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THE MEDAL



Highlights from the past and predictions for this year's Channel 7 Sandover Medal



TOO MUCH NEGATIVE THINKING

...Says Dennis Cometti

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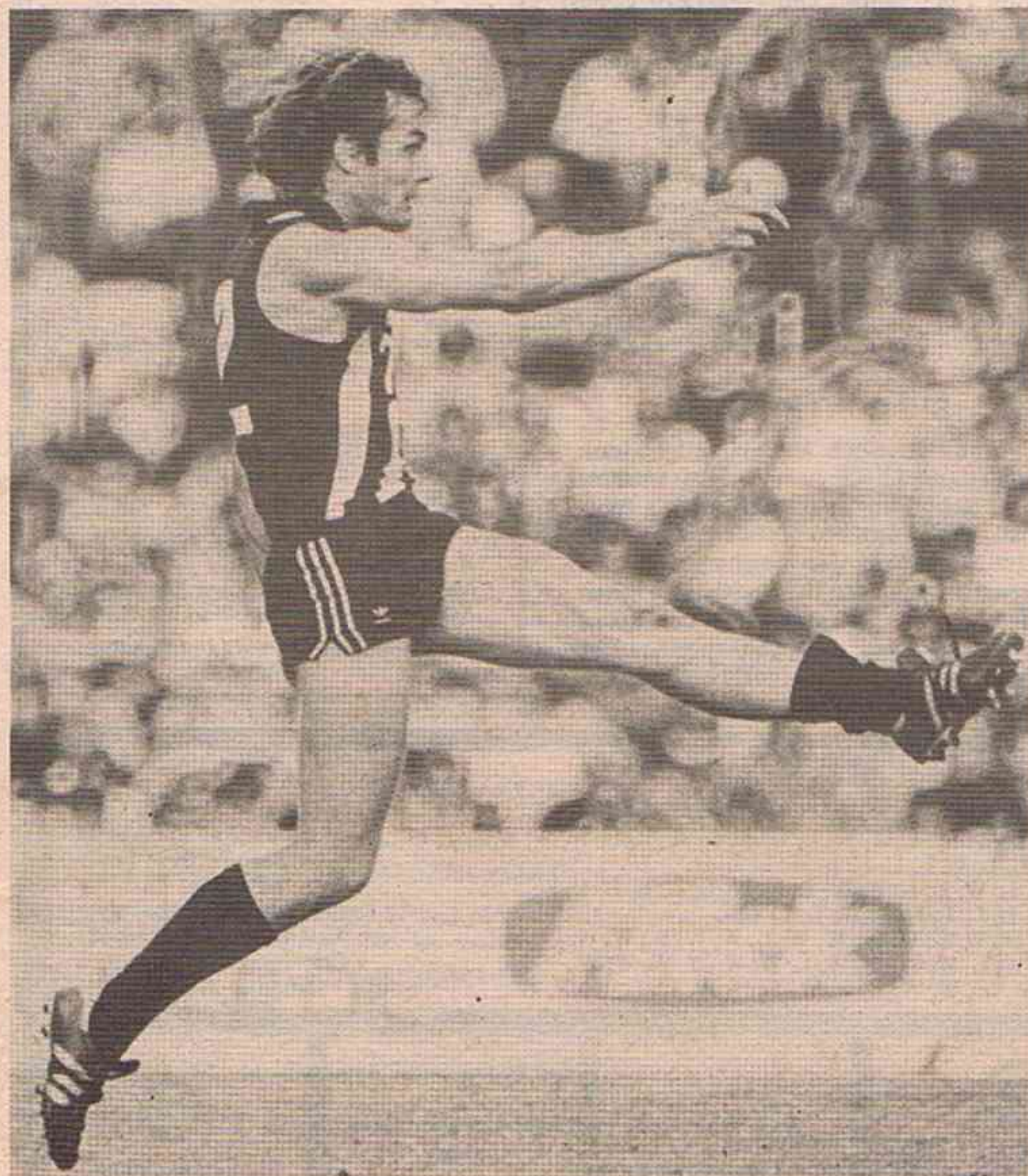
By
GARY STOCKS

A man who is only playing league football 'Because I needed a quid' could be the key to Swan Districts' chances of winning the 1982 premiership.

Leon Baker, the Rookie-of-the-Year for 1981, walked out on the club at the end of the last season and had given away any thoughts of playing again.

But Swan Districts were naturally keen to regain his services and after an Australia wide search and numerous attempts to convince the star to continue his career, he finally resumed with the black and whites.

...Wanderlust is a key for Swans



Leon Baker . . . an important link in the Swan Districts side.

There were varying reports as to Baker's whereabouts, but initially he went to Victoria.

However, when Swan Districts made their bid to persuade him to return to Bassendean Oval, he was contemplating a trip to Darwin and then moving on to Queensland.

Unfortunately for Baker the roads were closed and he could not get through.

"At that stage I was a bit down on money and needed a quid," Baker said. "So I decided to continue with Swans."

And now Baker is one of the vital cogs in the Swan Districts machine. In the last month he has been outstanding and it has been his ability to give his side drive from the middle which has seen them retain their high ranking.

Baker was recruited from South Bunbury at the end of 1980 and he decided to try his hand at top level football because so many of his friends thought he could make it in the big time.

"Everyone in Bunbury was saying I could make it", he said. "And at that stage I was going on 24 and if I had not made the move I would have wondered for the rest of my life whether I was good enough".

The quietly spoken Baker is certainly good enough. He has destroyed some of the best players in WA this year and the highlight of his career came when he was selected in the State squad for the matches against South Australia and Victoria.

Baker was one of the stars in last year's final round, even though Swans performed below par, and he says that was probably the reason why the black and whites chased him so hard at the start of the year.



Times have certainly changed . . . and so has our football attire! In addition to, that the prestige surrounding the Sandover Medal has also grown.

However, one thing which has remained the same is that only top players win WA's most coveted football award. That tradition began way back in 1921 when Subiaco's Tom Outridge (above) won the inaugural Sandover Medal.

In today's Westside Football we take a look at some of the previous winners of the medal and give a run down on the likely prospects for Monday night's 1982 count - to be televised live by medal sponsors Channel 7.



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250 GAMES

John Hayes (East Perth) 248 *

200 GAMES

John Hayes (East Perth) 198
Alex Hamilton (East Perth) 196 *
Neil Randall (Sth. Frem.) 195 *
Ross Prunster (Perth) 191 *

100 GAMES



Benny Vigona
(Sth. Frem.) 99

Russell Ellen (W. Perth) 98 *
Alan Cransberg (S. Dist.) 98
Phil Narkle (S. Dist.) 97
Peter Menaglio (W. Perth) 96
Rod Alderton (W. Perth) 96
Peter Keays (East Frem.) 95 *

50 GAMES

Frank Bucknall

(W. Perth) 49*



David Palm (W. Perth) 48
Graham Kickett (E. Frem.) 45
Neil Randall (Sth. Frem.) 43

* Denotes that this particular tally includes games with other clubs as follows: John Hayes - 39 Claremont, 11 West Adelaide; Peter Keays - 40 Melbourne; 49 Fitzroy; Neil Randall - 152 Subiaco; Bill Valli - 147 West Perth, 17 Collingwood, 1 Essendon; Alex Hamilton - 65 Subiaco; Ross Prunster 159 West Perth; Russell Eilen - 35 Essendon; Frank Bucknall - 46 Subiaco.

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

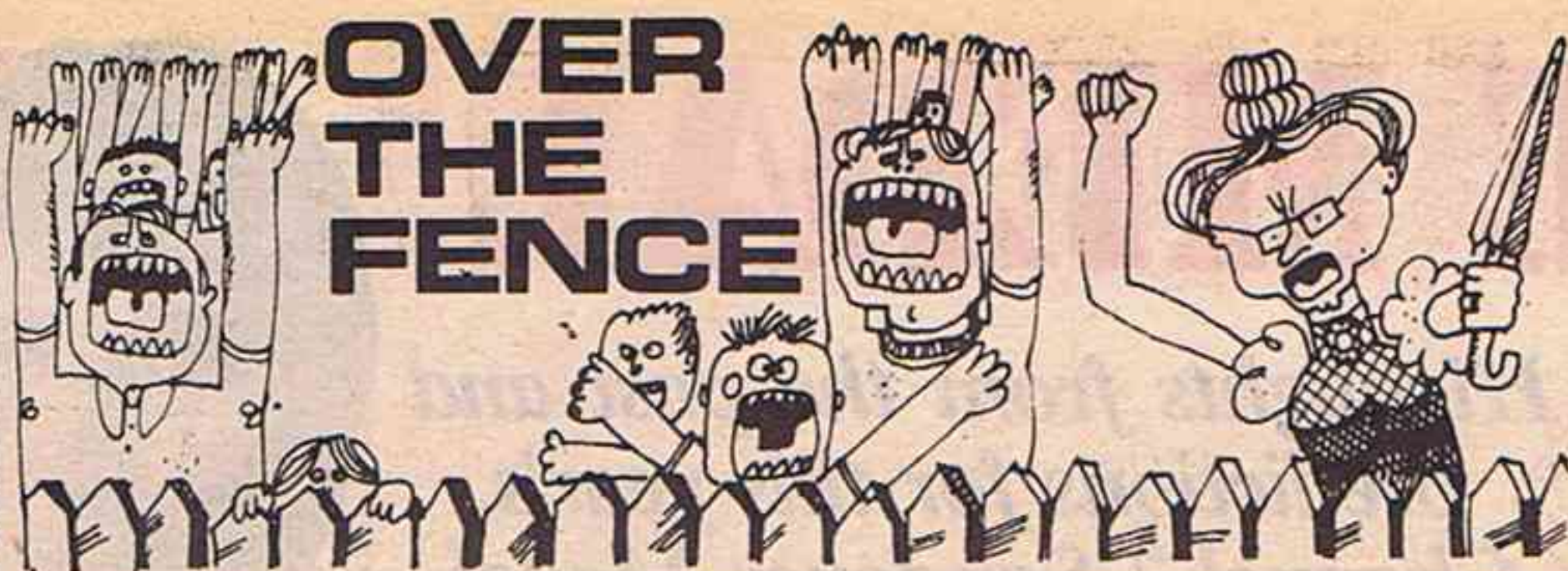
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Stephen Michael was back to his best last week and it was his ability to do the hard things which helped South Fremantle to a close victory. Here Michael climbs over the top of Subiaco rover Brian Taylor to get to the ball. He wins this week's Hard Yakka award and wins a pair of Yakka jeans or fabulous Rigs trousers.

Patched up

SUBIACO'S reserves side looked like battle-weary soldiers dressed up after battle by the end of their match against South Fremantle. Brad Lohoar was heavily strapped on a shoulder; Paul Clune had shoulder and knee bandages; Mick Staples had a knee heavily bandaged and Peter Thomas had his wrist strapped up.

Thanks fans

THE West Perth players acknowledged their members and supporters when they played at home for the last time this season on Saturday. The Falconers cheer squad had designed a banner which said thank you to the members and fans and the players lined up before the members stand at the start of the game. An excellent move to acknowledge the support of the loyal fans.

Worked out

A LOT of people at Subiaco Oval last Saturday were wondering whether South Fremantle youngster Brad Hardie was injured in the second half. But it appears that he just ran himself ragged in the first half. His amazing statistics confirm that - eight marks, 19 kicks and three hand-passes in the first two quarters of football - figures that would please most players for a whole game.

Record tally

THAT was an interesting little snippet of information on The Winners the other night about Geelong's Nankervis brothers. Last Saturday Ian ran out for the 302nd



Ian (left) and Bruce Nankervis

time and Bruce played his 232nd game, giving them a total of 534 - equalling the record set by the Coventry brothers, Gordon and Syd. One more game to a Nankervis this week and they are the all-time brothers high. Incidentally, our best brother tallies in WA would be West Perth's McDiarmids, Norm (247 games) and Jack (210 games) with a fine 457 tally, just ahead of Perth's Harpers, Keith (233) and Roy (213).

City visit

WELL-KNOWN Subiaco champion of a bygone era, Laurie Kettlewell, made one of his rare visits to the city last week to see the Lions tackle South Fremantle. Kettlewell, a champion in many roles and a veteran of 205 league games, now lives in Geraldton and seldom gets to see the Perth football.

BIG CONTRIBUTOR

Burly Brendon McFaul might look something like a heavyweight wrestler . . . but he knows how to mark a football. The Subiaco forward has had trouble getting his weight down this year, but he used it to advantage when he came off the interchange bench and gave the Lions a capable spearhead at full-forward. His five goals came as the result of some strong marking.

Smile

It's your
birthday

Gary Tester (S) 21 on 19th
Ray Reeves (S) 27 on 20th
Wayne Delmenico (SF) 30 on 21st



John Begg
(SF)
24 on 27th



Les Fong
(WP)
26 on 24th



Michael Christian
(EP)
19 on 21st



Have a Coke
and a smile.

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**FORM GUIDE and
THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

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SPORT
9am Sundays

EAST PERTH - L, L, W, W, W, W, W, L, L, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, L, L, W,	v Subiaco at Perth Oval
SOUTH FREMANTLE - W, L, W, W, L, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, L, W, L, W, W, W,	v Swans at Fremantle
SUBIACO - L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L,	v East Perth at Perth
EAST FREMANTLE - W, L, W, L, W, L, W, L, W, W, L, L, W, L, L, L, L, L,	v Perth at Lathlain
PERTH - L, W, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, L, L, L, W, L, L, L, L,	v East Fremantle at Lathlain
CLAREMONT - W, W, L, W, W, L, L, W, W, L, W, W, L, W, W, W, W, W, W,	v West Perth at Claremont
WEST PERTH - W, W, L, L, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, W, W, L, W, W, W, W, W, W,	v Claremont at Claremont
SWAN DISTRICTS - L, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, L, W, W, L, W, W, W, L, W, W, L,	v South Fremantle at Fremantle

**FOOTBALLER OF
THE YEAR**

As at 31.7.82

- G. Shaw 15
 - R. Gibbs 12
 - M. Richardson . . . 12
 - B. Hardie 12
 - K. Taylor 12
- (Voting now in camera)

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**GOALKICKER OF
THE YEAR**

- W. Ralph (C) . . . 104
- S. Malaxos (C) . . . 78
- M. Rea (P) 69
- M. Richardson (SD) 61

**Ian Diffen
MARK-OF-THE-
DAY**

Last week's winner

**PHIL
NARKLE**
(Swans)

**Town & Country
GOAL-OF-THE-
DAY**

Last week's winner

**WARREN
RALPH**
(Claremont)

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TOO MUCH NEGATIVE THINKING

MAYBE it is because West Perth matches have been the best attended games of the season, that I find it difficult to acknowledge the prophets who predict the doom of football.

I am convinced that there is far too much negative thinking regarding football's falling attendance figures — thinking that even seems to get the well-meaning caught in a spiral of gloom and over simplification.

Sure, football would love to generate soaring attendances at its weekly matches, but in the present economic and sporting climate, that is a daunting objective.

Falling attendances are not a factor common only to Australian Rules football in Perth, Western Australia.

It is an epidemic sweeping the sporting world.

In fact, it is an epidemic tightening its grip on theatres and the arts universally. Sport, let alone the WAFL, is not isolated in what seems to be the changing face of recreation world wide.

The figures available to me indicate that only American grid iron and VFL football are drawing bigger attendances with marginal annual percentage increases.

Incidentally, the VFL is likely to undergo a downturn in crowds over their current season.

British soccer and American baseball are experiencing alarming drops in attendances and people who hold up cricket as the shining example obviously haven't seen too much Test cricket in recent seasons.

On the local scene, both racing and trotting clubs throughout the State are very concerned about falling attendances.

Figures show conclusively that football is still WA's best attended sport and any predictions of doom should be tempered with an eye to world trends, both overseas and on our own doorstep.

Guest Columnist

THIS WEEK:



DENNIS COMETTI

ABC commentator and West Perth coach

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THE STASINOWSKY AFFAIR

WHILE watching World of Sport (what a top presentation it has become) I found myself getting quite involved with the segment involving Chris Stasinowsky, in particular the 'highlights' from his game against Subiaco. Seeing those film clips only re-enforced my feeling that Chris and I are still solid friends.

Quite a few people in the media have done some sniping at West Perth over the club's decision to release Chris to South Fremantle.

Let me go on record now and say that the decision was mine.

I won't bore you with the reasons the action was taken, other than to say that my feelings are outlined in this week's edition of 'Falcons in Focus', West Perth's monthly newsletter.

The key factor that most people have ignored is that two decisions had to be made. The first revolved around the future of Chris at West Perth, his value to the club and his worth in the marketplace.

The second decision was dependant on the first, if his future was not at West Perth, what was our obligation to him.

The easy way out would have been to leave Chris in limbo for the remainder of 1982 and then sell, just as Subiaco have decided to do with Essendon recruit Peter Bennett. I think that would have been weak on my part and unfair to Chris.

We, as a club, set a figure on Chris in the marketplace and Graeme Pleydell (our general manager) carried out the transaction with a minimum of fuss.

There will be no red faces at West Perth should Chris Stasinowsky burn against us in a finals match, just as there should be no red faces at Swans if Graeme Comerford or Mick O'Brien star against them in the weeks ahead.

Decisions must be taken for the overall good and where possible that should include the player.

Since Chris left West Perth, we have won six consecutive matches.

We are not exactly floundering and I'm sure to a man we wish him well at his newly chosen club.

Though I admire Chris as a player, I did tell him at 9 p.m. on June 30 that he had no place in my finals plans.

Having been told that, I felt he was entitled to a clearance if one were possible.

I don't think it does the game any good if Chris is kept on the sidelines, just as I don't think the game benefits from Bennett digging fences at Karatha.

Seeing it from both sides

ONE of the best things about coaching and working for the ABC is that you can flit from side to side in the media versus the football clubs situations that develop throughout any season.

With a foot in both camps, it is interesting to see how each views the other.

Standing firmly on the football side of the fence, I must say that a couple of my media colleagues failed to do their homework in the wake of last weekend's matches.

I read in three papers and had one TV critic tell me that Swans were assured of playing in the second semi-final.

Oh really?

Well try these figures. South Fremantle 18.15 (123) to Swan Districts 16.14 (110)

and West Perth 16.19 (115) to Claremont 15.15 (105).

That would mean West Perth would qualify on top and Swans would fall to third. Claremont would sneak into second place by .05%.

Those scores aren't necessarily my predictions, but they are surely reasonable enough to warrant strong consideration.

It should be pointed out that both South and East Perth could lose on Saturday and still exchange positions. Best you take your calculator!



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When big East Perth ruckman Craig Edwards was 16 he did not think he had any chance of playing league football.

In the early 1970s one of East Perth's stars of that era Kevin McGinnity, had a group of youngsters at a coaching clinic and he asked anyone who thought they could play league football to put their hand up.

Edwards did not.

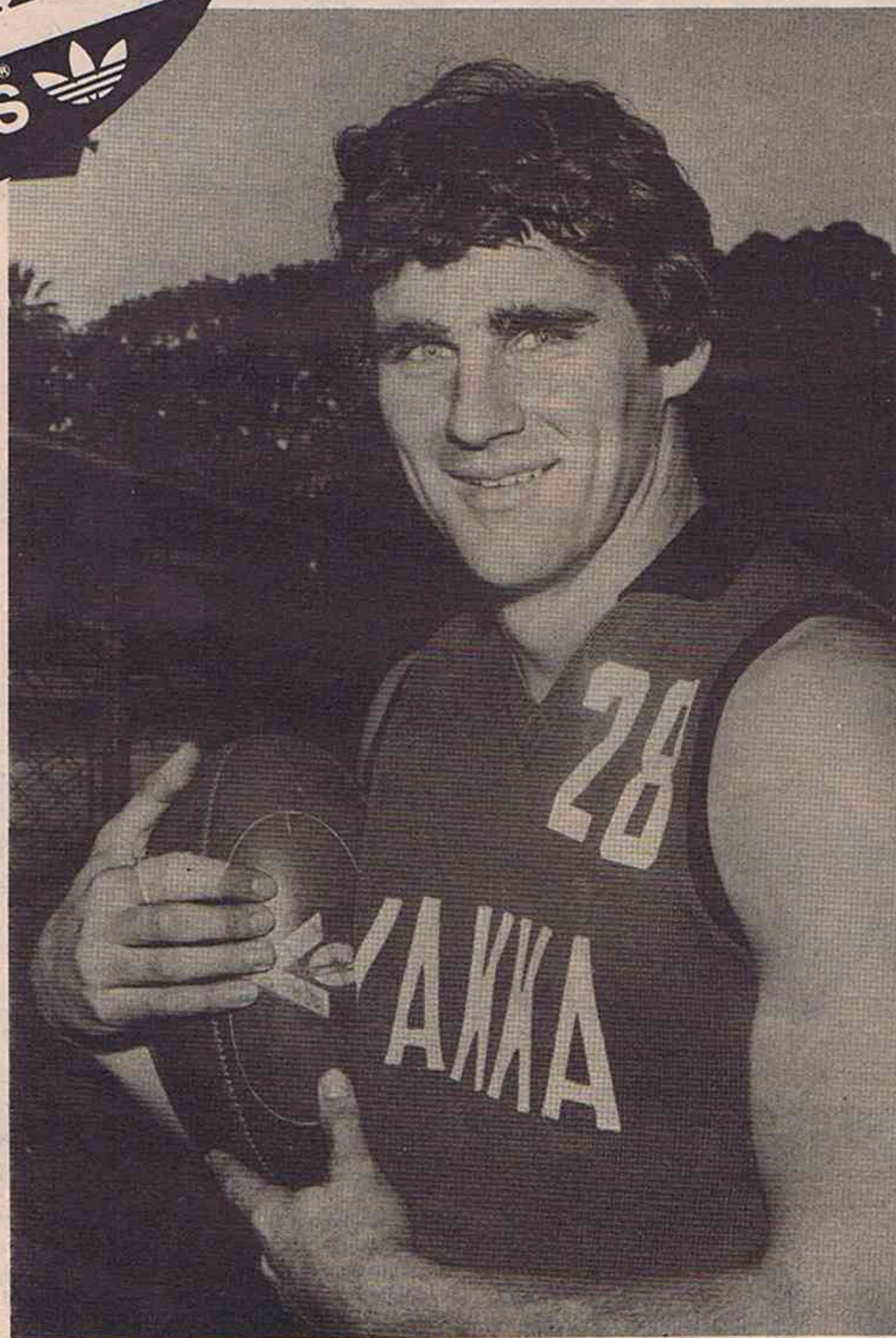
However, he has developed into one of the most exciting young prospects in WA and recently made his interstate debut in the match against South Australia.

He put up a good performance for his State and seems certain to have a big future in the game.

Edwards is still only 21, and considering that big men do not normally mature until they are at least 24, he has the makings of a real star.

The unassuming youngster loves his football and when Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to him he found why Edwards was enjoying his best season in league football.

He has really taken on this year . . . and maybe his pre-season workouts had something to do with it.



Craig Edwards . . . growing in stature.

Q: It must be difficult living in Rockingham and travelling to training six times a week?

A: Yes. I work in Fremantle, so I come from there down to the club and that takes about 40 minutes and then I drive home after training. I have been doing that for about three years.

Q: You must have been pretty happy to play State football this year?

A: Yes. I was real happy. So far that has been the highlight of my career. I started well in the pre-season matches but in the first round I went to sleep. And then I started to pick myself back up and get into the game. So I suppose I was lucky to be chosen.

Q: Were you pleased with your performance in the game?

A: In the first half I was happy. I don't know whether it was all the running I did in the first half, but I died out of the game after half time.

Q: How did you enjoy playing at full forward?

A: Full forward is all right, but I prefer playing first ruck because it is easy to get into the game. At full forward you have to wait for the ball to come down. When you are playing on the ball you can read the game and be in the right spot at the right time.

Q: This is undoubtedly your best season in League football, was there anything special you did pre-season which has made a big difference to your game?

A: One day when we were running in one of the long distance things we do in our pre-season build up, Grant Dorrington came up alongside me and told me to keep up with him. So I ran with him and along the way he told me to push harder with my pre-season and rather than drop

back he urged me to keep up with the main bunch.

Q: Do you think the fact that you seem a little better co-ordinated this year has had anything to do with your success?

A: I think I have always been pretty well co-ordinated. It has just been a matter of confidence to use your weight and burst through. Boxing helped me a lot in that way. The main thing with the boxing, which we did before Christmas, was that we did it two or three times a week and I did all my work with John Ironmonger. After sparring and being hit a few times you get to know what you can take. When you get hit you know what it feels like and it does not worry you. You know you can take it. A lot of players worry about getting hit and they are a bit tentative to go through and knowing that you can take a hit gives you more confidence.

Q: Is there a bit of competition between yourself and John Ironmonger because you are both promising ruckmen?

A: John and I came down for the colts at the same time and we have been virtually fighting each other all the way through the grades for a spot. We know each other's game backwards, and it is good to be playing in the same side as him.

Q: You say you prefer to play in the ruck, what do you think is your strength in this department?

A: Well, when you look at other young blokes like Laurie Keene and John, I am about two or three inches shorter than they are so my main aim in the centre bounce-downs is to at least make it hard for the opposing ruckman to get a clean tap away. I think around the ground I can match it with most of them. The best ruckman I have played against as far as around the ground work goes would be Stephen Michael. He is a great player and he moves well for his size. He is more of a ruck rover because he is so quick. He just runs every-

where. The hardest man to play at tap outs would be Justin Madden. He is about 6'10" and you need a step ladder to get up there.

Q: What did you think about playing against some of the big names in the VFL when you played Essendon in that pre-season scratch match?

A: It was a good experience. I like playing against those sort of people because you learn a lot.

Q: What influence has Grant Dorrington had on your career?

A: I have always had Dorro as a coach. Firstly he had the under-16 special squad which comes from all the junior council teams and I was in that. Then I had a year in the colts with Eddie Pitter and when I went up to reserves Dorro was there again and now he is the league coach and he has had a lot to do with my game.

Q: Where would you rate football in your life?

A: I would rank it number one. Work, to me, is something you do until football starts.

Q: What about the VFL, any aspiration of playing over there?

A: About a year ago a couple of clubs approached me and I was not interested then. All I wanted to do was consolidate my place in the league side at East Perth and I did not want to be distracted by anything.

Q: What about other sports. Do you have any success with them?

A: I play tennis during the summer and go for the occasional swim, but I don't play anything really serious.

Q: Do you have any ambitions left, besides playing State football?

A: Really I only have one ambition this year and that is to be a part of the 1982 premiership team. As far as ambitions go you can say a lot of things, but the ultimate is winning a flag.

Q: Who had an influence on you in your early days?

A: Well, no one really, because I came down to East Perth when I was 16, but since then I think Eddie Pitter has had the greatest influence as far as ruck work goes. All the young ruckmen at the club have gone through Eddie and he has always taken everyone aside and given them all the pointers. Now that he is running for the league team as well, he helps you out by telling you where you should be sometimes during the game. The fact that East Perth have had a few good ruckmen in the last couple of years could go down to Eddie's nurturing through the colts. Instead of telling you to go out and do it he explains to you how to go about it. A lot of coaches just brush over the skills but Eddie goes over the finer points in depth.

Q: Had you always followed East Perth?

A: I used to play for East Perth-Highgate so it was only a natural progression to come down here and have a go.

CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of minor awards in our 'Pick the Winners' competition for fixtures of August 7.

CLUB SUPPORTER'S WATCH award — Wayne Dover, of Pickering Brook; **TULLOCH WINES** award — Mrs K. McGibbon, of Roleystone; **WAFU** award — J.E. Spry, of Kelmscott; **CITY THEATRES** award — T.N. Newton, of Girrawheen; **AMPOL** award — M. Clarke, of Dianella; **ARCHIE MARTINS** award — Ric Langdon, of City Beach.

Weekly award winners for this Saturday's matches will appear in next week's issue and the big prize of the trip to Bali will be drawn on Monday August 30th.



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Name: Craig Edwards
Born: Perth, 25.4.61
Height: 6.4 (193cm)
Weight: 15.12 (101kg)
Lives at: Rockingham
Married: No
Occupation: Welder
Football honours: State selection 1982 for the match against South Australia.
Favourite food: None really.
Favourite drink: Coke
Hobbies and relaxation: I enjoy a game of tennis and swimming.
Football likes: The competition
Football dislikes: Losing.
Football idols: None
Hard things in football: Playing consistently.
Ambitions: To become a more consistent player and to play more State football.
League debut: 1979.
Games played: 50.
Guernsey number: 28.

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	E. Perth v Subiaco	Perth v E. Frem.	S. Frem. v Swan Dist.	Claremont v W. Perth
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	60	East Perth	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
GARY STOCKS	56	East Perth	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
ROBERT BENNETT	57	East Perth	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Claremont
DAVE CLEMENT	63	East Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Claremont
ALAN EAST	60	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	West Perth
IAN MILLER	44	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
MOTHER BROWN	61	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
PETER POAT	57	East Perth	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
GARY CARVOLTH	54	East Perth	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont
MOST FAVOURED	63	East Perth	Perth	Swan Districts	Claremont

A GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

CLAREMONT will play off in the second semi-final and East Perth should stay in fourth spot.

That's how we see the outcome of the final round of fixtures this week to decide which teams will play in the first and second semi-finals.

Claremont emerged as the team to beat for the premiership when they withstood a battering from league leaders Swans last Saturday and then roar away to a convincing 38 point win.

West Perth appear the only team capable of stopping the Tigers winning successive premierships for the first time since 1940.

But while they have been in top form since a tardy start to the season — winning 13 of their last 15 games — the Falcons really have the job ahead of them to oust Claremont from second place.

The Tigers are playing the brand of football that won them the flag last season and they appear better equipped than the Falcons in attack and on the ball.

West Perth have relied heavily on their ability to generate pace on the ball . . . but that is where Claremont are equally as potent.

Throw in a State centreline and WA's best full forward and it would seem that Claremont will put themselves in a position to win the Town and Country award for the third time in four years for heading the qualifying rounds.



EAST PERTH were given an unexpected bonus last week when Subiaco deprived South Fremantle of important percentage in their clash.

The Royals, having received a reprieve after their indifferent performance against South the previous week, should beat Subiaco this week by enough points to retain their tenuous grip on fourth spot.

It seems rather ironic that a team that has managed only one win for the season looks like deciding fourth spot.

Subiaco surprised many people last week with their strong showing against South. Some will expect them to repeat that performance again this Saturday, particularly as they almost beat the Royals at Perth Oval the last time they met there.

However, East Perth knowing that a place in the four is at stake, will approach this match in determined fashion.

They should win this match convincingly and make South Fremantle's task against the league leaders too difficult to make up the ground needed to snatch back fourth spot.



SOUTH Fremantle will beat Swan Districts at Fremantle Oval on Saturday, but it won't be enough to get them back into the four.

South blew their chances of making the finals for the fifth successive year under Mal Brown, with five indifferent quarters of football that deprived them of vital percentage.

It started with a last-quarter fade-out against East Perth two matches ago and continued against Subiaco last Saturday.

Fancy beating a team that has won only one game this season, by only four points! Add that to the three point win against the Lions in the first round and South know why they are now in their present position regarding percentage.

Swans will be anxious to bounce back after their loss to Claremont last week and show that they have not got the staggers at the wrong end of the season.

While they will have a lot riding on this match, they could finish in the first semi-final, they have a big job at Fremantle Oval against a side desperate to make the four.



PERTH will finally get the chance to beat a side other than Subiaco this season.

The Demons have had a dismal season but it could finish on a bright note with a win over East Fremantle at Lathlain Park.

Old Easts are playing as though the season ended after the second round. They have been pathetic in recent weeks and though the Demons have won only three matches this season they should score a convincing win on their home ground.

East Fremantle won't gain any satisfaction from this season, even though they improved on the previous year. After looking a finals chance midway through the season, they have hardly fired a shot in the past two months.

Considering they were able to beat Swan Districts, West Perth and South



George Michalczyk . . . will he be back?

Fremantle on each of those side's home grounds their overall performance has been pathetic.

Perth deserve to win this match as they have not had the talent of Old Easts but have been more competitive than them for most of the season.

JOHN K. WATTS
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personality and
football
commentator.



WATTS UP? with J.K.

Hi there folks,

Medal tip!

WELL, it's Sandover Medal night coming up and just because I never won this prestigious award, doesn't mean that I'm not interested in it.

I can tell you folks, that a week in Hong Kong doesn't affect my judgment in such difficult forecasting roles. There's no doubt about this year's Sandover — it will go to a player who has already won the award once.

Just see if you can guess my contender before I unveil my secret.

He won the award playing for the mighty, high flying Royal blues. He has missed a whole round of football this year, but that won't affect him much because he's a champion and champs overcome those hurdles (unless they are full backs and they have to overcome the umpires' dislike of tough defenders).

My contender is a real gutsy champ; he survives injury; he beats tough players all around him . . . and the umpires love him. Yes you're right. I think Peter Spencer can win the medal. But don't tell anyone I told you. When he does bob up in front of the final voting card, someone will suggest that I'm back in with the umps again!

TOUGH TIMES

BOY, I almost felt like making a comeback when I heard about the Graham Moss - Ron Boucher bingle up at Basso.

I can remember some great tough-man clashes up there in my day and even though I managed to win all of them, they did provide some spirited entertainment for the crowds.

Swans have had some tough guys over the years . . . Joe Lawson, Fred Castledine, Tony Nesbit, Colin Maynard . . . even that little veteran himself, Haydn Bunton. He was so tough even I couldn't flatten him.

So anyway I hear about this tangle between gentle giant Mossie and big Ronnie, the curse of all opposition teams.

I would have put my money on big Ron, I guess, but then you have to remember that Mossie survived in the tough VFL arena — and only the best do that!

And another thing about the Tigers skipper — you know, he once did well in an Indian arm wrestling competition in the VFL; finishing second I think to Cowboy Neale, who was regarded as a real toughie.

ROYALS SAFE

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

BOURKE SEES AN EVEN BATTLE

FRANCIS Bourke, coach of the top VFL team Richmond, believes that the 1982 premiership is a five-team even-money affair.

Bourke, the former Richmond defender, has got the Tigers a game clear on top of the ladder.

But he's not getting carried away with the current success.

"Any of the top five teams is capable of winning the flag", said Bourke after Carlton had shocked the Tigers with a 28-point MCG victory.

Bourke's assessment of the premiership contenders is not quite shared by the rival coaches.

North Melbourne coach Barry Cable has served warning that his Roos are ready to jump over any obstacles placed before them in quest of the flag.

He predicted that next Saturday's clash with Carlton would show just how good the North Melbourne line-up is.

Carlton's David Parkin, obviously impressed with his team's surprisingly good win over Richmond, said that it was the Blues' best effort since last year's grand final — a pointer that he believes the Carlton camp is ready for back-to-back premierships.

Hawthorn's Allan Jeans, pleased to have put the in-form Sydney Swans out of the finals race, was keeping pretty tight-lipped but is confident that the Hawks are ready for a tilt at the flag.

So that leaves Essendon, where coach Kevin Sheedy is simply saying that the Dons will be fit and fresh for the finals.

New Bloods

FOOTSCRAY top the VFL list as far as introducing first-year players to senior ranks is concerned.

Footscray have given 13 youngsters the chance to make their VFL debut — two more than St Kilda and Melbourne.

The Sydney Swans and Hawthorn are at the other end of the scale with just three new players this season.

Collingwood have used the most players — 43 in their senior list.

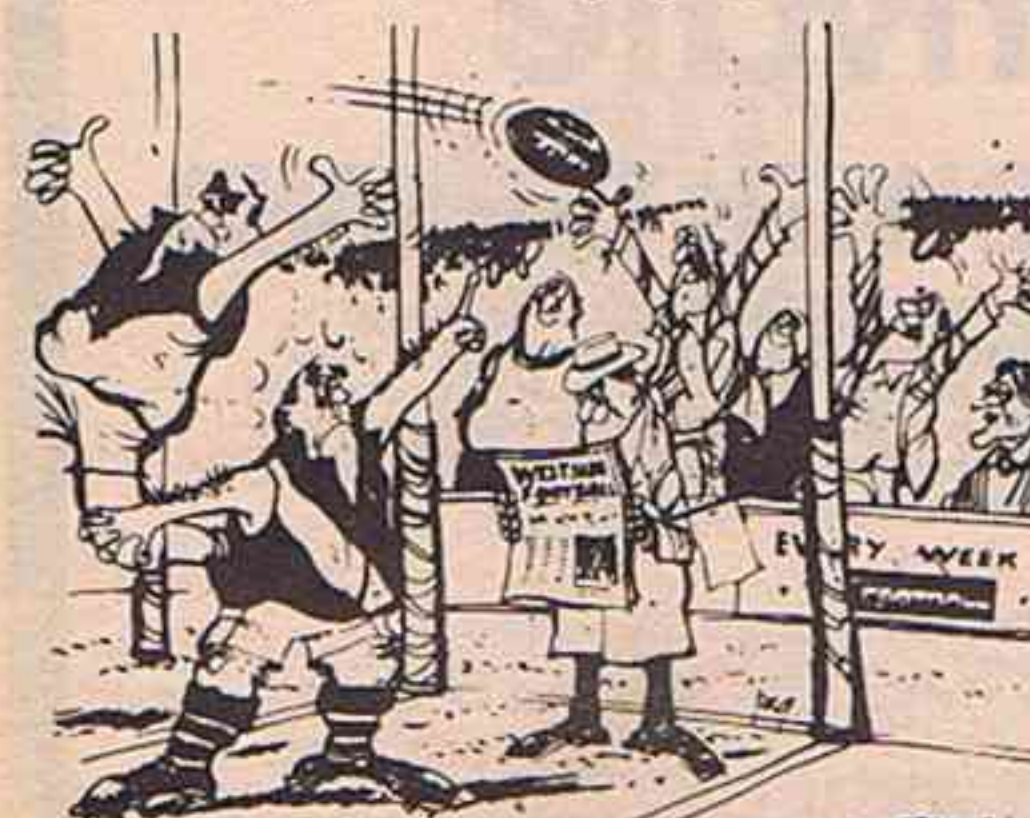
Here is a breakdown of players used and first year players up till last week:

Collingwood 43 players, 10 first-years; St Kilda 41, 11; Footscray 40, 13; Geelong 39, 8; Fitzroy 38, 8; Melbourne 36, 11; North Melbourne 34, 7; Hawthorn 34, 3; Carlton 33, 4; Richmond 33, 4; Essendon 32, 5 and Swans 31, 3.

DEMON RETURN

MELBOURNE received a boost to their end-of-season trip fund when a hapless bookie around town offered odds of 10 to 1 about their chances of beating Collingwood.

The Demons dipped into their trip fund kitty and invested something between \$200 and \$1,000 with the bookie — who is now licking his football fingers.



All the Action is in Westside Football



Rumours help

CARLTON coach David Parkin, normally not one to be impressed by media scuttlebutt, was thankful for a spate of rumours about the Blues this week.

Parkin, speaking freely at the after-match press conference, said that the rumours about the club had helped give him the ammunition needed to really fire the Blues up.

He referred to rumours about player squabbles, including an alleged clash between skipper Mike Fitzpatrick and rover Rod Ashman and also a verbal battle between Parkin and president Ian Rice.

Describing the rumours as 'rubbish', Parkin said that the players had responded to the motivation challenge brought up because of the stories.

LINKE SETBACK

SOUTH Australian footballer Geoff Linke has written off his 1982 season in VFL ranks.

The former South Adelaide star has managed only two games with St Kilda this year — after tearing the cruciate ligament and damaging a cartilage in a knee early in the season.

Fellow South Australians Bruce Abernethy (North Melbourne) and Stephen Copping (Essendon) have been top players for their new clubs. But luck has not been with the Saints.

Linke, 25, is a talented forward who could give the Saints some bite next year — and he has set his sights on being fit for the first game.

Flag boost

GLENELG proved that they have premiership-winning ability when they took out the \$122,000 Escort Cup night series with a grand final win over Port Adelaide.

Glenelg's frustrating habit of losing important matches was broken by the victory over Port, coming from behind at half-time to win 6.13 to 4.12 in a hard, sloggish game.

Ruckman Peter Carey, who has so often inspired his State in the interstate arena, did so for his club and won the \$500 man-of-the-match award.

Glenelg angry

SOUTH Australian club Glenelg have hit out at VFL club Geelong over their attempts to get promising young rover Tony McGuinness across the border.

McGuinness, a former Teal cup star, has made his mark in interstate ranks this year — and the Cats would like to get him to Victoria before any tighter clearance regulations come into force.

But Glenelg's administrator, Harry Kernahan, says that Geelong are not going about their business the right way.

"We take umbrage to the continuing contact between Geelong and McGuinness," he said.

Swans are over-exposed

THE Sydney Swans, who have had more publicity in the last 12 months than most football clubs get in 12 years, have become a victim of over-exposure on the television screen.

Coach Ricky Quade had to agree with his rival conqueror, Hawthorn's Allan Jeans, last week when Jeans said that he had learnt a lot of things about the Swans by watching them on TV.

Rival coaches have been able to study the Swans every second Sunday as the matches are beamed in live from Sydney. This has given coaching strategists the chance to plot the Swans' downfall . . . and that's what happened last week.

"It's one of the penalties of being exposed on television", said Jeans as he admitted to having developed tactics to curb the way the Swans defenders run the ball out. Quade said that Hawthorn had obviously seen a lot of his players and knew how to short-circuit their football.

But despite the loss to Hawthorn — which puts the Swans two clear games behind fifth-placed North Melbourne — Quade says they won't be giving up.

"There's two games to go and in the face of overwhelming odds, we'll still do our best to get into the five", he said.

"We've had a big year and the boys have done a big job. They've got character and they are not going to toss it in now. We are not demoralised; we were beaten by the best disciplined side in the competition.



TUCK IS TOPS

HAWTHORN'S Michael Tuck has taken the lead in the Sunday Observer footballer of the year award.

Tuck turned in a best-on-ground effort against The Swans last week to take the lead away from his team-mate, Leigh Matthews.

With only two qualifying games remaining, Tuck has 19 votes, one ahead of Matthews with Wayne Schimmelbusch (North Melbourne) and Terry Wallace — yet another Hawk — back on 15 votes.

GOGGIN'S PLEA

GEELONG coach Billy Goggin, who is fighting desperately to keep his head above water, has made a plea to keep all the players at the club next year.

Goggin, already waiting on a decision from the committee about his future next year, has declared that no player should be allowed to move between seasons.

"Geelong is a very good club — it always has been and always will be", he said.

"We've lost confidence because we can't make the finals. No player should be let go at the end of the season, whether I'm here next season or not".

To add to Goggin's worries, it seems certain that out-of-form skipper Brian Peake will miss the last two games.

Peake has been carrying a calf injury for six weeks and has tried desperately to stay on the field to give the Cats some life in their final games.

BEWDY, JACKO

MELBOURNE coach Ron Barassi was all smiles on Saturday after his Demons had demoralised Collingwood to break a 41-year-old record at Victoria Park.

Melbourne scored a 54-point win over the Pies — their best in many a decade and Barassi was full of praise for that volatile character — Mark Jackson.

It seems as though Jackson will definitely be at Melbourne next year and Barassi wants him to be part of the Demons five-year rebuilding programme.

Jackson's form in the last three weeks has been outstanding and against Collingwood he was the focal point in the forward line.

He kicked seven goals and Collingwood had to use all their big-man skill in defence to try and curb Jackson.

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Gas Quotes

They said it on radio 6PR

PETER VAN HELDEN: "Some people think I'm five sandwiches short of being a picnic. But once East Fremantle, always East Fremantle, so I'll keep supporting them".

JOHN HAYES: "Malcolm Brown, you have conned the football public all your life."

TIM FLYNN: "I've arranged for Exacto to send seven pairs of underpants out to Percy Johnson so he can keep his promise and walk to Kalgoorlie in his underpants".

JOHN TODD: "We are going to run dead next week so East Perth miss out. I've got no time for East Perth".

MAL ATWELL: "I think we have changed the rules enough. They should be left alone and we should get on with playing the game as it is".

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FOOTBALL FACTS

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Good news for Bulldog fans

WITH one set of fixtures to play, can South Fremantle, the team currently sitting in fifth spot win the flag?

Well, the good news for Bulldogs fans is that it has been done before, but only twice.

In 1964 Claremont won the premiership after sneaking into the four after the last game of the season and in 1978 East Perth jumped from fifth to second in round 21 and then took the title.

CONTROVERSIAL GOAL

CLAREMONT'S Steve Malaxos, who was given a goal when it was clearly a point, created quite a stir as a result of the controversial kick.

These things happen in football, but fortunately they are not common occurrences.

I recall in 1977 when Western Australia played South Australia at Subiaco Oval, that the locals were ahead by a couple of goals when a goal umpire produced a Malaxos-like decision in favour of the visitors.

It did not really matter because WA went on to win by 40 points.

I also recall a game at Fremantle Oval on September 3, 1960. It was a tight match between West Perth and South Fremantle and Bulldogs rover John Todd (who now coaches Swans) ran into an open goal and missed.

However, the goal umpire had taken cover from the Todd kick and waved two

flags because he had not seen the result. Meanwhile, Todd, with his back to all this, was remonstrating with himself for missing the sitter. The final result was a draw - 16.15 apiece.

I HAVE been praising Claremont's goalkicking feats over the last two seasons, but here is another one for them. Their 1.3 against Perth at the WACA in 1945 is the lowest score by a post-war team.

PHOTO FINISH

AFTER a lop-sided season it is remarkable to find a photo finish for all places in the final four, the result of which is hinging on the last qualifying games. One would have to go back 22 years to find a similar situation. In 1960 the final table stood:

	P	W	L	D	Pts
WEST PERTH	21	13	5	3	58
EAST PERTH	21	13	6	2	56
SOUTH FREM.	21	13	6	2	56
EAST FREM.	21	13	8	-	52
Subiaco	21	12	9	-	48
Claremont	21	8	13	-	32
Perth	21	6	14	1	26
Swan Districts	21	2	19	-	8

West Perth beat East Perth in the grand final, 17.13 to 12.11.

BRAINS WIN

IT is not often that I transgress from facts and figures in this column, but one thing which crossed my mind while watching last week's World of Sport show on Channel 7, is worth mentioning.

As the muscle was applied in the Graham Moss - Ron Boucher and the Chris Stasinowsky - Gary Armstrong duels, the football adage that brain will beat brawn was once again proved right.

LOW TALLY

IN 1975 East Perth's Alan Quartermaine won the Sandover Medal with 16 votes; in 1970 Pat Dalton (Perth) won it with 17 votes and in 1956 Polly Farmer scored with 15 votes (in a 19 round year).

This season could also see the winner emerge with a low tally. Having missed the second round, my choice is only a guess. But I am going for a dark horse - Stephen Michael to equal Bill Walker's record of three on end.

Tigers panel

Claremont are starting their big match promotion for the game against West Perth in fine style. Tomorrow they will hold a special panel show at their club rooms to discuss the game. The panel will be chaired by former VFL and WA champion John O'Connell and his guests, from West Perth will include Falcons utility player George Michalczyk. Steve Malaxos and Brett Farmer will represent the Tigers.

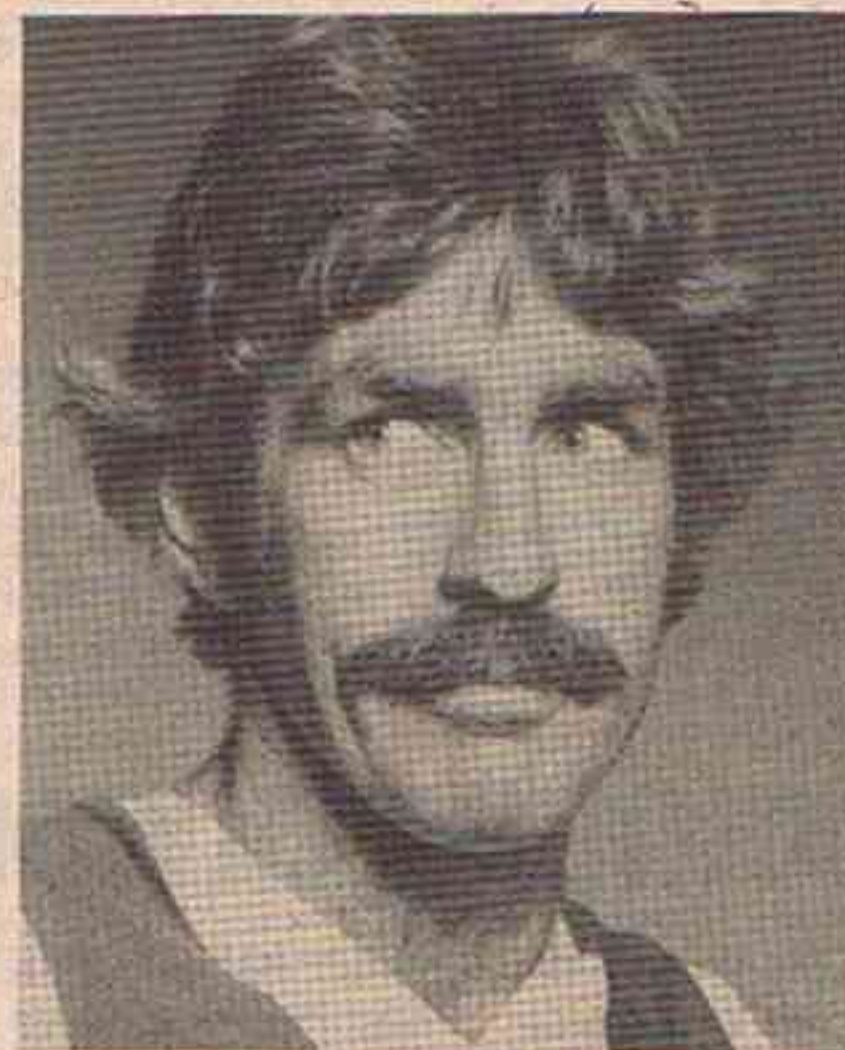
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PLAYERS FAIL

WHO would want to be in the shoes of East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander? He is a man of character, but unfortunately a few of his players lack the same approach. Swans coach John Todd said a few weeks ago that Alexander's senior players had let him down this year and that trend continued last week. One of the men Todd said had not given enough was Ken Judge and he put in yet another lack-lustre performance for his side last week. The players have caused the downfall of Brad Smith and Ken Smith in the last three years and it seems they are intent on doing the same for Alexander. However, the directors at East Fremantle would be making a big mistake if they terminated Alexander's coaching career. As Todd says, they would be better off laying some of the blame on the players.



Ron Alexander

TAKE NOTE . . .

PUNTERS who follow Trevor Jenkins and his Run to Remember segment in Westside (courtesy of the first-placed restaurant, Blue Fin) would have been doing nicely with some place divvies recently. Two long shots from Trev's Run to Remember stable in Jevilla and Budokhan got up for a place return last week. One of the few horses Trev has picked that didn't live up to the high wraps was a thing called Mink Deville. But, would you believe, the owners snuck it up to Port Hedland last week where it got the money!

Country reaction

HEY, Peter van Helden, watch it or you'll be banned from ever visiting Mukinbudin if you're not careful. To suggest that your old team, East Fremantle, couldn't beat the Mukinbudin thirds is not too complimentary to the country team. The way Old Easts are playing at present, that might cause some resentment in the country stronghold.

Media jitters

ONE difficult aspect of life in the football media (apart from having to deal with touchy football club officials) is the choice-of-game situation. There will be a handful of media men around this week with fingers crossed as the game allocations are decided. After all, three of this Saturday's final qualifying games have a direct bearing on what happens to the top four positions - East Perth need to beat Subiaco to keep their fourth spot alive; South Fremantle have to beat Swan Districts by a bigger margin than East Perth's if they want to snatch back fourth spot and West Perth have to beat Claremont for second spot. So that leaves out-of-the-four sides Perth and East Fremantle. Those unlucky media men will at least be hoping for an exciting game.

Confusing Swans

THERE I was, sitting on the hill at Bassendean Oval, with my football reading in my lap, waiting patiently for the game to start. My Saturday morning West Australian told me in bold back page headlines that Keith Narkle was out of the Swan Districts side; having been declared unfit at Friday night training. There it was in black and white print. But, low and behold, who is that in the familiar No. 9 guernsey as the black and whites run out. I wonder what's going on up there . . .

Surprised

MY spy at Subiaco Oval last week had some pleasant news. He said that David Miers, the man who spent 11 weeks on the sidelines for breaking a Royal jaw, was the epitome of good behaviour in his first game back. Admittedly he was playing against South Fremantle so there was no need to get angry or anything. But he did show some skills . . .

Naughty Benny

NOW, now Benny Vigona . . . you are a class player and you don't need to indulge in the unwarranted physical stuff to earn recognition. Last week you unfairly put Subiaco captain Neil Taylor down with an elbow as you tried to shepherd him away from your skipper, Stephen Michael.

No action

IT was interesting to note that South Fremantle's Chris Stasinowsky kicked his first three goals with the help of penalties awarded by the umpires after his Subiaco opponent had flattened him. Usually that type of lack of discipline in defence prompts a message from the coach, via the runner, to cool it down. But in this case no messages went out. The Subiaco player? Gary Armstrong, son of coach Ken Armstrong.

That's nice

TALKING about Peter van Helden, one of our more regular names in this column, I loved the way he described the clash between new East Fremantle player Peter Stennett and veteran Royals defender, Steve Curtis. PVH told us that Stennett delivered a strongarm bar to the head to put Curtis down.

What's that Bob?

DID I hear right, Bob Hicks? Who is this player Clinton Rabbit . . . there I was listening attentively to your call of the Perth-West Perth game and I discover a new name. Maybe it was just a slip of the tongue . . . Clinton Roberts is certainly no rabbit when it comes to playing tough football.

Still muddled

IT was good to hear TVW's Wayne Harvey ask South Fremantle forward Chris Stasinowsky how to pronounce his name last Sunday . . . especially after all the argument earlier in the season. We found out that it is Stasin-offsky (or something like that, not owsky!) But did you notice that the Channel 7 gremlins flashed up the name - and spelt it wrong, using an 'i' instead of that 'y'. Why, oh why can't they get it right!

Double-up

THE West Australian and The Weekend News football writers have a fairly close association, but it is not often you see what happened at Subiaco Oval last week. Doug Young, the number two writer for the West, was off-siding for Michael Tomson (Weekend News). Young did the report on the reserves match for the Weekend News and kept statistics for the Weekend News while Thomson concentrated on the main game.

Racing and football often go together and in this weekly segment we present West Perth fan and 6PR race caller TREVOR JENKINS with a . . .

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DAVID MIERS...



Subiaco wingman DAVID MIERS has hit the tribunal headlines a couple of times this year, but last Saturday he put all that behind him and concentrated on using his football skills. And he showed that he was a more than capable player with a fine performance for the Lions against South Fremantle.

Miers was one of the driving forces behind a Subiaco revival after quarter time and he really showed his value to the team as a half-forward. He was always making himself available for other players to pass the ball to and set the example in the running department. His team-mates followed the example and Subiaco were a far more impressive combination.

JOHN DUCKWORTH...

Big West Perth defender JOHN DUCKWORTH is renowned for his toughness . . . and that was never more evident than in Saturday's clash with Perth. Duckworth gave one of his strongest performances of the season when he helped the Falcons to recover from a slow start and work their way to a well-earned victory.

West Perth were not convincing in the opening term, but it was Duckworth who set them alight after that period. Some of his dashes were inspirational and he used the ball almost to perfection. Duckworth should prove to be one of West Perth's trump cards in the finals.



STEPHEN GOULDING...



Claremont recruit STEPHEN GOULDING is just beginning to show the sort of form which had the Tigers excited at the beginning of the year. The former North Melbourne ruck-rover had a slow start to his career in WA, but has really progressed in the last month to the stage where he is now one of his side's most consistent contributors.

Three weeks ago he was one of his side's better players in the match against South Fremantle when he gave them bite across half-forward . . . but for some unknown reason he was taken from the ground at quarter time.

PETER SPENCER...

Since returning from an unsuccessful stint with North Melbourne, East Perth rover PETER SPENCER has been a big boost to the side. And if it was not for his individual effort against East Fremantle last week the Royals could have been in big trouble in their fight for fourth spot.

Spencer, a player who uses his head in positioning himself for the ball, literally cut holes in the Old Easts defence as he pin-pointed the ball into the forward line. He was also busy at the other end of the arena and he gave the Royals the edge at ground level. If East Perth play in the finals he will certainly be the man other teams will have to nullify.



BENNETT'S BURST

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



POST-MORTEM

Post-mortem time has arrived for some league clubs and it won't be long before all clubs will be reflecting on the 1982 season.

In the final analysis, only the side that wins the premiership will derive any great satisfaction from the 1982 season. Though some clubs will probably feel pleased with their performance.

For the three bottom teams there will be little satisfaction.

SUBIACO, who were expected to have some impact on the competition this season, have had a dismal year. Even so, there have been some encouraging signs. They have been very competitive on occasions and could be considered unlucky not to have won more games.

Coach Ken Armstrong blooded quite a few players this season. In the long term, Subiaco can only go upwards, but their immediate prospects don't look bright.

PERTH lot set for a long stay near the bottom of the premiership ladder, even though they have a number of promising players.

They have been able to beat only one club this season which reflects the tough job ahead of them. Though they have been able to push other teams during the season, they have not been able to stand up under pressure.

It has been a very devastating slide to the bottom for the Demons after being the most dominant side in the competition in 1976-77-78.

They don't appear capable of making an assault on the four next season.

EAST FREMANTLE have again proved to be the enigma of the competition. They certainly don't lack quality players but their form has been very erratic since winning the premiership in 1979.

No doubt East Fremantle officials will gain some satisfaction from the fact that they won more games this season than last year. However, I wouldn't back them with counterfeit money to make the finals next year.

Their players just don't seem to have the commitment necessary to be a finals contender. Unless that aspect of their game can be rectified, East Fremantle will tend to oscillate in performance.

Whether they make the four or not SOUTH FREMANTLE have gone back-

wards this year. After three successive grand final appearances they appear to be on the slide.

Mal Brown faces a formidable job next season to arrest the slide down the premiership ladder.

South still have the players to be a finals contender again, but will need to do some recruiting.

EAST PERTH have struggled most of the season because they lack a true rover. The loss of Wayne Otway was a bigger blow to the club than most will admit.

What can you say about a side that has hardly been out of the four in more than 25 years?

Probably their biggest problem is getting full value from their stars. Grant Campbell and Paul Arnold have been big disappointments this season, while Dean Turner has had a poor year in comparison to last season.

However, they should be around again next year.

WEST PERTH have reason for most satisfaction this season. They have been the big improvers.

Whatever they achieve this season they should improve on next year if they retain all their players.

CLAREMONT, despite the loss of the Krakouers have been a steady combination again this season.

Most thought that the loss of the Krakouers would pull the plug on the Tigers, but the way they have been playing over the past three months indicate that they are the side to again beat for the premiership.

Their long term prospects look good as there is a lot of depth in the club.

SWAN DISTRICTS are looming once again as the big disappointments. For the third successive year they look likely to falter in the finals.

I don't believe they can win the premiership because they lack runners of the calibre of those in the Claremont and West Perth sides.

They have the nucleus of a premiership combination but have had to get by without rovers in the past couple of seasons.

SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

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

August 14	Westside Football	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	6PR	TVW 7	6WF	6IX	Umpires
Swan Dist. v Cl'mont	Ian Freeman: Panizza (C) Baker (SD) Goulding (C)	Geoff Christian: Baker Goulding Panizza	Ray Wilson: Baker Shaw (C) Boucher (SD)	John Appleby: Solin (SD) Shaw Sidebottom (SD)	Robbie Burns: Baker Goulding Kanther (C)	Oscar Howard: Panizza Baker Solin	IN CAMERA	Tim Flynn: Goulding Sidebottom Baker	IN CAMERA	Gillies/Capes
West Perth v Perth	Ray Johnston: Hendriks (WP) Cousins (P) Duckworth (WP)	Steve Wright: Fotheringham Duckworth Cousins	Colin Hopkins: Fotheringham Duckworth Murnane (WP)	John O'Connell: Hendriks Fotheringham Murnane	Rod White: Hendriks Duckworth Fraser (WP)	Bob Hicks: Hendriks Alderton (WP) Fitzsimmons		David Dyson: Duckworth Fotheringham (WP) Murnane		Morris/Rowe
Subiaco v Sth. Frem.	Darrin Ramshaw: Michael (SF) Carter (SF) Miers (S)	Doug Young: Carter Miers Mosconi (SF)	Rod Lane: Carter Warner (S) Monteath (SF)	Gary Stocks: Carter Miers Warner	Michael Thomson: Carter Miers Michael	Alan East: Michael Carter B. Taylor (S)		Ray Lawrence: Michael Monteath Miers		Phillips/Graffin
East Frem. v East Perth	Peter Poat: Spencer (EP) Hayes (EP) Hamilton (EP)	Ken Casellas: Hayes Spencer Hamilton	Geoff Worner: Hayes Spencer Curtis (EP)	Julian Stawell: Curtis Spencer Hayes	Alan McIntosh: Curtis Spencer Taylor (EF)	Peter van Helden: Dimmer (EP) Spencer Curtis		Ray Sleeth: Spencer Hamilton Hayes		Powell/Johnson

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GARY'S GOSSIP

SANDOVER MEDAL

Well, it's Sandover Medal time and I feel it is going to be a close encounter. My tip is that the dynamic little rover from Claremont, — GARY SHAW, closely followed by last year's winner, STEPHEN MICHAEL, and his teammate Brad Hardie with Alan Daniels from Claremont running fourth.

FLYNN — MAN

Guess which club Tim Flynn is going to be associated with next year! You all know he's had a dual role this year in the media with 6WF and 6PR. Well in 1983, Tim will become a Demon. Tim will be looking after the Perth Football Club's marketing and promotions, taking over from Colin Minson, who starts work at East Perth within the next couple of weeks. Tim has been around and has had an association with Swan Districts, East Fremantle, Claremont and now the Demons. If he keeps this rate up he would make a very good PRESIDENT of the W.A.F.L. as he'll know all the clubs

GEELONG MOVES

Well, I hate to say 'I told you so', but I did forecast that JIM SEWELL will be going to Geelong. As Jim has now confirmed this, I'll give you the swap deal. Former East Perth and current Geelong full back, — Gary Malarkey — will be returning to W.A. at Christmas time and East Fremantle have him firmly in their sights. Unfortunately, for East Fremantle, I'm told by my Victorian spy that Malarkey would like to return to East Perth.

MELBOURNE RECRUITS

Melbourne general manager Dick Sedden — was in Perth a couple of weeks ago and I am told spoke with Swans stars Allan Sidebottom and Alan Cransberg, also East Fremantle's fairest and best winner from last year, Andrew Purser. It appears that Melbourne require a leading ruckman to replace the aging Krackers Keenan.

PERTH RECRUITS

Mark my words, the Perth Football Club will be making an all-out effort to secure leading players for the next season. My tip is that they will get Peter Bosustow and Steven Hargrave back and return Darryle Freame and Brett Yorgey but, unfortunately for them, they will not have their No. 1 recruiting target Robert Wiley, who will stay with the Richmond Tigers.

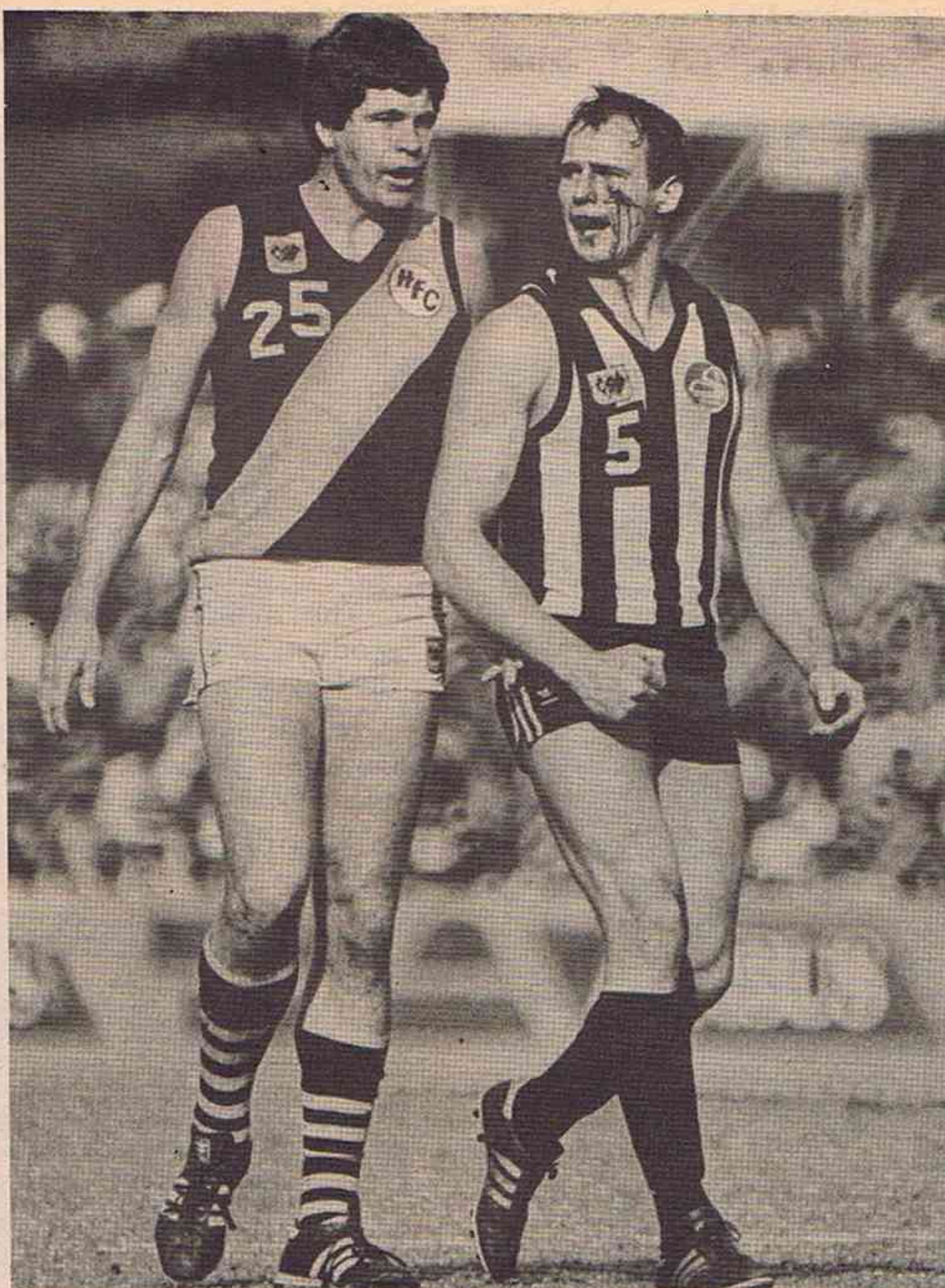
OLD FACES

Some familiar faces at East Fremantle will be missing in 1983. I refer to half back Roger Crouch, utility player Leigh Brenton and former State wingman Rod Lester-Smith. Smith, who has been plagued by injuries, will play next season in South Australia and Brenton and Crouch will be playing with other W.A.F.L. clubs.

The answer to last week's question was Haydn Bunton and congratulations to Elanor Hull of Esperance, you have won a beautiful bottle of Beenleigh Rum. If you missed out last week, here's your chance to win a beautiful bottle of Beenleigh Rum.

Tell me 'Who won the Sandover Medal in 1957?'

Write your answer together with your name and address on the back of an envelope and address your entries to Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.



Ron Boucher found himself on the receiving end last week after a heated clash with Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss. The ironman of WA football emerged from the scuffle with blood pouring from a cut below his left eye.

It was the heavy weight clash of the year as the two giants became tangled up and it was one of the few times that Moss has shown so much aggression in his long career.

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FEW IMPRESS

IN a season which has seen a large number of former Victorians play in the WAFL, it is difficult to find more than four players who have had a significant influence on the game — to date. The players concerned are Peter Thorne (East Perth), Peter Murnane (West Perth), Stephen Goulding (Claremont) and Daryl Freame (Perth) from a list of over 20 recruits.

All four players are similar types, mobile players who read the ball well and run all day. They have mainly played as ruck rovers, rovers or as centreliners. Murnane has probably had the most influence on his club (West Perth) as he has proved many times to be the spark that sets them slight. He is a running player who links up the play and disposes of the ball very skilfully. If West Perth are to play a significant part in this year's finals, Murnane will need to be at his best.

PRESSURE ON

IN the past four weeks I have had a good look at the top four sides in the competition, with the end result being that Claremont are the team to beat for the flag. The pressure will be on, they have already come through last week's encounter with Swans and face another this week. I believe they will come through because they are the most complete team in the competition with a potent attack. But each Saturday is a new ball game and one bad day on Subiaco Oval can see all the hard work and the season's performances go down the drain. Whatever happens, the next five Saturdays will prove to be a fitting climax to the season.

SPRINGBOARD

ONE area which has served West Perth well this season has been their half-back line and, in particular, John Duckworth and Geoff Hendriks. "Ducky" continually turns defence into attack with his 'big bombs' and 'big runs'. But one player who has had a great season and has been a real stumbling block for the opposition is Hendriks. Geoff played very well again last Saturday, he takes a good mark, runs hard to back up for the handball and kicks the ball long. Don't be surprised if he picks up a few votes next Monday evening at the Sandover Medal count.

VOTING

WHILE On the subject of the Sandover Medal, the same old topic has arisen again — who should vote? As far as I am concerned the voting must stay with the umpires on the ground. The system has survived for 50 years and no matter the outcome, the winner will be most deserving on Monday evening.

WESLEY WINNERS

WESLEY College have won the Alcock Cup for the first time in 31 years. The team, coached by George Spalding, have had an excellent season, dropping just one game to Trinity College. I have seen the boys in action quite a few times this year and have been very impressed with their approach to the game. They were well led by captain Ken Martin, who will be wearing the South Fremantle guernsey next year. It is good to see the boys receive their just reward of winning because it has been a hard road to the top. Well done.

TOO EARLY

Last week, before the West Perth match, the Perth players watched a preview of Rocky III and came out of the theatre raring to go. Unfortunately it was Monday, and not Friday — that they saw the film, and by the time Saturday came along they had already gone 14 rounds!

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West Perth are keen to win a premiership this year and **DEBORAH PHAECES** samples some of the premiership port.



It should only be natural that **FAYE PAPADOPOULOS** should carry a Bulldogs bag as she is an entrant from South Fremantle.

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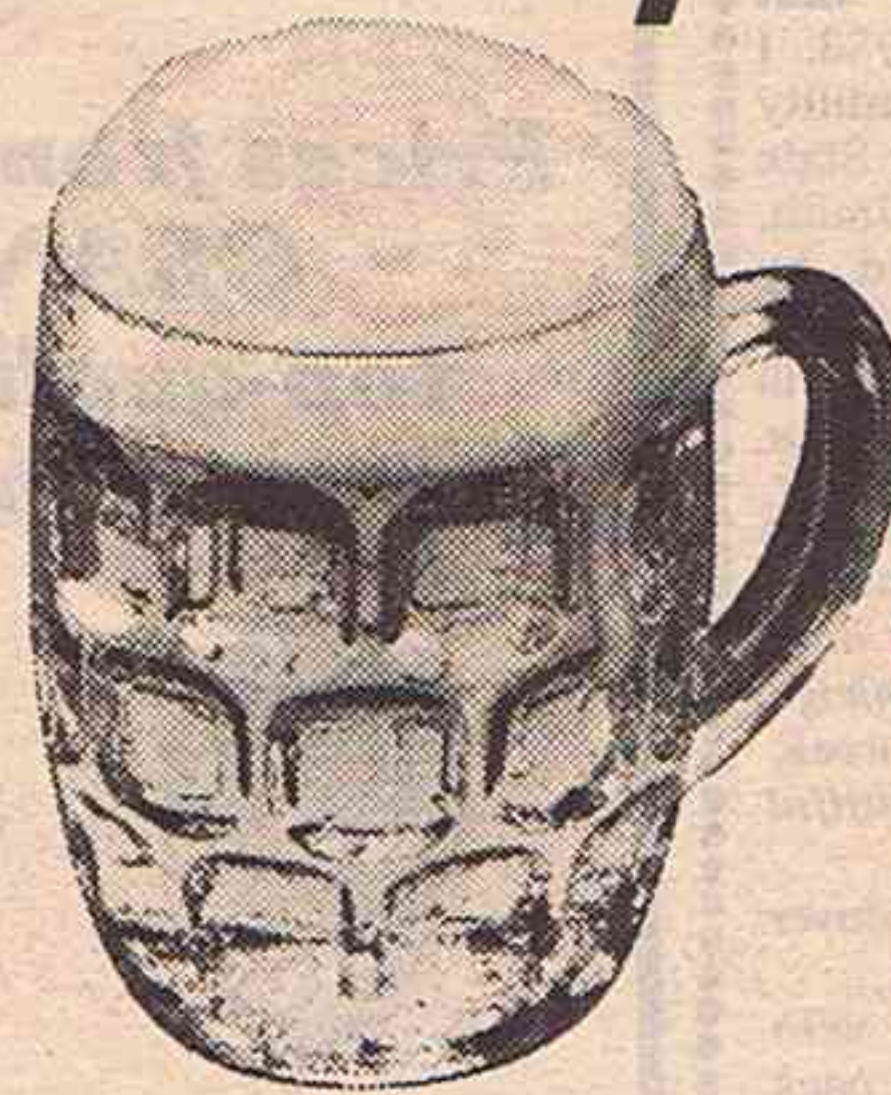
In this special picture spread, entrants in the Miss WAFL Quest are pictured with some of the products which have been WAFL approved.

The girls are now gearing up for the finals of the quest and soon the winner of Miss Football 1982 will be known.



Subiaco entrant **JANE HALL** seems to be giving her nod of approval to a Lions mirror.

Win by a Gold



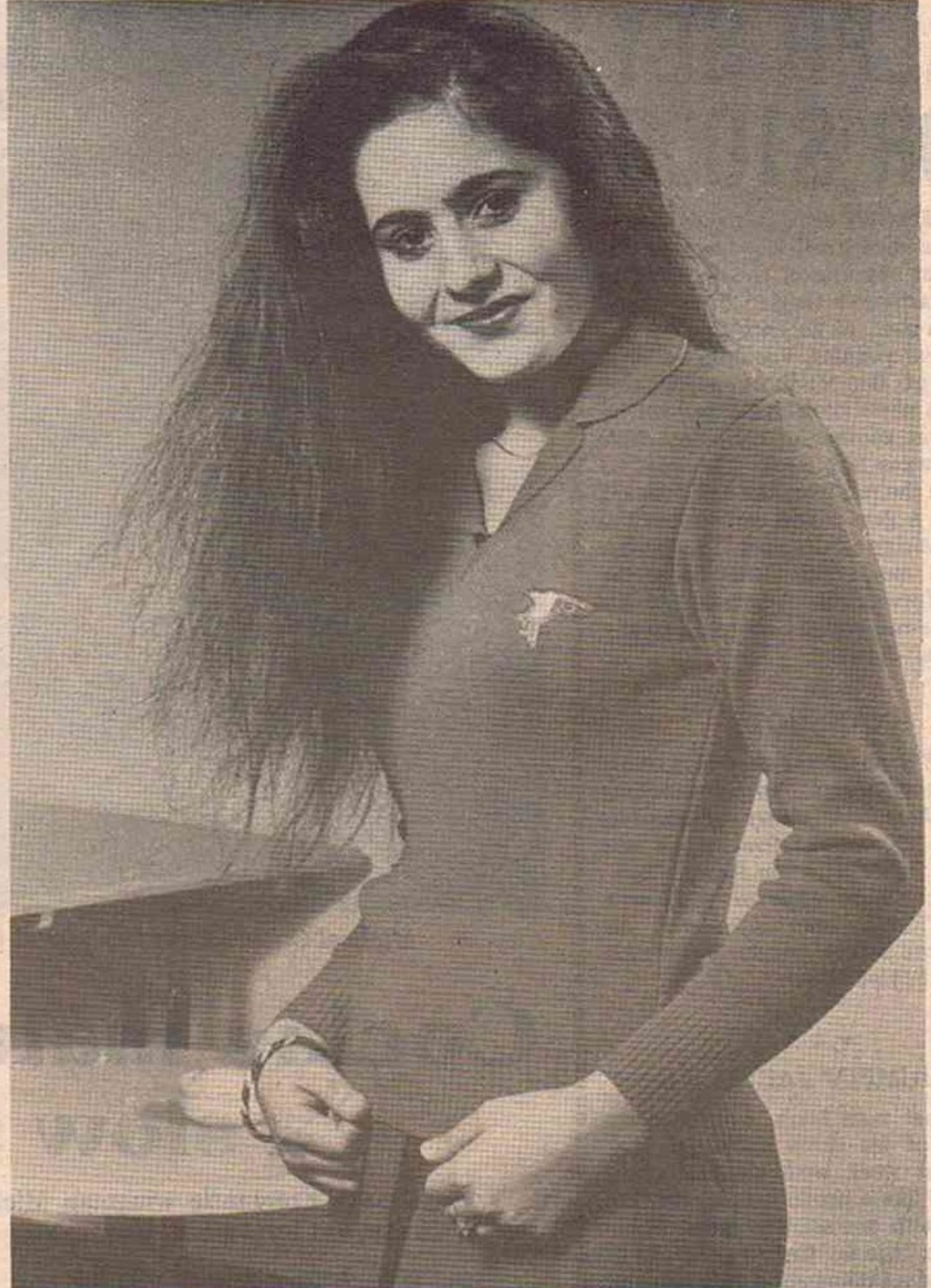

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DARRELL RIDDICK, who is entering on behalf of East Fremantle, displays one of the shoulder bags which are proving popular.



KATERINA REKLITIS is a one-eyed West Perth supporter and she thinks the Falcons jumpers are a good way to let people know who you are supporting.



Perth entrant JILL BALLARD always uses CSR sugar when she is having a cup of tea.



MELONIE CRUICKSHANK'S favourite footballer is Subiaco rover Brian Taylor and she took time out to look up his vital statistics in this footy stars folder.

Marlboro GOALS!

RALPH SET FOR \$1000

CLAREMONT ace goalkicker Warren Ralph has shown off his many talents throughout the season and is ready to receive Marlboro's Golden Boot — and \$1,000 in cash to go with it — for the second year running. His dominance at the top of the Marlboro goalkicking ladder has never been challenged and he showed yet another of his many skills against Swans last week. The goal he kicked on the run from the half-forward flank was a gem — and earned him the goal of the day on Channel 7. Ralph has convinced most critics that he is the best full-forward in Australia and his goal-on-the-run would be a credit to any rover or half-forward.

*** SNAP SHOTS

THERE'S no doubt that snap shots at goal make for great football watching ... and there was plenty of classical stuff at Bassendean Oval when the Tigers did battle with the Swans. Claremont's ace Steve Malaxos grabbed a couple of great snap shots over his shoulder and Swans' winger Phil Narkle wasn't far behind either.

*** JUMPIN' JACKO

IT'S that man Mark Jackson again ... some of his seven goals for Melbourne last week were absolute gems. He looked like a product of World Cup standard with one soccered goal, where he gave it a little tap first to get it out of the road of a Collingwood defender and then dribbled it through. He created another goal soon after when he sent a long curving soccer shot in from the boundary — and saw it marked right in the goalsquare by a hard-running Gerald Healy.

***** WILY WILLIE

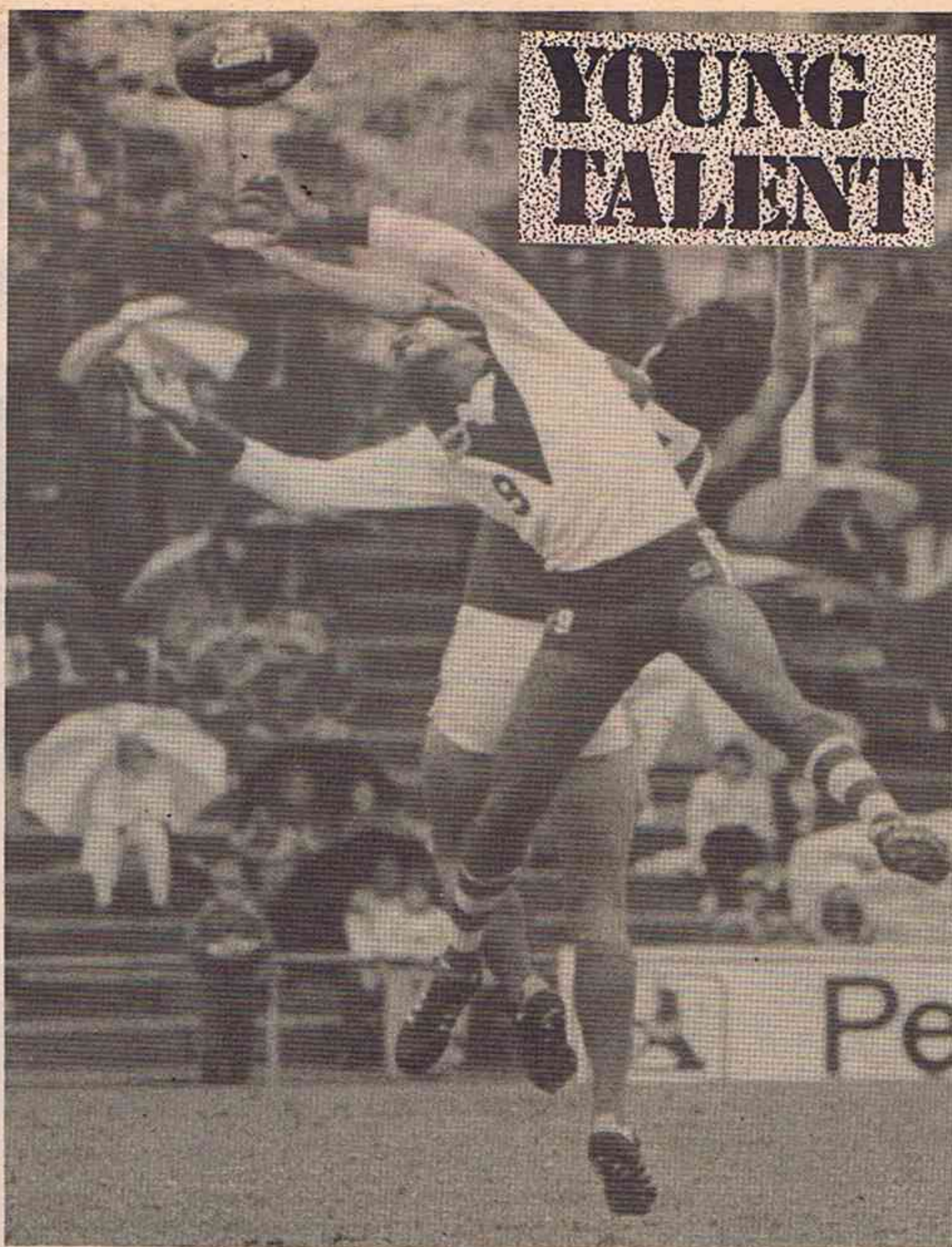
SOUTH Fremantle's new ruck-roving discovery, Willie Roe, is certainly an unobtrusive looking footballer; skinny, socks down, cool and casual in his approach. But did you see the way he brilliantly read the ball off the back of a goalfront pack to scoop it up and snap South's second last week? Shades of magical father Bill, a former great half-forward with East Perth.

***** DASHING DAVID

LITTLE David Perry was a last-minute inclusion in the Subiaco side on Saturday when his equally-small roving colleague, John Bengough, was forced out with influenza. Perry came off the bench and at the 19 minute mark of the third term he found himself the centre of attention as he snapped a great shot for goal down from deep in the forward pocket. He rushed back to the centre quite jubilantly and then grabbed the very next ball out of the bounce down and slammed another major through. Double trouble for Souths.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	104.57
Steve Malaxos (Claremont)	83.53
Mick Rea (Perth)	69.31
Mike Richardson (Swans)	61.37
Bruce Monteath (Sth. Frem.)	54.48
Chris Stasinowsky (Sth. Frem.)	53.37
Graeme Comerford (West Perth)	39.29
Jeff Cassidy (East Frem.)	37.17
Ross Gibbs (West Perth)	36.14
Peter Spencer (East Perth)	35.23
Ed Blackaby (Swans)	35.22
Peter Sartori (Swans)	35.11
(* Stasinowsky kicked 35.20 with West Perth)	



Michael Cockie . . . a key player in the future of South.

Cockie matures after a slow start

Young South Fremantle wingman Michael Cockie may have started the season slowly, but he is more than making up for that now.

When Cockie began his career with the Bulldogs he was hailed as a champion of the future.

However, he found the going tough in league football and could not maintain consistency.

But when he made his debut last year he showed flashes of the brilliance which is now becoming a regular feature of his game.

Particularly, in the last month, Cockie seems to have matured, and instead of putting in one good game and then following that up with an ordinary effort, he is now learning how to string together four or five first class displays.

And he has saved his best performances for the games that counted.

In the all-important clash against East Perth a fortnight ago he was in the top three contributors on the ground and it was his ability to give the Bulldogs bite across the centre which was responsible for his side's enthralling display in the second quarter.

In that term he produced all his skills to completely eclipse his opponents.

And two weeks earlier he did battle with one of the State's best wingmen, Darrell Panizza, and emerged the victor of a tense struggle.

YOUNG TALENT

There is little doubt that the clerk who hails from the small country town of Darkan will play a big role in the future at Fremantle Oval.

At a time when South Fremantle must take stock and re-build it must be heartening to see Cockie playing so well.

He is still only 19 and WA football has yet to see the best of him.

Malcolm Brown has a high opinion of his ability and if he continues to progress the way he has in the last month he will certainly be a star in the years to come.

HOLIDAY CLINIC

Peter Spencer, Dean Turner and Bruce Monteath will be among the coaches at this year's Town and Country coaching clinic to be held at Perth Oval in the first week of the school holidays.

The clinic is open to all young players aged from 8 to 14 years and costs only \$5 for a week's tuition or \$7 for a family ticket. Members of Town and Country's Club Colours Scheme can enter for \$3.50.

A feature of the clinic is the skills coaching and entrants will be awarded achievement certificates depending on their level of ability and development during the week's coaching. They range from bronze certificates for youngsters who grasp the elementary skills of the game to the advanced certificate for boys who can kick with either foot.

The Town and Country August holiday clinic was inaugurated four years ago under the direction of Barry Cable and was subsequently organised by Phil Kelly.

Dean Turner is organising this year's clinics and has lined up a number of outstanding league players as coaches.

Young enthusiasts (boys and girls) wanting to enter the clinic should call at a Town and Country branch or agency for an entry coupon.



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

MOTHER BROWN

UMPS EFFORTS

THIS year in my column I have tried not to dwell on the performances of umpires, but after last week's games, which were marred by several violent incidents, it is hard not to. The umpires lost control in two matches on the weekend and it is not difficult to see why mothers are trying to persuade their sons to play other sports rather than Australian Rules. These sorts of things do nothing for the game and every effort should be made to ensure that it does not happen again.

BAD INCIDENTS

STILL on football violence — it is a shame when someone doing their job, in trying to keep spectators on the right side of the fence, is injured in a violent incident. I am referring to the man who was trying to protect the goal umpire at Bassendean Oval — and finished with blood streaming from his face after an assault by a fan. But Bassendean was not the only oval where ugly scenes broke out. At Subiaco there was a brawl in the crowd which could have ended up in a nasty situation. All I can say is that it is bad for football that these sorts of things are developing among spectators.

POOR SHOW

I THOUGHT the promotion of the Subiaco - South Fremantle game last week was poor. On Saturday morning people were ringing 6PR to find out whether the game was on that afternoon or on Sunday as scheduled. Also on Saturday's game the coverage of the South Fremantle - Subiaco match was well done by 6IX, but they also had the extra game between East Perth and East Fremantle and it was disappointing that regular scores from the East Fremantle game were not given more regularly.

INJURIES

FOOTBALL goes through its different phases all the time. And on the injury scene it seems as though the type of injury also changes as the game progresses. Not so long ago the biggest problem facing players was injured ankles, and then it was hamstrings and now it seems that broken jaws are the most common injury suffered by players.

LOW POLL

WITH the Sandover Medal count on this Monday it will be interesting to see who the 1982 winner is. Claremont rover Gary Shaw and wingman Allen Daniels have had good seasons and should poll well. Swan Districts half forward Mike Richardson began the season strongly but since the first round he would not have picked up many votes. I think the best chance from South Fremantle is Brad Hardie, who has had a good last round. However, I think one of the lowest tallies ever could win the medal. Alan Quartermaine won the 1975 Sandover Medal with just 16 votes and that is the lowest total to win in recent times. We may see a similar result this year.

BRUNCH WINNER

THIS year's Westside Football grand final brunch promises to be as good as ever. In the past women have not made the most of the function, but it is a great way to start the final day of football for the year.



THIS WEEK
MICHAEL
COCKIE
WINS
PUMA
GIFT PACK

Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Top South West sides ride high

Collie and Bunbury enhanced their reputations as the best teams in the South West National Football League with convincing wins on the weekend.

League leaders, Bunbury scored a crushing win over Harvey Brunswick, while Collie easily accounted for Mines Rovers in the derby.

Bunbury must be favoured to break the premiership drought.

They continue to play a fine brand of football and Sunday's result was never in doubt as they completely eclipsed their opponents in every facet of the game.

The Collie derbies have always produced top games in recent years, but this year the Saints have dominated. And that trend continued on Sunday.

South Bunbury had to fight hard to eventually win over Augusta - Margaret River and they will need to improve if they expect to throw out a serious challenge to the teams above them.

They have dominated the South West competition in modern times, but it seems as though their rein will come to an end.

They eventually ran out winners over the Hawks by 18 points.

Carey Park had little trouble in disposing of Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup and they cruised to a 108 point victory.

In the other match Busselton scored a strong win over Donnybrook.

Ramblers toppled

Carnarvon Gascoyne Football Association leaders Ramblers came back to earth with a thud last week.

They were beaten in an exciting contest by Warriors and will have to improve if they hope to win the pennant.

Warriors won by three goals and they are playing their best football at the right time of the season.

Glen Dellar continued his excellent goalkicking form to register six off his own boot for Warriors while Ramblers' Kim Darby posted the same tally for his side.

However, John Mallard (Warriors) is still the leading goalkicker with 35 - eight ahead of Dellar.

Kojonup hit back

Kojonup showed that they are by no means finished as a force in the Central Great Southern National Football League when they dispensed with Wanderers.

Wanderers, the boom side in the competition early in the year, have come back

to the rest of the field and Kojonup had little trouble with them on the weekend.

They won easily by 46 points.

Gnowangerup assured themselves of a berth in the finals for the first time in years with a solid win over Australs.

Australs were also trying for the fourth spot but found the Bulldogs a tough team to topple - particularly with so much at stake.

The little country town is now abuzz in anticipation. They have beaten every team in the competition and must rate as serious premiership contenders.

Gnowangerup beat Australs by just nine points in one of the most exciting games of the season.

WEST ARTHUR STILL IN IT

WEST Arthur kept alive their chances of playing in the Upper Great Southern finals when they scored a comfortable victory over Cuballing on Sunday.

But they were helped even more when fifth team Railways and fourth side Rovers were both beaten.

West Arthur won by 89 points, but are still behind Railways (who were beaten by top team Pingelly) on percentage.

West Arthur and Railways are just four points behind Rovers, whose inferior percentage could see them fall out of the five.

With two games remaining, the competition is set for an exciting finish.

Rovers' percentage took a further tumble when they were easily beaten by Williams.

The other games saw Wickepin and Federals score convincing wins.

YORK DOMINATE

All matches in the Avon Football Association last week went according to prediction as the top teams prepare for the finals.

And league leaders, York were the most impressive victors. They had little trouble in disposing of Railways, the third team, who will have to improve if they hope to play a role in the quest for a premiership.

Cunderdin consolidated their place in the top four with a hard fought win over Quairading.

Little separated the teams throughout, but Cunderdin finished with a strong burst to take the honours by 19 points.

Beverley, who have not lived up to pre-season expectations, were again disappointing when they were well beaten by Tammin.

Tammin were one spot ahead of Beverley on the table but they outplayed their opponents by 53 points. After quarter time it was all Tammin.

In the battle for the wooden spoon Kellerberrin lost the match and seem destined to finish at the bottom of the table.

However, it was a good contest.

Kellerberrin started the better and at the first change led by 20 points and only inaccurate kicking prevented them from piling on a match winning lead.

RAILWAYS IN TROUBLE

Southern Districts team, Railways will need to improve greatly if they are to play a part in this year's finals.

They have secured a berth in the first semi final, but in their preparation for that do-or-die effort they kicked just one goal for the match against North Albany.

The Tigers were never in the race and half time had not registered a goal.

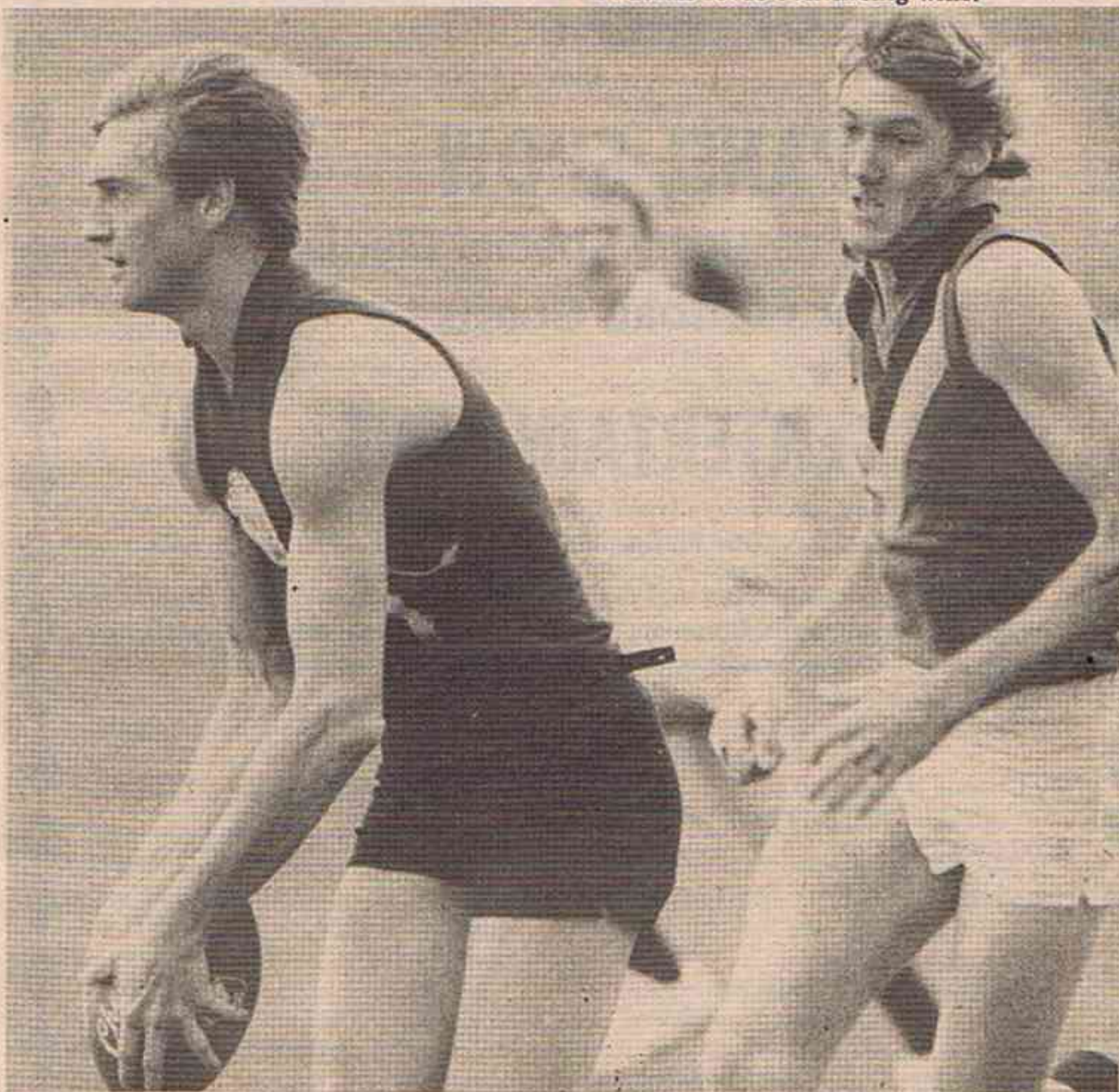
The final score was 18.15 to 1.15 and the only thing to come out of the game was that Railways would need a complete form reversal to take the game up to Royals next week.

However, North Albany did show that they deserve their ranking as the top side in the competition with a powerhouse display.

As the score would indicate they were always in charge and could not have hoped for a bigger confidence booster as they march towards their second premiership in three years.

Royals showed that they were capable of making the grand final with a fine effort against second team North Mt. Barker.

The Lions lost by just two points and they appear to be playing well enough to throw out a challenge to the top two teams.



Tony Smith, from Murray Districts, breaks clear of North Midland defender Neville Stokes during the recent Wesfarmers country football championships.



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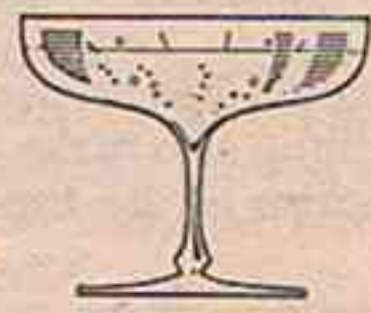
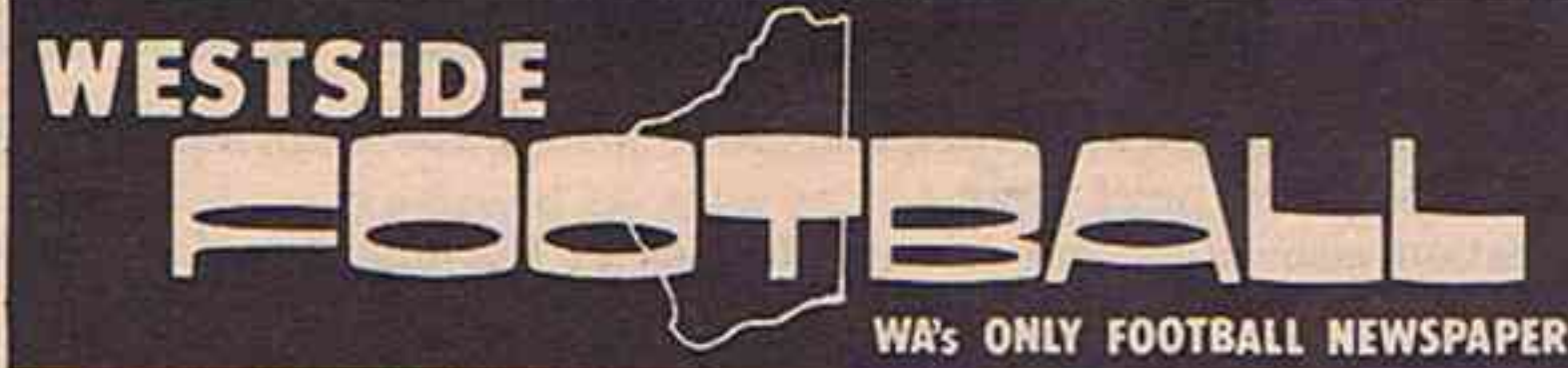
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SCHOOLBOYS IN ADELAIDE

A talented band of young West Australians are currently in Adelaide in search of the Commonwealth Bank Cup for the leading State in schoolboys football.

The WA side, coached by Rod Hancock and managed by Ian Temby, faces a tough task with seven games in nine days.

The WA side was runner-up last year, but go into this year's carnival with a new-look line-up.

Several thousand WA youngsters tried out for the side at Government schools throughout the State and the final squad of 25 has spent a number of weeks training together in preparation for the carnival.

Rod Hancock, is from the South Fremantle Senior High School and has a long playing career with Claremont Teachers, colts, amateurs Sunday league and country football.

Ian Temby, the manager, is the senior master of physical education at the John Curtin High School and has coached many sides, from seniors to juniors in both the city and the country.

WA are being hosted in Adelaide by West Torrens and billets have been arrang-

ed by that leading SANFL club.

A number of parents have accompanied the side to Adelaide.

"The team has a lot resting on their shoulders," says Mr Temby,

"They have to maintain an excellent standard of WA junior football and it will be a real test of character with this year's tough program."

MATCH RESULTS

WEST AUST. 6.5 8.6 11.9 16.15 (111)
A.C.T. 3.1 5.3 8.7 10.10 (70)

Goals: WA: Edwards, Foster 5; Bewick 2; Laidley, Lawler, Hardingham, Ugle. Best: WA: Edwards, Soutar, Wray, Collard, Little, Kinnane.

SOUTH AUST 2.7 4.10 11.12 15.16 (106)
WEST AUST. 2.1 5.3 6.7 6.9 (45)

Goals: WA: Edwards 3; Bewick 2; Ryder. Best: WA: Brown, Pallier, Wray, Collard, Edwards, Hardingham.

N.S.W. 0.2 5.6 9.7 12.10 (82)
WEST AUST. 2.3 3.3 7.4 7.7 (45)

Goals: WA: Vost, Bewick, Ugle, Laidley, Knapton, Champion, Foster. Best: WA: Laidley, Little, Ugle, Pallier, Wray, Champion.

THE PLAYERS

Mark Little, 15
Plays: Full-back
School: Balga
Club: Balga

Finton Maguire, 15
Plays: Half-back
School: Bunbury
Club: South Bunbury

Kim Pallier, 15
Plays: Rover
School: Kewdale
Club: Carlisle

Daniel Penny, 15
Plays: Rover
School: Belmont
Club: Cloverdale

Mark Ryder, 14
Plays: Wing
School: Thornlie
Club: Thornlie

Heath Soutar, 15
Plays: Ruckman
School: Tuart Hill
Club: Westminster-Balga

Paul Brown, 15
Plays: Centre-half-back
School: Balcatta
Club: North Innaloo

Cliff Collard, 15
Plays: Back pocket
School: South Fremantle
Club: Cockburn

Gary Foster, 15
Plays: Full-forward
School: Melville
Club: Melville

Gary Hardingham, 14
Plays: Half-back
School: Safety Bay
Club: Rockingham

Stephen Kinnane, 15
Plays: Ruck
School: Churchlands
Club: Wembley Downs

Cameron Knapton, 15
Plays: Half-back
School: Melville
Club: Melville

Mark Lawler, 15
Plays: Full back
School: John Forrest
Club: Bedford

Darren Bewick, 14
Plays: Rover
School: Tuart Hill
Club: Mirrabooka

Guy Champion, 15
Plays: Ruck-rover
School: Hollywood
Club: Churchlands/
Wembley

Bob de Graaf, 14
Plays: Ruck-rover
School: Kewdale
Club: Cloverdale

Bruce Edwards, 15
Plays: Centre-half-forward
School: Rockingham
Club: Rockingham

Barry Tate, 15
Plays: Ruck-rover
School: Busselton
Club: Margaret River

Grenville Ugle, 15
Plays: Centre
School: Beverley
Club: Beverley

Tony Versaci, 14
Plays: Half-forward
School: Swanbourne
Club: Swanbourne

Murray Vost, 15
Plays: Rover
School: Rossmoyne
Club: Willetton

Dean Laidley, 15
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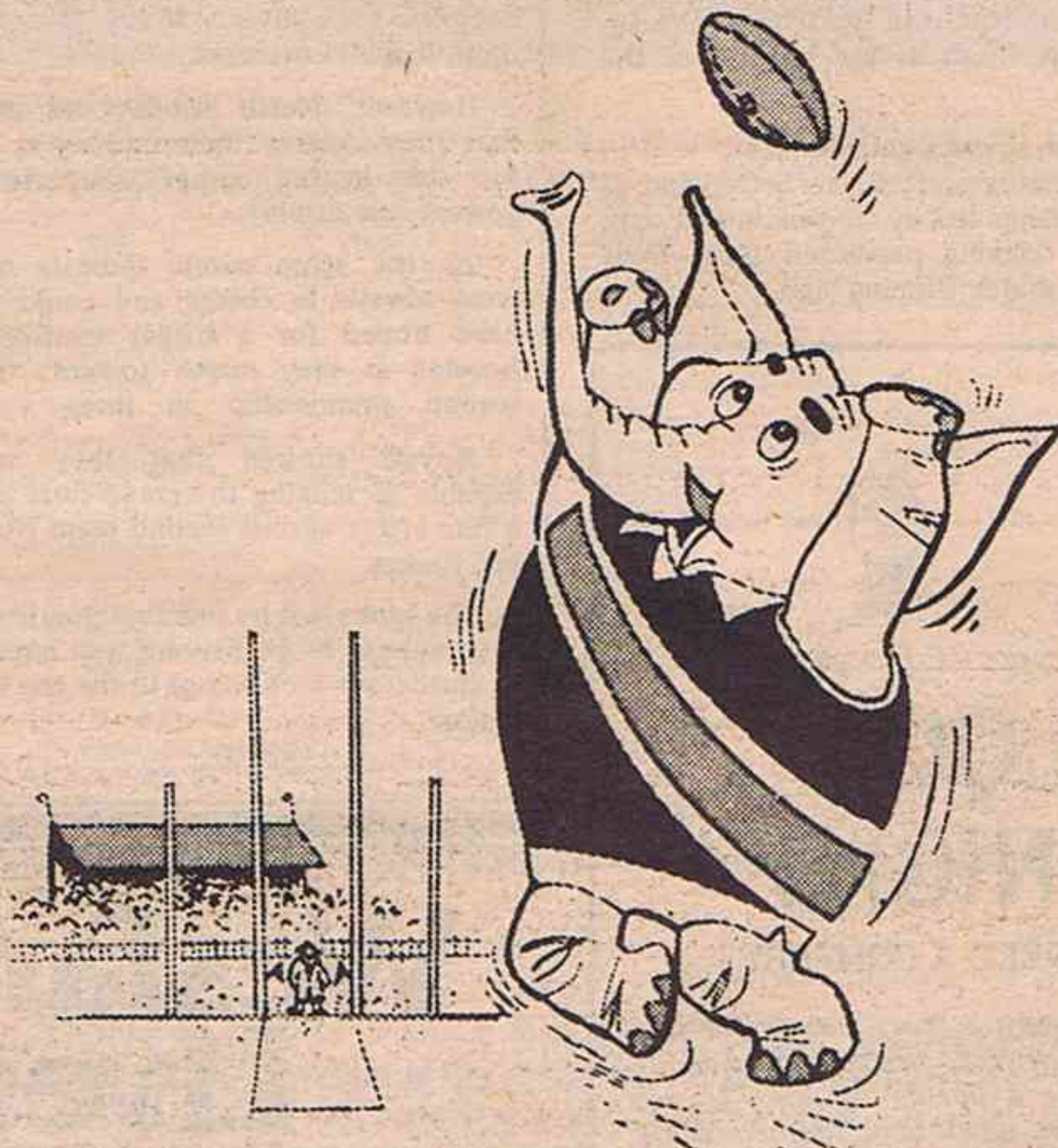
Darren Williams, 15
Plays: Full-forward
School: Newtown Moore
Club: Bunbury

Jamie Warnford, 15
Plays: Ruck-rover
School: Ravensthorpe
Club: Redcliffe

Richard Wray, 15
Plays: Wing
School: Balga
Club: Westminster - Balga

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East Perth v Subiaco



ALAN EAST
Western Mail

The Lions would like to think that they can change the fortunes of a few final-four teams this week, but the skill of the Royals will enable them to have a feast.

Claremont v West Perth



MARTY McDONNELL
Channel 7

The Tigers are in sparkling form and they will halt West Perth's winning run and take a berth in the second semi final as their reward.

Perth v East Fremantle



KEN MCAULLAY
Channel 7

Both teams will be keen to finish 1982 on a winning note, but there can only be one victor and that will be the Demons.

South Fremantle v Swans



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The Bulldogs' bark was worse than their bite last week, but they will have their teeth razor sharp on Saturday to tear the fluffy ducks to pieces.

Tiger-Falcon grand final is looming

IT IS becoming increasingly evident that the 1982 W.A.F.L. Grand Final will be fought out between last year's premiers Claremont and this season's boom team West Perth.

That statement may seem a little unfair to Swan Districts, who have ruled supreme at the top-of-the-ladder since the sixth round of matches (May 1st).

But the ominous signs are there for Swans:

- They have lost their past two encounters against both Claremont and West Perth.
- Claremont have just beaten Swans convincingly on their home ground — how on earth can that result be reversed away from Bassendean Oval?

And it must be said that these days Swan Districts have a poor track record in the games that really count — finals at Subiaco Oval.

Yes, taking all things into consideration, a Tigers-Falcons Grand Final is very much on the cards.

It's ironical that these two clubs also met in the pre-season "Red Rooster" Lightning Premiership.

As things stand, it would appear that pre-season form was a reliable guide for 1982.

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Bill Valli . . . on the break

Exit Bill Valli?

Earlier this season I went to bat for Bill Valli when he was surprisingly dropped from the Subiaco line-up after one poor performance.

I argued that the Lions veteran was entitled to put in one ordinary game without suffering the selectors' axe, particularly in view of his efforts in 1981, which were a big factor in a Subiaco resurgence which saw the club finish in fifth position with nine wins.

But, after watching Valli in action against South Fremantle last Saturday, I think he should seriously consider his future in top football.

He was replaced by coach Ken Armstrong during the second quarter after having virtually no say in the game up to that point.

It was a sad sight to see Bill make the long walk to the bench, where he stayed for the remainder of the match.

Subiaco, with only one win and the despised wooden spoon in their keeping, must look to the future and play youngsters . . . that is how they have unearthed promising tyros Michael Mort and Bevan Warner in recent weeks.

Valli, now 32 years of age, wants to play on, but I don't think the opportunity will be presented to him at Subiaco. . . . and probably not at any other W.A.F.L. club.

Tight competition

We certainly have witnessed a tight competition in the W.A.F.L. reserves this year.

Would you believe that the bottom side has won seven games; Usually in football at all levels, there are a couple of "Chopping Block" teams — sides that almost always lose, and finish their season with a meagre number of victories (i.e.: Subiaco and Perth League Teams, 1982).

There has been a refreshing element of contest every week among reserves teams this season which augers well for an interesting curtain raiser finals series in two weeks time at Subiaco Oval.

Woodville at last

An unusual happening occurred in South Australian league football last Saturday. Woodville won a game.

For the uninformed, Woodville (the Peckers) were the only senior club in Australia who had not tasted victory in 1982.

When Subiaco beat East Fremantle some 4 weeks ago, they left poor old Woodville on their own in the no-wins department.

Incidentally, Woodville are coached by former Geelong mentor Rod Olsson, and a familiar W.A. name running around with them these days is Bob Beecroft (ex Swan Districts).

Bob plays in the ruck for the Peckers and kicked two goals in their winning score against West Torrens.

Tipping time

Well, the final home-and-away round is upon us, and I'm three off the lead in "Westside Football's" tipping.

My Selections:

EAST PERTH v SUBIACO: The Royals won't falter now, they'll give Subi the run-around at Perth Oval and leave the luckless Lions with the solitary win for the season, and more importantly, hang on to the first semi final berth.

PERTH v EAST FREMANTLE: The 'nothing' game of the year. Perth to win.

SOUTH FREMANTLE v SWAN DISTRICTS: Swans are in danger of losing top spot and Souths have to win comfortably to grab back fourth possie. Those possibilities make this game worth going a long way to see. I fancy Swan Districts can take this one and regain some lost prestige.

CLAREMONT v WEST PERTH: The winner gains the coveted double chance in the finals, so it'll be a sell-out at Claremont Oval this week. The way I see it, the Tigers should win at home, but only by a goal or two.

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