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WHERE DO WE GO NOW?



SO, where does interstate football go now?

The glory of Tuesday's dramatic victory over a full-strength, fully-determined and fair dinkum Victorian side is still lingering lovingly with us.

But let's look to the future.

State-of-Origin football is now the only way to stage interstate matches.

Anything less than that is not acceptable -- 44,213 WA fans will testify to that . . . and that was on a Tuesday afternoon!

The Victorians are not yet quite ready to hold interstate matches, even if they are State-of-Origin selection, in Melbourne -- their club football is still too strong and previous events have proved too disastrous for all, including WA.

But the Vics have certainly agreed that interstate State-of-Origin football is worthy of higher consideration.

So what about a Sheffield Shield cricket type of operation?

What's wrong with playing six interstate matches a year (instead of the current three) and making the whole thing really official?

After all, it would have been anti-climatic if WA had lost by a few points on Tuesday and SA had taken out the Australian title.

Our suggestion

Here's what Westside Football suggest.

Each State should play the other two States, one game at home and one away -- and Tuesday football should be a regular feature in addition to Saturday matches.

West Australians have shown that they accept Tuesday football.

There would be nothing wrong with WA playing Victoria in Melbourne on a Tuesday, fitting it in between club fixtures as they did this week . . . and the same applies to South Australia.

A best-of-six series would produce a better winner of the Australian championship than this year's inaugural experiment and it would provide a more fairer basis on which to select the All-Australian team and the Tassie Medallist.

That's our opinion anyway and readers are invited to send their views on the matter to Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

VINCE YOVICH

**...A new look
 end-of-season carnival**

WAFL president Vincent Yovich: "We have sat down and talked about the possibility of holding an end-of-season carnival on the State-of-Origin basis. The major football States would pick their best teams on this basis, while the minor States -- Tasmania, Queensland and the ACT -- could form a combined side."



WA captain Stephen Michael added another medal to his already impressive tally of two Channel 7 Sandover Medals and a Simpson Medal when he was judged the best player in the Australian football championships and picked up the Tassie Medal.

ALLEN AYLETT

**...No plans
 to change**

VFL and NFL president Allen Aylett: "We have no plans to change the format at the moment, although the NFL will have to look at all the possibilities. The State of Origin concept has been successful and the crowd of 44,000 at Subiaco Oval is equivalent to about 135,000 at the MCG when taken on a per-capita ratio."

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MEN**

50 GAMES

- KIM HETHERINGTON (EF) 48
- JOHN SCOTT (EP) 48
- GRAEME COMERFORD (WP) 47*
- LEN GANDINI (P) 46
- GLYN WILLIAMS (EP) 46
- ED BLACKABY (SD) 45

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows:
Graeme Comerford 11 Swan Districts.

100 GAMES

- STEVE MALAXOS (C) 99
- PETER MURNANE (WP) 98*
- CLINTON ROBERTS (P) 98
- DOUG SIMMS (WP) 97*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows:
Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn;
Doug Simms 94 with Perth.

150 GAMES

- BRIAN NEEDLE (EF) 149
- SHANE FITZSIMMONS (WP) 149*
- BARRY BEECROFT (C) 149*
- ALEX HAMILTON (EP) 147
- BRIAN ADAMSON (WP) 146*
- PAUL MOUNTAIN (WP) 145*
- RUSSELL ELLEN (WP) 144*
- PETER SPENCER (EP) 143

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows:
Brian Adamson 22 Norwood, Shane Fitzsimmons 63 Melbourne, Barry Beecroft 70 Sydney Swans, Paul Mountain 23 Swan Districts, 116 South Fremantle, Russell Ellen 35 Essendon.

200 GAMES

- LES FONG (WP) 197

250 GAMES

- GRAHAM MOSS (C) 245

300 GAMES

- ALAN WATLING (WP) 284

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CANBERRA TV are one of WA football's staunchest supporters and one of their promotions has been to 'own' a ground for a special match. This shot, from Fremantle Oval, shows their specially-painted sign on the ground - an innovation that has brightened up many WAFL grounds this season.

Grljusich a goer

FIRST-year player Rod Grljusich spent some time on the interchange bench against Perth - but he wasn't out of touch or in trouble. The talented young wingman was simply exhausted after turning in a superb effort in the first 2½ quarters and coach Mal Brown gave him a chance to recover his breath. Grljusich had a 10-kick second quarter and then six kicks in the opening 15 minutes of the third term only to start fading out of the game. He came back into the action for the final 15 minutes and finished up being a very effective player with 22 kicks and four handpasses.

Smart Southies

A GROUP of South Fremantle footballers showed that they have got plenty of brains plus heaps of brawn when they did well at the annual Media Guild quiz night at the East Perth Football Club last week. The South team (which included Paul Vasoli and Stephen Mount) lost third place overall in a tie-breaker opposed to a talented media team from The West Australian. However, as a consolation the Bulldogs took out the prize for the top football team, finishing ahead of representative quiz tables from Perth, East Perth and West Perth. Incidentally, the overall winners of the quiz was a table of people headed by Westside Football's historical wizard, Dave Clement. Second place went to a team of outsiders who put a cat among the media pigeons. Other major prizes went to: MEDIA - West Australian, ahead of Western Mail. SPONSORS - 6KY.

Prize winners

SEVERAL big prizes were raffled or auctioned at the Media Guild quiz night - and there were some interesting winners. Big Royals ruckman John Ironmonger won the Paul Rigby original print as part of one major raffle and Katherine Letch, wife of Houghton Ford's manager, Ron Letch, collected a Western Underwriters voucher for a year's free car insurance. A weekend in Geraldton, courtesy of Airlines of WA and Swan Hotels, was won by Channel 7 cameraman Alan Hurley and a Travelchest Discount Subscription went to the WAFL's marketing manager Terry O'Brien. Among some novelty items auctioned off was an autographed photograph of South Fremantle coach Malcolm Brown sticking his tongue out at someone which attracted spirited bidding and finally went for \$30 and a Tigers football autographed by the Claremont players that brought \$48.

**OVER
THE
FENCE**



Falcon Lewis

FORMER Claremont footballer, Irwin Lewis has yet another son ready to make his mark on the football scene. Young Chris Lewis was presented with a memento recognising his selection in the State schoolboys team last Saturday by West Perth president Rod Brown. While Chris is in the West Perth camp his elder brothers are playing for different clubs . . . Clayton with East Perth and Cameron with Claremont.

Short cut

NEW Perth centreman Brett Yorgey couldn't get away from the ball early in the game against South Fremantle. Yorgey lost his shorts when fiercely tackled by a South defender - and had to run around in his jocks for a good five minutes or more. No matter where he - or the frustrated trainer carrying the new shorts - went, the ball seemed to follow and Yorgey had a number of kicks when he was short-less.

Friendly rivals

THE West Australian players based in Victoria still have a strong bond of friendship between them. When Carlton's Ken Hunter met up with North Melbourne's Ross Glendinning at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, the first thing the big 'Roo did was thank his Blues team-mate. Carlton, striving to cement a place in the top five, had topped VFL leaders Fitzroy on Saturday - and that allowed North Melbourne to move to the top of the table.

**Birthday
greetings**

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

Clayton Van Der Dungen (EP)
18 on 14th.

John McGuire (P)
29 on 14th.

Paul Vasoli (SF)
27 on 15th.

Dean Campbell
(WP)
22 on 17th.



Angelo Delborrello (EP)
17 on 16th.
Terry Wasley (EP)
23 on 17th.
Russell Waterman (EF)
19 on 14th.
Phil Cronan (WP)
24 on 17th.
Rod Lester-Smith (EF)
24 on 18th.

Dean Farmer (C)
19 on 18th.

Shane Braddy (S)
23 on 22nd.

Tony Kelly (SF)
26 on 22nd.

Alan Watling
(WP)
35 on 23rd.



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THIS WEEK'S GAMES**

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SPORT
9am Sundays

	SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1983
EAST FREMANTLE	L L L L W W L W W L L W W L W
SUBIACO	W W L L L L L L L L L W W L
CLAREMONT	W W W W W W W W L W L W W L L
SWAN DISTRICTS	L W W L W L W L W W W W W W W
PERTH	L L L L L L L L W L L L L L L L L
EAST PERTH	L L L W L W W W L W W L L W W

	SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1983
SOUTH FREMANTLE	W W W W W W L W W W W W L W W
WEST PERTH	W L W W L L W L L L W L L L L

v. Claremont at Claremont
v. Perth at Subiaco
v. East Fremantle at Claremont
v. East Perth at Perth Oval
v. Subiaco at Subiaco
v. Swans at Perth Oval

v. West Perth at Fremantle
v. South Fremantle at Fremantle



**FOOTBALLER OF
THE YEAR**

- S. Malaxos (C) 15
- P. Spencer (EP) 13
- K. Taylor (EF) 13
- S. Michael (SF) 12
- L. Fong (WP) 12
- D. Langsford (SD) 12



**GOALKICKER OF
THE YEAR**

- W. Ralph (C) 79
- C. Brown (S) 51
- J. Scott (EP) 51
- C. Browning (EF) 48
- C. Edwards (EP) 44

**lan Diffen
MARK-OF-THE-
DAY**

Weekly Winner:
\$100

TONY SOLIN
(Swan Districts)
KEVIN TAYLOR
(East Frem.)

**Town & Country
GOAL-OF-THE-
DAY**

**PETER
WARE**
(Swans)



SANDOVER MEDAL

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Runner-up \$3,000
Third Place \$2,000

HEADGUARDS...



Kevin Taylor... a key Shark.

A GREAT FINISH

WITH about 40 days to go before the finals, the season is hotting up to be one of the best for years.

East Perth will probably stay in the race for the premiership because they have consistently beaten the bottom sides.

The pity of it all is that the Royals haven't got what it takes to beat the top three sides.

East Fremantle would be a more worthy finals contender because they have started to produce the class to knock off good sides — but they have left their run too late.

If, by some chance, the Sharks do make the finals, I believe they will have a genuine chance of winning the flag.

The reason I say this is that they have gone from "hopeless" to "extra good" during this year and they are going to get better.

A look at the Sharks' line-up sees several players of real class, who, although new to league football, are showing impressive form — and they are all youngsters.

Included in this youthful band are Ray Sterrett at centre-half-forward, Bill Jones on a wing, Murray Wrensted in the centre, Michael Brennan on a half-back-flank and Clinton Browning playing all over the place.

Add to this the in-form followers of Paul Harding, Peter Wilson and Kevin Taylor, and you have a solid bet for the 1984 finals!

Here's an argument in favour of them

I WAS absolutely stunned recently when the WAFL refused permission for a league footballer to continue playing with the protection of a headguard after receiving several bouts of concussion.

Examination of the feeble excuses listed as reasons for the refusal left me in no doubt that there was no validity in any one of them.

The old argument that the player using a headguard will have an unfair advantage is a load of poppycock.

A player doesn't suddenly change his game to make maximum use of this protection by diving into packs. Rather, he continues to play the game as he always would have — and if that means diving into packs as he once did, then fine.

All players must commit their body regardless of a headguard or not. Isn't it better for a player to continue his normal game with the confidence of some protection?

I have been through most of these arguments before, because the same questions were asked in 1969 when I took the field in the first full headguard used in WA.

At that time there was great prejudice against their introduction because it was a completely new concept.

In 1983 — 14 years later and after seeing spectacular use of the headguard by players like Peter Troode, Phil Narkle and Basil Campbell — one would think that the old prejudices would be forgotten.

But it seems not. As much as I hate to say it, the current situation seems to revolve around the old "macho" image of the Aussie Rules footballer with the unwritten law: "Thou shalt be ultra tough and have no need for padding or protection".

Ridiculous when you think that of all contact sports Aussie Rules is one of the few without protection of any kind. The latest argument against the use of headguards is that the guard does not protect the chin, which is supposedly the main source of concussion.

I wonder what data the doctors concerned used to back up this theory — or indeed, if any such data exists. Did they get information from Phil Narkle or Basil Campbell — or where?

My own experience does not support



Phil Narkle... complete with his latest style head gear — a bicycle helmet.

this theory, as I was always concussed from blows directly to the back of the head.

After wearing my headguard, I played 10 years without suffering concussion again.

And there were plenty of players who wanted to test it out during a game — believe me!

I did suffer one knockout as a result of a blow to the chin in the 1970 grand final (thanks Greg!), but had no after effects.

I can image the position Don Holmes (Swans) is in at present. He could have a great football future in front of him, but he has been left out in the cold by the League.

Don't forget that all headguards up to date, to my knowledge, have been recommended by eminent specialists as a form of protection in football.

Where does this leave the current medical stand?

My advice to the league is to get a second opinion and let Don Holmes get on with the business of doing what he wants to do — with at least some added protection.

 * Former South Fremantle player and media man *
ROWLEY DAW
 * is this week's *
Guest Columnist
 * presented by *
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TELEVISION COVER

LIVE television is alive and well in WA!

No, I'm not talking about Channel Seven's on-off broadcasts on some Sundays. I'm talking about Channel Two's coverage of league football to country centres every Saturday.

Having been out in the country on several occasions during this year, I was amazed at the dedicated following football receives by the population in general outside the metro area.

The Saturday afternoon ritual is almost religious in its celebration.

One of the games I saw live was the match between East Perth and South Fremantle where Souths Noel Carter kicked a 55 metre punt to take the game after the final siren.

It's matches like these that have helped the whole concept be a big winner.

It's one thing seeing a replay where the result may or may not be known, but to see the game live, especially where the result is close, brings the excitement and wonder of the game right to the living room.

CONGRATULATIONS

Finally I can't let the opportunity pass without congratulating all those associated with our tremendous win at Subiaco Oval on Tuesday. It was the greatest shot in the arm football has had in this State for decades.

Would it now be great to do the same thing to the Vics on the hallowed turf of the MCG.

FOOTBALL HAS ITS FUNNY MOMENTS

SOMEONE one day will collate football humour and produce a very popular book — it would be an enormous task, but well worth it.

Over the years many funny things happen within the rather serious confines of league football clubs.

At the start of this season I was at the first match between the Sharks and the Lions at East Fremantle Oval and wanted to have a talk to Shane Ellis, who had been in all sorts of bother during the week over the boots he would wear.

The final result was that Shane had all the markings on his boots taped over before the game so the brand could not be seen.

I couldn't resist asking what sort of boots he WAS wearing under all that taping. And his answer? "Sharkskin".

Going back a few years we had a colourful character at Souths named Eric (Grunter) Woods, one of the club's trainers back in the days when trainers were all men!

Usually a "quiet achiever" Grunter made up for this on a Sunday morning over a beer.

One of his favourite stories was first told when I was a starry-eyed 17-year-old, and I almost believed it.

The story went something like this:
 ... "I was playing at full-forward for Souths and flying so high that everytime I took a mark there was a loud cheer from behind the Fremantle prison wall.

I had been having a fairly good day with nine goals to half time, and soared skyward off John K. Watts' back to take my 20th mark for the game.

I flew so high that the bottom of my shorts hooked over the top of the goalpost, and there I was stuck.

The umpire wanted to get on with the game and told me to throw down the ball. I refused and said — 'No fear, I'm going to have my kick'.

They had to get the fire brigade to come and get me down.

And that's how I got my 10th goal. I went on to score 25 goals, managing to keep my shorts away from the goalposts."

Years later I found out that Grunter never even played football! However, his addition to the game was great in my estimation, and I hear he is still around "PRODUCING" in his own way.



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...Consistency is his hallmark

SINCE coming back from South Australia last year back pocket specialist Mick O'Brien has been one of the most consistent players in the West Perth camp.

Before he moved across the border to South Australia, O'Brien was told he did not have the skill to play league football at Swan Districts.

However, he proved with Central District that he had ability and West Perth won the race for his signature when he returned.

The former rover has slotted in well in the back pocket and although they are going through troubled times at the moment he could not be accused of not giving his all for the club.

He has a fierce desire to succeed and sets the standard for his team mates. For a little man he throws himself into fray and that could be the reason for his numerous broken bones.

O'Brien slotted in quietly at West Perth, but he has really made his presence felt in his two seasons at the club. He must have been on the short list for the back pocket job in the State team before dislocating his shoulder against Swan Districts.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the tough little defender and found out more about his rise to league football in SA and the ups and downs he has faced during his sporting career, both as a potential State cricketer and a league footballer.



Mick O'Brien ... pushing his way to the top

Q. How hard was it to break into Swans league side initially?

A. It was very hard because in my first year they had Bill Walker and Brian Close as their rovers. Walker was doing most of the roving while Close sat in a forward pocket and he kicked 10 goals against East Fremantle one day.

Q. You also played first grade cricket with Midland Guildford, didn't you?

A. Yes. I played A-grade when I was 16. I was a wicket keeper and I also played State schoolboys for two years with guys like Graeme Wood. I went to South Australia to play cricket to try to get into the State side. I played football the first year and played 18 games after Swans were slow in giving me a clearance. That was in 1978 and then I played cricket with Salisbury. I was in the State colts squad at 20 and the team was coming to Perth and they didn't give me a game. John Davies was at the Salisbury club and he had played a couple of State games so we kept wickets in turn, so I was only keeping once a month. I didn't know about all this, I just lobbed there. I had a batting average of about 40 as well and they batted me at about number eight all the time. The next year I broke my leg playing footy. That was the year Central went pretty well and John Duckworth won the Magarey Medal. I did it in the eighth or ninth game and that put me out for the rest of the season, so I came back to Perth and played cricket here. The selectors over here were not real interested in me because they knew I was going back to South Australia to play football. So I lost interest in it and gave cricket away.

Q. You have had a phenomenal amount of broken bones in your career. That must have halted your progress over the years?

A. Yes. I have played just over 100 games of league football and I reckon that if I hadn't been injured it could have been closer to 150. I have had a broken ankle, a broken leg, broken collarbone, I broke a finger in five places, broke my wrist twice, broke my hand, dislocated a shoulder and had a stress fracture in my other leg. I did my shoulder this year and I only missed two weeks with it. West Perth's head trainer Roy Ennis said he had never seen anyone recover from that in less than four weeks before.

Q. Was John Duckworth the reason why you went to West Perth?

A. East Perth heard first that I was coming back and I went and saw them and Perth also sent me a letter when I was in Adelaide. When I came back I met with Grant Dorrington and East Perth and they said they were interested. But they never rang back after a couple of weeks so I got on the phone to them and said do you want me or not? They told me they were no longer interested. So I rang up Perth and they said they weren't interested any more either. Then Toddy rang up, because I got on pretty good with Bill Walker, and I went along to training for about three sessions and no one wanted to talk to me so I gave it a miss. There were people at the club who were there when I left and they just ignored me. The next week I saw 'Ducky' at a barbecue and he asked me what I was doing for footy. I told him nothing and he said he would have a talk to Dennis for me. Dennis rang me up and I agreed to play for them. It was funny, because the next day Brownny rang up. It was a toss up between South and West Perth initially, but Mal was trying to sell me the story that Barrett would come up the ground. Dennis had said Gibby would come out and ruck rove. I thought really I could be a rover at West Perth anyway and besides it was a bit closer. Could you imagine driving from Swan View to Fremantle a couple of times a week. I used to live at Mt Helena and when I played reserves at Fremantle Oval I had to get up at about 8 o'clock to get there.

Q. You must be enjoying yourself at West Perth because you are playing well?

A. Yes, it is a good club. They are a good bunch of blokes, the coach is good.

Q. Do you reckon you improved that much in South Australia or it was just a matter of getting an opportunity?

A. Getting an opportunity. Like Toddy would play you one game and then drop you. He played Brian Dawson ahead of me one day so I rang him up and said what's going on and he told me Brian Dawson could kick left foot better than me. Toddy did a dossier on all the players and the only thing he said I could do was mark. He said I was too slow, couldn't handball and couldn't kick, and he also said I would never play 100 games. One Friday night before a game against East Perth on the Saturday we played a practice match for 40 minutes in real wet weather.

The next day I was tired from the night before, but I still kicked two goals on Steve Curtis and Peter Spencer. On the Monday night Toddy came up to me and told me I should give the game away because I was too slow. It was one game before the end of the season.

Q. It must be hard for a young player at a league club if they don't get the break?

A. It is very easy to become disillusioned. There are a lot of guys at West Perth at the moment who are in the same boat and all I can say to them is to hang in there. I hung in there and I have made it. Before I went to Adelaide I was going to go to the country and pick up \$150 a game. The reserves players have to train just as hard and just as often and I think they only get \$25 a game at most clubs.

Q. Do you enjoy playing in a back pocket?

A. I like it in the back pocket and I think it helps because I was a rover once. And because of that I generally know what the rovers are going to do. It is easy to read the play. I would like to think I am a utility player, but a lot of coaches stereotype you. I don't think I will get the chance to rove again. At the start of the year we had Les Fong and David Hart as our rovers because Corry Bewick was injured. But when he was dropped to the reserves, David went back to the country. I wish I had the opportunity David had. He came up from the country and walked straight into a league side. But he didn't like living in Perth and he went home. I think I could put up with living away from home to play league football and I believe he will be back next season.

Q. What has been wrong with West Perth this year? Do you think you played above yourselves last year?

A. I don't think we played above ourselves last year, I think we played to our capacity and we haven't done that this year. Maybe it is the injuries we have copped, but we seem to lack key forwards at the moment. We badly miss Brian Adamson and we need Peter Avery to hit a bit of form. But he has to do his apprenticeship. I don't think anyone is a league player until they have played 80 or 90 league games and they are regular players.

adidas PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Michael O'Brien
Height: 5.7 (170cm)
Weight: 11.11 (75kg)
Born: Subiaco, 3.6.57
Married: Yes
Wife's name: Anita
Children: Yes, 10 week old daughter Belinda.
Lives at: Swan View
Football likes: I just like playing football.
Football dislikes: Opposition supporters
Occupation: Self employed
Ambitions: To play in a premiership side and to be a guest on the Channel 7 World of Sport.
Football idols: Bill Walker and Brian Close.
What car do you drive: Holden Gemini
Do you read at all: I read books on politics and Monty Python.
Favourite music: Neil Young, J.J. Cale.
Favourite movie: The Life of Brian, Quest of the Holy Grail. All the Python movies.
Favourite actors: Kevin Taylor, Phil Narkle, Neil Taylor.
Hobbies and relaxation: I like playing backgammon and cards.
Hard things in football: Warm-ups before training. I hate them.
Favourite food: Anything edible
Favourite drink: Grange Hermitage red wine.
League debut: 1976 Swans
Games: 4 Swans; 69 Central District; 30 West Perth.
Guernsey number: 7
Nickname: Bullett

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	E. Perth v Swans	Perth v Subiaco	S. Frem. v W. Perth	C'Mont v E. Frem.
GARY STOCKS	46	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
ALAN EAST	45	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
PETER POAT	45	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
BOB CRIBB	48	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	East Fremantle
MOTHER BROWN	48	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle	Claremont
GRANT DORRINGTON	48	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
ROBERT BENNETT	48	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
IAN MILLER	38	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
GARY CARVOLTH	46	Swans	Subiaco	South Fremantle	Claremont
DAVE CLEMENT	47	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont
MOST FAVOURED	50	Swans	Perth	South Fremantle	Claremont

RACE FOR FOUR TO END

EAST Perth can show just how good they are when they meet Swan Districts at Perth Oval on Saturday — and if they win, the race for the final four will be over.

The Royals played an irrepressible brand of football against arch rivals West Perth last week and in doing so revealed they could be premiership prospects.

A win at home against Swans will give them the edge they need to secure the vital fourth spot.

Swans displayed awesome power to beat Claremont last week, but the Royals have the physical strength required to match it with Swans and they also have enough skilled players around the ground to tally up a winning score.

The key to the outcome of the game will be Royals ruck rover Peter Spencer.

He dominated for East Perth and was the man who set up last week's win. He is back to his Sandover Medal winning form and is the dangerman for Swans.

With Peter Thorne — East Perth's other prime mover — out of action, Spencer took over and set the Royals on their winning way.

East Perth can win enough ruck knocks, through John Ironmonger, to provide Spencer with the opportunities required to set up a winning total.

The duel between Ironmonger and Swans strong man Ron Boucher will be worth going a long way to see. Both men are vital to their respective sides and the winner of this battle could also have a big bearing on the outcome.

It promises to be a tough, gruelling encounter and with the added incentive of opening up a break on East Fremantle, who should lose to Claremont, the Royals should take a stranglehold on that fourth spot.



By **GARY STOCKS**

BIG CHANCE FOR PERTH

PERTH have the chance to record their second win of the season when they tackle Subiaco in what should be another close game.

The Demons have shown marked improvement in the last month, but have just not had the experience required to win close games. On the other hand, Subiaco had been going well before being thrashed by East Fremantle.

The Lions reverted back to their old selves when they mis-used the ball against the Sharks and fell into the category of 'ordinary'.

Perth were dead unlucky against top team South Fremantle last week and they only need to carry that form into the bottom-of-the-table clash against Subiaco to narrow the gap on the Lions.

However, they cannot go into the contest believing it will be easy.

Subiaco have shown in the last month that they are an improved side by beating final four challengers East Perth and West Perth and they can be excused for having an off day.

WEST PERTH WOES WILL CONTINUE

ON Sunday, West Perth's troubled times will continue when they meet South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs have not played for several weeks, but they have too much firepower for a Falcons line-up that lacks character and fight.

West Perth have promised much in the last two seasons and after a good season in 1981, they looked to have the ability to throw out a challenge for the premiership.

However, they have been disappointing, to say the least, this year and could not be expected to get within six goals of the Bulldogs. South Fremantle are a powerful combination and when they face a challenge they rise to the occasion.

West Perth need to do some soul-searching and after last week's humiliating defeat they will be a better side against South Fremantle.

However, it is difficult to see them matching with the Bulldogs on current form.

Bad news for West Perth is that Stephen Michael, Brad Hardie and Willie Roe all had quiet days.

Players with ability of this trio rarely play badly two weeks in succession and the Falcons could be on the receiving end of a blitz.

BLUE FIN present...

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



IAN MILLER

Vic. invasion

WITH the split round of VFL fixtures and the State game, the Victorian talent scouts were given the opportunity to view two weekends of WA football. With the draft selection coming up all clubs are desperate to have a real good look at players eligible for recruiting under the system. On Saturday, Geelong president Dr Kevin Threlfall was at Lathlain Park and his particular interests were Brad Hardie and Stephen Michael. He was certainly on the ball because he also donated a cash award for the player he thought contributed well all day and the winner just happened to be Earl Spalding. The Vics certainly do their homework and they are not afraid to begin their incentive programme with our young players.

THREE TOP WEEKS

AFTER playing the top three sides in the last three weeks, Claremont, Swan Districts and South Fremantle, it is obvious all sides have adaptable and flexible teams with solid defences and a good core of running players. However, they do have a heavy reliance on a few players. Claremont need Graham Moss on the ball and Warren Ralph firing at full forward. Their problem spot is centre half forward. Swan Districts need Ron Boucher, particularly for his work at the centre bounce downs and in the crunches. Unless they play Murray Rance at centre half forward, that is also a problem spot. Stephen Michael is the key to South Fremantle, although they have won recently and have done well considering the number of injuries at the club.

The tide has turned for Swan Districts because early in the year their only ruckman was Boucher, after losing Allan Sidebottom to St Kilda and Peter Sartori who was injured. Now Boucher, Mick Johns and Sartori are all fit and going well. It is the ideal set-up — as the Claremont ruckmen found last Saturday.

JOHNNO

FORMER Perth wingman Alan Johnson gained some extra training for the State game when he acted as runner for our reserves side in the second half last Saturday. Johnno has always been a very solid club man and when Ross Millson broke down he did not hesitate to jump in and help when approached. He will be a welcome addition at Lathlain Park in 1985 when his turn, with Melbourne expires.



Alan Johnson

DON'T FORGET SUNDAY

JUST a reminder to all supporters, but particularly Perth fans, of the game of the decade this Sunday when the Perth team of the '70s plays the current league team. I'm looking forward to playing, but I wonder how I will pull up on Monday morning.

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VFL competition a promoters dream

VFL football continues to be a promoters' dream with a steady flow of upsets and form fluctuations which have provided the league with one of their most open competitions in many years.

Only a fortnight ago, Fitzroy were a game clear on top of the ladder, but now North Melbourne enjoy that position. With only eight premiership points separating the top four clubs — and four points separating the next five clubs — it would be a brave man to predict the premiers with any certainty.

Though North Melbourne, Fitzroy, Hawthorn and Essendon have been the pacesetters they haven't had it all their own way.

After a sluggish start, Collingwood are now hanging on to fifth spot by virtue of percentage over arch rivals Carlton, who many critics felt finally shook off their slump with their great win over Fitzroy last weekend.

The Carlton win was so impressive that it has given rise to speculation in Mel-



bourne this week that the Blues could become the first club since the final five system started 10 years ago to win a flag from fourth or fifth spot.

If Carlton did achieve this feat, they would join Melbourne as the only club to win three VFL flags in a row since the war.

Breathing down Carlton's neck are Geelong, Melbourne and Footscray who have each won seven games so far this season.

Ironically, one of the three teams completely out of the race is last year's runners-up, Richmond who also gave notice of better things to come with an impressive victory over Footscray last weekend.

Bombers in strife

AFTER three straight losses, Essendon are expected to rush recruits Bryan Wood (from Richmond) and Rene Kink (Collingwood) into their senior line-up in an attempt to stop their slide. Kink scored five goals in the reserves last weekend and although he is still a little underdone, both he and Wood (who will probably go into the centre) could be named in Saturday week's team to play Footscray. The Bombers have a bye this weekend.

Gepp fires

FORMER Subiaco player Tim Gepp, who has struggled for a regular place in the Richmond side since joining them at the start of this season, was named among his side's best in their win over Footscray last weekend.



Tim Gepp

Mexico bound

RICHMOND players have been promised a trip to Mexico at the end of the season if they can beat Carlton in the grand final of next Tuesday night's Sterling Cup at VFL Park.



Right Royal start

ONE of the lesser known Victorians in Tuesday's State side was Footscray rover, Brian Royal . . . a man who thought he was too small for League football.

He wasn't prepared to give himself a chance at the big time because he thought his size would be too big a handicap to overcome.

He therefore was reluctant to accept the many invitations he had had to join the Bulldogs in the past.

Royal is 171cm and weighs only 67 kgs.

He is quickly developing as favourite for the VFL's title of Recruit of the Year.

Royal, 21, was finally persuaded to leave his home club of Bairnsdale at the start of this year.

He has great skills and surprising pace and has been able to overcome his lack of height by his ability to read the game. He is a natural rover blessed with great courage.

Royal said in a recent television interview that he was looking to 1983 as a season of learning about League football.

JACKO TAKES ON RUGBY

VFL funny man Mark Jackson is switching codes. The man who was recently sacked from his third VFL club is to take up rugby union. He was a keen spectator at a suburban game in Melbourne last Saturday after training with the Harlequins Club last week. His rugby debut may depend on how long it takes him to shake off a shoulder injury he is currently nursing.

American tour

SENIOR VFL officials Jack Hamilton, Dick Seddon and Ron Cook have returned from a fact-finding mission to the United States. The trio studied the problems of big sport in America and on their return had a word of warning for VFL clubs. They said if clubs continued to flout the laws of the game they would "self-destruct". Mr Hamilton said a likely outcome of the trip was that the VFL would set up legal agreements between themselves and all the clubs.

Daddy cat

BRIAN Peake and his wife Sharon have a second child. A son, who they named Brett, was born last week. Father Brian hopes to celebrate the new arrival with a return to league football this Saturday. He has been out for a month with a groin injury and a mystery illness.

Swan support

THE financially troubled Sydney Swans recently called on supporters to weigh in with donations to assist their plight. Cheques came in from fans in Tasmania and South Australia — but none from their old stamping grounds around South Melbourne. Further indication that their old support base in Melbourne has evaporated.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

Nineteen former West Australian footballers represented VFL clubs in the first part of the Melbourne split round last weekend. Following is their satisfied performances:

	Kicks	Marks	H/Ball
RICHMOND			
David Palm	6	2	9
Maurice Rioli	18	1	10
Robert Wiley	17	5	5
Tim Gepp	7	3	10
FITZROY			
Gary Sidebottom	10	2	7
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	12	6	8
Bruce Duperouzel	10	1	4
Andrew Purser	3	3	10
CARLTON			
Ken Hunter	12	7	2
Peter Bosustow	10	1	6
Mike Fitzpatrick	10	6	5
ESSENDON			
Wayne Otway	11	2	6
Tony Buhagiar	19	3	10
Bill Duckworth	5	4	9
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Ross Glendinning	9	8	8
Stephen McCann	12	7	3
Phil Krakouer	6	1	3
Jim Krakouer	11	1	4
Craig Holden	5	3	5

Job for Schimmelbusch

WEST Torrens have appointed one of their star recruits, Daryl Schimmelbusch, as their full-time football officer.

Schimmelbusch, a former North Melbourne player and brother of current VFL star Wayne Schimmelbusch, will have a far-reaching brief to help the club's football, particularly in their local zone, develop more players for the future.

This is an important initiative for a club that is not enjoying a lot of on-field success. It will be a big financial commitment for West Torrens, but one that should pay dividends in the future.

Schimmelbusch earned his State colours when he represented South Australia earlier this year and his knowledge of the game across the southern States will make him an ideal choice for such a full time development role.

Schimmelbusch has been a star on the field for Torrens this season.

He has 42 possessions against Glenelg and has averaged 20 kicks and 10 hand-passes in his 13 matches.



Davies on target

STURT'S Rick Davies continued his goalkicking rampage last weekend when he bagged another ten to bring his season's tally to an incredible 87 with seven qualifying games yet to be played. He is 24 goals clear of his closest rival, Neville Roberts of Norwood.

Sturt tops

STURT continued their march to the grand final last weekend by steam-rolling bottom side Woodville. Sturt won 29.21 to Woodville's 11.15 and highlighted the class difference between top and bottom sides. Sturt's mammoth win followed their 20-goal victory over West Torrens the previous week.

Glenelg's run of wins ended when they went down to West Torrens 18.14 to 16.9.



BENNETT'S BURST

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TOP COACHES SET POOR EXAMPLE

FOOTBALL is battling to keep its head above water in this State and it will quickly sink if the actions of two of WA's top coaches become common.

I'm referring to Mal Brown and John Todd.

Brown did football a dis-service by deliberately deceiving the public with team selections for South Fremantle's clash with Claremont.

By condoning Brown's action, Todd added to a situation that should not be tolerated by the WAFL.

Football is going through hard times... and there is no indication that the situation will be quickly arrested.

An indication of the difficulties facing football was provided by the league last week when it decided not to allow the live telecast of next Sunday's game between South Fremantle and West Perth...

The league found that it simply could not absorb the loss in crowd revenue by sanctioning another live telecast.

And it cannot afford to lose publicity for the sport either.

But that will happen if the media finds it is being fed inaccurate information, particularly for selfish motives.

The media plays a very big part in football; indeed in any sport.

A lot of sports believe that football gets more media exposure than it deserves.

The media is certainly not there to be abused by football coaches.

If Mal Brown, John Todd — or any other football coach — wants to deceive their supporters and the public (as Brown did by claiming certain players wouldn't be in the team against Claremont) then it is their prerogative.

It is not their prerogative to expect the media to play a part in that deception.

The clubs would be the first to squeal if the media said: "I'm sorry we won't be publishing your team placings as we have found them to be inaccurate."

What's the point in publishing false information?

I'm surprised Todd thinks the media is there to be used.

His comment on Brown's action was: "Football is a game of survival and success is the only means of survival. A shonky move pulled from time to time is a case where the end justifies the means".

Surely that's short-sighted.

Football certainly is a game of survival... but the game is more important than the individual — and that's something Brown and Todd have always preached.

I know coaches have an awful lot of pressure put on them to succeed. Clubs in this State don't tolerate failure and the scapegoat for lack of success is usually the coach.

But Todd and Brown have established reputations as coaches. For that reason they should be doing what they can to help the game.

Shonky moves may help win matches, but in the long run they won't be a winner for football.

Learn how to talk footy



Australian Rules football has its very own vocabulary... something you generally only learn when you go to the game.

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But Victorian footy fans Brian Bergin and Jim Harris have done their bit to overcome any deficiencies in the footy jargon of Aussie Rules fans.

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Simms succumbs

IT seems as though all that hard strenuous post-injury treatment work that big Perth ruckman Wayne Simms has gone through is being wasted. After a courageous fightback from a knee reconstruction, Simms finally made it back to league ranks — but only for two games. Since that mid-season comeback, Simms has been plagued by a series of minor ailments and track-watchers at Lathlain Park are wondering just how hard he is pushing himself now that the most difficult part of his recovery is over. Too often footballers achieve their target and then slacken off — hopefully, Perth's brilliant young ruckman is not one of those!

Goal debate

PERTH might have felt robbed of a goal last week in the controversial play-on situation when Bryan Cousins kicked to Mick Rea who goaled, only to see the ball returned for a free kick. Well, there was a goal in the previous quarter that they got which could have been taken off them. Robbie Hooker was interferred with about 35 metres out and received a free kick just as teammate Rhett Baynes won possession. Baynes, maybe slightly annoyed that the game was being held up, went through with his shot for goal anyway before the ball was brought back for Hooker's kick. If a South Fremantle player had done that, it would have been a 15 metre penalty, so why not take the ball off the Perth team in this case?

Mick's muddle

ONE could not help feel sorry for Perth forward Mick Rea after Saturday's four point loss to South Fremantle. Rea had the chance to win the game for the Demons with a difficult set shot after a South Fremantle player had been penalised for deliberately rushing the ball out of bounds. But he could only register a point. However, Perth could feel unlucky in another regard. Skipper Bryan Cousins was on the burst across half forward and young Earl Spalding came in to shepherd. He was tackled unfairly by Neil Randall, but in the mean-time Cousins had lobbed the ball into the square and Rea marked it just two metres out. However, the ball was taken back to the scene of the Randall incident and Spalding was given a free kick.

Early starters

FOUR Subiaco players went to extremes to ensure that they got to their Sunday morning training session on time. They had gone out on the town on Saturday night and at about three o'clock they decided it was too late to go home — so they prepared for training. They were going to sleep in their cars and wait for the session to begin, but instead they discovered a tent in the back of one car and decided to pitch it inside Subiaco Oval. Their coach was reported to be pleased with the move because at least they were there for the start of the training run, albeit not too well!

Lions Lament

NO wonder Subiaco needed to hire Grant Dorrington and Eddie Pitter to look after their junior Zone. The results of their colts match against East Fremantle was hard to find last weekend and in an effort to find out the result I rang the Subiaco Football Club. Would you believe that on Monday morning no one there could tell me the score?

Perth shambles

PERTH are doing a creditable job to lift their ratings on the field... so it's time that they tried to do something about their off-field appearance. The club's after-match presentation last Saturday was an absolute shambles, with the microphone system failing to work, or when it did, failing to cover the hall properly. The speakers had to tolerate a lot of noise interference down the back of the hall, but when you have a sound system that is totally inefficient, you cannot expect fans to keep quiet. Surely, in this day and age of electronic marvels, it's not too hard to find a sound system that can go through a football club properly.

Who's who?

OLD habits die hard — especially when you have been associated with one club for a while and then switch colours. Noticed that the morning newspaper still had Paul Arnold playing for East Perth in their goalkicking list on Monday. Still, we've probably been guilty of similar little errors this year with the spate of players swapping clubs — but, fortunately for us, there's no one around alert enough to pick us up!

Media moguls

COULDN'T believe that doyen commentator Frank Sparrow got question No. 42 wrong when the Media Guild held their big quiz night over at Perth Oval last week. It was: "Who won the first Sandover Medal (1921) and the first Simpson Medal (1946)" and it stumped a few football heavies. I always thought that Frank was playing or commenting or something in those days! After all, it seems as though he has been around for ages! Incidentally, if YOU did not know the answers, they were Tom Outridge and Alan Ebbs.

Toddy's twist

BEFORE the State game on Tuesday, WA coach John Todd continually said that the media had "ambushed" him and his players by saying that the home side would win. However, in a radio interview on John Hunt's Sportstalk show on 6PR he was asked where WA football would go if they lost. He answered there was no point talking about that because we wouldn't lose. Isn't that a little bit hypocritical?

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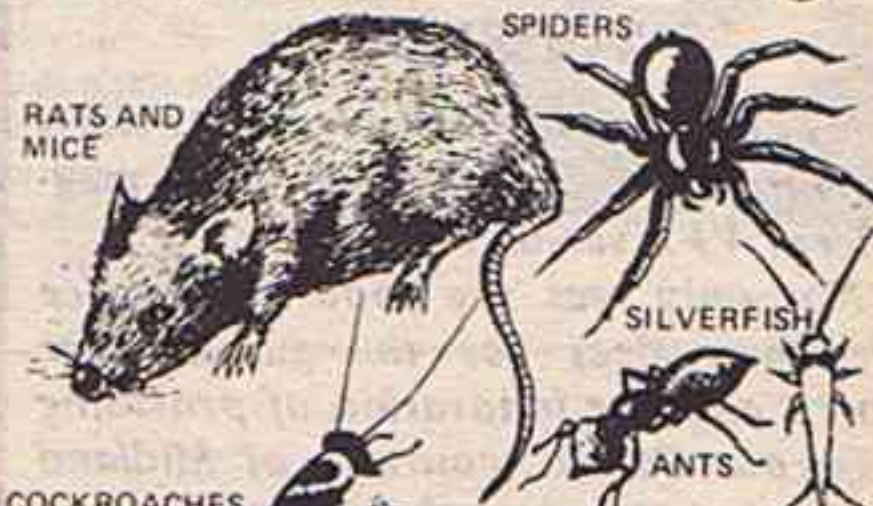
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GARY'S GOSSIP

Cable to return?

My informants (or spies if you like) in Victoria tell me that Barry Cable will return to W.A. in the not too distant future.

I know this is hard to believe, particularly when North Melbourne are doing so well under "The Little Champ's" coaching ability.

However, I know that the Cable family would prefer to live in Perth.

"Cables" future then would be in the balance. However, don't be surprised if he is appointed coach of Subiaco, West Perth or -- wait for it -- South Fremantle.

In my view Malcolm Brown is probably the best coach in Australia.

However, work and family commitments will probably force him out of an active role in football.

I am making predictions I know, but let's see what happens.

Watch the career of another of Australia's top coaches too in John Todd -- you could be in for a few major surprises.

GREAT WIN

Congratulations to John Todd, Stephen Michael and the entire WA side on their magnificent win over the cheeky Vic's.

I'm sure it will go a long way in boosting the image of our great game. It was tremendous to see such a huge crowd turn out for the game.

TOP SHOW

My compliments to the team at Felix's Restaurant in Subiaco for their magnificent VFL versus WA lunch.

Not only was the food and service A1, the prizes for the guests were superb and the innovation of providing a Toyota Tarago, courtesy of Midland Toyota, to transport their many patrons to and from Subiaco Oval proved to be a winner.

It was by pleasure to host the lunch and I look forward to doing the same for the finals.



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FOOTBALL FACTS

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GOAL DROUGHTS

West Perth hit rock bottom when they failed to kick a goal in the second half of their game against East Perth last Saturday. While this is not a regular occurrence it has happened on numerous occasions.

South Fremantle (the lucky team of 1983) actually beat Perth in a game at Fremantle Oval when they did not score a goal after the long break. At half time they led 7.6 to 1.8 and hung on to win 7.10 to 5.16 in a memorable match in 1963. In 1966, at the same ground, West Perth failed to score a goal in the first half, but came out and beat South by 17 points.

I can recall four instances where a team has failed to kick a goal in three quarters of football since the war.

In 1945 Claremont kicked only one goal against Perth. In 1956 East Perth took almost the whole game to register one solitary goal against Perth on the rain-soaked WACA ground. In 1965 Swans were held goal-less in the first, third and fourth quarters by West Perth and in 1967 the Demons again made the headlines by keeping East Fremantle goal-less till the last quarter.

Farmer tops

When State games come to the fore the same old questions, like who has played the most interstate games, are asked. For WA, Graham Farmer heads my list with 31 matches to his credit for his home State and another five for Victoria. Bill Walker and Barry Cable represented WA 21 times. For Victoria John Nicholls played 31 games, Billy Hutchison 30 and Ted Whitten 29. However, two South Australians John (Whacker) Scott played in 36 successive State matches and Frank Golding played in 40.

Unique feat

Down South Fremantle way there is an old stalwart who can rightfully claim to be the only player to play against Victoria in the pre-war and post-war eras. Jack (The Corporal) Rielly was in winning sides too, when WA met the Vics in 1939 and 1947. And there is one Victorian who

shares Rielly's unique record. He is Jack Graham, of South Melbourne, who played against WA in 1939 and 1948.

Keep off

I guess every era of football has had one. I spotted this report in a 1925 report: "And what a fine player one seaside (A player from a Fremantle team) would be if he could keep off the ground and out of the care of the St John Ambulance men."

Truscott captain

Last week in this column my story read that Jack Leckie was captain of that victorious carnival team in 1921. A missing line caused the problems and it should have read W.J. (Nipper) Truscott was captain and Leckie was the coach.

Ten years ago

Club fortunes have changed a lot in the last decade, every club has won a pennant but 10 years ago the big three of this year were not in the finals. Subiaco won from West Perth, East Perth and East Fremantle. The grand final in this year produced the lowest scoring in a title game since the Page System was introduced in 1931.

Ten years ago Barry Cable won the last of his three Sandover Medals and was the last captain-coach to win this award.



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What's wrong with the fans

I CANNOT understand why the attendances at football matches are down this season. Last week's game between Swan Districts and Claremont should have attracted a bumper crowd. It was a clash between the second and third teams on the premiership table and it looked to be an even contest. Even the die-hard Swan Districts supporters stayed away from what would have been a top contest. Before the game started the sun was shining and while WA fans tend to stay home when there is the threat of rain, it looked like being a top day.

SUPER-STARS

WHILE on attendances, I bet more people would be going to matches if the 10 VFL-based players who represented the State on Tuesday were still here. It was great to see some of the old stars back-home. Imagine how players like Ross Glendinning, Maurice Rioli, Gary Buckenara, Ken Hunter, Alan Johnson, Andrew Purser, Tony Buhagiar, Gary Malarkey, Garry Sidebottom and Mike Richardson would draw the crowds back to football. Each one of these players is extremely skilful and falls into the superstar bracket.

COUNTRY CARNIVAL

THE Great Southern Carnival was played in Narrogin on the weekend and the winners were Upper Great Southern. The carnival is normally a guide as to how the five leagues competing will perform in the rapidly approaching Westfarmers country football championships. It was held in Narrogin for the first time in 10 years. It had previously been held in Albany, but in a bid to re-assert it as a major country carnival, the organisers opted for a change of venue.

FORM REVERSALS

IT IS amazing how some players seem to find form at the right time of the year. By that I mean that some players cannot get a kick one week, but when a State squad is about to be announced they suddenly return to their best form. I wonder if some players aren't playing for themselves and whether they really have their club at heart. There is a saying that the club is bigger than the individual, but there have been some dramatic form reversals in recent weeks.

LANGSFORD'S REWARD

THIS week's Playboy Hairstylists free haircut goes to one of the most consistent players in the game this season. Young Swan Districts ruck-rover Don Langsford is leading many media awards around town and when the presentations are made it would be nice to see him looking his best.

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Bucky's boots

GARY Buckenara sure had his goal kicking boots on for his return to his old home ground on Tuesday. The former Lions half forward kicked 7.1 in a match winning performance and one of his goals was brilliantly set up by the slick ball handling skill of Richmond's Maurice Rioli.

Rioli gathered possession, shrugged of a Vic challenge and fired the hand-pass through two oncoming Victorian defenders to the running Buckenara, who finished the work off with a 55-metre goal, WA's third.

SOLID SIDNEY

THE move of Garry Sidebottom to full forward proved a big success on Tuesday. Within minutes of the rugged big man going up forward, he had featured in the play-of-the-day resulting in undoubtedly the goal of the day. Sidey used his bulky frame to great advantage to hold the experienced David Dench out, palm the ball to the brilliant Mike Richardson - running away from goal - who snapped back over his left shoulder, bringing up six much needed points for the locals.

RALPH'S START

WARREN Ralph had limited opportunities to kick goals on Tuesday after being taken from the ground in the third term. But the crack goal-sneak did kick WA's opening two goals, the second being inspirational to his team-mates. Ralph manoeuvred himself brilliantly between his opponent David Dench and the goals and then darted back to gather the ball like a rover, two metres from goal and drop the ball onto his accurate boot to register full points for his side.

WARE KNEW WHERE

Swan's Peter Ware won the Town and Country WA goal of the day awarded by Channel 7 commentators for a remarkable goal he scored in the game against Claremont. The ball was scooped up from the ground by Ron Boucher in the centre of the ground and the big ruckman, under immense pressure, handpassed it to Ware who was travelling at top pace down the wing. The Thursday Islander ran his ten metres then sent it goal-ward with a 65 metre kick which passed over the heads of six or seven players who had set themselves for the mark about 15 metres out from goal.

HAIL PELE!

PERTH skipper Bryan Cousins showed that he could easily adapt to the rival football code if needs be when he produced his team's third goal against South Fremantle last week. The ball was bouncing high towards the points when Cousins chipped in with a great mid-air soccer that diverted the ball right through the goals from about 12 metres

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	79.45
John Scott (East Perth)	51.26
Clint Brown (Subiaco)	48.27
Colin Waterson (East Frem)	44.29
Craig Edwards (East Perth)	44.24
Paul Arnold (South Frem)	43.30
Chris Stasinowsky (South Frem)	42.21
Peter Spencer (East Perth)	40.21
Peter Thorne (East Perth)	32.31
Peter Avery (West Perth)	32.21

TIGERS NEED A ROVER

PREMIERSHIP favourites Claremont cannot and will not win this year's flag unless they find a goal kicking rover and a reliable centre-half-forward in the next six weeks.

The Tigers are looking more suspect every week and with the finals just round the corner, they represent the best book-maker's risk among the top sides.

For three years now Claremont have been a real power in our competition, but no side can lose rovers of the calibre of Jim Krakouer, Phil Krakouer and Gary Shaw and still stay at the top.

The Tigers selectors thought they had filled the gap in their roving division when they discovered young Michael Mitchell and paired him with Mark Watson.

Mitchell, however, was injured against South Australia and is still not 100 per cent fit.

In fact it's weeks since Claremont got a reasonable tally of goals from their rovers.

Last week against Swans the rovers got one goal between them and against South Fremantle the previous week the rovers did not score a goal at all.

When you remember that Jim and Phil Krakouer used to average eight or 10 goals a match you can see the seriousness of Claremont's roving dilemma.

The other glaring weakness in the Tigers line-up is at centre-half forward where last week they tried Warren Ralph who failed.

I do think that Claremont have the wherewithal to solve this particular problem.



Michael Mitchell... the Tigers need him fully fit.

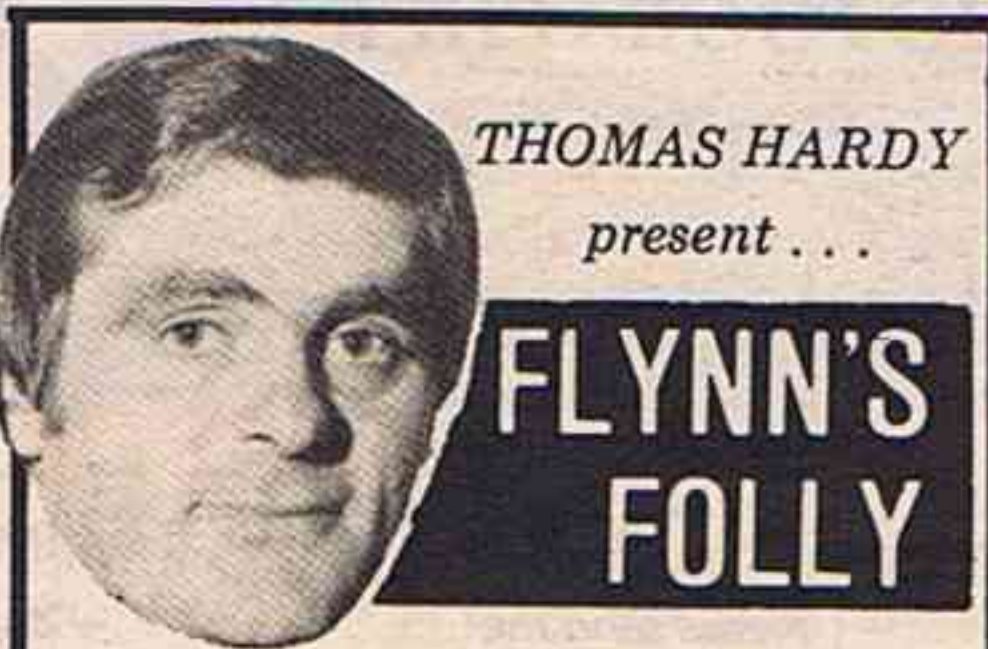
Their captain coach Graham Moss had only four kicks while playing in the ruck against Swans and he should play in the key attacking role.

I know he likes to run on the ball, but Claremont are not short of ruckmen.

Apart from Baden Harper and Barry Beecroft they have two very capable ruckmen in the reserves in Wayne Duke and Dean Farmer.

Having said all that I might also mention that Claremont's players are not showing enough of the character and "guts" that has made them a top side in recent years.

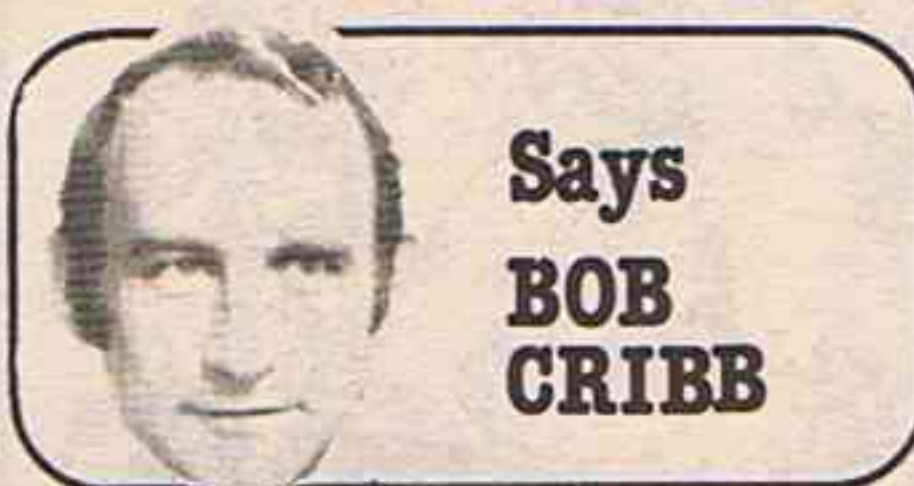
Wayne Blackwell, Brad Reynolds, Noel Morton, Lindsay Kanther, and Mike Aitken, are desperate determined footballers and that's the role they must revert to - or Claremont can cancel this year's premiership celebrations now.



THOMAS HARDY present...

FLYNN'S FOLLY

WEST Perth have more than their share of problems, but George Michalczyk deserves this week's bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut champagne for his continuing troubles living up to his highly-fancied recruit tag. George was apparently unavailable for selection last week owing to a groin injury, but was still "dropped" by the coach, Dennis Cometti, when team selection was finalised. Maybe a drink will brighten up George's miserable life at present.



Says BOB CRIBB

BIG TV AUDIENCE

THE WA versus Victoria game on Tuesday attracted a big crowd, but thousands more saw the game live on television.

In what was a pretty well kept secret in the metropolitan area the game was transmitted live to the South West of the State via the Golden West Network.

That station has a viewing audience of nearly 200,000 people and they made sure that all of them knew the telecast was on.

Football fans at Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, Albany, Mandurah, Northam, and even as far east as Narrogin were able to watch the game in the comfort of their home or the local pub or club.

I am told that GWN even circulated pamphlets in Mandurah on the weekend advertising the fact that the game would be telecast "LIVE".

Considering footballs' present financial problems, the telecast probably cost the WAFL quite a few dollars in gate receipts. But one can only compliment the Golden West Network on their initiative.

BAD WEEK

Under the heading of cards, fan mail and letters to the editor I had a rough week last week.

Mother Brown started it off by giving me a "cook" in Westside Football, then I got it in the neck again from her son on the 6PR Football panel and to top it all off I won the "Pest of the Month" and the "Bull of the Week" in the Football Budget.

When does the cricket season start?

Racing and football often go together and in this weekly segment we present West Perth fan and 6PR race caller TREVOR JEKINS with a...

Run to Remember



Nostradamus has made many accurate predictions in bygone days and one forecast that should come true in the future is that three-year-old NOSTRAMICO will win shortly after an eye-catching seventh at Belmont Park last week.

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Valid points

By Umpires' Coach
Ross Capes

BY courtesy of Sunday Times football writer Ray Wilson, I'll devote the umpires column this week to replying to comments he made in last week's Guest Columnist segment.

Some of the points he raised are quite valid - even though I sometimes think that Ray spends too much of his writing time and talent criticising umpires!

However, to answer some of those queries in order:

1. Treatment dished out to players after they have kicked for goal.

When a player gets knocked to the ground after he has had a shot for goal, it is treated no differently than if it had happened midfield.

If the umpire regards it as an unavoidable tackle, then nothing is done. If it is regarded as blatantly late, then the umpire can quickly call "all clear" in relation to the goal (if it is a goal) and award another free kick. If it's not a goal, then generally another kick is awarded.

But the case in point is when it is a goal.

Under the present rules of the game, the "all-clear" signal has to be given before another free can be awarded - so it's really a matter of how quickly the umpire can do this if he believes that another kick is warranted.

2. Deciding who should stand on the mark after a 15-metre penalty.

We agree on this one, Ray. It was suggested by the Umpires' Adviser last year and on the recommendation of the Umpires' Appointment Board, the WAFL asked the NFL to rule that the offending player NOT be allowed to take the new mark.

This was rejected by the NFL.

Since then, however, the VFL's law review committee has recommended that it be introduced in Victoria next year, so we could certainly see it happen in WA.

We agree that the offending player should not be allowed to move down-field for the new mark.

3. Players climbing on the backs of opposition players when flying for a mark.

Our policy on this is fairly simple - the umpires have to decide whether the player was genuinely flying for the ball with his eyes on the football all the time.

If a player uses his hands to lever himself up above his opponent and then looks for the football, he should be allowed even if he uses an opponent's back.



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INTERSTATE MATCH REVIEW

At Subiaco Oval with Westside Football reporters



The way we became Australian champions

Western Australia's march towards Australian football champions began a month ago when they beat South Australia.

The Croweaters came to Perth with a big reputation after thrashing the Vics at Adelaide's Football Park. But WA turned on their brilliance to send them back to SA with their tails between their legs.

On Tuesday Victoria needed to beat the home team by 14 goals to take the crown and while most people considered they had little chance, the Victorians can never be under-estimated.

The game against WA was always destined to be a tough encounter, particularly with so much riding on it.

A loss to the Vics by less than 14 goals would have given the crown to the South Australians.

The Vics really took the game seriously — and no wonder; the eventual loss saw them go down in the history books as the only Victorian side never to win an interstate clash in a season.

The Vics set the standard in a blistering second quarter display that left the home town team floundering. While we had an equal share of the ball, we could kick only 1.7 for the term.

The third-quarter was the period which set WA up for the win.

At one stage the locals whittled away their 20 point half time deficit to draw level and only a couple of late goals from the Big Vee undid that hard work.

But the WA players realised then that if they could get their running game into motion, they could take the crown.

When Kevin Taylor read the ball brilliantly off the hands of Garry Sidebottom and ran into an open goal, the game was all over.

Previous scores in this interstate series have been:

MAY 16: South Australia 26.16 beat Victoria 17.14.

JUNE 4: Western Australia 20.14 beat South Australia 16.14.

Below and Right: The kick that won the match and Kevin Taylor celebrates the winning goal with Garry Sidebottom who came in to congratulate the star rover



—Richie Hann Photos.



WA	v	VIC
16 22		16 19
118		115

All my dreams came at once

STEPHEN Michael, the toast of West Australian football, added another prestigious award to his long list of achievements when he won the Tassie Medal and was named captain of the star-studded All-Australian team after the interstate clash at Subiaco Oval on Tuesday.

In typical Michael fashion, he shrugged off his dominance of football with, "I was surprised to win the medal and to be named captain of the Australian team."

Michael said, "Life is full of challenges to every one and once you have achieved some of them, you must look to a new challenge. Mine is to win a premiership for South Fremantle."

Michael admitted that he was surprised at receiving the Tassie Medal after a poor first half.

"I knew I was getting caught between the play a lot and just couldn't get into the game," he said.

"At half time I thought I would really have to lift my game if I was to have any influence on the match and, believe me, I wanted to win," Michael said after the game.

The man who Michael has the highest regard for — his club coach Mal Brown — had a big bearing on the champion after half time.

Brown approached Michael at the long interval and suggested that he attack the ball more and forget about the ruck rover role, of being a kick behind the play.

Michael did just that, with the result telling in WA's favour. He began to pick up many possessions around the ground and bring other players into the game.

Michael spent most of the half time break thinking deeply about where he and WA football was headed for if the home side didn't lift its rating.

The WA captain said: "Toddy left all of us to do some serious thinking before we went back onto the ground for the third quarter. I think that was what did the trick, as the all-important third term was where we won the game."

For Michael to be named All-Australian captain, collect the Tassie Medal and win a Simpson Medal in the one season is a feat that may take a long time to be emulated.

But one thing that goes hand-in-hand

TASSIE MEDAL

By KIM HAGDORN

with this true champion is his loyalty to the cause of being a magnificent sportsman and ambassador to the national game.

He was the first to congratulate former Bulldog team-mate, Maurice Rioli, on being named the Simpson Medal winner for Tuesday's match — and then turned back to add, "I play footy for the love of the game. I love being part of all this. But to be honest, winning awards is the end of it all. Being part of a winning team means a lot more to me than any award."

Michael added "If you sat back and dreamed of success in football, I guess you would hope for all the things I've had so far this season. I'm just lucky that my dreams have come true."

No matter how modest a champion Michael can be after such a long run of success, there is no disputing the fact that he has now stamped himself the hottest piece of football material in Australia — and in WA, at least, the most popular.





SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

OUR BIG DAY



Above: Jubilant WA captain Stephen Michael responds after receiving the Tassie Medal for being the best player over the carnival.



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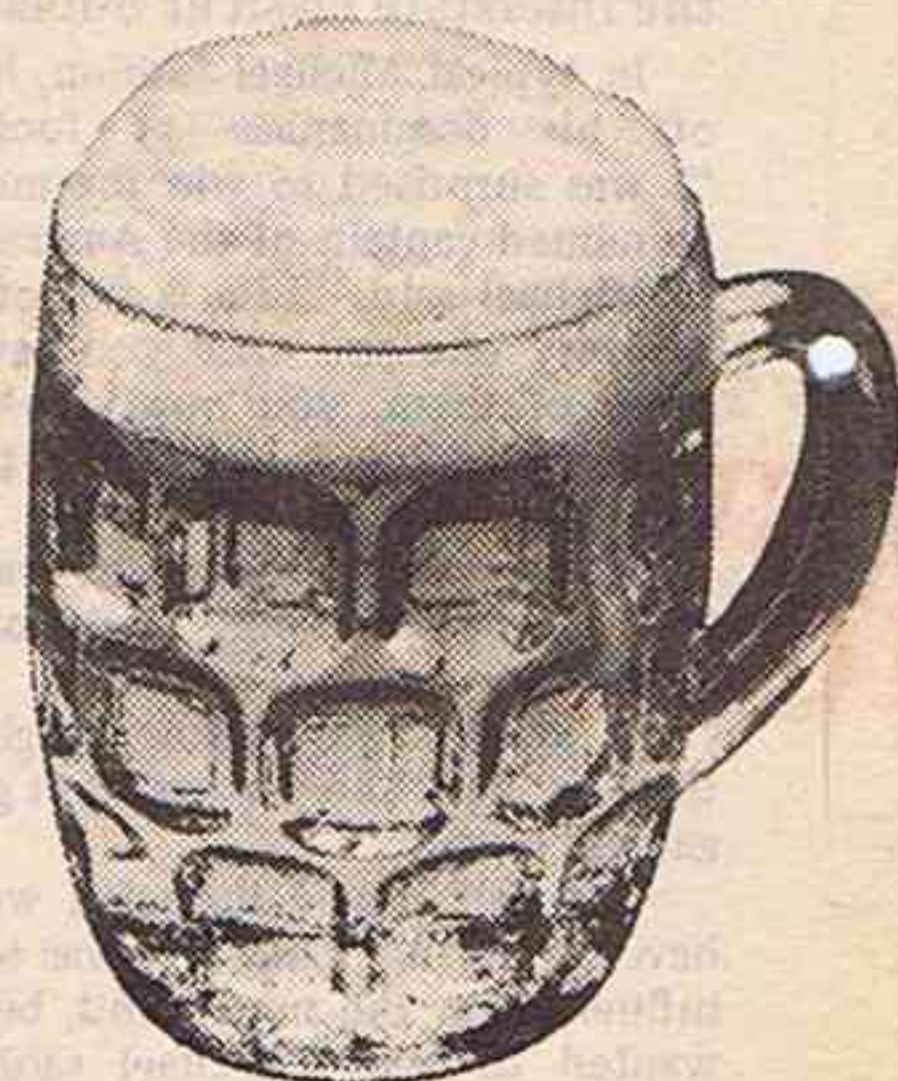
JOHN TODD: "This certainly proves that interstate football is here to stay. I was pleased about the way the players hung on in there. We were never really out of it, but just couldn't bridge the gap. All we needed was a couple of lucky breaks. I thought that Garry Sidebottom and Ross Glendinning gave us strength in attack after half-time and that was probably the turning point."



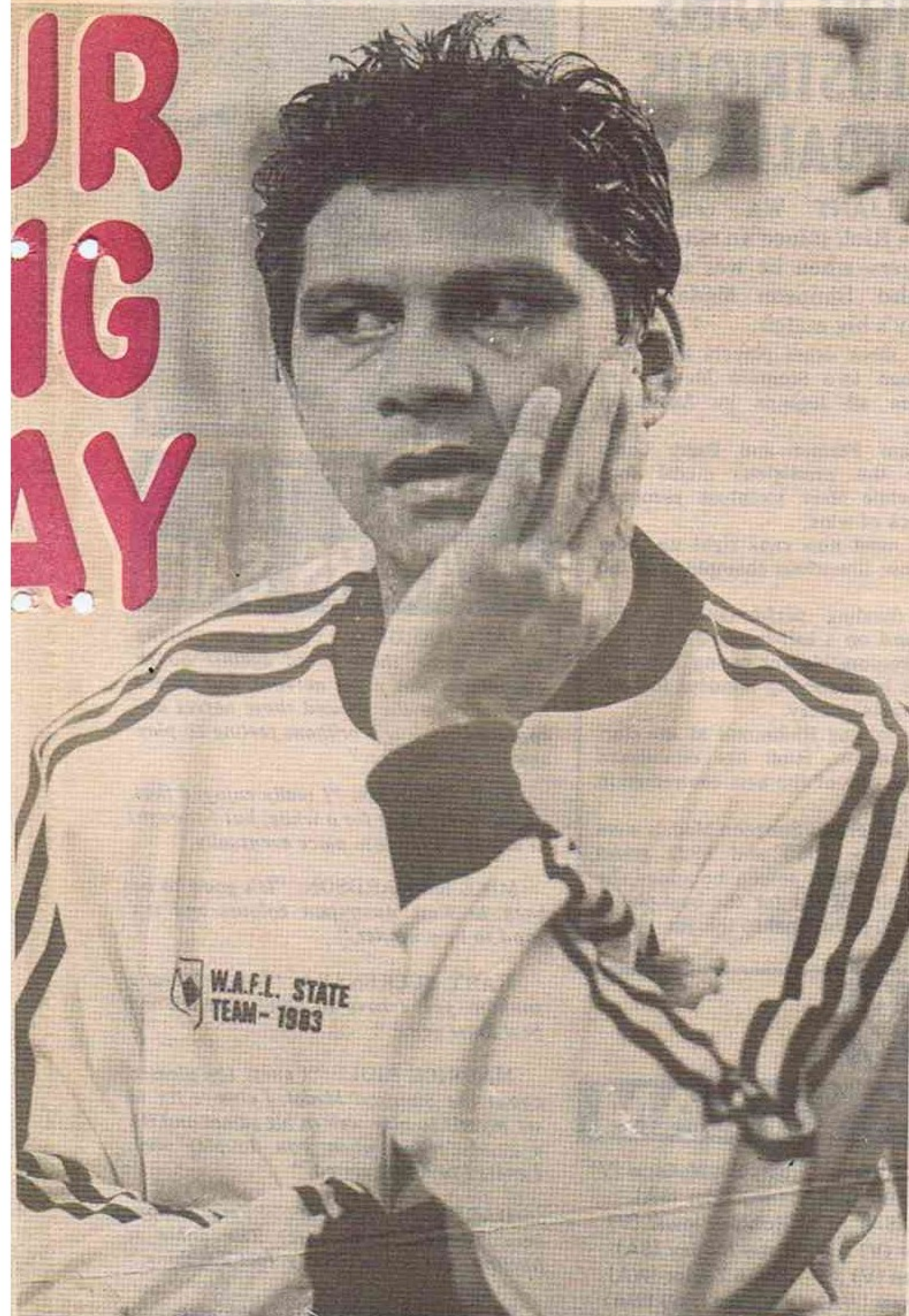
Below: WA rover Tony Buhagiar shoots out a lightning handpass.



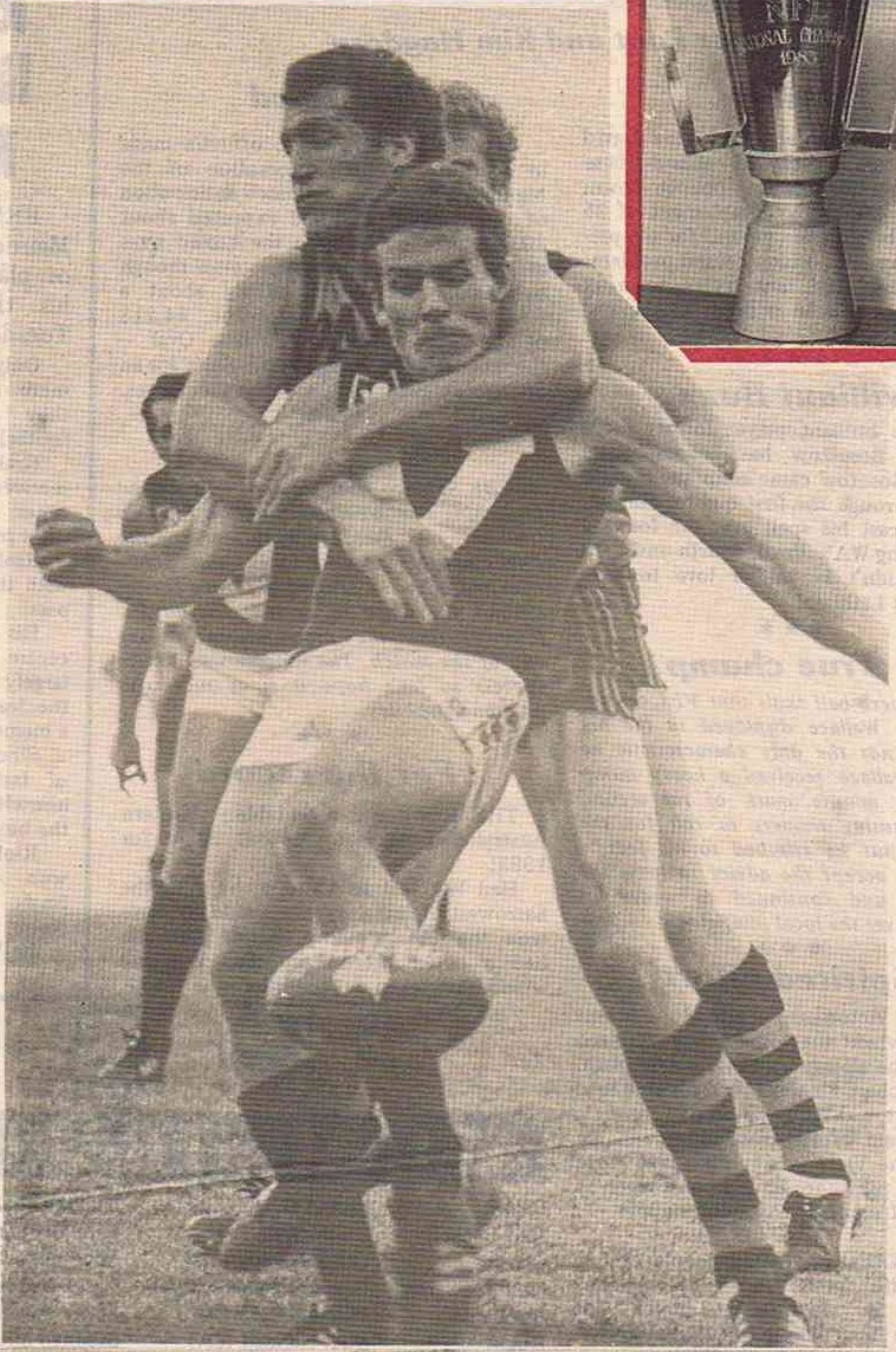
"You've earned"



OUR
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DAY



A pensive Maurice Rioli after the game.



Above: The triumphant WA players do a lap of honour after the magnificent win.




Top right: Ross Gleninning gives Victoria's Jim Buckley, buckleys chance of making an effective disposal.



DAVID PARKIN: "I was proud at the way our players worked hard and long and did everything they had to do to win. In the end, WA were just too flexible. John Todd did a great job moving his players around and Buckenara, particularly, was hard to contain. We just slipped a little at the end, but I don't really think that Victorians could be too unhappy about the way we played."

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SUBIACO SIDELIGHTS

By Peter Poat and Kim Hagdorn

Tactics

RIVAL coaches John Todd and David Parkin were both guilty of cat-and-mouse tactics before the opening bounce down. Each side had a full complement of 25 squad members on the ground for the preliminary warm-up, which caused problems for the media and fans trying to work out who had missed a berth in the respective sides.

Brilliant Buzz

WHAT a brilliant player former Perth star Peter Bosustow has become. The mercurial Bosustow came onto the ground mid-way through the first quarter and immediately cast his spell over the forward line, creating WA's third, fourth and fifth goals. Wouldn't Ian Miller love to have him back at Lathlain!

True champ

THE superb ball skills that VFL centreman Terry Wallace displayed in the big clash was not the only characteristic he showed. Wallace received a heavy bump at the 20 minute mark of the second quarter, causing trainers to call for the stretcher. But he climbed to his feet - refusing to accept the advice to leave the ground - and continued to weave his influence over the local midfielders.

Spirited effort

THE Victorians certainly meant business when they ran onto Subiaco Oval for the all-important interstate clash. Captain Robert Flower called his side into a tight unit, a demonstration of forming a spirited team effort. Soon after winning the toss, the Victorians huddled into a grid iron style pack, arm-in-arm, and received directions from their champion skipper.

THE WAFL marketing people can be pleased with themselves at the way they promoted the big interstate match. One promotion that was particularly successful and made for an excellent spectacle was the filling of the three-tier stand with thousands of cheering school children from all over the metropolitan area. Each had received their free ticket from the WAFL in return for their support and being part of a 7000 strong 'Scream Team'.

WA Football fans are a fickle lot. When WA looked like losing - and captain Stephen Michael had been struggling to get kicks - they wasted no time in giving him ironical cheers. At the 24 minute mark of the second term, Michael picked up his first kick for the quarter and the WA supporters slipped straight in with their greeting of irony. The supporters have short memories because had it not been for the individual performance of the State skipper, WA would not even have been in the fight for the Australian Football Championship. Michael single-handedly kept the local side in the game against South Australia earlier this year and those same people who were quick to knock the champion were probably the first to applaud after WA had won on Tuesday.

Big crowd

THE only error WAFL officials made in relation to their promotion of the big match was their pre-match anticipation of the crowd. They had expected about 30,000 people based on the crowd sizes at last year's interstate games even though optimistic media was talking about a possible 40,000 turnout. The 44,213 people who arrived at Subiaco Oval - the second biggest crowd in this State for an interstate clash - really enjoyed themselves.

THE Subiaco Oval playing arena looked something like Wembley Stadium FA Cup final day. At the 15-minute mark of the final quarter, security men and police marched onto the ground to form a barrier around the fence to prevent over-joyous fans marring the presentations at the end of the match. The venture was a huge success so let's hope it is as successful on grand final day.

For the record

THE Result was acceptable - Western Australia, Champion football State for 1983!

Had WA lost to Victoria, by even the narrowest of margins, they would not have won the championship. South Australia had a better percentage than WA and would have taken out the title.



ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Backs:	Steven Curtis (SA)	Craig Williams (SA)	Stephenn McCann (V)
Half Backs:	Keith Greig (V)	Ross Glendinning (WA)	Tony Giles (SA)
Centres:	Craig Bradley (SA)	Michael Aish (SA)	Robbie Flower (V)
Half Forwards:	Gary Buckenara (WA)	Terry Daniher (V)	Peter Motley (SA)
Forwards:	Michael Tuck (V)	Simon Madden (V)	Kevin Taylor (WA)
Ruck:	Matt Rendell (SA)	Stephen Michael (WA)	Maurice Rioli (WA)
Interchange:	Mark Lee (V)	Mike Richardson (WA)	
Coach:	John Todd (WA)	Captain: Stephen Michael	Vice Captain: Robbie Flower

SOME PRE-MATCH COMMENTS

Comments from some well known personalities prior to Tuesday's big match.

Geoff Poulter, editor of the Sporting Globe:

I doubt whether Victoria can overcome WA's home ground advantage where the Sandgropers have won three of the past five State of Origin clashes with Victoria - let alone win by the 14 goals required to retain the carnival title.

Victoria will not be able to use fitness or tired legs as a reason for the failure as the local WA representatives played in club matches on Saturday.

David Parkin, Victorian coach:

"We stuffed it up against South Australia and it's our fault that we are in this position. To just get home against WA would be terrific."

Ron Barassi, Melbourne's coach:

In today's state-of-origin football the other major states are not in awe of the big white V like they used to be. They know from personal experience that our stars are not untouchable supermen.

John Todd, WA coach:

"Anybody who says that this Victorian team will be easy to beat is being plain stupid."

VICTORIA		WEST AUST.	
PLAYERS	Tot.	PLAYERS	Tot.
TERRY WALLACE	5 10 7 5 27	ROD BARRETT	2 7 2 3 14
GEOFF CUNNINGHAM	1 2 4 6 13	ALAN JOHNSON	3 3 2 3 11
MICHAEL CONLAN	1 3 1 4 9	TONY BUHAGIAR	3 1 2 3 8
MARK BROWNING	5 2 4 4 15	KEVIN TAYLOR	1 5 6 5 16
JIM BUCKLEY	5 1 3 8 11	MAURICE RIOLI	4 6 5 2 17
ROBERT FLOWER	3 2 1 5 11	GARY BUCKENARA	8 3 4 8 23
BRIAN ROYAL	2 1 3 5 11	DON LANGSFORD	1 4 1 6 4 3 1 2
GEOFF RAINES	3 1 1 4 9	DARREL PANIZZA	2 3 4 5 14
DALE WRIGHTMAN	5 1 1 4 11	WARREN RALPH	3 2 2 1 5 4 1 2 2
TIM WATSON	3 1 1 4 9	PHIL CRONAN	1 1 3 4 1 2
TERRY DANIHER	7 4 4 5 20	MURRAY RANCE	1 1 2 4 1 1
MICHAEL TUCK	4 9 4 4 21	ANDY PURSER	2 2 2 2 6 1 2 5
WAYNE JOHNSTON	2 1 4 3 10	PAUL HARDING	1 1 1 3 3 3 1
KEITH GREIG	3 3 2 1 9	STEPHEN MICHAEL	3 1 5 4 13 3 5 3 1 4
STEPHEN ICKE	3 2 1 2 8	ROSS GLENDINNING	3 3 2 2 10 4 6 1 2
RUSSELL GREENE	1 4 2 2 8	RON BOUCHER	1 1 2 2 2 2 3
STEVEN MCCANN	2 1 2 1 6	GARY MALARKEY	1 4 1 2 7 1 2 1
DAVID DENCH	1 3 1 1 5	GARY SIDEBOTTOM	2 2 2 2 8 6 4 2 1 3
DES ENGLISH	2 1 5 5 13	TONY SOLIN	5 2 3 1 11 1 4 2 2
PETER KNIGHTS	1 2 3 5 11	MIKE RICHARDSON	3 2 7 4 16 10 9 1 1
SIMON MADDEN	1 3 2 2 8	PETER BOSUSTOW	2 1 6 9 2 4 1 1 1
MARK LEE	3 3 2 2 10	WAYNE BLACKWELL	1 3 1 6 10 4 3
FORCED	1 1 1 1 4	FORCED	1 1 1 1 4
TOTALS	56 57 49 49 211	TOTALS	50 53 56 58 217

SIMPSON MEDAL

RIOLI JOINS ILLUSTRIOUS MEDALLISTS

BRILLIANT WA centreman Maurice Rioli joined an elite group of players when he was awarded his third Simpson Medal after Tuesday's big match.

Only three other players have won more than two Simpson Medals and they are all legends in Australian football.

Graham Farmer and Barry Cable received the prestigious medal four times, while Merv McIntosh recorded a hat trick of wins.

Rioli must now rank right up there with those illustrious champions of the past.

His dazzling performance in the centre and on a half-forward flank was largely responsible for seeing WA grab the lead in the dying minutes to steal a memorable victory.

Since joining Richmond at the start of last season, Rioli has established himself as one of the best centre-men in the business.

Rioli's previous Simpson Medals were won in the 1980 and 1981 grand finals - and last season he added the Norm Smith Medal for the best player in the VFL grand final to this list.



Paul Harding

WHAT THE PLAYERS SAID

PAUL HARDING: "I felt better playing in this game than I did against South Australia. I was more nervous, but once I ran out onto the ground those nerves disappeared. It was a brilliant feeling to play against the Big Vee."

PHIL CRONAN: "I really enjoyed that. It was a bit tight for a while, but I thought it would all fall into place eventually."

MIKE RICHARDSON: "It's good to be back in West Australian colours and it's good to be a winner."

GARY BUCKENARA: "It hasn't really sunk in yet. I have to agree that it's my best State game."

MAURICE RIOLI: "I guess I'm pleased about the Simpson Medal. I always try to set myself to play well in big games and it's a good feeling when you do play well. I guess I'm rather elated."

DARREL PANIZZA: "Very happy, very pleased, very sore! The ankle is hurting, but I can't really feel anything."

ROSS GLENDINNING: "Very nice."

TONY SOLIN: "I would rate that win on a par with the premiership last year. I thought I went all right because I played on Wayne Johnston, Mick Conlan and Tim Watson and I don't think any of them went especially well. Johnston is a slippery customer."

PHIL CRONAN: "Very good."

TONY BUHAGIAR: "It was tough... but it will be great back in Melbourne this week."

WARREN RALPH: "I was a little disappointed on two counts, but Toddy thought I should come off because it would be the best thing to do for the team and he is the boss. I was not happy with my own form in the second quarter, but the way the game was played did not suit my style."

PETER BOSUSTOW: "I'm still a bit dazed, but it's a beautiful feeling!"

MURRAY RANCE: "They were more dinkum than the South Australians and the pressure was enormous. They had their backs to the wall and they came out fighting. I thought it was a good decision to switch Ross Glendinning and myself because Stephen McCann just had too much experience for me. Along with the premiership last year, it is the highlight of my career. At the beginning of the season I set my sights on getting in the State squad and things have gone better than I had expected."

DON LANGSFORD: "It was tough playing two hard games in three days, but we had a good build-up to the State game. I enjoyed playing on the half-back-flank because I change there as a ruck rover in club football."

WAYNE BLACKWELL: "Toddy told me I would get a run and I figured it would be in the second quarter, so I just concentrated on the game so that when I was given a chance I could move straight into the game. I didn't want to get out there and run around like a chook with his head cut off, I waited for the play to come to me."

DOCTOR FOOTBALL

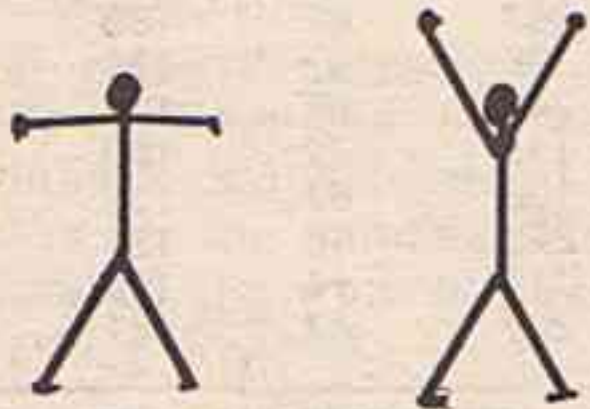
HEAD and NECK INJURIES

The incident at Perth Oval when John Dimmer was injured has prompted me to choose this as the topic for the week.

First of all I want to congratulate the East Perth trainers in their professional approach by not man-handling or moving the player once they had realised the possibility of a neck injury.

I want to discuss firstly the management of the unconscious player and second, the management of the player with suspected neck or back injury.

On arriving at the scene, the head trainer, once realising that a player is unconscious, should first signal for the stretcher (the usual sign is the arms held out horizontal) and then put the arms up vertically in the air to show that a doctor is required.



It is in the trainer's interest that an unconscious player be seen by a doctor before he is moved, to avoid any legal implications in the event of a player suffering a neck or severe spinal injury in conjunction with concussion.

If a doctor is unavailable, or while awaiting arrival of a doctor, the trainer should concentrate on the following, in caring for the unconscious player.

They will be guided by remembering the A.B.C. of first aid.

A—Ensure the airway is clear; remove the player's mouthguard. Remember that the player's tongue may be preventing air getting into his lungs. Remove anything such as mud, or vomitus inside the mouth. One can easily check if air is moving in and out of the lungs by watching the chest move and by putting the palm of the hand over the mouth and feeling the air on exhalation. If the tongue has fallen back or vomiting is occurring, a better airway will be provided if the player is postured on his side in the usual coma position.



Fig. 4. The coma position

While turning the player onto his side, do so in as careful a manner as possible, avoiding too much movement of the spine and neck. Simply roll the player onto his side, without flexing if possible, the neck or back and supporting at all times with your hands. If the incident has been witnessed, this will of course facilitate the situation as it may be suggestive as to whether or not a neck or back injury is also involved. As in Dimmer's case he collided head-first into an opposing player and there was a mechanism of the head being compressed into the shoulders and possible compression injury to the neck.

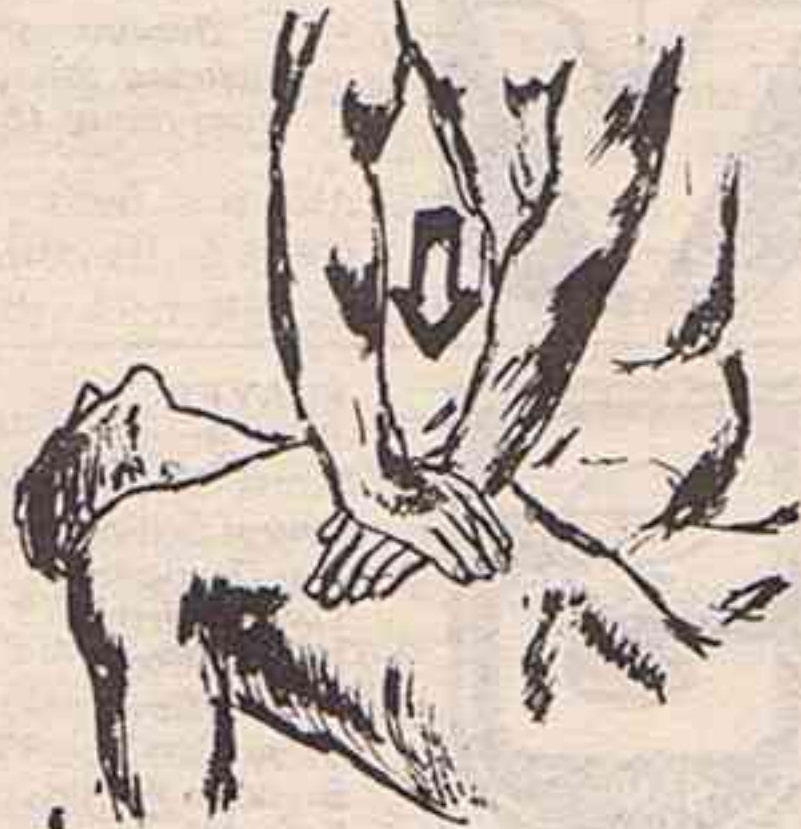
B—Stands for breathing.

When the airway is clear, but the breathing has stopped or is becoming weaker, artificial resuscitation is begun. Mouth to mouth is the most effective technique or mouth to nose, if the mouth has been badly damaged. Most clubs also carry the air-viver resuscitation kit and ventilation can be maintained easier once the player is off the field.



C—should remind you of circulation. Feel either the carotid pulse on the side of the neck or the pulse in the wrist. If these pulses are absent, external cardiac compression is started.

A first-aid certificate should be mandatory today and sports trainers courses are available. Most trainers, especially head trainers, today certainly fulfil these criteria and their medical expertise is indeed of a high standard.



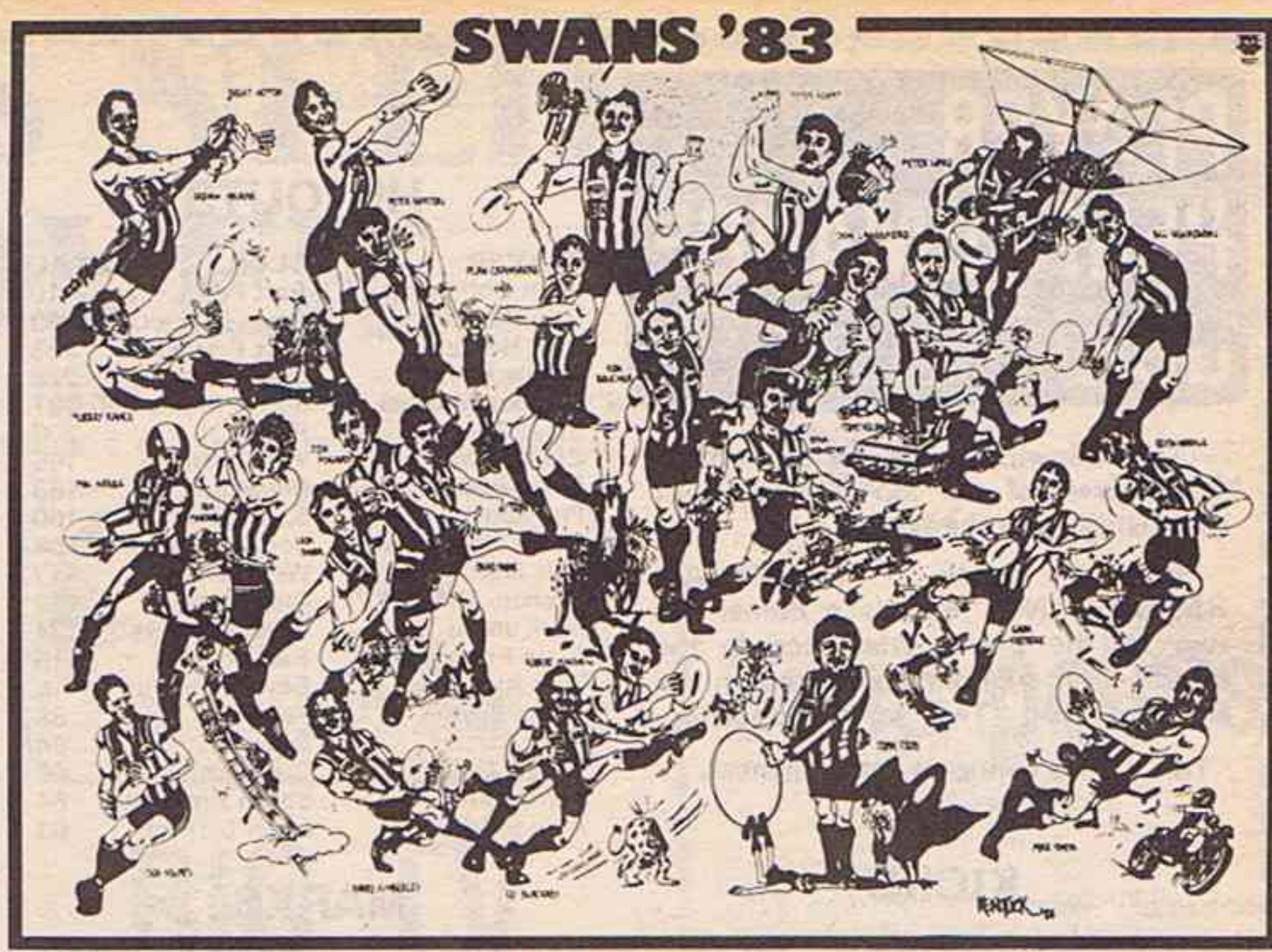
Neck and back injuries are fairly common in Aussie rules — ranging from a minor bruise to a fractured vertebrae. I must emphasise again, where the player is unconscious or where a neck or spinal injury is suspected, it is important for trainers and players (team mates often present a hazard) to *not* attempt to lift the player off the ground.

The player should raise himself from a horizontal position into a seated position by his own efforts. Assistance should *not* be given.

If the player finds he is unable to raise himself because of pain or weakness, he is to be removed from the ground by a stretcher with the minimum amount of movement of the body.



The Claremont players had a tough and miserable trip to Bassendean Oval last week when they were taken apart quite professionally by Swan Districts. However, one Tiger who didn't give in easily was Steve Malaxos, and here he earns this week's Hard Yakka award as he gets a handpass away despite the pressure from Bradley Shine. Malaxos wins a pair of Rigs trousers or new rugged Brut jeans.



WESTSIDE Football cartoonist Tony Kentuck has released a series of club posters. At \$5 each they are great value for football fans. The posters are printed in club colours and are available at selected retail outlets, including The Footy Shop at 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

Spencer consistent

THE key to a good player is consistency and one look at Peter Spencer's performances over the year reveal that he has only been out of his side's best player list once this season. In the Football Budget's Sheraton-Perth Hotel footballer-of-the-year award, votes are cast according to the best players in The West Australian. Spencer has figured in the top six for East Perth on every occasion except in the third match of the season.

JOINT LEADERS

EAST Fremantle rover Kevin Taylor and East Perth ruck rover Peter Spencer have taken the early lead in the third series \$1,000 Marlboro player of the series award. Both players polled the maximum nine votes for their efforts on the weekend and they are one vote clear of Swan Districts ruck rover Don Langsford.



STATS TELL THE STORY

STATISTICS provide football followers with interesting information and a quick look at a service provided to Westside Football uncovered some unusual facts. It may not be hard to believe that big East Perth star John Ironmonger is the most effective ruckman in WA football. Ironmonger has won 120 more tap outs than his nearest rival — Swans' Ron Boucher. Ironmonger has won 410 knock outs and Boucher 290.

Top team South Fremantle have had less handballs than five other teams in the competition. Their weekly average is 95.6 while East Perth (109.5), Claremont (108.9) and Perth (106.9) have all used to handball more than the top team. Surprisingly, Swan Districts and West Perth are the two teams which trail the Bulldogs in this department.

Happy man

Sharks coach Ron Alexander was a happy man after his young side had kept their final four hopes alive with their big win at the expense of Subiaco last Saturday. Alexander said, "I've stuck with these guys and I am proud of them. We are now playing as a team and the most pleasing thing is the way we show consideration for each other. Our ability to shepherd is the feature of our play and if we make the four all other sides can be wary of us."

Welcome back

Len Gandini made the most of his unexpected bonus last Saturday when he turned in his best performance of the season for the Demons. Gandini had been named as 21st man for his side for their match against league leaders South Fremantle and was expecting to play with the reserves. But the 21-year-old received a welcome, but unexpected call, from coach Ian Miller at 8 o'clock last Saturday morning telling him he was to play league and would line up in a back pocket. Gandini decided then he would make sure of his good fortune and he did just that.

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PLAYER PERFORMANCE GUIDE

The following lists show the statistical progress of the top 20 players in each category in the WAFL.

Every week ISABELLA'S RESTAURANT awards a dinner for two to the player who records the highest tally of points allocated on the National Top Ten table. (opposite).

This week's winner is Peter Spencer.

HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
John Ironmonger	East Perth	410
Ron Boucher	Swan Districts	290
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	283
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	228
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	221
Steve Turner	Perth	206
Craig Nelson	West Perth	165
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	163
Phil Scott	Subiaco	160
David Rawlinson	South Fremantle	158
Ben Jager	West Perth	147
Graham Moss	Claremont	139
Mick Johns	Swan Districts	134
Craig Edwards	East Perth	116
Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	115
Rhett Baynes	Perth	88
Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	84
Wayne Duke	Claremont	65
Barrie Quick	South Fremantle	64
Alan Sidebottom	Swan Districts	63

KICKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	346
Cam Shepherd	Perth	319
Peter Spencer	East Perth	316
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	299
Les Fong	West Perth	292
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	280
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	279
Bryan Cousins	Perth	279
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	275
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	275
Steven Goulding	Claremont	274
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	267
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	258
Allen Daniels	Claremont	257
Peter Thorne	East Perth	255
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	245
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	244
Phil Cronan	West Perth	240
John Dimmer	East Perth	235
Rod Alderton	West Perth	235

MARKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Craig Edwards	East Perth	114
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	109
Peter Thorne	East Perth	108
Rod Alderton	West Perth	107
Warren Ralph	Claremont	99
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	96
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	91
Peter Spencer	East Perth	91
Steve Turner	Perth	91
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	90
Bruce Monteath	South Fremantle	90
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	89
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	86
Graham Moss	Claremont	86
Peter O'Connell	Perth	85
John Ironmonger	East Perth	84
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	84
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	82
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	81
Colin Waterson	East Fremantle	80

HANDBALLS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	175
Mark Watson	Claremont	170
Peter Thorne	East Perth	138
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	136
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	134
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	133
Greg Walsh	East Perth	130
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	130
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	126
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	124
Peter O'Connell	Perth	122
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	122
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	121
Bryan Cousins	Perth	121
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	112
Clinton Roberts	Perth	110
Wally Matera	South Fremantle	109
Les Fong	West Perth	109
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	108
Michael Aitken	Claremont	103

DISPOSALS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	491
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	468
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	403
Cam Shepherd	Perth	401
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	401
Les Fong	West Perth	401
Bryan Cousins	Perth	400
Peter Thorne	East Perth	393
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	380
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	365
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	362
Steven Goulding	Claremont	349
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	347
Mark Watson	Claremont	342
Greg Walsh	East Perth	341
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	341
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	340
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	339
Allen Daniels	Claremont	333
Phil Cronan	West Perth	330

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National TOP TEN

This NATIONAL TOP TEN tally board gives individual kick, mark and handball totals for the top ten league players in each of the major football States. Points are allocated on the basis of 1 for a kick, 2 for a handpass and 3 for a mark.



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	316	91	175	939
Don Langsford	Swan Dist.	346	96	122	878
Peter Thorne	East Perth	255	108	138	855
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	213	109	108	756
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	219	90	121	731
Paul Vasoli	S. Frem.	232	67	133	699
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	279	55	124	692
Peter O'Connell	Perth	188	85	122	687
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	280	81	82	687
Rod Alderton	West Perth	235	107	64	684



Because of the split round in Melbourne, no VFL tallies are included this week. Our table next week will include all matches from round 16.



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Craig Bradley	Port Adel.	230	77	143	747
Robb Hawkins	Sth Adel.	137	101	147	734
Darryl Schimmelbusch	W. Torrens	253	67	139	732
Jim Derrington	Sturt	198	52	176	706
David Marshall	Glenelg	243	65	133	704
Kym Dillon	W. Torrens	175	72	150	691
Peter Carey	Glenelg	103	97	139	672
Darel Hart	Central Dist.	223	66	124	669
Brendon Phillips	Nth Adel.	211	74	118	669
Peter Kreig	Central Dist.	229	47	147	664

LAST WEEKEND'S TOP PERFORMER



Peter Spencer

EAST Perth ruck-roller Peter Spencer is again our winner of a dinner for two at the Isabella's Restaurant for being the player who gained the most possessions in WA football last Saturday. Spencer was everywhere for the Royals and it was largely through his effort that East Perth outplayed the Falcons and knocked them out of the race for fourth spot. Spencer has overcome all sorts of injuries on his way to once again becoming a dominant player for East Perth. He is back to the form which won him the 1976 Sandover Medal.



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

July 9	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	Channel 7	6IX	6PR	6KY	6WF	ABC TV	Umpires
Swans v. Claremont	Geoff Christian Langsford (SD) K. Narkle (SD) Malaxos (C)	Ray Wilson Shine (SD) Langsford Solin (SD)	Bob Cribb Solin Boucher (SD) Langsford	Mike Thomson Langsford Shine Davidson (C)	Bob Miller Langsford Kimberley Malaxos	Phil Mulcahy Langsford Shine Nowotny (SD)	Peter van Helden Langsford K. Narkle Solin	Ken Inman Skwirowski (SD) Langsford Malaxos	Eric Sarich Neesham (SD) K. Narkle Ware (SD)	Ian Brayshaw Boucher Langsford Solin	Phillips/ O'Reilly
Perth v. S. Frem.	Steve Wright Dorotich (SF) Cousins (P) Mosconi (SF)	Geoff Worner Cousins Dorotich Turner (P)	Gary Stocks Gandini (P) Barrett (SF) Dorotich	Paul Simpson Barrett Mosconi Cousins	Ken McAullay Dorotich Cousins Barrett	Harvey Deegan Cousins Barrett Michael (SF)	Alan East Turner Vasoli (SF) Cousins	Les Mumme Gandini Vasoli Dorotich	Ray Lawrence Vasoli Worthington (P) Page (P)	Grant Dorrington Barrett Cousins Michael	Morris/ Appleby
West Perth v. East Perth	Robert Wainwright Spencer (EP) Christian (EP) Kelly (EP)	Rod Lane Spencer Ironmonger (EP) Campbell (EP)	Peter Poat Spencer Campbell Allen (EP)	Robbie Burns Spencer Christian Scott (EP)	Marty McDonnell Spencer Campbell Cox	Bill Valli Campbell Cox (EP) Allen	Bob Hicks Campbell Sparks (EP) Spencer	Joe Fanchi Spencer Ironmonger Campbell	John Vukman Spencer Allen Ironmonger	John Vukman Spencer Cronan (WP) Ironmonger	Buckey/ Gillies
E. Frem. v. Subiaco	Doug Young K. Taylor (EF) Harding (EF) Rankin (EF)	Colin Hopkins K. Taylor P. Lamb (S) Rankin	Kim Hagdorn K. Taylor Turco (EF) P. Lamb	Rod White K. Taylor Cormack (EF) Kickett (EF)	Percy Johnston K. Taylor D. Rankin P. Lamb	Chris Mitsopoulos K. Taylor Rankin Browning (EF)	Oscar Howard K. Taylor Kickett Alexander (EF)	Colin Hopkins K. Taylor P. Lamb Rankin	Tony Parentich K. Taylor P. Lamb Cormack (EF)	Keith Slater K. Taylor D. Rankin P. Lamb	Rowe/ Ball

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R & I Little League

BIG WINS

The four winning teams in the R and I Little League matches on the weekend won comfortably.

In the closest game of the day West Perth kicked 4.3 while holding East Perth to 2.0.

Grant Garlett put up a good performance to kick three goals and other good players were Graham Reid, Jerome Colden and Luke Green (one goal) while best players for East Perth were Grant Martin (one goal) Bradley Ball (one goal) and Andrew Bartley played solidly for the Royals.

East Fremantle, led by Sebastian Donovan (three goals), Shaun Brophy and Rene Martinson kicked 3.4 while Subiaco kicked one point. Best for Subiaco were Brendon Boxhorn, Paul Hogg, Cameron Cohen.

Claremont kicked 3.5 while Swan Districts did not score. Nathan Howat kicked two goals, David Bayley (one) and another top player was Chris Christor. Good contributors for Swans were Jarron Benson, Adam Watson and Darren Lendwehr.

Perth added 4.5 to South Fremantle's no score. Gavin Trayton, Anthony Quartermaine, Alan Walton and Richard Vincent all kicked one goal and were good players. Best for the young Bulldogs were Bradley Bootsma, Shane Fallon and Mark Brandetti.

This week Lake Grace Kulin will represent Claremont, Langford (East Fremantle), Busselton (East Perth), Hills (Swan Districts), Whitford Tigers (Subiaco), South Suburban (Perth), Kardinya (South Fremantle) and CBC (West Perth).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag	Pts
EAST FREM	15	11	4	-	302	119	44
PERTH	15	8	6	1	225	188	34
CLAREMONT	15	8	6	1	216	199	34
SUBIACO	15	8	7	-	236	223	32
Swan Districts	15	7	7	-	179	208	28
East Perth	15	6	8	1	151	199	26
West Perth	15	6	8	1	182	197	26



CIG State manager Mr Phil Aiken presents Belmont's Tony Walley with the medal for being the best player on the ground.

BELMONT WIN CIG SHIELD

BY GARY BARTHOLOMEUSZ

BELMONT High School turned on a strong display of football to completely overwhelm a hapless Balcatta and take victory in the inaugural CIG Shield on Tuesday.

The high-class match sponsored by Commonwealth Industrial Gases, was played at Subiaco Oval as the curtain-raiser to the WA-Victoria game. The final score was Belmont 16.11 (107) to Balcatta's 5.6 (36).

The players performed in front of their biggest audience ever - and probably ever will - and it was Belmont who put their act together superbly.

Belmont won all five games on their way to winning the final and earned themselves \$500 worth of sporting equipment.

Balcatta captain Geraint Gearon won the toss and elected to kick to the Subiaco end, but Belmont took charge and were ruthless in the opening quarter, dominating in every position.

Unfortunately, their fine football midfield was blemished by poor kicking for goal and they finished the stanza with 2.2, but kept the opposition scoreless.

It only took Belmont half a minute to score a goal in the second term and then six majors followed in succession, three off the boot of Wayne Haring, including a magnificent 50 metre goal.

Half-time scores were 9.5 to 1.1.

The third quarter saw a more desperate Balcatta, but they played without any system. In the latter part of the term, Belmont steadied with three quick goals and led 13.9 to 3.4 at three-quarter time.

The final quarter was just a formality and Belmont ran out easy winners by 71 points.

Some outstanding individuals in the match were Aboriginal trio Daniel Penny, Tony Walley and Wayne Haring (for Belmont) and Geraint Gearon, Adam Lamb



Belmont skipper Daniel Penny receives the CIG Shield from Sport and Recreation Minister, Mr Keith Wilson.

and Stephen Munro for Balcatta.

Penny, Belmont's captain, had 10 marks, 20 kicks and four handballs for the game, while his vice captain, Walley, had 7.21.2 - and won the medal as best player afield.

Main goalscorers for Belmont were - Walley, Haring and John Biggs with three each, and Paul Ford and Geoff Brooke two apiece.

Mark Vanderlist finished the game with two goals for Balcatta.

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The answer to last weeks question was Percy Johnson and the lucky winner is Shane Long of Kalamunda.

Our game needs promoting

MANY junior club officials are annoyed by the recent spate of critical articles on junior football.

"It seems newspapers only want the gutter stuff to highlight and nothing else," says Bill Francis.

"We have many worthy stories that could be written with a positive approach on junior football.

"Our juniors won the WAFL combined side 14s title last month and no one approached us for a write-up. But as soon as there is a serious tribunal matter they swarm in from everywhere.

"I know of five men who together have given 125 years service to junior football, but no one wants to know about it.

"They're not after thanks, they all just wish to see our junior sport promoted, not demoted.

"It's hard enough controlling juniors after they see the way adult sportsmanship is heading, but to have to put up with irresponsible journalists only makes the battle harder.

"We continually invite the same newspapers who are after the trash to do stories on the brighter aspects of junior football, as yet not one has accepted, they have only succeeded in making officials wary of them."

INVITATION

WHILE on the subject of promotion, this paper offers all junior clubs the opportunity to submit regular newsworthy features.

It's amazing when you consider there are so many junior organizations, clubs, teams and players in this State and most weeks we must squeeze information out

of the concerned people to fill this page.

All metro bodies are contacted each week for news, but only Perth Junior Council have been regular contributors over the past two seasons - most bodies haven't given anything in that period.

This is where apathy reigns and it's the kids who miss out.

Most country associations have also been contacted and are urged to submit items to promote their sector.

All contributions are deadlined each Sunday at 7.00pm and should be forwarded to their controlling bodies - contacts are Diane Mervyn 279 2917 (Swan Districts), Peter Brazier 386 1969 (Claremont), John Lister 362 2514 (Perth), Stella Geritsen 342 4859 (West Perth), Colin Campbell 271 2339 (East Perth), Val Timeweel 330 4185 (East Fremantle), Jack Dickson 095 272453 (South Fremantle), Bill Francis 446 1338 (Subiaco's Wanneroo), Kevin McManus 459 2001 (South Suburban) and Betty Pratt 298 8791 (Hills Association).

Country associations are asked to write to myself, 22 Caladenia Way, Koongamia 6056 or phone 294 1405.

TRINITY'S TITLE?

TRINITY College look set to take out the coveted Alcock Cup after their three point victory last Wednesday over their most serious rivals, Guildford Grammar.

In a battle between the two undefeated independant schools, Trinity won 8.8 to 7.11.



AROUND THE CLUBS

By Gary Bartholomeusz
Phone 294 1405
with club news.

ROYAL ROUTINE

EAST Perth Junior Council are conducting their annual country zone carnival this weekend and taking part will be 11s, 13s and 15s teams from Warren Districts (Manjimup and surrounds), Nelson Districts (Bridgetown and surrounds), Busselton and Donnybrook.

Each team will compete in four qualifying games at venues throughout the metro zone on Saturday and Sunday - the finals will be conducted on Sunday afternoon at Perth Oval.

Players will be vieing for grade shields and a pennant for each member of the victorious teams will be presented along with fairest and best awards for both country and city sections.

PESTERING PAYS OFF

BECAUSE his older brother plays for Mt Helena 9s (Hills Association), Simon Cuthbert has been continually pestering his parents so he can play footy too - and last week it paid off.

He became a registered player for the club and donned his boots.

Simon turns five next Wednesday.



Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Country football clubs, associations and leagues are invited to submit news items and photographs for inclusion on this page.

Contributions should be posted to WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville or phoned through on 443 2262.



Leagues gear up for carnival

ALL country leagues are hit with football fever as the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships draw near.

The annual three-day carnival, which will be held on August 4, 5 and 7 this year, always generates a great deal of enthusiasm and this year promises to be even better.

In the past many of the top players in country football have opted to miss the trip to Perth, but with the possibility of a trip to Adelaide next year every league should have their best team available.

Last month the Wesfarmers Allstars team, which was chosen after the 1982 carnival, played in an historic match against their South Australian counterparts in the curtain raiser to the interstate clash.

Therefore competition for inclusion in this year's Allstars team will be fierce.

Following the success of the match in June, Wesfarmers have announced their intention to send a team to South Australia next year to play in the match preceding the WAFL-SANFL game at the picturesque Football Park.

WA won the contest at Subiaco Oval by six points after a slow start and that game will be the highlight of the players' careers.

The Wesfarmers Country Football Championships are divided into three divisions and the top teams play off in a grand final every year.

The strong South West side won the carnival last year when they beat the Great Northern League in atrocious conditions in the grand final. They proved too strong on the day and will be looking for a repeat performance this year.

That was the fifth successive victory for South West and the other teams will now be looking to end their run.

Once again their main opposition should come from the Great Northern.

Many of the WAFL's top league players have come from the country areas and the standard of competition is sure to be high.

Players like Stephen Michael, Nicky Winmar, Darrell Panizza, Allen Daniels, Baden Harper, Lance Kelly, Peter Dawson, Greg Walsh, Murray Wrensted, Max Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Oral McGuire, Mick Lee, Brad Shine, Don Langsford and Rod Alderton are all products of country football.

The B-section was won by Central Midlands last year and the C-section by North Midlands.

TV COVER EXTENDED

WESFARMERS took a big gamble last year when they telecast the A-section of the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships live through the Golden West Network.

But so successful was the venture that they will again provide a live telecast of the A-section grand final through the Bunbury based television network.

In addition the last quarter of the B-section game will also receive live coverage.

Country football followers had not been coming to Perth to watch the championships so Wesfarmers decided they should take the carnival to the people through television.

It was an enormous financial risk, but it rated so highly that they again arranged with the Golden West Network to televise the main matches.



Keith Miller, of Upper Great Southern (left) and Barry Khan (Southern Districts) tied for the fairest and best award in the carnival.

Win for UGSNFL

UPPER Great Southern served warning that they would be hard to beat in the rapidly approaching Wesfarmers Country Football Championships when they won the Great Southern Carnival in Narrogin last weekend.

A 10 minute third quarter burst which yielded eight goals set them up for a 16.12 to 9.12 victory over Southern Districts.

Southern Districts received some compensation for the loss when their colts team was too strong for Central Great Southern in the final.

The Bill Backshall trophy for the fairest and best player in this competition was won by Allan Knight of Southern Districts. It was a close game all day and the Albany based league eventually won 19.16 to 16.13.

At the end of the main match Upper Great Southern's Kim Drage was presented with the Golden West Network award for being the best man afield.

He received strong support from Mark Bairstow and Gavin Bolt while Southern Districts best players were Neil Williams and Geoff Simpson.

There was a tie for the fairest and best player in the carnival and Keith Miller (Upper Great Southern) and Barry Khan (Southern Districts) will each receive a medal.

HEDLAND HOSTS CARNIVAL

IT WAS a far cry from the screaming crowds and perfect playing conditions of the WAFL.

But for the nine teams which headed to Port Hedland for the fourth annual Aboriginal Football Carnival it was the biggest event on their football calendar.

Teams converged from all parts of the north west from as far afield as One Arm Point, Jigalong, Pundulmurra and Yandiyarra to take part in the two day carnival.

The teams were split into two groups with Port Hedland, Broome, Roebourne and Pundulmurra, an aboriginal training school, making up the A-grade.

The four A-grade teams played three games each which consisted of 20 minute halves and at the end of it all, Broome emerged as the winners.

All A-grade players were required to wear football boots and for many of them it was their first time in footwear on a football field.

The B-grade saw five teams play two games each and competition was fairly even between One Arm Point, Onslow, Jigalong, Yandiyarra and Port Hedland number two.

The training techniques from One Arm Point, who train on the soft sandy beaches, paid dividends and they won the lower division.

They travelled 800km in the back of a cattle truck just to play in the carnival and were worthy victors. After camping out between games they had travelled 1600km by the time they took their shield home.

The idea of the carnival was to give the players the opportunity to play competitive football and help to promote the game in the north west.

There was some sparkling football played, despite the fact that none of the B-grade players wore football boots.

Last year an Aboriginal carnival was held in Geraldton, but no teams farther north than Carnarvon were invited to play. The organisers of the Port Hedland carnival are hopeful they will be asked to send a combined team this year.

Every season the Port Hedland carnival culminates with the start of Aboriginal Week in the north west, in the first week of July.

The far north never sees any league talent scouts unless the trips are subsidised. But there is some exciting talent there and it is time the WA clubs spent money on the development of football in that region.

Next year the organisers hope to include an athletics carnival on the programme to unearth untapped talent in this area as well.

Central Australian league to play in Moora

MATCHES between the Central Australian Football League and a combined Mortlock, Central Midlands and North Midlands sides could become an annual event.

The recent match between the two teams in Alice Springs proved to be a resounding success and already a date has been fixed for a return match in 1984.

It will be held on the first weekend in July.

A fortnight ago the WA country team travelled to Alice Springs and tour organiser Roger Tonkin described it as a resounding success.

"It took 12 months of organising," Mr Tonkin says. "And after seeing the match eventuate that hard work was well worth while."

"The biggest problem was organising a sponsor, but TAA came to the party and they were a tremendous help."

In a low scoring contest, the Central Australian side won by five points in a cliff-hanger finish.

Just as the siren sounded one of the visitors took a mark and needed to kick a goal to draw the match. However, he was off target and could register only a point.

One player from each of the 21 teams in the three leagues made the trip and that could prove to be the highlight of their playing careers.

Peter Smith won the combined league's fairest and best award which was donated by the Central Australian League. Peter Leeson was runner-up, collecting the Traveltime International \$20 award and third best player Brad Sinclair received a \$20 sporting goods voucher from Slater Gartrell Sports.

The best players from the Central Australian Football League were Paul Webster, Les Turner and Phil Delsar.

Field umpire Gary Lamb, from Central Midlands, also made the trip along with more than 30 supporters.

Next year's game will be held at Moora.

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- Double-pass to a City Theatre cinema or Line drive-in
- Two bottles of Hardy's wine
- \$10 voucher on Marlow's Auto Parts
- Double pass to a WAFL qualifying game
- A footy radio in your club colours
- Grosby Supersportz casual shoes
- Discount vouchers at Sportique Warwick Grove and Carillon

At the end of each series of games (every seven games) there will be a weekend at the Sheraton-Perth hotel for a lucky name out of our competition barrel.

Entries should be posted to Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville (or they can be dropped in).

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

Last week's winners are - \$10 Ampol voucher - Mrs V. Clarke, Morley; Double pass to a theatre or drive-in - P. Arnold, Bedford; Two bottles of Hardy's Wines - M. Scates, Bentley; \$10 voucher on Marlow's Auto Parts - H. Taylor, Bassendean; Double pass to a WAFL qualifying game - Karen Annesley, Girrawheen; Footy radio - Mrs I. Sloss, Mt. Hawthorn; Grosby Supersportz casual shoes - M.G. Smith, City Beach; Sportique vouchers - B.W. Fuller, North Cottesloe; Jeremy Coleman, Manjimup; M.P. Flisher, Manning.



<p>July 23</p> <p>E. Frem. v Swans</p> <p>E. Perth v C'Mont</p> <p>W. Perth v Perth</p> <p>Subiaco v S. Frem.</p> <p>Delete losing team</p>	<p>Entries close at 5pm on Fridays.</p> <p>Name.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>...../P/Code.....</p>
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WAFA REPORT

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

WANNEROO SPELL A WARNING

Wanneroo sounded a loud and clear warning that they intend keeping their successive premiership run intact when they held on to beat Osborne Park in a tough and rugged encounter at Balcatta Reserve.

The Roos' four point victory brought to an end the Saints unbeaten run and reminded other finals prospects - South Perth and Applecross - that they will again be hard to beat at the business end of the season.

In front of what is believed a record qualifying round crowd of some 3000 fans both sides turned on a game of high standard, marred only by some poor goal front kicking.

Tackling and competitiveness for the ball was fierce as both sides worked to gain ascendancy and prove their potential as premiership favourite.

The turning point of the match came in the latter stages of the second term when the Roos stacked on four quick goals to go to a 25 point lead at half time. Peter Gianoli and the Roos Paul Taylor had played each other closely in the centre, but a scintillating burst by Taylor, supported by winger Mal Kay and half forward Colin Blab, gave ace forward Steve Finch the chance to create the match winning break.

In the space of 15 minutes, the Roos centreline control had seen Finch notch four goals and opened up the gap the Saints could not bridge.

Rival coaches Stuart Hillier and Saint's Gerard McNeill had done their homework with both handing out tagging roles to players in efforts to stop key opponents. The result was many interesting and evenly contested duels around the ground.

Ian Wilkerson had been given the task of watching the in-form Glen Schofield, with honours clearly in Wilkerson's favour and Alan Shepherd's effort in limiting Norm Uncle's use of the ball proved a match winner.

The Saints tagging moves worked with Joe Stampalia limiting Finch to only five goals and first game recruit John Leeming showed he will be a great asset to the Saints for the finals. The former Belmont ruckman took the game right up to the Roos big man brigade and took many fine marks around the ground.

Hawks too good

SOUTH Perth wilted to the pressure from Applecross, forfeiting any chance they may have had of qualifying for the all important second semi final berth when they went down to the Hawks by 10 points.

The Hawks turned in a spirited and determined effort well led by in-form ruckman Steve Carey and vice captain Chris Roe.

Little separated the two throughout the first half, but Applecross, with more astute use of the ball and team work particularly in the forward line, went to a commanding five goal lead at the third change.

The Tigers came back in the latter stages of the final quarter but the result never appeared in doubt with the home side holding on to a well earned four points.

Mark Harding was in superb form for the Hawks receiving sound support from runners Neil Pinner, Greg Curtis, Mick Pember and coach Mick Jez.

The Tigers' poor kicking for goal must be a concern to coach Kerry Coates, so too will be the apparent lack of desire from some of his key players.

Kim Castle, for the third week in succession, was best afield for the Tigers, with a superb display of stamina and determination.

Unlike the Hawks, Souths had few four quarter contributors with the exception of Castle, Tony Capriotti and 19-year-old Peter Kiely, who is developing into a top half back for the Tigers.

Belmont bounced back to the winners list with a polished display against the out of form Southern Port-Hamilton. The win takes the Bombers to fifth place on the table, a spot that might not have been in their ambitions at the start of the season.

Down at Perrott Reserve, Mosman took out their frustrations at recent poor form with a big win over bottom side Melville.

One sided

THREE of Sunday's fixtures should be one sided affairs with game of the day billing going to the Southern Port - Mosman Park clash at Fremantle Oval.

Not that the Port sides are likely to provide any great spectacle in way of skill, but the even matching of the two should guarantee a close finish with Mosman favoured to win.

Wanneroo and Applecross should boost their percentage in their clashes against Belmont and Melville though the Roos were forced to pull out all stocks to down the Bombers when the two last met.

The Hawks will know they can oust South Perth from third spot with a big win as the Tigers appear set to go down substantially to the Saints on present form.

It will be South Perth's first visit to the new Balcatta Reserve, the Hawks are due to play Melville at Stock Road and Belmont travel to Kingsway for their match with the powerful Roos.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Applecross have proven over recent weeks they are capable and worthy finals contenders.

And one player who has been a consistent contributor is Mark Harding.

Harding had the distinction of seeing former league player Frank Bucknall shifted out of the pivot last week and continued to dominate over the experienced Tiger coach Kerry Coates.



The 21-year-old Harding, brother of State ruckman Paul Harding, played six league games as a centreliner for East Fremantle before returning to the Hawks this season.

His form and pace around the ground has been one of the key factors to the Hawks rise in rating as a force in this year's proceedings and has earned him the honour of Westside's Player of the Week.

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WESTSIDE WINNERS



Subiaco v Perth

Ian Miller will have the best Saturday night of his life this week when Perth finally win their second game.

BOB CRIBB
Westside Football



S. Fremantle v West Perth

The Bulldogs will not fall across the line this week. They will chew up the heartless Falcons.

KEN MCAULLAY
Channel 7



East Perth v Swans

The Swans have flown to great heights lately and they will continue to soar when they knock the crown from the Royal head.

FRED WOODS
Westside Football



Claremont v E. Fremantle

Are East Fremantle really ferocious Sharks? Or will they be the Old Easts again? It's time for the terrible Tigers to bare their teeth and that's bad news for blue-and-white fans.

ALAN EAST
Western Mail

Falcons need mirror

YOU learn more from your downs than your ups — that is a statement which applies to all areas of life and, in particular, football.

Every player, coach or administrator should be continually questioning his role so that he doesn't stagnate or isn't aiming to achieve excellence.

It is easy to accept praise and backslapping saying how good you are, but the true character builder, is to "stand tall" when things aren't going your way.

Many players find it hard to accept criticism or 'lows' in performance, and to protect themselves they shift the blame onto others, in particular, the coach or the club.

No-where is this more evident than at West Perth at present.

Prominent senior players have declared their reasons why the club has slumped this season.

These excuses have, unfortunately, been stated in public in front of other opposition players, and supporters.

While the individual feels that he is "saving his own skin" by slating the coach

or the club, he is declaring to all who listen, what is wrong with the club.

The individual himself lacks character. Every walk of life has the glories and the defeats. The great team individual is humble in glory and silent in defeat!

West Perth need 'solidarity' — as the ship sinks, the rats jump off — and I'm sure Dennis Cometti will be learning more about coaching now than when he was the Falcons hero last season.

I saw Dennis on World of Sport last Sunday and was impressed with his honesty to accept blame for the "lack of spark" in the Falcons.

Every coach has these 'downs' but Dennis, through his honesty, has shown they won't remain down for long.

West Perth have always been a great traditional club, one that has produced some of the greats in football — players who showed great strength in adversity and never 'jumped ship' when there was rough sailing.

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



What West Perth need now is mirrors placed all around the change rooms, so that each individual player can look at himself as honestly as their coach did last Sunday.

Look for that inner quality — commitment, then when an honest answer has been achieved, the solution for a resurgence by the Falcons is simple — if you aren't committed get out, if you are, get closer together as a team and work harder.

and although he has a chronic spinal disease, he never misses training or any other team commitment.

Greg's approach to the game is a major reason why the Royals are seldom out of the four — he won't allow himself or anyone else in the team to surrender.

Football needs to promote the Walsh-types, but amazingly he has never been on television, radio shows or other media. People say that the game needs the best promotion, yet players from the top shelf aren't used.

Dinner for two

Dennis Cometti would appreciate a chance to get away from it all and enjoy a great meal at the Vegas Hotel — so he wins this week's dinner for two.

Riding high

I WAS guest at the Swan Districts football panel last Sunday — chaired by the professional Harvey Deegan — and it gave me a chance to see the clubrooms and sponsors' rooms.

These facilities are magnificent and, along with the big number of supporters at the club for the panel show, Swans are "riding high".

The most impressive part of my visit was the discussion I had with Swans director Joe Sarich, who mentioned the role played by the directors in running the club.

A different director is rostered to visit the country each week, while another is a guest on the club's panel show and others go to junior games, senior training and so forth.

Success at league level requires a total team effort, both on and off the field.

Swans rise to power is no fluke, it has been a professionally organised programme that will continue to work if the enthusiastic approach by Joe Sarich is any indication.

Top of the shelf

TALKING of commitment I must mention a player who eats, sleeps and breathes it — Greg Walsh, who played his 150th game for East Perth last weekend.

He may not receive the media coverage other so-called super stars do on such a milestone, but the players, coaches and administrators who know Greg cannot sing his praises too highly.

He is not the skilful or prettiest player on a field, but the team qualities he breeds of loyalty, commitment, endeavour and self-sacrifice make him a 'super star' in his own right.

Greg doesn't believe in contracts. He has never asked for more than he can give



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