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Melrose ready for comeback

SUSPENDED Swan Districts captain Graham Melrose is ready to return to the football battlefield.

Despite a six-week suspension incurred as a club official, Melrose is allowed to return as a player — and hopes to do so on Saturday week.

The gutsy rover and 1982 grand final Simpson Medal winner has fought a courageous battle to overcome a serious knee injury — and he's letting nothing get in his way as he returns to action.

RALPH IN THE MONEY

CLAREMONT goalkicking specialist Warren Ralph is in the money again...

Ralph's superb return to form against West Perth last week — when he was opposed to the State full-back in Ray Holden — saw him rocket back to the top of the WAFL goalkicking table.

That means he is out in front once again for the Marlboro \$1000 goalkicking award and the Westside Football Golden Boot — an award he has picked up in the last two seasons.

And the 11-goal haul that he kicked to put him back on top has also earned him a \$100 bonus from Marlboro for kicking a double figure tally.

Ralph booted 11.6 (and a couple of those should have been majors). He kicked three goals in each of the first two quarters; one in the third and four in the last to reach his \$100 target.

It is the fifth time Ralph has collected the Marlboro Money — he booted four double-figure tallies in 1981 — and it equals his two previous highest hauls of 11 goals against East Perth and West Perth.

However, this is his highest tally including points as he kicked 11.4 and 11.3 on those occasions.

It is the second time this season that the Marlboro Money has gone off — Chris Stasinowsky kicked 11.3 for South Fremantle three weeks ago.

By **GARY STOCKS**

Melrose is still smarting over the suspension he received by the WAFL Tribunal for manhandling a West Perth player in the now infamous Subiaco Oval brawl on Saturday, April 16.

He was acting as Swans runner when he intervened in the all-in brawl — and came out of the tribunal with a \$250 fine and a six-week suspension as an official.

But he suffered no penalty as a player and the WAFL has indicated that Melrose is free to resume.

Melrose is one of the game's grittiest fighters and was not about to give up the game he loves just because of an injury. After all, he has had to overcome many problems during his 318 game career.

He worked tirelessly seven days a week to get fit and says that the troublesome knee is almost back to normal.

"I think I could almost sneak in a game this week," the chirpy rover-centreman turned back-pocket star says. "I had my first full pace run on Monday night and it felt good."

PULLED UP

"It was a top workout, although I pulled up a little lame and I think it would be best to wait another week. I don't want to risk coming back too soon."

"It was not so much my leg which pulled up sore, but more the rest of my body. It was not used to that sort of workout."

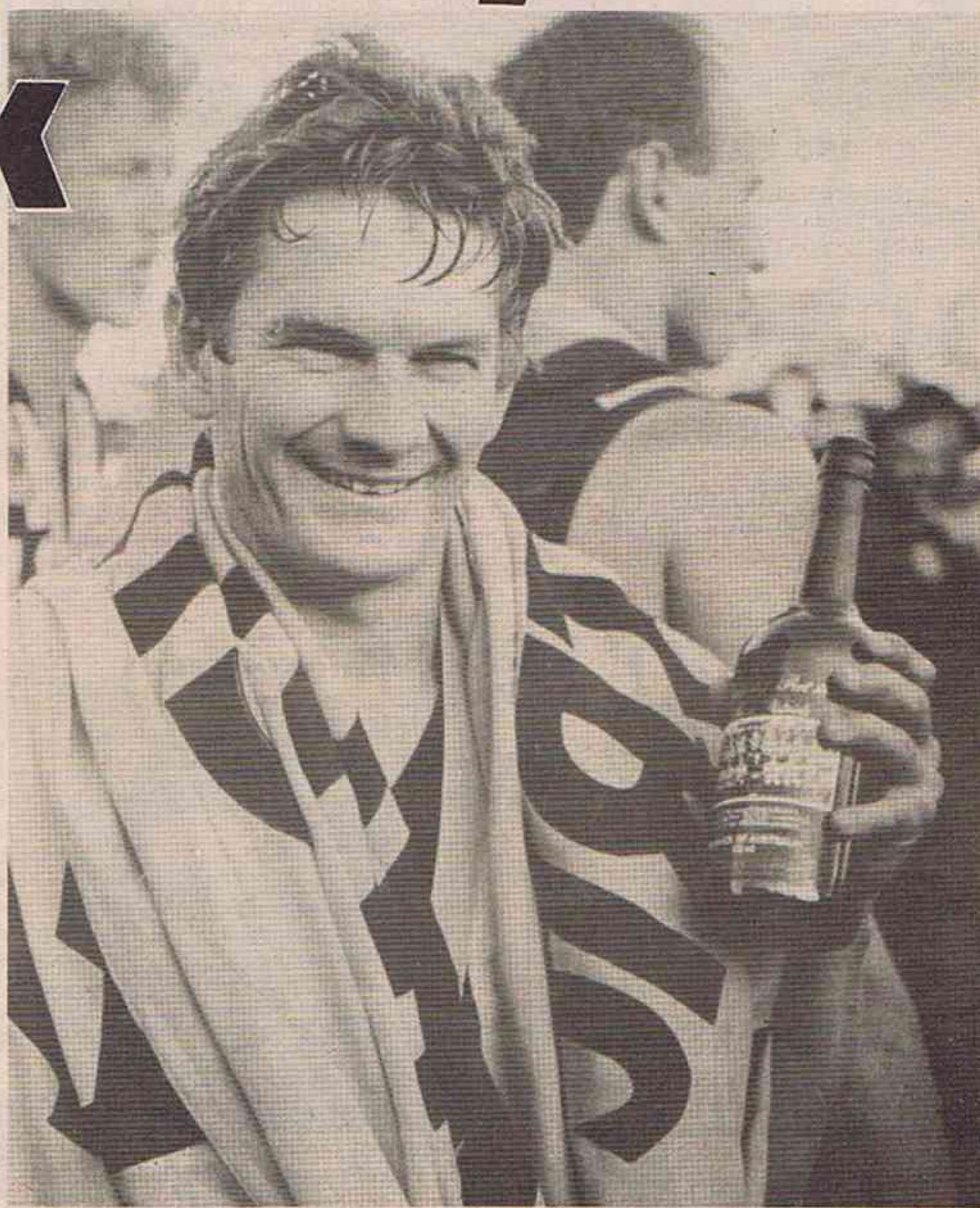
"I went through the training session without worrying about my knee and it stood up well. I wasn't going to let it get me down any more."

"It was depressing seeing the other blokes play each week, but I feel much better knowing I could be out there on Saturday week."

Melrose's rapid recovery could be traced back to the use of a magnetopulse machine which has been used with good effect in the USA — and now WA — helping horses recover from leg injuries.

East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander also used the magic box — as it is known — to help him recover from a serious knee injury at the start of the season.

Melrose was using the machine every day initially, but gradually weaned himself off it so that he did not become too dependant upon the treatment.



Graham Melrose... he can't wear the club blazer, but he can wear the club guernsey and he would like to be wearing the premiership pennant around his neck again this year...and indulge in some more of that Hardy's premiership port!

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DEAN TURNER (EP) 96

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Kenny running

STATE and Swan Districts defender Peter Kenny looks to be on the way back to league football. He has been out of action with a groin injury, but took over as runner for the league side last week in the absence of the suspended Graham Melrose.

Kenny was kept extremely busy by coach John Todd, but came through the test quite well. Swans will be hoping he can resume his career in the not-too-distant future.

Up and down

SUBIACO youngster Mark Zanotti has experienced the highs and lows football has to offer in just two weeks. He made his debut for the Lions two weeks ago against Claremont and did the job quite well when given the opportunity. He would obviously have been pleased with his first-up performance, but coach Peter Daniel and his selectors were not as impressed and he was dropped to the reserves for last week's game against Swans.

Copy cat

SWAN Districts half-back Tony Solin thought that Subiaco newcomer Shane Braddy deserved an academy award when he was given a free kick after Solin had pushed him in the back. Braddy fell forward with the shove to make sure the umpires had noticed the interference. He was given the free kick, but he must have been dumfounded when he watched Solin perform a limp fall as he imitated Braddy's acting performance.

Blue in town

Ross Ditchburn returned to Perth after Carlton's shock defeat by Fitzroy last Saturday — but despite his bad form, the trip was not related to football. His sister Kerry was married to former W.A.F.A. star Ian White. The Carlton full forward from Kukerin preferred to talk about last season to his many friends and relations at the wedding reception who gave him a far better welcome than he may have received back at Princes Park on Saturday night.

Malaxos leads



Claremont centreman Steve Malaxos has taken a strong lead in the Marlboro \$1,000 Player of the Series award. From a possible 45 votes (nine in each game) he has polled a remarkable 27 votes to be seven in front of West Perth skipper Les Fong and a further vote ahead of South Fremantle champion Stephen Michael. Michael and Fong both failed to poll votes last weekend.

OVER THE FENCE



Standing ovation

THE East Perth grandstand certainly appreciates good football and there were two examples of this last Saturday. At one stage in the third quarter the loyal Royals stood and applauded first-year player Peter Dawson when he figured in a courageous piece of play on the wing. Dawson, a 24-year-old Busselton recruit, scooped the ball up out of a pack and broke through the defence in classic style. Then, at three-quarter-time, the entire stand stood up and applauded after the Royals had overcome a 37-point half-time deficit to level the scores with a 10-goal term.

One for all...

SWAN Districts coach John Todd was accused of using the Ron Boucher-George Michalczyk incident last week in a bid to mould his club together and that certainly proved the case on Saturday. Swans blitzed Subiaco and as their veteran Stan Nowotny said on World of Sport on Sunday: "We decided that it was us against the rest, so we got together and went out and performed."

Yovich away

WAFL president Vince Yovich and his wife Margaret have taken a six week business trip to Canada. They left on Monday and among those at the airport to see them off were WAFL general manager Peter Bowler, Marlboro State Manager Barry Milsome and former East Perth president and WAFL director Slim Somerville. In Mr Yovich's absence Cliff Houghton will take over at the helm.

Young bloods

EAST Perth continue to blood young players and it seems as though they have a never-ending bucket of talent. Last week they brought three more first-game players into the league side, making nine this season. This time it was Busselton pair Lance Kelly and Peter Dawson, both of whom did well and local Glen Bartlett. The Royals have tried for several seasons to entice Dawson up from the South West and now that they have got him in the city, they must be happy with his debut.

Birthday greetings

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

Colin Wilkins (P)
22 on May 1st.

Michael Jenzen (EF)
20 on May 2nd.

Ciaran Lynch (SD)
20 on 2nd.



Rod Barrett (SF)
29 on 5th.



John Claessen (EF)
23 on 5th.

Russell Cooper (C)
24 on 4th.

Danny Platts (SD)
19 on 6th.

Peter Hodyl (SD)
21 on 7th.



Don Langsford (SD)
24 on 7th.



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



FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

S. Malaxos (C) 12
L. Fong (WP)6
S. Michael (SF)6



GOALKICKER OF THE YEAR

W. Ralph (C)30
C. Stasinowsky (SF)22
P. Arnold (SF)21
P. Spencer (EP)20

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The centre square is a problem area

THERE has been a certain hysteria in recent weeks over the plight of the WAFL competition.

Experts — and those not so expert — have been volunteering policies and suggestions designed to "even up" league football.

Suggestions have ranged from the extremes of the WAFL financing players for lower clubs; to those lower clubs being struck from the competition mid-way through the season and their players re-deployed in a pool to the remaining clubs.

It seems to me that before any drastic surgery is inflicted on the game, a few more mundane options should be examined.

The first area for scrutiny must be the centre square.

The centre square was born out of a desire to promote open football and in the belief that spectators wanted to see goals kicked.

There can be no argument that the concept achieved those objectives, but a breakdown occurred in as much as, more correctly put, spectators wanted to see goals kicked by both teams.

Nowadays, if one particular team controls the centre square, goals follow and big margins are constructed.

CHAIN REACTION

Players who control the ball and get behind the most defensive of the oppositions' centre four players have ample time to steady, draw a man and set off a chain reaction that virtually is a licence to kick a score.

What needs to be done is for the square to be done away with and a smaller circle introduced.

For arguments sake, let's say the circle has a radius of 22-metres, still enough to make purely negative tactics unlikely, but at the same time giving defenders and set-position players a better chance of getting to the ball carrier.

I believe that this concession alone would reduce margins between teams and restrict the influence of four players in what essentially is a game for 20.

Conversely, it might be worthwhile looking at a larger circle, (a square has never made sense). Let's say 26 metres and allow another two players, most likely

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the wingmen, to start inside at the centre bounce.

In a nutshell, congestion in the centre area is going to give defences far greater equality.

At the moment, football is made for running players and forwards, so it follows that high scoring games will result and generally it's more likely that, in that environment, team totals will be further apart.

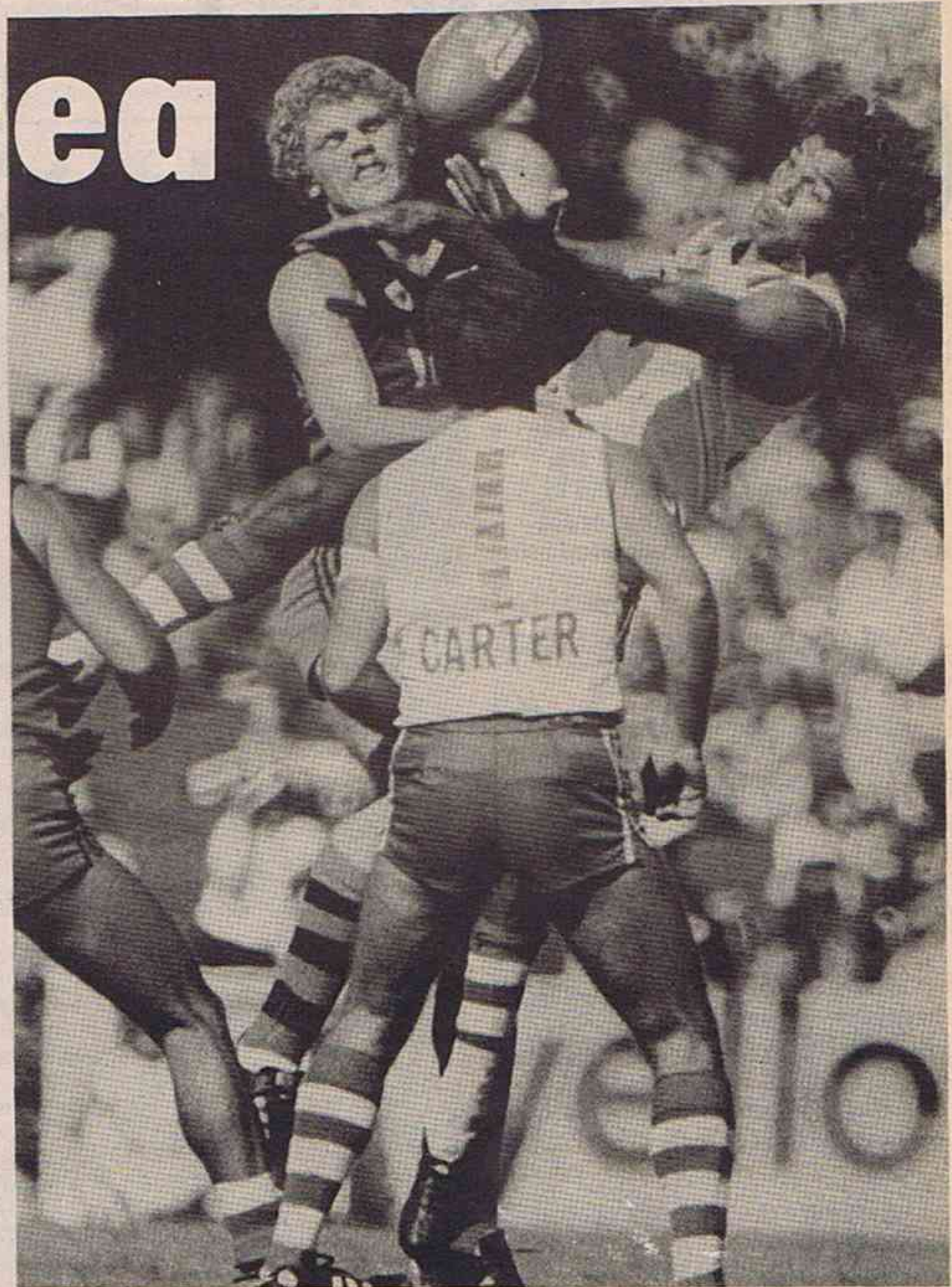
Having said all of that, I think it also needs to be said that many of these recent prophets of doom do the game a disservice.

Most of the hue and cry arose after round three of the competition, a round that corresponded with a VFL average winning margin of 67 points.

Nobody, it seems, yet has the formula.

CLOSE ONE

FORMER East Perth star Gary Malarkey went awfully close to returning to the West this season. Malarkey, now a veteran of seven VFL seasons with Geelong, went as far as resigning from his job and putting his house on the market. But then new coach Tom Hafey got into his ear and persuaded the 30-year-old to have one more season with the Cats. The decision to stay at Geelong was a good one — for them. He has been a star in early matches. Maybe there will be something left of his form for East Perth (or whoever) next season.



John Ironmonger, East Perth's giant ruckman (left) and South Fremantle champion Stephen Michael are two of the hardest ruckmen in the competition to beat and West Perth will be looking to Ramsay Bogunovich to throw out a serious challenge to them.

THE QUESTION OF TAB MONIES

I MIGHT as well get another pet subject of mine off my chest.

Trevor Jenkins and myself have discussed the issue of TAB funds for football extensively, but still neither of us is quite certain about who is entitled to what.

It seemed to me, through all the debate of a few months ago, that the racing bodies were on the wrong track when they attacked football on the grounds that it was failing because attendances were falling.

Racing in WA, like football, knows the problems of dwindling attendances.

Where football clubs were vulnerable was in their proposed spending of any monies they were to be granted.

It seems quite likely that football clubs would be inclined to simply offer larger sums to intending players, existing players and in player transfer payments, so pushing up deficits.

But then to say that people who gamble, are lovers of the sport they gamble on, is

also a spurious argument, akin to saying that all those at the gaming tables of Las Vegas are devotees of roulette or blackjack. More correctly put, perhaps, they are lovers of the quick buck.

It can become a very circular argument, but one of the things that has amazed me is that none of this has been eventually put to the test.

Perhaps people connected with football and other sports don't realise the strong bargaining position they command.

We've had smoke-free days and the like, maybe a call for a bet-free day could either underline to Government and the racing bodies that much of its revenue comes from people not interested in the sports they bet on; but more in using them as a means to an end. Or, if not supported, illustrate to those keen to dabble in the TAB coffers that the average punter is a committed client.

WHERE'S WA?

I SPENT last Monday up at Bruce Rock as part of a coaching clinic organised by West Perth for their country zones.

Everybody on the trip had a fun time, but one thing that disappointed me greatly was the audio/visual aids available through the WAFL.

West Perth's development officer, Wayne Foreman, approached the League and all that could be made available were cassettes featuring VFL coaches and players.

Suffice to say, West Perth will be embarking on a programme of producing audio/visual aids for metropolitan and country use.

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EVER since Laurie Keene made his debut in the first game of the 1981 season every football fan in this State has been waiting for the tall gangly youngster to develop into a top line ruckman.

And now it seems that day may have arrived.

Keene has been one of the major reasons behind the improved form of Subiaco this season and it has been his ability to take on — and beat — the best big men in the game which has given the smaller players at the club the bulk of their opportunities.

He has always been a tall man and because of his height he was not required to jump to get to the ball in junior football. Therefore, this aspect of his game was poor when it came to league football.

But, under the guidance of perhaps the greatest ruckman of all time, Graham "Polly" Farmer, Keene has shown outstanding improvement in all departments of his game.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the giant ruckman and found out more about the reasons for his poor form in 1982 and why Subiaco have improved so much in 1983.



Laurie Keene... aiming high at Subiaco

were enough to get me established and get me another game.

Q: Who did you kick those goals against?

A: East Perth. It was at Subiaco Oval, I remember it well because I always liked to do my best against East Perth, because I knew a lot of the guys at East Perth. When John Nolan was doing the course he was playing league and I used to go and have a drink with him at East Perth on a Saturday night so I met a lot of the East Perth players. I got to know the guys pretty well and because East Perth used to be my favourite club I tried extra hard against them.

Q: Who had the biggest influence on your junior football?

A: Probably my dad. He has always been my best critic, telling me when I played badly and why I did. He was not super critical, it was always constructive. He always told me how I could do better. He didn't say much when I gave it away because he wanted me to become a surveyor and he was all for giving it away. I think he always had in the back of his mind that I would play again.

Q: You have started this year pretty well, but what happened to you last year? You seemed to struggle for form for most of the season?

A: I had a mid-season slump I suppose when I was dropped to reserves and that was about as bad as I have ever played. But when I played reserves I went all right and came back and did better in the league. I suppose I lacked concentration for a few games and I had a poor attitude. Without using it as an excuse it was pretty hard to play well when we had lost 20 of the 21 qualifying games and I lacked confidence. I started well last year, with some good games in the Red Rooster Carnival but after that I just went gradually down hill. I don't know why. I had a real, bad start to this year as well. My first two games were woeful and then I improved in the third game and got to my best by the fourth match. The coach was worried about me because he had come over here and heard all these stories about me and I think I had a bit of an attitude problem at the beginning of the year.

Q: You seem to have put on a bit of weight across the shoulders and chest. Have you been doing a weights programme?

A: Yes. Over the summer I put in a heavy weights programme and put a lot of weight on. But I lost a lot of it through getting match fit and people say I look ill.

Q: I was amazed to hear that you had no ruck coaching until Graham Farmer came down?

A: Only once before had someone told me the art of the ruckwork. Ken Armstrong brought Noel Wilson down last year and he came for just one session. He didn't seem too worried about it. He could probably see a lot of flaws in my game but he just thought they could iron themselves out. Since Peter Daniel has taken over he has been a massive help. I now have a better understanding with the smaller players. I still think it was just coincidence that I did so well just after Graham came down. I wouldn't take anything away from what he has been doing because has been a great help, but I don't think anyone could have that big an influence in just a couple of training sessions.

Q: How have you found Peter Daniel's coaching methods?

A: Every week he hands down a report on the players. Since the first practice match he has been telling me I have been out of position around the ground. It is slowly getting better. My reports have been twice as long as some of the other players.

Q: Had you always dreamed of playing league football?

A: It was not in the back of my mind in junior football, but in very young juniors I had always considered that I would like to be good enough to play league football. I used to enjoy league players coming down to coaching clinics and things like that. When I was 16 to 17 I stopped playing football because I was hopeless. That was a poor time in my growth because everyone else caught up and went past me and I decided to concentrate on my studies because I was just too unco-ordinated so I gave it away, without really thinking about playing again. I came down to play colts here in 1979, but I was told I wasn't good enough so I went and played colts with Innaloo and then I came back in 1980. I did well that year and won the colts medal. When I was told I wasn't good enough, I think Subiaco still had plans of me coming back because the colts coach at the time asked me back in 1980.

Q: Had you always followed Subiaco?

A: No. In fact I was an East Perth fanatic. But I was zoned to Subiaco so that was who I had to play for. We lived in Subiaco before moving out to Claremont when I was about 14 to 15 and Subiaco put me in the thirds list. In those days if a club put a junior into their thirds or fourth side they were automatically cleared. There was no way I would get a game in the side, it was just a ploy to get a clearance.

Q: Where did you play all your junior football?

A: In Karrinyup, with the Karrinyup Junior Football Club.

Q: You say that you enjoy windsurfing?

A: Yes, I share one with John Nolan, from East Perth. Every weekend during the summer we go down and have a go. I

am good mates with him. We did our surveying course together.

Q: Your studies must have made it difficult for you to put in the time required to break into league football?

A: I didn't play the first year because I thought that it would be the toughest year of my studies. I got through the first year of my studies all right and then I played colts the following season. Then, in my third year of study, I played colts and reserves. But the studying did make it difficult because it took me four years to do a three year course. It was mainly because I didn't feel like studying when I got home from training. John Nolan and Jon Fogarty also had their problems combining football with study — of course their problems were bigger than mine because they were playing league football. We all did the course together and took much longer that we should have done.

Q: How hard was it to graduate through the ranks at Subiaco.

A: I played all colts the first season except when I was given a try-out in reserves for a couple of matches. The tempo was so much faster just in reserves I couldn't get over it. The next year I was too old for colts so I played reserves and made the move with a lot less difficulty because I was a year older. The next year I played all the league practice matches and lined-up in the first game of the season. But I went disastrously and was dropped for the second game. I spent a couple of weeks down there before I was promoted again. I came back against West Perth and then got dropped again. The third time I came back I kicked nine goals from full forward and I was in the league side from then on. I failed dismally after those nine goals as a full forward. I didn't kick a goal the following week. But those nine goals

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Name: Laurie Keene
Height: 6.7 (200cm)
Weight: 15.6 (98kg)
Born: Perth, 2.1.61
Lives at: Karrinyup
Married: No
Girlfriend's name: Deanne
Football idols: None really
Football likes: Winning and playing well
Football dislikes: Injuries, losing, poor performances and inconsistent umpiring.
Occupation: Surveyor.
Ambitions: Just to be successful at everything I do — job-wise as well as football. I would like to get to the top in football and stay there. I would like to play in a premiership side as soon as possible.
What car do you drive: A Ford Escort.
Do you read much: No, not a lot. I am normally too busy.
Favourite music: Just popular music — I don't have any special band or anything.
Hobbies and relaxation: Wind surfing and just going to the beach.
Hard things in football: Consistency and training under lights at Subiaco Oval.
Favourite food: Barbecue steak and sausages.
Favourite drink: Beer.
League debut: 1981.
Guernsey number: 25
Games played: 36

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OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

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ALAN EAST	15	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
PETER POAT	17	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
DAVE CLEMENT	16	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
MOTHER BROWN	18	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
GRANT DORRINGTON	17	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
ROBERT BENNETT	17	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
IAN MILLER	13	South Fremantle	Perth	East Perth	West Perth
GARY CARVOLTH	15	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
BOB CRIBB	18	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth
MOST FAVOURED	18	South Fremantle	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth

South have a point to prove



SOUTH FREMANTLE will have a point to prove when they meet Swan Districts at Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

The Bulldogs would remember being sent on a training run at half time in the corresponding match last year — and they will be keen to reverse the form in that contest.

On top of that, they will be defending their unbeaten record this year and coach Mal Brown will be keen to keep that intact.

South are playing with plenty of confidence at the moment and even when they are out of form, they are hard to beat on their home soil.

Swans returned to something like their best when they disposed of Subiaco last week. But they still have a long way to go before they are the equal of last year's premiership team.

They still lack run, are under-manned on the ball and, at times, lack discipline. They will have to lift in these facets of the game if they are to push South Fremantle.

Allan Sidebottom will meet his stiffest test since returning to WA when he takes on dual Sandover Medallist Stephen Michael, who has returned to his best form.

South also appear to have the players at ground level who can ensure that their strong forward line will receive enough chances to kick a winning score.

The Falcons were most impressive a fortnight ago when they crushed Swan Districts, but the roles were reversed when they tackled Claremont last week.

West Perth have a solid band of little men who continually pump the ball forward and through sheer weight of opportunities, they should kick a winning score against a Sharks defence which lacks experience.

Apart from State player Shane Ellis, they have lacked the strength down there to combat a forward line as capable as that of West Perth.

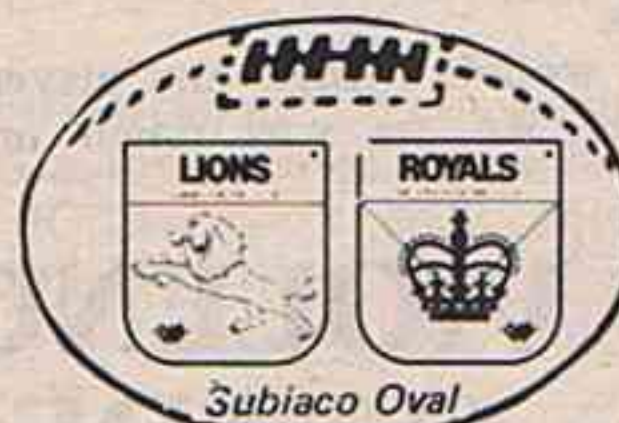
The Falcons centre line has been one of their bright spots so far this season and East Fremantle could have their problems in this area.

However, the Sharks could look to coach Ron Alexander and rover Kevin Taylor to provide them with some opportunities around the ground.

The highlight of the match should be the duel between Taylor and West Perth skipper Les Fong.



Ron Alexander... improved form and better performances from his team



SUBIACO worked hard without much luck against Swan Districts last week and they could expect a similar result against East Perth.

The Royals played well against South Fremantle before eventually going down by a big margin and they will be too strong for the young Lions.

While Subiaco have improved, they are not good enough to beat a side like East Perth, who have a reliable defence, a strong following division and a more capable attack.



THE other match should see Claremont continue on their winning way.

They are simply a class above Perth and the Demons will suffer their sixth successive defeat. They could not hope to match it with the talented Tigers.

It will be interesting to see whether Warren Ralph can kick another bag of goals and it will be a case of the player drawing the shortest straw playing on him. There certainly would be no volunteers.



Bruce Monteath... helped destroy East Perth last Saturday.



WEST PERTH will be looking to rebound when they tackle an East Fremantle side which is now much more confident after recording their first victory of the season.

BLUE FIN present...

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



IAN MILLER

State Squad

With two State games in Perth this year the selectors are starting to formulate initial ideas for the first squad to be chosen on May 21. We saw many new faces in State guernseys last year and that situation will probably continue to develop this season. Two players who spring to mind are defenders Warren Mosconi (South Fremantle) and Greg Wilkinson (Subiaco).

NEW BALL

It was very good to see the WAFL endorse another brand of football — Burley. The quality of balls is of utmost importance in our game and it is good for the clubs to have the choice of either Burley or Chesson on match days. Burley have been associated with football in WA for many years and have improved the quality of their balls. We used one on Saturday against East Fremantle and the players were satisfied with it — although they did not see or use it as much as East Fremantle.

THAT'S FOOTBALL

After watching the replay and reading reports from the East Perth — South Fremantle match last week I am sure Greg Brehaut must have cursed the East Perth expatriot players when the game was in the balance — because they helped set up the South Fremantle win. John Hayes did well at full back and set up the win at centre half forward. Paul Arnold helped himself to six goals and Barrie Quick probably played his best game in league football. At the same time former South Fremantle star Stan Magro fired up East Perth in their eight goal third quarter.

BABY SHARKS

I have seen East Fremantle play three times this season, twice against Perth (including one practice match) and in the derby and I believe Ron Alexander has a good group of young players and he seems to be more than happy with them. I have been particularly impressed with Ray Sterrett, Billy Jones, Brad McGregor, Mike Brennan, Burray Wrenstead and Max Johnson. Most have adjusted well to league football and last Saturday young Jones played a great game on the wing. He is quick, is a good reader of the play and uses the ball well.

STATS INTERESTING

With all the interest shown now in players statistics published in the weekend newspapers, I found some interesting information on free kicks. In the second quarter East Fremantle picked up 14 free kicks from the umpires while Perth received only three. However, at the same time, Perth scored 5.6 and Easts kicked 1.1.

NOT ALL BAD

This time last week I was convinced that I would be writing about Perth's first victory for the season, but that was not to be. However, the weekend was not completely black as the reserves won well and my former club Fitzroy shot to the top of the VFL ladder. They are in their centenary year and are going about it the right way to make it a memorable one in September.

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Collingwood are too soft says Cahill

THE Collingwood money bubble has burst and the purge of '83 has already started.

"Too nice and too soft" . . . that's how new Collingwood coach John Cahill, migrating across the border in South Australia into football's richest hot-seat, described the Magpies last week.

His comments came after Collingwood lost to Hawthorn to record their fourth consecutive defeat . . . and the knives are out.

Club president Ronald Macdonald, who headed the administrative coup and then masterminded the big-spending recruiting campaign, pleaded with disgruntled members for more time.

"We promised that we would have an exciting season," he said. "But never did we promise that we would win a premier-



ship this year. Not at any stage of our campaign to win office . . . or since we have taken over . . . did we promise a premiership."

Mr Macdonald said that supporters were wrong to expect premierships straight away.

The players recruited were expected to be part of Collingwood's successful planning for the next five years.

"It wasn't, as some people said, a move to buy a premiership immediately," he added.

However, despite the calming words from the president, coach Cahill is far from happy.

"I have asked for a long-kicking game, but they persist with short, ineffective football," he said after Saturday's loss.

"They are too soft. They want the easy ball instead of crashing in and forcing the ball along."

To make matters worse, some of Collingwood's expensive recruits are fast becoming a luxury embarrassment.

David Cloke, Gary Shaw, Mike Richardson, Greg Phillips and Shane Morwood all came expensively . . . but last Saturday the five stars collected a total of just 56 kicks between them . . . and WA's Richardson did best with a paying-his-way performance of 18 kicks and nine handballs.

Cahill wouldn't single any players out. He said: "We are way down on confidence."

NO VIOLENCE — QUADE

SYDNEY Swans Coach Ricky Quade has quickly dispelled any suggestions that his side will indulge in 'blood bath' grudge matches with their Melbourne counter-parts.

"I've never advocated violence and I never will," said Quade last week as the football world awaited the clash between the Swans and St Kilda after weeks of heated argument between the two clubs.

There's no doubting that the Swans are bitter about the way St Kilda snatched Silvio Foschini and Paul Morwood by direct confrontation to the League's rules . . . but Quade wanted his players to beat the Saints fair and square.

And they did. It was a Sydney triumph for the Swans as they belted on 28 goals to record a morale-boosting 23 point win.

IN BRIEF...

Impressed

ONE of the world's most powerful sports administrators had his first look at Australian Rules football last weekend . . . and loved it!

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee, saw the Pirnes Park clash between Carlton and Fitzroy and was jubilant at the game.

"What a spectacle, it's a great game," he said. "It's very fast and on what I've seen, very fair. But it would get quite rough, I imagine."

Blues blues

"IT'S the worst capitulation by a Carlton side since I've been here." That was the comment from Carlton coach David Parkin after their 10-goal drubbing by Fitzroy.

Parkin was not looking for excuses when he said that a virus had hit the club during the week and many of the Blues were not fully fit. He then pointed out that Carlton had not been beaten twice in a row since he took over . . . and that means, watch out Geelong this week.

TIGERS DEVoured

Collingwood received some consolation for their poor start to the season when they had an easy victory over Claremont in the Sterling Cup match in Melbourne on Tuesday night.

The Magpies cruised to a 16.15 to 7.17 victory over the WA Tigers.



Robert Walls

HISTORICAL

Fitzroy are in the history-making business, so it seems.

Season 1983 sees them assuming giant proportions in the challenge for the premiership and their crushing of dual premiers Carlton last week confirmed their new-found superiority.

"Welcome" to our historic moment," was the catch-cry last Saturday as they licked Carlton by the highest margin for a Fitzroy side (60 points) since 1904.

Things are working out well for coach Robert Walls as he steers the Lions towards the top section of the table . . . and he is doing it without spending heaps of dollars across the border in the now-fashionable recruiting raids.

The only big-name West Aussie in the team is Garry Sidebottom . . . and he arrived at Fitzroy after being unwanted at St Kilda and Geelong.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

West Australian players were again prominent in VFL matches on the weekend and in this unique segment we look at their performances.

	Kicks	Marks	Handballs
HAWTHORN			
Gary Buckenara	11	4	3
COLLINGWOOD			
Mike Richardson (Team best)	18	4	9
Gary Shaw	13	3	3
CARLTON			
Peter Bosustow	5	1	4
Ross Ditchburn	5	2	3
Ken Hunter	10	5	2
FITZROY			
Garry Sidebottom	9	4	4
MELBOURNE			
Alan Johnson	17	3	5
GEELONG			
Garry Malarkey	7	3	3
Peter Featherby	25	8	2
Brian Peake	11	1	8
RICHMOND			
David Palm	3	1	2
Robert Wiley	8	1	5
Maurice Rioli	13	—	9
Brian Taylor	8	7	6
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	7	5	5
Simon Beasley	7	4	—
Andrew Purser	9	2	7
Ian Williams	12	2	2
ESSENDON			
Tony Buhagiar	12	3	12
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Ross Glendinning	10	6	8
Phil Krakouer	10	1	6
Jim Krakouer	14	4	6
Kevin Bryant	10	6	5
Stephen McCann	8	4	1

Blight in SA squad

WOODVILLE and former North Melbourne captain-coach Malcolm Blight has been named in a 25 man South Australian training squad.

South Australia will meet Victoria in Adelaide on May 16 and West Australia in Perth on June 4.

The SA selectors are obviously hopeful that Blight will recover from a broken toe he received in a club match a fortnight ago.

One notable absentee is ace goalkicker Tim Evans who has a broken collarbone.

The squad: Michael Alsh, Jim Thiel, Keith Thomas (Norwood); Malcolm Blight (Woodville); Craig Bradley, Stephen Clifford, Stephen Curtis, Russel Ebert, Tony Giles (Port Adelaide); Peter Bubner, John Platten (Central Districts); Tony Burgess, Bruce Lindsay, Mark Mickan, Craig Williams (West Adelaide); Graeme Cornes, Paul Martin, Mark Naley, John Schneebichler (South Adelaide); Neil Craig, Peter Motley, Greg Whittlesea (Sturt); Stephen Kernehan, Tony McGuinness (Glenelg); John Riley (North Adelaide).

One expatriat SA player from each VFL club will also be eligible to play for their home State. These players are yet to be named.



Linke to stay

FORMER South Adelaide star Geoff Linke is adamant he will not return to South Australia to play this season.

Linke, who together with rover Wayne Slattery, was cleared to St Kilda by the Panthers at the end of 1981 season, will remain in Melbourne and play for the Saints when he recovers from the knee injury that brought his VFL career to a premature halt last season.

South Adelaide were hopeful of regaining the services of both Linke and Slattery when St Kilda failed to meet the latest transfer payments for the SA pair.

Ebert upsets media

NEW Port Adelaide coach Russell Ebert has upset the SA media with his tough approach in not talking to them before a club game.

In fact he won't even talk to them at training.



BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett
well respected
football writer.



Code of silence has gone

WHAT has happened to the code of silence in WA league football?

It just wasn't the done thing to squeal on an opponent at league tribunals.

In fact, the tribunal chairman had to decide more often than not who was telling the truth trying to establish whether a player was guilty or not.

There were even times when obvious collision between player witnesses brought a strong rebuke from the tribunal.

Umpires were often made to look like a shag on a rock during evidence because of the code of silence among players.

But that certainly seems to have changed.

West Perth utility player George Michalczyk certainly didn't mess about when he vented his feelings on Swan Districts ruckman Ron Boucher last week.

Did he do the right thing?
FEEDBACK

From feedback I've had it would seem that many league players feel Michalczyk didn't. The fact that he was president of the WAFL Players' Association further aggravated the situation.

One thing is certain... there won't be any lack of feeling between West Perth and Swans when they next meet, more so as the match will be at Bassendean Oval.

Having given damning evidence against Boucher is something Michalczyk will have to live with... particularly on the playing field.

Michalczyk is no angel on the football field. However from evidence given this time he was on the receiving end of some pretty frightening punishment.

STRENGTH

But what else can you expect if you cross swords with a person of Boucher's strength. He plays it tough so one can hardly expect him to act like a gentleman if stirred up... which it appears he was.

I don't condone violence on the football field... but let's face it, most of what



George Michalczyk

Ron Boucher

goes on in WA football is mild compared to the dustups that take place in rugby in Sydney.

Even so, there are the occasional incidents that should not be glossed over, particularly behind-the-play incidents that do considerable damage to a player.

It needs to be remembered that clubs spend a lot of money on fielding sides these days.

Also there is a great deal of money involved for players. It's often difficult enough completing a season without injury and possible disruption to a side's finals hopes without having players sidelined by unnecessary acts on the field.

OSTRACISED

It would seem that Michalczyk may be ostracised by some players for telling what he considered to be the truth of an incident.

But why should he be? Given that fact alone it takes a lot of courage to do as he did... if only for breaking that code of silence.

I don't see that players should expect not to be dobbed in if they commit a reportable offence.

Unfortunately, however, too often it is the player who retaliates who is penalised.

In the past, the antagonist has often got off scot-free because he has been protected at a tribunal.

It will be interesting to see if last week's trend continues at league tribunals. If it does it will certainly make it a lot easier for the tribunal to come to a decision.

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

Run to Remember



AS a rule I'm frightened of ghosts, but there's one at Belmont that doesn't scare me. Leading trainer Frank Maynard produced VIENNA GHOST first-up last week and the eye-catching fifth indicates that he will win next time out.

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CROWEATER FALCONS

That controversial West Perth membership advertisement featuring a lovely young lady named Sharon has landed the Falcons some unlikely new members.

The advertisement which has been appearing in the WAFL Budget attracted the attention of the producers of the South Australian League Budget.

It was reproduced in the SA publication together with the following light hearted comments.

"It might cause raised eyebrows in some circles, but there is no denying the impact of the West Perth Football Clubs' advertising for new members."

"Sharon is not only the sort of girl a bloke would like to meet down the club, she would probably also cause him to leave home as well."

Obviously Sharon appealed to the male instincts of some South Aussies... on last count the Falcons had 20 applications from people across the border to join the club.

Trev's big day

ONE of West Perth's most faithful fans, Trevor Jenkins, made one of his rare visits to the football last Saturday - only to see his favourite team tumble to Claremont. His occupation as GPR's race caller doesn't allow many trips to the footy and after what he saw last weekend he probably won't mind resuming his normal duties. In the changerooms after the match he was wearing a face longer than some of the nags he is accustomed to seeing on Saturday afternoons.

Pep talk

TALKING about John Hayes (and it's hard not to these days) he obviously does more than just play for South Fremantle. At three-quarter time in the game against his old side, East Perth... with the Royals fighting back from a 37-point deficit to level the scores... Hayes was given the task of delivering the final pep talk to the players. Coach Mal Brown stood back and listened as Hayes revved the Bulldogs up... and didn't he do it well! They went on to kick 12 goals in a match-winning last quarter. Clubs seeking coaches, please take note.

Wrong rooms

ONE could have been forgiven for getting the clubrooms mixed up at Perth Oval on Saturday, especially if you were a little out of touch with local happenings. In the South Fremantle room, for example, were former East Perth players John Hayes, Paul Arnold, Barrie Quick, Willie Roe and (out injured) Geoff Gillies. Across the hall in the East Perth rooms were former South Fremantle members Stan Magro, Ross Kerr and Robert Solin. Then, to top it off, East Perth had a former Perth player (Greg Brehaut) as coach with a Subiaco man (Brian Cook) as his reserves coach. In the South rooms, former East Perth and Claremont player and coach (Mal Brown) was officiating with a former West Perth player and Claremont coach (Syd Dufall) as his offsidiers. Confusing?

The pest of the week title goes to Claremont's WARREN RALPH, who failed by just two points to equal West Perth's score off his own boot last week - and subsequently exterminated the Falcons' high hopes and influenced considerable punishment on them at training this week.

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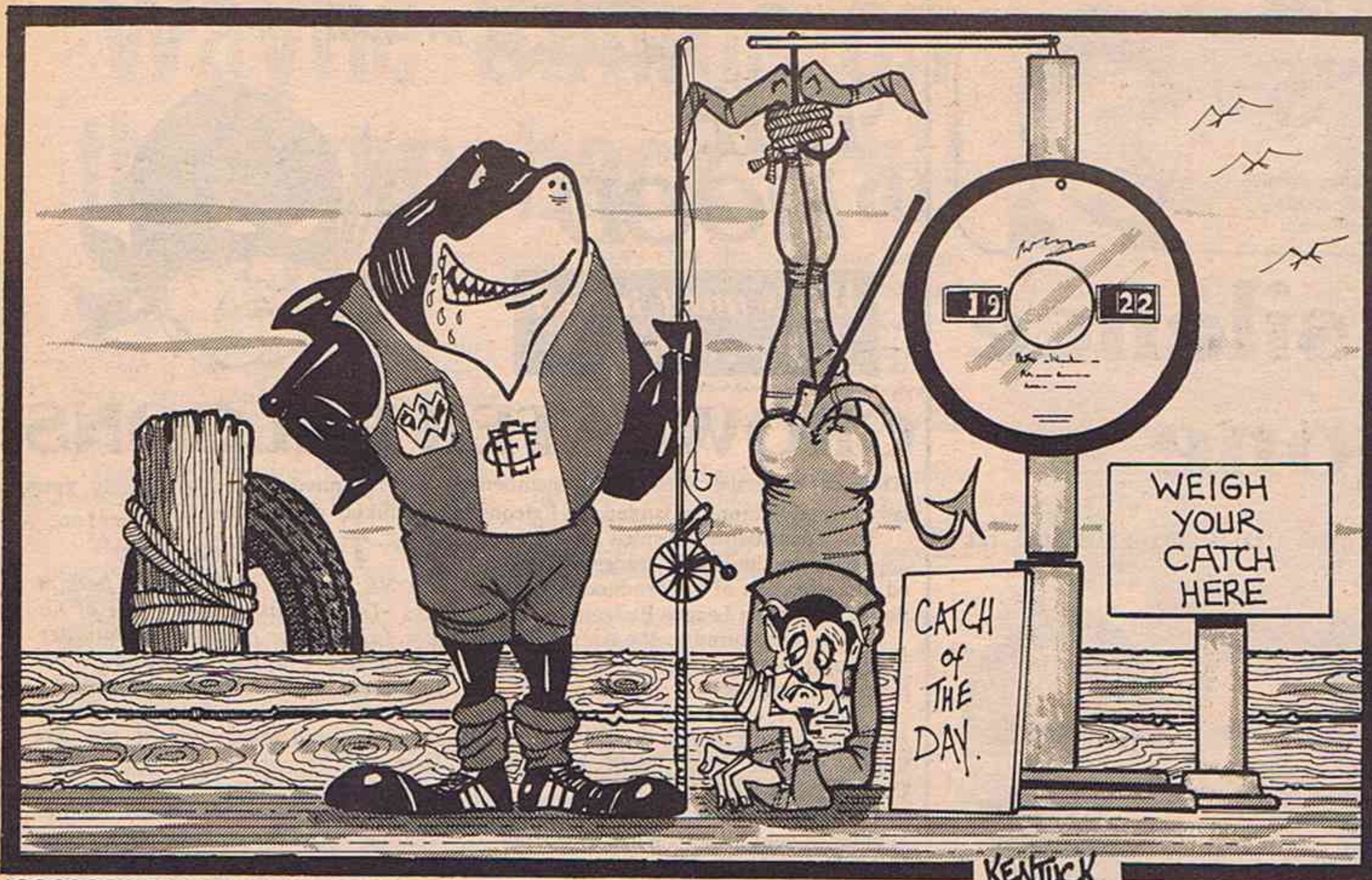


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150 UP FOR JOHN MORRIS

IT'S congratulations to field umpire John Morris for reaching his 150th senior game.

John reached that milestone last week and it caps an excellent career that saw him start out as a boundary umpire 13 years ago.

John has handled two grand finals (1979 and 1980) and was WA's interstate umpire in 1980, going to Adelaide and Melbourne.

A technical officer, married with three children, he initially played colts and reserves football with East Fremantle before switching to umpiring.

His next target — 200 games, hopefully.

WELCOME GUESTS

UMPIRES were pleased to have as guests at their after-game drinks recently two of the WAFL's senior officials and their wives.

The umpires return to the Celtic Club, in West Perth, for a get-together after Saturday matches and they were pleased to welcome League president Vincent Yovich and Umpires Board chairman Slim Somerville and their wives at a recent gathering.

INJURY TROUBLE

FORMER East Fremantle footballer Clay Shimmer is an excellent example of someone staying in the game even though a league career might be prematurely terminated.

Injury forced Clay out of senior football ranks, so he turned to umpiring and last year did 10 senior games on the boundary.

Those same injuries are restricting him this season, but he is on the way back and it won't be long before he is ready for a return to league ranks.

It's good to see former footballers involved with umpiring, regardless of how.

OPPORTUNITIES

THIS is certainly proving to be the year of opportunity for umpires seeking to make their mark in senior ranks.

Already we have seen four field umpires make their league debut — Trevor Starcevich, Fred Devine, Richard Austin and Brian Appleby — and we congratulate the Umpires Board for showing confidence in newer umpires.



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Chubby's Chatter

THE imposing football figure of Alex Jesaulenko, one of the superstars of the game, has probably cost Subiaco a young recruit.

I noticed in the Queensland press where young Sandgate player Steve Flinthan was almost ready to move to Perth and join the Lions when Jezza stepped in.

Apparently he felt he could help Flinthan do better for himself in Melbourne with his Victorian contacts.

Strangely enough, Jezza was in a similar position himself many years back when he joined Carlton from Canberra after having a chance to come to Perth.

One interesting aspect of this incident is that Flinthan was happy to co-operate with his club and coach about his future; which shows a good relationship between them all.

FICKLE FOOTY

HOW fickle is the game of football?

Just a few weeks ago Melbourne scribes were heralding East Fremantle's Ken Judge as a member of the best half-forward line in the VFL.

Last Saturday Judge was playing reserves for Hawthorn!

Similarly, Peter Bosustow, was judged Carlton's worst player last Saturday — seven days after being declared the club hero!

On the other side of the coin, Melbourne's Kelvin Templeton silenced a few of his critics with an eight-goal effort against Geelong's Gary Malarkey, considered by many to be the VFL's best full back.

This was Templeton's best effort since early in the 1980 season.

While talking about Melbourne — that was their first win at Geelong for 11 years — and they came from seven goals down in the just before half time.

MOVIE TONIC

SWANS coach John Todd took his charges to see An Officer and a Gentleman during the week, giving his players the feeling that he isn't such a tough disciplinarian after all.

Just hope that it has a better effect on the players than it did on the Demons a week earlier!

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TWO TEAMS DID DROP OUT

Bob Cribb didn't win too many supporters for some of his ideas on making football more competitive, especially on his suggestion to drop the two bottom teams out of the competition.

It may surprise many readers and, perhaps Bob himself, to know that something similar to his suggestion once occurred. In 1942 the war time competition was restricted to players under 18 and Swan Districts could not field a team. So after two rounds the bottom team, Perth dropped out.

This left six teams to compete in the final round.

As the Sandover Medal voting was stopped when Perth dropped out the WAFL was able to count the votes and the winner was announced before the final qualifying games were played.

Goals galore

Warren Ralph's double figure tally last week was his seventh and it would seem that West Perth are his favourite opposition. In 1981 he kicked 10 and 11 goal hauls against them. This was the 20th time a Claremont forward registered a double figure tally. The great George Moloney did it five times, Jack Hopkins three, Jack Stewart twice, H. Gepp, A.R. Skinner and Norm Uncle once.

No goals

Last week I mentioned that 20 times this century a team had failed to score a goal, but would you believe there is a game on record where no goals have been scored? The result on August 7, 1886 shows Victorian 0.15 to Fremantle's 0.4. The result was a draw because before 1897 behinds did not count. They were merely a shot for goal which missed and went behind the goal posts. Another funny result that year saw Rovers 1.8 draw with Victorians 1.3 and what about this one — Unions 0.18 lost to Rovers 2.2.

New look Lions

Subiaco gave the competition a shot in the arm 10 years ago. They came up with a new coach (Ross Smith), a new president (Brian Singleton) and won 16 qualifying games to finish at the top of the table and then won the premiership. In that season Subiaco won just two of their first five games — the same situation which has developed this season.

Of their premiership team that year there are still four players playing league football. Mike Fitzpatrick is at Carlton, Peter Featherby is playing with Geelong, Neil Randall is with South Fremantle and John Dimmer is now skipper of East Perth.

Talented son

When Jack Sheedy began his league career in 1942 the Football Budget wrote of him as being the talented son of champion rover Barney Sheedy, famous for his magnificent stab kicking. It also said that Jack had not shown his father's artistry although he did kick the ball over long distances and he handballed cleverly. All I can say is that Barney Sheedy must have been a beauty.

Ups and downs

The ups and downs of football, six years ago Perth and East Fremantle played off for the premiership before 44,000 people. Last week they played off (round one) for the wooden spoon before less than 5,000 people.

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A ROVING ART

ONE of the real arts of roving is the ability to read the ball of the packs — and didn't South Fremantle's Noel Carter do it well on Saturday against East Perth. The dashing Bulldog read the ball brilliantly out of a ruck duel in the forward pocket, raced through a heap of Royals defenders and ran unchecked into the square for South's sixth goal in their first-quarter blitz.

STIRRED UP

BOY, wasn't John Hayes jubilant about his first goal against his old side on Saturday? Hayes had played solidly in defence for South Fremantle in his initial clash with East Perth since his clearance wrangle and when he was shifted into attack during the last term he got the chance to join the goalkickers. When he raced into an open goal and brought up South's 19th major he just kept on running . . . right around the boundary line (interspersed with a few hoppity-hops) to the grandstand, where he gave the Royal members a right old raspberry!

SOLO EFFORT

SUBIACO forward Clinton Brown was in good touch last week and one solo goal effort stood out as a fine performance. He showed great determination to come forward and meet the ball; sold two dummies to the Swans defenders before nonchalantly popping it through the goals.

SMITH BACK

SWAN Districts were pleased with the form of Mike Smith in his return to league football last week, not just because of the flashes of his old brilliance, but also because he showed he could still kick goals. Smith kicked two fine goals in the second quarter and the latter was a real gem. The ball was punched away by Subiaco defenders, but Smith read it superbly, picked the ball up in one motion and sent it sailing through the middle.

INSPIRATIONAL

West Perth kicked their lowest tally of goals for several seasons last Saturday, but two of their 11 were in the inspirational class. In the first quarter, John Duckworth anticipated a Claremont pass and marked backward of the centre, setting off on one of his renown dashes down the ground. After weaving around several Tigers defenders he shot for goal off the half-forward flank to register the Falcons third goal of the match. West Perth's last goal before half-time was bought up in similar circumstances after George Michalcyk took possession in the centre and burst forward, ducking around a number of Tigers backmen before sinking his boot into a long kick

HAPPY HARDIE

DASHING South Fremantle utility player Brad Hardie had one of his quieter days against East Perth . . . but he still figured in the honours list. Hardie took out the Town and Country \$100 goal of the day on Channel 7's World of Sport when he dashed around the outer boundary line to bring up a vital major in the final term. He had two bounces as he eluded desperate East Perth defenders and steered the shot in from a difficult angle.

Marlboro's Top Ten

WARREN RALPH (Claremont) . . .	30.16
CHRIS STASINOWSKY (S.Frem.) . . .	22.8
PAUL ARNOLD (S.Frem.)	21.12
PETER SPENCER (East Perth)	20.9
KEN MARSHALL (Swans)	19.8
CLINTON BROWN (Subiaco)	19.8
CRAIG EDWARDS (East Perth)	19.4
COLIN WATERSON (East Frem.)	17.8
NOEL CARTER (S.Frem.)	16.9
JOHN SCOTT (East Perth)	15.7



East Perth half back Robert Solin found himself the meat in the Bulldogs sandwich in this clash with South Fremantle wingman Michael Cockie and half forward Wayne Delmenico. However, Solin received some consolation as he has won our Hard Yakka award and has earned a pair of Yakka jeans or fabulous Rigs trousers.

POOR UMPIRING A PROBLEM

When is someone going to do something about the standard of umpiring in the WAFL?

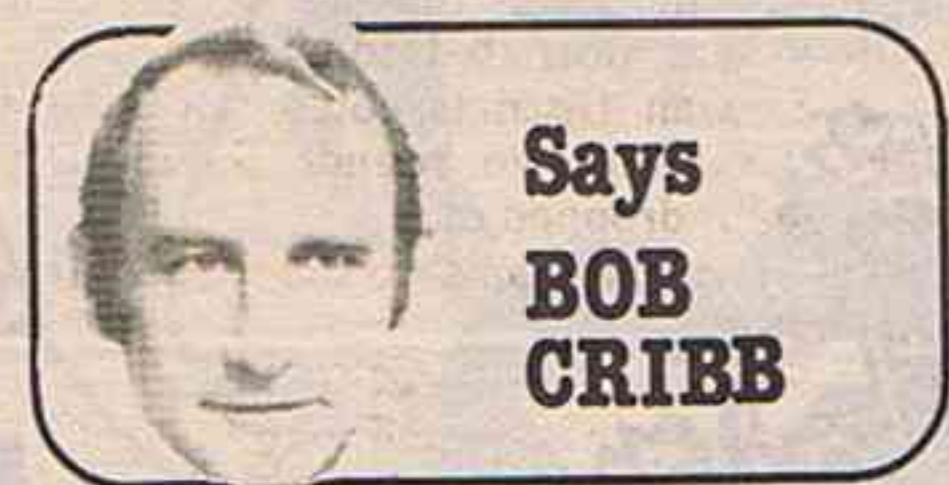
I believe we have an umpiring crisis on our hands.

Football is said to have a lot of problems this year but none of those problems in my opinion measures up in importance against the poor standard of umpires available for selection. Last Saturday at Perth Oval I saw a top game of football absolutely destroyed because of inadequate umpiring.

Field umpire John Morris and his partner Trevor Starcevic (who I have never heard of before) wrecked the confidence of both the East Perth and South Fremantle players with their bewildering decisions.

East Perth should have protested to the league about the number of times their players were shirt-fronted unfairly only to see the umpires ignore what was an obvious free kick.

The tragedy of it all is that John Morris is one of our best umpires. What, then, was he doing out there with an in-



Says **BOB CRABB**

experienced rookie making a mess of one of the games of the day.

After this game an East Perth official said to me "That is the worst display of umpiring I have seen in the last 30 years." I have to agree with him.

The match was played in quarters with both sides looking capable of winning at least three or four times during the day. It was a game of fluctuating fortunes and therefore critical that the players knew what trend. What was good for one side did not necessarily apply to the other. The players were confused. They were bewildered and they were angry.

That sort of frustration brings footballers undone and it is just not good enough. Trial and error with the selection of umpires should have been done before the season started. There is no room for experiments now and Trevor Starcevic is not ready to umpire league football yet.

In fact, on Saturday's performance John Morris should go back to his starting point and get back to the basics of consistency. In the past we have always had a hard core of experienced umpires to fall back on.

It seems now that we no longer have that luxury. Where are the Ross Capes' Ron Powell's, Len Gardiner's and Fred Woods' of yesteryear. There is not an umpire on our present day panel fit to be mentioned in the same breath as those men. Maybe it is the two umpire system that has caused it. But the ranks of qualified personnel has never been thinner and somebody had better do something about it now.

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MOTHER BROWN

Country neglect

I MADE a trip to my old home town of Dowerin last weekend for a reunion dinner for the local football club — and it was a tremendous night. Other guests were my son Mal, Jack Clarke, the former East Fremantle star, Murray Couper and Stan Hughes, father of Australian cricket captain Kim Hughes. We had a fine four-course meal and it was great to catch up on old friends. But while the dinner was most enjoyable, it also proved that country people are neglected when it comes to football coverage. We could not pick up 6KY to listen to the South Fremantle match, so we had to rely on scores being flashed across the television during the Claremont-West Perth game which was televised live to the country centres.

However, we only had two scores from the South Fremantle — East Perth game all day, two scores from Swan Districts and Subiaco and one from the East Fremantle and Perth. I also heard George Grljusich put his foot in it with the use of some colourful adjectives when he thought his gear was playing up! Although the ABC does a good job in televising a match to country centres each week, I think they could increase their information on scores from other grounds.

TEAL CUP READY

THE Teal Cup team to travel to Darwin for this year's event is now falling into shape and WA looks like sending a strong side.

WA has never won a Teal Cup but we have gone close in the last two years and coach Eddie Pitter is confident the elusive cup will be in WA after this year's event. The Teal Cup is a fine breeding ground for young talent with players like Rhett Baynes, Richard Dennis, Peter Davidson, John Garnett, Clayton Van den Dungen and Angelo Delborrello progressing through the competition to reserves and league football. The boys leave on June 8 and they will play three games in four days.

SUNDAY

WHEN I picked up the Sunday paper to read about Saturday's football, I was a little upset to see Claremont full forward Warren Ralph pictured on the back page with a can of beer in his hand. Not so much that Ralph did not deserve a beer after kicking 11 goals, but more from the point of view that cigarette advertising is being banned at Fremantle Oval and then there is a picture of a can of beer on the back page of the paper. What is the difference between the two?

SPECIAL AWARD

Each week I will have a special award courtesy of Playboy Hairstylists in Rokeby Road, Subiaco (the new sponsors of my column). This week South Fremantle half forward Bruce Monteath and Claremont sharp shooter Warren Ralph receive a free shampoo and cut. Monteath played his 100th game for South Fremantle last week while Ralph deserved the reward for his 11 goal bag against West Perth.

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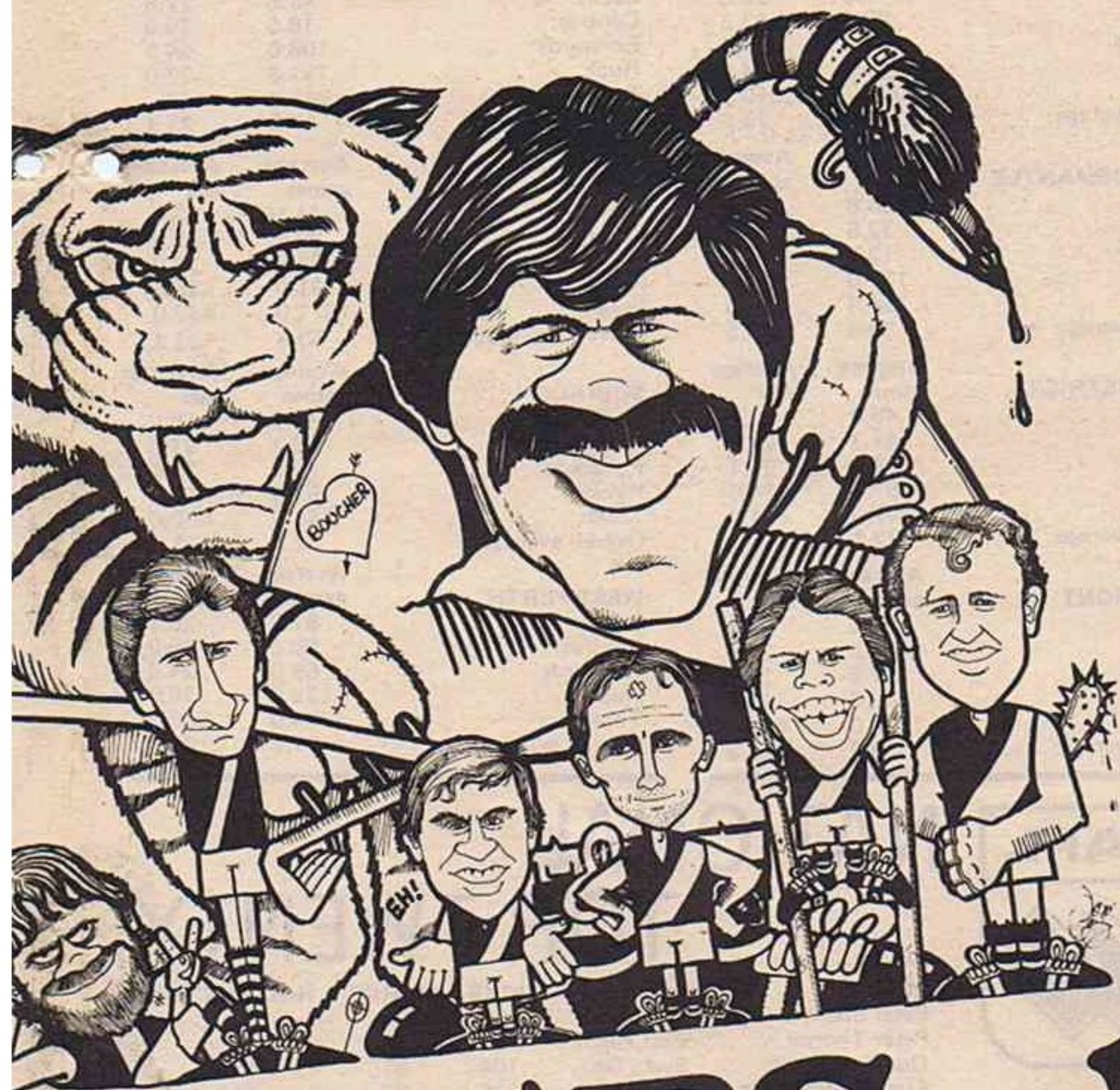


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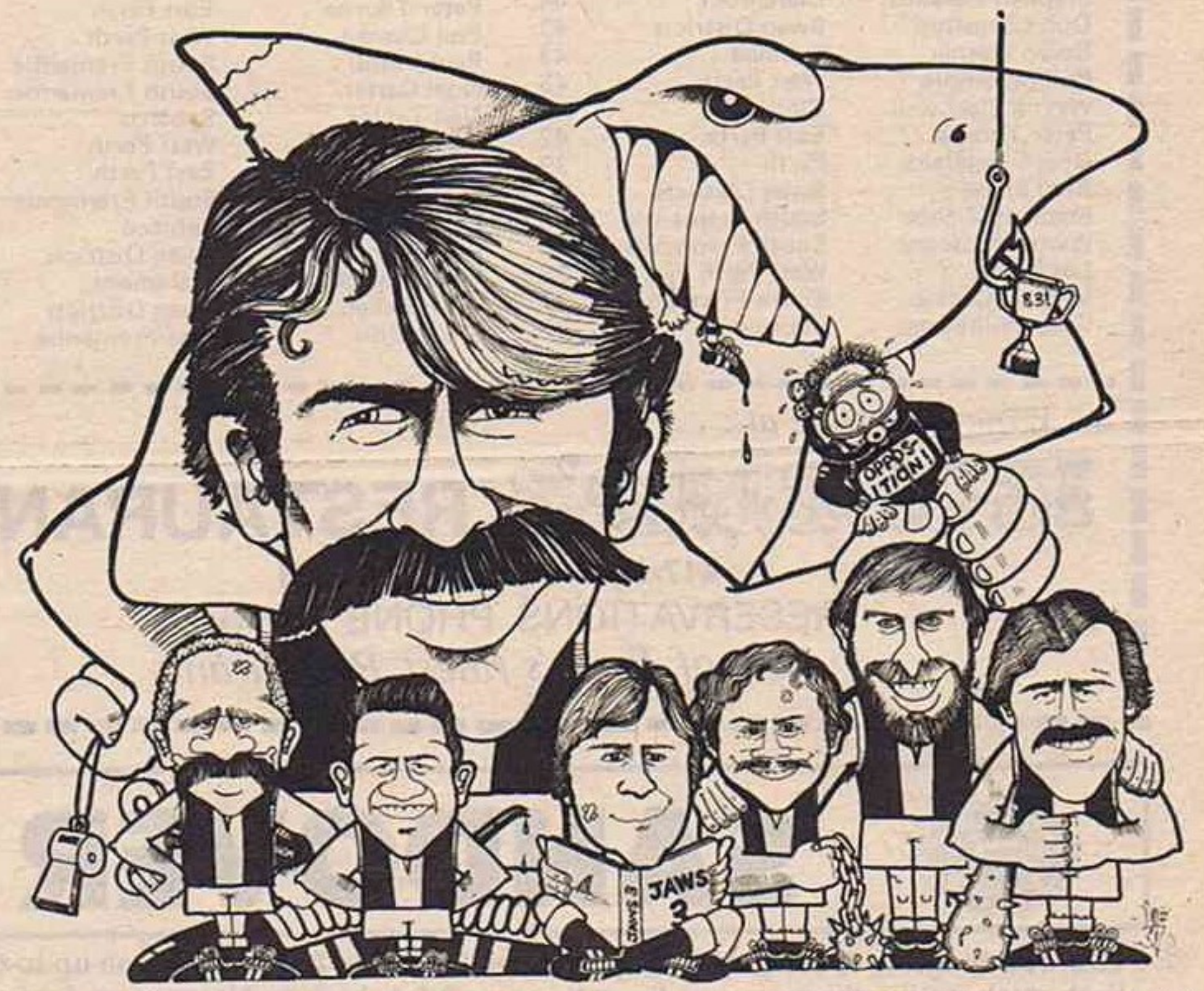
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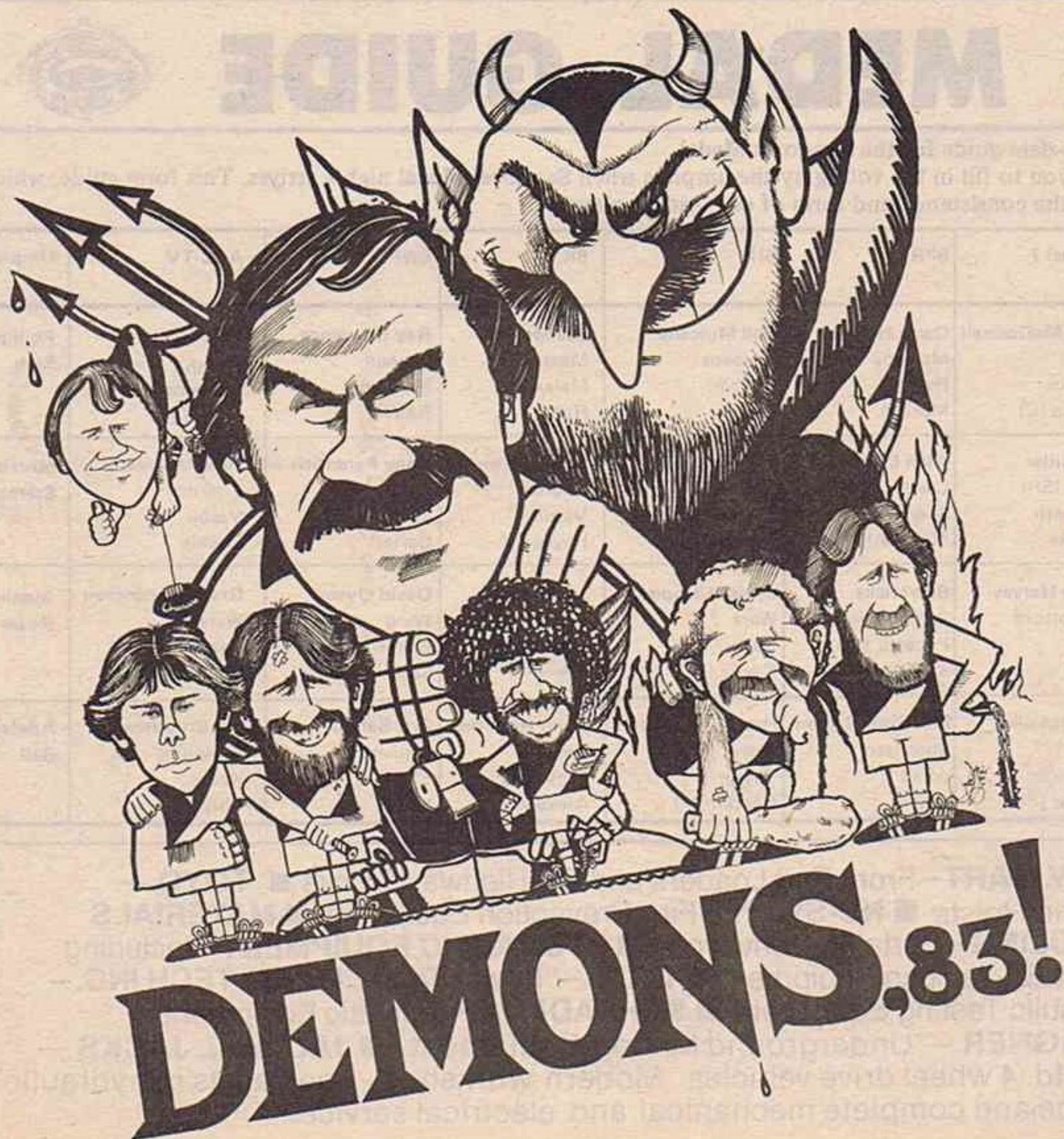
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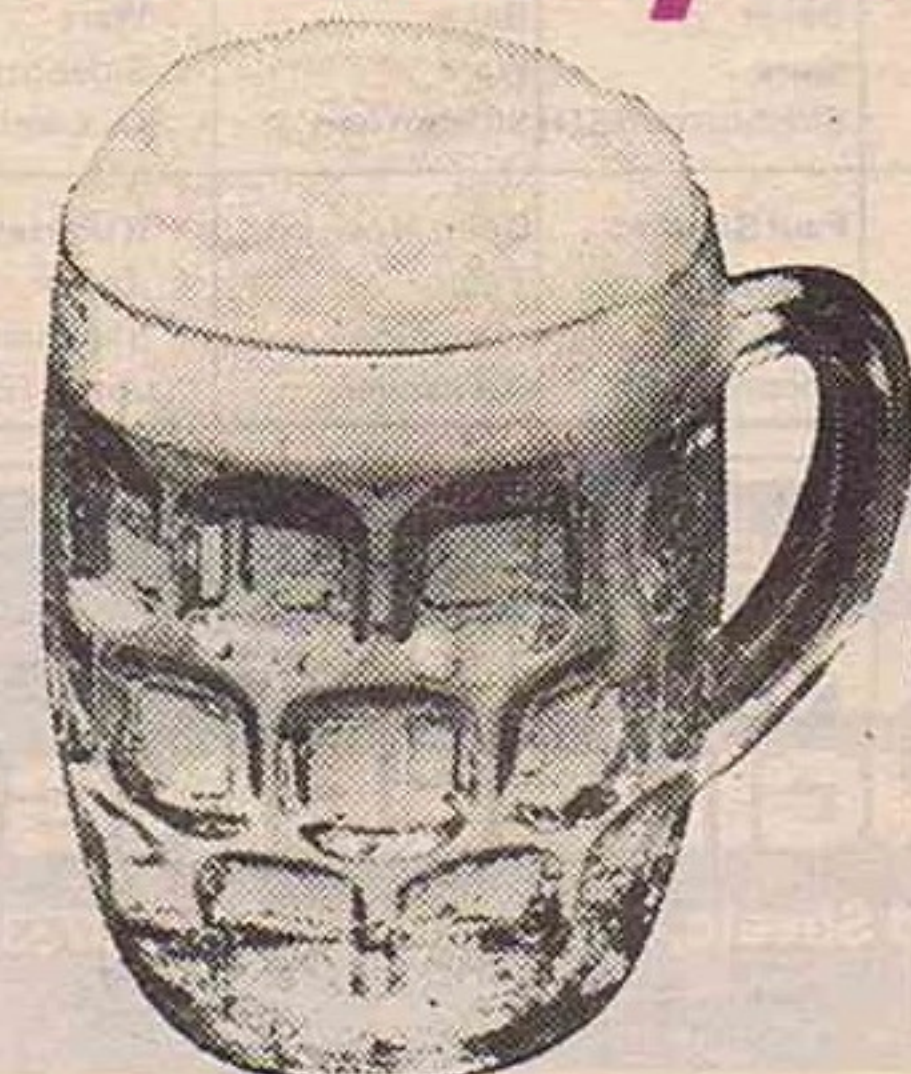


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PLAYER PERFORMANCE GUIDE

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KICKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	307
Peter Thorne	East Perth	286
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	283
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	270
Bryan Cousins	Perth	266
Cam Shepherd	Perth	265
Michael Cockie	South Fremantle	265
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	262
Les Fong	West Perth	256
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	252
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	244
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	243
Allen Daniels	Claremont	241
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	241
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	239
Phil Cronan	West Perth	238
Rod Alderton	West Perth	235
Bruce Monteath	South Fremantle	233
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	229
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	228

HANDBALLS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	50
Peter Spencer	East Perth	50
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	48
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	47
Bryan Cousins	Perth	46
Mark Watson	Claremont	45
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	45
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	44
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	43
Bevan Warner	Subiaco	43
Phil Bradmore	West Perth	43
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	42
Peter Thorne	East Perth	42
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	39
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	38
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	38
Warren Mosconi	South Fremantle	38
Les Fong	West Perth	38
Michael Cockie	South Fremantle	37
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	37

HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
John Ironmonger	East Perth	122
Ron Boucher	Swan Districts	113
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	95
Ben Jager	West Perth	80
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	72
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	66
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	64
Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	62
Steve Turner	Perth	58
Wayne Duke	Claremont	51
Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	47
Rhett Baynes	Perth	40
Michael Johns	Subiaco	40
David Rawlinson	South Fremantle	38
Craig Edwards	East Perth	37
Alan Sidebottom	Swan Districts	36
Lindsay Borthwick	South Fremantle	30
John Gavranitch	West Perth	29
Graham Moss	Claremont	24
Vic Melville	Subiaco	22

MARKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	44
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	40
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	40
Peter Thorne	East Perth	36
Rod Alderton	West Perth	36
Warren Ralph	Claremont	35
Peter Spencer	East Perth	35
Bruce Monteath	South Fremantle	35
Michael Cockie	South Fremantle	34
Craig Edwards	East Perth	32
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	32
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	31
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	30
Cam Shepherd	Perth	30
Clinton Brown	Subiaco	30
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	30
Colin Waterson	East Fremantle	29
Rod Brown	Subiaco	29
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	28
George Michalczyk	West Perth	28

DISPOSALS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	160
Peter Spencer	East Perth	152
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	147
Les Fong	West Perth	146
Bryan Cousins	Perth	145
Cam Shepherd	Perth	145
Allen Daniels	Claremont	139
Peter Thorne	East Perth	136
Phil Cronan	West Perth	135
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	134
South Fremantle	South Fremantle	132
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	132
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	130
John Dimmer	East Perth	127
Michael Cockie	South Fremantle	126
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	119
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	118
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	117
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	115
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	112

Bulldogs are the most experienced

BY GRANT DORRINGTON

EVERY week people in football argue about which team is the youngest and which team is the most experienced and so forth Well, this week I can solve some of those arguments.

I took down the age and games played tally for every player who represented a league club last week, worked out the total games played by each division — the backs, centre liners, forwards and rucks — and then worked out their average games played and average age.

These statistics also show surprisingly that South Fremantle is the most experienced side in terms of both games played and age, while Claremont is a relatively inexperienced and young side.

Subiaco is the least experienced team in the competition.

CLUB	Average games	Average age	CLUB	Average games	Average age
SOUTH FREMANTLE			EAST PERTH		
Backs:	114.0	25.6	Backs:	43.5	22.8
Centres:	85.0	23.3	Centres:	16.0	20.0
Forwards:	88.6	25.1	Forwards:	106.0	24.3
Ruck:	148.3	27.3	Ruck:	131.6	27.0
Total:	207.7	51.0	Total:	945.0	46.7
Overall average:	103.8	25.5	Overall average:	47.5	23.3
EAST FREMANTLE			PERTH		
Backs:	34.8	21.6	Backs:	44.16	23.3
Centres:	32.6	22.0	Centres:	29.0	21.0
Forwards:	13.3	21.8	Forwards:	54.6	23.0
Ruck:	121.0	26.0	Ruck:	121.0	25.6
Total:	784.0	471.0	Total:	1071.0	46.7
Overall average:	39.2	23.5	Overall average:	53.5	23.3
SWAN DISTRICTS			SUBIACO		
Backs:	45.0	22.6	Backs:	45.1	25.0
Centres:	42.3	23.6	Centres:	48.3	21.0
Forwards:	66.1	24.1	Forwards:	12.8	23.5
Ruck:	81.6	24.0	Ruck:	51.6	22.3
Total:	1447.0	484.0	Total:	656.0	46.0
Overall Average:	72.3	24.2	Overall average:	32.8	23.0
CLAREMONT			WEST PERTH		
Backs:	35.5	23.1	Backs:	97.0	26.3
Centres:	52.3	21.6	Centres:	90.6	25.0
Forwards:	87.5	25.1	Forwards:	59.0	24.0
Ruck:	48.0	23.6	Ruck:	122.0	25.6
Total:	1199.0	476.0	Total:	1744.0	50.3
Overall average:	59.9	23.8	Overall average:	87.2	25.1



NATIONAL TOP TWENTY

PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	102	35	50	307
Peter Thorne	East Perth	94	36	42	286
Don Langsford	Swan Dist.	104	31	43	283
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	116	22	44	270
Bryan Cousins	Perth	99	25	46	266
Cam Shepherd	Perth	115	30	30	265
Michael Cockie	Sth Frem.	89	34	37	265
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	64	40	39	262
Les Fong	West Perth	108	24	38	256
Shane Ellis	E. Frem.	62	30	50	252
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	106	30	24	244
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	75	28	42	243
Allen Daniels	Claremont	106	23	33	241
Clinton Browning	E. Frem.	69	44	20	241
Paul Vasoli	S. Frem.	89	20	45	239
Phil Cronan	West Perth	98	22	37	238
Rod Alderton	West Perth	75	36	26	235
Bruce Monteath	S. Frem.	78	35	25	233
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	84	25	35	229
Leon Baker	Swan Dist.	98	32	17	228

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April 23	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Channel 7	6PR	6IX	6KY	6WF	ABC TV	Umpires
Claremont v West Perth	Ken Casellas Ralph (C) Malaxos (C) Blackwell (C)	Robbie Burns Malaxos Morton (C) Ralph	Ray Wilson Malaxos Ralph Morton	Peter Poat Malaxos Ralph Cronan (WP)	Marty McDonnell Ralph Malaxos Panizza (C)	Oscar Howard Malaxos Ralph Morton	Phil Mulcahy Malaxos Morton Ralph	Joe McKay Morton Malaxos Ralph	Ray Lawrence Cronan Malaxos Ralph	Keith Slater Ralph Malaxos Panizza	Phillips/ Salis
East Perth v Sth Frem.	Geoff Christian Thorne (EP) Carter (SF) Vasoli (SF)	Rod White Thorne Spencer (EP) Carter	Geoff Worner Carter Monteath (SF) Thorne	Rowley Daw Carter Monteath Thorne	Bob Miller Hayes (SF) Monteath Spencer	Alan East Carter Spencer Monteath	Bill Valli Carter Thorne Spencer	John O'Connell Thorne Vasoli Hayes	Tony Parentich Cockie (SF) Thorne Carter	John Vukman Thorne Vasoli Cockie	Morris/ Starcevic
Swan Dist. v Subiaco	Robert Wainwright Ware (SD) Baker (SD) Brown (S)	Mike Thomson Baker Ware Sidebottom (SD)	Rod Lane Baker Ware Sidebottom	Gary Stocks Ware Sidebottom D. Lamb (S)	Wayne Harvey Sidebottom Ware Baker	Bob Hicks Sidebottom Fogarty (SD) K. Narkie (SD)	Chris Mitsopoulos Ware Baker Keene (S)	Joe Fanchi Baker Ware Keene	David Dyson Ware Baker Solin	Grant Dorrington Ware Baker Solin	Austin/ Rowe
E. Frem. v Perth	Steve Wright Taylor (EF) Browning (EF) Alexander (EF)	Paul Simpon Taylor Browning Shepherd (P)	Colin Hopkins Taylor Browning Alexander	Kim Hagdorn Taylor Shepherd Jones (EF)	Ken McAullay Taylor Alexander Cousins (P)	Peter van Helden Shepherd Jones Taylor	Harvey Deegan Keays (EF) Taylor Gandini (P)	Colin Hopkins Taylor Browning Alexander	Eric Sarich Browning Ellis Keays	Ian Brayshaw Browning Keays Ellis	Appleby/ Ball

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The answer to last week's question was Shane Fitzsimmons and the winner was Richard Watt, Glen Forrest.



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JUNIOR PAGE

South Suburban to host carnival

The South Suburban J.F.A. will host a lightning carnival for the second successive year between themselves, Perth and South Fremantle junior councils.

May 21 is the date and this season's venue will be Gwynne Park, Armadale.

Competing grades will be 12s, 14s and 16s with a 17s game being held between South Suburban and Perth.

The teams will be vying for pennants and the players for fairest and best and runner-up awards.

Because of the interest shown by the three bodies involved, the event is hoped to be contested annually.

TOP TWO TIE

THE undefeated sides in Claremont's Tiger Cup competition met last Sunday to find a conqueror — and finished in a tie.

Kangaroos came back from being three goals down during the final term to score 16.9 to Wembley Downs 15.15.

After three games the ladder, in percentage order, is Kangaroos (10), Wembley Downs (10), Magpies (8), Hawks (8),



AROUND THE CLUBS

By Gary Bartholomeusz

Karrinyup (8), Scarborough (4), Woodlands/Doubleview (0) and Churchlands/Wembley (0).

HANDBALLERS

A handball competition was conducted for junior footballers at Richmond Raceway's trotting meeting last Tuesday evening and two Palmyra 12s players gained places.

The winner for the event was Clayton Anderson, who won an East Fremantle jumper and a football while team-mate John Muir received a football for his third placing.

MILESTONES

100 GAMES

PERTH J.C: Richard Warner and Paul Dale — East Vic Park 15s; Greg Hall — Queens Park 15s; Ashley Corbett — Cannington 17s. Swan Districts J.C: Craig Kelly (14s) and Steven Douglas (17s) — Redcliffe.

50 GAMES

PERTH J.C: Joshua Hughes — South Perth 11s. Swan Districts J.C: Shane Rossen — Swan View 11s. West Perth J.C: Paul Marotta and Colin Harsent — Balga 13s. East Fremantle J.C: Terry Cooper — Palmyra 12s.



R & I Little League

Big scores from the winning teams were the highlights of the R and I Little League matches played on Saturday.

Claremont were the most impressive team when they added 5.2 to West Perth's 1.2 in a display of power.

Chris Sullivan, Dirk Vanderstroy, Glen Bush, Chris Thompson and Chris Mills were named as best players and each youngster kicked a goal. Bradley Duff kicked West Perth's solitary goal while Anthony Holub and Jeff Caple were also good players.

South Fremantle and East Perth were both on target but the young Bulldogs proved the best side on the day and won 3.0 to 2.0.

Tony Lomma (one goal), Michael Babich (two goals) and Maurice Mewton were the best players for South while the young Royals had good contributors in Bruce McCartney, who kicked both goals, Darren Claxton and Paul Johnston.

East Fremantle were too strong for Perth when they booted 3.3 to Perth's 1.2 Callum Fewson, Craig George and David Williams (three goals) were best players for East Fremantle while Michael Foster (one goal), Robert Calraft and Jason Davidson did well for the young Demons.

Subiaco also scored 3.3 against Swan Districts while the home team could manage only 2.2.

Jamie Atkinson (one goal), Rodney White and Deno Purzza (two goals) did well for the Lions while Swans had good players in Vernon Cooper, Craig Pilley and Wayne Cicchilpin. Shawn Ramirez and Robert Glen kicked their goals.

Claremont were represented by Swanbourne, West Perth (Osborne Park), South Fremantle (South Fremantle), East Perth (Morley), East Fremantle (Gingin), Perth (Manning), Subiaco (Koondoola) and Swan Districts (Bunbury).

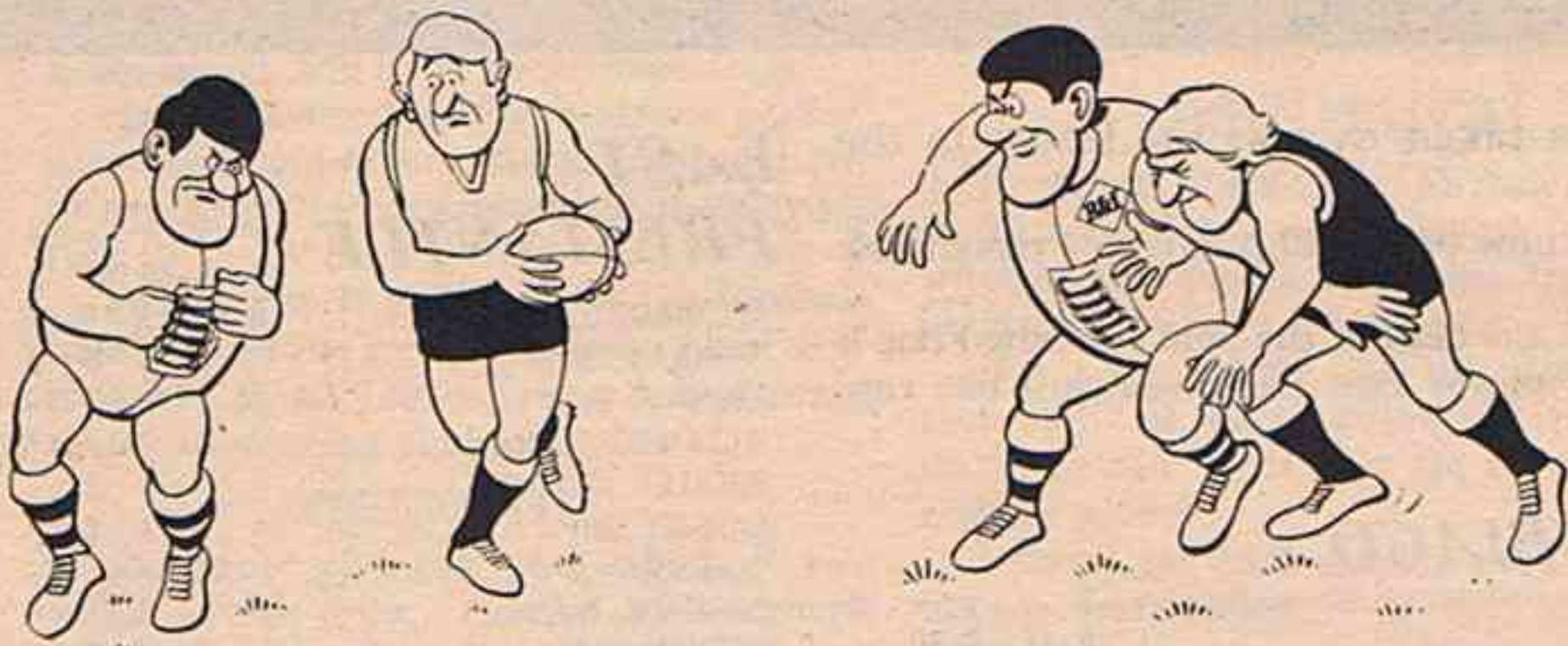
This week Bicton will represent South Fremantle, Bassendean (Swan Districts), Queens Park (Perth), Wembley (Claremont), Marist (West Perth), Karoonda (East Fremantle), Wanneroo (Subiaco) and Police Boys (East Perth).

Premiership Table

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
Subiaco	5	4	1	—	71	52	16
East Perth	5	3	1	1	76	37	14
Claremont	5	3	2	—	90	51	12
East Fremantle	5	3	2	—	68	55	12
Swan Districts	5	2	3	—	49	77	8
West Perth	5	2	3	—	28	67	8
Perth	5	1	3	1	63	55	6
South Fremantle	5	1	4	—	35	86	4

The Westside Football — Town and Country Milestone Medallions are again proving popular with junior footballers.

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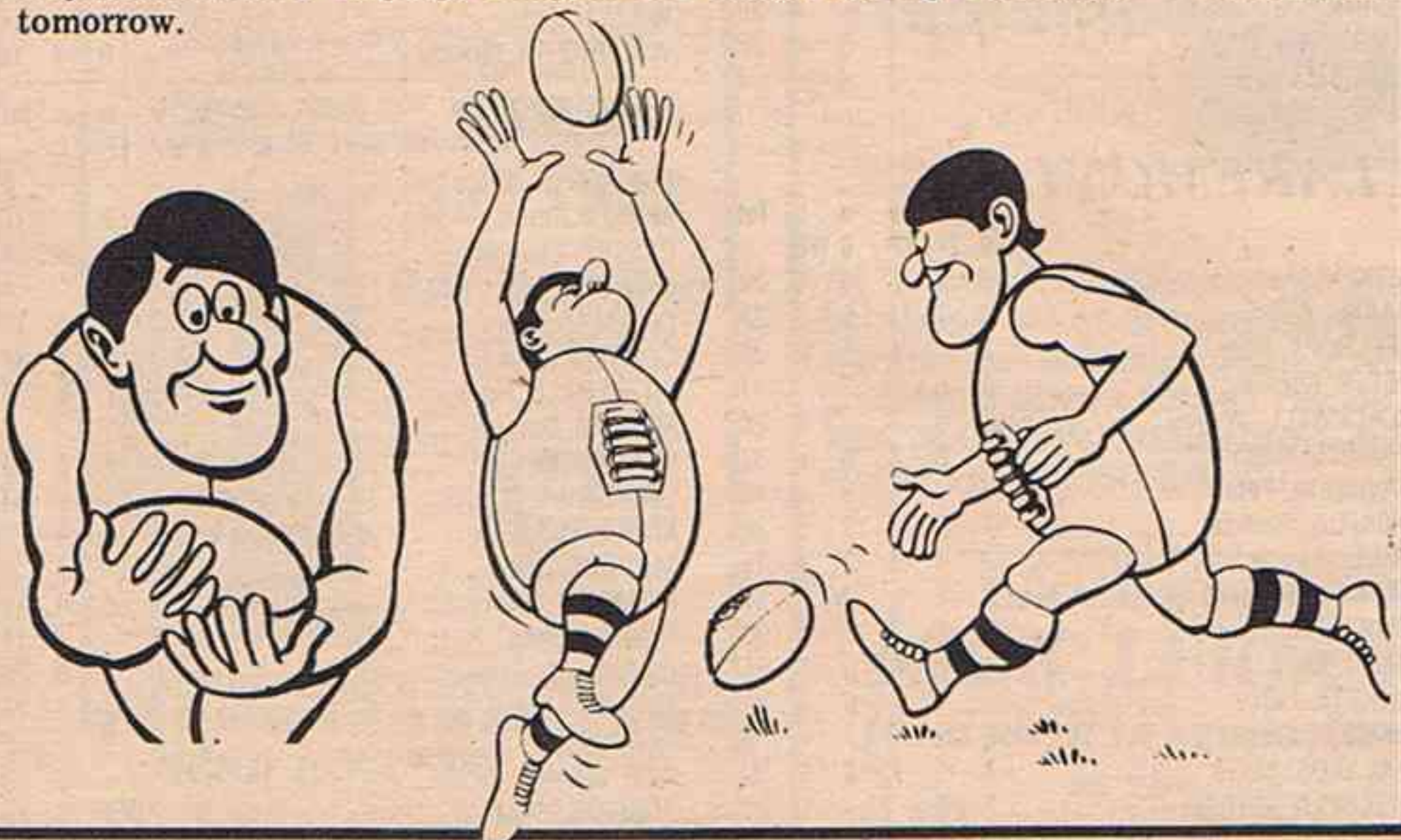
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<p>May 7</p> <p>Swan Dist. v Perth</p> <p>Claremont v South Frem.</p> <p>East Frem. v East Perth</p> <p>West Perth v Subiaco</p> <p>Delete losing team</p>	<p>Entries close at 5pm on Fridays.</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>..... P/Code</p>
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Wanneroo, Osborne Park set the WAFU pace

WANNEROO and Osborne Park have emerged as the strongest WAFU teams for 1983 - with Southern Port-Hamilton, Belmont and Melville as the big improvers.

Former West Perth and South Fremantle wingman Stuart Hillier takes up the coaching reins at Wanneroo. He has the unenviable task of maintaining the trend which has seen the 'Roos dominate Sunday football, winning four consecutive premierships and they must start favourite to win this year's flag.

Hillier came to Wanneroo late in the pre-season stage after last year's coach Greg Brehaut went to the Royals, leaving the club in a healthy player position.

Hillier has been busy recruiting the type of player he needs to follow the standard set by Brehaut.

It was the need for a new challenge that tempted Hillier into accepting the role of coach with the 'Roos.

After 120 league games in WA and South Australia, Hillier was struggling to find enthusiasm for league football. So when Wanneroo offered him the job he realised a long-standing ambition to coach a senior side and hasn't wasted any time exerting his influence.

Wanneroo have begun the season solidly with two wins, receiving stout opposition from the newly-formed combination of Southern Port-Hamilton, but then, convincingly beating the new-look Melville.

WELL EQUIPPED

Osborne Park appear equipped to offer strong resistance to Wanneroo.

Operating from their new ground and club premises in Delorny Street, Balcatta for the first time, the Saints have combined their recruitment with a policy of fostering their own youngsters.

Both their victories have been highlighted by the form of players who have emerged from their strong colts and reserves side.

Saints coach, former East Perth utility player Gerard McNeill, has blended his side into a disciplined, close-knit unit and the recruitment of the fast former Royal Wayne Loxley is sure to add bite around the packs.

Osborne Park will miss big men Greg Murray and Mick McCutcheon and the creative Brian Dawson, but they have great depth.

The most disappointing aspect to the start of this season has been the unconvincing form of last year's grand finalists, South Perth. The Tigers have recruited little after losing many of their stars from last season.

They have won both their opening games, relying on long-standing campaigners Tony Capriotti, Gary Diver, Shane

Brennan, Garry Simms, Dick Peel and Peter Lewington.

Coach Kerry Coates is a worried man and is well aware that his side will have to show big improvement.

The amalgamation of Southern Port and second division club Hamilton has been successful. Their opening encounters with Osborne Park and Wanneroo showed that they will not only be competitive, but they will win their fair share of games.

Coach Gary Greer has a band of enthusiastic performers and the home ground advantage at Bruce Lee Reserve in Hamilton will make them no easy opponent when sides travel to the Port.

Under one of football's most respected men, Neville Sidebottom, Belmont are sure to be competitive and have been unlucky to lose both their opening games, with a lack of experience telling at a crucial stage.

Michael Barnsley is a new name to league ranks as Melville's coach and the way they bounced back at South Perth after their 20 goal loss to Wanneroo indicates they are serious about showing improvement.

Melville have recruited two tall Victorians in full-back Paul Spillane and Harry Leigh and the form of Alan Burn, Karl Palinkas and 16-year-old Peter Burne has pleased Melville supporters.

This week's clash between Wanneroo and Mosman Park may determine the fate of Mosman for 1983.

The Redlegs, under coach Ian Crawford, have lost both their games to date and must win this week.

APPLECROSS

Probably the club with the most to gain this season is Applecross.

They secured the services of the brilliant Mick Jez as a player last year and this season Jez takes on a new dimension in his career as senior coach.

The former East Fremantle and State wingman is yet to exert his true potential on Sunday football, but with support from players like Mick Pember, Vince Turco and Chris Roe, the Hawks could be an outside chance for the flag.

This week's fixtures have an air of excitement about them - and an aspect of unexpectedness.

The game of the day is undoubtedly the Osborne Park-Applecross clash at Balcatta Reserve. It will give the Hawks a chance to really prove they are a premiership contender and give the Saints their first real test of the year.

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AMATEUR NEWS



Mt. Lawley on top

MT LAWLEY have charged to the top of A League and remain the only undefeated team.

North Beach lost their first game, but apart from Maylands and Nollamara (both yet to record a win) the competition is evenly balanced.

North Beach 'Tigers' must down Collegians to retain second spot.

The 'Blues' cannot afford to drop this game as they only have one win to their credit and must start putting wins together to be a threat to teams above them.

Mt Lawley should remain on top of the ladder and leave Wembley sitting sixth after Saturday.

The Hawks are looking more confident each week, while Wembley have got off to one of their worst starts for more than a decade. (They have only registered six wins from 18 starts in their club).

Old Wesley found Maylands hard to toss last week and will have to improve on that effort to stop Nollamara gaining their first premiership points.

Both teams boast in-form full forwards with Ken Pryde kicking an average of seven goals each week for the Old Boys team.

University, stung by the loss of premiership points in their opening round after playing an ineligible player, have to counter the Trinity-Aquinas team, who finish well in tight games.

Maylands coach Graham Ramshaw has worked wonders with a team lacking stars and they have a good opportunity to down Old Scotch this week.

Old Scotch have not lived up to their expectations after last year's success and it must be a worry to coach Greg Peck, who has lost Greg Wilkinson (Subiaco), John Morgan (West Perth), Peter Melville (Narrogin) and Rod Prater (Kulin).

'B' GRADE: Mt Hawthorn-West Perth breathed new life into the competition with a top class win over North Fremantle.

Bayswater, the 1982 premiers, are finding it hard to get positive results. Scarborough and Morley already are set for a top season and remain undefeated.

Floreat-Marist "Kangaroos", capably led by former State ruckman Denis Ireland, already have improved on last season's opening rounds.

C.B.C., with the return of Rod and Steve Cronan, are one of the best running teams out of 'A'.

'C' GRADE: Carlisle and Whitford dominate with Hellenic, WAIT and Mt Lawley No. 2 their closest rivals.

Hammersley "Hawks" — coached by non-playing Kevin Piper — and injury ridden Wembley No. 3 (Graham Hawkes, coach) have to start winning to create interest.

'I' GRADE: The City Beach-Mt Lawley clash will determine who joins undefeated City of Perth at the top of the ladder. Murdock, A.I.C.A. No. 2, Hellenic No. 2

CLUBS LOSE POINTS

THREE clubs lost premiership points and all scores — and incurred fines — for ineligible players in the first round.

'A' Grade University and A.N.Z. ('J') had uncleared players, while Collegians No. 3 also in 'J' used a player under a false name.

Premiership points were awarded to Old Wesley, North Beach No. 3 and Whitfords No. 3 respectively.

The W.A.A.F.L.'s newly-installed computer easily detects ineligible players and club administrators have to take greater care in ensuring that all members are registered correctly.



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

are off to the worst start for several seasons.

'J' GRADE: Undefeated Northern Suburbs neighbours North Beach and Whitfords meet with the winner taking top spot. Only Osborne Park No. 2 have yet to record a win.

'K' GRADE: In this 12-team competition, WAIT No. 3, Lynwood Ferndale No. 2 and Dianella No. 3, head the list. Hamersley came back to earth with a loss to a strong Brentwood No. 2.

COLTS 'A': The competition is already split and the top five teams seem under no threat.

'B': Morley and Scarborough, like their senior teams, are setting the pace. Floreat, who two years ago forfeited on numerous occasions, have gained top wins and should push all teams.

'C': A 14-team competition is starting to sort itself out. Coolbinia and Dianella always strong colts teams once again set the standard. Whitfords, despite a large number on the track, are finding regular success hard to gain.

FIXTURES

THERE have been several changes to fixture's due to the unavailability of some league grounds.

Players are asked to contact their secretary or refer to the W.A.A.F.L. Newsletters pinned on club notice boards for details.

Last week's results

A LEAGUE

Wembley 15.20 d Old Scotch 10.18, Mt Lawley 16.25 d Collegians 10.12, Trinity Aquinas 15.12 d North Beach 14.8, Old Wesley 15.15 d Maylands 12.13, University 11.13 d Nollamara 9.14.

OTHER RESULTS OF INTEREST

'C' League: Whitfords 16.18 d WAIT 15.9, 'H' League: WAIT 11.11 d Whitfords 8.11, Mt Lawley 12.7 drew Dianella 11.13, 'T' League: City of Perth 22.11 d Bayswater 8.8, 'B' Colts: Floreat Marist 9.8 d University 8.9.

THIS SATURDAY

A AND A COLTS

North Beach v Collegians at Claremont Oval, Mt Lawley v Wembley at Inglewood Oval, Old Wesley v Nollamara at Perth Oval, University v Trinity-Aquinas at East Fremantle Oval, Maylands v Old Scotch at Bassendean Oval.

B AND B COLTS

Bayswater v Scarborough at Hillcrest Park, City Beach v Wembley at City Beach Oval, M.H.W.P. v Floreat-Marist at Lilleyman Reserve, University v Morley at McGillivray Oval No. 2, North Fremantle v C.B.C. at Gil Fraser Oval.

GAMES OF INTEREST IN OTHER LEAGUE GAMES

C LEAGUE: Carlisle (1st) v Mt Lawley (3rd) at Carlisle Reserve.
D LEAGUE: Bassendean (3rd) v Dianella (2nd) at Jubilee Reserve.
E LEAGUE: Lynwood Ferndale (2nd) v University (1st) at Ferndale Park, Maylands (5th) v R & I Bank (4th) at Gibbney Reserve.
G LEAGUE: Applecross (2nd) v Robbs Jetty (1st) at Troy Park.
H LEAGUE: Old Scotch (2nd) v WAIT (1st) at College Park (L).
J LEAGUE: North Beach (1st) v Whitford (2nd) at Riley Oval.
K LEAGUE: Brentwood (3rd) v Dianella (1st) at Karoonda Park.

NEXT SATURDAY

A LEAGUE

Trinity-Aquinas v Old Wesley at East Fremantle Oval, Nollamara v Maylands at Nollamara Oval No. 1, Old Scotch v Mt. Lawley at Lathlain Oval, Wembley v North Beach at Perth Oval, Collegians v University at Dalkeith Oval.

BIG SCORES A FEATURE

BIG scores were kicked by some of the 147 teams in the third round of W.A.A.F.L. Fixtures.

Carlisle's 'C' grade (led by Dick Manning) booted 25.17 to Wembley No. 3's 2.7 to register three wins in a row, the first time since 1976.

Innaloo (Kim Ardagh, Coach) kicked 27.15 defeating Hamersley 12.11, also in 'C'.

In 'C' colts, Whitford registered one of the highest scores and biggest winning margins in colts by downing Collegians No. 2 27.18 to 1.2.

Bassendean 'D' (playing coach Gary Lovelock) thrashed Commonwealth Bank 28.23 to 4.13. Brentwood returned to form with a 25.16 to 4.4 victory over Carlisle No. 2.

Swanbourne (2.10) struggled against Dianella's 24.20 in 'D'.

St. Norbert's ('E' with non playing coach, former Kenwick player Brian Thompson) registered 26.10 to Mt Lawley C.A.E. 10.7.

In 'F' grade Churchlands (26.16) returned to their former glory against Floreat-Marist No. 2's (4.7).

Several 'G' grade teams kicked high scores — M.H.W.P. No. 2 (24.8) defeated Edgewater (11.10); Robbs Jetty (31.10) ran riot over Morely No. 2's (7.5); Applecross "Numbats" — with former E.F.F.C. adviser Peter Jones as non-playing coach — scored 22.13 to Innaloo No. 2's 12.10.

'I' grade City Beach No. 2 (C. Berriman coach) (24.19) outran 1982's glamour team R.A.A.F. (8.13).

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

Amateur clubs secretaries and publicity officers are invited to make contributions (news, club functions, presentations, milestone players, etc.) to this page. Articles or photos can be sent to W.A.A.F.L. headquarters, or post to Box 56, P.O. West Perth or by phoning the amateur rooms 382 1293 or John Davies (B) 444 9518; (P) 447 3774.

TOP GOALSCORERS

A LIST of top goal kickers will be published next issue.

Many club administrators have failed to give recognition to leading goal scorers by not entering them in the space provided in match books after each game before handing them to the central umpires. The computer will not accept late inclusions.

SEND OFF RULE

THE W.A.A.F.L. Management Committee have amended the send-off rule whereby umpires may send off players for abusive and offensive language, but not necessarily make reports.

Umpires however still retain the right to report the player.

In all other reasons for sending off players, the umpire still MUST REPORT the offender as outlined in the league's fixture book.

Players uncertain of the new rule should contact their club secretary or read W.A.A.F.L. newsletters on club notice boards.

MILESTONES

MAT DILLON (Commonwealth Bank) has played 200 amateur games; 10 for Melville (1971) and 192 since 1972 with the Bank.

He has been the current club secretary since 1973 (except 1981). A winger-rover, he has won the Best Clubman Awards and this year was elected as a member of the management committee of the WAAFL.



150 Games

MARTIN BURGESS (Morley) started in 1975 when the club was in the Sunday competition. Although not tall he is a good leaping ruckman and a handy forward. He was a member of the 1976 grand final team; Runner-up to the club fairest and best twice, leading Goalkicker in 1976 and Colts coach since 1982.



100 Games

GREG CHEESEMAN (Morley) is only 21 and started in Colts in 1978. He is the youngest club member to attain this milestone. A utility player, he has been runner-up in the fairest and best, a committee man for past two years and is a valuable player in the Senior team.



KEVIN DIXON (North Beach) A rover he started in 1977 from M.H.W.P. He was a member of North's 1980 'F' and 1981 'E' premiership teams and was captain in 1980. He won the most improved player award in the club in 1979. He was a committee man in 1981 and 1982.



Premiership tables

A LEAGUE: Mt Lawley 12, North Beach 8, Old Wesley 8, University 8, Trinity 8, Wembley 8, Old Scotch 4, Collegians 4, Nollamara 0, Maylands 0.

B LEAGUE: Scarborough 12, Morley 12, C.B.C. 8, Floreat Marist 8, Bayswater 4, University 4, North Fremantle 4, M.H.W.P. 4, City Beach 4, Wembley 0.

C LEAGUE: Carlisle 12, Whitford 12, WAIT 8, Hellenic 8, Mt Lawley 8, Innaloo 4, Forrestfield 4, Osborne Park 4, Hamersley 0, Wembley 0.

D LEAGUE: North Beach 12, Dianella 12, Bassendean 12, Brentwood 8, Commonwealth Bank 8, Carlisle, Old Wesley 4, National Bank 0, Nollamara 0, Swanbourne 0.

E LEAGUE: University 12, Lynwood 12, Bayswater 12, R & I Bank 8, Maylands 4, St Norbets 4, Collegians 4, Trinity 4, Mt Lawley 0, Claremont 0.

F LEAGUE: Churchlands 8, Coolbinia 8, Koon-doola 8, Scarborough 8, Coolbellup 8, Muresk 8, Floreat 0, C.B.C. 0, North Fremantle 0.

A COLTS: Wembley 12, Mt Lawley 12, North Beach 12, University 12, Old Wesley 8, Collegians 4, Old Scotch 0, Nollamara 0, Maylands 0, Trinity 0.

B COLTS: Scarborough 12, Morley 12, C.B.C. 8, North Fremantle 8, Floreat 8, University 8, Bayswater 4, M.H.W.P. 0, City Beach 0, Wembley 0.

C COLTS: Dianella 12, Coolbinia 12, Whitford 8, WAIT 8, Forrestfield 8, Innaloo 8, Osborne Park 8, Hellenic 8, Carlisle 4, Ashfield 4, Mt Lawley 4, Hamersley 0, Collegians 0.

All tables subject to official confirmation. Results, tables compiled by CARL EVANS.

DOCTOR FOOTBALL

The third article in a series of four by Dr Football on the psychological approach to the game.

HOW CAN PSYCHOLOGY BE USED TO IMPROVE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE

As seen in the first article, anxious intraverted or inexperienced players may be over-aroused to the point where it is detrimental to their performance.

These players can be taught to RELAX themselves by progressive muscular relaxation exercises, self hypnosis or meditation before the game.

On the other hand, a coach may detect that a certain player (usually experienced or very good) is FLAT and appears complacent or disinterested and may tune him in by increasing his arousal. Possible techniques include:

- (a) An emotional outburst of speech.
- (b) Player made to perform sub-maximal burst of physical exertion (most teams routinely do sub-maximal warm up exercises before running out).
- (c) Player made to watch the preceding game or walk through crowd to feel the atmosphere

If a player has a problem with CONCENTRATION on the field, use could be made of DR FOOTBALL'S CUES - i.e. A, B, C, D... such as:

- A - ATTACKING the ball
- B - BACKING up team mate.
- C - CREATING by making lead etc.
- D - DEFENDING e.g. thinking where is my opponent right now.
- E - ENCOURAGE team mates.
- F - FOLLOW ball at all times.

By continually thinking A, B, C, D, the player has less chance of tuning out of the game and therefore select the appropriate response. He is less likely to be distracted by spectators, internal doubt or prior error.

Players can improve their game by practicing what is called "MENTAL VISUAL REHEARSAL". They picture (in their own mind while having their eyes closed) past passages of play in previous games, to either re-inforce good play or become aware of mistakes they made and try and delete them.

They can invent passages of play in their mind where they can see themselves doing well or being in certain situations and what they could do in that situation to win out.

If a possible pattern of play has been rehearsed by the mind, it is thought to become "IMPRINTED" in the brain and when it happens in reality, the action will be more spontaneous.

Overthinking and visual rehearsal in the mind is thought to cause better "IMPRINTING" than watching video replay, although the latter is useful.

Coaches psychology is important. Any MESSAGE sent out to a player should be positive and not negative. e.g. runners should convey the theme of "you do it this way" rather than "you have made a mistake".

Otherwise, instead of performing correctly with confidence, the player may brood on his mistake and fear being pulled off and the negative thoughts further inhibit his performance.

Coaches must be good STRATEGISTS. For each game the team strategy may change generally or for particular players in the team depending on who the opponents are or what the conditions on the day are like.

Some obvious examples include:

- (1) A full back may be told to take front position all the time on one opponent, but to punch the ball at all costs against another even if it means coming from behind
- (2) He may have to continually remind his players to stand in front of the pack when kicking against a strong wind as the ball falls short and vice versa.
- (3) He may condition his players to come past for a handball when a player who is a very poor kick marks the ball.
- (4) He invents team manoeuvres for certain situations e.g. a player to give a dummy lead, but the ball actually to be kicked to another player or position.

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BUNBURY OFF TO A SLOW START

LAST year's South West premiers Bunbury have still yet to win a match following Sunday's round of fixtures.

After losing to arch rivals South Bunbury in the opening set of fixtures they drew Mines Rovers on Sunday and were again unable to match the skill and desire of the opposition. They lost by 43 points.

Already there seems to be a division between the top four teams and the rest of the competition with South Bunbury, Mines Rovers, Harvey Brunswick and Collie unbeaten after the opening two rounds.

Collie proved they would be a force in the competition when they proved too strong for Carey Park.

South Bunbury cruised to another easy win when Donnybrook could not match their all round ability and Harvey Brunswick proved far too good for Busseton.

Augusta Margaret River opened their winning account for 1983 when they beat bottom team Boyanup Capel Dardanup.

KANGAS ON GOAL SPREE

Southern Districts team North Albany went on a goal kicking spree when they tackled Denmark in the league match on the weekend.

The Kangas piled on 45 goals during the match while Denmark could manage just six goals. It was a power-house performance from North Albany and already they are looming as the likely premiers.

In other matches Royals were too good for South Mt Barker and Railways went down narrowly to North Mt Barker.

FORWARDS ON TOP

THE opening round of fixtures in the Upper Great Southern competition saw the forwards dominate in most games.

Heading the list of outstanding individual performances was Wickepin star Mitchell Beeck who kicked 13 goals out of a total of 31 by his side.

Beeck is a ruckman who usually spends long periods in the forward pocket and his ability to kick goals while deep in attack has been a feature of Wickepin's make-up in recent seasons.

Elusive Williams forward Steve Gillett was also on target in the first round when he kicked a double figure tally against Boddington.

Gillett ran long and hard and finished with 10 goals.

Young half forward Gavin Hankinson also kicked five goals for Williams.

When the two Wagin teams, Federals and Rovers amalgamated, many players received clearances elsewhere. Peter Naylor, a former star half forward for Rovers, was cleared to Narrogin Towns and he met with immediate success for his new club when he kicked six goals.

Close matches

Southerners, Deanmill and Imperials were the first round winners in the Lower South West Football League last week.

It was a good round of matches with the highest winning margin being just 22 points when Southerners beat Bridgetown.

Deanmill beat Tigers by 18 points and Imperials beat Boyup Brook by 22 points.

BUNTON TO COACH S.A. ALL-STARS

THE South Australian country All-stars team, which will meet a West Australian country team in Perth in June, is to be coached by Haydn Bunton.

The man who coached Swan Districts to their first three premierships has been coaching in Adelaide in recent years, but stepped down from the South Adelaide coaching post at the end of last season.

Bunton is also a South Australian league selector.

The South Australian country team is being sponsored for their trip to Perth by the South Australian Brewing Company as part of a recently announced sponsorship plan which will see the company plough \$26,000 in South Australian football over a three year period.

The West Australian All-stars side is to be coached by South Bunbury coach John Depiazzi.

The match between the two States' top country combinations will be played at Subiaco Oval as a curtain-raiser to the WAFL versus SANFL match on Saturday, June 4.



EAGLES WIN EARLY GAME

Boddington and Lake Grace played in one of the few Saturday fixtures in the Upper Great Southern National Football League's history on the weekend.

Lake Grace entered the competition this season and because of the distance required in travelling Boddington requested permission to play the game a day early, particularly as it was a long weekend.

And the Eagles could have been pleased with the result.

After the lengthy bus trip inland they won an exciting contest by three points. Inaccurate kicking by Lake Grace cost them dearly as they finished with 10.19 while Boddington kicked 12.10.

Wickepin, Williams and Railways confirmed their high rating with big wins in Sunday's fixtures.

Wickepin beat Wagin by 119 points, Williams beat Towns by 128 points and Railways beat West Arthur by 110 points. The other match saw Pingelly win their first game of the season at the expense of Cuballing.



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Round 1 - March 26
Swans 20.8; Claremont 26.12
East Frem. 15.13; Subiaco 22.16
Perth 12.11; Sth. Frem. 19.22

March 27
West Perth 18.26; East Perth 17.13

Round 2 - April 2
Subiaco 20.8; Perth 11.14
Sth Frem 18.11; West Perth 16.8

April 4
East Perth 22.9; Swans 23.20
Claremont 27.15; East Frem 13.5

Round 3 - April 9
East Frem. 9.9; Swans 18.24
E. Perth 14.8; Cl'mont 23.22
W. Perth 22.24; Perth 14.10
Subiaco 9.19; South Frem. 27.22

Round 4 - April 16
Swans 10.13; W. Perth 20.18 *
Cl'mont 17.15; Subiaco 15.10
Perth 13.15; E. Perth 18.19

April 17
S. Frem. 24.16; E. Frem. 14.9

Round 5 - April 23
Swans 21.18; Subiaco 17.8
Cl'mont 22.15; W. Perth 11.8
East Frem. 19.22; Perth 10.11
E. Perth 19.14; Sth. Frem. 28.14

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

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

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

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

June 4 W.A. v S.A.

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

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

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

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

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

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

July 12 W.A. v Vic.

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

July 17
Sth Frem v West Perth

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

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

July 31
Swans v West Perth

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

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

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

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



Victorian Football League

Round 1 March 26
Geelong 15.16; Footscray 11.9
Carlton 20.16; Richmond 11.10
Fitzroy 16.15; Hawthorn 20.11
Melbourne 19.11; C'wood 20.15
Nth. Melbourne 14.16; St Kilda 12.15

March 27
Swans 17.9; Essendon 15.20

Part Round 2 - April 2
Collingwood 14.12; Geelong 15.11
Footscray 14.15; Carlton 12.10
Richmond 15.10; Melbourne 18.11

Part Round 2 - April 4
Nth Melbourne 6.7; Fitzroy (p) 12.16
Essendon 20.11; St. Kilda 10.10
Hawthorn 9.16; Swans 5.15

Round 3 - April 9
Carlton 13.19; Col'wood (P) 11.21
Fitzroy 14.13; Essendon 7.14
Footscray 16.15; Melbourne 11.13
Geelong 13.16; Richmond 6.10
St Kilda 6.6; Hawthorn 26.15

April 10
Swans 5.15; Nth Melbourne 27.23

Round 4 - April 16
St Kilda 11.13; Geelong 13.12 (P)
Ess'don 20.21; Col'wood 17.15
Fitzroy 17.23; Swans 6.16
Hawthorn 12.25; Footscray 17.16
Melb. 13.12; Carlton 14.15
Nth. Melb. 18.19; Richmond 14.19

Part Round 5 - April 23
Carlton 9.11; Fitzroy 18.17
Col'wood 9.19; Hawthorn 14.11

April 24
Swans 24.16; St. Kilda 21.11

Part Round 5 - April 25, Anzac Day
Richmond 17.12; Footscray 18.8
Nth. Melbourne 17.21; Essendon 20.8
Geelong 16.14; Melbourne 18.13

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

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

May 8
Swans v Carlton (S)

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

May 16
Sth Australia v Victoria in Adelaide

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

May 22
Swans v Collingwood (S)

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

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

June 5
Swans v Footscray (S)

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

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

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

June 21
Swans v Hawthorn (S)

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

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

July 3
Swans v Fitzroy (S)

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

July 12
West Australia v Victoria in Perth

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

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

July 24
Swans v Melbourne (S)

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

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

August 7
Swans v Geelong (S)

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

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

August 21
Swans v Richmond (S)

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

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

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



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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 19.9; Glenelg 17.16
West 23.22; Centrals 8.10
Woodville 13.24; Torrens 18.19
North 14.9; South 7.18

April 4
Sturt 12.14; Norwood 11.7

Round 2 - April 9
Central 20.23; Nth. Adel. 8.12
Sth. Adel. 17.12; W. Torrens 9.12
Port 15.11; Norwood 17.16
Sturt 22.8; Glenelg 12.11
West Adel. 21.22; W'ville 15.7

Round 3 - April 16
W. Adel. 29.13; Glenelg 23.11
N'wood 17.12; Centrals 14.14
W'ville 6.7; Sth. Adel. 19.21
N. Adel. 14.17; W. Torrens 15.15

April 17
Port 18.23; Sturt 15.11

Round 4 - April 23
Port 16.8; Central 12.10
W'ville 10.13; North 15.15
W. Torrens 14.10; W. Adelaide 18.17

April 25
Sth. Adel., 13.17; Sturt 15.15
Norwood 29.14; Glenelg 12.12

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

May 1
West v Norwood

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

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

May 16
S.A. v Victoria

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

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

May 29
Port v Woodville

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

Round 11 - June 11
Centrals v North
Woodville v West

June 12
Sturt v Glenelg

June 13
South v Torrens
Port v Norwood

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

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

June 26
West v Torrens

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

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

July 10
Centrals v South

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

July 17
South v Norwood

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

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

July 31
Centrals v Glenelg

Round 19 - August 6
Centrals v West
Sturt v Norwood

August 13
South v North
Glenelg v Port

August 14
Torrens v Woodville

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

August 21
Norwood v Port

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

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

Elimination Final
September 10

Qualifying Final
September 11

1st Semi Final
September 17

2nd Semi Final
September 18

Preliminary Final
September 25

Grand Final
October 1

WAFL



CLAREMONT	6.4	11.9	13.12	22.15	147
WEST PERTH	4.3	6.5	9.6	11.8	74

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Ralph 11.6; Blackwell 4.0; Mitchell 2.2; Daniels, Kickett, M. Watson 1.2; Goulding, Moss 1.0; Malaxos 0.1. WEST PERTH: Avery, Mugavin 2.0; Adamson 1.2; Fitzsimmons, Hart, Menaglio 1.1; Duckworth, Fong, Michalczyk 1.0; Comerford, Hendriks 0.1; 1 point forced.

UMPIRES: R. Phillips, R. Salls. Claremont won toss and kicked to western end of wind. Free-kicks: CLAREMONT: 8, 11, 7, 4-30; out-of-bounds 5; 15m 3; WEST PERTH: 9, 9, 8, 7-33; out-of-bounds 5; 15m 4. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 15,784.

SOUTH FREMANTLE	9.1	12.9	16.10	28.14	182
EAST PERTH	3.3	6.8	16.10	19.14	128

SCORERS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Arnold 6.1; Monteath 2.0; Stasinowsky 1.2; Matera 1.1; Cockle 0.2; 3 points forced. EAST PERTH: Spencer 5.1; Thorne 4.3; Edwards 4.0; Scott 2.2; Hamilton 2.1; Campbell 1.2; Allen 1.0; Magro 0.3; Dawson 0.1; 1 point forced.

UMPIRES: J. Morris, T. Starcevic. South Fremantle won toss and kicked with wind to southern end. Free-kicks: SOUTH FREMANTLE: 10, 4, 6, 5-25; out-of-bounds 3; 15 metres 2; EAST PERTH: 10, 7, 7, 5-31; out-of-bounds 4; 15 metres 6. Played at Perth oval, attendance 9,027.

SWAN DISTRICTS	3.6	9.12	17.13	21.18	144
SUBIACO	3.3	4.5	12.7	17.8	110

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Baker 6.1; K. Narkle 5.3; Hutton, Holmes 2.2; M. Smith 2.1; Marshall 1.3; Langford, Shine 1.1; Burgess 1.0; Nowotny 0.2; Fogarty 0.1; 1 point forced. SUBIACO: C. Brown 5.1; Castles 3.1; Dunne, Leishman, Chapman 2.0; Warner, Ironmonger, Braddy 1.0; Kelly 0.2; Keene, John, P. Lamb 0.1; 1 point forced.

UMPIRES: D. Rowe, R. Austin. Subiaco won toss and kicked to southern end. Free-kicks: SWAN DISTRICTS: 6, 6, 7, 7-26; out-of-bounds 4; 15m 7; SUBIACO: 9, 11, 10, 9-39; out-of-bounds 3; 15m 8. Played at Bassendean Oval, attendance 8,820.

EAST FREMANTLE	5.5	6.6	13.14	19.22	136
PERTH	3.1	8.7	9.10	10.11	71

SCORERS: EAST FREMANTLE: Taylor 5.4; Mitchell 3.1; McGregor 2.4; Jones, Sterrett 2.3; Watson 2.1; Alexander, Cormack, Harding 1.0; Kerr 0.2; Rankin, Wrenstead 0.1; 2 points forced. PERTH: Spalding 3.1; D. Simms 2.4; Carter 2.2; O. McGuire 2.0; P. O'Connell 1.1; Cousins, Coleman, McGuinness 0.1.

UMPIRES: B. Appleby, M. Ball. Perth won toss and kicked to southern end. Free-kicks: EAST FREMANTLE: 8, 13, 6, 7-34; out-of-bounds 5; 15m 5; PERTH: 6, 3, 3, 5-17; out-of-bounds 3; 15m 2. Played at East Fremantle Oval, attendance 4,973.

VFL



SATURDAY

FITZROY	1.7	6.9	14.13	18.17	125
CARLTON	2.4	6.7	7.11	9.11	65

SCORERS: FITZROY: Carlson 4; McMahon 4; Quinlan 3; Conlan 2; Parish 2; Murnane 2; Harris. CARLTON: Kourkoumelis 2; Bosustow, Ditchburn, Hunter, Howell, Reid, Meldrum, Harnes.

BEST: FITZROY: McMahon, Lawrie, Francis, Pert, Clayton, Rendell, Roos, Serafini. CARLTON: English, Glascott, Kourkoumelis, Reid, Doull. Played at Princes Park, attendance 25,791.

HAWTHORN	5.1	7.8	12.9	14.11	95
COLLINGWOOD	3.3	4.10	5.14	9.19	73

SCORERS: HAWTHORN: Tuck 4; Matthews 2; Curran 2; Shields 2; Russo, Moncrieff, Wallace, Greene. COLLINGWOOD: Stewart 4; Fyffe 2; Morwood, G. Shaw, Walsh.

BEST: HAWTHORN: Greene, Tuck, Wallace, Kennedy, Knights, Dipleredomenico, Matthews, Polkinghorne. COLLINGWOOD: Richardson, Taylor, Miles, Picken, Walsh. Played at Victoria Park, attendance 28,506.

SUNDAY

SYDNEY SWANS	8.3	13.8	17.12	24.16	160
ST KILDA	4.4	8.8	16.10	21.11	137

SCORERS: SYDNEY SWANS: Catoggio 6; Braddy 5; Wright 3; Smith, A. Morwood, Rhys-Jones 2; Roberts, D. Carroll, Taubert, Round. ST KILDA: Jackson 10; Foschini, Kiel 2; Morwood, Cunningham, Burns, O'Donnell, Sarau, Lockett, Packham.

BEST: SYDNEY SWANS: W. Carroll, Catoggio, D. Carroll, Browning, Carter, A. Morwood. ST KILDA: Jackson, Burns, Barker, Roberts, Cunningham, Packham. Played at Sydney Cricket Ground, attendance 11,276.

MONDAY

FOOTSCRAY	10.3	12.3	16.5	18.8	116
RICHMOND	0.3	8.8	13.11	17.12	114

SCORERS: FOOTSCRAY: Edmond 7; Williams, Beasley 3; R. MacPherson 2; Groenewegen, Burton, S. MacPherson. RICHMOND: Rioli, Taylor, Welsh 3; Wiley, Bartlett 2; Wall, Keane, Jess, Rowlings.

BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Edmond, N. Cordy, Wallis, Egan, Purser, Hansen. RICHMOND: Jess, Lee, Rowlings, Strachan, Rioli, Roach. Played at MCG, attendance 51,651.

ESSENDON	4.2	10.6	14.7	20.8	128
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.6	6.10	14.15	17.21	123

SCORERS: ESSENDON: Copping, West 4; Beddison 3; Walsh, Watson, Hawker 2; Danlher, Buhagiar, Thomson. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer, Furey 3; Good, Schimmelbusch 2; Smith, P. Krakouer, Abernethy, McCann, Hodgeman, Jonas, Dempsey.

BEST: ESSENDON: Funnell, Hawker, Buhagiar, Copping, Watson, Foulds. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer, Schimmelbusch, Dempsey, Abernethy, Hodgeman, Greig. Played at VFL Park, attendance 47,722.

MELBOURNE	1.2	6.8	15.13	18.13	121
GEELONG	7.2	10.4	13.8	16.14	110

SCORERS: MELBOURNE: Templeton 8; Wilson 4; Flower, Bamblett 2; Healy, Elshaug. GEELONG: Blake 4; Featherby 3; Bright, Lenaghan 2; Johnston, Waddell, Mossop, M. Kol, Reynoldson.

BEST: MELBOURNE: Icke, Wilson, Jarrott, Bamblett, Sneddon, Templeton. GEELONG: Mossop, Neal, Featherby, Blake, Waddell, Lenaghan. Played at Kardinia Park, attendance 24,500.

LEADING VICTORIAN GOALKICKERS

24 - M. Jackson (St K) 10; 19 - M. Moncrieff (Haw) 1, B. Quinlan (Fitz) 3; 17 - T. Bright (Geel) 2, S. Beasley (Foot) 3; 16 - J. Edmond (Foot) 7; 15 - B. Taylor (Rich) 3; 14 - G. Hawker (Ess) 2; 13 - M. Conlan (Fitz) 2, C. Braddy (Swans) 5; 12 - T. Elshaug (Melb) 1, K. Bartlett (Rich) 2; 11 - M. Buckley (Carl), G. Healy (Melb) 1, L. Mathews (Haw) 2, R. Flower (Melb) 2, I. Williams (Foot) 3, D. McMahon (Fitz) 4; 10 - G. Sidebottom (Fitz), P. Jonas (N. Melb) 1, D. Lenaghan (Geel) 2, K. Good (N. Melb) 2, W. Schimmelbusch (N. Melb) 2.

SANFL



SATURDAY

PORT ADELAIDE	5.1	8.4	13.6	16.8	104
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1.2	8.2	9.5	12.10	82

SCORERS: PORT ADELAIDE: Harris, Williams, Cunningham, Bradley, Anderson 2; Clifford, Curtis, Kinnear, Baker, Belton, Gill 1. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Platten, Graham 3; Robinson 2; Trigg, Wilson, Van Dommele, Fraser 1.

BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: R. Ebert, C. Ebert, Cunningham, Clifford, Belton, Bradley, Anderson, Hughes. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Bubner, Robinson, Trigg, Vivina, Thomas, Van Dommele.

NORTH ADELAIDE	10.5	13.8	23.13	15.15	165
WOODVILLE	1.3	6.8	6.9	10.13	73

SCORERS: NORTH ADELAIDE: Arnold 8; Phillips, Tiller 3; Gehling, Sanders, Roach, Hay 2; Antrobus, Wildy, Campbell 1. WOODVILLE: Coop, Roberts 2; Fuller, Simpson, McSparran, Tahoney, Bencic, Pierson 1.

BEST: NORTH ADELAIDE: Stanbridge, Tiller, Vehling, Roach, Campbell, Clisby, Sanders, Antrobus, Arnold; WOODVILLE: Koop, Bolton, Simpson, Fuller, Tahoney, Bencic.

WEST ADELAIDE	6.8	10.3	13.14	18.17	125
WEST TORRENS	7.2	10.7	11.8	14.10	94

SCORERS: WEST ADELAIDE: Conlan 5; Smith 4; Luders 3; Meuret, Morris, Winter, McKinnon, Borchard, Grosser 1. WEST TORRENS: Johnston 3; Hill, Hodson, Morrell, Pilmore 2; Amos, Carter, Lindsay 1.

BEST: WEST ADELAIDE: Burgess, Mickan, Smith, Conlan, Winter, Meuret, Williams. WEST TORRENS: Schimmelbusch, Hill, Lindsay, Hodson, Robson, Phillipou, Pilmore.

STURT	4.5	7.8	9.10	15.15	105
SOUTH ADELAIDE	3.3	6.8	11.16	13.17	95

SCORERS: STURT: Fry 5; Heinrich 2; Craig 2; Davies 2; Derrington 1; Barbary 1; Leonard 1; Paynter 1. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Schneebichler 4; Hewitt 2; Hatley 2; Aitken 2; Naley 1; McIntyre 1.

BEST: STURT: Howard, Motley, Spiel, Fry, Craig, Whittiesea, Paynter. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Martin, Naley, Bennett, Schneebichler, Hatley. Played at Adelaide Oval, attendance 10,152.

NORWOOD	5.3	17.7	20.8	29.14	188
GLENELG	5.4	7.6	12.9	12.12	84

SCORERS: NORWOOD: Roberts 8, Ah Mat 5, Heine 4, Aish M 3, Gallagher 2, Thomas 2, Turbill 2, Aish A 1, Neagle 1, Button 1. GLENELG: Holst 3, Kernahan 3, Marshall 2, Garten 1, Mottlop 1, McGuinness 1, Salsbury 1.

BEST: NORWOOD: Heine, Thomas, M. Aish, A. Aish, Roberts, Gallagher, McIntosh, Turbill, Button, Ah Mat. GLENELG: Maynard, Marshall, Symonds, Kernahan, McGuinness. Played at Football Park, attendance 16,101.

CLAREMONT	5	5	0	769	471	163.27	20
SOUTH FREMANTLE	5	5	0	781	481	162.37	20
WEST PERTH	5	3	2	606	548	110.58	12
SWAN DISTRICTS	5	3	2	635	620	102.42	12
Subiaco	5	2	3	569	628	90.60	8
East Perth	5	2	3	597	727	82.12	8
East Fremantle	5	1	4	478	688	69.48	4
Perth	5	0	5	421	693	60.75	-

WAFL Reserves

EAST PERTH	5	4	1	573	443	129.34	16
SOUTH FREMANTLE	5	3	2	636	547	116.27	12
SWAN DISTRICTS	5	3	2	573	503	113.91	12
EAST FREMANTLE	5	3	2	613	563	108.88	12
West Perth	5	3	2	523	569	91.91	12
Claremont	5	2	3	574	505	113.66	8
Subiaco	5	1	4	521	704	74.00	4
Perth	5	1	4	473	652	72.54	4

WAFL Colts

SUBIACO	5	5	-	479	401	119.45	20
EAST PERTH	5	4	1	533	298	178.85	16
SOUTH FREMANTLE	5	4	1	567	392	144.84	16
SWAN DISTRICTS	5	2	3	407	382	106.54	8
East Fremantle	5	2	3	401	434	92.39	8
West Perth	5	2	3	393	462	85.06	8
Claremont	5	1	4	404	496	81.45	4
Perth	5	-	5	275	594	46.29	-

VFL

FITZROY	4	1	-	547	347	157.6	16
HAWTHORN	4	1	-	564	390	144.6	16
GEELONG	4	1	-	501	417	120.1	16
FOOTSCRAY	4	1	-	519	478	108.6	16
NORTH MELBOURNE	3	2	-	578	451	128.2	12
Essendon	3	2	-	566	518	109.3	12
Carlton	3	2	-	479	477	100.4	12
Melbourne	2	2	-	534	555	96.2	8
Swans	2	3	-	413	627	65.9	8
Collingwood	1	4	-	508	559	90.9	4
Richmond	-	5	-	439	592	74.2	-
St. Kilda	-	5	-	415	652	63.7	-

SANFL

WEST ADELAIDE	4	4	-	620	398	60.90	8
NORWOOD	4	3	1	483	369	56.69	6
PORT ADELAIDE	4	3	1	469	409	53.41	6
STURT	4	3	1	432	382	53.07	6
SOUTH ADELAIDE	4	2	2	404	307	56.82	4
North Adelaide	4	2	2	419	381	52.37	4
West Torrens	4	2	2	392	442	47.00	4
Central Districts	4	1	3	381	438	46.52	2
Glennelg	4	-	4	434	648	40.11	-
Woodville	4	-	4	315	575	35.39	-

Other competitions

W.A.F.L. RESERVES

PERTH	3.2	11.6	13.7	18.10	118
EAST FREM.	1.7	3.10	6.14	8.17	65

SCORERS: PERTH: Rea 7; Hooker 3; Dawson, Phillips 2; O'Brien, Simms, Jones, Armstrong 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 4; Bedford 2; Zupanovich, Crouch 1. BEST: PERTH: Dawson, McGuire, Ashworth, O'Brien, Jones, Chute. EAST FREMANTLE: Waterman, Zupanovich, Lester-Smith, Wake, Bedford, Sawle.

SWAN DIST.	3.5	6.10	10.15	16.20	116
SUBIACO	1.0	5.5	8.6	13.10	88

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Holtzman, Heys 4; Yukich, Davidson 2; Douglas, Werner, Rhodes, Mountford 1. SUBIACO: Gates 4; Stampala 3; Mowatt 2; Bengough, Crutchfield, Durman, Zanotti 1. BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Holtzman, Davidson, Blackaby, Hampson, Heys, Jacob. SUBIACO: Bushe-Jones, Bengough, Ross, Potter, Lee, McFaul.

CLAREMONT	2.1	11.7	16.14	19.16	130
WEST PERTH	2.6	2.6	5.9	7.11	53

SCORERS: CLAREMONT: Jamieson, Rowe 5; Peoples 2; Reynolds, B. Farmer, Lewis, Hansen, Binder, Cooper, D. Farmer 1. WEST PERTH: Davis 3; Nelson 2; Watling, Hathaway 1. BEST: CLAREMONT: Jamieson, Rowe, D. Farmer, Reynolds, Pearce, Watson. WEST PERTH: Davis, Watling, Davies, Poisson, Nelson, Fraser.

EAST PERTH	4.4	11.10	14.15	16.18	114
STH FREM.	2.4	7.13	10.14	15.18	108

SCORERS: EAST PERTH: Coutts 5.0; Delborrello 3.0; Earnshaw, Bock 2.0; Williams, Kohlman, Blakely, Smith 1.0. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Mount 5.0; Amoroso 3.0; Mountain, Simpson 2.0; Townsend, Dennis 1.0. BEST: EAST PERTH: Delborrello, Coutts, Blakely, Earnshaw, Garnett, Cocker. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Mount, Mountain, Cornell, Grijnsich, Sadler, Begg.

W.A.F.L. COLTS

S. FREM. 15.7 (97) b E. PERTH 13.16 (94)
SCORERS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Winmar 5.0; Brown 3.0; D. Collard 2.0; B. Collard, Edwards, Maskos, Selnor, Little 1.0. EAST PERTH: Rattray 4.0; Western, O'Farrell 2.0; Daniels, MacKinlay, Wrenstead, Papotto, Delcasale 1.0. BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Winmar, Little, Wholagan. EAST PERTH: Rattray, Best, Maughan.

E. FREM. 1

WESTSIDE WINNERS



S. Fremantle v Swans
This is going to be the game of the season so far and when it is all over last year's premiers will be wondering if they can make the four.

BOB CRIBB
Westside Football



Subiaco v East Perth
The mighty Lions will roar loudly and will savage the crown out of the Royals.

KEN McAULLAY
Channel 7



Perth v Claremont
Perth couldn't win if they cancelled the reserves game and let the league team start two hours before Claremont arrive. The Tigers are brilliant.

FRED WOODS
Westside Football



West Perth v E. Fremantle
Chief Falcon Dennis Cometti was furious after last week's loss; and that's why they will make mince meat out of the sharks.

ALAN EAST
Western Mail

THE UGLY PARENT

...leave your children alone

ONE of the greatest tragedies in any sport — particularly Australian Football — is the domineering father.

Many fathers unknowingly ruin their son's football career by living their son's career through their own eyes.

In my time of coaching, I have seen these 'fathers' too often. They even appear to be a growing breed with the increase in money and prestige associated with the modern game.

It usually begins with a father who, in many cases, has never played the game. Many of them are frustrated footballers.

The son loses his own self identity and becomes a puppet, never being allowed to think for himself.

I can remember one very prominent player at East Perth whose father changed from a quiet concerned parent when the son was a junior to an over-zealous, egomaniac when the son became a regular league player a few years later.

This player was lucky, he made it. Many don't.

Well, how does it effect the son?

He isn't allowed to think for himself, decisions relating to contracts and other personal football matters are made by the father — the player loses his self initiative,

DORRO'S DIARY



by GRANT DORRINGTON

the one area that he needs to help him succeed on the field.

The son becomes embarrassed about what his Dad's image is. His fellow peers jest about that father and his antics around the club.

Club officials treat the father with contempt and that can have a detrimental effect on the son when dealing with him.

The father makes excuses for his son's failure. The most common one is "the coach is no good, he cannot handle my boy". Excuses are the forerunner of failure and something all coaches endeavour to stamp out of their players.

Don't get me wrong, I believe that there is a very vital role for fathers in football.

They should be at the games in silent support and always offering constructive encouragement.

Fathers are very important people, but when it comes to your son — LEAVE HIM ALONE. He is now a young man making his own decisions and will only learn by his mistakes.

This whole area of umpiring leads me to a belief that the first test given to an umpire should be a 'personality test' which could provide excellent back up material for the umpires coach to study.

Personality tests cover areas such as sensitivity, assertiveness, desire, tension control, confidence, personal accountability and self discipline.

No matter how good the umpires knowledge is of laws, how well he runs, bounces or dresses; ultimately the key to successful umpiring is the individual's personality.

What does he do when the pressure of coaches, players, media, umpires coach, spectators and television or radio viewers/listeners is on him everytime he runs onto the ground?

Some of the more prominent WAFL umpires would probably be considered highly unsuitable if tested.

It is time for a careful analysis of the individual personalities and to develop umpires who can take their place and criticism in the game.

A sportsman

Giving someone the title of the perfect sportsman is a big statement.

In my time in football I have rarely made the statement before, but let me put these before you:

Played 200 league games and never been reported.

A genuine person, extremely dedicated and a model to young junior players.

A great club man who always overcomes setbacks, including his own poor form.

A coaches dream — works hard, doesn't make excuses.

Has had success in many other sports outside the football arena — and has great respect from team mates and opponents.

When you go to the football next time, both young and old, this player is worth watching for a moment. He has made his mark in the way the term "true sportsman" is often used.

Alex Hamilton take a bow!

Umpire tests

The restructuring of the WAFL tribunal means that things are going to be harder for players on report in season 1983.

Several players have recieved penalties for swearing at umpires — penalties that players didn't get for elbowing or kicking in recent years.

If this is to be the policy then all football followers hope that CONSISTENCY be the key. If tribunal decisions and umpires reports are consistent, players and coaches can adjust — they haven't been able to in previous seasons.

Umpires coach Ross Capes must spend many hours advising the umpires when abuse is abuse and when it is only frustration. I hope umpires, who in most cases have never played the game at senior level, can experience the personal pressures that all players face and can learn to understand more about their actions and words.

Well done, Army

IT has been great to see former East Perth forward Paul Arnold settle in well at South Fremantle and he is proving a valuable player for the Bulldogs. Having coached Paul for several seasons, it has been good to see him regain his lost confidence and prove to many people that he is a top-line performer. It has been a real character performance from Arnold and he has earned this week's dinner for two at the Vegas Hotel for his effort.

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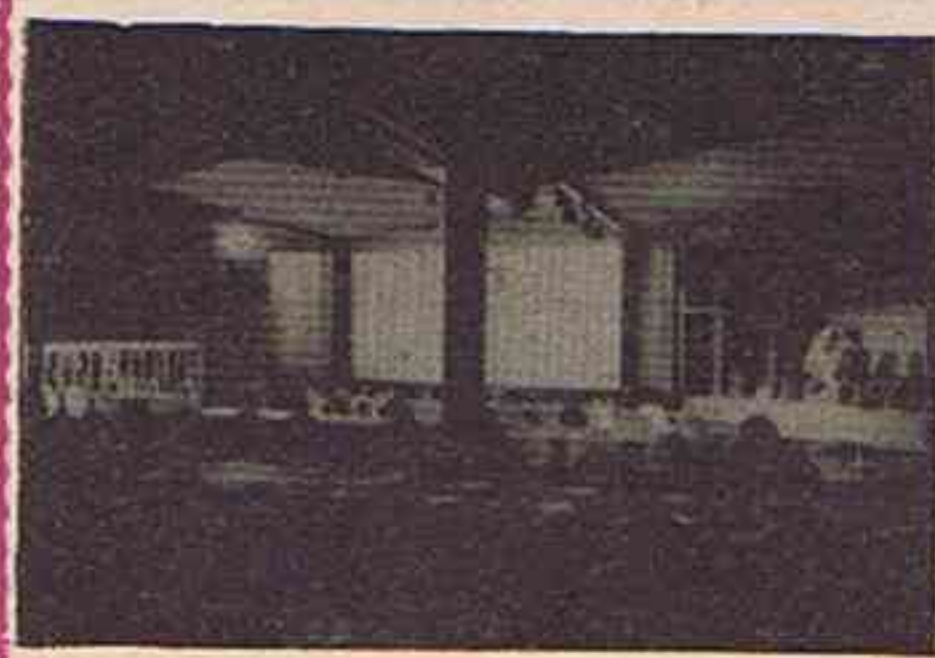
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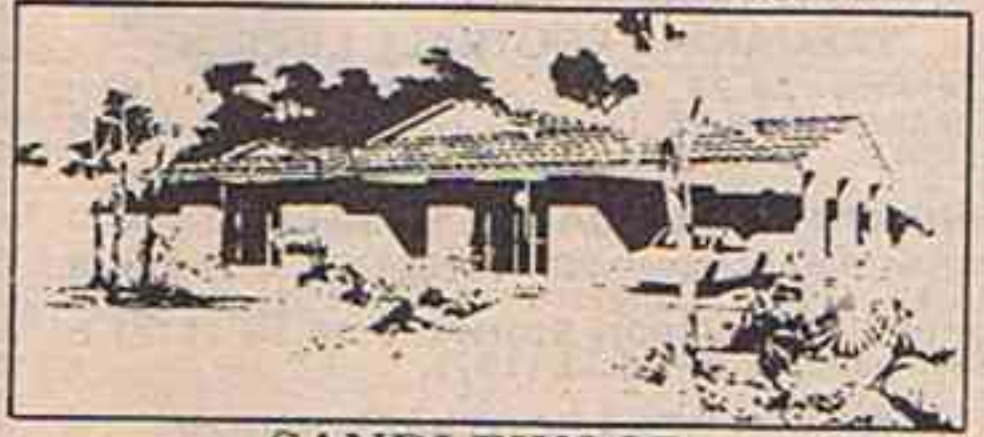
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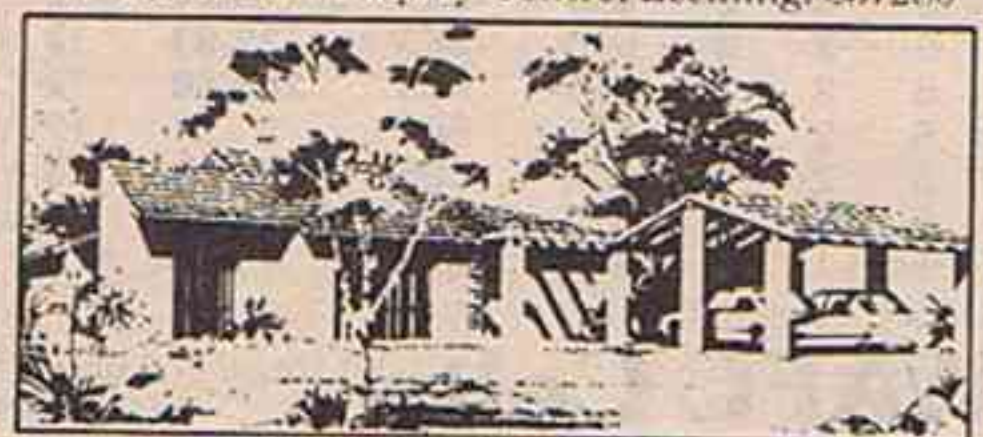
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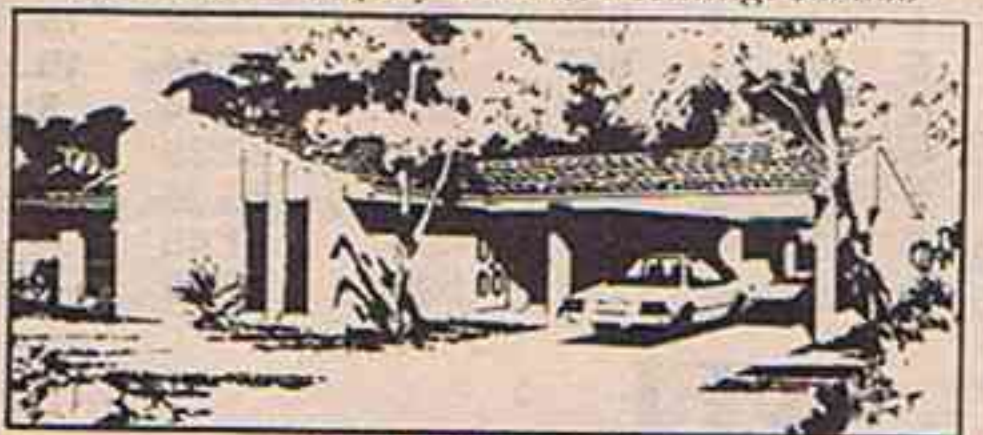
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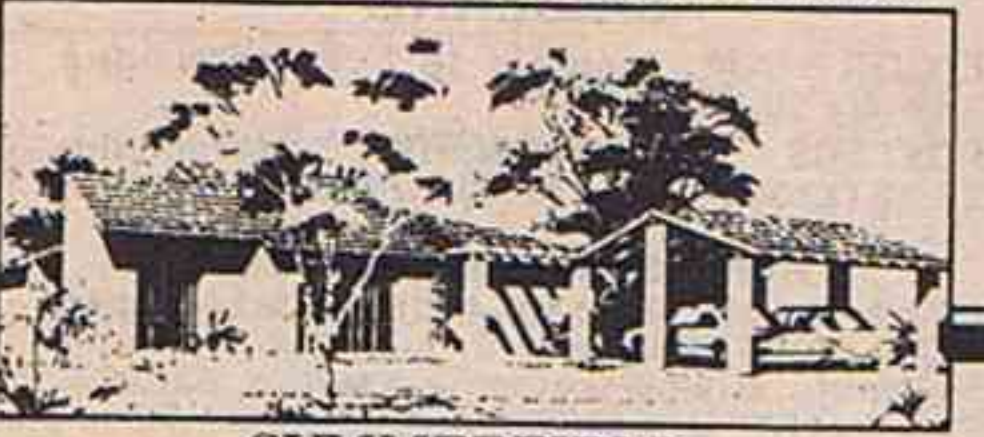
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