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OUR TIP:

IT'S SWANS CUP

THE Westside Football tipsters cannot be split on their choice of the 1982 premiers.

Will it be Todd's Tyros or Mossies Men?

Westside Football thinks it will be the year of the Swan.

Turn to page 5 for a preview and see how the experts voted.

Artist Ian Hopkinson depicts our tip for the 1982 premiership in this sketch of Swans captain Graham Melrose holding aloft the WAFL Premiership Cup.



Inside this bumper 28 page edition:

• PROFILES ON TWO GRAND FINAL PLAYERS

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Les Mumme, the media man who took off this year's Bull-of-the-Year statement, has the final word on football 1982...

THE ROAD TO GLORY

The grand final is the climax of any football season and for a player to participate in the match and be in the winning side is the ultimate football experience.

All year coaches, selectors, trainers, property staff, administrators, supporters and players have worked towards getting their side into the grand final.

Hours of sweat, much planning, dedication and sacrifice, plus thousands of dollars, are needed to obtain success.

When a player runs onto the field that day, he carries hopes and dreams of thousands of supporters.

By the quality of their performance, reputations are made and lost in final-round matches and there is no bigger test than a grand final.

Players react differently to the responsibility that is theirs when selected to represent their club on football's biggest day.

Excitement begins to mount early in the week with all the pre-match publicity and by the final training night the tension is evident among many of the players.

The final training session is witnessed with great interest by large crowds who cheer and encourage their favourite players to greater efforts.

Some footballers fear a last-minute injury (twisted ankle or pulled leg muscle etc.) which may rob them of achieving their ultimate experience.

When the final session is over there is a temporary easing of tension in the changerooms and the players become more relaxed.

However, when the team is announced there is always great disappointment for some who fail to be selected or were declared unfit.

Lorne Cook, the former Claremont champion who did so much for the Tigers in 1964, but was unable to pass his fitness test, is a prime example. Eighteen years later, Lorne still regrets that he was unable

to take the field in what was to be a memorable premiership win.

On grand final day the excitement and tension builds and the players receive many telegrams, messages and good wishes from supporters and friends from near and far.

The clubrooms are plastered with slogans and encouraging posters which help to add to the atmosphere and no-one



Lorne Cook

Once in their football togs, players react in different ways. Some relieve the tension by handling the football while others prefer to sit quietly and think about the game. Others joke and are boisterous and a few are grim-faced and surly.

The build-up continues and by the time the coach has finished his final address, the players are charged with emotion and desire — they are ready for the road to glory.

Guest Columnist

THIS WEEK:

LES MUMME



.....who captained Claremont in their 1964 premiership

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JUMPY JIM



IN 1964 Jim Conway eased the tension in the Claremont changerooms when he called for attention and with a cigarette in one hand and chalk in the other he advised his players to be just as cool and calm as himself.

He then proceeded to put the chalk in his mouth and write the team on the blackboard with his cigarette!

MY TIP

Swans, fresh from the week's rest and determined to press home any psychological advantage they have from the second semi-final win, will be early leaders.

However, Claremont's little men, using speed to advantage should give their key forwards enough opportunities to kick a winning score.

Claremont to win a tight game.

... and a few words from two other senior men in football...

A TOP SEASON



VINCE YOVICH, president of the WAFL.

Contrary to all those prophets of doom, I believe this has turned out to be a brilliant season of football.

Admittedly, our attendances were down about 15 percent at one stage, but a tremendous finish to the year saw us finish just 3.8 percent down on last year's qualifying matches. And to top that off, we have had three magnificent finals crowds and hopefully another one this Saturday.

Unfortunately, we had three teams drop out of the competition early, but the intense rivalry between the three top teams helped offset that.

We believe that our football promotion has improved and clubs are starting to recognise the necessity to promote their own home-ground games.

Sunday fixtures have proved popular and we have ironed out a few problems about fixtures. We've learnt from experience this year and next season we will want the right to be more flexible in our rescheduling of big games and play Sunday matches at Subiaco Oval.

Despite the economic climate and the continual exodus of senior players out of the State, we believe that a magnificent football season will reach a tremendous climax this Saturday.

PLENTY OF IMPROVEMENTS

GEORGE MICHALCZYK, president of the WAFL Players' Association.



Improvements in facilities for footballers has been our basic aim as a group this season. After all, the players are the entertainers in today's football and it is our aim to improve our conditions.

Full marks to Swan Districts for the much-improved visiting changerooms at Bassendean Oval. More than \$25,000 has been spent on the rooms and it's a magnificent improvement.

The association has endorsed the operations of a firm called Star Sports, who are keen to assist players in their bid to negotiate better conditions. We see a need for player management and though we do not wish to appear to be in conflict with clubs or the League, we feel that many players need help when it comes to negotiations with officials.

The association voted against the send-off rule being introduced — and our opinion was passed on to the WAFL — and we voted in favour of a change of system on the tribunal. We would like to see a panel of three people giving decisions instead of one chairman.

SONS OF THE FAMOUS



Peter Spencer



Cam Shepherd



Cam Lewis



David O'Connell

MANY sons of former league footballers have played in senior ranks during 1982. Among them are — Gary Armstrong (Ken), Paul Clune (Kevin), Peter Spencer (Jim), Brett and Dean Farmer (Graham), Peter and Michael O'Connell (John), Cam Shepherd (Gordon), Corry Bewick (Ron), Laurie Heal (Stan), Geoff Beard (Colin), and Clayton and Cam Lewis (Irwin).

Congratulations to all and to any I have overlooked.

Talking of footballer's sons, it was great to see Greg Mycock (son of Alan) representing Claremont in the R and I Little League premiership team at Subiaco last Saturday.



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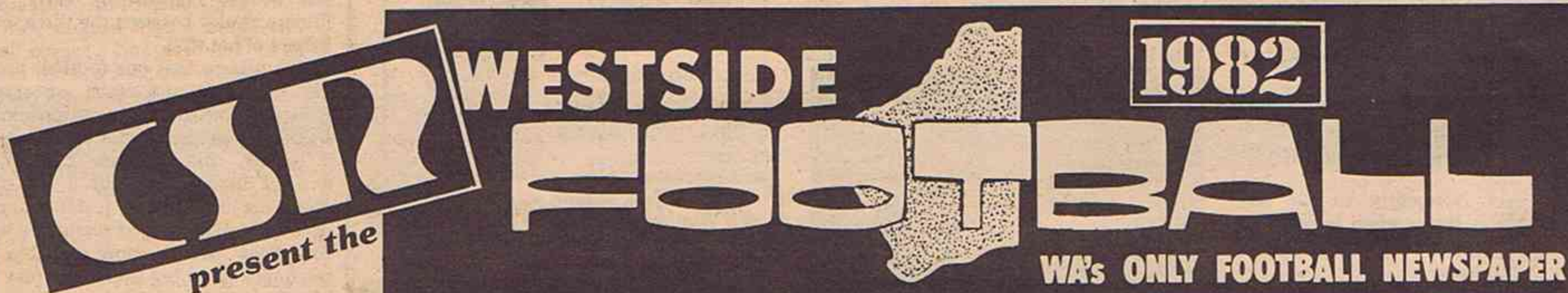
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Westside Football columnist



YEAR OF THE SWAN

The 1982 grand final is looming as one of the greatest football battles in recent history.

After a mediocre performance against Swan Districts in the second semi final, Claremont bounced back to something like their best form in last week's preliminary final.

On the other hand Swan Districts enjoyed a week's rest and have had 14 days to prepare for the game that counts.

Both teams have led the way for the last two years and either would be worthy of the crown as the 1982 champions.

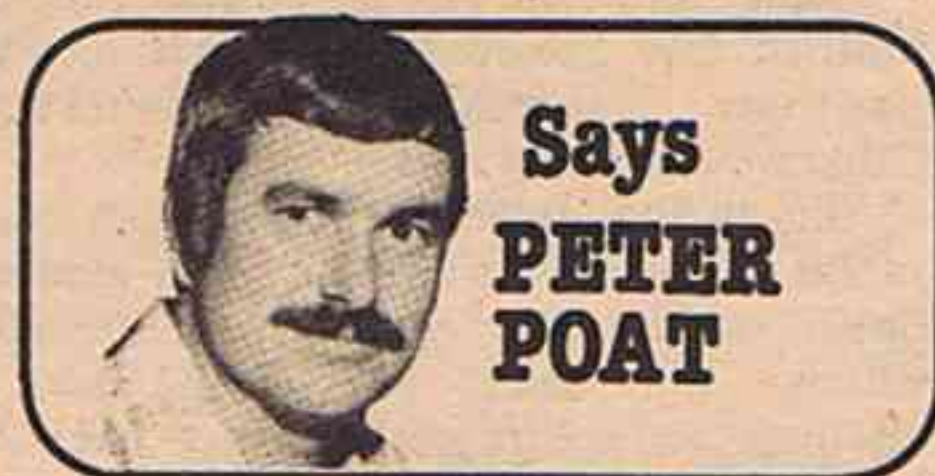
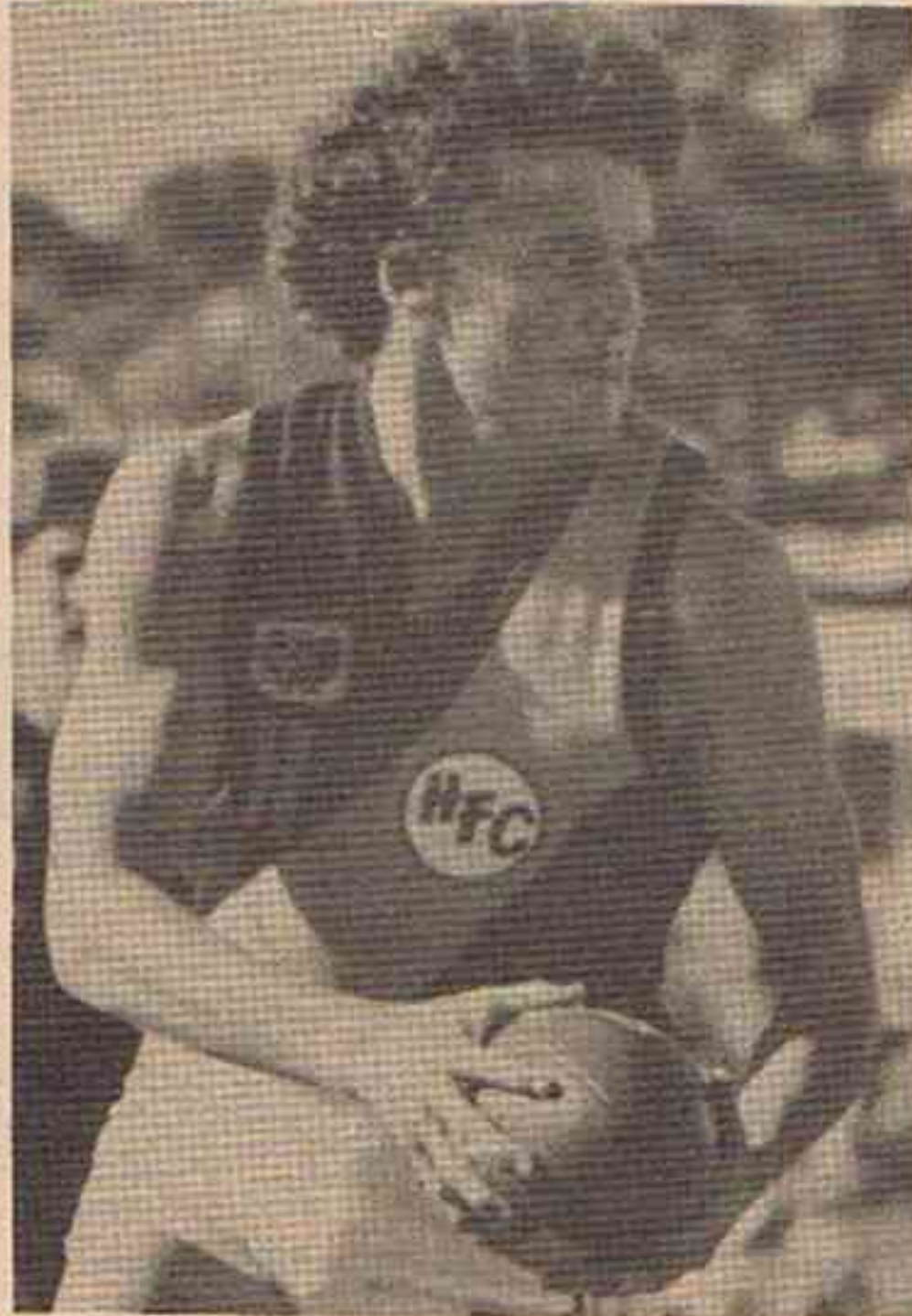
In the second semi final we saw how Swan Districts played when their football future was on the line. They had a similar task to that which confronted Claremont when they went into last year's final round.

In fact, the path Swan Districts have travelled this year is remarkably similar to that which Claremont took themselves in 1981.

Swans had lost a few of their stars at the beginning of the year and did not loom as likely premiership contenders; they needed to win the second semi final to prove to themselves and the public that they could take out final round matches; and if they win on Saturday they will break a long premiership drought.

Swans have not won a pennant since 1963. Before last year Claremont had not won a flag since 1964.

In the last two seasons some great contests have resulted between the two teams and Saturday's game looks like being the best yet.



The duel which could decide the result could be in the ruck where Ron Boucher and Alan Sidebottom will take on the Tiger pair of Graham Moss and Baden Harper.

Boucher had a huge influence around the ground in the second semi final and generally had the better of Moss and he will be looking for a similar effort this week.

The back up men, Sidebottom and Harper, appear evenly matched.

But it was also the Swans defence and centreline which was largely responsible for the victory.

Graham Melrose was supreme in a back pocket for Swans and he was well supported by Peter Kenny, Tom Mullooly, Tony Solin and Bill Skwirowski.

That was the first time for almost two seasons that a team had been able to hold Claremont's golden triangle of goalkickers - Warren Ralph, Steve Malaxos and Brett Farmer - down to a reasonable tally.

Even though Farmer kicked six goals in that match it was hard to fathom how he actually did it, because Solin was his master on the day.

If Claremont are to win the game a lot will depend on the performances of this trio.

Phil Narkle and Leon Baker were the stars for Swans across the centre and if they can perform at the same heights as they did in that game Swans will be looking good.

Claremont rover Gary Shaw is vital to his team's cause and it will be interesting to see who is given the job of minding him.

Because Swans have more going for them and more at stake than their opponents they should be able to make 1982 their year.

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



WATTS UP? with J.K.

Hi there folks,

We've made it!

WELL, isn't it great to see MY team in the grand final.

I've said all along they would be there when it comes to the final match of the season.

I just knew it would happen; come grand final day I'd be up in that press box with MY side out on the field and all MY preparations ready for a premiership celebration.

They are a team of champs; any side that has a leader who has won a fairest and best medal must be considered great. They have a tight backline, with a real classy full-back and a rugged little man alongside in the back pocket.

It's good to see my team going into a grand final with top class defenders; after all, it's generally the defence that wins the flag. Forgot those poofta forwards!

If my team doesn't win the grand final on Saturday, I'll tell you what I'll do - I'll walk to Kalgoorlie with Percy Johnson, helping him change his underpants along the way!

See you there... and at the after-match celebrations at MY club.

CASH-IN COMETTI

THERE'S no doubt about that Dennis Cometti... I reckon he's made more money out of his commercial radio and TV guest appearance spots this season than he has dragged out of the ABC payroll coffers.

He might have disappeared off the ABC screen and the 6WF air waves, but he hasn't disappeared from the media scene.

We've been pleased to have him on 6PR's World of Football show at times this year; but every time I turn on the TV there he is... and my spies tell me that he's forever bobbing up in front of a microphone on other commercial stations.

He's done a pretty good job in the coaching sphere, lifting West Perth into the preliminary final, so hat's off to yet another radio man who has made good.

POOR LOSERS

TALK about the bottom of the harbour scandal... I felt right amongst it last Saturday at the footy.

Sharing the 6PR commentary duties with me were South Fremantle fanatic Brien Thirley and former East Fremantle players Bob Hicks, Oscar Howard and Peter Van Helden.

They all have something in common with those poor unfortunates being named in the Costigan report... their football team has gone to the bottom of the harbour!

They should be made to pay back taxes on the poor performance of their clubs.

BROWN'S HELP

BOTH sides in Saturday's grand final have made approaches to South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown in relation to their premiership bid.

Swans offered Brownie \$2,000 to go down and help with Claremont's training... and the Tigers topped that by offering \$3,000 for Brownie to go up and help Toddy.

Obviously they both felt that his contribution with East Perth before the first semi-final was a good one. That's what happens when you become associated with losers!

PS: Barry Martin... what's happened to Subiaco, mate.

INTERSTATE UPDATE

Bourke ready to make history

HISTORY is ready to be made in the Victorian Football League . . . and one of the game's greatest players is keen to write his name in the record books.

Francis Bourke, the Richmond great who retired after more than 300 games, is set to become the first VFL non-playing coach in modern times to win the flag in his first year.

Bourke has taken the mighty Tigers into next week's grand final . . . but he's not getting carried away with things. His no-nonsense, low-key approach has been a winner for the Tigers all season and now that he is just one game away from a flag, he's playing it very cool.

Bourke, who replaced Tony Jewell as coach this year, believes the Tigers have to improve on their second semi-final effort to take out the flag.

Richmond had a 23-point margin over Carlton in last week's semi, but Bourke was not satisfied and acknowledges that the grand final will be a different ball game.

And he should know . . . as a player, Bourke was in six grand finals with the tough Tigers winning five of them. But he is not letting that past impressive record affect the Richmond build up for this year's event — he wants the players to work even harder in the days leading up to the VFL premiership battle.

Since 1967 Richmond have won 19 finals matches and lost just five . . . but Bourke says simply: "Past records mean nothing".

Bourke will be trying to cap the feat of John Nicholls who took Carlton to a premiership in his first year as coach in 1972 — but he was a playing coach. The last non-playing coach was Geelong's Charlie Clymo way back in 1931.

GLENDINNING'S BLOW

THE injury to star North Melbourne defender Ross Glendinning could delay his start to the 1983 season.

Glendinning seems to have the unhappy knack of copping serious injuries in finals — he was forced off the ground in at least two finals in WA when playing for East Perth.

The crack Brownlow Medal favourite damaged a medial ligament in his right knee.

Glendinning hurt the knee when he collided with Hawthorn's Peter Knights in the first term.

Ironically, Knights was also forced off the ground at quarter time and his playing future must be in doubt with continuing hamstring trouble.

Worn out

TALKING about North Melbourne's problems . . . their champion ruckman Gary Dempsey has been accused of talking too much!

The former Brownlow Medallist who has turned in an outstanding season has a throat infection, brought about because he shouts at his team-mates too much on the field.

North's medical officer said that Dempsey had chronic laryngitis



Francis Bourke

Cable plan

THE re-appointment of Barry Cable as coach of North Melbourne has seen the wheels of planning rolling already for 1983.

Cable and the Roos bowed out of football last Saturday with their loss to Hawthorn . . . and there were rumours that Cable would be out also.

One of the Melbourne papers even went so far as to have a cartoon of a gloomy Cable saying to himself: "I wonder whether Bob Ansett will let me have a discount on a hire car to drive back to Perth?"

However, he will stay on with the 'Roos and he has formulated his recruiting policy already.

Cable wants to tighten up the defence and find more small running players.

Cable believes that he will get far greater support from the Krakouer brothers next year after they benefit from the experience of their first season in the VFL.

NO SHORTAGE OF DRAMA

THERE is never a dull moment in Victorian football . . . headlines and controversies come thick and fast at all times of the year.

Take last Saturday for example.

The after-match scenes at the two finals were incredible — and both Hawthorn and Carlton incurred the wrath of the media.

Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans shocked the news media when he refused to allow his sensational first-game star, Dermott Brereton, to be interviewed.

The 18-year-old Brereton booted five goals in his senior debut — but media attempts to find out how the youngster felt were denied by Jeans, who placed the teenage star in cotton wool.

Over at Carlton, coach David Parkin has banned the players from talking to the media . . . and Carlton president Ian Rice found himself in conflict with a lovely female reporter.

Mr Rice asked Herald reporter Caroline Wilson to leave the room — but no-one really knew why. Could it be that she is the daughter of Richmond president Ian Wilson?

And in the Richmond rooms, victorious coach Francis Bourke asked for the full names of all the media gathered around for the traditional after-match interview.

Maybe he was checking to make sure that there were no unauthorised people there — spies from other clubs, maybe?

NO MORE LIES!

HAWTHORN's David Polkinghorne shocked the VFL football world — and the tribunal — when he told the truth this week!

Polkinghorne copped a lot of criticism from fellow players after telling the tribunal the truth about an incident involving Carlton's Wayne Johnston.

He has broken the unwritten code between players about 'see no evil, hear no evil, say no evil' when it comes to tribunal evidence.

The feeling in Victoria now is that since it has happened once — and Polkinghorne's blunt condemnation of Johnston certainly helped the tribunal reach an easy decision — it should continue.

The other factor to take into account is that Polkinghorne is so honest that he would not tell a white lie to save his mother-in-law.

Reluctant Swans

IT seems as though there is not the united front in the Sydney Swans camp as first thought.

A questionnaire among the players indicates that at least 10 of them are still a little hesitant about up-rooting their Melbourne lives and moving to Sydney.

The names of these players are well known to some of the recruiting officers in other clubs and there will be some strong moves to entice a couple of the former South Melbourne boys into other colours for next year.

New contender

THERE is a new — and little-known — name in the Geelong coaching speculation.

Gary Hamer is the man who could tip out all of the big-name players rumoured to be in for the job — such as Tom Hafey, Don Scott or Tony Jewell.

He is coach of Geelong West and admitted this week that he had been interviewed by the Cats.

However, he decided not to apply for the job. He felt that the demands of coaching at VFL level were too time-consuming and he wasn't ready for that dedication.

Life begins at . . .

CARLTON coach David Parkin certainly believes that life begins at 40.

The ruthless, deep-thinking coach had to lick his wounds on Sunday after a thrashing from Richmond.

It was his 40th birthday and he spent the day conducting his own post-mortems on how Carlton lost . . . and how they can improve before their next finals outing.



Rioli ready

WEST Australian star Maurice Rioli has come a long way from his tiny Melville Island hometown off the coast near Darwin.

The brilliant centreman is part of Richmond's premiership-winning bid . . . and he's looking forward to running out on the MCG in front of 110,000 people.

"Everyone and everything stops in Melbourne for a grand final, so I don't really know what to expect", said Rioli.

The 24-year-old former South Fremantle champion has had an amazing impact on the VFL scene since moving there this season and he is confident of not being over-awed.

"I'll be taking it easy and getting right for the final", he said when asked what he would do in the days leading up to the big game.



Finals launch

THE SANFL unwrapped its entertainment program for the 1982 finals series during a special luncheon at Football Park.

The league's president, Mr Max Basheer, announced that recording artist Colleen Hewett would sing a trilogy of Australian songs to launch the 1982 grand final which would be televised throughout Australia by Channel 7 on Saturday October 2.

Other entertainment includes: Elimination final — Tanunda Town Band; Qualifying final — SA Gymnastic Association; First semi-final — Mini League Parade; 2nd semi-final SA Athletic League; Grand Final — SA Baseball League (half time reserves) SANFL Cheer Squad Girls (half time league) and Colleen Hewett.

Poor show

West Torrens doesn't have too much to look forward to next season if its last three games this season are any guide.

In the third last game the Eagles were beaten by Sturt at Thebarton by 128 points (Sturt hasn't lost there since 1969), then lost to North at Prospect (where they haven't won since 1966) by 120 points and last week to Central at Elizabeth by 122 points.

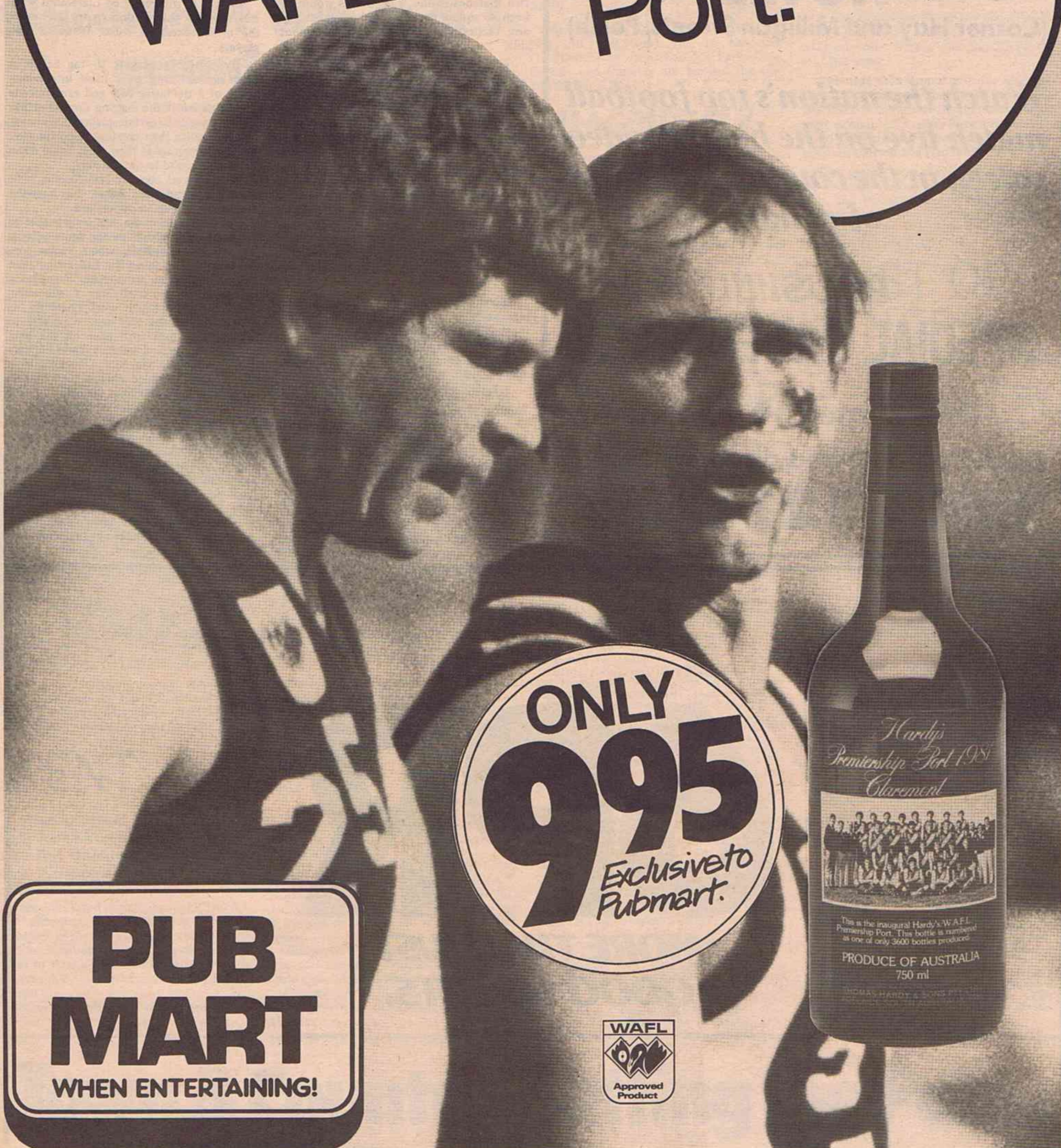
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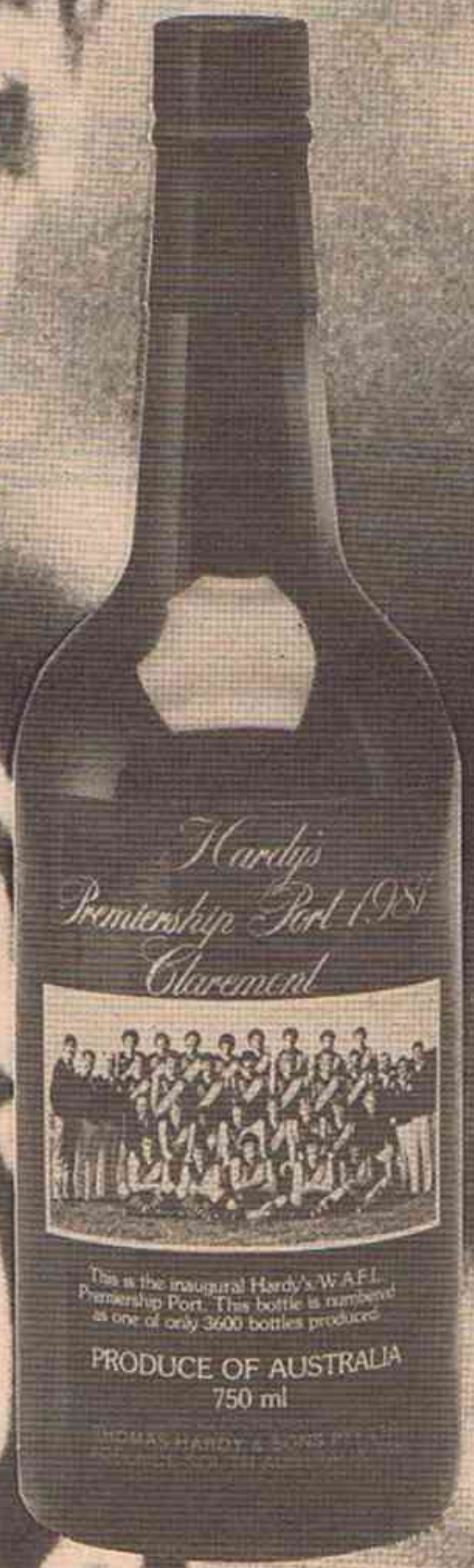
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TOUGH DECISION FACING TODD

JOHN Todd faces a difficult decision in his efforts to win a premiership for Swan Districts for the first time since 1963.

He has tended to rely on tough aggressive football and has consigned certain players to tag damaging players in opposing sides in important matches.

It hasn't always worked.

Against Claremont in the second semi-final Swans surprised most with the way they approached the game.

It was generally thought that following the bruising encounter at Bassendean Oval two matches earlier, that Swans would be keen to square the ledger and apply strong-arm tactics against the skilful Claremont side.

However, Swans, while employing a lot of aggression in their game, did not single out any players for attention. The biggest surprise was the way big Ron Boucher relied more on his ability to outrun Claremont than physical vigour.

There will be a great temptation for Swans to try and soften Claremont up to take the edge off their pace and skill.

But if those tactics are applied then it could backfire.

Remember last year's grand final when South Fremantle tried to knock the Tigers off their game early?

Claremont have shown in the past two seasons that they can play disciplined football when the vigour is applied.

Other sides have tended to erode their chances by concentrating too much on the man against the Tigers.

It is interesting to note that Haydn Bunton, who has assisted Swans with their preparation, believes Claremont weren't too keen to match West Perth in the physical clashes in the opening quarter of the preliminary final.

While that may have been the case it needs to be noted that when the Falcons were applying aggression they weren't getting the score on the board.

I don't think Swans can beat Claremont if they go out with the intention of paying

too much attention to certain players.

For a start I think the umpires will crack down on any rough-house tactics and they could take a set, to the detriment of the side, against anyone who tries to employ them.

But it also needs to be remembered that Swans don't lack skill. It was that factor that enabled them to beat Claremont in the second semi-final.

In fact it will really be Claremont who will need to take action to try and curb the effectiveness of some of the Swans players.

By assigning players to tag others a team immediately puts itself into something of a defensive role and can concede the initiative if the tagging doesn't work.

It means that certain players are always chasing rather than creating opportunities.

And Swans are at their most lethal when they are allowed to dictate play.

With players such as Phil Narkle, Mike Richardson and Leon Baker, they have the talent to carve up an opposition.

So Todd's dilemma will be whether to approach this match in the same vein as the second semi-final, when Swans concentrated on winning the ball rather than paying attention to certain individuals.

The first approach was a successful formula . . . but will it work again? Swans surprised with the way they were able to match Claremont with pace on the ball.

That eventuated because Todd cleverly used his mobile players . . . working to a format that enabled Swans to maintain run on the ball and across the centre.

He did that by switching players around and from the interchange bench to allow them to have a breather during the match.

His big trump card was winning the ball out of the centre by using Phil Narkle at the bouncedsowns.

It would seem that Claremont, rather than Swans, will be the ones who will need to devise a plan to try and contain Swans . . . in the past the emphasis has tended to be the other way around.

6PR

MORE THAN JUST
GOOD SPORTS.

GOULDING PROVES TOP VALUE

OVER the last two seasons Claremont have shown the ability to produce players from interstate who have proved to be great value.

And this year one of their best recruits has been former North Launceston and North Melbourne ruck-rover Steven Goulding.

The talented Goulding has been one of the stars of the final round and it has been his ability to link up the play for the Tigers which has seen them continue to be a force in football.

He kicks well either foot and reads the play exceptionally well.

Goulding played five games with North Melbourne in his one season with the Kangaroos last year and the move by Claremont to entice him to WA must now be regarded as a recruiting coup.

He is one of the most under-rated players in league football and will again play an important role for his side today.

He presents many opportunities to the powerful forward line and if Swan Districts are to break the premiership drought one of their major objectives will need to be to cut the steady flow of kicks Goulding picks.

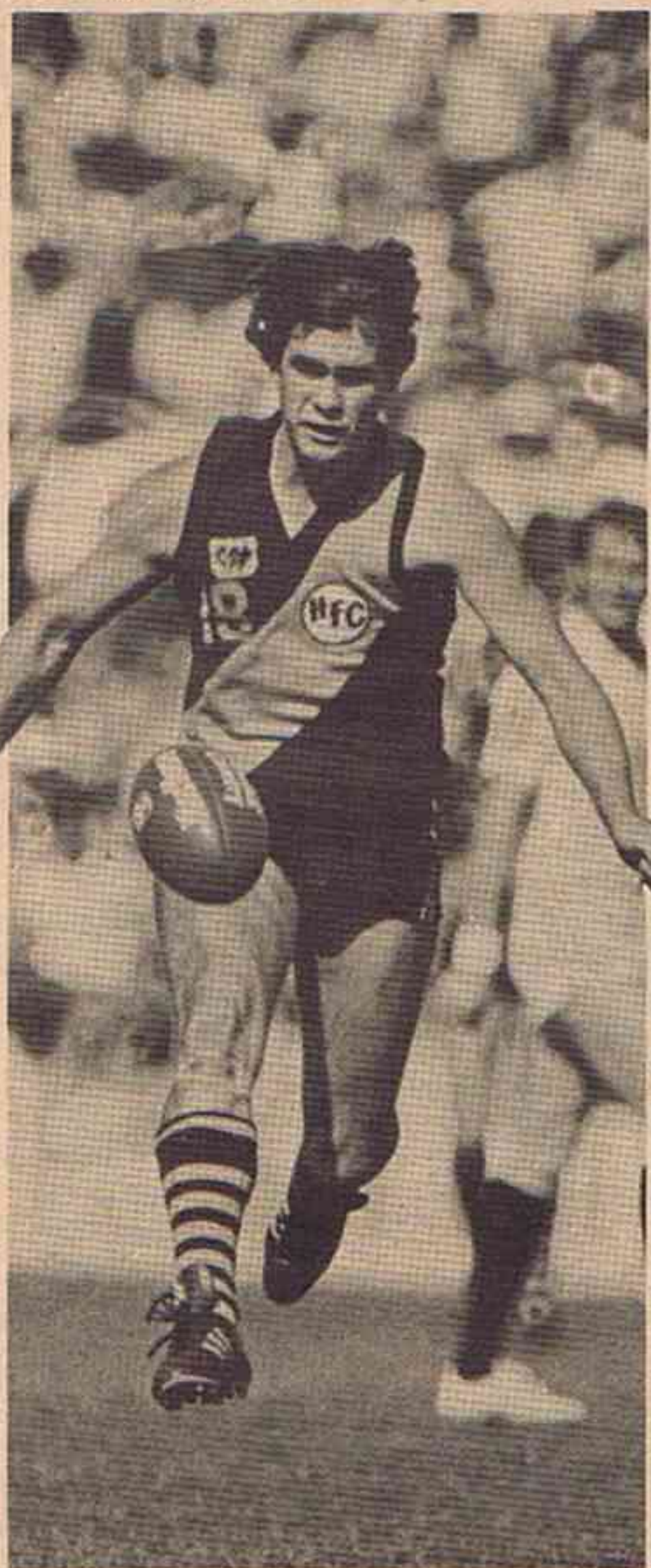
Goulding has the ability to play in a number of positions and this versatility will see him continue to be a valuable player next year.

Goulding is the type of player who should succeed in the hectic grand final atmosphere. He has been there before.

When playing with North Launceston he played three interstate matches with the Apple Isle and this experience should hold him in good stead for a game like Saturday's cut-throat battle.

In his two finals matches he has shown a coolness beyond his years and experience when under extreme pressure and if he can 'keep his head' on Saturday in the same fashion he could be instrumental in setting the Tigers on the path to victory.

The 22-year-old bank clerk will obviously be keen to do well. A top performance would do his own future no harm at all.



Steve Goulding . . . developing into a player of class for the Tigers.

Marlboro MEN

Stars of the preliminary final

WAYNE BLACKWELL . . .

Claremont centreman Wayne Blackwell was one of the many Tigers stars who was down on form in the second semi-final against Swan Districts and needed to bounce back in the preliminary final. And he could not have been happier with the way things turned out for him in the vital clash against West Perth last Saturday. Blackwell knew he had to perform at his best and he tackled the job in fine fashion.

Determination was written all over his face in the early part of the first term and it was his ability to take control in the pivot which set Claremont on the path to victory. And Blackwell must continue in that form if Claremont are to get the ball out of the centre in Saturday's grand final.



WARREN RALPH . . .

Claremont's goalkicking ace Warren Ralph returned to his best form in the preliminary final when he played much of the game at centre-half-forward. The brilliant forward, besides hitting the spotlight with a fine mark, picked up more than 20 kicks in a display which was eye-catching. He was at his damaging best and only his kicking for goal let him down.

He relished the extra room at centre-half-forward and is fast carving his name into the record books. Swan Districts will have their work cut out restricting the brilliant forward and if he can gather a similar tally of kicks this week he will put the Tigers well on their way to winning premierships in successive years.



GRAEME COMERFORD . . .

At the beginning of the year, when West Perth gained the services of Graeme Comerford, few people would have expected him to play a leading role in the club's quest to play in a grand final. But that has been exactly the case. He has proven to many people that he has ability and will now play a part in the future of his adopted club.

During the year he showed his worth in attack for the Falcons, but last week returned to the defensive role where he played most of his football at Swan Districts. He was at his best in the backline for West Perth last Saturday when he was a solid four quarter contributor. He took a number of strong marks and tried his hardest to keep West Perth in the running for a grand final.



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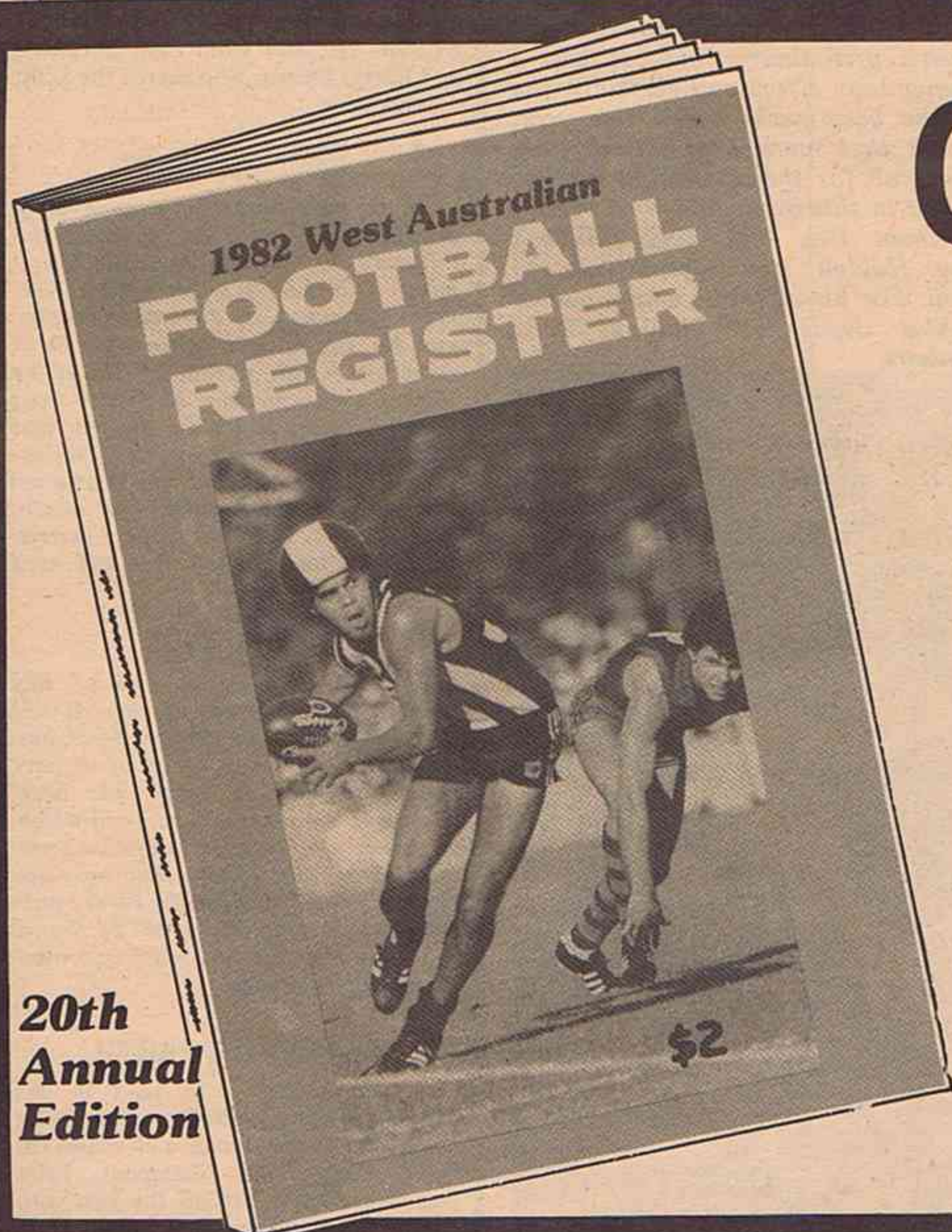
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GARY'S GOSSIP

Subiaco job

Last week I asked you to read this column for further developments regarding the vacant coaching position at Subiaco. Well, at risk of being called a "trouble-maker" by Lions president Kevin Merifield, here I go again.

Guess who was a special visitor in the Subiaco boardroom last week? None other than former Swans and Subi coach, the great Haydn Bunton. I also spoke to "Bunts" last Sunday morning at Channel 7 and he told me once the operation was done on his back, he would be definitely interested in a coaching job again. But get this — and I quote "anywhere but South Australia". Haydn wasn't being unkind to his home State. As he said "I've been back in Adelaide for some eight years and I'm ready to relocate somewhere else". Take it from me, whether it's Subiaco or anybody else, Bunton is available and what a wealth of talent and experience he has to offer. I just hope that Subiaco think carefully about who they appoint and why.

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BIG DAY

TVW Channel 7 (like their counterpart 6IX) have made elaborate plans for their 1982 grand final edition of "World of Sport". Football-wise it should be great. Peter Waltham will, of course, chair the show from the studio; however the producers have put together an outside broadcast team as well. It will be my pleasure to chair this outside panel and special guests will be featured from either Claremont or Swan Districts, depending on which team is successful.

However, I stress that players and representatives from "the victors" or "the vanquished" will be featured on Sunday's show, together with some surprise special guests.

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MY AWARDS

MALCOLM Brown's column in The Western Mail last week was interesting, to say the least. Thank you, Mal, for my award, and thank you for "stealing my idea". Just as well we're friends.

Here are my awards for 1982, at random: —

Most Co-operative Coach: — a tie between Graham Moss, (Claremont) and John Todd (Swan Districts).

Most Un-co-operative Coach: — Malcolm Brown, South Fremantle.

Most Co-operative Player: — a tie between John Hayes (East Perth) and Graham Moss (Claremont).

Most Co-operative President: — a tie between John Cooper, (Swan Districts) and Rod Brown, (West Perth).

Most Co-operative general manager: — Peter Bowler (WAFL).

GC's Special Commendations: — Westside Football — for their outstanding contribution to football in general, and the Ampol Miss Football competition in particular. Other major contributors that I have come into contact with include Frank Sparrow (6IX), John K. Watts (6PR) Dennis Cometti (outstanding debut as West Perth coach) and Tim Flynn ABC and/or 6PR and/or anywhere for the outstanding trier of the year; Peter Waltham and "World of Sport" team.

However, seriously, to all involved in football and the media in general, thank you for making it a great 1982.



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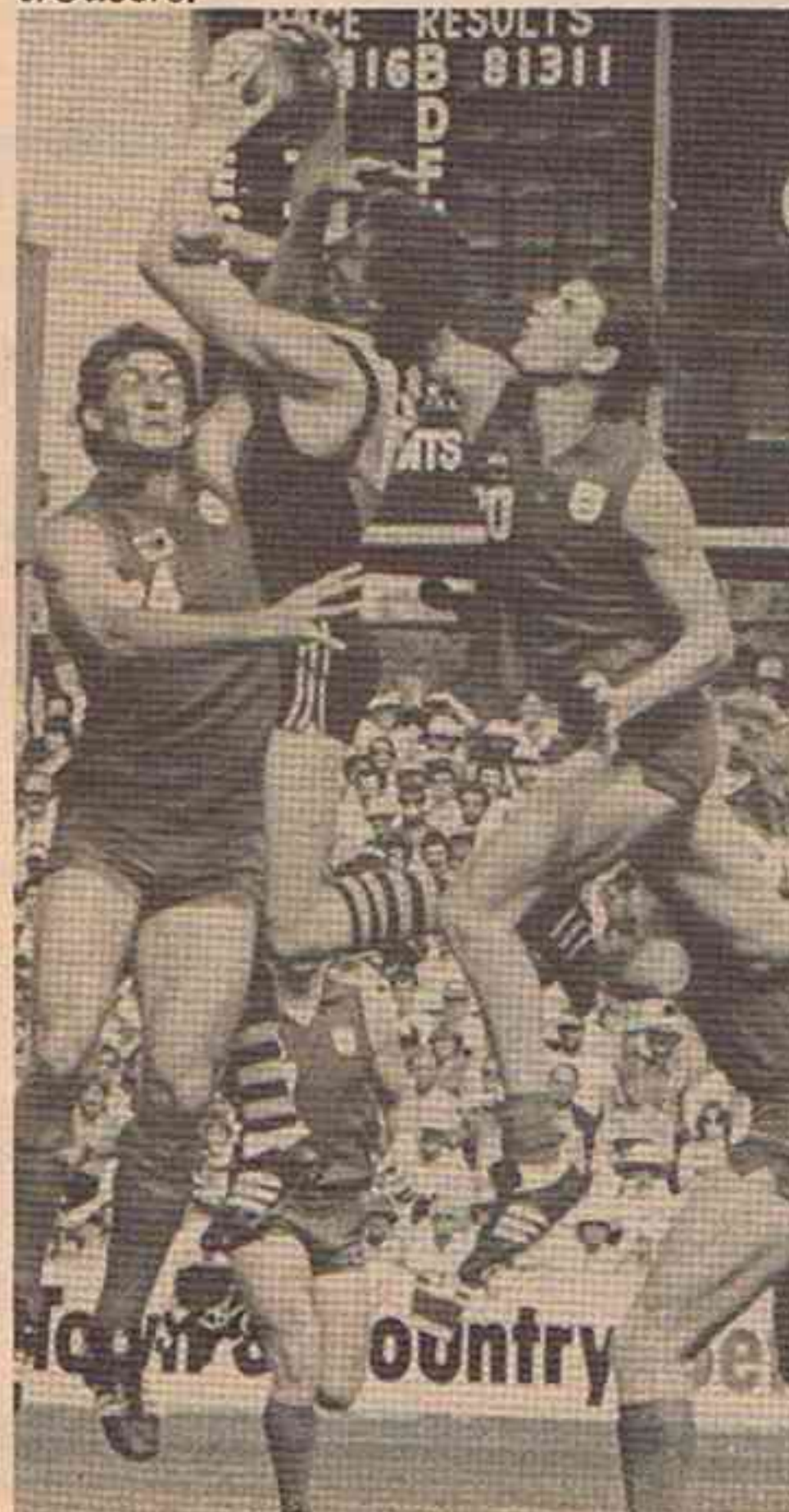
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Claremont's high flying full-forward Warren Ralph deserves this week's Hard Yakka award for the great capture he pulled down in last week's preliminary final. It was a tremendous effort and certainly one of the best marks taken this year.

But that mark was not his only fine grab for the afternoon. He also pulled in this one while West Perth's ruckman Ben Jager and full-back Ray Holden tried desperately to spoil. For his effort he wins a pair of Yakka Jeans or fabulous Rigs trousers.



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



IAN MILLER

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

John Todd had his players in absolute top mental condition for the second semi-final and consequently they completely outplayed an over-confident Claremont combination. And this week their preparation and approach will no doubt be even greater for that elusive flag.

Against that, Claremont have the opportunity to complete back-to-back premierships, enough incentive in itself.

Very little separates these two sides, the best two in 1982, and the 40 players who take the field will be desperate, aggressive and mean for that ball, remembering that only winners stand tall and the memories of victory live for ever. But it never comes easy.

STRONG GAME

Claremont had many contributors last week against West Perth, but one player who played extremely well was Steve Goulding. His heavy physical work in the first half made numerous opportunities for his team-mates. He was prepared to commit his body time and again and was a good linkman. His combination with the running and skills of Gary Shaw gave Claremont plenty of drive, particularly in the first half. At the other end of the scale was young Michael O'Connell who did his job well in a very disciplined backline. Michael's father, John played in his first preliminary final 30 years ago, at the same age.

GOOD YEAR

Perth's Oral McGuire, who was selected as the Rookie of the Year, certainly had a good year and that capped it off for him. Oral played 19 games, primarily on the wing and displayed a lot of skill. He, like many others, has an enormous opportunity to become a very good and consistent footballer. But now the real work begins and I am sure he will be prepared to do just that. While on awards, Perth's captain Bryan Cousins won the club's Patrons' award last week and a prize of \$1,000. He won from Cam Shepherd and Darryl Freame who shared the \$500 second place.

VINTAGE MOSS

In the past couple of seasons many people have tended to discount the influence of Graham Moss on Claremont. Last week's effort against West Perth was classy. He directed the traffic and his last quarter, when West Perth came with a rush, was superb. He will be under terrific pressure this week from in-form Swans pair Ron Boucher and Alan Sidebottom and must give his co-ruckman Baden Harper more time on the ball, because one thing for certain, Mossy can't ruck for four quarters. In a tight last quarter they will need him at his best.

EXPERIENCE

Saturday marks the end of the season from my point of view. It has been a disappointing year for Perth, but the experience gained by all of us, particularly myself as coach, has been enormous. Football is a game in which you never stop learning, only that some learn more than others. The next six months will be vital for the Perth Football Club and the results will be shown next season with a very much improved on-field performance.

MEMO WEST PERTH

I was interested to read in last Monday's West Australian where West Perth are going to secure a clearance for Peter Avery from Claremont. Peter played the latter part of the year with Perth and is still required by the club.



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A history making grand final

For the first time ever the two youngest clubs in the league are set to play off in the grand final. It is also the first time one of the Perth or Fremantle clubs has not been involved in the big one.

Since Swan Districts came into the league in 1934, the two clubs have played each other 146 times. Claremont have won 90 of the encounters while Swans have taken out 56. In final round games Swans hold a 2-1 advantage.

Claremont have won five premierships while Swans have won three. The Tigers' first success came in their 251st match while Swans had to wait until their 1,547th game.

Opposition coaches, John Todd and Graham Moss have one premiership success

each, Todd in 1974 with East Fremantle and Moss, of course, took his team to the premiership last year. Todd has coached for 505 games and Moss has been at the helm for 133 games as a coach.

This is the fifth grand final in succession where the two coaches have been locally produced. The last foreigner to take a side to a grand final was Alan Joyce with East Fremantle in 1977. The only times when both coaches were imported was in 1962 and 1963 when the opposing coaches were Haydn Bunton (Swan Districts) and Bob Johnson (East Fremantle).

A Swan Districts win would mean that six different clubs have won the premiership in the same number of years, a unique situation in Australian football. It would also mean that all eight clubs have been premiers in the last 10 years.

Barring a draw this week, the football season will finish the earliest for 65 years. In 1917 the grand final was played on September 15, but the earliest finish was the year before that. In 1916 South Fremantle 7.12 beat East Fremantle 5.5 at the WACA ground to win their first premiership on September 9. By contrast the latest finish to a football season was in the under age competition of 1944 when a first semi-final draw stretched the grand final day to October 21.

Ninth for Ross

Ross Capes is set to umpire his ninth grand final in 10 years. I say set because I believe he is still number one. He is at present level with Frank O'Connor who controlled eight grand finals in the 1920's. However, the man I believe umpired the most premiership games was Ivo Crapp who was in control of at least 10 in WA, plus seven in the VFL.

Strong fightbacks make grand finals great and having seen the last 35 of them, three that come readily to mind were games that were won when all seemed lost.

In 1952 South Fremantle were down 3.6 to 8.6 against West Perth at half time. Then Des Kelly turned on a Simpson Medal winning performance to turn the game right around. South won 12.19 to 10.10.

In 1955 Perth were outplayed by East Fremantle in the first half and trailed 2.7 to 8.5. Centre-half back Wansborough went to full-forward and kicked four goals, but the Demons were still two points down at the last change and going against the breeze. By outscoring Old Easts by four goals to three Perth hung on to win by two points.

1965 produced the biggest comeback I have ever seen. Swans led Old Easts at three quarter time - 14.5 to 9.14 and were kicking with a six-goal breeze. There was no three tier stand in those days to protect players kicking for goal. In a great last quarter Old Easts kicked 9.4 to Swans 2.1 to win by 24 points.



These two pictures - taken from this year's Football Register - help illustrate the time and fashions which have elapsed since Swan Districts last won a premiership.

The picture above shows Haydn Bunton running through a banner onto Subiaco Oval for the 1961 grand final. The banners of today are certainly a far cry from the modest efforts of that era

The advertisement reproduced below illustrates the type of football boots that were being worn back in the early sixties when Swans won their hat-trick of pennants.

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PLENTY OF BULL

THERE was certainly no shortage of "bull" at the annual Cicero's Bull-of-the-Year luncheon last week. The lunch is always well attended by media personalities vying for the Bull-of-the-Year honours. During each week of the football season, the Football Budget presents a media personality with the bull award for a ridiculous, humorous or outlandish statement. This year the winner was former 6PM personality Les Mumme, who also won the award in 1980. Mumme, who has been out of radio this season, won a Sanyo bar fridge for a comment he made on his one and only appearance with 6PR. He said "... 2000 years ago Solomon killed 10,000 people with the jawbone of an ass. Today Wattsie makes 50 grand a year using the same weapon!" Another of the stars at the luncheon was Perth wingman John McGuire. He made several classic, but unprintable, comments during the afternoon and he could easily slot into the media when he retires from playing. Mumme is pictured receiving his bar fridge from Sanyo promotions officer Trevor Cangemi.



Brown immunity

HAS Mal Brown got the WAFL bluffed? Nearly a month has gone by since Brown made a scathing attack on umpires in his weekly column in the Western Mail. He wrote some pretty strong stuff and even challenged the umpires to take legal action over his comments. I'm not going to say whether I agree with his remarks, but I am amazed that he has not been fined by the WAFL. All the other coaches who have paid \$100 fines for less potent remarks must also be wondering.

Flower Power

SUBIACO's Ken Armstrong officially finished up at the Lions den last week ... and who knows where his future lies. He could be heading to another club, back to his teaching role ... or maybe off to a hills retreat to grow carnations - and that's not just an idle comment!

Stumble bumble

THE classic bungle with the use of the interchange reserves system occurred on Saturday when Claremont had a player coming off the field ... but no-one ready to go on! Tigers runner Lloyd Christopher had gone out to deliver the message to Steve Goulding to come off - a surprising move as he was playing well. Goulding left his defensive post and ran to the interchange position - only to find himself standing there all alone. He showed his puzzlement in no mean style, looking around anxiously as the ball headed towards his unattended opponent. Finally the bench brains trust woke up to the situation and dispatched Reg Watson 35 metres down the track to swap over. Goulding had to explain to Watson where to go ... and by this time the ball was down in that territory. But typical of Claremont's good fortune on the day, Watson ran straight down to the play and a rebound ball bounced out of a pack and into his arms.

ROYAL FAN

WEST Perth's injured rover Corry Bewick may find himself in the odd situation of actually barracking for East Perth in this week's reserves grand final. He probably never thought he would see the day, but he has a special reason for wanting the Royals to win. His younger brother, Richard, plays for East Perth and will be a key figure in his side's bid to reverse the second semi-final result and beat Claremont.

Slip-up

DID West Perth president Rod Brown let slip a Falcon secret on television last Sunday? Talking about recruiting plans for next year, he mentioned that West Perth were talking to a big man in WA who could be seen in different colours next year. Isn't it illegal for clubs to talk to players in rival camps? Falcons coach Dennis Cometti, sitting in the Channel 7 studios, was quick to try to get his president off the hook by denying any knowledge of the possible recruit - and mentioned that it was illegal to talk to other club's players anyway.

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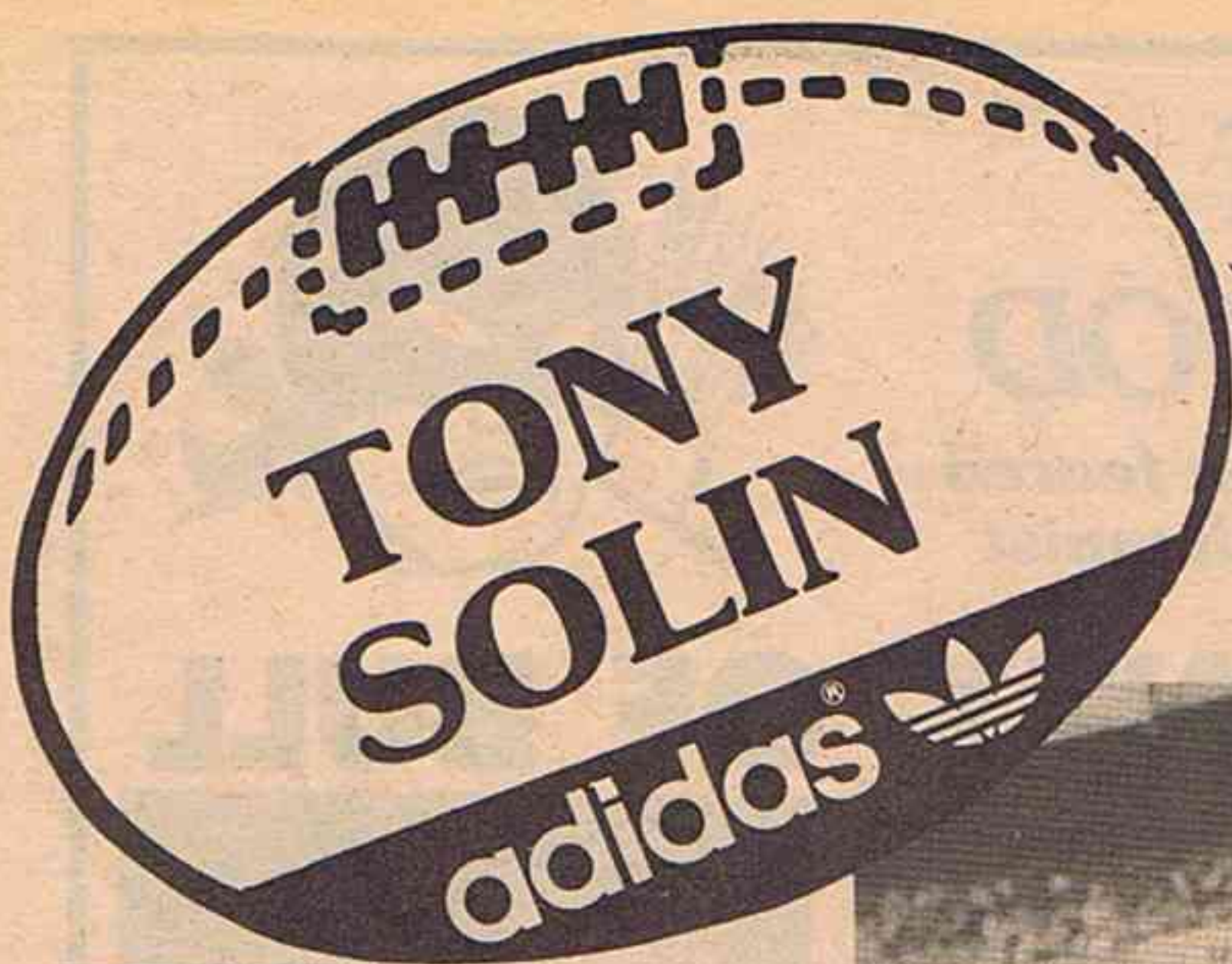
The West Australian powers-that-be must think that their newspaper is the only one functioning in WA. On the back page of Monday's paper they had a photograph of that famous Warren Ralph mark and announced that it was the best picture of a mark taken in final round football since 1956. However, if they had taken a look at the weekend newspapers, which, believe it or not, also caught the mark on film - or even wait for us - they would have noticed that theirs may not necessarily have been the best pic of the magnificent mark.

Double cross

WASN'T it interesting to hear Haydn Bunton talk about that memorable 1961 grand final when Swan Districts upset the odds-on favourites East Perth? He confessed that Swans had "eased up" in the second semi-final - and then jumped the Royals in the grand final. "I actually said to the players at three-quarter time to ease up as we couldn't win the second semi", admitted Bunton. "We slowed down and put East Perth into an over-confident frame of mind for the grand final - and then with a little bit of intimidation, we jumped them early and never looked back".

Good Bye

This is my final column for the season, so as I bow out for a well earned rest I would like to thank all my informants for the co-operation during the season and promise all my readers that I'll be back next season with more news from behind the headlines. I look forward to seeing those lucky readers who will be attending this Saturday's Westside Football grand final brunch. I have been persuaded to make my first public appearance.



A hard track to the top



SWAN Districts defender Tony Solin has had to get to league football the hard way.

In 1975 he played three games with South Fremantle, but walked out on the club because the Bulldogs did not think he would play league football on a regular basis.

He then spent a season in Sunday football before giving the game away completely.

It was not until the summer of 1979 that he decided that he would try to crack the "big time" again.

That decision came after a season in the Darwin competition and an invitation from then Swan Districts centreman Gerard Neesham.

Solin had always been determined to play top class football with another club and that was all the encouragement he needed to begin a career with Swan Districts.

In three seasons he has come a long way . . . and he reserved one of his best performances for the second semi final against Claremont. He pulled down many fine marks and cleared with dash as his side completely out played the Tigers.

No doubt he will be hoping for a repeat performance of that effort in Saturday's grand final.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the dashing defender at Bassendean Oval and found out a little more about one of football's most injury-prone players.



Tony Solin . . . a face in the crowd last Saturday, but a key player this week.

Q. You started your career with South Fremantle in 1975 and came to Swans in 1980 - where were you between that period?

A. I left Souths and played for a year with Kwinana in the Sunday League and then I went to Darwin for a season and then I came down here. But I also took a couple of years off football altogether.

Q. What made you come down to Swans after five years away from league football?

A. I was playing with Gerard Neesham up in Darwin and he told me to come down.

Q. You must be pretty happy with the way things have gone since you came down here?

A. Yes. I have been reasonably happy. 1980 was a good year, but last year I virtually only played the first round because I copped a couple of injuries and didn't really get back into it.

Q. You have had injury problems ever since you have been down here haven't you?

A. Yes, I have broken three fingers, a collarbone and an arm. You name it and it has happened.

Q. Is there any special reason why you seem to have broken so many bones, because your brother, Robert, who plays for East Perth, has had similar problems this year?

A. Yes. I was going to get onto my mum about that! I think the collarbone was just bad luck, because I was head butted when that happened and would really have broken anyone's. My arm was the same deal - it could have happened to anyone. Everyone breaks fingers.

Q. Is there keen rivalry between yourself and Robert?

A. No, no really. I don't see a great deal of him. Actually he has just moved into a house with me so I will see a bit more of him now.

Q. Did you ever try to persuade him to come down to Swans?

A. I did, and he came down here to have a meeting with the officials but he decided to go to East Perth because he thought there would have been greater opportunities down there. But as it has worked out he has been plagued with injury. I think he has only played one or two games.

Q. Are you pretty keen on the beach cricket during the summer?

A. Yes it is a bit of relaxation and you have a few stubbies after it. I have been doing it for about seven years. I play with a lot of Souths guys.

Q. What about your own contribution in the second semi final. Would that rate as one of your best performances in senior football?

A. Yes, I think it would rank in my best three games in league.

Q. Did you do any work on your marking at all - because you were pulling the ball down regularly?

A. I don't know what it was. It was just a good day. I have not done any extra work. In fact I have been taking it easy at training. I did the work during the year and you can't get any fitter in those last couple of weeks so I really don't know what happened.

Q. What about the transformation in Swans. Three weeks before the second semi final you were beaten by Claremont at Bassendean and then you go and beat them at Subiaco Oval?

A. I think the home ground advantage is a fallacy. Claremont came to Bassendean with a greater desire than us to win the match and they beat us by seven goals. Also, on that particular day, we did not have our full team in. We had about three players who had the 'flu fairly badly and that upset the balance of the side. And it was only in one quarter really and the game was over. They blitzed in the third term. Strangely enough I was pretty happy with the way I played that day.

Q. You had the job of minding Brett Farmer in the second semi final - would he rate as one of the hardest players you have lined-up against?

A. He is pretty clever. I didn't realise he had kicked six goals until I picked up the paper the next day and read about it. He is clever, once he gets the ball he uses it well. I wouldn't say he is one of the hardest blokes I have played against. The first game I played at Swans I played on Brian Peake.

Q. Have you always played in the backline?

A. No, I played a few games as a ruck rover before being injured one year and by the time I got back it was too late. John Todd already had players in there who were doing the job pretty well. I would rather play as a ruck rover because there is more freedom.

Q. What about when you played in Darwin - I believe that is a fairly good competition?

A. I stayed up there for about five months, but the competition is nothing special. It is just like the Sunday league here. You have got your two or three really good players in each side and the rest just make up the numbers.

Q. What about the influence John Todd has had on your career. Has he had a lot to do with it?

A. Yes, he has given me a game. I think you have the most influence on your own career. No matter what coach I had when I came here I was pretty determined to make the grade. I suppose he has done a bit for me because he gave me the opportunity to play.

Q. I suppose that when you left South Fremantle you had given up any aspirations of playing league football again?

A. I always thought to myself that I would go somewhere else and play and prove that I could play league football, because I did not get on with Mal Brown when I left. Actually I was talking to Brownie on a panel show last week and he handed me a pair of pantyhose because he reckoned I was a girl. I didn't get on with him and at the time I was at that age when I didn't really care and packed up my gear and left. So I was lucky to get the opportunity to play here.

Q. What about Swans this year - what makes them a better side than they were last year?

A. The second semi final was just one day. But what we have got going for us is that we have got a lot of ordinary players. There are only one or two outstanding stars. Whereas the year before we had a lot of players who thought they were stars and it does not get you anywhere. You are better off with a team effort.

Q. What about pre-season, did you think you would be playing in a grand final. Because when you looked around at the time there seemed to be a lot of holes to fill?

A. Pre-season it was 50-50 I agree. We lost a few real good players. Of course, Leon Baker was one of the players we thought we would be without and his return has made a big difference.

Q. Do you think you can go and break the premiership drought?

A. I just hope we can reproduce the form we showed in the second semi final. That was excellent.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Tony Solin
Born: 3.9.57
Height: 6.0 (183cm)
Weight: 12.0 (76kg)
Lives at: Bayswater.
Married: No
Occupation: Student teacher.
Favourite food: Chicken
Favourite drink: Beer
Hobbies and relaxation: Beach cricket and running with my dog.
Football likes: Playing in a good team.
Football dislikes: Training.
Football idols: None
Ambitions: To play in a premierships team this year.
Nickname: None
Preferred position: Ruck rover
Came from: South Fremantle/Rockingham
League debut: 1975 South Fremantle Swan Districts 1980.
Games played: 3 South Fremantle, 47 Swan Districts.
Guernsey number: 1

An unobtrusive Tiger star



Claremont utility player Mark Watson is one of the unobtrusive stars of league football.

Each week he is at the base of the packs feeding the ball out to his more highly rated team mates.

But obviously the work he does is noticed by the Claremont coaching staff. When he returned from injury mid-way through the season he was virtually rushed straight into the league side.

And that is little wonder, because Watson was one of the stars of last year's final round.

Towards the end of the year he began showing his true capabilities as a rover in a side which boasted little men of the talents of Jim and Phil Krakouer and Simpson Medallist Gary Shaw.

Watson played a lesser role than his more recognised team mates, but when he was in full flight he caught the imagination of the Tigers supporters and the football following public in general.

After playing in the centre in the second semi final against Swans he bounced back with a solid performance against West Perth in the preliminary final and now looms as a key player for Claremont in their quest to win successive premierships.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the unassuming Watson and found out a little more about one of league football's most underrated characters. This is what he found . . .

Q. Did the fact you played league football in the country help you when you came up to play with Claremont?

A. Yes, I think so. Because I was playing against bigger and stronger blokes and that helped me to adjust quicker when I came up here. I was playing league football when I was 15.

Q. How hard was it to make the grade up here?

A. It was very hard because when I was trying to break into the league side Jim and Phil Krakouer were here, so I had to try to force my way into a team which had the two best rovers in the country.

Q. You must have been pretty happy with your form last year?

A. Yes, I was happy when it picked up towards the end of the year. Early on I was a bit scratchy. But it was easy to play well last year because we had a good team.

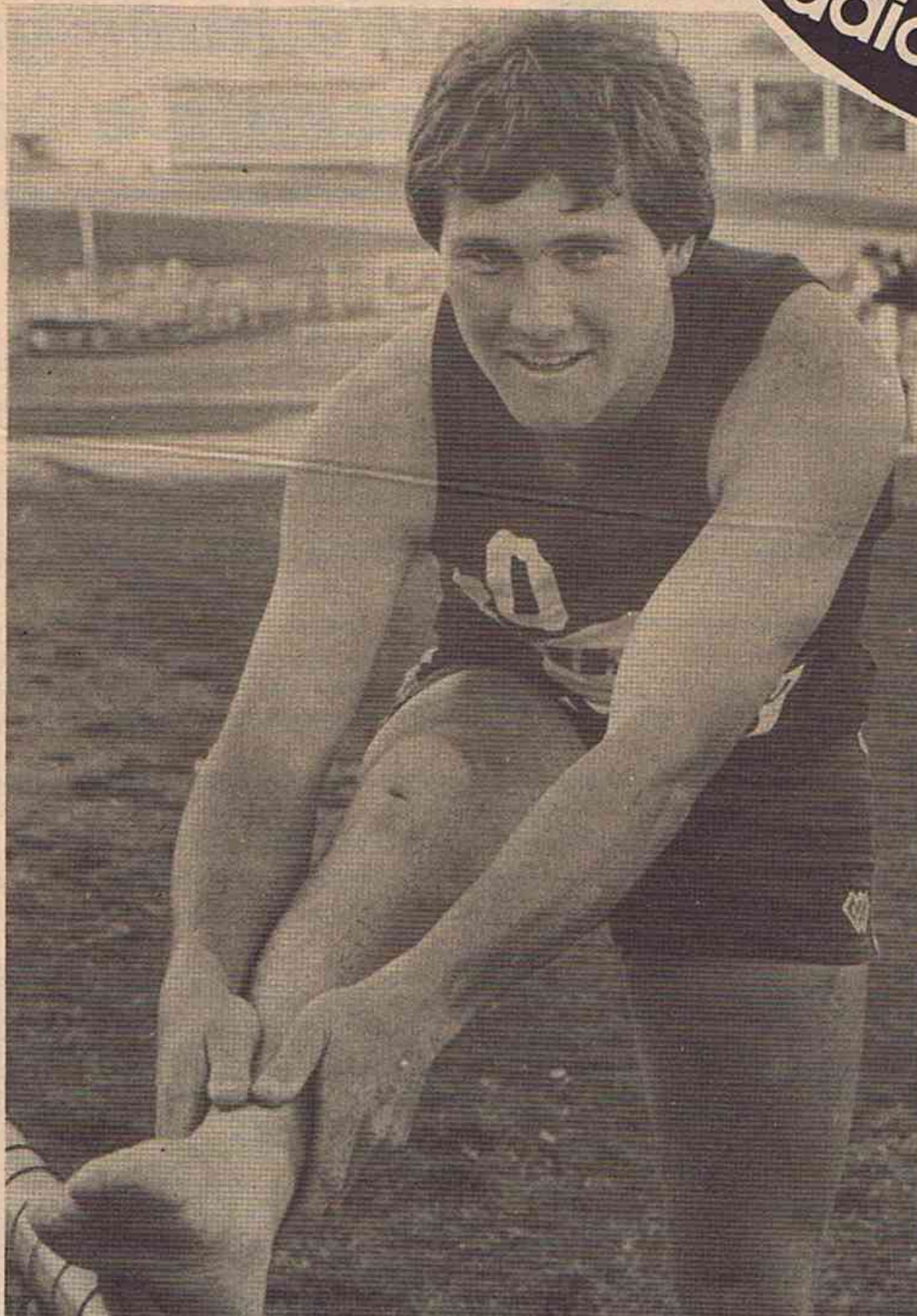
Q. What about this year, would you rate it as strong as last year's team?

A. This year we have had our fair share of injuries, but the form of some of the players who were stars last year has come right at the business end of the season.

Q. How would you rate your own form?

A. It has picked up now that I have become fitter. I have only played 12 games. I was carrying a bit of weight for a while there.

Q. What about the injury which kept



Mark Watson . . . a valuable player for Claremont

you sidelined for half the year?

A. I broke a bone in my hand before the last game of the season and while I played with it for the rest of the season I needed an operation at the end of the season and now it is 100 per cent right. It took a bit of time to come good though.

Q. How hard is it to maintain top form at league level?

A. It is pretty hard because you have got a lot of players in the reserves who are aiming at your spot in the side and if you are not fit, like I wasn't, you are really battling to keep going and stay in the league side.

Q. Do you have any preference for a particular position, having played as a rover, ruck rover, half forward and centre-man?

A. I prefer ruck roving or playing in the centre because it gives me the opportunity to set up the game. I spent most of this year roving, until Michael Mitchell forced his way back into the side and then I switched to ruck roving.

Q. What is the hardest part of playing league football?

A. Probably maintaining form. It is pretty hard to play well for a whole season. The training is hard as well.

Q. Who has had most to do with your career since you arrived at Claremont?

A. Graham Moss has had a fair bit to do with it. Last year Murray Ward gave advice to everyone and that helped my own game a great deal. I think those two would have had the biggest influence on my career.

Q. What about playing in the same side as your brother, Reg. That must be a big thrill for you?

A. Yes, we have played about five games together and it is good to play with your brother, but it is probably hard for both of us to play well at the same time when we are both in the same side, because you are conscious of the fact that your brother is out there and you probably try too hard to succeed. Reg was playing pretty well about mid-season and then he copped an injury. One game against West Perth he put in a top effort, when he was tagging Peter Murmane. He kept Murmane

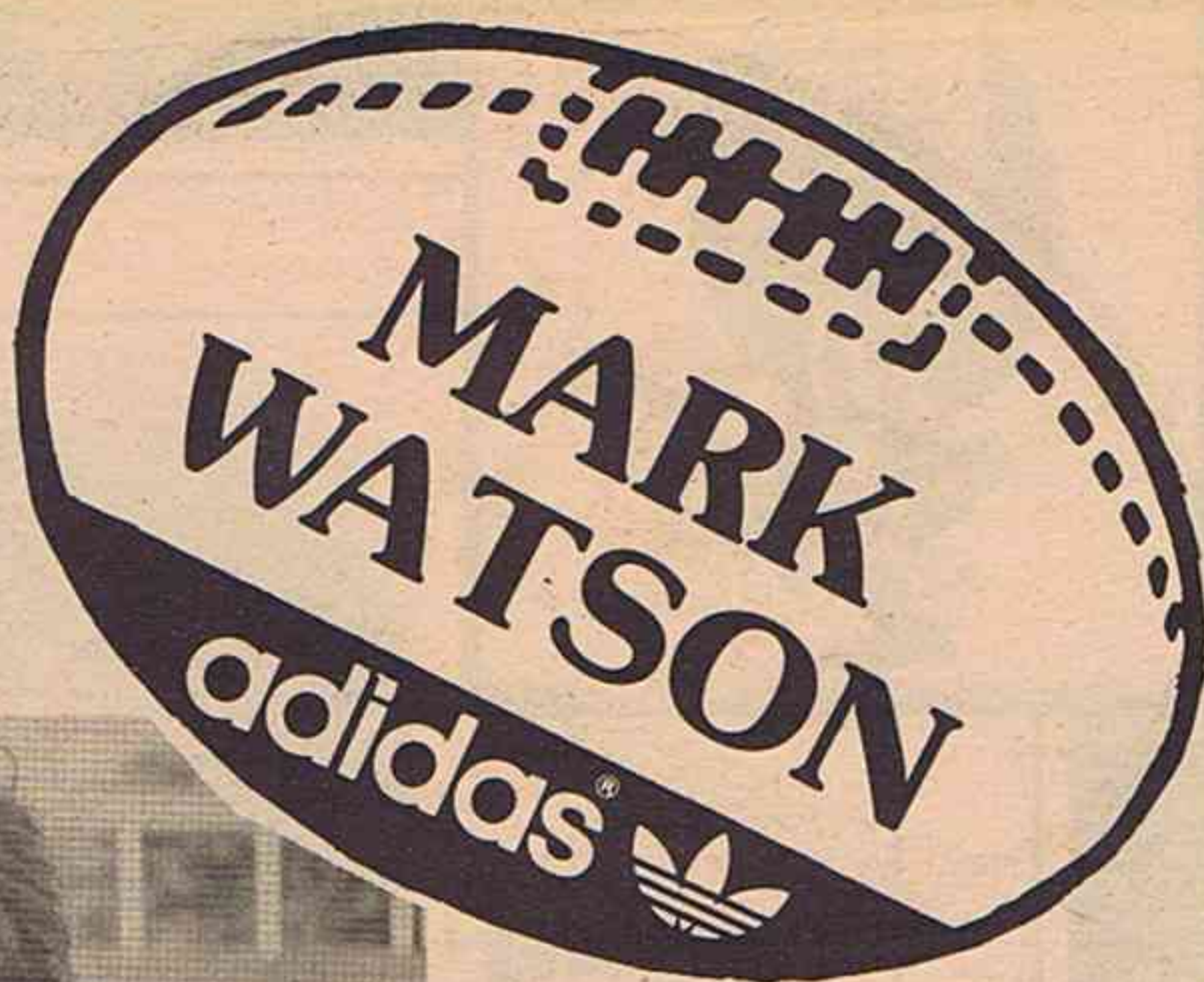
quiet for most of the day and that is hard to do because he runs so well.

Q. You say you enjoy playing other sports, what sort of games have you played?

A. I play tennis and squash pretty regularly and I used to play basketball.

Q. What does your job as a curator entail?

I really enjoy it because you are out in the open all day and it is great during the summer. You get up to work early and then you have plenty of time to get to training. You need this sort of job to play league football because it demands so much of your time — training or playing about six days a week. It is hard to combine work and football, but Reg and I are lucky with what we do for a living. To get into curating I spent two years at the Royal Kings Park tennis club doing a sort of apprenticeship. And now I have got my own business. You have to learn about the different types of grass strains and things like that.



Q. Do you prepare any turf wickets for cricket?

A. No, not yet. They are a little more complicated.

Q. Do you think Claremont are playing as well this time this year as they were last year and do you think they can overcome the second semi final loss to get back into a grand final?

A. I don't know why we lost the second semi final. For some reason we ran second to the ball and probably did not want to win badly enough. But at least we were good enough to rebound and we will take the game right up to Swans in the grand final. I thought that towards the end of the qualifying games our form was starting to pick up a little bit after we had played those two hard games in a row against West Perth and Swans. I thought that was a good lead up to the finals.

Q. Who would you consider to be the hardest team to beat this year?

A. Obviously Swans because they beat us in the second semi final. I just thought they were a much harder running side than West Perth. While West Perth had a lot of guys who could win the game for them they also had the same players who may not be sighted during an entire game so you always felt that you could beat them. On the other hand Swans are a pretty tough side. I think Dennis Cometti did a top job for West Perth. A lot of players who were struggling to get kicks at other clubs suddenly became good players at West Perth. Gordon Polson is the perfect example. He was averaging about three goals a game with West Perth after playing most of the season in Subiaco's reserves side.

Q. Do you think your forward line is the strongest part of your team?

A. I think so. We have got the most potent forward line in the league and I think that is where we have got it over other teams. When we get it up there we normally score goals, whereas other teams may not have a real good focal point.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Mark Watson
Born: Denmark, 12.4.60
Height: 5.8. (172cm)
Weight: 12.0 (76kg)
Lives at: South Perth
Married: No
Occupation: Curator
Favourite food: Steak
Favourite drink: Jack Daniels and coke
Hobbies and relaxation: Any sort of sport.
Football likes: Team mates and the joy of winning.
Football dislikes: Losing and training.
Football honours: Playing in WAFL premiership side 1981.
Football idols: Barry Cable.
Hard things in football: Training
Ambitions: To play in more grand finals and premiership teams and to become a more consistent footballer.
League debut: 1980
Games played: 39
Guernsey number: 30



SWAN GOLD

SWANS



JOHN TODD

"We have greater incentive to win"

Swan Districts coach John Todd believes the premiership cup will be theirs in 1982 because they have greater incentive to win.

He says that if a line was taken over their last few performances in final round football it would not be impressive and the players have enough pride in themselves to want to win.

"Any athlete who needs motivation may need only to look as far as the record books," Todd says. "Swan Districts have not won a premiership for 19 years and are the only club in the last 10 years to have missed out on the honour.

"On top of that it may be the last chance for a number of our senior players to take part in a premiership side," Todd says.

"I don't think it will be as easy as the second semi final.

"During the year we have played each other four times and at the moment the scoreboard reads two wins each. The first time we won by 20 points, the next time Claremont beat us by 10 points and in the third round they beat us by 38 points. But the second semi final saw us win by 28 points and if you add that up it comes out even.

"It should be a great contest and I believe the side which can get the break will win. I also think we have the physical strength and skill to make the break."

Todd also talked about the week's rest and said that this could work either for or against his side.

On one hand the break could do his side the world of good . . . and on the other the tough match last week could help the Tigers in their preparation for the showdown at Subiaco Oval.

SWANS



Back row (l-r): Alby Smith, Jeff Davidson, Bill Skwirowski, Stan Nowotny, Jon Fogarty, Tony Solin, Leon Baker, Don Holmes, Mike Richardson. Centre: Brent Hutton, Peter Kenny, Ron Boucher, Peter Sartori, Allan Sidebottom, Aldin Cransberg, Murray Rance, Ross Fitzgerald, Tom Mullooly, Gavin Outridge. Front: Murray Scheer, Keith Narkle, Phil Narkle, John Todd (Coach), Graham Melrose (Captain), Peter Hodyl, Ed Blackaby.

Last Premiership Side

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ken Cooper | <i>Backs:</i> Joe Lawson | Tony Nesbitt |
| Colin Maynard | <i>Half-backs:</i> Fred Castledine | Graeme Devitt |
| Brian Gray | <i>Centres:</i> John Turnbull | Dave Sidebottom |
| Craig Noble | <i>Half-forwards:</i> Ken Bagley | Keith Watt |
| Cyril Litterick | <i>Forwards:</i> Eric Gorman | Bill Walker |
| <i>Ruck:</i> Keith Slater | Frank Copeman | Haydn Bunton |
| <i>Reserves:</i> | Robin McVee | Peter Downey |

JOHN TODD

In the last 17 years, Swan Districts coach John Todd has had just four seasons out of coaching. And he has had recorded just one success.

That was in 1974 when he coached East Fremantle who, incidentally, were captained by present Swans skipper Graham Melrose.

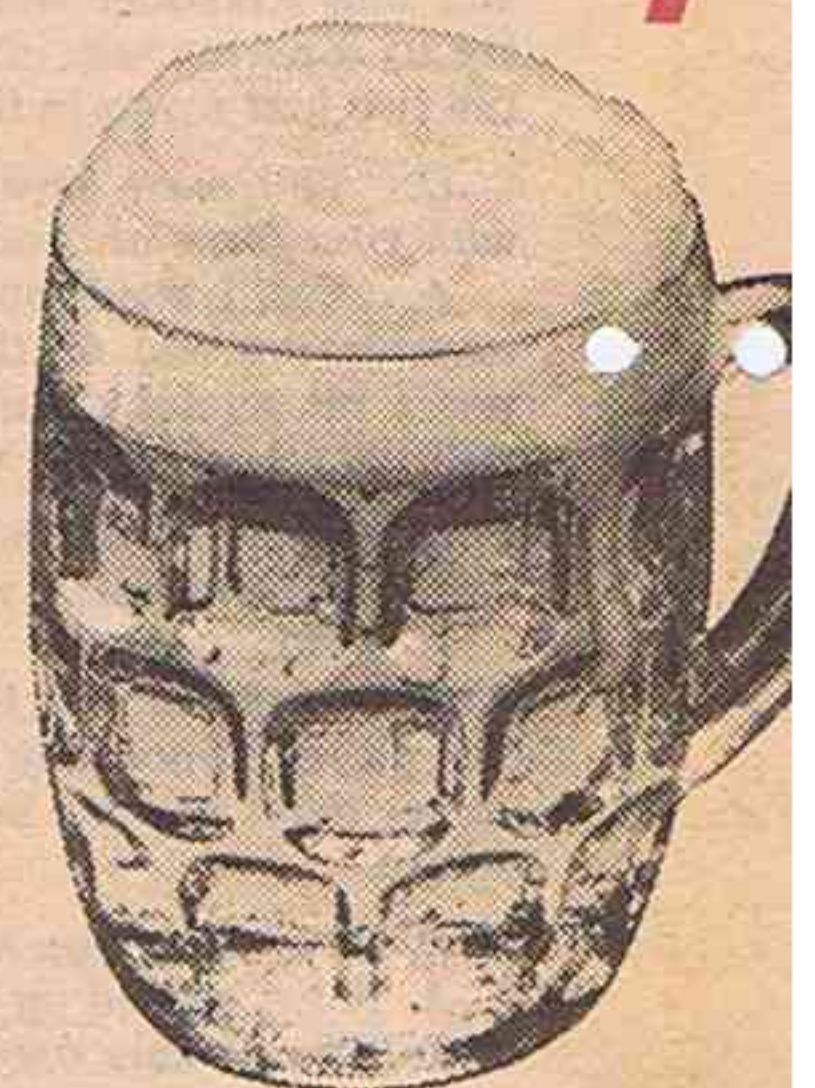
Todd's coaching career began in 1959, as a 22-year-old with South Fremantle. He took over the coaching reins after his own football career had been ruined by a crippling knee injury.

After that one year stint he retired from coaching as well, but he came back to coach his old club again from 1966 to 1968 before again disappearing from the scene.

And when he moved back into football in 1973 it was with the other port club, East Fremantle. Todd stayed with Old Easts for four years, winning the one pennant, before moving to Swan Districts in 1977 - where he has been ever since.

His record is impressive in the last three years and another premiership would cap it off.

Win by



SPOTLIGHT TIGERS



GRAHAM MOSS

"We still have plenty to prove"

CLAREMONT captain-coach Graham Moss knows the importance of the role he must play this week . . . both from the on-field point of view as well as his coaching duties.

In the second semi-final, big Swan Districts ruckman Ron Boucher won many of the centre tap-outs which resulted in the Swans' mosquito fleet rushing the ball downfield.

Boucher's influence in that game was similar to that which Moss exerted in the preliminary final. And Moss knows he has to curb the work of Boucher if the Tigers are to win premierships back to back. "Swans are pretty adept at getting the ball away from the centre bouncdowns", Moss says. "And if we are to win, this is one area where we must pick up.

"Boucher did a lot of good work at the bouncdowns in the second semi-final and I will be working to nullify him on Saturday.

"I think our effort in the match against Swan Districts was a one-off performance and I think we can win. "I agree with John Todd when he says that one team will get the break . . . but I think that team will be Claremont".

The young Tigers had their pride dented against Swans in the second semi-final and they will also have plenty to prove in this match. It is always difficult to have a good year after winning a grand final because players think they have done the job by winning a flag and they become complacent.

But Moss, together with his off-field advisor Murray Ward, has not allowed that situation to develop at Claremont in 1982 and they will be looking for even more success.

In fact, they are hungry for it and there is nothing worse than a hungry Tiger.



Back row: (l-r): Mark Watson, Reg Watson, Allen Daniels, Brad Reynolds, Gerald Betts, Peter Jamieson, Noel Morton, Tom Pearce, Lindsay Kanther. Centre: Steve Goulding, Mike Aitken, Warren Ralph, Michael O'Connell, Baden Harper, Robert Poepjes, Geoff Hocking, Colin Barns, Des Hindson. Front: Ray Smith, Steve Malaxos, Darrell Panizza, Murray Ward (Assistant Coach), Graham Moss (Captain-coach), Wayne Blackwell, Jim Payne, Michael Mitchell, Gary Shaw.

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GRAHAM MOSS

Graham Moss, the player, established himself as one of the finest products ever to come out of WA.

And now Moss, the coach, is forging a new reputation. It has been a long hard road for the Tigers captain-coach since he returned to his home State in 1977 after becoming the first WA player to win a Brownlow Medal.

He was with VFL team Essendon when he achieved that feat and shocked the football world when he decided to come home to coach.

Many people were doubting his coaching ability until he combined with Murray Ward to take the side to a fine victory last year. His future was on the line because in the four previous seasons the Tigers looked capable of taking the honours before bowing out early.

Moss now has the opportunity to enjoy premierships in successive years and he can play a leading role in the success as a player.

Last Premiership Side

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| Tom Pearce | <i>Backs:</i> Gerald Betts | Baden Harper |
| Ray Smith | <i>Half-backs:</i> Mike Aitken | Noel Morton |
| Darrell Panizza | <i>Centres:</i> Wayne Blackwell | Phil Krakouer |
| Mark Watson | <i>Half-forwards:</i> Graham Moss | Gary Shaw |
| Brett Farmer | <i>Forwards:</i> Warren Ralph | Steve Malaxos |
| <i>Ruck:</i> Barry Beecroft | Lindsay Kanther | Jim Krakouer |
| <i>Interchange:</i> | Peter Jamieson | Allen Daniels |



KNOW YOUR TEAM



Tony Solin

- 1 **TONY SOLIN.** Age 24. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 12.0(76kg). Club games 44. Played one of the best games of his career against Claremont in the second semi final and will be looking for a similar effort today.
- 2 **LEON BAKER.** Age 26. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 12.0(76kg). Club games 40. One of the biggest kick-getters on the ground in the second semi final and was a damaging player. Will present problems for Saturday's opposition.
- 3 **JEFF DAVIDSON.** Age 21. Height 5.10½ (179cm). Weight 10.1 (64kg). Club games 14. Was quiet in the first final round match for Swans, but that was mainly because he was on the dead wing. Has plenty of ability.

- 5 **RON BOUCHER.** Age 29. Height 6.3½ (173cm). Weight 16.0 (102kg). Club games 170. Used his strength and skills well to be a dominant force in the ruck against Claremont. Is also a dangerous player when lurking in the forward pocket.
- 6 **ROSS FITZGERALD.** Age 22. Height 6.1 (165cm). Weight 12.8 (80kg). Club games 74. His disposal let him down against Claremont, but he had numerous possessions. His versatility is his greatest asset.
- 7 **BRAD SHINE.** Age 22. Height 5.10½ (178cm). Weight 12.4 (78kg). Club games 40. Noticeably quiet against Claremont but he does not play too many games like that and looms as a dangerman.
- 8 **MIKE RICHARDSON.** Age 23. Height 5.10½ (178cm). Weight 12.6 (79kg). Club games 84. Missed several easy opportunities up forward, in the second semi but is one of the deadliest forwards in the game. Can win a match with his own brilliance when on target.



Ross Fitzgerald Keith Narkle

- 9 **KEITH NARKLE.** Age 29. Height 5.7 (170cm). Weight 10.7 (66kg). Club games 204. Was the man who set Swans in motion when he showed his team mates how to kick goals after coming off the interchange bench in the second semi.
- 11 **DON LANGSFORD.** Age 23. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 12.11 (81kg). Club games 91. Was an effective defender against Claremont and will be looking for a repeat performance on Saturday.
- 12 **GAVIN OUTRIDGE.** Age 20. Height 5.10½ (178cm) Weight 11.11 (75kg). Club games 15. Did not force his way into the team for semi final so there seems little chance of him playing in the grand final.
- 13 **BILL SKWIROWSKI.** Age 26. Height 5.11½ (181.5cm) Weight 11.9 (74kg). Club games 115. A close checking defender who is at his best in the pressure games.
- 14 **STAN NOWOTNY.** Age 31. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 13.8 (86kg). Club games 258. No one deserves to play in a premiership side more than Nowotny and no one will be trying harder in Saturday's grand final.
- 15 **PETER SARTORI.** Age 18. Height 6.4 (194cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 18. Although he did not play in the second semi final, must rate a chance for the grand final because of the extra bite his marking power would give to the forward line.



Bill Skwirowski Gavin Outridge

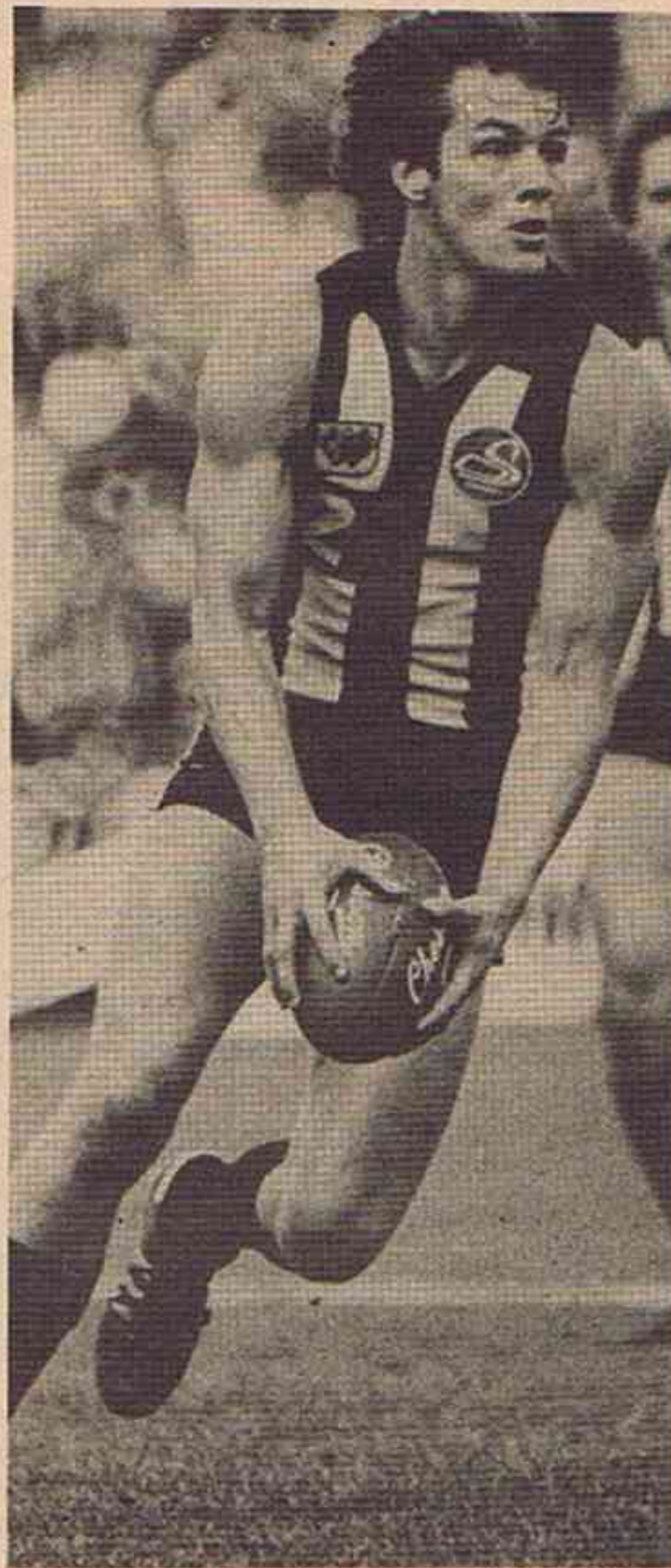
- 16 **ALAN CRANSBERG.** Age 23. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 100. Had a slow start at centre half forward against Claremont, but when he was moved back into defence showed his value.

- 17 **GRAHAM MELROSE.** Age 33. Height 5.9 (175cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 67. Was outstanding in the second semi final from a back pocket when he repelled attack after attack. Will be looking to continue on with that form.
- 18 **MURRAY RANCE.** Age 20. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 13.5 (85kg). Club games 39. One of the most under-rated defenders in league football. Is close checking and never gives in.

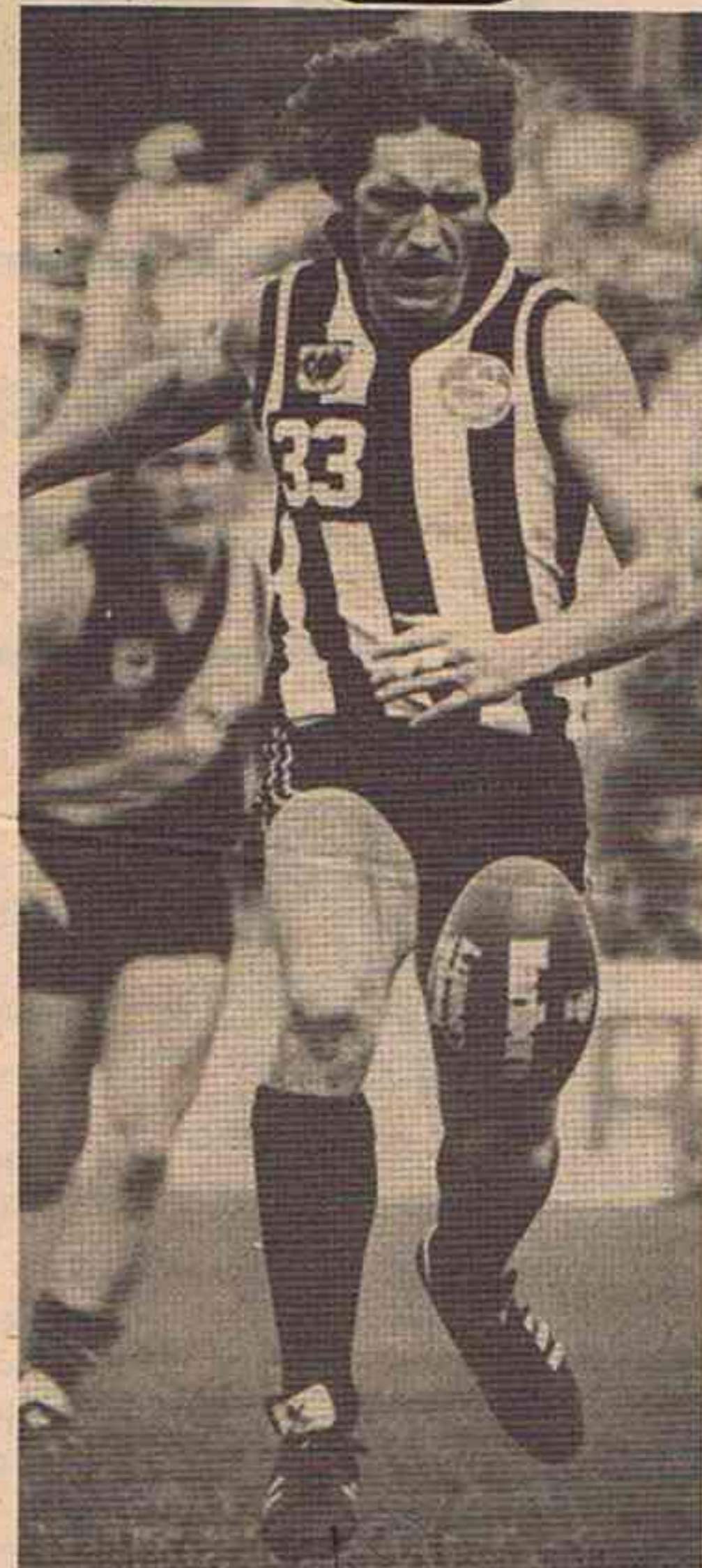


Allan Sidebottom Murray Rance

- 19 **ALLAN SIDEBOTTOM.** Age 23. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 13.8 (86kg). Club games 73. Did a lot of good work in the ruck for Swans in the second semi final and combines with Ron Boucher to provide one of the best big man combinations in this State.
- 22 **PETER KENNY.** Age 23. Height 6.1 (185cm) Weight 12.6 (79kg). Club games 20. Did a good job on Steve Malaxos in the first half of the second semi final before being moved into attack. If he had his kicking boots on he could have been a most damaging player.
- 27 **JON FOGARTY.** Age 22. Height 6.1 (185cm) Weight 12.8 (80kg). Club games 71. A hard working ruck rover who always gives all he has. A lot of his work goes un-noticed but there is no question about his value to the side.



Leon Baker



Don Holmes

- 30 **TOM MULLOOLY.** Age 28. Height 6.0½ (184cm). Weight 13.8 (86kg). Club games 208. Did a good job on Warren Ralph in the second semi final and is another of the veterans at Swan Districts who deserves to play in a premiership.



Tom Mullooly Phil Narkle

- 33 **DON HOLMES.** Age 23. Height 5.11 (180cm) Weight 12.2 (77kg). Club games 58. Was taken from the ground early in the second semi final, but when he went back onto the field showed that he should be a part of the grand final team.
- 36 **PHIL NARKLE.** Age 21. Height 5.9 (175cm). Weight 11.0 (70kg). Club games 99. The magical wingman displayed every ounce of his ability in the second semi final and thrilled the crowd as he continually drove his side into attack.



Alan Cransberg Peter Kenny



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Brad Reynolds

1 COLIN BARNES, Age 21. Height 6.2 (188cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 11. Was on the short list for the preliminary final but Michael O'Connell was preferred to him and he may find himself in the reserves this week.

3 JIM PAYNE, Age 24. Height 5.7½ (171cm). Weight 10.10 (68kg). Club games 14. Missed selection for the preliminary final, but could still force his way into the senior line-up.

4 NOEL MORTON, Age 21. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.6 (79kg). Club games 72. Did the job well in defence for the Tigers last week. His desperation was one of the major reasons behind the good start for the Tigers.

5 ALLEN DANIELS, Age 23. Height 5.10½ (179cm). Weight 12.9 (80kg). Club games 57. Has not had a good final round but should be able to find his best form for the grand final.

6 BRAD REYNOLDS, Age 25. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 13.7 (86kg). Club games 113. One of the best half-backs in the business and he must be looking forward to Saturday's game because he missed last year's grand final through injury.



Steve Malaxos

Noel Morton

8 STEVE MALAXOS, Age 21. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 11.9 (74kg). Club games 83. Returned to something like his best form in the preliminary final and he will be looking for another fine performance on Saturday. Was a match winner in the same game last year.

9 MIKE AITKEN, Age 22. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 13.4 (84kg). Club games 65. Claremont's most consistent player in the final round so far. Was a top defender against Swans in the second semi-final and will be looking to repeat the effort.

10 MICHAEL MITCHELL, Age 20. Height 5.7 (170cm). Weight 9.7 (61kg). Club games 13. Was not given great opportunity in the preliminary final, but is a clever rover who could hold his place.

11 GARY SHAW, Age 23. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 10.7 (66kg). Club games 44. Another first class performance last week. He was everywhere in the first half of that game and will be looking for a four quarter effort this week. Was the Simpson Medallist in last year's grand final.



Wayne Blackwell

Brett Farmer

12 BRETT FARMER, Age 22. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 13.4 (85kg). Club games 36. The most successful of the Tigers forwards in the final round and will want to complete a hat trick of good performances.

14 LINDSAY KANTHER, Age 22. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 109. Could not take his place in the preliminary final side because of a calf injury but is a hard worker who will be an automatic selection this week if fit.

15 PETER JAMIESON, Age 26. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 27. Will be looking to celebrate his 50th league match with a top effort. Has given the Tigers plenty of drive from centre-half-forward this year.

16 WARREN RALPH, Age 23. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 72. Perhaps the best full-forward in the land. He had more than 20 kicks in the preliminary final and the Swans defence will have their work cut out reducing that number on Saturday.

18 STEVE GOULDING, Age 22. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 16. A ruck-rover of class who ties up the mid-field play for Claremont. Teams well with Graham Moss and Gary Shaw and will be a key player.



Lindsay Kanther

Jim Payne

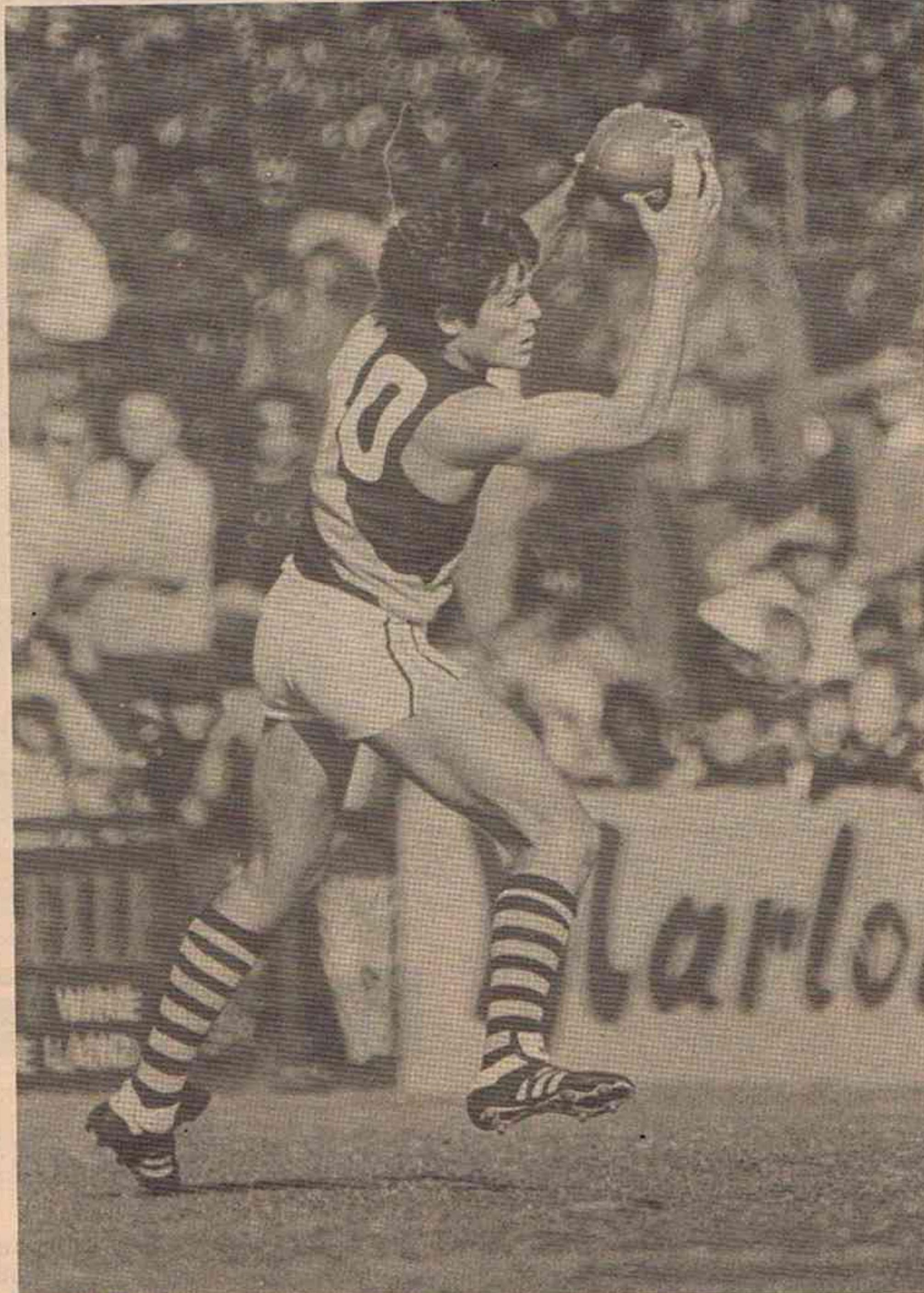
20 BADEN HARPER, Age 25. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 70. Put in a solid contribution in the preliminary final when given added responsibility and will need to be available to lend support to his captain-coach on Saturday.

22 MICHAEL O'CONNELL, Age 20. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 12.9 (80kg). Club games 3. Forced his way into the league line-up for the preliminary final after some solid efforts in the reserves. Did the job well, but was chosen for the specific purpose of watching Brian Adamson and the same situation doesn't apply this week.



Gerald Betts

Gary Shaw



Darrell Panizza

24 GERALD BETTS, Age 27. Height 6.2 (188cm). Weight 13.4 (84kg). Club games 69. Another solid display against West Perth in the preliminary final. His experience is the key to the Claremont backline.

25 GRAHAM MOSS, Age 32. Height 6.5 (195cm). Weight 16.0 (101kg). Club games 227. Knows exactly what is required of him in the grand final. If he can get on top in the ruck, Claremont will be a long way towards their goal.

30 MARK WATSON, Age 22. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 11.7 (73kg). Club games 40. Was used off the interchange bench last week, but is a valuable player who does a lot of the hard work which goes unnoticed.



Tom Pearce

Peter Jamieson

31 TOM PEARCE, Age 23. Height 5.10½ (179cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 39. Another solid effort last week and he is rapidly becoming one of the best back pockets in the game.

33 GEOFF HOCKING, Age 23. Height 6.4 (192cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 17. Was dropped to make room for Michael O'Connell last week but Claremont may prefer to go into this match with three ruckmen.



Warren Ralph

Graham Moss

35 REG WATSON, Age 27. Height 5.9 (175cm). Weight 11.7 (73kg). Club games 10. Did all he had to do last week and may be able to hold his place.

39 WAYNE BLACKWELL, Age 22. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 78. The young vice-captain returned to his best for the preliminary final and will be looking for a big performance when he takes on Swans' Leon Baker.

40 DARRELL PANIZZA, Age 23. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 69. Used his pace expertly against West Perth when he allowed Rod Alderton just one kick in the first half last week. He is the man Claremont need to use on Phil Narkle.

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On the run

THE pace and 'run' of Claremont was the telling factor in Saturday's preliminary final win over West Perth... and two goals confirmed that quite clearly. The best one came at the start of the third quarter when Tigers rover Gary Shaw won the ball in defence and had seven bounces before shooting a tremendous pass to his full-forward, Warren Ralph. The game's top goal-kicker then unselfishly short-passed to Baden Harper, who brought up the team's ninth goal. Another case came in the final quarter when Darrell Panizza, reputedly the fastest player in the game, dashed downfield outpacing all his pursuers and put a top handpass over to Ralph, who made no mistake with a shot on the run.

*** BROTHERLY LOVE

ONE of the vital Claremont goals in the last term came as the result of some clever play between the Watsons, Mark and Reg. With the Tigers under pressure to hold off a West Perth revival, Reg Watson shot out a great handpass to brother Mark, whose snap shot under pressure helped sink the Falcons' hopes.

*** SNAP HAPPY

ANOTHER great snap shot goal came from Claremont's Wayne Blackwell in the final term - the goal that dented the West Perth comeback. Blackwell won the ball out of a tight situation and after avoiding a couple of desperate defenders, he snapped truly. But the



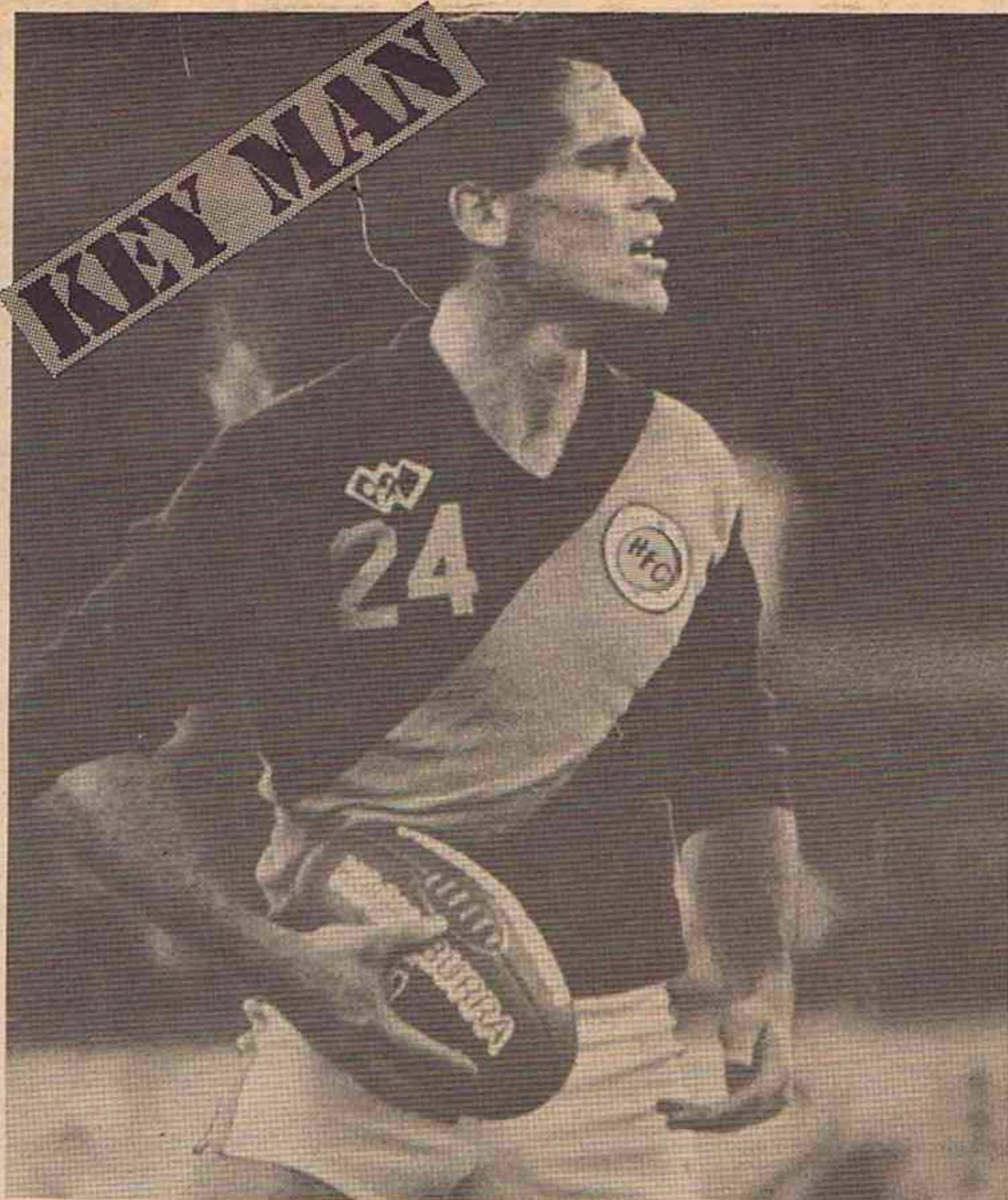
best snap of the day probably belonged to that opportunist to beat them all, Claremont's Steve Malaxos. He has been quiet in the two finals games, but his snap in the second term when he read the tapout from his skipper, Graham Moss, in front of goals was a gem.

*** LUCKY BREAK

FORTUNE favours the lucky... not so much the bold. After 21 minutes of fierce football in last Saturday's preliminary final, no-one had managed a goal despite some promising passages of play. But then the first major came up as the result of a mis-kick from West Perth's Rod Alderton as he ran goalwards... and his off-line kick was snapped up by the high-flying Ross Gibbs, who put it through from just a few metres out.

Top finals scorers

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| Brett Farmer (C) | 11.4 |
| Warren Ralph (C) | 8.6 |
| Brian Adamson (WP) | 7.3 |
| Rod Alderton (WP) | 5.3 |
| Shane Fitzsimmons (WP) | 5.2 |
| Les Fong (WP) | 4.4 |
| Phil Bradmore (WP) | 4.4 |
| Ross Gibbs (WP) | 4.3 |
| Peter Menaglio (WP) | 3.3 |
| Don Holmes (SD) | 3.3 |
| Larry Kickett (EP) | 3.2 |
| Keith Narkle (SD) | 3.1 |
| Craig Edwards (EP) | 3.0 |
| Peter Spencer (EP) | 3.0 |



Gerald Betts... his experience is vital to the Claremont defence.

Betts fills an important role

AT the start of this season, Claremont did not look capable of working their way into a position where they could defend their title as WA's most complete side.

But that was before Gerald Betts was fit enough to resume in the senior side.

Betts, one of the more experienced campaigners at Claremont Oval, is more vital to the Tigers than many people would give him credit.

With him away from the key defensive position, the Tigers looked ragged.

They did not have anyone to direct traffic in the backline and they looked any thing but impressive in the first few games of 1982.

However, Betts, one of the most travelled footballers in the land, soon had the situation in hand and had the backline functioning as a unit once more.

During the last two seasons a lot of emphasis has been placed on Claremont's attacking ability. But little has been said about one of the most tight knit defences in the league.

The last line of defence, headed by Betts would rank as one of the best in WA - and much of the credit for this goes to the former Victorian.

The former Richmond, Collingwood and East Perth full back has a settling effect on the younger players around him.

You may remember that last year the Tigers also looked to be in big trouble when Betts was sidelined through injury. They simply did not have anyone down there capable of stopping a big marking forward.

And in a day when these types of players can be found in almost every club, that was a dangerous situation to be in. Betts may only be 6ft 2in but he is one of the best spoilers in the game.

He may lack pace, but the majority of big marking forwards are not exceptionally fast at ground level either.

Betts began his league career with Richmond in the VFL in 1974.

But after two seasons and 10 senior matches with the Tigers he decided to make a name for himself in the West. It was East Perth who attracted him to the sunshine State, but he played just one season with the Royals, before returning to Melbourne.

Rather than go back to his old club, he decided to play for his third club in as many seasons - this time it was Collingwood.

He stayed with the Magpies for two seasons, playing 34 league games before again being lured back to the West to play

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with his fourth club in two States.

He took up residence at Claremont Oval and during the past three seasons has established himself as a player who is equal to the task under most circumstances.

Betts will obviously be a key player in Claremont's bid to win premierships in successive years.

With the players around him having tasted success last year, it will ease a little pressure from his shoulders. Last year he had a big job.

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MOTHER BROWN

WELL DONE PLAYERS

WELL, the 1982 football season is nearly over. It has been a great year and one which all fans must surely have appreciated - especially from the point of view that the final four was not known until the last qualifying round WAFL and club officials get a lot of pats on the back for the way in which they have managed football in this State, but I would also like to give some kudos to the players for their efforts in entertaining the crowds. They put in many long hours during the winter and some suffer disappointments, some reach the peaks of their careers while others drift away from the league football scene. Anyway, congratulations to every player who represented one of the eight clubs this year.

TOP PAIRS

AN amazing feature of the season is that the grand finals in all grades will be contested between the teams which finished in the top two positions on the ladder after the qualifying games. It is a rare feat and one which will provide plenty of interest on Saturday. In the colts East Perth will play South Fremantle, the reserves match will be contested between East Perth and Claremont and the league game will see Claremont tackle Swan Districts in what promises to be a great contest.

BANNERS

ANOTHER of the highlights of 1982 has been the banners which have sprung up at most grounds. These banners are made by the cheer squads of each of the clubs and I would like to congratulate everyone concerned for the way in which they have promoted local football. I only hope this trend continues.

FAMILY TRAIT

IT was a remarkable year for the number of familiar names of 20 years ago to appear again. Sons or nephews of some former great players in this State are just beginning to make their mark. I hope all these youngsters go on to bigger and better things.

LITTLE MEN

IT was great to see one change come over our game in 1982. Over the last few seasons football in WA has been dominated by the big men. However, this year we saw the emergence of a number of class little players and four of these figured prominently in the Sandover Medal count. Firstly there was Phil Narkle, who had a fine season with Swan Districts and thoroughly deserved to win the medal. Gary Shaw also came into prominence with Claremont, as did Allen Daniels. The other player in the bunch, Rod Barrett, may have been around South Fremantle for a while but he enjoyed one of his best years. It was also pleasing to see some of the big marking return to the game - and in particular Warren Ralph's fine capture last week. Many people have compared it to John Gerovich's phenomenal mark in 1956, but they may remember that the man Gerovich rode, Ray French, was only small, whereas Warren Ralph was high on the shoulders of West Perth full back Ray Holden and he stands at about 6' 3". Anyway they were both fine marks and I will leave it up to you to decide which one you think is best.

THANKS

THIS is my last column for 1982 and I would just like to thank Westside Football for giving me the opportunity to put my point of view across. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me with my stories.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME

Champion Swan Districts wingman Phil Narkle was just a two-year-old when the club won their third and last premiership.

And now, 19 years later, he has the chance to play a leading role in the fourth

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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success for the boys from Bassendean.

The magical wingman put all his skills to work when he was a driving force behind the Swans' victory over Claremont in the second semi final and his aim will be to better that performance on Saturday.

The 1982 Sandover Medallist put paid to the theory that footballers who receive the medal invariably play badly at their next outing before the public when he was simply superb against the Tigers.

Narkle now has the opportunity to do something which almost two decades of footballers who pulled on the black and white guernsey failed to do. And that is, of course, to hold a pennant and know it is theirs.

During the last 19 years a lot of players have tried in vain to get another pennant on the wall of their Bassendean Oval headquarters — and now 20 players will finally get the chance to arrest the situation.

However, his brilliance, more than any other player's, can swing the match in favour of Swans.

He showed in the second semi final he can rise to the occasion and he will need to do it again on Saturday. This time he has even more reason to get himself fired up for a big performance.

He will be playing his 100th game of senior football.

Narkle was also used effectively by coach Jim Todd at the centre bounce-downs in the second semi final. Instead of remaining on the wing he went into the middle for the ruck knocks and was responsible for getting the ball out on numerous occasions. Because of the success of this move during the year Todd will almost certainly adopt the same tactics this week.

Grand final arrangements

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Daryl and Phillip Worthington play for Mirrabooka and live in Nollamara.

Here are the latest list of milestone medallion winners...

150 GAMES: MARK TAVANYAR, from Westminster-Balga. A rover, he started playing in 1973 when he was seven years old.

STEPHEN LISTER, of the Centrals club in Perth's district. He started at the age of six in 1975 and is a utility player.

DARREN JOHNSTON, a 16-year-old with the Lynwood-Ferndale club, he has won fairest and best awards three times on his way to this milestone.

100 GAMES: PAUL SOUTHALL, a half-back, he reached his 100th game with Takari after playing 43 games with East Victoria Park. He started in 1975 as a seven-year-old.

ALBERT McNAMARA, a rover with Kelmescott. He started in 1976 when he was seven.

BRETT JOHNSON, a ruck-rover or centreline player with the South Fremantle junior club. He was seven when he started in 1976 and lives at Spearwood.

DARREN PREEDY, of Gosnells. He was an eight-year-old when he started in 1977 and is developing as a ruckman.

BARRY SARAULLO, of Marmion, is a rover with the Sorrento-Dun Craig club and started in 1976 when he was just five.

BRETT BERGERSEN, plays in the forward line and with the Bassendean club and started at the age of six in 1977.

DARYL HOLMES reached his milestone with the Lynwood-Ferndale club and is a rover, starting in 1974 as a seven-year-old.

GLEN CROTTY, a ruck-rover or centreman with Bassendean, started when he was five in 1974.

DARYL WORTHINGTON was five when he joined Mirrabooka in 1975 and is a utility player.

RODNEY KEIGHTLEY played 58 games with Redcliffe and reached his 100th with Cloverdale. He started as a wingman in 1973 when he was five.

BRETT HEADY is a ruck-rover with Whitfords, starting in 1977 when he was seven.

GAVIN DWYER has played with the Carlisle and Collier clubs to reach his century. He started as an eight-year-old in 1975.

PHILLIP WORTHINGTON — is a back-pocket player and started in 1974 as a seven-year-old with Mirrabooka.



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JOHN TODD: "Graham Melrose told me last week how John K. Watts became so famous as a defender — he reckons it's easy playing in defence" — talking about Graham Melrose being best on ground in a back pocket.

GRAHAM MELROSE: "I think they are equal in ability. Neither side is overly-blessed with talent, but they work together as a team" — comparing Swans of 1982 with East Fremantle's 1974 premiership side.

MAL BROWN: "You reckon that every player who has played since you retired can't get the hard ball. That's ridiculous." — to Mal Atwell, which prompted the John K. Watts interjection: "How would you know Brownie, you were just a poofa forward".

DENNIS COMETTI: "I learnt that a Claremont-West Perth grand final was highly unlikely" — when asked what he learnt as a coach by watching the Claremont-Swan Districts second semi-final.



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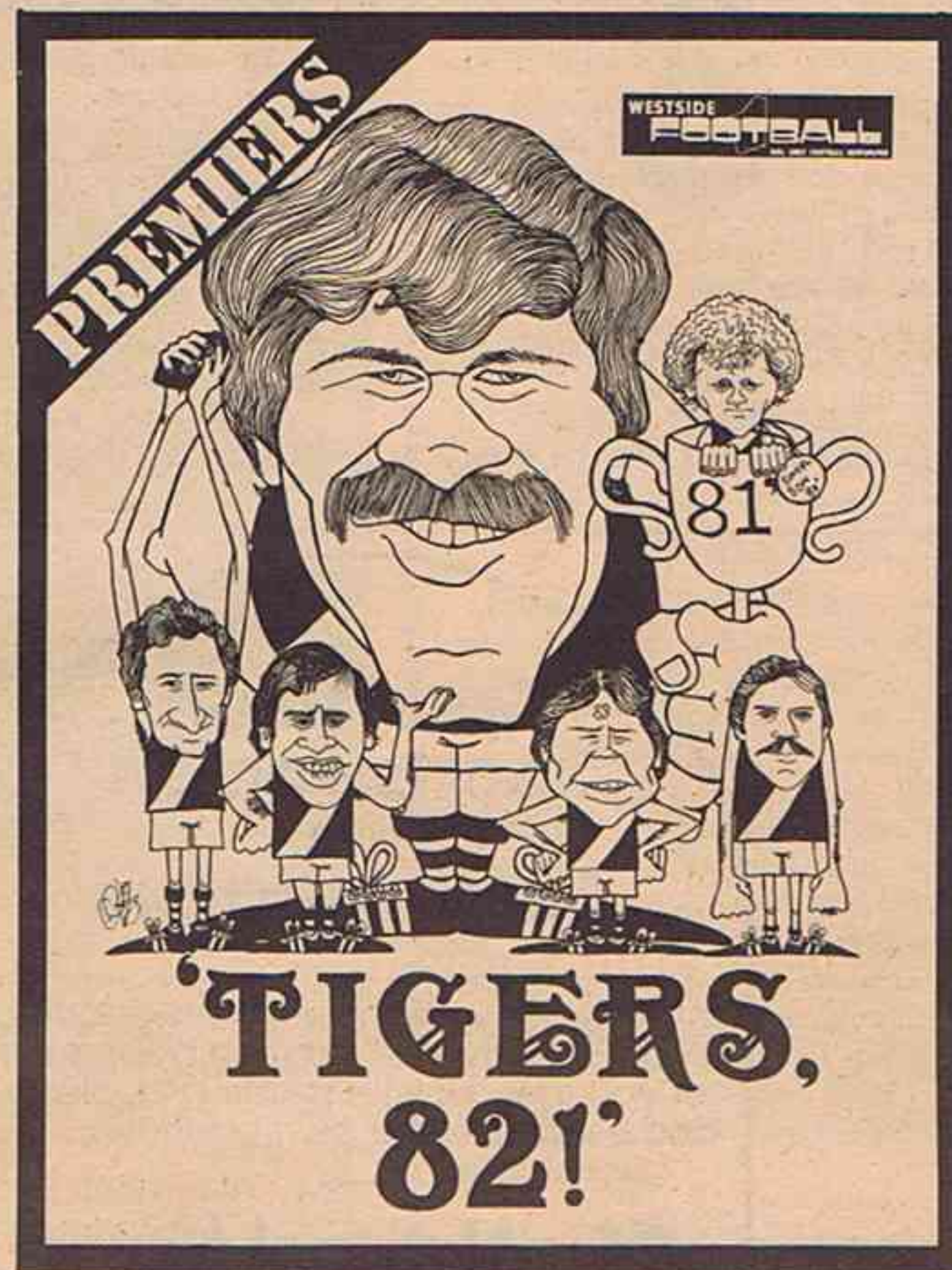
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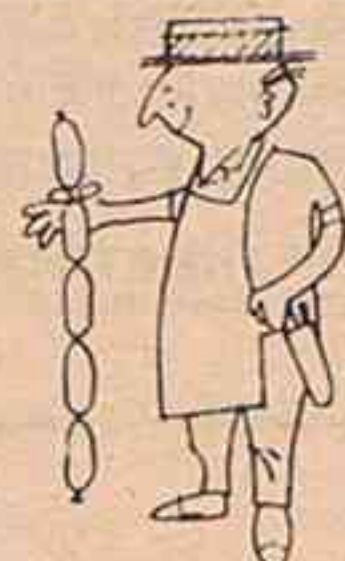


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Demon semis underway

The Perth Junior Council conducted their first and second semi finals last Sunday which produced five different victors from the six games — Queens Park were the only club to win a double.

In the 12s first semi, Queens Park (8.11) defeated Carlisle (6.2); East Vic Park (14.17) won the 14s downing Queens Park (12.6), while the 16s final was a real drubbing as Canning ended Manning's hopes for the season, the result being 25.19 to 9.10.

South Perth (6.4) beat Manning (1.8) in the 12s second semi, Carlisle outstayed Manning in the 14s winning 15.8 to 11.14, and Queens Park (18.7) trounced Carlisle (7.6) to take the 16s match.

This Sunday at Lathlain Park the preliminary finals will be played while South Perth (12s), Carlisle (14s) and Queens Park (16s) will be having a week's break.

Manning meet Queens Park for the 12s play off (10.30am) and in the 14s (12.30pm) they front East Vic Park while Carlisle and Canning are booked for the 16s final at 2.30pm.

Pip Asphar, spent their time at a youth hostel in North Melbourne.

Their stay included a game against Bulleen Templestow (Fitzroy's district) which they lost 11.11 to 7.9.

The Magpies trained at Arden Street Oval under North Melbourne's Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, and Ross Glendinning. Then they moved to Princes Park under Carlton's Wayne Harnes and Mario Bortolotto and were later entertained in the social club by Ken Hunter and Peter Bosustow.

... DEMONS AS WELL

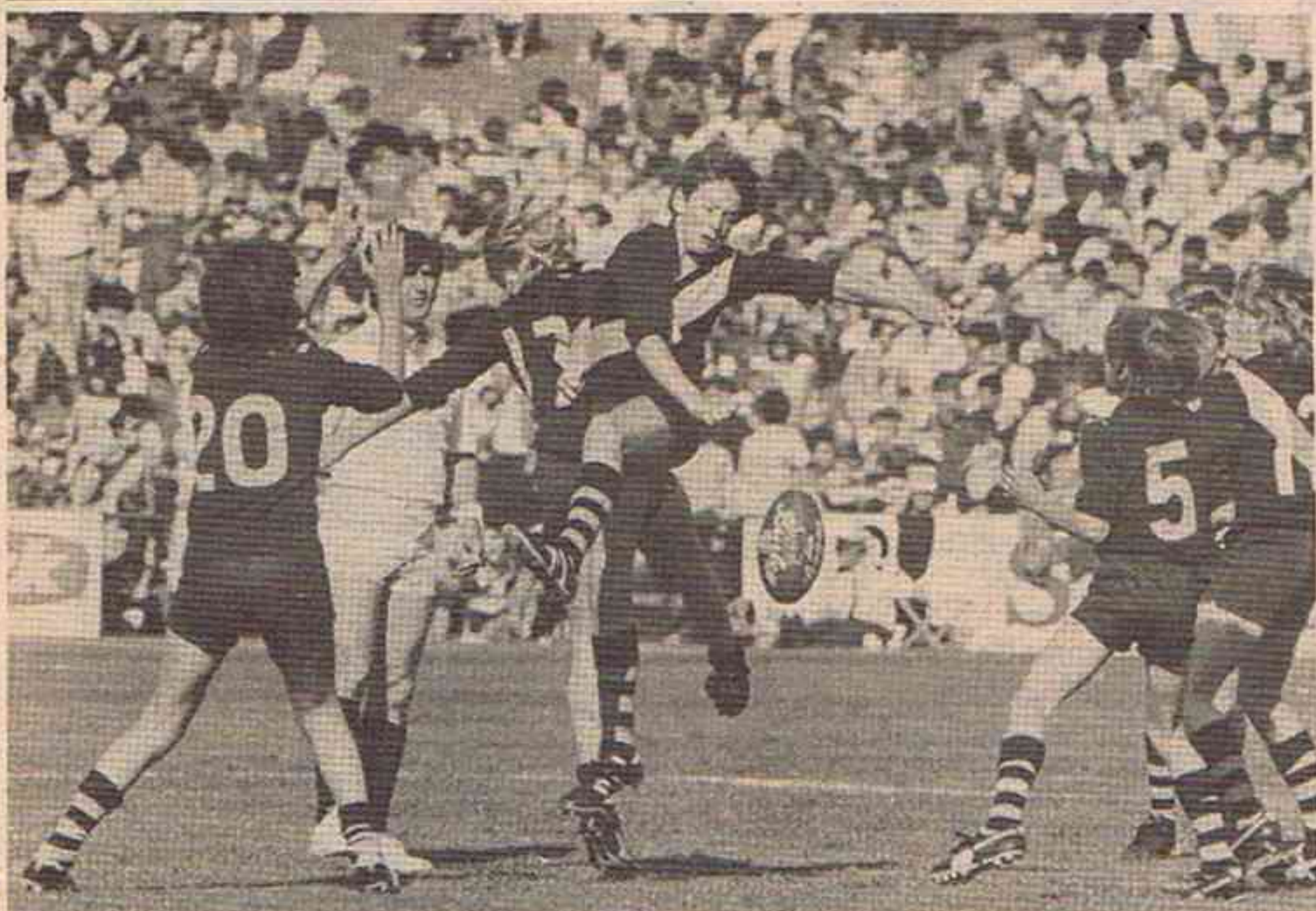
A 16s and under squad and six officials from the Perth Junior Council also returned home from a nine day Victorian tour last week.

This was their annual trip for that age group and this year they were hosted by the Essex Heights club in conjunction with their mother V.F.L. club Richmond.

25 players saw the qualifying final between Carlton and Hawthorn.

Two games were played by the squad, the first against Essex Heights which Perth won, and the other versus the Richmond 16s skills squad, who they went under to.

Robert Wiley and Brian Taylor trained the squad at Punt Road Oval.



The action was thick and fast in the R and I Little League grand final and here a Claremont player gets his kick in under plenty of pressure.

Claremont win R & I grand final

Inaccuracy cost Subiaco the chance to win their only pennant for the year — in the R and I Little League.

The young Lions had played well, but could not manage to kick straight and eventually lost the game to Claremont. The score was 2.1 to 1.5.

Subiaco had more than their fair share of the play and when Robert Malone kicked a mammoth goal to put them four points in front with little time remaining, they seemed set for the pennant.

But Claremont were not to be outdone and when Chris Sherwood slammed

through a goal shortly afterwards the game was all over.

Good players for Claremont were Damon Buckley, Jeremy Fry and Cory Lind while Subiaco's best performers were Robert Malone, Steven Johnson and Murray Gilby.

Swan Districts received the Channel 7 shield for playing the most players in the season. They used 416 youngsters.



Swan Districts Little League manager Ron Williams proudly displays the TVW shield as he is watched by R and I chairman Mr David Fischer, WAFL development officer Ross Davis, Channel 7 personality Ken McAullay and WAFL general manager Mr Peter Bowler. The shield is awarded to the club which fields the most number of players during a season.

KENT AT LAST

After 11 years of existence the Kent Junior Football Club have won their first Ongerup Football Association (Claremont territory) premiership.

They defeated Jerramungup 11.6 to 6.1 last Saturday at the Ongerup Sporting Complex in the 13s and under grade.

The umpires' vote for fairest and best went to Kent's captain Joseph Davies with his teammate and vice captain Bruce Foxall runner up.

Jerramungup's best player was Gary Reeves.

Kent completed all qualifying games undefeated, only to lose the second semi to Jerramungup.

They atoned the following week in the preliminary final against Boxwood Hill.

A player of the future is Joseph Davies, the talented Kent ruck-rover began playing at the age of six and has notched up 160 games.

Joseph won the association's fairest and best this season (35 votes) as well as the leading goalkicker with 70 majors.

Runner up to the annual award was Danny Bertoca, of Boxwood Hill, with 21 votes.

MAGPIES FLY

CLAREMONT'S Tiger Cup 1982 undefeated premiers, the Magpies, returned home last week from a 10-day trip to Victoria.

The 22 players (17 and under), accompanied by coach Brearley Hollingsworth, manager Mal Wilson and tour manager

COMPLETE LIST OF JUNIOR WINNERS

Published below is a roundup of Premiership winners and fairest and best players for the metropolitan junior councils and associations in the 1982 season.

DEMON CUP: Premiers — Carlisle; fairest and best — Morris Shiosaki (Collier/Kensington). TIGER CUP: Premiers — Magpies; fairest and best — Steve Neilson (Magpies).

ALCOCK CUP: Premiers — Wesley College. SOUTH SUBURBAN: Premiers: 9s Division One — Gosnells; 9s Division Two — Maddington; 11s 'A' Division — Gosnells; 11s 'B' Division One — Maddington; 11s 'B' Division Two — Kelmescott; 13s 'A' Division — Armadale; 13s 'B' Division One — Gosnells; 13s 'B' Division Two — Byford; 15s Division One — Gosnells; 15s Division Two — Kelmescott; 17s — Kelmescott.

FAIREST AND BEST: (8s) Andy Gibbs — Langford; (9s) Robert Bernadini — Gosnells; (11s 'A') Duncan Munro — Kenwick; (11s 'B') Thomas Sheehan — Maddington; (13s 'A') Darren Preedy — Gosnells; (13s 'B') Dion Ruska — Armadale; (15s) Guy Yaninia — Langford; (17s) Joe McNamara — Kelmescott.

HILLS ASSOCIATION PREMIERS: 12s — Mt. Helena; 15s — Parkerville; 17s — Swanleigh. FAIREST AND BEST: (12s) Neil Brown — Gin Gin; (15s) Peter Lee — Wooroloo; (17s) Tim Pearce — Mt. Helena.

EAST FREMANTLE: PREMIERS: — 11s Reserve — Lynwood; 11s White — Applecross; 11s Blue — Willetton; 13s Reserve — Riverton; 13s White — Mt. Pleasant; 13s Blue — East Fremantle; 15s White — Riverton; 15s Blue — Melville; 17s — Melville.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s Reserve) Chris Jeffrey — Thornlie Gold; (11s White) Ben Laurance — Applecross; (11s Blue) John Lawrence — Rossmoyne; (13s Reserve) Ray George — Willetton; (13s White) Jim Muskauskosky — Palmyra; (13s Blue) Brett Eiffler — Karoonda; (15s White) Stephen Dellamarta — Melville; (15s Blue) Marcello Jason — Lynwood; (17s) Ray Sterrett — Lynwood.

SUBIACO: PREMIERS: — 11s Gold — Karrinyup Blue; 11s Maroon — Northern Districts Blue; 12s Gold — Warwick Black; 12s Maroon — Northern Districts Blue; 13s — Woodlands/Doubleview; 14s — Warwick Red; 15s — Marist; 17s — Marist.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s Gold) Aaron Zampogna — Warwick Gold; (11s Maroon) Andrew Carter — Northern Districts Blue; (12s Gold) Robert Malone — Marist; (12s Maroon) John Petos — Takari; (13s) John Torr — Scarborough; (14s) Phillip Pope — Warwick; (15s)

Anthony Begovich — Marist; (17s) Andrew McNish — Wembley Downs.

SWANS: PREMIERS — 11s Black — Bassendean; 11s White — Belmont; 12s — Belmont; 13s Black — Kalamunda; 13s White — Midvale; 15s Black — Swan View; 15s White — Koonganna/Helena Valley; 17s — Ashfield.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s Black) Mike Sidebottom — Bassendean; (11s White) Bradley Francis — Belmont; (13s Black) John Biggs — Cloverdale and Lee Waaka — Swan View; (15s Black) Tony Walley — Cloverdale; (15s White) Shane Hoy — Koonganna/Helena Valley; 17s Colin Sibson — Cloverdale.

WEST PERTH: PREMIERS — 11s — Girraheen Red; 12s — North Dianella; 14s Division One — Nollamara; 14s Division Two — Osborne Park; 16s Division One — Westminster Balga; 16s Division Two — Balcatta.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s) Jamie Wynne — Cardinals; (12s) Damien Lead — Ocean Ridge; (14s One) Kevin Burns — Girraheen Red; (14s Two) Maurizio Digiorgio — Balcatta; (16s One) David Fare — North Dianella; (16s Two) Ronald Carpio — Osborne Park.

CLAREMONT: PREMIERS — 11s — City Beach/Floreat; 12s — Carine; 13s — Whitford Tigers; 14s — Claremont; 15s — Sorrento.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s) Jamie Cann — Claremont; (12s) Damon Neigh — Buckley — Carine; (13s) Guy McKenna — Sorrento/Duncraig; (14s) Nicholas Morgan — Claremont; (15s) David Crute — Sorrento/Duncraig.

EAST PERTH: PREMIERS — 11s — Dianella; 12s — Bayswater Red; 13s — St. Marks; 14s — Bayswater; 15s — Morley Police Boys; 17s — East Perth.

FAIREST AND BEST: (11s) Ben Stewart — Dianella; (12s) Flavio Rigotti — Bayswater; (13s) Mark Cartier — Bayswater; (14s) David Harris — Dianella; (15s) Craig Starcevic — St. Marks; (17s) Ossie Dikoli — Maylands.

SOUTH FREMANTLE: PREMIERS — 12s White — Cockburn; 12s Red — Christian Brothers College; 14s White — Kardinya; 14s Red — Cockburn; 16s — Cockburn.

FAIREST AND BEST: (12s White) Anthony Boyd — Safety Bay; (12s Red) Wayne Hayes — Coolbinia and Peter Worsford — Kardinya; (14s White) Alan Jakovich — South Coogee; (14s Red) Paul Tognolini — C.B.C.; (16s) Glen Wilson — Kwinana.

PERTH: PREMIERS — Yet to be played. FAIREST AND BEST: (12s) Domenico Rogers — Manning; (14s) Gary Nourse — East Victoria Park; (16s) Stephen Davis — Queens Park.

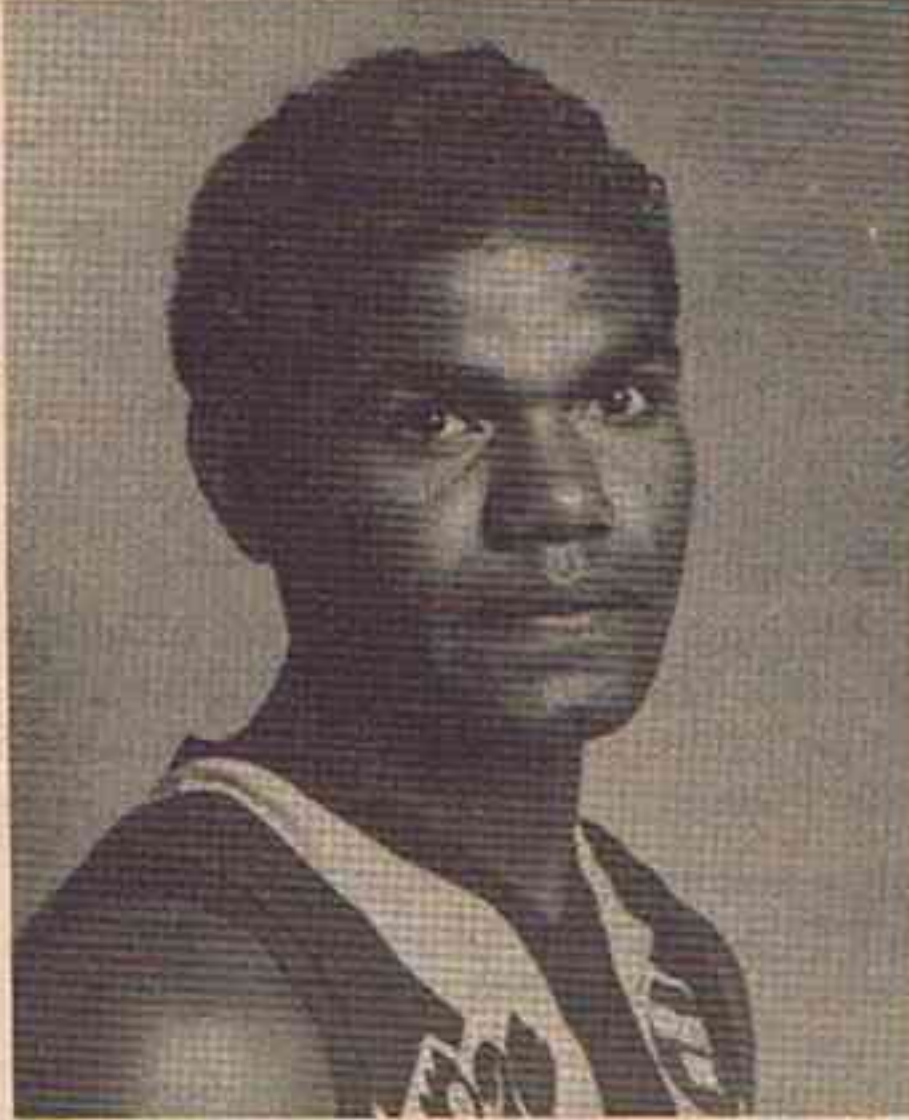
THE FORGOTTEN

Every year we see many of our star footballers leave for Victoria.

But they are not the only player losses which confront the eight league clubs in the WAFL.

For one reason or another, more than 30 footballers who were capable of playing senior football, either left the scene during 1982 or saw the season slip by as they were sidelined through injury.

The Red Rooster lightning carnival, which kicked off the season, had the football world buzzing with excitement over the performance of a young Aboriginal star from Subiaco.



Greg Kelly

GREG KELLY had shown outstanding potential in the centre for the Lions in these matches and he was being hailed as a star of the season.



Ray Reeves

However, after three games he became a forgotten man.

He injured an ankle at training and never made it back to league ranks. The Lions are hoping he can help them lift their rating in 1983.

Other names at Subiaco which were missing for the majority of the season were PETER BENNETT, STEVE GILMOUR and RAY REEVES.

Reeves was a big loss. He suffered a serious knee injury in the third game of the year and despite several attempts to get himself fit, he failed to make a comeback.

Victorian recruit, Bennett played just one senior game for the year and after a fall-out with the club, sought a clearance to West Perth. When this was not granted he travelled around the wheatbelt working.

Gilmour disappeared from Subiaco, but the Lions are interested in again obtaining his services.

When STUART HILLIER transferred to South Fremantle after a payments dispute with West Perth, it was thought that he would be a valuable player.

But a couple of ordinary performances in the senior side saw him slip back into the reserves. And then, mid-season, he was temporarily transferred to South Australia.

The Bulldogs are hoping he can play more league football with them in 1983. Hillier's experience would have been handy at Fremantle Oval, especially towards the end of the season when they were chasing a finals berth.

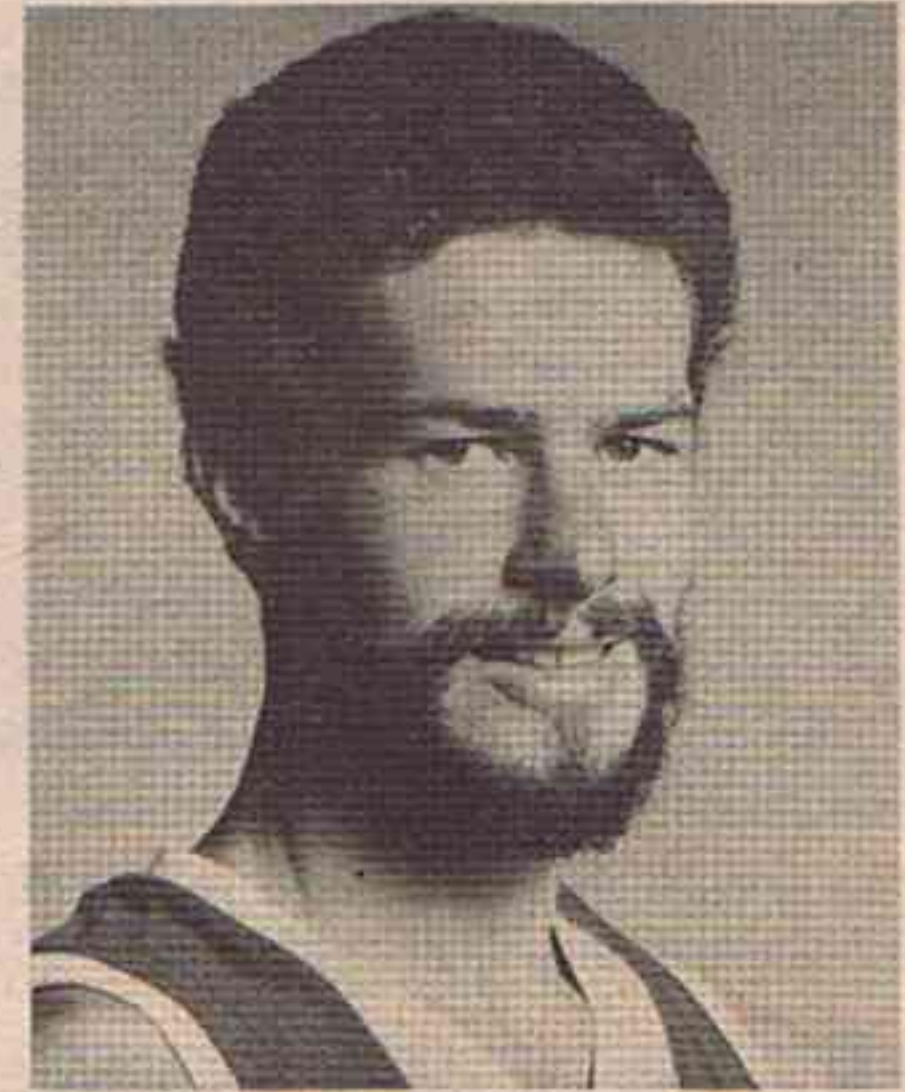
30 players slip from the limelight

NEIL RANDALL was an important part of the South Fremantle side in his previous two seasons with the Bulldogs, but loss of form and confidence saw him finish up playing reserves.

No doubt Mal Brown will be working on him over summer months to get him back to his dangerous self.

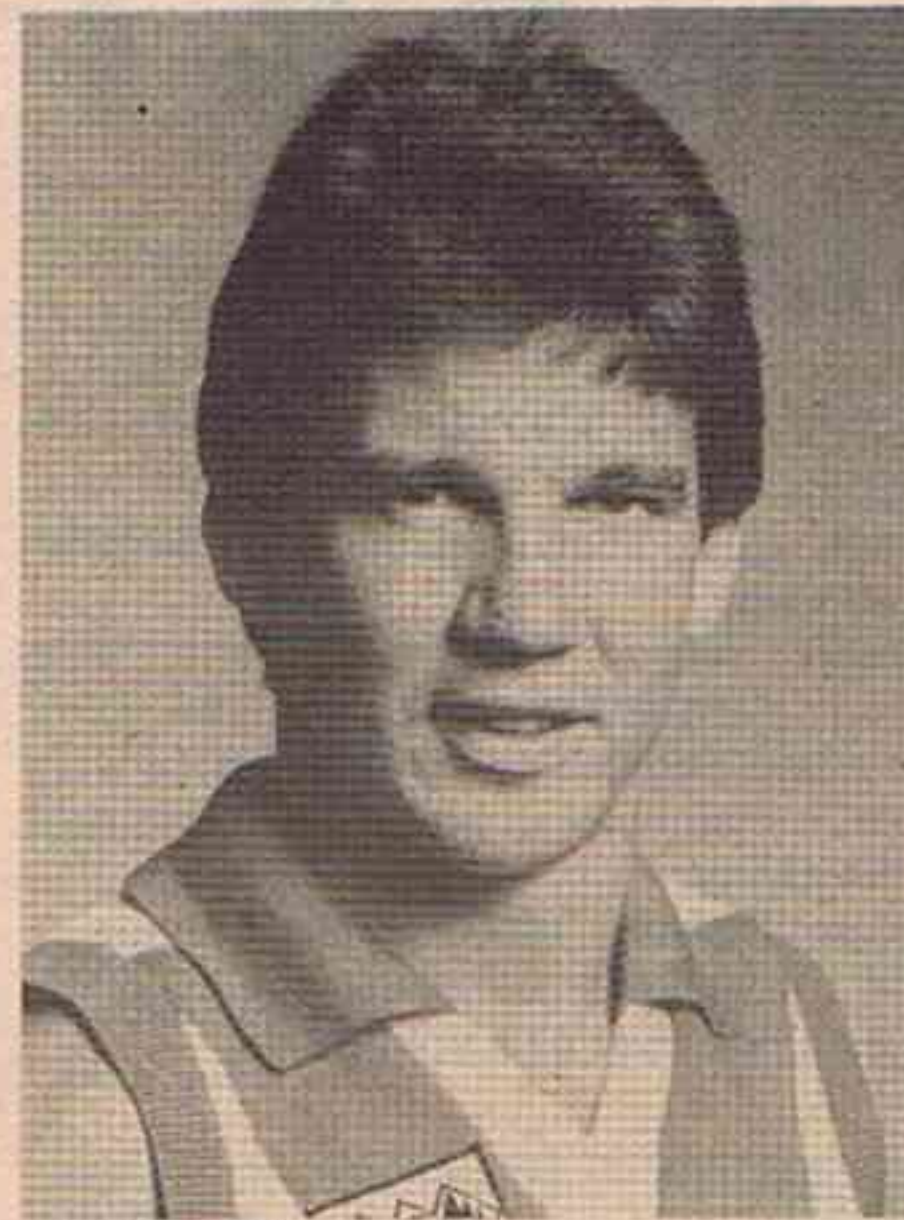
A youngster who impressed with the way he played the game was WAYNE KELLY. In his four league games for South he showed an aggressive style, but his season was virtually finished when he broke an ankle in the first round.

In typical Kelly fashion, he made it back for the last few reserves games.



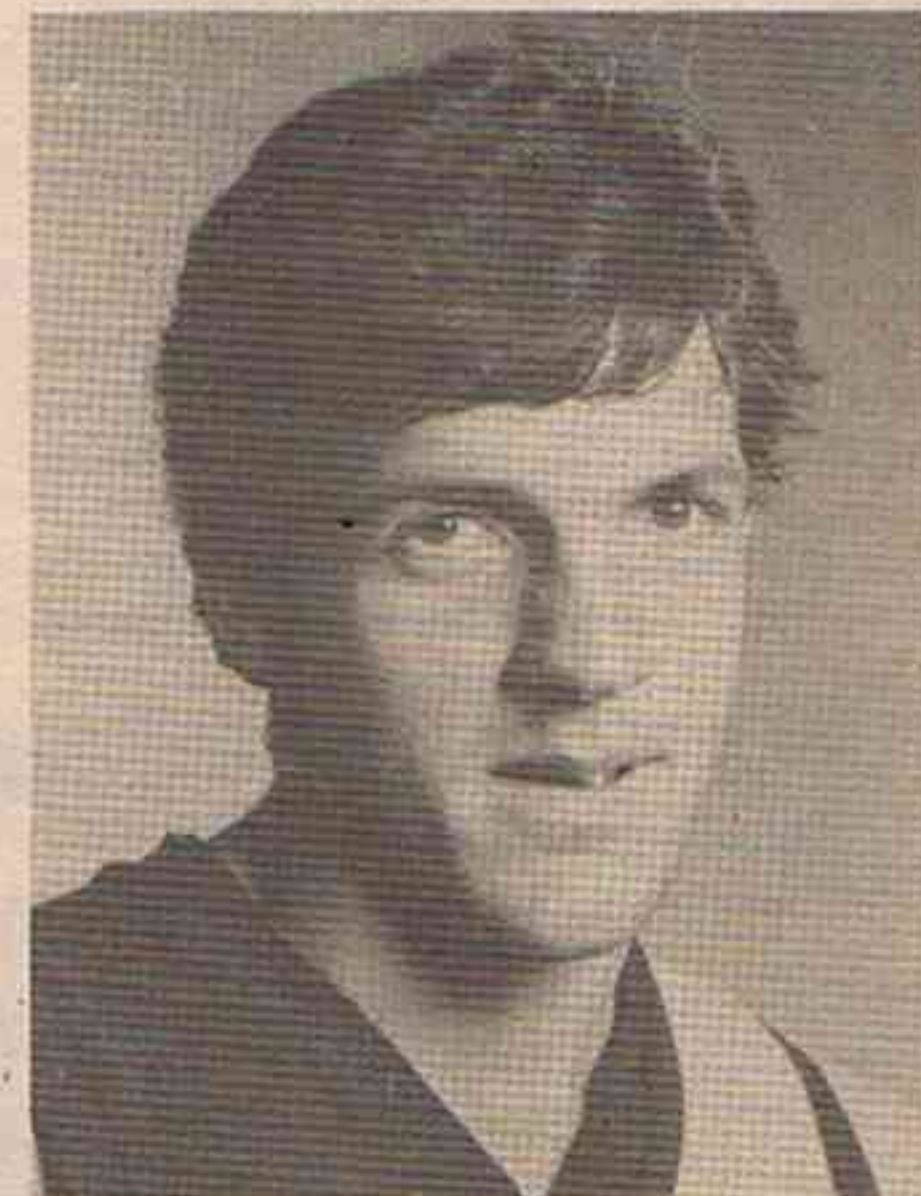
John Faulkner

When MARK ALLEN put in a couple of impressive games in defence for Claremont pre-season he was looming as the man to solve the problems the Tigers had in the backline.



Neil Randall

Towards the end of last season young South defender Michael Page showed he had the ability to make it in the big time. But he also suffered an ankle injury in the early part of 1982 and managed just two senior appearances.



Mark Allen

But he played in just the opening game of the season before continuing his career in the South West with Carey Park.

Claremont also recruited JIM DURNAN from Melbourne, but decided his services were no longer required after he had played just two matches.



Dean Farmer

DEAN FARMER, the brother of Claremont sharp shooter Brett Farmer, showed plenty of potential in his three league games. However, he could not force a regular berth and stayed the season in reserves.

He is still only 18 and has a big future. Big full forward MURRAY SMITH showed he had the potential to play a part in Claremont's plans to win premierships back-to-back. But after three games he continued his football with country team Ongerup.

CHRIS FOULKES looked set to fill the gap left by Jim Krakouer when he put in some encouraging performances as a rover before pulling a hamstring, an injury which troubled him for the last 12 weeks of the season.

DAVID WHILLAS also looked capable of being a valuable player before becoming home sick and returning to Victoria.



Graeme Carter

Big East Fremantle ruckman GRAEME CARTER — a member of their 1979 premiership team — was carrying a bit of weight and could not force his way into a league side which had Ron Alexander and Andrew Purser as its ruckmen. He finished up playing football in Karratha.

JOHN FAULKNER impressed as a tough defender in his six league games before a shoulder injury forced him onto the sidelines for the remainder of the season. He will be looking for better luck next year.



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MEN OF '82

Tragic end . . .

Corry Bewick's football future was placed under a cloud when he was carried from Leederville Oval earlier this year. Now he is aiming at resuming in 1984.



By
GARY STOCKS

IAN SCRIMSHAW was being hailed as East Perth's best recruit for 1982, but a lack of form saw him play more reserves games than senior matches.

DENNIS COLLINS, a hard working wingman with East Perth, retired early in the year when he could not produce anything like his best form.

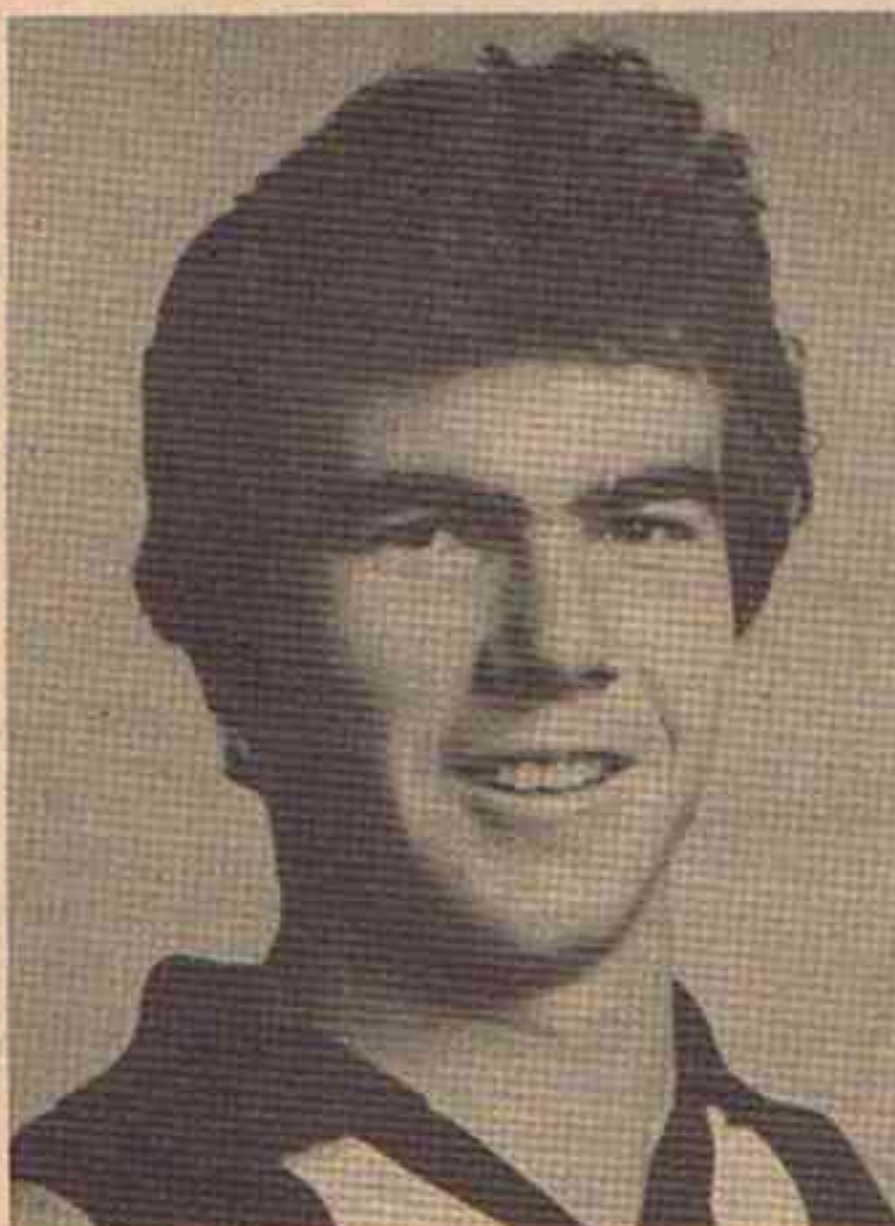


Rob Maroni

ROB MARONI was a youngster who showed he had what it took to fill a key defensive position for East Perth. But the pressures of work forced him out of the game. He had to make a decision between a career as an accountant or playing league football and he chose to undertake a 12-month accountancy course.

But the Royals are hopeful he will return to the fold as soon as the course is completed.

Because East Perth had an abundance of little men, WAYNE LOXLEY was forced to pursue his career elsewhere. He finished up in Sunday football.



Clinton Pike

In the opening game of the season, Swan Districts appeared to have unearthed a wingman with outstanding potential. However, after that match CLINTON PIKE returned to Collie. Swans are hopeful he will come back to Bassendean Oval next year.



Jeff Stone

Big ruckman, JEFF STONE did some good things early in the year in the reserves and followed that up with an outstanding effort in the controversial Escort Cup match.



Kim Coleman

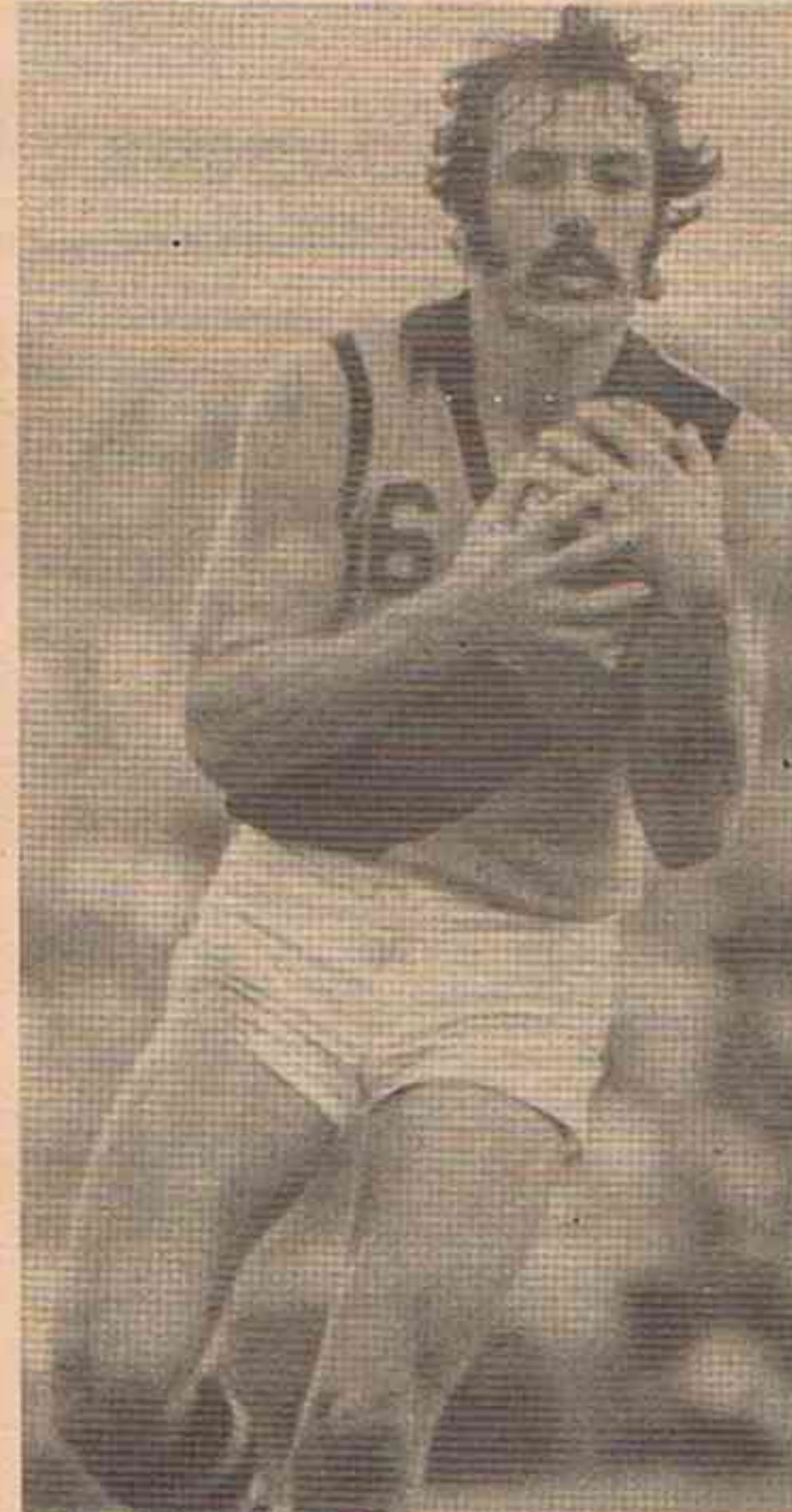
However, he injured a knee which needed an operation and this reduced his chances of making the league side.

KIM COLEMAN was probably the man who had the most difficult decision of all the players who have drifted away from league football.

Because of farming commitments he sacrificed his own career so that his brother, Terry could continue playing for the Demons. He finished the year with Cunderdin.

RAY COLYER was recruited from East Perth last year because he was thought to have been able to solve a small-man problem at Lathlain Park. However, lack of form saw him play just three games for the year.

One of the major losses for Perth was the announcement of former State centre half back, BRIAN COOK's retirement. His experience would have been invaluable for the young Demons.



Ross Prunster

ROSS PRUNSTER, another of the experienced brigade, did not manage one league game. He had heel problems pre-season and never really got over it — despite many hours of hard work.



Wayne Simms

WAYNE SIMMS was another, who, despite a pre-season of work, could fit in just one league game. Perth officials obviously hope that his knee problems are now over.



West Perth recruited WAYNE FOREMAN from Essendon and he was going to be a valuable player with the Falcons in 1982 — but Achilles tendon trouble saw him line up for just four matches.

The worst news for West Perth was the loss of rover CORRY BEWICK, who looks almost certain to miss 1983 because of knee trouble.

Early in the year PHIL NASH looked an outstanding prospect for the Falcons but this lack of fitness told and because he could not run out a full game, he played the season in reserves.

He will be given plenty of work during pre-season so that he can play an active part in the senior team next year.

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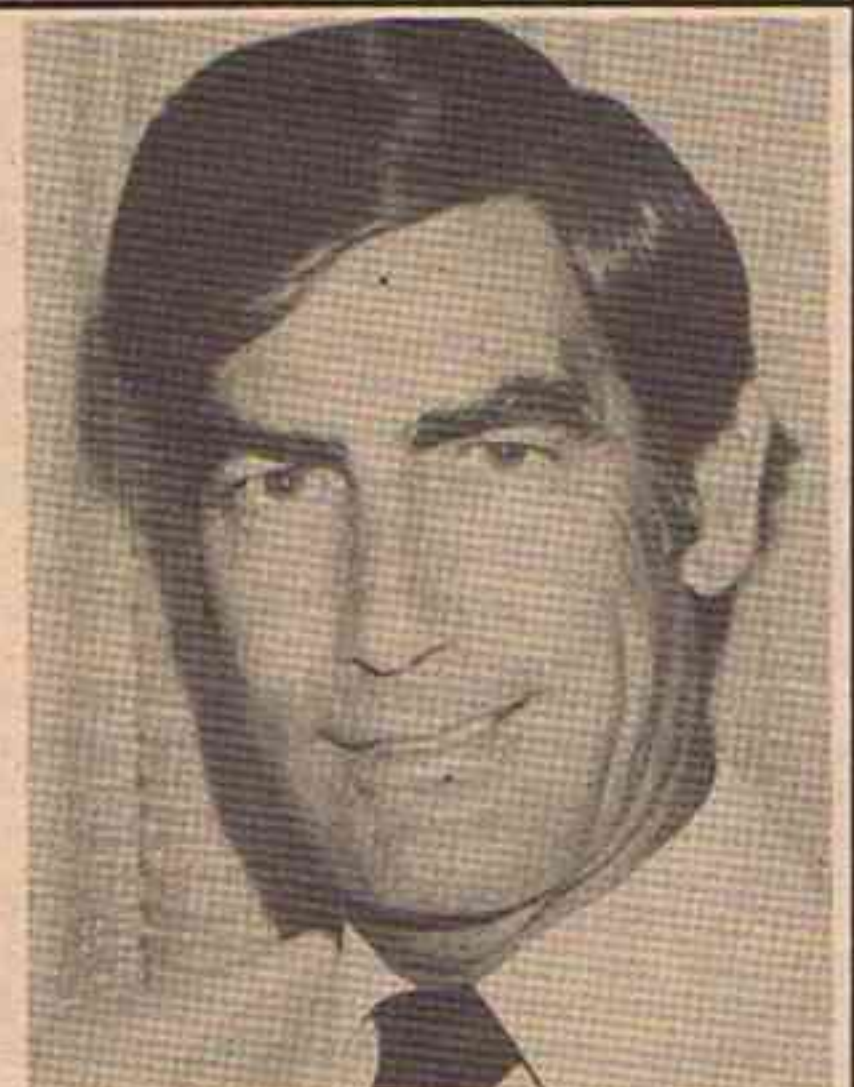
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WHEELCHAIR WONDER

Renown paraplegic Demon Cup coach Ron Martin has worked wonders this season for his Collier/Kensington 18 and under side.

Over the past two seasons the area has struggled to be competitive and have won only two games in that time. But the reign of Ron Martin has changed all that.

Apart from losing the grand final by six points and one qualifying game Ron has guided his charges to an unblemished season.

Ron's philosophy is simply to do your best, he has earned the respect from those who know him by setting an example.

A highlight of Ron's season was when one of his favourite 'sons', Morris 'Charlie' Shiosaki won the competition's fairest and best player award.

Funny game

FOOTBALL is certainly a funny game.

One minute you can be on top of the world and the next down with the also-rans.

Young Claremont defender Andrew Partington knows all about that.

Partington broke his leg above the knee in the reserves second semi-final a fortnight ago, just two weeks after winning the Prendergast Medal for the fairest and best player in reserves competition.

Now it seems as though the 20-year-old will miss the full year in 1983. But to his credit, he is already planning a comeback for 1984. He will have a pin in his leg for 18 months and will not be able to play until this is removed. However, the Tigers have looked after him while he is in hospital and are trying to make sure that he gets to the grand final. Claremont are seeking permission to allow him out of Royal Perth Hospital for the day (in a wheelchair) to watch the game.

UNTOLD CHEERS

HAVE you often wondered what is involved in preparing banners for players to destroy in seconds?

"More time, effort and costs than most people imagine," says 19-year-old Pitchforks secretary, Tracey Robbins.

The Pitchforks is the name given to Perth Football Club's cheer squad, who were initiators in 1979 of the current cheer squad trend because they wanted to "boost the morale" of their favourite club.

The Pitchforks have 55 paid members (\$4) aged between eight and 25 who are active six nights a week to create the 40ft by 20ft crepe paper barriers for each Saturday's home game.

"Each banner costs \$50 to make," Tracey explained. "The one we did for Bryan Cousins' 200th game was \$100.

"Houghton Motors have been generous in sponsoring most of our banners this season."



AMATEUR NEWS



OLD SCOTCH PREMIERS

OLD SCOTCH — coached by Greg Peck — stunned followers of amateur football by completely over-running University to win their first 'A' League grand final last Saturday.

University, odds-on favourites to repeat last year's win, never recovered from the eight goal first quarter burst by Old Scotch.

Their seven goal last quarter saw them win by 47 points to erase the memory of their 64 point loss in the 1981 grand final.

Coming from third place, Old Scotch just fell over the line in the first semi-final against Old Wesley, but showed improvement the following week against a lethargic Wembley in the preliminary final.

They become only the fourth club to break the University-Wembley domination of A League since 1961. In that time University have won 10 flags and Wembley eight, with one premiership each to C.B.C., Mt. Lawley and Nollamara.

It is interesting to note that the past five years have seen five different clubs win the pennant. Old Scotch (formerly Nedlands Secondary Training College) have had only limited premiership successes — 1971 and 80 'B' Premiers.

B LEAGUE: Bayswater led by Wayne Reikie in his second year as coach completely outclassed Scarborough to record their most significant premiership success since their formation in 1948. Previous wins have been 1967 'C', 1977 'B' Colts and 1980 'E'.

Scarborough failed to gain their second successive 'B' flag.

C LEAGUE: M.H.W.P. led all the way to record their first success since 1968 (also in C). Wembley's third senior team put up a good first half fight and the result was almost a repeat of the second semi clash.

D DIVISION: The closest result of the day; Hellenics showed maturity under the strong influence of Gary Martin to gain their first Saturday pennant, having graduated from the Sunday Division. (Premiers 1973).

North Beach No. 2 led for the first time in the game with five minutes to go, and also missed a goal front shot with less than 60 seconds remaining.

E DIVISION: Dianella won their first senior premiership (their only other success was 1981 in 'C' colts) and also was the only team to remain undefeated throughout the year. University's No 3 team failed by 13 points to cause a major upset.

F DIVISION: Lynwood-Ferndale lost their second successive grand final (1981 'G'). Trinity-Aquinas No 2 team won their club's first ever reserve team premiership.

G DIVISION: Coolbinia once again failed to gain success on grand final day (their only win was 1981 'H') having lost in four of their last five appearances. (University's No 4 senior team caused the major upset of the day in a one sided game after being thrashed in the second semi final.

It was University's lowest ever division success.

H DIVISION: Applecross reversed the result of the 1981 grand final by upsetting Bullcreek.

I DIVISION: Nollamara No 3 won their club's 10th premiership downing Wembley No 4 by 21 points.

J DIVISION: City of Perth won their inaugural premiership against R.A.A.F. (competing for the first time since the 1940's) who had only lost one other game during the year.

K DIVISION: M.H.W.P. No 3 came from third spot to defeat Scarborough's third senior team. It was the "Mounties" 5th club premiership (two this year) since 1938 (as Mt Hawthorn amalgamated with West Perth 1962).

'A' COLTS: University gained their 11th colts premiership after a slow start against

Wembley. It was their first success since 1977.

'B' COLTS: C.B.C. won their first colts premiership in only their second finals appearance. It was the club's third pennant in 50 years.

'C' COLTS: W.A.L.T. won their second colts flag ('B' 1972) and the club appears to be on the way up.

SUNDAY DIVISION: A.I.C.A. gained their second successive premiership against 1980 premiers Swan Athletics

Last week's results

GRAND FINALS

'A' LEAGUE

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| Old Scotch | 8.4 | 12.10 | 16.12 | 23.15 |
| University | 3.5 | 8.12 | 12.14 | 14.22 |

GOALS: OLD SCOTCH: G. Berson 6, G. Wilkinson 5, A. Williams 4, I. Moustaka 3, R. Prater 2, M. Hart 1, R. Grayden 1, R. Franklyn 1. UNIVERSITY: I. Rakich 3, J. Morrison 3, R. Melville 2, S. Dobson 2, I. Chiswell 1, M. Salmon 1, P. Anear 1. BEST: OLD SCOTCH: G. Wilkinson, I. Moustaka, G. Berson, P. Wallwork. UNIVERSITY: I. Rakich, P. Anear, J. Morrison. Winner of B.J. Giles Medal (fairest and best 'A' League grand final): Greg Wilkinson.

'A' COLTS

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|------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| University | 2.2 | 6.6 | 10.11 | 15.14 |
| Wembley | 5.4 | 8.9 | 9.10 | 12.11 |

GOALS: WEMBLEY: K. Symons 6, P. Rubie 2, G. Ryan 2, W. Perry 1, A. O'Brien 1. BEST: UNIVERSITY: I. White, D. Clappin, E. Delfos. WEMBLEY: M. Hickey, W. Andrew, S. Dixon.

Information supplied by DON BAKER

'B' LEAGUE

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|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Bayswater | 6.3 | 11.11 | 19.16 | 23.22 |
| Scarborough | 1.2 | 5.4 | 8.7 | 8.12 |

GOALS: BAYSWATER: R. Harrison 6, G. Sinclair 5, K. McGinnity 5, L. Eaton 3, 1 each to S. Phc-nix, R. Kamid, R. Mitchell, M. Hughes. SCARBOROUGH: D. Lister 2, J. Andretich 2, B. Marchant 1, P. Halliday 1, G. Penny 1, Raynor 1. BEST: SCARBOROUGH: K. McGinnity, G. Quadrio, R. Kamid, W. Reikie, R. Harrison. SCARBOROUGH: R. Arnold, J. Andretich, R. Raynor.

'B' COLTS

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|-------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| C.B.C. | 3.2 | 9.8 | 11.13 | 12.14 |
| Scarborough | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 3.5 |

GOALS: C.B.C.: J. Lawrence 5, P. Gonnella 2, S. Platt 1, P. Ayres 1, P. O'Keefe 1, P. Heggarty 1, L. Fry 1. SCARBOROUGH: P. Stone 2, J. Norris 1. BEST: C.B.C.: J. Lawrence, S. Johnstone, P. Gonnella. SCARBOROUGH: P. Asphar, P. Stone, B. Troon.

(Information supplied by Doug Frame)

'C' LEAGUE: M.H.W.P. 23.14 d Wembley No. 3 9.16. 'D' COLTS: W.A.L.T. 18.14 d Dianella 13.7. 'E' DIVISION: Hellenic 13.20 d North Beach 13.15. 'F' DIVISION: Dianella 13.23 d University No. 3 13.10. 'G' DIVISION: Trinity Aquinas No 2 21.17 d Lynwood-Ferndale 8.8. 'H' DIVISION: University No. 4 20.17 d Coolbinia-Yoke 4.12. 'I' DIVISION: Applecross 14.12 d Bullcreek 9.11. 'J' DIVISION: Nollamara No. 3 12.18 d Wembley No. 4 9.15. 'K' DIVISION: City of Perth 19.16 d R.A.A.F. 8.20. 'L' M.H.W.P. No. 3 16.12 d Scarborough No. 3 13.14. SUNDAY DIVISION: A.I.C.A. 21.12 d Swan Athletic 15.8.

ANYBODY with past histories, results and photos relating to amateur football, especially before 1974, are invited to contact the W.A.A.F.L. on 382 1293 with information.

A history of the amateurs is being compiled.

CARNIVAL WAS THE HIGHLIGHT

THE W.A.A.F.L.'s 54th year had many highlights headed by the holding of the 15th Australian Amateur Football Carnival in July.

Victoria retained the title it won in Hobart in 1979, but W.A. were unlucky, coming within three goals of winning their first carnival.

W.A.'s Mike Salmon was named as captain of the All Australian team plus players Greg Wilkinson, Jeremy McGrade, Rod Cronan, Russell Henry and Gary Clohessy gained selection.

We welcomed six new clubs in 1982, the most successful being City of Perth ('J') Premiers against rookie club R.A.A.F.)

It is expected 1983 will bring together the same number of clubs and teams. With this in mind the management committee have agreed to purchase a mini computer to facilitate the easy operation of player registrations, fixtures, goal kicking, premiership tables and future accounting needs on a more efficient basis.

Sponsorship was received from Smith and Nephew (manufacturers of Elastoplast products), Sunny Citrus Fruit Drink Co and J.L. Burley.

This very important aspect of all amateur bodies will be investigated further in order that a more vigorous attitude is pursued in the exposure of a major sponsor.

The appointment of Mr John Ashley as executive officer handling the daily operations and managing the league's office has helped improve contact with all 60 member clubs, making the W.A.A.F.L. by far the biggest football body in the State.

The continuation of support received for the W.A.F.L. in all facets from central umpires in A and B Division and 'A' Colts to advice and assist in use of league grounds is greatly appreciated.

With their assistance it has enabled us to provide the two umpire system in seven of the 15 divisions in the finals.

Congratulations to all clubs, medal winners and premiership teams whichever division they were successful in and we anticipate that each club will endeavour to prepare for the 1983 winter with vigour and sound management.

BRUCE WAINWRIGHT
Secretary

GRAND UPSETS

GRAND final day had its upsets and disappointments for clubs that finished minor premiers.

Wembley ('A' Colts), Lynwood-Ferndale ('F'), Coolbinia ('G'), Bullcreek ('H'), R.A.A.F. ('J') headed the tables after the home and away games, but failed in their most important game of the year.

FOOTBALL REGISTER

A roundup of the 1982 amateur season will be published in this year's W.A. Football Register out this week.

Copies will be available at the W.A.F.L. grand final and at all newsagents.

TOP SEASON

GREG Wilkinson, winner of the B.J. Giles Medal for fairest and best in the 'A' League grand final has capped a great season. He was a member of the 1982 WA carnival team, was selected in the All Australian amateur team, won the West-side Football trophy against Victoria and was awarded the Grosvenor Medal and the Betts and Betts Award for W.A.'s best player in the 15th Australian amateur carnival.

UPS AND DOWNS

Mt. Hawthorn-West Perth — with two premierships — enjoyed their best ever season for some time.

Since 1973 they have been up and down the various divisions — 1973 'B'; 1974-75 'C', 1976 'E', 1977 'F', 1978-79 'D' and since 1980 in 'C'.

It appears that they will reappear in 'B' after 10 years in the wilderness.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The clubs championship trophy for 1982 will be announced at the annual amateurs dinner.

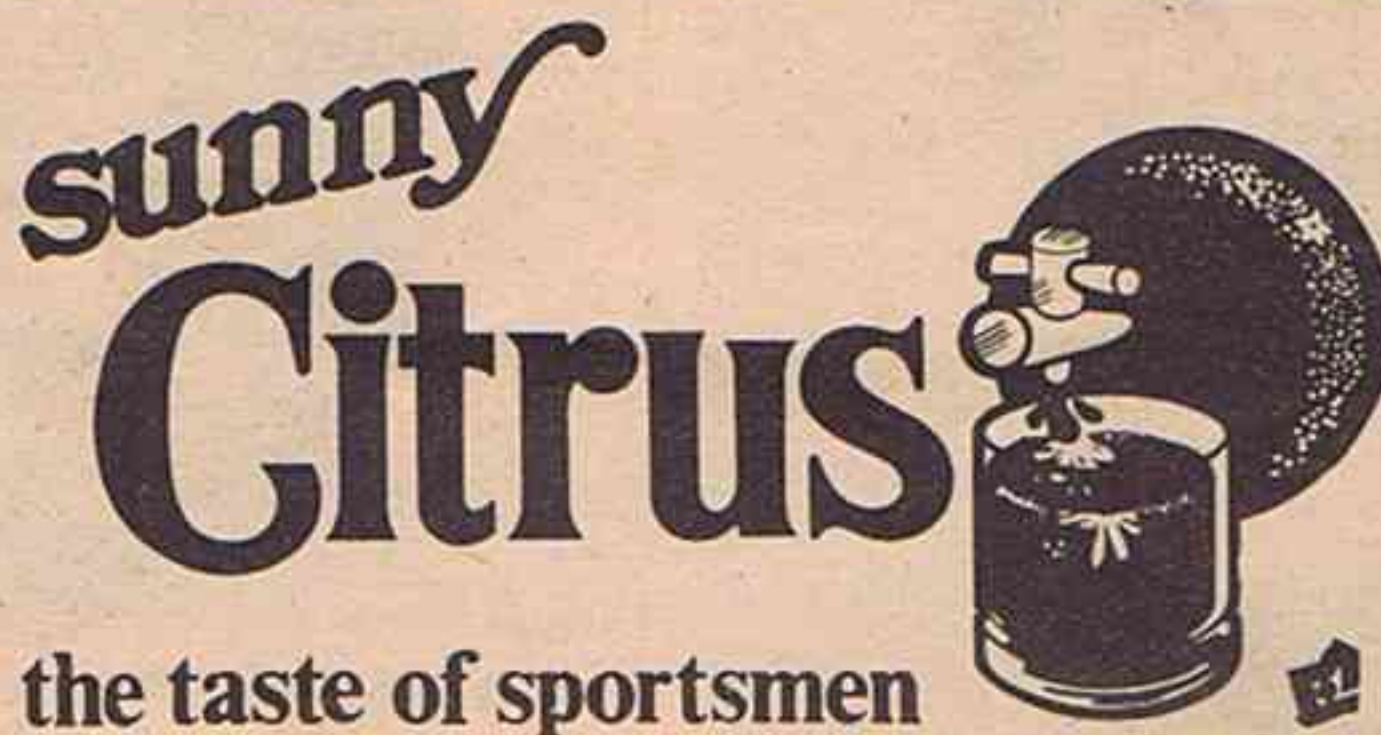
In 1972 West Australian Newspapers donated a perpetual trophy to be presented to the champion club.

To be eligible, club's must have two senior and one colts (under 20) team.

Points are awarded for each win and are deducted from clubs that have players who have been suspended by the tribunal for reportable offences.

Successful clubs have been Wembley (1973, 1974, 1976 and 1978), University (1975 and 1977), Carlisle (1972), Collegians (1979), Innaloo (1980) and North Beach (1981).

Clubs in the running for the 1982 season include Wembley, Dianella, M.H.W.P., University and Scarborough.



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Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

BUNBURY BREAK THE DROUGHT

Bunbury broke the premiership drought when they put in an outstanding effort in the South West National Football League grand final last Sunday.

In a magnificent team effort they crushed Harvey Brunswick to win 26.21 to 13.14.

Bunbury had held one of the top two positions for most of the season and had little trouble in progressing through to a grand final and once they got there they were never going to surrender their big chance.

In recent times it has been one of the other Bunbury teams — South Bunbury — which has dominated the South West competition.

With a combination of fine team football, running and a sheer passion for winning they completely outclassed Harvey Brunswick.

However, Harvey-Brunswick had done well to get to the grand final, disposing of three other teams on the way — South Bunbury, Collie and Carey Park.

They did the job well during the final round and it would have been a huge task to continue with that winning run, especially when taking into account the opposition and what a premiership meant to them.

Collie were perhaps the unlucky side of 1982.

After holding down one of the top two positions all year they were forced into a first semi final showdown with Harvey Brunswick after losing the qualifying final for the right to play Bunbury in the second semi final.

1982... the year of the Bunbury Bulldogs



They needed a good season and could have been well pleased with their efforts until the final round.

They made just two appearances when it was time to decide who would take the honours for 1982 and it must have been disappointing for their fans to see them slip out of contention without a whimper.

However, during the season Bunbury firmly established themselves as the best team in the competition and they thoroughly deserve to have the 1982 pennant hanging on their wall.

Tambellup into grand final

CENTRAL Great Southern team Tambellup cruised into the grand final with a crushing preliminary final win over Kojonup last week.

Tambellup were never in trouble and they beat their arch rivals by more than 10 goals to earn a crack at boom team Gnowangerup.

Tambellup must now be favoured to go on and win the premiership even though they have beaten Gnowangerup just once this year.

Gnowangerup have never won a premiership. In fact, they have never played in a grand final and no one would begrudge them the opportunity to have a lone pennant hang on their clubrooms walls.

Whichever way the game goes, it should be a great contest.

Lake Grace's flag

LAKE Grace won the grand final of the Lake Grace-Kulin Football League at Kukerin on Saturday.

In a keenly contested match they beat Kulin 11.9 to 10.6.

Lake Grace's Ron Duckworth was given the fairest and best award for the match.

In the reserves grand final Kukerin proved too strong for Kulin, winning 16.13 to 4.3. Graeme Gooding won the fairest and best award in this match.

ROBERTSON WINS

KULIN captain coach Graeme Robertson won the fairest and best medal in the Lake Grace-Kulin Football League.

He polled 19 votes — five more than Ron Duckworth of Lake Grace and John Ditchburn from Kukerin.

The special guest for the evening was South Fremantle ruck rover Bruce Monteath. Besides presenting the awards he also addressed those present on his football experiences.

The reserves award was won by Newdegate's Warren Shalders with nine votes. The runner-up was Kim Gray from Kukerin with eight votes.

Another Kangas flag

North Albany won their second premiership in three years when they were too good for North Mt Barker in the Southern Districts grand final on Sunday.

The Kangas were always in control of the situation and they scored an impressive 17.11 to 12.15.

It was a fitting result for North Albany as they had led the competition all year.

North Mt Barker progressed through to the grand final after an impressive victory over Royals in the preliminary final and they were expected to throw out a serious challenge for the flag.

Although they tried hard they simply could not match the pace and skill of North Albany.

North Albany completed a fine double when they were too strong for Denmark in the reserves.

Denmark had a hard task because they had come all the way from fourth spot and lost the match 12.11 to 6.5.

The thirds was won by North Mt Barker who beat North Albany 12.14 to 10.4.

Richards leads Railways into prelim. final

Last year's Upper Great Southern premiers Wickopin, bowed out of the race for 1982 honours when they were beaten by five points by a strong Railways side led brilliantly by Laurie Richards last Saturday.

Wickopin sadly missed the services of injured forward Mitchell Beeck and they fell down constantly in attack — especially in the first half.

They trailed by 37 points at the long break, but a dramatic last half fightback saw them go down by just one straight kick.

The game appeared to be in Railways keeping at three quarter time when they still led by 29 points.

But Wickopin came back strongly in the last quarter, mainly through the efforts of captain Keith Miller and Andrew Snow.

Ironically the Wickopin comeback was foiled through another fine performance from Leo Graham Medallist and Miller's former team-mate Laurie Richards.

Richards was supreme in the air yet again when he took 11 marks in the desperate last quarter while playing as a loose man in defence.

Other good players for Railways were Wayne Ewen, Peter Stephens, Greg Fletcher, Paul Cook, Roger McKernon and Kevin Timms.

Rod Fleay, Gary Nicholls, Ken Spark and Ian Quartermaine also put in fine efforts for Wickopin.

Sunday's second semi-final was another magnificent contest.

It was a game of fluctuating fortunes with Pingelly leading by 20 points at the first change, trailing Williams by the same margin at the long break and leading by exactly the same tally at three quarter time.

However, they had enough momentum to hang on and win by five points.

Nicky Winmar, Geoff Marsh, Phil and Barry Winmar, Leicester Poultney and David Hernamen were good players for Pingelly while Williams had solid contributors in Steve Gillett, Darryl Miller, Peter Kain, Gary Cowcher and David and Michael Kain.

Railways will play Williams in this week's preliminary final.

Dramatic end in Kalgoorlie

The Goldfields football season came to a dramatic end on grand final day last Sunday.

In the league game the umpires laid a total of 12 reports — eight against Railways captain coach Neville Breirley and the Railways Football Club threatened to protest over the result of the reserves game.

Breirley was reported in an incident packed match between his side and Boulder. The game was won by Boulder 17.13 to 13.21.

One player was taken to hospital with concussion and another received a broken nose in the game.

Breirley will appear before the tribunal tonight on four charges of head butting and four charges of striking. He was reported by WAFL umpire Mike Ball.

It is not the first time Breirley has been in hot water.

During his career he has been suspended five times for a total of 16 weeks. He has also been reported twice this year, but got off on technicalities on each occasion.

The first time the opposition club failed to turn up to give evidence and the second time he was reported by a boundary umpire. But boundary umpires do not have the power to report in the Goldfields competition.

CUNDERDIN OUT

Cunderdin have been bundled out of the race for honours in the Avon Football Association.

They met Railways in Sunday's first semi final and were never really in the hunt after half time as they capitulated to the strength and ability of their counterparts.

Cunderdin led by seven points at quarter time, but at half time the writing was on the wall as Railways kicked six goals to three for the term.

Although Cunderdin were still not out of the contest at three quarter time, when they trailed by 34 points, they were not playing well enough to get out of the fire.

Railways went on to win the match by 54 points — 20.18 to 12.12.

Ryder, Candelerio, Clancy, Stack and Lally did well for Railways while Peter Slater and Kim Coleman were among the better contributors for Cunderdin.

In the reserves first semi final York were bundled out of the competition when they lost to Beverley by a mammoth 90 points.

The colts was won by Quairading who kicked 13.8 to Brookton's 2.5.

NICHOLLS WINS

North Mt Barker ruckman Geoff Nicholls caused a huge upset in the Kleeman Medal count for the fairest and best player in the Southern Districts National Football League.

Nicholls had a good season but he was still a surprise winner in a count full of surprises.

The biggest upset of the evening was the fact that Larry Dwyer, South Mt Barker's captain-coach and former South Fremantle star, could poll just seven votes.

Nicholls won with 18 votes — two more than his team-mate Neil Williams. Three North Albany players finished in equal third place with 13 votes. They were Murray Wynne, Keith Wynne and Brian Stamp.



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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 21.18, Subiaco 10.16
E. Perth 26.15, W. Perth 24.7
Perth 20.14, Swans 26.14

APRIL 24
S. Frem. 16.11, E. Perth 18.15 (S)
W. Perth 21.10, E. Frem. 22.16
Swans 26.18, Subiaco 15.15
Claremont 27.24, Perth 10.8

MAY 1
Perth 18.10, W. Perth 25.12
Subiaco 18.10, Sth. Frem. 18.13
Swans 16.12, Claremont 12.16
East Frem. 17.9, East Perth 19.13

MAY 8
E. Perth 14.13, Subiaco 13.15
S. Frem. 12.7, Swans 28.16
W. Perth 16.13, Cl'mont 14.15

MAY 9 - SUNDAY
Perth 18.14, E. Frem. 24.18 (S)

MAY 15
E. Perth 11.11, Claremont 13.19
E. Frem. 13.15, Swans 19.21 (S)
Perth 13.15, S. Frem. 14.19
W. Perth 15.14, Subiaco 12.13

MAY 22
Swans 22.16, E. Perth 16.15
Cl'mont 24.22, E. Frem. 19.8
S. Frem. 17.17, W. Perth 15.14
Subiaco 19.15, Perth 23.17

MAY 29
W. Perth 20.21, Swans 11.13
E. Perth 20.13, Perth 12.11
Cl'mont 21.16, S. Frem. 21.19
E. Frem. 17.10, Subiaco 13.14

JUNE 5
W. Perth 14.20, E. Perth 13.10
Swans 19.14, Perth 14.14

JUNE 7
S. Frem. 13.16, E. Frem. 16.11
Subiaco 8.17, Cl'mont 14.11

JUNE 12
E. Frem. 14.14, W. Perth 21.15
E. Perth 19.21, S. Frem. 14.12
Subiaco 13.16, S. Dist. 25.17
Perth 19.15, Cl'mont 32.18

ADELAIDE:
SA 29.23, WA 12.9

JUNE 19
Cl'mont 18.16, Swans 17.12
E. Perth 19.13, E. Frem. 9.16
Perth 14.11, W. Perth 18.18
S. Frem. 24.30, Subiaco 11.9

JUNE 26
Subiaco 11.13, E. Perth 13.14
E. Frem. 20.16, Perth 14.13
S. Dist. 25.15, S. Frem. 15.14
W. Perth 15.11, Cl'mont 16.24

JULY 3
Cl'mont 11.21, E. Perth 14.6

HOME GROUNDS

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

Subiaco 13.18, W. Perth 14.15
S. Frem. 25.15, Perth 9.11
S. Dist. 25.19, E. Frem. 8.12

JULY 10
E. Perth 12.9, Swans 15.11
East Frem 19.8, Cl'mont 22.19
W. Perth 13.16, S. Frem 10.15
Perth 20.11, Subiaco 11.9

JULY 13 - TUESDAY
WA 15.11, Vic. 19.10

JULY 17
WA 21.18, SA 8.5

JULY 24
Perth 22.11, E. Perth 24.13
Cl'mont 21.19, S. Frem. 14.17
Subiaco 15.20, E. Frem. 11.10

JULY 25
W. Perth 20.20, Swans 9.20

JULY 31
E. Frem. 11.14, S. Frem. 21.12
E. Perth 14.18, W. Perth 18.8
Cl'mont 28.23, Subiaco 20.15
Perth 16.17, S. Dist. 25.16 (S)

AUGUST 7
S. Frem. 20.20, E. Perth 14.10
S. Dist. 18.25, Subiaco 9.4
W. Perth 21.18, E. Frem. 7.4
Cl'mont 28.13, Perth 13.10 *

AUGUST 14
Swans 15.16, Cl'mont 22.12
W. Perth 15.23, Perth 9.14
E. Frem. 10.16, E. Perth 20.16
Subiaco 19.11, S. Frem. 19.15

AUGUST 21
East Perth 25.15, Subiaco 12.16
Perth 18.14, E. Frem. 19.11
S. Frem. 15.10, S. Dist. 23.15
Cl'mont 21.14, W. Perth 11.16

AUGUST 28
West Perth 27.18, East Perth 16.16

SEPTEMBER 4
Swan Dist 14.26 Cl'mont 12.10

SEPTEMBER 11
Cl'mont 18.23, W. Perth 13.15

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)
Melb. 9.12, Carlton 9.22 (P)
Hawthorn 13.22, R'Mond. 10.22
N. Melb. 19.22, Col'wood 18.11
Footscray 15.20, St. Kilda 20.9
Fitzroy 18.19, Essendon 15.12
Geelong 12.12, S. Melb. 11.16

MAY 1 (Round 6)
H'thorne 19.21, Nth. Melb. 15.11
C'wood 13.10, Fitzroy 12.19
R'mond 18.8, Melbourne 15.16
St. Kilda 11.14, Carlton 16.22
Geelong 17.20, F'scray 7.22

MAY 2 (Part Round 6)
Sth. Melb. 15.21, Ess'don 18.9

MAY 8 (Round 7)
Melb. 22.11, N. Melb. 28.12
Fitzroy. 19.14, H'thoren 17.15
Carlton 15.20, Geelong 7.7
Ess'don 17.20, Col'wood 9.13
Footscray 15.20, S. Melb. 20.11
St. Kilda 17.12, R'mond 21.14

MAY 15 (Round 8)
Fitzroy 13.21, Melb. 25.14
N. Melb. 23.18, St. Kilda 6.16
Geelong 12.15, R'mond 11.23
H'thorn 15.15, E'don 16.15
F'cray 11.11, Carlton 14.22

MAY 16 (Part Round 8)
S. Melb. 15.25, C'wood 13.19 (S)

MAY 22 (Round 9)
Geelong 15.19, N. Melb. 9.9
R'mond 21.13, Footscray 14.14
C'wood 13.14, H'thorn 17.12
Essendon 19.19, Melb. 12.13
St Kilda 16.19, Fitzroy 25.12
Carlton 27.23, S. Melb. 12.11

MAY 29 (Round 10)
Essendon 22.17, St. Kilda 18.11
Carlton 18.16, R'mond 16.11
Melb. 16.24, C'wood 17.11
F'cray 15.10, N. Melb. 23.20
Fitzroy 25.11, Geelong 19.18
S. Melb. 15.13, H'thorn 24.13 (S)

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

JUNE 5 (Round 11)
F'scray 16.12, Fitzroy 23.22
C'wood 26.16, St. Kilda 21.10
H'thorn 26.22, Melb. 14.15
N. Melb. 13.18, Carlton 15.15
Geelong 10.11, Ess'don 17.9
R'mond 20.14, S. Melb. 18.25

JUNE 12 & 14 (Round 12)
Rich. 23.18, Fitzroy 17.16
St Kilda 14.11, Melb. 19.24
Geel. 6.17, Hawthorn 17.10 (P)
Essend. 19.12, Carlton 8.18
Coll. 24.19, F'scray 14.13

JUNE 13 (Part Round 12)
Swans 15.15, Nth. Melb. 16.15

JUNE 19/20
Swans 30.19, St Kilda 15.13
R'mond 12.10, Essendon 10.5 P
Carlton 12.26, C'wood 9.17
F'scray 16.11, H'thorn 12.20
N. Melb 13.10, Fitzroy 11.21
Melb. 21.8, Geelong 10.10

JUNE 26 (Round 14)
F'scray 14.8, Melb. 13.16
H'thorn 17.14, Carlton 12.10
C'wood 10.12, R'mond 13.16
Geelong 17.8, St Kilda 10.3
N. Melb. 14.13, Essendon 15.15
Fitzroy 16.16, The Swans 20.13

JULY 3 (Round 15)
C'wood 13.11, N. Mel. 16.13 (P)
Essendon 21.13, Fitzroy 7.12
St Kilda 20.11, F'scray 18.12
Carlton 18.20, Melb. 16.15
R'mond 17.14, H'thorn 22.14
Swans 18.18, Geelong 12.15

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

JULY 10 & 17 (Round 16)
Carlton 21.13, St Kilda 9.9
H'thorn 32.14, N. Melb 15.22
Footscray 25.7, Geelong 17.13
Essendon 12.10, Swans 17.13
Melb. 9.18, R'mond 23.9
Fitzroy 10.24, C'wood 9.10

JULY 24 (Round 17)
H'thorn 18.15, Fitzroy 27.8
R'mond 28.17, St Kilda 14.18
N. Melb. 22.14, Melb. 16.17
Geelong 16.19, Carlton 11.9
C'wood 15.18, Essendon 17.17

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)
Swans 14.27, F'scray 15.8

JULY 31 (Round 18)
R'mond. 24.19, Geelong 11.13 (P)
Carlton 30.21, F'scray. 10.12
Melb. 13.15, Fitzroy 24.19
St. Kilda 14.12, N. Melb. 22.18
Essendon 12.10, Hawthorn 15.10
C'wood. 12.13, Swans 13.12

AUGUST 7 (Round 19)
H'thorn 20.20, C'wood 16.22
F'scray 7.8, R'mond 16.16
N. Melb. 22.18, Geelong 11.16
Melb. 14.17, Essendon 20.17
Fitzroy 21.16, St Kilda 11.12

AUGUST 8 (Part Round 19)
Swans 15.16, Carlton 9.18
AUGUST 14 (Round 20)
R'mond 9.10, Carlton 13.14
Hawthorn 18.18, Swans 8.14
Melb. 25.18, C'wood 17.12
F'tscray 16.8, N. Melb. 17.16
St. Kilda 10.16, Ess'don 13.12
Geelong 5.18, Fitzroy 15.15

AUGUST 21 (Round 21)
St. Kilda 22.16, C'wood 16.16
Carlton 26.24, N. Melb. 17.8
Melb. 14.8, Hawthorn 14.19
Fitzroy 19.17, F'scray 12.11
Ess'dn. 14.12, Geelong 12.13
Richmond 19.13, Swans 16.14

AUGUST 28 (Round 22)
Fitzroy 17.9, Carlton 23.12
Hawthorn 23.23, St. Kilda 11.7
N. Melb. 11.13, Richmond 15.8
Geelong 18.13, C'wood 18.18
F'tscray 9.8, Essendon 32.16
Melb. 25.13, Swans 22.16

SEPTEMBER 4
Carlton 25.13, Hawthorn 16.9
Nth Melb 19.14, Essendon 16.19

SEPTEMBER 11
Hawthorn 24.22, N. Melb. 18.6
Richmond 16.17, Carlton 13.12

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
C. Dist. 16.22, W. Torr. 9.12
W. Adel. 18.12, N'Wood. 17.10
N. Adel. 10.9, S. Adel. 16.11

APRIL 26
P. Adel. 11.15, Glenelg 12.9
Sturt 24.20, W'ville 7.8

MAY 1
W. Adel. 27.19, W'ville 13.13
S. Adel. 17.18, W. Torr 13.18
Glenelg 15.21, Sturt 24.16
N'wood 26.14, N. Adel. 11.16
P. Adel. 19.17, C. Dist. 7.9

MAY 8/9
N. Adel. 11.17, W. Adel. 20.18
C. Dist. 22.13, N'wood. 14.10
Sturt 23.12, P. Adel. 18.12
W'ville. 9.10, S. Adel. 28.23
W. Torr. 10.14, Glenelg. 19.20

MAY 15
C. Dist. 18.15, Sturt 20.15
S. Adel. 8.8, W. Adel. 15.19
Glenelg 31.30, W'ville 12.11
N'wood 25.22, W. Torr 9.6
P. Adel. 27.9, N. Adel. 15.15

MAY 17
S. Aust 21.13, Vic 18.19

MAY 22/23
P. Adel 20.21, W'ville 12.7
Glenelg 23.16, N. Adel 16.10
S. Adel 15.15, C. Dist. 23.13
W. Adel 36.12, W. Torr 16.5
N'wood 15.6, Sturt 17.21

MAY 29/30
Sturt 17.7, S. Adel. 11.18
Glenelg 32.13, W. Adel. 11.17
W'ville 15.14, N'wood 17.12
N. Adel. 17.15m C. Dist. 23.12

JUNE 5/6
W. Torr. 8.8, P. Adel. 16.14

JUNE 12
N. Adel. 12.16, Sturt 25.16
S. Adel. 11.6, P. Adel. 24.14
N'wood 22.8, Glenelg 17.16
W'ville 18.9W. Torr 19.17

JUNE 19/20
C. Dist. 19.7W. Adel. 18.19

JUNE 12
SA 29.23, WA 12.9

JUNE 14
Cent. Dist. 22.17, W'ville 7.16
Torrens 9.14, N. Adel. 19.21
Glen. 18.14, S. Adel. 14.11
P. Adel 11.12, N'wood 8.8
W. Adel. 20.12, Sturt 6.16

JUNE 19/20
Port Adel. 7.6, W. Adel 10.15
S. Adel 11.7, N'wood 8.11
Sturt 12.9, W. Torrns 6.4
N. Adel 22.11, W'ville 15.5
Glenelg 12.13, C. Dist. 9.9

JUNE 26
S. Adel 11.7 N. Adel 14.13
P. Adel 19.16 Glenelg 11.10
Torrens 21.10 C. Dist 12.7
W'ville 6.13 Sturt 27.18
N'w 24.14 W. Adel 17.15

JULY 3
Glenelg 12.21, Sturt 16.20
C. Dist. 15.9, P. Adel. 17.18
Torrens 16.10, S. Adel. 13.14
W'ville 16.7, W. Adel. 26.17
N. Adel. 10.12, N'wood 14.17

JULY 10/11
S. Adel 21.20, Woodville 9.8
Glenelg 20.24, Torrens 10.19
Norwood 13.11, C. Dist 12.15
W. Adel 25.9, N. Adel 16.13
* Port 20.13, Sturt 16.14

JULY 17/18
P. Adel. 12.13, N. Adel. 25.14
Sturt 21.15, C. Dist. 20.23
Torrens 15.13, N'wood 18.10
W'ville 9.12, Glenelg 16.3
W. Adel. 12.17, S. Adel. 8.12

JULY 24
Torrens 23.9, W. Adel. 23.7
W'ville 15.15, Port 17.21
C. Dist. 15.15, S. Adel. 12.6

Sturt 16.12, N'wood 26.12
N. Adel. 24.12, Glenelg 21.9

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
S. Adel. 19.10, Sturt. 15.10
W. Adel. 15.14, Glenelg 24.14
C. Dist. 21.15, N. Adel. 20.18

AUGUST 7
Norwood 31.16, W'ville 13.11
P. Adel. 25.18, W. Torrns 13.9

AUGUST 14/15
Glenelg 17.11, N'wd. 16.13
Sturt 22.16, N. Adel. 14.20
Torrens 23.14, W'ville 29.11
W. Adel. 20.18, C. Dist. 22.20
P. Adel. 19.11, S. Adel. 15.15

AUGUST 21/22
Norwood 22.12, S. Adel. 11.19

Glenelg 13.11, C. Dist. 30.18
Torrens 9.11, Sturt 28.25
W'ville 19.5, N. Adel. 29.15
P. Adel. 20.12, W. Adel. 14.17

AUGUST 28/29
S. Adel. 8.16, Glenelg 22.18
C. Dist. 17.19, W'ville. 16.13
Norwood 28.17, P. Adel. 10.13
N. Adel. 33.24, Torrens 15.12
Sturt 19.16, W. Adel. 19.18

SEPTEMBER 4
Port Adel 20.15, Glenelg 13.15
Cent Dist 31.12, Torrens 12.10
Norwood 25.11, W. Adel 10.21
Sturt 26.18, Woodville 17.7
S. Adel 18.8, N. Adel 11.15

SEPTEMBER 11
Glenelg 19.20, C. Dist. 12.13

SEPTEMBER 12
Norwood 11.17, Sturt 10.15

SEPTEMBER 18
FIRST SEMI-FINAL

SEPTEMBER 19
SECOND SEMI-FINAL

SEPTEMBER 25
PRELIMINARY FINAL

OCTOBER 2
GRAND FINAL

WAFL



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|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| CLAREMONT | 1.7 | 8.13 | 12.18 | 18.23 | 131 |
| WEST PERTH | 2.4 | 4.8 | 8.11 | 13.15 | 93 |

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Farmer 5.3; Ralph 4.6; Malaxos 2.3; Harper 2.2; M. Watson 1.3; Moss 1.2; Shaw 1.1; Panizza 1.1; Blackwell 1.0; Jamieson 0.1; forced 0.1. WEST PERTH: Gibbs 4.2; Bradmore 3.1; Fong 2.2; Adamson 2.1; Murnane 1.1; Fitzsimmons 1.0; Michalczuk 0.2; Alderton 0.1; Menaglio 0.1; Polson 0.1; forced 0.3.

BEST: CLAREMONT: Blackwell, Goulding, Shaw, Farmer, Ralph, Aitken. WEST PERTH: Fong, Comerford, Warwick, Bradmore, O'Brien, Jager.

UMPIRES: D. Gillies, R. Phillips. Claremont won the toss and kicked to the western end. Free kicks: CLAREMONT: 10, 11, 9, 6-36 out-of-bounds 6, 15m 5. WEST PERTH: 10, 8, 9, 6-33 out-of-bounds 4, 15m 4. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 30,760.

MATCH STATISTICS

CLAREMONT

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Steve Malaxos | 4 | 11 | 5 |
| Michael Aitken | 6 | 13 | 3 |
| Michael Mitchell | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Gary Shaw | 6 | 17 | 10 |
| Brett Farmer | 8 | 17 | 3 |
| Peter Jamieson | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| Warren Ralph | 12 | 22 | 2 |
| Noel Morton | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Allen Daniels | 2 | 15 | 5 |
| Brad Reynolds | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Mark Watson | 4 | 15 | 6 |
| Tom Pearce | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| Reg Watson | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Wayne Blackwell | 11 | 25 | 14 |
| Darrell Panizza | 2 | 12 | 10 |
| Steve Goulding | 7 | 20 | 5 |
| Baden Harper | 8 | 14 | 4 |
| Michael O'Connell | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Gerald Betts | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Graham Moss | 7 | 10 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 93 | 234 | 100 |

WEST PERTH

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| John Duckworth | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| Peter Murnane | 4 | 17 | 5 |
| Ross Gibbs | 8 | 10 | 1 |
| George Michalczuk | 4 | 16 | 5 |
| Les Fong | 10 | 21 | 11 |
| Mick O'Brien | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| Rod Alderton | 3 | 11 | 4 |
| Peter Menaglio | 5 | 10 | 5 |
| Brian Adamson | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Phil Bradmore | 5 | 13 | 4 |
| Graeme Comerford | 8 | 16 | 7 |
| Neil Fotheringham | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Shane Fitzsimmons | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Dean Warwick | 3 | 12 | 7 |
| Gordon Polson | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| John Gavranich | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Ray Holden | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Ben Jager | 4 | 8 | 7 |
| Geoff Hendriks | 5 | 11 | 6 |
| Alan Watling | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 77 | 198 | 97 |

HOW THEY LINED UP

CLAREMONT: Backs: Pearce, Betts, Morton. Half-backs: Aitken, O'Connell, Reynolds. Centres: Daniels, Blackwell, Panizza. Half-forwards: M. Watson, Jamieson, Farmer. Forwards: Malaxos, Ralph, Harper. Ruck: Moss, Goulding, Shaw. Interchange: R. Watson, Mitchell.

WEST PERTH: Backs: Comerford, Holden, O'Brien. Half-backs: Fotheringham, Duckworth, Hendriks. Centres: Alderton, Michalczuk, Warwick. Half-forwards: Menaglio, Adamson, Bradmore. Forwards: Polson, Fitzsimmons, Murnane. Ruck: Jager, Gavranich, Gibbs. Interchange: Watling, Gibbs.

WAFL Reserves

PRELIMINARY FINAL

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|------------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|
| EAST PERTH | 4.2 | 12.4 | 18.11 | 22.15 | 147 |
| SUBIACO | 4.3 | 6.5 | 10.6 | 15.8 | 98 |

SCORERS: EAST PERTH: Seal 6; Blakely 4; Nolan 3; Garnett 2; Edwards 2; Scrimshaw 1; Solin 1; Coutts 1; Western 1; Bartlett 1. SUBIACO: Mort 4; Cook 4; Wilson 2; Thomas 2; Chapman 2; Kelly 1; McFauli 1.

BEST: EAST PERTH: Seal, Williams, Edwards, Nolan, Blakely, Sparks. SUBIACO: Mort, Bengough, Thomas, McFauli, Cook, Ross.

WAFL Colts

PRELIMINARY FINAL

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| SOUTH FREMANTLE | 3.7 | 8.13 | 11.18 | 15.25 | 115 |
| CLAREMONT | 1.1 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 12.6 | 78 |

SCORERS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Jackson 5; Maskos 3; Sambraillio 2; O'Donnell 2; Rioli 1; Morich 1; Heathcote 1. CLAREMONT: McArthur 4; Toy 2; Irvine 2; Hearl 1; Jones 1; Winning 1; Johnson 1.

BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Grlijusch, Rioli, Jackson. CLAREMONT: Butler, Mander, McArthur.

VFL



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| HAWTHORN | 4.4 | 10.8 | 16.16 | 24.22 | 166 |
| NORTH MELBOURNE | 6.2 | 12.2 | 14.4 | 18.6 | 114 |

SCORERS: HAWTHORN: Brereton 5, Matthews 4, Buckenara, Goad, Byrne 3, Geoff Ablett, Russo, Tuck, Loveridge, Eade, Robertson. NORTH MELBOURNE: Blight 5, Tanner 3, P. Krakouer, Kelly, Atkins 2, J. Krakouer, Schimmelbusch, Carman, Holt 1.

BEST: Hawthorn: Matthews, Ayres, Mew, Loveridge, Russo, Ablett, Eade. NORTH MELBOURNE: Dempsey, Greig, Blight, Tanner, Abernethy, Schimmelbusch. Played at the M.C.G., attendance 61,729.

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| RICHMOND | 6.6 | 10.9 | 14.13 | 16.17 | 113 |
| CARLTON | 2.0 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 13.12 | 90 |

SCORERS: RICHMOND: Cloke 5, Bartlett 3, Weightman, Wood 2, Lee, Raines, Roach, Welsh 1. CARLTON: Ditchburn 4, Buckley, MacIure 2, Hunter, Maylin, Klomp, Glascott, Harnes.

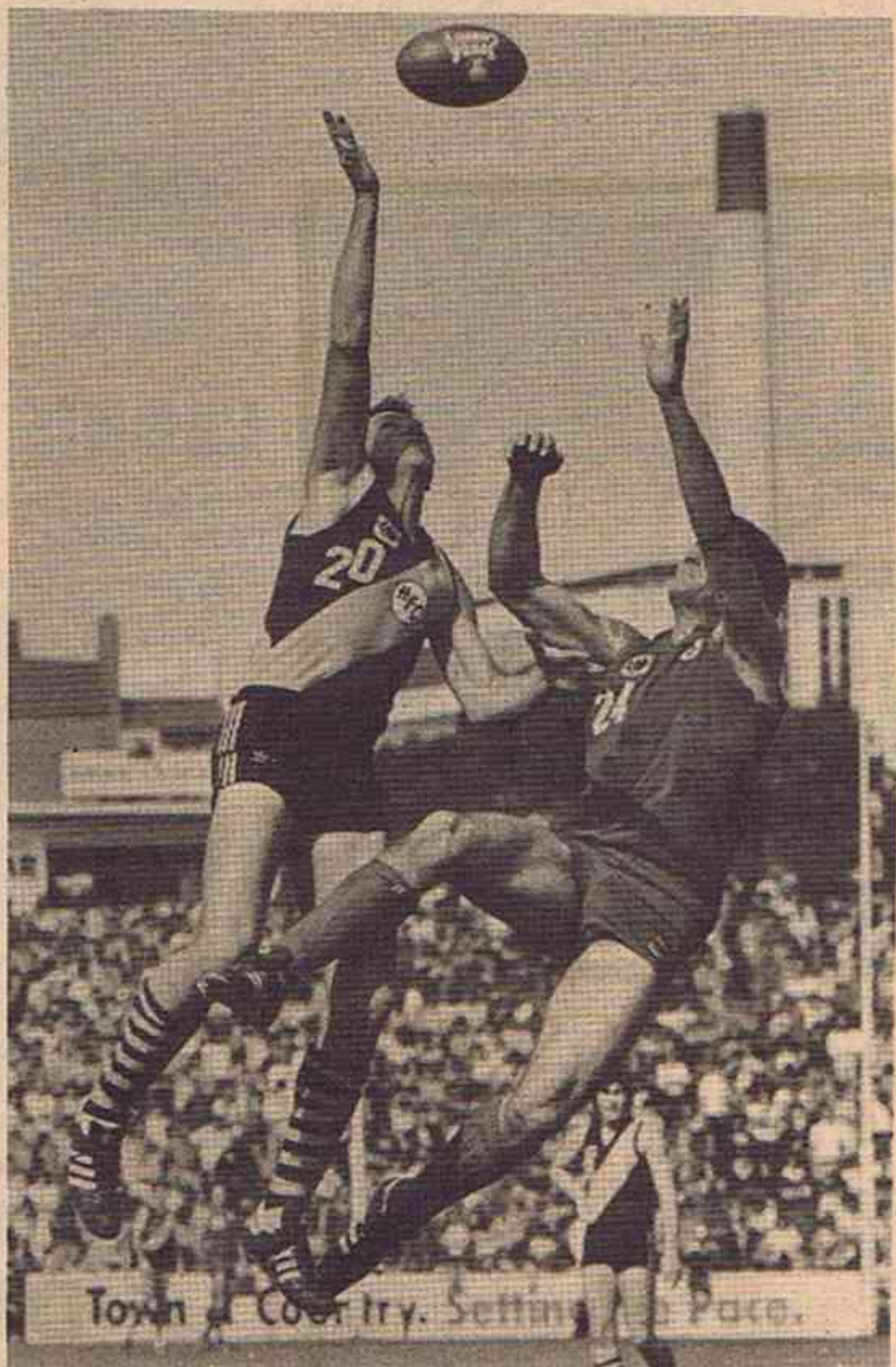
BEST: RICHMOND: Cloke, Wood, Dunne, Rowlings, Lee, Landy, Martello, Roach. CARLTON: Hunter, Glascott, Doull, English. Played at VFL Park, attendance 65,611.

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Above: Claremont wingman Allen Daniels sends the ball downfield despite the efforts of West Perth's Dean Warwick. Below: Big Tiger ruckman Baden Harper is set to palm the ball to his rover as West Perth's Ben Jager is completely out of position.



SANFL



ELIMINATION FINAL

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| GLENELG | 3.4 | 9.9 | 15.15 | 19.20 | 134 |
| CENTRAL DISTRICT | 3.0 | 5.4 | 9.6 | 12.13 | 85 |

SCORERS: GLENELG: McGuinness 5, Weston 3, Kernahan 3, Lunniss 3, Carey, Symonds, Paynter, Sewer, Marshall. CENTRAL: Edwards 3, Platten 2, Norsworthy, Moore, Van Dommelle, Cousins, Krieg, Trigg, Mobbs.

BEST: GLENELG: Kernahan, Carey, Weston, Cornes, McGuinness, Marshall. CENTRAL: Platten, Hurn, Krieg, Gillies. Played at Football Park, attendance

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| NORWOOD | 1.2 | 6.11 | 7.12 | 11.17 | 83 |
| STURT | 1.6 | 3.10 | 9.13 | 10.15 | 75 |

SCORERS: NORWOOD: Roberts, Turbill 3; G. Thomas, Neagle, Michalanne, Fosdike, A. Aish 1. STURT: Graham 3; Davies 2; Heinrich, Howard, Zubrinich, Fielke, Craig 1.

BEST: NORWOOD: Turbill, K. Thomas, Stemper, A. Aish, Fosdike, M. Aish. STURT: Fry, Craig, Graham, Motley, Davies, Paech. Played at Football Park, attendance 28,889.

Other competitions

SYDNEY

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| PENN. HILLS | 1.0 | 3.8 | 6.10 | 7.15 | 57 |
| WEST. SUBS. | 2.4 | 2.5 | 5.10 | 7.13 | 55 |

GOALS: PENNANT HILLS: Scholtz 2; Gray, Edwards, Lee, Ferraro, Rutherford. WESTERN SUBURBS: Manassa 2; Betros, A. O'Donoghue, Verdane, M. O'Donoghue, Chilcott. BEST: PENNANT HILLS: De Looze, Toy, Thrupp, McGivern, Gray. WESTERN SUBURBS: Jones, A. O'Donoghue, Bruce, McCrae.

CANBERRA

Preliminary Final

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| EASTLAKE | 2.5 | 5.9 | 7.12 | 13.17 | 97 |
| Q'BEYAN | 1.7 | 3.8 | 12.11 | 13.14 | 92 |

GOALS: EASTLAKE: Southwell 3; James 2; Webb 2; Turner 2; P. Werner, T. Robbie, Fisher, Lampkin. QUEANBEYAN: Hemming 4; Lysewycz 3; Finch 2; Carters 2; Schelburger, B. Fort. BEST: EASTLAKE: P. Werner, Southwell, Overland, T. Robbie, Miller. QUEANBEYAN: Daniel, Lysewycz, B. Hopkins, A. Imrie, Finch.

QUEENSLAND

Grand Final

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| MAYNE | 3.5 | 9.8 | 13.13 | 18.17 | 125 |
| M'SIDE | 6.3 | 8.4 | 9.7 | 14.11 | 95 |

GOALS: MAYNE: Farrer 4; Goodall 3; Maddison 2; Allison 2; Woodhall 2; Herbert 2; Ireland, Nolan, Allan. MORNINGSIDE: Ledger 4; Crook 2; Sambell 2; Payne, Warren, Armstrong, Calle, Hannebury, Edward. BEST: MAYNE: Goodall, Nolan, Maddison, Herbert, Ireland, Shippies, Reilly. MORNINGSIDE: Blair, Ledger, Browne, Calle, Green, McCormick.

TASMANIA

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Grand Final

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| S'DALE | 6.2 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 17.9 | 111 |
| LAUNTON | 4.3 | 6.7 | 9.9 | 12.10 | 82 |

GOALS: SCOTTSDALE: McClure 4; Henwood 3; S. Crawford 3; Nicholls 2; Dennis 2; Conniston. LAUNCESTON: Carpenter 4; Bailey 3; Donnachy 3; Lewis 2; Scott. BEST: SCOTTSDALE: Roozendaal, Henwood, Wood, Martin. LAUNCESTON: Carpenter, Bailey, Vaessen, Grima.

NWFL

Grand Final

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| COOEE | 3.3 | 7.8 | 11.13 | 16.15 | 111 |
| PENGUIN | 4.0 | 9.2 | 14.2 | 16.5 | 101 |

GOALS: COOEE: Beaumont 3; Docking 3; Plant 2; Hudson 2; Robertson 2; Lee, Shepherd, Beswick, Staker. PENGUIN: P. French 4; Willcox 4; Brett 2; T. French 2; Manson, Howard, Clark, Carpenter. BEST: PENGUIN: W. Fielding, O'Brien, Willcox, Barrett. COOEE: Greening, Lee, Deverall, Staker.

TANFL

Preliminary Final

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| NEW N'FOLK | 4.3 | 9.7 | 15.11 | 17.14 | 116 |
| CLARENCE | 0.1 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 8.13 | 63 |

GOALS: NEW NORFOLK: W. Fox 3; Hill 3; Hunnibell 3; Munnings 2; Saunders 2; G. Hunnibell, G. Fox, Hack, R. Hill. CLARENCE: Garlick 2; Rhindfleisch 2; Vanderfeen, Hughes, Noye, Kelly. BEST: NEW NORFOLK: G. Fox, M. Hunnibell, Williamson, Hinchon. CLARENCE: Hibberd, Rogers, Hughes, Neville.

VFL RESERVES

First semi-final: Hawthorn 16.13 (109) d Richmond 15.10 (100).
Second semi-final: Geelong 16.13 (103) d St Kilda 16.10 (106).

SOUTH SUBURBAN

First semi-final: Mandurah 22.8 (Best: MacDonald, Loaring, Read) b Kenwick 12.17.
Second semi-final: Canning 19.11 (Goodall, Hardman, Connolly) b Rockingham 11.20 (Borlini, Loxley, Carter).

WAFA

Division 1 - League - Second semi-final: South Perth 15.20 b Wanneroo 6.7.

THOUGHTS ON '82 AND '83 PREDICTIONS

Saturday's Swan Districts-Claremont grand final climaxes this season's league football and then it's mothballs for all until 1983.

It is opportune for me to sum up each club's performance this season and where I think they're heading in the future.

● **CLAREMONT:** The most complete side in the competition. Covered the critical loss of the Krakouer brothers comfortably and enjoyed the advantage of possessing the best full-forward in Australia, Warren Ralph. The Tigers are as good, if not better, than last year, and I expect them to win their second title in a row on Saturday. They will obviously be a power again in '83.

● **SWAN DISTRICTS:** Absorbed the absence of top players Gerard Neesham, Simon Beasley, Ian Williams and Craig Holden to remain a standard-setter in the W.A.F.L. and coach John Todd and his players deserve a premiership this year. However, I suspect they'll miss out once again... primarily because they don't have a reliable key forward in the Beasley mould. They would have to be in the top two or three again next year.

● **WEST PERTH:** My old club staged a great revival this year and full marks to first year coach Dennis Cometti for steering the Falcons in to the finals for the first time since 1978... a top effort. It would be fair to say West Perth weren't quite up to it when the "crunch" came — but with the recruitment of a top ruckman and a front line forward, could go a step or two further next season.

● **EAST PERTH:** Seem to be the permanent fourth team of the W.A.F.L., considering that's the position they have occupied at the end of the home and away games for the past three years. The return of Peter Spencer has given the Royals a big lift and they are very well off in the big man department. With the addition of a top rover and a class wingman could go places in 1983.

● **SOUTH FREMANTLE:** Fell away as a power this season. Two early humiliating defeats at the hands of West Perth and Swan Districts indicated the Bulldogs were on the downslide, and they missed out on the finals for the first time since Mal Brown was installed as coach (1978). They will bounce back, but must get consistent support for ace ruckman Stephen Michael, and a class rover or ruck-rover would help their cause.

● **EAST FREMANTLE:** Under new coach Ron Alexander started off with a victory against Swan Districts at Bassendean, and looked like being a finals prospect — but went backwards in the last half of the qualifying rounds. Though it must be said Old Easts did win three more games (eight) this year than in 1981, it's hard to see them doing much better next season. Their back line is not tight enough — they had more points kicked against them than did bottom side Subiaco.

● **PERTH:** Merely marked time this year in Ian Miller's first stint as a league coach. They won the same number of games

CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM

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(three) as they did in '81. But the worrying aspect is that they only beat one team in achieving those victories, namely Subiaco. I feel they will continue to be a cellar-dweller next year, even if Peter Bosustow does return.

● **SUBIACO:** Without doubt the most disappointing side of the year. They won nine games in 1981, and to drop back to one victory this season is simply not good enough, even allowing for the loss of Gary Buckenara. The new coach will have a big job to get the Lions up, but the one redeeming feature will be that they couldn't do worse than this year... or could they?

number of seasons. Another brother, Stephen, played for Subiaco.

Laurie was a member of West Perth's last premiership team in 1975, and at 28 years of age, would have a couple of seasons left in him. But he obviously feels the opportunity will not be presented to him at Leederville.

Hence his present thoughts of retirement.

At the moment he is in what I would call a football limbo.

Given the opportunity, I am sure he'd jump at the chance to continue his league career... possibly at another club.

RALPH'S HABIT

Ever noticed the habit Claremont full-forward Warren Ralph indulges in on almost every occasion he has a set shot for goal?

Firstly, he places the ball on the ground, then he pulls up his socks — the funny thing is, they never need pulling up — and after this little routine is enacted he has his kick for goal.

I imagine this practice helps Ralph compose himself as he prepares to convert.

Have a close look at the Tigers' 100 goal man next time he is shooting for goal after taking a mark or receiving a free kick.

It's an interesting side of the Claremont champion's bag of football tricks.



LAURIE IN LIMBO

Heard on the grape-vine that West Perth half-back Laurie Heal is contemplating retiring from league football.

Laurie, a veteran of 154 league games, was squeezed out of the Falcon line-up mid-way through the season and was not able to force his way back in to the side.

In his time at West Perth Heal has been a versatile performer, having played in every position on the ground except ruck and rover. During his stints on the forward line he was the club's leading goalkicker on two occasions.

Heal has certainly carried on the great tradition of his family name. He is the son of Stan "Pops" Heal who played with and coached West Perth with distinction, and brother Graham was a top half-back for a



TIPPING TIME

I went for Claremont last week, so my finals record now stands at a respectable 2-1, and I'd dearly love to bow out this season by tipping the grand final winner.

SWAN DISTRICTS v CLAREMONT: As indicated above, I figure the Tigers can reverse their second semi-final result and in so doing become the first back-to-back premiership winners since Perth in 1976-7.

I have great admiration for Swan Districts and what they have achieved in the W.A.F.L. over the past three seasons, but I can't see the Swans back-line restricting the brilliant Claremont forwards to a losing score in this battle for the flag.

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