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# Coaches keen about carnival

MOST of the eight league coaches see this weekend's Emu Export Carnival as being a progressive move for football.

And they will be trying their utmost to win the bulk of the \$60,000 prizemoney being offered by the Swan Brewery.

The leading coaches in the WAFL — South Fremantle's Mal Brown and Graham Moss (Claremont) — both agree that the carnival is an imaginative promotional campaign launched by the WAFL and believe it should succeed.

The top teams in the competition featured in a great contest at Claremont Oval last Saturday and they could meet in a rematch in Sunday's carnival final.

If that is the case the WAFL can look to big attendances, particularly on Sunday.

Claremont will have to beat West Perth, East Perth and East Fremantle to be assured of a berth in the final, while South Fremantle have Swan Districts, Subiaco and Perth in their group.

The coaches also said they would be using the carnival to give promising youngsters a taste of league football.

Moss said that it gave the clubs a break between normal fixtures, but Claremont would be playing senior players who are fit and youngsters would be used if their form in reserves was good enough.

"We will be going all out for success in the carnival," he said.

Subiaco coach Peter Daniel said he thought the carnival would be ideal for spectators and it was a move in the right direction in the development of football.

"The WAFL is trying to promote football and I think they are doing it in the right manner," he said. "I think we can win the carnival and we will be going all-out to achieve that goal."

"It will be a matter of getting out of the blocks quickly with the 20 minute halves and at least we cut the risk of playing one bad quarter in a game."

Swan Districts coach John Todd sees the carnival as an opportunity for his side to re-group.

"It will give us the opportunity to play Tom Mullooly, Ron Boucher and Peter Sartori and I think it could not have come at a better time for Swan Districts."

"Otherwise those players would have to return to competitive football 'cold'."

"I also agree with the concept and I can see an action-packed weekend in front of us."

Todd said that irrespective of where the teams are on the ladder they have every opportunity of winning the carnival. And that could be proved through the results of a similar carnival held before the start of last season.

West Perth and Claremont may have made it through to the final but not before East Fremantle had beaten the Tigers, Subiaco beat East Fremantle, Perth pushed West Perth and South Fremantle beat East Perth.

The WAFL and the Swan Brewery should be congratulated on their thinking and promotion of the carnival.



## SIMMS FACES BIG TEST

STAR Perth ruckman Wayne Simms expects to be back in the league action against South Fremantle on Saturday week.

Simms, who has been out of league football for almost 12 months, has played three reserves games this season and his big test comes in this weekend's Emu Export Carnival.

He will be used in the 30-man Demon squad for the two-day carnival and if he comes through unscathed he will play against the Bulldogs in the opening round of the second series.

Simms injured his right knee during pre-season training in January last year. He then tried unsuccessfully to regain fitness and play for Perth last season.

But he broke down again and was forced to have an operation in Melbourne last June. Simms had the knee completely re-constructed and after 12 months of gradually building it up he is close to resuming a bright league career.

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SWAN Brewery executives Angus Johnson (left) and Terry Edmondson will take a break from their normal routines to watch the eight WAFL clubs chase some of the \$60,000 in cash they have put up for this weekend's Emu Export Carnival.

The two-day football extravaganza at Subiaco Oval will see each club using 30 players in a bid to win their way into Sunday's

final and boost their financial coffers.

The Swan Brewery Company Ltd are sponsoring the carnival as a further extension of their sport involvement in the West. The company has opted for a major promotion like the carnival to enable all eight WAFL clubs to benefit financially in preference to supporting individual clubs.

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- STEVE MALAXOS (C) 93

\*Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn, Paul Arnold 90 games East Perth.

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- BRIAN NEEDLE (EF) 147
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- BARRY BEECROFT (C) 140\*

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- STEPHEN MICHAEL (SF) 194
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**WELL DONE, MICHAEL**

CLAREMONT youngster Michael O'Connell certainly knew that he had played a game of football after that memorable clash with South Fremantle last week. O'Connell was given the awesome task of tagging Stephen Michael, one of the game's hardest and toughest players. Michael was in a mean mood, particularly with the use of his body. He fairly and squarely put O'Connell down a number of times — but the youngster kept on getting up and getting on with it. It was a fitting tribute of sportsmanship that when the final siren went — bringing to an end one of the best contests we've seen in WA for years — that Michael, the master, went over to O'Connell and put his arm around his young opponent's shoulder in a gesture of congratulations.

**Wizard Willie**

SOUTH Fremantle are certainly pleased that their campaign to get former East Perth half-forward Willie Roe back into a league football frame of mind was successful. The talented Roe showed his widerange of skills in the Bulldog fightback last week and some of his marking, ball wizardry and goal-kicking was a delight to watch. He joined a very select group of players who have taken off the World of Sport double on Channel 7 — the Town and Country goal-of-the-day and the Ian Diffen mark-of-the-day.

**Friendly advice**

VETERAN Perth defender Kevin Worthington had a few soothing words of advice for Demon rookie John Zaikos just before he made his league debut against Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval last week. Worthington, who has played just over 200 games in WA and Victoria, told Zaikos that he, too, played his first senior game at Bassendean back in 1971 when Claremont downed Swan Districts. Unfortunately, Zaikos didn't enjoy a victory — but the youngster from East Victoria Park, who celebrated his 18th birthday yesterday, just four days after his first league game — will have many more chances to figure in victories.

**Cheered-up**

CHEER squads are beginning to have a big impact on football in this State and it is great to see. Both, the Claremont and South Fremantle squads, showed a lot of imagination when they drew up their run-thoughts for Saturday's game. The South Fremantle banner read: "It all adds up. Six + the Tigers = 7 Bulldogs victories. But Claremont came out in front with theirs: "The Tigers are the top dog." This sort of pre-match atmosphere can only add to our game.

**Coach Melly?**

GRAHAM Melrose had a bigger influence with the Swans reserve side last Saturday than most players returning to football would usually have.

Coach Kevin Clune called on the 300-game veteran to address the players at the three-quarter time break. Melrose was playing his first football for 1983 and although not up to his high standard he showed that he is not far away from a return to league football.

**OVER  
THE  
FENCE**



**Miller faithful**

THINGS may not be going well for Ian Miller, but despite having not won a game, he has not turned his back on the Demons. In last week's tipssters panel in Westside Football, he was shown as having tipped Swans to beat Perth. But he was not deserting his side — it was our mistake. Miller has tipped Perth through thick and thin in the last two years and even when the task looked almost impossible, he picked his side to win. Last week's tip was merely a typographical error. Sorry Serge!

**Cricketing umpire**

LAST year's grand final umpire Darryle Gillies turned in another top performance in the reserves at Bassendean last Saturday — and it can only be a matter of time before one of football's most respected men in white returns to the League arena. Gillies' preparation for this season was hampered with cricket commitments in the Suburban Turf competition, where he is a leading player. With the obvious lack of depth in umpiring ranks after the retirement last year of Ross Capes and Ron Powell, Gillies' return will be welcomed.

**Debutant**

SEVENTEEN year old John Zaikos will remember his league debut for a long time. He was given the unenviable task of lining up on 1982 Sandover Medallist Phil Narkle and was given a lesson in how to play football. Zaikos did manage his share of possessions, but was forced to lower his colours on the day. Nonetheless, Zaikos has plenty of ability and time to improve on his first-up performance and no doubt the Demon officials are aware of his potential.

**A chicken treat**

IN last week's issue we said that the Radio 6IX sponsors, Red Rooster had looked after their commentary team by providing them with a delicious serve of chicken. However, Chicken Treat actually sponsored 6IX and provided the treat.

**Birthday  
greetings**

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

- Dean Winning (C) 19 on May 13th.
- Peter Kenny (SD) 24 on 13th.
- Graham Moss (C) 33 on 14th.



- Willie Roe (SF) 22 on 14th.



- Larry Norman (C) 20 on 14th.
- Robert Maiden (SD) 27 on 15th.
- Phil Montgomery (SD) 22 on 15th.
- Rhett Baynes (P) 19 on 16th.

- Kevin Mitchell (C) 20 on 17th.
- Gavin Outridge (SD) 21 on 17th.



- Graeme Comerford (WP) 24 on 20th.

- Paul Collie (P) 26 on 19th.



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**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

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9am Sundays

SATURDAY MAY 14 and SUNDAY MAY 15  
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See page 5 for full fixture details

GRAND FINAL (3pm Sunday) TO BE TELECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL 7



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THE YEAR**

First Prize:  
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- S. Malaxos (C) . . . . . 12
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- W. Ralph (C) . . . . . 35
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- C. Waterson (EF) . . . . . 29
- J. Scott (EP) . . . . . 29

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# Media play their part

**AFTER** eight weeks of football it's 'hats off' to the media.

Their promotional attack to the 1983 season has been intense, thorough, competitive, full of optimism and enthusiastic.

All of the 200 accredited W.A.F.L. media personnel have pulled their weight.

Football is the people's game. The media will not allow it to fail.

No other sport in Australia can boast such support from press, radio and television.

The breakdown of writers, commentators, statisticians, photographers, editors, producers, directors, cameramen, panelists, interviewers and technicians is staggering.

Football is indeed an industry.

W.A. Newspapers have a team of 23; the Daily News 10; Sunday Times 18; Sunday Independent 13; Western Mail 13; and Westside Football 18.

T.V.W's presentation of football involves 46 people; Channel 9 have 2; A.B.C., with radio, have 15.

## RADIO COVER

Radio thrives on bringing football to its listeners.

6IX have 13; 6PR 10; 6PM 2; and 6KY have six staff doing just that.

Harvey Bean's Football Budget employs 11 personnel to meet the programme's deadline.

Football media men eat, breathe, and sleep football.

They compete to develop new ideas to promote the game.

The code will continue to prosper with men like Geoff Christian, Robbie Burns, Ray Wilson, Alan East, Gary Stocks, Bob Cribb, Bob Miller, Percy Johnson, Marty McDonnell, Ken McAullay, George Grijsich, John K. Watts, Keith Slater, Eric

Sarich, Frank Sparrow, Neil Garland, Bob Hicks, Oscar Howard, John O'Connell, Les Mumme, Joe Fanchi, and new recruit Grant Dorrington about.

They are 'fair dinkum' and spontaneous, with a sincerity for footy that is contagious.



**ARTHUR MARSHALL**  
is this week's *Guest Columnist*  
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## What's happened to the interviews?

THE players are the entertainers.

They make the game.

The public wants to know all it can about the performers — what they do, where they come from and what they have achieved.

It helps them to identify.

Press and radio excel at selling the act and give the public what it wants. For some reason, television has stopped interviewing players.

Post-match interviews in the change room atmosphere immediately after the game gave viewers an insight into football they would normally miss.

Youths, teenage girls, pensioners, the racing, bowling, hockey, and basketball fraternity all had the chance to get to know the players through their T.V. on Sundays.

The coaches are over-exposed.

Let's see and hear the players.

## CHANGE OVERS

Changeovers at the interchange bench are not being used efficiently.

Apart from those who are injured, all footballers, when 'dragged' should charge for the changeover spot with the same intensity as a replay baton change at the Olympics.

Too many drop their heads and amble to the line.

## STREET JOGS

The idea of having league teams do their jogging through the streets of their district on a pre-arranged route is a good one.

Bringing the players to the public would be a sensational promotion.

Teams could run past hospitals, stop at the local under-age ground for set exercises, then carry on past the district's homes.

If the day was Sunday, residents would be out in force to cheer their team.

It worked for the Royal Visit, so why not for football?

A player with a head injury in W.A. is said to be 'concussed.' The same injury in Victoria sees a player only 'dazed'. The latter seems to be a better choice of words.

## AID FOR COACHES

UNFORTUNATELY there are still too many football coaches who rant and rave; generalise in their pep talks; have no idea of how to spot or make specific and necessary moves and have no rapport with some of the players.

They would be well advised to get a copy of "Think and Act like a Champion" a study made by Canadian Sports Psychologist Brent Rushall.

All the factors that led to 100s of athletes of various sports becoming champions were fed into a computer.

A common denominator of 90 positive guide lines resulted.

Some of the characteristics of the champions are:

- Champions made firm friends from the team who are serious about the sport.
- They join fellow athletes in social functions.
- They do not get upset when criticised by other athletes
- They get together with the coach to make decisions.
- They usually do as the coach says.
- They like busy training sessions.
- They never leave training early.
- Unfamiliar arenas do not affect their performance.
- They do not worry about opponents.
- They are nervous and tense before competition and they like to warm up alone.
- They like to see their name mentioned by the media.
- They compete well in every contest.
- They prefer to know the training programme well in advance of the session, and prefer the coach to tell them privately when they have done something wrong.

Plenty of food for thought here!

## Benny has come a long way

THREE seasons ago I interviewed Benny Vigona before the first semi-final. He was edgy, hesitant and toey. South lost.

Two weeks later, in the preliminary final, I again interviewed the raw recruit from Darwin and asked what he had learnt from his first final-round game.

'Think faster and run faster' was his sole comment.

How Vigona has matured since then!

Football has given him confidence and star billing.

He's topped 100 games at South; played for W.A. and this season has relished his new half back position. He has become the Bulldog's No. 1 crowd pleaser.



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# ... could have been a Swan

If Swan Districts had done more to persuade a young player called Don Aitken to remain with the club when he had received a country posting 20 years ago they may have been richer for it now.

For Don Aitken is the father of star Claremont half back Michael Aitken.

Aitken senior had played about 40 league games with Swans when he was transferred to the country in his work as an engineer and that ended a league career.

But had Swans been able to talk him into playing an additional 10 games Michael could now be playing with the Bassendean club under the father-son law.

Aitken is one of the unobtrusive stars of WA football, but that may all be about to change.

During his 73 game career he has been burdened with the pressure of studies at medical school.

He is an outstanding defender, an outstanding ambassador for the game and no doubt will be an outstanding doctor.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to Aitken and found out just how difficult it has been to combine two very demanding occupations.

## adidas PLAYER PROFILE

**Name:** Michael Aitken  
**Height:** 6.1 (185cm)  
**Weight:** 13.4 (85kg)  
**Born:** Perth, 12.1.60  
**Lives at:** Nedlands  
**Married:** No  
**Girlfriend's name:** Alicia  
**Football likes:** Obviously winning, comradeship between the players and the bus trips coming home from away games.  
**Football dislikes:** Sunday morning training, ignorant football critics, mainly just the average person who criticises without knowing enough about the game, and needless violence.  
**Football honours:** I won a few trophies for fairest and best awards and goalkicking awards in juniors and in amateurs but apart from that there aren't too many.  
**Occupation:** Doctor  
**Ambitions:** I would love to play State football and it would be great to play in another premiership.  
**Football idols:** Alex Jesaulenko  
**What sort of car do you drive:** A Valiant Gallant.  
**Favourite music:** It depends on my mood. I like what ever is popular and I have a liking for the older groups like The Beatles and the Rolling Stones.  
**Hobbies and relaxation:** I love water skiing, social tennis, bike riding and just getting away from the city.  
**Hard things in football:** The on-going commitment of having to sacrifice so much time for so many weeks every year. For about 30 weeks of the year you cannot go away for weekends. Picking up when your form is down.  
**Favourite food:** Chinese food  
**Favourite drink:** Beer  
**Nickname:** Doc  
**League debut:** 1979  
**Games played:** 73  
**Guernsey number:** 9



Claremont defender Michael Aitken relaxes at home.

**Q:** Were you a forward in your early days?

**A:** Yes. In junior football and at school I played in a variety of positions. When I left school I played two seasons for the University amateurs and in the colts competition I was the centre half forward. I topped the goalkicking for the competition. After that I was a forward or a wingman in the seniors and when I started at Claremont I was virtually listed as a half forward flanker. That lasted about half a season and then I became a wingman/half back.

**Q:** How has it been combining what would be strenuous medical study with your football?

**A:** The hardest thing is that they are both very demanding commitments and each expects to be placed first. Therefore they clash at times and I have to decide, 'Well this time football is the least important of the two and I meet my medical commitment'. It would take a pretty heavy medical commitment to stop me playing football on a Saturday afternoon. If I have work to do it has to wait. At times it has been enjoyable to do both because they are both so different and there is such a contrast. Medical is such a high-powered thinking profession while football is mainly physical.

**Q:** Has your heavy commitment in one field sometimes detracted from your efforts in the other?

**A:** At times it has and at other times it has worked the other way. If I had been able to train longer and more often I would have been fitter and at times, even on a Saturday I am tired after having worked so hard and vice versa. There are times I play better because I need a release. I must say that I could not have combined the two things without the support of the family and friends. Basically my folks have been superb over the last couple of years when it has been a bit busy and my friends, especially at work, have covered for me so that I could meet a football commitment.

**Q:** I suppose you would also need Graham Moss and Murray Ward to give you special consideration?

**A:** Yes they have been very understanding and without their considerations I

would not be playing league football at the moment. The whole club has been pretty understanding and lenient towards me. Graham says that it does not matter if I cannot make training occasionally his main interest is that I do well on Saturday.

**Q:** Where did you play all your junior football?

**A:** I played with Floreat juniors. Until a couple of months ago I lived in Floreat Park. I used to play with Warren Ralph and he was a full forward in those days as well.

**Q:** Who had the influence in your early days at Floreat Park?

**A:** I had a number of coaches and I would not like to single any one of them out. But obviously my father had a bearing on my football as well. He always encouraged me to play football and he was my hardest critic and best coach. He knew football pretty well, after all he played league football for Swan Districts himself. He used to watch all my games as a kid and I guess he had the strongest influence on my football. Alistair MacMillan, who was the Hale School coach when I was there was also good for my game.

**Q:** Could you have gone to Swans under the father-son rule?

**A:** No. My father did not play quite enough league games. I think he played about 40 games. It would never have entered my head any way to go there because it was just too far away and it would be with a different bunch of blokes. I guess it could have been a possibility if he had played more games.

**Q:** What did he think about you going to Claremont?

**A:** He really lost interest in league football after he had finished his playing days. The reason he did not play more games was that his work forced him to the country and he had to give it away. His work took priority and he has always kept to that. He tried to discourage me from even going to Claremont in the first place, not because he did not want me to play football, but because he thought it was the wrong time to take on an extra commitment. It took him less than half a season to become interested in football again.

**Q:** Because of your commitment to both things, was there ever a time when you thought you might have to give football away?

**A:** I do question how much longer I can play football quite often. There was a time when I would sit down at the end of a season and decide whether I can play the following year. Now I want to play football for as long as I can fit it in. Early last year, when I was very snowed under in my final year, I really worked my butt off. I was having trouble training and I was having trouble studying — so I basically was not happy at work and I wasn't happy at football and I was contemplating giving up. A couple of things happened then and my form picked up again, but Mose (Graham Moss) actually said to me then that if I was worried about training forget it, because all they were really interested in were my Saturday performances. That was quite a relief. Apart from that time I have not really seriously thought about stopping and I want to play for as long as I can.

**Q:** It must have been a thrill to play in the 1981 premiership?

**A:** That has been the absolute highlight of my career. It is a team sport and I cannot envisage that any individual award or performance could be greater than winning a premiership. I took off studies for a week to celebrate and I was lucky because my boss at the time had played football in South Australia and he understood the situation.

**Q:** I suppose it must have been hard to go to training and then go home and put in a few hours study?

**A:** Training was often a good mental break, but it just meant that I had less time to do my study. That's what I found hard.

**Q:** How hard was it to break into the league side at Claremont?

**A:** In 1979 I was a new player to the club. I hadn't been asked to come down, I came down myself and I don't think they knew much about me and I had a very easy run into the league side initially. I played one colts scratch match, then I played two reserves scratch matches and then I was in the league side. It was a proper league game, one of those pre-season Escort Cup matches. I played in the game against Melbourne and we beat them and I was wrapt. It just came out of the blue. I didn't expect to play league football at all. I only played one more game before I was dropped. Then I played two more reserves games before getting back in the side. But I was not really good enough then. The next year I had to wait until well into the first round before I got back into the side.

**Q:** Would Bruce Monteath be the hardest opponent you have played on?

**A:** I suppose he is in a sense because he always seems to get kicks when I play on him, but I reckon the hardest players to counter are those touch players like Benny Vigona. If I had been playing against Claremont in the last few years I would probably list Phil Krakouer as the hardest opponent. Because with players like him you have no control over how good they are going to play.

**Q:** What was the contrast between winning a premiership in 1981 as compared to the feeling of losing one in 1982?

**A:** The obvious difference is that everything hangs on that one game, so that makes it worse to lose and because there is so much attention focussed on it I suppose it makes it better to win. I think the feeling between the Claremont teams for the whole of those years was completely different and that was probably why we won one and lost the other. I think having lost one now we would be more determined to win if we get into another. Now we know how terrible it feels afterwards. I think we can play in another grand final but at the same time Claremont have to be careful not to get carried away at this time of the year. It's only early days and I don't think we have really been tested at this stage.



Who wants the Moscow Circus, George? Some of these teams should be exported to Russia.

# Action packed weekend of football



By **GARY STOCKS**

THE inaugural mid-season two-day football carnival should prove an outstanding success this weekend.

With football followers being given a wealth of top class matches the Emu Export Carnival can only succeed.

Last year a carnival was held pre-season, but this year the WAFL directors decided it could be run successfully during the season.

At first glance it would seem that South Fremantle have the best of the draw and they should be able to reach the final of the \$60,000 carnival without too many problems.

In their half of the draw they have an out-of-form Swan Districts, and lower-order teams Perth and Subiaco.

They should not face too many difficulties from these sides, so they must be favoured to reach the grand final on Sunday.

However, Claremont — who beat South last week in the game of the season — should also be able to reach the final

although they have a tougher road to the play-off.

They face West Perth, East Perth and East Fremantle as their hurdles to a finals berth.

Swan Districts have not played good football for almost a month and they will need to improve if they expect to throw out a serious challenge for the honours.

The team which is successful will pick

## SATURDAY

- 9.15: East Perth v East Fremantle
- 10.15: Subiaco v Perth
- 11.15: East Perth v West Perth
- 12.15: East Fremantle v Claremont
- 1.15: South Fremantle v Perth
- 2.15: Swan Districts v Subiaco
- 3.15: Claremont v West Perth
- 4.15: South Fremantle v Swan Districts

## SUNDAY

- 10.30: South Fremantle v Subiaco
- 11.30: Claremont v East Perth
- 12.30: West Perth v East Fremantle
- 1.30: Swan Districts v Perth
- 3.00: GRAND FINAL

The winner of the carnival wins \$16,000, with \$10,000 to the runner-up, \$8,000 to third, \$6,000 to fourth and \$5,000 each to the last four teams.

up \$16,000 while the runners-up will receive \$10,000, third will get \$8,000 and fourth will receive \$6,000. The other four sides are guaranteed \$5,000 just for competing in the carnival.

West Perth won the carnival last year and although they will be defending their title in the reduced time matches, they do not appear to be playing well enough to make it two in succession.

Since beating Swans three weeks ago, they have been beaten by Claremont and East Fremantle and they lacked confidence in beating Subiaco last Saturday.

The fact that Claremont are in their half of the draw also makes a repetition of last year difficult.

East Perth have hit form in the last three weeks, winning each match and they could be expected to cause the most problems for Claremont.

While East Fremantle have improved they will find the Tigers too strong and experienced.

However, with the games consisting of 20 minute-halves some close matches should result.

If everything goes as expected Claremont and South Fremantle should play off for the honours. Both sides have an abundance of talent and while they will make the most of the opportunity to "blood" some younger players they will put forward good teams.

BLUE FIN present ...

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



**IAN MILLER**

## DUCKING THE ISSUE

I'm not sure if the heading should be 'Ducking the Issue', or 'The Issue of Ducking'. I am referring to the rule and interpretation of players deliberately ducking their heads when tackled and a free kick being awarded for around the neck.

In some cases ducking has become a skill and players are not being penalised for holding the ball. If it is a genuine tackle too high, then a free kick should be given. If not I agree with the Victorian interpretation, which states holding the ball should be the decision against the offending ducker. Let's eliminate the 'grey area' associated with the interpretation and make it more 'cut and dry'.

### Ed — the difference

I first met Ed Blackaby back in 1977 when he was captain-coach of Manuka in the ACT, and he impressed me with his football ability, know-how and character. Last Saturday was his first league game for 1983 and he displayed all that skill and experience that will make him a vital 'cog' in the Swan Districts line up. To my mind Ed was a major difference between the two sides, especially when he came on early in the last quarter.

### Consistent team

While on Swan Districts players, Don Langsford was another who played a great game as ruck rover last Saturday. He is now having his most consistent year and looking at his year statistics has accumulated a total of 260 possessions and disposals. Only Peter Thome of East Perth has more, 265.

### STATISTICS

It is interesting to note after the first seven rounds the league players used by each club: Swans 30, South 25, Subiaco 28, East Fremantle 34, East Perth 31, West Perth 27, Claremont 28, Perth 31.

South, even with a couple of injuries, have had the most settled team using only 25 players.

### Getting closer

Perth have shown some positive improvements over the past two weeks with solid performances against Claremont and Swan Districts. Having the opportunities to win both games, but not able to finish in front when the 'crunch' came.

### Duper

Bruce Duperouzel, after nine years with St Kilda, and captain, was told his services were no longer required. It was a hassle to get a clearance to Footscray and now he looks like missing out on money owed to him by St Kilda, yet they continued to recruit and spend on players and transfer fees. Priorities are not in their right perspective.

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## VFL MAY STAGE MID-WEEK GAMES

THE VFL is considering the introduction of mid-week football and the successful interstate match in Perth when Victoria played WA last year is being used as a yardstick.

The VFL considers an occasional Monday match at VFL Park between big supporting clubs to be one of the ways of maximising use of their massive investment.

With many workers now on nine-day fortnights or flexi-time programmes, VFL chiefs believe that crowds could be attracted to such matches.

VFL general manager Jack Hamilton this week used the interstate match at Subiaco Oval last year as an example of how football can pull big crowds on a weekday. The game which was played on a



Tuesday attracted 30,000 people . . . double the WAFL's expectation.

"State fever over there is like club fever is over here" Mr Hamilton said.

He said Melbourne was not utilising a unique natural resource (VFL football) and the government in their opposition to Sunday football had a lot to answer for, especially with the tens of thousands of people who are staying home because of restricted facilities.



Richmond and former West Australian rover Robert Wiley crashed heavily into a goal post at the MCG last Saturday and was carried off the ground unconscious. Our pictures from Melbourne's Sunday Press show Wiley stretched out on the deck shortly after the collision and in the inset he is being carried from the ground on a stretcher.



## WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

There were 29 West Australians playing VFL football with 10 clubs last weekend. The statistical performances are set out below.

### FOOTSCRAY

Bruce Duperouzel . . . . .	9	9	2
Ian Williams (4th best) . . . . .	13	3	3
Simon Beasley . . . . .	7	1	5
Andrew Purser (3rd best) . . . . .	16	13	4
Jim Sewell (best) . . . . .	13	5	9

### COLLINGWOOD

Mike Richardson (4th best) . . . . .	13	4	4
Gary Shaw . . . . .	3	2	1
John Annear . . . . .	8	3	2

### RICHMOND

Maurice Rioli (3rd best) . . . . .	19	5	—
David Palm . . . . .	7	3	2
Brian Taylor . . . . .	8	—	6
Robert Wiley (Injured) . . . . .	1	1	1

### ESSENDON

Wayne Otway (4th best) . . . . .	16	8	—
Tony Buhagiar (3rd best) . . . . .	14	9	6

### FITZROY

Garry Sidebottom . . . . .	7	3	4
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### GEELONG

Gary Malarkey . . . . .	5	4	2
Peter Featherby (3rd best) . . . . .	16	2	1
Brian Peake (best) . . . . .	16	3	1

### MELBOURNE

Alan Johnson (Injured) . . . . .	15	8	5
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### HAWTHORN

Gary Buckenara (best) . . . . .	15	1	5
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### NORTH MELBOURNE

Ross Glendinning . . . . .	16	6	4
Phil Krakouer . . . . .	11	15	—
Phil Kelly . . . . .	12	5	1
Stephen McCann . . . . .	14	6	6
Craig Holden . . . . .	1	—	—

### CARLTON

Ken Hunter . . . . .	10	6	3
Peter Bosustow . . . . .	9	2	5
Mike Fitzpatrick . . . . .	6	6	7
Ross Ditchburn (3rd best) . . . . .	7	5	1

## CAMPBELL UNDER PRESSURE

GRAHAM Campbell is starting to feel pressure from the South Australian media after his new club, Glenelg, has now lost the first six matches of the season.

It has been the worst start to a season for the club for 36 years and already fickle fans are starting to murmur.

There is growing resentment among a hard core of supporters that one of the clubs most famous sons, Graham Cornes, was not given the coaching job in front of an outsider.

Cornes played more than 300 games with Glenelg till the end of last season then, after unsuccessfully seeking the coaching job, transferred to South Adelaide as coach.

Ironically, it was South Adelaide that first approached the former West Perth coach about coaching in Adelaide this year.

Under, Cornes, South Adelaide have won three games his season and are on the improve.

Glenelg interviewed Cornes for the job, probably out of courtesy, but obviously considered he had been with the club too long to have an impact with the players.

Campbell's job with the Tigers has been made more difficult because the club has lost several key players. However, their



slump from power as last year's premiership runners-up to equal billing with Woodville at the bottom of the SANFL premiership table has been a bit hard to swallow for many Glenelg fans.



## SMALL PAYOUT FOR EYE LOSS

Central District champion Greg Edwards will receive only \$15,000 in an insurance pay-out following a severe eye injury which claimed the sight in his left eye.

The freak injury in a pre-season trial game put an end to the promising career of the 20-year-old forward.

In an accidental clash with a Glenelg player, Edwards, had the optical nerve in his eye severed from his brain.

Central's general manager Kris Grant said the club was looking at raising money to help Greg following the small payout.

He said the sum was a standard figure paid to any SANFL player and was based on the premiums which the League could afford.

Edwards' goal-kicking ability has been sadly missed by the 'dogs this year.

Last year he became the first Centrals player to score over 100 goals in a season.

## IN BRIEF...

### Hamilton happy

Despite a fall in attendances at VFL matches this season, general manager Jack Hamilton says football interest is booming.

"The attendance figures are remarkable" he said this week. "We are down only 50,000 and this is most encouraging especially considering that last winter was one of the driest whereas this season has already been affected by rain and poor conditions".

### Value at last

At long last Collingwood are getting some return for their massive investment in recruits this season. Now, with two straight wins the 'Pies are getting great service from David Cloke and Greg Phillips together with the continuing good form of Mike Richardson. However, the club is a little concerned with \$330,000 recruit Gary Shaw who has failed to live up to their expectations. Last week he limped on and off the interchange bench picking up only three kicks for the match.

### Hawks sliding

The Hawthorn bubble has burst. After starting the season and looking giant-killers for their first four games, they are now on the slide. Their 51-point loss to North Melbourne last Saturday showed up some glaring holes in their armour, a situation which will have to be amended if they are going to rejoin the race for the finals.

THE VFL has announced plans to spend \$100,000 on the promotion of Australian Rules Football in the UK, USA and Japan. It will be interesting to see how our national game is accepted in these countries.



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# BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett  
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## Time for WA to join with SA

It is about time that the WAFL and the SANFL joined forces to tell Victorian clubs just where to get off.

Events this season show that Victorian clubs don't give a damn about anyone else.

The VFL has long been a leech, drawing the life blood out of other States.

So what's new, some might say. After all, Victorian clubs have constantly plundered players from other States over the past decade.

Well, we may have come to live with that. But now we have a situation where they are trying to pirate players mid-season.

First we have Carlton making overtures to try and get Warren Ralph to Victoria this season. Now we have Geelong chasing Brad Hardie.

### IMPORTANT

Both players are important cogs in the Claremont and South Fremantle premiership plans.

While neither is likely to respond to the back-door approach by Victorian clubs, the moves have a disruptive effect on our competition and on two clubs who are poised to play a big part in the finals.

You can imagine the reaction if Claremont, seeking only their third premiership since 1940, tried to get Ken Hunter back from Carlton or the Krakouer brothers back from North Melbourne for the remainder of the season.

Victorian clubs make the rules to suit themselves. All they are interested in is bolstering their own stocks.

Even the draft system, devised to bring a bit of sanity and order back into interstate clearances, is being abused.

Some clubs have found ways of skirting round it by doing under-the-counter deals.

It was good to see the SANFL stand up to the VFL over the dispute involving Malcolm Blight.

WA players want to be fully aware when dealing with VFL clubs that it won't be made easy for them if they decide to return to their own state. Peter Bosustow found that out.

Blight gave enormous service to North Melbourne. He was there when they won their only two premierships; he was a club fairest and best winner on a number of occasions and he won a Brownlow Medal.

Having reached the twilight of his career you would have thought North Melbourne would have said thanks very much Malcolm, we wish you all the luck in returning to your former club.

Instead they whacked a massive clearance fee on him. Some gratitude.

The WAFL and SANFL get very little in return from the VFL.

The Sterling Cup has become a charade. The WAFL and SANFL would be better off forming their own knockout competition. They certainly don't gain anything by playing Victorian clubs on their own terms.

Even the State-of Origin series, which was initiated to give other States a chance against Victoria, is losing its impact.

The restrictions being placed on other States in the use of their former players is to ensure that Victoria preserves its reputation.

After all, it has taken something of a hammering by WA since we were allowed to borrow our expatriate players for interstate clashes.

The longer the WAFL and SANFL pay lip service to the VFL the worse off we will be.

It is very much a one way street.

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



THE luck of the Irish wasn't with former Eastern Stater PADDY at Belmont last Saturday. The chestnut was never on the course after an awkward barrier draw, but he will represent a four-leaf clover job next time out.

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## HATS OFF TO BASSO

THIS columnist has often fired barbed shots at press box facilities — or the lack of them — at the WAFL grounds. On that basis, we should be quick to point out that Bassendean Oval is not one that ever comes in for criticism. The press box up there is always in first class condition; there is never any congestion; the coffee and tea servers are always polite, helpful and willing to go out of their way to satisfy often-difficult media people. The afternoon tea is spot-on; the club welcomes all media into the president's lounge for a drink after the match; . . . in fact, you could almost say that Swans are pretty perfect — off the field, anyway!

### Losing winners

SOMEONE doesn't like Claremont and South Fremantle dominance of league football this year, so it seems. The WAFL has a special display that goes around to suburban shopping centres and, among other things, it features the premiership table in big, bold letters. Last week the table had the Tigers and Bulldogs in their rightful place up at the top — but they had them down for six losses, not six wins.

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### "Clangers"

ACTUALLY, there have been a few good "clangers" around lately and at the risk of defying the "people in glass houses" theory, here are a few: Radio 6PR are looking for a new signwriter after the sign for their special train came out as the 6RR special and the League's advertising agency was urging everyone interested in the East Fremantle-East Perth game to go to East Fremantle Oval (which certainly affected the attendance at Subiaco Oval).



### Players unhappy

MY spies tell me there are several disgruntled footballers at various clubs who may be looking to continue their careers elsewhere. And their clearance applications will be lodged within the next couple of weeks to beat the June 30 clearance deadline. Jeff Davidson, from Swan Districts, is one player believed to be considering a move. He played in the grand final last year, but has not been able to work his way into the senior side this year. John Gavranich and Paul Mountain are obvious candidates for a swap and there is a strong contingent at East Perth. John Nolan, Glyn Williams, Russell Sparks and Robert Solin could be on the move. East Fremantle's Stephen Green is also believed to be disillusioned.



### Furious Falcons

THE heirarchy at West Perth are obviously keen students of the football world around them — they don't miss much. Last Sunday Peter Waltham dropped a beauty when he suggested that the big-figure contract signed by Ramsay Bogunovich to join the Falcons stipulates that he doesn't play reserves football. Within minutes a Falcons man (who, we wonder) had rang in to say that this simply wasn't true. Bogunovich could play reserves — well, we wonder when!

### Angry runner

South Fremantle star Jon Dorotich has been working long and hard to regain his fitness recently and in an effort to tone up he was acting as reserves runner for coach Syd Dufall. However, he did not see out the game. Mid-way through the third quarter Dorotich is believed to have run into the changerooms and thrown his tracksuit on the floor. It seems he had a disagreement with Dufall over the accuracy with which he distributed the messages.

### Lucky leader

WE all know that Swan Districts coach John Todd loves a bet on the horses now and then — it takes his mind off football problems. So Todd was convinced last week that Swans were turning the corner and shaking off their cobwebs after he had backed a winner; three in fact. Todd collected a hefty trifecta at the mid-week races, giving the payout girl a 10c piece to enable his return to be a nice even \$1000.

### Another ploy

BIG East Fremantle Shark Ron Alexander came up with another novel idea to help ruckmen last week. When questioned about the merits of his East Perth rival, John Ironmonger — a unanimous best-on-ground choice in their Saturday match — Alexander said: "Yes, he's a very good player. Maybe opposing ruckmen can use a stool when they tackle him at centre bounces-downs."

### BEST PEST

THIS week's Flick best pest award goes to Channel 7's World of Sport compere Peter Waltham for starting rumours which were shot down in flames within minutes. He said on Sunday that West Perth recruit Ramsay Bogunovich had a clause in his contract preventing him from being dropped to reserves. The words had hardly hit the microphone when a West Perth official rang to quash the rumour.

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# Chubby's Chatter

## PASSING THE BUCK

THE public may wonder why the Perth reserves team is on the ground these days before the umpires. The reason is that recently I received a letter from the Perth Football Club stating this if a side is late out onto the ground, it is the coaches responsibility and therefore they will be required to pay the fine incurred. I have since re-typed the letter and handed it to my team manager, Michael Redenbach, stating that it is his responsibility to see that the team is on the field by the allocated time. This is what I call passing the buck!!!

### LOTS OF RESERVES

While talking about reserves teams, the people attending the Perth-Claremont match may well have thought the league game had started. And rightly so when you consider amongst those playing in the Perth side were Mick Rea, Rhett Baynes, John and Oral McGuire, Darryl Freame, Wayne Simms, Joe Santostefano, Shaun O'Brien, Glen Moir, Peter Ashworth and Brynn Chute. Playing for Claremont were Wayne Duke, Larry Kickett, Brett Farmer, Baden Harper, Gerald Betts, Tom Pearce and Alan Rowe.

### FOOTY VIP STYLE

I WAS in Melbourne last week and was fortunate to be able to go to VFL Park to watch the night game between Richmond and St. Kilda. Many people believed it was one of the best games of football they had seen for some time. I certainly watched the game in luxury from the VIP Box at the ground where, along with a dozen other people, I was served dinner and drinks and sat in comfort to view the game. The box costs the sponsors \$30,000 per year and they are wholly responsible for the running of the service where it pays for itself handsomely by being utilized for entertaining their clients. I must admit it was a thoroughly enjoyable way to watch the great game of Australian Rules Football.

### WA PERFORMERS

There were three former Western Australian footballers playing in the Richmond/St. Kilda game in Tim Gepp (Subiaco), David Palm (West Perth) and Rob Wiley (Perth). Gepp found it hard to obtain a kick and seemed to be lacking pace. Palm showed a liking to the back pocket turning defence into attack on numerous occasions. Wiley played his usual consistent game and I must say his use of the body in man-to-man duels has developed into an important asset since he has been playing in Victoria.

### CAMPBELL BURNS

Rod Campbell, son of former West Perth Coach Graham Campbell, is now playing for Port Melbourne reserves in the VFA competition and my sources tell me that he obtained 41 possessions during a recent game which is certainly a fine performance in any match.

West Perth have obtained a \$500 clearance fee for the lad, plus \$100 per game for the first five games played in the Port Melbourne league team.

Apparently if Rod wishes to play for a team in the VFL competition, the club concerned will have to negotiate with West Perth as he is still their player.

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It's thumbs up from The West Australian's chief football writer Geoff Christian after an unusual function last week. The Marlboro company — a joint sponsor of the WAFL — has diversified its sports promotion and recently announced details of its proposed sponsorship of darts in WA. Darts receives more television publicity than any other sport in the UK and Marlboro are keen to see it take off in WA. Mr Christian is all smiles because the cigarette company offered a trip to Bali for the best performed media man in a special darts competition during the function — and he won the event — scoring 203 with nine darts. He is pictured with State champion Terry O'Dea a former, West Perth player, who scored 207 with his nine darts.



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## FOOTBALL FACTS

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# Can Royals repeat their 1978 routine?

East Perth could repeat their 1978 performance. At the end of the first round in 1978 they had only won three games and were positioned in fifth place — exactly the same position they find themselves in now. It's history now how they won their way into the grand final and took off the premier-

ship. On only three occasions has a team which has been outside the four after the first round made a comeback and taken off the premierships, West Perth did it in 1951 and 1971, apart from East Perth's '78 performance.

### Perth record

Perth came into the league midway through 1899 to take over the playing commitments of the Rovers club. The club had an unfortunate start in their first year, losing their first nine games. This year is the first time since that date that they have failed to win a game in the first round.

### Subiaco coach

A hawk-eyed reader pounced on me after last week's story on Subiaco's 1908 coach. I believed it to be I. Williamson, but 'Gary Stocks Great Coaches Series' named G. Moysey as Subiaco's coach for that year. He took his information from the club's official list. Who is right? I don't want anyone to think I'm making trouble, I was merely quoting the newspaper of the day.

### Not new

Last week's special train from Fremantle to Claremont was nothing new according to a 1893 reporter who says, 'Fremantle arrived in Perth by special train, a move appreciated by footballers and supporters alike.'

### Early East Perth

It would be unlikely that any present members of the East Perth club are aware that just over 90 years ago a club by the same name played in the competition. The club folded after two years, extracts from a report of West Perth's A.G.M. at the Sham-

rock Hotel in 1893 explains where some of their players went.

"Attendance was unusually large. Noticeably among those present were a number of the now defunct East Perth club members, who have officiated themselves with West Perth. Twenty three new members were proposed, including three or four well known players from the Eastern colonies. A debit of ten pounds and sixteen shillings was caused by a large number of players not paying their subscription."

### 200 plus

Last week saw East Perth kick a score of 200 points plus, for the second time in open football, something that has only been performed 21 times before. Claremont were the first to do so in 1940, which was the only time in the pre-war era. Only two clubs have not kicked a 200 point tally, being Perth who managed a score of 30.18 (198) against South Fremantle in 1977 and Subiaco with a score of 27.18 (180) against Claremont in 1969.

### CAUGHT OUT

I saw a boundary umpire set up nicely last weekend. Caught well behind the game through a quick transference of play, he had to rely on his goal umpire to make the decision. The goal umpire signalled out on the full and the boundary umpire followed his decision, although the ball did bounce two feet inside the line. Goal umpires are a great assistance to their boundary colleagues (I know from my own limited experience), however, their help was not always appreciated as in 1938, there was a move to stop this at league level. Funny officials in those days.

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# Ball takes top award

MIKE Ball has emerged as the top umpire in the Ampol awards for the first Series of football — and that is a fitting reward for his improvement this season.

Ball, a 27-year-old boilermaker now in his 10th year on the senior WAFL umpires' panel, has applied himself well to field umpiring this season and the results have shown in the weekly voting.

The round prize of \$750 went to Ball by a narrow margin — he finished less than half a percentage ahead of Bob Phillips (who collected \$250) and John Morris was a shade back in third place for \$150 prizemoney.



Mike Ball

The final breakdown of the field umpires' voting — based on votes cast by members of the Umpires Appointment Board — went like this:

Mike Ball 74.86% based on seven games; Bob Phillips (74.57%); John Morris (74%); David Rowe (73.8%); Ron Buckley (six games, 73.3%); Richard Austin (three games, 73.3%); Brian Appleby (four games, 72.5%); Reg Salis (five games, 72%); Fred Devine (three games, 71.3%); Trevor Starcevic (three games, 71.3%) David Johnson (four games, 70%).

The Series One awards are part of the Ampol Umpire of the Year awards which will see \$1000 go to the field umpire of the year, \$750 to the runner-up and \$300 to the third umpire.

There are also special end-of-year awards for the boundary and goal umpires.

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### CHANCE FOR UMPS

ALL 16 field umpires used in League and Reserves so far this season will be given League games in this weekend's Emu Export Carnival at Subiaco Oval.

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So far this season we have used 11 umpires in League ranks and the other five get their chance this weekend.

Of those five, only Len Cooper has not umpired a League game.

We will use the same system with the League and Reserves goal and boundary umpires — giving them all the opportunity in the League games.

Of the 16 in League and Reserves ranks at present we have four boundary umpires who have never done a League game and two goal umpires in the same situation.



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## Holmes the danger man

SWAN Districts sharp-shooter Don Holmes was a little astray early in the match against Perth. But he was always a danger-man and he really sunk the Demons in the final seven minutes of play when he booted three goals with his only three kicks for the term. Two were absolute gems; running around the boundary line and steering tight shots through the goal. At one stage on Saturday, Holmes had kicked 1.5 and was heading for a repeat of one of his efforts last year when he kicked 2.6. But then he straightened up his line and four straight goals made his tally look better.

### WILLIE'S WINNER

*TOP-CLASS goals were in abundance in the Claremont-South Fremantle match, but the solo effort by Willie Roe in the final term was a winner. He took off the Town and Country \$100 award on World of Sport when he fought desperately in a man-to-man duel with Mike Aitken, getting up off the ground, ducking around a couple of Tigers and driving a long shot through the goals.*

### NIFTY RUCKMAN

BIG Subiaco ruckman Laurie Keene showed that he can be as nifty as any nimble rover with a couple of great goals on Saturday. He treated the West Perth defenders with scorn on the two occasions when he ducked, dived and twisted his way out of trouble to pop gentle left-foot shots straight through.

### HANDY HANDBALL

SPEEDY Claremont wingman Darrell Panizza and talented forward Brett Farmer have a handy understanding. Farmer uses the famous family handpass intelligently to bring other players into the game. And Panizza's ability to read the play led to him kicking two valuable goals for the Tigers. In the first instance he was racing down the half forward flank, when Farmer sent out the perfect handball that lobbed on his chest and Panizza had little trouble converting. The second was another classic handball from Farmer placed superbly out in front of Panizza, who out-paced three South Fremantle players and nochalantly goaled.

### REYNOLDS BACK

CLAREMONT star Brad Reynolds has certainly made the most of his opportunities since being brought back into the league side after a delayed start to the season. And Claremont fans must have been overjoyed with his form as a forward on Saturday. Generally regarded as one of the State's top defenders, Reynolds surprisingly started at centre half forward in Saturday's big match. And he obviously enjoyed the switch. He proved his versatility in more ways than one on Saturday, particularly when he read the ball superbly to pick it up about 30 metres out, but he was on his wrong foot. He showed that was only a minor problem when he casually placed the ball on his right boot and converted with a brilliant snap.

**Marlboro's Top Ten**

WARREN RALPH (Cl'mont)	35.22
PAUL ARNOLD (S. Frem.)	29.21
JOHN SCOTT (East Perth)	29.13
COLIN WATERSON (E. Frem.)	29.12
CRAIG EDWARDS (East Perth)	26.8
PETER SPENCER (East Perth)	25.11
CHRIS STASINOWSKY (S. Frem.)	25.11
CLINTON BROWN (Subiaco)	20.16
KEN MARSHALL (Swans)	19.9
BRIAN ADAMSON (West Perth)	19.9



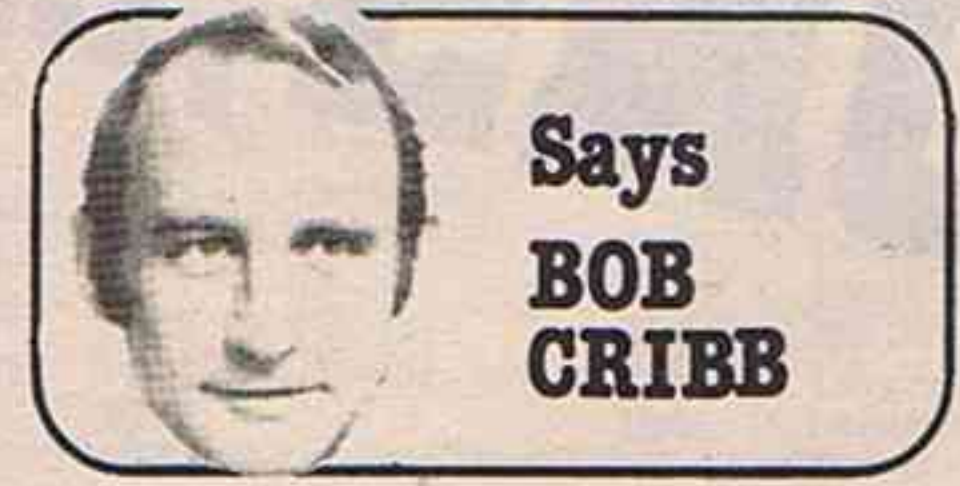
CLAREMONT full forward Warren Ralph may have made an unspectacular start to the season... but there were signs of better things to come when he kicked five goals straight on Saturday.  
And his marking also returned to something like the Ralph of old. Here he takes a strong mark between three South Fremantle defenders in an example of the determined frame of mind he was in on Saturday.  
For the effort Ralph wins our Hard Yakka award and picks up a fabulous pair of Rigs trousers or Yakka jeans.

## There's no time for picnic matches

Like a well-worn punching bag the West Australian Football League, deserves the knock-out blow again and any criticism they get for the crazy decision to interrupt home and away games for the series of picnic matches at Subiaco Oval this weekend.

Of all the crazy, ill-timed and stupid ideas thrown into the promotional arena by the league this one has to be the worst. Just when the tempo of our league competition was hotting up everything now comes to a shuddering halt. Just when the appetite of thousands of supporters had been whetted by the improved performances of East Perth, East Fremantle and West Perth there is no contest for those sides to take part in — contests that matter any way — this weekend.

Who cares what happens in this weekend of carnival football being played on Saturday and Sunday. Surely not the supporters of the three teams just mentioned who want nothing else but to see if the new-found form of their teams can last. Last Saturday we saw a record at Claremont Oval and this would have been followed up again this Saturday had the East Perth-West Perth fixture timed for this weekend taken place. But no. Instead of that, football supporters are being asked to forget about the battle for the four, to forget about the importance of the East Perth — West Perth game and take instead what really is nothing but a fun weekend of light-hearted football. The eight teams competing in the Emu Export Carnival will almost certainly give everything in the competition for their share of the \$60,000 prizemoney. However, they will not risk injury to top players and even the final on Sunday



Says **BOB CRIBB**

afternoon will not have the appeal of a genuine clash between two top sides for vital premiership points. Some will argue that we are only losing one week and that the club competition resumes in seven days time. I say, however, it should never have happened. The public can be the final judge. There were 38,000 people at the football last Saturday, there will not be 38,000 people at Subiaco Oval on Saturday or Sunday this weekend. And I will be surprised if 30,000 turn up total on both days.

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EILEEN BROWN, mother of football's Mr Controversy, Malcolm Brown, is Australia's first female football columnist. Presented by PLAYBOY HAIR STYLISTS

## MOTHER BROWN What a game!

WHAT a game I saw last Saturday! South Fremantle and Claremont really turned it on for one of the best qualifying games I have ever seen. The only losers were the people who did not go. It was a tremendous game of football — and if people had gone to the ground early they would have witnessed another great contest in the reserves. There was little between the teams all day and South hung on to win by just one point. Imagine that, two games were decided by just seven points. People who want close results could not hope for anything better.

### FAIR GO

PERHAPS the only complaint I could make about the entire day at Claremont Oval — and I was also there for the colts — was that during the half-time break in the league game, the R and I Little League players were not given a fair go. Spectators spilled onto the Oval to have a kick and at times they even drifted onto the Little League ground. This behaviour is both unfair and unwarranted and I believe patrons should be kept off the oval. After all, the Little League game is no less important to the young players than the league game is to the participants.

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### TRIBUTE

I WOULD like to pay tribute to the O'Connell family, particularly after watching Michael play a great game for Claremont on Saturday. His father, John, was a top player for the Tigers and his mother Pam was also a fine athlete. David O'Connell has shown promise in the reserves and already he is putting something back into the game as the coach of the Dalkeith under-11's. And then there is Peter, who played extremely well for Perth in the game against Swans. Each of the boys is a credit to John and Pam and I am sure they will play a big part in football in this State.

### CONGRATULATIONS BOB

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Cribb on winning the first series tipping in Westside Football. He beat me by just one point but if South had won, the result would have been reversed. I am looking forward to the competition in the next series.

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### GREAT SCOTT

MY Playboy Hairstylists free haircut and wash this week goes to East Perth full forward John Scott for kicking nine goals. It would be unfair to give an award to Scott and overlook East Fremantle's Colin Waterson — so he gets one too! He also kicked nine goals in a match which proved to be a full forward's game. Scott is one of the game's real battlers and he is always in there giving his best, while Waterson is beginning to show just how valuable he can be to the young Sharks.

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# SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT AND WHAT A

IT was billed as the greatest game of the season . . . and the fans certainly flocked to Claremont Oval to see the clash of the giants — Claremont and South Fremantle.

A record crowd for the Tigers headquarters was set with 18,268 cramming into the ground to witness a tremendous match.

They came by car, they came by train and they walked — and all were treated to a great afternoon's entertainment, which began with the pre-match build up and finished with the Bulldogs just failing to get up to win a remarkable fight-back.

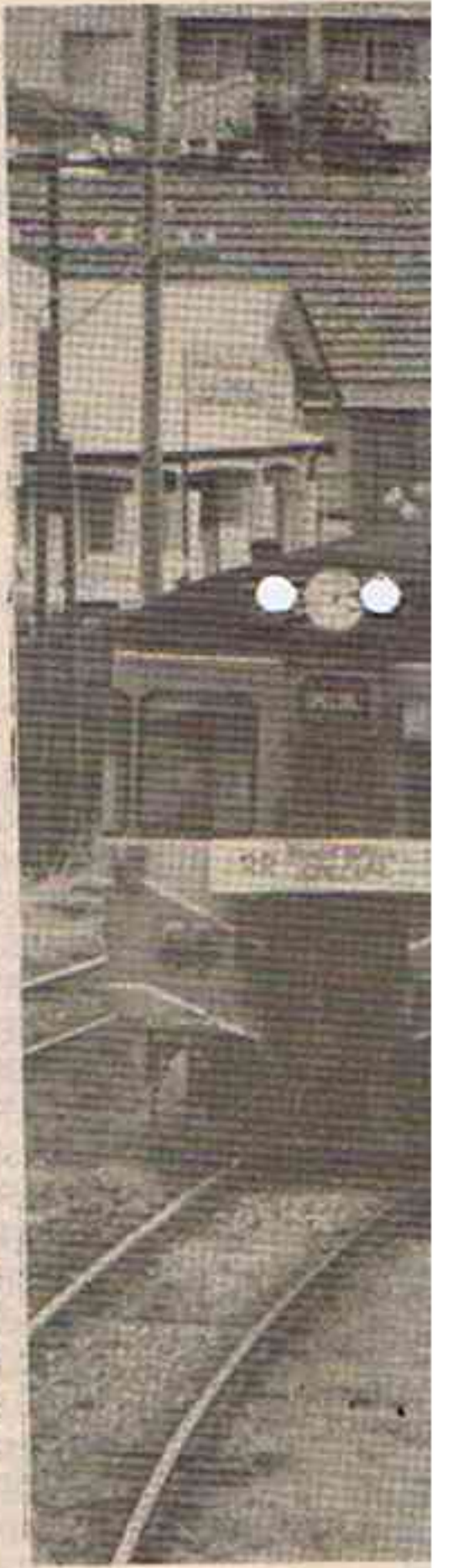
Westside Football photographer Richie Hann captured on film the highlights of a great afternoon.

Radio 6PR and Westrail combined to have a train running from Fremantle to Claremont and the stage was set for the big match with more than 600 fans arriving by rail.

*Left: Basil Bulldog made a spectacular entrance onto the arena and he psyched up the South Fremantle supporters.*

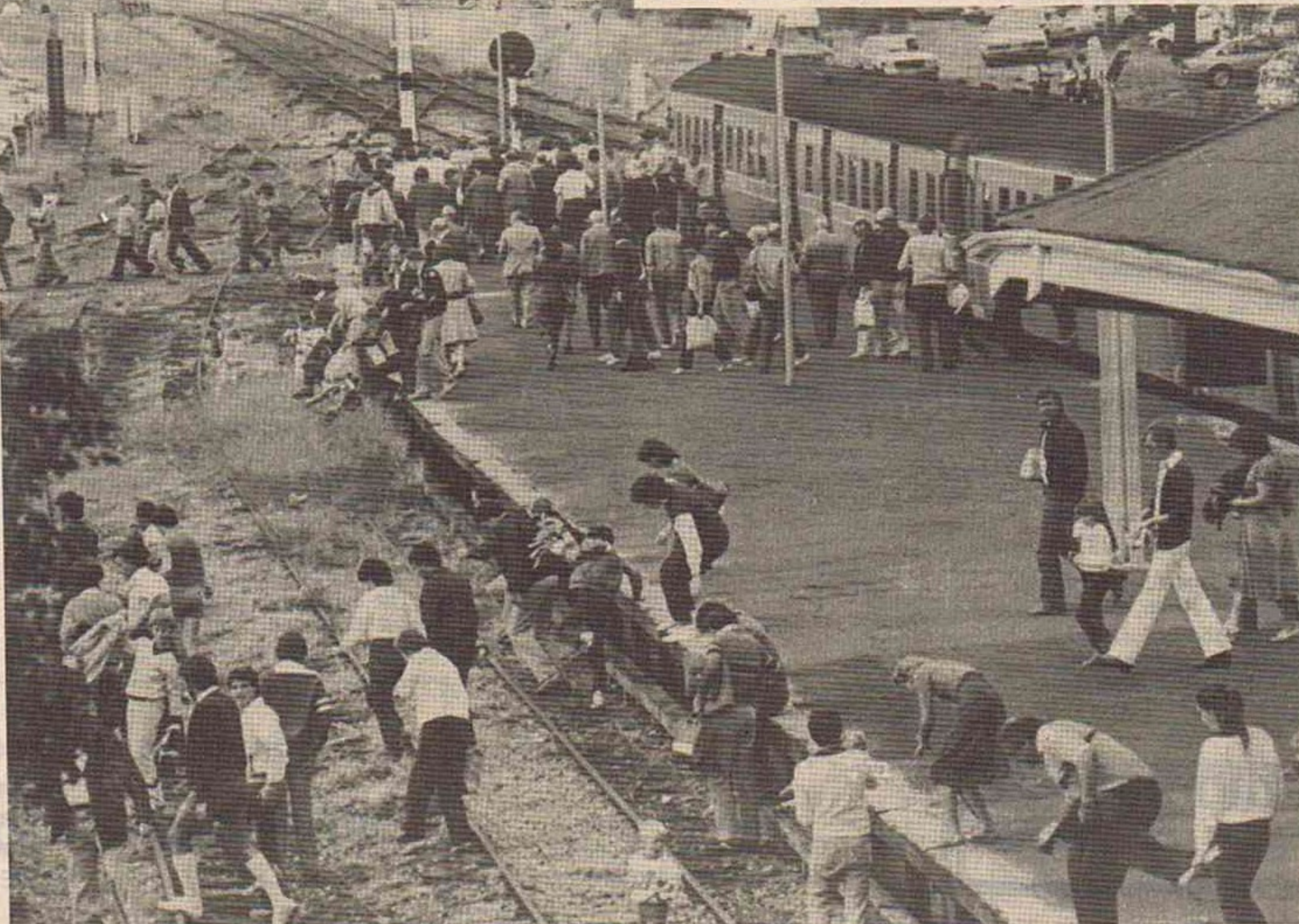
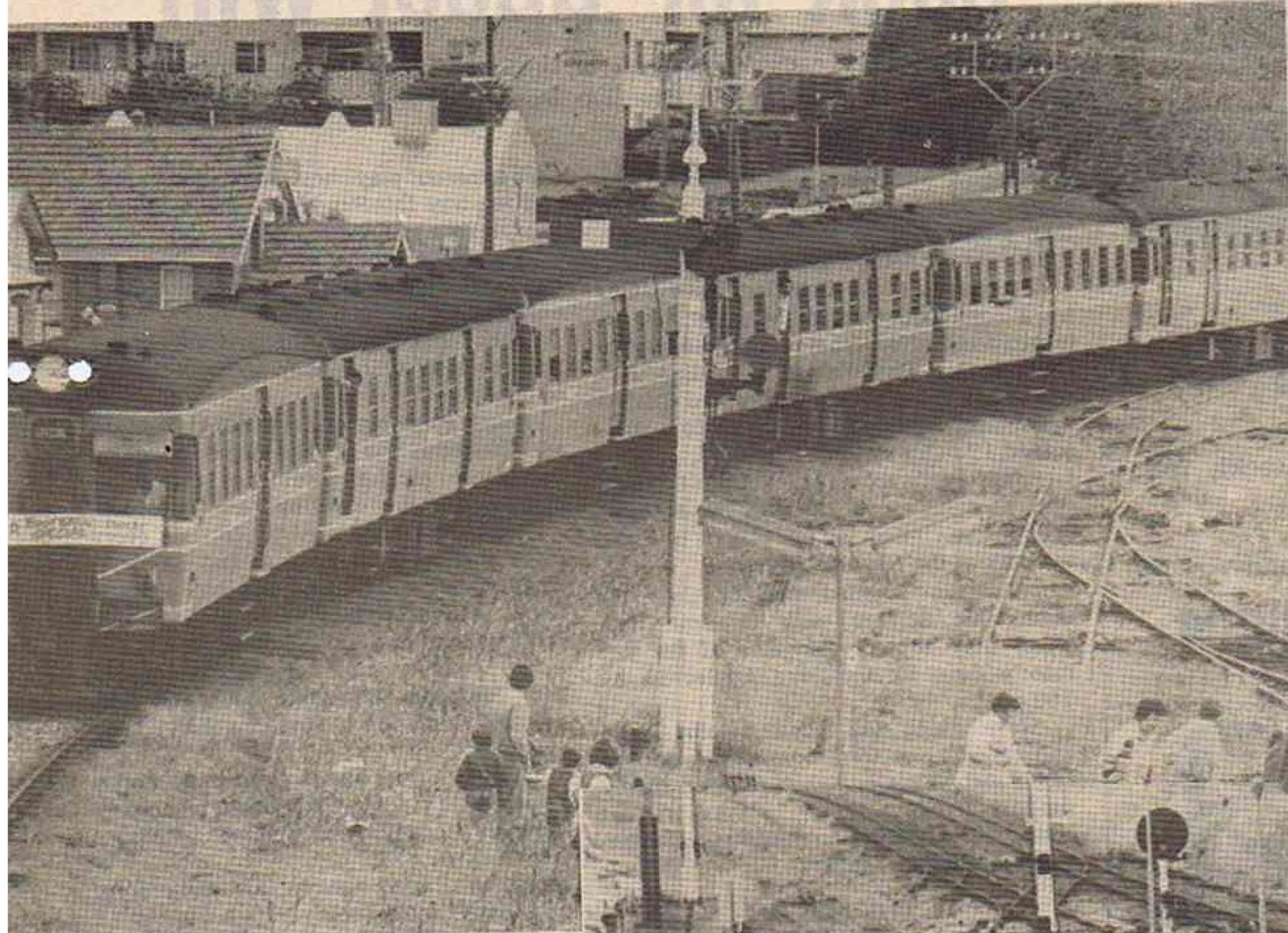
*Right: Tommy Tiger provided similar encouragement to the home team supporters.*

*Below: The Tony Barlow Tigerettes added to the pre-match razzamataz as they charged Claremont supporters with emotion and encouraged them to Scream for their Team.*



LIGHT

# A DAY IT WAS



When the train arrived from Fremantle, fans were quick to race across the railway line to get a good vantage point to see the game.

Top right: This South Fremantle supporter was making his loyalty obvious as the train headed towards Claremont.



## Win by a Gold



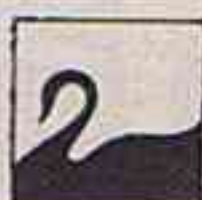
  
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Entries can also be left at Travel-Time International, 105 William Street, Perth (just near Murray St.).

This week's winners are:

\$10 Ampol petrol voucher - Sally Armstrong, Noranda; Double-pass to a City theatre or drive-in - Peter Valentine, Scarborough; Two bottles of Hardy's Wine - M. Leslie, Karratha; \$10 voucher on Marlow's Auto Parts - P. Leslie, Morley; Double-pass to a WAFL qualifying game - A. Graham, Wembley; Footy radio - Neil Richardson, Derby; Grosby Supersportz casual shoes - G. Pascoe, Morley; \$5 discount vouchers on Sportique - W. Morgan, Greenwood, J. Walden, Girrawheen, R. Noakes, Gnowangerup.

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**Wafa Report**

KIM HAGDORN'S weekly report on the West Australian Football Association competition.

**Mosman Park bounce back for upset win**

MOSMAN Park caused the upset of the season when they bounced back from three big defeats in successive weeks to down last season's grand finalists, South Perth, on Sunday.

Mosman had too much desire for the sluggish Tigers and South Perth need to take a long look at their playing strength if they intend being a force in 1983.

Mosman had lost their first three games by a combined total of 54 goals; but an inspirational effort from established players Keith Rouse, Phil Walker, Ian Briggs, Jeff Allen, John Hall and Ian Crawford created new confidence and lifted them to a well-earned 12 point victory.

South Perth are a far cry from the side they have been over the past five seasons. They are relying on too few players to cover the bulk of the responsibilities.

Wanneroo warmed up for their big clash this Sunday with Osborne Park when they turned the game of the day into a farce by thrashing Applecross by 152 points.

Steve Finch (13 goals), Colin Blabb and Paul Taylor were outstanding for the black and whites and they received steady support from running players Stuart Hillier, Rob Saylor, Ken Smith and Queensland recruit Toni Lingard.

**TOP FOUR**

Southern Port Hamilton forced their way into the top four for the first time when they recorded their second win in as many weeks.

The Port side forced Melville to the bottom of the table with a solid 63 point win.

Southern Port, brilliantly led by their talented centre-half-forward Mark Garbin, also received great service from Sam Maskos, Peter Glynn and Cam Locantro, with special mention for an outstanding performance by Mick Merciadri.

After their only win in two years, Belmont played with a new found confidence last week, forcing top side Osborne Park to pull out a special effort in order to beat last year's wooden spooners.

The Saints won by 36 points, but were forced to surrender top spot to the powerful Roos on percentage.

Wanneroo play host to Osborne Park at Kingsway this Sunday in what is shaping as a preview to the 1983 grand final.

The Roos should prove too strong for the Saints, but not after a close and fierce encounter.

Both sides rely on similar style of play starting with their runners to work the ball to a reliable forward.

South Perth are at home to Applecross, and the result will depend largely on which coach can muster confidence among his charges after demoralising losses last week.

Applecross were ordered to train every night this week in wake of last Sunday's performance and South Perth had a closed doors session Wednesday in an effort to solve some of their on-field problems.

On current form, Applecross appear best equipped to bounce back and take the vital four points from the Perth Oval encounter.

Southern Port have a great opportunity to cement a place in the top four when they take on the improving Belmont, at Bruce Lee Oval.

Mosman Park have at last found form and should score successive wins to open a two game break between themselves and their opponents, Melville.

Melville take on the Redlegs at Melville Reserve.

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
WANNEROO'S high-flying full-forward Steven Finch rocketed to the top of the goal-kicking ladder with a fine 13-goal performance last week. Finch followed up on his nine-goal effort a week earlier and forced Hawks coach Mick Jez to use three separate opponents in an attempt to curb dominance. Finch has now kicked 36 goals from four matches and is well on target to kick the magical 100 for the season. The brilliant display of forward-play earns Finch Westside Football's player of the week title.

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# THOSE GOLDEN YEARS AT SOUTH

WHEN Clive Lewington neared the end of his playing career, he decided that it was only a natural progression to take on the coaching role with South Fremantle.

But even when he applied for the position, he could not have imagined what lay ahead of him.

The star centreman had seen the Bulldogs finish in third position on the ladder in 1949 after the great Ross Hutchinson had led them to two premierships.

But he got immediate results.

In his first season the Bulldogs responded to his coaching methods and he took them to a grand final, which they won by 12 points against Perth.

It was a personal triumph for Lewington and he had made the successful transition from being a champion player to being a coach of some magnitude.

No-one could have dreamed of what was to follow. He remained as coach at the club for another eight seasons; in that time he took South to six grand finals and the Bulldogs won four.

## RUNNERS-UP

After his initial success Lewington again took the side to the grand final in 1951. But this time he had to be content with the runners-up title when West Perth scraped in by just three points.

Lewington was a quiet-talking coach, who relied on his ability to assess players' strengths and giving them encouragement to go on to better things.

He rarely raised his voice to his players. But in the next season he was forced to do that on grand final day.

The Bulldogs went into the half time break five goals behind West Perth and Lewington believed the reason they trailed was that they adopted unnecessary physical tactics.

"We had not needed aggression to get into the grand final and I figured we could not win the match by adopting these tactics," he says. "They were not my instructions and at half-time I did my lolly."

## "RAISED MY VOICE"

"It was the first time I had ever raised my voice to the players and I threatened to bring the first player who raised his arm in the third term off the ground.

"I told them I didn't care if we finished the game with 14 men, but we would be best served by playing the ball.

"Straight after the half time break West Perth kicked a goal and we were then six goals down and I didn't know what to think.

"But the players started to play the sort of football which had taken them to the grand final and after kicking into the wind in the third term we went into three quarter time trailing by just 16 points.

"Kicking with the wind we went on to win by 21 points."

Lewington is a modest man who does not regard his own coaching methods as a major reason behind the club's greatest era in the history of WA football.

"We had some great players at the club at that time and they always gave everything."

Bernie Naylor, Frank Treasure and Steve Marsh were some of the outstanding players who had played in the 1947 and 1948 grand finals under Hutchinson and they also played in the four premiership sides under Lewington.

Naturally enough Lewington was rewarded for his efforts at club level by being appointed State coach in 1952, 1953 and 1954 and in his own words he recorded "mixed results".

When he stepped down as coach in 1958 he remained involved with the club the following year, as it was the Golden Jubilee year of the South Fremantle Football Club.

But after that he decided to ease his way out of the game as his four sons and daughter were growing up and he wanted to spend more time with them. However, that departure was short-lived — he has been back at the club for some years now, serving as a director and selector.

The other man who made the eight year period from 1947 to 1954 so successful was Hutchinson.

He was a champion player like Lewington and his record was almost as imposing as his eventual replacement.

In three seasons at the helm Hutchinson took the Bulldogs to two premierships and in 1949 they were far from disgraced when they finished third.

## LONG DROUGHT

After the successful Lewington — Hutchinson era, the next premiership did not come until 1970 when Hassa Mann broke a 16-year premiership drought.

And eight years later the legendary Malcolm Brown arrived at the club via East Perth, Richmond and Claremont.

Brown had coached East Perth to a pennant in 1972 so he knew exactly what was required to take out a premiership.

He is undoubtedly a coaching genius and although he has won just one premiership with South Fremantle they have never been a side that could be taken lightly under his guidance.

Every man who has pulled on a South Fremantle guernsey in his time with the port club must have the utmost respect for the man who has been in more hot water than a catch of fresh marron.

Last season was the first time that South had missed a place in the finals during Brown's time at the club and that would have damaged his pride.

## LACKED SPARKLE

They seemed to lack their sparkle last year and did not appear to want to reach the heights they had experienced in 1980 when they won the premiership.

They had been in the four so often that they thought they were an automatic inclusion. That does not happen in football and they now look to be on the right course.



Clive Lewington studies the game today

## BULLDOGS GREAT COACHES

An eight-part series by GARY STOCKS looking at the most successful coaches in the history of the WAFL clubs.

### South Fremantle coaches over the years

1911 J. Leckie	1929 N. McIntosh	1947 R. Hutchinson	1966 J. Todd
1912 J. Leckie	1930 W. Hebbard	1948 R. Hutchinson	1967 J. Todd
1913 W.J. Coates	1931 W. Hebbard	1949 R. Hutchinson	1968 J. Todd
1914 W.J. Coates	1932 Ron Doig	1950 C. Lewington	1969 H. Mann
1915 W.J. Coates	1933 N. McIntosh	1951 C. Lewington	1970 H. Mann
1916 W.J. Coates	1934 R. Edgar	1952 C. Lewington	1971 H. Mann
1917 W.J. Coates	1935 R. Edgar	1953 C. Lewington	1972 M. Atwell
1918 W.J. Coates	1936 J. Jones	1954 C. Lewington	1973 M. Atwell
1919 W.J. Coates	1937 J. Jones	1955 C. Lewington	1974 C. Beard
1920 W.J. Coates	1938 B. Chandler	1956 C. Lewington	1975 C. Beard
1921 T. Cain	1939 B. Chandler	1957 C. Lewington	1976 C. Beard
1922 W. Craig	1940 K. Shea	1958 C. Lewington	1977 P. Johnson
1923 W. McGilvray	1941 J. Bowe	1959 J. Todd	1978 M. Brown
1924 P. Youlden / T. Bell	1942 R. Poole	1960 M. McDonnell	1979 M. Brown
1925 C. Sullivan	1943 D. Smith	1961 M. McDonnell	1980 M. Brown
1926 C.J. Sunderland	1944 A. Davies	1962 M. McDonnell	1981 M. Brown
1927 T. Cain	1945 N. Lewington	1963 M. McDonnell	1982 M. Brown
1928 C.J. Sunderland	1946 N. Lewington / J. Ditchburn	1964 R. Sorrell	1983 M. Brown
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## DIAGNOSIS OF MUSCLE INJURY

*The first in a series on muscle injury.*

The essential feature in muscle injury is that muscle tissue breaks, resulting in loss of continuity.

This in turn causes torn blood vessels in the muscle tissue to bleed and cause a clot and swelling at the site of the injury.

The footballer feels pain and weakness in the muscle. (Note that pain is the commonest complaint in sports injury and in the case of muscle injury, it can at first be out of proportion to the size of the actual injury).

If the muscle injury is minor, the footballer may be able to keep playing, but if major, he often limps off in pain and sometimes has to be carried off.

Muscle injuries are basically of two types - (A) Muscle tear as a result of the muscle overstretching or contracting too vigorously or (B) Muscle haematoma (cork) where a blow disrupts the muscle tissue and a large blood clot usually forms.

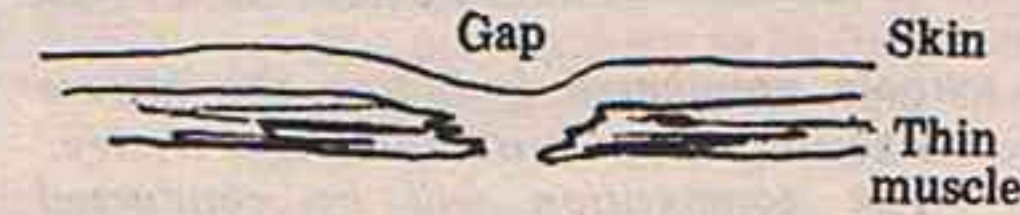
Diagnosis of muscle injury is made by firstly talking and listening to the footballer and then examining the site of muscle injury.

The player may remember trauma to the muscle e.g. "My opponent struck my thigh with his knee". He may have felt a sudden sharp pain or heard a "crack" in the muscle while running or kicking.

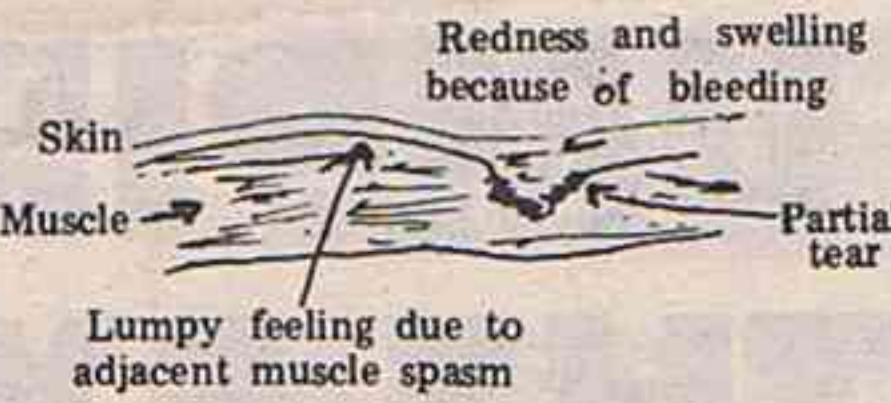
On looking at the muscle, the site of injury may look red and swollen and on gently feeling it, the area may be tender and tense because of the bleeding that occurred.

Also usually a small lump is felt as a result of adjacent muscle tissue going into spasm. The unusual situation of feeling a gap in the muscle only occurs rarely where a thin muscle may completely rupture.

Complete disruption is rare.



More common partial tear.

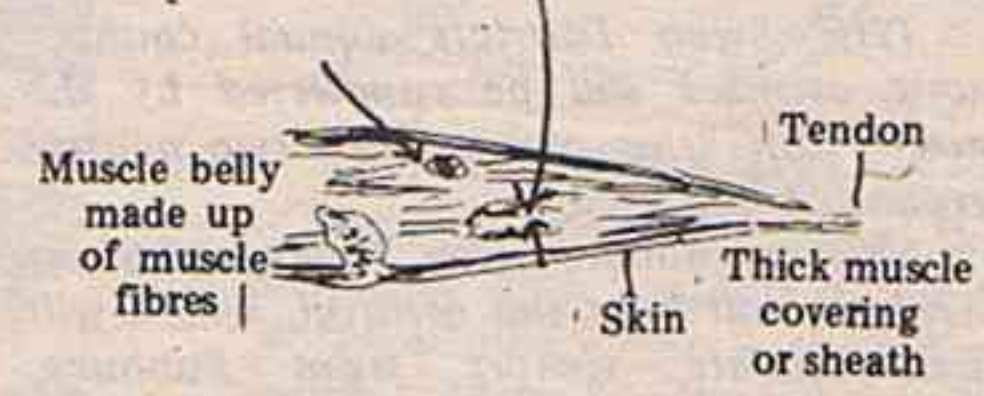


The site of the injury is localised by getting the player to contract his muscle against resistance and noting where the pain is or gently stretching the muscle until discomfort is felt at the site of injury.

It is important to grade the severity of the injury as this will predict for how long the footballer will be incapacitated and also allows more accurate prescription of treatment.

Grade 1 muscle injury. Although he gets pain the player can usually continue playing because only a few muscle fibres are disrupted and bleeding is minimal.

Grade 2 muscle injury - here many more fibres are disrupted and there is much more pain and the player usually cannot continue.



Grade 3 - The bleeding extends beyond the muscle covering and is usually visible as bruising under the skin within 24 hours.

Grade 4 - Complete disruption is rare. This is very disabling.

NOTE: Muscle "stiffness" is a soreness that occurs 24 to 48 hours after exertion. It is now not thought to be due to accumulation of lactic acid (a waste product of muscle metabolism) but because excessive fluid accumulates in the muscle.

This happens when muscles are unconditioned or if subjected to excessive unaccustomed exercise.

*Dr. Football*

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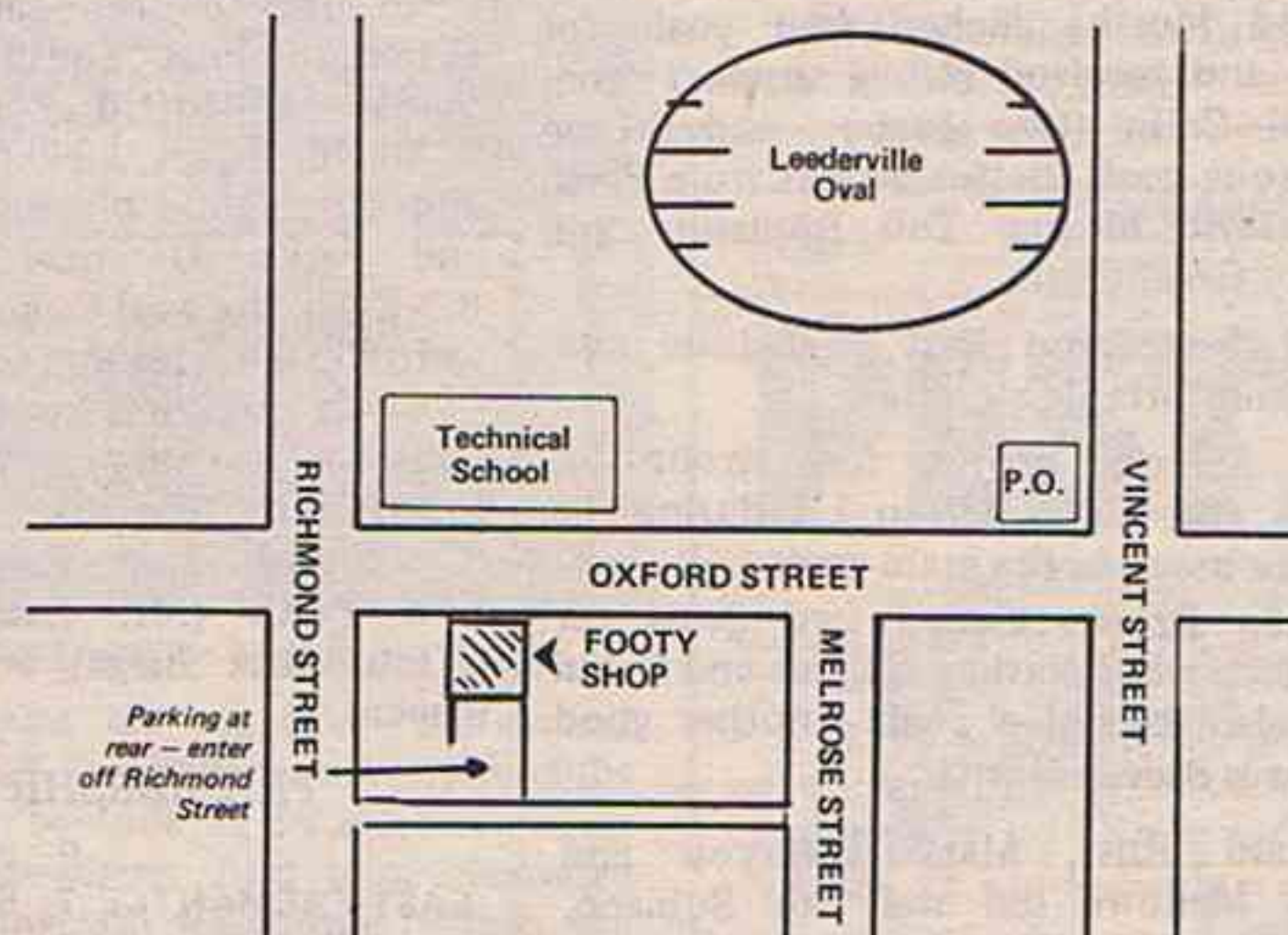
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# FREDDIE TO APPEAR AT CARNIVAL

FREDDIE Footballer, the non-playing mascot for the R. & I. Little League, will be making a special guest appearance at Subiaco Oval on Saturday.

He will be present during the non-stop football action of the Emu Export Carnival, featuring all eight WAFL teams.

The WAFL is placing a big emphasis on children being involved in the carnival, offering 1000 free drinks and hot dogs to the first children through the gate, providing they are with adults.

Parents will be encouraged to take their children along for the two days. There are

special admission discounts which allow two parents — accompanied by up to four children — to gain entrance for \$10 for both days of \$7 for the Sunday.

Freddie Footballer will also be selling copies of his newly-released publication "Aussie Rules. Learn to play the Freddie Footballer way."

This magnificent instructional booklet sells for just \$2 in all newsagents and Freddie's fan club members will be on hand on Saturday to sell copies to people at the Carnival.

## A BONUS FOR FANS

THE WAFL has undertaken a unique promotional campaign by offering discounts for families who will go to the football this week.

Two adults and four children can attend the two days for just \$10 while a similar number of people can go on one day for \$7.

On top of that the first 1,000 children to arrive at Subiaco Oval accompanied by an adult will receive a free hot dog and a carton of orange juice.

The first match of the carnival will start at 9.15 am on Saturday between East Perth and East Fremantle and there will be non-stop action all day.

On Sunday the first game will be played at 10.30 am between South Fremantle and Subiaco and the final will be held at 3 pm.

Each team will play three matches — two on Saturday and one on Sunday.



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## SIMMS FACES TEST

Simms represented WA against South Australia in 1979 and 1981 and he would obviously give Perth a big lift. His first State appearance came after just 11 league games and he could be the difference between Perth returning as a competitive unit this year or waiting another two or three seasons to develop.

He was given greater responsibility in the Perth reserves side last week and finished with 16 kicks, nine marks, five hand balls and 26 ruck knocks, as well as three goals.

The talented ruckman could not hide his joy at the results of last week's game.

"In the first couple of weeks I had only rucked for about 10 minutes of each quarter," Simms says. "But my co-ruckman, Ian Newman, got a knock on the head early in the game and I was forced to do more work."

## RUCKED

"I ran on the ball and rucked for 15 to 20 minutes in each quarter and I was happy with the results although I did tire towards the end."

"The knee has held up pretty well and there is no swelling after a game."

"South will be a tough game to come back in to, but you have to come back some time."

Perth have lacked a big man to partner Steve Turner this season and Kevin Worthington and Earl Spalding have been forced to share the work load in defence and attack.

If Simms can come through this weekend's carnival Perth coach Ian Miller will be wearing a broad smile at 5 o'clock on Sunday.



THOMAS HARDY

present . . .

## FLYNN'S FOLLY

West Perth coach Dennis Cometti earned the Hardy's bottle of Grand Reserve Brut champagne this week. It seems that all is not rosy in Falcon land at the moment, particularly with Dennis bringing Ramsay Bogunovich and Noel Mugavin straight into the league team.



However, as far as ruckmen are concerned Dennis and his selectors need to have looked only as far as their reserves side for a partner for big Ben Jager. Craig Nelson played his second league game last week and he impressed as a player with an enormous amount of talent and seems destined for a bright career.

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# Silent strength behind our game

SOMEONE once said that behind every successful man, stands a strong woman. Although the feminists may object to that statement in relation to Australian football, it is still very true.

Last Sunday was mother's day, a day set aside to honour the role mothers play in the family unit.

Not only mothers, but wives and girlfriends who have enormous bearing on the attitude of players to the game.

In my time of coaching I have witnessed many changes to players, but none as great as that brought about by females.

Their supportive, protective nature gives great guidance to their particular male. The woman has to be there to praise when it's needed; rebuild confidence continually; show interest in all aspects of football; tenderness when the player is dejected and, in the case of women with children, raise the family almost single handedly throughout the football season.

And yet, despite this enormous behind-the-scenes support, they very rarely get any praise in Australian football.

After all the hassles during a normal football week, they then are fronted with poor seating arrangements at most grounds and no seating at away games.

There are no babysitting arrangements at most clubs and they are expected to sit,

with children jumping all over them, under an umbrella — and enjoy the game.

Immediately the game finishes, they collect their physically wounded and mentally fatigued player and head off to club trophies still showing the effect of the weather conditions of the day, smile to everyone at the club, agree with statements made by their partner about his game, the coach, other players, the umpire and then continue home to prepare household duties ready for another week — that's Saturday's day out.

Sunday — the coach has decided, in his eminent wisdom, to train again, this time at 6am or 7am so up she gets and bids walking wounded farewell.

Home from the morning training she gets her first chance to spend a couple of hours with her partner before 'The Winners' begins on ABC-TV. Yes, the women are an enormous part of our game in fact, without them many players would never run out on the field each week.

I hope every player remembered his particular females last Sunday. I did. Thanks Glen and Mum!!

## DORRO'S DIARY



by GRANT DORRINGTON

### Wasted ability

FOOTBALL doesn't give many brothers a chance to have the unique opportunity of playing league football, let alone the honour of playing together in the same team.

I recently watched John and Oral McGuire play together in the Perth reserves team against Claremont.

While some supporters can offer excuses why the brothers are in the reserves side, it was very disappointing to me.

I have had a great deal to do with John at East Perth and would rank him as one of the finest natural footballers I have coached. He has everything — pace, skill, a super high mark and that magic movement only Aboriginals possess.

But unfortunately John has never applied that age old football saying "dedication".



John (left) and Oral McGuire

Injuries become excuses for not playing. But the dedicated sportsman works hard on the injury off season and strengthens it.

What concerns me is that young Oral, who is almost a twin in ability, looks and movement, seems to be heading down the same track.

Both John and Oral have a vital role to play in Perth's resurgence. Unfortunately, when a team is down the only way up is through hard work and extreme self discipline. Both John and Oral fall short in these areas.

I, like all football followers, will be watching them carefully to see if they can eventually obtain the personal and financial benefits their natural ability deserves.

### Very pleasing

LAST Saturday I watched my old team, East Perth for the first time this season.

It was a great game till half time and then even better for the Royals supporters when East Perth crushed East Fremantle.

Many supporters asked me what it was like to watch a club I was so deeply involved with — my answer was simple, very pleasing!

Yes, to see how the young team is continuing to develop was very satisfying. Players like John Ironmonger, Craig Edwards, Peter Thorne, Chris Allen, John Scott and so on, who dominated the game, all were very integral parts of my coaching days. They were 15 year olds with a degree of ability, but no knowledge of where they could go.

Like all young players, they take time to mature and while going through the formative apprenticeship years, their individual and team form can be up and down.

It is a known fact that nothing beats experience and I believe players don't reach their best years till between 24 years of age to 28.

It is essential that this group of players at East Perth be maintained so that the team strength can develop.

Another player who I tried for two years to add to the young team was Stan Magro. On Saturday he showed why!

His experience and aggression, mixed with an enormous competitive desire, has added a very important ingredient into the recipe for a successful Royals team.

Chris Allen, who has been dogged by injury for the past two seasons, played his best game for years. Chris has great ball-getting ability, but has tended to receive severe injuries that affect his confidence.

In Alex Ishchenko, Michael Christian, Richard Dennis and many other young players in the reserves and colts, East Perth have some of the best juniors around who are still a few years from giving their best. But when they do, the Royals will be a power for years.

Don't write East Perth off this year.

### Great character!

I COULD not let this opportunity pass without referring to one of the great characters at East Perth.

John Scott was played at full forward for the first time last season after playing his junior football in defence and having limited success at senior level in this role.

Since moving up forward, John's enthusiasm, aggression and total team commitment has brought the success he richly deserves. Around the club, Scotty is one of the great characters, always smiling and with never-ending enthusiasm he is truly a great team man, admired and respected by all his team-mates.

Behind that skinny chest is a heart that makes him as hard as nails. He never misses training and never complains about injury. It makes him a dying breed of modern day players. He used to hunt wild pigs on weekends as a form of relaxation — but he didn't take a rifle; he used to run them down barefoot and wrestle them.

Having known Scotty from a youngster, if anyone could do that it would be him.

Football needs the John Scotts, I only hope he can continue to develop his skills and become a great player — football supporters everywhere love him!

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