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...says Robert Bennett

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RALPH AGAIN

THE goalkicking machine has done it again!

Warren Ralph, Claremont's ace full-forward, has booted another double-figure tally to collect his second \$100 bonus from Marlboro for this season.

Ralph took his season's tally to 45 goals when he kicked 10 great majors against Swan Districts last Sunday — the first time in his illustrious career that he has reached double figures against Swans.

It is his second-best haul for this season, not quite as good as the 11.6 he kicked against West Perth on April 23.

Marlboro, joint WAFL sponsors and sponsors of Westside Football's Golden Boot award, have been paying out quite regularly to Ralph since his debut in senior football in 1980.

Just for the record, these are Ralph's double-figure efforts since his introduction to senior football: 1980: 11.6 v East Fremantle; 11.6 v Subiaco. 1981: 10.6 v Perth; 11.3 v West Perth; 11.4 v East Fremantle; 10.3 v West Perth. 1982: None. 1983: 11.6 v West Perth; 10.4 v Swan Districts.



Big test for State rookie

STATE selector Graham Moss — currently WA's senior player — will show more than a passing interest in the performance of rookie ruckman Paul Harding when Claremont clash with East Fremantle this week.

The Claremont captain coach has opted to step down from State ranks to give a younger man the opportunity in the game against South Australia on Saturday week.

And the young player who was included at the expense of Moss was Harding.

The talented 19-year-old will now be looking for a top performance against Moss on Saturday to enhance his prospects of an interstate appearance against South Australia.

He and East Perth's John Ironmonger have been the form ruckmen of the competition this season. But in order to represent the State, both will be looking for solid contributions this weekend.

Harding will need to be at his best, particularly when he pits his skills against Moss — arguably the best ruckman produced in this State.

On the other hand, Ironmonger will come up against Swan Districts strong man Ron Boucher, who was not named in the squad.

Boucher was one of the best men afield against Claremont last Sunday and another top effort could see him force his way into the squad.

The match between Claremont and East Fremantle will see 12 State squad members in action.

East Fremantle have Clinton Browning, Shane Ellis, Kevin Taylor and Harding in the squad, while Claremont have Allen Daniels, Wayne Blackwell, Darrell Panizza, Steve Malaxos, Warren Ralph, Steve Goulding, Michael Aitken and Michael Mitchell on the short list for a State game.

Browning's chances of being selected to make his interstate debut will depend largely upon how he handles this week's task of minding the best full forward in the land — Warren Ralph.

Mitchell and Taylor, the likely roving partners in next week's State match, will be against each other on Saturday.

Claremont will probably use three big men in the clash with the Sharks. Young Dean Farmer is likely to be included because his reserves form has been outstanding.

Aitken will be looking for a top effort against Jeff Cassidy to boost his claims for a position on the half-back line.



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WAYNE BLACKWELL (C) 98
STEVE MALAXOS (C) 94

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150 GAMES

BRYAN COUSINS (P) 148
BRIAN NEEDLE (EF) 147
BRIAN ADAMSON (WP) 146*
SHANE FITZSIMMONS (WP) 143*
GREG WALSH (EP) 143
BARRY BEECROFT (C) 141*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Brian Adamson 22 Norwood, Shane Fitzsimmons 63 Melbourne Barry Beecroft 70 Sydney Swans.

200 GAMES

STEPHEN MICHAEL (SF) 195
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250 GAMES

GRAHAM MOSS (C) 237

300 GAMES

ALAN WATLING (WP) 283

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Words of wisdom

MARATHON runner Cliff Young, who was guest of the East Perth club last weekend, is not a man known for long speeches. Young was asked to address the East Perth players on the night before their match against West Perth and when asked on Saturday what he had said to the players he said he had told them "Get into 'em boys, I think you'll win 'oright".

He was brought to Perth by Adidas and here company Sales Manager Denby Gardiner escorts the marathon man from Perth Oval after his lap of honour.

**OVER
THE
FENCE**



Hard running

THE value of hard-running players was certainly on display as Claremont overran a tired Swan Districts in the closing minutes of their great clash last Sunday. In fact, hard running produced one of the easiest goals of the game. Allen Daniels was involved in getting the ball out in a midfield battle and it went from Darrell Panizza to Steve Malaxos and to Brett Farmer. The clever forward then saw Daniels standing alone in the goalsquare after he had run right down the centre of the ground as the ball went around the flank. A handpass over to Daniels by Farmer and the Tiger simply put boot to ball for an easy major that belied the hard running that had preceded it.

Senior status

EAST Fremantle rookie Neil Lester-Smith must have decided to adopt a new image after his successful entry into senior ranks in the Emu Export Carnival. After playing well in those four games and featuring prominently in the celebration pictures (including our page one shot last week) with a beard on, he fronted up for last Saturday's game against Subiaco clean-shaven. No wonder the media have trouble identifying players at times!

T-shirt delay

The special Westside Football T-shirts, with club personalities featured on the front, are selling like hot cakes. But due to the unprecedented demand there will be a longer delay than normal in getting your orders through. The manufacturer has informed Westside Football that the problem is only temporary and has asked anyone who has ordered their T-shirt to please be patient. Together with the manufacturer we apologise for any delay.

Michael leads

SOUTH Fremantle champion Stephen Michael has taken the early lead in the \$1,000 Marlboro player of the series award. Michael polled the maximum nine votes for his best-on-ground performance against Perth last Saturday and leads by one vote from Swan Districts ruckman Ron Boucher. East Perth ruck rover Peter Thorne is next with seven votes and he is followed by Claremont defender Mike Aitken, East Perth rover Peter Spencer and East Fremantle centreman Murray Wrensted who all have six votes.

Girls galore

THE pre-match atmosphere at the Claremont-Swan Districts clash on Sunday was certainly brightened up by the emergence of both club's dancing girls. Firstly the Tony Barlow Tigerettes took the field and danced to the music of the new Tigers song and as soon as they were done the Swan Districts girls slipped into action and gave all the male spectators much to smile about. This sort of pre-match entertainment certainly does a lot to help the build up — although one got the impression that the Swans song was cut short and the girls were caught mid-stride.

Leishman leads

SUBIACO'S Steve Leishman could go down in history as one of the oldest recruits of the year in local football. The dashing utility player is a clear leader in 6PR's best first year player — and he added to his vote tally against East Fremantle last week with another versatile display, particularly after going on to the ball as a ruck-rover. Leishman celebrated his 24th birthday last Sunday.

Carlsen back

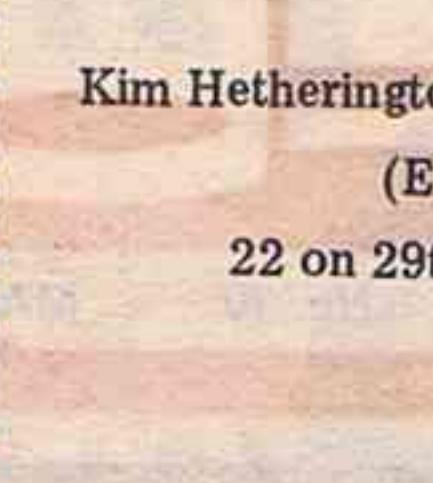
RADIO 6PR have welcomed one of their football-mad announcers in Trevor Carlsen back to the city. TC has been in Darwin for some time as part of 6PR's involvement with the radio industry up there. He was back in his old time-slot as the Saturday afternoon announcer last week.

**Birthday
greetings**

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?



Mark Hann (C)
19 on May 29th.



Brad Lohoar (S)
21 on 29th.



Stephen Green (EF)
26 on 3rd.

Paul Harding (EF)
19 on 4th.



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EAST PERTH, L, L, L, W, L, W, W, W v Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval
SOUTH FREMANTLE, W, W, W, W, W, W, L, W v West Perth at Subiaco Oval
EAST FREMANTLE, L, L, L, L, W, W, L, W v Claremont at East Fremantle Oval
SUBIACO, W, W, L, L, L, L, L, L v Perth at Lathlain
CLAREMONT, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W v East Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval
SWAN DISTRICTS, L, W, W, L, W, L, W, L v East Perth at Bassendean Oval



**FOOTBALLER OF
THE YEAR**

S. Malaxos (C) 12
S. Michael (SF) 11
L. Fong (WP) 8
J. Ironmonger (EP) 7



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Parents don't play their role



ALAN NEWMAN of The Western Mail

is this week's *Guest Columnist*

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YOU don't need to be a Rhodes Scholar to work out that the junior footballers of today are going to become the league stars of tomorrow.

But how many parents fully realise the importance of the role they play in helping their kids along the way.

Judged by the response to inquiries I've made this week, I'd say the answer is not enough — not by a long chalk.

Many of junior football's organisational problems are directly attributable to the apathy of a large number of parents, no matter how well-intentioned they may be.

Junior football relies on volunteers. And there are simply not enough volunteers to go round for all the jobs connected with running a junior club — umpires, coaches, team managers, committee members and general helpers right down the line to the ladies who make the tea.

It is also a sad fact of football life that many of the parents who do take the trouble to go along and watch their kids in action are the sort of people who would do the game a service by staying at home.

Charlie Segar, an umpire with the Perth Junior Council, is genuinely worried about the state of junior football in his district.

What's more, he claims, some of his complaints apply to the junior councils of other league clubs.

Charlie, originally from the country, now lives in Karawara, which is a tough district.

ABUSE

He has put up with a lot during his 15 years of umpiring, but even he has been shocked by the amount of abuse directed at umpires and coaches from parents on the sidelines.

He says that an increasing number of umpires are getting out of football because they are not prepared to go on tolerating tirades of abuse from foul-mouthed parents at each Sunday morning game.

Now, according to Charlie, this problem is being compounded by a new development, especially at under-17 matches.

Gangs of youths, usually mates of the players, turn up with an esky or two of beer and become more and more objectionable as the game progresses.

Woe betide anyone with the guts to tell the louts to cool it. They run the risk of being beaten up.

If there were enough goodies on the sidelines, the baddies might think twice about causing trouble.

CONTENT

But it doesn't work out that way because many parents are content to drop their kids at the ground and go off again before returning later to pick them up.

Ross Davis, the WAFL development officer, says that the problem of abusive parents on the sidelines had been around for a long time, but it was the first time he had heard of drinkers causing trouble.

"The concept of people going to league matches on Saturdays to scream for their team is great," he says.



Junior players... they need parental support — not parental abuse.

"The trouble is that a lot of these people have the same set of ideals and expect the same environment at junior matches on Sundays.

"A lot of officials, especially new umpires, cop some terrible abuse from the sidelines."

Clinton Roberts, Perth's football co-ordinator who carries a big responsibility in developing junior talent in the district, said it was difficult to deal with the liquor problem.

"We can't search cars and it is difficult to keep an eye out for eskys because the grounds are open and people can come from all directions," he said.

DIFFICULT

Roberts said he was more concerned about parents who made life difficult for umpires and coaches.

"Before a match the parents tell a kid one thing and the coach tells them another," he said.

"The kids go out to play with one eye on their coach and the other on their parents. They easily get confused."

Roberts said that Perth, like the other league clubs, ran frequent courses in an effort to get parents involved.

"But we just can't attract enough of them. The kids just have to battle along on their own."

So if you are a football mum or dad, stop and think. No matter how hard pressed you are for time, there must be a job that you can do to help run your local club.

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Ground size is a set-back

I DON'T really think that Australian football will ever be played on an international scale.

There are too many problems, not the least of which is the size of the grounds required.

Standard-sized sports arenas around the world are usually encircled by a 400-metre running track and the area in the middle is much too small for our game.

I don't believe that many of us appreciate just how enormous an Aussie footy ground really is.

The 45-metre square alone is half the size of an American gridiron field.

In the past few weeks we've heard plenty about the battle the Swans are having to stay in Sydney.



Australian Rules grounds... they require too much room.

Getting the game going outside Australia would be next to impossible. Remember that it is ostensibly a game for big men. Our nearest neighbours, the people of Asia, are generally short and lightly-built.

What sort of a game would it be if one of our teams came up against 18 rovers? But just in case I'm wrong and we do go international one day, I have a suggestion. Let the football States get together and agree on standard procedure and terminology.

We say a point is forced; the Vics say it is rushed. Some States work out percentages one way and award four points for a win. The South Australians do their sums differently and award two points for a win.

It must be awfully confusing for an overseas visitor travelling round the country to be confronted by different terms and expressions.

And why, oh why, do we refer to that area in front of the goals which measures 6.4 metres by 9 metres (or 7 yards by 10 yards if you haven't been converted to metrics) as a goal SQUARE?

Or is it that I'm the square?



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WHEN Michael Cockie first started with South Fremantle he looked to be a player with outstanding potential.

In 1981 he was literally running rings around the reserves players and it appeared only a matter of time before he would be given his chance in league football.

But a thigh injury continually hampered his progress into the senior side. And when he was finally given the opportunity he would be brilliant for one quarter and not sighted in the remainder of the contest.

It has been inconsistency more than anything else which has hampered the brilliant youngster's career — but that could be something of the past.

He has shown he can now play a full game and play well from week to week.

The youngster, who was recruited from Aquinas College via the small South West town of Darkan, seems to be on the road to a long league career.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the talented young Bulldog and found out a little about the difficulties involved in becoming a league footballer.



South Fremantle wingman Michael Cockie receives some treatment from physiotherapist Philippa Stewart.

Q: Having played league football in the country did that help you when you came up here from Darkan to play with South Fremantle?

A: I didn't play many league games with West Arthur because I came up to Perth to go to Aquinas and finish high school. But I suppose it did help by playing against men at a younger age than city players. But the big difference between playing league football in the country and in Perth is the pace. I found in my first few games that I was being caught with the ball all the time. I would have liked to have been playing football with South earlier, but my school commitments came first and the Alcock Cup matches were played on a Saturday.

Q: How hard was it to break away from school football and play league?

A: It was pretty difficult for me because there is a whole different approach to the way football should be played. When playing for Aquinas we used to mess around a little bit at training, but you can't do that anymore. The game has to be played seriously. There is also a greater deal of preparation involved in league football as opposed to school football.

Q: What time would you get to a ground to play a game of league football?

A: I generally get here for the start of the reserves game and come down to the rooms at about one o'clock and have a talk to the coach and start preparing for the game. And once that game is over I start to think about the match coming up the following week. That's what it all boils down to. It depends a little bit on the importance of the game as well. Every game is important, but some, like the Claremont match in the first series, are obviously going to be more important than other matches.

Q: What is it like to play in a match like that one against Claremont when there was a record ground attendance?

A: When you run out onto a ground with an atmosphere like that at Claremont

just keep running all day and don't stop. Oval on that day, it really hits you in the gut and you have to take a couple of deep breaths before you can realise you are there. There was a buzz around the ground and that really gets you going.

Q: What about South Fremantle this year? There seems to be a different air around the club, like you really want to succeed again?

A: Yes. There are the same players who were there last year when we finished out of the four, but there seems to be greater determination. Last year we had a few problems within the side, but that has been sorted out and now we are working as a team.

A: You say you like playing in finals. It must have been disappointing to have missed out last year?

A: It was, but we didn't play that well last year apart from one game against Claremont which we won by three points. We were up and down, a little erratic and we couldn't put it together for four quarters. We couldn't crush a team like we have done this year.

Q: What sort of commitment does it take these days to play league football?

A: You have to put football first. There is a sign down at the club which says there are three things in life which are important — your family, football and religion and under it is written — not necessarily in that order. I suppose it would be harder if you are married. You would need an understanding wife because you are away from your family for long periods.

Q: In 1981 you showed outstanding form in the reserves, but you just couldn't get into the league side. Was there any problem?

A: I strained a thigh muscle in that season and every time I looked like getting there I would break down again. I played with it because Brownie's philosophy is that you have to learn to live with pain and if it doesn't hurt when you run you should

just keep running all day and don't stop.

Q: I suppose Mal Brown has had a big influence on your career?

A: Yes. He always gives young guys encouragement and he has helped me a lot. But he gets stuck into the young guys as well. I think that is just because if he thinks you have the ability to play league football he doesn't want you throwing it away by being slack. Because if you are slack when you are young, that is the way you will be for your entire football life. If he can see the potential he will get the best out of the player.

Q: Had you always supported South Fremantle?

A: No. I was a Perth supporter, but because of country zoning I knew I would always have to play with South if I was ever going to play league football. South were virtually my second side, the rest of my family barracked for them.

Q: What about your own form. You seem to be playing with the flair that you promised two seasons ago?

A: Yes, I have been happy with my form this year and I would put it down largely to my attitude, which has improved. Last year I was a little bit lacksadaisical, while this year I am eager to succeed. Brownie always gives me a task to set myself and I aim at achieving that goal.

Q: Who would you rate as your hardest opponent?

A: I have played on some pretty good players, but I suppose the best of them would be Phil Narkle and Darrell Panizza. Phil Narkle would be the hardest because he is so unpredictable.

Q: You say your aim is to play State football — do you think you can get there one day?

A: I hope so. I think I can get there eventually. I just have to keep playing well so that the State selectors will notice me one day. If you play consistently for long enough they must eventually notice that you are playing well.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Michael Cockie
Height: 5.11 (180cm)
Weight: 12.12 (81kg)
Born: Narrogin, 3.1.63
Lives at: Brentwood
Married: No
Football likes: Playing in finals
Football dislikes: People who think you are not trying and put you down.
Occupation: Clerk
Football honours: Colts fairest and best with West Arthur.
Ambitions: My main ambition is to play in a State side.
Football idols: Stephen Michael
Drives a: Datsun 200B
Do you read much: Various magazines
Favourite music: Rock
Hobbies and relaxation: I play a bit of basketball, but I do not have enough time to do much else.
Hard things in football: Sustaining consistency from quarter to quarter and from week to week.
Favourite food: Steak and chicken
Favourite drink: Soft drink
League debut: 1981
Games played: 33
Guernsey number: 9

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	E. Frem. v Claremont	Swans v E. Perth	Perth v Subiaco	W. Perth v S. Frem.
GARY STOCKS	25	Claremont	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle
ALAN EAST	26	East Fremantle	Swans	Perth	West Perth
PETER POAT	26	Claremont	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle
DAVE CLEMENT	26	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
MOTHER BROWN	27	Claremont	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle
GRANT DORRINGTON	28	Claremont	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle
ROBERT BENNETT	27	Claremont	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle
IAN MILLER	20	Claremont	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle
GARY CARVOLTH	24	Claremont	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle
BOB CRIBB	29	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
MOST FAVOURED	29	Claremont	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle

BIG SHOWDOWN FOR BASSENDEAN

THIS Saturday will determine just how much East Perth have improved.

After a bad start to the season, when they lost four of their first five games, the Royals have shown improved form to win three straight and they will be looking to make it number four at the expense of Swans.

These two teams fought out one of the best qualifying matches I have ever seen in the first series and a repeat of that performance should give the anticipated full-house crowd plenty to cheer about.

Swans showed signs of improvement against Claremont last week and with the Royals running hot, this match should be the highlight of the weekend.

Swans had been on a downhill slide, but they now appear to have steadied with the return of strong man Ron Boucher and the clash between him and John Ironmonger should be one of the best of the year.

East Perth's mobile division, led by Peter Spencer and Peter Thorne, has been instrumental in their last four victories and Swans will need to cut their effectiveness down if they are to stop the Royals run.

Naturally, East Perth would prefer to play Swans at Perth Oval and to beat them at Bassendean is a massive task.



By **GARY STOCKS**



PETER THORNE



PETER SPENCER

Swans have the ability to rebound and break a losing sequence.

Newcomer Paul Werner was outstanding in his first match and he will again be looking for a top performance. Swans also have enough attacking players to give him the support required to kick a winning score.

Sharks can push Tigers

EAST Fremantle played a brilliant brand of football in the opening quarter against Subiaco last week and if they can reproduce that effort they will certainly push Claremont all the way.

No side in the competition could have done anything to stop the Sharks in the first 30 minutes last week and the Tigers are by no means a certainty.

East Fremantle have an impressive line-up of young talent and it will be a question of whether they can sustain a four-quarter effort against the league leaders.

Anything less than a four quarter performance will see Claremont continue their unbeaten run.

Even at East Fremantle Oval the Tigers appear to have the depth and ability to notch up their ninth successive victory.

Warren Ralph showed he was back to his best with a 10-goal haul against Swans and the Sharks will need to cut down his possessions to have any chance.

But Claremont always kick the ball well into their attacking zone and they should be able to kick a winning score against East Fremantle.

Demons chase first win

PERTH will be looking to register their first win of the season when they tackle Subiaco at Lathlain Park.

However, they may need to wait another week before they can achieve that goal.

Subiaco showed fine fighting qualities when they came back at East Fremantle last week to get within a goal of the Sharks after being almost nine goals down at the first change.

They will not allow Perth the same start and should be able to bring up their third win of the season.

BLUE FIN present ...

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



IAN MILLER

Michael rates high

LAST Saturday I saw one of the best individual performances for a long time when Stephen Michael dominated against Perth. His influence on the game, around the ground as well as at the centre bounce downs, was enormous. He is relishing the role of a ruck-rover, which gives him more licence to use his skills — and he has plenty of them. He can jump, run, kick and handball with both feet and hands; has recovery like a cat; can tackle and mix it with the best of them. I can see why Brownie said he would stay at South Fremantle only if Stephen Michael agreed to stay with him. Certainly, in my mind he would rate in the top bracket of footballers produced in this State.

TV ON SUNDAY

THERE is no doubt that Sunday's live telecast was a winner — both for football and Channel 7. But the attendance — only 7,000 people turned up — showed that TV coverages will initially keep people away; which will be costly in the bar and gate takings. At present we do not have the football population to cover this. But long term I believe the league's idea of live telecasts can benefit the game. This will certainly be the case if the standard is as good as the Claremont — Swan Districts match.

GOOD POINTS

WHILE on that game, I was particularly impressed with the performance of Ron Boucher. He dominated the ruck and showed he has plenty of agility for a big man with his efforts in the goal square producing four goals. Paul Werner's first-up effort was a good one and he looks a very likely prospect at full forward.

DISAPPOINTING

WHEN you are building a team it is disappointing to lose players who have been very solid contributors to the club, both on and off the field in the past season and a half. Chris Lee and Terry Coleman have retired and returned to family properties in Dowerin and Cunderdin respectively. The time involved, commitment and travelling unfortunately became too much for them. Even though their retirement is premature from league football, I know they will both be strong contributors back in their country towns and will be of enormous value to the youngsters. I certainly appreciate their efforts.

WRONG SIDE

ROD and Neil Lester-Smith could have been wearing Demon colours instead of those of the Sharks. Their father, Murray, played in the back pocket for Perth, but built a house in Mt Pleasant, just out of Demon Territory. It was good to see Rod make a return to league football. He is a skilful player and it will be hoped he remains injury-free.

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FALCONS IN MORE TROUBLE

WEST Perth's disastrous run will continue this week when they meet South Fremantle at Subiaco Oval.

The Bulldogs are playing a magnificent brand of football at the moment and with players of the calibre of Willie Roe, Stephen Michael and Brad Hardie in top form the Falcons may not have the defensive power to halt their blistering style of football.

The Falcons have lost three of their last four encounters and could not come up against South Fremantle at a worse time.

The Bulldogs are playing full of confidence, whereas West Perth are down on theirs. They don't seem to be able to do anything right and could slip even further out of calculations after Saturday's match.

Since a fine win against Swan Districts in the fourth round they have struggled. And things do not look like improving.

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North emerge as glamour team

Barry Cable's North Melbourne are quickly establishing themselves as the new glamour side in the VFL.

Pre-season the Roos were attracting odds of around 40 to 1 for this year's premiership. Now punters are lucky to get 6 to 1 in the unofficial betting market.

North were badly underrated for even making the final five let alone the grand final in this season's early markets.

Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans has labeled North's as "the quiet achievers" and they are certainly living up to that image.

With up to seven West Australians as regular members of the side and the added touch of a West Aussie as coach — the Roos are attracting plenty of attention



from the West and it is believed some big early season wagers may have originated in Perth.

Following successive wins over Hawthorn and Geelong the Roos are now poised to take over top spot on the VFL ladder. If they beat Carlton this Saturday — and Collingwood can toss Fitzroy who are still reeling from their massive loss to Footscray last weekend — then North will go to the top of the VFL ladder.

The West Australian contingent in the North line-up continue to provide the backbone of their climb up the ladder this year.

Ross Glendinning is in top form and the Krakouer brothers are improving with every outing. They were at their brilliant best last Saturday in the club's 40 point win over Geelong.

Sidey on crutches

Allan Sidebottom is on crutches after his second VFL game. He tore the medial ligament in his left knee after starring in the first quarter against Richmond. St Kilda doctor Richard Ward said this week Sidebottom would miss six games. "It's a nasty one" said Dr. Ward.

Big bet

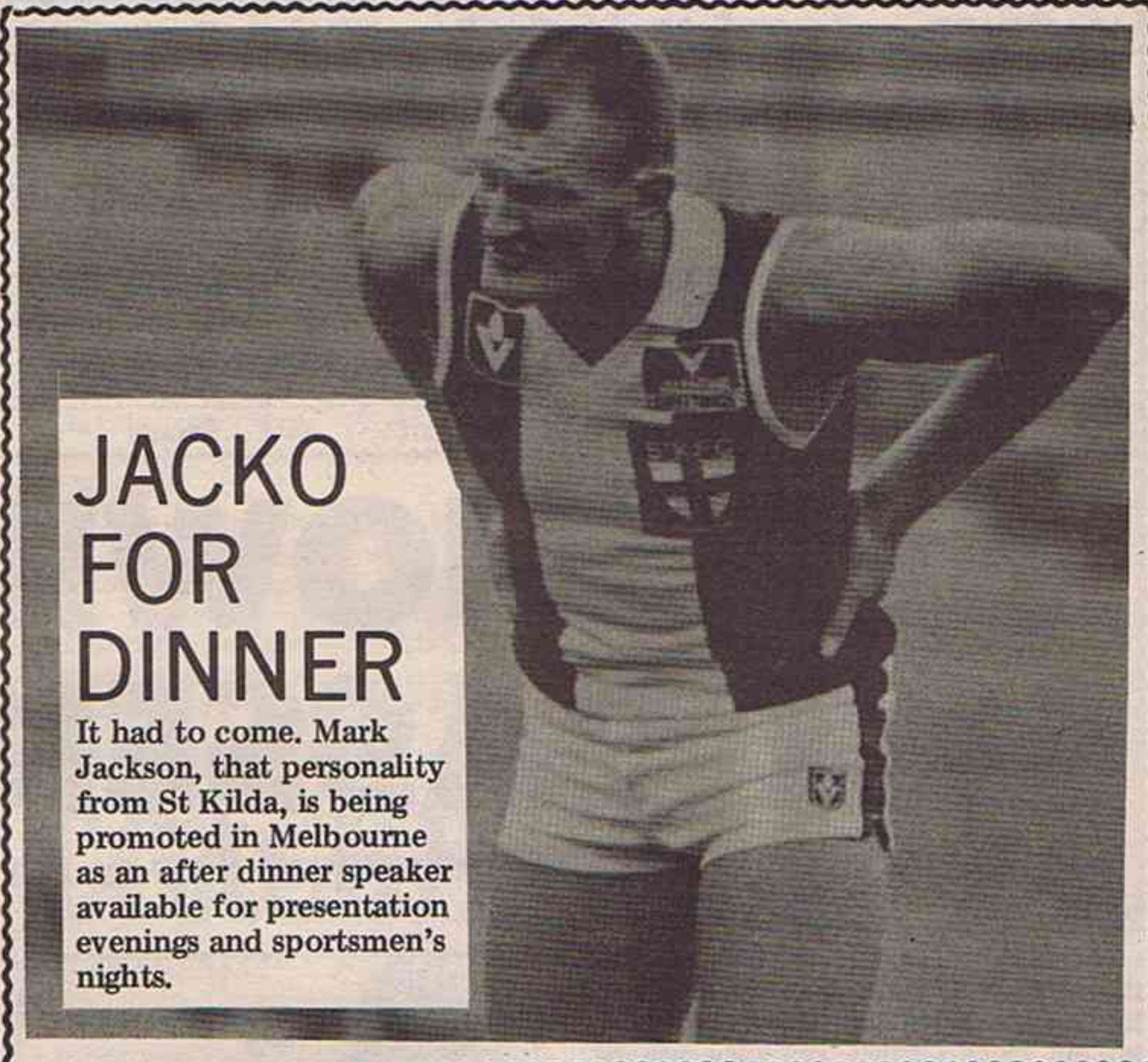
Lowly placed St Kilda backed themselves last week to win three games straight and they achieved the first leg last Saturday with a good win over Richmond. If the Saints can win their next two games — over Footscray and Collingwood — they will collect \$70,000.

400th for Barassi

Ron Barassi celebrated his 400th VFL game as a coach last weekend. After starting his coaching career with Carlton, then moving to North Melbourne, he is now battling to achieve the same success with Melbourne.

Johnston secured

Carlton have moved quickly to prevent star forward Wayne Johnston moving away from the club. Other clubs were reported to be interested in obtaining his services after his contract expired at the end of this season. However, the Blues have now signed him up for a further two years.



JACKO FOR DINNER

It had to come. Mark Jackson, that personality from St Kilda, is being promoted in Melbourne as an after dinner speaker available for presentation evenings and sportsmen's nights.

Hawthorn step up moves for Platten

Hawthorn are stepping up moves to secure Central District rover John Platten.

Hawks officials met with their Centrals counterparts in Adelaide last week and are believed to have offered a player in exchange for the ace rover.

Platten, one of the stars of the State's big win over the VFL last week, is contracted to his South Australian club till the end of 1984. However, Hawthorn hope they can come to a reciprocal arrangement with Centrals and offer a player.

The Hawks have a similar arrangement with West Torrens for young ruckman Greg Hodson, who will move to Victoria in 1984.

The Victorians had talent scouts galore in Adelaide last week for the Interstate match. Among the Victorian 'visitors' were coaches Kevin Sheedy, Barry Cable, John Cahill and Ricky Quade.

The game at Football Park attracted 42,500 people... a big crowd for an Interstate game.

Balme for Tigers?

There is speculation in Melbourne that former Subiaco and Richmond player Neil Balme will be approached to take over the Richmond coaching job next year. Balme who is currently coaching Norwood in South Australia (he coached them to a flag last year) said this week he hadn't been approached about the job.



John Platten

Tossol tosses it in

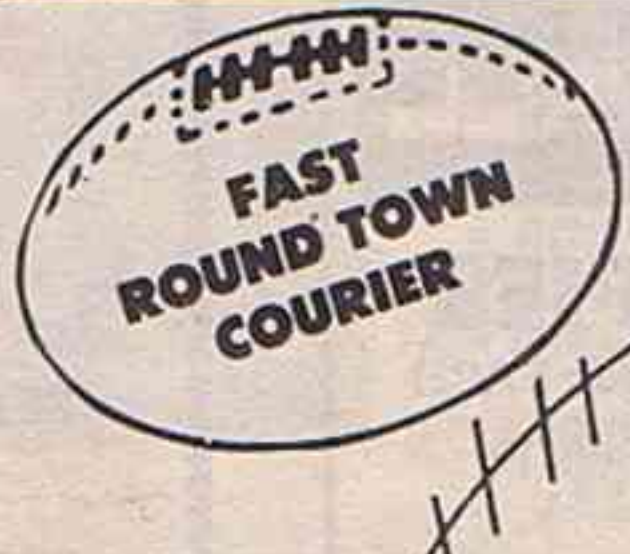
A VFL clerk held responsible for making a mistake with Malcolm Blight's clearance papers has resigned.

Peter Tossol, who plays with Melbourne, will concentrate full time on his football. The VFL came in for much criticism over the incident from the NFL and the error caused weeks of bickering and accusation culminating in the retirement of Blight.

WA PLAYER ROUND UP

Thirty former West Australian footballers played in VFL club matches last weekend. In this segment we present their performances, this week highlighted by the amazing effort of Ross Glendinning, who had 19 kicks, 16 handballs and took 14 marks in a best-on-ground performance for North Melbourne.

	Kicks	H/balls	Marks
RICHMOND			
David Palm	8	3	2
Maurice Rioli	14	10	1
Robert Wiley	12	6	2
Tim Gepp	6	9	1
COLLINGWOOD			
John Annear	12	3	1
Mike Richardson	8	6	—
FITZROY			
Gary Sidebottom	9	7	2
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	17	10	7
Simon Beasley	12	1	9
Bruce Duperouzel	7	6	3
Andrew Purser	7	5	2
Ian Williams	13	6	3
CARLTON			
Ken Hunter	7	13	9
Ross Ditchburn	13	1	10
Peter Bosustow	10	3	6
Mike Fitzpatrick	14	2	5
ESSENDON			
Wayne Otway	16	7	2
Tony Buhagiar	12	10	1
GEELONG			
Gary Malarkey	11	2	2
Alan Reid	9	4	6
Peter Featherby	9	—	3
Brian Peake	13	5	10
ST KILDA			
Allan Sidebottom	4	3	3
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Kevin Bryant	2	1	2
Ross Glendinning	19	16	14
Phil Kelly	7	10	2
Stephen McCann	16	7	11
Phil Krakouer	13	7	8
Jim Krakouer	18	7	6
Craig Holden	6	4	2



BENNETT'S BURST

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CLAREMONT ARE NO CERTAINTIES

Don't rush out and back Claremont for the premiership.

Though the unbeaten league leaders have swept everything before them this season and appear on target for the flag, they have been miserable failures in final rounds over the past 19 years.

Anyone persuading the league ladder over past seasons, in years to come, would think the best side in WA football since 1979 was Claremont.

But finals tell a much different story.

Claremont are on line to top the ladder at the end of the qualifying rounds for the fourth time in the past five years.

That would make it perhaps the most productive period the club has enjoyed in qualifying round football... and I'm cognizant of the Tigers golden years when they played off in five successive grand finals from 1936 to 1940.

In those years Claremont played in every second semi final.

The Tigers look certain of playing in the second semi final this year for the fourth time in the past five seasons.

They should have more than one premiership on the board in that time.

While they were perhaps a little lucky to top the ladder in 1979, in my opinion Claremont have been the best side in WA football since the start of the 1981 season. They should be preparing for their third successive premiership.

There seems little doubt from the way they finished last season's home and away games that they were the best side in the competition. Yet, once again, they fell flat on their face in the finals.

It has been something of a habit for the Tigers to go down in a screaming heap in finals since 1964 when they produced a dream finish to the season to take their first flag in 24 years.

The records will show that since then Claremont have played in 14 finals yet managed to win only four of them.

It must be frustrating for a club to be so dominant during the year yet not be able to finish it off when it really counts.

Swan Districts have been a bit like that also in recent years.

On paper Claremont are the best equipped side in the competition. It is fortunate to have great depth of talent in the club.

The fact that they have eight players in the State squad is indicative of the playing talent in their ranks.

It will be interesting to see how long they can continue to remain unbeaten.

But will it be a similar case to 1980 when Swans swept all before them to win their first 13 games yet failed to win the premiership?

There appears to be only one team standing between Claremont and the flag... and that's South Fremantle.

Even so, on past records I wouldn't be too anxious to put money on Claremont for the premiership.

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Poor show, Subi

THOUGH Subiaco may have improved in their on-field performances this year they still have a long way to go in improving their administration management. In last week's Footy Budget Bevan Warner was not listed in the league squad, but he did take the field and played solidly for the Lions. He was not named in the reserves either so anyone who wanted to know who number 30 was would need to know the Subiaco side quite well. In addition, there was a player wearing number 10 in the reserves and going on numbers in the Budget, football fans would have considered this to be Steve Leishman. But it wasn't because he played in the league side. This sort of poor administration does nothing for the game or those who follow it.

Winning friends

THE public address announcer at Perth Oval last Saturday certainly wasn't in the business of winning new friends among the opposition West Perth supporters. In welcoming patrons to the ground before the big match he offered Falcon supporters his commiserations for impending defeat.

White hot seat

BOY, didn't the Channel 7 boys put that man-in-white, David Rowe, in the hot seat on last week's World of Sport show? Marty McDonnell, who had conveniently disappeared after making some critical comments in the replays, highlighted a few flaws in Rowe's umpiring. But to Rowe's credit, he copped the flak extremely well, disputing a couple of Marty's claims, but conceding his error on another occasion. It's certainly good to see the umpires able to defend themselves publicly now without having to hide behind the official secrets act.

Alexander's acid

TALKING about that show, didn't big Ron Alexander slip a few subtle acid-type comments in? When talking about Sunday's Claremont-Swan Districts match, he said: "It's nice to see that Channel 7 didn't back out of televising the match." Ron is obviously still smarting from Seven's decision not to televise the Derby earlier this season because 'East Fremantle weren't good enough to feature.'



Caustic Cometti

WEST Perth coach Dennis Cometti was in a subdued, but frank, mood on World of Sport last Sunday. He had no hesitation in agreeing with comments from the panel that West Perth's effort against East Perth was their worst since he had been coach and that it was quite fair to suggest that the team was 'on the skids'. He even had a wry smile when Ken McAullay said that West Perth would bounce back. "I'm glad you are able to say that," quipped Cometti.

Sensible comments

AND it seems as though East Fremantle captain-coach Ron Alexander hasn't got much time for some of the critics around this town. He paid Seven's Bob Miller a compliment on Sunday when he said it was nice to talk to someone who was positive about football and knew what he was talking about. Alexander is certainly willing to co-operate with most media men - but he does get a trifle annoyed at some of the negative people... especially those who wanted to twist the knives into his back not so long ago.

Unfair goal

IT'S not generally the role of this columnist to have a go at umpires - or to question the integrity of our football super-stars. But one of the bad decisions from last Sunday's Claremont-Swan Districts game could have proved decisive. Claremont's full-forward Warren Ralph used some guile and cunning - and the technicality of the laws of the game - to get one of his goals in the third term. Ralph led out fast for a pass coming downfield and when he realised that he had run under the ball, he stopped dead. Alan Cransberg, hot in pursuit, naturally crashed straight into Ralph's back - resulting in a very undeserved free kick to Ralph. But that's what experience does for you!

Over indulgence

DENNIS Cometti also had a few words of advice to his players via the public medium of television. As the show examined some of the more heated parts of the game, Cometti said that it was obvious some of his players were on the wrong track. "Maybe some of their actions were ill-directed," he said. "They would have been better advised to spend their energy getting the football." Now we know some of the comments the coach made to the flustered Falcons behind-closed-doors after the 10-goal thrashing!

Early show

THE 6PR Football World show must be attracting a lot of football fans lately. In an advertisement run last Wednesday the radio station said that it would be broadcasting Saturday's big match between East Perth and West Perth and then invited listeners to go to the Captain Stirling Hotel to see the Football World panel show. The only problem was that they encouraged patrons to attend on Thursday - a day earlier than the scheduled starting time of the programme.

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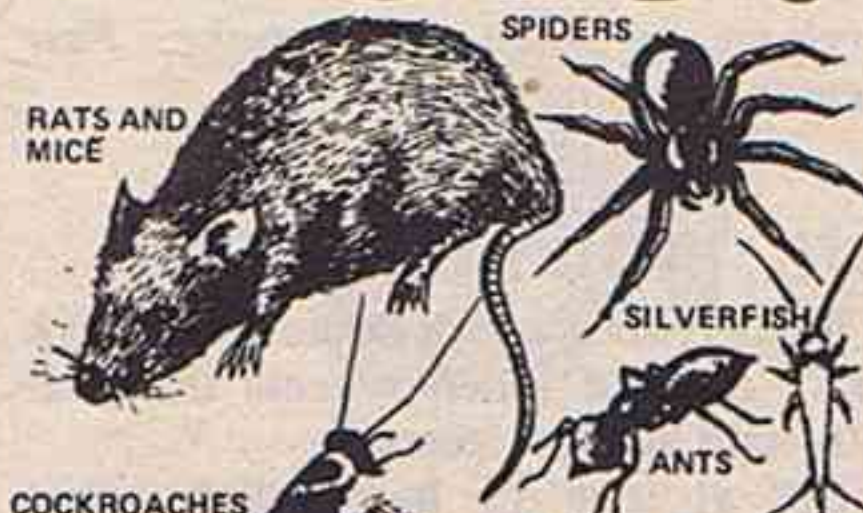
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BALL FOR BIG ONE

MIKE Ball will make his interstate debut as a field umpire when South Australia come to Subiaco Oval to do battle with WA on Saturday, June 4.

As part of the umpiring build-up to that game Ball will go to Adelaide this weekend to umpire a SANFL club game — and SA umpire Rick Kinnear will come to Perth.

This interchange of umpires idea was introduced last year and gives the umpires a good insight as to how styles and players compare in the two States.

Ball will share the umpiring duties with a SANFL umpire in the South Adelaide versus North Adelaide game at Richmond Oval. Kinnear, who umpired in the recent SA-Victoria State match, will be in action in the Subiaco Oval clash between West Perth and South Fremantle.

Ball's selection as the State umpire is a tribute to his improvement this season. He is now in his 10th year on the WAFL panel and has umpired 92 senior games.

CURTIS MAKES IT

YOUNG boundary umpire Craig Curtis got his chance in league ranks last week — and went well.

As part of this year's policy of promoting youth in the boundary umpiring department, Curtis made his debut in the Subiaco-East Fremantle game.

He is in his first year on the WAFL panel after switching this year from the Sunday Wafa competition. Curtis played reserves football with East Perth before turning to umpiring.

NAPIER'S HONOUR

COLTS umpire Gary Napier has been selected to go to Darwin to umpire in this year's Teal Cup competition.

The promising young Napier is now in his third season with the WAFL and has been umpiring consistently well in colts games.

He is the son of prominent Hensman Park tennis player and coach, Doug Napier, who has gained distinction as coach and manager of some of WA's top junior teams.

RONNIE RIVALS

THERE has always been a degree of friendly rivalry between the umpires' two Ronnies — Ron Buckley and Ron Powell.

Powell, who retired this year to be assistant to Umpires' Coach Ross Capes, threw down the challenge to Buckley recently that he could still out-run him.

Buckley confidently accepted the challenge, gave Powell 10 metres start over the 100-metre journey — and just got up to win in a photo finish!

MILESTONES COMING

THERE are a couple of interesting milestones coming up. Bob Phillips is about to reach his 200th senior game, with two to go and goal umpire Max Hale (223 games) is closing on Bill Carter's record of 228 games.

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Chubby's Chatter

SOUTH Fremantle are certainly looking ahead to the future with a host of exciting young players coming up through their ranks.

I was really impressed last week with youngsters like Rod Grljusich, Peter Dennett and Nicky Winmar.

Grljusich, son of ABC sportscaster George Grljusich, reads the ball exceptionally well and has the ability to get to the fall of the ball. He doesn't waste kicks, either, which is good.

Dennett is a ruckman of promise and Winmar is a real exciting prospect who moves extremely well.

PAGE IS BACK

TALKING about South — it's good to see Michael Page getting back to form.

He was an extremely promising first year player in 1981, but has had injury and loss-of-form problems since then.

We would like him in Perth colours — especially as he is a cousin of former Demons ruck star, Bob Page.

JUNIOR SHARKS

EAST Fremantle, as I have said several times in this column in the past, have a most promising junior district and some of those youngsters are now emerging.

I've coached in East Fremantle's junior district and it is good to see former top 16 and 17 year olds now coming through to reserves and league.

They have an incredible number of players in reserves — plus a few in the league side — who are still eligible for colts football.

Let's hope that they all continue to develop as they can make East Fremantle strong again.

EDDIE'S SMILING

PERTH colts coach Eddie Michalczyk hasn't enjoyed much success this year with eight straight losses.

But at least he had a slight smile during the Emu Export Carnival when he saw his old team, East Perth, fail to register a goal in the opening game against East Fremantle.

Eddie still cannot forget how his colts failed to kick a goal against East Perth earlier this season.

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Onus is on WA to perform

WESTERN Australia and South Australia achieved something unique 18 years ago — they both beat the mighty Victorians in the same year.

Now after SA's fine win two weeks ago, the onus is on Western Australia to repeat the performance.

Back in 1965, WA achieved what was starting to look like the impossible dream, beating Victoria.

Twelve shillings (\$1.20) would have bought you a seat in the old wooden grand stand at Subiaco Oval to see the Vics toppled by nine points.

WA's coach on that occasion was Jim Conway, the captain was Keith Slater and Bob Spargo from West Perth won the Simpson Medal. The losing VFL coach was the great Essendon goalkicker John Coleman.

They were injury-riddled by the time they reached Adelaide and the Croweaters humbled them 12.11 to 3.1, Victoria's lowest score ever in an interstate match. They kicked only one goal after quarter time.

Panic button

NO wonder South Australian club Glenelg pushed the panic button and sacked coach Graham Campbell after seven successive losses (he was re-instated the next day). Their record of 56 straight losses is the worst of any league club in Australia. Glenelg took over four seasons to register their first win in the South Australian competition back in the early 1920s and I suppose they are not over keen on a repetition.

Umpire ousted

A COUPLE of weeks ago I mentioned a boundary umpire whistled a ball out of bounds on the full when it bounced a

metre inside after being misled by his colleague in the goals.

I am sorry to say the boundary umpire concerned was given the sack for this.

Boundary umpires are just as essential as central umpires these days, but there was a time when the man in the middle had to do the lot.

For almost half a century they had to throw the ball in as well as control the mid-field decisions.

Actually it was only a charity match in the Victorian country town of Ballarat where boundary umpires were tried out for the first time. But it was 12 years later, 1904 before the league authorities decided they were necessary.

Did you know

WHEN Swans and East Fremantle met in round three both sides fronted up in white shorts.

The incorrect uniform may not represent any major hassle these days, but when football was in its infancy there were many problems over the issue.

For example in an 1888 game, Union versus Victorians, report says player Fay of Unions received a little mark from a Victorian man who was misled through Fay's guernsey. The matter was discussed and Fay was asked to wear his club colours in future.

In 1905, whenever North Fremantle (black and white stripes) and East Fremantle (blue and white stripes) met the North team had to wear a red ribbon around the guernsey to help distinguish them from the opposition.

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South Australian coach Bob Hammond talks to captain Russell Ebert.

A lot at stake for South Aussies

SOUTH Australia will come to Perth next week on one of the most important missions in their football history.

If the Croweaters can beat WA they will win the Australian Football championships for the first time since 1911.

After lapsing in 1980, the NFL decided that this year's interstate matches between the major football states would be part of a revived Australian Championship series.

Previously, Australian championships (or carnivals) had been held in the one city over a three day period. The new look series, after which an all-Australian side and a Tassie Medallist will be selected, comprises of matches between the three major football states in Adelaide and Perth.

The first leg of the championships was the match in Adelaide last week, when South Australia got away to a great start with their big win over Victoria — their first in 18 years.

The next fixture will be Saturday week's match at Subiaco Oval which will complete South Australia's commitment. The final match of the series will be the game between WA and Victoria here on Tuesday, July 12.

State coach John Todd is leaving no stone unturned in his effort to build up team spirit. From Sunday, when the side gets together for their first training run and official team photograph, they will meet every day until the match.

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By **PETER POAT**

After beating WA comfortably in Adelaide last year, then going down in Perth shortly later, with virtually the same side, the South Australians have been trying to find reasons for their reversal of form. One of their conclusions was that the side arrived in Perth too long before the match and became complacent. This has been remedied, and next week they will arrive here on Friday lunchtime and commence their pre-match build-up with a short training run shortly after.

NO BOOKINGS

There will be no pre-match bookings for grandstand seats for the interstate match. Patrons will select their actual seats on arrival at the ground — except those booked on the Vegas Hotel — Westside Football VIP package deal.

All grandstand seats will cost \$7 (adults) and \$3 children. Outer areas will be \$5 (adults) and \$1 children.

FOUR ADDED TO SQUAD

The South Australian selectors have named four new players in a 25 man squad for the clash with Western Australia.

They are Geoff Morris (West Adelaide), Mick Redden (North Adelaide) and Norwood's Andrew Aish and Tom Warhurst.

Missing from last week's victorious side against Victoria are VFL players Stephen Copping, Greg Phillips and Matt Rendell, while West Adelaide full back Craig Williams was not considered because of injury and neither was Malcolm Blight.

Andrew Aish (Norwood), Michael Aish (Norwood), Craig Bradley (Port Adelaide), Neil Craig (Sturt), Stephen Curtis (Port), Graham Cornes (South Adelaide), Russell Ebert (Port), Tony Giles (Port), Stephen Kernahan (Glenelg), Bruce Lindner (West Adelaide), Geoff Morris (West), Peter Motley (Sturt), Garry McIntosh (Norwood), Greg McAdam (North), Mark Naley (South), John Platten (Central District), John Riley (North), Michael Redden (North), Neville Roberts (Norwood), John Schneebichler (South), Darryl Schimmelbusch (West Torrens), Frank Speil (Sturt), Keith Thomas (Norwood), Tom Warhurst (Norwood), Greg Whittlesea (Sturt). COACH: Bob Hammond.

(Former East player Steven Curtis remains a member of the squad. He was included in the original SA squad, however was unable to play against the VFL following a protest on State of Origin rules.)



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Explosive Willie

ONE of the reasons why South Fremantle's Willie Roe has been included in the State squad is because of his explosiveness off the half-forward flank. Roe, tall and gangly, is lightning fast off the mark and it is this ability that brings many of his goals. Two of his early goals against Perth came when he exploded out of packs and raced goalwards catching everyone by surprise. But the gem was his third, winning the ball off the ground in a goalfront scrimmage and then using the 'banana' kick to screw it around the goalpost. It earned him the Town and Country \$100 for the goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Sport.

QUICK RECOVERY

THE ability of East Fremantle's goalkicking rover Kevin Taylor to recover after making an error was never better illustrated than when he kicked his team's seventh goal on Saturday. The two Lester-Smith brothers, Rod and Neil, had combined to get the ball across to Taylor, who spilt a comparatively easy mark. But the speedy Taylor pounced on the ball before the Subiaco defenders could react and he swivelled around to snap a sharp left-foot shot.

ON THE RUN

TALKING about Taylor . . . there was a good goal kicked by Subiaco's Neil Taylor in the same game. The Lions skipper sparked a second quarter revival with his long running goal to get Subiaco into a fight-back frame of mind. He read the ball well out of the centre bouncedown and was running flat out when a long handpass hit him on the chest and he was goalward bound before the East Fremantle rivals could get moving.

BEWDY BOUCHER

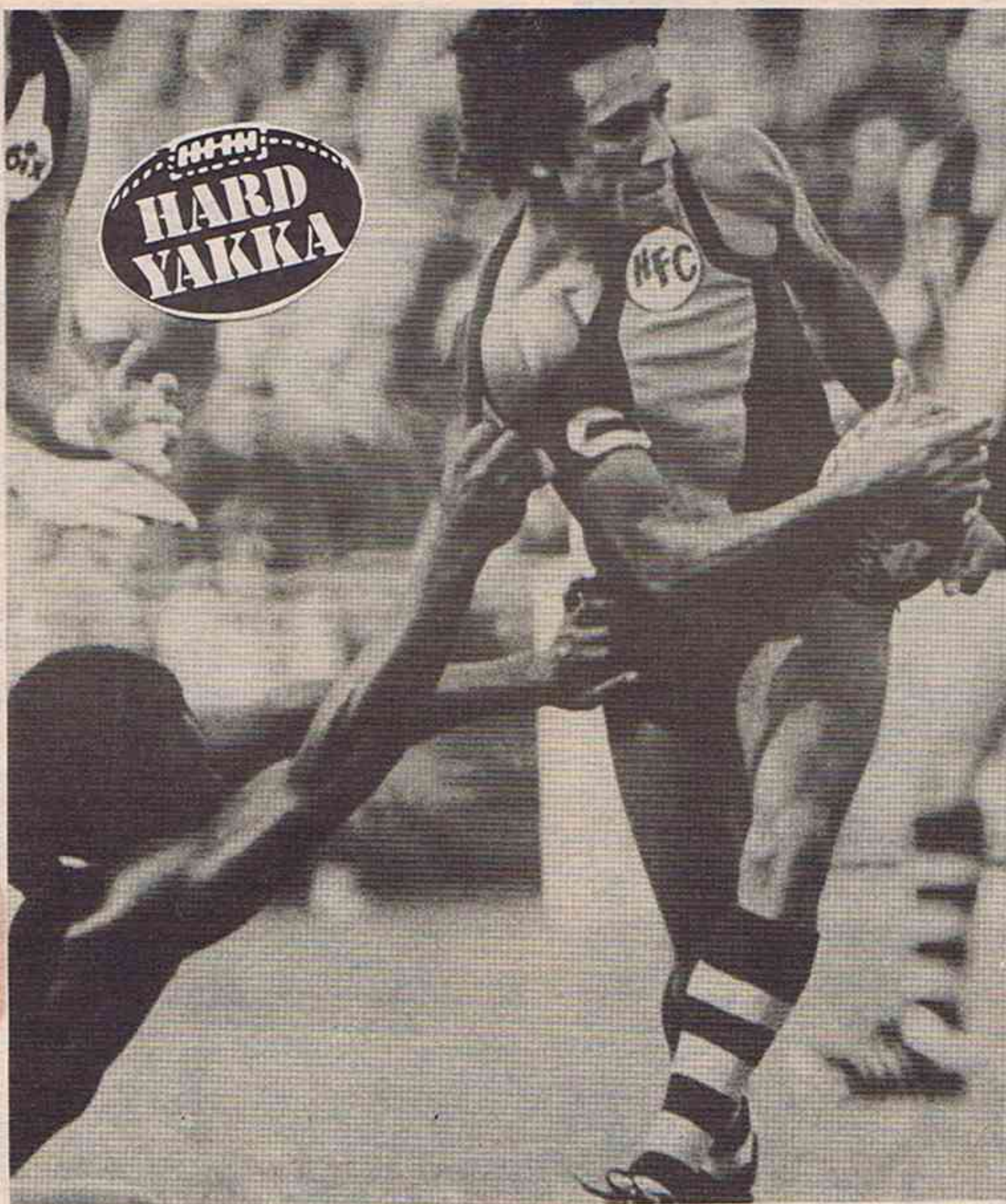
BIG Ron Boucher was considered by many people to be the man-of-the-match in last Sunday's clash between Swans and Claremont. And one of his goals would go close to being the goal-of-the-day. Boucher took a courageous mark running flat out towards the left point post, grabbing the ball seconds before he cannoned into the post. He simply hit the ground, spun around the other side of the post, bounced towards the open goalsquare and put the shot through.

HANDBALL HELPS

CREATIVE Claremont ruck-rover Allen Daniels kicked a gem of a goal from deep in the forward pocket in the crucial dying minutes of the Swans-Claremont clash. But it was a great handpass from Brett Farmer seconds earlier that set up the goal. Farmer, in the cool trait of his famous father Polly Farmer, spiralled out a long handpass to Wayne Blackwell, who handballed to Daniels for the much-needed goal.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	45.26
Paul Arnold (South Fremantle)	35.22
John Scott (East Perth)	32.16
Chris Stasinowsky (South Frem.)	32.15
Colin Waterson (East Frem.)	31.14
Craig Edwards (East Perth)	29.11
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	28.17
Peter Spencer (East Perth)	28.13
Allen Daniels (Claremont)	21.15
Peter Thorne (East Perth)	21.13



One of the best duels in the Swan Districts — Claremont clash came when two young players — Claremont's Michael Mitchell and Swans' Peter Ware — were pitted against each other. In this passage Ware manages to get hold of Mitchell's jumper and attempts to pull him to the ground. However, Mitchell still was able to get his handpass away and he wins this week's Hard Yakka award. He wins a pair of fabulous Rigs trousers or Yakka jeans.

TV experiment worth the cost

The WAFL can blame the direct telecast of last Sunday's Claremont-Swans game for the poor attendance figures at that match, but they should not ignore the long term benefits of the television experiment.

I thought the telecast was top class, a credit to Channel 7 and a wonderful advertisement for the game.

In fact, it was the best coverage of a league football match that I have ever seen on television and that includes the VFL finals.

For the first time in local football history the best and most exciting aspects of the game were exhibited to football fans all over the State.

The league should forget that only 7,000 spectators turned up.

What is more important is that at least 100,000 people watched the game and saw football at its best.

Channel Seven pulled out all the stops to make the telecast exciting, interesting and well presented.

The camera work on the ground and in the dressing rooms was excellent.

COMMENTATORS

I only had one criticism and that was that two of their commentators John Rogers and Percy Johnson refused to let the picture tell the story.

They kept reminding everyone that it was an exciting match.

There was no need for their continual plugs for the telecast and for the game.

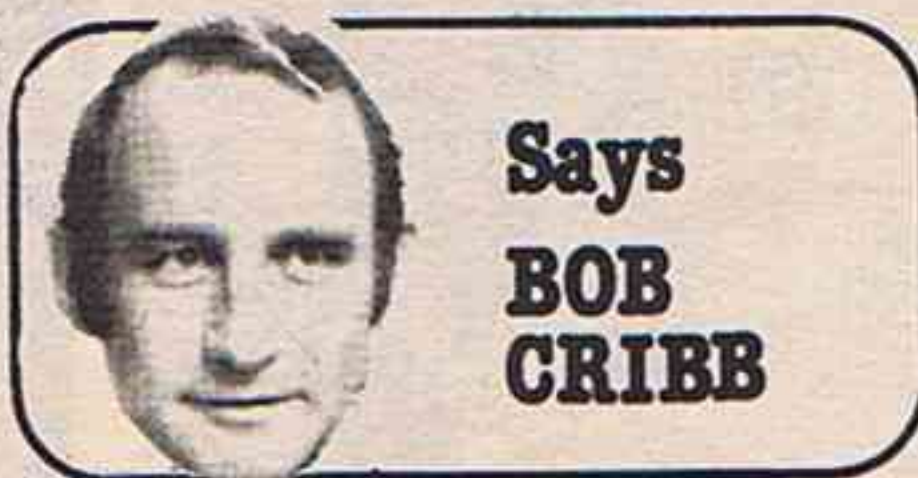
However, as it was a first for them too, the over-emphasis can be excused.

Last year I watched live telecasts to the country every Saturday on the ABC.

It's a privilege long denied to metropolitan viewers and one which can only encourage more people to get actively involved in football.

Sunday's telecast was just the reminder needed to those who have been thinking about getting along to a league game, but have not got around to it.

The League could not have picked a better fixture and I am certain that the next time the two teams meet at Bassendean Oval there will be a record crowd in attendance.



Says
BOB CRIBB

A FEW weeks ago John Watts asked me to rejoin the 6PR Football World panel, which is held at pubs and clubs around the town on Friday.

After three shows I am beginning to wonder whether that was a wise decision.

So far I have had a verbal blue with Percy Johnson and Mal Brown — so I suppose Toddy will be next.

I was asked by the producers to try and keep it controversial, but if it gets any hotter I am going to get my segment recorded.

Last week Brownie got really personal which I thought was a bit rough, but I suppose that's what I am getting paid for.

EAST Perth are really running hot now and Malcolm Atwell must be laughing his head off at us media critics.

Atwell has had a charmed life in everything he tackles in football, and now he looks like making a certain success of the job of football president.

Malcolm is far from diplomatic when the going gets tough and I, for one, have suffered his wrath in a bad moment.

He physically threw me out of the State dressing room after a game against Victoria a few years ago.

Atwell was a selector and I had gone along to present a medal to Brian Peake for being the best man on the ground.

We had to post the medal to Peake.

Anyway, once again Malcolm Atwell is top dog and I salute him and the Royals for coming from behind and against adversity to prove a point.

EILEEN BROWN, mother of football's Mr Controversy, Malcolm Brown, is Australia's first female football columnist.
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MOTHER BROWN NEW FACES IN SQUAD

WHEN the State side for the match against South Australia was announced last Saturday it was pleasing to see the amount of new blood in the squad. It is great to see these young players being given the opportunity and it will be a thrill for them to wear the black and gold State jumper. Although many football fans may not enjoy club football being interrupted by State matches it is a tremendous honour to represent your State at any level. I must also congratulate Graham Moss for making way for another younger player to play State football. As one of the selectors he should be commended for his decision to stand down after many years of fine service to WA.

Country talent

WHILE talking about the interstate match which is scheduled for June 4, fans should take note that there will be no bookings for seats and tickets for either stand will be \$7 while it will cost patrons \$5 for a seat in the outer. And before the big match is played it will be great to have a look at the country talent when a WA side, which was chosen after last year's Wesfarmers country football championships, meets a similar team from South Australia in the curtain-raiser.

Cheerio

I WOULD like to send a cheerio to those people in Carnarvon who read the paper and especially to the chap whom I spoke to at the football last Saturday. I hope you continue to enjoy Westside Football.

Great game

WHAT a great game the Sunday match between Claremont and Swan Districts turned out to be and it can only help to keep Australian Rules at the top of the popularity tree. I was also pleased with the WAFL for keeping the 25 and 50 metre lines on the ground. It is a great help to spectators as well as commentators.

Vic crowds

IF the WAFL is worried about their attendances they should spare a thought for the VFL. At last week's match between Richmond and St Kilda only 19,000 people turned out. Richmond, grand finalists last year, would normally draw huge crowds through the turnstiles, but they are struggling at the moment and that has had a bearing on the attendances.

Well done, Richard

THIS week's Playboy Hairstylists free hair cut goes to young East Perth wingman Richard Dennis who continues to impress as a player of the future. Keep up the good work Richard.

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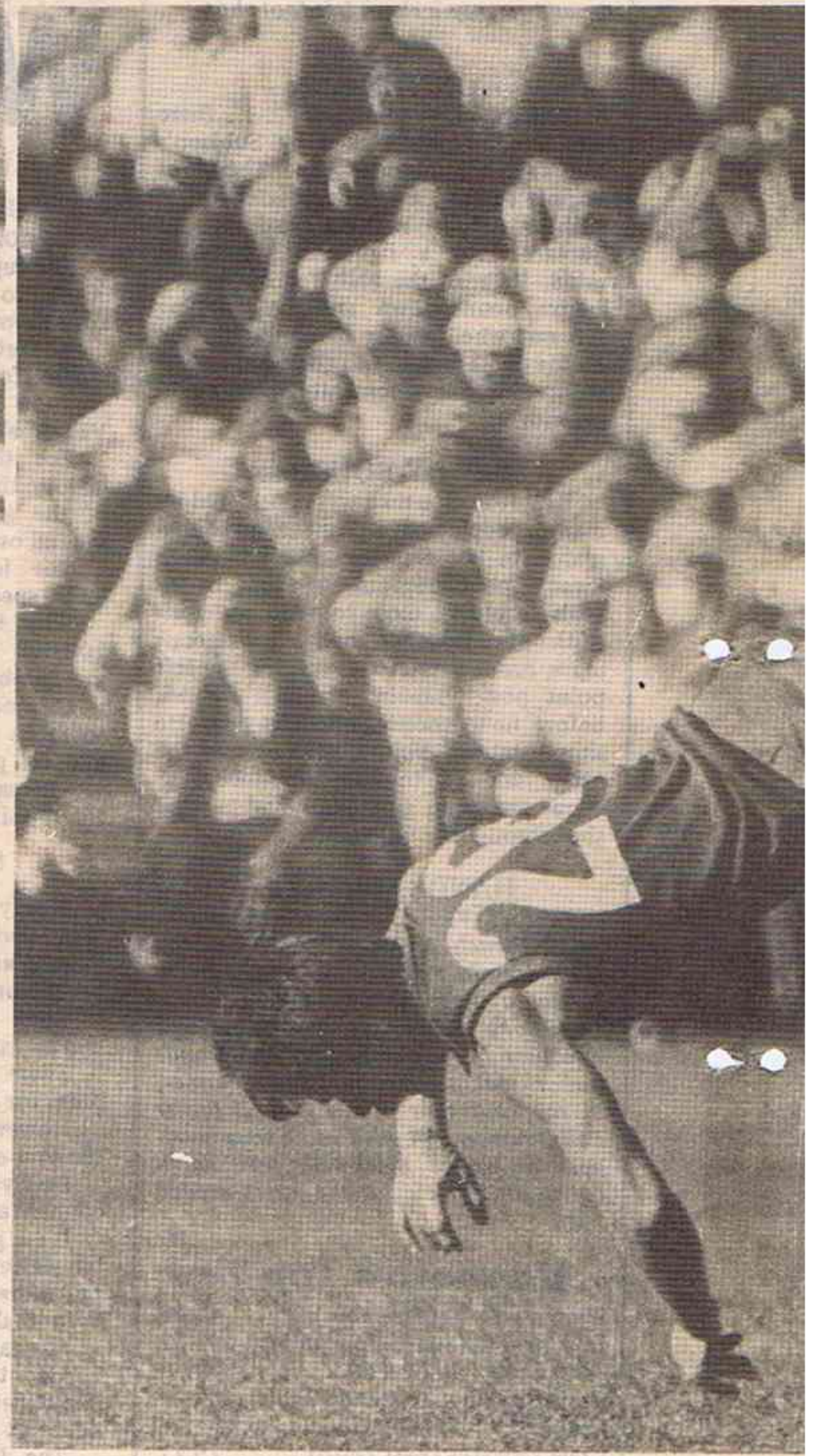
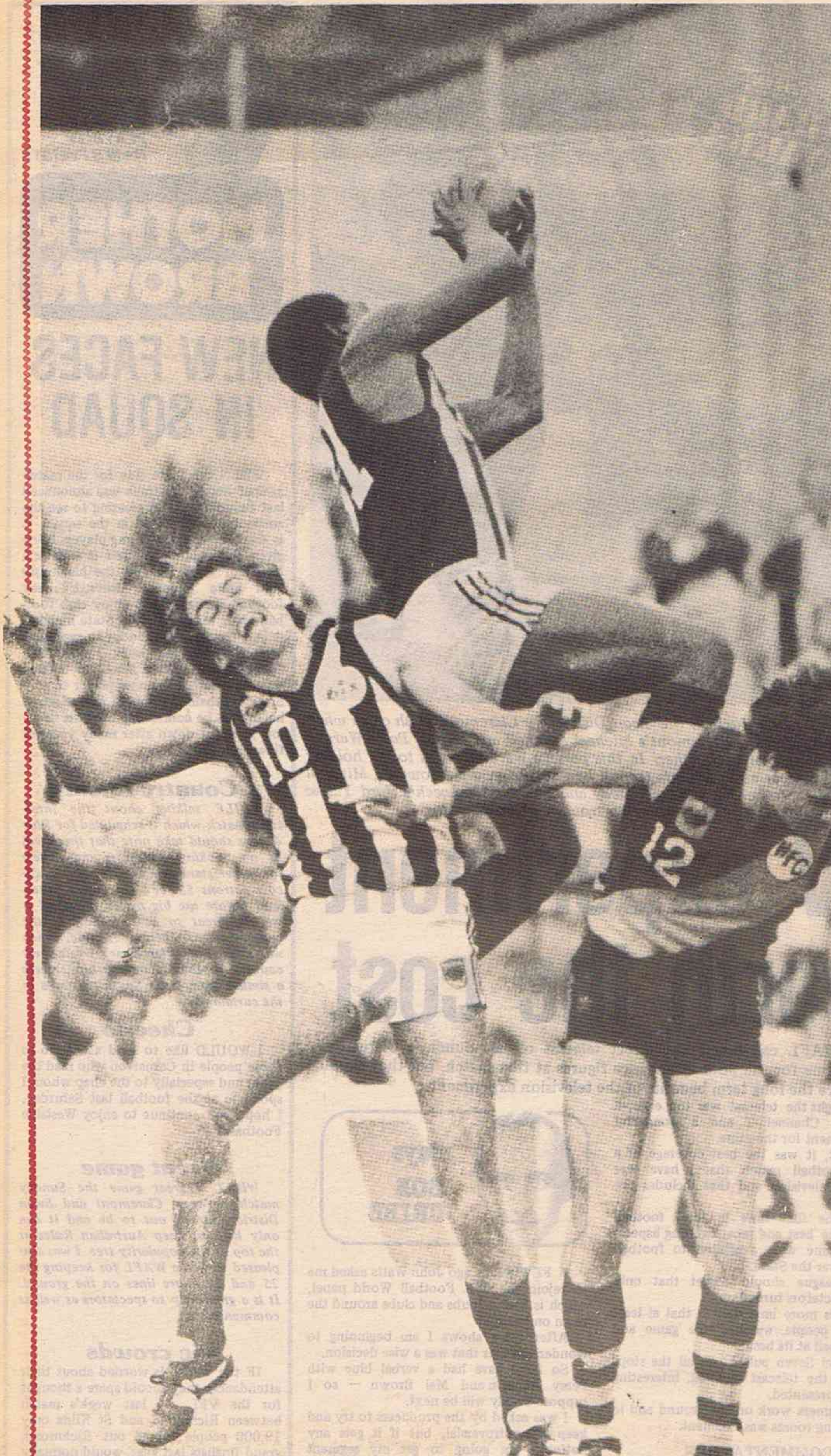
Firstly at Perth Oval there was the clash of the giants v Perth tough man John Duckworth tackled with East ruckman John Ironmonger and rover Peter Spencer.

Then there was the brilliance of two of the game's yo on Sunday when Michael Mitchell (Claremont) and Peter thrilled the crowd.

And there was no shortage of atmosphere in either game

Picture
RICHIE H

UPS, DOWNS AN



Above: Swan Districts defender Peter Ware flies high to pull down a spectacular mark.

Right: West Perth newcomer Paul Mountain takes a tumble as East Perth's rover Alex Hamilton provides the stumbling block.

Bottom Right: John Duckworth gives the "fingers up" sign to the East Perth crowd.

Far Right: Duckworth and Peter Spencer exchange a few words.

Above Right: John Ironmonger in the thick of things as Brian Appleby intervenes.

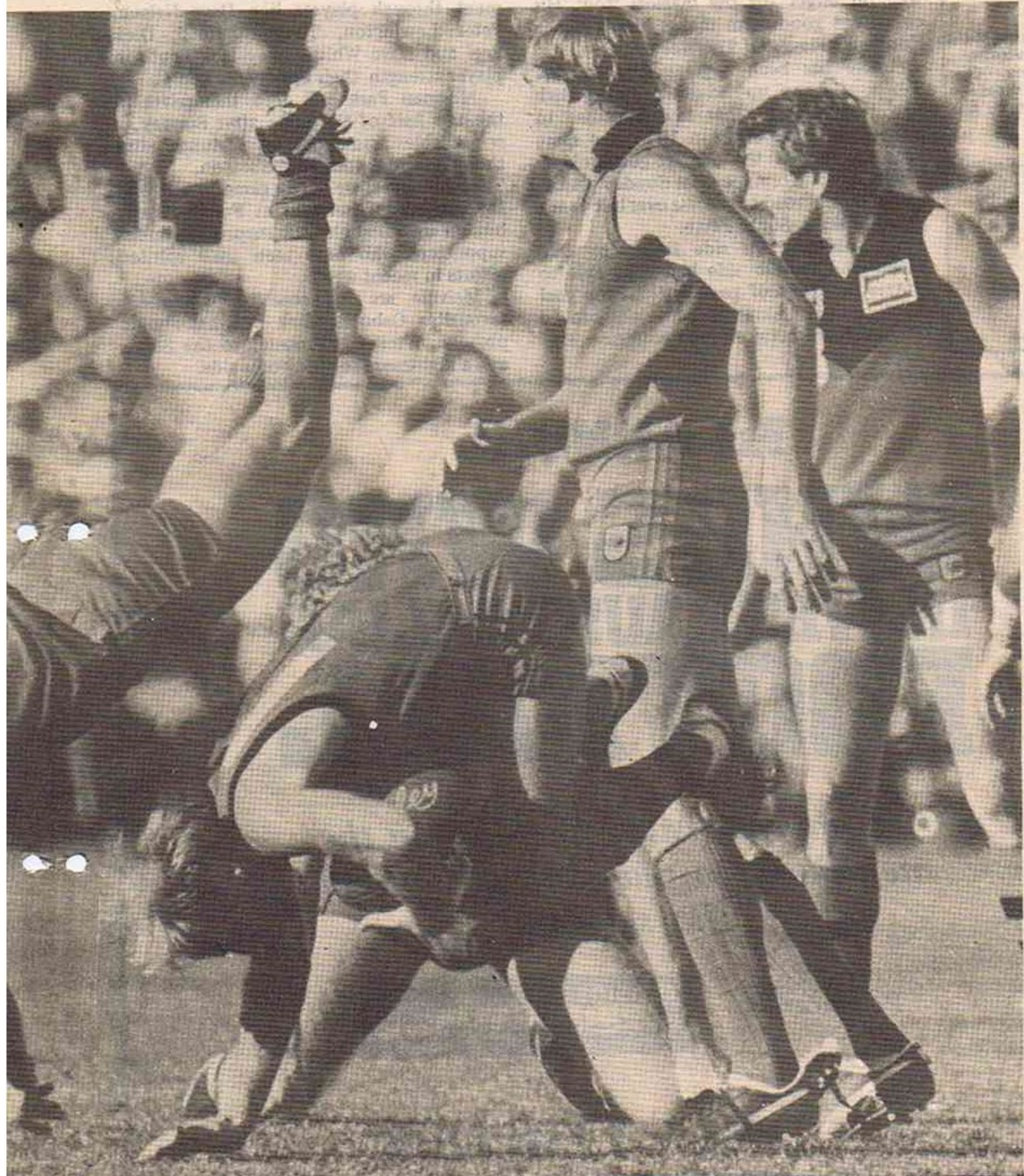
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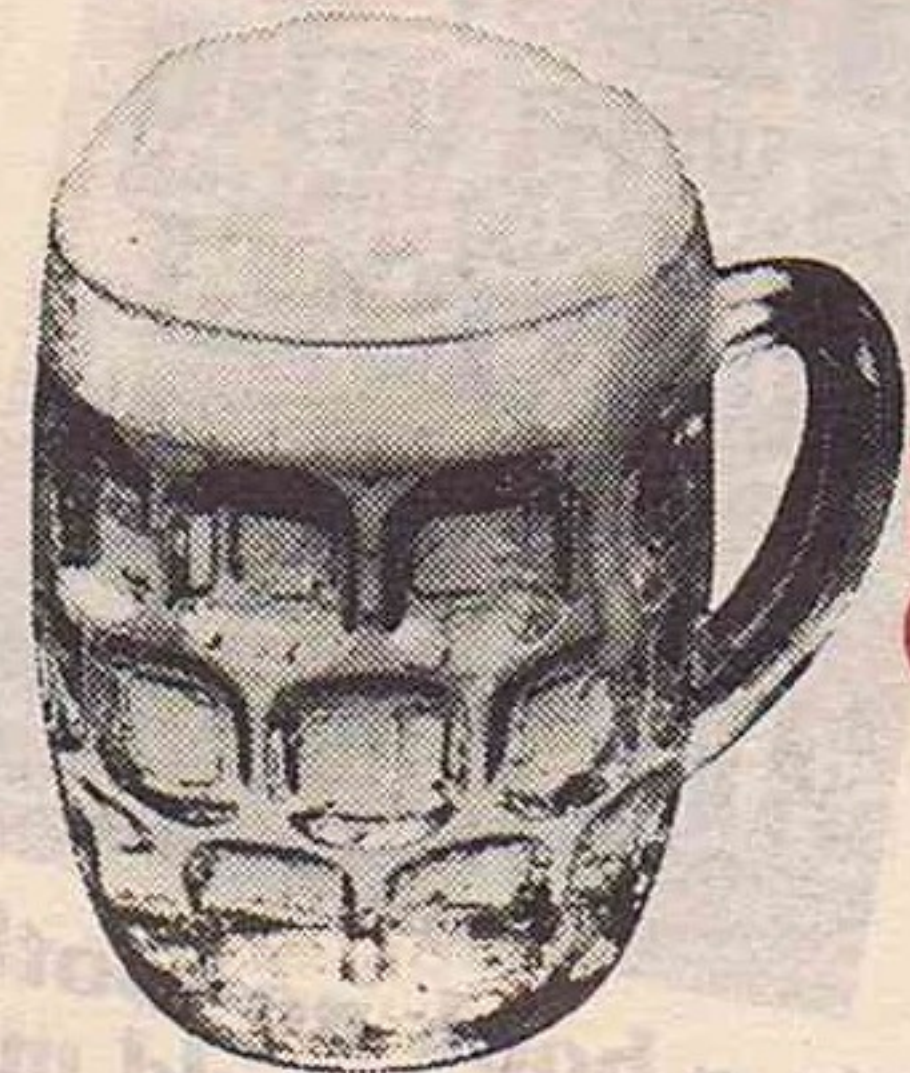
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WAFA REPORT

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

NEW INTEREST IN WAFA

MOSMAN Park's third consecutive win and the return of Applecross to the winners list has sparked huge interest in the competition.

Four sides are now equal on points with only percentage separating third and sixth places on the premiership table.

Southern Port-Hamilton and South Perth cling to places in the four despite losses last Sunday. But the coming weeks will be crucial to their prospects of holding on to their spots.

The Tigers were easily beaten by Osborne Park, though they had their chances to cause an upset. South Perth held a two point lead at half-time but could not resist the second half onslaught from the Saints.

A welcome return to form by coach and former State wingman Mick Jez saw Applecross a much more confident side and kept their finals hopes alive. Jez and Steve Carey were their side's best players and they received strong support from a solid defence to outplay the luckless Melville.

Mosman Park kept their final four hopes alive when they surprisingly beat Southern Port by 23 points. The Port side went into the game needing to win to consolidate their place in the top four.

Player of the week

KICKING goals is nothing new to Norm Uncle. The Saints full forward has been a consistent goal-scorer for years now and this season is no exception.

Uncle heads the goal kicking list with 48 majors from only six matches and is well on target for the magical 'ton'. His consistent good form makes him Westside Football's Player Of The Week.

Uncle has been a great find for the Saints after an up-and-down career with two league clubs that saw him rise to achieve State selection in 1976, the same year he topped the WAFL goal-kicking.

Uncle's performance last Sunday set the Saints on the road to success over last year's grand finalists, South Perth.

At half-time his side trailed by two points and neither side had been able to convert in front of goal. But the top goal sneak put his kicking boots on and proved the difference between the two teams.

But they met with spirited opposition from the Reds. Coach Ian Crawford is a happy man, as his charges have at last found some of their true form.

Wanneroo, as expected, accounted for lowly Belmont, but not before some spirited resistance. Belmont, although not winning on a regular basis, have proven a very competitive unit which can only be good for the competition.

Mark Walker was again among Belmont's best and other good players for them against the powerful Roos were Brad Pearton, Allan Scott, Gary Spencer and Brett Harper.

CRUCIAL ROUNDS

SOUTHERN Port-Hamilton face their toughest test of character so far this season when they play host to Applecross at Bruce Lee Oval. The outcome of this encounter could well decide the fate of the two in relation to a place in the top four.

On paper, Applecross appear better equipped to take the four points, but there is no doubt that Port coach Gary Greer will insist on a more dedicated approach after last week's loss that saw their grip on third spot slip.

South Perth look set to slip out of the four for the first time in two years when they take on Wanneroo at Perth Oval.

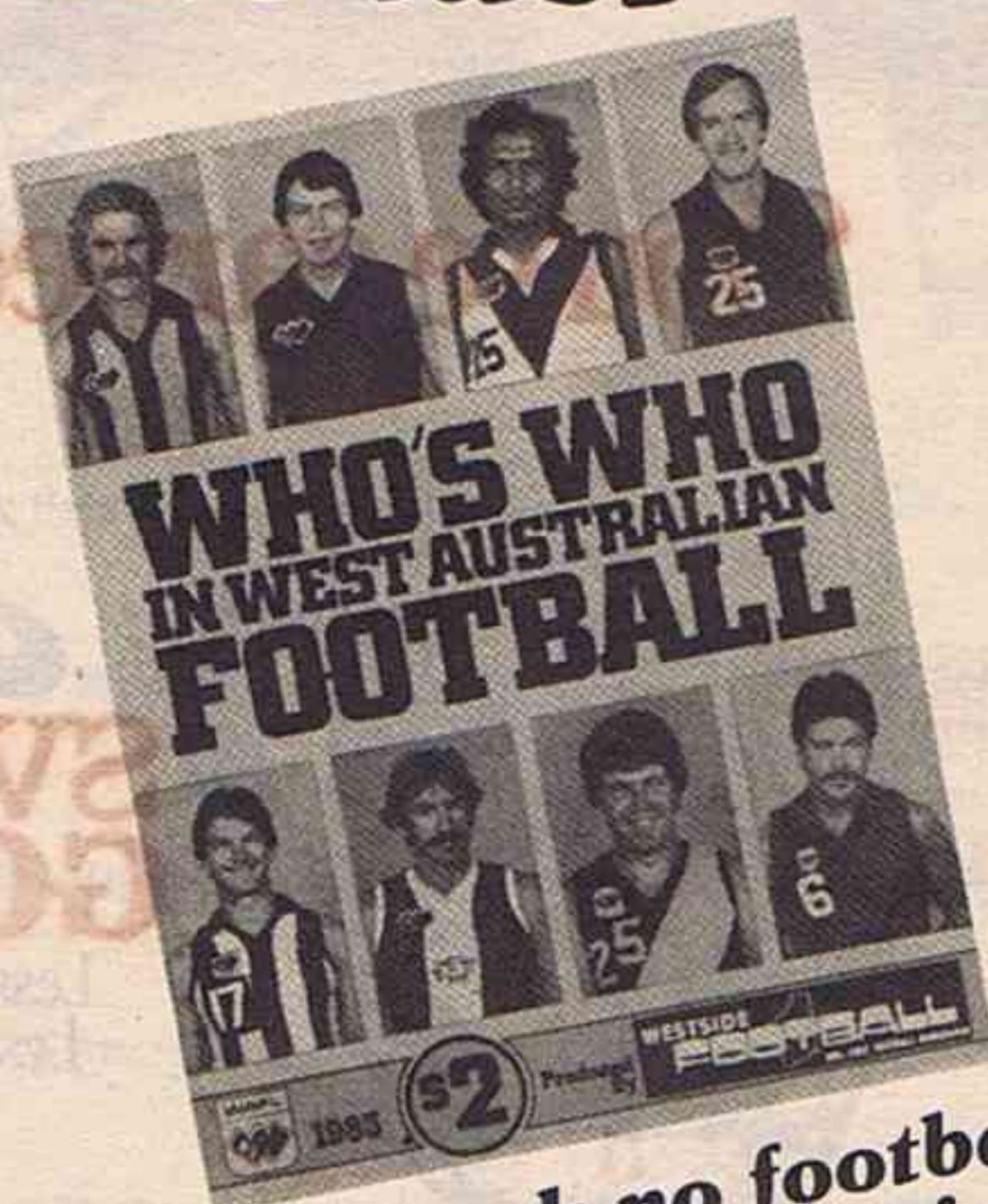
The Roos will be far too strong for the Tigers in all departments and although the home side have shown signs of improvement through players like Dave Nelson, Peter Lewington, Tony Capriotti, Dick Peel and Dave Whittle they lack depth in player strength their opponents boast.

Mosman Park will find themselves in the top half of the table after Sunday, a remarkable turn-about in fortunes after their disastrous start to the season.

They can win their fourth game in a row at the expense of Belmont at Forester Park, but an upset would not surprise Belmont supporters who have seen their spirited efforts in recent weeks.

Melville are at home to premiership favourites Osborne Park in what should prove a percentage booster to the Saints and a nightmare for the home side.

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DOCTOR FOOTBALL

Last week I dealt with the immediate first aid treatment of muscle injury, so now we talk about further treatment which usually covers the muscle injury "repair phase". This begins about 48 hours after injury and can go on for many weeks.

Last week first aid treatment was aimed at reducing pain, swelling and muscle spasm. Now we demonstrate the treatment needed during the repair phase which is aimed at:

1. Promoting good healing and avoiding adhesions or a weak or excessive scar.
2. To aid the restoration of muscle strength and length.
3. To maintain full function in non-injured muscles.
4. To maintain overall body cardiovascular fitness.
5. To avoid other complications of muscle injury such as calcification and infection by being careful with use of massage or injections.

The modalities of treatment used here include:

1. Heat
2. Massage
3. Exercise — general, local
4. Stretching
5. Drugs (if anti-inflammatory tablets are started within 48 hours and continued they may help reduce the inflammatory response at the injury site).
6. Physiotherapy — i.e. The use of heat and stretching.

HEAT TREATMENT — best not used in the first 48 hours else it may recommence bleeding.

It causes an increased blood flow to the area of injury and it accelerates healing by helping remove the waste products resulting from the injury inflammatory reaction which, in turn, reduces swelling and pain and therefore muscle spasm.

The sources of heat include:

1. Moist heat — eg. hot compresses (hot towels) or buckets of hot water for limb immersion.
 2. Infra red lamps.
- With these two simple sources, however, penetration is not very deep
3. Physiotherapy devices — here get deeper penetration beyond skin and superficial muscle tissue. Microwave and ultrasound therapy are best used for low resistance structures such as muscle while short wave treatment is usually reserved for high resistance structures such as joints.

Heat should not be used in the following circumstances.

1. Where skin sensation is impaired.
2. Where there is tendency to bleed easily.
3. Where there is infection or cancer.
4. Caution that heat treatment is not too prolonged near growing ends of bones in children.
5. If the athlete is a female — avoid too much heat treatment if she is pregnant.

MASSAGE — must not be vigorous and avoided in certain muscles, eg the front thigh muscle or the upper arm muscles as they get calcification.

However in experienced hands as well as the psychological related effect, gentle surface massage increases blood flow to the area of injury and helps disperse bruising.

EXERCISE THERAPY — repetitive work with light bar bell or low resistance spring pulley — within the limits of pain is very important. It can result in a 17 fold increase of blood flow through the injured muscle (more than with heat) and therefore promotes healing. It also prevents loss of muscle power, helps the muscle maintain its elasticity and prevents the stiffening of joints over which the injured muscle acts. As well as local exercise to the injured muscle you need to maintain the other muscles, including the heart

MUSCLE INJURY — THE ONGOING TREATMENT

The third in a series of articles on muscle injury.

and keep fit by jogging to the limit of pain; cycling; swimming or fast repetitive bar bell work.

STRETCHING — The injured muscle to the limit of pain and maintaining the stretching for 10 second periods many times a day does the following:

1. reduces muscle spasm and pain
 2. maintains the elasticity of the uninjured portions of the muscle
 3. stretches the scar which is healing.
- The gap in the muscle injured (a stretched scar is less likely to tear)
4. Prevents adhesions forming between the muscle bundles.

Dr. Football

BROWNIE'S EXPERIMENT

BULLDOG coach Mal Brown has a reputation for pulling surprises and last week saw yet another one.

Brown lined champion utility player Brad Hardie up on a win, a move designed to allow him to experiment with youngster Rod Grljusich in the centre. As has been the case with many of Brown's moves in the past it worked.

Grljusich was a clear winner in the middle for the first half and Brown used the pivot role for further experiment in the second half when he ran former captain Noel Carter from there — again with success.

Brown said after the game that he had gone from having only one form rover, Wally Matera, to now having three. While Carter was playing in the centre the brilliant Willie Roe proved his worth as a rover and once again showed the flexibility Brown has at his disposal.



THOMAS HARDY

present . . .

FLYNN'S FOLLY

This week one of football's top administrators receives my bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut champagne. Yes, Peter Bowler, you deserve a drink after the League's decision to telecast live the Claremont-Swans match, thus enticing 8000 people to sit at home and save five bucks.

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The four youngsters have notched their 100-game milestones and will shortly receive a special bronze medallion courtesy of Town and Country WA Building Society, the joint major sponsors of the WAFL and a major supporter of junior football.

ALAN BRIDLE played 131 games with South Scarborough as a ruck-rover, but has moved to Woodlands this season because his original club could not field a team in his age group.

PAUL HATHAWAY reached the 100-game milestone with Bassendean, playing in a variety of positions from wing to half back flank.

CRAIG HUTCHINGS reached his century of games with Balga, playing mainly as a half-forward flanker.

WADE BABICH is a centreman with the Bayswater-Morley club and has reached his 100 games in this year's 11s side.



ANDREW DONNELLY has played 100 games with the Whitfords Junior Club. He started as a five year old and plays as a wingman or ruck-rover.

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CLAREMONT J.C: Mathew Chaplin and Steffan Lavater — Scarborough 14s
 WEST PERTH J. C: Kevin McDonald — Osborne Park 15s
 SWANS J. C: Brian McNaulty — Redcliffe 15s.

50 GAMES

PERTH J.C: Brett Cowan — Kensington 11s
 Colin Harsent, of Balga.

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The answer to last weeks question was Cam Shepherd and the winner was Michael Dunstan of Spearwood.

South Suburban do it again

THE South Suburban Junior Football Association proved too good at the annual challenge carnival against the Perth and South Fremantle junior councils last weekend.

Both their 12s and 14s grades were unbeaten.

The 12s results saw South Suburban 12.6 defeat Perth 7.6 while they booted 15.7 to South Fremantle's 4.6 in their second match.

In the other contest South Fremantle 10.13 downed Perth 3.1. Todd Brown (South Suburban) was voted fairest and best over the carnival and runner-up was M. Dunstan (South Fremantle).

In the 14s, South Suburban scored 11.9 and 13.9 to win against South Fremantle 5.7 and Perth 5.5 respectively.

South Fremantle proved too strong for Perth in this grade also winning 8.6 to 4.3.

The fairest and best award went to A. Harwood, from the host association and South Fremantle's S. Watters was runner-up.

In the first duel of the 16s, Perth 9.9 beat South Suburban 8.4, the middle game saw South Fremantle also beat South Suburban in a high scoring game 15.6 to 11.2, while the final play-off was won by South Fremantle when they defeated Perth 8.10 to 3.7.

Fairest and best was P. Sumich (South Fremantle) and runner-up was South Suburban's A. Bloomer.

The 12s and 14s competed at the Maddington Oval while the 16s battled it out on Kenwick Oval.



AROUND THE CLUBS

By Gary Bartholomeusz

HANDBALL PROMOTION

Over the past five Saturdays Radio 6IX, in conjunction with Pitchers Health World, have been conducting a handball competition at shopping centres for junior footballers.

The selected venues were La Plaza Bentley, Dog Swamp — Tuart Hill, Morley Markets, Bullcreek Shopping Centre and Midland Centrepoint.

An estimated 250 juniors took part in the promotion, but out of the required five handballs no one scored five bullseyes.

Competing grades were under 10s, 12s and 14s and a winner and runner up was announced at the end of each day and received prizes.

The promoters feel now that the concept has concluded there was enough interest shown and with some improved planning it will be run again before the season's end.

TALENTED WANDERER

Over the past four seasons, 14 year old Paul Ferguson of Gingin has been selected as a rover for the Hills Junior Football Association combined sides — although that feat may have been equalled before, certainly one aspect would be difficult to emulate.

Paul has represented three different clubs in that time, Gingin (12s), Swanleigh (14s) and now Bullsbrook (16s). The reason for his wandering habits are caused through his school commitments.

UNLUCKY BREAK

A trampoline accident pre-season has seen the football world of young Jason Hislop crumble.

Jason, a member of the Eaton-Australind (South-West National Junior Football League) 12s grade broke a leg so badly that doctors say he will be unable to play sport for a least five years.

Last season Jason won his team's fairest and best and many club officials believe he possessed the most potential of any footballer to grace their club jumpers and to add salt to the wound, he was also an athlete with an enormous future. To Jason we wish the best for the future and hope he keeps his head up and proves he can be successful in some other field.

R & I teams have easy wins

ALL winning R and I Little League teams on the weekend kicked three goals and scored comfortable victories.

West Perth proved far too strong for East Perth when they slammed on 3.3 to an inaccurate 0.4 from the young Royals.

David Ringholt, Donald Higgins and Paul Archer all kicked goals for West Perth and were among the best players while East Perth had good players in Steven Marriott, David Green and Bradley Anderson.

Perth kept South Fremantle scoreless while they posted 3.2 and James House, Bradley Smith and Duncan Munroe scored the goals as well as being their side's best players.

South Fremantle had good triers in Brett Fredricks, Matthew Senior and Stephen Brophy.

Subiaco played a strong brand of football to beat East Fremantle 3.4 to 1.0 with Scott McLeod kicking two goals and Matthew Marwick kicking one. Other good players were Greg Meyer and Cameron Cohen.

East Fremantle's goal came from the boot of David Arthur and David Sprunt and Darren O'Flaherty gave strong support.

Swan Districts outplayed Claremont in kicking 3.2 to nil and good players were

R & I Little League

Jason Clark and James Noble while the goals came from Mario Arram, Robin Crawford and Peter Osmetti.

Claremont's best players were Julian Terry, Jamie Martin and Danny Murray.

West Perth were represented by North Innaloo, East Perth (Morley), Perth (Kenwick), South Fremantle (Warnbro), Subiaco (Northern Districts), East Fremantle (Rossmoyne), Swan Districts (Esperance), Claremont (Claremont).

This week Great Northern will represent East Fremantle, South Scarborough (Claremont), Eaton-Australind (Swan Districts), Bedford (East Perth), Northam (Perth), Warwick (Subiaco), Cardinals (West Perth) and Willagee (South Fremantle).

R & I TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
East Fremantle	5	4	-	124	90	20	
Swan Districts	5	4	-	137	28	20	
Subiaco	5	4	-	108	102	20	
Claremont	4	4	1	107	86	18	
East Perth	4	4	1	105	93	18	
Perth	3	5	1	89	104	14	
West Perth	3	5	1	82	99	14	
South Fremantle	1	8	-	41	141	4	

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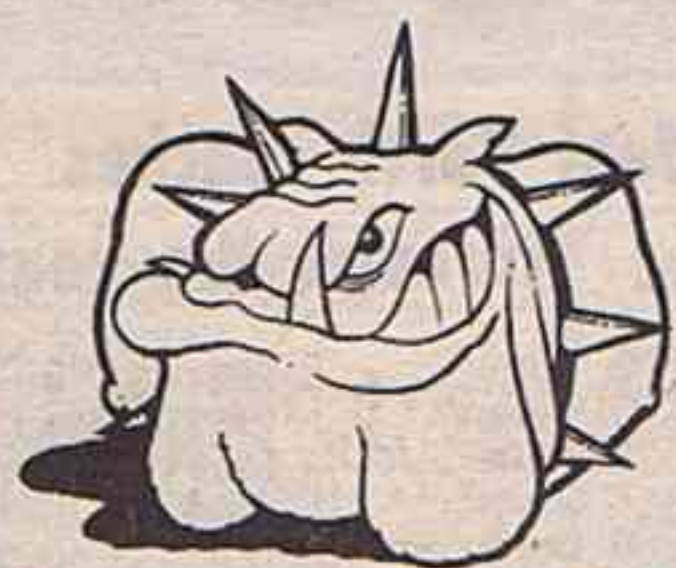
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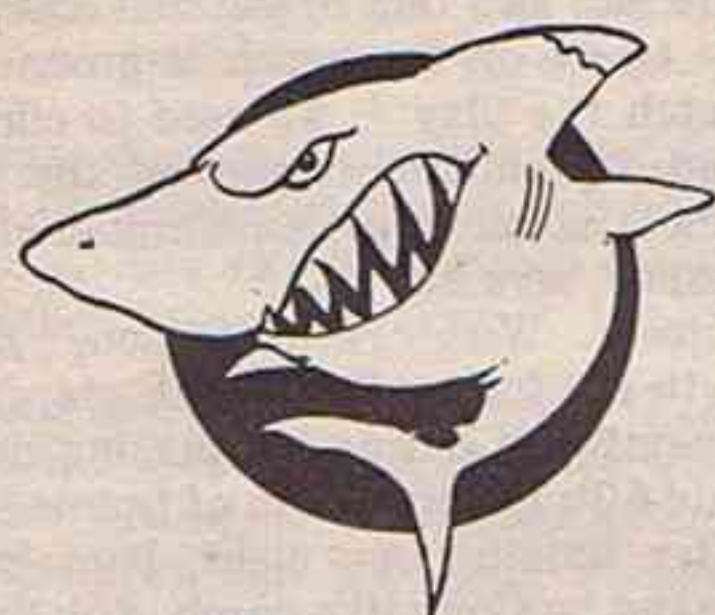
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COUNTRY TALENT AT SUBIACO

THERE will be a host of country talent on display at Subiaco Oval next Saturday.

In the curtain-raiser to the State match between Western Australia and South Australia, a WA country team will play a SA country line-up.

The match will start at 11.40 am and for many of the players it will provide the highlight to their career.

The WA selectors have opted for a young side and they are confident of success despite the fact that they will have just one training run together before the match.

They will train under coach John Depiazzi at Leederville Oval at 2pm next Friday.

The WA team will stay at the Contacio Hotel and Wesfarmers have subsidised the squad for the cost of accommodation. They will also supply the guernseys which the WA team will wear and will provide each player with a tracksuit and jumper which they will be able to keep as a memento.

It will be the first time a match of this nature will be held although the country leagues are keen for the match to become an annual event.

Next year WA will take a team to South Australia to play in the curtain raiser to the SA-WA match.

The team was picked following the Wesfarmers country football championships last year.

The squad is: SOUTH WEST: Peter Quartermaine (vice-captain), Graeme Jeffrey, Peter Old, Ross Tyson, Leigh Wright. AVON: Davis Clarke (captain), Peter Webb, Kim Rogers. EASTERN DISTRICTS: Gary Robertson, Derek Doyle, Tony Thorne. UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN: Brett Duffield, Paul Cook. LOWER SOUTH WEST: David Booth. CENTRAL MIDLANDS: Peter Le Cras, Brian Kerr, Neil Herd. SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Chris Elliott, Larry Dwyer. NORTH MIDLANDS: Ricky West. LAKE GRACE KUKERIN: Noel Bairstow, John Ditchburn. CENTRAL GREAT SOUTHERN: Geoff Hall.



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LEIGH WRIGHT



PETER QUARTERMAINE

TIGHT CONTEST IN U.G.S.N.F.L.

CLOSE finishes were the order of the day in the Upper Great Southern National Football League competition on the weekend.

In three matches the biggest winning margin was just 10 points.

In a top-of-the-table clash Williams asserted their position at the head of the competition with a 10 point victory over Railways.

Williams, through their win against the highly fancied Railways, have now cemented their place at the top of the ladder.

Lake Grace showed that they were on the improve when they fully tested Wickepin — another of the top teams in the competition.

Lake Grace are in their first year in the Upper Great Southern and after a slow start to the season they are beginning to play

their best football.

Wickepin kicked 12.14 while Lake Grace added 13.6 to sneak home by just two points.

West Arthur scored their first win of the season when they took out the match against the recently amalgamated Wagin combination.

West Arthur were eight points in front when the final siren sounded.

Sunday proved to be another black day for Cuballing. They have struggled to be competitive all season and despite kicking 12 goals against Boddington, they still lost by almost 100 points.

The Eagles were in front all day and never looked to be in any danger.

Collie bubble bursts

THE Collie bubble has finally burst. The two coal mining town teams in the South West league — Collie and Mines Rovers — has been going along untroubled and unbeaten until Sunday's round of fixtures.

But last year's premiers, Bunbury, stopped the town's brilliant run when they proved too strong for Collie.

Bunbury kicked 22.21 while Collie could manage just 13.8.

Mines Rovers, however, continued their good form with a crushing win over South Bunbury.

The Miners were never really in trouble as they kicked 20.8 and held South Bunbury to 9.12.

Augusta-Margaret-River scored a thrilling five point victory over Busselton. Although the Magpies were right on target — they kicked 16.3 — it was not enough for them to earn the four points.

Augusta kicked badly for goal, scoring 14.20. But they still managed to win the contest.

In another tight finish, Carey Park held on to beat Harvey-Brunswick by just seven points — 15.16 to 14.15.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup scored their first win of the season when they proved too powerful for a disappointing Donnybrook. Boyanup kicked 16.23 while holding their opposition to 14.14.

RAILWAYS TOPS

RAILWAYS confirmed their rating as the top team in the Avon Football Association last Sunday when they scored an easy win over Beverley.

They were in little trouble, kicking seven goals in each of the first three quarters.

However, they produced only three goals in the last term to finish with 24.16 to Beverley's 9.5.

Tammin confirmed their rating as one of the top hopes in the competition when, in the battle for third place with Quairading, they won the first fight.

Tammin were in front all day in what was expected to be the game of the round and they made a mockery of that prediction as they piled on 30.26 while holding Quairading to 6.8.

Quairading are still in fourth position, but they appear to have a long way to go before they can throw out a serious challenge to the teams above them.

Brookton climbed a couple of rungs up the ladder when they cruised to an easy victory over Kellerberrin, who are still yet to win a game.

They set themselves up for the win with a nine goal first quarter and went on to tally 32.18 to 9.12.

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ROOKIE COACHES HAVE BROUGHT SUCCESS

In post war years, West Perth developed a reputation as a training ground for rookie league coaches — and it has led to the club's greatest successes.

Famous names like Stan 'Pops' Heal, Ray Schofield, Peter Steward, Graham 'Polly' Farmer, Graham Campbell and most recently Dennis Cometti all started as untried coaches at West Perth.

Out of this group, playing coaches 'Pops' Heal (1947-53) and 'Polly' Farmer (1968-71) stand out as the most successful of all the coaches West Perth have had.

Although different in physical stature and playing in different eras both men had much in common as coaches.

Heal and Farmer were both stars of their day and their coaching achievements were built around their ability to lead by example and inspire their players by their courage and brilliance on the field.

In other words, they could practice what they preached.

"'Pops' Heal could not only tell us what to do", says former team-mate, Neil Garland, "he could go out and show us how".

During 1947 to 1952 when Heal coached West Perth before he entered Parliament, the WA football world was set alight by the clashes between West Perth and South Fremantle — the powerhouse teams of the competition at that time.

During these six years under Heal, West Perth won two premierships, played in five grand finals (four against South Fremantle) and were never out of the four.

When Heal took over the coaching reins, he had a highly talented group of players who had been moulded by the great Ross Hutchinson, who had coached West Perth to a premiership in 1941.

After four years away from the club, Hutchinson rejoined West Perth in 1946, and his team went down by just six points to East Fremantle in that year's grand final.

Ironically, after leaving West Perth, Hutchinson coached South Fremantle in the next three grand finals against the West Perth side he had left in Heal's hands. The result was 2-1 in Hutchinson's favour.

Hutchinson had an astute football brain and a reputation as a great speaker and he left his seal on Heal and other great players in that team, including Sandover Medallists Fred Buttsworth and the late John Loughridge.

In a twist of fate in 1951, when West Perth had its most successful season under Heal's leadership — winning a thrilling grand final by three points against arch rivals South Fremantle, winning the Sandover Medal (Buttsworth) and the goal kicking (Ray Scott) — Heal was sidelined with an injury received at work and could not play in the grand final.

Following the '51 premiership, West Perth won the flag once under Victorian Arthur Olliver in 1960, before 'Polly' Farmer arrived from Geelong for his coaching stint.

In Farmer's first year, West Perth narrowly missed out on the grand final, going down to Farmer's old side, East Perth, in the 1968 preliminary final by just three points.

In the next year's grand final, West Perth thrashed East Perth by over 10 goals, a victory which former West Perth player and chairman of selectors under Farmer, Ron Bewick, attributes largely to Farmer's stirring and memorable pre-grand final dinner address, when he "whipped the players up into a frenzy, like red indians around a campfire preparing for battle".

As a coach, Farmer placed a great emphasis on toughness and he introduced the practice of using sand bags at training to help players develop the hip and shoulder tackle.

Ron Bewick remembers a famous incident in the 1969 grand final when Farmer demolished East Perth's All-Australian rover Keith Doncon with a classical hip and shoulder tackle in the first quarter which set West Perth on their way to a big win.

Bewick describes Farmer as tough, relentless, courageous and a strict disciplinarian — but he also describes him as one of the fairest men to ever play the game.

As well as being the type of player who could turn the tide of a match almost single handed, Farmer had players in his team like Mel Whinnen, Bill Dempsey and Laurie Richards playing alongside him at the peak of their careers.

Rising stars during the Farmer era at West Perth were Bill Valli, Norm Knell and Alan Watling.

This was in 1975 when Graham Campbell took the side from rock bottom on the ladder in 1974 to win the '75 flag by thrashing South Fremantle by over 17 goals in the grand final.

It was Campbell's first year as a league coach — and his most successful at West Perth.

Campbell did two coaching stints with West Perth — 1975 to 77 and 1980 to 81, after taking over from Percy Johnson amidst much controversy midway through the 1979 season.

Campbell's achievement of bringing West Perth from the bottom of the ladder to win the flag in just 12 months was significant because he persisted with the talent that already existed at the club.

"We had no recruits of any consequence that year", said former selector, Ron

West Perth coaches through the years

1920	G. Tyson	1951	S. Heal
1921	G. Tyson/ T. Soutar	1952	S. Heal
1922	T. Soutar	1953	P. O'Donohue
1923	H. Boyd/ A. Herd/ J. Leckie	1954	P. O'Donohue
1924	G.R. Taylor	1955	D. Scott
1925	G.R. Taylor	1956	F. Sparrow
1926	T. Soutar	1957	F. Sparrow
1927	T. Soutar	1958	R. Schofield
1928	H. Boyd	1959	D. Marinko
1929	H. Boyd	1960	A. Olliver
1930	H. Boyd	1961	A. Olliver
1931	S. Tyson	1962	A. Olliver
1932	J. Cashman	1963	A. Olliver
1933	J. Cashman	1964	C. Lewington
1934	J. Leonard	1965	R. Spargo
1935	J. Leonard	1966	R. Spargo
1936	J. Cashman	1967	R. Spargo
1937	J. Leonard	1968	G. Farmer
1938	M. Tetley	1969	G. Farmer
1939	M. Tetley	1970	G. Farmer
1940	M. Tetley	1971	G. Farmer
1941	R. Hutchinson	1972	P. Steward
1942	J. Brooker	1973	D. Jones
1943	J. Brooker	1974	D. Jones
1944	J. Brooker	1975	G. Campbell
1945	J. Brooker	1976	G. Campbell
1946	R. Hutchinson	1977	G. Campbell
1947	S. Heal	1978	P. Johnson
1948	S. Heal	1979	P. Johnson/ G. Campbell
1949	S. Heal	1980	G. Campbell
1950	S. Heal	1981	G. Campbell
		1982	D. Cometti
		1983	D. Cometti



GREAT COACHES

This week's article by MARK FURNESS.



FLASHBACK.....1960 West Perth premiership coach Arthur Olliver talks with rovers Peter Medhurst (left) and Joe Fanchi.

As well as coaching West Perth to two premierships, Farmer is credited with revolutionising the style and pace of Australian Rules Football through the use of handball.

One of the fastest and most eye-catching players to develop at West Perth during Farmer's time was Stephen Smeath.

"Farmer made Stephen Smeath", says Bewick. "He used to shoot his hand pass out 10 yards in front of Smeath on the half forward line and Smeath would leave his opponent for dead. Farmer helped Smeath become one of the most spectacular players in the league".

West Perth have won only one premiership since Farmer was coach.

Bewick, "Campbell was a tremendous motivator and this was the time when fellows like Les Fong, Ross Prunster, Geoff Hendriks, 'Buffalo' McGuinness, Stuart Hillier and Barry Day came on, under his guidance".

"He lived and breathed football", says Bewick, "he used to ring all his players up on Friday night before the match".

"He was also one of the first coaches to refuse to sit on the bench at ground level to watch the play — we used to climb up on old scoreboards, stand on the fence, anywhere at all to get an elevated view of the game", says Bewick.

Current West Perth coach, Dennis Cometti is a former West Perth player who is remembered during his playing days in the mid-60's for his dislike of training.

After training one night, Ron Bewick was asked by Cometti's coach, Bob Spargo, to talk to Cometti about his attitude to training. Cometti was a cadet radio announcer at the time.

"I told him to forget radio and that it would get him no-where", says Bewick, "I told him to concentrate on his football".

"Needless to say he's now one of the best sports commentators in Australia, so he got some top advice from me", laughs Bewick.

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Channel 7

West Perth v S. Fremantle

The Falcons are flying low at the moment and they will sink even closer to the earth under the fierce attack the Bulldogs will offer on Saturday.



FRED WOODS
Westside Football

Perth v Subiaco

It's the battle for the wooden spoon and Perth will win it after losing the football match against Subiaco. The Lions are desperate for a win.



ALAN EAST
Western Mail

E. Fremantle v Claremont

East Fremantle have started to hunt like deadly Tiger Sharks and now they have the chance to devour a real Tiger.

Overcoming adversity the Quick style

AMONG the 160 players selected in league football ranks every Saturday, there are many who have personal stories of overcoming different forms of adversity to get there.

We have been told about Barry Cable's great ability to overcome major damage to his leg; Peter Spencer's major groin operation and so on. But one of the greatest personal achievements to get to the top comes from South Fremantle ruckman Barrie Quick.

'Quickie' came from Donnybrook to East Perth as a 15 year old. He was a big boy, who had a fierce competitive desire to get to the top. Quickie would travel up every weekend and finally made the league side — but then tragedy struck.

His leg was caught in a conveyor chain, causing enormous bone and soft tissue damage, so much so that we at East Perth were told that he would probably lose his leg.

Quickie then completed an incredible recovery that had all the courage and determination we so often see on television movies or read in books; but we didn't know that could occur among our WAFL players.

Barrie left the Royals due to the number of young ruckmen who were at

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



the club. He wanted to play league football again and believed that South Fremantle could offer him that chance.

Even at South, the road to being a league regular has been difficult; but this has never stopped him.

To see him playing well in one of the top sides as a ruckman is a great tribute to a player who I have enormous respect for.

I hope all other players who use muscle twinges or sore ankles as a reason not to play, can gain inspiration from Quickies' never-say die attitude.

One of the best

I ONLY found out recently that one of the finest football administrators this State has known has been seriously ill.

Mr. Hec Stempel, the former general manager and president of East Perth is one of the State's strongest and most respected football men.

His total dedication and an obsessional belief in making East Perth a power have laid the cornerstone for the Royals being one of the strongest clubs in the W.A.F.L.

Hec and his equally dedicated wife Pat have been retired from the football arena for a few years, but have never lost their love for the Royal Blues.

I'm sure I speak for all football followers when I wish Hec a speedy recovery — football administrators like him are hard to find.

Country derby

LAST Sunday I watched a match between West Arthur and Pingelly at Darkan.

I went to this game with the president of Pingelly, Richard Pennington, who happens to be the husband of Mal Brown's sister Helen. (By the way, Helen has the avid football knowledge of her brother, but is thinner and better looking).

The game reminded me of the Perth Derbies as Pingelly are blue and black with West Arthur being red and blue (but they are not known as the Garlic Munchers).

Young players in Perth would have a

mild heart attack if they were asked to play on this oval. It was hard and dust covered the whereabouts of the ball for most of the game.

Country football is not only for the players, but gives all people a chance for a social outing. Wives get a chance to meet each other, the children play with their friends and all the problems of our farming community are "aired".

Ray Harrington, from West Arthur recently kicked his first goal in a 300-plus game career, resulting in great personal achievement.

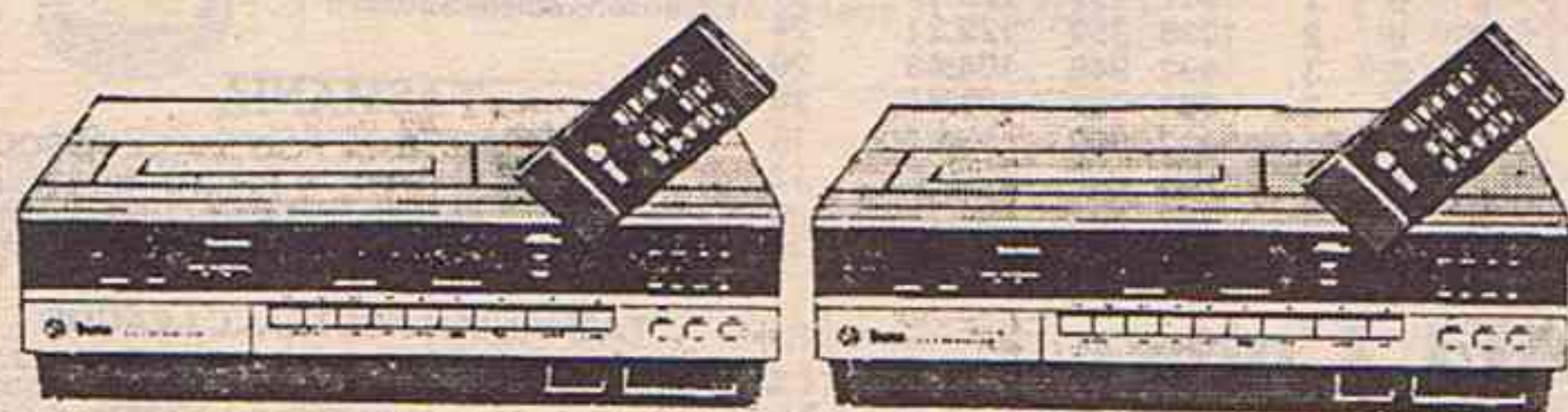
Former South Fremantle player Kevin Castensen is the playing coach of Pingelly and doing a good job promoting Australian football in the country.

Being zoned to South Fremantle, this zone has produced Wally Matera, Lindsay Borthwick and Nicky Winmar in recent years. These players have great ability and have shown the depth country football has.

Even though Pingelly won the game and the locals wanted to know who won the Emu Export Carnival in Perth, the main concern of the day was "when is it going to rain — ploughing must start soon".

This week's Vegas Hotel dinner for two goes to East Fremantle captain coach Ron Alexander for winning the recent Emu Export Carnival and in doing so surviving the axe. He has revealed a tremendous amount of young talent at the club and is doing a great job for the Sharks.

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