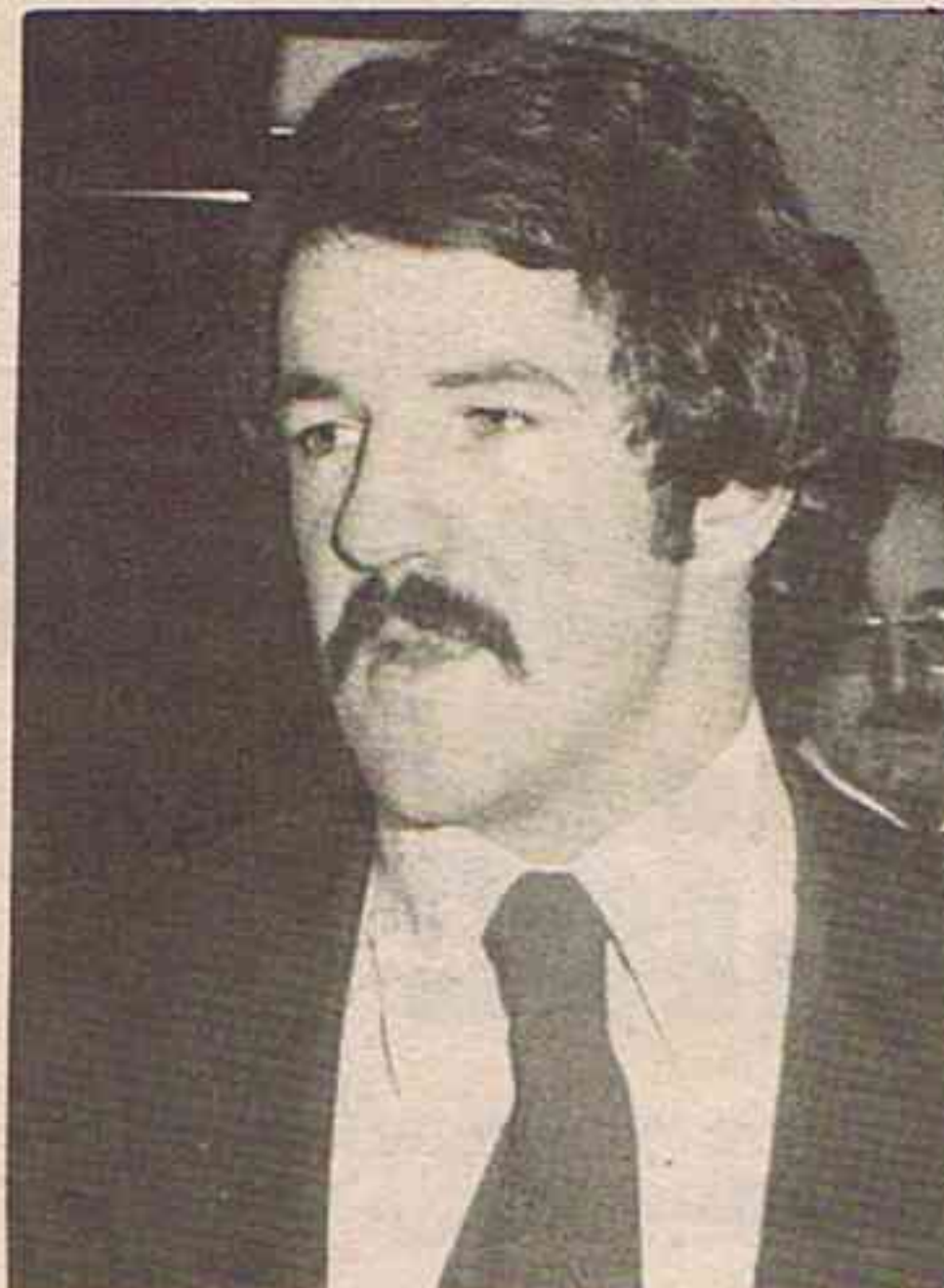
ST KILDA: The only player from WA is captain Bruce Duperouzel.

BOMBERS NEW LOOK

Essendon are certainly not complacent after their fine 16 straight wins last season. Though tipped to follow on with their good form this season, the club has added nine new players to their senior list. Three of the new faces, Bill Duckworth (from West Perth) Wayne Otway (East Perth) and Steve Copping (Glenelg) cost the club \$200,000.

New coach for West Torrens

West Torrens will be the only South Australian Club to have a new coach this season.



Glenn Elliott... new coach of West Torrens.

Former St Kilda and Melbourne player Glenn Elliott has been appointed to take over from Lindsay Head.

Head made an unsuccessful return to the coaching scene last year after a 21 year absence. Though re-appointed at the end of the '81 season, Head resigned shortly after.

Elliott faces a big job lifting West Torrens, who finished second last on the SANFL table in 1981.

It will be his second stint in South Australia. He played one season with Port Adelaide in 1980 and was dogged by a series of injuries.

Now 31, he played 141 games with St Kilda before joining Melbourne in 1979 to play a further 15 matches. Last year he coached Seymour to a premiership in the Goulburn Valley League.

OATEY TO RETIRE

Jack Oatey will retire as coach of Sturt at the end of this season after a 22 year term. It is his 37th season as a league coach in South Australia.

FINES FOR POACHING

The SANFL is imposing fines in an attempt to halt player poaching between clubs. Norwood has been fined \$1,000 for approaching West Torrens captain Neville Roberts while Glenelg is facing charges that it poached another West Torrens player, Mark Hewett.

Other movements between clubs include Ugo Colasante (Norwood) and Paul Harradine (South Adelaide) to Woodville, Phil Cox (South Adelaide) to West Adelaide, Kim Klomp (Sturt), Mark Armfield and Michael Lunnis (Glenelg) to North Adelaide.



CAREY HITS OUT

All-Australian player Peter Carey has hit out at his former Glenelg coach over the South Australian club's refusal to clear him to St Kilda.

He claims that Glenelg coach John Halbert's coaching contract expires this season and he wanted to retain every possible player to help his own chances of retaining the coaching job.

Glenelg are asking \$150,000 for the 28-year-old ruckman, who has played more than 250 games for the club.

Taylor made

Despite his magnificent performance for Richmond, last Saturday, former Mandurah footballer Brian Taylor is resigned to the fact that he will never be spearhead of the Tigers while Michael Roach is at the club.

The 20-year-old Taylor booted eight goals for the Tigers against Fitzroy when he stood in at full-forward for the injured Roach.

Last season he was the VFL reserves top goalgetter with 132 for the season. He kicked 16 goals in one match.

Last month he sought a clearance to Geelong because of the limited opportunities at Richmond. In a compromise, the Tigers agreed to release him on June 1 if he still wasn't happy at Richmond.

However, he said after Saturday's match he would stick with the club this season and make a decision on his future at the end of the year.

When Roach recovers from injury it is expected that new Richmond coach Francis Bourke will move Taylor to a forward pocket, and in effect give the side two spearheads.

JEZ TO VFA

Former East Fremantle wingman Mick Jez appears to have given away thoughts of establishing himself as a league player in Victoria. After an unsuccessful stint with Carlton he joined St Kilda but has now left the Saints to play VFA football with Oakleigh.

MURRAY COACHING

Former Fitzroy and East Perth champion Kevin Murray has made a coaching comeback. He has been appointed non-playing coach of South Morang in Victoria's Diamond Valley League.

MALARKEY INJURED

Former East Perth full-back Gary Malarkey is causing plenty of worries at Geelong. He is being dogged by a knee injury which has kept him out of most of the club's pre-season matches.

"WOODS" FAVOURITES

The illegal premiership betting market in Melbourne has Collingwood as pre-season favourites. They are quoted at 4/1, slightly shorter than last year's premiers. Carlton and Richmond equal on 9/2. Essendon follow at 6/1.

SPONSOR HAPPY

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GARY'S GOSSIP

Well, football is back in full swing and what a season it promises to be.

I have just returned from overseas and missed a lot of pre-season build-up, but boy, is there a lot happening.

For instance, out at Lathlain Park the Demons have already secured the services of Dean Herbert from St. Kilda and Peter Lane from Richmond. However, take it from me, Perth are hot on the trail of two players from Carlton, namely centreline player Greg Sharp and centre-half-back Geoff Hocking. My spies tell me that the Demons camp will tie up these players after the clearances of Allan Montgomery and Peter Bosustow to Carlton.

WILEY'S FUTURE

Former Perth star Robert Wiley has only signed for one year at Richmond and although it's early days, I predict that he will be back in the Perth camp for the start of 1983 season. You read it here first.

Meanwhile there is a 'tug of war' going on down at East Fremantle between Ken Judge and the Hawthorn Football Club. Ken, of course, has already signed with Hawthorn, however, he has chosen to stay with the Blue and Whites this season. Even at this stage the 'Hawks' are still making last-ditch attempts to get Judge to Melbourne. Try as they might, I believe Hawthorn will miss out this season but next year Ken will be in the VFL.

One of the big events of this year's football calendar is the second presentation of the Miss WAFL Quest. The official launch of the quest will take place next Wednesday (March 31) at a special media lunch at the WAFL.

Ampol have sponsored the quest to the tune of \$5,000 and like last year, all entrants have the opportunity of winning some wonderful prizes.

I will give you the complete prize list next week on this page. So go to it girls, get in touch with your club and make sure your part of the 1982 Miss WAFL Quest. Incidentally this year's target is \$100,000. All the money raised is shared, of course, by our eight league clubs.

See you next week,

Gary Carvolth.

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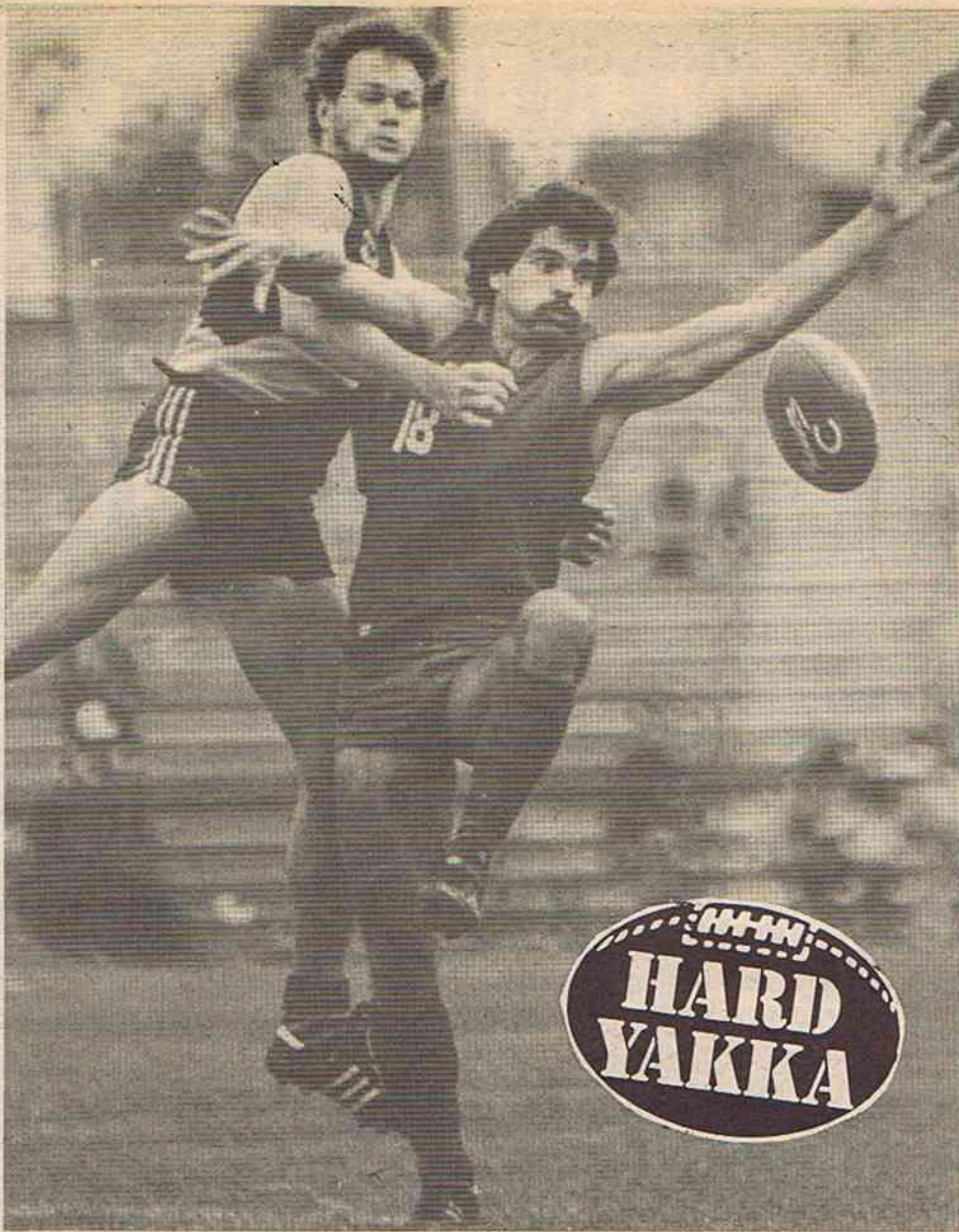
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There is always a reward for hard work . . . and West Perth's David Palm, one of the best players in the Falcons great Red Rooster carnival win, heads the season off for us.

Palm is pictured here getting the ball away despite strong attention from Claremont defender Bradley Reynolds . . . and the West Perth ruck-rover will soon be sporting a flash new pair of jeans or trousers for his efforts.

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personality and
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mentator.



WATTS UP? with J.K.

Hi there folks,

Well, I told you last year that this Westside Football publication was a real classy affair. Not only did they invite me to join their high-quality columnists last season (thereby lifting the standard considerably) but they have put me at the top of their list for 1982. What a treble, J.K. Watts, Westside Football and the Royals for premiers!

GOODBYE . . . 6PM

It had to happen . . . radio 6PM finally capitulated out of the football market. It surprised me that they stayed around so long. Everyone knows that 6PR is Football Headquarters and 6PM were just pretending to be part of the action. Well it was re-action for them. Everything slipped, including their ratings and they've also let some pretty good football panelists slip through their fingers as well. Naturally, we picked up the best of them in Tim Flynn to add to our illustrious stable.

A BIG SPLASH

By the way . . . can you imagine Flynnie (Splash is his new nickname . . . he's too big to be a drip) trying to match me for humour on Fridays and then become as one-eyed as George Grjusich on the ABC on Saturdays. Go to it, Bucket!

CRIBBIE GOES

My old mate Bob Cribb is on the move again . . . he's off to Bunbury and that means the Perth Football world will lose his in-credibility.



Bob Cribb

He certainly did his bit for Swan Districts over the summer, filling in as their marketing and promotions man. He promoted the club so well and marketed the players so well that all their stars are now in the Eastern States!

BACKFIRED

There wasn't much doubt about who was going to be our first Dorf Drip on the Week. Imagine Ron Buckley trying to blow his head off by bouncing the ball right back into his face! That's what you call getting a good look at the game.

AT HOME

Boy, it was great being part of the Red Rooster campaign last week and being asked to present the trophy to the winners, the high-flying Falcons. Up there on that dais out in the middle of Subiaco Oval made me feel really at home . . . just brought back memories of all those glorious East Perth triumphs on the green Subi field.

We even had a good old Royal out there as well . . . Ray O'Connor learnt his politics at Perth Oval, you know. How else could he have made it to the top without that Royals background?

Cheers folks
J.K.W.

Former VFL and WAFL star, Sandover Medallist, and now Perth Coach.



IAN MILLER

PREPARATION TO THE TEST

The football summer — or off-season — not so long ago used to be a rather quiet time, but not so now.

Most clubs did supervised training programmes, commencing as early as October. This virtually makes our game an all-year-round job. It is interesting to see the different training methods used in this pre-season time, from sprint work, distance, weights, skills work and so on as all clubs strive for that ultimate preparation for their first game.

PRACTICE GAMES

The past six to seven weeks of club preparation included those much-needed practice matches, a time when clubs experiment with both new and old 'hands'.

Practice games are only a guide but one thing is for certain, the most beneficial games are those inter-club clashes, they are more competitive and meaningful and are certainly more beneficial than intra-club games.

TOUGH TASK

One of the most arduous tasks in all league clubs and in particular that of the selectors and league coach is letting players know after that tough pre-season work that their services are not required — but like all successful businesses, you only want the best in the quest for that winning result.

VIC RECRUITS — HISTORY

Once again we see an exodus of top WA players to Melbourne to gain experience in the V.F.L., but to compensate this season we see much more movement back across the border.

All these players will come under the microscope of the W.A. football public and media under our conditions.

History has shown in the past 15 years that the success rate of Victorians in W.A. has been poor. Let's hope that these players in all their new clubs can reverse the trend and 'produce the goods'.

BIG MAN'S YEAR

Seems that 1982 could be the year of the 'big man' in W.A. football. Just look at some of the contestants:

Claremont — Moss, Harper, Hindson; South Fremantle — Michael, Henwood; Swans — Boucher, Sidebottom; East



SIDEBOTTOM

MICHAEL

Perth — Ironmonger, Edwards, Nolan, Duke; East Fremantle — Alexander, Purser; Subiaco — Keene, Ironmonger, Johns; West Perth — Jager, Ellen, Gavranich, Duckworth; Perth — W. Simms, Turner, Herbert.

RED ROOSTER CARNIVAL

The concept of the Red Rooster Cup held last weekend was excellent; except maybe that it was held a week or two too late.

Of course when Subi Oval has lighting the Cup could be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights over two or three weeks in early March.

THE CHALLENGE

I am looking forward to the challenge of league coaching and being able to write this column each week with a 'grin'!

New interest in coaching education

BY JOHN WARREN
NFL Director of Coaching

There seems to be a tremendous interest now being shown by Australian Football authorities towards coach education.

To me, this new found interest is at least to an extent ironical as acceptance of the courses has not been an easy achievement. It has in fact provided me with one of my greatest challenges and has not been without the trauma of innuendo, ridicule and thinly veiled insult from those who continue to live in the past and who still belong to the blood and guts, frothing at the mouth and ranting and raving coaching schools.

It is not easy, I assure you, to convince football officials that by improving a coaches level of communication and by making him aware of the latest coaching priorities and techniques that football immediately under their control will show extraordinary improvement in a short term. They, in most cases being amateurs and part time officials were understandably more concerned with the thrill of general club involvement which was mostly concerned with getting the teams on the field — even if their attitude and skills was not all that it could or should have been.

This has now all changed and part of that change has been in no small measure, due to V.F.L. clubs which have seen fit to sponsor various coaching courses.

SPONSORED COURSES

The Geelong and South Melbourne clubs sponsored Level One Courses in 1981 and the St Kilda Club have held two highly successful Level One Courses recently. These were held at the St Kilda Club and at Aquinas College, Ballarat and were co-ordinated by Ian Drake through the innovative Junior Development Department.

The success of such courses can be used as examples to other Leagues and clubs who may wish to sponsor. This is made infinitely easier once full time Promotions and Development Officers give the concept their full support.

The W.A.F.L. are also involving themselves in their inaugural Level One Course through the efforts of newly appointed Football Development Administrator Ross Davis. Setting up such an initiative involved selling the advantages to the eight W.A.F.L. club Development Officers. About half of them promoted the Course enthusiastically — the other half are "fence sitting". The attendance of around 40 coaches is a solid if unspectacular start to actual Club and League involvement through the W.A.F.L. constituent clubs — as opposed to general promotion by the W.A.F.L. in both metropolitan and country areas of the State.

It all adds up to an optimistic scene as far as upgrading coaching image and knowledge is concerned — and it is happening quickly — as it must be in spite of all our efforts there are still some appalling coaches around. Thankfully, they are rapidly on the decline.



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FOOTBALL FACTS

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Locals fill all coaching jobs

Season 1982 sees the rare sight of eight local boys' as the League coaches.

Five of them — Ian Miller, Mal Brown, Dennis Cometti, Graham Moss and Ron Alexander — have played in the VFL.

The last time we had eight locals as coaches was in 1979.

However, the record did not stay intact for the season because West Perth replaced Percy Johnson with Graham Campbell. Ironically, it was 20 years earlier (1959) when we had eight local coaches — and that was the year Swan Districts replaced Johnson.

CARNIVAL CHANGE

Last week's lighting carnival was a far cry from the previous one, staged 25 years ago.

While the State team was in Melbourne for the Centenary Championships in 1958 a similar two day competition was held. Television and Sponsorship had not arrived then so the prize money was 'peanuts'.

Most clubs made a farce out of it by 'resting' all their big name players and trying out colts and reserves players. East Perth played all their second side and still won their first match.

The two teams that fielded a representative side played off in the final. Subiaco coached by Charlie Tyson beat Swan Districts who were coached by Eric Straus. But neither of them qualified for the finals that year.

Tragedy later struck Subiaco when Rod Newton and Merv Screaigh were killed some four years later and Dennis Barron and Bill McGlurray have since passed on.

NICKNAMES

So we have two 'new' teams in the game this year — the Flyers and the Falcons,

East Fremantle and West Perth. Will these nicknames stick?

I remember how the 'Demons' were once 'Redlegs', the 'Bulldogs' were 'Southerners', 'Swans' were 'Magpies', 'Royals' were 'Eagles' and the 'Lions' were 'Maroons'. Claremont are now the only club to hang onto their original nickname.

The Old Easts tag lasted for three quarters of a century, so called with the advent of East Perth into the competition in 1906. With two Easts, one simply became Old Easts the other Young Easts.

Most used nickname in the WA League is the Tigers. Claremont are the third Tigers. Before that we had Midland Junction (between 1906 and 1917). The first Tigers, however, were the Rovers. One of the original teams they won the very first Pennant (in 1885) a fact still not recognised by the WAFL today.

The famous Melbourne club once called themselves the Incomparable Whites then the committee decided on something more colourful like Fuchias (a flower).

When famous coach Checker Hughes came there in 1934 he threw out Fuchias and called them Demons and that name stuck.

Fitzroy, the Lions of VFL were once Maroons and for a brief period were called the Gorillas. Opposing supporters called them Apes!

Club officials considered this a bad omen and refused to recognise the name after only one year.

Winning two successive premierships is almost the impossible dream lately. Only once in the last 14 years has a team won two on end — Perth in 1976-77. (However I'm tipping Claremont, minus the Krakouers, to win in what could well be the most even competition in years.

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One of the big reasons why Claremont took off the 1981 flag was the presence in their camp of a brilliant goalkicker . . . Warren Ralph.

The high-flying Tiger forward became the first winner of Marlboro's Golden Boot award last season . . . a cheque for \$1000 plus a magnificent Golden Boot and chain which is now one of his prize possessions.

He topped the goalkicking table (for the second year in succession) with 120 goals, picking up another seven in the finals. His ability to lead fast, mark strongly and then kick accurately is going to pose problems for all fullbacks in the competition this season.



Warren Ralph

Ralph also shared in some other Marlboro bonus payments last season.

Marlboro awarded \$100 for every player who kicked 10 goals or more in a match . . . and Ralph picked up \$300 along the way with some brilliant double-figure tallies.

Those same awards are on again this year, with \$1000 of Marlboro money going to the player topping the goalkicking ladder at the end of the qualifying game . . . and \$100 to all players booting 10 goals or more in a match.

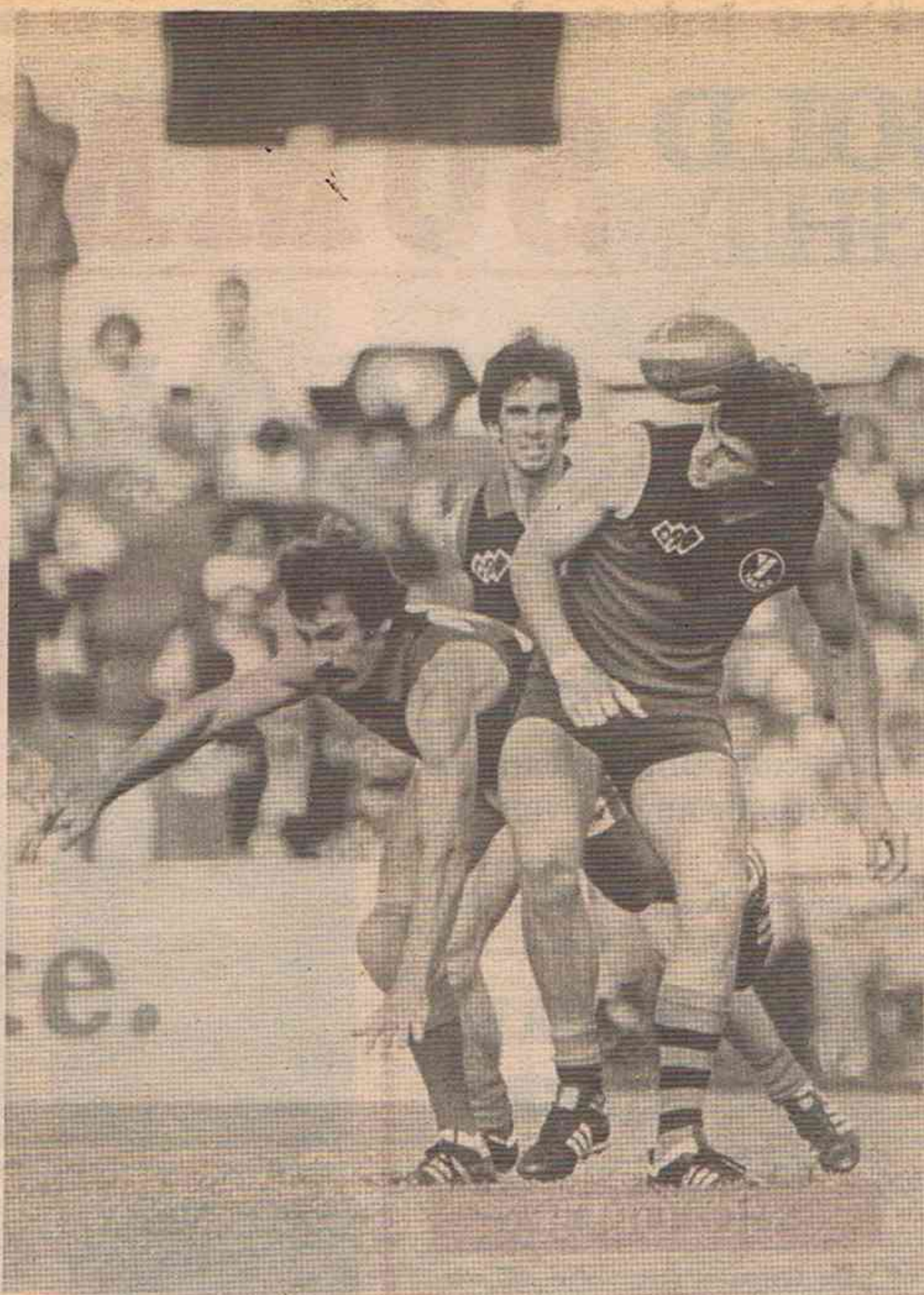
Keep tuned to our Marlboro Goals column to find out who are the best goalkickers in the league . . . and how they do it.

PRESSURE GOAL

There were plenty of top goals kicked in last weekend's \$30,000 Red Rooster Carnival but you would have to travel a long way to see a better goal than that kicked by Subiaco rover, Brian Taylor in the first game of the series against East Fremantle. Taylor was under plenty of pressure, deep in the forward pocket in front of the three tier stand. The Old Easts defenders rushed at him - but he managed to slam the ball onto his boot and put it straight through the middle.

PANIZZA MAGIC

Claremont wingman Darrell Panizza seems to enjoy kicking the first goal of the match from deep in the pocket on his wrong foot. He did it twice during the final round last year and produced a similar effort on Saturday in the match against East Fremantle. He was in the left forward pocket at the members stand end of the ground when, after a quick look, placed the ball onto his left boot and watched it sail through to bring up full points.



Craig Edwards . . . looming as a key Royal this year.

Edwards ready to emerge

According to East Perth coach Grant Dorrington, big ruckman Craig Edwards is in for his best season in league ranks.

Dorrington says that the youngster has been nursed along for three seasons and is now ready to tackle a more responsible role in the Royals side.

The solid 20-year-old has matured over the summer months and in the absence of the club's top big man, Wayne Duke, Edwards will be called on to lead the ruck battery.

He is one of four promising ruckmen in the East Perth camp - John Ironmonger, Shane Cocker and Alex Ishchenko are also coming along strongly.

Ishchenko put in some top performances in the reserves (and the Teal Cup) last year and is untried at this stage. Cocker played a handful of matches last season while Ironmonger, who is destined to be a top player, showed he was ready for league football with some encouraging displays that earned him State squad selection.

Edwards is very well co-ordinated at this stage and he looks certain to make a big impact on the game this year.

East Perth ruck experts have spent long periods working on his game and all of a sudden he realises that he is as strong and as skilful as his more senior opponents.

He is 6ft 4in and weighs in at about 16 stone and is prepared to use his bulk to advantage.

Already he has shown in pre-season matches that he is ready to exert a greater influence on a match and his game against Essendon was one of his best in senior company.

Although up against much taller opponents in Simon and Justin Madden in particular, he was a clear winner on the day.

He was largely responsible for the Royals impressive victory as he was continually feeding the ball to smaller players.

East Perth have great confidence in his ability and it is not difficult to see the reasoning behind their thinking. We may see a new look Craig Edwards in action this winter.

Edwards has been a gentle giant in football over the last three seasons - but all that has changed. During the summer he has been doing boxing under diminutive

YOUNG TALENT

Each week GARY STOCKS speaks to one of the WAFL's up and coming new stars. Presented by . . .



boxing coach Tommy Greenwood.

Greenwood jibed Edwards and now he is one of the most aggressive men in club. So much so that other players have refused to jump into the ring with the heavyweight.

Edwards won't be using his new found vigour outside the laws of the game but one thing for certain he won't budge from position as easily as he has done in bygone years.

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MOTHER BROWN

Still the first!

WELL, it's good to be back into another football season. Summer just isn't the same without footy!

Welcome to my little corner of the paper (and isn't it good to see Westside Football back for its fourth year?) and first up I must recall an interesting incident recently.

As you know, I was WA's first female football critic and just recently I picked up the Sunday Independent and saw where one of their female reporters was referred to as WA's only female football writer.

Well, the phones ran hot into my home . . . including one from the Sunday Independent who - on being told by one of my readers about my existence - agreed wholeheartedly that the tag-line should be dropped from their reporter's byline!

TAB MONEY

It's good to see that the special TAB report to the Government recommends a share of profits for football and other sport.

The TAB has certainly rescued racing, trotting and greyhounds in particular over the years, so why shouldn't football and other sports get a helping hand?

COME ON FANS

What happened to all the footy fans at the Red Rooster carnival?

The crowd support was disappointing as the concept is good. But maybe it was held a little late in the pre-season program. A lot of people like to use that last weekend before the season really gets under way to make a final farewell to the garden before disappearing for the winter.

I'd like to see it on a fortnight before the season opens.

GOAL UMPES

I see where they are experimenting with two goal umpires in Victoria.

I think it's crowded enough in the goal square now, without having two goal umpires to fall over.

Maybe if the second goal umpire stood back near the fence and simply observed who kicks the goals and keep an eye out for other 'happenings' it might be okay.

Besides, I'd rather see two boundary umpires in action and they could help the goal umpires in their decision making.

At this stage of the year I am always reluctant to pick a side to win the premiership. But I am not one-eyed and I think South have too many problems to be certainties. Claremont will again be a top side and I am sure that East Perth and West Perth have improved enough to be chances this season.

A PLEA

A final plea to commentators and critics . . . could we have some regular references to where all the new players come from in the first few weeks, please.

There are so many newcomers to the WA scene that it's hard remembering where they have been recruited from.

Cheers, Eileen Brown.

MANY STARS LOST TO VFL

As has been the case in recent times clearance wrangles dominated the football news over the summer months.

But this time a local club was in the forefront in a bid to stop a VFL club treading all over them.

Gary Buckenara, Subiaco's champion ruck-rover, was coaxed to Melbourne by Hawthorn. But Subiaco insisted that Buckenara should continue his playing career with the Lions — and the dispute still rages.

The Buckenara furore began late in October when Hawthorn paid for his honeymoon to the Gold Coast and then enticed him to play football in Melbourne. They gave him a job and made him a big offer to break his contract with Subiaco which still has a one year to run.

Subiaco president Kevin Merifield was confident in February that Buckenara would return to WA, but now it seems possible that the deadlock will not be broken and Buckenara could be forced to stand out of football for up to two years.

Late in January Buckenara told Mr Merifield that he was prepared to return to WA to complete his contract. Mr Merifield said the champion even went so far as to sign a document saying he would return under certain conditions.

He had a week to consider the agreement before it became enforceable, but Buckenara decided to remain in Melbourne.

Subiaco finished last season in fifth spot and Buckenara was a key figure in the club's plans to return to the four for the first time since 1964 so it came as no surprise when the club sought an injunction to prevent him from playing with the Hawks.

On March 9 Subiaco issued writs in the Supreme Courts of WA and Victoria in a last ditch bid to keep Buckenara.

The writ claimed that Hawthorn maliciously induced and continues to induce Buckenara to break the three year contract he signed with Subiaco on January 29, 1980 and it seeks damages.

The Buckenara case could continue for some time but it seems that Subiaco's stand could be in vain because history has shown that the VFL clubs always win through.

THE OTHER big clearance wrangle surrounded George Michalczyk, who had played 154 league matches with East Perth.

He said he needed a new challenge and that was his reason for leaving the Royals for West Perth.

East Perth tried everything in their power to keep Michalczyk, including delaying his life membership award due after playing 150 games.

While Michalczyk was training with West Perth, his old club complained that he did not have permission to play with the Falcons.

However, the two clubs managed to complete negotiations on the deal and when Michalczyk was released to begin a career at Leederville Oval East Perth withdrew their complaint.

West Perth's new coach Dennis Cometti will certainly use Michalczyk's skills to the best advantage and he could help them climb up the ladder.

There was plenty happening over the summer months in football circles and here is a comprehensive round-up of the off-season events.



By **GARY STOCKS**

OCTOBER

The Claremont players were still celebrating their premiership win when they heard the news that former Tigers centre-half-forward Ross Ditchburn was Carlton's first choice under the new draft system. It came as a complete surprise to Victorian and WA fans because Ditchburn had coached in the country in 1981.

Other WA players chosen under the new draft scheme were East Perth trio Grant Campbell, Wayne Otway and Dean Turner, Perth centremen Allan Johnson, Swan Districts utility player Craig Holden and East Fremantle forward Ken Judge.

However, only Johnson, Otway and Holden left for Melbourne.

- South Fremantle ruckman and dual Channel 7-Sandover Medallist Stephen Michael continued to dominate the media awards for 1981 when he was chosen as the player-of-the-year by the Football Media Guild of WA.

Young Subiaco ruckman-forward Laurie Keene won the Guild's award as the player-of-the-future while Swans rover Ed Blackaby won the Cable Medal for his courageous battle to eventually return to league football.

- Claremont sought private sponsorship in a last ditch effort to keep Jim and Phil Krakouer in WA. But the North Melbourne offer could not be countered and the brilliant Aboriginal brothers prepared to leave for their new club.

- Former East Perth and Fitzroy ruckman Ron Alexander accepted a two year contract with East Fremantle as playing coach. In doing so Alexander became the second playing coach in WA at a time when this type of coach is gradually disappearing from our game.

However, Claremont coach, Graham Moss proved that with the right off-field support the maximum results could be achieved.

After the announcement of Alexander's appointment the former Fitzroy captain and winner of the club's fairest and best award last year made a special trip across to WA to attend the Lynn Medal count at East Fremantle.

- ABC Television personality, Dennis Cometti accepted the second of three vacant coaching jobs when he took over the helm of West Perth.

Cometti had coached in the South Suburban and Amateur leagues but this was his first appointment at senior level. He played 38 games with West Perth as a youngster and showed a great deal of promise. However, he moved to Melbourne seeking work as a radio announcer and though he started training with Footscray he only stayed a short time.

THE NEWSMAKERS



Alan Johnson . . . to Melbourne



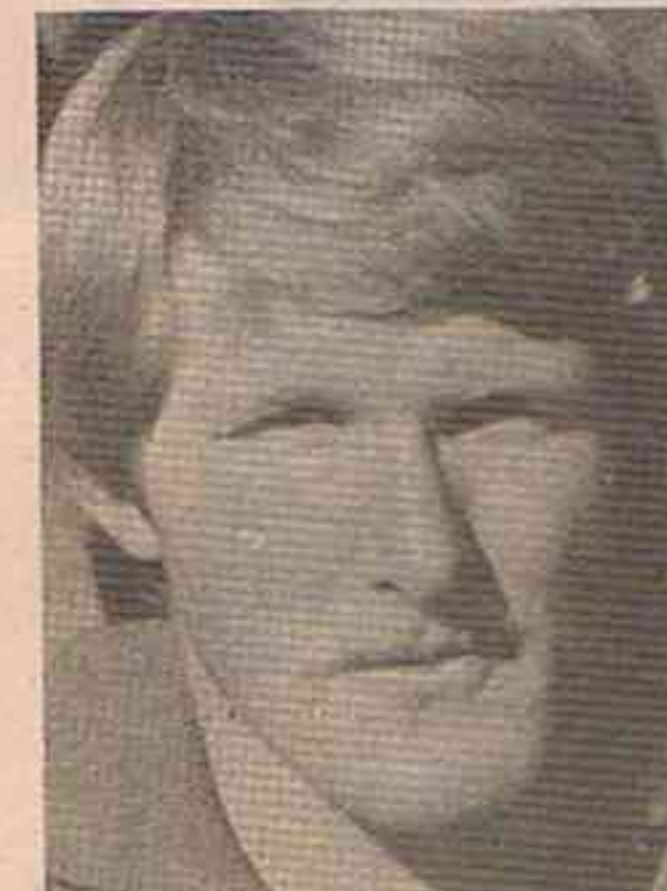
Phil Krakouer . . . to Nth. Melb.



Jim Krakouer . . . to Nth. Melb.



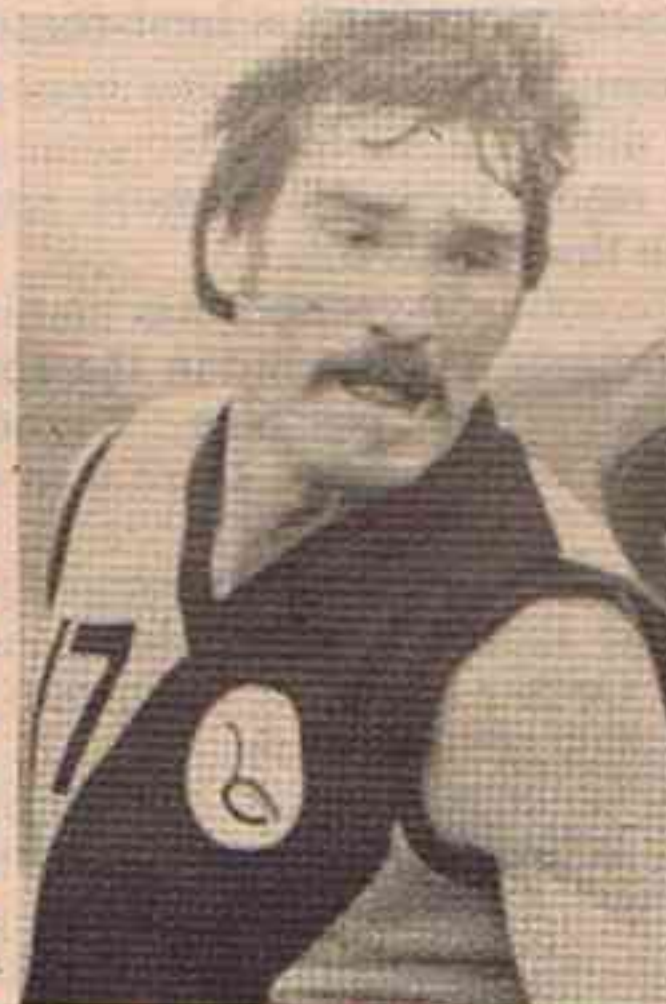
Gary Buckenara . . . to limbo



Stuart Hillier . . . to South



Brian Peake . . . Geelong Cap



Peter Bosustow . . . at Carlton



Ron Alexander . . . back home



NOVEMBER

- Roy Annear, Australia's most successful trotting owner, decided to stand for president of the South Fremantle Football Club and he was later elected.

- Phil and Jim Krakouer were on their way to Melbourne. The terms under which the brilliant young Aboriginal stars would play for North Melbourne were decided in a day of talks between Claremont and the 'Roos. Claremont president Wal Maskiell said they had been released for three years but they could return any time they wished.

- Essendon stepped up their bid to have Wayne Otway and Bill Duckworth playing for them. However, the Dons face problems because both players were under contract to their WA clubs.

- North Melbourne showed they were prepared to ignore the draft system in the case of outstanding young East Perth centre-half-forward Grant Campbell.

Campbell signed a form four with North Melbourne before the draft system was introduced but the Victorian club cancelled the form because they wanted to gain the services of a South Australian player.

Campbell was St Kilda's first choice under the draft but North claimed he was still their player.

20 cents to 60 cents and pensioners will also be charged another 20 cents to get into grounds this winter.

His growing radio work developed into a senior commentary role and he will be hoping that he can now swap sides and coach the Falcons to a league premiership.

The other vacant position was filled by 1972 Sandover Medallist, Ian Miller, who returned to his old club after retiring as a player at East Perth. Miller has always wanted to coach and the challenge thrown out by the club where he started his career is a big one.

- Brilliant Swan Districts half-forward-flanker Leon Baker, slipped quietly out of the league football scene — just as he had emerged. Baker went missing from Swans as soon as the football season was over and the man who had wandered into Perth was again on the road.

- The WAFL directors raised the price

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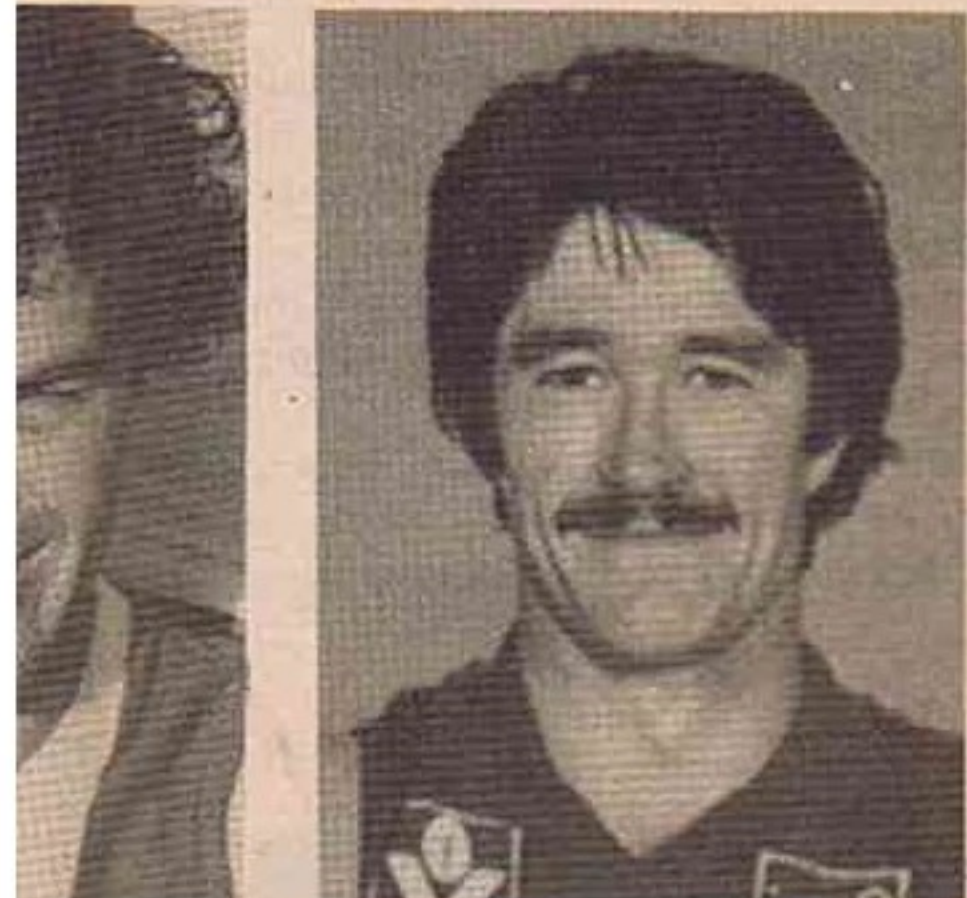
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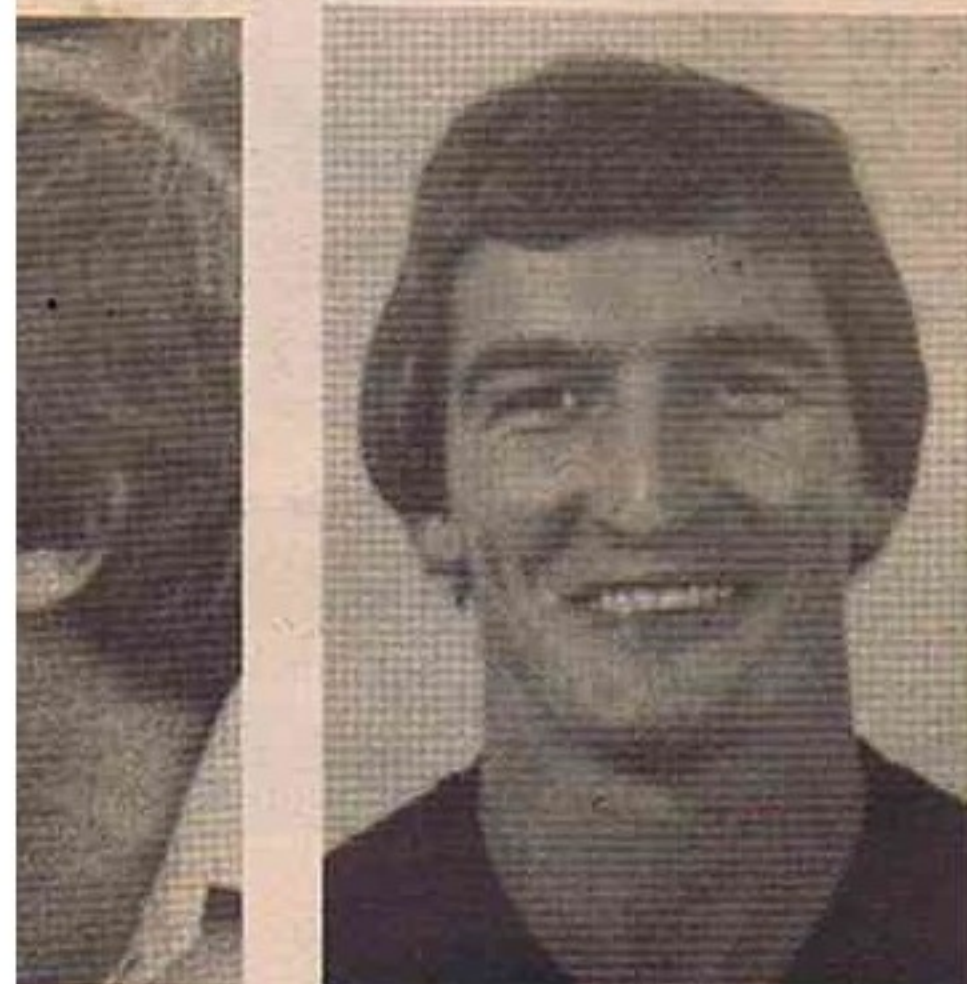
● Premier Ray O'Conner, Radio 6PR's John K. Watts and West Perth captain Les Fong during the presentation of trophies at last weekend's Red Rooster carnival.



● Nth. Melb. Bill Duckworth . . . to Essendon



● Long Capt. Mike Fitzpatrick . . . at Carlton



● George Michalczyk . . . Falcon

position in a ballot with Julius Re.

● Perth took steps to streamline its internal administration for 1982 and will replace the nine committeemen and a president with a board of directors of six and the president.

● VFL club Richmond refused to negotiate with South Fremantle over a clearance for champion centremen Maurice Rioli after the Bulldogs slapped a \$240,000 lease fee on his head. However, South Fremantle later changed their trading price and asked for suitable replacements instead.

JANUARY

Swan Districts centremen, Mike Smith, who had been out of football with a serious knee injury, headed to Victoria for an operation in an attempt to get himself fit enough to resume his career. Smith missed almost the whole of last season after an operation during the summer.

However, Carlton were keen to gain his services should he ever be able to play again and coach David Parkin suggested the brilliant youngster should go to Melbourne to have the operation.

Smith said after the operation he felt a lot better but he would continue to play in WA if he was able to return to the fold. He said he would play for Swans for another two or three seasons before going to Carlton.

● Peter Bosustow was hinting that he might like to come back to Perth following an offer from his old club.

But no one was really convinced that the magical Bosustow would return to WA after one magnificent season with the Blues. Perth put up a good offer, but finally it wasn't enough.

● Radio station 6PM decided to pull out of the four-station football broadcast arrangement. This left three stations to share Saturday broadcasts.

● While Bosustow was toying with a decision to come back to WA, his Carlton captain and team-mate, Mike Fitzpatrick was doing the same.

Fitzpatrick considered an offer to re-join Subiaco and if the Lions officials had been able to find the Rhodes Scholar similar employment in Telecom to the position he holds in Melbourne, he could have returned. But he stayed at Carlton.

● South Fremantle stepped up their campaign to regain the services of Collingwood ruckman Derek Shaw.

FEBRUARY

State coach Mal Brown and chairman of selectors Kevin Merfield sought a postponement of the proposed inter-state match against Victoria unless the Victorians changed the rules slightly.

They said that if the Victorians refused to ease the restriction on the number of WA players allowed to be chosen from VFL clubs then they didn't want to play the game until after the season.

The match scheduled for July 13 placed a limit of just three Victorian-based players who could represent their home State.

However, after the statements from Brown and Mr Merfield the Victorians allowed WA to choose six players, but

only one from any one club.

● This year's Escort Cup series will have a new format and prize money totalling \$470,000 — an increase of \$20,000.

● West Perth wingman Stuart Hillier was not happy with his match payments and refused to train until something had been done about it. He later decided to play with South Fremantle.

Hillier played 116 games over eight seasons and his experience would have been vital to the West Perth cause. However, his services will be of equal value to the Bulldogs who, up until Hillier's arrival, lacked experience across the middle of the ground.

● While Hillier opted to change clubs Tim Gepp said he would remain at Subiaco for the coming season. Earlier in the year it was reported by a Melbourne newspaper that the Subiaco vice-captain would begin a career in the VFL.

● Channel 7's football coverage for 1981 was taking on a remarkable new look. Former Perth and State captain Bob Shields took over as chairman of a proposed new Sunday programme, World of Sport.

He was joined on the panel by another former State player and East Perth defender Ken McAullay. Other regular panel members will be Wayne Harvey and Marty McDonnell.

The station's match commentators will be Harvey, Arthur Marshall, Bob Miller and John Rogers.

● The \$30,000 Red Rooster Carnival held in Perth this year had already attracted the interest of the VFL. It could be a pilot scheme for a nation-wide series. The plan is to hold the next carnival in Victoria with prize money of \$250,000 on offer.

● East Fremantle and South Fremantle were looking at the possibility of joining forces and basing their clubs at the same ground.

● East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander, after being cleared back to East Perth by Fitzroy, needed a clearance from his old WA club. The two West Australian clubs agreed on the terms for his release on the morning of their scheduled practice match.

MARCH

Brian Peake was eventually cleared to Geelong.

Earlier in the season negotiations had broken down between East Fremantle and Geelong and there appeared a slight possibility that he could have played the season in WA.

And as soon as Peake was cleared he was named captain of Geelong after playing just 13 games with that club last season.

● In a double-header football clash, Claremont, the WA premiers met VFL champions Carlton in a match at Perth Oval and East Perth played VFL glamour side Essendon.

East Perth, after a slow start beat Essendon by 17 points and showed that they will be a force in the WAFL in the coming season.

Claremont were on top of Carlton early in their match but after half-time the Blues proved too powerful and took advantage of the undermanned Tigers defence.

Allan Montgomery kicked six goals and the morning after the match Perth reached agreement with Carlton officials over his clearance for the coming season.

● The \$30,000 Red Rooster football carnival was played at Subiaco oval last week-end between the eight League clubs.

A new look West Perth was the only club to go through the carnival undefeated and in the final beat the 1981 premiers Claremont by 19 points — 8.7 to 5.6.

The Falcons beat Perth, East Perth and South Fremantle on their way to the final game and new coach Dennis Cometti will be well pleased with his team's early success.

Indications are that although a disappointing crowd of only ten thousand attended the carnival over the two days, the competition will again be conducted in 1983.

Inclement weather and the fact that some of the action was shown live on television, doubtless had a depressing affect on attendance.

● Former general manager of Swan Districts, Peter Brophy, took up a new position created at West Perth — social club and marketing manager.

to see league football matches. The adult admission charge was raised by 40 cents to \$4 and the children's price was raised by

DECEMBER

The WAFL called on the State government to approve TAB betting on league football and to introduce controlled gambling at league clubs. In a 78 page submission the WAFL also asked the government to look into the prospect of introducing poker machines in league clubs.

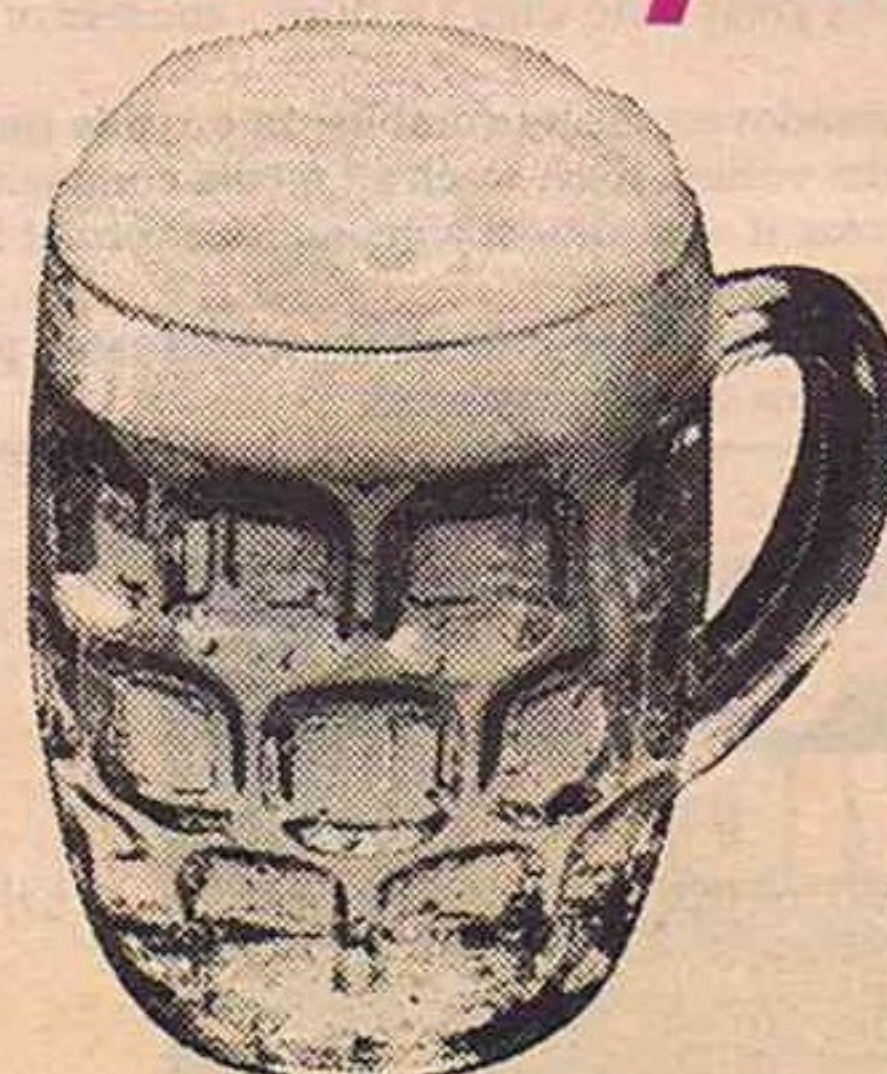
The WAFL also sought a plan to allocate TAB profits to football and other sports. It was seeking 21.5 per cent of the TAB's \$14 million per year profit.

However, executives of racing and trotting wasted no time in answering the call. They made it clear that they did not wish to re-distribute any of their profits to other sports.

The State government appointed the under secretary Mr K.J. Townsing to investigate the proposals submitted.

● West Perth elected the youngest president in the history of West Australian football when Rod Brown (32) won the

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BENNETT'S BURST



Competition may have to be reduced

WA football will go on trial this season.

If we again finish up with a lop-sided competition then consideration should be given to reducing our league to six teams.

As it is, clubs are battling to survive. Player drain, financial pressures and stagnant attendances are just some of the factors that threaten to puncture football in WA.

And one of the main reasons clubs are struggling financially is because the WA football public is no longer prepared to go and watch losers.

In the past we have seen some clubs

selling off footballers just to keep their head above water. It is not only a false economy, but a practice that has deprived this State of some of its most talented players.

Some clubs have found, through spiralling costs and the enormous sums offered by VFL clubs, that they simply cannot afford to hold on to top players.

The player drain is not only affecting the turnstiles, but is pulling the plug on some clubs.

It is an absurd situation when people start assessing a team's prospects this season on the number of star players still left at the club since last year.

There are simply too many attractions for people to want to go to the football to see their particular team take a walloping each week.

A six-team competition has appeal. The surplus footballers it would generate would strengthen teams and it would also reduce the debilitating overheads in running a club by combining facilities.

Already East Fremantle and South Fremantle are talking about sharing an oval. There is a lot of sense in that proposal, as it would mean that a ground — and more importantly facilities — would be used virtually every week of the season.

But why not combine them into one team? Two other clubs could do the same — Claremont and Subiaco are obvious cases. They are sharing the same suburban belt north of the city and it would enable the WAFL to take over Subiaco Oval.

As it is, Subiaco and the WAFL are sharing a reasonably small cake with their bar facilities.

A six-team competition could be the saviour of WA football — and stave off a national competition, which I don't believe will help football in this State.

Two matches could be played on a Saturday and the main game (or the one with the greatest appeal) on a Sunday.

For the past two seasons the same teams have occupied the four. A repetition this year will leave football in WA on very shaky foundations... particularly if the gap between the top and bottom teams is as wide as it has been in the past two years.

Marlboro MEN

STARS make the turnstiles click... and we have plenty of star material in WA despite continued player movements across the border. Each week Westside Football will look at the stars of last week's fixtures in our regular segment, MARLBORO MEN.



DAVID PALM is poised to show West Australians just what South Australian players are made of.

His display in the grand final of the Red Rooster carnival was magnificent; full of guts, determination and skilful play. Coach Dennis Cometti has long been a fan of Palm and he believes the former Norwood player will really emerge this year as a key figure in West Perth's bid for premiership honours.

Palm is a skilful ball-getter, his talents are mixed with a touch of aggressiveness that makes him a hard player to shrug off. He has been troubled by bad luck since moving to WA two seasons ago, but maybe that's all behind him now.

STEVE MALAXOS is one of those players who continues to puzzle opposition fans.

How does he keep getting the ball around the goals? And, more importantly, how does he always seem to know where the goals are when he snaps over his head?

Malaxos is now in his fourth season of league football and has emerged as a real danger-man in attack. He booted 76 goals in last year's qualifying games, most of them coming in a brilliant end-of-season burst.

He is a player who requires constant attention... and even then he manages to elude the grasp of close-checking defenders.



PHIL NARKLE is one of football's most conspicuous players with his black-and-white helmet... and his performances in last week's carnival confirmed, once again, how dangerous he can be.

The flashy little winger continues to get out into the open, unattended, and then uses the ball perfectly to put Swans into attack.

Coach John Todd wants to convert Narkle into a rover this season... and if he does, rival rovers will have to lift their game to cover Narkle's tracks as he zips around the packs.

CLINTON ROBERTS may at last have worked his way out of defence.

Coach Ian Miller used Roberts as a ruck rover in the Red Rooster carnival and added considerable bite to the forward line. Roberts hasn't really set the world alight since making his debut with Perth in 1978, but he looks far fitter and keener than he has done since his first season in league ranks.

It seems that he is relishing his new role and he may make a name for himself in season '82.



EAST Perth forward Grant Campbell should be in for his best season of league football this year. The 19-year-old has filled out during the summer and should develop into a top player at East Perth this season. He will certainly be a key figure in his side's quest for the premiership.

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

Can Michael make it three in a row?

THE Channel 7-Sandover Medal is unquestionably football's most prestigious award in Western Australia... and South Fremantle champion Stephen Michael has carved his name in the medal's history books.

MICHAEL — pictured right receiving his medal from Robin Sandover, grandson of the 1921 donor — is set to become a footballing great if he wins his third successive medal this year.

EACH week Westside Football and the Sandovers group combine to provide the most accurate guide possible to the Sandover Medal voting. Each week all media commentators lodge their best-on-ground voting and last year it was almost a unanimous verdict by the media that Michael would take out the honours.

THIS weekly guide will be your best opportunity to see how all the media rated players in the Saturday football fixtures... so watch this space every week.



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1981 R. & I. Little League Premiers

The West Perth Little League team won the 1981 R. & I. Bank championship for the third successive year. The R. & I. Bank has sponsored the championship since its inception in the early '70s and West Perth continues to be one of the strongest clubs. West Perth won the grand final 3.3 to Swan Districts 2.2 with Chris Lewis (Mirrabooka) best player. The team was coached by John Wood, of Nollamara.



The jubilant West Perth team, winners of the 1981 Little League Premiership for the third successive year.
Left to right (front row): S. Hill, P. Sanzone, B. O'Callaghan, S. Chasty, S. Prance, G. Bewick, L. Clarke and C. Tunbridge.
(Second row): N. Whatmore (Vice-captain), J. Osborne, C. Lewis (Captain), A. Burgess, M. Williams, S. Sucklam, C. McDonald, M. Nelson and P. Rolfe.
(Third row): A. McPhee, G. Meakins, P. Fraser, C. Tarbox, S. Hooper, R. Cleaver and D. Decorsey.
(Fourth row): Deputy Chairman and General Manager, Mr A.J. Gordon, J. Wood (Coach), A. Dewar (Organiser) and B. Weathington (Assistant).

Young Royals ready to go

THE East Perth Junior Council is preparing for another top season which kicks off on April 3.

The competition will again see more than 70 teams take part in the various age groups ranging from 8's to 17's.

The 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's and 14's will play on Saturday mornings and the 8's, 9's, 15's and 17's will play on Sundays.

On Sunday, March 14 a number of the coaches from the 10 clubs in the competition attended a level one coaching seminar run by the WAFL at Subiaco Oval. It proved most successful and all the coaches should benefit from the exercise.

JUNIOR PARADE

On April 17 the clubs will go through the annual junior day parade at Perth Oval.

All the clubs will be represented when East Perth play traditional rivals West Perth.

Rather than the annual coaching clinics which have been held at Perth Oval in recent years, top league players from East Perth will visit schools.

Letters have been sent out to all the schools in the area and those interested in the clinics will be visited by Trevor Nisbett and a band of league stars.

In this exercise it is hoped that a few youngsters who would otherwise not have been involved with the clinics, will gain from the expert advice.

This year East Perth will choose a special squad of youngsters which will be made up of the most talented players in the district and they will be given special training.

Coaching course for juniors

EAST Fremantle will hold a junior coaching course for under-9, under-11 and under-13 coaches at East Fremantle Oval this Sunday.

East Fremantle development officer Jeff Cassidy will go through a variety of training routines with the junior coaches and, in addition, three of the club's league stars will instruct the coaches on physical fitness.

Stephen Green, Shane Ellis and Wayne Cormack will tell the coaches why fitness is so important and illustrate correct exercises for youngsters.

There are different ways for youngsters to stretch and the trio will introduce the coaches to a variety of games which can be used as warm-up exercises.

Coaches from within East Fremantle's junior councils, plus high schools and primary schools in their district will benefit from the course.

VIDEO TAPES

In addition, a number of video tapes concerning the role of coaches in junior ranks will be shown.

Old Easts' junior council competitions will begin on Sunday, April 4.

In May, East Fremantle will be holding a combined side series in which teams from their country zone will tackle teams from the city zone.

Under-16 and 17 footballers from Central Midlands, North Midlands and the Great Northern Leagues will make the trip to Perth for the competition on May 22 and 23 and then stay on for a special week of training from May 24 to May 28.

Then on May 29 and 30 the combined series will be held between most league clubs and if any of the country lads are good enough, they will represent East Fremantle in this competition.

At the end of all this, 25 players will be chosen for special football scholarships.

East Fremantle are certainly putting a lot of work into their juniors this year and a special development committee has just been formed.

COMMITTEE

The committee comprises Jeff Cassidy, Trevor Sprigg, Peter Stephen, Trevor Wilson, Ted Minotti and Len Anderson.

Their specific job will be to go around the grounds where junior matches are played and generally develop better communications with the coaches, officials and parents.

They will talk to coaches and parents and to individual players in an effort to guide youngsters along the correct path.

They will outline what is required of league players and point out ways for the youngsters to improve their games.

It is a good move by the club and illustrates the forward thinking of the State's most successful league club.

Other junior news is that annual primary and high school carnivals will be on again this year.

JUNIOR MILESTONES RECOGNISED

The Town and Country Building Society has again joined Westside Football to honour achievements by juniors in the junior council competition.

Players who reach milestones of 200 games, 175 games and 150 games will receive gold, silver and bronze medallions respectively.

There was a good response for the medallions last year and in addition to that players reaching the 100 game milestone

will receive the Town and Country certificate.

The Town and Country Building Society is right behind the development of junior footballers in this State and besides being a major sponsor of the WAFL they sponsor the Teal Cup side, junior coaching clinics and Westside Football's Junior Page.

This unique scheme is designed to give junior footballers recognition as they progress through their under age ranks.



I..... wish to be considered for a Westside Football/Town and Country Milestone Medallion.

I have played games with the club/clubs.

I started when I was years of age in 19 and play mainly as a

Player's name

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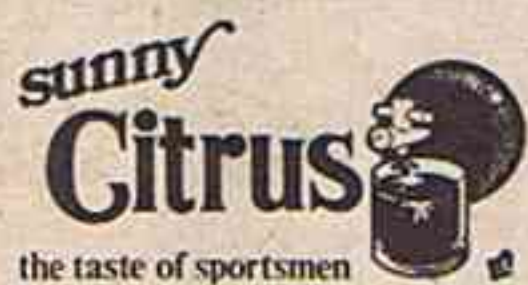
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Parent Signature Current coach

Club president (or registrar)



Last week's Red Rooster carnival didn't carry any premiership points . . . but the going was still tough and rough in the quest for the prizemoney on offer. Our cameraman was on the spot to capture Claremont's Jim Durnan clashing with West Perth's Brian Adamson in a keenly-contested grand final. Here Durnan flies from behind Adamson; attempts to spoil the Cardie forward . . . and finds himself being turned around for a report by field umpire David Rowe.



AMATEUR NEWS

Welcome . . . again

Welcome once again to our big weekly coverage of the W.A. Amateur Football League.

Since the start of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL some three seasons ago, the amateur section has grown from a quarter of a page in 1979 to a regular full page with strong support from the players, officials and supporters in amateur football.

We hope that the football public gain a better understanding and insight into the single biggest football league in Western Australia.

The range of amateur clubs covers most of the metropolitan area, going north from Edgewater and the Royal Air Force base at Pearce, south to Robbs Jetty and Coolbellup and east to Forrestfield and Carlisle.

A team from Muresk College, Northam also takes part in our competition.

WAFL supply umpires

For the second successive year, the central umpires in the amateur league's 'A' and 'B' division will be appointed from within the umpires panel of the W.A. Football League.

Last year was the first time in Australian Rules football that the major controlling league has provided umpires from its league list to officiate at an affiliated league within the metropolitan area.

It was interesting to note that some central umpires who did early season amateur games were in control of W.A.F.L. matches later in the season.

The W.A.F.L. panel umpires have greatly lifted the standard of play within the two top divisions.

The fact that the majority of games are now played on league grounds has led to greater influx of top former W.A.F.L. players into amateurs.

Some of the top division clubs, however, have let themselves down by not supplying more efficient goal and boundary umpires at some games.

The W.A.A.F.L. is taking a strong stand to lift these important umpiring positions.

CENTRAL UMPIRES NEEDED

Umpires are still required to fill vacancies in the three colts and 10 senior division grades.

In all, there are 65 umpires (excluding A & B division) involved every weekend.

If any person is interested at all in umpiring, whether experienced or not, Secretary Bruce Wainwright can be contacted on 447 3502.

There are weekly umpires training and

assistance available. Mr George Meiers (a former W.A.F.L. State player, league coach umpire and umpires advisor) has once again been appointed W.A.A.F.L. umpires advisor.

1982 Amateur officials

Patron: Mr Vincent Yovich.

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LATE START

The late start to the 1982 season has been brought about by circumstances beyond the control of the league.

It means also that the season will finish one week later than usual, with Grand Finals on September 11.

1982 AMATEUR GRADINGS

1982 Gradings for the W.A.A.F.L. are as follows:

A Grade and A Colts: University, Old Scotch, Nollamara, Old Wesley, Wembley, Mt Lawley, Collegians, Trinity - Aquinas, Maylands, North Beach.

B Grade and B Colts: Carlisle, Scarborough, University, Morley, Bayswater, Nth Fremantle, Floreat - Marist, C.B.C., Wembley, City Beach.

C Grade: W.A.I.T., Whitfords, M.H.W.P., Mt Lawley, Swanbourne, Wembley, Hamersley, Innaloo, Osborne Park, Forrestfield.

C Colts: W.A.I.T., Whitfords, M.H.W.P., Mt Lawley, Swanbourne, Forrestfield, Hamersley, Innaloo, Osborne Park, Hellenic, Dianella, Ashfield.

D Grade: T.C. Claremont, Commonwealth Bank, Nollamara, T.C. Mt Lawley, Ashfield, Teachers, Carlisle, North Beach, Old Wesley, Hellenic.

E Grade: C.B.C., Bayswater, Churchlands, Brentwood, University, St Norberts, Collegians, R & I Bank, Maylands, National Bank.

F Grade: Floreat - Marist, Coolbellup, Nth Fremantle, Dianella, Scarborough, Muresk, Greenwood, Trinity - Aquinas, Innaloo, Lynwood - Ferndale.

G Grade: Melville, Edgewater, Koon-doola, University, John 23rd, Whitfords, Morley, North Beach, Coolbinia, M.H.W.P.

H Grade: Swanbourne, Robbs Jetty, Mt Lawley, W.A.I.T., Dianella, Forrestfield, Old Scotch, Old Wesley, Applecross, Bullcreek.

I Grade: Nollamara, Collegians, Mt Lawley, Maylands, Osborne Park, Bayswater, Ashfield, Wembley, Hellenic, Swan View.

J Grade: Hamersley, City Beach, North

Beach, Bullcreek, Coolbinia, Carlisle, Koon-doola, Whitfords, R.A.A.F., P.C.C.

K Grade: M.H.W.P., Edgewater, Lynwood, A.I.C.A., Dianella, Coolbellup, Greenwood, Brentwood, W.A.I.T., Scarborough.

SUNDAY COMPETITION

Fire Brigade, A.I.C.A., Yokine, East Fremantle, Graylands, Swan Athletic, Langford, Girrawheen.

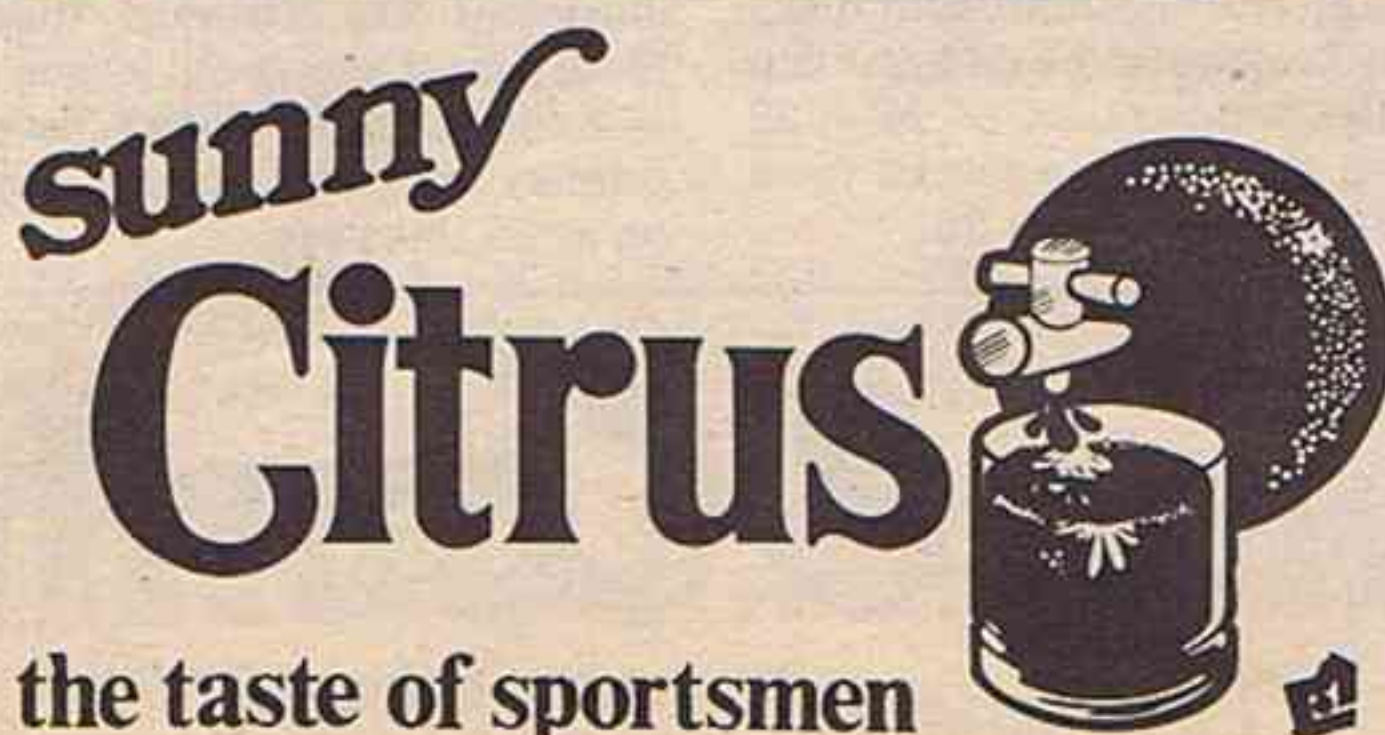
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BIGGER COVERAGE

A more extensive coverage of news, milestones, premiership tables, goal kicking lists, photos and personalities in the amateur ranks will be included on this page when the season gets under way.

Many top-class players from other football leagues are now opting to play amateur football.

This is due to several factors including having W.A.F.L. umpires controlling the major divisions, the use of league grounds, the excellent social and club facilities now being offered by clubs and the excellent coverage of amateur football allowed by WESTSIDE FOOTBALL.



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Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Richards back in business

Former champion West Perth, Fitzroy and Woodville footballer Laurie Richards has reappeared in WA as a coach.

He will take over at the helm of the Narrogin Railways in the Upper Great Southern League.

Railways had a dismal season last year and it is hoped Richards will be able to get the side to improve their rating.

Richards, one-time captain of Fitzroy, built a reputation all around Australia as one of the finest high marks in the business.

He will probably play at centre-half-forward for Railways and give them a badly-needed avenue to goal.

His strength in the air is sure to present problems for opposition defences.

Richards—now 35—played with Woodville last year and besides being a big asset for his new club, he is sure to be a bonus for the Upper Great Southern team in the Wesfarmers country carnival in Perth.

Railways showed in some matches last year that they had ability, but they lacked consistency. This is sure to be a problem for Richards, but a man with his experience should be able to iron out the problems.

BIG IMPROVERS

UGSNFL side Boddington played a match against Fremantle side Southern Port last weekend.

They lost by 12 goals, but showed signs of being a good combination again this season.

Coach Greg Stocks began the game with just half-a-dozen league players on the ground so that a few of the younger players could show that they were ready to be promoted to the A-grade side.

However, after two quarters Boddington trailed by about 15 goals.

After half-time the majority of the A-grade side took the field and Boddington showed their true ability, outscoring the opposition by about five goals when kicking into the wind.



BENNETT TO COACH PANTHERS

Former Fitzroy and East Perth league player Laurie Bennett has been appointed coach of Carey Park. He has previously coached Bunbury and Harvey-Brunswick also both South West National Football League sides.

Bennett faces a stiff task with the Panthers as during the summer months they have lost several top players and he may have to be content with a season of re-building.

NOW THE LIONS

The Harvey-Brunswick football club, in the South West National Football League has changed its image for the 1982 season.

The club long referred to as the Maroons, will now be known as the Lions and to coincide with the change, the players will wear guernseys similar to those worn by Subiaco league players.

Former Swans league player, Eddy Woloszak has been appointed coach of Harvey Brunswick. The club has also recruited former Perth player Geoff Nitschke and Claremont's Colin Viska.

COUNTRY NEWS
Edited by Garry Stocks

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Laurie Richards

South Bunbury strong again

South Bunbury again look to be the side to beat in the South West National Football League.

They have won the last two premierships and look strong again.

The Tigers have great tradition within their ranks and they just don't accept defeat. They could lose an entire team and still be a force in the competition, simply because failure is unacceptable.

They will be without some of their stars this season but it should not have a huge affect on the player strength at the club.

Former East Perth big man John Leyendekkers, ruckman defender, Colin Jasper and Pancho Buswell have all left the club.

Jasper is playing in the South Suburban Murray League with last year's premiership side, Gosnells.

But the Tigers have recruited pretty well.

At the head of the list is former West Adelaide half forward Steve Caldwell. Alan Hartley has joined the club from Mullewa and top Boynaup-Capel-Dardanup ruckman Keith Jilley is attempting to be cleared to South Bunbury.

Ross Chester, Trevor Francis and Peter North have also returned to the club and their presence will give South Bunbury even greater depth. All of those players were in the successful 1980 premiership side.

Coach John Depiazzi is setting himself and his players on a hat trick and that is a real possibility. The club looks just as strong as it has been in the last two seasons and they will once again take some attacking.

Bunbury will also be looking for a big season in 1982.

Until last year they had put in some ordinary performances but there was a glimmer of hope for the Bulldogs in 1981 and they will be looking for continued improvement this winter.

Bunbury finished in fourth spot and at least gave their supporters something

to cheer about. Peter Betti coached the boys to become a force in the competition but now they must go on with the job.

Betti coached Donnybrook to a premiership in 1977, their one and only flag in the SWNFL and he did the job well at Bunbury last year.

However, the club must look to the future and aim for further improvement in '82.

The player losses are pretty heavy at Bunbury with Joe Fedele, Kelvin Gribble, Rick Dawson, Len Collard, Kelvin Kendle and Mart McGuire certainly missing from the ranks this year.

In addition to that Betti says he won't be pulling on his boots in the coming season.

But they have covered the loss to some extent with their recruiting.



Barry Haydinger

Former East Fremantle centreman Barry Haydinger will give the team a real lift and other recruits, include David Boothey and Michael Kain.

Some of the juniors in the club will also be expected to take on more senior roles and it all points to another good year for Bunbury this year.

Even if they don't win the flag it is important that they improve on last year's performances.

Avon away Sunday

The Avon Football Association season begins this Sunday.

And already Railways are counting their heavy losses.

Mick Morris, who played in Perth's Red Rooster carnival team, may be set to crack the big time. He was a prolific goalkicker for the last year's grand finalists and his services will be sadly missed.

Geoff Nitschke has moved to greener pastures in the South West competition, Trevor Cruikshank is trying his luck with Subiaco. While Colin Viska, John Vak and Wes Howard has also left the club.



NITSCHKE

Vak was captain coach of the side which finished second after going down to Brookton in the grand final and he has been replaced by Con De Blecourt. Bill Griffiths will coach the reserves side which won the premiership under Ken Parker last year.

Federals improved last season to finish in fourth spot and new coach Greg Screaigh will be hoping the side can continue its improvement in the coming season.

He has taken over at the helm from Fred Senior.

Screaigh will rely heavily on the younger players in the club to develop and take on more responsibility. In addition to that former Narrogin player Wayne Smith is shaping up pretty well and looks set for a good season.

However, on the other side of the ledger talented Kim Shackles has left the district and is enjoying good pre-season form with the amateurs.

Same format

The Central Midlands competition will begin on April 18 and will take the same format as last season.

Fixtures are exactly the same, although the grounds have been reversed.

But the thirds competition is facing a few problems.

A few of the teams are having difficulty getting numbers together and for that reason the junior council has decided to run two separate competitions.

The first will be between Rovers, Warriors and two teams from Salvado College at New Norcia.

The second will be a round-robin competition, which will be run during the seasons. In an effort to allow Keaney College, Bindoon and Dalwallinu to take part, the number of players in each side will be restricted to 15.

In the first round of league matches, Bindi-Miling play Warriors, Dandaragan play Watheroo and Rovers meet Dalwallinu.

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U.S. EXPERT IN TOWN



Beiersdorf have again brought an American expert in sports medicine to Australia.

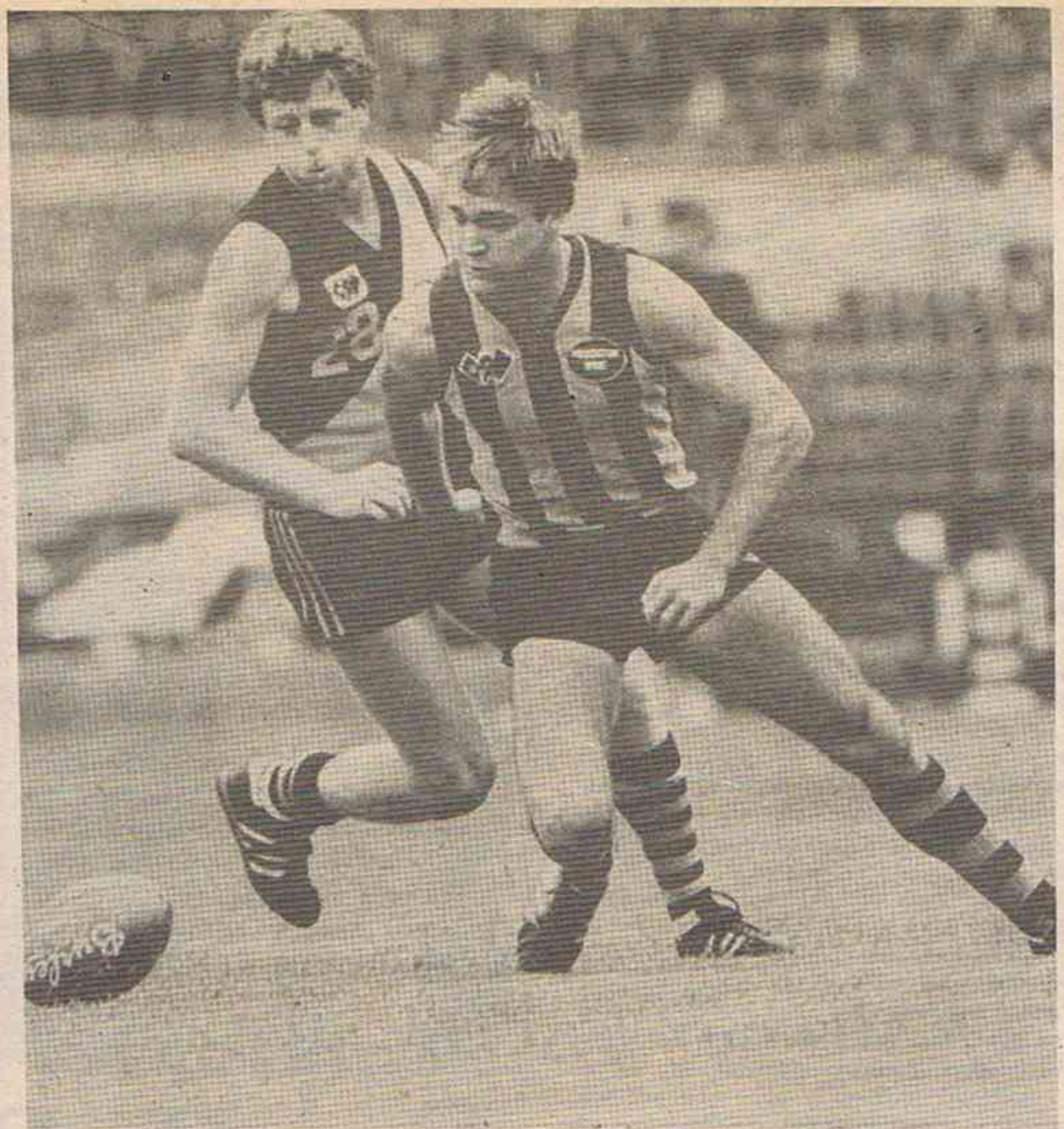
Mr Larry Standifer is in Perth at the moment and this week lectured sports trainers and professional people on the various ways they can help an injured athlete.

Mr Standifer was an athletics trainer for the US Team to the World University Games 1979. He was selected as a trainer and physiotherapist for the 1980 US Olympic teams and head trainer for the US Athletic trainer for 1981.

It is his second lecture tour of Australia and when in WA he took the opportunity to visit the Perth Football Club. He showed trainers at the club the correct procedure for various injuries.

He was last here in 1979 under the sponsorship of Beiersdorf Australia.

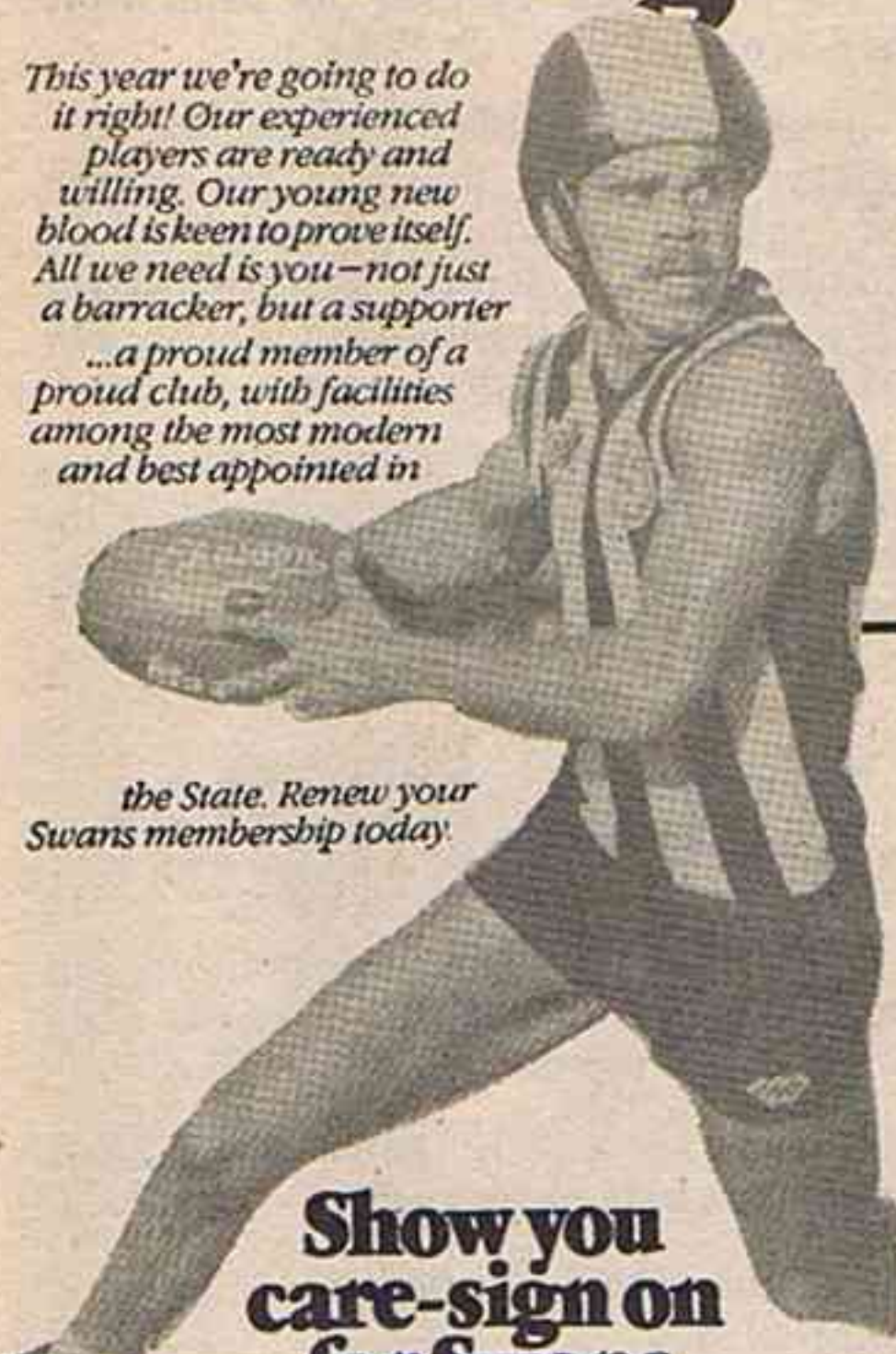
He spoke on the role of a sports trainer or physiotherapist, treatment and rehabilitation, trainers' kit equipment for on-field care, knee injuries — onfield immediate care and evaluation, specialised protective padding and bracing and taping demonstrations.



Subiaco's Peter Thomas leads in the race to the ball ahead of Claremont's Ray Smith during the Red Rooster carnival.

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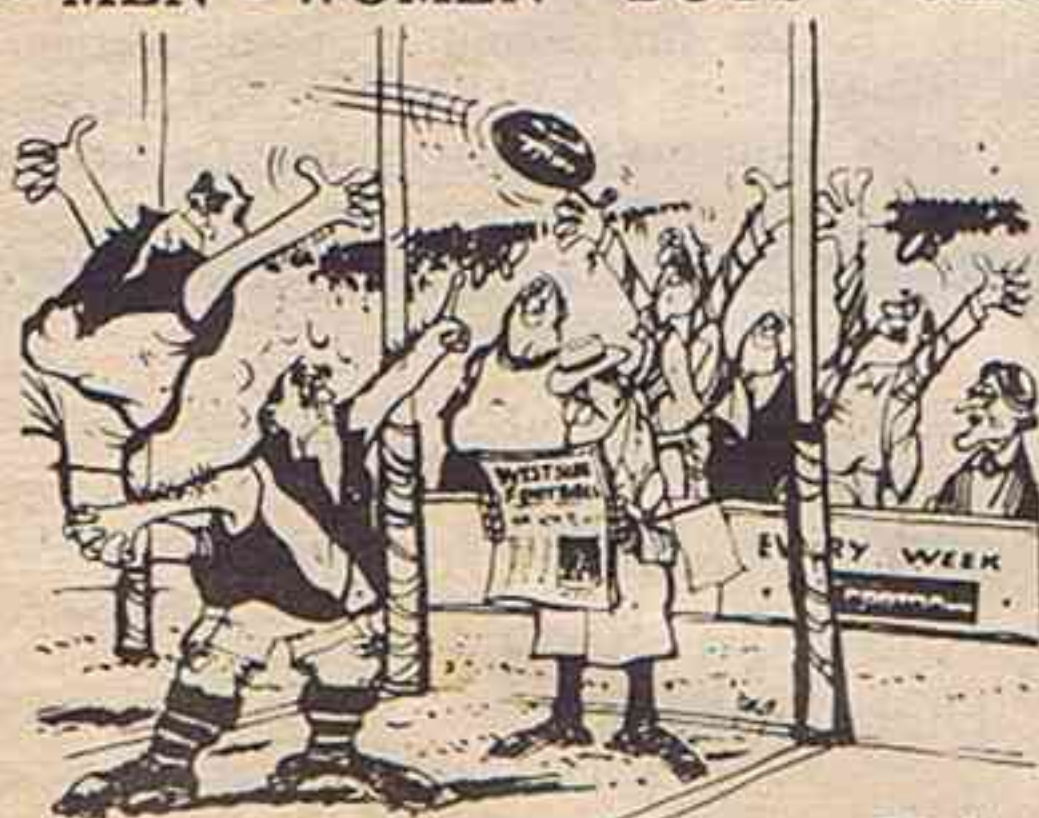
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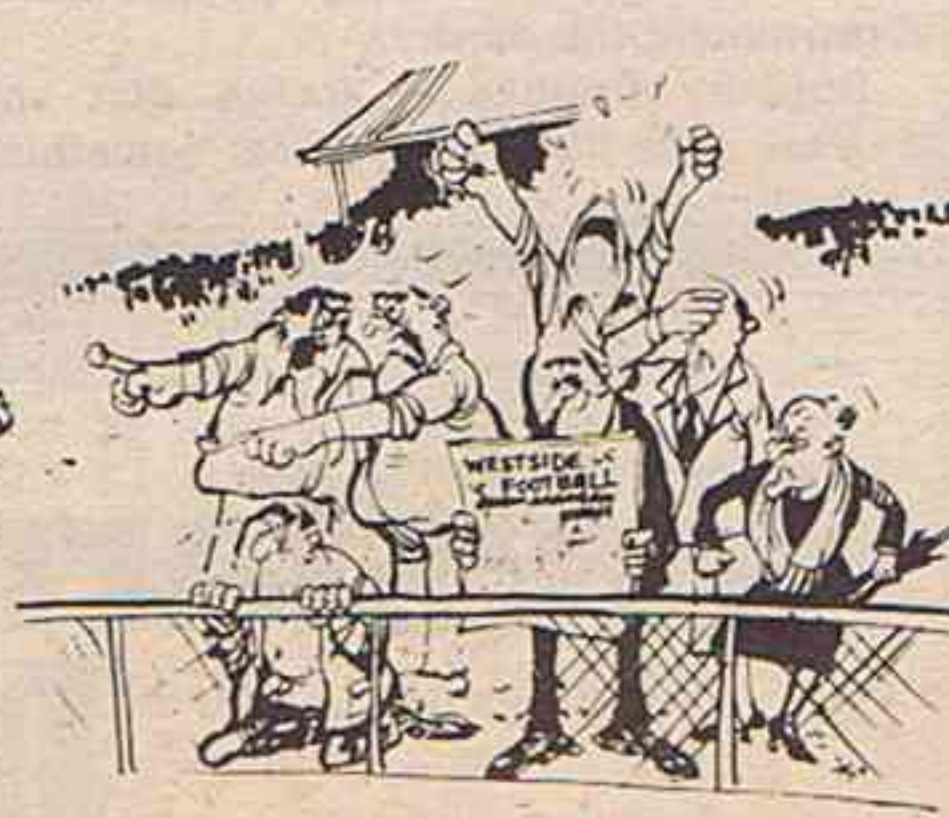
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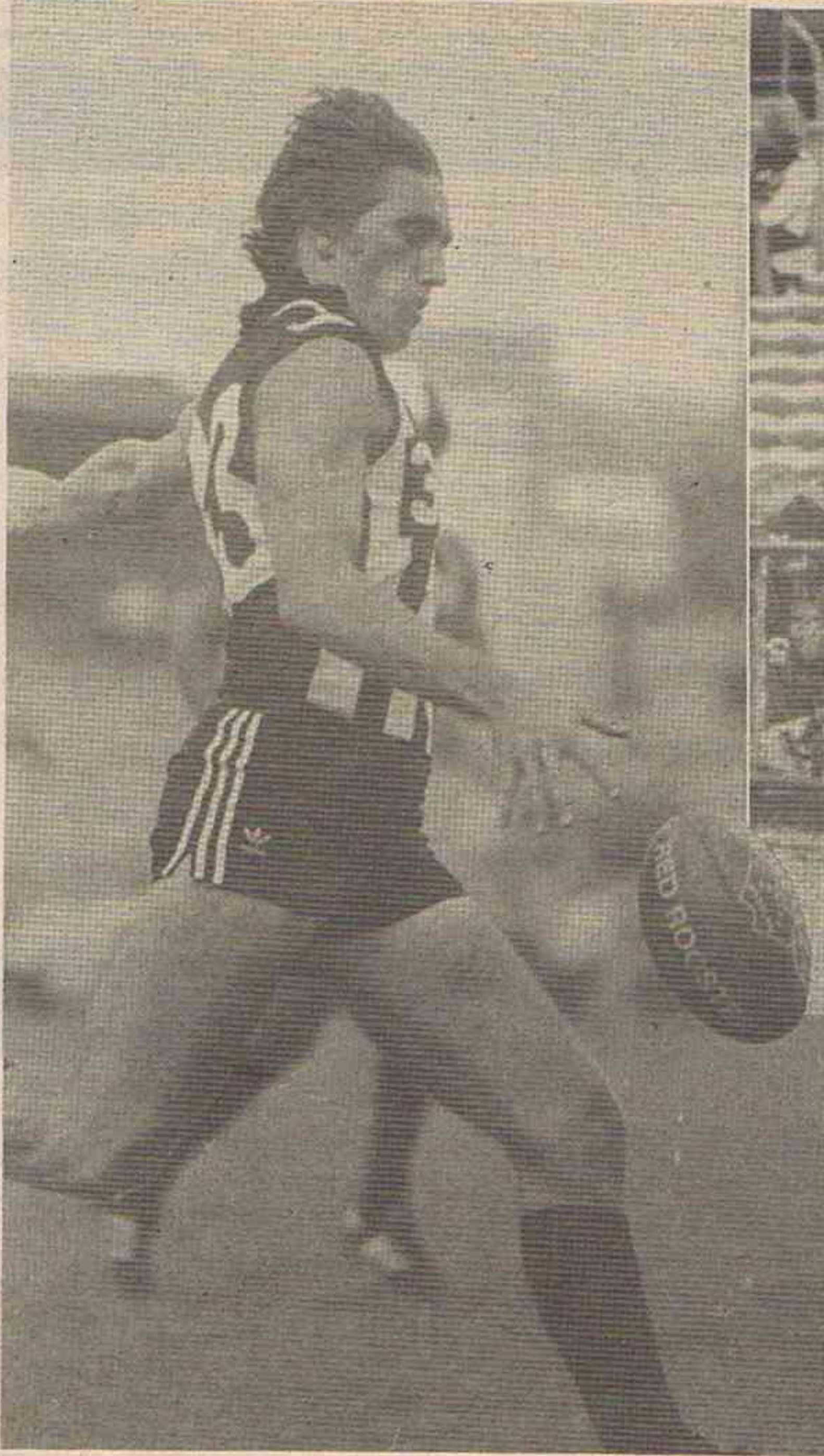
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RED ROOSTER CARNIVAL



Swan Districts rover Don Holmes in full flight.



Flat out after a footy feast . . . that could be the case as Chris Foulkes, Peter Menaglio and Wayne Blackwell scramble after the Red Rooster football.



West Perth captain Les Fong seems elated with this kick . . . one of many he had in West Perth's winning effort.



WA's new premier Ray O'Connor presents Les Fong with the championship trophy.





National FIXTURES-RESULTS



WAFU

Matches played on grounds of first mentioned clubs, except those indicated (S) which will be played at Subiaco.

MARCH 27
 Claremont v East Perth
 Swan Districts v East Frem.
 South Frem. v Perth
 Subiaco v West Perth

APRIL 3
 East Frem. v Claremont
 West Perth v South Frem.
 Perth v Subiaco

APRIL 4 - SUNDAY
 East Perth v Swan Districts

APRIL 10
 Swan Districts v West Perth
 Perth v East Perth

APRIL 12
 South Frem. v Claremont
 Subiaco v East Frem.

APRIL 17
 East Frem. v South Frem.
 Claremont v Subiaco
 East Perth v West Perth
 Perth v Swan Districts

APRIL 24
 South Frem. v East Perth (S)
 West Perth v East Frem.
 Swan Districts v Subiaco
 Claremont v Perth

MAY 1
 Perth v West Perth
 Subiaco v South Frem.
 Swan Districts v Claremont
 East Frem. v East Perth

MAY 8
 East Perth v Subiaco
 South Frem. v Swan Districts
 West Perth v Claremont

MAY 9 - SUNDAY
 Perth v East Frem. (S)

MAY 15
 East Perth v Claremont
 East Frem. v Swan Districts (S)
 Perth v South Frem.
 West Perth v Subiaco

MAY 22
 Swan Districts v East Perth
 Claremont v East Frem.
 South Frem. v West Perth
 Subiaco v Perth

MAY 29
 West Perth v Swan Districts
 East Perth v Perth
 Claremont v South Frem.
 East Frem. v Subiaco

JUNE 5
 West Perth v East Perth
 Swan Districts v Perth

JUNE 7
 South Frem. v East Frem.
 Subiaco v Claremont

JUNE 12
 East Frem. v West Perth
 East Perth v South Frem.
 Subiaco v Swan Districts
 Perth v Claremont
 (ADELAIDE)
 South Australia v West Australia

JUNE 19
 Perth v West Perth
 South Frem. v Subiaco
 Claremont v Swan Districts
 East Perth v East Frem. (S)

JUNE 26
 Subiaco v East Perth
 East Frem. v Perth
 Swan Districts v South Frem.

JUNE 27 - SUNDAY
 West Perth v Claremont

Subiaco Subiaco
 West Perth Leederville
 East Perth Perth
 Perth Lathlain
 East Fremantle East Fremantle
 South Fremantle Fremantle
 Swan Districts Bassendean
 Claremont Claremont
 League Headquarters Subiaco

JULY 3
 Claremont v East Perth
 Swan Districts v East Frem.
 South Frem. v Perth
 Subiaco v West Perth

JULY 10
 East Perth v Swan Districts
 East Frem. v Claremont
 West Perth v South Frem.
 Perth v Subiaco

JULY 13 - TUESDAY
 Western Australia v Victoria (S)

JULY 17
 W. Australia v S. Australia (S)

JULY 24
 West Perth v Swan Districts
 Perth v East Perth
 South Frem. v Claremont
 Subiaco v East Frem.

JULY 31
 East Frem. v South Frem.
 Claremont v Subiaco
 East Perth v West Perth
 Perth v Swan Districts (S)

AUGUST 7
 South Frem. v East Perth
 West Perth v East Frem.
 Swan Districts v Subiaco
 Claremont v Perth (S)

AUGUST 14
 West Perth v Perth
 Swan Districts v Claremont
 East Frem. v East Perth

AUGUST 15 - SUNDAY
 Subiaco v South Frem.

AUGUST 21
 East Perth v Subiaco
 Perth v East Frem.
 South Frem. v Swan Districts
 Claremont v West Perth

AUGUST 28
 FIRST SEMI-FINAL (S)

SEPTEMBER 4
 SECOND SEMI-FINAL (S)

SEPTEMBER 11
 PRELIMINARY FINAL (S)

SEPTEMBER 18
 GRAND FINAL (S)

VFL

Matches played on grounds of first mentioned club except where indicated as follows:— (P) VFL Park; (S) Sydney and (B) Brisbane.

MARCH 20 (Part Round 2)
 Fitzroy 13.11 Rich. 20.10

MARCH 27 (Round 1)
 Collingwood v Geelong (P)
 Essendon v Footscray
 Carlton v Fitzroy
 St Kilda v Hawthorn
 Richmond v North Melb.

MARCH 28 (Part Round 1)
 South Melb. v Melbourne (S)

APRIL 3 (Round 2)
 Carlton v Essendon (P)
 Footscray v Collingwood
 Hawthorn v Geelong
 Melbourne v St Kilda
 North Melb. v South Melb.

APRIL 10 & 12 (Round 3)
 Hawthorn v Footscray (P)
 Collingwood v Carlton
 Richmond v Essendon
 Geelong v Melbourne
 Fitzroy v North Melb.
 St Kilda v South Melb.

APRIL 17 (Round 4)
 Richmond v Collingwood (P)
 Melbourne v Footscray
 Carlton v Hawthorn
 Essendon v North M-'b.
 St Kilda v Geelong

APRIL 18 (Part Round 4)
 South Melb. v Fitzroy (S)

APRIL 24 (Round 5)
 Melbourne v Carlton (P)
 Hawthorn v Richmond
 North Melb. v Collingwood
 Footscray v St Kilda
 Fitzroy v Essendon
 Geelong v South Melb.

MAY 1 (Round 6)
 Hawthorn v North Melb. (P)
 Collingwood v Fitzroy
 Richmond v Melbourne
 St Kilda v Carlton
 Geelong v Footscray

MAY 2 (Part Round 6)
 South Melb. v Essendon (S)

MAY 8 (Round 7)
 Melbourne v North Melb.
 Fitzroy v Hawthorn
 Carlton v Geelong
 Essendon v Collingwood
 Footscray v South Melb.

MAY 9 (Round 7)
 St Kilda v Richmond (B)

MAY 15 (Round 8)
 Fitzroy v Melbourne (P)
 North Melb. v St Kilda
 Geelong v Richmond
 Hawthorn v Essendon
 Footscray v Carlton

MAY 16 (Part Round 8)
 South Melb. v Collingwood (S)

MAY 22 (Round 9)
 Geelong v North Melb. (P)
 Richmond v Footscray
 Collingwood v Hawthorn
 Essendon v Melbourne
 St Kilda v Fitzroy
 Carlton v South Melb.

MAY 29 (Round 10)
 Essendon v St Kilda (P)
 Carlton v Richmond
 Melbourne v Collingwood
 Footscray v North Melb.
 Fitzroy v Geelong

MAY 30 (Part Round 10)
 South Melb. v Hawthorn (S)

JUNE 5 (Round 11)
 Footscray v Fitzroy (P)
 Collingwood v St Kilda
 Hawthorn v Melbourne
 North Melb. v Carlton
 Geelong v Essendon
 Richmond v South Melb.

JUNE 12 & 14 (Round 12)
 Geelong v Hawthorn (P)
 Richmond v Fitzroy
 St Kilda v Melbourne
 Essendon v Carlton
 Collingwood v Footscray

JUNE 13 (Part Round 12)
 South Melb. v North Melb. (S)

JUNE 19 (Round 13)
 Essendon v Richmond (P)
 Carlton v Collingwood
 Footscray v Hawthorn
 North Melb. v Fitzroy
 Melbourne v Geelong

JUNE 20 (Part Round 13)
 South Melb. v St. Kilda (S)

JUNE 26 (Round 14)
 Footscray v Melbourne (P)
 Hawthorn v Carlton
 Collingwood v Richmond
 Geelong v St Kilda
 North Melb. v Essendon
 Fitzroy v South Melb.

JULY 3 (Round 15)
 Collingwood v North Melb. (P)
 Essendon v Fitzroy
 St Kilda v Footscray
 Carlton v Melbourne
 Richmond v Hawthorn

JULY 4 (Part Round 15)
 South Melb. v Geelong (S)

JULY 10 & 17 (Round 16)
 Carlton v St Kilda (P)
 Hawthorn v North Melb.
 Melbourne v Richmond
 Footscray v Geelong
 Fitzroy v Collingwood
 Essendon v South Melb.

JULY 24 (Round 17)
 Hawthorn v Fitzroy (P)
 Richmond v St Kilda
 North Melb. v Melbourne
 Geelong v Carlton
 Collingwood v Essendon

Footscray Western Oval
 Fitzroy Junction Oval
 Richmond M.C.G.
 Geelong Kardinia Park
 Hawthorn Princes Park
 South Melbourne Sydney Cricket Ground
 Melbourne M.C.G.
 Carlton Princes Park
 Essendon Windy Hill
 North Melbourne Arden St. Oval
 St. Kilda Moorabbin Oval
 Collingwood Victoria Park
 League Headquarters V.F.L. Park

JULY 25 (Part Round 17)
 South Melb. v Footscray (S)

JULY 31 (Round 18)
 Richmond v Geelong (P)
 Carlton v Footscray
 Melbourne v Fitzroy
 St Kilda v North Melb.
 Essendon v Hawthorn
 Collingwood v South Melb.

AUGUST 7 (Round 19)
 Melb. v Essendon (P)
 Hawthorn v Collingwood
 Footscray v Richmond
 North Melb. v Geelong
 Fitzroy v St Kilda

AUGUST 8 (Part Round 19)
 South Melb. v Carlton (S)

AUGUST 14 (Round 20)
 North Melb. v Footscray (P)
 Richmond v Carlton
 Collingwood v Melbourne
 St Kilda v Essendon
 Geelong v Fitzroy
 Hawthorn v South Melb.

AUGUST 21 (Round 21)
 St Kilda v Collingwood (P)
 Carlton v North Melb.
 Melbourne v Hawthorn
 Fitzroy v Footscray
 Essendon v Geelong

AUGUST 22 (Part Round 21)
 South Melb. v Richmond (S)

AUGUST 28 (Round 22)
 Fitzroy v Carlton (P)
 Hawthorn v St Kilda
 North Melb. v Richmond
 Geelong v Collingwood
 Footscray v Essendon
 Melbourne v South Melb.

SEPTEMBER 4
 Team No. 2 v Team No. 3
 Team No. 4 v Team No. 5

SEPTEMBER 11
 Team No. 3 v Team No. 4
 Team No. 1 v Team No. 2

SEPTEMBER 18
 PRELIMINARY FINAL

SEPTEMBER 25
 GRAND FINAL

SANFL

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

APRIL 3
 West Adel. v Cent. Dist.
 Glenelg v Norwood
 Port Adel. v Sth. Adel.
 North Adel. v Sturt
 West Torrens v Woodville

APRIL 10
 Port Adel. v Norwood
 Sturt v West Adel.
 West Torrens v North Adel.
 Woodville v Cent. Dist.
 South Adel. v Glenelg

APRIL 17
 West Torrens v Sturt
 Cent. Dist. v Glenelg
 Norwood v South Adel.
 West Adel. v Port Adel.
 Woodville v North Adel.

APRIL 24
 Cent. Dist. v West Torrens
 West Adel. v Norwood
 North Adel. v South Adel.

APRIL 26
 Port Adel. v Glenelg
 Sturt v Woodville

MAY 1
 West Adel. v Woodville
 South Adel. v West Torrens
 Glenelg v Sturt
 Norwood v North Adel.
 Port Adel. v Cent. Dist.

MAY 8/9
 North Adel. v West Adel.
 Cent. Dist. v Norwood
 Sturt v Port Adel.
 Woodville v South Adel.

MAY 15
 Cent. Dist. v Sturt
 South Adel. v West Adel.
 Glenelg v Woodville
 Norwood v West Torrens
 Port Adel. v North Adel.

MAY 17
 South Aust. v Victoria

MAY 22/23
 Glenelg v North Adel.
 South Adel. v Cent. Dist.
 Port Adel. v Woodville
 West Adel. v West Torrens

● Norwood v Sturt

MAY 29/30
 Sturt v South Adel.
 Glenelg v West Adel.
 Woodville v Norwood
 North Adel. v Cent. Dist.

● West Torrens v Port Adel.

JUNE 5/6
 North Adel. v Sturt
 South Adel. v Port Adel.
 Norwood v Glenelg
 Woodville v West Torrens

● Central Dist. v West Adel.

JUNE 12
 South Aust. v West Aust.

JUNE 14
 Central Dist. v Woodville
 West Torrens v North Adel.
 Glenelg v South Adel.
 Port Adel. v Norwood

JUNE 19/20
 Port Adel. v West Adel.
 South Adel. v Norwood
 Sturt v West Torrens
 North Adel. v Woodville

● Glenelg v Cent. Dist.

JUNE 26/27
 South Adel. v North Adel.
 Port Adel. v Glenelg
 West Torrens v Cent. Dist.
 Woodville v Sturt

● Norwood v West Adel.

JULY 3
 Glenelg v Sturt
 Central Dist. v Port Adel.
 West Torrens v South Adel.
 Woodville v West Adel.
 North Adel. v Norwood

JULY 10/11
 South Adel. v Woodville
 Glenelg v West Torrens
 Norwood v Cent. Dist.
 West Adel. v North Adel.

● Port Adel. v Sturt

JULY 17/18
 Port Adel. v North Adel.
 Sturt v Central Dist.
 West Torrens v Norwood
 Woodville v Glenelg

● West Adel. v South Adel.

JULY 24
 West Torrens v West Adel.
 Woodville v Port Adel.
 Cent. Dist. v South Adel.

Sturt v Norwood
 North Adel. v Glenelg

North Adelaide Prospect
 South Adelaide Adelaide Oval
 Central District Elizabeth
 Port Adelaide Alberton
 Norwood Norwood
 West Torrens Thebarton
 Sturt Unley
 West Adelaide Richmond
 Glenelg Glenelg
 Woodville Woodville
 League Headquarters Football Park

JULY 31/AUGUST 1
 South Adel. v Sturt
 West Adel. v Glenelg

● Cent. Dist. v North Adel.

AUGUST 7
 Port Adel. v West Torrens
 Norwood v Woodville

AUGUST 14/15
 Glenelg v Norwood
 Sturt v North Adel.
 West Torrens v Woodville
 West Adel. v Cent. Dist.

● Port Adel. v South Adel.

AUGUST 21/22
 Norwood v South Adel.

Glenelg v Cent. Dist.
 Port Adel. v West Adel.
 West Torrens v Sturt

● Woodville v North Adel.

AUGUST 28/29
 South Adel. v Glenelg
 Cent. Dist. v Woodville
 Norwood v Port Adel.
 North Adel. v West Torrens

● Sturt v West Adel.

SEPTEMBER 4
 Port Adel. v Glenelg
 Cent. Dist. v West Torrens
 Norwood v West Adel.
 Sturt v Woodville
 South Adel. v North Adel.

SEPTEMBER 11
 ELIMINATION FINAL

SEPTEMBER 12
 QUALIFYING FINAL

SEPTEMBER 18
 FIRST SEMI-FINAL

SEPTEMBER 19
 SECOND SEMI-FINAL

SEPTEMBER 25
 PRELIMINARY FINAL

OCTOBER 2
 GRAND FINAL



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GRAND FINAL DETAILS

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 3

CLAREMONT 4.5 7.7 11.13 16.15 111
 SOUTH FREMANTLE 1.3 7.15 10.20 12.24 96

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Malaxos 5.4; Ralph 3.1; Blackwell 3.0; J. Krakouer, Shaw 1.1; Daniels, Panizza, Watson 1.0; Kanther 0.2; Jamieson, P. Krakouer, Pearce, Smith 0.1; forced 0.2. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Monteath 4.5; Carter 3.2; McKay 1.2; Rioli, Vasoli 1.1; Hardie, Randall 1.0; Michael 0.2; Campbell, Henwood, Mountain, Outhwaite, Vigona 0.1; forced 0.4.

BEST: CLAREMONT: Moss, Shaw, P. Krakouer, S. Malaxos, Pearce, Morton, SOUTH FREMANTLE: Rioli, Monteath, Barrett, Carter, Michael, Vasoli.

UMPIRES: R. Capes, R. Powell, South Fremantle won the toss and kicked against the wind to the western end. Free-kicks: CLAREMONT: 12, 10, 9, 6-37; out-of-bounds 6; 15m 6. SOUTH FREMANTLE: 9, 6, 9, 10-34; out-of-bounds 3; 15m 1. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 50,517.

CLAREMONT	MARKS	KICKS	H/PASSES	SOUTH FREMANTLE	MARKS	KICKS	H/PASSES
Jim Krakouer	2	16	5	Noel Carter	8	20	6
Noel Morton	3	9	8	Brad Hardie	4	11	2
Allen Daniels	2	4	2	Neil Randall	0	3	3
Philip Krakouer	4	18	6	Rod Barrett	6	16	1
Steven Malaxos	3	12	5	Benny Vigona	1	9	6
Michael Aitken	3	6	4	Wayne Delmenico	3	11	3
Gary Shaw	3	13	8	Bruce Monteath	9	23	8
Brett Farmer	2	3	0	Joe McKay	5	8	3
Lindsay Kanther	4	12	3	Wayne Henwood	4	7	3
Peter Jamieson	2	7	5	Paul Vasoli	6	16	8
Warren Ralph	3	7	1	Stephen Michael	7	9	10
Baden Harper	4	6	7	Simon Outhwaite	2	9	1
Gerald Betts	2	6	1	Basil Campbell	0	2	3
Graham Moss	9	11	4	John Begg	2	9	0
Barry Beecroft	1	2	0	Kevin Cornell	2	8	1
Ray Smith	6	11	5	Phil Cronan	1	7	1
Mark Watson	4	10	6	Paul Mountain	1	11	2
Tom Pearce	4	13	3	Michael Page	4	7	2
Wayne Blackwell	3	20	6	Maurice Rioli	4	23	9
Darrell Panizza	2	10	6	Tony Kelly	1	2	3
TOTALS	.66	196	85	TOTAL	.71	211	75

HOW THEY LINED UP

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Backs: Rod Barrett, Tony Kelly, Kevin Cornell; Half-backs: Phil Cronan, Wayne Delmenico, Michael Page; Centres: Brad Hardie, Maurice Rioli, Benny Vigona; Half-forwards: Neil Randall, Bruce Monteath, Basil Campbell; Forwards: Wayne Henwood, Joe McKay, Paul Mountain; Ruck: Stephen Michael, Paul Vasoli, Noel Carter; Interchange: John Begg, Simon Outhwaite.

CLAREMONT: Backs: Tom Pearce, Gerald Betts, Baden Harper; Half-backs: Ray Smith, Mike Aitken, Noel Morton; Centres: Darrell Panizza, Wayne Blackwell, Gary Shaw; Half-forwards: Mark Watson, Graham Moss, Phil Krakouer; Forwards: Brett Farmer, Warren Ralph, Steve Malaxos; Rucks: Barry Beecroft, Lindsay Kanther, Jim Krakouer; Interchange: Peter Jamieson, Alan Daniels.

W.A.F.L. RESERVES GRAND FINAL

EAST PERTH 7.3 14.7 20.11 32.15 207
 SWANS 3.5 7.8 10.11 13.15 93

SCORERS: EAST PERTH: Arnold 10, Seal 7; Scott 5; Cocker, Loxley 2; Edwards, Cook, Hall, Wasley, Christian, Doyle, Kohlmann. SWAN DISTRICTS: Kerr, Outridge 3; Webb, Wilson 2; Holmes, Egan Smith.

BEST: EAST PERTH: Ironmonger, Scott, Seal, Arnold, Edwards, Christian. SWAN DISTRICTS: Outridge, Holmes, Gillespie, Kerr, Webb, Winterton.

W.A.F.L. COLTS GRAND FINAL

EAST FREMANTLE 1.6 5.9 11.10 14.16 100
 SWAN DISTRICTS 2.3 6.5 7.9 8.11 59

SCORERS: EAST FREMANTLE: Tempra, Bennett, Harding 3; Jensen 2; Lewis, Burnett, Ashdown. SWAN DISTRICTS: Burgess 4; Smith, Asplin, Lynch, Hughes.

BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Harding, McGregor, Perry. SWAN DISTRICTS: Lynch, Hodyl, Stone.

VFL



GRAND FINAL

CARLTON 2.4 5.8 8.13 12.20 92
 COLLINGWOOD 2.6 5.7 10.10 10.12 72

SCORERS: CARLTON: Ashman 3; Sheldon, Maclure, McKay 2; Johnston, Buckley, Harmes 1. COLLINGWOOD: Barham, Williams 2; Stewart, A. Shaw, R. Shaw, Taylor, Moore, Dalcos 1.

BEST: CARLTON: Fitzpatrick, Doull, Hunter, English, Marcou, Howell, Harmes, Perovic. COLLINGWOOD: Plcken, Twomey, Kink, McCormack, A. Shaw, Barham, Williams, Taylor. Played at M.C.G., attendance 115,964.

Saturday, March 20, 1982.

RICHMOND 5.1 10.2 13.6 20.10 130
 FITZROY 4.3 5.6 9.10 13.11 89

SCORERS: RICHMOND: Taylor 8; Wiley 3; Bartlett 3; Mugavin 3; T. Smith, Rowlings, Cloke. FITZROY: Cox 3; McMahon 2; Lawrie, Quinlan, Poynton, Carlson, Parish, Wilson, Coleman, Murnane.

BEST: RICHMOND: Taylor (best on ground), Rioli, Cloke, Raines, Rowlings, Welsh. FITZROY: Wilson, Quinlan, Carlson, Rendell, N. Taylor, McMahon. Played at V.F.L. Park, attendance 38,686.

STARS OF THE CARNIVAL



Graham Moss



Brian Adamson



Peter Menaglio



Doug Simms

RED ROOSTER RESULTS

DIVISION 1 SATURDAY

SWAN DISTRICTS 3.0 7.4 46
 SUBIACO 2.2 4.2 26

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Blackaby 2; Solin, Nowotny, Melrose, Holmes, Narkle 2. SUBIACO: Bengough, Kelly, Hall, Bucknall 1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Narkle, Smith, Solin. SUBIACO: Keene, Bell, Kelly.

SUBIACO 1.7 3.17 35
 EAST FREMANTLE 2.2 3.3 21

SCORERS: SUBIACO: B. Taylor 2; T. Hall 1. EAST FREMANTLE: C. Browning 2; A. Purser 1.

BEST: SUBIACO: P. Thomas, D. Perry, F. Bucknall. EAST FREMANTLE: C. Brownrigg, R. Alexander, J. Faulkner.

CLAREMONT 4.2 6.4 40
 SWAN DISTRICTS 1.3 2.8 20

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Daniels, Malaxos, Shaw, Farmer, Hindson, Foulkes 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Sartori, Pike 1.

BEST: CLAREMONT: Hindson, Aitken, Daniels. SWAN DISTRICTS: Blackaby, Narkle, Smith.

EAST FREMANTLE 3.0 7.0 42
 CLAREMONT 3.4 5.10 40

SCORERS: EAST FREMANTLE: C. Browning 3; K. Judge 2; Pittorini, Hooker 1. CLAREMONT: Shaw, W. Ralph, G. Moss, C. Foulkes, D. Panizza 1.

BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: P. Wilson, J. Claessen, C. Browning. CLAREMONT: G. Moss, R. Smith, G. Shaw.

SUNDAY

CLAREMONT 4.1 4.2 26
 SUBIACO 0.0 2.2 14

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Moss 2; Foulkes, Malaxos. SUBIACO: P. Lamb, Keene 1.

BEST: CLAREMONT: Moss. SUBIACO: Reeves, Keene, Brown.

SWAN DISTRICTS 3.3 5.4 34
 EAST FREMANTLE 0.2 2.3 15

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Sartori, Soling, Richardson, Sidebottom, Holmes. EAST FREMANTLE: Browning, Hooker.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Shine, Holmes, Sartori. EAST FREMANTLE: Kerr, Christie, Wilson.

DIVISION 2 SATURDAY

WEST PERTH 3.3 8.9 57
 PERTH 4.1 6.2 38

SCORERS: WEST PERTH: Adamson 4.2; Gibbs 2.4; Bewick, Jager 1. PERTH: Roberts 2; Cousins, Baynes, Herbert, Simms 1.

BEST: WEST PERTH: Adamson, Gibbs, Alderton. PERTH: Roberts, Herbert, Cousins.

PERTH 4.4 10.5 65
 SOUTH FREMANTLE 1.0 1.4 10

SCORERS: PERTH: Simms 3; Baynes, Roberts 2; Cousins 1.2; Kimberley 1.1; Turner 1; Colyer, Morris 0.1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Vigona 1; Carter, Kelly, McKay, forced 0.1.

BEST: PERTH: Roberts, Simms, Herbert. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Delmenico, McKay, Barrett.

WEST PERTH 3.4 5.7 37
 EAST PERTH 1.0 4.0 24

SCORERS: WEST PERTH: Stasinowsky 2.2; Gibbs 1.2; Foreman 1.0; Bewick 1.0; Fong 0.1; Palm 0.1. EAST PERTH: Grant Edwards 2.0; Curtis 1; Turner 1.0.

BEST: WEST PERTH: Gibbs, Adamson, Stasinowsky. EAST PERTH: Craig Edwards, Turner, Dimmer.

SOUTH FREMANTLE 3.1 5.5 35
 EAST PERTH 1.2 2.3 15

SCORERS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Quick 2.1; Randall 2.1; Monteath 1.2. EAST PERTH: Arnold 1.1; Curtis 1.0; Kickett, Hayes 0.2.

BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Michael, Randall, Monteath. EAST PERTH: Turner, Cox, Ironmonger.

SUNDAY

EAST PERTH 1.2 3.5 23
 PERTH 1.4 2.5 17

SCORERS: EAST PERTH: Turner, Williams, Coutts. PERTH: Baynes, Turner.

BEST: EAST PERTH: Cox, Kickett, Turner. PERTH: Kimberley, Turner, Carter.

WEST PERTH 4.1 6.3 45
 SOUTH FREMANTLE 1.4 1.9 15

SCORERS: WEST PERTH: Bewick 2; Watling, Adamson, Menaglio, Michalczyk. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Monteath.

BEST: WEST PERTH: Menaglio, Holden, Gavranich. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Barrett, Michael, Delmenico.

GRAND FINAL

WEST PERTH 5.3 8.7 55
 CLAREMONT 2.4 5.6 36

SCORERS: WEST PERTH: Foreman, Fong, Gavranich, Gibbs, Stasinowsky, Bewick, Palm, Fitzsimmons. CLAREMONT: Moss, Malaxos 2; Ralph.

BEST: WEST PERTH: Palm, Bewick, Fong. CLAREMONT: Moss, Shaw, Pearce.

RED ROOSTER TABLE

Team	W	L	For	Agst	Pc	Pts
WEST PERTH	4	-	188	113	166.39	12
CLAREMONT	2	1	142	131	108.39	8
SWAN DISTRICTS	2	1	90	77	116.88	8
PERTH	1	2	120	90	133.33	4
SUBIACO	1	2	75	93	80.65	4
EAST FREMANTLE	1	2	74	99	74.75	4
EAST PERTH	1	2	62	89	69.66	4
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1	2	60	119	50.42	4

WESTSIDE WINNERS

SUBIACO v WEST PERTH



ALAN EAST

The Cardies (or the Falcons, rather) are flying high after their money-grabbing effort last weekend. The angry Lions can bring them down to earth.

SWAN DIST. v EAST FREM.



MARTY McDONNELL

I think Swan Districts will open their account against a depleted East Fremantle. Swans will prove too strong despite their heavy player losses.

CLAREMONT v E. PERTH



KEN MCAULLAY

I think East Perth will bounce back after their dismal performance last weekend. Their game against Essendon still sticks in my mind and Grant Dorrington will have something with which to fire up his players.

SOUTH FREM. v PERTH



TIM FLYNN

After that pathetic display last weekend by South Fremantle they will have little chance of beating an enthusiastic Perth side this Saturday.

The break will be welcome

WELCOME, footy fans, to my brand-new back-page column in Westside Football, from where I will comment on the W.A.F.L. scene, and football in general through the coming season.

I have been involved in coaching at league clubs (namely West Perth and Fitzroy) since 1971 and am currently enjoying a break from the pressure and responsibilities that go hand-in-hand with coaching at senior level.

Don't get me wrong... I have enjoyed every minute of my coaching life, but after 11 straight seasons, I honestly felt I needed a spell from it all — time will tell how long my absence from the action lasts!

VFL EXODUS

I suppose the annual moaning and groaning about losing our stars to Victoria will be going on again.

But has anybody noticed the exodus of VFL players to W.A.F.L. ranks this season?

At last count I came up with more than a dozen who have made the trek across the Nullabor, and that is an unusually high quota by anybody's standards.

Now, I'm not saying that these guys were household names in their home State. But then neither was Noel Carter when he arrived here from Richmond in 1978 and now he's captain of South Fremantle and arguably the best rover in W.A.

Opportunity is a great thing, and I would suggest that most of these importees simply need the change to show their talents on a regular basis to come of age in senior football.

Looking into my crystal ball I predict the best of the latest bunch of V.F.L. men will be Darryl Freame (Richmond to Perth), closely followed by Peter Murnane (Hawthorn to West Perth).

CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM

WITH GRAHAM CAMPBELL



"NEW CHUMS"

As a freshly-retired league coach, I feel it appropriate to welcome the three "new chums" to the league coaching fraternity — namely Dennis Cometti (West Perth), Ron Alexander (East Fremantle) and Ian Miller (Perth). All the best, fellers, at your first stint in the big time.

If I could offer any advice it would be... do it your own way and be wary of the back-slappers!

"HOW CHEEKY-CAN-YOU-GET" DEPARTMENT

I noticed that V.F.L. club Hawthorn originally set \$100,000 as their idea of a transfer fee for Peter Murnane to switch his playing talents to West Perth.

Not a bad sort of an "Ask" — especially when there is no transfer fee required (by agreement between the W.A.F.L. and V.F.L.) for an uncontracted player seeking a clearance — a fact of life that applied to Murnane.

The same Hawthorn are also obviously advising Subiaco star Gary Buckenara NOT to fulfil a contract he signed to play one more year with the Lions.

It seems to me that the Hawthorn Committee are hell-bent on giving their club a less than honourable name over here.

'JOHNNO' SHINES

I hear that Perth winger cum centreman Alan Johnson has made a big impact with V.F.L. club Melbourne, who grabbed Alan as their No. 1 draft choice for 1982.

We all know that "Johnno" loves a goal and apparently he kicked seven in his first practice match with his new club recently.

Not a bad effort, considering they played him in the centre, which, incidentally, is where he prefers to play.

I was in Melbourne recently, and ran into Alan at a Moonee Valley Trotting meeting and he told me he was settling in well and enjoying his footy under super-coach Ron Barassi.

TOP EFFORT

Top effort by "The Cardies" ... ooops ... "Falcons" (I'll never get used to that) in winning the "Red Rooster" lightning premiership last weekend.

It certainly augers well for my old club to rise up the ladder in '82.

Incidentally, while I'm talking about West Perth, it appears that their selectors,



judging by practice match placings, are toying with the thought of playing John Duckworth at full-back.

My comment in a word... Don't!!! John's full-back days are behind him. I reckon even "Ducky" would admit to that.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

I intend to give my selections every week at the bottom of this column, so here goes my first stab at picking the four winners... Follow me in your office tipping contests and you won't be far out.

Winners this week should be CLAREMONT, SWAN DISTRICTS, SOUTH FREMANTLE and WEST PERTH.

The Tighest game of the round will be the Subiaco-West Perth clash, while the easiest game to predict is the Swans-East Fremantle clash.

Old Easts can't win at Bassendean! Oh, and my long-range tip for the Sandover Medal before a ball has been kicked in anger — Swan Districts ruck-rover Mike Richardson with Peter Menaglio, the West Perth winger, the dark horse.

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