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Tigers ready to roar

THE Tigers are off the prowl - and that's official.

Claremont have finished their aggressive recruiting drive and they now believe that they have the team to win their second premiership in three years.

The Tigers embarked on a strong recruiting campaign which netted them three experienced players and when the last deal was finalised this week they called off the talent scouts.

Football manager Ron Webster was the instigator behind the moves which saw Claremont strengthen their ruck battery and add more life to the forward line.

Firstly, the Tigers snared former East Perth and Fitzroy ruckman Wayne Duke in a bold move which brought him out of retirement.

Then they claimed Barry Beecroft a ruckman in the 1981 premiership team because the Sydney Swans had slipped in their payments.

And on Monday they finalised a deal to get former East Perth livewire Larry Kickett into Claremont colours this year.

This recruiting campaign must rate as one of the most successful ever seen in WA.

Duke showed his class to WA fans in his 59 games with East Perth and despite an 18-month lay-off with a groin injury he should prove good value for the Tigers.



By GARY STOCKS

Beecroft developed into the team's top ruckman in 1981 and this gives Claremont the opportunity to leave captain coach Graham Moss at centre-half forward.

In the 1981 final round Beecroft was a top player until the grand final when he was floored in the opening seconds of the match. He returned to the Sydney Swans last year but has now settled back in Perth.

IDEAL PLAYER

Kickett could be ideal for Claremont.

Their only weakness appears in the small-man department and he should solve that problem as well as giving the side even more flexibility. He is a pacy half forward who can inspire a team.

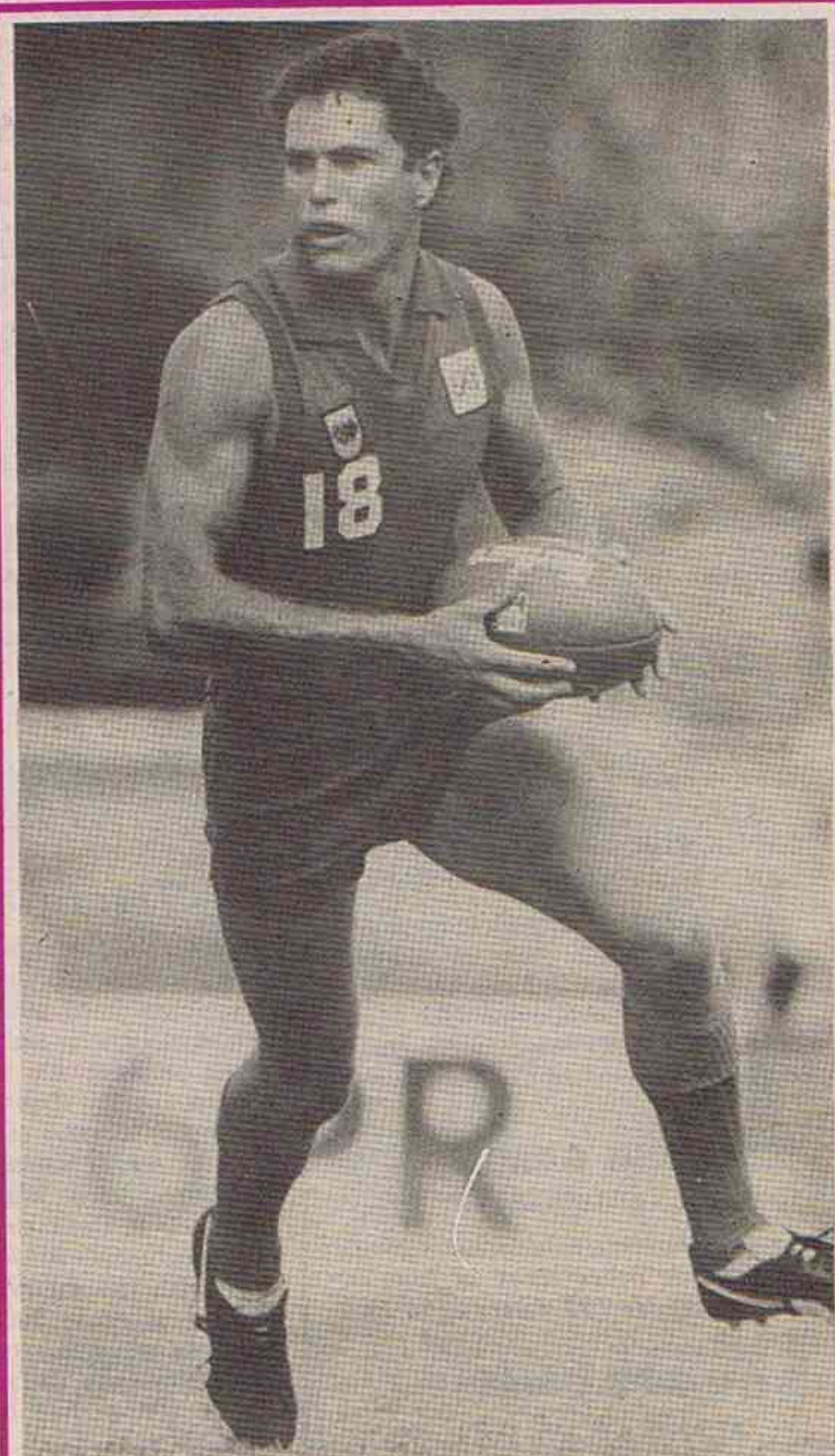
Webster says that Claremont will now work on building a premiership team from the talent at their disposal.

Claremont's aggressive campaign had almost every other club in WA on the defensive.

Besides Duke, Beecroft and Kickett they also put out strong feelers for Subiaco's Ken Marshall, Swan Districts' Ross Fitzgerald and South Fremantle's Phil Cronan.

And there was also the suggestion that they made offers to senior players from other clubs like Les Fong.

The other seven clubs in the WAFL can breathe a sigh of relief as the Tigers seem content with what they now have in their ranks.



CRONAN'S BIG DAY



West Perth defender Phil Cronan faces an anxious game when he lines up for the Falcons against South Fremantle on Saturday.

Cronan, who joined West Perth this year after 74 games with South Fremantle, is determined to do well against his old side.

The former Bulldog was in good touch in last Sunday's match against East Perth and he is keen to carry that form back to Fremantle Oval this week.

Cronan has settled in well at West Perth and is hoping for big things this week.

"It is a really good club," he says. "And everything has worked out well.

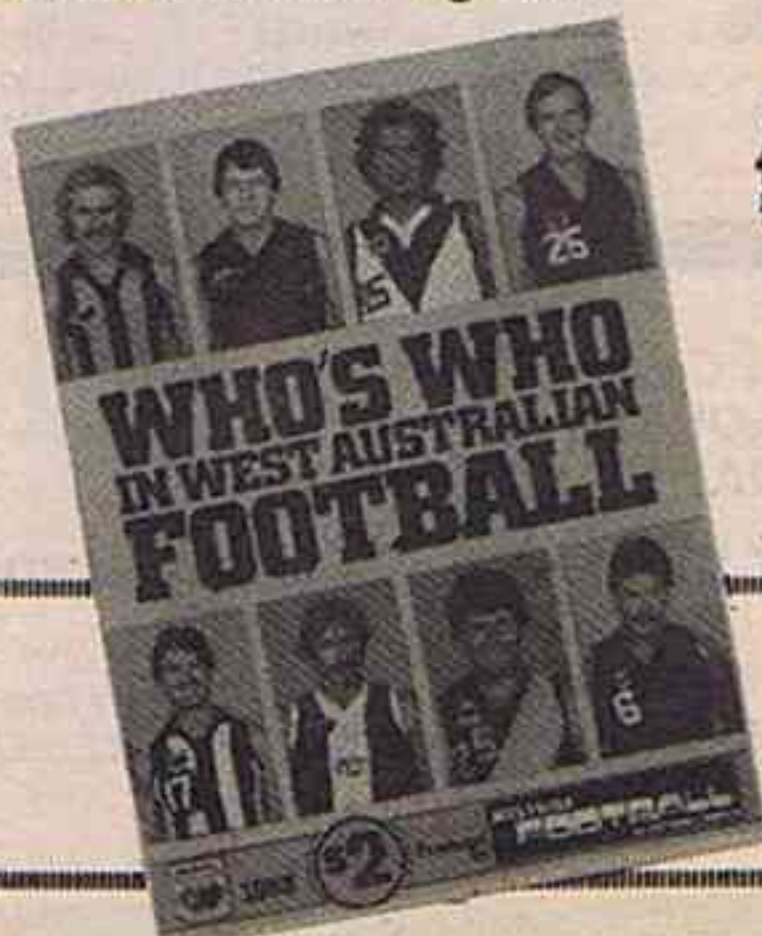
"It would be nice to be a part of a side that beats South Fremantle in my first game against my old club.

"We have worked pretty hard during the pre-season and we are keen for early success.

"By the end of the first round we want to be near the top of the ladder."

In his first match with the Falcons, Cronan had 18 kicks from a half-back flank and the State defender will be looking for a similar tally against the Bulldogs.

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PETER MURNANE (WP) 98*
BRUCE MONTEATH (SF) 97
PAUL VASOLI (SF) 97*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Ross Kerr 63 South Frem, Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn, Paul Vasoli 32 Perth.

150 GAMES

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BRYAN COUSINS (P) 141

200 GAMES

ALEX HAMILTON (EF) 199*
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JOHN DUCKWORTH (WP) 198*

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Greg Brehaut lays down the law during last Sunday's match against West Perth. It was Brehaut's first official day as the senior coach of East Perth and he was obviously keen to get his message across early.

Fong leads

WEST Perth skipper Les Fong has taken an early lead in the Marlboro Player of the series award worth \$1,000. Fong, who polled nine votes for his effort against East Perth, has a three vote break over Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor, East Perth rover Alex Hamilton and South Fremantle half back Benny Vigona.

Wrong message

SWAN Districts were one of the trend-setters for the run-through banners which added atmosphere to the start of games last year and their message for the opening round of fixtures was simple. The banner read "Start off '83 as we finished '82." But with the banner and the official raising of the 1982 pennant perhaps the players were pre-occupied with the grand final last year. After a fine start they allowed Claremont back into the match.

Tigers in reserve

TWO of Claremont's stars in the last few seasons, Baden Harper and Brad Reynolds, lined up in the reserves against Swan Districts last Saturday. However, their presence was not enough to win the match for the Tigers. Reynolds played as a ruck-rover and came under notice with several useful passages of play. However, Harper could be in real trouble. He injured an ankle in the match and could be out of the league side for some time. Before going off with the injury, he had been a good player at centre half back. Reynolds was playing reserves after a payments dispute saw him miss the pre-season preparation, while Harper had been in trouble with a leg injury.

Smith survives

SWAN Districts supporters could have been well pleased with the return of former State centremen Mike Smith. He played in the reserves side and while he did not show the sparkle which made him a top player with the club several seasons ago, some of the old flair was evident. The good news was that Smith appeared to be in no difficulty when turning on his troublesome knee and he should be back to league football in the near future.

**OVER
THE
FENCE**



Lucky escape

PERTH were lucky to have half-back Glen O'Rourke in the side for the game against South Fremantle. O'Rourke fell off his motor cycle on the morning of the match and removed a lot of skin off both his arms. Perth coach Ian Miller nearly had a fit when he walked into the changerooms before the match and saw O'Rourke being patched up. It took a lot of courage by the former Swan Districts player to see the game out and he put in a serviceable effort for his Perth debut.

Welcome home

IT was pleasing to see former Perth coach Ken Armstrong and his wife back at Lathlain Park on Saturday night. Armstrong's departure from Perth several seasons ago was not quite in pleasant circumstances as he quit mid-year from his administrative post to take up the coaching reins at Subiaco. But he has always been a loyal Demon and it is good for football when people like Armstrong can return to their home club and still feel part of the scene. It was interesting to note the number of former Perth players who wanted to make him feel welcome again. Good to see you still in footy, Ken.

**IT'S YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday? Our weekly birthday segment wishes them all the best . . .

Michael Fairclough (S)
23 on 31st.

Peter Thomas (S)
23 on March 31st.



Lindsay Kanther (C)
23 on April 2nd.

Rod Grijusich (SF)
19 on 3rd.

Mitch Fussell (S)
23 on 3rd.

Mark Watson (C)
23 on 4th.

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21 on 8th.



Barrie Quick (SF)
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THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

WORLD OF

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Sunday 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, ROUND 2

SUBIACO, W v Perth at Subiaco
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W v West Perth at Fremantle
PERTH, L v Subiaco at Subiaco
WEST PERTH, W v South Fremantle at Fremantle

MONDAY, APRIL 4, ROUND 2

EAST PERTH, L v Swan Districts at Perth
CLAREMONT, W v East Fremantle at Claremont
SWANS, L v East Perth at Perth
EAST FREMANTLE, L v Claremont at Claremont



**FOOTBALLER OF
THE YEAR**

Leaders:
Allen Daniels (C) . . . 3
Benny Vigona (SF) . . . 3
Dwayne Lamb (S) . . . 3
Les Fong (WP) 3



**GOALKICKER OF
THE YEAR**

Steve Goulding (C) . . 7
Ken Marshall (SD) . . . 6
Warren Ralph (C) . . . 5
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Exciting new age for football

ONE small change to the rules — a line across the centre circle — has heralded an exciting new age of football.

We will now see the advent of the leaping ruckman with a powerful spring and brilliant skills to thrill the crowds.

I believe those enthralling aerial duels in the centre will become a real feature of games this season.

For several years now we have seen the development of top ruckmen who like to stand toe-to-toe with their opponent and lean on him, using strength and physical skills to win ruck contests.

Players such as Graham Moss, Ron Boucher, Ron Alexander, Steve Turner and Ben Jager are good examples.

These ruckmen, however, may be the ones who suffer most at centre bounce-downs under this new rule.

Bulk and strength will not be as important as a terrific leap and good palming skills. This opens up the centre square and clears the ball quickly into attack.

Last Saturday at Lathlain Park the high leaping Dave Rawlinson took control of the centre bounces in the second quarter and this gave South an immediate spring-board for their attacks.

This was the quarter in which South Fremantle won the game.

However, in the third quarter, Rhett Baynes showed his springing prowess at

centre bounces to assist Perth to play a much improved quarter.

But it was obvious that South's rotation of three bigmen, Rawlinson, Steve Michael and Lyndsay Borthwick, continually kept the pressure on Perth's two ruckmen.

This leads to the fact that clubs must keep their leaping ruckmen as fresh as possible, so that vital centre bounces can be won in tiring and torrid last quarters.

To do this, each club should look at carrying three top-class leaping ruckmen so that they can be successfully rotated.

When I suggested this to Ian Miller after last Saturday's game he replied, "I would love to carry three, please tell me where I can find another one!"

Wouldn't Ian love to have a fit Wayne Simms back in the team.

Swans no doubt miss the services of high leaping Alan Sidebottom, as it leaves them with only two experienced ruckmen in Boucher and Peter Sartori.

However, they may be able to cover this weakness with their brilliant brigade of mobile men at ground level.

Incidentally, I believe that this season will see Sartori mature into a very valuable and consistent leaping ruckman.

Again, at Leederville Oval on Sunday it was the height and leap of John Ironmonger in that exciting and gruelling last quarter that enabled East Perth to continually win the ball from centre bounces and almost snatch victory.

HIGH-FLYERS

Some of the high flying ruckmen who should relish this new rule are — Stephen Michael (SF), Paul Harding (EF), Laurie Keene (S), Peter Sartori (SD), John Ironmonger (EP), Dave Rawlinson (SF) and Wayne Duke (C) — when fully fit.

For this new rule to work correctly, however, the ball must be bounced straight in order to advantage the more skilful player. It is good to know that the umpires are working overtime on this aspect of their game.

Leaping ruckmen are not new.

One of the greatest ruckmen ever to pull on a boot, Graham "Polly" Farmer, was a real leaper. His ability to spring early and hover in the air like a giant eagle, completely revolutionised ruck work in W.A. And he had the same effect when he went to the V.F.L.

Let's hope we see another "Polly" emerge this season.

So long as this new rule stays in operation, all clubs will be on the lookout for tall springing ruckmen.

I believe that this type of player will be offered very big money if he is good.

So to all young tall ruckmen who read this article, my advice is to practice your high jumping and work on your timing.

If you are a tall accurately palming leaper you will always be in a big demand, not only in W.A. but also by V.F.L. clubs.

Wayne Harvey



is this week's *Guest Columnist*
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East Perth ruckman John Ironmonger and his West Perth counterpart, Ben Jager, in a typical high-leaping clash.



Powers of thought

Sporting psychologists are becoming the most important coaching tool that a club can possess.

Players must learn to believe in themselves and their destinies and that old saying "You are what you think you are" is most appropriate to footballers.

The extra speed of today's game, the requirement for each player to be much more versatile and the additional stress to attain maximum performance, has created a need for concentration, application and dedication far greater than ever before.

Players are highly tuned physical athletes and must now develop their mental powers correspondingly to fully utilise their physical attributes.

They must learn to cope with the enormous pressures of today's game.

If players such as Chris Stasinowsky, Doug Simms, Benny Vigona and the Krakouer brothers could produce a full game at their maximum ability, how brilliant would they be!

In fact, how fantastic would our competition be if all players performed to their absolute maximum for four quarters in every game.

Claremont have used a psychologist throughout the summer to help players develop confidence and work towards established goals. Their win over the strong Swans team last Saturday is testimony that the psychology is working.

LIVE TELECASTS

TVW 7 and the W.A.F.L. are to be congratulated on having taken a giant step forward in the promotion of football by arranging three live telecasts this season.

This is a tremendous public relations exercise in which football must be the winner.

Think of all the people who, for various reasons, cannot physically attend matches.

There are those precluded by age (too old or too young), the sick and those with other commitments.

These people will be eternally grateful for this new privilege.

There are also many people who don't follow our game — e.g. those new to Australia — who would become followers and eventually staunch financial supporters, purely because of these telecasts.

I would like to see a live telecast to the metropolitan area every Saturday. Other sports have done it with great success.

Crowds will only be slightly down in the short-term. But in the long-term football will benefit enormously.



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...move was the turning point

When big West Perth ruckman Mick Rea applied for a clearance from the Falcons to Perth in 1981 no one could have imagined how quickly he would rise to prominence at his new club.

Rea had struggled for a league game at West Perth where there was an abundance of big men and he spent most of his 20 matches on the interchange bench.

But the strongly built ruckman was keen to succeed in WA and could see no future in spending long periods off the ground. So he made the move to Lathlain Park.

Few people in the football world could have predicted that from being an ordinary player at West Perth he could go on to become the second most successful full forward in the game.

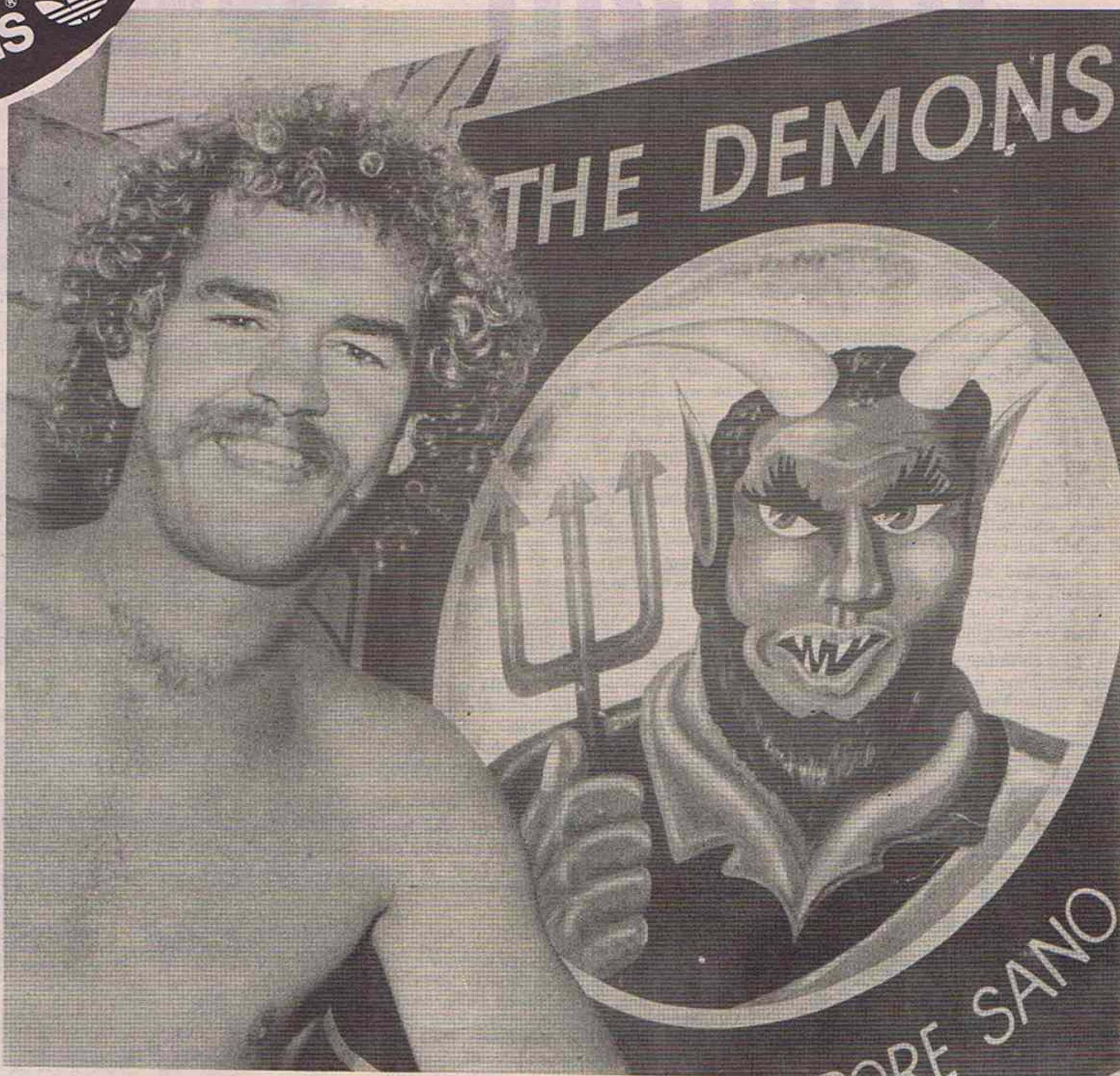
Rea kicked 74 goals for the season in 1982 — a fine feat especially when it is considered that Perth finished second last on the premiership table.

He gave the Demons some purpose in attack and once they realised how useful the big marking Rea was in front of goal they began to look for him.

As they began to kick the ball to him, Rea grew in confidence and began to do the things he knew he was capable of doing and suddenly he became the focal point in attack.

Rea relished the success he had in 1982 and is keen to continue that form in the new season.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the likeable Rea this week and found out the things which saw him progress from obscurity to stardom in one season.



Mick Rea... happy in the Demons camp.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Mick Rea.
Born: Melbourne, 7.12.57.
Height: 6.5% (197 cm).
Weight: 16.0 (101 kg).
Lives at Scarborough.
Occupation: Carpenter.
Football honours: None.
Favourite food: Anything that's edible.
Favourite drink: Soda water.
Hobbies and relaxation: Surfing, cricket and tennis.
Football likes: Playing and training.
Football dislikes: Fickle supporters.
Football idols: Stan Alves.
Hard things in football: Playing consistently.
Ambitions: To play as long as I can and to kick 100 goals in a season.
What car do you drive: An Escort.
Favourite films: Monty Pythons and the Rocky movies were good.
Favourite music: Van Morrison, Dire Straits and Dan Fogelberg.
Girlfriend's name: Jill.
League debut: Melbourne 1978; West Perth 1979; Perth 1981.
Games played: Melbourne 4; West Perth 20; Perth 25.
Goals: Melbourne 2; West Perth 20; Perth 74.
Guernsey number: 1.

Q: You must have been happy with the way things went last year — kicking 74 goals for the season?

A: Yes, real happy. I had a bit of a struggle getting the full forward spot with Peter Lane coming over, but my form kept me there. It was my best effort in league football. However, I do not remember the goals so much but more the points.

Q: Could you put down your improvement to any particular reason?

A: I suppose the difference was playing under a coach who had confidence in my ability. At West Perth I was battling to get a game, but with (Ian Miller, Chubby (Alan Stiles — the reserves coach) and Eddie (Eddie Michalcyk — the colts coach) it has been push, push, push all the way.

Q: Was it a hard decision to make to leave West Perth?

A: Yes it was hard. I came over from Melbourne to play with them and you get a circle of friends together and those ties are hard to break. It was mainly Mark Washfold who talked me into coming to Perth. I was recruited to West Perth through Dennis Jones, who coached me in Melbourne. And then when Carl Ditterich arrived at Melbourne I figured that was another big guy and that made my chances of playing league football quite slim. Dennis then asked me if I wanted to come to Perth with him and then made a phone call to West Perth telling them I was available.

Q: Were you a ruckman in your early days or have you always been a forward?

A: Yes. I was a ruckman in my early days when I was a lot fitter. Last year I played at 17 stone, now I am a trim 16 stone. I went with Lyn Foreman, who had been coaching us early in the year, out to Bob Scott, a chiropractor, and I went to water training out there. I was running up and down a pool for an hour every night

and they also put me on a proper diet. I had to cut out the beer, sugars, dairies and red meats. Now I eat mainly whole-meals, vegetables, fish and carbohydrates — a lot of potatoes. I feel much better for it and I can even jump off the ground now.

Q: You must be looking forward to this year?

A: Yes, as soon as I am fit enough to play again. I broke my toe at work. One of the guys I work with was in a bit of trouble with a wheel barrow on a ramp and I raced over and caught the barrow. But when he jumped off the ramp three 14 foot planks came down on my toe. They caught me two blocks away, after I had stopped running, and took me to hospital. It is not as bad as it looks — it is just a compound fracture. I had about 10 stitches in it.

Q: So you must be enjoying your time at Perth — apart from the injury?

A: Yes, for sure. It was the best decision I have ever made. Football-wise and social-wise it is great. The guys are all pretty young — I think the average age is something like 21.

Q: How are some of the younger players going?

A: I think we have a lot of depth in the younger players, but Earl Spalding and Sean O'Brien are looking good. Earl is lacking a bit in fitness at the moment because he has a hereditary ankle problem and he hasn't been able to do a lot of the work. Sean came up from colts and reserves last year and played some useful matches. And there are about a dozen other young blokes who look good.

Q: How do you think Perth will go this year?

A: I think we will go much better. We are a year older, and we have not lost anyone — mainly because we haven't

had anyone to sell. On top of that we picked up Kevin Worthington, who is going to be an asset and Glen O'Rourke and Ross Fitzgerald will be good players for Perth.

Q: When you first came over here did you ever think you would kick 74 goals in a season?

A: No. Not really. I would have been happy just to get a game. It would be nice to kick more goals than Warren Ralph this year.

Q: I believe your father came across last year to watch a few games?

A: Yes. He came over for his yearly visit of about six weeks and watched. It is good having him there because I always seem to play better when he is there. I kicked two lots of eight goals when he was here last year. He is coming across again soon.

Q: How hard was pre-season this year?

A: We started way back in October and it has been pretty hard. We had John Garnett as our pre-season fitness coach, he took over from Andrew Taggart, and he was probably harder than Andrew and we had Lyn Foreman taking us for running and she was hard. We had two weeks off for Christmas and then we were straight back into it. I also did a bit of boxing to sharpen up my reflexes.

Q: What success did you have with Melbourne before you came across to Perth?

A: Very average. I played the last four of the season in 1978 and then Ditterich came in and we never got on. So I left.

Q: Who had the biggest influence on your career in the early stages?

A: Undoubtedly my father. He was a good footballer, but he only played in the country because he was working on his farm. I think he played a few games with South Melbourne before going back to the bush.

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	Subiaco v Perth	S.Frem v W.Perth	Clar v E. Frem	E. Perth v Swans
GARY STOCKS	2	Subiaco	W. Perth	Claremont	Swans
ALAN EAST	2	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	E. Perth
PETER POAT	2	Subiaco	W. Perth	Claremont	Swans
DAVE CLEMENT	2	Perth	W. Perth	Claremont	Swans
MOTHER BROWN	3	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
GARY CARVOLTH	1	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
BOB CRIBB	4	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
GRANT DORRINGTON	3	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
ROBERT BENNETT	2	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
IAN MILLER	1	Perth	South Frem	Claremont	Swans
MOST FAVOURED	2	Subiaco	South Frem	Claremont	Swans

Vital clash for two winners

THE clash between South Fremantle and West Perth at Fremantle Oval on Saturday will be vital for both clubs.

They both won in the opening round of fixtures last week and they realise it is vital to get away to a good start. It is important to win the early matches and gain a break on the other sides.

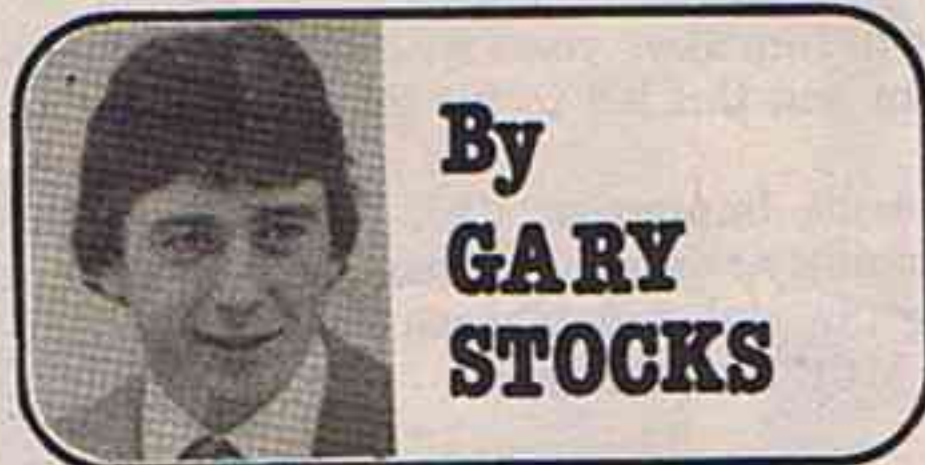
West Perth coach Dennis Cometti has emphasised that he is keen to take out the early matches so that he can buy time until some of his injured players are fit enough to resume.

The Falcons should have beaten East Perth more convincingly than they did last Sunday and obviously Cometti will this week be working on his side's conversion rate.

West Perth were well pleased with the debut of full forward Peter Avery and he could be the player who will mean the difference between celebrating on Saturday night or West Perth drowning their sorrows.

South Fremantle were not overly impressive when they beat Perth and they could be found wanting in the pace department.

The Bulldogs looked a little sluggish, but they are always hard to beat at Fremantle Oval. This match has all the ingredients of a top contest.



By **GARY STOCKS**

The Lions were most impressive against the Sharks and should be able to keep their winning record intact.

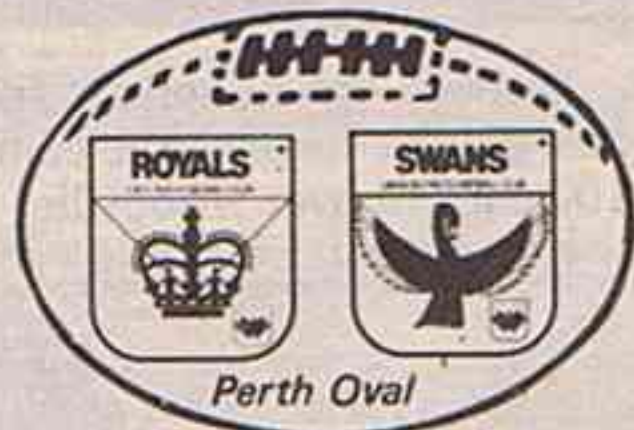
They showed that this year they will have the forwards capable of kicking winning scores and also have a tight defence led by newcomer Greg Wilkinson and fairest and best winner Dwayne Lamb.

Subiaco also have a strong centreline and following division and they should prove too good for a Perth side which were not impressive against South Fremantle.

The Demons lacked purpose in their play last Saturday and no doubt Ian Miller will be looking for a marked improvement against the Lions.



SUBIACO could not have hoped for a better start to the season than by beating East Fremantle in the opening round and they will have every chance of making it two in a row when they meet Perth on Saturday.



EAST Perth were impressive against West Perth last Sunday, particularly in their last quarter fight-back. But they will have more problems with Swan Districts.

Swans move the ball around well, have a ruck combination capable of matching it with John Ironmonger and Alex



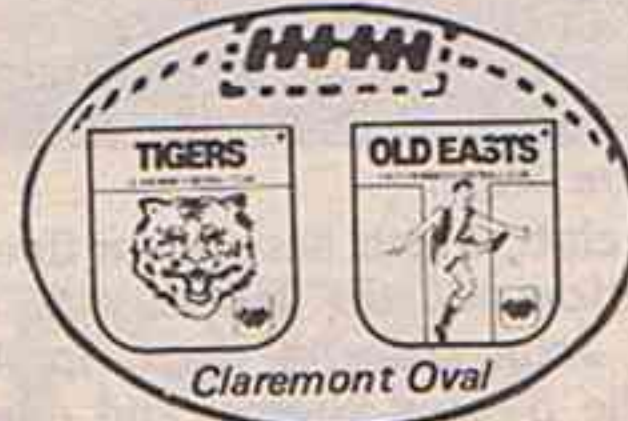
Graham Moss

Ishchenko, have a good mobile division and a sound defence.

Ron Boucher and Peter Sartori were the dominant ruckmen in the game against Claremont last week and they should be able to win their share of knockouts to give players like Don Holmes, Don Langsford and Jon Fogarty many opportunities.

East Perth look suspect in defence, while Swans have a more-than-capable attacking core of players led by Ken Marshall, Holmes and Gerard Neesham.

The Royals will have to wait another week before they can register their first points.



CLAREMONT showed they are the best team in the competition with their character victory over Swan Districts and they should record their second win in as many games when they meet East Fremantle.

The Sharks were well beaten by Subiaco and although they should improve they just do not have the fire power to match it with the Tigers.

The Tigers have an abundance of talent all around the ground and East Fremantle do not have the strength to cope with them.

On top of that Claremont have the best full forward in the land, Warren Ralph and top players like Stephen Goulding, Wayne Blackwell, Allen Daniels and Darrell Panizza to provide him with many opportunities.

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



IAN MILLER

Interchange umpire

Last year I made mention of the possible use of the interchange system for umpires, making use of the emergency umpire at the ground. The game may not be ready for such a move, but last Saturday at Lathlain Park there was a classic example of when it could have been used. Umpire Fred Devine was down with cramp during the third quarter for about six minutes and play was stopped for most of that time, while everyone waited for him to recover. Surely he could have been taken from the ground and replaced by the reserve umpire and when he had recovered he could have returned to the field to once again assume control.

Boots issue

It was good to see East Fremantle and Shane Ellis resolve their differences over the type of footwear he could use. This conflict between player, club and footwear manufacturers has been going on for years, both here and in the VFL. There is a case for both the club policy and the player's choice, but every so often, as in this case, it again becomes a contentious issue.

Statistics

It was very interesting to see both Sunday papers publishing all player statistics from each game. The general football spectator will no doubt find a lot of interest in these figures and maybe it will assist in the solving of arguments over a player's performance. A player's tally of possessions can often flatter his performance, because it is the effectiveness of the disposal that counts, and that is not shown on these statistics. While most players come up well on the possession list I wonder how some would show up if the basic stats of team football, like how many times a player spoiled, chased, tackled, shepherded, tapped the ball on or ran to receive were added to stats sheet.

Sunday crunch

While the introduction of Sunday football has been a winner, and was again last weekend, I am sure some families would have been annoyed to have stood in line at one of the four queues at the outer gates only to find that just two turnstiles were operating. I was one of those people and I think that at about 2pm on Sunday there were more people outside Leederville Oval than there were inside.

New faces

Last week I mentioned the prospect of many new stars on the scene this year. From round one we have already seen some most encouraging first game performances from the following players, Peter Avery, Dean Falconer and David Hart (West Perth), Richard Dennis (East Perth), Earl Spalding (Perth), Mark Hann (Claremont) and Greg Wilkinson (Subiaco) just to name a few.

BANNER

The Perth cheer squad, like most other clubs, work hard and long preparing a banner for the players each Saturday. But last week the Perth banner must have been exceptionally strong because when captain Bryan Cousins led the team through he was spun around, injuring his back. Fortunately Bryan came through the game quite well after his initial setback.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



CONCERN AT RICHMOND

THE Richmond hierarchy is concerned at their poor start to the 1983 season.

Coach Francis Bourke locked himself away with other club chiefs for over an hour last Saturday night after the Tigers shattering 10 goal defeat by their 1982 grand final opponents, Carlton.

Richmond, are obviously concerned at their first-up performance, especially when it is considered that Carlton were playing well below full strength.

The Tigers are concerned that they are unable to cover the loss of Geoff Raines and David Cloke.

After emerging from the emergency meeting Bourke said "We just did not have enough blokes to get the ball first."

"It is a setback, but we have the material within the ranks to come up. It would be foolish to consider this is the end of the world".

However, despite Bourke's brave front, he is concerned that the gap between his side and Carlton has widened since their clash in last year's grand final.



Shaw settles in

DEREK Shaw, the Collingwood nomad who played a season with South Fremantle, has finally settled into the Magpies camp.

His inspiring role in Collingwood's fanatical finish over Melbourne last weekend was a great tonic for his team-mates.

One of the most pleasing aspects of his best-on-ground performance was the fact that he easily beat the club's former No. 1 ruckman, Peter Moore, who this year transferred to Melbourne for a big fee.

It was only Shaw's 29th senior appearance in four fiery years with the club. He has continuously been in conflict with officialdom and this led to his season with South Fremantle in 1980.

Gary Shaw and Mike Richardson both made impressive VFL debuts with the Magpies and former Claremont ruck-rover John Annear, who has struggled for a regular place in the league side since joining the club two seasons ago, was Collingwood's second best player in the match at the MCG last weekend.

HOPES FOR IRISH IMPORT



Melbourne coach Ron Barassi's excursions overseas in the past couple of seasons looking for potential talent may eventually pay off.

His overseas jaunts have earned him plenty of criticism, particularly when a Navajo Indian he unearthed in America returned to the US after a brief stay in Melbourne.

However, his latest find, a former Gaelic defender from Ireland, is shaping up well with the Demons and played his first match with the club last weekend when he lined up in the under 19's.

He is 18-year-old Stephen White, who hails from Dublin. He took part in all the club's pre-season preparation, returning home to Ireland for a short break at Christmas.

He is being groomed as a half-back by Barassi's assistant Ray Jordon.

IN BRIEF...

Barassi clash

Young Melbourne rover Adrian Battiston and his coach Ron Barassi clashed angrily during the three-quarter time break at the MCG last Saturday.

The pair had exchanged a fierce barrage of words before Battiston was restrained by team-mates and Melbourne's motivator, Dr Rudi Webster.

Jonas comeback

North Melbourne's Peter Jonas made a comeback to VFL senior football last weekend when he lined up with the Roos for the first time in two years.

Jonas, who was recruited from South Australia in 1981, broke a leg in his first season of VFL football, then broke it again in a comeback attempt last year.

Coach Barry Cable has high hopes that Jonas will hold down the vital centre-half-forward position this season.

Cahill's start

New Collingwood coach John Cahill experienced an amazing introduction to VFL football last weekend.

More than 72,000 people flocked to the MCG to see his new club beat Melbourne. Amazing, when it is considered that both clubs finished low on the VFL ladder last year.

Cahill said the previous biggest crowd he had coached in front of was 66,000 in a South Australian grand final.

Beasley fit

Footscray full-forward Simon Beasley, who missed last Saturday's opening VFL round, should be fit to take his place in this Saturday's match against Carlton. Beasley has been named vice-captain of the Bulldogs.

Daniher out

The news is not so good for Neale Daniher. He continues to be troubled by a re-occurring knee problem and his immediate future is uncertain.

O'Sullivan too

Young Melbourne half-back Michael O'Sullivan is expected to miss six weeks after dislocating his shoulder in the opening minutes of last Saturday's match against Collingwood.

Hawthorn hoodoo

When Hawthorn defeated Fitzroy at Junction Oval last Saturday it was the Hawk's first win on that ground for six years. Fitzroy had won seven of the past 10 contests and were the only team to defeat Hawthorn twice last year.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

With so many West Australians now playing in Victoria, Westside Football this week introduces a new segment briefly summarising each players' performance the previous Saturday.

	Kicks	Marks	H/Ball
CARLTON			
Ken Hunter (3rd best on ground)	13	17	15
Ross Ditchburn (injured)	6	3	-
RICHMOND			
Maurice Rioli	13	1	8
David Palm	6	1	7
Brian Taylor (best on ground)	7	5	-
Robert Wiley	19	2	3
Tim Gepp	2	-	7
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Kevin Bryant	7	5	2
Ross Glendinning (3rd best on ground)	18	7	12
Phil Kelly	7	2	7
Phil Krakouer	11	1	6
Steve McCann	8	2	5
Jim Krakouer	1	-	2
FITZROY			
Garry Sidebottom	12	2	2
HAWTHORN			
Ken Judge	9	5	3
Gary Buckenara (club's 3rd best)	19	8	3
GEELONG			
Gary Malarkey	2	3	5
Peter Featherby (3rd best on ground)	28	7	5
Brian Peake (best on ground)	15	11	6
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	7	3	7
Andrew Purser	8	5	7
COLLINGWOOD			
Mike Richardson	13	4	5
Gary Shaw	9	2	3
John Annear	21	6	6

Peter Featherby has taken an early lead as top kickgetter in the VFL, John Annear is in fourth spot. Ken Hunter leads the marks tally with 15, Brian Peake is third with 11. Hunter is also placed third in the highest tally of handballs with 13 in his first match.

Easter start for SANFL

SOUTH Australian football kicks off this weekend with a split round of matches.

There has been a big build up to this season with several coaches taking up new appointments.

Woodville's famous son, Melcolm Blight, has returned to the club from North Melbourne as coach and with him has come a revival in enthusiasm.



Malcolm Blight

The club, which has seldom finished off the bottom of the ladder, has also recruited John Roberts (back in Adelaide from the Sydney Swans) and one of the SANFL's most experienced players, Kevin McSparran.

John Halbert has taken over the coaching job from the long-serving Jack Oatey at Sturt. Russell Ebert has taken over at Port Adelaide from John Cahill, who has moved to Collingwood.

Former West Perth and Westside Football columnist Graham Campbell takes over the reins from John Halbert, at Glenelg.

Former Glenelg star Graham Cornes has moved to South Adelaide to replace Haydn Bunton.

In the final round of trial matches last weekend, Campbell's Glenelg turned in a powerful display to beat Sturt by nearly 10 goals, West Adelaide had a morale-boosting win over South Adelaide, more than doubling their score 22.29 to 11.7.

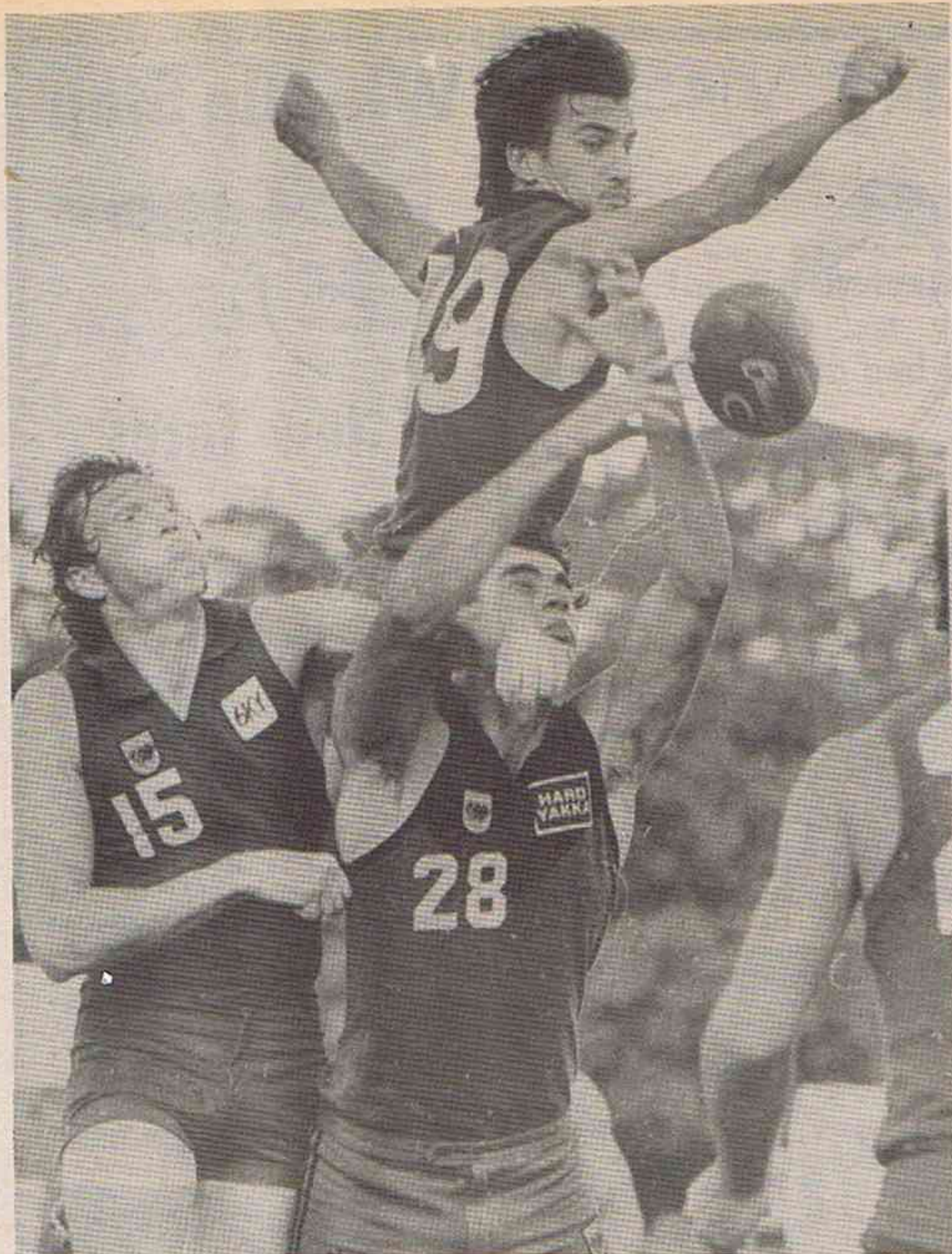
In the closest contest, North Adelaide recorded a 13-point win over West Torrens.



Central District gave notice that they would be a greater force in the competition with a 10-goal win over Woodville.



Russell Ebert new coach of Port



East Perth forward John Scott soars above team mate Craig Edwards and West Perth ruckman Russell Ellen to effectively punch the ball away

FROM PAGE 1

There is every possibility that Cronan could line up against Chris Stasinowsky, who, if fit and selected, will be playing his first match against West Perth since being transferred in a controversial move late last year.

Stasinowsky has had knee troubles for the last month and will be hoping that the

injury will improve by Saturday.

He says it is a game he has been looking forward to for some time and with two men so keen to succeed against their old sides, fans should see a tremendous individual battle if they are pitted against each other.

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A BIT ROUGH!

EAST Perth president Mal Atwell is in the hot seat yet again — this time over the sacking of marketing manager Colin Minson. Mr Atwell was being interviewed on a local radio programme and when asked why he sacked Minson he said Colin who? Perhaps Mr Atwell should be reminded that Minson was appointed to the position midway through 1982 and had raised \$100,000 in sponsorship for the club.

Try again, Les

RADIO 6KY commentator Les Mumme has already thrown a spanner into the works of their best first year player award. On Sunday he awarded two votes to Peter Falconer, a player who made his debut last year. However it was his brother Dean, who earned the votes against East Perth with 28 possessions on his debut.



Les Mumme was wired for sound at the big match between West Perth and East Perth.

DEMON MADNESS

THANK goodness Perth coach Ian Miller knows a bit about this game of football — and that it is not a game for losers. Perth put in a shocker against South Fremantle, there is no other way to describe their totally inept performance. Yet to be in their social hall after the game for the presentation of trophies, one could have been excused for thinking that the Demons had won. Now, I know that the smooth-talking Jeff Newman is a PR man of the first order and he has to make everything look bright and shiny. But you couldn't make anything out of Perth's performance and after a string of happy speeches and much back-slapping it was finally up to the coach to bring everybody back to earth. He pulled no punches when he said that it was a shocking effort and no-one could feel proud about the performance. A bit more hard talking like that and maybe the Demons will lift. That "well it wasn't all that bad" attitude is a bit like Subiaco in the past.

Tough skipper

THE one exception to the back-slapping attitude (apart from coach Ian Miller) at Perth's presentation was skipper Bryan Cousins, who was clearly upset at the Demons' performance. He was one player who worked his heart out with little reward — and the people who picked the trophy recipients seemed determined not to give him any reward after the match either. Everyone was carried away with Earl Spalding's effort (it was a good one, that's for sure) and he cleaned up all the trophies. Now, I'm not saying that Spalding didn't deserve ample commendation for his debut — but surely not ALL the major trophies on a day of disasters? Miller recognised Cousins' effort when he gave him a special award passed up by a loyal member. Cousins also hit out at the people who seemed to be accepting the defeat in an easy manner.

Bad start, Rosco

UMPIRE Fred Devine should have been taken from the ground last Saturday after he collapsed with cramp in the match at Lathlain Park.

I can't see any sense in having emergency umpires if they are not going to be used. The fact that it was Devine's first league game and Umpires Coach Ross Capes "wanted to give him a fair go" was not relevant.

It cannot be disputed that the interruption to play definitely cost Perth a goal and indirectly resulted in one of their players being reported.

There would have been no discredit to Devine had he left the ground... no individual can be blamed for suffering physical breakdown.

Play is not stopped when players go down with cramp, neither should it be when umpires suffer the same fate.

Capes made the decision not to use the emergency Robert Hendie — hope things improve, Rosco, because that wasn't a good start.

Flat message

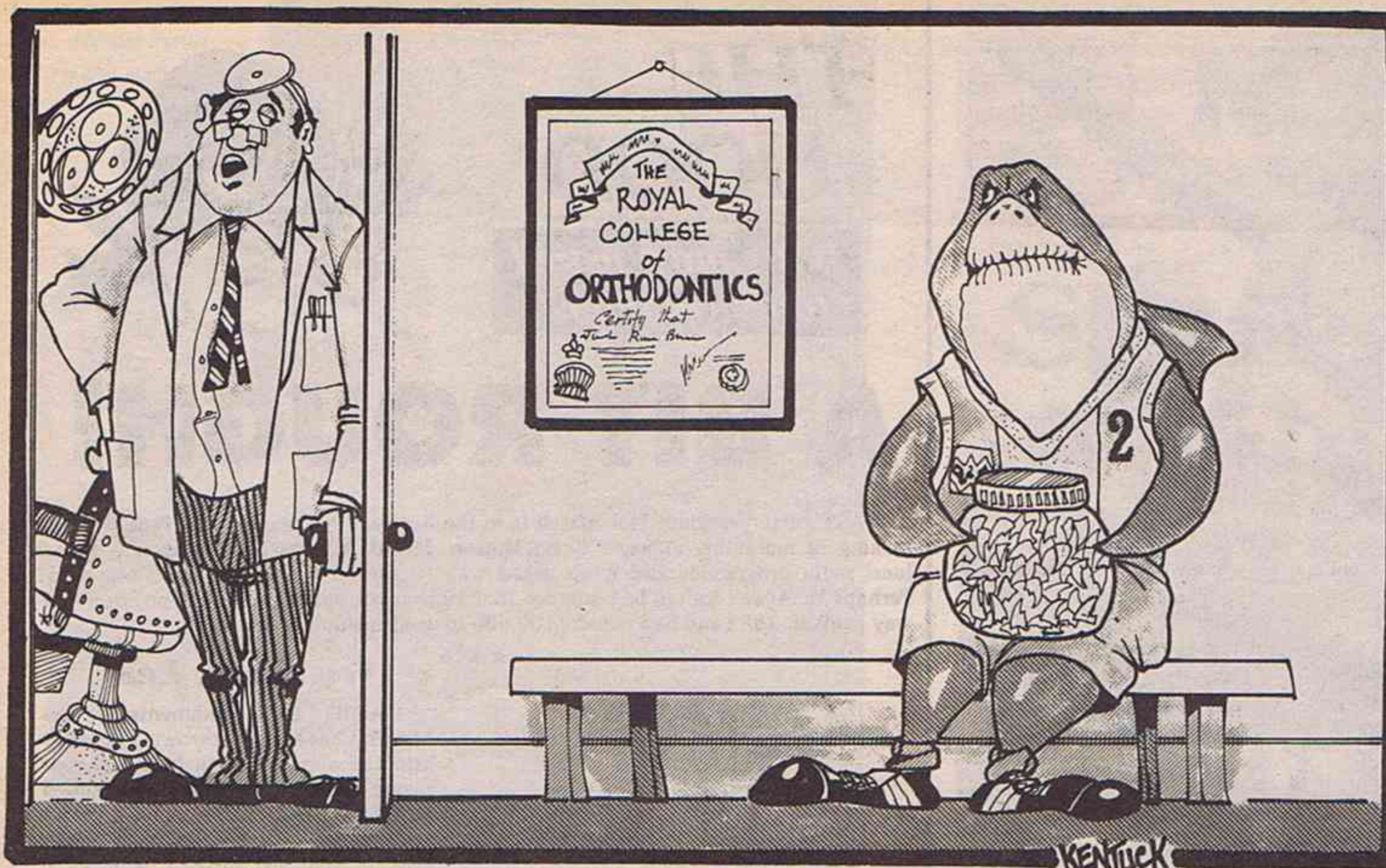
I REALLY hope that Perth can improve on their opening performance against South Fremantle. After all, the people who go to all that trouble to make their run-through banners will have egg on their face if the Demons don't lift their game. Their opening game message — What we were we'll be... No. 1 in '83 — looks a bit flat after a disappointing debut to the new season.

Yellow peril

WHAT has happened to those yellow-coated WAFL men who so fastidiously controlled the arena at league grounds during football action? It seems as though they have been swallowed up in the need for cost savings. Sure, at times they did get on your nerves last season, but they at least did their job and you didn't have untidy scenes such as those in evidence at Lathlain Park last Saturday when the coach and players had to put up with unwanted visitors during their three-quarter time break.

Raising the flag

AT Bassendean Oval on Saturday the Swan Districts president Bill Walker decided it was an appropriate time to hoist the 1982 pennant. He called all the Swans players in to view the flag raising ceremony and last year's president John Cooper was asked to do the honours. The Claremont players were also asked to take part in the ceremony, but they declined and continued doing their warm-ups. Eventually captain coach Graham Moss joined the ceremony. But he only remained briefly and left before the flag was hoisted into the air. Perhaps the pennant brought back too many fond memories for the Swan Districts players — and it would hardly have been the sort of thing the Claremont players needed to be reminded about minutes before starting their grand final replay.



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FOOTBALL FACTS

With DAVE CLEMENT
WA's top football historian.

Ten have missed medal doubles

SWAN Districts' dynamic wingman Phil Narkle who won last years Channel 7 Sandover Medal is one of 10 winners who did not get his own club award the same year.

Narkle could only finish fifth behind big Ron Boucher last year. But he did win that award in 1981.

In 1975 East Perth's Alan Quartermaine caught the umpires eye, but not his club voters, three team mates were voted ahead of him. I'm not trying to knock these players who didn't win their own club award the year they won the Sandover, as this list includes some of the games immortals, Merv McIntoshh, Jack Clarke,

Barry Cable, Bill Walker and Stephen Michael. For Example

Narkle brothers

Last week, the Narkle brothers, Keith and Phil, led the Swan Districts team out as captain and vice captain. Has this ever happened before was the question 6IX's Frank Sparrow put to me.

I can find no records of two brothers leading a league side in W.A. before.

And there are only three cases of brothers captaining a league club, the Lewingtons at South Fremantle - Neil, 1941 and 1945 and Clive - 1948 to 1951. The Doigs at East Fremantle - George, 1940 and 1941, and Charlie, 1946. Also the Harpers at Perth - Keith, 1955 to 1960, and Roy 1964.

Cousins win

When Perth's Bryan Cousins won his club's fairest and best award last year, it was only the third time that a player had won two club awards 10 years or more apart.

Cousins won the award in 1972 at Perth. Graham "Polly" Farmer won the fairest and best at East Perth in 1954, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61 at Geelong in 1962 and 63 and at West Perth in 1969, (years after his first win).

The other player to win club awards further apart than Cousins was West Perth's evergreen Mel Whinnen. He won the club's fairest and best award nine times in the 14 seasons between 1962 and 1975.



Phil Narkle

Subi's feat

Heatwave conditions or not, it did not stop records going last Saturday. Subiaco recorded their highest score against East Fremantle on their home ground. Their 22.16 bettered their 1968 effort of 21.8.

Claremont's score at Bassendean last week 26.12 was their best on that ground, beating their 1978 score of 25.9.

First year wins

With so many rookie presidents around this year, let's look back to those who were fortunate to see their team go premiers the very first year they were in office.

Brian Singleton took over at Subiaco the year the Lions broke the 49 year drought in 1973.

Cliff Houghton moved in at Perth in 1966, the year they started a hat trick of wins. (In the four years that Houghton was president at Perth, they won 84 of their 105 games).

Fred Book of East Perth, and Bill Hughes, of South Fremantle, both were first up successful presidents but in their second stints.

Spalding's goal

Perth's Earl Spalding scored a goal with his first kick in league football last week and there are many instances of this happening in the last decade. I very much doubt if any one will better Clive Lewington's league debut, with his first five kicks he scored goals playing for South as a full forward in 1940.

Any more lines?

Football started in 1858. With the ball being bounced on a spot in the centre of the oval. Fifty years later a five yard circle was added, to ease congestion. Next move was in 1973 when the diamond was introduced and two years later it was changed to the present square. Now we have that line across the circle and I doubt if any more lines can be drawn on our football oval.

Whistle Stop



New faces in the umpires

By Barry Johnson

Well, the 1983 season got under way in fine style last weekend and it was pleasing to see a number of new faces in the league umpiring line-up.

Firstly, congratulations to Fred Devine on making his debut as a senior field umpire after 10 years on the WAFL panel. Fred was obviously starting to wonder whether he would ever get to the 2.20pm match, but from all reports his effort in the Perth-South Fremantle game was good enough to earn him more opportunities this season.

Fred, of course, is a brother of John Devine, who retired last year after a record-breaking 240 games as a boundary umpire, breaking Charlie Pratt's record of 237 games.



John Devine...still active

John is continuing as the umpires' physical training supervisor and is still looking fit enough to run 15kms in an afternoon.

Another newcomer to the league arena was Charlie Moylan, who did the boundary umpiring in the Swan Districts-Claremont match.

Charlie came down from the Swan Districts Junior Council in 1982 and has quickly made his mark in senior ranks.

Sidelights

SOME interesting snippets about umpires . . .

Garry Napier, is a familiar name in tennis circles - he is the son of veteran Hensman Park player Doug Napier, who was on hand at Lathlain Park last week to see his son act as a field umpire in the colts match.

Mark Power is another youngster with a tennis background. He has been prominent in State junior squads and is now in his second year as a boundary umpire, doing reserves last week.

And watch out for Dominic White. Boy, is he keen!

He still attends school at the John 23rd College; catching a bus to training after school and then getting a lift home before tackling his homework for the night.

He ran the boundary in the Perth-South colts match last week and went very well according to reports.

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First-up winner

IT's happened again . . . a young player who manages to record a goal with his first kick in league football is one of those interesting facts of football life. The player in question this time is Perth's young centre-half-forward Earl Spalding — the son of the new Demons president, former Perth ruckman George Spalding. Young Earl, a tall and rangy player, took a strong mark in the pack and — helped by a 15-metre penalty — he put his first kick through for a confidence-boosting goal at the 13-minute mark of the opening term. He went on to kick four goals in a promising debut.

Marshall's style

WHAT a great start to the new season Ken Marshall had with his new club. His first five kicks with Swan Districts resulted in five good goals, but his last goal of the day was well worth seeing. Marshall picked the ball up about 20 metres from goal and was surrounded by Claremont defenders. In a desperate bid to get full points he kicked the ball straight back over his head. The crowd could not believe it when it registered his sixth goal for the match and, needless to say, he won the Town and Country Channel 7 Goal of the Day award.

Nifty feet

CLAREMONT may have taken Steve Malaxos away from the action in front of goal, but Stephen Goulding proved an adequate replacement. He kicked seven for the day and his seventh was typical of the way in which he plays the game. When a long kick came in from the half forward line and spilled off hands to the ground, Goulding realised he did not have time to pick it up and kick it, so he slid along the ground and soccered it through with his right boot.

. . . bad luck, Pete

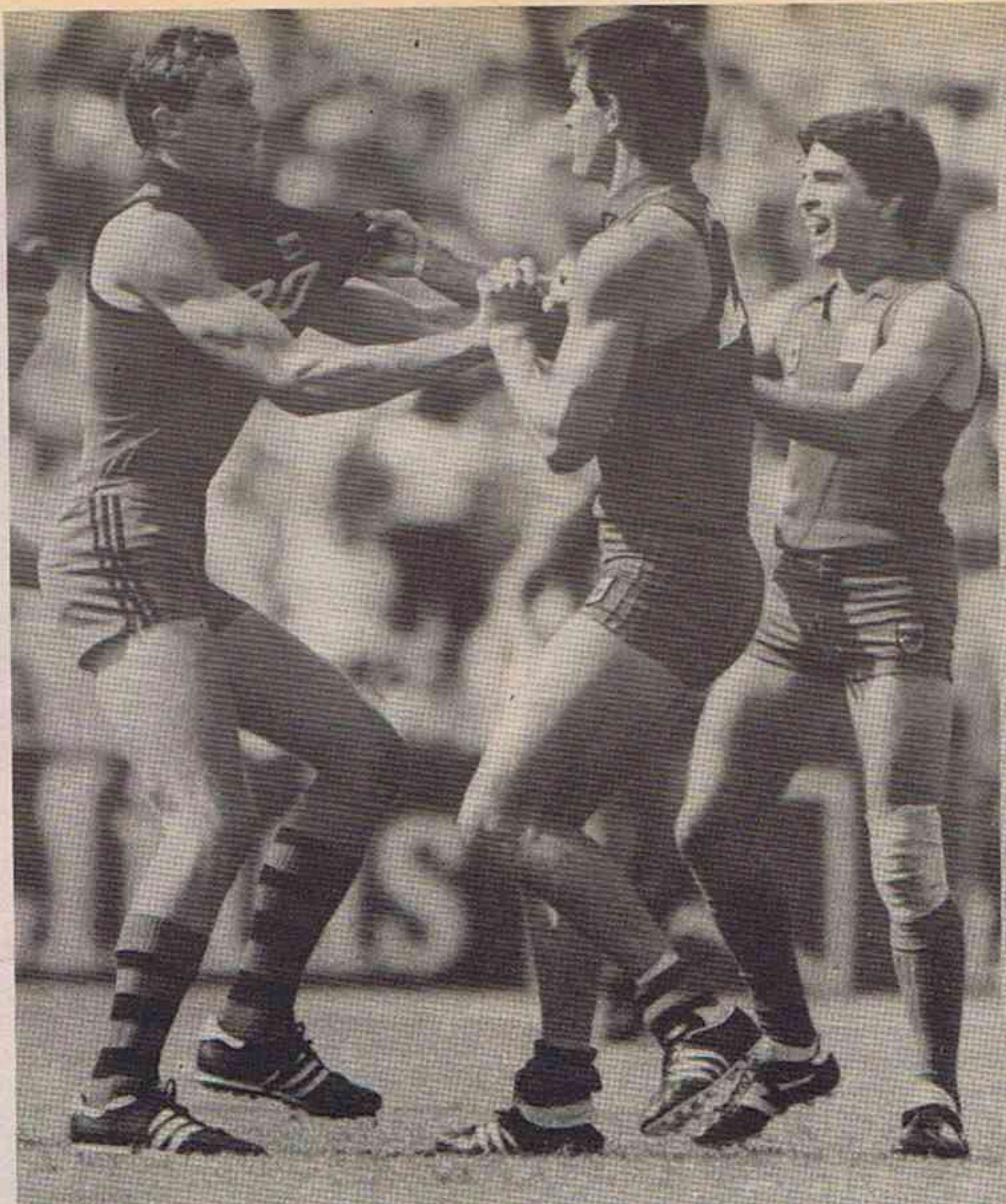
Young West Perth full-forward Peter Avery was really having a run of bad luck in the game against East Perth. Avery, who has finally made league ranks via the Claremont and Perth reserves, started slowly, but gained in confidence as he kicked a couple of goals. He finished with 4.7 — and four of those points were posters!

Socceroos

IT was almost like Wembley Stadium out Lathlain Park way for a while on Saturday. Two brilliant soccered goals within two minutes gave South Fremantle a great start to the second term after a fairly even tussle with Perth in the opening quarter. Firstly big Paul Arnold got his boot to ball as it rolled towards the goalsquare to bring up a major and then skipper Noel Carter put in some courageous work to soccer another goal. This time the ball was bouncing fast towards the goal-line after Carter had missed a relatively easy short pass from Bruce Monteath. He atoned by racing dangerously close to the goal-post and edging the ball through the big opening with a deft poke of his boot.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Steve Goulding (Claremont)	7.1
Ken Marshall (Swans)	6.2
Colin Waterson (East Frem.)	5.2
Warren Ralph (Claremont)	5.1
Peter Avery (West Perth)	4.7
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	4.3
Paul Arnold (South Frem.)	4.3
Craig Edwards (East Perth)	4.2
Don Holmes (Swans)	4.2
Earl Spalding (Perth)	4.2
Gerard Neesham (Swans)	4.0
Phil Lamb (Subiaco)	4.0



Young East Perth player Frank Wilson did not take long to find himself in trouble. In his first match he grappled with West Perth and state full back Ray Holden.

Cometti laughs the loudest

West Perth and their smooth-as-silk coach, Dennis Cometti, laughed louder than anyone after the new footy season exploded into action last weekend.

Cometti, in particular, is a big winner already because from what I saw on Sunday the Falcons look good enough to take out the big one this season.

I have always considered Dennis a better commentator than coach, but he may just become the first media man in history to coach a league team to a premiership.

On ABC television and during the cricket season Dennis never puts a foot wrong.

However, that hardly gives him the credentials to make it as a coach.

Even his success in Sunday football did nothing to convince me and others that he had what it takes to lead a team of professional footballers to the biggest win of all.

Well, it appears that he does have what it takes and behind all that pleasantness, personality and charm there is obviously a very strong, gutsy character.

Where else, I asked myself on Sunday night, could the Falcons have found the spirit and fierce determination to fight back the way they did against odds and beat the Royals?

It was inspirational stuff and now I can see the Falcons improving every week.

In fact, apart from Subiaco's big win over East Fremantle, the Cometti opening day success was probably the most significant thing that happened in football last weekend.

Big winners

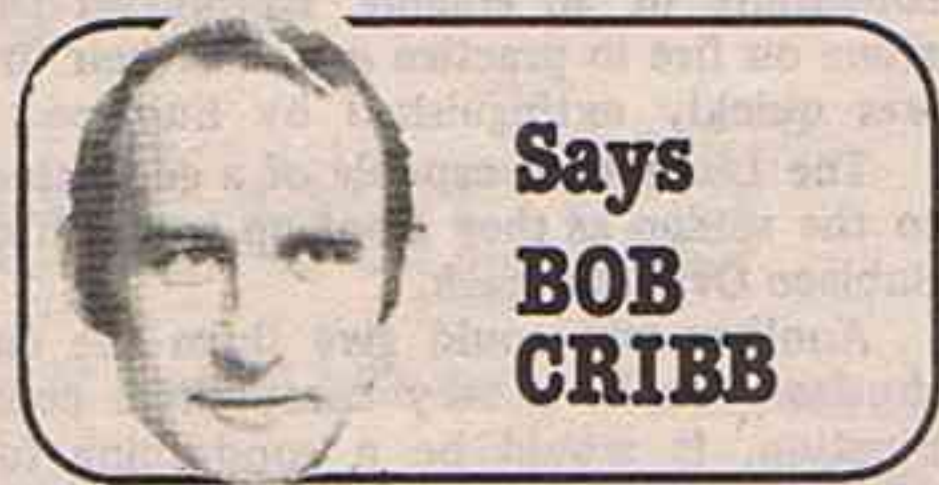
THE other big winners on opening day were the WAFL.

Just under 40,000 people turned up in century-like heat to watch the footy season kick off.

They all deserved a medal and the League can rest assured now that their decision to push harder than ever this year will pay off.

Just you wait now until the weather cools a bit and watch the fans come out of the woodwork.

Even the results were good for the game. Swans and East Fremantle both thought they were absolute certainties to start the season with a win and now they will be both fighting mad in the weeks to come. It couldn't have panned out better.



Says **BOB CRIBB**



Tim's team

RADIO station 6KY must have spent a fortune this year lining up talent for their coverage.

I was amazed to hear that Geoff Christian, Colin Hopkins, John O'Connell, Joe Fanchi and Les Mumme had signed up with the station.

They were all staunch 6PM men in the days when interstate trips were handed out to everyone who worked for that station even if you didn't go to the footy.

However, I can see now why the boys changed allegiance.

It was obviously out of loyalty to their old leader Tim Flynn.

When the chips are down Tim always looked after his mates and he also likes to share things . . . particularly the microphone.

Tim, you have earned the gratitude of your new team and also of every country football follower in the State that had to listen to you last year on the ABC.



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

MOTHER BROWN

Promotion works

WELL, it seems as though all the promotion of WA's finest game is beginning to pay dividends. I would congratulate all those people who turned up to see league football matches despite the sweltering conditions. It was extremely hot in the outer, particularly on Saturday, and I spent most of the day trying to get a drink. I wonder how the players felt after the matches. I would congratulate every player who donned a guernsey and performed for the spectators despite the trying conditions.

Mis-understanding

IT was a splendid display of football on Sunday, but there seemed to be a mis-understanding over whether game would be telecast or not. I believe some people thought the game would be televised. I am sure many more fans would have turned out for the game had they known it was not going to be on TV.

Cramped-up

DURING the league game at Lathlain Park last week one of the central umpires, Fred Devine, went down with cramp. He must have been extremely nervous, being in charge of his first league game, and the heat would not have helped matters either. Players were going down with cramp as well so I believe it was fair enough for umpire Devine to fall victim to the conditions. However, I thought the emergency umpire should have been called straight onto the ground to take over. While trainers from both sides were trying to remove the cramp problem, the game was halted for several minutes. Apart from that, he did a good job in his first league game.

Budget a must

MORE and more young players are making names for themselves each week and now it is becoming imperative that every football follower should buy a Football Budget. There were a number of young players from Perth whom I had never seen before and I was particularly impressed with Earl Spalding. Other young players to impress from other clubs include Nicky Winmar at South Fremantle, Richard Dennis from East Perth and Dean Falconer and David Hart from West Perth.

Well done Subi

Congratulations to Subiaco on their first win of the season. It was a tremendous result, although it was a blow to the newly named Sharks. I cannot understand why East Fremantle broke tradition and changed their nickname. West Perth did it last year, but the die-hards still refer to the club as the Cardinals. I wonder how long the Sharks will stay with East Fremantle because I am sure that long-time supporters of the club will keep calling them Old Easts.

BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett
well respected
football writer.



Can the premiership routine continue?

This year's premiership will go to either West Perth or Subiaco.

But before you start flooding me with bets, I need to qualify that prediction.

If the trend of the past six seasons is any guide, then it has to be one of those two sides who will win the premiership.

It seems rather remarkable that a different team has won the premiership in each of those years, particularly when you realise there has been very little movement in the top four over the past four seasons.

Claremont, for instance, have topped the premiership ladder for three of the past four years — and look more than capable of doing it again this year. Swan Districts have had an incredible run in home and away games winning more than 80 per cent of matches in the past three seasons.

It just shows how difficult it is to win a WAFL premiership.

WEST PERTH'S HOPE

The trend since 1976 could continue with one of the sides I mentioned — West Perth. Despite their impressive opening win, I don't think Subiaco have the firepower to make the four let alone win the flag.

At this stage it looks as though the Tigers will again be the best performed side in qualifying matches.

While it would be foolish to assess the likely outcome of the season on one set of fixtures, I believe Claremont have recruited better than any club this season.

The acquisition of Wayne Duke and Barry Beecroft easily gives them the most potent big man division in the competition.

In fact, when you add Graham Moss and Baden Harper, Claremont are in a luxury situation in this department.

One player who looks as though he will have a big impact on the competition this season is former North Melbourne utility player Steve Goulding.

He showed in last year's finals and again on Saturday that he will give Claremont a lot of bite on the ball and in attack.

Swans can't be regarded as a premiership performer on one game. John Todd will find it difficult motivating the side to the same extent as last year, but it needs to be remembered that Swans also lost their opening match last year and that was also at Bassendean Oval.

I can't see the situation changing a great deal from last year.

West Perth should again make the finals with South Fremantle and East Perth battling it out for the other position.

East Perth may pay the penalty for shedding some of their top players. Personally, I couldn't see the value in letting Steve Curtis go and recruiting Stan Magro.

Both are similar type players, yet Curtis was the club's fairest and best winner last season and probably would have cost the club a lot less than Magro.

While the club is over endowed with young, big men the experience of Wayne Duke would have been handy.

South's hopes of returning to the four this season rest largely on the shoulders of Stephen Michael.

Having missed the finals last year for only the second time in the past eight seasons, South obviously have the talent to again make the four.

CHOPPING BLOCKS

Of the others, well Perth and East Fremantle look as though they could again be chopping blocks.

The Sharks have again shown they are something of an enigma. Having set the scene on fire in practice matches their fire was quickly extinguished by Subiaco.

The Lions look capable of a good start to the season as they front up to Perth at Subiaco Oval this week.

Another win could give them the enthusiasm to be a very competitive combination. It would be a good thing for football if the Lions could loom as an early finals contender.



FLASHBACK...

The father — son rule — giving the son of a player who had played 50 or more games with a club the right to play with that club irrespective of his district qualifications — was introduced in 1964.

When the West Australian State team travelled interstate by air for the second time in 1949 there was one notable absentee. South Fremantle ruckman Dave Ingraham wasn't too keen about planes and was given special permission to travel by train to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

West Perth could have been well pleased with the debut of young Canberra recruit Dean Falconer. The 18-year-old was instrumental in getting his new side into action until he was forced to leave the ground mid-way through the third term.

However, he was a busy player from a wing until he was forced to leave the ground and obviously has the ability to be a key player at West Perth this year despite his inexperience.

It was probably Falconer's first experience at playing in conditions like we experienced in Perth last Sunday and he was exhausted from the near heat wave conditions.



SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE



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

March 26	West Australian	Sunday Independent	Sunday Times	Weekend News	6PR	6KY	6IX	Channel 2	6WF	Channel 7	Umpires
Swans v. Claremont	Geoff Christian Aitken (C) Malaxos (C) Daniels (C)	Gary Stocks Aitken Blackwell (C) Langsford (SD)	Rod Lane Goulding (C) Daniels Langsford	Robbie Burns Malaxos Daniels Beecroft (C)	Peter Van Helden Malaxos Goulding Langsford	Les Mumme Malaxos Aitken Solin (SD)	Frank Sparrow Aitken Blackwell Daniels	Grant Dorrington Solin Daniels Langsford	Ray Laurence Daniels Malaxos Langsford	Marty McDonnell Daniels Malaxos Langsford	Phillips/Ball
Perth v. S. Frem	Steve Wright Vigona (SF) Michael (SF) Cousins (P)	Peter Poat Carter (SF) Vigona Cousins	Geoff Worner Michael (SF) Henwood (SF) Vigona	Rod White Henwood Vigona Shepherd (P)	Alan East Vigona Cousins Mosconi (SF)	Joe Fanchi Monteath (SF) Vigona Cousins	Chris Mitsopoulos Carter (SF) Spalding (P) Roe (SF)	Keith Slater Carter Gillies (SF) Cousins	Eric Savich Roe Hayes (SF) Vigona	Bob Miller Vigona Hardie (SF) Roberts	Rowe/Devine
E. Frem v. Subiaco	Doug Young N. Taylor (S) Ellis (EF) Reeves (S)	Rowley Daw N. Taylor Warner (S) Ellis	Colin Hopkins D. Lamb (S) Warner Ellis	Mike Thomson N. Taylor Reeves Ellis	Bob Hicks N. Taylor R. Brown (S) C. Brown (S)	Colin Hopkins D. Lamb Warner Ellis	Harvey Deegan D. Lamb Ellis Mort (S)	John Vukman D. Lamb Warner Reeves	Tony Parentich D. Lamb Scott (S) Warner	Ken McAullay D. Lamb Warner Ellis	Buckey/Johnson
W. Perth v. E. Perth	Geoff Christian Fong (WP) Hamilton O'Brien (WP)	Peter Poat Fong Hamilton Fitzsimmons (WP)	Ray Wilson Fong Fitzsimmons Ironmonger (EP)	Robbie Burns Fong Hamilton Fitzsimmons	Oscar Howard Fong Fitzsimmons Ironmonger	Les Mumme Fong Hamilton Fitzsimmons	Bill Valli Fong Hamilton Duckworth (WP)	Eric Sarich Ironmonger Hamilton Menaglio	George Grljusich Menaglio Fong Spencer	Percy Johnson Fong Hamilton Cronan	Morris/Salis

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RIGHT: West Perth's promotional idea to have Mike Br new season at Leederville Oval was a big hit with football fans

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THE 1983 football season kicked off with a bang last week with some tremendous matches and if those opening round fixtures are anything to go on we are in for a bumper season.

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And the spectators obviously enjoyed the start to yet another season.

With big promotional campaigns and the best of football action, our great game can only prosper.

LEFT: Claremont's Michael Dickfos did not give his Swan Districts opponent Barry Kimberley any latitude during last week's game and in this clash they both miss the ball under the intense pressure.



Swans' Tony Solin is all concentration as he prepares to gather the



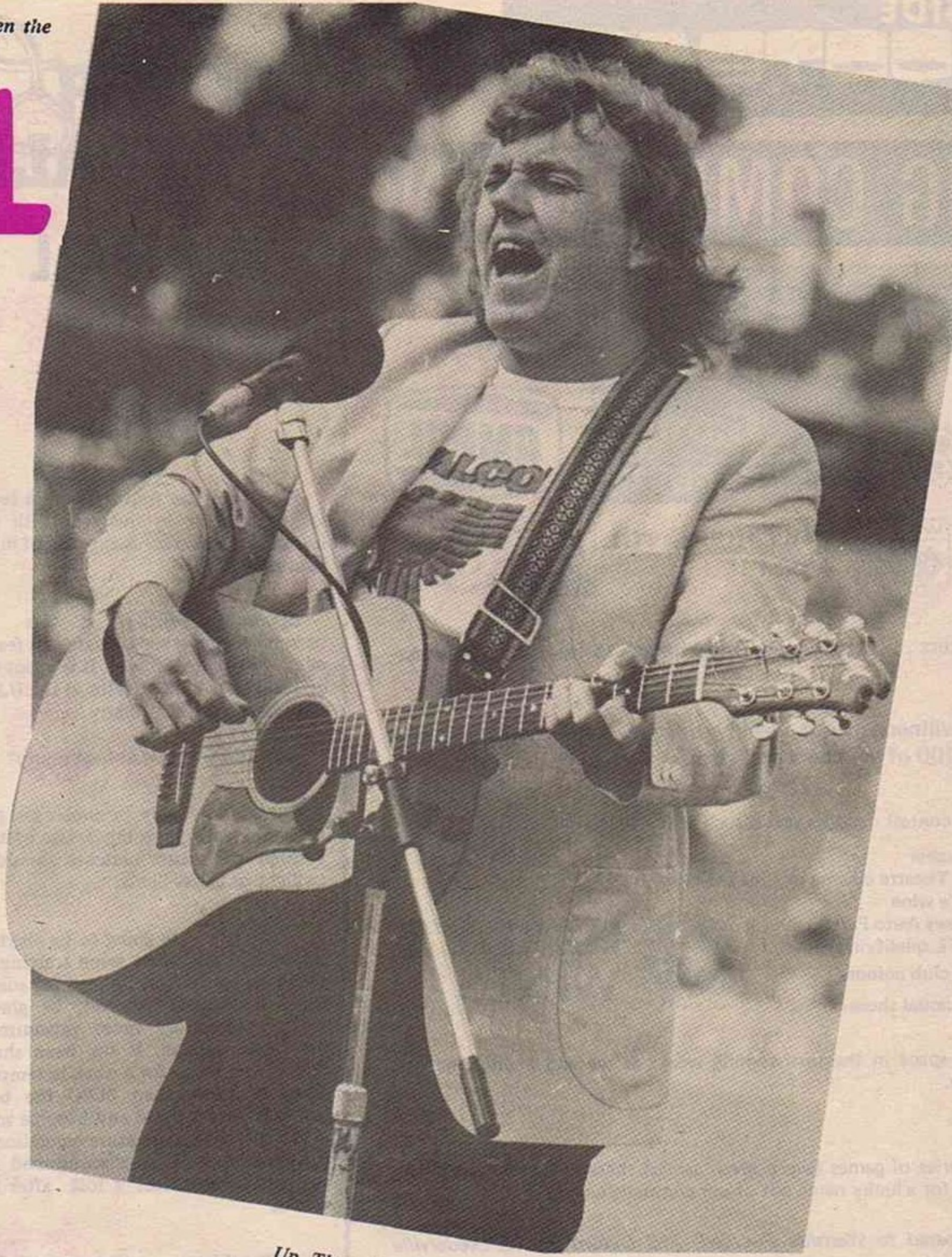
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Mike Brady open the football fans.

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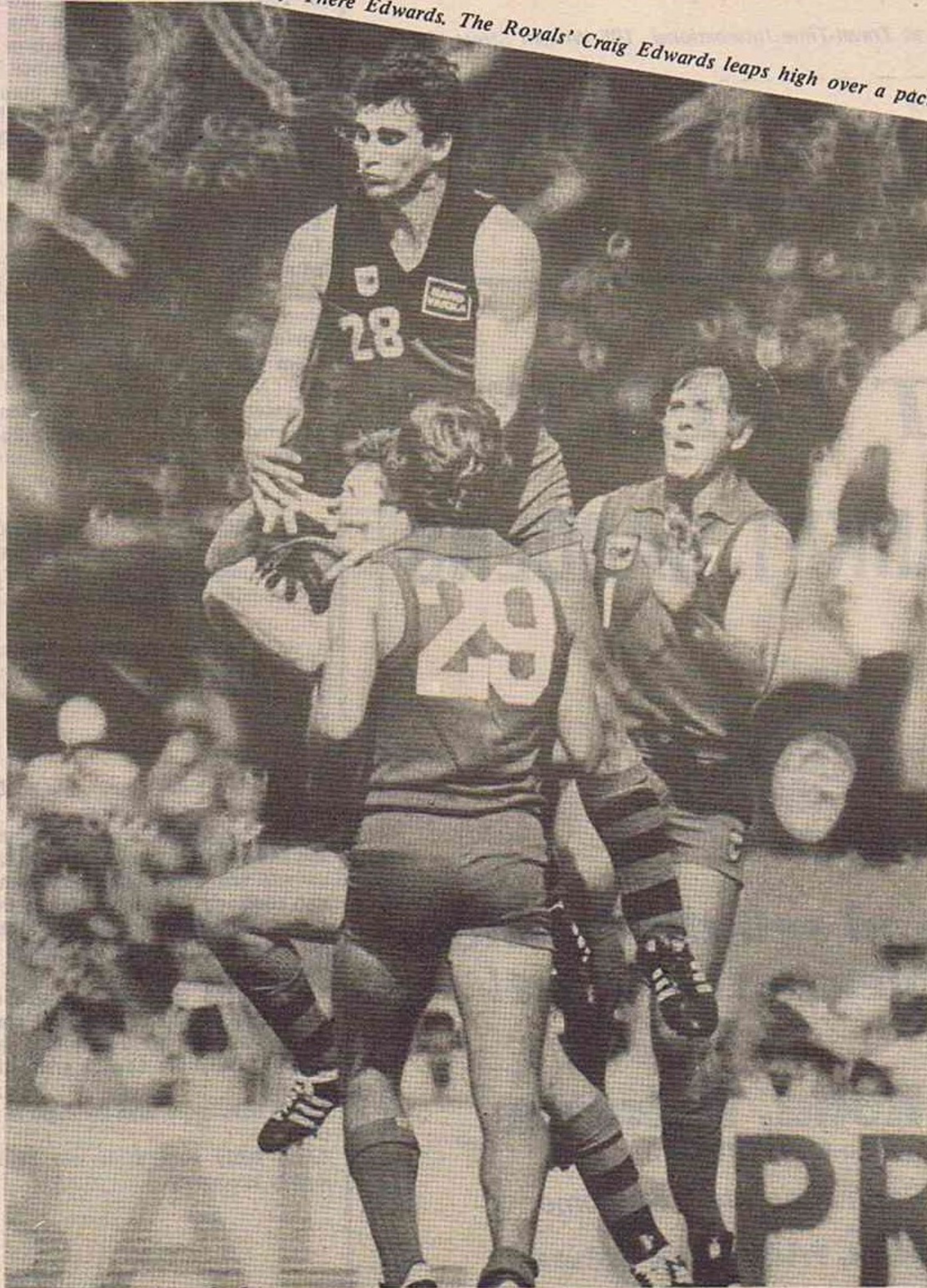


Bob Phillips signals that the season is ready to begin.



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Melb. on the move

IF you sometimes wonder why Victorian football clubs seem to have a lot of money then just look at how Melbourne handled their big opening day at the MCG last week.

Former Perth media man Ross Nicholas is the club's marketing manager and one of the moves they took on Saturday involved hiring two portable home units to help sell the membership drive.

The units were placed outside the gates just to sell memberships to some of the 70,000 people who attended the big clash with Collingwood.

In addition, they had people dressed in club colours of red and blue, wearing boater hats and carrying bookmaker's bags wandering among the crowd selling memberships.

And it paid off. They received \$25,000 in membership fees on the day.

JOHNSON HURT

TALKING about the Melbourne Football Club, former Perth player Alan Johnson is not having a good run with injuries this year.

After recovering from an Achilles tendon operation, he resumed training only to have someone fall on his hand and break it. On a happier note, he was recently selected in the top 50 players for Melbourne over the past 30 years. The judges were five great past players including Ronald Dale Barassi.

J.K. STRUGGLES

JIM Krakover is finding it hard to obtain a game with North Melbourne due to injuries and lack of form. Also Kim Hodgeman and Grant Atkins are in fine form and making roving spots scarce. I believe Jim will bounce back as he has always done in the past.

A POINT of interest is that the three Shaws playing for Collingwood are not related. Derek and Tony were in Collingwood's best players last week and I would imagine it will not be long before Gary joins his two namesakes.

CAMPBELL'S TASK

GRAHAM Campbell, the new coach of Glenelg, is having a tough introduction to South Australian football. Glenelg have lost their first two practice matches and the scribes are writing them off before the season starts. They turned the tables last Saturday, however, to beat Sturt by 10 goals which made the scribes sit up and take notice. Glenelg have to play five of the first six games away from home which is a tough task in anyone's book.

BRENTON Hartfield the former Claremont forward is becoming the Eric Sarich of the 80s as he is now playing with Glenelg after firstly being with North Adelaide and then Norwood. Hartfield kicked eight goals against Central District in a trial game and will be opening up at full-forward against Port Adelaide this week.

STEPHEN Curtis is receiving high praise from the Adelaide media due to his excellent form in the trial matches. Curtis is playing as a ruck rover changing on a half forward flank for Port Adelaide.

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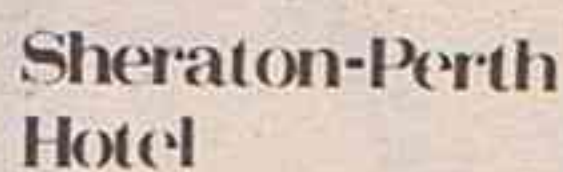
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DOCTOR FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL IN THE HEAT

Each year the football season seems to start earlier in the year with pre-season matches now being played in the February heat.

Sports medicine doctors are becoming increasingly aware and fearful of exertional heat injury. It is a fact that in 1980 over 1,000 deaths in the U.S.A. were caused by heat injury.

How do we prevent heat injury?

1. TRAIN and play in cooler temperatures like early morning or late evening. Perhaps pre-season matches should be twilight or under lights.

2. IF matches are going to be played in hot conditions, then some training has to be in the same conditions for adaptation. It should, however, be gradual with progressively more exposure to heat each session. It has been shown that if one trains for a week in temperatures of more than 30°C the body learns to sweat more and become more efficient in its temperature regulation. If exposure to heat is discontinued this acclimatization effect is lost after two weeks.

3. THE athlete, or others around him, should learn to recognize the early warning signs of heat exhaustion. They include headache; feeling faint; feeling like vomiting; getting goose bumps on the flesh; overbreathing; cramps; loss of balance; disorientation, and incoherent speech, i.e. not talking sense.

4. THE footballer should drink more frequently than thirst dictates. Too often they have the old-fashioned idea that if they swallow the water their stomach will bloat and interfere with performance. How often do we see them just gargle water and then spit it out. Nowadays runners actually stop at water stations every 3-4 kilometres and make a point of drinking 250 ml of water each stop.

5. CLOTHING should be scant and net-like to allow skin to sweat and evaporation to take place. Perhaps we should have special summer guernseys.

6. AGE be more cautious if you are an older performer, as with increasing age, people have less tolerance to heat stress.

NOTE - when one sweats profusely in hot conditions more water than salt is lost in the sweat therefore, the salt concentration in body fluids increases and salt tablets are not recommended routinely. Likewise, staminade has too much salt concentration and should be diluted. Note also that sugar solutions glucose drinks can slow the emptying of the stomach and delay absorption of the fluid. Head trainers note: The ideal fluid therefore should

1. not have more than 1 gram of salt per litre.

2. not have more than 2% sugar in solution.

3. Be fairly cold as it will be more rapidly absorbed.

Dr. Football



R&I action...

A lone Tiger among a flock of Swans. That was the situation this young Claremont player found himself in during the R and I Little League match against Swan Districts last week.

FREEBALL ACCEPTED

After several years of thorough campaigning by the WAFL the majority of junior councils have decided to adopt Free-Ball this season.

Free-Ball is basically another form of modified football — a fun game which takes away the element of winning-at-all-costs and gives each player full participation.

It is a way of introducing budding footballers to our sport without the social, psychological and physical demands of adults, and consequently the learning of skills will be easier.

Free-Ball rules have the playing area 80m by 60m and divided into three sections.

Each team is made up of nine or 12 (three reserves) players who take the field in three groups of three. One section is for backs, the next for centre-liners and the other for forwards.

Crossing the line into another section is not allowed.

The game is conducted over four five minute quarters where each group must rotate from being reserves, backs, centre-line players and forwards.

When the game is in progress the ball must be handled at least once in each section before a score is registered.

Although the competition remains in Free-Ball, the pressure of winning isn't the ultimate and the skills learnt by each player can be put effectively into practice with this situation.

The WAFL policy on Free-Ball is to have a skill teaching session before every game is played.

By ringing Ross Davis on 381 5599 at the WAFL you can obtain a complete written format on Free-Ball.

Further to that, with a \$25 refundable deposit, you can also get a VHS video on how the game is played and what the policy is. Like most modern day sports, modified games are being used as a form of proper skill learning and player participation — so people involved in running junior football shouldn't shy away from Free-Ball.

The South Fremantle Junior Council have been operating games for the past two seasons and Claremont are presently conducting demonstrations for their junior clubs to become familiar with it.

Free-Ball is for 8's and under who then progress to modified rules before reaching full competition as adults play it.

HILLS CARNIVAL

THREE of the six competing clubs were victorious in the annual Hills lightning carnival held last Sunday at the Harry Riseborough Oval in Mundaring and Parkerville Oval.

Mundaring (12's), Parkerville (14's) and Darlington (16's) were all undefeated in winning their grade's Shield — the other competing clubs were Bullsbrook, Mt Helena and Pickering Brook. The Hills Association this season have opted for the above age groups after having the 15's and 17's last year — a 9's unofficial modified rules competition is also being played.

INTRODUCING...

THE Dalkeith/Nedlands J.F.C. held a family day BBQ at their Resolution Point headquarters last Sunday to introduce their coaches and managers to the parents and all concerned. About 80 people attended including league coaches Graham Moss and Mal Brown.

PLAYER ALLOCATION

THE Claremont Football Club — and especially their Football Manager Ron Webster — have been busy of late organizing their junior council.

All league, reserves and colts players have been allotted a junior club where they

are committed to attend several times during the season.

In addition, special squads for 12's, 13's and 14's and 15's and 16's have been set up.

The three squads are planned to operate during the May school holidays for a couple of days each.

AROUND THE CLUBS



With **Ross Davis** Bartholomewz

COVERAGE

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Big margins in Little League

BIG winning margins were common in R and I Little League matches on the weekend.

And Perth provided the biggest score when they easily accounted for South Fremantle.

The young Demons piled on 5.5 during the half time break in the main game and held South Fremantle to just two points.

Robert Turner and Matthew Smith were the stars for Perth kicking three goals and two goals respectively. Bradley Gaiger was another fine player for Perth.

South Fremantle had some good players including Damon Goodall, David Pensabene and David Clynk.

East Fremantle kicked 2.2 in their match against Subiaco and at the same time held the Lions to just two points.

Steven Bell and Craig Hawkins kicked the goals for East Fremantle and were also included in the team's best players, along with Derek Wedge.

Andrew Carter, Justin Marshall and Brendan Lynch were the better performers for Subiaco.

The closest game was the one between Claremont and Swan Districts when the Tigers kicked 2.2 to beat Swans 1.1.

Craig Wynn and Arras Forwood kicked the goals for Claremont and Frank Lacarva was another good player for the Tigers. Conrad Main kicked Swans' only goal and he was named in the best players along with Alan Marsaden and Andrew Cunningham.

East Perth (2.2) proved too strong for West Perth, who failed to score.

David Maroni kicked both goals for East Perth and other young Royals to show out in an impressive display were Greg Fry and Greg Proctor.

R & I Little League

Better players for West Perth were Jason Moore, Ross Giardina and Robin Greig.

East Fremantle were represented by Thomlie, Subiaco (Kingsley), Perth (Kelm-scott), South Fremantle (CBC), East Perth (St. Marks), West Perth (Osborne Park Red), Claremont (Karrinup) and Swan Districts (Kalamunda).

This week Subiaco will be represented by Warwick Red, Perth (Carlisle), South Fremantle (Coolbellup), West Perth (Balg), East Perth (Bedford), Swan Districts (Upper Swan), Claremont (Woodlands-Doubleview) and East Fremantle (Bull Creek).

R & I LITTLE LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Perth	1	1	-	35	2	175	4
East Frem.	1	1	-	16	2	80	4
East Perth	1	1	-	14	-	74	4
Claremont	1	1	-	14	7	50	4
Swan Dist.	1	-	1	7	14	50	-
Subiaco	1	-	1	2	16	13	-
West Perth	1	-	1	-	14	10	-
South Frem.	1	-	1	2	35	6	-



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WHO AM I?

Although I am originally from South Fremantle I made my league debut last season with another club.

I am injury-prone and have only totalled four league games.

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Last weeks winner is Steven Bushell of Kelmescott.

The answer was Dwayne Lamb, Subiaco

WESTSIDE RATINGS

THE RACE IS ON

The race for honours in the Westside Football player ratings is on again and already four players have broken away from the rest of the field.

Swan Districts' Don Langsford, West Perth's Les Fong, Subiaco's Neil Taylor and Mike Aitken (Claremont) all polled eight votes last week to take the lead.

Each week every player who takes the field in league football matches is rated out of 10 and for a player to win the prestigious award he needs to be consistent every week.

Last year Claremont wingman Allen Daniels won the award after a hotly contested season and he is now only one vote off the pace this year.

Other club leaders on seven votes are Noel Carter, Bruce Monteath and Warren Mosconi for South Fremantle; Bryan Cousins and Earl Spalding, who recorded similar votes for Perth; Clinton Browning, Shane Ellis and Colin Waterson (East Fremantle) also with seven votes each and John Ironmonger, Peter Spencer and Alex Hamilton who received similar recognition for East Perth.

WEST PERTH

	V EP
ALDERTON, Rod	5
VERY, Peter	6
BRADMORE, Phil	5
COMERFORD, Graeme	5
CRONAN, Phil	5
DUCKWORTH, John	7
ELLEN, Russell	6
FALCONER, Dean	6
FITZSIMMONS, Shane	7
FONG, Les	8
FOTHERINGHAME, Neil	6
GIBBS, Ross	7
HART, David	6
HENDRIKS, Geoff	5
HOLDEN, Ray	5
JAGER, Ben	4
MENAGLIO, Peter	7
MICHALCZYK, George	6
O'BRIEN, Michael	6
WATLING, Alan	4r

CLAREMONT

	V SD
AITKEN, Mike	8
BARNES, Colin	6
BEECROFT, Barry	7
BETTS, Gerald	2r
BLACKWELL, Wayne	7
DANIELS, Allen	7
DICKFOS, Michael	7
DUKE, Wayne	3
FARMER, Brett	3
GOULDING, Steve	7
HANN, Mark	6r
LEWIS, Cameron	6
MALAXOS, Steve	7
MITCHELL, Michael	7
MOSS, Graham	5
O'CONNELL, Mike	6
PANIZZA, Darrell	6
POEPJES, Robert	3r
RALPH, Warren	6
WATSON, Mark	5

SUBIACO

	V EF
BROWN, Clinton	7
BROWN, Rod	7
COTTER, Gerry	r
DUNNE, Bill	6
FAIRCLOUGH, Michael	4
IRONMONGER, Geoff	6
KEENE, Laurie	6
KELLY, Greg	6
LAMB, Dwayne	7
LAMB, Phil	7
LEISHAM, Steve	5
MELVILLE, Vic	6
MORT, Michael	6
PERRY, David	6
REEVES, Ray	6
SCOTT, Phil	7
TAYLOR, Neil	8
THOMAS, Peter	7
WARNER, Bevan	8
WILKINSON, Greg	4

PERTH

	V SF
ASHWORTH, Peter	2
BAYNES, Rhett	5
CARTER, Lindsay	5
CHUTE, Brynn	2
COLEMAN, Terry	4
COUSINS, Bryan	7
FITZGERALD, Ross	5
FREAME, Daryl	1i
GANDINI, Len	5
LEE, Chris	4
MUMFORD, Harry	4
O'BRIEN, Sean	3
O'ROURKE, Glen	5
ROBERTS, Clint	5
SHEPHERD, Cam	6
SIMMS, Doug	5
SPALDING, Earl	7
TURNER, Steve	3
WASHFOLD, Mark	5
WORTHINGTON, Kevin	6

EAST PERTH

	V WP
CAMPBELL, Grant	6
CHRISTIAN, Michael	6
DENNIS, Richard	5
DIMMER, John	4
EDWARDS, Craig	5
HAMILTON, Alex	7
IRONMONGER, John	7
ISHCHENKO, Alex	5
KERR, Ross	5
LEWIS, Clayton	5
NOLAN, John	3
SCOTT, John	4
SMITH, Tom	4
SOLIN, Robert	5
SPENCER, Peter	7
THORNE, Peter	5
TURNER, Dean	6
WALSH, Greg	6
WILLIAMS, Glyn	5
WILSON, Frank	5

SWAN DISTRICTS

	V C
BAKER, Leon	5
BOUCHER, Ron	7
BURGESS, Chris	4r
FOGARTY, Jon	5
HOLMES, Don	6
HUTTON, Brent	5
KIMBERLEY, Barry	4
LANGSFORD, Don	8
MAHER, Andy	6
MARSHALL, Ken	7
NARKLE, Keith	5
NARKLE, Phil	7
NEESHAM, Gerard	7
NOWOTNY, Stan	5
RANCE, Murray	6
SARTORI, Peter	6
SHINE, Brad	7
SKWIROWSKI, Bill	5
SOLIN, Tony	7
SMITH, Alby	3r

EAST FREMANTLE

	V S
ALEXANDER, Ron	3
BRENNAN, Michael	4
BRENTON, Leigh	4
BROWNING, Clinton	7
ELLIS, Shane	7
FIELDS, Neville	4
FOREMAN, Bryce	4
GREEN, Stephen	4
HARDING, Paul	5
JOHNSON, Max	4
JONES, Bill	4
KERR, Roger	6
KICKETT, Graham	6
MILLER, Gavin	3
MITCHELL, Glen	5
RANKIN, David	5
VALLI, Mark	6
WATERSON, Colin	7
WILSON, Peter	6
WRENSTEAD, Murray	6

SOUTH FREMANTLE

	V P
ARNOLD, Paul	5
BARRETT, Rod	6
BORTHWICK, Lindsay	5
CARTER, Noel	7
COCKIE, Michael	5
DELMENICO, Wayne	5
GILLIES, Geoff	6
HARDIE, Brad	6
HAYES, John	6
HENWOOD, Wayne	7
KELLY, Tony	4
MATERA, Wally	5
MICHAEL, Stephen	6
MONTEATH, Bruce	7
MOSCONI, Warren	7
RAWLINSON, Dave	5
ROE, Willie	5
STASINOWSKY, Chris	4
VASOLI, Paul	5
VIGONA, Benny	8

AMATEUR NEWS



CLUB LISTINGS

1983 Amateur club listings (in alphabetical order and number of teams in brackets):

A.I.C.A. Australian Italian Cultural Association (2); ANZ Bank (1); Applecross (2); Bassendean (3); Bayswater (4); Brentwood (2); Bullcreek (2); C.B.C. (3); Carlisle (4); Churchlands C.A.E. (1); City Beach (3); City of Perth (1); Claremont C.A.E. (1); Collegians (4); Commonwealth Bank (1); Coolbellup (2); Coolbinia-Yokine (3); Dianella (4); East Fremantle (1); Edgewater (2); Fire Brigades (1); Floreat-Marist (3); Forrestfield (3); Girrawheen (2); Graylands (1); Hammersley (3); Hellenic (3); Innaloo (3); John 23rd (1); Koondoola (1); Lynwood-Ferndale (2); M.H.W.P. (4); Maylands (3); Melville (1); Morley (3); Mt Lawley (6); Mt Lawley C.A.E. (1); Murdoch (1); Muresk (1); National Bank (1); Nollamara (4); North Beach (5); North



A round-up from the West Australian Amateur Football League.

Fremantle (3); Old Scotch (3); Old Wesley (4); Osborne Park (3); R & I Bank (1); R.A.A.F. (1); Robbs Jetty (1); Scarborough (4); St. Norberts (1); Stirling Districts (1); Swan Athletic (1); Swanbourne-Nedlands (2); Trinity-Aquinas (4); University (6); W.A.I.T. (4); Wembley (5); Whitfords (5).

Clubs with several teams have developed into high organised, efficient and business-like organisations. Some administrators with responsibility for nearly 100 or more playing members each week have to show great expertise and managerial skill. In all too many instances these are not recognised and appreciated out of their own club circles.

Season starts next week

The W.A. Amateur Football League season starts on the weekend of April 9 and 10.

A full preview of clubs will appear in the next issue of Westside Football.

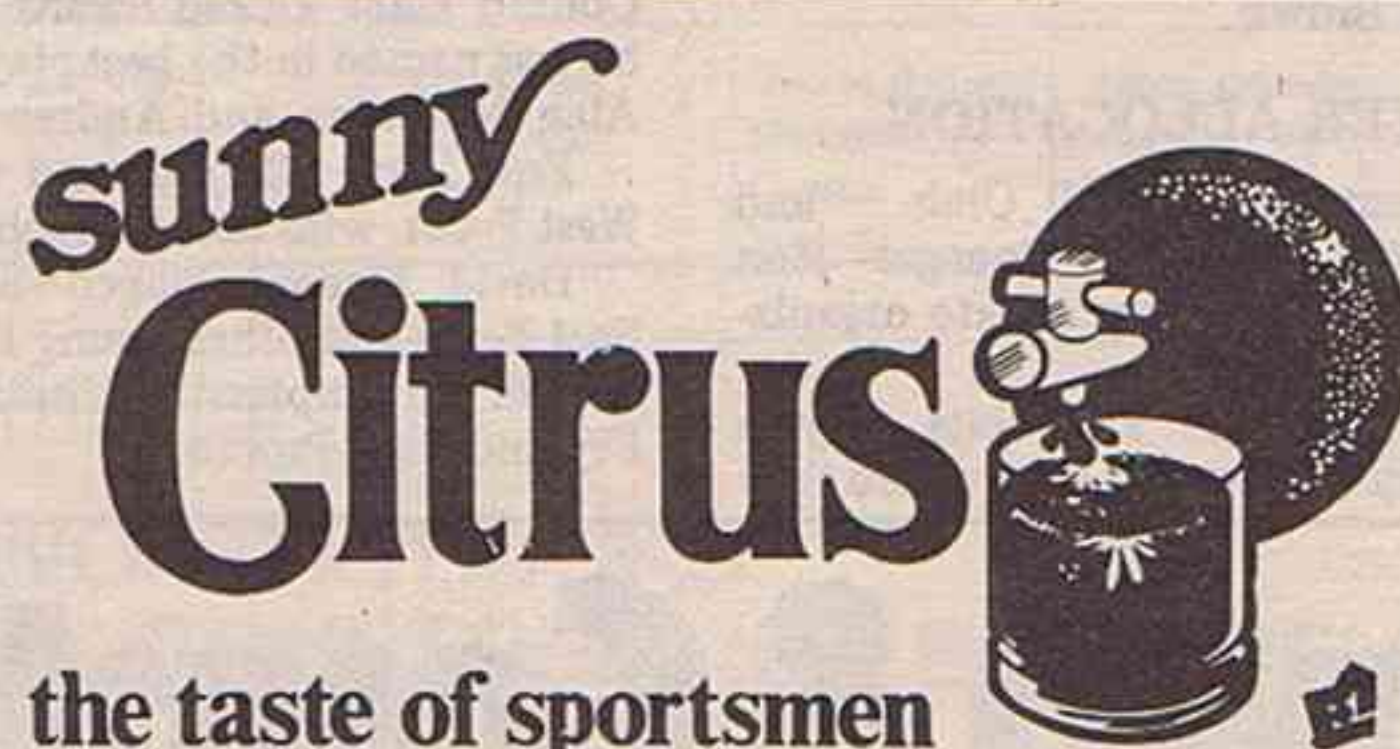
With plenty of player movement between clubs, as well as the great influx of players into amateur ranks, early games will be hard to predict, especially in 'A' and 'B' league.

Recruitment and early competition wins are usually very important for clubs to remain on top.

'A' GRADE AND COLTS FIXTURES:
Old Scotch v Collegians - Fremantle Oval
Trinity-Aquinas v Wembley - Earnest Johnson Oval
Nollamara v Mt Lawley - Claremont Oval
Maylands v North Beach - Bassendean Oval
Old Wesley v University - Lathlain Oval.

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).



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New president brings new talent

When the Perth members elected new president George Spalding into the position late last year they probably did not realise that the former champion ruckman had a talented son ready for his league debut.



Earl Spalding

But it did not take long to find out.

EARL SPALDING put in a lot of hard work during pre-season and he emerged as a league player for 1983.

And anyone who had any doubts about his ability would have cast those aside after they saw him play in the opening match of the season against South Fremantle.

Spalding picked up many kicks, particularly in the first half, but it was not so much that he gained so many touches, but more the way in which he used the ball when he got it that impressed the most.

He showed he could kick with great accuracy with either foot and that should hold him in good stead for the future.

Another youngster at Perth who seems set for a bright career is JOE SANTOSTEFANO.

In the league practice match against Swan Districts he was used as a permanent forward pocket, but coach Ian Miller played him there simply to give him the feel of league football.

It is important for young players to be slowly introduced to top level football and that stands more so for rovers than any other player.



Joe Santostefano



Glen O'Rourke



Harry Mumford

be one of the focal points in the Demons defence this year.

In the past Perth have struggled for a strong marking centre half back who could turn defence into attack swiftly and catch the opposition napping.

Whittington has the skills to do just that.

He impressed in the Avon Football Association last year and looks capable of making the transition from country football to league status.

Former Claremont and Collingwood defender KEVIN WORTHINGTON is also looming as a player of immense value to Perth.

His experience, particularly in WA conditions, could have a big bearing on the future of Perth.

Whittington's main objective this year will be to lead an inexperienced defence and if he can teach those youngsters around

him how to play the backline to perfection he would have done his job.

One of the surprise inclusions in Perth's league side for practice matches was HARRY MUMFORD. But the strongly built half back quickly showed why he was playing in the league side with some solid performances. Without being outstanding he was effective and could be a good player for the Demons in the years ahead.

Perth were successful in gaining the services of former Swan Districts players GLEN O'ROURKE and ROSS FITZGERALD and both players have slotted in well. Fitzgerald was a member of Swans premiership team last year and his versatility will be a bonus for Perth while O'Rourke, who had been out of league for three years, looks a likely prospect on a half back flank.



NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL

KEY PLAYER

Miller is confident Santostefano can develop into a key player at Perth and with him and Sean O'Brien likely to be the team's rovers the future for Perth could be assured.

Santostefano has shown a willingness to get involved in the play and when he picked up kicks he almost always hit one of his team mates on the chest with an accurate pass.

Mid-way through last year Perth heard that young Camarvon Warriors half forward KEN PHILLIPS would be interested in trying out with the Demons.

As soon as they heard the news the Demons wasted no time and invited the talented Aboriginal star down to the city so they could see just how skilful he was.

Phillips made the special trip to Perth for one game and played in the reserves. So impressed were the Demons that they made sure he would return for 1983.

ABILITY

And now Phillips looks set to confirm the faith Perth had in his ability.

Although he has tended to drift out of the play for lengthy periods Phillips has shown that he has the raw ability to be around Lathlain Park for many years to come.

One man who is sure to make a big impact at Perth this year is big defender GAVIN WHITTINGTON.

Whittington began in fine style before breaking down with an injury and it was obvious that his strength and ability would



One top defender to another, former Perth full back John Quartermaine (left) welcomes Kevin Worthington to the club.



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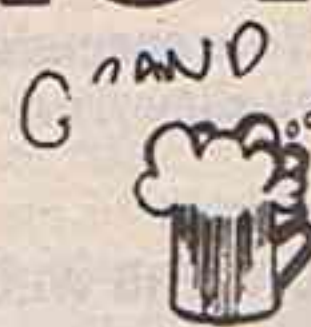
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BELOW: East Fremantle newcomer Michael Brennan (left) with promising rover Mark Valli



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Sharks shark a would-be Lion

East Fremantle may have pulled off the recruiting coup of the season when they stole former Essendon and South Melbourne centremen NEVILLE FIELDS from under the nose of Subiaco.

When Fields trained with Subiaco early in February it was considered a mere formality that he would play with the Lions this year.

However, a change of heart saw him down at East Fremantle Oval a week later and he will now be a key player with the Sharks.

Fields' experience is his greatest asset to the club, particularly in view of the many youngsters who seem ready to emerge on the league football scene.

The veteran of more than 200 VFL games still has plenty of good football left in him and East Fremantle will be hoping he can produce that ability on a regular basis.

East Fremantle have done well out of their country zone in recent seasons and that trend is likely to continue this year.

He was extremely impressive in the final practice match when he picked up kicks almost at will he continued on with that form on Saturday.

East Fremantle unearthed another young star when BILL JONES arrived from Thornlie and immediately had heads turning on the training track.

He is an outstanding proposition who will give East Fremantle maximum drive from his wing this year.

Jones has a touch of brilliance about him and East Fremantle are understandably excited about his prospects in league football.

He showed in his first match of senior football that he has what it takes and if he can maintain anything like the form he showed in his initial appearance he will be with the Sharks for many years to come.

TALENTED PAIR

Young forward JOHN BEDFORD and centreline JOHN BELLOTTI showed they had talent when given the opportunity in pre-season matches.

Although they both failed to make the league side for the opening match of the season they will obviously be key players in the future.

Bellotti has outstanding ball skills and quick acceleration — something which will assure him of league matches in later days.

He is also keen to succeed and besides playing on the wing he can also play as a ruck rover or half forward.

Bedford made his name in the Great Northern National Football League as a full forward and he has the potential to develop into a fine player in that position.

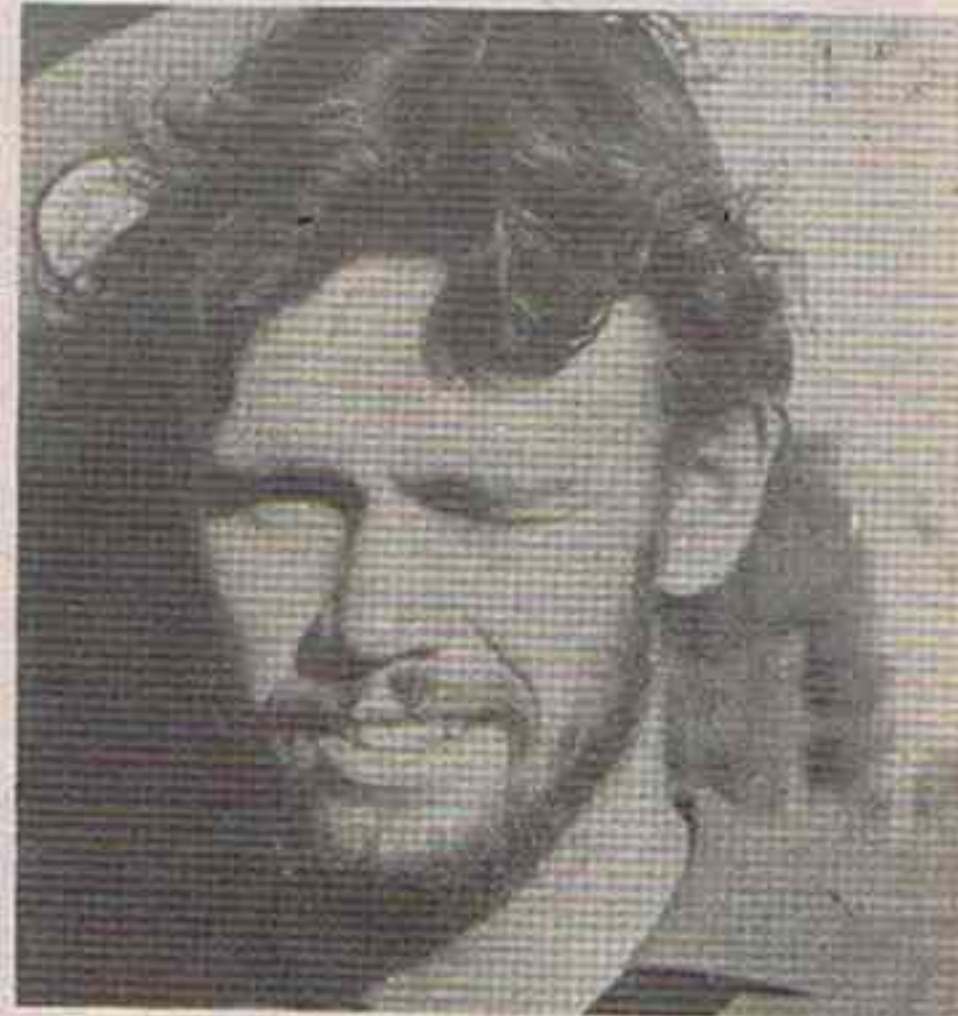
He takes a strong mark and is an accurate kick — attributes which should bring him success in the city.

COUNTRY HOPEFUL

Another country recruit, MAX JOHNSON, from Morawa, made his presence felt towards the end of the pre-season fixtures.

He stamped himself as a player of class when operating from a half forward flank and he is sure to provide many headaches for opposition defenders before the season is over.

Johnson is a sure ball handler, reads the play well and is an accurate kick, which make him a difficult opponent to counter.



Bryce Forman

One of the most impressive youngsters in a disappointing East Fremantle side last week was Geraldton recruit MURRAY WRENSTEAD. A brilliant player in the country last year Wrenstead showed that he has undoubted potential and East Fremantle will be hoping he stays around the club for many years to come. He is on six weekly permits to the Sharks until he decides where he wants to play his football.

Another young player who showed he had ability in the opening match was MICHAEL BRENNAN. He worked hard for his side while on the ground, but may need a little time to adjust to the greater tempo of league football. However, he appears to have the basic skills which are required to succeed.

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Canberra is a Swans breeding ground



Robert Maiden... another top class recruit from the ACT.

WHILE many West Australian clubs have recruited former Victorians in the last decade, Swan Districts have unearthed a previously untapped breeding ground for league footballers — the Manuka Football Club in Canberra.

Firstly they brought dynamic little rover Ed Blackaby across to the West. Then they recruited Peter Kenny, who represented WA after just a handful of league games for his club. And now ROBERT MAIDEN is destined to make his impact on the WAFL.

Maiden is a player of enormous potential and could solve the roving problems at Bassendean Oval.

The 26-year-old, who played 151 games with Manuka, has fine ball skills and supports this ability by being a good reader of the play.

He came to WA with a big reputation after representing his territory on the interstate arena and Swan Districts fans will not be disappointed with their club's latest import from the ACT.

Swans fans will hopefully see a familiar figure at Bassendean Oval this season, picking up kicks almost at will — and they will then remember MIKE SMITH.

He was a star in his three seasons of league football with Swans before breaking down with a crippling knee injury two years ago.

And up until now he was almost a forgotten man of WA football.

LONG STRUGGLE

But no one should forget the brilliance of the Swans centreman. Nor should they forget the long, hard struggle he has gone through to once again don the Swan Districts guernsey.

Smith has undergone numerous operations on his troublesome knee and for the sake of Smith and WA football, everyone will hope the latest move is successful.

He tried a comeback in 1981 but was thwarted when his knee could not stand up to rigours of league football.

Now he thinks he is ready to resume his career and if the knee stands up, WA football will be richer for the presence of a champion.

WINGMAN

When Swan Districts wingman CLINTON PIKE forced his way into the senior side for the first match of 1982 it looked like being the start of a bright career.

Pike, although he took a little while to adjust to the tempo of league football, showed flashes of his skill in that game against East Fremantle.

However, as many young players do, he was dropped back to the reserves the next week.

But he did not cope with the rapid rise and fall and decided to return to country and have another season with Collie in the South West National Football League.



Barry Kimberley... at home at Bassendean

That season with his old club obviously agreed with him and he has returned to Swans in an effort to establish himself as a top player.

Pike has good ball skills and should now be ready to accept a role in Swans senior side.

When ANDY MAHER came across to WA to play baseball he had no idea that within 12 months he would be playing league football for Swan Districts. Maher came across from Williamstown and if his debut is any guide he could be in WA for many years to come. He had the tough assignment of minding WA's best forward Warren Ralph in his first match and did the job admirably.

Swan Districts could also have been impressed with the debuts of recruits KEN MARSHALL and BARRY KIMBERLEY. Marshall kicked six goals for Swans from full forward and Kimberley gave his club added bite around the ground.



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Subiaco recruit Ken Marshall accepts his new Swan Districts guernsey from propertyman Ron Lorimer.



Andy Maher... a base baller finding success on the football field.

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A country trip pays off

When South Fremantle players and officials made a Sunday trip down to Pingelly last year to watch a local football match they had no idea of what they were about to see.

But it did not take them too long to work out that a young Aboriginal rover could make it in the big time.

They were extremely impressed with the way he handled the ball and, although he was obviously the difference between the two sides, no one in the opposition could catch him to nullify his effect.

That little rover, NEIL OR "NICKY" WINMAR, as he is known, is now destined to become a key player at South Fremantle.

Even at this early stage in his career he is being compared to Claremont's famous Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil.

The way he moves he looks like Phil Krakouer and his disposal is every bit as lethal. There is little doubt he has a big future ahead of him and South Fremantle will be doing everything they can to make sure he settles into city life.

Last year South Fremantle wanted talented young utility player KEN MARTIN to spend the season at Fremantle Oval.

But the gifted youngster, who originally hailed from Wickiepin, had other commitments. He wanted to lead his school team, Wesley to a victory in the Alcock Cup competition.

And as soon as he had achieved that goal he made himself available for South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs would not normally have worried about getting anyone to the club for just the last game of the season but they know that Martin's talents were something special.

Martin played in the final qualifying match of 1982 and now he is set to become a regular member of the Bulldogs' senior team. He takes a strong mark, has speed to burn and also is an excellent kick — attributes which certainly make him a star of the future.

It was no coincidence that ROD GRLJUSICH decided he wanted to play league football with South Fremantle.

After all why shouldn't he want to play with the same club where his father and uncle brought the Grljusich name into football prominence.

Grljusich is the son of former Bulldogs star, and now ABC sporting commentator, George Grljusich and is the nephew of former South Fremantle centre half back Tom Grljusich.

The youngest Grljusich will attempt to make a name for himself this season.

When given the opportunity to play league football last year he showed outstanding potential. He marked strongly and showed a willingness to work hard — something which has been a trait of the famous sporting family.

If the Channel 7 film crew travel to Fremantle Oval this winter they will probably think there is a film star at the ground.

For the Bulldogs new recruit, former Central District, East Perth and Subiaco utility player GEOFF GILLIES looks like Rock Hudson and has the build like Tarzan.

Gillies was in outstanding touch in pre-season matches and also showed in the first fixture of the season against Perth last Saturday that he had ability.

When recruited there was some doubt as to whether he would succeed in WA football, but he quickly dispelled those doubts with some fine efforts for his third WA club.

He will obviously be a fine player for South Fremantle.

NEW TALENT

Immediately after the finals South Fremantle coach Mal Brown realised that his side needed some new talent if they were to have any hope of playing in the 1983 final round.

And he decided that his best prospect of recruiting the type of player was by returning to his old Melbourne club Richmond.

On the eve of VFL grand final, just after STEPHEN MOUNT had learned that he would not be playing in the big match for Richmond, Brown announced that the handy utility player would don the Bulldogs guernsey in 1983.

The 23-year-old Mount played 82 games with the VFL Tigers and when he overcomes leg problems, which have hampered his progress at South Fremantle he will be a key player for them.

South Fremantle also realised they needed greater versatility around the ground and a full forward capable of winning a match from his own boot. So they secured the services of East Perth veteran JOHN HAYES and big marking forward PAUL ARNOLD, also from the Royals camp.



Grljusich is a name synonymous with the Bulldogs and Rod is set to make his mark.



Richmond recruit Stephen Mount . . . his West Australian debut has been held up by injury as well as a clearance problem.



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Below: Geoff Gillies, a fitness fanatic, who looks in great shape for South Fremantle. He will be a key player for the Bulldogs this year and will probably play in the centre.



Stephen Michael checks out the weight of newcomer "Nicky" Winmar

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Lottery grants will aid football

COUNTRY football stands to benefit greatly from the monies generated from the Instant Lottery grants.

Although they will not receive a set sum, funds received by football from the lottery will be spent on country footballers.

At a meeting between the six senior football bodies in WA last week it was decided that anything they receive from the lotteries should be spent on the development of the sport.

The decision was reached by delegates from the WAFL, the WA Amateur Football League and the North-West League. WAFL general manager Mr Peter Bowler that the greatest benefit would be to football in general.

"It will bring every football body in WA under the one umbrella," Mr Bowler said. "And that can only be good for the game."

"It was decided to form a committee to guide the development of football and I should imagine the country areas will benefit through such things as coaching clinics."

At this stage the committee has not decided how to use the funds but it will not be used to pay players or fund projects like setting up a bar.

Blues in line for fourth pennant

Great Northern National Football League team Railways began their quest for their fourth consecutive premiership in fine style on Sunday.

After a tense struggle for most of the day the Blues eventually kicked away from Mullewa to win 22.15 to 18.13.

Railways were most impressive and must again be favourites for the flag.

To add to last year's winning combination they have recruited Steve Mason from South Fremantle, Coz Schirripa from Rovers and Bevan Gray from Brigades.

Railways only losses at this stage are former East Fremantle ruckman Alan Casserly who has joined Central District in South Australia centreman Murray Wrenstead who is on six weekly permits with East Fremantle.

Towns, who completed a remarkable climb up the ladder last year, when they moved from the bottom side at the end of 1981 to finish third last season also began the new season on a bright note.

They were always in control of the situation in their match against Northampton and won 16.12 to 11.15.

The Bulldogs may have lost big men Simon Dempster, Darren Tregoe and John Koric but they have recruited well.

Ron Cross a member of Towns' 1976 premiership side has returned to the fold; Steve Fischer from Brigades and Rob Joseph and Harry Papertalk from Mullewa have also joined Towns.

Brigades new coach Robbie Hoiwen could not have hoped for a better start to the season when his side proved too strong for Rovers.

Houwen, a former Claremont player who joined the club mid-way through 1981, saw his new side kick 17.24 to Rovers: 14.15.

Brigades had been impressive in practice matches but it was generally considered that Rovers would have too much class for their opponents.

Rovers had recruited well, particularly in gaining the services of Albany brothers Murray and Ramon Smith.

Murray played three games with Claremont last year as a forward and he will obviously be a key player while Ramon played two seasons in the reserves for the Tigers.

Both players take a strong mark and as the season progresses they will prove their worth to Rovers.

Rovers have also recruited Ricky Randall and James Hallen from Wembley, Kim Jones from Chapman Valley and Kelvin Kendle who has returned to the Demons camp.

Brigades lost a number of players but Marinus Potter, a former Perth and

East Fremantle player, and Darren Green from Perth amateurs are expected to offset those losses to a certain degree.

The season was certainly off to a bright start and it looks like being a most even competition.

DOWERIN RE-UNION

The Dowerin Football Club is gearing itself up for a big season and they intend to get away to a flying start on the social scene as well.

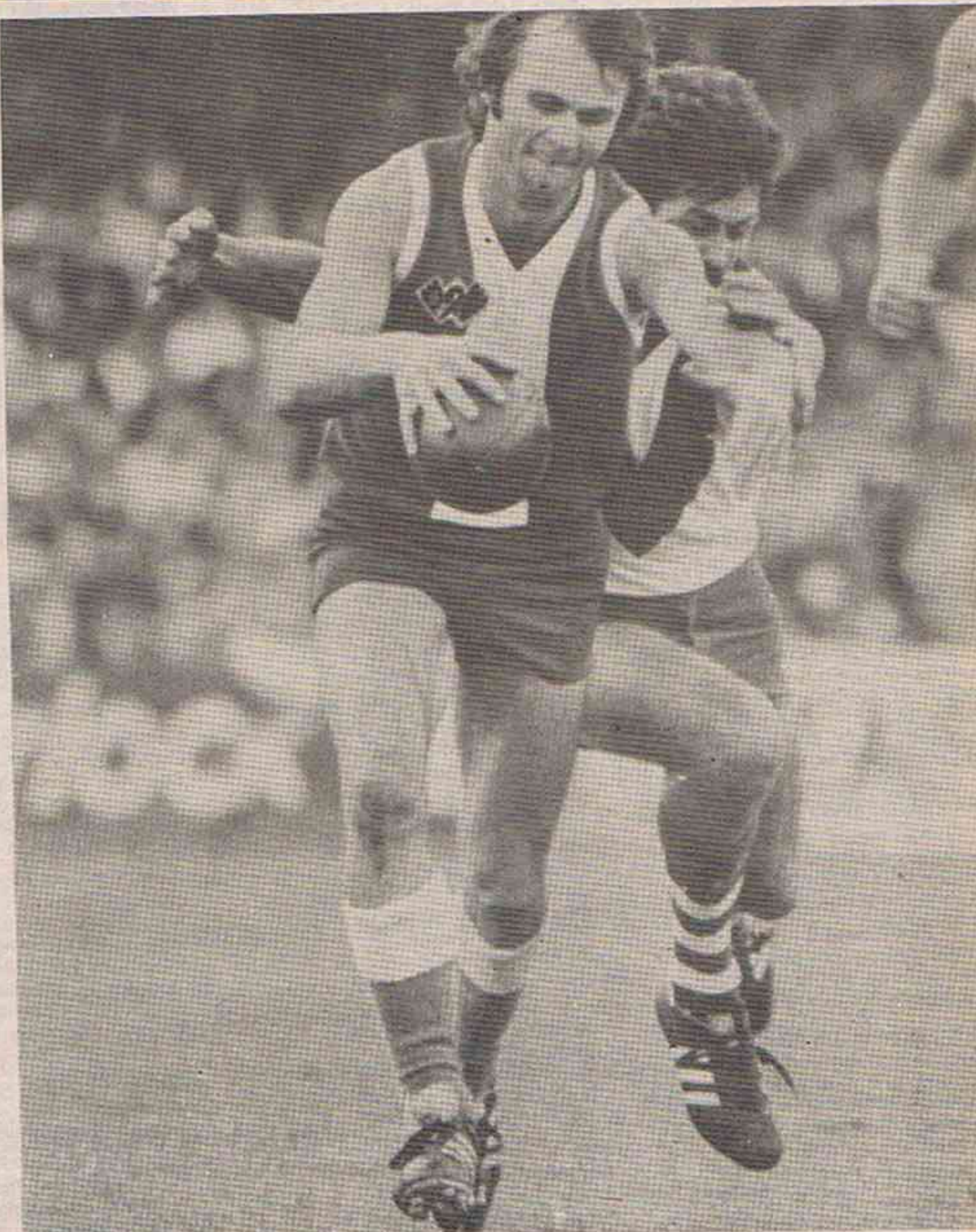
A re-union is being planned for April 2 and among the special guests will be Malcolm Brown, Murray Couper and four times all-Australian representative Jack Clarke.

And there is still a possibility that Kim Hughes may make the function.

The season gets away on May 1 and in preparation to the opening match Dowerin will play a practice game against Cunderdin on April 10 and follow that up on April 24 with another game against Wyalkatchem.

There have been several changes in the club's administration with Peter Bradley taking over as secretary from George Lancaster and George moving into the committee vacancy left by Peter.

Jeff Williams has returned to the club as social secretary and his assistant will be Brett Jones. Bryce Hagboom will also lend assistance.



Former East Fremantle wingman John Sims is expected to play a big part with Collie in the South West National Football League this year.

SDNFL SEASON KICKS OFF

The Southern Districts National Football League kicked off their season on Sunday with the staging of the annual lightning carnival at Denmark.

Some first class matches were played in the qualifying rounds until North Mt Barker and Royals worked their way into the final.

The Demons showed that they will again be in force in the competition with a strong win over Royals.

But the inaccuracy proved costly for the Lions as they kicked 1.6 to North Mt Barker's 5.2.

Demons rover Neil Williams won the fairest and best award for the carnival and his Royals counterpart Geoff Simpson was runner-up.

Qualifying matches get under way this Monday with the highlight being the Mt Barker derby between North Mt Barker and South Mt Barker.

The Demons should be able to win the match, although South are expected to put up a strong show.

In another top match, arch rivals, North Albany and Royals will meet.

The Kangas' form in the lightning carnival was not impressive, but when the qualifying matches begin they invariably produce their best football and this contest should be a thriller.

The defending titleholders have lost several players including Country All Star full forward Chris Elliott, young ruckman Dale Froby, Phil Howie, Ian Woods, Ian Fletcher and Steve Johnsons but they still expect to field a strong side.

They have recruited well and new faces in the Kangas camp will be Barry Wilson, Tony Docking and Doug Scott.

Rod Gillies will again coach the senior team.

Royals new coach John Turner, a former East Perth player and Lower South West coach, has had them training solidly in the off season he will be looking for a first-up victory.

The Lions have recruited well with Greg Stocks returning after two seasons as captain coach of Boddington, Max Moncrieff also returning after several seasons in the east and new-comers Robert Parker and Kevin Spurr.

Royals finished third last year and will be looking to improve on that position this year.

In the other match on Monday Railways will play Denmark and the Tigers should be able to open their account for 1983.

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Round 20 - August 13 Sth Frem v Swans

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Round 1 March 26 Geelong 15.16; Footscray 11.9
Part Round 2 - April 2 Collingwood v Geelong
Part Round 2 - April 4 Nth Melbourne v Fitzroy (P)

April 24 Swans v St. Kilda (S)
Part Round 5 - April 25, Anzac Day Nth Melbourne v Essendon (P)
Round 6 - April 30 Hawthorn v Richmond (P)

Round 9 - May 21 Fitzroy v Footscray (P)
May 22 Swans v Collingwood (S)
Round 10 - May 28 Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)
Round 11 - June 4 Carlton v Essendon (P)

Round 14 - June 27 Richmond v Geelong (P)
Round 15 - July 2 Footscray v Hawthorn (P)
Part Round 16 - July 9 Fitzroy v Carlton (P)
Part Round 16 - July 16 Hawthorn v Collingwood

Round 19 - August 6 Footscray v Nth Melbourne (P)
Round 20 - August 19 Richmond v St. Kilda (P)
Round 21 - August 20 Hawthorn v Melbourne (P)

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.

SANFL 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
Round 2 - April 9 Centrals v North
Round 3 - April 16 West v Glenelg
April 17 Port v Sturt
Round 4 - April 23 Woodville v North

April 25 Norwood v Glenelg
Round 5 - April 30 South v Port
May 1 West v Norwood
Round 6 - May 7 Glenelg v Torrens
Round 7 - May 14 Sturt v Centrals
May 16 S.A. v Victoria
Round 8 - May 21 West v Sturt

Round 9 - May 28 Glenelg v Centrals
May 29 Port v Woodville
Round 10 - June 4 Torrens v Woodville
Round 11 - June 11 Centrals v North
June 12 Sturt v Glenelg
June 13 South v Torrens
Round 12 - June 18 Central v Norwood
Round 13 - June 25 Sturt v South

Round 14 - July 2 Centrals v Woodville
Round 15 - July 9 Norwood v North
July 10 Centrals v South
Round 16 - July 16 Centrals v Sturt
July 17 South v Norwood
Round 17 - July 23 Centrals v Torrens
Round 18 - July 30 Sturt v North

August 13 South v North
August 14 Torrens v Woodville
Round 20 - August 20 Woodville v West
August 21 Norwood v Port
Round 21 - August 27 Torrens 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

WESTSIDE WINNERS



S. Fremantle v West Perth

I said last week that South could win the flag and they will get the chance to prove it this week against the Falcons.

BOB CRIBB
Westside Football



East Perth v Swans

Swans will rebound and cream East Perth.

KEN MCAULLAY
Channel 7



Subiaco v Perth

After Subiaco's great win last week they will have no trouble in beating a very lamented Perth.

FRED WOODS
Westside Football



Claremont v E. Fremantle

Feeding time for the Tigers and East Fremantle will be ideal shark bait.

ALAN EAST
Western Mail

'Earny'...where are you?

CRAIG Earnshaw, come home to the Royals. That was one of the many thoughts that passed through my head as I sat on the bank at Leederville Oval last Sunday.

Not that Frank Wilson or Michael Christian played poorly, but 'Earny' is a very good player whom the Royals need.

I know early in Earny's career I was extremely hard on him, to endeavour to make him realise what he could be with the ability he has. After his two year stint in Adelaide he returned to the Royals in '82 a much more mature and dedicated player.

In the 1982 season he was a credit, the way he conducted himself on and off the field. I developed a close player-coach relationship believing he would be a player East Perth could build on for the future. But now for some reason he is not there.

It is possibly one of the most disappointing aspects of coaching when so many great men who do not have natural ability fail to become regular league players. But then you have gifted players like 'Earny' who don't want to play our great game.

Earny - East Perth need you and you need East Perth.

Banners galore

The opening to the Sunday's game between East Perth and West Perth was an excellent presentation.

West Perth can surely claim to be the trendsetters in football promotion.

The singing of the club's new song and 'Up There Cazaly' by Mike Brady, plus the balloons and girls in Falcon Tights was great to see. It set the stage for the first Sunday game for 1983.

The club banners were magnificent, unfortunately the East Perth one ripped apart as soon as it was lifted.

I, like everyone at that game, felt extremely disappointed for those young supporters who work for hours to make their banners. But in the time of panic as it tore apart perhaps the greatest message to football administrators was shown by those young people.

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



The West Perth cheer squad rushed over in force to help the Royals. If more of this co-operation for the sake of our game occurred at senior level I'm sure we would be better off.

What a night!

Saturday night was my first involved with the ABC football preview - what an experience!

I thought sitting on the coaches bench during a close game kept your heart beating rapidly. But when Dennis Cometti said "it's over to you Grant" your first thoughts are that behind that piece of metal and screws (the camera) are thousands of football followers - the heart rate really jumps.

So I have spent my first 2½ minutes on camera and like all things you live and learn. I'm looking forward to my second time.

An unusual feeling

Last Saturday was my first experience at a game where I haven't belonged to a club.

It was an unusual experience where several aspects of the game were brought to my attention - umpires are not as biased as I thought although listening to both club supporters at the game they are still 'mugs'.

The view from the press box at Bassendean is much better than sitting on an old wooden plank that visiting coaches have to do. I'm sure Toddy has arranged this, it's worth five goals to Swans.

People don't seem to abuse you as much as when you are coach. I found that I could actually do things like buy a pie, and be ordinary.

It's easy to be an arm-chair coach not having the pressures applied to you. Every move you make is an outstanding success.

Listen to the critics before the game who said Claremont's selection of Robert Peoples on the interchange was the worst selection ever. Then after the game everyone said, what a success the three ruckmen were.

The scones and tea at Bassendean are most enjoyable, but fattening.

Centre bounce

The new centre bounce rule with the line across the centre was on display for the first time on Saturday.

It was very successful allowing football followers to witness two players leaping for the ball in a straight out contest. Too many times before centre bounce contests were marred by interference with umpires giving decisions that are extremely difficult to interpret.

This new rule continues to speed up the game with the ball travelling very quickly from the centre square.

The only concern for this rule to be pursued with is the ability of our umpires to bounce correctly. Saturday's game at Bassendean saw a great variation in the direction and height of each bounce.

Maybe the next change for centre bounces will be to throw the ball up. Then continue to allow the ruck jostling contests and bouncing of the ball in all around the ground bounciedowns.

LOYALTY

Perhaps one of the most over-used words in football is loyalty. It is often used by club administrators to condemn a player for not doing what they want him to.

Loyalty, or as the Collins Dictionary puts it, faithful - true to allegiance begins at the top in a club.

The president and committee establish their interpretation of loyalty immediately they take office.

Players, like children, set their standards from the example shown. Too many times the "wheelings and dealings" that go on behind committee doors relating to players' futures are forgotten when another player chooses to determine his own destiny.

He is immediately labelled "disloyal" when maybe his actions display what he sees in the club administrators.

SELECTIONS

SUBIACO v PERTH: Subiaco were most impressive in their first game last Saturday and their confidence will be extremely high.

SOUTH FREMANTLE v WEST PERTH: It will be the first opportunity for Chris Stasinowsky to thank West Perth for selling him. In what will be a great game South Fremantle will have too many guns at home.

EAST PERTH v SWAN DISTRICTS: I was very impressed with Swan Districts' team play last Saturday and they will be too strong across the centre and on the ball for the Royals.

CLAREMONT v EAST FREMANTLE: Claremont are the best team in the WAFL and they proved that last Saturday. They have too much goal power for what will be a more determined East Fremantle.

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