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By **GARY STOCKS**

Hayes...the East Perth Royal



Hayes...the Claremont Tiger



Hayes...the West Adelaide Wolfe



WE'RE BACK
Happy to be

WE ARE back - but that is no surprise to regular readers of Westside Football. We are now firmly established in the West as a weekly football newspaper and our reputation over the past few years, especially with advertisers and readers, is enough to guarantee our regular return on the Thursday before the opening of the WAFL season.

This year you will find all your favourite football features in Westside - and a few surprises as well.

Yes, the infamous Hood is back in business, bringing you the spicy behind-the-change-rooms-door gossip that causes so many embarrassed faces and heartache among our football officialdom.

We have serious football comments from Perth coach Ian Miller and former East Perth coach Grant Dorrington; we have humour - mixed with a bit of seriousness - from Gary Carvolth and Chubby Stiles; we have hard-hitting thoughts from football's toughest writer, Robert Bennett... and we haven't forgotten the women's angle; Eileen Brown, mother of football's most controversial character, Malcolm Brown, is back in business as well.

There will be no shortage of news and views in Westside and even our competition looks like being a big winner this year.

You can share in more than \$100 worth of goods each week for simply picking the winners - but more big details to come on that contest later.

We have some pretty top media names in our guest columnist spot; we'll bring you the in-depth feature interviews with star players and, of course, we have the best pictorial coverage of all.

Last year Westside's No. 1 photographer, Richie Hann, won two of the major media awards for photographs - so see (and read) the best in Westside every Thursday.

THE Irish in John Hayes is ready to bubble over - and that spells danger for seven WAFL clubs.

The volatile Hayes is set to explode now that he is a Bulldog - and he is ecstatic about his future with South Fremantle.

After one of the hottest pre-season clearance wrangles for years Hayes was finally cleared to South Fremantle last week and he promises nothing less than 100 per cent for his WA club.

"Some people at East Perth may think that I abandoned the Royals ship," Hayes says. "But East Perth had ample opportunity to come and talk to me even after they had accepted \$1,000 from South Fremantle and given them permission to talk to me.

"I thought it was only fair that my match payments should have been brought into line with those of other players at the club. When East Perth did not agree, I was forced to go elsewhere.

"I am eternally grateful to South Fremantle for allowing me to continue my career. I accepted less money to play with South Fremantle because they owed me nothing. They had no reason to take into account 14 years of football.

"When the Appeals Board rejected my application to join South Fremantle I thought that was it.

"But South did not stop trying and eventually I was granted a clearance.

"I love playing football and if I live to be 100 years old I want to be involved in the game somehow."

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200 GAME SURPRISE

Former East Perth skipper John "Irish" Hayes did not learn until February 3, 1983 that he played 200 games with the club - an incredible five months after he played the milestone achieving game.

When Hayes led East Perth onto the ground for the first semi-final against West Perth on August 28 it marked his milestone with the club.

He was denied the opportunity to celebrate the milestone and he is understandably upset.

"East Perth have been a part of WAFL since 1906," Hayes says. "And during that time only 12 other blokes have played 200 games with them.

"It is an enormous achievement and surely I was entitled to celebrate. It would have been the greatest day of my career.

"I don't know who to blame. Do the administration now accept the responsibility or is it the fault of people who were in the position years ago.

"All I know is that I am there to play football and it is the job of the administration to keep accurate records," Hayes says.

According to East Perth records, Hayes still had one game to go before reaching the magical figure, but a check through WAFL records showed he did reach the target in last year's first semi-final.

The WAFL record books show that the error in fact occurred in Hayes' first year - 1969. He is credited with two games in his debut year, not one as shown in East Perth's annual report for that year.



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PETER JAMIESON (C) 47*
GRAEME CARTER (EF) 47

*Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Michael Rea 4 Melb., 20 West Perth, 24 Perth; Tony Solin 3 South Frem., 44 Swan Dist; Peter Jamieson 19 East Perth, 28 Claremont.

100 GAMES

ROSS KERR (EP) 98*
WAYNE CORMACK (EF) 98
PETER MURNANE (WP) 98*

NOTE: Rod Alderton and Peter Menaglio both played their 100th game when West Perth clashed with the Sydney Swans in the Sterling Cup match on March 15th.

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Ross Kerr 63 South Frem, 35 East Perth, Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn

150 GAMES

BRIAN NEEDLE (EF) 147
BRYAN COUSINS (P) 140

200 GAMES

ALEX HAMILTON (EF) 198*
KEVIN WORTHINGTON (P) 197*
JOHN DUCKWORTH (WP) 197*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Alex Hamilton 65 Subiaco, 133 East Perth; Kevin Worthington 102 Claremont, 95 Collingwood; John Duckworth 68 Fitzroy, 44 Central District, 85 West Perth.

250 GAMES

RON ALEXANDER (EF) 244*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Ron Alexander 133 Fitzroy, 98 East Perth.

300 GAMES

ALAN WATLING (WP) 282

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Flashback to the end-of-season presentation night conducted jointly by the WAFL Players' Association and Westside Football last year. (l-r) Claremont wingman Allen Daniels with his award as the Westside Football ratings winner, Bob Phillips with his award after being named the players' association's umpire of the year, Gary Shaw, the players' choice as 1982's top player and Channel 7's Wayne Harvey, the players' choice as media personality of the year.

**SUPPORT FROM
THE TOP**

Newly elected premier Brian Burke has always been a Perth supporter and earlier this week he let his feelings be known at a president's breakfast held at Royal Kings Park. Mr Burke was the special guest at the function, which was designed to raise funds for recruiting, and proved to everyone that he was just as knowledgeable on the world of football as he is on the world of politics.

Young Demons

When Perth held their annual presentation of guernsey night at the club last Sunday it was encouraging to see three young players included on the list. Earl Spalding, the 18-year-old son of president George Spalding, was one of those players and looks set for a bright career. In a practice match against Swan Districts on Saturday he showed glimpses of talent when stationed at centre-half-forward and was particularly impressive in the first half. Gavin Whittington, a big centre half back who did not play last week, also promises to be good value for the Demons. He takes a strong mark and has excellent disposal. Joe Santostefano started as a permanent forward pocket against Swans, but coach Ian Miller believes his value will be as a rover or centreline player.

Panel specials

Monday lunch-times sounds like a good time-slot for a football panel show, taking in all the post-mortems and so forth from the weekend. Well, that's what will be happening at the Central Sports Club, at 104 Murray Street, Perth, every Monday this season. Well-known sporting commentators Frank Sparrow, Neil Garland, Fred Woods, Ray Lawrence, Marty McDonnell and Umpires Coach Ross Capes will be on the show.

Guernsey tradition

TWO of St Kilda's new recruits have picked up some interesting guernsey numbers for this season.

WA recruit Allan Sidebottom has been given No. 9 - a number worn by another great West Australian, former Claremont star John McIntosh.

And Mr volatile himself, Mark Jackson, has been given No. 12 in his first year as a Saint. That guernsey was previously worn by Gary Colling.

**OVER
THE
FENCE**



5000 reasons

THERE'S money to be made by getting along to Leederville Oval on Sunday for the big Perth Derby - West Perth versus East Perth. West Perth are offering a \$5000 prize to anyone who correctly forecasts the final score in the big game. Entry forms will be handed out inside all the gates and they have to be filled in and deposited in a box before the game starts.

**Buzza tipping
competition**

THE Football Media Guild will once again keep a united eye on activities this season - and for the keen tipsters, there is an added reason to know what is going on. John Buzza Menswear have put up \$1000 worth of clothing for the media tipping contest and the pressure will be on Geoff Christian, the doyen of WA football writers, to defend the title of top tipster that he won last season.

Incidentally, the Media Guild's 1983 committee is: President Alan East; vice-president Frank Sparrow, secretary Harvey Deegan, treasurer Rod Lohoar, committee members Chris Mitsopoulos, Alan Newman, Todge Campbell, Robert Bennett.

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23 on 31st.



Michael Fairclough (S)
23 on 31st.
Lindsay Kanther (C)
23 on April 2nd.
Phil Bradmore (WP)
24 on 2nd.



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Sundays

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

SWAN DISTRICTS (Reigning Premiers) v Claremont at Bassendean
CLAREMONT (Runners-up 1982) v Swans at Bassendean
EAST FREMANTLE (6th 1982) v Subiaco at East Fremantle
SUBIACO (8th 1982) v East Fremantle at East Fremantle
PERTH (7th 1982) v South Fremantle at Lathlain
SOUTH FREMANTLE (5th 1982) v Perth at Lathlain

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

WEST PERTH (3rd 1982) v East Perth at Leederville
EAST PERTH (4th 1982) v West Perth at Leederville



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Plenty of work behind the scenes

THE launching of a new football season heralds the start of the real action — but few people realise the planning and behind-the-scenes work that precedes the opening.

The summer months, generally regarded as the time for football fans to catch up on their gardening, their fishing and their family life, are the busiest months of the football year for some.

Football officialdom have to face hours of meetings with coaches, committees and players as they assess their playing needs for the coming year and then enter into the bargaining world of recruiting.

Take a person like Claremont captain-coach Graham Moss.

For most of the summer months he would start his football day about 7am with the possibility of a meeting with his co-selectors or the club's executive.

He then faces other meetings with players in the afternoon, and probably a final meeting after training with people like his assistant coach, Murray Ward.

In between all that, he faces the normal five-nights-a-week training commitment that the Claremont camp have tackled this season.

Club officials involved in activities such as marketing and sponsorship can breathe a sigh of relief when the ball is finally bounced. Providing they have sold all their advertising signs, tied up their major and associate sponsors and got promises of plenty of money in the bank, the biggest of their football tasks is completed.

The same applies to officials at the WA Football League.

Their planning and preparation work for this Saturday's opening of the season involves many un-rewarding tasks.

Just the simple operation of hiring staff to handle such taken-for-granted jobs as gate-attendants requires hours of organisation.

And in the media, there are many people who have spent hours in meetings over the summer months planning their football campaign.

At The Western Mail, for example, we have been involved in non-stop football over the summer, with a club-by-club countdown to Day One. Then there have been meetings with our sister media companies, Channel 7 and radio 6IX, to plan and co-ordinate promotions, competitions and general overall coverage.

Organising the many competitions such as Mark-the-Ball or pick the footballer of the year involves hours of planning.

All this sounds very mundane and boring — a stark contrast to the real action that will now dominate our Saturdays.

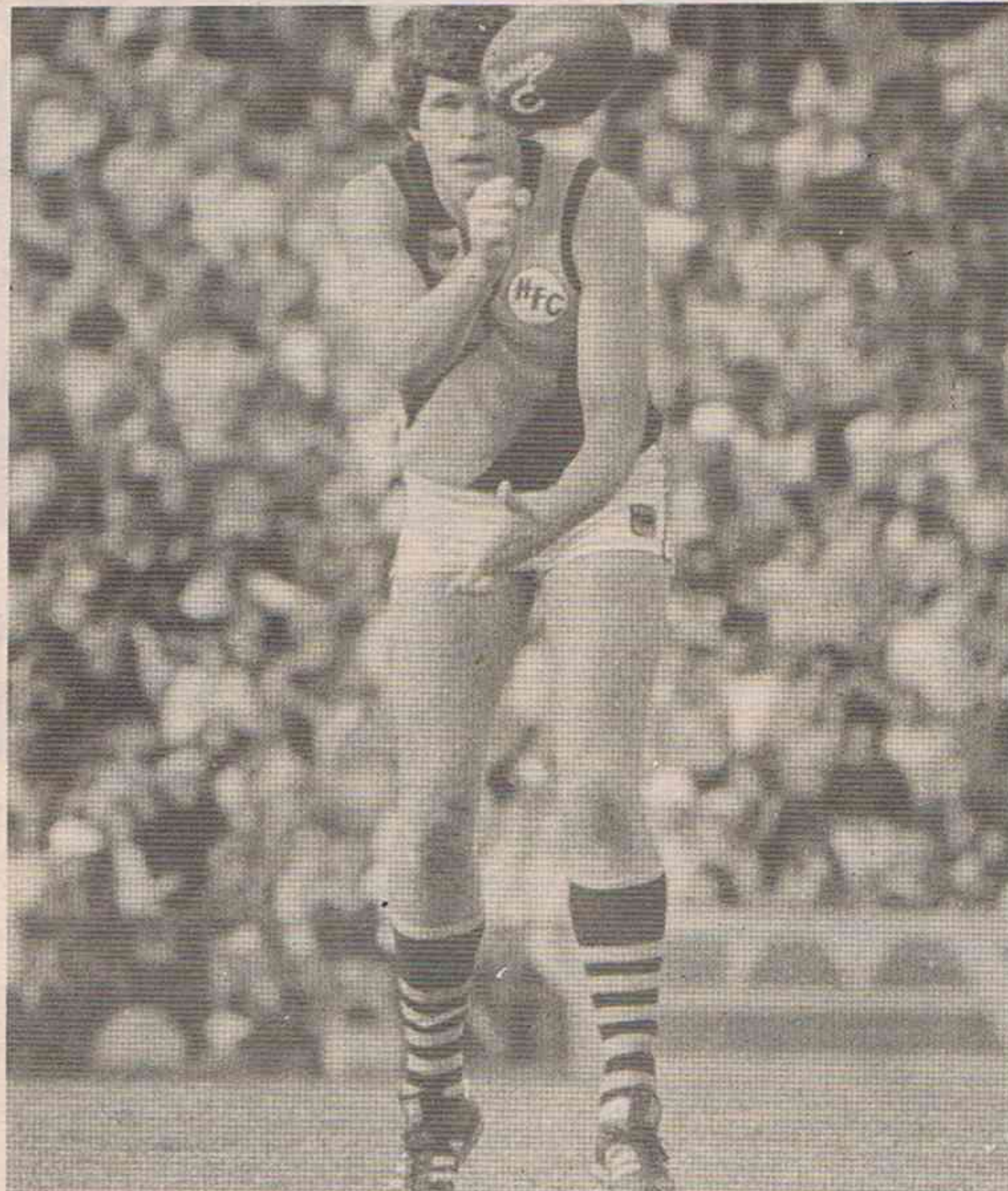
But, as I said earlier, there are some of us who will be glad when the first ball is bounced and we can get away from the planning, meetings and so forth.



Alan East *Western Mail Sports Editor*

Is this week's *Guest Columnist*

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Graham Moss... totally involved in football.

Lots of new faces

THERE are certainly some interesting changes at the head of football clubs for this season.

The arrival of five new presidents gives the WAFL a refreshing change of personnel — but it is disappointing that two clubs have decided not to appoint their new president as the league delegate.

It is demanding being a club president. There is no argument to that.

But if you accept the role of club president, it should automatically carry the responsibility of being the delegate to the WAFL's board of directors.

League headquarters is where the vital decisions are made and if a club only has a

proxy delegate standing in for the president, then it slows down the whole decision-making process.

Perth president George Spalding and his East Perth counterpart Malcolm Atwell are obviously throwing themselves wholeheartedly into their new jobs. And that is not to say that the stand-in delegates — Gordon Shepherd (Perth) and Jim Murphy (East Perth) — cannot do the job admirably.

It's just that the club presidents are the decision-makers and they should all be around Vince Yovich's league table.

A few predictions...

Here are a few predictions for this year...

*** South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown will become the Big Bad Bear again after a rather quiet time last season. He'll rejuvenate the Bulldogs and they'll return to the top four.

*** At least one coach will either resign or be sacked before the qualifying games are over. I'm not putting the finger on anyone particularly, but a couple of clubs are walking a tight rope this year and the coach will be the scapegoat.

*** West Perth will emerge as the most progressive club off the field and the most exciting team on the field. But whether they have the manpower to win that elusive flag, only time will tell.

*** At least one star VFL player will quit his club and return home to Perth mid-way through the season.

** Warren Ralph will kick at least 130 goals — and maybe break Austin Robertson's 157-goal record.



*** Brad Hardie, South Fremantle's red-headed wizard, can win the Channel 7-Sandover Medal provided he is not used in a dozen different roles each week.

*** The TVW Enterprises group will emerge as the WAFL's best ally in this ambitious campaign to boost football attendances. With a media force as strong as that group backing the League to the hilt, things will improve.

NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL

Every year young players emerge and make their names at the eight league football clubs. In this unique series we take a look at some of the players expected to take the football world by storm in 1983. We begin the first half of the series by introducing new players from Claremont, West Perth, East Perth and Subiaco.

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...a young giant ready to dominate



NEW East Perth coach Greg Brehaut believes that his greatest asset comes in the form of two young giants of West Australian football — John Ironmonger and Craig Edwards.

Both players have outstanding potential and have already represented WA on the interstate arena.

It was considered that Edwards would develop earlier than Ironmonger, but the big blonde-headed ruckman made those critics who thought he would be a slow developer eat their words last season.

He began to establish himself as one of the key men in the Royals camp and his ruck work was, at times, brilliant.

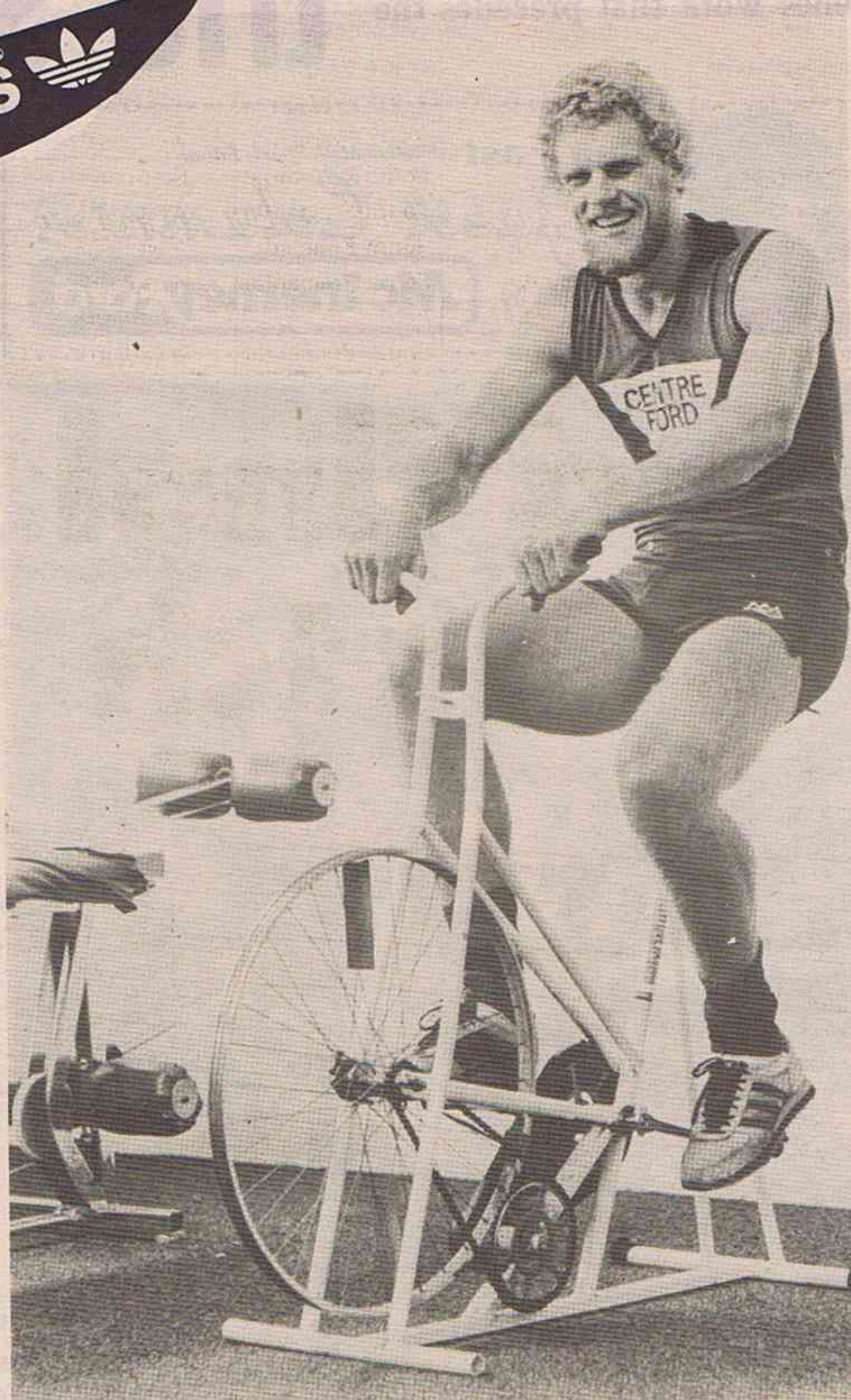
Ironmonger is still developing and it is no wonder East Perth are happy with that situation.

He has already represented WA and he can only get better.

It is important for East Perth to keep Ironmonger in West Australian football for another two or three seasons. He is still only 22 and by the time he is 24 he should be at his best.

And at the same time a number of other promising East Perth youngsters should be reaching their peak. It will be up to Ironmonger and his young team-mates to combine to give East Perth the premiership they have been fighting for since 1978.

Ironmonger had to struggle to get his chance in league football and Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the Dianella giant to find out more about his fight to become a league footballer and his plans for the future.



John Ironmonger pedalling his way to the top

Q: How hard was it to break into league football?

A: It took a long while. I played 2½ years of colts and reserves before I played my first league game and since then I think I have played something like about six reserves games. When I first came to East Perth they had a lot of big blokes like Wayne Duke, Ian McCulloch, Brad Smith, John Nolan and Barrie Quick.

Q: I suppose Alex Ishchenko is in the same situation now?

A: Alex is in a similar situation to what I have been. He is a pretty hard worker.

Q: Last year in pre-season work you seemed to spar with him quite a lot?

A: Yes. The boxing was designed to improve our reflexes and balance and I suppose it was also used to try and instill a bit of aggression into my game. I think everything we did helped me to improve my game.

Q: Last year was your best season in league football. Is there anything in particular which you could put the improvement down to?

A: No. Not really. I just matured a little, got my opportunity and did my best.

Q: You must have been pleased to have been chosen to represent the State last year?

A: Yes. I was real happy to have been picked for the match in Adelaide, though I wasn't so happy after the match. But I was pleased to have been given the second chance when we played at Subiaco Oval.

Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your career?

A: Undoubtedly Grant Dorrington. I think he did a lot for my career.

Q: When you made your interstate debut, how did you feel when you ran out onto the ground?

A: It was very similar to the day when I ran out to play my first game. The only difference was that it was one step higher. I was nervous until the siren sounded to start the match and then I forgot all about it, mainly because I didn't have time to be nervous. The feeling of playing State football is pretty similar to playing in a final round match except you want to play well for different reasons.

Q: What about East Perth? In the last couple of seasons they have been up there in the finals, but have not been able to get past the first semi final.

A: I think that in the last couple of years we have had the players and the teams that could have got there — but never quite made it. We never put it together at the right time. Our aim at the start of each season has been to get into the four and then take it from there. I think some players believed that when they got to the four, they had achieved what they had set out to do and that was the end of the season. But that is far from the case. Really, the season only just starts when the finals get under way. Last year Grant got us to the finals when we possibly should not have been there. But we all thought we could get there and it was disappointing to lose to West Perth in the first semi-final.

Q: How are things shaping up for the new season?

A: I think we have as much chance, or even a better chance, than we had last season. Everyone is working hard and there are a few talented young players at the club. Everyone keeps saying that East Perth have the knack of producing them and blokes like Richard Dennis and Angelo Delborrello look set for bright careers. Richard played at centre-half-forward in the colts last year and although he probably won't play there in the league side, he can play from a flank, on the ball or in the centre. Angelo is playing well at the moment as a rover and Tony Popotto is also working pretty hard. They are all only about 16, so the future looks good.

Q: You said you would like to go to the VFL one day, do you have any preference for a club and when do you look like going?

A: I haven't even thought about when I would go to Victoria, but I am signed on a Form four to Richmond. I think it is almost a natural progression to play in the VFL. Almost every player dreams of firstly playing league football here and then going one step further to play in Melbourne.

Q: How have you found the coaching of Greg Brehaut?

A: A lot of people have asked me 'how does he compare to Grant Dorrington?' But I don't think you can draw comparisons between the two. They are both very different, although their ideas are a little similar in that they want plenty of hard working players who can produce the goods. They both want a close knit team, but they go about it in completely different ways. I get on well with Greg and he has got all the players' confidence and things are going pretty well.

Q: The last two seasons East Perth have played Essendon in practice matches — that must be a bit of a challenge for you?

A: I think it is just someone different to play. I enjoyed playing against Justin Madden last year, but he didn't come across this year. We get more satisfaction out of beating Essendon than we would out of a normal practice match and it gives us the chance to meet some Victorian footballers. I think last year we may have got a little bit carried away with ourselves after beating Essendon. This year Greg played low key and told us to approach it as any normal practice game. Even though we won, I do not think it is going to effect us as much as it did last year.

Q: You must enjoy the challenge of tackling someone like Justin Madden?

A: I enjoy the challenge of playing against anyone. When I first started playing league football Stephen Michael and Graham Moss were the toughest blokes to play against. Now they are all as difficult to beat as each other.

Q: Did you play any other sports as a youngster?

A: Yes. I played a lot of sports as a kid like basketball, tennis and badminton. I play a bit of squash now mainly to keep fit. I enjoy it.

Q: Have you been concentrating on any aspect of your game in the last season or so?

A: I have been working on my whole game, although I do not think I have been marking well enough. I should be pulling down more than I have been. I have been concentrating pretty solidly on my ruck work, particularly my palming of the ball.

Q: Have you ever played anywhere else apart from in the ruck?

A: I have played in the ruck for as long as I can remember.

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Name: John Ironmonger
Born: Perth, 16/2/'61
Height: 6' 7" (200cm)
Weight: 16.9 (102kg)
Girlfriend's name: Jacki
Occupation: I am looking for work at the moment
Football honours: State representation 1982.
Favourite food: Barbecued steak
Favourite drink: Scotch
Lives at: Dianella
Hobbies and relaxation: Electronics and a game of golf
Football likes: Winning
Football dislikes: Losing
Football idols: Malcolm Brown
Hard things in football: It is all hard, but training is the hardest
Ambitions: To one day play in the VFL
What car do you drive: A Commodore
Favourite films: The Sting and The Deer Hunter
Favourite music: Nothing in particular
League debut: 1980
Games played: 41
Guernsey number: 1

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Swans v Claremont	E. Frem. v Subiaco	S. Frem. v Perth	W.Perth v E.Perth
GARY STOCKS	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth
ALAN EAST	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth
PETER POAT	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth
DAVE CLEMENT	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth
MOTHER BROWN	Swan Districts	Subiaco	South Fremantle	West Perth
GARY CARVOLTH	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	East Perth
BOB CRIBB	Claremont	Subiaco	South Fremantle	West Perth
GRANT DORRINGTON	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth
ROBERT BENNETT	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	East Perth
IAN MILLER	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	Perth	West Perth
MOST FAVOURED	Swan Districts	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	West Perth

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



IAN MILLER

Local changes good value

It is good to see WA clubs become more interested in recruiting local players — who are available — from within the eight WAFL clubs. This year has seen a significant number of players shift for various reasons. What ever the reason, WA football must benefit, especially if it means that players get another opportunity to play league football. Negotiations in most cases still remain realistic, hopefully this will continue and we will not see the financial burden of extravagant transfer fees as is the case in Victoria. The situation over there has seen the strong get stronger and the poor fall by the wayside.

Four only

The waiting is over and now the predictions and the expectations for all clubs will come to a head on Saturday and Sunday. Every club is desperate to win that first game, the only problem is that eight into four does not go. Early wins are vital and going on the practice games I expect to see a more competitive season all round. I certainly expect one side, from out Lathlain Park way, to fall into that category.

Good form

Two former Richmond players, Colin Waterson (East Fremantle), and Darryl Freame (Perth), who share a unit in Como have something else in common. Their practice match form has been good, which is most encouraging as both had injury problems last year. Both are keen to succeed and live up to their previous reputations gained in Melbourne. They are skilled players and have much to offer our game.

New faces

W.A. football has the happy knack of unearthing young talent each year and this season looks to be no exception. From what I have seen in the practice games there are some exciting prospects on the verge of playing league football. All they require is an opportunity and when it comes I wish them well in their league careers.

Refreshing

At a recent league coaches meeting, held with newly appointed umpires' coach Ross Capes, it was refreshing to listen to his realistic approach to the game and interpretation of the rule changes. Ross proved to be one of this State's best umpires and I am sure he will pass on that experience to his panel of umpires.

Don Holmes

In recent seasons Claremont's forward line, led by Warren Ralph, has had a mortgage on the goalkicking awards. But last week I saw a player who looks likely to kick many goals this season from a half forward flank, Swan Districts' Don Holmes. Don kicked 10 goals against Perth and he has pace, skill and uncanny goal sense. He will provide many headaches for half backs.

Positive approach

Before finishing for this week, I would like to congratulate the WAFL for their positive promotional campaign in particular the live coverage of three Sunday games — all we need now are the competitive ingredients from eight sides on the field and 1983 will be a bumper season.

A grand final re-match



Leon Baker.....a key player



Last year's grand finalists — Swan Districts and Claremont — meet this Saturday and the re-match should prove every bit as good as last year's play-off for the pennant.

The result should also prove the same because Swan Districts look an even more complete side this year.

Even with the absence of brilliant half forward Mike Richardson and ruckman Alan Sidebottom the boys from Bassendean look the team to beat for this year's flag.

Don Holmes has been in outstanding touch in pre-season practice matches and he looks set to take over where Richardson left off and become a vital cog in the Swans machine.

Peter Sartori, a man coach John Todd believes has all the attributes of a champion of the future, should be able to take over Sidebottom's role as the back-up to big Ron Boucher in the ruck.

Boucher instilled fear into the hearts of the Tigers last year and he will be looking to continue his dominance over his Claremont counterparts.

Swans appear to have too much talent and strength for Claremont, but the Tigers will obviously be keen to atone for their September defeat of last year.



East Fremantle

EAST FREMANTLE have been one of the most impressive sides in pre-season fixtures, but now they have to show that they can win matches when it counts — when four premiership points are up for grabs.

They should get off to a good start by beating Subiaco at East Fremantle Oval.

Fresh in the minds of the East Fremantle players will be thought that they were the only team to lose to Subiaco in 1982 and they will not want to become the first team beaten by the Lions this year.

One of the finest duels of the day should be provided when two of WA's outstanding young ruck prospects, Laurie Keene (Subiaco) and Paul Harding (East Fremantle) do battle.

Harding has been in fine form in pre-season matches and if he can gain the upper-hand his rovers in Kevin Taylor, Roger Kerr and David Rankin will surely take full advantage of the situation.

However, Keene will not be so fortunate as the Lions have a shortage of rovers.

East Fremantle also look better up forward and because of this should open up 1983 on a winning note.



Lathlain Park

PERTH looked good in the first half of last Saturday's practice match against Swans, but they collapsed in the second half when their whole game fell away.

They lost concentration, reverted to the short-kicking game — which often went straight to the opposition — and stopped running.

If the Demons repeat that effort this week they will surely be beaten by South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs are a professional team and they do the hard things.

Matched with the brilliance of players like Benny Vigona, Brad Hardie and Stephen Michael they look far too classy for the Demons.



Leederville

SUNDAY football kicks off with the first series of fixtures and what promises to be a tremendous clash between East Perth and West Perth.

The Perth derbies are traditionally hard fought matches, with respective positions on the league ladder having little bearing on the result.

Neither side has done exceptionally well in practice matches, but now that there are four premiership points on the line they are sure to produce their best.

West Perth had the advantage over the Royals last year and that trend is likely to continue.

Obviously the Falcons will be looking for a flying start on Sunday — something they should achieve.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Lions set their sights high

FITZROY, the VFL's hopeful Lions camp, believe that a premiership is not beyond their reach in this their Centenary year.

The confident Lions are planning a number of special functions throughout the season to mark their 100 years of football existence — and they want some premiership celebrations at the end of the season to cap it all off.

Coach Robert Walls has a big incentive in front of him — the lure of being the first Fitzroy coach to take out a premiership since 1944. In fact, Fitzroy's last premiership outside the war years was back in 1922 and only the real old-timers remember that one.

Fitzroy's 100 years of football have seen the club pass through a number of different eras — and some different nicknames.

Initially they were known as the Roys. In 1939 they called themselves the Gorillas, but changed to the less offensive Lions in 1957.

Walls, now in his third year as Fitzroy's coach, says he is aiming to finish in the top three this season.

"The last two years we have set ourselves the goal of making the five", he says. "We did that in 1981 and I think we should have got there last season".

"There is a terrific feeling among the players at present and I'm not being unrealistic when I say that we can finish in the top three.

"I never set goals unless I am confident we can achieve them".

Fitzroy's new players this year include South Australians Bill Lokan and Grant Fielke and coming back after a year of injury are big Tim Rendell and Rod Lewis.

Baker's setback

Talented Melbourne ruckman Gary Baker has suffered a setback in his bid to return to senior ranks after missing last year with a knee injury.

Baker worked hard throughout the off-season to build up the knee after an operation, but a groin injury suffered in a practice match handicapped his preparation.

Baker's leap and agility were handy assets for Melbourne before his injury and with Peter Moore, the Collingwood Brownlow Medal winner now in the camp, he would be an ideal back-up ruckman.

DUPER IN DOUBT

FORMER Claremont star Bruce Duperouzel could be enticed to leave St Kilda this year.

Super Duper, who captained the Saints last year, doesn't seem likely to hold that position; it should go to Trevor Barker this year.

And that means several other clubs could step up efforts to sign Duperouzel. He is one of the most reliable kick-getters in the league, but after 139 games with the Saints, it would be a big move to shift from Moorabbin.

Injury worry

THREE more VFL players have become victims of the rock-hard grounds currently vaunting concern in Melbourne.

Geelong's Paul Jeffreys has suffered a recurrence of an ankle injury in pre-season work and faces an operation and Footscray pair Ted Whitten and Geoff Jennings have major leg ailments.

Norths popular

NORTH Melbourne coach Barry Cable says that their recent trip to Collie for the practice match against Swan Districts was a real eye-opener.

Cable was pleased to discover that North had been voted the most popular VFL club when a survey was done in the Collie district to see which team would be invited to the township for their 100 years of coal celebrations.

"Before the game, hundreds of kids were coming up and asking the players for autographs", says Cable. "I asked them who they would be supporting when the game started and they all said North Melbourne".

And Collie is in Swan Districts' country zone area!



Francis Bourke...there is no way that we will let Paul Sarah go.



SARAH TO MOVE?

RICHMOND'S disgruntled rover Paul Sarah still wants a clearance to another VFL club despite being a good player in their final practice match of the season.

Sarah came on at three quarter time in the game against Fitzroy and kicked three goals to set up Richmond's 38-point win.

But he says he still wants to move to a club where he is certain of getting a full game each week.

Sarah lives at Geelong and travels to Melbourne each week. He says that he will meet with Richmond officials this week in a bid to work out his future.

However, coach Francis Bourke is adamant that Sarah won't be released. "He is a player of real talent", said Bourke.

Port Adelaide trouble

PORT Adelaide, the football trendsetter in South Australia for so many years, is under pressure to maintain its high profile this season.

The club has lost its outstanding coach, John Cahill, to Collingwood and the responsibility for guiding the team this season goes to Russell Ebert, one of the champions of the past decade.

The triple Magarey Medal winner has his first shot at league coaching and as he tries to combine the task of playing and coaching he faces an enormous challenge.

And Port's playing strength is being seriously undermined.

Collingwood have 'stolen' champion centre-half-back Greg Phillips — a move that is resulting in court action — and outstanding youngster Craig Bradley is being wooed by Essendon.

Bradley will miss most of the season anyway as he will be touring England from late July in his role as vice-captain of the Australian under-19 cricket team.

Senior league players Ivan Eckermann, David Granger and Peter Hofner are also under a cloud as money negotiations continue.

Then, to make matters worse, the club's No. 1 ruckman, Russell Johnston, has suffered a pre-season knee injury.

On the credit side, Port are keen to tie up the services of West Adelaide ruckman Dexter Kennedy.

Kennedy, a 200-game player with West Adelaide, has signed with Port, who have offered \$50,000 for his clearance. But West will settle for nothing less than \$75,000.

Port might have to look into their bank balance now to up the offer if Johnston's knee is serious.



Elliott to play

GLENN Elliott, one of South Australia's outstanding VFL footballers, will resume his career with West Torrens.

The former St Kilda and Melbourne centreman returns to football after a two year absence. He coached Torrens last season when appointed non-playing coach, but at the age of 32 he still believes that he has some football left in him.

The young Torrens side is desperate for experience out on the field and the talented Elliott would make a lot of difference guiding the side from the pivot — or even a half-forward flank.

Elliott last played in 1981 when he led Gouldburn Valley side Seymour into the grand final.

His previous VFL career saw him play 141 games for St Kilda and 15 games with Melbourne. He then returned to play a season with Port Adelaide.

WA trio in

FOOTSCRAY'S three West Australian recruits for this year have all made the senior training list at their first attempt.

East Fremantle pair Andrew Purser and Jim Sewell both received guernseys, as did former Swan Districts player Ian Williams, who tried out unsuccessfully with Footscray two seasons ago.

Two other WA players who failed to make senior lists this year — and could be interested in returning to the West — were Steve Hargrave at Footscray and Craig Hoyer at Hawthorn.

Richmond's "on list subject to clearances" includes three WA players — Tim Gepp (Subiaco) and West Perth pair Dan Foley and David Palm.

BULLDOGS BITE

PRE-SEASON practice form generally is not a good guide, but notice has to be taken of Footscray's approach to the season.

The Bulldogs crushed Collingwood in one game and then annihilated the Latrobe Valley League in a special match.

Their backline particularly was a close-knit unit against Collingwood and with a confident Simon Beasley at full-forward, maybe there will be some good times ahead for the Bulldogs.

Taylor back

STAR goalkicker Brian Taylor has resumed his 1983 campaign in good style.

Taylor, who was left out of last year's grand final because of injury, kicked six goals in his first pre-season match against Fitzroy last week.

It was Taylor's first full-hit out since the exhibition match against Carlton at the Brisbane Commonwealth Games last September.

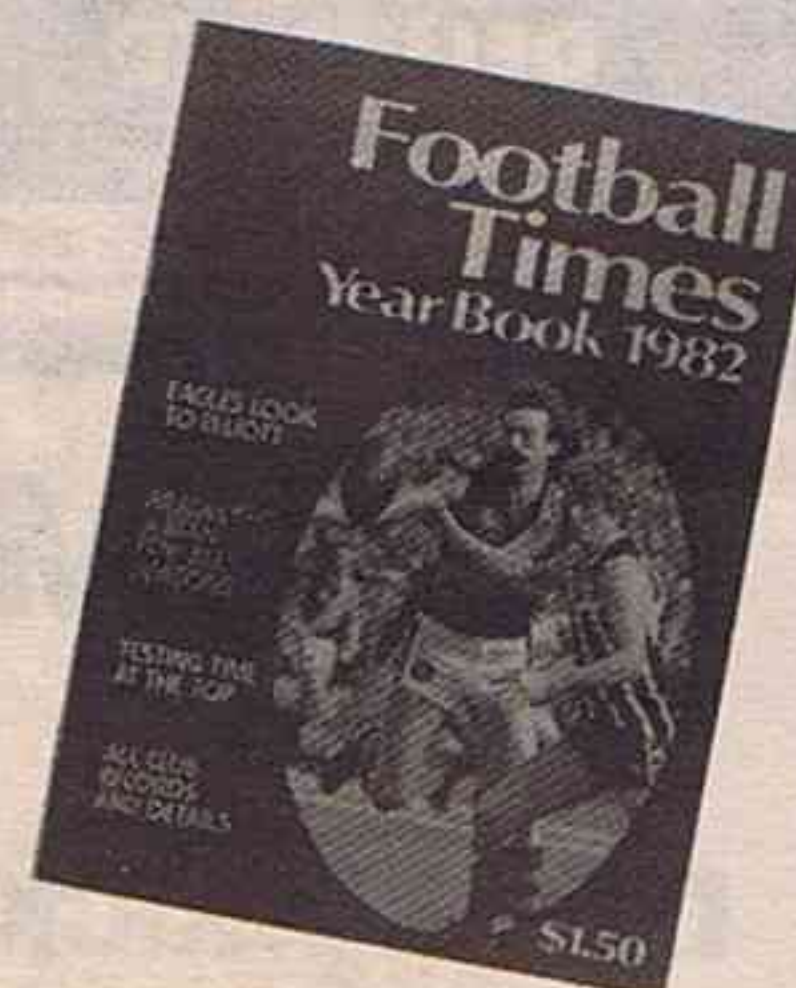
Taylor underwent a knee operation after that match and only resumed kicking at training a few days before last week's match.



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Silver tongue will get Falcons there

EVERYONE seems to think that Swan Districts or Claremont will win the 1983 premiership.

But surely last year's big improvers — West Perth — must rate highly.

I believe West Perth have the talent to win their first premiership since 1975.

Last season coach Dennis Coimetti managed to get the best out of players many people regarded as "just ordinary". It is that little bit of magic in the coach-cum-commentator's silver tongue which could see the Falcons soar to great heights this year.

Last year the Falcons sought the type of players they needed to succeed. They did not rush out and take anyone in and their programme has continued this year.

In 1982 they lacked a key forward, a support rover for skipper Les Fong and their half back line was sometimes suspect to pressure.

However, their full forward problem could be solved by former Claremont and Perth reserves player Peter Avery. Although he has not really fired to date, Avery will develop into a class player.

TWO PLAYERS

In contrast to last season, West Perth have two players capable of filling the roving position. Young David Hart took on the role in the club's Sterling Cup match against the Sydney Swans and he showed glimpses of his potential.

And if Hart does not come up as expected the Falcons can always use Canberra recruit Dean Falconer on the ball. He showed outstanding skill as a wingman in the night game and he will be a top player this year.

West Perth's best recruit may be former South Fremantle and State defender Phil Cronan.

With a half back line of Cronan, John Duckworth and Geoff Hendriks the Falcons have one of the most experienced and talented defensive lines in the game.

Ramsay Bogunovich was recruited in view of the centre bouncdown rule and



By
GARY STOCKS

although he has yet to prove himself in league football he will certainly add depth to a ruck brigade which already boasts Russell Ellen, Ben Jager and John Gavranich.

Of course Claremont and Swan Districts must be serious contenders and they will certainly finish in the four.

Both teams have covered their losses of 1982 and have an abundance of ability within their ranks.

The fight for the remaining place in the four should be hot.

South Fremantle must rate as the leading contender for the spot because they have also recruited well and Mal Brown always seems to get the best out of his players.

East Fremantle must rate a chance — particularly in view of their pre-season form.

Coach Ron Alexander would be the first to admit that there are some holes inside which need filling but they do have the nucleus of a good side.

East Perth, Perth and Subiaco should press claims for that vital fourth position, but they do not appear as well equipped as the other teams.

The Royals have not finished out of the four since 1974, but it could be their turn this year. They have a lot of young talent at Perth Oval, however, those youngsters cannot be expected to stand up to the pressure of really tight matches.

Subiaco and Perth will obviously be more competitive this season but they may need to wait another season before they can throw out a serious change for a crack at the finals.

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LUCK OF THE IRISH

John Hayes has been having his share of bad luck lately and many people thought he was hard done by when he faced the tribunal recently.

He was acting as South's runner in a practice match and thought he had been doing the right thing in relaying one of Mal Brown's "messages" to the umpire.

Well, the tribunal didn't take too kindly to his efforts and he was fined \$100.

Brownie had been sending this type of "message" out to umpires for years, so why was it that poor old Irish copped it?

However, what Hayes didn't know was that his experienced predecessors have always run out and circled around the umpire saying "Good afternoon sir", then promptly returned to the bench.

What I don't know of course, is whether Malcolm really knows what happens to his messages or if he was just having a little Irish joke to welcome the former Royal to the Bulldogs camp!

Grand exposure

I made my first personal appearance at Westside Football's annual grand final brunch last year, and put a few misguided critics on the right track.

Of course, one of the drawbacks of public appearances for a person such as myself is the virtual mob hysteria it creates.

I managed to escape safely without my secret being divulged, however, the young lady in this picture insisted on having a photo alongside her hero.



THE AXE FALLS

Last year Channel 7 critic Wayne Harvey won the media personality of the year award as selected by the WAFL Players' Association. They obviously enjoyed his contribution to the game. . . .but Channel 7 did not have the same opinion of Harvey's down-to-earth comments and he has been sacked from the World of Sport team. Another Channel 7 commentator of years gone by, Arthur Marshall, was also relieved of his duties by the station — and he had won several media awards for the innovative way he brought players' backgrounds into his lively commentary.

COME ON MARTY!

If only Gary Shaw was in Western Australia last week to hear the big 'wrap' he got from Channel 7's World of Sport panellist Marty McDonnell. McDonnell, when talking on the subject of player payments to Swan Districts coach John Todd and president Bill Walker, suggested that Shaw was a second-rate rover. My, we do have short memories, don't we Marty. It was just five short months ago that Shaw won the Channel 7 footballer of the year award and also finished second in the Channel 7 Sandover Medal. Shaw stamped himself as a class player last year and to many people was the best footballer in this State.

OUT THEY GO!

IT is becoming almost fashionable with clubs these days to dispose of their marketing managers pre-season. Firstly Peter Brophy, a former general manager of Swan Districts, was relieved of his position at West Perth and Colin Minson became the latest victim of the Mal Atwell power shake-up when he was dismissed by the Royals. It seems that things are still very shaky at Perth Oval and Minson may not be the last man to have been sacked.

BLUNDER BOB

SWAN Districts held their annual media night this week and announced details of their special end-of-season awards. They have introduced a new category this year. . . .the best blunder of 1983. Someone suggested that they must have known Bob Cribb was coming back to town!

TIGER TALK

And talking about media nights. . . Claremont held a special night last week to announce some media awards and get their sponsors and the media together. The only problem was that they forgot to invite the media!

FEMALE POWER

I've mentioned earlier how marketing managers seem to get the chop at this time of the season. What I omitted to mention was that West Perth and East Perth have replaced their men with women. Surely that's not a good sign. I don't care what you say. . . .a woman's place is definitely in the home.

MINISTER FOR FOOTY?

Chris Mitsopolous, the fluffy topped Macedonian on the 6IX crew, has an important look alike. Since his counterpart received rapid promotion recently, Chris has found a dramatic increase in the number of people who think he is David Parker, one of Brian Burke's highly-ranked Cabinet Ministers.

RUNNERS UP

Still at the Swans media night. . . new president Bill Walker was making an impassioned plea for the media to write about the brighter side of things and not dwell on the gloom and doom. Fair enough, said Harvey Deegan as he replied on behalf of the media. As long as you don't want to write about how good Swans looked as losers any time that they go down in a big match.

ROYAL ROUTINE

There's no doubt about East Perth. . . . they have an uncanny ability to screw extra dollars out of everyone when it comes to selling off players. Not only have the Royals managed to break all previous price barriers with their Peter Spencer-Phil Kelly-Ross Glendinning deals with North Melbourne, but they have also made South Australian club Port Adelaide dig deep. The Royals have extracted \$60,000 from Port for a clearance for utility player Stephen Curtis. . . . who says that he will only be staying in Adelaide for a year, anyway.

SHAW'S SHARE

Talking about clearance money; the tip is that former Claremont rover Gary Shaw was on 25 per cent of whatever fee his Queensland club, Western Districts got from Collingwood. The final fee was \$150,000. Not bad.

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Former players take the chair

THE year of 1983 will be remembered as the year former players took over the president's chair.

For the first time we have five former players in the leading role at different clubs — the odd ones out are Roy Annear at South Fremantle, Michael Carlile (Subiaco) and West Perth chief Rod Brown.

Bill Walker's appointment at Swans is unique. Not only is he the first post-war president to have won a Sandover Medal, but he is the only footballer to have won his club's fairest and best award (five times), topped his club's goalkicking list, captained his club, coached his club and is now the president.

Campbell's feat

Former Westside Football columnist, Graham Campbell, completes an unusual coaching hat-trick this week when he becomes only the third man to coach a side in each of the major leagues in the land.

Campbell has joined Central District after having previously coached Fitzroy and West Perth.

The other two who share this record are Allan (Killa) Killagrew, who coached North Melbourne and St Kilda in the VFL, Norwood in South Australia and Subiaco (1967) and Dennis Jones who coached Central District, West Perth (1973-74) and Melbourne. Greg Brehaut, the new East Perth coach joins a long list who have coached in two States. His previous league appointment was with South Australian club Woodville in 1974.

Another for Swans

It may be a bit early, but I am already tipping Swan Districts as the likely premiers. When they broke the ice for the first time in 1961 they went on to win three straight and they can set themselves up for a similar result with a premiership this year.

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Spencer close to tradition

On Monday night Peter Spencer was appointed vice-captain of East Perth, as deputy to John Dimmer. Had he gained the captaincy it would have been the first time in post-war history that a father and son had captained the same club.

There are several other examples of father and son captains but not in recent times. Like the Sparrows, Val and Frank at East Perth, The Buntons, Haydn Snr and Haydn Jnr at Subiaco, the Doigs at East Fremantle and the Marinkos, Don Snr and Don Jnr at West Perth.

Four-club stalwarts

Two of South Fremantle's recruits this year are set to become four-club players. John Hayes, formerly East Perth, West Adelaide and Claremont together with Geoff Gillies from Central District, East Perth and Subiaco join an ever-increasing list of league players who represented four different league clubs.

However, I have found only two who have played with four West Australian clubs. Eric Sarich played with Swan Districts, South Fremantle, East Fremantle, Subiaco and also South Melbourne.

George "Judda" Bee, an uncle of Jack Sheedy, played with West Perth, East Fremantle, Swan Districts and Claremont.

Incidentally, John Hayes' coach Malcolm Brown has a four club record — East Perth, Richmond, Claremont and South Fremantle.



John Hayes



Geoff Gillies

It has been 15 years since the WAFL has seen fit to match the grand finalists of the previous year in the opening game of the season, something they have done this year. In 1968 Perth beat East Perth in a thriller at Lathlain Park by 10 points.

Tough introduction for new coaches

By GARY STOCKS

THE two new league coaches in the WAFL — Greg Brehaut and Peter Daniel — face the toughest introductions the game can offer.

Brehaut has taken over East Perth when the club is going through a major rebuilding programme while Daniel has joined a club which was successful only once last season.

But at least Daniel does not have to do a great deal to improve on last year.

There is no doubt the Lions are more talented than that one win and now it is up to Daniel to get the best out of the players at his disposal in an attempt to lift them off the bottom of the premiership table.

In 1981 they showed promise and narrowly missed a finals berth, but last year they went backwards and were so far behind the other teams that they could have had two sides in the reserves competition.

SCAPEGOAT

Ken Armstrong was made the scapegoat for their lack of on-field success and he was sacked. But surely the players must share the blame.

They were not committed to the club or the cause of winning matches. After their bad start they seemed to accept losing.

However, Daniel seems to have put them in a winning frame of mind and the biggest step towards getting the Lions to improve is to make the players believe in themselves.

There is some talent at Subiaco particularly in young players like Laurie Keene, Bevan Warner, Michael Mort, Greg Wilkinson, Shane Braddy, David Court and Clinton Brown and those seven players combined with Neil and Brian Taylor,

Rod Brown, Ray Reeves and Phil and Dwayne Lamb will form the nucleus of a competitive Subiaco side.

There is as much talent in that list as almost any other club and once they begin to realise they are good enough to beat top sides, they will be a good team.

Daniel says he will be trying to develop a brand of football at Subiaco which will win matches and that is all he has to do. Brehaut — on the other hand — has many problems.

Just when the club needed to keep some of their experienced players they have abandoned the club.

His task would have been much simpler had John Hayes, Steve Curtis and Larry Kickett decided to remain with the club.

However, Brehaut is in a similar predicament to Daniel.

Although those senior players could have made the Royals a force in the competition, he will now have to rely on younger players.

The Royals have the ability to produce champions of the future just when the talent cupboard appears bare and in Angelo Delborrello, John Garnett, Richard Dennis and Ross Bell they have players who will play leading roles in the future.

YOUNG STARS

There are at least another six young players at East Perth who could develop into stars, but like the quartet of Delborrello, Bell, Garnett and Dennis they will need time to develop.

Within the next three years the Royals will be one of the top sides in the competition and all Brehaut can hope is that he survives long enough in the rough and tumble world of coaching to be a part of that success.

For East Perth to make the four — and that certainly is not out of the question — they must rely heavily on the best big-man division in WA.

John Ironmonger and Craig Edwards, with support from Shane Cocker, Alex Ishchenko and John Nolan, must dominate and give the young rovers at the club an arm-chair ride.

There is no doubt they have the ability to become a dominant force in WA football and if they achieve that goal then half of Brehaut's problem will be solved.

PLAYERS POINT



By
George
Michalczyk,
President
WAFL
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Association



Players will have a say

THE WAFL Players' Association is certainly grateful for the opportunity of having a regular column in Westside Football this year.

Westside Football is a much-read paper, particularly among the players, and we will be using this column to keep our members informed of what is happening in our Association.

This initial column will briefly cover some of the points that we are working towards and hopefully encourage our non-members to pay their fees.

The \$15 fee is an excellent investment in view of our negotiations for an extra \$100 per player fee for Sunday games.

Sorry to say — non-members will not be eligible for this bonus.

Car parking at league grounds, discounts with certain business houses, weekly and annual awards, merit certificates and finals tickets are a few of the benefits that members can receive.



Ellis saga

THE Shane Ellis saga over football boots has turned into a ludicrous situation in view of him nearly having to miss a league fixture.

From what I have learnt, several football clubs will shortly divorce themselves completely from providing footwear for players.

Imagine the cost of three or four pairs of boots per season in a few years time?

I think we are all on a good wicket at present.

Certificates

AT the lightning carnival at the end of the first round of fixtures, we intend inviting all players who have achieved 100, 150 or 200 game milestones in the WAFL since our inception to be guests of the Association and the WAFL.

After the final these players and former players will be presented with merit certificates acknowledging their milestone. A special function will be held for this purpose of honouring players who have reached important stages of their careers.

It is sad to think at present that players have little to show for their achievements apart from bumps, bruises and arthritis.

OVER the season each of the eight club delegates will be responsible for this column and no doubt there will be some interesting reading ahead.

Best of luck to all players for the season . . . but I do hope it will be the year of the bird — Hawke in, Peacock in . . . and Falcons in!

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Goal-kicking heroes

GOALS win matches, as we all know, and the goalkickers are generally regarded as the super Saturday heroes.

Last year the top 10 goalkickers on Marlboro's Top Ten list kicked 593 goals between them — and naturally it was Warren Ralph's year again.

The brilliant Claremont full-forward has stamped himself as the best goalkicker in the land and now, with 333 goals in just three seasons of football, he is setting a cracking pace.

Ralph took off Marlboro's \$1,000 cheque and the Golden Boot again last year — and is the logical favourite to repeat the effort in 1983.



Warren Ralph's classic marking style

There really doesn't seem to be a challenger to his spot on the top of the goalkicking table.

However, last year's runner-up, Steve Malaxos (88) and Perth's big-marking Michael Rea (74) both had good seasons in front of goals.

Rea will again be Perth's spearhead, but competition among the other full-forwards is intense to see who can move into the top three.

West Perth are pinning their hopes on Peter Avery, the former Claremont player who left the Tigers den because of the presence of Ralph in front of goals. He has a strong a mark and a good kick, so the potential to feature prominently in the goalkicking department is there.

Swan Districts hope that former Subiaco player Ken Marshall can pick up a bag of goals if he is left at full-forward. And Swans also have a brilliant goalkicking rover in Don Holmes, who has booted two 10-goal hauls in practice matches.

East Perth will rely on the part-time talents of John Scott and John Nolan for their goals; Subiaco will look at Clinton Brown as their most reliable goalsneak and East Fremantle hope that a player with a similar name, Clint Browning, can do the job for them.

South Fremantle's full-forward will be an interesting poser. Can big Paul Arnold settle down in red-and-white colours and be a match-winner? Anyone who can kick nine goals in a finals match has to have the potential to be a big goal-earner.

SOUTH FOR THE FLAG

SOUTH Fremantle will be premiers and East Fremantle will finish last!

That's how I see 1983, the year of the football comeback, panning out.

It's going to be a tough year for the game to comeback and re-establish itself as the top-rating sport in this State.

I plan to make a comeback myself this year, so I know what Mal Brown, Ian Miller, Subiaco and WAFL are going through at the moment.

At least Vince Yovich and his co-directors are having a go. . . so football is in there with a big chance.

Despite the ravages of the economy, the league is spending a dollar to try and earn one.

Personally, I think they are starting the season too early.

Football should kick off in this State when the weather is cool enough for the spectators to enjoy the game.

In my opinion, the league should cut the fixtures back to coincide with cooler weather.



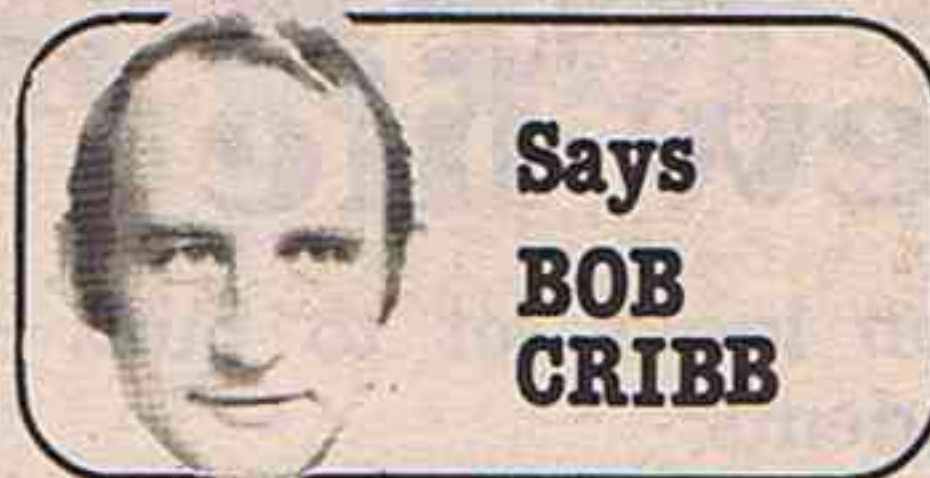
Vincent Yovich . . . doing the right thing

They should also persist with using league headquarters, Subiaco Oval, as the venue for the game-of-the-day each week.

I don't want to start the year by rubbing the league because I do believe that their new projects such as Sunday football and direct TV telecasts are great.

After spending a year in the country I would also recommend to Mr Yovich to look seriously at playing the odd top fixture in the bush.

Country people love any kind of sport and football in particular. They would be prepared to travel hundreds of kilometres to see a good game. . . . as they did at Collie recently when 10,000 people saw Swan Districts play North Melbourne.



Says
BOB CRIBB



Mal Brown. . . he's just fooling

South Fremantle will go premiers.

Mal Brown, even though he is now a fat tabby cat and not a bristling Bulldog, has been kidding everyone.

I laughed last week when I read after the final practice match that he had no-one to plug the holes in his team. All he has to do is plug the holes in his Bulldogs' ego.

Stephen Michael, Noel Carter, Brad Hardie, Benny Vigona and Tony Kelly are all champions but they haven't tried since Souths went premiers three years ago.

East Fremantle will not like me nominating them for the wooden spoon.

However, practice matches mean nothing and I cannot possibly see that side moving up the ladder after losing players of the calibre of Jim Sewell, Ken Judge and others.

Finally, Swans and John Todd will be laughing at this . . . my first article in 1983.

When I left town a year ago Todd was on his way to working a football miracle. There is no way that any sane person could put up with him attempting it two years in a row.



Claremont full forward receives his golden boot award for the leading goalkicker in the WAFL from Marlboro's State manager Barry Milsome.



EILEEN BROWN,
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 Mr Controversy,
 Malcolm Brown, is
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MOTHER BROWN

Don't ruin the start

WELL after six months of waiting, the football season is finally here. All I hope is that the pre-season clearance wrangles with players does not go into the football season and ruin what promises to be a great year. This sort of thing can spoil the start of a new year and I just wonder whether clubs are asking too much of players and loyalty and whether they are simply being selfish and putting demands on players they do not really want. I hope everyone has a good year and they give the public what they have been waiting for all summer.

TOBACCO BAN

THE controversial cigarette advertising ban has reared its ugly head once again. This time the Fremantle City Council has said that they do not want cigarette companies advertising at Fremantle Oval. That may be fair enough, but is the council or the government going to sponsor the clubs to the same extent that Marlboro have? The company has put a lot of money into football in recent times and the clubs and the WAFL depend heavily on sponsorship to survive. I would also question the timing of the council's move to ban cigarette advertising at the ground. Surely if they were going to make a complaint it should have been made at the end of last season rather than a couple of weeks before the season was set to get under way.

BIG STEP

I would like to congratulate Swan Districts on what I believe is a step in the right direction. I am, of course, referring to their planned re-positioning of their headquarters from Bassendean to Midland so that they have total control of the ground. It may not be ready until 1988, but every major move has to begin somewhere.

TELEVISION

While giving pats on the back I should congratulate East Fremantle's new president Harry Morgan on his involvement with the introduction of televised Sunday matches. However, I also believe that Saturday matches should be telecast so that the people who have to play sport on Sundays can watch football — after all it is in the game's best interests to have as many people as possible watching football.

ANNOYED

I was annoyed to read in the Western Mail last week that players were seeking more pay for playing on Sundays. The only way they can get more money is to bump up the admission fee and the poor old public would have to pay more to go to see league football matches. I think we are having enough problems getting people to the football without increasing the admission.

BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett
well respected
football writer.



Presidents inject some new life

The 1983 WAFL season looks set to buzz — thanks to several club presidents.

Outspoken statements by the likes of Mal Atwell, Rod Brown and Roy Annear have given football an unusually high pre-season profile.

Mr Atwell has injected a refreshing attitude into WA football through his hard-hitting, straight-from-the-shoulder comments.

He appears to have lost none of the fire and aggression that marked his playing and coaching days.

It will be interesting to see whether he remains as open and forthright during the season.

Mr Atwell can take credit for much of the publicity football has received in a very heavily media exposed cricket season.

Initially in his campaign for East Perth president and the subsequent sacking of club coach Grant Dorrington and then for his comments at a club media gathering.

Some may say he was too forthright with the facts and figures of what some players were demanding from his club.

But football is battling to survive, as I mentioned in a feature article, in *The Sunday Times* last Sunday.

I'm a strong believer in the old adage: any publicity is good publicity.

Whatever people may think of the shenanigans of John McEnroe and Dennis Lillee, both have kept their respective sports in the news.

And cricket and tennis are really flourishing at the moment.

But if club officials are going to speak their mind then they should be prepared to stand by what they say.

It was interesting to note West Perth president Rod Brown giving the media a serve at a club function last week, claiming he had found they don't let the facts get in the way of a good story.

Mr Brown obviously enjoys basking in the public eye. But if he is going to make controversial statements then he has to learn to live with them... or else don't say them.

Anyway, why shouldn't club officials and coaches speak their mind.

Mal Brown and John Todd have been doing it for years and while they have sometimes got a bit of stick from the league over it they have had people thinking and arguing about their comments and actions.

Football is facing a crucial time in this State. The league is aware of that and is attempting to retrieve the situation by carrying out a massive promotional campaign this season.

I remember a quote from Mal Brown a decade ago when he was coach of East Perth and said he would take on West Perth anywhere; even behind the grandstand.

It injected enormous interest in clashes between those two sides. I'm sure Rod Brown won't be allowed to forget his comments about Subiaco being a liability on the competition if the Lions beat the Falcons in any match this season.

If those kind of comments are going to bring more people through the gates and make clashes between those two sides fiercely competitive then perhaps we should have more of them.

After all, they are only words and can't do any real damage... but they can do a lot of good if it gets people talking about football and makes them want to go to matches just in the hope they will see someone forced to eat his own words.



THERE will be plenty of football talent off the field in the 6IX commentary camp this year. Sporting director Harvey Deegan has proudly added veteran rover Bill Valli to the side and beware anyone who wants to challenge them to a game. The 6IX team is pictured (from left) Neil Garland, Bill Valli, Phil Mulcahy, Harvey Deegan, Frank Sparrow, Chris Mitsopoulos and Ian Brunton.



GARY'S GOSSIP

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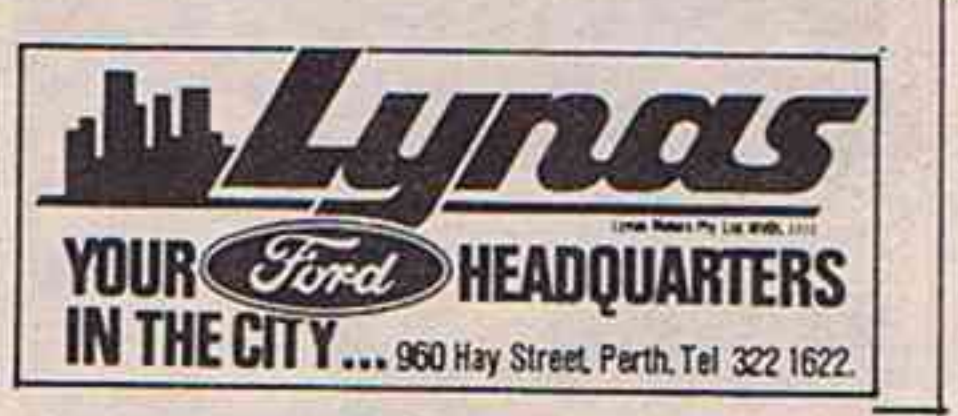
Well, here we go again... a brand new football season and despite all the prophets of doom, I think it's going to be a beauty.

Firstly, I have some good and bad news for Demons supporters. As you know Robert Wiley was in town recently for your guernsey presentation — take it from me he will be back at Lathlain Park next season on a permanent basis as league coach. Sorry Ian Miller, but I think you are fully aware of the situation and no doubt there will be a job for you too, if you are interested.

It's almost unbelievable that football boots have emerged as a major factor as to whether some of our league stars play with their chosen clubs? Mind you, I can see both sides of the story. Some players e.g. Shane Ellis — Bryan Cousins and Stan Magro, just to name three, have had an association either now or in the past with PUMA. However, their respective clubs have made contractual arrangements on a team basis with ADIDAS. It's a delicate situation and although I am all for individual rights, I think the majority rules and the team must come first.

Finally, I would like to have a go at my old mate Malcolm Atwell. Mal, a new broom sweeps clean, as the saying goes, and I go along with most of your decisions in the Royals camp — with one exception. Why did you sack Colin Minson as marketing manager? In my opinion, Minson is probably the best of the new breed of football appointees chosen as marketing managers or procurers of sponsors. Colin has proven his credentials at East Fremantle, Perth and with the Royals. It could prove to be an expensive decision in more ways than one, Malcolm, as you will soon learn.

In closing, may I say best of luck to all clubs for the 1983 season. I look forward to working with our old friend in Alan "Chubby" Stiles in Westside Football and resuming my association with Radio 6PR. It's good to be with Lynas Motors too!



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Narkle's success broke the monopoly that East Perth and South Fremantle had on the Channel 7 money — Phil Kelly and Stephen Michael had won the first four Channel 7 Sandover Medals between them, taking two apiece.

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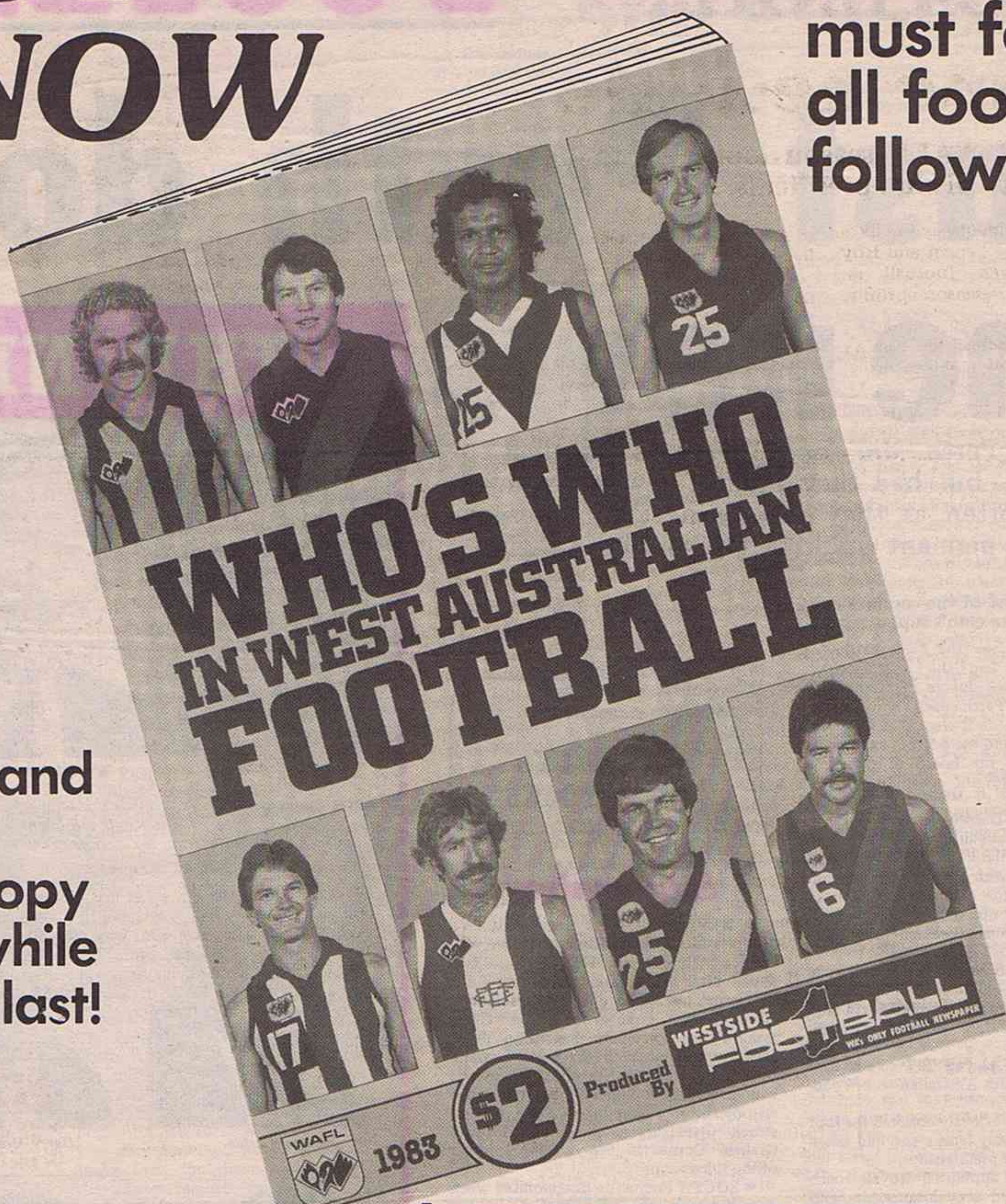
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EAST Perth did not dominate football in 1982. . . but had they hit the newspaper headlines as often as they did during the off-season, last year's pennant would surely have been theirs.

However, most of the summer news around the Royals camp would have irked some of the club's supporters.

Firstly, there was the fierce battle for the presidency and the doubt which followed as to the future of Grant Dorrington, the East Perth coach.

Mal Atwell made it clear that if he was made president and his band of supporters were elected to the board of directors, Dorrington would not coach the Royals in 1983.

And although Dorrington initially indicated that he was still interested in coaching East Perth, he eventually released a joint statement with the club saying that it would be in the best interests of both parties if he did not re-apply for the job after the new board decided to re-open the position.

Mr Atwell and the six men who rode on the same ticket, took control of the club and shortly afterwards former Perth and State wingman Greg Brehaut was appointed as coach.

Brehaut (36), played 157 games with Perth, 15 for South Australian club Woodville and 18 for WA.

Brehaut had previously coached for four years in the Sunday league and had taken Wanneroo to four premierships.

When he was appointed Royals coach it renewed an old acquaintanceship with Atwell, who was coach at Perth from 1966 to 1971 when Brehaut was making a name for himself as one of the most talented wingmen in the game.

But even after the presidential and coaching positions were decided, trouble was still brewing in the Royals camp.

This time players let their feelings be known.

Veterans John Hayes and Steve Curtis, who had played more than 400 senior games between them, indicated they would continue their playing careers elsewhere.

Curtis opted to move to South Australia and Hayes nominated South Fremantle as his third West Australian club. He had played 39 games with Caremont after returning to his home State from South Australia in 1976.

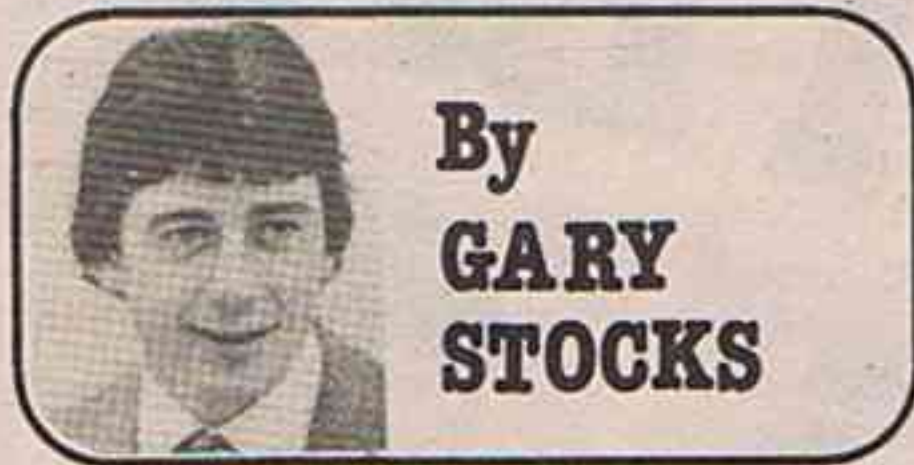
All of this was hardly the sort of preparation the Royals needed after a reasonably successful season on the playing arena in 1982. They finished in fourth spot and simply did not have the talent to match it with the other finalists - West Perth, Claremont and Swan Districts.

East Perth also seemed certain to be without class forwards Paul Arnold and Grant Campbell.

Campbell was drafted to Melbourne by St Kilda, but he was keen to play with North Melbourne after the Kangaroos had signed the youngster on a form four before the draft system was introduced.

However, the club had allowed the form four to lapse and used it to sign South Australian Bruce Abernethy.

Arnold was involved in a swap with South Fremantle. The Bulldogs wanted the strong marking full forward in their ranks and swapped him for Stan Magro, who had returned from Collingwood.



By **GARY STOCKS**

September

● WEST Perth must have considered that a lack of aggression could have cost them a premiership in 1982, because, two weeks after losing the preliminary final, they were talking to Port Adelaide player David Granger. Granger, known as "Grave Danger" by the South Australian press, came under notice in the SANFL grand final when he was involved in several incidents - including one instance when an opposition player broke a leg. He also struck Glenelg's champion half forward Graham Cornes in the opening minutes of the third term.

● SOUTH Fremantle disappointed when they did make the 1982 final round, but coach Mal Brown, not known as a man who would rest on his laurels, was immediately on a recruiting campaign. As soon as the WAFL grand final had been decided, he was in Melbourne talking to several prospects, including Richmond defender Stephen Mount and former Bulldog players Stan Magro and Mark Jackson.

● IT was also as early as September that all the trouble broke out at East Perth. The rumours had already started about the futures of several of the club's leading players and it was also the time when Mal Atwell announced his intention to stand for the presidency. He said he wanted to heal a rift that had developed at the club.

October

● IN a surprise count for the Swann Medal, for the fairest and best player at Bassendean Oval, big ruckman Ron Boucher took out the award. However, it was not so much Boucher's winning the prize, but the failure of Sandover Medallist Phil Narkle to poll well in his club's award. Boucher had a tremendous season, and was the most influential ruckman in the game - but Narkle could finish in only seventh position.

● IN further developments at East Perth, J.D. (Slim) Somerville announced that he did not intend standing for the presidency. This decision seemed certain to see Mr Atwell as the only candidate for the position. Mr Atwell was gathering strong support within the club and there was little doubt that if he was successful Grant Dorrington would not be coaching the Royals.

THE NEWSMAKERS



Grant Campbell



Mal Atwell



Paul Arnold



Michael Carlile



Harry Morgan



Gary Shaw



Bill Walker



Greg Brehaut



Stephen Curtis

● WEST Perth president Rod Brown again criticised the WAFL's tribunal system. During the football season he had levelled criticism at the tribunal for what he called inconsistency in penalties. Most of his statements were a direct result of ugly scenes at Leederville Oval in the first round match against East Fremantle. He thought people more closely involved with football should sit on the tribunal panel.

● IT was a case of fourth time lucky for West Perth skipper Les Fong. The rugged little rover had been runner-up for West Perth's fairest and best award three times in his 10 seasons of league football. But he was successful in winning the Breckler Medal for 1982. Runner-up was converted wingman Rod Alderton.

● EIGHT West Australians were included in the VFL's draft for 1982. Claremont's Gary Shaw, regarded as one of the hottest properties in league football following an outstanding season with the Tigers and WA,

was drafted by Collingwood. His teammate Baden Harper was asked to join Geelong, Ray Holden (West Perth) was drafted by Melbourne, David Palm (West Perth-Richmond), Rod Lester-Smith (East Fremantle-Hawthorn), Andrew Pursley (East Fremantle-Footscray), Brad Hardie (South Fremantle-Geelong) and Alan Sidebottom (Swan Districts-St Kilda).

However, it was certain that Collingwood and St Kilda would have to battle for the services of Shaw and Sidebottom. Claremont made it clear they would not release Shaw without a fight and Swan Districts said Sidebottom was required at Bassendean Oval in 1983.

● COLLINGWOOD were believed to have paid out \$140,000 to St Kilda and Footscray in their effort to entice Shaw to Victoria. Because the Magpies finished third last on the VFL premiership table

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George Spalding



Grant Dorrington



Peter Daniel

November

● FOR the second year in succession the WAFL announced that admission prices to league football matches would increase. Adults would now pay \$4.50 to go to the the football as compared to \$4 last year. Children would pay 20 cents extra to see matches as well. They would now pay 80 cents. Pensioners would still pay \$1.20.

● THE WAFL announced that Ross Capes would be the umpire's coach for the coming season. Capes, an outstanding umpire, was appointed for a two year term after he announced he would not control matches in 1983.

● RADIO 6KY made a dramatic return to football. They announced that they would be broadcasting one match every week which will now mean that every game will be broadcast. But apart from supporting football on the whole, the radio station announced plans to sponsor West Perth. This followed the move of 6PR to sponsor South Fremantle in 1981 and 6IX's intended sponsorship of Swan Districts.

● SUBIACO ended speculation as to who would coach their league team in 1983 when they announced that former Essendon utility player Peter Daniel would be in charge. Daniel played more than 100 games with the Bombers and his coaching record in Tasmania, where he was in control of North Launceston, was impressive. He coached that team to five premierships in eight years.

● PERTH surgeon Wally Sakalo said he would challenge Mal Atwell for the presidency at East Perth. Phil Haughan, Bradley Smith, Frank Cordova and Nick Nallen all announced that they would be running for positions on the board as independent candidates. They were challenging the six-man Mal Atwell team.

● IN a move which could set the precedent for other WAFL clubs, South Fremantle prepared to go into big business. The Bulldogs and the Swan Brewery agreed on a \$1m deal which would give the club a one-third share in the Phoenix Hotel. The move was a step towards securing the future for the Fremantle club and one of the most progressive in the history of West Australian football.

● THE National Football League released plans of a new carnival to be held in 1983. The championships would see the State teams form the three leading leagues in the nation compete for honours. In the past, lesser leagues from Queensland, the ACT and Tasmania had been invited to take part in Australian carnivals, but this year it would be restricted to Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

December

● CLUB elections dominated the early news with some interesting developments. Former East Fremantle players Mal Dobson and Len Anderson joined that club's board of directors and Harry Morgan was endorsed unopposed to replace Merv Cowan as president. At East Perth, Mal Atwell and his group — which included former Royals star Laurie Kennedy — was swept into power. At Perth, former player George Spalding ousted president Matt Brophy and television personality Jeff Newman was among those elected to the board. Bill Walker took over as president at Swan Districts; Michael Carille was endorsed as Subiaco's president. South Fremantle and State half-back Phil Cronan applied for a clearance to West Perth; East Perth's Grant Campbell announced that he was going to join North Melbourne this year despite having been nominated by St Kilda in the draft and Allan Sidebottom said that he would be off to St Kilda.

January

● EAST Perth coach Grant Dorrington ended weeks of speculation when he announced that he would not apply for the position of Royals coach after it had been declared vacant by the incoming committee. Subiaco's Tim Gepp was off

to Richmond; Geoff Gillies returned to WA to join South Fremantle and ace Claremont rover Gary Shaw finally accepted Collingwood's lucrative offer. Former Perth and State player Greg Brehaut was appointed coach of East Perth; Royals defender Steven Curtis announced that he was off to South Australia; Kevin Worthington was back in town and talking to Perth.

Wayne Duke was in Claremont's sights after a year out with injury and South Fremantle paid the official 'talking fee' to indicate their interest in Royals captain John Hayes. Bill Valli retired after 14 years of football; East Fremantle's Ken Judge went to Hawthorn despite a hometown contract and Claremont were hopeful of getting Barry Beecroft back from the Sydney Swans, who still owe the Tigers \$30,000 for his clearance. Wayne Duke signed with Claremont and East Fremantle's Jim Sewell headed for Footscray; Carlton claimed — and were soon proved right — that WA players Peter Bosustow and Ross Ditchburn would be with them again in 1983.

February

● THE John Hayes saga really took off after East Perth had refused permission for their captain to train with South Fremantle, although they had accepted the \$1,000 fee to allow the Bulldogs to talk to him officially. Trouble really came to a head when newly-elected East Perth president Mal Atwell launched a scathing attack on South Fremantle and Hayes at a media function at Perth Oval. Mr Atwell said that Hayes had asked for \$952 a game (or \$20,000 a year) to remain an East Perth player. He said Hayes was asking far too much and a player who had tallied 200 league games with the club should have shown greater loyalty. South Fremantle had bought the Chesson football company and suggested a business agreement between themselves and the other seven clubs. Mr Atwell asked: 'How could we enter into a business arrangement with South Fremantle when they show such little respect for our wishes to keep John Hayes at East Perth?' Hayes responded almost immediately to Mr Atwell's comment saying that he (Mr Atwell) should be the last one to talk about loyalty to East Perth as he had left the club to join Perth and better himself and then moved on to South Fremantle.

● WHILE South Fremantle were having their problems in getting Hayes into their red and white colours, East Fremantle, Swan Districts, West Perth, Claremont and Perth were having greater success. East Fremantle were successful in snaring Essendon centreman Neville Fields from under the nose of Subiaco. He trained with the Lions initially when he came to Perth but Old Easts were keen to secure his services and a clearance seemed a mere formality. Swan Districts indicated their interest in Perth rover Barry Kimberley and last year's premiers looked to have a top chance of getting both players. In return for Kimberley, Perth were talking

to Ross Fitzgerald, a member of Swans' premiership team, and Glenn O'Rourke. West Perth lacked a full forward in 1982 and they hoped that former Claremont and Perth reserves player Peter Avery would provide the answer. Claremont were looking at securing Barry Beecroft's signature after a season with the Sydney Swans. He was cleared back to the Sydney based club last year, but they had been slow with their payments to Claremont and the Tigers claimed Beecroft as theirs.

● BAD news for Claremont came in the form of half back Bradley Reynolds who, after being unable to reach a suitable agreement with the Tigers, decided to retire. Reynolds was a top defender and Claremont would obviously do everything possible to entice him back to the club.

● TWO seasons ago Subiaco defender Mitch Fussell seemed to have finished his league football career. Fussell broke his leg in a match against South Fremantle and it was so badly damaged that most people thought he would never play again. He became a forgotten man of football, but Fussell was determined to make it back to the league arena. He began training again with the Lions and was looking good. But while Fussell managed to make it back, Perth and former State defender Ross Prunster had to retire. He had been troubled by crippling injuries in the last two seasons and finally gave up in his quest to resume a brilliant league career.

March

● THE Hayes controversy continued again in the early part of March. Although he met with Mal Atwell to discuss the possibility of returning to East Perth, Hayes was adamant that he wanted to play South Fremantle. The case was then taken to the appeals board and in one of the biggest surprises in pre-season clearance wrangles, he was refused permission to join the Bulldogs. Hayes said after the decision was handed down that he was shattered. Hayes was eventually cleared.

● THE Perth Oval double-header saw Essendon and Carlton come to tackle to East Perth and Claremont and it was again the major attraction of the pre-season fixtures. Last year East Perth beat Essendon and they repeated that performance this season. Claremont went down to the Blues in 1982, but they reversed that result in the return visit and both WA sides showed they could be forces in the WAFL.

● SWAN Districts announced their intention to set up a new headquarters. Bill Walker, Swans president, said that for many years it had been thought that their headquarters should be in the Shire of Swan, in the heart of Midland.

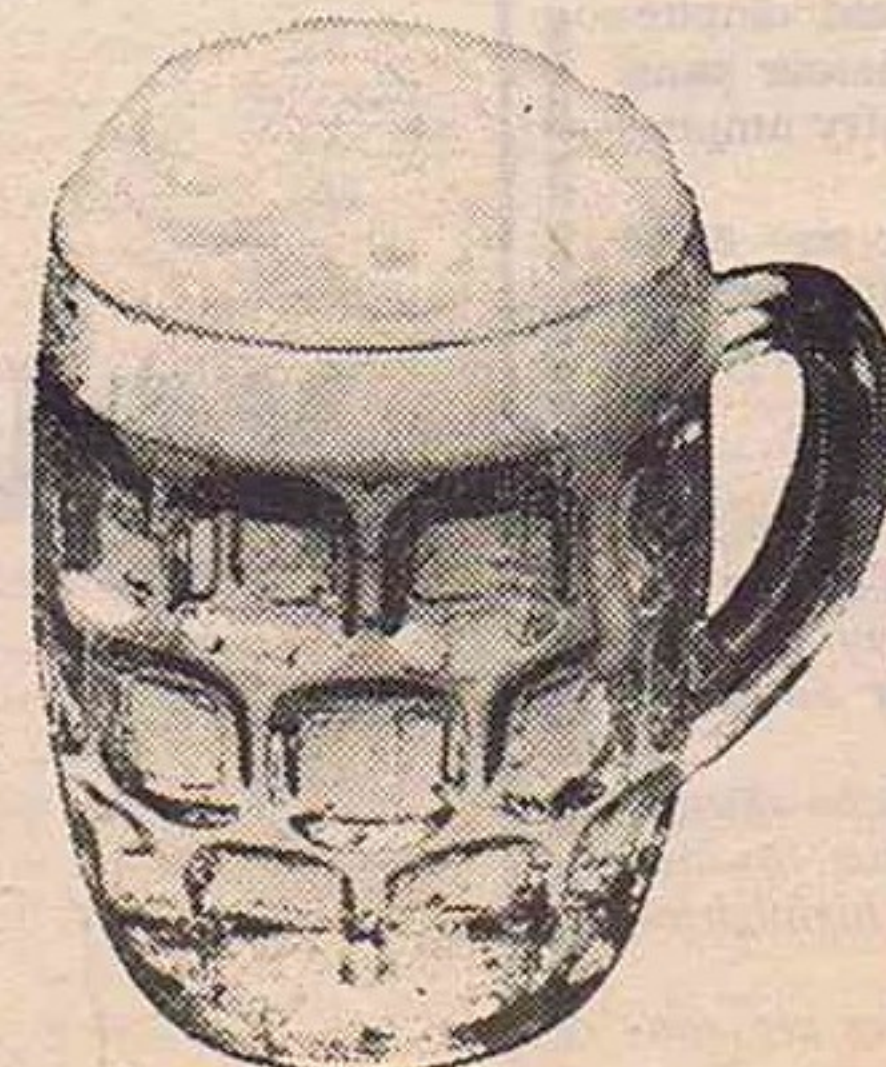
The elaborate project was expected to be completed by 1988 and in the end, more than \$3 million would be pumped into the project. Swans were looking at several venues in the Midland area.

● CLAREMONT made the most of the trouble at East Perth when they signed the third Royals life member, Larry Kickett, who was in dispute over match payments. Kickett, one of the most popular figures at Perth Oval during his career was keen to join the Tigers. Other life members to leave were John Hayes and Steve Curtis.

they had third choice of a player and were understood to have paid \$100,000 to Footscray (who finished last and would have had first pick) for the Bulldogs to overlook Shaw. St Kilda finished second last and were believed to have been paid \$40,000 to choose someone else other than Shaw.

● EAST Perth was not the only club with elections on their minds. Former Perth ruckmen George Spalding and Graham Edwards announced that they would be standing for positions at the club. Mr Spalding would throw out a challenge to Matt Brophy for the presidency and Mr Edwards was seeking a position on the board of directors. At East Fremantle, Harry Morgan became only the second man in 12 years to be club president. He took over from Merv Cowan, who had been in control of the club since 1971.

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Whistle Stop



By Ross Capes

WELCOME to our regular umpires column, courtesy of Ampol, who have taken up the sponsorship of the men in white this season.

The column will appear fortnightly and will cover as many aspects of umpires and umpiring as possible. We are certainly pleased to welcome Ampol in as the major sponsor of the umpires and the new-look uniforms will all carry the Ampol logos this season.

In addition, Ampol have continued the sponsorship of the umpires awards, with more than \$10,000 available in prizemoney to field, boundary and goal umpires this season.

NEW FACES

WITH the retirement of myself and Ron Powell from the senior field umpires' list, there will certainly be some new faces there this season.

I believe that the opportunity is there waiting for a number of our younger umpires to emerge as regular seniors this season and there will be plenty of competition for places on the senior panel.

We have had about 130 field, boundary and goal umpires in training pre-season and we have now split them up into three panels.

A panel of 28 senior field umpires will now train under former boundary umpire John Devine (who has also retired). The group of about 30 boundary umpires will also be in the training group.

The balance of the field umpires will form the country amateur panel under the control of country umpires coach Ned Martino.

The goal umpires will also come under John Devine's scrutiny, assisted by probably one of their own ranks.

MEDIA EXPOSURE

We are keen to give the umpires greater media exposure this season and we will be more liberal in our attitude towards umpires appearing on media panels and so forth.

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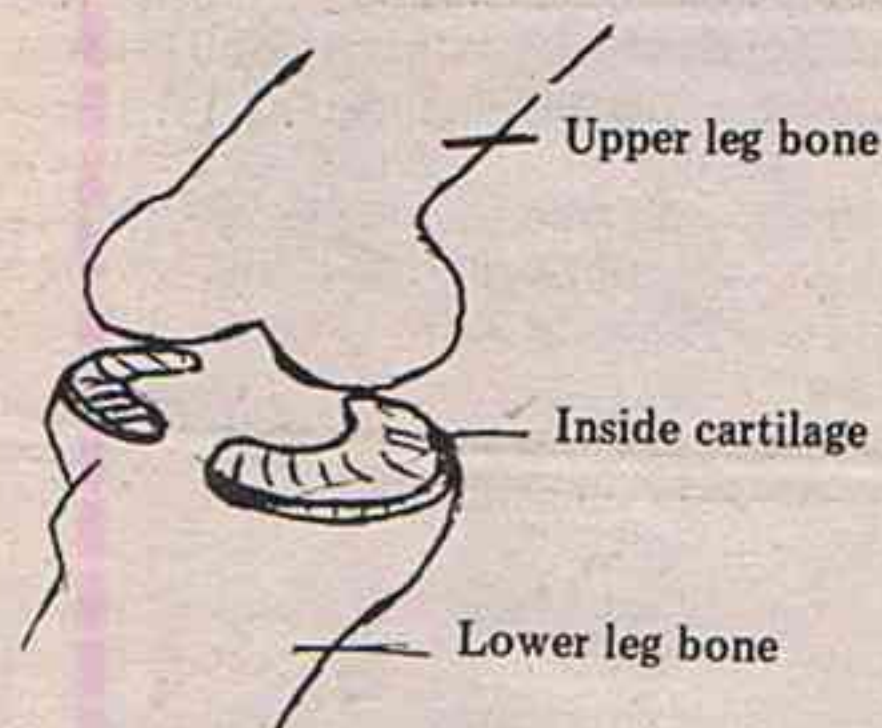
THE TORN CARTILAGE

Many spectators think that when a footballer hurts his knee, he has torn a cartilage. Fortunately, cartilages are not torn as often as suspected.

When torn, the tear can be very small and go undetected or can be severe and result in the footballer missing the rest of the season.

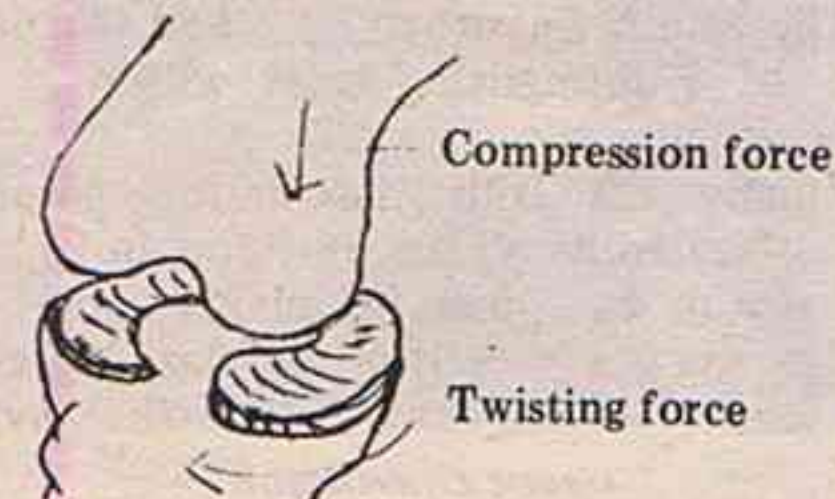
What are the knee cartilages?

They are the two crescent-shaped flat pieces of gristle that sit on top of the lower leg bone inside the knee joint.

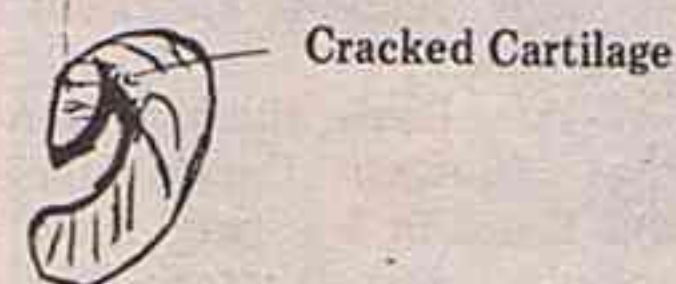


Because the cartilages are gristle and lack calcium, unlike bones, they are not seen on an ordinary x-ray and therefore specialized x-rays are needed.

The cartilage on the inside of the knee joint is torn more frequently than the outside one. This is because the knee joints twist abnormally and the cartilage is squeezed between the top and bottom bones meeting at the knee joint.



Can lift and become a free tag which sticks into the joint



This torn cartilage can cause several problems within the knee joint.

It can cause the knee joint to jam and lock when it sticks up into the joint space; it can irritate the knee joint and cause a build up of inflammatory fluid; it can cause pain and a build-up of fluid within the joint causes the thigh muscles to waste away, causing weakness.

In the past there was a tendency to operate on every torn cartilage and remove it. However, doctors now realize that often arthritis sets in the knee joint at an earlier age than it would normally and the knee joint, with the cartilage removed often becomes unstable and lax. Therefore, the tendency is to remove only the badly torn cartilages that stick up and cause jamming or excessive fluid build up within the joint.

With minor tears (which by the way often heal up) we encourage the footballer to see out the rest of the season with initial rest; muscle exercises for the thigh; physiotherapy and anti-inflammatory tablets and surgery, if necessary, is done more conveniently and less hurriedly in the off season when rehabilitation is better planned.

Dr. Football



Boundaries planned for five years

THE biggest news to happen off-season which will effect most junior footballers was the redistribution of metropolitan boundaries — a plan set to last for at least five years.

Some junior councils were virtually untouched in terms of retaining their clubs, while others felt they were hard done by.

The name Subiaco Junior Football Council has been deleted, to be replaced by the title Subiaco/Wanneroo J.F.C.

Rezoning saw Subiaco lose Woodlands/Doubleview, Churchlands/Wembley, Wembley Downs, Scarborough and Karrinyup to Claremont, while in return they gained the big clubs of Whitfords and Sorrento/Duncraig.

Takari, Marist and North Innaloo were all lost by Subiaco to West Perth, the latter also gained the Lockridge club from Swan Districts, who in turn haven't received renomination from Guildford.

Takari have now amalgamated with Osborne Park and will play under their new club's name.

From West Perth Subiaco/Wanneroo receive Girrawheen, Koondoola, Ocean Ridge and Wanneroo.

Swans have lost Forrestfield — to Perth — and a movement of great interest has occurred with East Perth.

They have retained all their clubs and picked up Swanleigh, who joined them by choice and not by zoning commitments, and three South Suburban clubs, Armadale, Byford and Roleystone.

The interest in that is those clubs will remain playing with the South Suburban although they are now bound to East Perth. Both East Fremantle and South Fremantle junior councils have survived any changes.

The South Suburban have had the new club of Huntingdale, from within their zone affiliate.

Finally the Hills Association haven't been affected by all the shuffling, but since last season have lost Swanleigh and New Norcia and are benefitted by Mazenod and the possibility of new club Wundowie.

HIGH SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT

THE nomination forms have gone out and the planning is well under way for an inaugural high schools knockout competition this year.

Run by Ross Davis, the WAFL Administrator of Football Development, the games will finish in a curtain-raiser grand final for the WA versus Victoria State game at Subiaco Oval on Tuesday, July 12.

Each of the eight league clubs will conduct their own play-offs to determine the eventual zone champions who will then face each other for the main title.

It will be for the C.I.G. Shield competition and this company will provide \$500 of sporting equipment to the winning school, plus a medallion for the best player in the grand final, the perpetual and replica shields and awards for each zone champion as well.

If the format succeeds, in-roads will be made towards country high schools in pursuing years.

All metro high schools have been invited and it is still uncertain to how many will respond to this new concept that will involve the lower grades of year 8, 9 and 10 mainly.

ROYAL PARADE

The East Perth Junior Council are holding their annual parade on Saturday, April 9 at Perth Oval when the Royals do battle with Claremont.

Pitter to coach Teal Cup side

Former East Perth player and colts coach Eddie Pitter is again coach of the State Teal Cup squad for this season.

He and manager Ross Davis have already been busy selecting a new crop of youngsters.

The Town and Country Teal Cup carnival will be held in Darwin this year from June 10-13.

BELATED RESULTS

Because the Perth Junior Council did not complete their finals until after the WAFL season last year, their grand final results were not published. Following are those results.

South Perth 10.7 defeated Queens Park 5.9 in the 12's — South's Sean Bell was awarded player of the match. The 14's saw a win to Manning over Canning, the scores being 16.11 to 9.11 — Kevin Connor, of Manning was best player.

Robin Yarran (Canning) was named man-of-the-match in the 16's after his side trounced Queens Park 21.23 to 6.10.

SEASON START

All metro competitions are due to begin on the weekend of April 9 and 10 except the South Suburban who start a week later.

HILLS CARNIVAL

This Sunday the Hills Association are conducting their annual lightning carnival as their pre-season trials.

The 9's and 12's grades play from 9am at the Harry Riseborough Oval in Mundaring while the 14's and 16's will compete from 8.30am at Parkerville Oval.

TIGER CUP

Claremont's 17's and under competition, the Tiger Cup, looks destined for a terrific season with the introduction of the biggest number of teams since their inauguration six years back.

This year's teams are Claremont Hawks, Floreat Magpies, North Beach Cats, Swanbourne Panthers and Subiaco imports Woodlands/Doubleview, Churchlands/Wembley, Wembley Downs, Scarborough and Karrinyup.

SEMINARS

Over the past two weekends, the WAFL has conducted seminars for junior club administrators, and although they weren't fully attended, both went off successfully.

The first was held at the Churchlands Teachers College for the clubs north of the river, and last Sunday's was at the Willetton Sports Centre for the southerners.

AGE-GROUP CHANCE

Perth Junior Council have opted for the odd-age grouping this season — they now cater for 9's, 11's, 13's, 15's and 17's.

The Demon Cup, the 18's and under competition run by the mother club for three seasons, has folded.

AROUND THE CLUBS



With Gary Bartholomeusz

COVERAGE

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Last year we were proud to acknowledge the efforts of several juniors who reached the 200-game mark and this year we look forward to making similar announcements.

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Each week our expert critics rate every footballer out of 10 for his performance — and we even take into account the form of interchange reserves when they are on the ground.

This ratings system is generally regarded by the players themselves — and the coaches — as being an accurate guide to the week-by-week form of all league players.

It's a tough award to win. Because of its very nature of a progressive tally each week, you cannot afford to put in a bad game — or even miss a game.

This Ratings guide is also a complete review of who has played for who during the season — so you, the reader, can make use of the guide as you follow the fortunes of your favourite football star.

Last year's ratings winner was Claremont wingman Allen Daniels . . .

Who will be this year's most consistent footballer?

Only time — and Westside's Ratings — will tell.

Allen Daniels receives the 1982 award from Westside Football's Peter Poat at a presentation last year. The handsome trophy was specially sculptured by former leading WAFL umpire Ray Montgomery.



AMATEUR NEWS



BACK AGAIN

THE West Australian Amateur Football League joins WESTSIDE FOOTBALL for the fifth year in their big weekly coverage.

We hope the football public gain greater understanding and appreciation of the biggest single football body in W.A. via this coverage.

The growth of amateurs continues, covering most of the metropolitan area.

A new club — ANZ Bank — joins the league which now covers 150 teams, north from R.A.A.F. base at Pearce, south to Robbs Jetty and Coolbellup and east to Forrestfield and Carlisle. The Muresk Agricultural College at Northam also has a team competing.

Throughout the year the aim is to report as widely as possible on all aspects of amateur football, now in its 55th year of competition.

The 1983 season starts on Saturday April 9 with qualifying rounds finishing on August 13.

Grand finals will be conducted on September 10, with the Sunday division a day later.

For the first time amateurs will be conducting a final five in all divisions except the Sunday competition.

This will mean 15 more teams competing in finals with expected greater crowd attendance.

The weekly expanded Westside Football amateur news round-up will start in earnest from the April 7 issue.

All enquiries and comments regarding joining or contacting any of the clubs in the Western Australian Amateur Football League can be made to League headquarters on 382 1293 (office hours).

WAFL UMPIRES

FOR the third successive year the central umpires in the amateur leagues 'A' 'B' and 'A' colts divisions will be supplied from within the umpires panel of the W.A. Football League.

Since their introduction in 1981 the W.A.F.L. panel umpires have greatly lifted the standard of play within the two top divisions.

This, along with the fact that the majority of 'A' league and to a lesser extent 'B' league games, are now played on league grounds has continued to lead to a

great influx of former top W.A.F.L. players into amateurs.

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

The amateur league will be taking a strong stand to ensure that the W.A.F.L. appointed umpires are extended every assistance and courtesy expected.

FROM PAGE 1 HAYES: WHY I QUIT THE ROYALS

Hayes, one of the most popular men in football circles, will play his 251st game when he lines up for his new club against Perth on Saturday.

Besides his 200 games with East Perth, he played 39 with Claremont and 11 with West Adelaide.

In joining South Fremantle, Hayes is also renewing an old coach-player relationship with Mal Brown.

Hayes played under Brown at East Perth for four seasons in the early 1970s and they combined to be a part of the successful 1972 premiership. After Hayes had gone to Adelaide and Brown to Melbourne they were re-united when Brown took over as Claremont's coach and Hayes joined him a year later — in 1976.

South Fremantle fans will be hoping they can combine this year and re-live the joys of the 1972 Royals pennant.

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Long serving management committee members and league lifemembers Mr Bob Thompson and Mr Val Killeen were replaced by Mr Matt Dillon (Commonwealth Bank) and Mal Harford (Old Scotch).

Tribunal:

Messrs J. Ince, J. Carey, A.E.M. Andrews, L. Eborall, G. Metcalf, N. Jamieson, N. Young, K. Mathews, N. Donaldson, S.V. Killeen, R.J. Cook, R. Thompson.

Mr Colin Jamieson, M.L.A. was elected President of the W.A.A.F.L., a position he has held since 1971.

UMPIRES NEEDED

Umpires are still required to fill vacancies in two colts and 10 senior divisions.

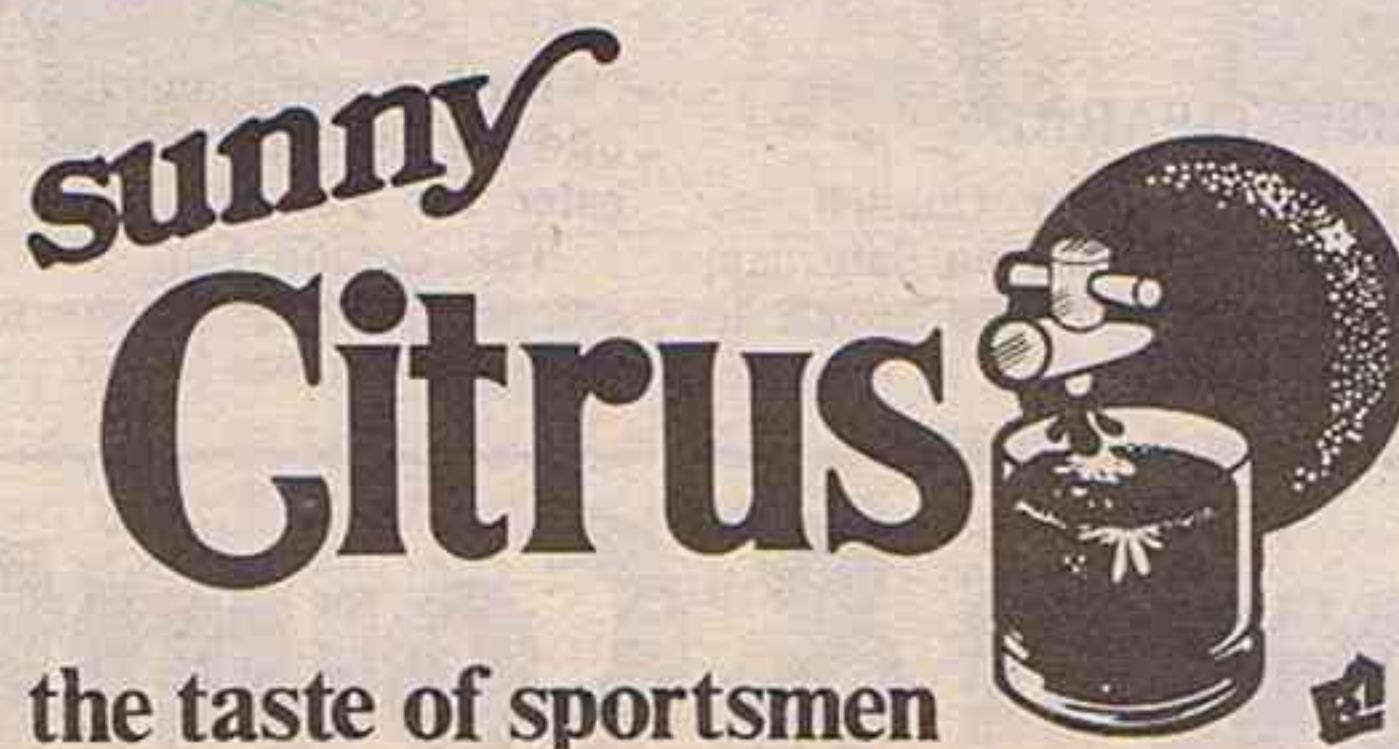
There are 60 central umpires (excluding 'A' and 'B' league and 'A' colts) involved each weekend.

For the first time the W.A.A.F.L. will provide officially appointed goal and boundary umpires for 'A' and goal umpires for 'B' league.

Persons interested in either central, goal or boundary umpiring whether experienced or not are welcomed to contact secretary Bruce Wainwright on 447 3502 or league headquarters, 382 1293.

There are weekly umpires training and incentives with assistance available from Mr George Meiers (former W.A.F.L. State player, league coach, umpire and umpires advisor) has been re-appointed amateur league umpires advisor. The W.A.A.F.L. has recently appointed Mr Terry Haydon as assistant umpires advisor.

As an incentive an umpire from the W.A. Amateur Umpires Panel will be selected to accompany the State team to Adelaide and officiate in the W.A.A.F.L. v S.A.A.F.L. in June.



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NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL

Plenty of forwards at Claremont

Seven WAFL league football clubs have found that a top class full forward has been hard to come by in recent seasons.

But that has been far from the case at Claremont.

The Tigers, with the best full forward in the land, Warren Ralph, in their ranks have not had a problem in the key forward position. But even if Ralph had decided to join Carlton this year the Tigers could still more than adequately fill the positions.

Former Albany Railways ruckman ALAN ROWE spent much of his time in the back pocket in the reserves last year. At least that was the story until Peter Avery decided his best chance of playing league football would come by making a move to Perth.

Avery, the leading reserves full forward for the last couple of seasons, left that position vacant at Claremont when he departed.

But still Rowe spent more of his time in the back pocket than anywhere else.

He stood back there in defence and watched another Albany player, Murray Smith kick 11 goals from full forward and seal a spot in the league side.

And when Smith was promoted it was Rowe's turn to have a crack at being the goal sneak.

He took over the role in superb fashion and was a major contributor to Claremont's premiership success in the lower grade.

He takes a strong mark, has a safe pair of hands and is agile for a big youngster. Rowe is 6.3 (190cm), and weighs 13.0 (82kg).

He is being groomed to take over from Ralph and the former Teal Cup player looks to have the ability to succeed in league football.

QUEENSLANDER

Two years ago when Claremont recruited diminutive Queensland rover Gary Shaw no one took much notice.

But with his two seasons with the Tigers he rose to great heights and established himself as the State's best rover and in doing so was runner-up in the \$25,000 Channel 7 Sandover Medal.

And now the Tigers have continued their Queensland recruiting drive by bringing strongly built ruck rover MICHAEL DICKFOS to the west.

Dickfos is a strong, attacking player who should justify Claremont's confidence in his ability.

He has impressed Claremont's coaching staff in his pre-season training and the Tigers were particularly impressed with his recovery — a trait which stamped Shaw's ability.

Claremont searched far and wide for their recruits and former University amateur player SIMON LILL showed in pre-season matches that he could be a player of the future.

He was an outstanding centre-half-back in amateur ranks and showed a willingness to work hard.

Despite being a top club in the last two seasons the Tigers have lacked height in defence.

Michael Aitken, at just 6.1, or 187cm, was forced to play at centre half back and although he did a fine job, he struck trouble when opposed to bigger, stronger marking players.

Lill is still only 20 years old and seems destined for a bright future. He may need this season to adjust to the greater pace of WAFL football, but could really begin to show his value in 1984.

Last season RUSS COOPER spent all of his time in the reserves, mainly because his kicking let him down.

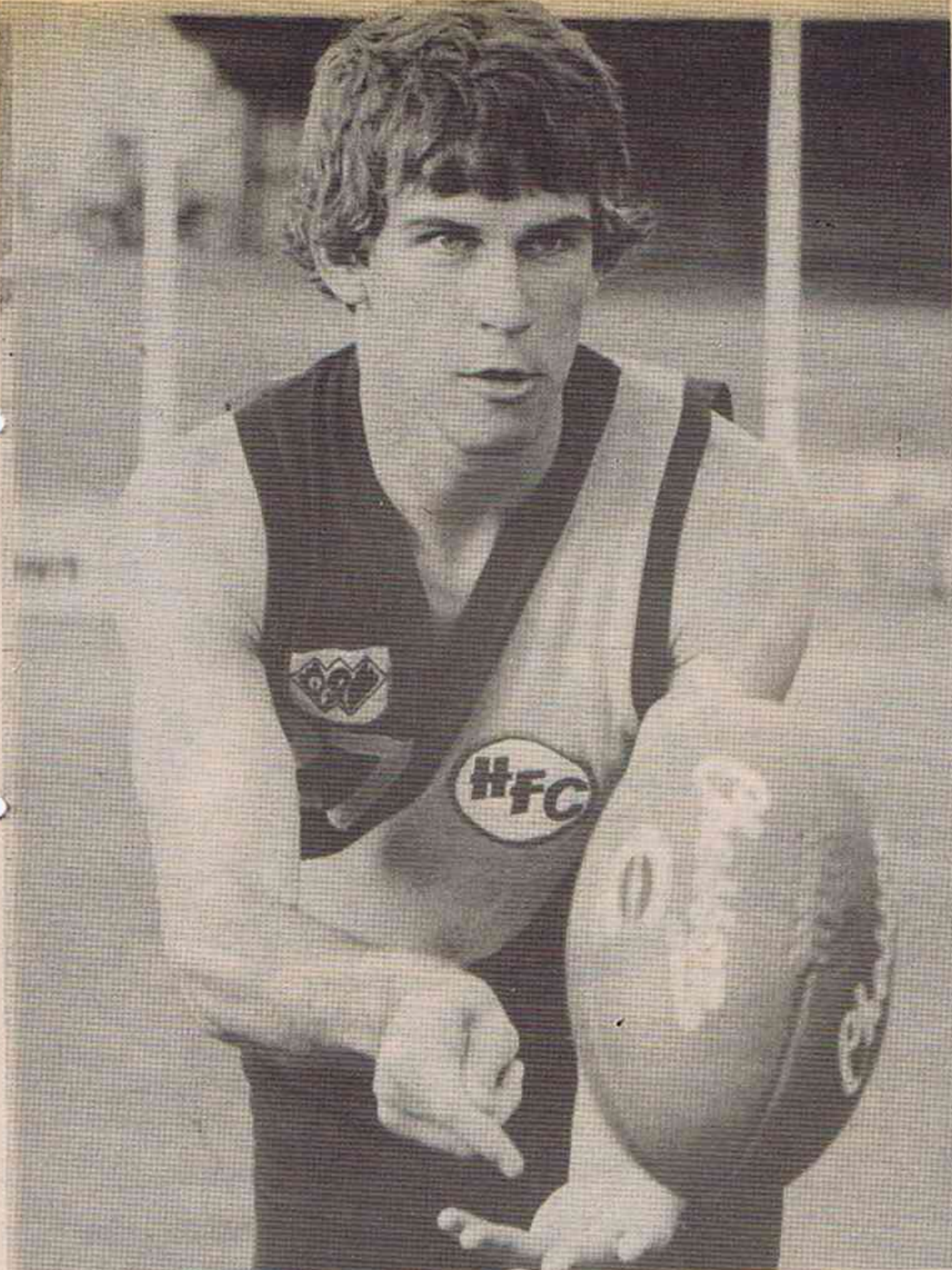
CARNIVAL BERTH

After being selected in the squad of 25 for last year's Red Rooster Carnival, he looked capable of earning a league game at some stage during the season.

However, he did not take the field in the carnival and although he put up some strong performances in the lower grade, league places were hard to come by at Claremont Oval.

That situation has not changed, but Cooper should be a better player for his season in reserves football.

He is exceptionally strong in the air for a small man and this is one of his finest attributes.



Simon Lill....a big amateurs reputation



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Recruiting is a Falcon bonus

ONE of the major contributing factors to West Perth's rise as a football power in 1982 was a selective recruiting campaign.

And if they go one step further this season and play in a grand final, that same recruiting method will have a direct bearing on the success.

Last season the Falcons lacked a full forward and if they had had some-one to kick to deep in attack, they could have thrown out an even bigger challenge for the flag.

This year they recruited former Claremont and Perth youngster PETER AVERY with the view of providing some power in front of goal.



Peter Avery

Avery was a top reserves player with the Tigers and Perth and West Perth will be hoping he can make the progression from second-string player to a league star with little fuss.

The tall, high marking forward is extremely agile and has a trait which is not often found in a full forward — a willingness to share the ball which could ensure his success.

However, he must not over do this sharing. He is there to kick goals and kick goals he will.

Although the Falcons were well equipped with ruckmen last year they also decided to entice former schoolboy star RAMSAY BOGUNOVICH back to his home state.

Bogunovich did not play league football in WA before going to Victoria to join Geelong, but he was not as successful at the VFL club had hoped.

The Falcons enticed the giant ruckman back to WA because of the new rule at centre bounce downs, where opposing ruckmen must approach each other from opposite sides of a white line across the middle.

It was thought they did not have enough height in their ranks to take advantage of the new rule and they will be looking to Bogunovich's 6ft 7in frame to solve that problem.

The big youngster could also be a handy player deep in attack as he showed in his handful of league games with Geelong that he was more than capable of taking a strong mark in the forward pocket.

When West Perth snared former South Fremantle and State half back PHIL CRONAN they must have been well pleased with their effort. Cronan is an established player who has slotted in well in the Falcons nest.

It was not surprising to learn that West Perth were excited about the prospect of young Canberra rover DEAN FALCONER when he arrived in Perth late last year.



David Hart could be a top line rover



Phil Cronan



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Falconer's brother Peter gave them a glimpse of the ability in the family with his three matches last year and with his younger brother joining him this season, he can obviously be a better player.

Dean could solve a roving problem at West Perth.

Since Corry Bewick's enforced lay-off from the game, the Falcons have experimented with back-up rovers for Les Fong, but Dean seems to have all it takes to be a top rover.

It is important to have a solid back-up rover to maintain pressure on the ball and Dean seems to have all the qualities required to do just that.

And a bonus for the Falcons is that he can also play on a wing or a half forward flank.



Ramsay Bogunovich



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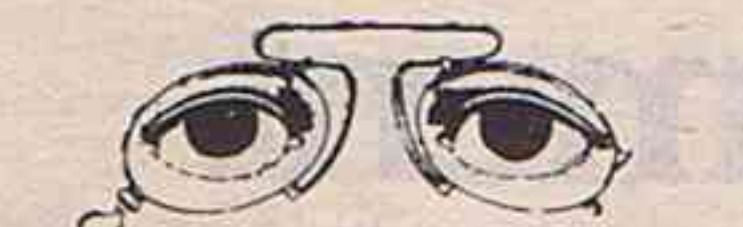
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Swans youngster an East Perth asset

Two months ago FRANK WILSON was charging in and doing his level best with the new ball against the visiting New Zealand cricketers in a match at Northam.

But he has now put cricket behind him and is concentrating on a career in league football.

Wilson, a talented cricketer who played for the WABS Country XI against the visiting Kiwis, is studying law at WA University. But, because he spent the Christmas holidays in his home town of Busselton, he was eligible to play for the country team.

The tall, blonde-headed Wilson was recruited from Swan Districts by East Perth late last season and at the time many Royals fans could not understand why the club was putting in so much time and effort to secure the services of a virtual unknown.

However, in pre-season matches, Wilson showed exactly why the Royals regarded him as a top priority recruit and why Swans were reluctant to let him go.

Wilson looks capable of solving the troublesome centre half back position for East Perth. He takes a strong mark, has good recovery and is not afraid to use his well-built frame to advantage.

Another problem position for East Perth last season was a full forward.

Paul Arnold had his problems with injury and loss of form and John Hayes could not really be spared from defence to take up the attacking role.

However, the Royals seem to have found a solution to the problem in 20-year-old former South Perth forward HUGH CAREY.

The bearded Carey showed in practice matches, as well as in his games with South Perth, that he is a more than a capable player and is exceptionally strong overhead.

The Royals lacked this sort of target to kick to in the forward line last year and was the major contributing factor behind their lack of success in the final round.

Carey, originally from Melton in Victoria, has settled in well at his new club and should develop into a fine player for East Perth.

Two seasons ago East Perth claimed that they had a star in the making when ANGELO DELBORRELLO was playing Teal Cup football.

And now he is set to show exactly why the Royals were so confident about his future.

Delborrello showed in pre-season matches that he had the ability, skill and, more importantly, the desire to succeed in top level football.

He is destined to become the club's No. 1 rover, not this season, but almost certainly in the future. Delborrello is still



Frank Wilson

just 16 years old and has already shown maturity beyond his years.

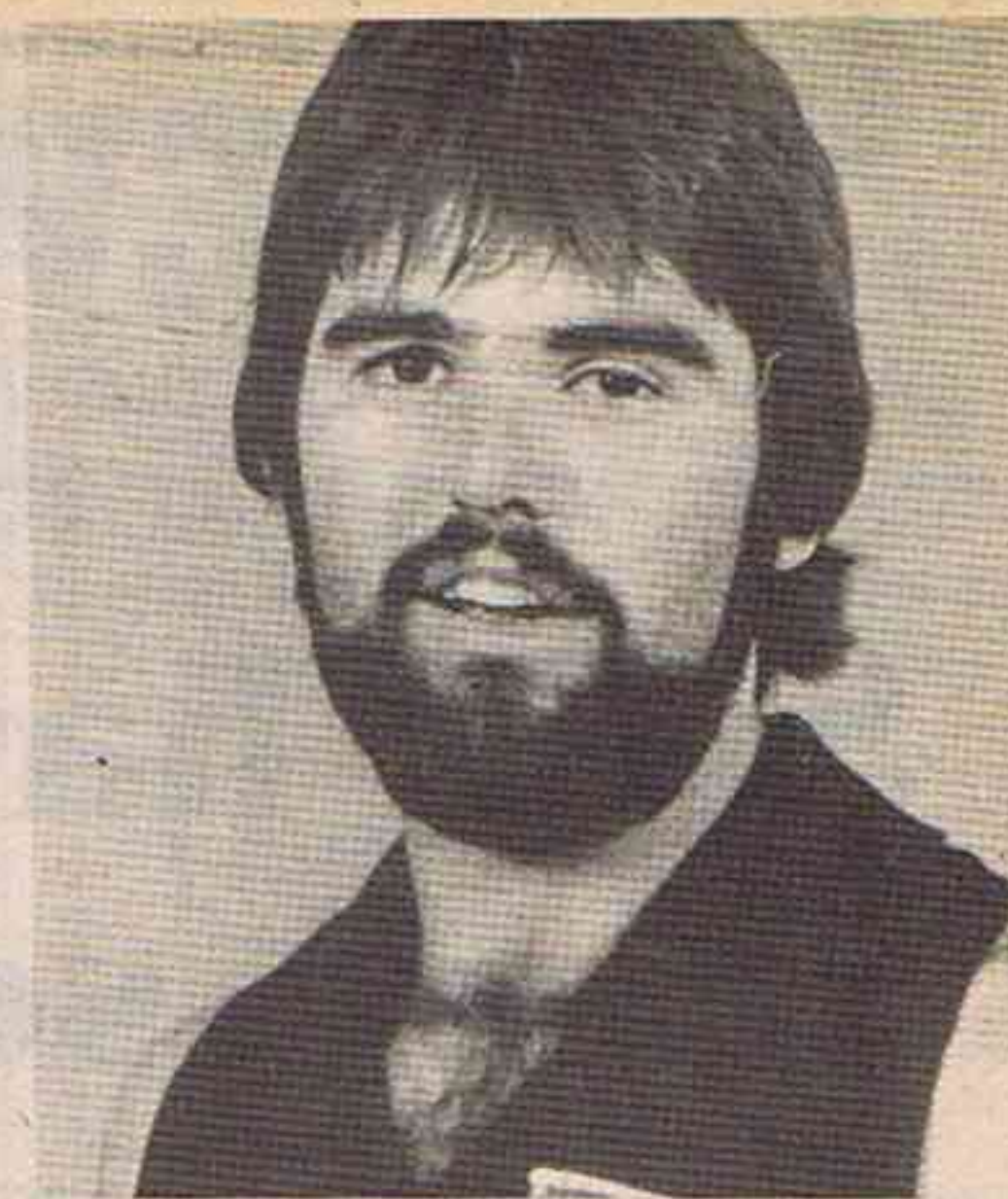
He seems to enjoy burying himself at the bottom of the packs and feeding the ball out to his team mates, but is also extremely skilful around the goals.

For a youngster he reads the play exceptionally well and will confirm the faith East Perth have shown in him.

Another youngster with a bright future at Perth Oval is half forward RICHARD DENNIS.

He popped up with some impressive displays in lead-up matches from a flank and has good ball skills and a turn of speed to back up those attributes.

It is players like Dennis, Delborrello, Clayton van den Dungen, John Garnett, the Teal Cup captain last year, Lance Kelly and Ross Bell who will ensure the success of East Perth in the future.



Hugh Carey



Tom Smith



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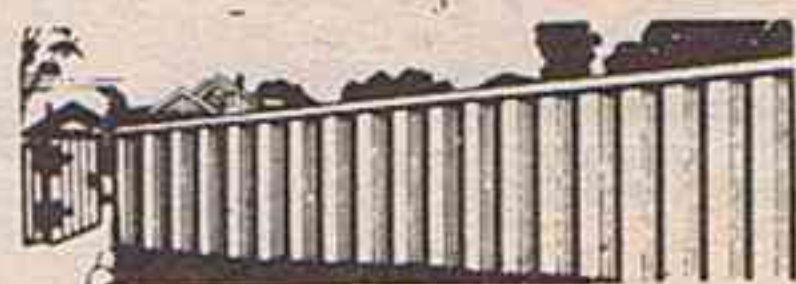


A case of the experienced meeting the inexperienced . . . East Perth's star recruit Stan Magro talks to Angelo Delborrello and Tony Papotto, rovers who have come up through the club's colts side.

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Subi have been more selective

In the past Subiaco have been accused of poor recruiting, particularly from Melbourne, but that has been far from the case this season.

The Lions have been selective in the type of players they want at Subiaco Oval this year and they were the central figure in a recruiting coup when they gained the services of GREG WILKINSON.

Wilkinson was named in the all-Australian amateur side after a carnival in Perth last year and he has shown in practice matches that his form in that carnival was not out of the ordinary.

He is exactly the type of player Subiaco needs.

He is strong in the air, and, most importantly he can fill a variety of roles including half back or half forward — areas which were big problem spots for the Lions last year.

Wilkinson is still only 21 and Subiaco should receive great service from him over the years.

The strongly built utility player was originally in the Claremont zone but was involved in a three-way swap deal between the Tigers, Subiaco and Swan Districts which made him a Lion.

Towards the end of last season Subiaco decided to promote some of the younger players at the club to league ranks.

And their foresight in taking this action

unearthed two stars of the future — MICHAEL MORT and BEVAN WARNER.

Mort, then just 17, displayed coolness under pressure which would normally be associated with a veteran. He also showed outstanding skills and must rate as one of the most gifted youngsters in the game.

Warner had played most of the season in reserves before being elevated to the league side as a wingman.

Now, in his second year of senior football, he is emerging as one of the key players at the club.

The only problem the Lions have at the moment is where to play him.

New coach Peter Daniel decided to try Warner out as a ruck rover and he excelled in that position as well. However, he does look best on a wing where his pace and aerial ability make him a difficult player to counter.

Warner was not overawed by the occasion of playing top level football and that sort of maturity should hold him in good stead for the future.

Subiaco must have been reluctant to recruit SHANE BRADY from Melbourne for the 1983 season.

After-all their selection of Victorian recruits in the past had hardly been first



Paul Clune. . . an aggressive defender

class, but it seems that at last they may receive some value from their Victorian recruiting programme.

Braddy did not play league football with Melbourne but it looks almost a formality that he will don the Subiaco jumper in the main games this season.

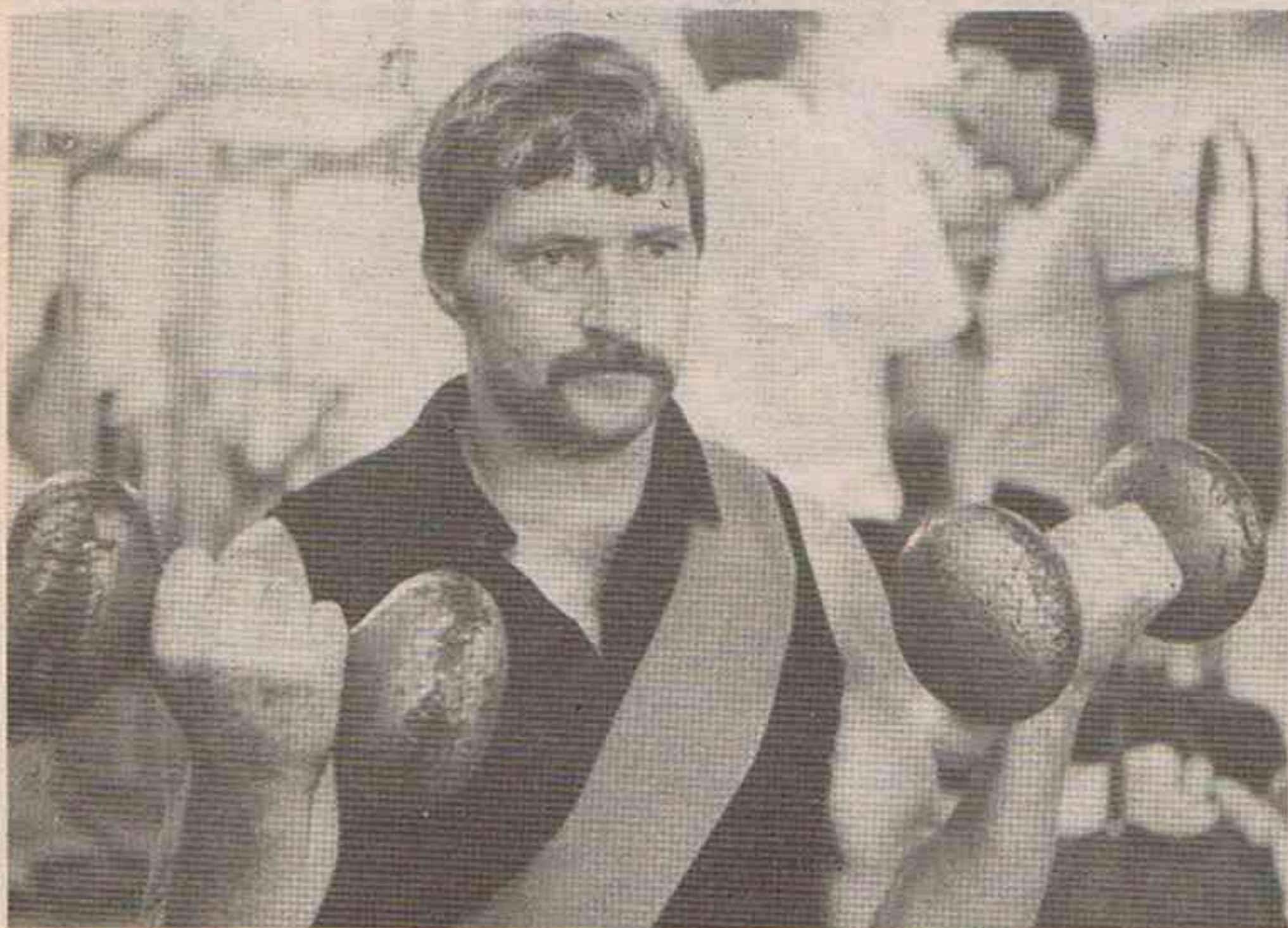
Daniel has been impressed with the way he has tackled the task of making a name for himself in the west and hopes that some of Braddy's professionalism will rub off on the other players in the Lions den.

WARREN DEAN was another of Subiaco's late season discoveries and the slimly built defender will be looking for a big season in his second year in league ranks. He is prepared to commit his fragile frame and has excellent disposal.

Dean made a fine debut last year as a centre half back, although his build did not really suit in this tough position in the league football arena.



Warren Dean. . . working hard pre-season



Peter Castles. . . a strong and aggressive forward line player.

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COUNTRY TALENT



Collie look strong enough to atone

THE South West National Football League, generally regarded as the best competition outside the metropolitan area, is gearing up for another bumper season.

However, already there seems a division between the top four and the bottom six sides.

Collie, who were strongly tipped to win the flag last year, before failing dismally in the finals, look the team to beat.

Coach Gary Buswell is extremely confident at this stage of the season. And he has every right to be.

Collie have lost young Peter Davidson, who was involved in a swap deal between Swan Districts, Claremont and Subiaco, eventually finished up with the Tigers.

Bunbury, the defending titleholders who broke through for last year's premiership after a drought of 12 years, should also be up near the top at the business end of the season.

Coach Peter Betti again has the players keen for success and even though they have lost first-class centremen Barry Haydinger, they will win many more games than they lose.

South Bunbury are traditionally near the top of the table and that tradition should see them remain there in 1983.

They are a solidly-knit unit and always seem to unearth talented young players just when they look a little undermanned.

Mines Rovers, under coach Ian McCulloch, are an unknown quantity but revealed enough talent last year to suggest they could finish in the top four — and they have picked up a handy recruit in former East Perth and Claremont ruckman Des Hindson.

Harvey Brunswick, who have gained former Katanning Wanderers coach and fairest and best winner Steve Hobley, are also a mystery team at this stage.

However, Hobley, who played 15 senior games with Claremont, should prove a valuable acquisition.

Augusta-Margaret River are tipped as improvers this year, but only time will tell whether they can fulfil that promise.

Carey Park, who have been up near the top of the ladder in recent seasons have been hit by a huge player drain and they could be among the strugglers this season.

Donnybrook are going through a rebuilding programme and although they have some outstanding young players, they need another season or two before they can emerge as a force.

In past seasons, Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup have been the weakest side in the competition, winning just three games in as many seasons, and although they are likely to improve, it will be only by one or two spots.

Country footballers certainly make a big impression when they come to the city — as the records clearly show. In fact, the Sandover Medal has gone to a country player in 14 of the last 20 years.

With superstars like Phil Narkle, Stephen Michael, Phil Kelly, Barry Cable, Alan Quartermaine, Mal Brown and Bill Walker all winning the medal after coming down from the country, you cannot rule out a country player this season.

Some of the stars of today from the country areas got together recently for a special photograph for Wesfarmers, the major supporters of country football in the West and sponsors of the annual Wesfarmers country carnival.

The players of today are pictured (from left) Dean Warwick (Merredin to West Perth); Rod Barrett (Katanning to South Fremantle); Oral McGuire (Northam to Perth); Bill Skwirowski (Collie to Swans); Mick Lee (Kalgoorlie to Subiaco); Clinton Browning (Mingenew to East Fremantle); Darrell Panizza (Albany to Claremont) and John Ironmonger (Margaret River to East Perth).

Photograph courtesy Wesfarmers.

COUNTRY TEAMS TO CLASH

COUNTRY football received a boost with the announcement that a match between a country team from South Australia and a WA side will be played as a curtain-raiser to this season's interstate clash against the Croweaters at Subiaco Oval.

Country Football League president Mr Bud Byfield says that this match is something his group had been looking at staging for many seasons.

"We have just been waiting for the other country bodies to become organised enough to get a team on the field," Mr Byfield says.

"It is no secret that WA country football is way ahead of the other States and we are extremely pleased to be able to play the SA country side.

"We will reciprocate next year when the same fixture is held at Football Park in Adelaide."

Umps needed

PLANS to introduce the two-umpire system into Albany football this season is being hampered by a lack of umpires.

Only eight regular umpires have been attending the Collingwood Park training sessions and umpires adviser Phillip Wyatt says that a minimum of 12 will be needed for the two-umpire system.

Albany umpires will receive \$50 for league games, \$40 for reserves and \$35 for thirds.

Lloyd emerges

GREG Lloyd, one of North Albany's most promising young players in recent seasons, is emerging as a senior player this year.

Lloyd has mainly been a permanent forward pocket player in colts and reserves, but now appears likely to hold down a key attacking berth.

Kangas coach Rod Gillies was pleased with the team's final pre-season workout against a University side.

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West Australian Football League

Home side named first
**To be played at Subiaco Oval

Round 1 - March 26
Swans v Claremont
East Frem v Subiaco
Perth v Sth Frem
March 27
West Perth v East Perth

Round 2 - April 2
Subiaco v Perth
Sth Frem v West Perth
April 4
East Perth v Swans
Claremont v East Frem

Round 3 - April 9
East Frem v Swans
East Perth v Claremont
West Perth v Perth
Subiaco v Sth Frem

Round 4 - April 16
Swans v West Perth**
Claremont v Subiaco
Perth v East Perth
April 17
Sth. Frem v East Frem

Round 5 - April 23
Swans v Subiaco
Claremont v West Perth**
East Frem v Perth
East Perth v Sth Frem

Round 6 - April 30
Sth Frem v Swans
Perth v Claremont
West Perth v East Frem
Subiaco v East Perth

Round 7 - May 7
Swans v Perth
Claremont v Sth Frem
East Frem v East Perth**
West Perth v Subiaco
May 14/15 - Weekend Carnival

Round 8 - May 21
Claremont v Swans
East Perth v West Perth
Sth Frem v Perth
Subiaco v East Frem

Round 9 - May 28
East Frem v Claremont
Swans v East Perth
Perth v Subiaco
West Perth v Sth Frem**

June 4 W.A. v S.A.

Round 10 - June 6
West Perth v Swans
Subiaco v Claremont
East Frem v Sth Frem
East Perth v Perth

Round 11 - June 11
Swans v East Frem
Perth v West Perth**
Sth Frem v Subiaco

June 12
Claremont v East Perth

Round 12 - June 18
Subiaco v Swans
West Perth v Claremont
Perth v East Frem
Sth Frem v East Perth

Round 13 - June 25
Swans v Sth Frem
Claremont v Perth
East Frem v West Perth
East Perth v Subiaco**

Round 14 - July 2
Perth v Swans
Sth Frem v Claremont
East Perth v East Frem
Subiaco v West Perth

Round 15 - July 9
Swans v Claremont
East Frem v Subiaco
Perth v Sth Frem
West Perth v East Perth

July 12 W.A. v Vic.

Round 16 - July 16
Claremont v East Frem
East Perth v Swans
Subiaco v Perth

July 17
Sth Frem v West Perth

Round 17 - July 23
East Frem v Swans
East Perth v Claremont
West Perth v Perth
Subiaco v Sth Frem

Round 18 - July 30
Claremont v Subiaco
Sth Frem v East Frem**
Perth v East Perth
July 31
Swans v West Perth

Round 19 - August 6
Swans v Subiaco
Claremont v West Perth
East Frem v Perth
August 7
East Perth v Sth Frem

Round 20 - August 13
Sth Frem v Swans
Perth v Claremont
West Perth v East Frem
East Perth v Subiaco

Round 21 - August 20
Swans v Perth
Claremont v Sth Frem
East Frem v East Perth
Subiaco v West Perth

Finals
August 27 - 1st Semi-Final
September 3 - 2nd Semi-Final
September 10 - Preliminary Final
September 17 - Grand Final



Victorian Football League

Round 1 - March 26
Geelong v Footscray (P)
Carlton v Richmond
Fitzroy v Hawthorn
Melbourne v Collingwood
North Melbourne v St. Kilda
March 27
Swans v Essendon (S)

Part Round 2 - April 2
Collingwood v Geelong
Footscray v Carlton
Richmond v Melbourne

Part Round 2 - April 4
Nth Melbourne v Fitzroy (P)
Essendon v St. Kilda
Hawthorn v Swans

Round 3 - April 9
Carlton v Collingwood (P)
Fitzroy v Essendon
Footscray v Melbourne
Geelong v Richmond
St. Kilda v Hawthorn
April 10
Swans v Nth Melbourne (S)

Round 4 - April 16
St. Kilda v Geelong (P)
Essendon v Collingwood
Fitzroy v Swans
Hawthorn v Footscray
Melbourne v Carlton
Nth Melbourne v Richmond

Part Round 5 - April 23
Carlton v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Hawthorn

April 24
Swans v St. Kilda (S)

Part Round 5 - April 25, Anzac Day
Nth Melbourne v Essendon (P)
Richmond v Footscray
Geelong v Melbourne

Round 6 - April 30
Hawthorn v Richmond (P)
Carlton v Geelong
Collingwood v Nth Melbourne
Essendon v Footscray
Melbourne v Swans
St. Kilda v Fitzroy

Round 7 - May 7
St. Kilda v Melbourne (P)
Fitzroy v Geelong
Footscray v Collingwood
Hawthorn v Nth Melbourne
Richmond v Essendon

May 8
Swans v Carlton (S)

Round 8 - May 14
Collingwood v Richmond (P)
Geelong v Swans
Hawthorn v Essendon
Melbourne v Fitzroy
St. Kilda v Carlton
Nth Melbourne v Footscray

May 16
Sth Australia v Victoria in Adelaide

Round 9 - May 21
Fitzroy v Footscray (P)
Carlton v Hawthorn
Essendon v Melbourne
Geelong v Nth Melbourne
St. Kilda v Richmond

May 22
Swans v Collingwood (S)

Round 10 - May 28
Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)
Collingwood v Fitzroy
Essendon v Geelong
Footscray v St. Kilda
Nth Melbourne v Carlton
Richmond v Swans

Round 11 - June 4
Carlton v Essendon (P)
Fitzroy v Richmond
Hawthorn v Geelong
Melbourne v Nth Melbourne
St. Kilda v Collingwood

June 5
Swans v Footscray (S)

Part Round 12 - June 11
Essendon v Swans
Hawthorn v Fitzroy
St. Kilda v Nth Melbourne

Part Round 12 - June 13
Collingwood v Melbourne (P)
Footscray v Geelong
Richmond v Carlton

Round 13 - June 20
St. Kilda v Essendon (P)
Carlton v Footscray
Fitzroy v Nth Melbourne
Geelong v Collingwood
Melbourne v Richmond

June 21
Swans v Hawthorn (S)

Round 14 - June 27
Richmond v Geelong (P)
Collingwood v Carlton
Essendon v Fitzroy
Hawthorn v St. Kilda
Melbourne v Footscray
Nth Melbourne v Swans

Round 15 - July 2
Footscray v Hawthorn (P)
Carlton v Melbourne
Collingwood v Essendon
Geelong v St. Kilda
Richmond v Nth Melbourne
July 3
Swans v Fitzroy (S)

Part Round 16 - July 9
Fitzroy v Carlton (P)
Footscray v Richmond
Nth Melbourne v Essendon

July 12
West Australia v Victoria in Perth

Part Round 16 - July 16
Hawthorn v Collingwood
Melbourne v Geelong
St. Kilda v Swans

Round 17 - July 23
Nth Melbourne v Collingwood (P)
Footscray v Essendon
Fitzroy v St. Kilda
Richmond v Hawthorn
Geelong v Carlton
July 24
Swans v Melbourne (S)

Round 18 - July 30
Geelong v Fitzroy (P)
Carlton v Swans
Collingwood v Footscray
Essendon v Richmond
Nth Melbourne v Hawthorn
St. Kilda v Melbourne

Round 19 - August 6
Footscray v Nth Melbourne (P)
Carlton v St. Kilda
Essendon v Hawthorn
Fitzroy v Melbourne
Richmond v Collingwood
August 7
Swans v Geelong (S)

Round 20 - August 13
Richmond v St. Kilda (P)
Collingwood v Swans
Footscray v Fitzroy
Hawthorn v Carlton
Geelong v Essendon
Nth Melbourne v Geelong

Round 21 - August 20
Hawthorn v Melbourne (P)
Carlton v Nth Melbourne
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Geelong v Essendon
St. Kilda v Footscray
August 21
Swans v Richmond (S)

Round 22 - August 27
Essendon v Carlton (P)
Collingwood v St. Kilda
Footscray v Swans
Geelong v Hawthorn
Nth Melbourne v Melbourne
Richmond v Fitzroy

Matches to be played on grounds of first named clubs, except where otherwise determined by the VFL.

(P) indicates matches to be played at VFL Park; (S) indicates matches to be played in Sydney.



South Australian National Football League

Matches to be played on ground of first mentioned club except first listed game each week to be played at Football Park.

Round 1 - April 2
Port v Glenelg
West v Centrals
Woodville v Torrens
North v South
April 4
Sturt v Norwood

Round 2 - April 9
Centrals v North
South v Torrens
Port v Norwood
Sturt v Glenelg
West v Woodville

Round 3 - April 16
West v Glenelg
Norwood v Centrals
Woodville v South
North v Torrens

April 17
Port v Sturt

Round 4 - April 23
Woodville v North
Centrals v Port
Torrens v West

April 25
Norwood v Glenelg
South v Sturt

Round 5 - April 30
South v Port
Centrals v Woodville
Glenelg v North
Torrens v Sturt

May 1
West v Norwood

Round 6 - May 7
Glenelg v Torrens
South v Centrals
Port v West
Sturt v Woodville
North v Norwood

Round 7 - May 14
Sturt v Centrals
Glenelg v Woodville
Norwood v South
Port v Torrens
West v North

May 16
S.A. v Victoria

Round 8 - May 21
West v Sturt
South v Glenelg
Centrals v Torrens
Woodville v Norwood
North v Port

Round 9 - May 28
Glenelg v Centrals
Sturt v North
Torrens v Norwood
West v South

May 29
Port v Woodville

Round 10 - June 4
Torrens v Woodville
South v North
Central v West
Norwood v Sturt
Port v Glenelg
S.A. v W.A.

Round 11 - June 11
Centrals v North
Woodville v West

June 12
Sturt v Glenelg

June 13
South v Torrens
Port v Norwood

Round 12 - June 18
Central v Norwood
South v Woodville
Glenelg v West
Sturt v Port
Torrens v North

Round 13 - June 25
Sturt v South
Glenelg v Norwood
Port v Centrals
North v Woodville

June 26
West v Torrens

Round 14 - July 2
Centrals v Woodville
Norwood v West
Port v South
Sturt v Torrens
North v Glenelg

Round 15 - July 9
Norwood v North
Torrens v Glenelg
West v Port
Woodville v Sturt

July 10
Centrals v South

Round 16 - July 16
Centrals v Sturt
Torrens v Port
Woodville v Glenelg
North v West

July 17
South v Norwood

Round 17 - July 23
Centrals v Torrens
Glenelg v South
Norwood v Woodville
Port v North
Sturt v West

Round 18 - July 30
Sturt v North
South v West
Norwood v Torrens
Woodville v Port

July 31
Centrals v Glenelg

Round 19 - August 6
Centrals v West
Sturt v Norwood

August 13
South v North
Glenelg v Port

August 14
Torrens v Woodville

Round 20 - August 20
Woodville v West
Glenelg v Sturt
Torrens v South
North v Centrals

August 21
Norwood v Port

Round 21 - August 27
Torrens v North
South v Woodville
Centrals v Norwood
Port v Sturt
West v Glenelg

Round 22 - September 3
Port v Centrals
Norwood v Glenelg
Sturt v South
West v Torrens
Woodville v North

Elimination Final
September 10

Qualifying Final
September 11

1st Semi Final
September 17

2nd Semi Final
September 18

Preliminary Final
September 25

Grand Final
October 1

1982

**GRAND FINAL
DETAILS**

WAFL



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 1982

SWAN DISTRICTS 5.5 10.8 14.15 18.19 127
CLAREMONT 2.3 4.9 4.10 11.12 78

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Baker 3.1; Richardson 2.4; Fitzgerald, Holmes 2.2; Boucher, Sidebottom 2.1; P. Narkle 2.0; Shine 1.1; Rance, Solin 1.0; K. Narkle 0.3; Nowotny 0.2; Davidson, Kenny 0.1. CLAREMONT: Goulding 3.2; Kanther 2.1; Ralph 2.0; Malaxos, Harper 1.1; Jamieson, Moss 1.0; Panizza 0.3; Daniels, Shaw, M. Watson 0.1; forced 0.1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Baker, Melrose, Sidebottom, Mullooly, P. Narkle, Richardson. CLAREMONT: Goulding, Pearce, Betts, Daniels, Panizza, Betts.

UMPIRES: D. Gillies, R. Phillips. Swan Districts won toss and kicked to eastern end. Free-kicks: SWAN DISTRICTS: 10, 4, 6, 4—24; out-of-bounds 2; 15m 5. CLAREMONT: 14, 8, 9, 9—40; out-of-bounds 7; 15m 2. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 50,883.

MATCH STATISTICS

SWAN DISTRICTS	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls	CLAREMONT	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls
Alan Sidebottom	12	8	6	Warren Ralph	7	2	3
Peter Kenny	4	3	5	Steve Goulding	20	2	3
Jon Fogarty	11	0	6	Baden Harper	3	3	3
Don Holmes	13	2	7	Gerald Betts	8	3	6
Phil Narkle	15	4	7	Graham Moss	4	4	5
Keith Narkle	21	1	2	Mark Watson	6	3	4
Don Langsford	11	2	2	Noel Morton	6	0	4
Bill Skwirowski	3	0	4	Allen Daniels	23	4	2
Stan Nowotny	11	4	4	Brad Reynolds	12	1	7
Alan Cransberg	6	5	7	Steve Malaxos	4	4	8
Graham Melrose	20	6	5	Tom Pearce	12	1	7
Murray Rance	2	1	4	Jeff Hocking	4	0	1
Tony Solin	10	2	1	Reg Watson	2	0	3
Leon Baker	21	8	5	Wayne Blackwell	16	8	12
Jeff Davidson	2	2	0	Darrell Panizza	16	7	7
Ron Boucher	6	4	3	Michael Aitken	10	5	9
Ross Fitzgerald	13	8	6	Gary Shaw	17	2	2
Brad Shine	16	5	4	Brett Farmer	6	3	3
Mike Richardson	20	2	7	Lindsay Kanther	7	1	2
Tom Mullooly	12	3	6	Peter Jamieson	4	2	5
TOTAL	227	69	84	TOTAL	187	55	95

HOW THEY LINED UP

SWAN DISTRICTS: Backs: Kenny, Mullooly, Skwirowski. Half-backs: Melrose, Cransberg, Solin. Centres: P. Narkle, Baker, Davidson. Half-forwards: Shine, Rance, K. Narkle. Forwards: Sidebottom, Nowotny, Holmes. Ruck: Boucher, Fogarty, Richardson. Interchange: Langsford, Fitzgerald.

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

WAFL Reserves

CLAREMONT 4.4 7.9 14.15 18.22 130
EAST PERTH 1.1 2.2 3.4 7.4 46

GOALS: CLAREMONT: Gray 4; Payne, Mitchell 3; Phillips, O'Connell 2; Poepjes, Farmer, Smith, Rowe 1. EAST PERTH: Sparks, Solin, Andrich, Garnett, Edwards, Seal, Bewick 1.

BEST: CLAREMONT: Barns, O'Connell, Papalla, Gray, Mitchell, Furlong. EAST PERTH: Sparks, Fullarton, Couatts, Edwards, Garnett, Solin.

WAFL Colts

SOUTH FREMANTLE 3.0 7.2 11.4 18.6 114
EAST PERTH 2.3 5.6 6.10 12.11 83

GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Morich 5; Jackson 3; Martin 3; Sims 2; Little 2; Waddell 1; O'Donnell 1; White 1. EAST PERTH: McGirr 3; Higgins 2; Cross 2; Fraser 2; Papotto 1; Western 1; Best 1.

BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Dennett, Martin, Little. EAST PERTH: Scherini, Papotto, Western.

VFL



GRAND FINAL

CARLTON 4.4 6.11 11.15 14.19 103
RICHMOND 4.3 9.4 9.10 12.13 85

SCORERS: CARLTON: Fitzpatrick, Johnston, Ashman, McConville 2; Bosustow, Hunter, Maylin, Marcou, Maclure, Harmes 1. RICHMOND: Rioli, Bartlett, Cloke 3; Weightman, Raines, Jess.

BEST: CARLTON: Johnston, Doull, Fitzpatrick, Perovic, English, Jones. RICHMOND: Rioli, Bartlett, Raines, Dunne, Keane.

SANFL



GRAND FINAL

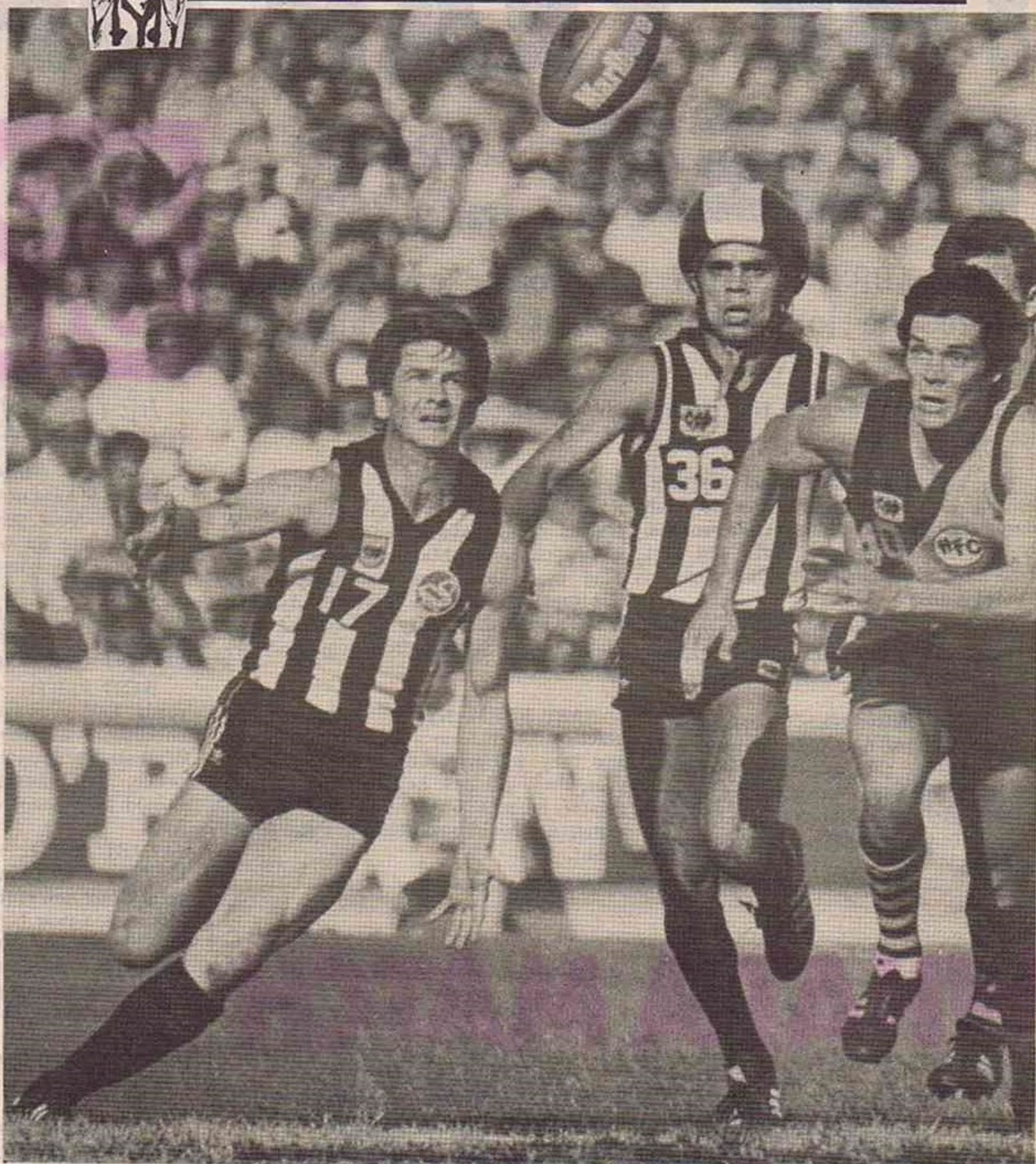
NORWOOD 3.3 7.5 11.8 20.13 133
GLENELG 2.2 3.7 6.14 9.17 71

SCORERS: NORWOOD: Neagle 6.1; Roberts 2.2; M. Aish, A. Aish 2.1; Michalanne 2.0; Turbill 1.3; K. Thomas 1.1; Jenkins, Gallagher, Fosdike, Thiel 1.0; Button, Adler 0.1. Forced 0.2. GLENELG: Lunness 3.1; McInerney 2.2; Kermahan 1.3; Carey 1.2; Symonds 1.1; Holst 1.1; McGuinness 0.2; Weston, McDermott, Maynard 0.1. Forced 0.3.

BEST: NORWOOD: McIntosh, Turbill, Jenkins, Neagle, Winter, Stemper. GLENELG: Cornes, Maynard, Frost, Carey, McInerney, Marshall.



GRAND FINAL ACTION



A MELROSE MEDAL

In 1974 Graham Melrose won WA's most coveted individual award — the Sandover Medal. And then he went on to win a premiership with East Fremantle as captain of the side.

So when he played in a premiership team with Swan Districts eight years later it was fitting that he should again be honoured by winning an individual award on a great day for the Bassendean club. Melrose put in a top performance in defence for Swans and as a result of that won the Simpson Medal. Melrose, with more than 300 league matches under his belt with three clubs in two States, used all his experience in the last line of defence for Swans as he acted as a sweeper in the backline.

He repelled attack after attack and played a similar role to that which he did in the second semi final when he was the popular choice as the best man on the ground. Melrose virtually roved in the backline and combined with Tom Mullooly and Bill Skwirowski to hold an otherwise inexperienced backline together. The younger players responded to the challenge and ably supported their more senior team-mates.

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KEN McAULLAY
Channel 7

E. Fremantle v Subiaco

After predicting on Channel 7 on Sunday that Subiaco would win the premiership how could I go past them against East Fremantle this week?



FRED WOODS
Westside Football

West Perth v East Perth

Both presidents have had a lot to say and now we will see if the players live it up. West Perth will win.



ALAN EAST
Western Mail

Swans v Claremont

The peaceful Swan is no match for an angry Tiger, but team of high-flying Swans can soar to success.

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

Looking into '83

The 1983 W.A.F.L. football season should restore the long-awaited eight team competitive fixtures.

For many seasons the final four has been selected before, or during, the first round.

The key to a more competitive competition has been the changes to club administrations over the summer months. Subiaco, East Fremantle, Perth and East Perth have all undergone major changes in club leadership.

As with all new leaders, many promises are made to the members and perhaps the most often used is "a better team than last year".

With this "better team" usually comes an initial flow of new ideas and methods throughout the club, generating an initial surge of enthusiasm than can often be seen by the on-field performances.

Here are my thoughts at how each side will finish in 1983:

SUBIACO — will reap the benefits of Ken Armstrong's development of young players. They have a steady defence and a high possession-obtaining mobile division. They must kick more goals. Players like Clinton Brown, Brian Taylor and Bevan Warner have the ability to kick the goals that stopped Subiaco from winning more games in 1982.

EAST FREMANTLE — although their practice match form has been encouraging and they will win more games than last year, they still lack key forwards. With a greater reliance on youth, their lack of experience could be crucial when the games count.

DORRO'S DIARY

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PERTH — although the young players of this side have now had a season together they lack 'goal power'. Coach Ian Miller has to come up with forwards who can kick winning scores. Michael Rea will be fully tested to kick the goals he did in 1982 and from what I can see there are few others. A disciplined Doug Simms could provide the needed goals.

WEST PERTH — they are at the crossroads. Last year saw a general lift in club enthusiasm and they finished third. Many of their key players are older and injury prone. The pressure for more success should help them contest a place in the four.

EAST PERTH — having won 11 games in 1981 and 13 in 1982 — and with a completely new club administration — 1983 looms as a year for all football patrons to watch. They have some potentially exciting young players who are nearly ready to take their place as league footballers. They still have the same problem in attack that stopped them from winning more games in 1982 — players who can kick winning goals at the right time.

SOUTH FREMANTLE — look to be the improvers for 1983, following a disappointing season in 1982 and with a 'fit' Stephen Michael as captain they should be there all year. Pre-season form is little to go on when you know their coach. Mal Brown will be 'foxing' for a good price. Brownie can't afford to fail or Roy Annear will sell him.

SWAN DISTRICTS — back-to-back premierships are a difficult assignment. While Swans will still be a power and lead the premiership table for a major part of the home-and-away games, the deciding factor will be that key word 'attitude'. Coach John Todd will be instilling that fierce approach that saw them win the 1982 flag so magnificently. Re-organising the forward line to kick the goals will be Todd's biggest challenge.

CLAREMONT — having tasted the sweetness of glory in 1981 and the sourness of defeat in 1982 — and being able to maintain their key players — Claremont have the runners, centreline strength and enormous 'goal power' to win the 1983 flag.

The addition of Wayne Duke and Barry Beecroft will allow one of the State's greatest players in coach Graham Moss to use his talents everywhere, keeping other sides guessing from week to week and causing headaches to opposing coaches.

What am I doing in '83?

After the turmoil of the 'Royal Civil War' in late 1982, I was placed in the dole queue as an unemployed coach.

Having been born and bred a Royal, I would be lying to say I wasn't a little disappointed. Sixteen years service as a player, junior coach, schools coach, runner, colts coach, special squad coach, reserves coach, selector, assistant coach and league coach with a record that includes one colts

premiership, three reserves premierships, one league premiership (1978) as assistant coach and also having never coached a side that has finished out of the four, the dole queue was hard to take.

I believe things happen for a reason and while I still wonder what it is, I must say I am looking forward to being with my family and having a look at football from the other side.

Media work gives you the new experiences that can only make me a better coach next year!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our last two back-page columnists — Ian Miller and Graham Campbell — both went into coaching jobs after a season with Westside!



Graham Melrose
... end of an era?

Injuries have forced many footballers into premature retirement and the latest player facing this decision is the Swan Districts captain Graham Melrose.

Melrose damaged his knee in the practice match against South Fremantle, and he later underwent an exploratory operation to check the knee.

Unfortunately for 'Melly', Swan Districts and football in general, the resulting diagnosis was severe damage to the cruciate ligament and arthritis.

This no doubt has placed a large hurdle in Melrose's future.

Melrose, who has played over 300 league games, has been one of this State's best players, an enormous competitor and great leader of men. He will no doubt work at the injury to play again in 1983. I am sure I speak for all football followers in wishing him all the best.

Selections

CLAREMONT v SWAN DISTRICTS — in what will be a great game, the winning ascendancy will come across the centre and in particular the forward zone. Claremont have the goal power forwards to win, but narrowly.

EAST FREMANTLE v SUBIACO —

East Fremantle will start the season on a winning note. There should be a great contest between two outstanding ruckmen in Laurie Keene and Paul Harding.

SOUTH FREMANTLE v PERTH — South Fremantle's pre-season form has been set up by coach Mal Brown for a good price! South have too many goal-scoring avenues for a keen Perth.

WEST PERTH v EAST PERTH — Season 1982 saw some great encounters between these sides and Sunday's game will be worth seeing. West Perth appear to have the ascendancy across the centre and more goal power. These games are always close and torrid encounters.

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