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# 600 UP!

## ...milestone men pedal on

By GARY STOCKS

### Meet WA's 600-game pair of G.M.'s.

The G could stand for great and the M for magnificent. But in this case the initials represent Graham Moss and Graham Melrose.

Melrose, the Swan Districts skipper, player his 300th league match two weeks ago and Moss will reach the magical target when he leads Claremont onto the ground for the clash against Perth on Saturday.

Between them they have now played 602 games and that took a tally of 28 seasons of football to reach.

Melrose made his debut with East Fremantle in 1967 and Moss first played with Claremont in 1969.

But besides being great players for their West Australian clubs both have had success on the tough VFL scene.

Moss played 89 games for Essendon and during that time he had the distinction of winning the Brownlow Medal for the fairest and best player in Victoria.

And he is still the only West Australian in football history to achieve the feat.

Melrose played 111 day games for North Melbourne and stamped himself as a class player with the Kangaroos. He also played 140 games with East Fremantle before crossing the border and has since played 51 games for Swans.

Moss plays his 211th game for the Tigers on Saturday.

Both have been great ambassadors for the game and it is a tribute to their ability that they could play in excess of 300 games each.

And they intend being around for a few more seasons yet.

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## MILESTONE MEN

Every year many of our top footballers reach various milestones in their careers. Some come easy, others require a lot of hard work and dedication.

Each week WESTSIDE FOOTBALL will keep its readers up to date with approaching milestones so you, too, can share the glory when your favourite player reaches an important mark in his career.

The games played tally is up to last week and includes all official NFL Escort Cup matches.

### 300 GAMES

Graham Moss (Claremont) 299 \*

### 250 GAMES

Stan Nowotny (Swans) 243  
John Hayes (East Perth) 234 \*

### 200 GAMES

Steve Curtis (East Perth) 198  
Tom Mullooly (Swans) 196

### 150 GAMES

Simon Outhwaite (Souths) 148  
Laurie Heal (West Perth) 147  
Rod Brown (Subiaco) 144 \*

### 100 GAMES

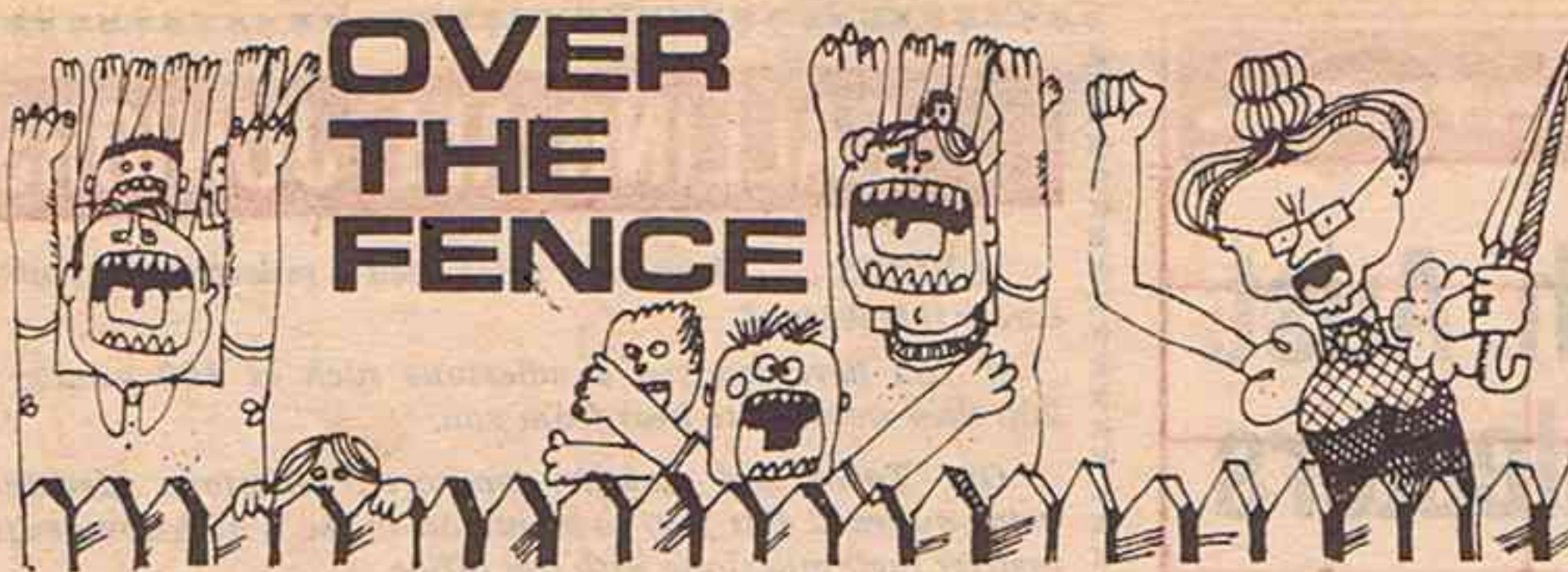
John Sims (East Frem.) 99  
Brad Reynolds (Claremont) 98  
Kevin Cornell (Sth. Frem.) 98  
Stephen Green (East Frem.) 95  
Lindsay Kanther (Claremont) 94  
Ken Judge (East Frem.) 94  
Noel Carter (Sth. Frem.) 93  
Neil Fotheringham (W. Perth) 92 \*  
Peter Keays (East Frem.) 91 \*

### 50 GAMES

Gerald Betts (Claremont) 48  
Mike Aitken (Claremont) 48  
Alan Walker (Subiaco) 46 \*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with other clubs as follows:

Graham Moss - 89 Essendon; John Hayes - 39 Claremont, 11 West Adelaide; Rod Brown - 86 Swan Districts; Neil Fotheringham - 66 Perth; Peter Keays - 40 Melbourne, 49 Fitzroy; Alan Walker - 40 Claremont.



## COMETTI CAN'T WIN

After sitting at ground level for his team's match against Swan Districts at Bassendean a fortnight ago, West Perth coach Dennis Cometti made a plea for all clubs to provide elevated coaches boxes for visiting teams.

Last Saturday Cometti sat in the Press box at Perth Oval to avail himself of a birds-eye-view. All went well during the first half, but shortly after half time he experienced technical difficulties with the two-way link between himself and captain Les Fong on the bench.

During a period of "radio silence" and the time it took him to abandon his elevated position and join his runner on the bench at ringside, the Royals piled on five goals.

It is time the league instigated moves to have clubs provide decent facilities for visiting coaches. Two grounds could be accommodated with the transfer of those white-elfant boxes built a few years ago on the "wrong" side of Subiaco Oval.

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### LOYAL DEMONS

Perth fans haven't had much to cheer about in recent seasons, but they haven't lost their sense of loyalty or enthusiasm. The Demons were being outclassed by Swans in the first half of their Lathlain Park match - but then produced a magnificent eight-goal third term to make a real game of it. The grandstand stood and applauded the players when the three-quarter time siren sound. Good stuff.



Jim and Phil Krakouer have discovered that they are distant relatives to bright young Victorian boxer Graeme Brooke. The Krakouers have taken a lot of interest in the promising young lightweight, who is already ranked 9th by the Australian Boxing Federation.

Jim and Phil will be ringside when Brooke meets NSW boxer Wayne McDonnell in Melbourne next week.

### MAGNIFICENT MELLY

The 300-game achievement by Swans skipper Graham Melrose is certainly a well deserved milestone. Melrose is one of the ornaments to the game, and these quotes from an interview of Channel 7's World of Sport sum up the man magnificently. "All players should have a goal in football, to play a certain amount of games. I did after my first couple of years when I realised what a great game football is."

And then talking about his disappointments in a long career - with injury costing him a place in two North Melbourne premierships sides - he gave this telling message to all youngsters: "I guess a major disappointment was not applying myself properly in my first three or four years."

### SUNNY SUNDAY

League footballers have some varied ways of spending Sundays after Saturday matches - depending on how their coach feels about their performance. The Perth players were treated to a day-with-a-difference last Sunday after their game against Swans. Bill Mitchell, from Allied Leasing, one of the club's sponsors, made his launch available for the senior players and they cruised up the river from Success Harbour, depositing those able-bodied men at Barrack Street. The players then jogged back to Royal Perth Yacht Club to rejoin the boat for the cruise back to Fremantle.

### BIG FOLLOWING

You can't say that Swans don't have a big group of followers - inside and outside of the arena fence. Take the collection of people around the players at three-quarter time at Lathlain Park last week - there were 20 battle-weary footballers surrounded by no less than 28 trainers, selectors, advisers, stats men and general helpers. Good odds!



Solahart are one of the many sponsors up at Swan Districts... putting up a major prize for the media this year, both in photographic awards and newspaper and electronic media awards.

Mr Alisdair Bulloch, Solahart's Midland Manager, is pictured here with leading Swan Districts players (from left) Phil Narkle, Keith Narkle, coach John Todd and Mike Richardson.

### VERSATILE COMEBACK

Big Max George is making yet another comeback to WA football - and it could be in a completely new role. George, the WAFL's leading goalkicker back in 1974, is renowned as one of the biggest kickers of the football in WA and a consistent sharp-shooter. But in the reserves game against Perth he was used at full-back. When you think of some of the champion forwards who have finished an illustrious career in defence - Ray Schofield at West Perth for example - then the George move is not as silly as it seems.

### REVERSED ROLES

It was interesting to see the reversal of roles on Channel 7's World of Sport segment on Sunday. Chairman Bob Shields was interviewing West Perth coach Dennis Cometti. Last year it would have been the other way around with Cometti, chairman of the ABC TV and radio panels, talking to Shields about the football theories. It was also ironical that Cometti was a little late getting into the interviewee's chair... something, apparently, that Shields did once or twice when Dennis was waiting!

# Smile

## It's your birthday



Craig Edwards (EP)  
21 on 25th

Jeff Davidson (SD) 21 on 26th  
Craig Nelson (WP) 19 on 26th  
Roger Crouch (EF) 23 on 27th  
Jon Dorotich (SF) 20 on 27th

Ken Bell (P) 20 on 2nd  
Bruce Smith (P) 23 on 2nd  
Michael Jenzen (EF) 19 on 2nd  
Ciaran Lynch (SD) 19 on 2nd



John Hall (EP)  
22 on 28th



Have a Coke and a smile.

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EAST FREMANTLE - W, L, W, L. . . . . v West Perth at Leederville  
CLAREMONT - W, W, L, W. . . . . v Perth at Claremont  
EAST PERTH - L, L, W, W. . . . . v South Fremantle at Subiaco  
PERTH - L, W, L, L. . . . . v Claremont at Claremont  
SOUTH FREMANTLE - W, L, W, W. . . . . v East Perth at Subiaco  
SUBIACO - L, L, L, L. . . . . v Swan Districts at Bassendean  
WEST PERTH - W, W, L, L. . . . . v East Fremantle at Leederville  
SWAN DISTRICTS - L, W, W, W. . . . . v Subiaco at Bassendean

## FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WORLD OF

# SPORT

9am Sundays

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FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

R. Lester-Smith . . . . 8  
S. Malaxos . . . . . 6  
A. Sidebottom . . . . 6

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GOALKICKER OF THE YEAR

W. Ralph (C) . . . . 29  
S. Malaxos (C) . . . . 22  
M. Richardson (SD) 17  
P. Sartori (SD) . . . 15

Ian Diffen  
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# Players association is working well



THE WAFL Players' Association is finally starting to receive the recognition such an organisation deserves.

I don't say that with any malice; it's simply a statement of fact — people are starting to recognise the merits of our association, not the least the players themselves.

We have developed an excellent working relationship with the executive of the WAFL, we are receiving top co-operation from the eight clubs — the fact that they have all agreed to deduct membership fees for our association from players' payments when requested is an indication of that — we are being acknowledged by the media and we have made good progress with sponsors, particularly in relation to various awards.

## T-SHIRT

Our main aims for 1982 include:

- Providing players with a classier type of association T-shirt.
- Staging a major end-of-season function involving players from all clubs.
- Continue our quest to provide parking for league players at all grounds and improve facilities for visiting clubs.
- Provision of merit certificates to players achieving milestones such as 100 games and so forth.
- Negotiating with the WAFL for more seating for members (particularly at finals); a close look at the provident fund and the introduction of combined after-game social entertainment with players.

That gives a brief look at our targets for this year and when you consider some of the achievements we recorded last year, it is not too ambitious a task.

Some of the areas where we made headway as far as the players are concerned last year included:

- Two new awards were introduced — the Media Personality of the Year (which went to the ABC's Dennis Cometti) and the Umpire of the Year award (to Ross Capes).

## AWARDS

- Continuance of our Player-of-the-Year award, won by Stephen Michael.
- A weekly award was introduced via The Western Mail with a regular Saturday morning feature story on a player, who received Adidas gear for being voted player-of-the-week by his opponents.
- Achieved better facilities at several clubs for visiting teams and car parking for visiting players at two of the eight clubs.

## OUR ASSOCIATION'S AIMS

The major reason behind the establishment of the Players' Association is to give all the footballers in various grades and clubs a united voice.

There are many issues that arise which cannot be solved by just one player going to his superiors for help. An association such as ours is a must for a game as far-reaching as football, even if we are still in a semi-professional state.

The association has already advised a number of players who have been in dispute with their clubs and, at no time, have we incurred the wrath of the clubs concerned with our role.

It must be stressed that we are not a militant body — simply there to help football develop and expand and make sure that the players, the entertainers on today's stage, have a fair say in what happens.

## Sponsors help

The acquisition of a number of major sponsors has helped the Players' Association develop in its three years of operation.

Last year we received excellent support from the major joint sponsors of the WAFL — Marlboro and Town and Country Building Society — and also Sekem Products, Adidas and The Western Mail.

## Membership

We are aiming at a potential membership of 90 percent of the league, reserves and colts players in the WAFL.

This year the fees will rise to \$15 to enable us to provide a more dressy T-shirt and to help towards the end-of-season function.

There are a number of major issues coming up in the future — such as Sunday football, player poaching and player management services — and the association is certain to be involved in future discussions.

With total support from all those involved in the playing side of football, I'm sure that we can handle the progress of our game on a satisfactory basis.

## NEW AWARD

THE Players' Association will introduce a new award this year to be known as the best first-year player.

It will be selected by a vote from all members of the Players' Association.

There are many new and exciting young players in WA football this year and the association is grateful to the various segments of the media who provide prizes and trophies to acknowledge these newcomers.

It will be interesting to see which player the players themselves select as the best of the first year 'rookies'.

## Guest Columnist

THIS WEEK:

GEORGE MICHALCZYK

President  
WAFL  
Players'  
Association



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## OFFICE BEARERS

Following is the list of office bearers in the WAFL Players' Association for 1982:

President: George Michalczyk (West Perth)

Vice-president: Paul Vasoli (South Fremantle)

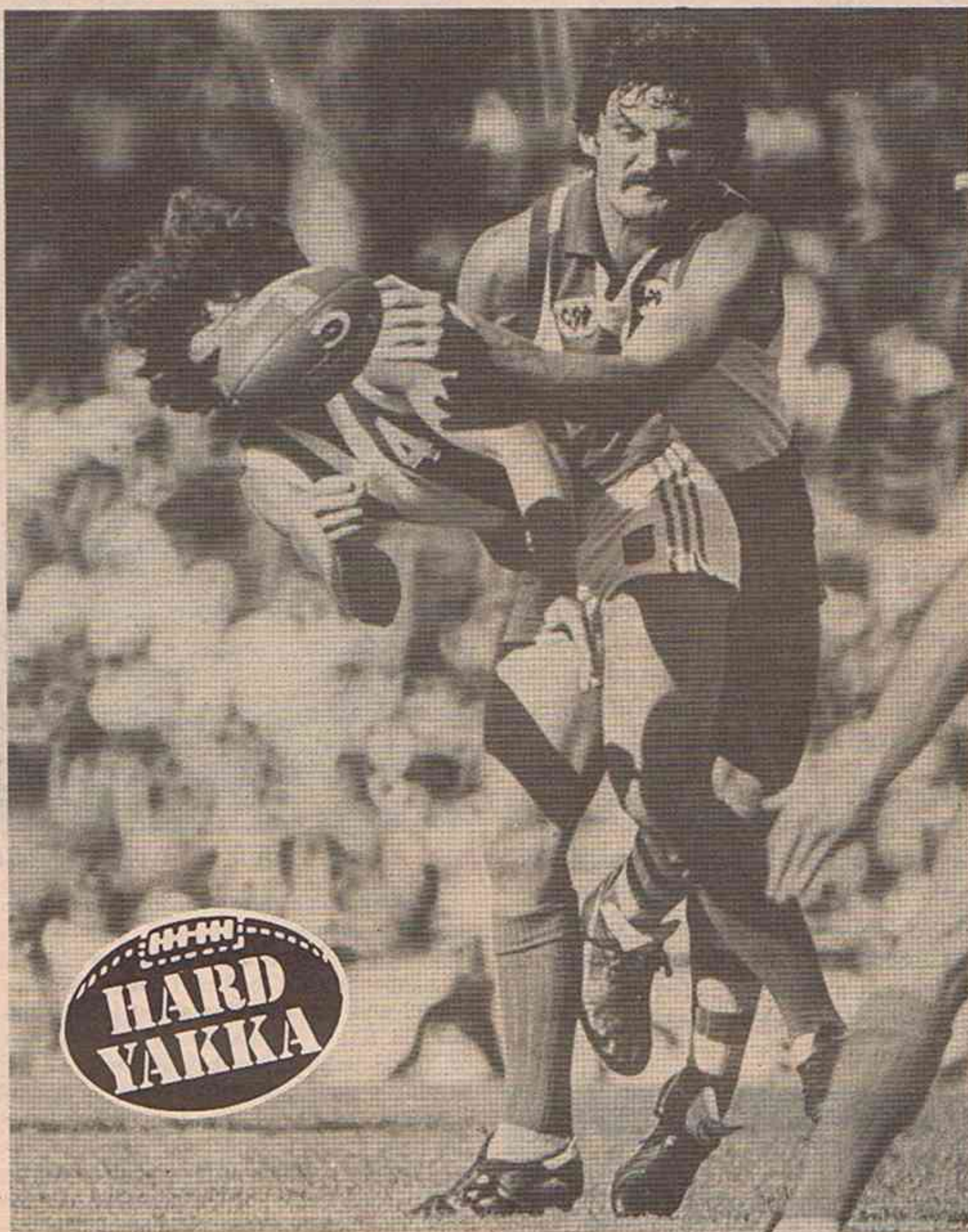
Administrator: Peter Rule

Delegates: Dean Turner (East Perth), Steve Malaxos (Claremont), Jon Fogarty (Swan Districts), Tim Gepp (Subiaco), Wayne Cormack (East Fremantle), Geoff Hendriks (West Perth), Paul Mountain (South Fremantle), Wayne Simms (Perth).

## Administrator

The Players' Association is fortunate to have the services of Peter Rule as its administrator.

Mr Rule has previously worked at the WAFL and as the general manager of the Claremont Football Club. Though he is now in private business, his knowledge of the administrative side of football has been a big help to the association in recent years.



A Fremantle derby is always full of competitive football and star East Fremantle recruit David Rankin found out all about that when he played in his first match against South Fremantle last Saturday.

As was the case for most of the day, the East Fremantle players were under plenty of pressure and here Rankin finds himself in a lot of bother as South Fremantle ruck-rover Paul Vasoli knocks the ball away from his waiting arms.

However, there is some consolation for Rankin as he wins our Hard Yakka award of a pair of Yakka jeans or fabulous Rigs trousers for his effort.



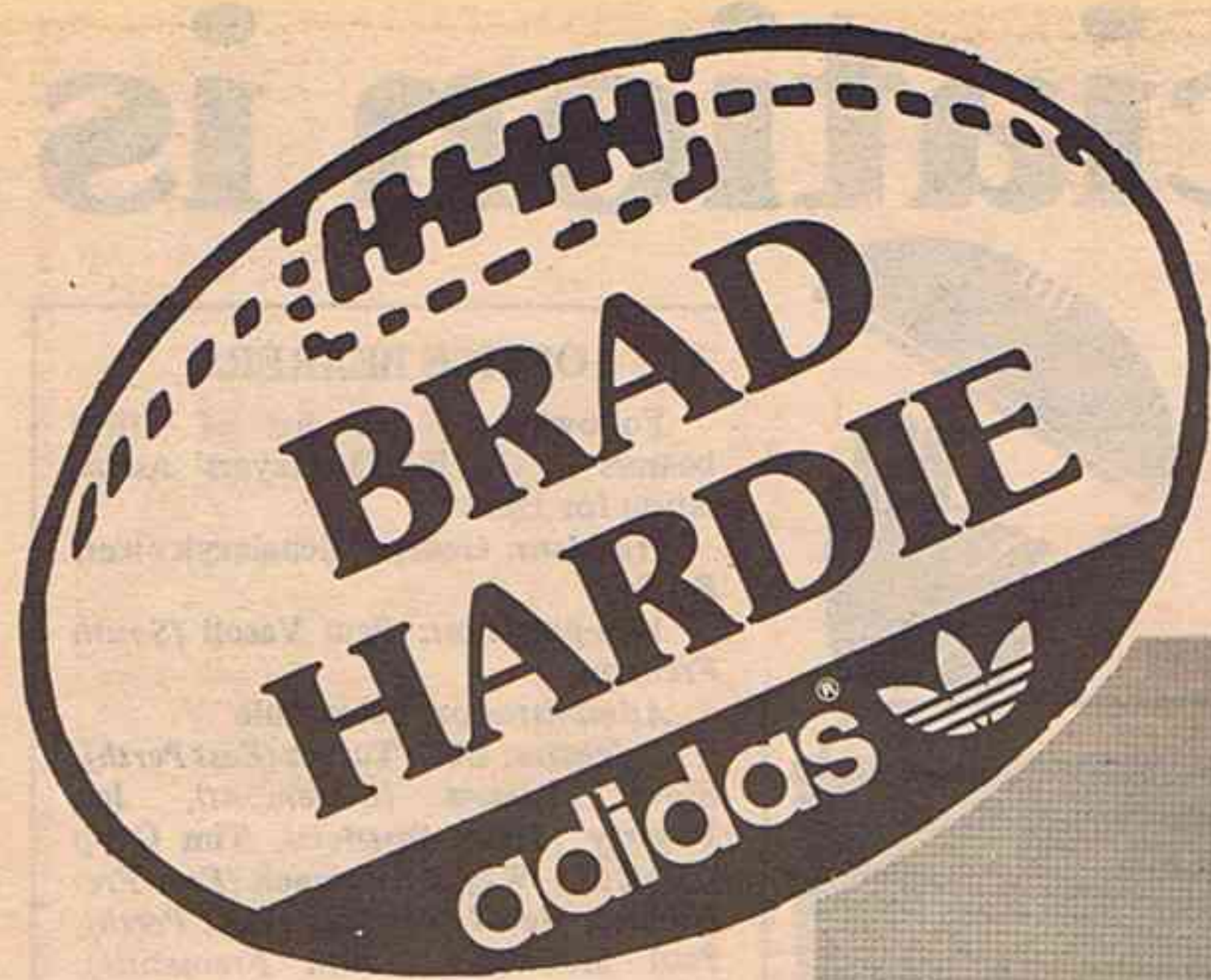
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# ... the Bulldog's Mr. Versatility

Brad Hardie is a football coach's dream.

The South Fremantle star can play any position on the ground and in this day and age where versatility is the key, it makes him an extremely valuable player.

We have seen him kick bags of goals as a specialist forward pocket or half forward and have also seen him used at the other end of the ground stopping opposition forwards kicking goals.

Many people will remember Hardie as the 17-year-old whiz kid who kicked three goals in the 1980 grand final in one quarter after starting on the interchange bench.

Since then, Hardie has gone on with the job and developed into one of the most promising youngsters in the game and seems assured of a bright future.

His performance is even more meritorious considering he has severe burns on his body and this makes it uncomfortable for him when he is playing football.

You have to be courageous to set foot on the football arena, but in Hardie's case it is exceptional. Few people would have considered playing again after the painful burns he received in an accident.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to Hardie and found out a little more about the quietly spoken Bulldog star who has the ability to tear an opposition defence to threads with his explosive pace — or prevent a dangerous forward from kicking goals at the other end of the ground.



Brad Hardie . . . a very versatile young man going places.



*Q. Would the 1980 grand final stick in your mind as the highlight of your career to date?*

A. I kicked three goals in just over a quarter, but it was also great to play in a premiership side. I would say it was the finest moment in my career, but I would like to play in another one because I probably didn't appreciate it as much as some of the other guys who had been around for six or seven years waiting for it to come.

*Q. From winning a grand final in 1980 to losing one in 1981 — that must have been disappointing?*

A. Yes I thought we had a good chance of winning that game. People say we kicked poorly, but six of the 12 points in the second quarter came off hands so I don't think we can be blamed for that. We ran out of legs in the last quarter after having our chances of winning it.

*Q. What about last year? South started off slowly but gradually improved up to and during the finals. Was that pre-planned?*

A. No. I think it was post premiership blues. The blokes thought it would happen but it didn't. You have to make things happen. Probably the mental attitude was not as good as it could have been until the finals came around and the blokes started to get into gear and we came good.

*Q. Has Brown had a big influence on your own career?*

A. Yes. Very much so. He brought me along slowly and he is always willing to help. I can ring him up or speak to him face to face and he will always give me advice.

*Q. Is there enough playing strength in the club to be a real premiership threat this year?*

A. Yes, I think we have the nucleus of top players like Stephen Michael, Bruce Monteath and Noel Carter and we have a good crop of youth coming up, with Jon Dorotich and Wayne Kelly and those sort of blokes and it is going to be a case of who can be the most consistent for 21 weeks. I don't think there is a lot of difference between the teams. It looks like being pretty even this year.

*Q. You say you want to play State football, do you think you can get there this year?*

A. It is my big ambition. Hopefully I can maintain good form and earn a place. There is a great chance to get there if I am good enough because of the huge amount of players who have gone to Victoria.

*Q. How do you motivate yourself before a game? You are normally fast out of the blocks and get into a game early.*

A. We think about the game coming up from the Monday onwards and Brown always tells you to think about the player you may be up against and gives you a few hints. I try to forget about the opposition on Friday and go over in my own mind what I want to do — attack the ball and get kicks. I also think about what I should be doing if my opponent is on top and I do a bit of boxing before I start and this sharpens me up. I'm then ready to go out there because I have got a bit of a sweat up and I'm keen to pounce on the ball.

*Q. Have you been approached by anyone in the VFL yet?*

A. No. Nothing concrete, a lot of the time you hear things in the press that you don't know about yourself. But like I say I would one day like to have a go over there.

*Q. Why do you always wear a long sleeve jumper — even when it is hot?*

A. In 1978 I suffered severe burns. It happened just before I went back to school and was thinking about joining the colts at South Fremantle. It was just one of those unlucky back yard fires. I was helping a mate burn-off and an ice-cream container of petrol was too close to the fire and up it went. I was near the fire at that stage and suffered third degree burns. I have still got visible marks on my arm. The long sleeve jumper gives me psychological protection.

*Q. Is it an inconvenience wearing a long sleeve jumper?*

A. Only in summer. When it gets very hot.

*Q. You were only 16 when you made your league debut. How did it feel to be so young and playing league football?*

A. I made by debut against Swan Districts and I was very happy. A lot of people don't get the breaks but I was fortunate. Brown has been great, and has developed me slowly. He did not throw me to the wolves and that is beginning to pay off now.

*Q. Would you like to play more often with your brother, Wayne?*

A. Yes. That is for sure. But unfortunately at the moment he has a broken jaw which resulted from a pre-season practice match. I would like him to come up and play in the league side as we have always wanted to play together. We did a lot when we were juniors, but not consistently at league level.

*Q. You would have been fairly happy with your own performances last year wouldn't you?*

A. Yes. I was very pleased except for a bit of slump towards the end of the season which I was not particularly happy about. I have to become a more consistent player.

*Q. How do you become a more consistent player?*

A. I think it is more a mental attitude than anything. It is just a matter of getting yourself going for the full 23 or 25 weeks of the year.

*Q. What are your plans for the future?*

A. I like it here a lot, but everyone has ambitions to one day play in the VFL. I will be here for three or four seasons more so that I can establish myself here as a consistent player before I make the move. I would love to one day be the club captain at South Fremantle.

*Q. You have played in a number of roles at South Fremantle including half-forward, wing, centre and even in defence. Is there any particular position you enjoy more than the others?*

A. I think I prefer half-back-flank. I enjoy kicking goals but on the half-back line you can meet the ball, punch the ball away and do all things you have to do. You are coming forward all the time rather than having to duck and weave to try and get around onto your right foot to kick goals.

*Q. You have kicked a lot of goals from a half-forward flank, so you must also enjoy playing there?*

A. Yes I enjoy it there. I have been fortunate actually in that I have been virtually given a roving commission in the forward line, playing mainly out of a forward pocket. I think that is a better place for kicking goals. It involves a lot of running and that is a part of the game I enjoy.

## adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Brad Hardie  
 Born: Fremantle October 10, 1962  
 Height: 5.10 (177 cm)  
 Weight: 12.0 (76 kg)  
 Lives at: Hilton  
 Married: No  
 Girlfriend's name: Julie  
 Occupation: Clerk  
 Favourite food: Chicken  
 Favourite drink: Beer  
 Hobbies and relaxation: Sport in general  
 Football likes: Playing well and being a good team member  
 Football dislikes: Fickle supporters  
 Football idols: Barry Cable  
 Hard things in football: Are there any easy things?  
 Ambitions: To play as long as I can and to play State football  
 Nickname: Red  
 Came from: Hilton Park Juniors  
 League debut: 1979  
 Games: 56  
 Guernsey No.: 4

# OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	S. Frem. v E. Perth	W. Perth v E. Frem.	Swan Dist v E. Frem	Claremont v Perth
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	10	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
GARY STOCKS	11	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
ROBERT BENNETT	10	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
DAVE CLEMENT	11	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
ALAN EAST	12	East Perth	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
IAN MILLER	9	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Perth
MOTHER BROWN	11	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
PETER POAT	9	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
GARY CARVOLTH	8	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
MOST FAVOURED	11	South Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont

# Brown just loves playing the Royals



Ever since Malcolm Brown's days at East Perth there has been no love lost between the Royals and South Fremantle.

And the situation is not likely to change this Saturday when they meet in what Brown expects to be a really tough encounter.

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Despite his successful stint with South Fremantle, Brown appears to retain an admiration for the way East Perth play the game.

But he certainly hasn't done his old team any favors and it would probably give him great satisfaction to put a wedge between them and fourth spot, which seems likely to happen should the Royals go down.

South, after one of their most humiliating losses in the past years (against West Perth), have come back with a real vengeance and appear to have the capacity to continue their winning run against the Royals.

East Perth have found it hard to strike consistent form this year and though they have won their past two games have been forced to struggle before gaining the ascendancy.

That is the mark of the gritty way they play the game and they can be expected to let South know they have been in a football match.

However, determination doesn't compensate for talent and on that score South should win.



A 178-point hiding will be fresh in the mind of East Fremantle when they set foot on Leederville Oval, against West Perth, on Saturday.

They took that record drubbing the last time they played there and on their performance last Saturday they could again be in for a torrid time.

The Falcons, though having lost their



**SOUTH Fremantle half-back Simon Outhwaite ... never stops trying**

past two games, have played only one match at home this season, when they crushed South Fremantle by 113 points.

East Fremantle will be looking for the return of Ron Alexander to give them the on-field leadership that was sadly missing against South Fremantle last week.

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This match could determine the fortunes of the respective clubs this season. With South Fremantle, Claremont and Swan Districts threatening to break away from the rest of the teams in the competition a win is imperative to both.

But on form so far this season the Falcons look capable of scoring a decisive win.



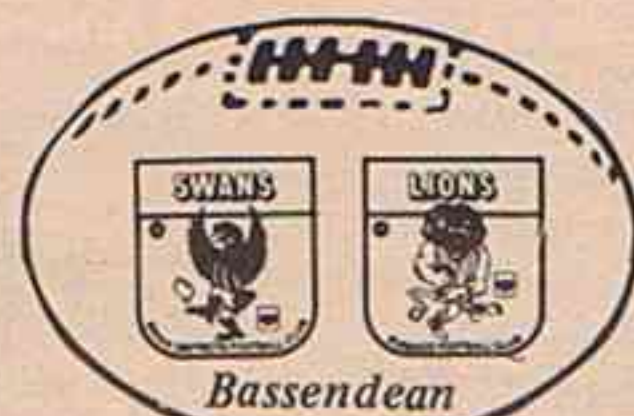
ABOUT the only interest in the Claremont-Perth match at Claremont Oval will be Graham Moss's 300th league appearance.

It is difficult seeing Perth giving Claremont a run for their money let alone ending their winning sequence at home. The Tigers went through last season undefeated at Claremont and have maintained their winning run there this season.

Having won 24 of their past 27 WAFL matches Claremont have created the momentum that few sides are able to stop. Perth have given some honest performances this season but simply don't have the talent, team-work, or confidence to bring the Tigers to a halt.

Moss has made a significant contribution to football in two States and his players are unlikely to let him down on such an important milestone.

For that reason Claremont are likely to be in a very aggressive frame of mind and it wouldn't surprise if they gave the Demons a real walloping.



SUBIACO are fast becoming the dunces of the competition.

And they will take a further step towards holding that cap when they meet Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval.

They have about as much chance of winning this year's premiership as bowling over Swans at home.

For a side that promised so much last year, Subiaco have proved to be the big fizzes of 1982. About the best their supporters can hope for against Swans is a competitive effort.

Swans, with Claremont and South Fremantle, breathing down their neck for top position on the premiership ladder, are not likely to be in a generous frame of mind and should score a convincing win.

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# WATTS UP? with J.K.

## Smart Toddy

Hi there folks,

THERE'S no doubt about that John Todd — he's a real smart man.

The other day he was telling the millions of 6PR fans about one of the real young stars at Bassendean. I think he was talking about Mike Richardson at the time.

He told us that he would be a top player because he had a good head on his shoulders. Well, all I can say is that he's certainly better off with it there than under his arm!

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### SOMETHING'S WRONG

Defenders are generally infallible, brilliant, courageous, inspiring, unrelenting, errorless, quick-thinking and, above all, totally reliable.

I was shattered, therefore, when I saw a player in that familiar blue-and-black guernsey make two unbelievable mistakes in the defensive zone in Saturday's match.

Fortunately, he wasn't wearing No. 28. In fact, it was No. 31 from memory and I was relieved to see that he atoned for his errors later with some good forward-line play.

I don't like to knock any Royals superstars, but maybe you should stay in attack, Wes.

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### LOUD OPPOSITION

Talking about that Perth Oval super-league game.

Who's the dill on the microphone? ... every time I went to say something intelligent on 6PR he made an announcement and no-one could hear me.

I thought for a moment that Tim Flynn was paying him on the side to destroy our top-class coverage.

Everyone from Fremantle to Midland heard the announcements about lost children, pie stalls and free raffles. Unfortunately, no-one could hear me!

It even blocked out Tim Flynn's voice — and that's saying something.

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### CROWD-PULLER

The 6PR show was over at Perth the other day and we had the pleasure of talking to Allan (Chubby) Stiles, the club's greatest reserves player ever.

We had to give Chubby three crowd suppressor tablets — he was talking in front of an audience bigger than his previous radio audience — like about 500 people more than his normal 10 or 12!

There probably wasn't that many people watching him play in his heyday. You don't get many people at the ground at noon nowadays.

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### I'M WAITING ...

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How long can the public continue to suffer without me?

FOOTYNOTE: Anyway, there's one good thing about the new Seven format — the mothers and wives love it. The men turn it off much earlier now and get out into the garden!

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# INTERSTATE UPDATE

## COLLINGWOOD IN STRIFE

Collingwood, pre-season red-hot favourites to win the 1982 VFL premiership, are in more trouble than the Falkland Islanders.

The club has been riddled with crisis since the start of the season and have won only one match out of their first four encounters.

In recent events:

- Coach Tom Hafey last week survived a move calling for his dismissal.

- Members smashed in a door at the club's social premises after their last home game, with many throwing their membership badges through the broken doorway. This incident followed the club's dismal defeat at the hands of Carlton.

- Members have been mud-slinging the club for its lack of foresight in not recruiting rovers.

- Last Saturday four of their top players were injured and one reported. Captain Peter Moore could miss six weeks

### North have arrived

North Melbourne who were given little chance pre-season of taking part in this year's VFL finals, have rocketed into grand final contention.

The team is emerging as the side with both the balance and brilliance required to win VFL finals.

The arrival of the Krakouer brothers is now coincidence in North's revival.

North's fighting 17 point win over Essendon last weekend was the toughest test for the club so far this season and they came through with flying colours to jump to third spot on the VFL ladder. This Saturday the Roos meet the troubled Collingwood in a match which should give them a further four premiership points.

### Big contract for Quade

Ricky Quade has been given a three-year contract to lead South Melbourne out of the football wilderness — at a fee of \$150,000.

The former South Melbourne playing great is relishing his new role as coach and has the Swans firing well. After their record win over Fitzroy in Sydney last Sunday the Swans are now fourth on the VFL ladder.

The team's early success is a bonus for the VFL which badly needs a top club in Sydney if the New South Wales experiment is to work.

Nearly 14,000 people attended South Melbourne's second "home" game in Sydney last Sunday. When it is considered that their opponents, Fitzroy, are yet to win a game the VFL must have been pleased with the crowd.

### Taylor leads

Brian Taylor, the boy from Mandurah, is currently four goals clear as leader on the VFL goalkicking list. He scored six goals last Saturday in the match against Collingwood to take his season's tally to 19.

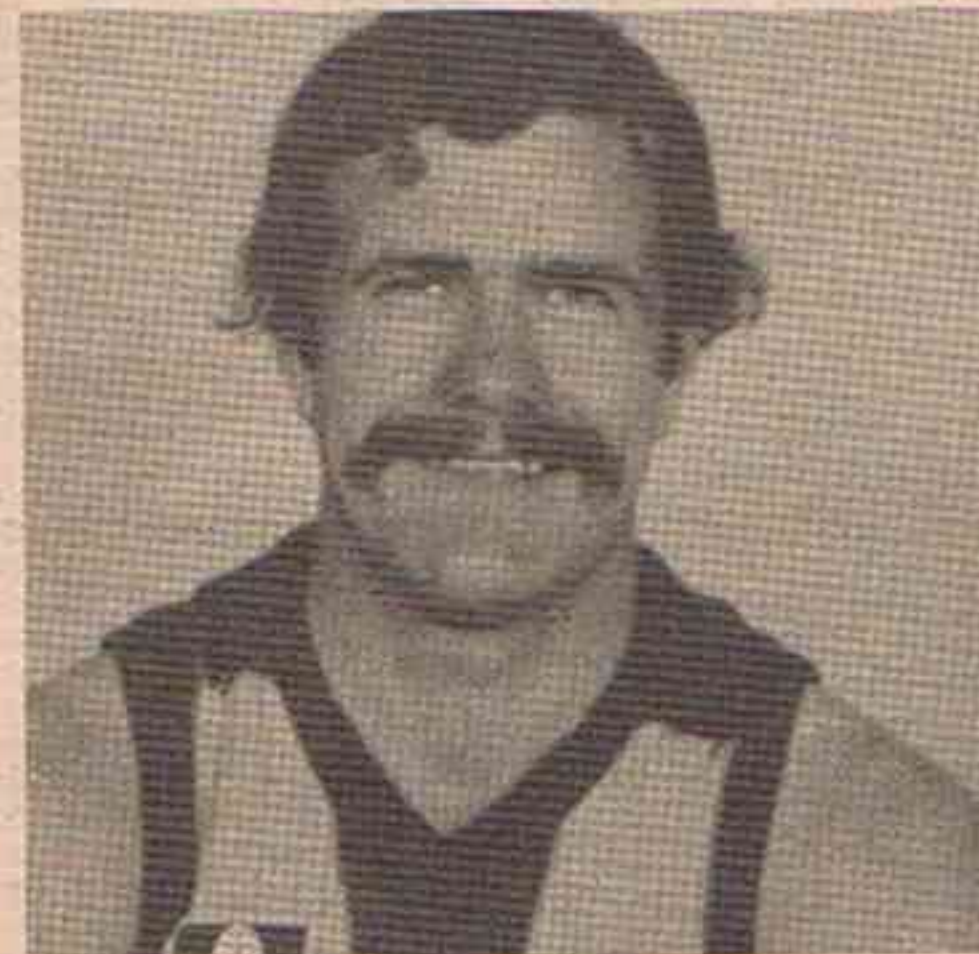
In equal second spot on the table with 15 goals, are Peter Bosustow (who also kicked six last Saturday) and North Melbourne's Malcolm Blight.

Taylor, who battled to win a place in the Richmond league side, has been carrying all before him this season. Last year he was the top goalkicker in the VFL reserves competition.



with a bad thigh injury. Stuart Atkin has an injured groin and Stan Magro a shoulder injury. Both will be out for two weeks. Rene Kinke has a rib injury and to go with it was reported on a striking charge and was suspended for three playing dates.

- They became the first VFL team to lose an Escort Cup Match this season when Swans beat them on Tuesday night.



Leigh Matthews

### Parkin hits out at Matthews

Carlton coach David Parkin has claimed that his former team mate, Leigh Matthews should have been reported for an incident involving Ken Hunter last Saturday.

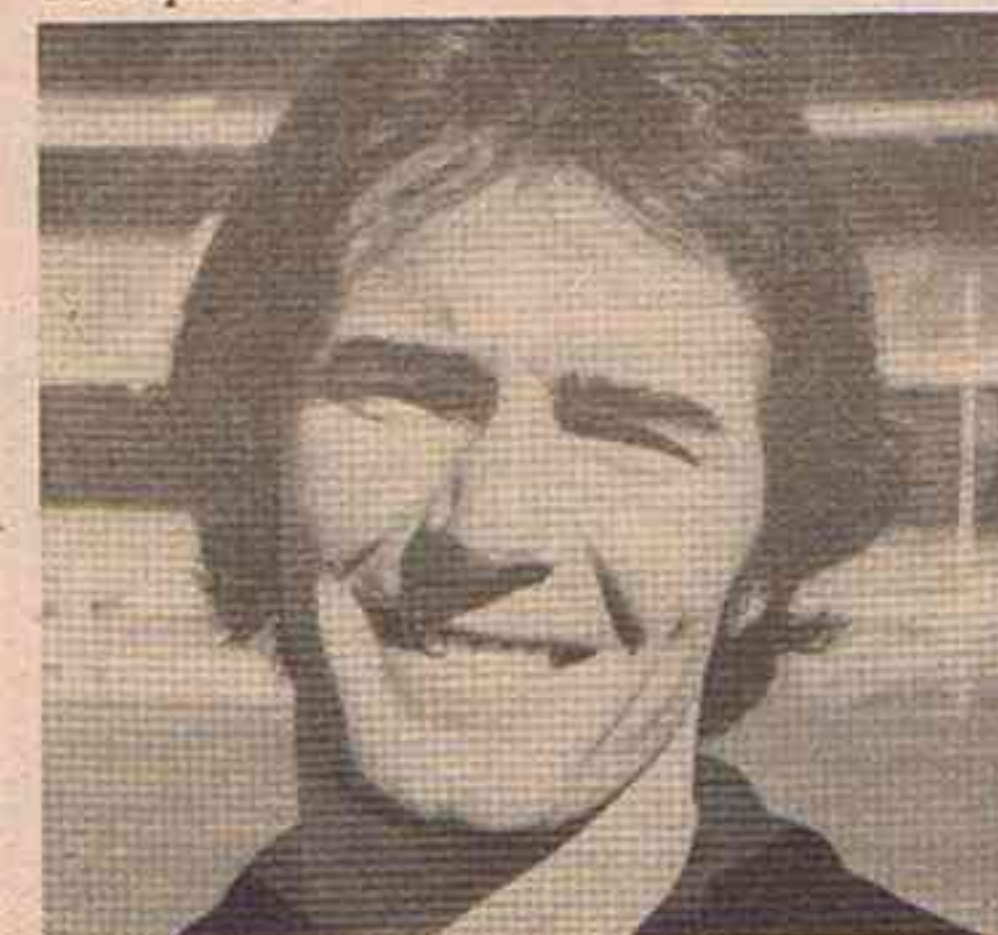
Parkin was angry about the incident which occurred in the first quarter of the match between Hawthorn and Carlton at Princes Park.

Hunter marked the ball in front of Matthews then he (Matthews) collided with him and appeared to make contact with the back of his neck.

"In my opinion it was a reportable offence. He was crunched, as he was last week" Parkin said.

"He is brave enough to take marks from in front and cops it from behind and in the back of the head — it is a very sad state of affairs" he said.

Matthews was jeered by the Carlton supporters for the remainder of the match after the incident which occurred in the first quarter.



Ken Hunter



### SUPER SCREEN WITH JET-AGE CONTROLS

The VFL's giant video matrix screen at VFL Park is now a reality. The world standard screen provides action replays, player statistics, scores from other grounds and a host of other football information. Standing at the eastern end of the stadium, the giant board is operated from a specially built control centre in the members stand virtually opposite the screen. The control room has the atmosphere of a jumbo jet cockpit with endless switches, dials and television monitors. Specially trained technicians man the computerised operation.

### SELECTORS USE THE AXE

South Australian State selectors have chosen a squad of 27 players to prepare for their match against Victoria on May 17.

There are 15 new faces in the squad. The selectors have sacked half of the SA team which went down to WA in Perth last year.

The squad: Ivan Eckermann, Greg Phillips, Tony Giles, Russell Ebert, Russell Johnston, Danny Hughes (all Port Adelaide), Peter Beythien, Michael Wright, John Platten (all Central District), Neil Craig, Eddie Fry (both Sturt), Roger Luders, Grant Fielke (both West Adelaide), Andrew Aish, Michael Aish, Frank Stemper, Greg Nicholson (all Norwood), Max Parker (Woodville), Peter Carey, Graham Cornes, Paul Weston (all Glenelg), John Riley, Trevor Kilsby, David Tiller (all North Adelaide), Mark Naley, Robb Hawkins, John Schneebichler (all South Adelaide).

The team will be strengthened by six former SA players now playing in the VFL. It will be the first time the States have met under the State-of-Origin concept outside carnival matches.



### COCHRANE RETIRES?

Former Central District captain Bill Cochrane has sent his resignation to the club, but they have told him they don't want to know about it.

The veteran former State player has played 172 games with Central and his strength and experience is badly needed.

### Carey reaches 250



Peter Carey

Twenty-eight-year-old Glenelg ruckman, Peter Carey has become the youngest South Australian footballer ever to play 250 league games.

Carey started his league career in 1971 and made his State debut in 1975. In 1979 he was chosen as an All-Australian ruckman after the State-of-Origin carnival in Perth. WA fans will also remember him as South Australia's best player in the State side which went down to WA at Subiaco Oval last year. For his efforts in that match he won the inaugural Fos Williams Medal.

### Faletic may return

Former Port Adelaide and State player Milan Faletic may return to South Australia.

Currently playing in the St Kilda reserves side, the 29-year-old Faletic would be a valuable addition to the Port side. Before joining St Kilda last year he played 210 league games in South Australia.

### Crane sacked

The clean-up at Woodville continues with another player being sacked last week. Ken Crane, the third player to go in a month, played 97 games with the club since being recruited from Richmond in 1974. He was given an open clearance.

### WA men score well

Two expatriot West Australians figured prominently with top goalkicking performances in last Saturday's S.A.N.F.L. matches.

Former Claremont player Brenton Hartfield scored nine goals for Norwood to help them in an important victory over South Adelaide.

A revitalised Woodville side went down by one point in a tough encounter with North Adelaide. Best man for the Woodpeckers was former Swans ruckman Bob Beecroft who notched seven goals.

### SMITH HURT

Mike Smith, who had been the centre of a clearance battle between Richmond and West Adelaide, was badly injured in his second game with West last Saturday.

He was rushed to hospital after it was thought he had broken his neck. However x-rays later revealed that he had suffered severe bruising at the top of his neck.

A hospital spokesman said Smith was extremely lucky and there was no sign of paralysis.

Earlier West had ignored threats of legal action by Richmond for including Smith in their side.

The VFL club claimed West "stole" Smith and would challenge his eligibility in the Supreme Court.

West "pinched" Smith after Richmond failed to answer clearance applications and telegrams within the prescribed time.



# GARY'S GOSSIP

GARY CARVOLTH, 6IX and TVW 7 football personality.



Enjoying the fun at my barbecue are from left, Brian Burke, Juanita Walsh, Mal Brown and John K. Watts

## BROWNIE CONNED!

Well it was the most unusual barbecue I have ever conducted. Last Sunday evening Juanita Walsh and I played host to John and Dale Watts, Mal and Kaye Brown, Peter and Maureen Bowler and many other friends and family.

What's so unusual about that you may ask? Nothing, except that I caught "Brownie" beautifully.

You see I told Malcolm he and his lovely wife were the only guests and furthermore that he could dress as casual as he wished. Mal arrived in an old tee-shirt, a pair of football shorts and barefooted to boot.

Can you imagine his embarrassment when at least 18 other people arrived all dressed up for a Dinner Party.

P.S! Just to add a little more red to those chubby cheeks of Mal's, I introduced him to our special guests, the leader of the labor Party in W.A. Mr Brian Burke and his charming wife Sue. Sorry, Mother Brown but I owed him that one.

## Shearman in town

Guess who I bumped into the other day at the Blue Note Tavern? None other than Bob SHEARMAN the former South Australian and Victorian star.

Bob of course was a brilliant player and is one of the nicest blokes in the business. We were reminiscing over a couple of cold beers - I said "golly Bob, it must be at least two or three years since we worked together on Channel Seven's "Football Inquest!"

Bob just smiled and said "Gary, would you believe it was 1976?" It's amazing how time slips by.

These days Bob Shearman is much the businessman. He and his wife Faye are involved in a cosmetic and skin care company as national distributors. As a matter of fact I may be receiving some of the product to give away for Westside Football in the not too distant future. Incidentally, I also recorded an interview that you will hear this Saturday between noon and 2.00 p.m. on the 6IX 'Count-down to Bouncedown' show.

## Miss Football

The Miss WAFL Quest is coming on nicely - at last count there were over 20 entrants and lovely girls too. We had our first informal get-together at the VIP section of the League last Monday evening - where the girls had their photographs taken (you'll see them in future issues of the Football Budget).

If you would like to enter the quest, contact your club or yours truly on 322 5266.

## Quiz

Finally this week, here's your opportunity to win a bottle of famous Beenleigh Rum. Can you correctly answer this question?

"Who was the W.A.F.L.'s leading goalkicker in 1957 with a total of 83 goals?"

If yours is the first correct entry opened by the judges you will receive your bottle of Beenleigh Rum.

Simply address your entry to: Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street Leederville, and put your name, address and telephone number on the back of your envelope.

## CHEER SQUAD FOR SA?

THE Perth Football Club cheer squad is trying to get up a group to make a trip to Adelaide for the State match against South Australia on June 12.

A spokesman for the cheer squad, Darren Ginnelly, says that they need 40 people to agree to travel by bus.

There will be a meeting at Lathlain Park on Thursday night at 7.30 to discuss the proposal.

Everyone in WA will remember the show the South Australian cheer squad put on when their State side came to Subiaco Oval last year.

Ginnelly wants WA to put up a similar effort in Adelaide.

It looks like costing \$110 per head and anyone interested can ring Ginnelly on 459 3363 or Graham Gangell on 398 3032.

## Junior clinics

Town and Country, one of league football's major sponsors are also doing their bit for juniors. Besides sponsoring the junior page in Westside Football they will also be holding coaching clinics during the May holidays. There will be five league coaches and including Les Fong and Dean Turner. In the past players and coaches like Tim Gepp, Robbie Melville and Graham Campbell have assisted with the clinics. Tentative locations are Wanneroo, Leederville, Bassendean, Fremantle and Claremont.

## Hardie leads

South Fremantle half forward Brad Hardie is leading in the \$1000 Marlboro player-of-the-round award. Hardie is sitting on 16 votes but he is being hotly pressed by Claremont centreman Wayne Blackwell. Blackwell polled nine votes last week for his best on ground performance against Subiaco last Saturday and is on 15 votes. One vote behind Blackwell are Swan Districts half forward Mike Richardson and East Fremantle centreman Rod Lester-Smith. Swan Districts ruckman Alan Sidebottom is next with 13.

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



## IAN MILLER

## That 'no comment'

I could not pass without comment on one of my fellow columnist's article last week in regard to my 'no comment' after the East Perth - Perth match.

Graham, I was available, it was just that no one bothered to ask me for a comment!

## BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

Many a footballer has started his career in the backline and ended up making his mark at the other end of the ground.

There were two such examples in the West Perth - East Perth match last Saturday.

John Scott kicked eight goals for East Perth and Graham Comerford booted seven for the Falcons. Both of them must have appreciated the freedom of movement in the forward line.

## SECOND NOT GOOD ENOUGH

When a club has been down for a period, both players and supporters, are often prepared to take second place as long as the team puts up a competitive challenge. They become satisfied with losing.

But the fact is that second is not good enough. It does not get the club four premiership points and while everyone applauds the effort it is winning games which counts in the end.

## DUAL SKILL

One of the best individual competitions in the Swan Districts - Perth game was on the centre wing between Phil Narkle (Swans) and Oral McGuire (Perth). The brilliant Narkle and newcomer McGuire treated the crowd to some masterly play. Narkle was forced to lower his colours early in the match, but like a true champion, he produced his magic on a half forward flank, kicking two goals when they were badly needed. And when he returned to the wing he continued his fine form. I am sure McGuire was pleased with his performance and would have gained greatly from the duel.

## GREAT DISPLAY

I mentioned a few weeks ago that Peter Sartori impressed me with his display in the East Perth-Swan Districts game. On Saturday he not only impressed but also enthralled me with his fine display out of a forward pocket, kicking five goals before half time. He is certainly a player with a big future.

## RUNNERS RETURN

It is good to see many clubs using some experienced and former great players as team runners this year. I refer to George Young (West Perth), Steve Gillespie (Swans), Dennis Blair (Subiaco), Gerard McNeil (East Perth) Ken Inman (Perth). I am sure the players appreciate the experience and knowledge these men pass on, although they do not always appreciate the message from the coach.

## HOW MANY?

Have you ever asked yourself the question 'I wonder what the record is for the highest number of possessions by a player in one game?' Surely, recently retired former Subiaco captain Brian Douge, must have come close last Sunday. He was playing for Rockingham in the South Suburban Murray Football League and had 62 possessions (39 kicks and 23 handballs). A fair day's work.

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into the barrell for the big draw. Remember the more correct entries  
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must be on an official entry form and should be posted to or deposited in the entry box at the  
WESTSIDE FOOTBALL Office, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville. As a special service to footy  
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Winners of the weekly awards for last Saturday's fixtures in our "Pick-the-Winner"  
competition.

TULLOCH WINES award - M. Carter, Swanbourne: AMPOL award - B. Courtland,  
Forrestfield: ARCHIE MARTINS award - K. Buckland, Viveash: WAFL award -  
S. Ironmonger, Karridale: CITY THEATRES award - M. Forrest, Merredin.

My selections for . . .

MAY 1

Perth v West Perth

Subiaco v South Frem.

Swan Districts v Claremont

East Frem. v East Perth

Name . . . . .

Address . . . . .

Postcode . . . . .

(Cross out losing side)

# THE HOOD

WA's most feared footy columnist



## New face from West

ANOTHER WA player likely to play in the League in 1983 is Swan Districts centre half-forward Tim Gepp.

Gepp, 22, is vice-captain at Swans and had been considering a move to St Kilda, this year.

"My contract doesn't expire until the end of this year," Gepp said. "I'll definitely be talking to them (St Kilda) at the end of the year. I hope they'll still want me."

ONCE again a huge "For Sale" hanging over the controversial Sidebottom.

A player of great talent but poor cation, he is very much on the out Geelong.

The Cats are not saying why it is all over with Sidey. If they could, they would swap him in an effort to bring Steve Michaelis over from West Australia.

Unfortunately Sidebottom belongs to Swan Districts and Michaelis belongs to South Fremantle.

Swan Districts will want a big say in such a deal.

I doubt if any VFL side will go after him. Although clubs need good mobil big men, if he couldn't make the grade with St Kilda Geelong, why should anybody else try him?

# Melbourne madness

Melbourne newspapers continue their run of poor punting on facts.

Above are two more examples of their work. The "Sunday Observer" have given Tim Gepp a clearance to Swan Districts... seemingly before he makes the move to St Kilda next year.

Jack Dyer, writing in last week's Truth in a story headed "Nobody wants Sidey?" mentions a bloke from Western Australia called STEVE MICHAELIS. Anyone heard of him?

On the subject of Garry Sidebottom, another columnist, Ken Piesse, had this to say... "Garry Sidebottom's VFL future in senior Melbourne football is bleak, but if he's prepared to listen and accept \$20 a win, \$10 a loss and a crayfish for being best afield, Ocean Grove would love to have him. Ocean Grove president Jim McEwan plans to approach Sidey who is living like a recluse at Lara after being suspended by Geelong."

These Melbourne fellas can sure be pretty nasty; as is further indicated by the cartoon and accompanying comments about Simon Beasley (right).

Victorian clubs relieved us of a dozen of our top footballers this season. They didn't take long slipping in the knife after one in the bunch started slowly.

The rather nasty comments about Simon were made by a columnist — to use the term loosely — called "The Shadow". He fills space in the Sunday Observer each week, and last Sunday must have been really battling to print this dribble...

## Grizzly Beasley

SIMON Beasley believes the daggers are out for him. Beasley is upset that hungry teammates are ignoring his leads and kicking the ball almost everywhere except to him.

The Footscray recruit from the West is trying to justify his \$120,000 clearance tag.

He thinks he's more than a little embarrassed by his early performances. He's not the only one at the Western Oval!



BECAUSE imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, I am entitled to have a head as big as a pumpkin.

But, being modest, I am content merely to warn my faithful fans to beware of pale imitations of the one, the only Shadow.

The Sandgroppers have come up with two Shadow types, but neither is good enough to stand in my shadow, so to speak.

West-side Football's "The Hood" likes to claim he fires barbed arrows, when he really is blowing blunt darts, and The Western Mail's "The

Stab" has as much bite as an ant with false teeth.

There is only one Shadow, the football critic even the football critics are talking about.

THE HOOD



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

## Sorry, Dennis

West Perth coach Dennis Cometti doesn't like me! I hope that's only a temporary situation, Dennis, because I don't want to fall out with new coaches like you after such a short time. I'm sorry if you don't believe that I should hide behind a cloak of anonymity. But if I exposed myself to the public I'd get the sack from my other job! Football needs all the publicity and all the talking points it can get and if I can provoke some discussion on a topic, then well and good, as long as I'm correct. And, sorry to say, I was correct in my assertion that you were critical of umpires in your broadcast of the South-Claremont game. You may not have intended it to sound critical, but it did.

## Tut, tut... George

ABC's George Grjusich is usually right on the ball when it comes to football commentary. But he and co-commentary man, Graham Campbell (one of our men, too) fell into a simple trap during the Perth-Swans commentary. They were talking about Perth's Len Gandini going for a big run downfield. GC suggested it was a good 20 metres and then on the replay GG counted up to 17 paces from the Demon speedster. They both, unfortunately, missed the bounce Gandini had in between step No. 1 and step No. 17!



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# Was it a coincidence?

Did my colleague THE HOOD do a dirty on the West Perth coach last week?

He accused Dennis Cometti of criticising umpires Rowe and Phillips at Fremantle Oval last Monday week whilst broadcasting the Claremont - South Fremantle game.

The same two umpires fronted up at Perth Oval for the Royals - Falcons clash last week!

Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but my statistics showed that from the nine scoring shots from FREE kicks, seven went to the home side (in the Fremantle game there was only three scores from frees).

I've heard it said that cricket umpires relax more when they DON'T have the critical eye of the TV cameras breathing down their neck. Perhaps some of our umpires have become complacent now that TVW7 have pensioned off Freddy Woods!

## Future coaches

The 1968 East Perth team reads like a Coaches of the Future list.

Their present league, reserves and colts coaches, Grant Dorrington, Ian McCulloch and Eddie Pitter were all players that year under Derek Chadwick.

Mal Brown (later to coach East Perth, Claremont and now South) was also a player that year.

Others from the same team to hit the coaching scene were Ken McAullay (Perth reserves), Phillip Haughan (South Perth in WAFA) and John Garnaut (South Suburban).

## Memorable year

What else happened in 1968...

Subiaco's present-day president Kevin Merifield played his 200th game... Austin Robertson broke Bernie Naylor's goal-kicking record... a 16 year old school boy named Neil Balme made his debut with Subiaco (later to play in Richmond premiership teams and now coaching in SANFL)... the only league player from this year left is Graham Melrose (he started in 1967 when he played two league games)... Alan Watling started in the reserves at Leederville that year... the captain of Subiaco's under 16 district team was Mike Fitzpatrick (he captained VFL premiers Carlton last year).

For the first time ever there was no Fremantle team in the finals (the only other years this has happened is 1969 and 1972)... Barry Cable won his second Sandover Medal... you could book a seat in the old wooden grandstand for the grand final for two dollars!... the league presented a case to the Chief Secretary's department for football pools.

Perth completed a hat trick of premier-ships when they beat East Perth by 24 points in the grand final.

Grant Dorrington... from the 1968 Royals squad.



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# Marlboro GOALS!

## Comerford comeback

Graeme Comerford has certainly made a good transfer from Swans to West Perth, emerging as a goalkicker of some note with his new club. Last week he booted seven goals, including a real gem in the second quarter when he weaved his way through some goal-front defenders and snapped over his left shoulder for West Perth's 13th. But one of his other goals wasn't that memorable! Standing in the goal square, he mis-kicked, but fortunately it slipped off the side of his boot and trickled over the line.

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### MIXED BAG

East Fremantle's fourth goal in the derby was certainly a team affair... if it wasn't so serious, it would have been comical! Jeff Cassidy fed the ball to Ken Judge who passed to Jim Sewell. He fumbled, the ball went to David Rankin, who shovelled it out to Graeme Carter when he has collared. Carter back to Rankin and finally a chip shot over to Judge who brought up the much-awaited major.

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### RELIABLE REA

Big Perth player Michael Rea picked up five goals for the Demons... and he helped in a few more. One of his most notable achievements came in their strong third term when he dropped what was an easy mark, but recovered strongly to fire a great handpass out to Len Gandini, who shot it over to Brynn



Chute to bring up the major. Rea was on the end of a similar piece of work from his skipper Bryan Cousins, who fumbled an easy ball running goalwards, but fought back to regain it and shoot a handpass to Rea. The big fellow then twisted around like a rover and snapped truly.

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### RARE FEATS

It's becoming quite a productive goal-scoring year for South Fremantle's Paul Vasoli. He rarely ventures into a scoring position, but this year he has managed to score two goals, one of them against East Fremantle on Saturday. It was noticeable that he wasn't quite sure whether he should have shot or not as he went for a short pass when in kicking distance early in the game. But he kicked an immaculate goal on the run to bring up full points. An indication of how rarely he scores goals can be seen from his record with South, only 17, an abnormally small number for a ruck rover over more than three seasons.

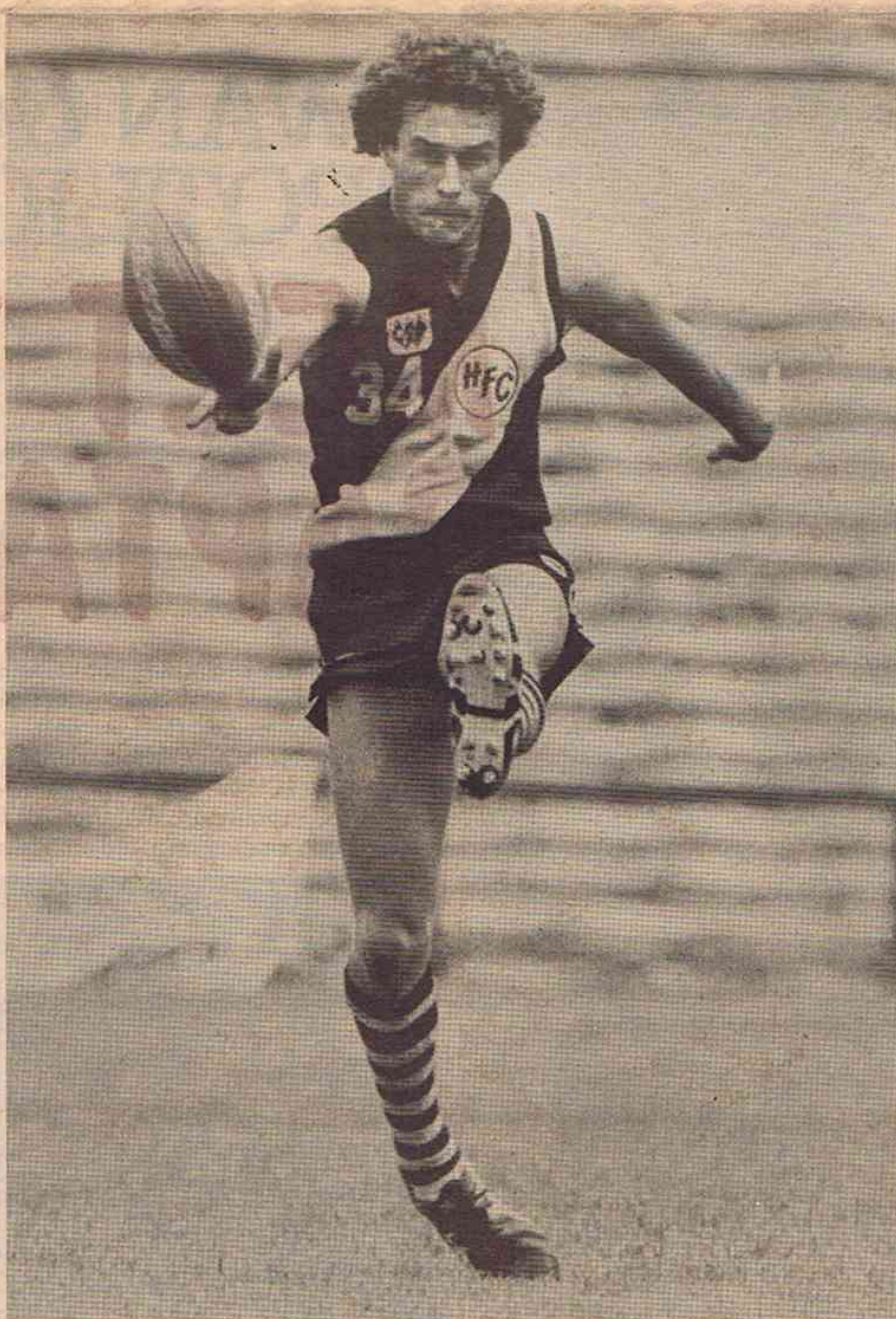
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### NIFTY NOWOTNY

That veteran of veterans, Stan Nowotny, showed that he had lost none of his speedy skills when he booted the 23rd goal for Swan Districts against Perth. He won the ball out of a pack right near the point post and ducked around the flat-footed defenders to squeeze a kick just on the right side of the goal post for a major. Nice stepping, Stan.

## Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	29.6
Steve Malaxos (Claremont)	22.7
Mike Richardson (Swans)	17.8
Peter Sartori (Swans)	15.5
Chris Stasinowsky (West Perth)	14.3
Don Holmes (Swans)	12.15
Dean Turner (East Perth)	12.5
Roger Kerr (East Frem.)	12.4
Graeme Comerford (West Perth)	12.3
Ross Gibbs (West Perth)	12.2



Hard-working rover CHRIS FOULKES has earned a regular league berth at Claremont.

# Foulkes fills a big hole

The biggest concern at Claremont pre-season was how to fill the roving gap left by the departure of the Krakouers.

But the Tiger selectors did not have to look far — for in their reserves side last year was a little rover by the name of Chris Foulkes.

Foulkes, who played all his junior football with Dalkeith juniors and Hale School, has taken over in the roving department and has been impressive in his early games.

Although Jim and Phil Krakouer are still missed, Foulkes has gone a long way towards solving the problem.

And he has not had to do extra pre-season work to make his way into the league side.

While all the other players were going about the strenuous routine of training in preparation for this season, Foulkes was in the Eastern States taking part in a national sailing championships.

Sailing is his second love and he teamed up with his brother Andrew to finish 10th in the Dragon class at the championships.

## YOUNG TALENT

Gary Stocks looks at a W.A.F.L. star of the future.

But the young Tiger has now forgotten about cruising the blue waters and is making an assault on the football world. After playing a season in the colts and reserves he is ready to accept a position of responsibility in the league side.

"I did not have much chance of making it last year because Jim and Phil were here and Mark Watson was playing good football," Foulkes says.

"But at the beginning of this season I gave myself a chance and I have been happy with the way things have gone."

Foulkes played most of his junior football with Dalkeith juniors and Hale School and says the two people largely responsible for his development were Alistair McMillan at Hale and David Harkess in juniors.

He added that the biggest influence anyone has had on him at Claremont was Jim Krakouer — the 20-year-old Foulkes learnt a lot about the art of roving just by watching Krakouer in action.

THIS WEEK

## CHRIS FOULKES

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

# MOTHER BROWN

## Query over stand

I've had quite a few enquiries about that grandstand at East Fremantle Oval where the public are charged extra to sit in after having paid their way into the ground... so I thought I'd check it out.

I got on to East Fremantle president, Mr Merv Cowan (who is also town clerk at East Fremantle) and he kindly explained the situation. The stand was built in 1967 and the loan to finance it will be finalised in 1987.

The club has used the money charged for admission to help pay the loan back. When the loan expires, East Fremantle will review the situation.

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### NOW, NOW DENNIS

I was sorry to see new West Perth coach Dennis Cometti have some harsh words to say about the media on Sunday.

Dennis has often been a critic of players, coaches and what-have-you in his role as a media man. And now it seems as though he doesn't like someone doing that to him.

It's interesting to see his attitude about the need for coaches boxes for visiting coaches. Funny how your outlook changes when you switch positions, isn't it?

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### IT'S LAUGHABLE

The rumours about what players (and even coaches) get paid are always interesting — and most times exaggerated.

The latest one doing the rounds is that highly-priced VFL 'recruit' Graham Teasdale has it written into his contract with new club Collingwood that he will not be played in a back-pocket.

He cost the Magpies a heap of dollars and those type of conditions don't help much, particularly when things aren't going all that well.

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### BAD UMPIRING

I don't like knocking our umpires, but one man-in-white that I saw last week was just not up to it.

There was one example when he chatted an East Fremantle player and as he turned away, the player pushed him in the back. It wasn't a free kick, naturally enough, but the umpire did nothing about it!

I'm amazed that umpires are protected as much as they are.

Players, coaches and even club officials are always open to criticism. But it seems as though no one is allowed to criticise umpires.

They should be brought into the public limelight a bit more and maybe then we can develop some new umpiring personalities.

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### RAW ROOKIES

Several clubs have introduced very young boys into their training camp, using them to run out drinks to players during the league matches.

I don't agree with this. I think young children should be kept out of the playing arena regardless of the role they are being used in.

What would happen if a small youngster got mixed up in a brawl between league players? Or got caught between the hectic football action (they can't read the play as well as adults) and got bowled over?

Think again, clubs who are doing this.

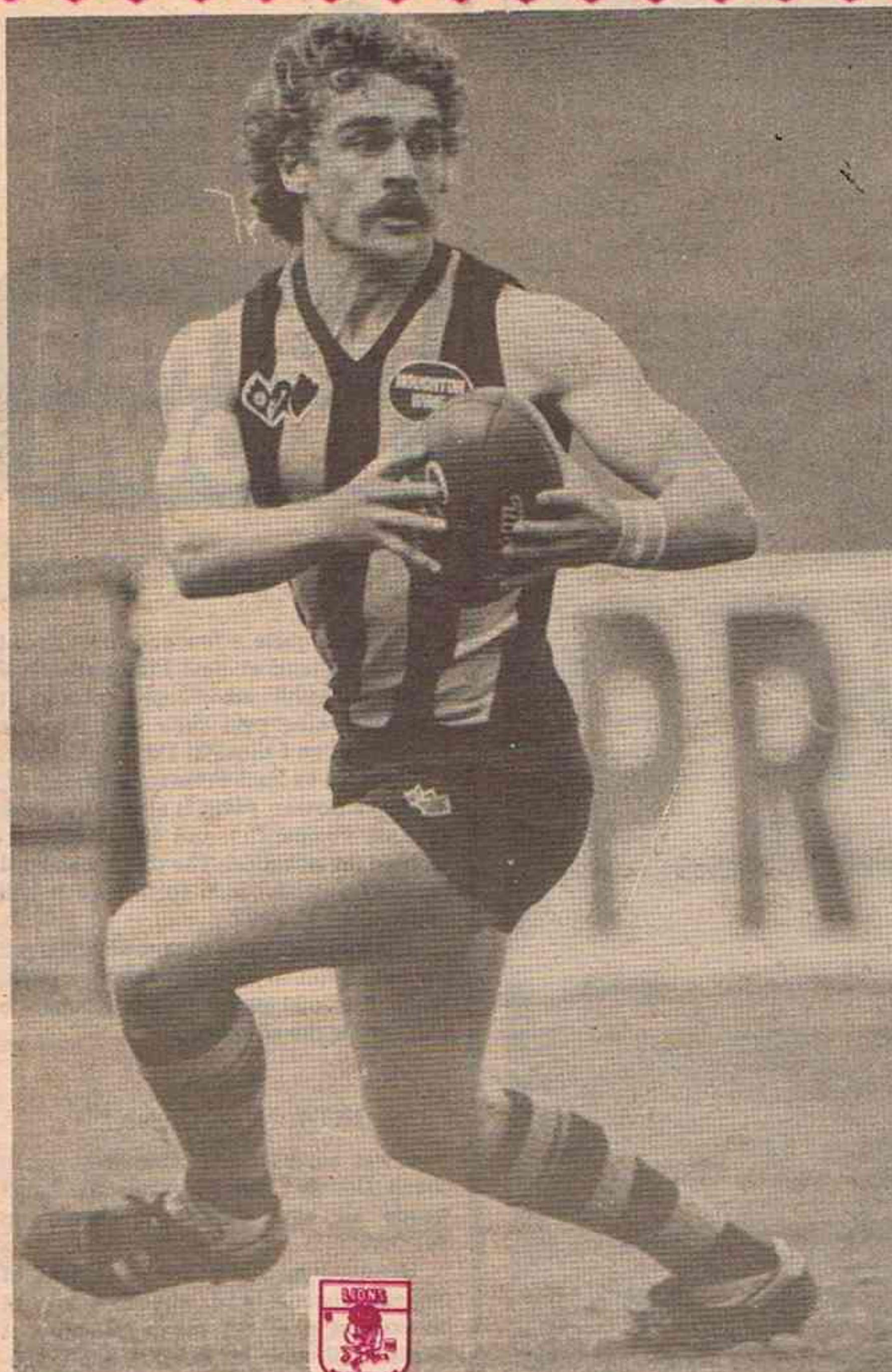
# SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

## MEET THE CAPTAINS

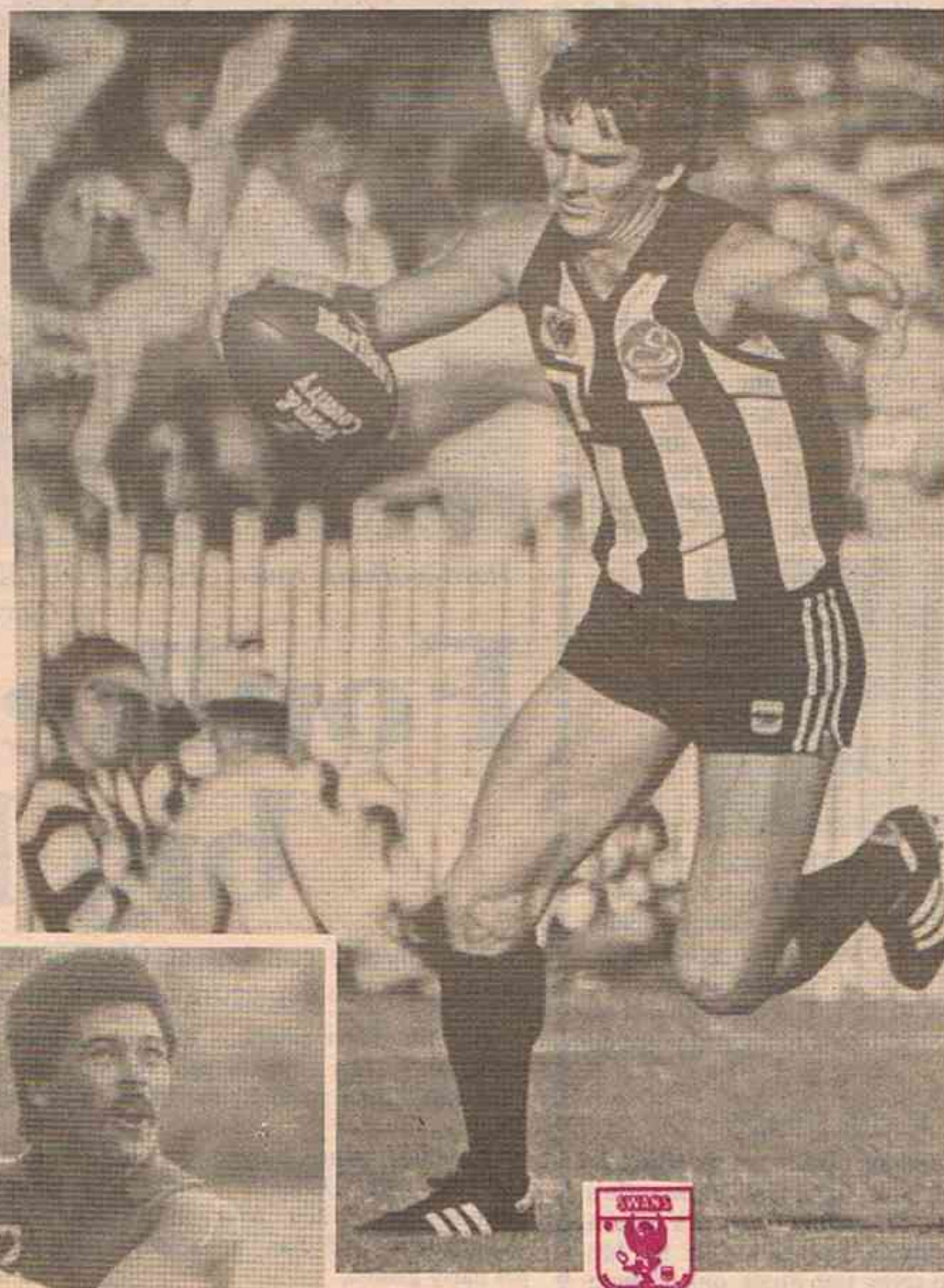
THERE is a certain something about being captain of a league side; it's a distinguished role that many great players over the years have cherished more than medals, flags or goals.

Captains are generally men who have been born to lead; but some are made to fit the job as their careers blossom.

The line-up of captains in WA football this year presents a mixed bag; but all are outstanding men and ambassadors for the game.



Football's youngest captain is Subiaco's NEIL TAYLOR (above), whose career has reached a peak this year purely through a recipe of hard work and perseverance. Taylor, a 25-year-old teacher, was a luke-warm player up until two years ago, never really impressing, but always around the scene. But his perseverance emerged as he started to put paid to some high reputations of rival wingmen and inclusion in the State squad last year was his reward. Then, in a difficult year for Subiaco, he went on to win the club's fairest and best award and pass the 100-game mark — and the captaincy this year confirms his rise to the top.



GRAHAM MELROSE (above) is not a home-grown Swan Districts player... but don't take that point up with any loyal black-and-white fan. Melrose has taken over the captaincy this year and there would not be a Swans fan who objected to the move. The classical rover joined the club in 1980 after a meritorious career with East Fremantle and North Melbourne and though he was 30 at the time, he signed a four-year contract to play for Swans. He simply loves football — and sees no reason why he should stop playing as long as the club wants him. He was the premiership captain at East Fremantle in 1974 and that type of leadership has made him a key man at Bassendean. The insurance agent has just celebrated his 33rd birthday — and his 300th senior game. A great double.



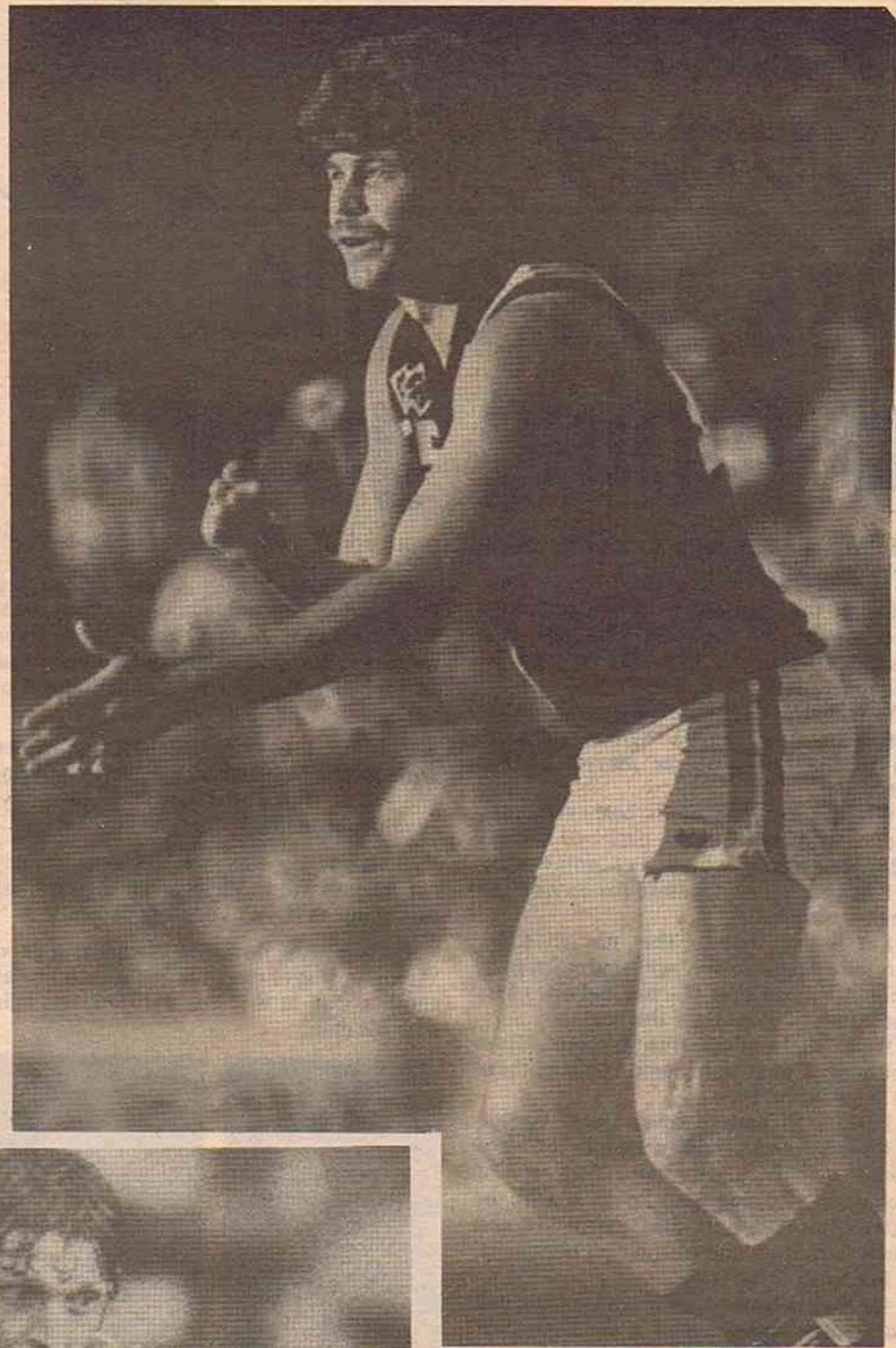
One of football's newest captains is BRYAN COUSINS (above). A dashing youngster from Armadale who is now back with Perth after five years with Geelong. After nearly 200 senior games he has emerged as a true leader, a player whose individual feats can inspire his team-mates and one who thrives on responsibility. The 28-year-old real estate business man has accepted the challenge thrown out to him this year by new coach Ian Miller and is proving a key person in the club's rebuilding programme as they search for young talent to mould a Demons team for the future.



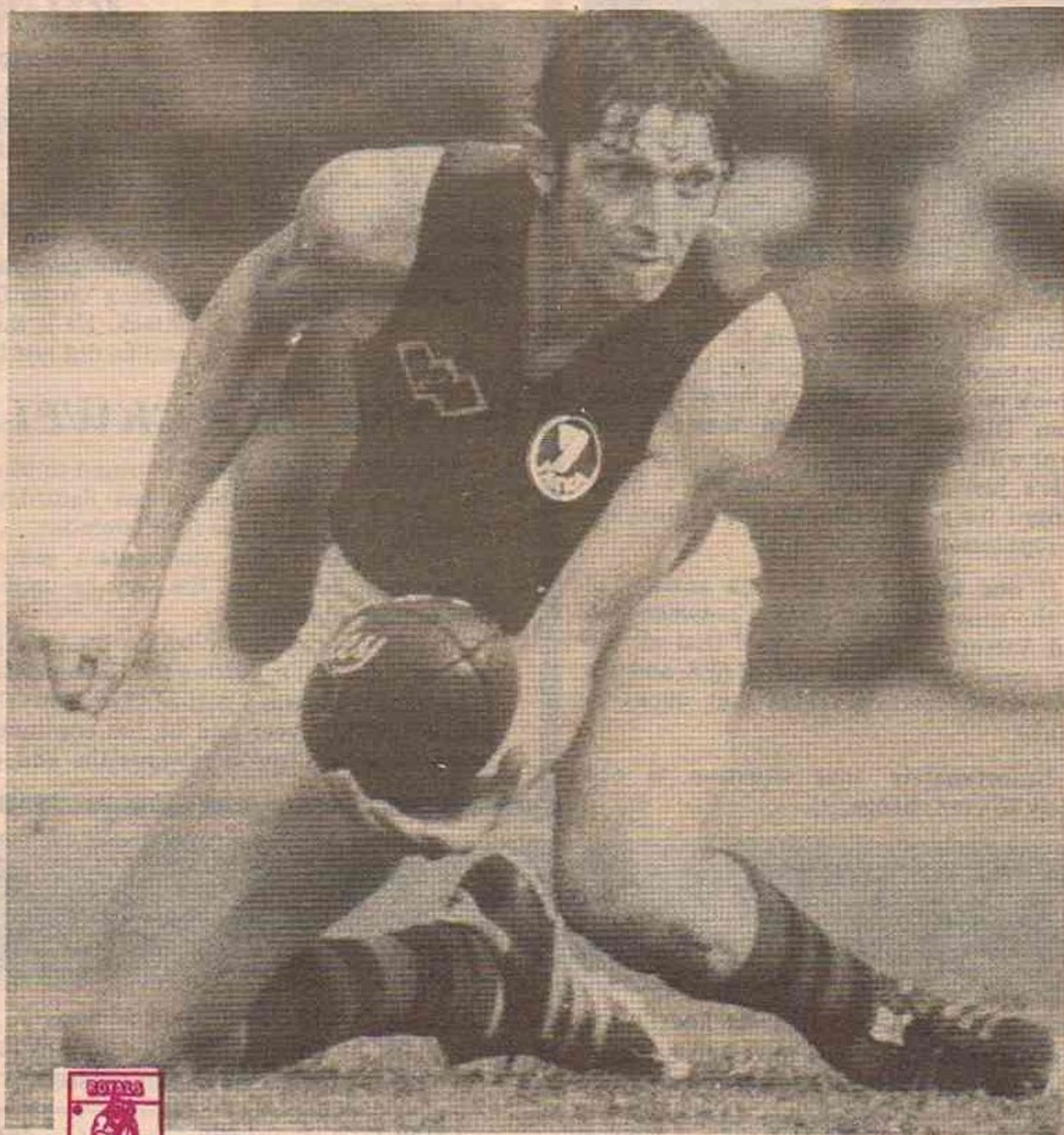
There is nothing more frustrating than to be sidelined with a series of injuries... particularly when you are as tough and courageous as LES FONG (left), the man who has captained West Perth for three years. The battling little rover has emerged from many a big pack with bumps and bruises — and the ball generally. The 25-year-old school teacher enjoys the leadership role on and off the field and he believes in serving by example; nothing is too big to handle and after 160-odd games, his enthusiasm for football or his loyalty to West Perth has not diminished. He is anxious to get back into business after a broken wrist and then a muscle strain have kept him on the sidelines this year.



Playing a leadership role has always been part of RON ALEXANDER'S life. He was captain of East Perth at the young age of 24, led VFL club Fitzroy into many tough battles and was a key man off the field in the development of the VFL Players' Association. So it was no surprise when East Fremantle recruited him this year as a playing coach, knowing full well that the challenge of the dual role would be something that Alexander could easily handle. Coaching is new to the 31-year-old teacher, but leadership isn't and the injection of a tough brand of discipline and a healthy respect for everyone in the camp is part of the Alexander doctrine as he strives to make the team competitive for 1982 — and onwards.



The role of a playing-coach is a difficult one, but GRAHAM MOSS has risen above all those problems since his surprise return to WA at the end of the 1976 season — the year of his Brownlow Medal win in the VFL. The huge frame of the 31-year-old Moss has carried many Claremont burdens into battle in recent years and, now with 300 senior games to his credit, he feels almost completely satisfied. A premiership last season put paid to critics who said that guiding a team out on the field was no longer possible and though the engineer-cum-real estate consultant has been able to rely on some strong off-field support, many of the new images developed at Claremont come from his influence.



To see JOHN HAYES (above) in the captaincy role at East Perth confirms that nothing is predictable in football. The fiery Irish-born man-of-many-roles has been in conflict with the club more than most players ever dream of. But that was a decade ago and now the 31-year-old sales representative is the acknowledged leader-of-the-troops at Perth Oval. His versatility and penchant for doing the unusual is something that has entertained the East Perth fans many times since his 1969 debut and though he left the club for stints in South Australia and Claremont, he has been a Royal for nearly 200 games.



The way that NOEL CARTER (left) has developed as a leader since his arrival in WA from Richmond five years ago has co-incided with a South Fremantle revival on the field. The Bulldogs have played in the last three grand finals (winning one) and it has been Carter's steadying influence on (and off) the field that has seen them stay at the top. He is a player of tremendous courage, seldom letting an opponent know when a hard bump hurt. This type of courage is infectious and many a young player at South has watched with admiration as the skipper leads the team fearlessly into battle. Carter, a 27-year-old insurance broker, is now ready to notch his 100th game for South after playing 53 with Richmond.

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# BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett  
'Sunday Times' and  
'Australian' football  
writer.



## Are we a Vic. dumping ground?

Is WA becoming a dumping ground for tired or at-the-end-of-their-tether VFL players?

From the number of Victorians who have moved to WA over the past two seasons it would be very easy to come to that conclusion.

In fact, the traffic west has rivalled that east this season, though there is still a big gap in the talent of the players passing each other.

WA has lost one of its best-ever crops of talented players in the past two seasons and there has not been any noteworthy VFL player to compensate for any of the stars we have lost.

But it does appear that not all those who have come to WA are lemons. In fact, it could be said that WA has had one of its best influx of Victorians this season.

While there is no Don Williams, Ross Smith or Hassa Mann among them there are some useful types.

Former Richmond rover Daryl Vernon impressed me on Saturday. He is in the same mould as Noel Carter, also formerly of Richmond. He appeared to lack a bit of match fitness against East Fremantle and was left huffing and puffing on occasions. But he is a true rover.

He knows how to go in and get the ball and is also something of a dead-eye dick when shooting for goals.

He could easily tip the premiership scales in South's favor this year as it will release Paul Mountain for ruck roving duties.

At Claremont Jim Durnan looks as though he will more than be a useful acquisition. He has shown he is a no-nonsense defender who adds a bit of fire to a backline that is already very determined and disciplined.

David Miers and Michael Sheldon have been able to make worthwhile contributions at Subiaco while Peter Bennett has joined the club with a reputation of being more than just an average VFL player.

At Perth and East Perth Dean Herbert and Ian Scrimshaw have shown they have the ability to make a contribution.

West Perth seems the best endowed in respect of former Victorians. The club is

amply sprinkled with former Victorians, but a lot of interest will centre on former Hawthorn ruck rover Peter Murnane when he makes his first league appearance. West Perth believe he will be something out of the box.

Though I haven't been over impressed with Wayne Foreman he appears to be doing the job at West Perth. Certainly they have confidence in him.

There is no way we will ever get any top players from Victoria unless they are just about at the end of their careers.

The Vics just don't let them go. A good Victorian player can usually find a home at another club in that competition if he fails with his club.



Daryl Vernon



Jim Durnan

But at least we do seem to be getting young players who aren't costing the world. I think most clubs will have learnt through Swan Districts having had their fingers burnt with Daryl Sutton.

It's just not worth outlaying a huge amount for a Victorian, no matter how big his reputation.

If one wanted to draw an analogy as to the movement of players between WA and Victoria it could be said that all the big currency is going out of WA and we are merely getting nickel and dimes in return.

Unfortunately that situation is not likely to ever change.

# Marlboro MEN

STARS make the  
turnstile 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.

## PAUL VASOLI . . .

PAUL VASOLI was at his damaging best last Saturday. The South Fremantle ruck-rover, who would rather handball than kick, used the ball to perfection. As spectators have become accustomed to seeing in recent seasons he was the instigator of many of the Bulldogs' attacking moves.

Vasoli continually broke up the play with his intelligent handball and proved, once again, how valuable he is to the South Fremantle side. He created many opportunities for his team-mates with a true team man's game.



## CAM SHEPHERD . . .

CAM SHEPHERD continued his brilliant early season form with another great game for Perth in the middle of the ground. He provided tremendous drive, but it was not enough for the Demons to take out the points.

Shepherd has not been out of his side's top players in the first four games of the season and he is a much improved player. He ran all day and provided the mid-field drive which could have been lacking at Lathlain Park this season. Although Swans won by 36 points, the finger could not be pointed at Shepherd, who tried hard.



## JOHN SCOTT . . .

JOHN SCOTT has found it difficult to gain a regular berth in the East Perth senior line-up. But after last Saturday's effort he could be on the way to achieving that goal. Scott was a focal point in the East Perth attacking zone and kicked eight goals in a match-winning performance.

Scott used well-applied aggression to win the ball and gave East Perth something they had been lacking up until last Saturday — a sure avenue to attack. He is the type of player who can lift a side and he did just that on Saturday.



## WAYNE BLACKWELL . . .

WAYNE BLACKWELL returned to top form in the match against Subiaco last Saturday with a devastating performance for Claremont.

The young Tigers vice-captain gained many possessions, but it was the way he used the ball that impressed most.

Blackwell continually set up the loose man and was instrumental in getting the Claremont machine into action. He was a part of Claremont's dynamic centre line last year and he has continued in the same form he showed towards the end of 1981.



# SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

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

APRIL 17	Westside Football	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	TVW 7	GPR	6IX	GWF	Umpires
East Frem. v Sth. Frem.	Mark Furness: Vernon (SF) Vasoli (SF) Barrett (SF)	Geoff Christian: Outhwaite (SF) Close (SF) Judge (EF)	Robbie Burns: Vernon Michael (SF) Vasoli	Robert Bennett: Vasoli Vernon Judge	Kevin O'Brien: Michael Vasoli Barrett	Wayne Harvey: Close Vernon Outhwaite	Oscar Howard: Outhwaite Close Judge	Phil Mulcahy: Close Vasoli Vernon	Tim Flynn: Vasoli Barrett	Powell/ Johnson
East Perth v West Perth	Peter Poat: Adamson (WP) Thorne (EP) Ironmonger (EP)	Doug Young: Thorne Adamson Ironmonger	Rod White: Campbell (EP) Thorne Curtis (EP)	Ray Wilson: Curtis Campbell Thorne	John O'Connell: Thorne (P) Scott (EP) Adamson	Bob Shields: Scott Ironmonger Adamson	Bob Hicks: Scott Comerford (WP) Ironmonger	Chris Mitsopoulos: Thorne Adamson	David Dyson: Palm (WP) Gibbs (WP) Turner (EP)	Phillips/ Rowe
Perth v Swan Dist.	Darren Ramshaw: C. Shepherd (P) O. McGuire (P) Melrose (SD)	Ken Casellas: McGuire Melrose C. Shepherd	Michael Thomson: Melrose McGuire Holmes (SD)	Geoff Womer: Melrose McGuire P. Narkle (SD)	John Appleby: Turner (P) McGuire Holmes	Ken McAullay: C. Shepherd Sidebottom (SD) Melrose	Alan East: C. Shepherd Melrose Holmes	Neil Garland: C. Shepherd Sidebottom Melrose	Tony Parentich: McGuire Melrose Gandini (P)	Capes/Salis
Claremont v Subiaco	Rod Lohaar: Blackwell (C) Daniels (C) Court (S)	Steve Wright: Blackwell Daniels Court	Alan McIntosh: Blackwell Ralph (C) Court	Colin Hopkins: Blackwell Daniels Moss (C)	Julian Stawell: Blackwell Daniels Ralph (C)	Marty McDonnell: Blackwell Daniels Ralph	Peter Van Helden: Blackwell Daniels Ralph	Harvey Deegan: Daniels Blackwell Ralph	Ray Lawrence: Blackwell Daniels Ralph	O'Reilly/ Morris

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**AROUND THE CLUBS**

With Gary Bartholomeusz

**SNAP HAPPY**

Wayne Dover, playing for Pickering Brook's under-15's side in the Hills Junior Football Association, began the season with a top goal-scoring performance against Mundaring at Pickering Brook last Sunday.

Playing at full-forward, with a run in the ruck, Wayne booted 12 goals out of his team's 15.15, while Mundaring scored 10.6.

Best, besides Wayne, for Pickering Brook were Scott McKenna and Peter Zurzolo.

Tim Parry, Greg Newhill and Stephen Hardaker were Mundaring's best.

**MILESTONES**

Congratulations to Robbie Mathieson (17's), Colin Webster (15's) and Michael Kelly (15's) for playing their 100th game for the Redcliffe Junior Football Club last weekend in the Swan Districts competition.

Balga's Andrew Bairstow (14's) also played his 100th game last Saturday, in the West Perth Junior Council, while club-mate Todd Binder (12's) notched up his 50 games.

**DEMON CUP**

Perth Football Club's Demon Cup competition started last Sunday with a thrashing and a keenly fought contest.

Carlisle showed tremendous strength in beating Centrals/East Vic Park 28.15 to 3.6. In the other game Collier/Kensington won 16.18 to Manning/South Perth's 13.8.

**ESSO CUP**

Perth Football Club are conducting three high school zone carnivals in June in search of a premier team to represent them in next season's proposed high school competition with each W.A.F.L. club nominating a team.

The first carnival is on June 2 at Ferndale Reserve and is the Upper School Carnival, where eight teams will compete.

The lower school carnival is also planned for Ferndale Reserve with eight competing schools. A third carnival, the country carnival, will be held at Northam on June 8 with six schools.

The final will be played at Lathlain Park on June 14 for the Esso Cup. A further incentive will be a set of new jumpers for the winning school.

**ROLE CALL**

Listed below are details of metropolitan junior councils/associations.

**MAGPIES UNBEATEN**

After only three games in Claremont Football Club's Tiger Cup competition, Magpies are undefeated while Panthers are the only team not to win a game.

Last Sunday's games saw Magpies 20.14 beat Hawks 10.9, Saints 19.11 won against Panthers 15.9, and in an upset, Cats 13.12 downed Kangas 8.12.

**PLAYERS WANTED**

North Beach Junior Football Club is in desperate need of more players, especially for their 9's and 13's teams. Last week they were forced to forfeit the 13's team and boys in the area are invited to attend training at Charles Riley Oval, North Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interested persons may contact Club president Blair Howie on 447 3407.

**KARRINYUP TOO**

The Karrinyup Junior Football Club are also in need of boys for their 13 year and under team. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Karrinyup Reserve, Huntriss Street, Karrinyup. Boys from other age groups are also welcome. Club Secretary Lois Dalton (446 3533) can be contacted for further details.



Little League action between East Perth and West Perth at Perth Oval.

**LITTLE LEAGUE**

Most little league games last week were decided by big margins.

Perth recorded the biggest winning total of the day when they proved too strong for Swan Districts.

The young Demons played good team football to win 6.3 (39) to nil.

Best players for Perth in a top performance were Toby Richardson, Wayne

Jones and Fabian Yarra while Swans had good players in Jamie McCue, Lance Lyellas and Anthony Vurrow.

Claremont, who head the table with no losses at this stage, easily accounted for Subiaco 6.4 (40) to 1.1 (7).

Claremont's best players were M. McPartland, M. Borling and C. Drew while T. Singh, A. Closs and J. Hinton tried hard for Subiaco.

In the closest match of the weekend East Perth ran out winners over West Perth by just four points.

The young Royals won 2.1 (13) to 1.3 Colin Brown, Steven Handley and Shane Clark played well for East Perth while better players for West Perth were P. Franceschini, G. McLennan and M. Dunstan.

East Fremantle slipped to the bottom of the table when they were well beaten by South Fremantle.

South Fremantle kicked 4.2 while holding Old Easts to just one point.

Best players were Denny Granelli, Peter Worsfold and Braden Tanlonga for South and Karl Brearley, Darryl Richards and Troy Galbraith for East Fremantle.

East Perth were represented by Noranda, West Perth (Westminster), East Fremantle (Rossmoyne), South Fremantle (South Fremantle), Claremont (Sorrento), Subiaco (Warwick), Perth (Canning) and Swan Districts (Swan Districts).

Premiership points: Claremont 16; Perth 12; West Perth 8; Subiaco 8; East Perth 8; Swan Districts 6; South Fremantle 4; East Fremantle 2.

**JUNIOR MILESTONES**

Reaching a milestone in any level of football is a meritorious achievement... and WESTSIDE FOOTBALL and Town and Country Building Society join together to acknowledge the feats of juniors who make their mark in the game.

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It has been suggested that a target of 200 junior games is impossible... but WAFL advice is that it is occasionally achieved by youngsters who compete in two games a weekend as they progress up through the ranks.

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	President	Secretary	Registrar	Clubs	Teams	Official Grades	Play	Registered Players (estimate)	Modified Rules
Claremont Junior Council	John Harvey	Bob Webster 447 7431	Lindsay McKenna 448 2865	10	91	8:9:10:11:12:13:14:15s	Sundays	2,500	8:9:10s
East Fremantle Junior Council	Graham Forsythe	Ron Renfrey 339 3004	George Bruner 330 5950	13	130	11:13s (Blue Division) 9:11:13:15:17s	Saturdays Sundays	2,600	9s
East Perth Junior Council	Bill Forrest	Colin Campbell 271 2339	Cec Coultas 271 6262	10	73	10:11:12:13:14s 8:9:15:17s	Saturdays Sundays	1,700	8:9:10s
Hills Junior Association	Chris Catlin	Betty Pratt 298 8791	Betty Pratt	10	24	12:15:17s	Sundays	800	—
Perth Junior Council	Murray O'Halloran	Neil Stedman 453 2090	Bill Jones 450 2170	9	46	10:12:14:16s	Sundays	2,000	10s
South Fremantle Junior Council	Don Ricci	Jack Dickson (095) 27 2453	Margaret Nellestyn 337 3218	13	67	10:12:14:16s	Sundays	1,200	10s
South Suburban Association	Don Loughton	Kevin McManus 459 2001	Terry Smith 459 3383	8	68	8:13:15s 9:11:17s	Saturdays Sundays	2,000	—
Subiaco Junior Council	Gerry Stokes	Ron Loxley 446 3289	Mrs Dale Somers 13-17s 341 1911 Wally Edgar 8-12s 446 6241	11	124	11:23:13s 8:9:10:14:15:17s	Saturdays Sundays	3,000	8:9:10s
Swan Districts Junior Council	Lindsay Johnson	Des Hardiman 279 1432	Gary Knewstubb 279 1874	18	100	12:13s 9:10:11:15:17s	Saturdays Sundays	5,000	9:10s
West Perth Junior Council	Jack Appleby	Stella Geritsen 342 4859	Nola Appleby 342 4391	16	98	12:14s 9:10:11:16s	Saturdays Sundays	3,000	9:10s

## Season off to a good start

NORTH Beach, Trinity-Aquinas, Wembley, Old Wesley and University emerged victors in the first round of the 1982 'A' league season.

North Beach turned a five-goal deficit at the beginning of the third quarter into a four-goal win. They over-ran 1981 finalists Nollamara in a hard-fought clash and showed that they have the ability and character to push for a spot near the top half of the ladder.

Nollamara have lost several key players through transfers and injury but should once again be a more than competitive team.

Maylands showed proof of their great improvement and despite their loss to University in a game worthy of praise, they appear to justify their high rating.

Even at this early stage of the season they seem definite finals prospects.

University, who will improve further, were without top recruit Robbie Melville (Claremont), former All Australian amateur Dick O'Shannessy and regular stalwart Jon Carson.

Old Wesley proved too strong for last year's grand finalists, Old Scotch, in the last quarter.

It was a good first up win for rookie coach Denis Williams, who appears to have covered up the loss of some top players. Old Scotch, still an unknown quality, should not be worried as they have an abundance of youth and skilled players still available.

Wembley showed no mercy against Collegians in a one-sided affair and already look set for a top season. With several Wembley recruits still to hit top form, they will continue to improve and make life miserable for a majority of clubs.

Collegians should bounce back this week and along with the inclusion of injured players will be a more balanced combination.

Trinity-Aquinas outplayed Mt Lawley in the closing stages of play and already seem to be a more competitive team than in 1981, while Mt Lawley may find it hard to overcome the losses of 10 of last year's top players.

Nollamara have a chance to gain their season's first premiership points this week against Old Scotch in an evenly-matched game that should be a true test to see who is the fittest team at this part of the year.

Collegians meet first-up winners Trinity-Aquinas, who should be full of enthusiasm after their best start since 1980.

Collegians have the ability to bounce back and win in a tight finish even though the game is played at Trinity's new home ground.

University should make it two wins in a row, as it is difficult to make a case for Mt Lawley even in second round of football.

Mike Salmon (Uni) will be keen to win by a big margin to take top place from traditional rivals Wembley, who meet North Beach.

North's should provide greater opposition to the "Magpies" this week and on the bigger league ground it should enable the running younger players more room and be a true test of their ability.

Wembley appear to have one of the strongest amateur teams for some years, but results should be much closer than last time the two met - in 1980 when they drubbed the opposition by over 20 goals.

Maylands could take the honours from Old Wesley and grab a place in the four from which they should be hard to dislodge. The "Rams", even without a top centre-half-forward, have enough classy mobile players to over-run the Old Wesley combination.

### B LEAGUE

Highly fancied Floreat Marist, with four State players, failed to live up to expectations when downed by newly promoted City Beach.

The Beach will be tested once again by C.B.C. who were no match for 1981 'B' premiers Scarborough after half time.

### C LEAGUE

Newly promoted Innaloo gained first-up success under new coach Eddie Herold, who had gained two premierships in successive years (1980-81), with North Beach reserves.

W.A.I.T., down from 'B' league, won their first game since 1980 in good fashion against Hamersley.

### D DIVISION

The clash of 1980 'E' grand finalists Old Wesley and North Beach saw Old Wesley reverse their last result in convincing style.

### E DIVISION

Dianella, only promoted two weeks ago (due to withdrawal of T.C. Mt Lawley) proved that they have the ability to be top competitors with a good win over Collegians No. 2.

Other new teams, St Norberts and National Bank enjoyed initial success.

### F DIVISION

Muresk downed Scarborough, a win over the last season's 'G' premiers.

Another former 'G' team, Lynwood/Ferndale, defeated North Fremantle (down from 'E').

### G DIVISION

Coolbinia, one of the league's younger clubs, seem destined for a good season with a solid effort over Morley.

### COLTS

"A": Old Wesley enjoyed a percentage-boosting win over a struggling Old Scotch. North Beach, traditionally a strong colts team, downed Nollamara for a good start to the season. Other winners were Wembley, University and Mt Lawley (1981 premiers).

"B": Wembley showed the depth in colts when their second team accounted for Morley. A first-up win for new team City Beach will put interest into this division.

### JUMPER PRESENTATION

North Beach's annual presentation of league jumpers was a great success with the announcements made by one of their active vice-patrons, Mr Ian Viner (Federal Minister for Industrial Relations).

### CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

Amateur clubs and supporters are invited to make contributions (News, club functions, presentations, etc.) to this page by submitting articles in writing to the W.A.A.F.L.; Bag 15 P.O. West Perth or by phoning Amateur League Headquarters on 382 1293 no later than the Friday before publication.

### Clubs no longer competing

Carlton (Sunday division) found it hard to maintain a team in their first year after some heavy losses and have dropped out.

Teachers College Mt Lawley (in amateurs since 1971) and year-old Maranatha, Takari colts and Perth have also withdrawn from the 1982 competition.

Perth Amateurs were originally formed as the East Perth Amateurs in 1947. They changed their name in 1967 with the part demise of East Perth.

## AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL REPORT

PERTH 1982

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## Neesham Coach

HARRY NEESHAM has recently been appointed coach of the 1982 W.A.A.F.L. State team for the 15th Australian amateur football carnival to be held early July.

Previously he had coached the W.A.A.F.L. State team in 1978, losing by nine points against the South Australia A.F.L. in the curtain-raiser to the W.A.F.L. vs S.A.F.L. in Adelaide.

At the 14th Australian football carnival (Hobart, 1979), was in charge of the team that defeated Tasmania and South Australia and narrowly lost to eventual carnival winners Victoria.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was in 1980, when he coached the W.A. team, defeating Victoria A.F.L. for the very first time since the teams have competed against each other from 1936.

Later, in 1980, South Australia A.F.L. defeated the W.A.A.F.L. (once again in a close game). Also in games against country associations he has a 100% coaching record.

Before his involvement as W.A.A.F.L. State coach, Harry Neesham played league football with East Fremantle from 1964 to 1970, missing 1965 and 1966 in national service.

In 1969 he was premiership coach of the East Fremantle thirds, 1970 premiership coach of Old Easts reserves and coached the league team for the last half of the season.

In 1971 he was captain-coach of country team Bolgart reaching a creditable third.

Neesham's first contact with amateur football began in 1973 when as captain-coach of A division team C.B.C. Old Boys, who were beaten by Wembley for premiership honours by four points. The following year, again coaching the same club, he finished in fourth place.

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PAST W.A.A.F.L. State carnival team coaches have been: 1936 F.W. Brack; 1938 J. Farrell; 1948, 51, 53 S. Miller; 1956 R. Foster; 1959 J. Manhart; 1962 H. Kirk; 1964, 67 A. MacMillin; 1970 P. Tannock; 1973 J. McGann; 1976 A. Hay; 1979 H. Neesham.

### Last week's results

#### "A" LEAGUE

Old Wesley 15.14 d Old Scotch 14.12; Wembley 23.19 d Collegians 8.18; University 15.20 d Maylands 11.14; Trinity-Aquinas 14.21 d Mt Lawley 14.11; North Beach 14.23 d Nollamara 11.15.

#### OTHER RESULTS OF INTEREST

'B' LEAGUE: Wembley No. 2 21.13 d Morley 9.10; City Beach 16.14 d Floreat Marist 13.9; Scarborough 17.14 d C.B.C. 10.9.

'C' LEAGUE: Innaloo 14.11 d Wembley No. 3 12.14.

'D' DIVISION: Old Wesley No. 2 14.8 d North Beach No. 2 8.14

'I' DIVISION: Maylands 4.6 d Swanbourne 4.4.

#### HIGHEST SCORES OF THE ROUND

"D" DIVISION: Commonwealth Bank 28.25 d Teachers 8.9.

## THIS SATURDAY

#### "A" LEAGUE

Trinity Aquinas vs Collegians at Earnest Johnston; Old Wesley vs Maylands at Lathlain; North Beach vs Wembley at Perth Oval; University vs Mt Lawley at McGilvray No. 1; Old Scotch vs Nollamara at East Fremantle.

#### OTHER GAMES OF INTEREST

#### "B" LEAGUE

C.B.C. vs City Beach at Fremantle Oval; Wembley No. 2 vs Floreat/Marist at McLean Park.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

#### "A" LEAGUE

Nollamara vs Old Wesley at Nollamara No. 1; Wembley vs Old Scotch at Leederville; Trinity-Aquinas vs North Beach at Fremantle Oval; Maylands vs Mt Lawley at Perth Oval; Collegians vs University at Claremont Oval.

## New amateur teams

Several clubs have joined the W.A.A.F.L. for the first time.

City of Perth (with members mainly from within the Perth City Council) will compete in 'J' division under captain-coach Greg Allard, a former top Carlisle player.

Langford, although formed in 1974, will field a team in the amateurs Sunday division for the first time.

Former Mercantile competition club "Yokine Maulers", now known as Stirling Districts (formed 100 years ago) have moved into amateur ranks joining the growing Sunday division.

A team from R.A.A.F. Pearce will play

in the 'J' division. In 1940 and 1941 an R.A.A.F. team competed in the 'B' division.

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# Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

## South West may enter two teams

The South West National Football League is considering entering two sides in the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships this season.

The South West is the strongest competition outside the metropolitan area and are keen to enter an under-23 side in this year's carnival.

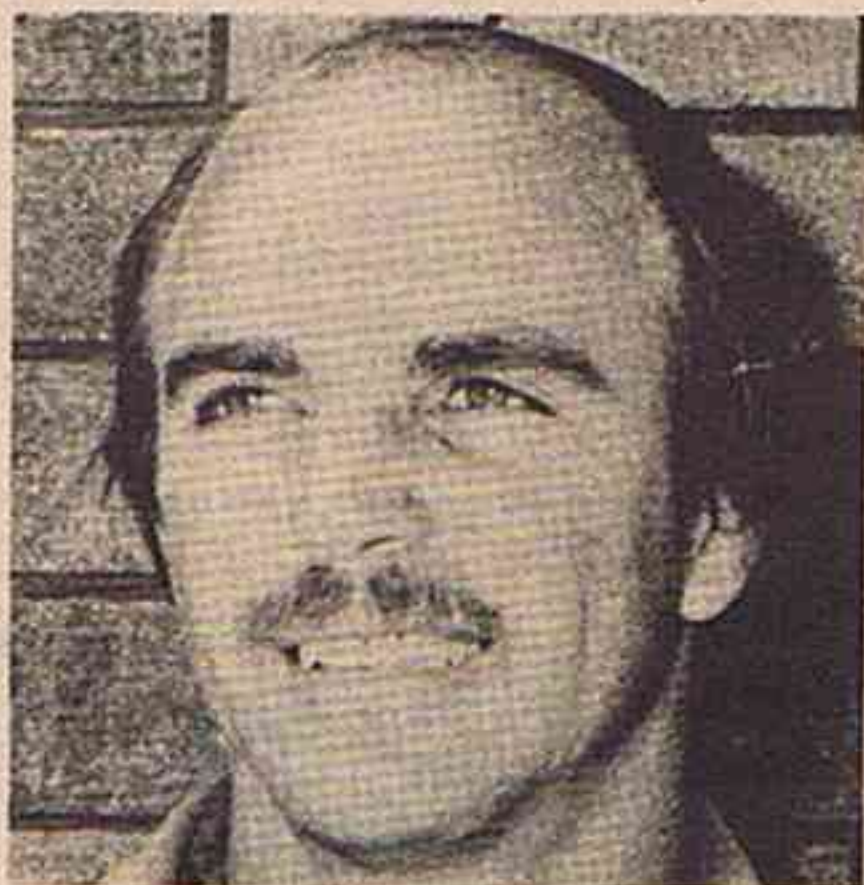
However, the side would not start in A-grade.

The proposal is currently being looked at and it is possible that after a couple of seasons it may finish up in the top section of the competition.

Last year's SWNFL side which won the grand final of the carnival against Upper Great Southern had an average age of just 24.

A Harvey company, E.G. Green and Sons are considering a proposal to sponsor the side and a SWNFL spokesman said negotiations were well in hand.

## House resigns



Busselton coach, Graham House has resigned from his position after just two games.

House gave his reasons for resigning as ill health.

He is the second coach in as many seasons to relinquish the coaching job at Busselton.

Last year Doug Peake quit the position mid-way through the season.

House will not continue in a playing capacity.

Collie footballer Peter Davidson is leading most awards in the SWNFL.

The 18-year-old key position player has been brilliant in the early part of the season and seems destined for a bright future.

Swan Districts have already shown keen interest in him and he seems certain to head to the city next year.

He finishes an apprenticeship at the end of this year and once he completes his time would be free to try his luck with Swans.

Davidson can play at either centre-half-back or centre-half-forward with equal effect.

## Kellerberrin look for improvement

Avon Football Association club Kellerberrin are after a big improvement this year.

They failed to win a game last year but a difference in attitude has already been noticed on the training track.

New coach Mal O'Malley is giving everything in a bid to lift the side from the bottom of the premiers table and the indications are that it could happen in 1982.

Kellerberrin president Robert Bradley said that he hoped his side would be more competitive this year.

Morale has been low at the club in the last couple of years but things appear to be changing this year.

Local business houses are right behind the club and have provided 25 track suits for the league squad.

## DOWERIN DOMINATE

Dowerin Tigers dominated the recent Mortlock Football League lightning carnival.

Dowerin lost only one match on the way to winning the title in conditions that made it difficult to play consistent team football.

The heat took its toll on the players as the carnival progressed, but a good standard of football was still produced.

The number of competing teams was down on last year but it was still highly successful and coaches took the opportunity to experiment with players in new positions.

Tigers coach Noel Partington was pleased with the way his team stood up to the test and they should be a real force in the competition this year.

Dean Melvin completed a good weekend for the Tigers when he won the fairest and best award for the carnival.

Moora team Warriors finished second, from Wongan Hills and Calingiri.

## TEEDE PRESIDENT

Mr Trevor Teede is the new president of the Carnarvon Junior Football Association.

He was elected to the position at the association's recent annual general meeting.

Other office bearers are Mrs Faye Muller (secretary) and Mrs Peg Faithfull (interim treasurer).



John Doyle

## Bunbury set the pace

Bunbury are this year's glamour side in the South West National Football League.

They began season 1982 in brilliant fashion when they beat title holders South Bunbury convincingly and gave further proof of their improvement with a strong victory over Busselton last Sunday.

Until then, Busselton were also undefeated but went down by 10 goals to veteran coach Peter Betti's Bunbury combination.

It seems they are the side to beat and have jumped greatly from their fifth ranking last season.

The well knit unit led by Don Rintoul, Barry Haydinger and Alf Shiosaki proved too much for Busselton to handle.

Former Perth and East Perth rover John Doyle was in scintillating form for Collie last week and it is hard to imagine how East Perth could have released him.

Doyle led Collie to a tremendous victory over the more fancied Harvey Brunswick when he kicked five goals.

## Motor firm sponsors Esperance league

The Esperance Football Association will again be sponsored by Norfolk Motors in the coming season.

The used car firm is providing a number of awards for local footballers, including \$1000 for the player of the year award.

The prize money break down will be \$500 for the fairest and best player in the association on votes awarded by the umpires, \$200 for the runner-up and \$100 for the fairest and best player in the grand final.

The reserves fairest and best will also receive \$200.

In junior football, the Esperance association is introducing modified rules into the 10s grade.

The move was made in an effort to encourage children to compete and to provide a bigger opportunity for smaller players.

## Panthers move

Port Hedland Panthers reserves have pulled out of the De Grey Football League.

Instead they will play in the West Pilbara League in the coming season. The proposal was approved by the West Pilbara Football Association at their last meeting.

Panthers refused to play in the De Grey league because it meant the side had to play at different venues than the league side.

## Rovers start well

Upper Great Southern team Rovers began the season successfully with a convincing 63 point victory over Boddington last Sunday.

Rovers overcame a determined third quarter Boddington fightback and kicked on to an impressive victory in the last term to win 23.10 (151) to 13.10 (88).

It appears that their off-field support has given the club a new lease of life and they look set for a bright future this season.

They ran well on Sunday and there was little the Boddington defence could do.

In other matches Pingelly kicked a mammoth 38.32 to Cuballing's 3.7. Pingelly look to be a real premiership threat this year and produced irrepressible football in the opening round.

Most other matches were also decided by large margins with 1981 premiers Wickepin proving too strong for a depleted Federals in kicking 27.16 to 8.13.

Mitchell Beck kicked five goals for the victors.

Williams, the boom side in last year's competition, until the grand final, scored a huge victory over Towns 27.13 to 9.10. Former South Fremantle player Greg Cavanagh booted six goals for Williams while Keith Bellard produced a top effort for Towns from a half forward flank when he kicked five goals — more than half of the side's score.

In the closest match of the day West Arthur beat Railways by five points — 16.8 to 14.15. Railways could blame poor kicking for the loss although West Arthur played first class football.

## COUNTRY NEWS

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

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# THE GREAT GOALKICKERS



Western Australia has produced some prolific goalkickers over the years and in this segment Westside Football looks at some of the greatest from each of the eight league clubs.

Westside Football writer GARY STOCKS will peer into the past to bring back memories of the men who thrilled the crowds with their uncanny goal sense.

So far we have looked at South Fremantle and Subiaco's great full-forwards, this week, in the third of these special features, we look at Perth.



# War affects two of Perth's best forwards

The Perth Football Club has produced many fine players, but without question there are three outstanding forwards in the club's history.

Their two most prolific goal scorers, Ron Tucker and Bert Gook, were produced around the start of World War II and had it not been for the war, both would have compiled more impressive records than history now shows.

But Perth had to wait until the 1970's before their next magical forward, Murray Couper, emerged.

Gook began his career in the 1930's and was a truly great player and the reason he only headed the WAFL goalkicking table once was because there were so many great full forwards around in his era.

In 1937 he bagged 107 goals, but was still unsuccessful as the legendary George Doig, of East Fremantle, booted 129 in the same season.

## OTHER PLAYERS

Other top forwards around during Gook's career included George Maloney and Ted Tyson.

But Gook was such a good player that he never stayed at full forward. He turned into a centreman of some repute and produced the same magic in the middle that football fans had come to expect when he was in the forward line.

His greatest asset was his strength. Gook was a high flyer and once he was up in the air and clamped his vice-like hands on the ball it seldom spilled out.

He had tremendous ball-getting ability and roamed far and wide for his kicks while at full forward.

## MANY POSITIONS

He was not as accurate as the other great forwards around at the time, but he had many possessions.

He used his pace to get away from his marksmen and was simply brilliant in his ball-getting capacity. He covered plenty of territory and left the opposition floundering in his wake with his sheer brilliance.

But in 1941 disaster struck.

The talented forward turned centreman broke a leg during the season, and his combined with the war, signalled the end of his career.

An indication as to Gook's ability was the fact that on April 29, 1939 he kicked a mammoth 16 goals against West Perth.

War also interrupted Tucker's career — or at least delayed his start in football.

In his early days there was only the under-age competition in operation and because of his age he could not play.

But when he was able to begin playing he thrilled the crowds with his clever



Ron Tucker... a brilliant aerialist

Courtesy of W.A. Newspapers.

forward play.

He was a high leaping, fast full forward who led most defenders a merry dance with his unpredictability.

He did the unexpected and opposition defenders found him difficult to counter.

In addition to this clever aspect of his game he was also lightning fast — a facet of his game which never died, even as he became older.

He did not use physical strength to gain possession of the ball, but still managed to be very effective as he was a high marking player.

He kicked 104 goals in the 1950 season

and was the leading goalkicker in league football in that year.

But that was to be the first and last time he kicked the magical ton or showed the way on the goalkicking table.

One of his greatest achievements was against a visiting VFL side in 1954 when he booted 11 goals.

Like Gook, Tucker suffered a serious injury in 1955 and that proved to be the end of his career.

In more recent times Couper took the football world by the scruff of the neck.

Couper was unbeatable on his day, but his biggest problem was maintaining consistency.

He could kick goals from anywhere under any circumstances and there was nothing the opposition could do to stop him.

It was a shame that late in his career he could not manage to gain senior matches when he switched from Perth to East Perth and from the Royals to East Fremantle.

But he will still be remembered for some of the most magical moments in recent football history.

To add to his brilliant goalkicking ability, Couper was also a character of the

game. There was nothing he loved more than to let his marksman know that he had just brought up full points — especially if the goal came from a free kick.

Besides kicking freak goals, Couper was also unbelievably accurate from a set shot from a long way out.

He will be remembered as one of the best kicks the game has ever produced.

He could take a set shot from 60 metres out on a 40 degree angle and continually send the ball straight through the middle.

## HALF FORWARDS

Couper played mainly as a half-forward flanker and a tribute to his ability to play the position to perfection was that on three occasions he booted 10 goals or more.

And besides that feat, there were many times when he kicked eight or nine in an afternoon.

It only took Couper five minutes of football to completely destroy the opposition. He had the uncanny ability to get the ball on a string and kick three or four goals in as many minutes.

Couper headed the goalkicking table in 1975 and was Perth's highest scorer in three seasons — but he never kicked 100 goals in a season.



## Players who have kicked ten or more goals in a match.

Goals	Player	Versus	Date
11	Alf Halliday	West Perth	5 Sept., 1914
13	Alan Evans	East Frem.	3 Sept., 1921
11	Allan Johnson	South Frem.	16 June, 1928
10	Alan Evans	East Perth	13 July, 1929
10	Albert Gook	South Frem.	6 June, 1936
10	Albert Gook	East Frem.	5 June, 1937
16	Albert Gook	West Perth	29 April, 1939
10	Albert Gook	Swan Districts	20 May, 1939
10	Albert Gook	West Perth	17 June, 1939
11	Ron Tucker	West Perth	28 August, 1946
10	Ron Tucker	Subiaco	10 May, 1947
12	Ron Tucker	Swan Districts	30 August, 1947
12	Ron Tucker	Claremont	29 April, 1950
11	Ron Tucker	East Perth	1 July, 1950
11	Ron Tucker	Subiaco	22 August, 1953
10	Robert Coleman	Claremont	9 Sept., 1961
11	Graham Edwards	Swan Districts	1 August, 1970
13	Murray Couper	South Frem.	24 May, 1975
10	Murray Couper	Subiaco	9 April, 1977
10	Robert Wiley	West Perth	9 July, 1977
10	Robert Wiley	Claremont	23 July, 1977
10	Murray Couper	West Perth	9 June, 1979

The above, previously unpublished, list of 'ten and above' goalkickers was compiled by football historian IAN EVERETT who acknowledges the assistance of Myron Lapka and John Deer of the South Australian State Library.

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# National FIXTURES-RESULTS



## WAFL

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

**MARCH 27**  
Cl'mont 20.9, East Perth 16.20  
Swans 20.28, East Frem. 23.17  
Sth. Frem. 24.25; Perth 12.12  
Subiaco 13.11; W. Perth 15.21

**APRIL 3**  
E. Frem 15.10, Cl'mont 23.13  
W. Perth 30.15, S. Frem. 11.16  
Perth 16.10, Subiaco 13.17

**APRIL 4 - SUNDAY**  
E. Perth 17.9, Swans 20.25

**APRIL 10**  
Swans 25.18, W. Perth 13.13  
Perth 9.8, E. Perth 17.9

**APRIL 12**  
S. Frem. 20.19, Cl'mont 17.9  
Subiaco 14.26, E. Frem. 23.15

**APRIL 17**  
E. Frem. 11.11, S. Frem. 24.28  
Cl'mont 28.18, Subiaco 10.16  
E. Perth 26.15, W. Perth 24.7  
Perth 20.14, Swans 26.14

**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

**HOME GROUNDS**

Subiaco . . . . . Subiaco  
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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)**  
C'wood 7.16, Geelong 21.10  
Ess'don 29.16, F'scray 11.15  
Carlton 16.17, Fitzroy 17.11  
St Kilda 12.16, H'thorne 17.17  
R'mond 18.14, Nth. Melb 15.14

**MARCH 28 (Part Round 1)**  
Sth. Melb. 20.17, Melb. 16.12

**APRIL 3 (Round 2)**  
Carlton 8.17, Essendon 13.13  
F'scray 14.8, Col'wood 15.14  
Hawthorn 13.19, Geelong 11.12  
Melb. 20.26, St. Kilda 16.10  
N. Melb. 24.13, S. Melb. 16.21

**APRIL 10 & 12 (Round 3)**  
H'thorn 28.26, Footscray 7.9  
Col'wood 13.16, Carlton 20.8  
R'mond 25.28, Essendon 16.14  
Geelong 21.12, Melbourne 5.16  
Fitzroy 14.16, N. Melb. 25.14  
St Kilda 17.14, S. Melb. 20.22

**APRIL 17 (Round 4)**  
R'mond 15.17, Col'wood 10.15  
Melb. 19.12, Footscray 19.19  
Carlton 21.22, Hawthorn 12.15  
Essendon 12.19, N. Melb. 14.24  
St Kilda 16.9, Geelong 13.14

**APRIL 18 (Part Round 4)**  
S. Melb. 24.18, Fitzroy 14.22

**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

**HOME GROUNDS**

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**  
W. Adel. 23.11, C. Dist. 20.19  
Glenelg 17.13, N'wood 14.12  
P. Adel. 17.21, S. Adel. 7.6  
W. Adel. 20.20, Sturt 16.12  
W. Torr. 13.18, W'ville 14.9

**APRIL 10**  
P. Adel. 12.6, N'wood 12.13  
Sturt 25.24, W. Adel. 21.20  
W. Torr. 13.12, N. Adel. 24.22  
W'ville 18.18, C. Dist. 26.10  
S. Adel. 22.8, Glenelg 21.10

**APRIL 17**  
W. Torr. 13.15, Sturt 29.18  
C. Dist. 20.13, Glenelg 21.15  
N'wood 17.17, S. Adel. 13.12  
W. Adel. 13.12, P. Adel. 16.18  
W'ville 15.11, N. Adel. 15.12

**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.

● West Torrens v Glenelg

**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  
West Adel. v South Adel.

**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

**HOME GROUNDS**

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



# National

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# WESTSIDE WINNERS



ALAN EAST  
Western Mail

**WEST PERTH  
v  
EAST FREM.**  
The high flying Falcons, despite having some of their wings clipped, will be too strong for a disappointing East Fremantle.



MARTY McDONNELL  
Channel 7

**CLAREMONT  
v  
PERTH**  
Perth have improved and while they enjoyed a good performance against Swans last week it will be short lived.



KEN MCAULLAY  
Channel 7

**EAST PERTH  
v  
SOUTH FREM.**  
South Fremantle will win by a whisker. Both sides have improved and it promises to be a great match.



TIM FLYNN  
6WF

**SWAN DIST.  
v  
SUBIACO**  
As much as I hate to admit it John Todd has developed a very fine combination and they will dispose of Subiaco easily.

# Stan (the man) is still tops

I've got to hand a Campbell's Kingdom salute this week to Stan (The Man) Nowotny, the Swan Districts ever-green veteran and former skipper.

Now entering his 14th season of league football, the bearded Nowotny really showed his team-mates (and for that matter, the opposition) what fighting for the ball is all about against Perth at Lathlain Park last Saturday.

Alternating between the key forward positions, Nowotny kicked three goals himself and played a part in at least a dozen others in his team's mammoth score of 26.14.

Nowotny is what I term a football "scrapper", not over-endowed with natural ability, but always good value because he plays the game at one tempo... flat out!

His form this year is a bonus to Swans' coach John Todd, who probably felt that Nowotny, at 31 years of age, might not

play a major role in his plans for 1982.

This thought may have been in Stan's mind also, because he relinquished the club captaincy this season after five years at the helm.

With this decision behind him, he has plunged into the new season with his usual verve and come up trumps.

Nowotny must be an inspiration to all at Bassendean because of one simple philosophy... he loves to compete!



## CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM

WITH GRAHAM CAMPBELL

### Sign tells the story

IT SURELY must be rubbing salt into the wounds of traditional West Perth supporters (the fans who want the Cardinals name to be retained) to witness the latest sign erected at the Vincent Street entrance to Leederville Oval.

There, in large letters for all to see, is a resplendent structure with red and blue lettering which states "Home of the Falcons".

Looks like the petition signed by some 300 diehard Cardinal devotees requesting the dropping of the Falcon identity is doomed to failure.

Can't imagine the committee putting the sign up, and then hauling it down — can you?

No, it appears the Cardies are now the Falcons... like it or lump it!

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### What about the ump's?

AN unusual state of affairs exists in league football at the moment.

The season is now four weeks old and nobody has criticised the umpiring!

Usually, at this stage of the business, somebody has sounded off about the standard of the men in white.

Comments like "All-time Low", "Deplorable Exhibition", "Never Seen a Worse Display" or "What are we going to do about the Umpiring", are common place within the media or from club officials.

But, remarkably, there has been no noticeable rubbishing towards our knights of the whistle to this point in time.

Our fearless WESTSIDE FOOTBALL columnist The Hood suggested that Falcons' coach Dennis Cometti took the umpires to task while commentating on 6WF recently. But Dennis categorically denied this charge on TVW 7 last Sunday.

So it would appear that nobody has anything to scream about thus far.

Wonder how long this feeling of contentment will last?

It's almost un-Australian to be happy with the umpiring.

### Three easy winners

I JAGGED three winners last week, which I guess is a fair-to-middling effort. But I won't be happy until I pick the card and I reckon I'm odds-on to do just that this Saturday.

Actually it's no big deal coming up with four winners this week because, in all sincerity, three sides pick themselves. The only game of some puzzlement is the South Fremantle-East Perth clash at Subiaco Oval.

The easy matches are:

**WEST PERTH v EAST FREMANTLE** (West Perth, because Leederville Oval is a "No-No" to Old Easts, who haven't won there since 1974).

**SWAN DISTRICTS v SUBIACO** (The only difficulty is nominating the margin Swans will win by... my conservative estimate is 84 points).

**CLAREMONT v PERTH** (Claremont by 11 goals, but Perth will give a spirited fight judging by their come-back against Swans last Saturday).

Now for the tough game of the round... I'll go for South Fremantle — they seem to play well at Subiaco and Mal Brown delights in putting it over his old club.

### Robbo finds new home

FOLLOWING up my article of three weeks ago on former ex-Royal Glenn Robertson's return to Victoria.

He's now bobbed up with V.F.A. club Port Melbourne, whose selectors slotted him in at centre-half-back for his first game (against Waverley) last Sunday.

He arrived at a good time, as his new club hammered Waverley, 37.17 to 12.21, and "Robbo" was named in the best players.

Port Melbourne are looking for a hat-trick of premierships this season, having won the last two on the trot.

Gaining a player of Robertson's calibre is a recruiting coup and Port are now hot favourites to win their third title in a row.

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