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Brian
Fairclough

DEJECTED Subiaco caretaker coach Brian Fairclough has slammed his league players — admitting that they are simply not up to standard.

Fairclough, who took over from sacked Lions coach Peter Daniel 11 games into this season, says that even Subiaco's best two players — Neil Taylor and Phil Lamb — would struggle for a league game at a top club.

The strong comments from the man who, as Subiaco's Director of Football firstly helped appoint Daniel and then replaced him, come at a time when the club has hit rock bottom.

Few football critics have a good word for Subiaco at present, with successive thrashings from South Fremantle and Claremont, by 13 goals and 27 goals respectively.

Fairclough has hit out at a number of leading Subiaco players apart from Taylor and Lamb, the club's captain and vice-captain.

He has named Michael Mort, Bevan Warner, David Court and Terry Chapman as players who have not contributed enough.

But Fairclough needs to go much further than simply name those six players.

Regular league players who have earned selection under his control in recent weeks, but have failed to contribute, also include Clinton Brown, Brendon McFaul, Ray Reeves, Ian Tucker, Dean and Paul Wilson, Rod Brown, Dwayne Lamb and Greg Wilkinson.

In the last three games, only one of those players (Clinton Brown) has rated better than a five on our Westside Football ratings system in any one game.

Fairclough admits with concern that the future of Subiaco needs urgent examination.

He says that while Neil Taylor and Phil Lamb are important players for the side, they would need to work on their game to succeed at a club like Claremont.

"At the moment the players at Subiaco lack discipline and dedication," says Fairclough.

"If things are to improve, Subiaco must appoint a strict disciplinarian as coach in 1984.



Phil Lamb



Neil Taylor

"Our top players wouldn't
get a game
with a top club"



"Players like Mort, Warner, Court and Chapman have not played a big enough part in proceedings at Subiaco this year simply because they are not fit.

"Court made himself unavailable for pre-season training this year and consequently he has been troubled by injury. Mort is a stone overweight, Warner has not been playing well enough to be retained in the league side and his problem has been a lack of match fitness.

"I don't think the young guys at the club realise what is required to play league football.

"Perhaps they got there too easily.

"Many people believe that the performance against Claremont last week was our worst for a long time. But I suggest they look to the game against South Fremantle seven days earlier.

"For the first 20 minutes against Claremont we played as well as we have done since I took over. We kicked three goals and Claremont kicked five, but then they added another eight.

"People also say that we were not competitive, but that was simply because Claremont were too good and they did not give us a look at the ball.

"I believe things should be put in their right perspective. We were not as fast or as skilful as Claremont and that comes back to pre-season training.

"As far as Claremont were concerned; last Saturday was the culmination of a season's hard work. They were a well oiled machine and that was the best exhibition of completely destroying a side I have ever seen.

"Subiaco's playing depth is such that we cannot afford to have senior players not playing to their full capacity." Fairclough says.

The Lions performance against Claremont was almost disgusting and as Fairclough says some drastic measures are called for.

In the second series they won matches against West Perth and East Perth and the proof of their current situation will be seen when Subiaco play these two sides in the last couple of games. It will show just how badly they have slipped.

COUNTRY
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There will be a feast of country football in Perth over the next four days.

Starting today is the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships and teams from as far south as Esperance and north as Geraldton will vie for honours in qualifying matches today and tomorrow.

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ED BLACKABY (SD) 45

100 GAMES

PETER MURNANE (WP) 98*
DOUG SIMMS (WP) 98*
GRANT CAMPBELL (EP) 96
ROSS GIBBS (WP) 96
ROD LESTER-SMITH (EF) 94

*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
ALEX HAMILTON (EP) 147
PAUL MOUNTAIN (WP) 147*
BRIAN ADAMSON (WP) 146*
PETER SPENCER (EP) 146
RUSSELL ELLEN (WP) 144*

*Denotes that tally includes games
played with other clubs as follows:
Brian Adamson 22 Norwood, Paul
Mountain 23 Swan Districts, 116
South Fremantle, Russell Ellen 35
Essendon.

250 GAMES

GRAHAM MOSS (C) 248

300 GAMES

ALAN WATLING (WP) 284

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Straight shooters

WARREN Ralph may have had a day out in the main match at Claremont Oval last week when he booted 16.2 against Subiaco, but reserves full forward Allan Rowe kicked a remarkable 14.1 in the early game. That's a combined tally of 30.3 in two games and no-one could ask for more accurate scoring than that from two spearheads.

MEDIA AWARDS

AS the end of the season draws near, a number of players will be trying to maintain their leads in various media awards around town. At present Peter Spencer is four votes clear in the Sheraton-Perth Hotel Football of the Year award; Don Langford has a seven point advantage in the Crestwood Inntown-Westside Football player ratings and Claremont utility player Stephen Malaxos has a handy break in the Channel 7 Footballer of the Year award. Obviously the prizes will be spread around evenly this year.

Medal favourites

NORTH Melbourne, despite their loss last weekend are still hot favourites for the VFL flag. The Kangaroos could also be involved in another coincidence if favourites in each of the three major football States win their league's fairest and best awards. Current North Melbourne player, Ross Glendinning is a hot tip for the Brownlow, while former team mates Darryl Schimmelbusch in South Australia leads the betting for the Magarey Medal and here in WA Peter Spencer has a big chance of winning his second Sandover Medal.

Lucky Swans

THINGS are going well at Swan Districts at the moment and last Saturday night they received an unexpected bonus. The club directors and the staff members enter lotto every week and after Saturday's draw they picked up about \$3,000 between them. The 14 members of the syndicate will each receive about \$210. They won three third division prizes and a number of fourth division rewards.

New director

SWAN Districts director, Dr John Teasdale, has been forced to resign from the position because of the pressures of work. He stood down last week and 43-year-old John Farris, a partner and director of one of Swans' sponsors, Rural and Metro Realty, has taken over in the role.

Rousing reception

THE atmosphere in the Demons social rooms after last Saturday's win over East Perth was akin to their successful days of the 60s and 70s. The rousing reception members gave player of the day Bryan Cousins was worthy of a true champion and leader. Cousins had given a superb display of courage and tenacity to lead his side to their 31 point win over the Royals and it was fitting that his loyal members should be upstanding to pay tribute to his finest moment since taking on the role of club captain.

Kennedy pay-off

THE Perth football club must be well pleased with whatever outlay they were committed to in bringing the legendary John Kennedy to Perth for motivational talks with the youthful Demon players. In the mould of Ron Barassi and Tom Hafey, Kennedy turned Hawthorn into one of the most feared and ruthless combinations in the VFL and built himself a reputation as a hard taskmaster. Kennedy spoke to both reserve and league teams on Saturday morning, concentrating chiefly on football basics and teamwork. Whatever he said must have had the desired effect for the Demon reserves beat the top side and then the senior boys turned in their best performance of the season to knock off the Royals.

Reversal needed

DESPONDENT Royals coach Greg Brehaut said realistically after his side's loss to Perth last week that a huge reversal in form would be required to beat South Fremantle this week. Brehaut said that should a Royals win occur, that it would be a good case for a football "stewards inquiry", as it would be a good chance for the need of a SWAB.

Amazing Spencer

PETER Spencer continues to amaze with his courage and desire for success, both personally and for his team. When defeat seemed imminent last week Spencer was still running, picking up possessions and encouraging team-mates to make a final surge at the Demon spirit. Spencer has done the same all year, posing the question: Has he done it enough to clinch himself a second justly deserved Sandover Medal? He certainly deserves a medal for his efforts to lift the Royals almost single-handedly last Saturday.



IT seems that the solid football supporter will go to any lengths to ensure comfort at the matches. This fan was certainly prepared for anything which may have happened — decked out in huge sunglasses and wet weather gear. Never trust the boys at the weather bureau.

**Birthday
greetings**

IS your favourite footballer
about to celebrate a birthday?



Neil Randall (SF)
30 on 4th.



Paul Ross (S)
23 on 8th.



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

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FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

S. Malaxos (C) 21
S. Michael (SF) 15
P. Spencer (EP) 15
D. Langford (SD) 14

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GOALKICKER OF THE YEAR

W. Ralph (C) 106
J. Scott (EP) 62
C. Brown (S) 55
C. Stasinowsky (SF) 53
C. Waterson (EP) 48
C. Edwards (EP) 47
M. Rea (P) 47

Ian Diffen
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BRAD HARDIE
South Fremantle

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GOAL-OF-THE-DAY

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STEPHEN MICHAEL
South Fremantle

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SANDOVER MEDAL

Winner \$20,000
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We do have a great competition

IT sometimes amazes me at the image football has with our public in Western Australia.

It was only last week that a local business executive asked me when football would get to the stage in WA where we enjoyed the same supremacy as in cricket.

This sort of attitude really annoys me. I believe football has never been better.

Take the interstate championship series for a start. We won the title with that fighting win over Victoria on that unforgettable Tuesday afternoon.

Take the VFL competition for a second point. The dominance of West Australian produced talent is incredible.

That football magician Maurice Rioli is favourite for the Brownlow Medal — if Ross Glendinning doesn't knock him off.

And, I have a feeling that late on a September afternoon the greatest football fighter of them all, Barry Cable, will limp up the podium at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to receive another award — as the successful coach of the VFL premiership team.

(Peter Simunovich, another West Australian who is now the leading football writer on Melbourne's highest circulation newspaper, The Sun, will be there to tell the Victorians how it all happened).

Our administration of the game in this State is thorough, though it does have its wrinkles. A lot of people put in a lot of time in the promotion of the game at all levels.

Our attendances are holding much better than Victoria's, and we continue to produce amazing talent each year — 1983 has seen one of the best crop of first year players for some time.

However, we do lack something.

It's called population.

Everytime a Test match is played at the population centres of Melbourne or Sydney, cricket in this State benefits. For every click of the turnstile, we get a share.

Just imagine how football could benefit here if we could tap into that population base.

No, I think we have very little to learn these days from Victoria. A lot has changed since I started covering football in 1966, which has included a two-year sojourn in Melbourne.

Back in those times our players took time to adjust to Victorian conditions. I can remember Denis Marshall telling me (he was a star with Geelong at the time) that it took a Sandgroper two seasons to acclimatise properly.

Now our players are asked to do it on a weekly basis.

Even in the early 1970s we still had an inferiority complex about the Victorians. In interstate games the best players would inevitably be Graham Moss and Peter Featherby, two players who had returned to WA after careers with Essendon and Footscray (Featherby has since returned to Geelong).

Both said at the time that WA players were, overawed by the Victorians, but they were just ordinary people, said Moss and Featherby.

The first quarter was always our danger spot then — the Vics used to jump out quickly while our players got used to playing against them — and we never ever caught up.



Maurice Rioli

The State of Origin concept has destroyed all that.

Look what has happened to David Parkin. Hailed as a great coach after his success with Carlton, Parkin now has the unenviable reputation of being the most unsuccessful State coach in Victorian football history.

How Richmond would love to get their hands on Mal Brown next season. And John Todd and Graham Moss would walk into any VFL club as a coach.

No; football in this State is alive and well.

Unfortunately this is probably one of the reasons why there will never be a truly national competition.

When it comes to power in football, the VFL is supreme. However, their attitude towards sport is somewhat akin to the New York Yacht Club.

The big problem with any national competition is that Victoria would quickly lose that position of power. I have no doubt that we could win a premiership within three years of entry into such a club competition.

In business, we have seen men such as Alan Bond, Robert Holmes a Court, Kevin Parry and so forth — rock the conservatives in Melbourne in their tracks with their daring and enterprise.

What they have done with their cheque books, our footballers have done with their hips and shoulders.

No, I wouldn't want to live in Melbourne in the year 2,000.

Football in this State has a wonderful future — as long as we continue to believe in ourselves. And don't let any "wise man from the East" tell you otherwise.



COLIN HOPKINS

Sunday Times football writer and 6KY commentator.

Is this week's *Guest Columnist*

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SPALDING IS A REAL FIND

ANY neutral football fan leaving Lathlain Park on Saturday must have had a warm feeling in their heart.

Perth bucked the odds, produced a valiant last quarter and could have taken the first step up the ladder to football power that they fell off back in 1979.

But what capped a really great afternoon for me was to see Earl Spalding in action again.

He is my pick at the best first year player of 1983. It is a long time since I have seen a youngster come into the game with such incredible skills.

Spalding's uncanny ability to slide out of trouble will always be his biggest asset. However, his aerial ability is another and his flight over the pack in the final quarter to bring down a capture on the half-forward flank is the type of action that will really get the turnstiles clicking.

He will need to kick more goals. But that will all come in time. He is a half-forward with immense potential.

Coach Ian Miller's biggest problem will be to bring him along quietly and not ask too much too soon.

But, so far everything is going to plan.



Earl Spalding

THE PROBLEMS OF LIVING IN KINGSLEY

IT wouldn't be a football column without a gripe.

Mine concerns what is happening in downtown Kingsley, right in the heart of the thriving Wanneroo Shire Council.

There are two problems about living in Kingsley — driving home after a night in the media room at Subiaco Oval after a final round match; and a lack of identification with football.

I think I can get the first under control, that's my worry. But the second really has me stumped.

The talk about Subiaco moving into the Wanneroo Shire just seems to be going on and on. The sooner something happens the better.

The Wanneroo Shire is the fastest growing population base in Western Australia and it is being neglected by the WA Football League.

If the league directors cared to hop into that fleet of Mercs parked outside Subiaco Oval (Gee, Cliff Houghton must be slipping) and cared to drive out our way, I will tell you what they will see.

There are thousands of kids. The only way they go to the football is if their parents decide to take them. Dad may follow South Fremantle or Swans and has only moved into the Wanneroo Shire when he went into the mortgage business.

Those kids might as well follow North Melbourne or Collingwood, instead of West Perth, Subiaco or Claremont.

There is no identification with a local club, a factor that really meant something to us as kids.

If we get those kids young, we will have them for life. If we don't, the opposite will apply. And, I have a sneaking suspicion the latter is happening at present.



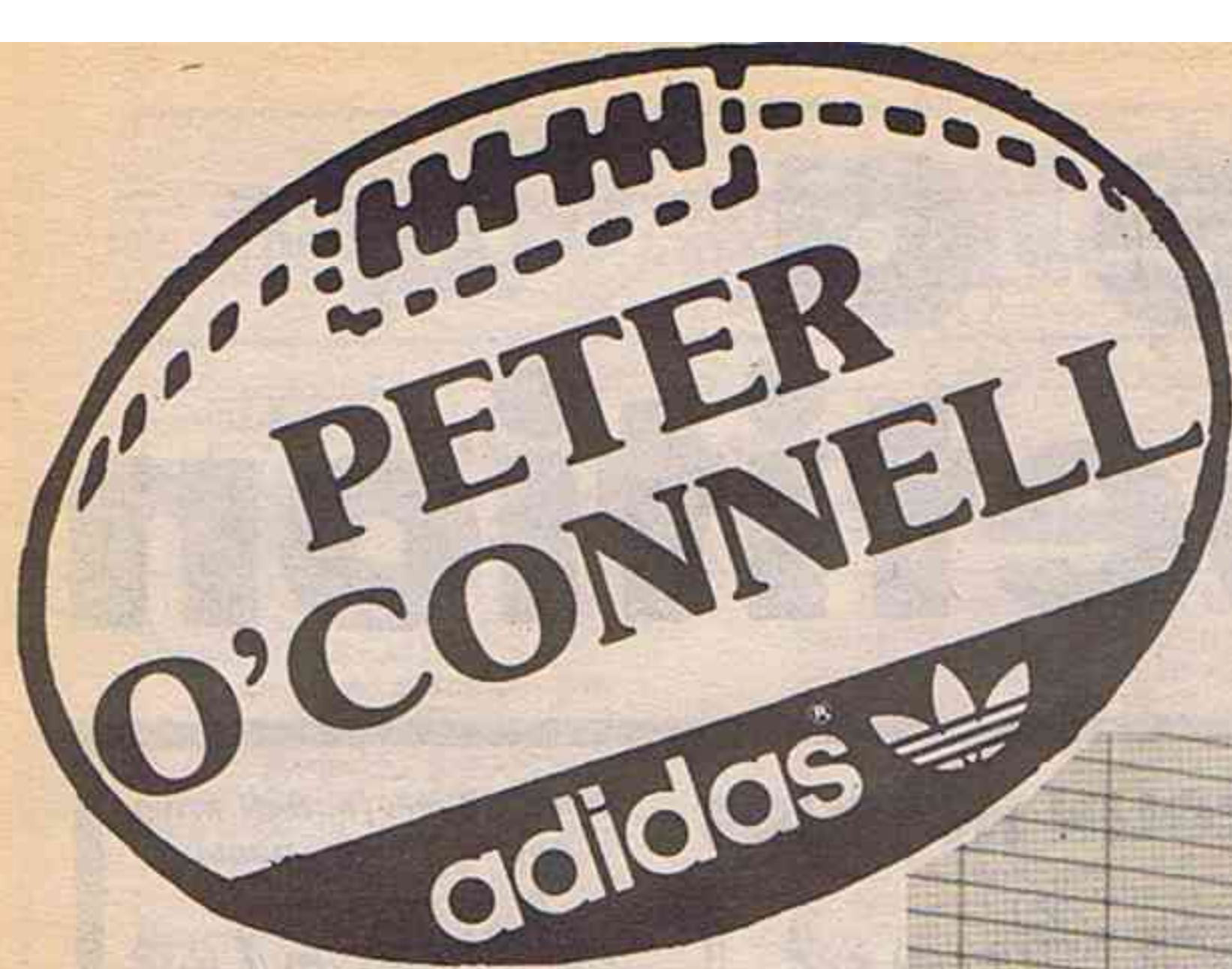
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...long path led to Demon land

Breaking into league football is never easy and it was particularly hard for Perth wingman Peter O'Connell.

Firstly, his father John, was a former star with Claremont and Geelong and he is now a radio critic with 6KY, and secondly he had been told by Claremont in 1979 that he was not good enough.

He had been down on form in practice matches and the Tigers decided that he did not have the skill to succeed at the top level.

O'Connell then played a couple of seasons in the country and in Sunday football before taking on the job as Perth's physical fitness instructor.

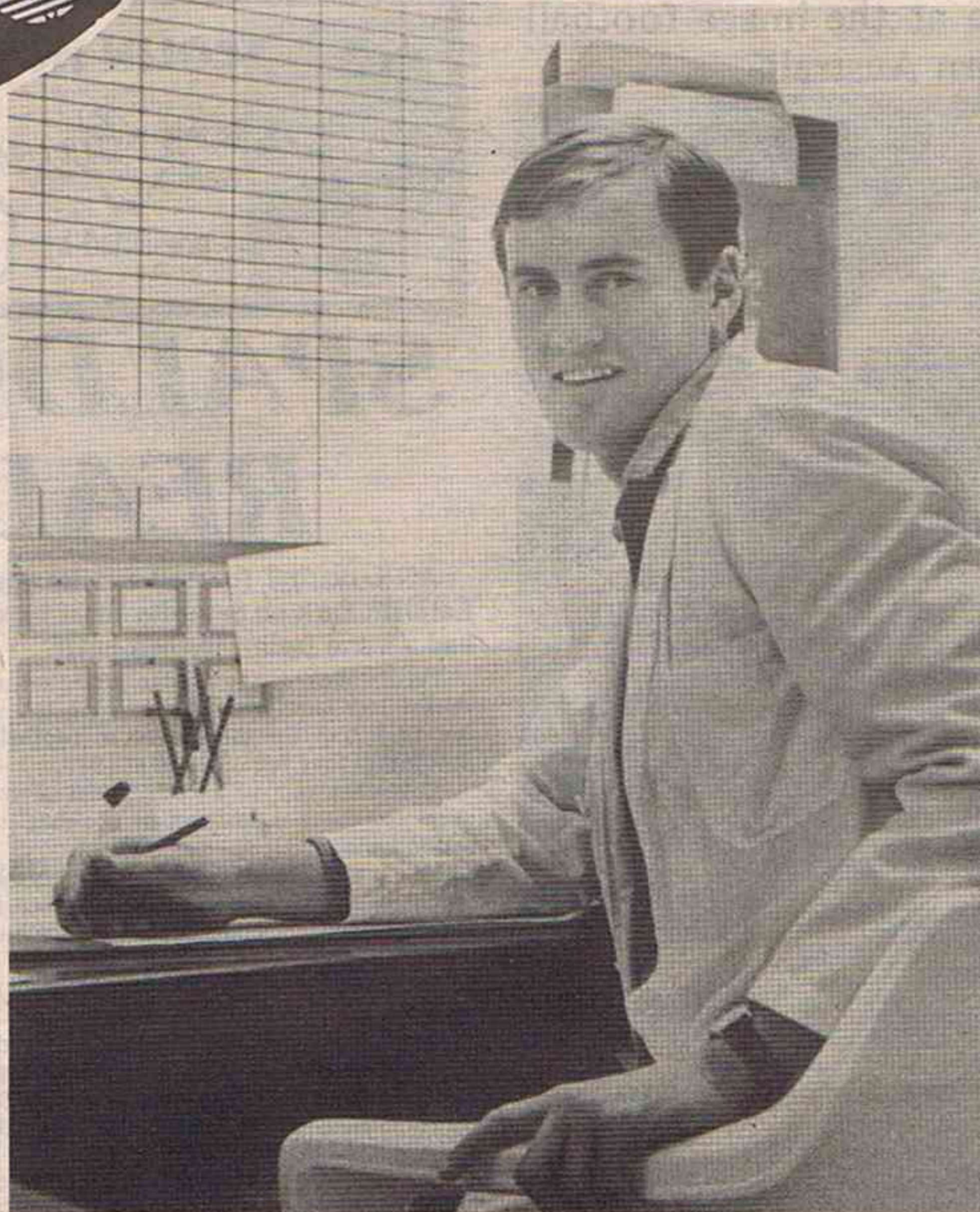
Even then he had no idea that his burning ambition just to run out onto the ground in a league match was going to come into fruition.

He went away on a trip just before the start of last season and then he decided to give it one more crack. He went against family tradition by playing with Perth — which was not easy either — and after several impressive performances in the reserves he found himself in the league.

Since then he has not looked back, although he has spent some time in the reserves. His form this year has been outstanding and although nursing a hand injury at the moment he is keen to get back onto the playing field before the season is out.

His mental approach is something every other player in league football could learn from. Even when his football looked likely to be confined to Sunday league he never gave up on his dream.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the fast moving wingman and found out more about the knocks he had to absorb on his way to the top.



Peter O'Connell... happy to be a successful Demon.

Q. You started playing at Claremont, what made you decide to give it away down there?

A. I was asked to leave because I wasn't good enough. It will always be said that it was because of the number of injuries I received, but it wasn't. I used to do quite a lot of running during the summer and I missed a lot of the pre-season training, one year I wasn't playing well enough in the pre-season games so they said see you later.

Q. You were fairly involved in athletics at that time?

A. Yes, I took it more seriously than football for a while. I think it is a better sport than football, but it is not as much fun.

Q. Do you think you could have gone places in athletics?

A. Not unless I worked extremely hard. By that I mean training twice a day seven days a week and then I might have gone a bit better than I did.

Q. What did you do after Claremont had told you that your services were no longer required?

A. I went to Denmark in 1979 and played a year down there in the Southern Districts competition. They had won the premiership the year before and we finished third the year I was there. We lost in the preliminary final when we were held scoreless by Royals when it hailed the whole day. They kicked something like 12.30. It was freezing and I have never been colder in my life. Then I went to Boddington and played under a mate from Claremont, Rob Houwen, who coached the team. That was an excellent year, I loved it down there. Then in 1981 I played for Osborne Park.

Q. How did you come to be at Perth?

A. In 1980 I had got the job doing their physical education instruction, that was taking the running, the fitness and pre-season and that sort of caper. I got the job because the guy who handled it before was my phys ed lecturer at Uni and when he was leaving he asked me if I would like to take on the job. I then had an interview with Allan Joyce and that was that.

Q. You must have enjoyed that?

A. It was certainly a great help to get me through my physio course, money-wise and it gave me a really good education

in football, I learnt a lot. I was also the runner for two years. That was hard work.

Q. How did that affect your training at Osborne Park?

A. I couldn't train much at Ossie Park. We trained on Saturday mornings apart from a couple of times during the week and I could only make the Saturday session. Their training nights conflicted with my commitment at Perth so I only trained about half a dozen times with them during the year.

Q. What sort of success did you have in those three years of your football life — in the country and at Osborne Park?

A. I played alright at Denmark when it was fine, but it rained so much in Albany that it didn't suit my sort of football. I probably let them down a bit, but I played alright at Boddington and Osborne Park. I had fun down there and I really enjoyed my football.

Q. How difficult was the decision to play with Perth?

A. Not difficult at all. My ambition was always just to play a game of league footy just find out what it was like. I went away on a trip the Christmas before last season and I thought I would have one more bash at it to see how it went. I am definitely pleased with the way it has gone. I still get a high out of just running out on the ground. It is a great buzz playing league football. At the moment I am a little bit down, I thought I was playing quite well in the second series. In that series everything went right. I have no trouble getting the ball but my disposal as a rule is very, very poor. I can't kick the ball as well as I would like.

In the last few weeks I feel as though I have drifted back a little although I have had problems with the flu and a dislocated thumb.

Q. It must have been disappointing to come out of that social game a few weeks ago with an injury?

A. It was extremely disappointing. It was about the only time I went near the ball in the second half and I wasn't exactly putting everything into it, but the bloke who came through was.

Q. What about your first game — how did you feel that day?

A. My first game was against West Perth and I played on the bench. It was unreal, it

was just great fun. At one stage we were down by about eight goals and finished up being done by only a few. I played in the second half when everything was going well and I really enjoyed that.

Q. After that did you become a regular league player?

A. Yes, up until the last round, but I lost a bit of form and I was dropped back to the reserves for a couple of games and got back into the league side for the last match of the season.

Q. What about this year — you seemed to be having an outstanding year until being injured?

A. The first game of the season I was in the reserves and since then I have played in the league side every game for which I have been available. You probably tend to become disappointed when you don't maintain the form you were showing when you were going well. I am still looking to improve again in the last few games and get a few kicks again.

Q. Next year will be an important one for you personally as well as for the club because you need to consolidate your position in the side and Perth need to win some matches?

A. I really do believe that we have the potential to be a better side than we have shown. That is obviously a cliché, but I think we all have to work harder. We all have to take a good look at ourselves as individuals: I have got so many aspects of my game which I need to improve on and other players have as well. We have to look at ways of improving and then get down and work really hard at it and produce a better team next year.

Q. Do you try especially harder when you play Claremont?

A. Certainly you go into each game going flat out, that's absolute. I like playing against Claremont actually, because just about their whole side played colts and reserves with me. Players like Shorty Daniels, Wayne Blackwell, Steve Malaxos and Darrell Panizza — they all played with me. It was a good colts side and we won a couple of flags. I enjoy going out there and I enjoy having a beer up there afterwards.

Q. When Claremont asked you to leave, had you given up all hope of playing league football?

A. Yes, I thought it was all over. I enjoyed country footy and I don't think you can understate that. But I just wanted to have one more go just to find out what it was like. I am sure glad I have.

Q. What about when you play against your brothers, David and Michael?

A. We played one reserves game last year when all three of us were out on the ground and that was excellent. I enjoyed playing against them. At the moment David's out with an injury — he only played a handful of games at the start of the year and I have played against Michael a couple of times this year and really enjoyed it. Mike is injured at the moment as well. It seems as though every time he goes onto Fremantle Oval he cops an injury. Last year he broke his ankle and he has broken a cheek bone this year. It is a bit of a worry because we all seem to get injured at the same time.

Q. What about your folks, how do they find it with their sons playing for different clubs?

A. I don't live at home, but we have a yarn a couple of times a week and footy obviously cracks a mention during our conversation. I believe Dad is a fairly good critic and I always listen to his opinion about the game. The family is definitely Tigers, but I think they certainly like to see Perth go well and they sympathise with Perth when they are playing Claremont.

Q. What about the future of Perth?

A. We can be a good side. I would most of all like to see Robert Wiley back because he gets 35 possessions every game and that will mean that the ball is just going to be pumped into the forward line all the time. I think there are several areas we need to work at, certainly skills under pressure is one of them and probably just a little more hard work.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Peter O'Connell
Height: 6.1 (185cm)
Weight: 12.7 (80kg)
Born: Geelong, Victoria 11.7.58
Married: No
Girlfriend's name: Fiona
Lives at: Yokine
Football likes: Being a contributor when the side is going well.
Football dislikes: Losing
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Ambitions: To play league football for as long as possible
Football idols: Russell Reynolds
What car do you drive: 1960 Morris Major — "The Bullet". I wouldn't swap it for quids.
Do you read at all: Yes and my favourite books are To Kill A Mocking Bird and One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.
Favourite music: Van Morrison, Dire Straits, Eric Bogle.
Favourite actors: Rod Steiger, John Cleese
Favourite movies: All the Python movies, Ordinary People, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The Sting.
Hard things in football: Being consistent
Favourite food: Casseroles and stews
Favourite food: Beer or milk
League debut: 1982
Games: 27
Guernsey number: 44
Nickname: Oke

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	Swans v Subiaco	East Frem. v Perth	Clare. v W. Perth	S. Frem. v E. Perth
GARY STOCKS	56	Swans	Perth	Claremont	South Frem
ALAN EAST	55	Swans	Perth	Claremont	East Perth
PETER POAT	55	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
BOB CRIBB	57	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
MOTHER BROWN	58	Swans	Perth	Claremont	South Frem
GRANT DORRINGTON	59	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
ROBERT BENNETT	59	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
IAN MILLER	49	Swans	Perth	Claremont	South Frem
GARY CARVOLTH	56	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
DAVE CLEMENT	58	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem
MOST FAVOURED	61	Swans	East Frem	Claremont	South Frem

BIG CHANCE FOR THE SHARKS

THE battle for fourth place might only be academic, but East Fremantle will be wanting to move one step closer when they clash with Perth at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

However, their task will not be easy against a Perth side riding on the crest of a wave after beating East Perth last week.

Ian Miller knows that one win does not make a season and he will be keen to win as many of the last three games as possible to put Perth in the right direction for 1984.

They played with zest against East Perth and with this match almost being billed as the game of the day, they will be out to give their all. It has been a long time since Perth were involved in a game of such magnitude.

Miller says he wants his side to be of nuisance value in the run to the finals, and they can keep that going if they beat the Sharks on Saturday.

To win against the Royals one week and then to undo all that hard work by losing to East Fremantle is something Miller hopes will not happen.



By **GARY STOCKS**

Obviously the key to the game will be the performance of Perth skipper Bryan Cousins and full-forward Mick Rea. Cousins was inspirational last week and Rea started well before fading, but still finished with five goals.

If they can reproduce that form Perth will win.

East Fremantle will need Kevin Taylor, who is under a cloud with injury, otherwise they can kiss 1983 goodbye.



Kevin Taylor

ROYAL ROUT

SOUTH Fremantle will inflict the fourth successive loss on East Perth this Saturday at Perth Oval.

The Royals have not won since July 9 when they beat West Perth by 12 goals and things do not look like improving, particularly after their loss to Perth last week.

Brad Hardie has hit top form in recent weeks and South will again be looking for him to set up the victory.

He has had a lot to do with their recent form when playing from a half back flank and with Stephen Michael, Rod Barrett, Noel Carter and Michael Cockie all playing well, the task looks ominous for the Royals.

It is time some of the senior players stood up and took some of the responsibility. The fate of East Perth is in the players hands and all Greg Brehaut can hope is that they do not capitulate.

LIONS WILL BE MINCE MEAT

THE bad news for Subiaco fans is that they can expect another uninspiring Saturday afternoon.

Only this time it will not be the Tigers tearing them to shreds, but the Swans making mince meat out of them.

Swans are playing with the same charisma which saw them win the 1982 pennant and they realise that percentage could well decide second place on the premiership table.

With that in mind, they will be looking to use Subiaco as a scoring board.

Players like Leon Baker, Don Langsford, Brad Shine, Murray Rance and Ron Boucher are in peak form and Subiaco simply do not have the playing strength required to stop a combination of this calibre.

They have a low depth of playing strength in their ranks and Swan Districts, a ruthless side, will exploit any weaknesses they have — and they have plenty of them.

Saturday's game should also provide the opportunity for some of the Swans players like Paul Werner, Stan Nowotny and Mike Smith, who have been slightly down on their best, to come back into their own.

TIGERS LOOK GOOD AT HOME

CLAREMONT will put their record-breaking performance against Subiaco behind them and concentrate on beating West Perth this week.

The Tigers are a professional side and they know that Subiaco were weak last week and West Perth have improved.

The Falcons have had a disappointing season and although they responded to the challenge of putting in the effort for skipper Les Fong they were still far from convincing.

They simply are not playing with the same confidence they enjoyed last year and without any incentive to beat Claremont they will find that the Tigers will set about destroying them.

With Warren Ralph back to his best and Wayne Blackwell, Darrell Panizza, Steve Malaxos, Allen Daniels and Peter Davidson able to dominate midfield play, the Tigers should continue their top form.

They are now playing with the same flair which made them the best team in the competition in the first series.

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IAN MILLER

KENNEDY INFLUENCE

LAST weekend Perth brought former Hawthorn coach, the legendary John Kennedy, from Melbourne. Having known John, his reputation, success and experience at Hawthorn — through good and bad — I felt that at this stage in the season, in our position, he had much to offer the players. He spoke to the league team before the game and to the league and reserves squad on Sunday morning and spelt out a strong basic philosophy about football. That was an inspirational message and it will be remembered at the Perth Football Club for a long time to come.

John Kennedy played in and coached Hawthorn's first premiership team in 1961. He was involved with the Hawks over a period of 29 years. It is easy to see why he WAS Hawthorn in the early 60s and 70s. He was a player from 1950 to 1963, a coach from 1960 to 1963 and again from 1967 to 1976 and a selector and committeeman from 1977 to 1982.

LONE SURVIVOR

CLINT Roberts, the lone survivor of the 1978 grand final team still playing at Perth; reached a personal milestone last Saturday in playing his 100th game. Clint has been a strong and consistent performer for the club, mainly across the half back line.

He has certainly set a fine example on how the game should be played. Well done Clint.

Congratulations also to West Perth skipper Les Fong on his 200th game — it's a great achievement and one that he has earned. He always gives 100 percent in all respects and is an excellent leader.

RE-APPOINTMENT

IT IS great to have been re-appointed for 1984 and given the opportunity to achieve my original goals. Next year is action time although we are still learning as a team. It is now time for results. This has already been reflected in the players' recent attitude and performances, a positive foundation for next year.

TALENT

I KNOW that Greg Brehaut was disappointed with his side's loss on Saturday, but he must have been pleased with the performance of young Richard Dennis, this year's Teal Cup captain. Richard has impressed me; he is desperate, versatile and skilful. He always works hard and is prepared to commit himself to the hard things in football over four quarters, as was the case on Saturday.

HUNGRY

WHILE on East Perth, Saturday's loss puts them under pressure to hold fourth spot, something which should make them hungry to perform. Every year the Royals expect to be in the finals and slip into fourth spot and in recent weeks they have been possibly resting on their laurels. Maybe our win is the tonic that the East Perth players need to produce consistently. The hungry dog hunts hardest.

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CABLE NOT WORRIED

NORTH Melbourne coach Barry Cable certainly hasn't lost any confidence after his side's loss to Hawthorn last Saturday.

He said this week: "There is no reason for concern. All I am worried about at the moment is Footscray this Saturday."

"Six players who were down last weekend had been our major contributors all year. We can improve, there's no doubt about that."

"We never beat Hawthorn during the qualifying matches in 1975, but we beat them by 10 goals in the grand final", he said.

BIG DAY FOR LITTLE CHAMP

MELBOURNE is abuzz this week as the football world prepares to pay tribute to one of their greatest sons — Kevin Bartlett — who plays his 400th league game this Saturday.

Never before have such celebrations been planned for an individual footballer. And there is certainly good reason for the festivities as it will probably be a

record that will never be beaten.

The rigours and pressure of league football today make it a big achievement to reach 300 games, let alone 400.

Bartlett has played in five premierships sides in his 19 years of VFL football.

He was rover in the first four — 1967, 1969, 1973 and 1974 — and was half forward in 1980, when he won the Norm Smith Medal for best player afield.

Little "KB" played in 27 finals, including seven grand finals, just two less than the VFL finals record-holder Bill Hutchinson (Essendon) with 29.

Bartlett's effort in playing until he's 36 is remarkable, especially considering today's ferocious running-style which leaves many younger men gasping for breath.

The oldest man to play VFL football was Vic Cumberland who was 43, when he played his last game.

The oldest VFL footballer of the last 20 years was Ted Whitten, who was 37 in his final game with Footscray in 1970. John Rantall was 36. He played with three clubs — South Melbourne, North Melbourne and Fitzroy.

Bartlett was a driving force for Richmond in all their premierships and can be proud of his achievements.

He remembers the '67 flag with particular affection. It was also coach Tom Hafey's first premiership, and Kevin and Tom have been close friends ever since.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

Twenty six former West Australian footballers played VFL football last weekend. Here is a statistical breakdown of their performances.

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls
RICHMOND			
David Palm	9	4	13
Maurice Rioli	19	4	10
Robert Wiley	17	6	4
Tim Gepp	15	2	8
Don Foley	15	2	8
COLLINGWOOD			
John Annear	19	10	14
Mike Richardson	16	4	7
FITZROY			
Gary Sidebottom	13	9	10
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	9	1	4
Andrew Purser	3	4	10
Simon Beasley	7	5	2
CARLTON			
Ken Hunter	11	5	3
Peter Bosustow	10	4	1
Mike Fitzpatrick	12	7	3
ESSENDON			
Tony Buhagiar	11	1	13
Bill Duckworth	4	-	7
Wayne Otway	8	-	5
GEELONG			
Peter Featherby	15	1	3
Gary Malarkey	18	5	8
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Ross Glendinning	12	7	5
Stephen McCann	12	8	2
Phil Krakouer	13	3	3
Jim Krakouer	7	1	1
HAWTHORN			
Gary Buckenara	16	6	4
MELBOURNE			
Alan Johnson	16	3	2
ST KILDA			
Allan Sidebottom	10	3	4

...big one for Bernie too

WHILE most attention this weekend will focus on Kevin Bartlett, another VFL veteran is set to achieve a great milestone.

Fitzroy's full-forward Bernie Quinlan is poised to become the first Fitzroy player to kick 100 goals in a single season.

This Saturday the 33-year-old goalkicker will make his 300th league appearance and a 10-goal haul would see him set for a double celebration. He has now kicked 90 for the season.

Last Saturday he broke Bob Beecroft's (the former Swans player) club record of 88, set in 1979.

Quinlan has a mortgage on this year's goalkicking competition. He has 37 more than Simon Beasley and Leigh Matthews.

Quinlan became a full forward almost by accident in the twilight of his career. At the end of last season he had an operation on his achilles tendon and during practice matches this season he was placed at full-forward to gain fitness while protecting the suspect tendon.

It was a temporary move, and the fact it has now become permanent is something that doesn't worry Quinlan.

He hadn't played at full forward since he left the country club of Traralgon to join Footscray 15 years ago.

SA NEWS:

Sunday's game between Central District and Glenelg was a special benefit match for former champion Central full forward Greg Edwards. He suffered serious eye damage earlier this season and that curtailed one of the most promising careers in South Australian football. He is only a 21-year-old but had played an important role with the Dogs since joining them in 1980. He kicked 100 goals for the club last year.

HISTORY MAKER?

Norwood forward Neville Roberts could be the first player in the history of the SANFL, other than a full forward, to kick 100 goals in a season. Roberts has booted 79 goals to date and with four matches remaining it is within the realms of possibility that he could reach the target.

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GIVE COACHES A FAIR GO

IT has been a miserable season for five league clubs... even though the fight for fourth spot still hasn't been resolved.

There is little to indicate that these bottom teams will make much of an impression next season.

It is interesting to note that the three teams currently dominating the competition — South Fremantle, Swan Districts and Claremont — have had the same coach for at least five years.

Perhaps that's the recipe for success — allowing a coach time to develop a side.

Each of the bottom five clubs have tended to turn over coaches fairly regularly.

It is now apparent the Royals made a big mistake in sacking Grant Dorrington. He was a victim of the club's impatience to succeed.

The Royals biggest problem is that they keep on making the four but do little in the finals.

There obviously needs to be some weeding out of players in the club. The Royals certainly don't lack ability, but some of their anaemic performances this season suggest there is a lack of character there.

Greg Brehaut will have his head on the chopping block unless he can arrest this year's slide.

West Perth have been the biggest disappointment this season.

Like East Perth they need to weed out a few players and instill a bit more determination in the side. There are too many "pretty" footballers in the Falcons lineup who don't like to do the hard work necessary to succeed in tough encounters.

The loss of David Palm and absence of Peter Mumane this season had a big part in the club's tumble from third spot.

I doubt they will make the four next season, even though the opposition for fourth spot looks as though it will again be pretty mediocre.

The Falcons have shown a tendency not to handle pressure.

That weakness has been endemic in the club in recent years and it will be interesting to see whether anything can be



BREHAUT

done to rectify it next season.

No doubt East Fremantle supporters will anxiously await next season... but they could again be in for a barren season.

The Sharks looked capable of giving the four a savaging when they won the lightning carnival and ended Claremont's undefeated run. But since that purple patch their form has been very pedestrian.

East Fremantle's performances this season need to be put into perspective. They have managed only one win (Claremont) in 10 encounters with sides in the top four.

These are not the kind of credentials to make you want to dash out and back them for next season's flag.

Perth, caught up in the euphoria of last Saturday's win, have steadily improved this season. They should be a better side next season but not one that will challenge for a place in the four.

And what of Subiaco? They have really had the hiccups this season.

Twice they looked likely to have an influence on the competition. They started the season impressively, lapsed and then looked as though they had a revival when they bowled over East Perth and West Perth in successive weeks.

But the Lion's current form is their worst for the season. There seems to be little hope for them in the immediate future. And not even Ron Barassi will change that.

MICHAEL RECORD



SINCE the euphoria of Stephen Michael's 200th league match six weeks ago, many people might have forgotten that the South Fremantle champion is set to carve his name into the record books again this week. When he leads his side this Saturday it will be his 206th consecutive match and he will then wrest the record from another Bulldog great, Garry Scott.

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Webster move?

RUMOUR has it that former East Perth player and general manager and now football and marketing manager at Claremont, Ron Webster, could be heading east. He is believed to have received offers from Richmond to make the move to Victoria in an administrative capacity. He has proven himself more than capable with the two WA clubs and it seems the VFL takes notice of other things apart from who is playing well in the West.

Wily Wiley

A COUPLE of weeks ago I told you all that Robert Wiley would join South Fremantle in 1984. Now the Falcons have joined in the race for the talented former Perth and now Richmond rover. Perth may miss out with another former player as well. Peter Bosustow has said he would like to return to WA and to Perth, but Claremont and Swan Districts have also indicated an interest.

Off the air

WHEN things are going bad, they really go bad. Just ask Subiaco coach Brian Fairclough. In the first quarter Claremont blitzed the Lions by kicking 13 goals and when Fairclough tried to relay a message to runner Dennis Blair, he found that his telephone wasn't working. Perhaps that was the reason why he left young Warren Dean on ace goalkicker Warren Ralph after the Claremont star had kicked six goals in the first term.

Hot Lions

STILL on Subiaco, I think the whole atmosphere of the situation was summed up just after half time by their fitness advisor and runner Gary Tester. He was sitting on the bench eating a hot dog.

Fight for the four

WHAT a strange situation the race for fourth place on the premiership ladder has reached. The two teams East Fremantle and East Perth "fighting" for a berth in the finals have both lost their last three matches and I'm tipping that this weekend that will increase to four... what a great struggle it is!

Help from old mate

PERTH coach Ian Miller was a happy man after his side had beaten East Perth on Saturday — and at the presentation afterwards he said that while he enjoyed the win, he felt a little sorry for his former team-mate, Greg Brehaut. However, he did offer some consolation for the Royals coach, who must have been despondent after the match. Miller said that seeing as though they had damaged East Perth's chances of playing in the finals, they would now set about redeeming the situation by knocking East Fremantle out of the race.

Chubby Secombe



QUESTION: Was that Harry Secombe leading the Perth players in a sing-along at the presentations in the club-rooms after their big win? ANSWER: No. It was the Demons reserves coach Allan "Chubby" Stiles. He sang the Perth Football Club's song to perfection and perhaps a career in the theatre is his real vocation in life. PS: Chubby, the hat wasn't all that bad!

Yorgey off?

Perth fans could be excited with the form of Sydney Swans recruit Brett Yorgey and they would expect him to play a vital role at the club next year. However, he might not be in the Demons camp in 1984. Following his good form over the last month the rumours are that he is keen to return to the Sydney based club to succeed in VFL football.

Clock tactic

THE Demons have been guilty on more than one occasion this season of losing a game in the closing stages. At the 16 minute mark of the final quarter last Saturday, a Perth victory looked on the cards. Someone must have decided to avoid any chance of a final quarter fade out by not letting the players become aware of the time left to play. The scoreboard clock was turned back keeping everyone in suspense! That didn't stop irate Royal fans leaving early, but left all others wondering who did actually turn back the clock. Was it an Ian Miller tactic?

Weight watcher

HOW often will a coach be lenient enough to allow a player to spend his pre-season putting on weight? Ian Miller paid tribute to veteran defender Kevin Worthington last Saturday night for the assistance he has been to so many of the young Demons. Miller said: "Worthington thinks he's going to retire at the end of 1983, but if I've got anything to do with it he'll be back. Even if it means letting him spend the pre-season programme at the Ocean Beach Hotel putting on weight and turning up 17 stone, he's worth it." What a way to spend preparing for the rigours of league football!

Best Pest

THE Flick Best Pest for this week has to be 6PR and Sunday Independent critic Bob Cribb. At Friday's Football World show Cribb made some outlandish statements. Firstly he said that Grant Campbell was the worst footballer in WA and then he said that Perth would not win another game this season. The Demons promptly answered his criticism by beating finals contenders East Perth. Campbell, on the other hand, had been out of touch until a month ago, but he has returned to the form which saw him represent the State as a teenager several seasons ago. Don't let the facts interfere with your criticisms, Cribby.

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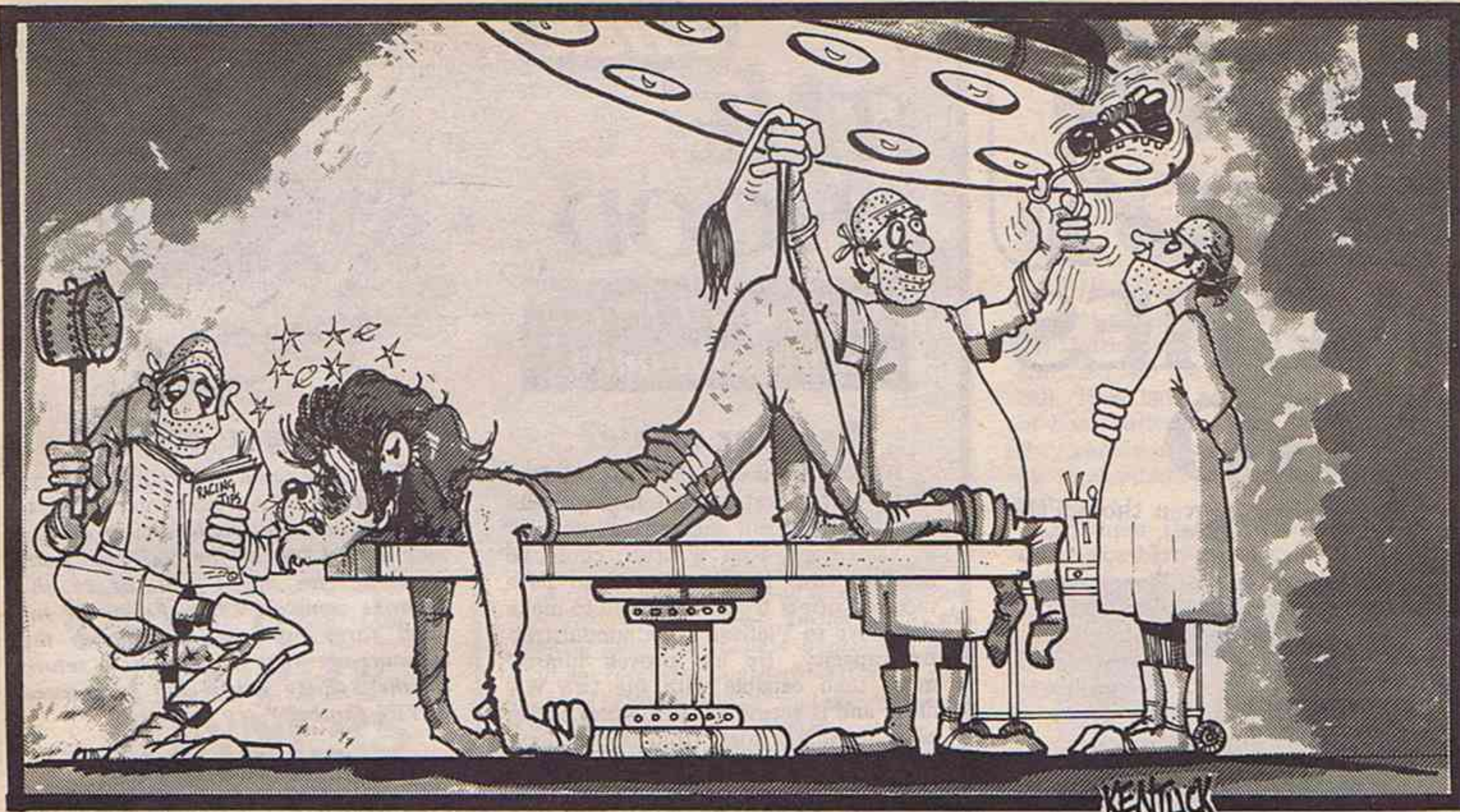
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Marlboro GOALS!

HELP FROM FRIENDS

CLAREMONT superstar Warren Ralph could thank the work of his team mates for some of his 16 goals last Saturday - and particularly Stephen Goulding who provided him with the chance to notch his 100th goal of the season. Goulding gathered the ball about 30 metres from goal and realising that Ralph needed one more to bring up triple figures went out of his way to draw two Subiaco defenders. He then popped it over their heads to Ralph who was all alone in the square. Ralph wasted no time in acknowledging the work of his team mate.

LIONS GOAL

THINGS weren't always going bad for Subiaco on Saturday. Rod Brown started the game at centre-half-forward and he showed his experience when he set up a goal for the Lions in the first quarter. Claremont defender Michael Aitken tried to draw Brown to pop the ball over his head, but Brown dummied and when Aitken handballed he was able to intercept the ball. After a brilliant smother he handballed to Michael Mort who had no trouble in goaling from just 20 metres out.

SKILFUL DANIELS

CLAREMONT ruck rover Allen Daniels is fast making a name for himself around the goals as a real opportunist and his first goal on Saturday was certainly in that vein. He had run hard down the ground to eventually get to a pack of players where the ball was heading. He then read the play magnificently off that group, ducked and weaved around a couple of players and popped the ball through with the minimum of fuss.

MICHAEL'S WINNER

SOUTH Fremantle champion Stephen Michael has been playing top class football this year and while he has never been deadly around the goals the kick which won him the goal of the day on Channel 7's World of Sport last week was a real boomer. He picked the ball up just inside the centre square, lined up his target and sent a 60 metre kick sailing straight through the middle. It was a remarkable kick considering it was against the wind.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (C'mont)	106.55
John Scott (East Perth)	61.31
Clint Brown (Subiaco)	55.35
Chris Stasinowsky (Sth. Frem.)	53.33
Colin Waterson (East Frem.)	48.31
Craig Edwards (East Perth)	47.26
Mick Rea (Perth)	47.21
Peter Spencer (East Perth)	42.24
Allen Daniels (Claremont)	42.27
Paul Arnold (Sth. Frem.)	43.30



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WARREN RALPH'S ACHIEVEMENT

THE 16-goal tally by Warren Ralph has only been bettered by four players in the history of WA league football. Ralph's effort is the highest tally in the last 30 years, Bernie Naylor kicked 23 goals against Subiaco in August 1953.

The four players ahead of Ralph are West Perth's Ted Tyson, who kicked 17 goals against Swans in 1938, George Moloney who booted 19 against South Fremantle in 1940, George Doig who registered 19 against Claremont in 1934 and Naylor with tallies of 18, 19 and 23 in 1953. Bert Gook, of Perth, kicked 16 against West Perth in 1939.

Great tally

Tiger supporters would be well satisfied with last Saturday's play, it rained goals all day. There were 12 kicked in the colts, 35 in the reserves and 37 in the league for a total of 84.

That performance almost equalled their record of 85 goals set in 1981 when they went on a rampage against Perth, scoring 15, 31 and 39 in the colts, reserves and league.

Demon stats man Richard Camm recalls a set of fixtures in 1973 when Perth played Swan Districts. The total goals kicked by Perth for the day amounted to just 26.

Tigers score

Claremont continue to be the pace-setters in the high scoring department, but their 241 points against Subiaco is not their best.

In 1981 they scored 39.20 against Perth to also record their biggest winning margin of 173 points.

The Tigers tally of more than 200 points last Saturday was their seventh and they were also the first when, in 1940, they kicked 33.22 against Swans.

Good move

Perth's re-appointment of Ian Miller was refreshing in view of the unmerciful treatment handed out to coaches in the last decade. Miller must go down in coaching history to be appointed for a third term



Ian Miller

with only three wins to his credit. The encouraging news for the Booragoon sports store proprietor is that John Todd won only three games in his first season with Swan Districts, four in his second and is now in his seventh year at Bassendean.

Miller has done a lot of "ground work" with the Demons these last two years and deserves the chance next season. Thankfully (for Miller) that rumour I read in this paper about Robert Wiley returning to coach Perth in 1984 is not true.

Swans chance

Swan Districts are coming home at the right time of the year and represent a big chance for the flag.

I recall another year when they came home with a rattling run. It was exactly 40 years ago, with two games to play they were in sixth place. They won both of those matches, made the finals and then knocked West Perth over in the first semi final, beat Subiaco in the preliminary and then met East Fremantle in the grand final. However, East Fremantle were too good for them on the big day.

One player from Swans who was constantly mentioned as the best mark and kick was their full back Aitken, father of present day Claremont star Mike Aitken.

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MOTHER BROWN

Well done, Les

CONGRATULATIONS to West Perth captain Les Fong on playing his 200th game for the Falcons last Sunday. Fong has been a great player for West Perth over the years and it was particularly pleasing to see his team mates rally to the cause and put up an improved effort for their diminutive leader. It must have been a great game up at Bassendean and perhaps that will give West Perth supporters something to smile about for a little while.

HUNGRY TOO!

WHILE on milestones, this week Richmond star Kevin Bartlett makes his 400th league appearance for the Tigers. "Hungry", as he is affectionately known, has been a legend in VFL football and the milestone is something he has been aiming at for some time. Undoubtedly the Richmond players will also respond to the challenge and try to make it a game he will want to remember for a long time to come.

-CLOCK TROUBLE

WHILE listening into games on the radio at the weekend I was disappointed to hear that at two of the four matches the clocks stopped at crucial stages. The problems cropped up at Lathlain Park and Bassendean and I believe that was an extremely poor show. That does nothing for the spectators or the players and something should be done to minimise the electrical faults which occur. Perhaps more frequent checks should be made.

HAIRCUT FOR MILLER

I MUST congratulate Ian Miller on his re-appointment as Perth coach. He has persevered with the young talent at the club and they revealed on Saturday that they do have a great deal of promising players within their ranks. However, the Demons should provide football fans with a free Budget at every home game because of the number of new players making an appearance every week. Ian wins this week's free haircut, courtesy of Playboy Hairstylists.

TALENT SHOW

The Dalkeith juniors had a top line-up of celebrities when their under-11s played their fathers in a social match last weekend. John McIntosh, Mal Brown and Alan McKinnon, together with top golfer Terry Gale were out in the middle while Graham Moss was the team's propertyman. An enjoyable day was had by all.

GOOD MOVE

WHAT a tremendous move it was by the WAFL to play last week's derby at Fremantle Oval. The ground was packed out and I am sure that had it been played Subiaco Oval only half as many people would have turned out.

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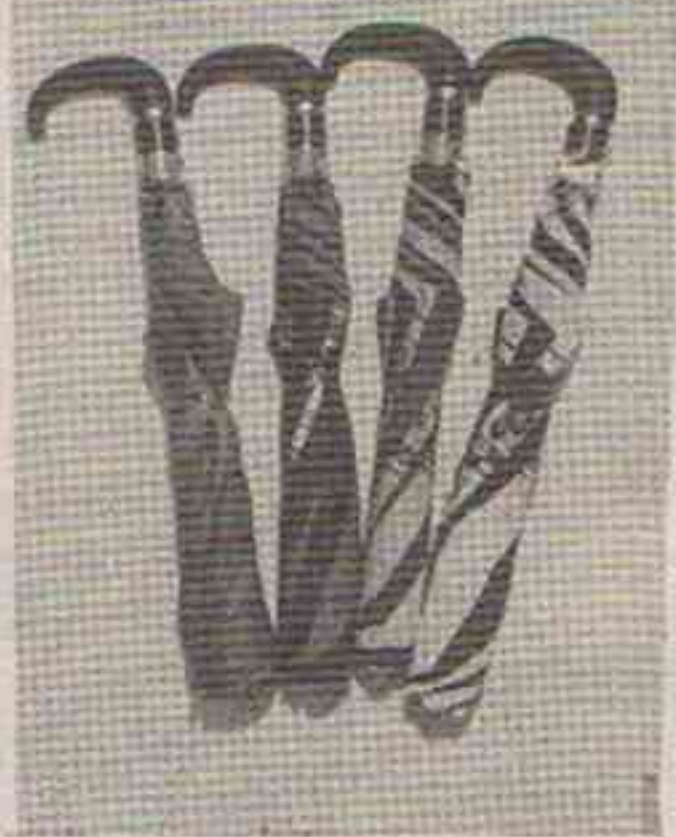
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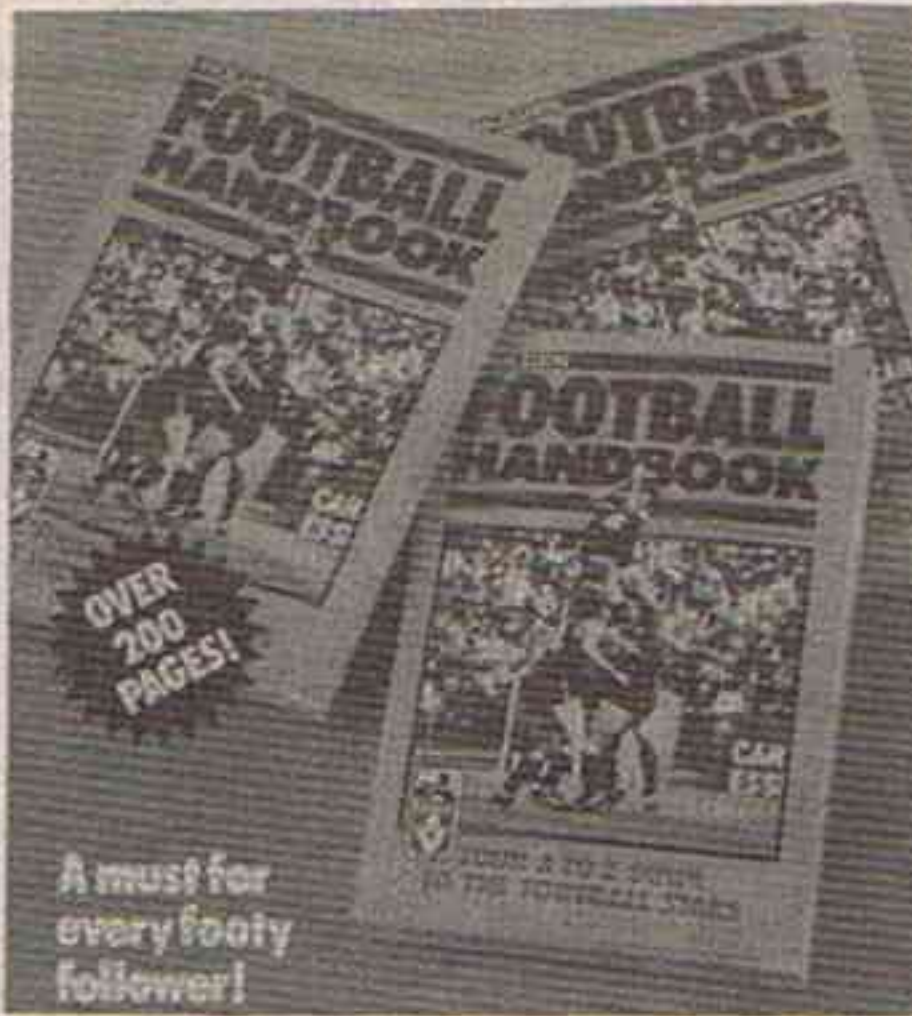
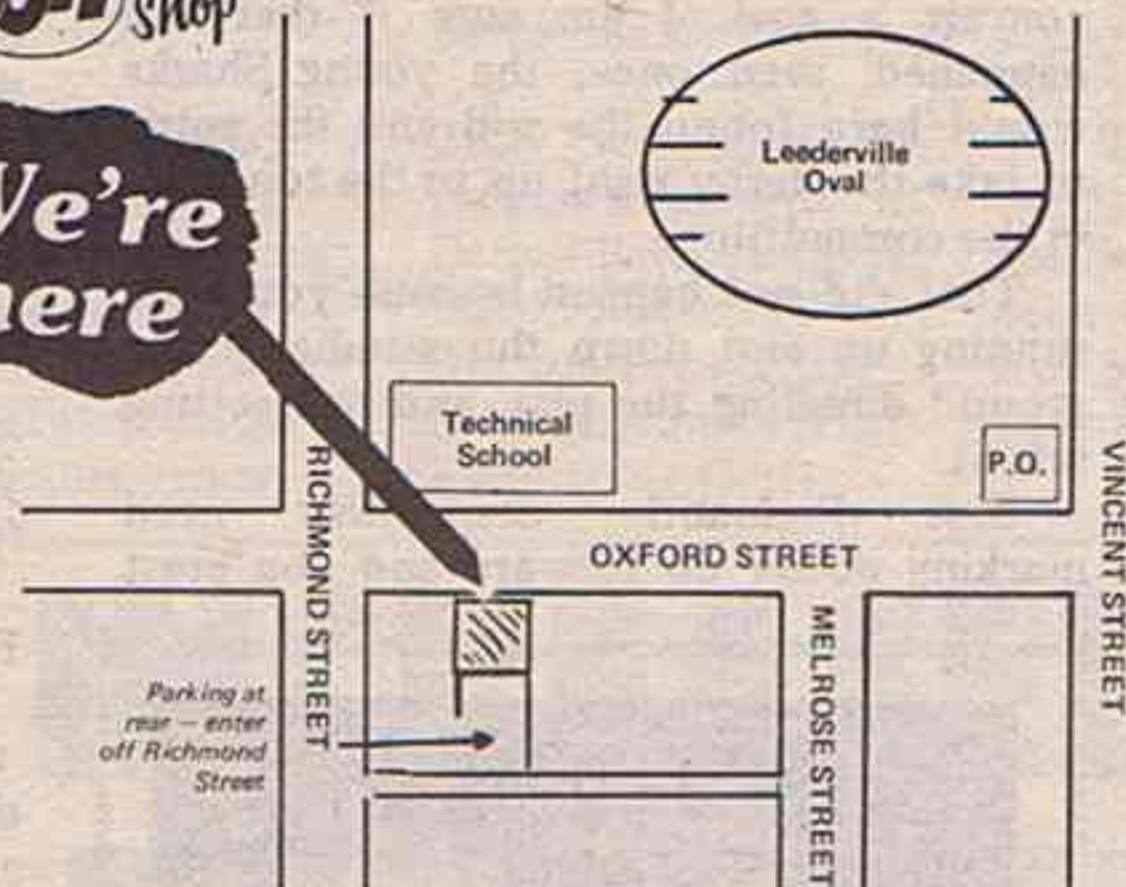
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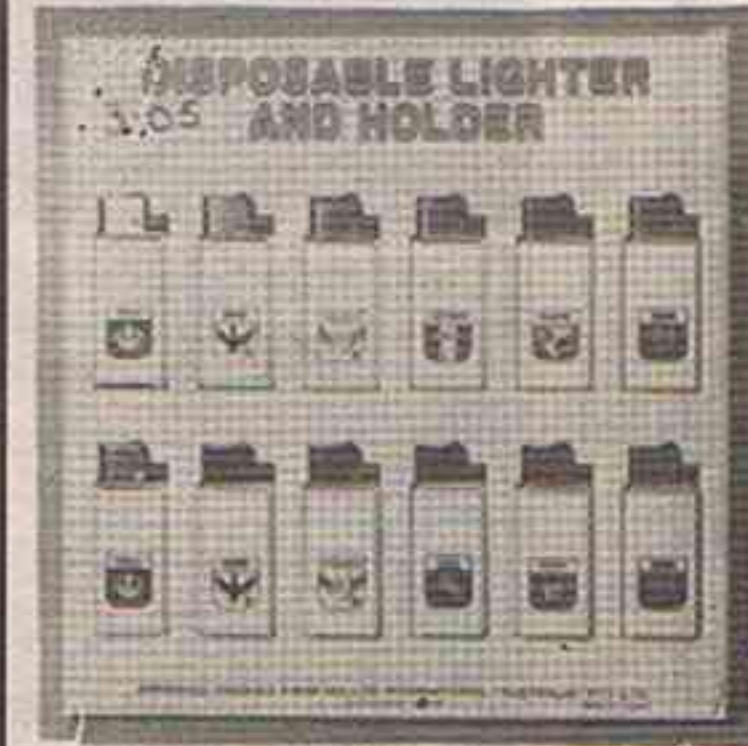


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CENTRE SQUARE

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THE centre square is a bone of contention in the football world.

Many critics agree that it is having a detrimental effect on the game.

I would like to see the size of the centre square reduced by some 10 metres, which would avoid congestion at the centre bounce downs and prevent the ball being taken away so quickly.

Since the introduction of the square, the hard working players are slowly disappearing out of the game due to a lack of pace.

Even though the game is played at a quicker pace nowadays, this is contributing to the loss of the hard-working player with ability because of his lack of pace. This is not the only attribute a player should have.

There seems to me to be more receivers in the game today than ball-getters.

RECRUITING STARS

PERTH have been lucky in their recruiting, especially from the WA Football Association from where they have picked up two players who could develop into valuable members of the club.

One is Mick Garbin, from Southern Port (originally a South Fremantle player) who has settled in well at Perth and his first two league games have been of a high standard.

The other player is Brett Cousins who came from Wanneroo.

Even though he has not had the same success as Garbin, he has shown promise and could make the Perth side, if not in the coming weeks, perhaps next year.

One thing which I find very irritating is that some Wanneroo officials (not the coach) are still endeavouring to obtain Cousins' services for the finals.

It is difficult for a side when a player leaves during a season, but when the player has the ambition and the opportunity to maybe play league football, he should be left to do just that.

ROYAL LAZINESS

A FEW weeks ago I wrote in my column that I was impressed with the manner in which Greg Brehaut handled the East Perth side.

After seeing them play on Saturday, I have not changed my mind. But I have changed my opinion regarding some of their players.

There were several players who were not willing to work hard when the game got tough and were walking around with their heads in the clouds.

Selectors at East Perth must be very disappointed, to say the least. Whether these players performed or not, I doubt if it would have affected the result of the game!

HOODED ONE!

JUST a brief note in answer to "The Hood". Hasn't he anything better to write about than my wonderful bunnett? He is obviously one of those fringe players I speak about and will not stand up and be counted!!!!

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Time for some action, Ron

Come on Ron Alexander it's time for action. Words will not help you from now on. Your next mistake is yours and the Sharks last.

This Saturday against Perth it's sink or swim for the Sharks and unless you personally play a major role on the field the 1983 season is as good as over for East Fremantle.

Last Saturday Malcolm Brown facetiously said how sorry he was to see Ron Alexander finished as a footballer.

What he meant, as you well know, was that he was disgusted with the way you roughed up some of the Bulldogs.

However, it's no time now for mud slinging with Brown.

In actual fact you have to prove that you are not finished as a footballer.

At the moment you are not doing that.

East Fremantle cried out on Saturday, in the derby, for a big personal contribution from someone exactly your size.

Time and again they went into attack hoping the long arms of Ron Alexander would drag down a big mark and then convert a goal. I am sure if that had happened, even once, the young Sharks would have found the will and the spirit to take the derby right up to the top team in the competition.

That did not happen because you were running up and down the middle of the ground directing the play and not getting into it.

East Fremantle desperately need marking power up forward and you must



Says
**BOB
CRABB**

give it to them this Saturday.

Unfortunately they also need ruck strength all over the ground and desperation in defence.

I concede that you have been contributing in both those areas, but that contribution has not been big enough nor has it meant victory for the Sharks.

This week you must take the gamble. The side that does not score goals cannot win and unless the Sharks get more power in attack Perth will beat them this Saturday and regardless of the result of the other games the final four issue will be settled beyond doubt.

You owe it to yourself Ron Alexander and you owe it to the Sharks not to let that happen.

I do not believe that you are finished as a player and this Saturday you have your last opportunity to ram the criticism from Malcolm Brown down his throat.

Nobody thought in 1983 that East Fremantle would make the four.

Unless you do make the four, however, nobody will recognise the excellent work that you have done as coach of this young and talented football team.

The way to ensure that recognition is to get in there this Saturday and get a few kicks for Ron Alexander.



Ron Alexander

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

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Gandhi was a peaceful man, but trainer John Davison will not be as friendly towards me when I reveal that his promising three-year-old HEMDANI will win at his next start.

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THOMAS HARDY
present...

FLYNN'S FOLLY

THIS week's Flynn's Folly goes to Harry Kelly and the production crew of Channel 7's World of Sport programme. On Saturday Warren Ralph kicked 16 goals and Claremont gave one of the best exhibitions of team football seen this year. However, their game against Subiaco received about three minutes' coverage on Sunday's show, and they featured only three of Ralph's goals. One they missed was a real gem and should have received the goal of the day. He was right on the boundary line on his left foot, but opted to screw the ball with the outside of his right foot and found the big opening.

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GANDINI GRABS HIS OPPORTUNITY

MAKING the most of an opportunity is something all good sportsmen must learn today early in their careers — and that lesson was well learned by rugged Demon utility player Len Gandini.

Gandini's inconsistent form early this season led to his relegation to the reserve side.

In true spirit Gandini accepted the challenge, however, he found it difficult to regain the form that would hasten his return to the senior side.

But then the magic chance arose at 8am four Saturdays ago when young Demon Grant Cope was forced to withdraw from the team for the match against South Fremantle.

Gandini came into the senior side knowing his reputation was on the line. His form hadn't been good, yet he was one of the more experienced players in the youthful Perth side.

With little to lose and much to gain, Gandini played determinedly from a back pocket against the Bulldogs in a fiercely fought encounter. The Demons went down by a mere five points, with Gandini one of his club's best afield on the day.

Since that confidence boosting game, Gandini has been among the Demons' best each week and it is no coincidence that his

By **KIM HAGDORN**

Gandini describes his change in form as simply a more competitive attitude and greater desire to remain a regular league footballer.

After again being one of Perth's key players in their surprise win over finals contenders East Perth, Gandini said "Ian Miller gave me the chance to play top level again after a short run in the reserves and I knew it would have to be a good performance to hold my place, especially, as the reserves are now playing so well."

"I have played each game as it comes and simply done the best I can. Things have happened for me and I guess that is football."

Gandini said of the Demons win last week: "It was what we needed and it could not have come at a better time."

"That win gives us all the reason to look forward to 1984 with great confidence."

"We were all aware that we had been in positions to beat top teams a number of times this year and gone down in the dying stages of the game."

DOCTOR FOOTBALL

FRACTURES IN FOOTBALL

FRACTURES or broken bones are often received in football.

A break in a bone should be suspected where there is severe pain and marked tenderness at the injured bony site.

The presence of swelling and deformity may also be noted.

Swelling, of course, can also be present with muscle injury.

Abnormal movement at the injury site and audible creaking between the broken ends are positive diagnostic features of a fracture.

However, don't be too enthusiastic in trying to elicit these signs otherwise local damage may be increased — such as a jagged bone end my imprint on a nerve or blood vessel and increasing the player's pain may induce a state of shock.

If skin is broken — called compound fracture — there is a big potential for infection.



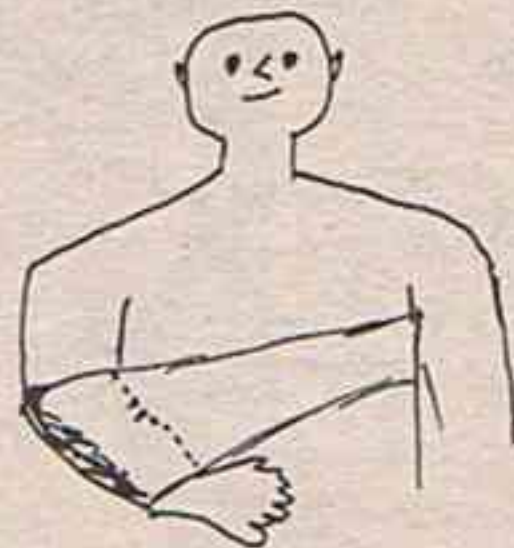
These features at the injury site are suggestive of a fracture:

- severe pain
- bony tenderness
- deformity
- abnormal movement
- creaking sounds

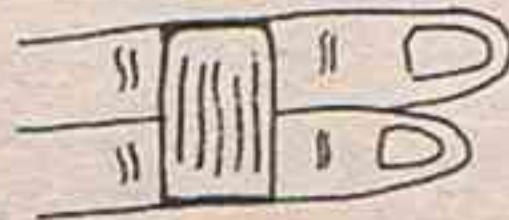
Immediate first-aid treatment is to cover with sterile dressing, a compound fracture and then immobilise as best as possible the fracture site and organise transfer for medical attention. The ways in which immobilisation is often afforded is as follows:



1) A sling for fractured collar bone



2) A fractured arm may be comfortably splinted against the body



3) A fractured leg or finger may be splinted against the adjacent non-injured one.

The most common fractures seen in football are with falls landing awkwardly onto the hands and arms and breaking the bones in fingers, hand, wrist, forearm and the collar bone.

When a wrist bone, called the Scaphoid, is broken, it is a nightmare because it has to be immobilized with a below elbow plaster cast to the whole forearm and wrist for three months.

This is because this particular bone has a blood supply, only from one end and if good union is not achieved, the other un-united half of the bone dies.

In the lower limb we see broken ankles and broken bones in the foot. The violence is not sufficient to break the main leg bones and these rarely break, except for the fibula, a long thin bone on the outer aspect of the lower leg.

In the lower limb, we also see STRESS fractures. These are hairline cracks in the lower limb bones from overuse, eg. excessive running on roads. These heal with rest.

Stress fractures can be a nuisance because they may be difficult to diagnose eg. often the only positive finding is marked tenderness over the bone.

They often don't show up on X-rays for several weeks. It is not unusual with stress fractures or fractures of the scaphoid bone in the wrist for X-rays to have to be repeated two or three times before the break shows up.

In fact, with some stress fractures a particular investigation called a bone scan is often needed to make a diagnosis if X-rays remain unhelpful.

Having made a diagnosis of a stress fracture, then the bad news for the footballer is that he has to stay out of the game and weight bearing exercising and training until it has healed. Often at least a minimum of one month off is necessary.

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Fong won the toss and points to the direction West Perth would kick as Matthew looks on.

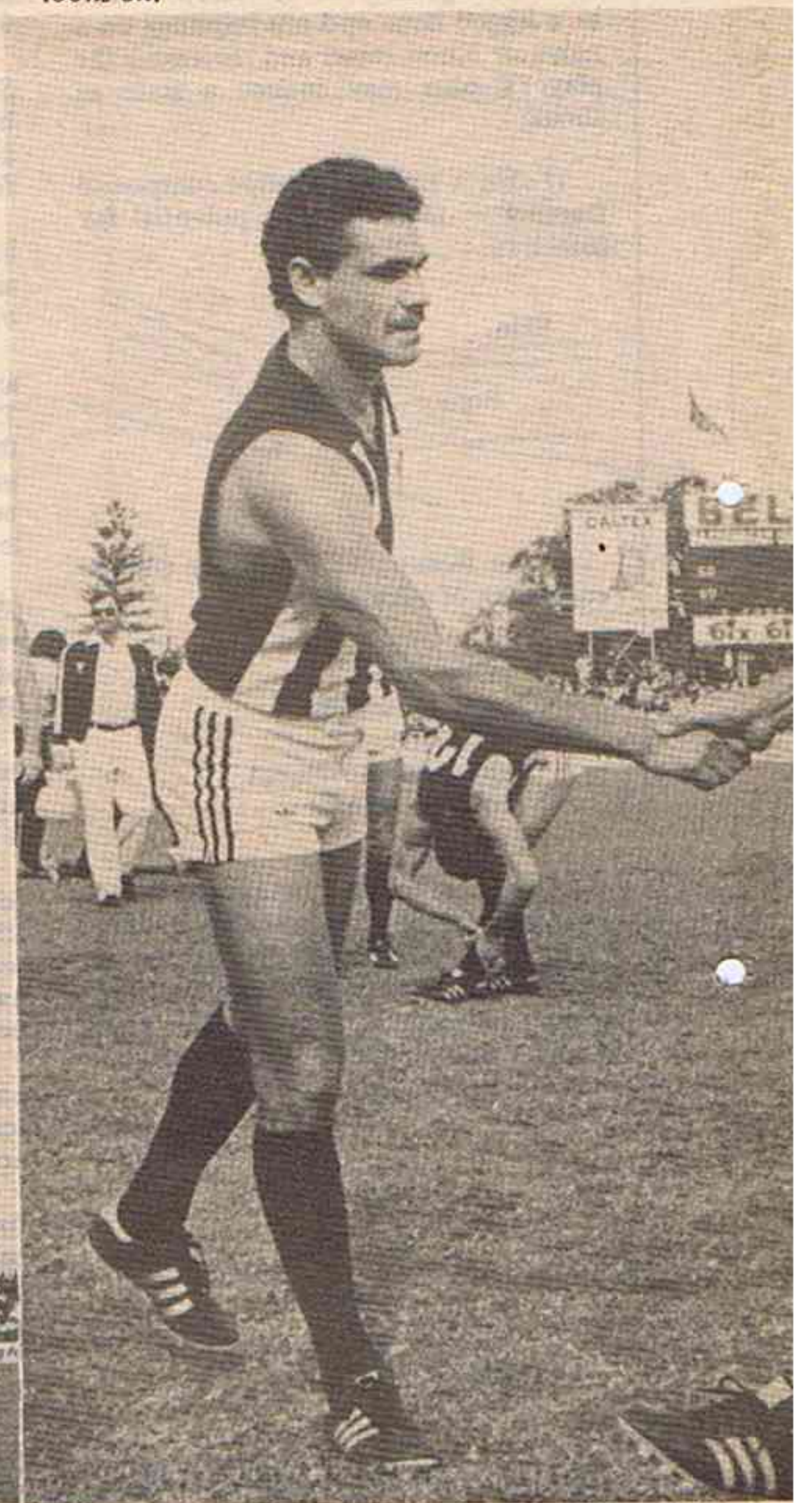
At Bassendean: FONG CELEBRATES DOUBLE CENTURY

West Perth skipper Les Fong capped off a magnificent career when he played his 200th league match at Bassendean Oval on Sunday.

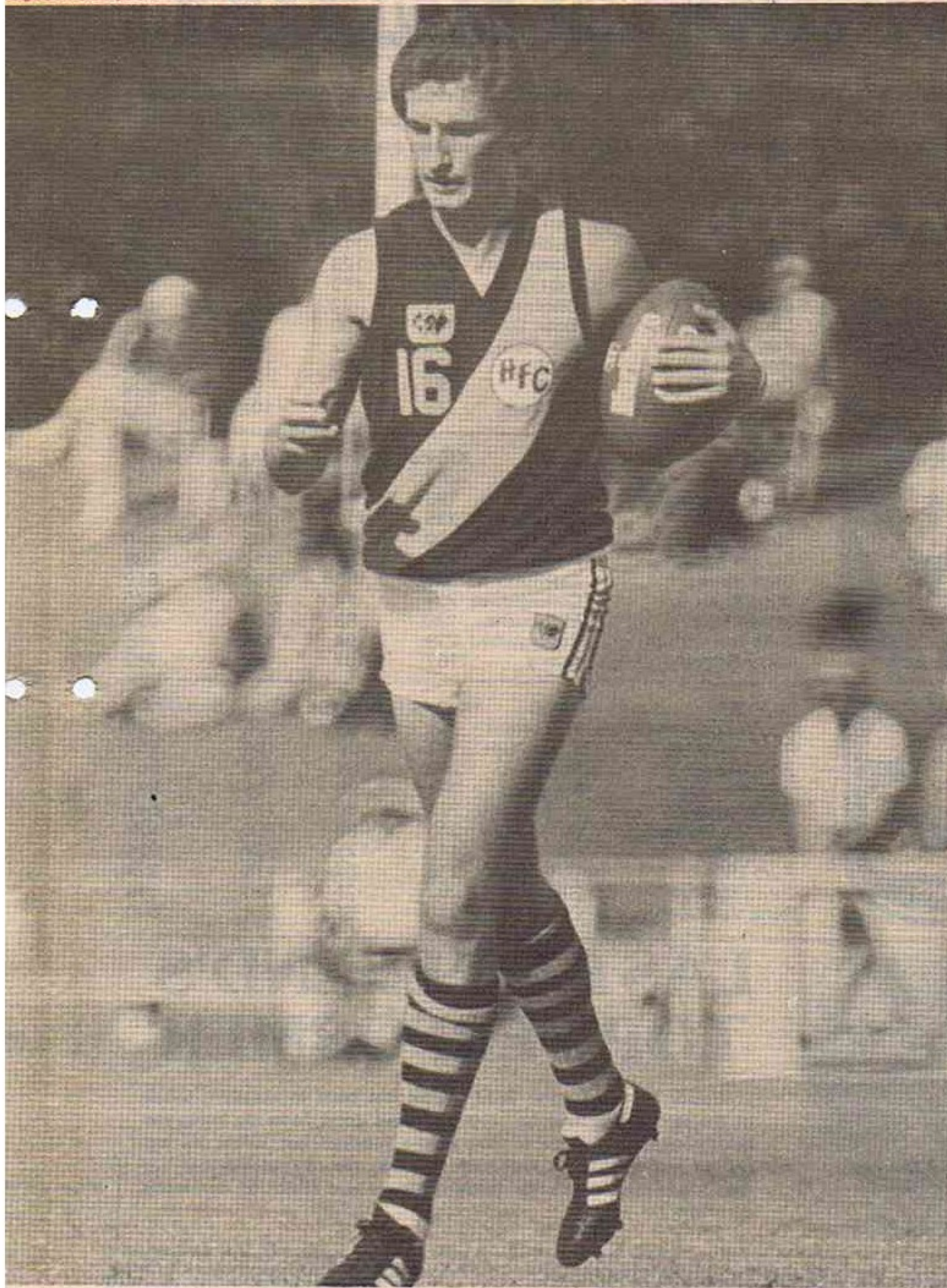
In every one of his games with the Falcons, Fong has led by example and although West Perth could not win for their popular skipper, they put in an improved performance.



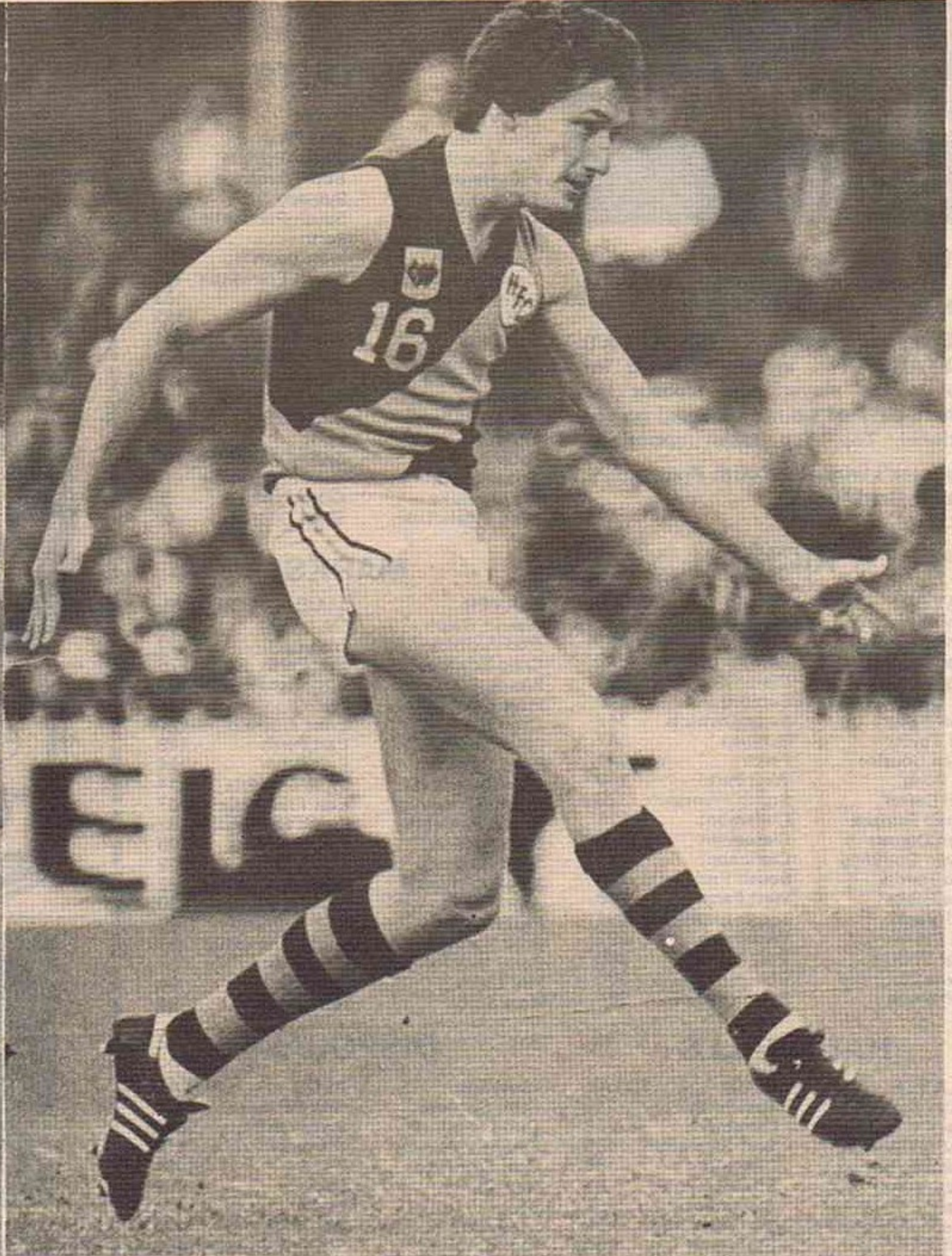
Fong and his son Matthew charge through a specially prepared banner to signify his milestone.



Congratulations and best of luck from Keith Nar



Ralph pulls in another mark and sets himself for the shot at goal.



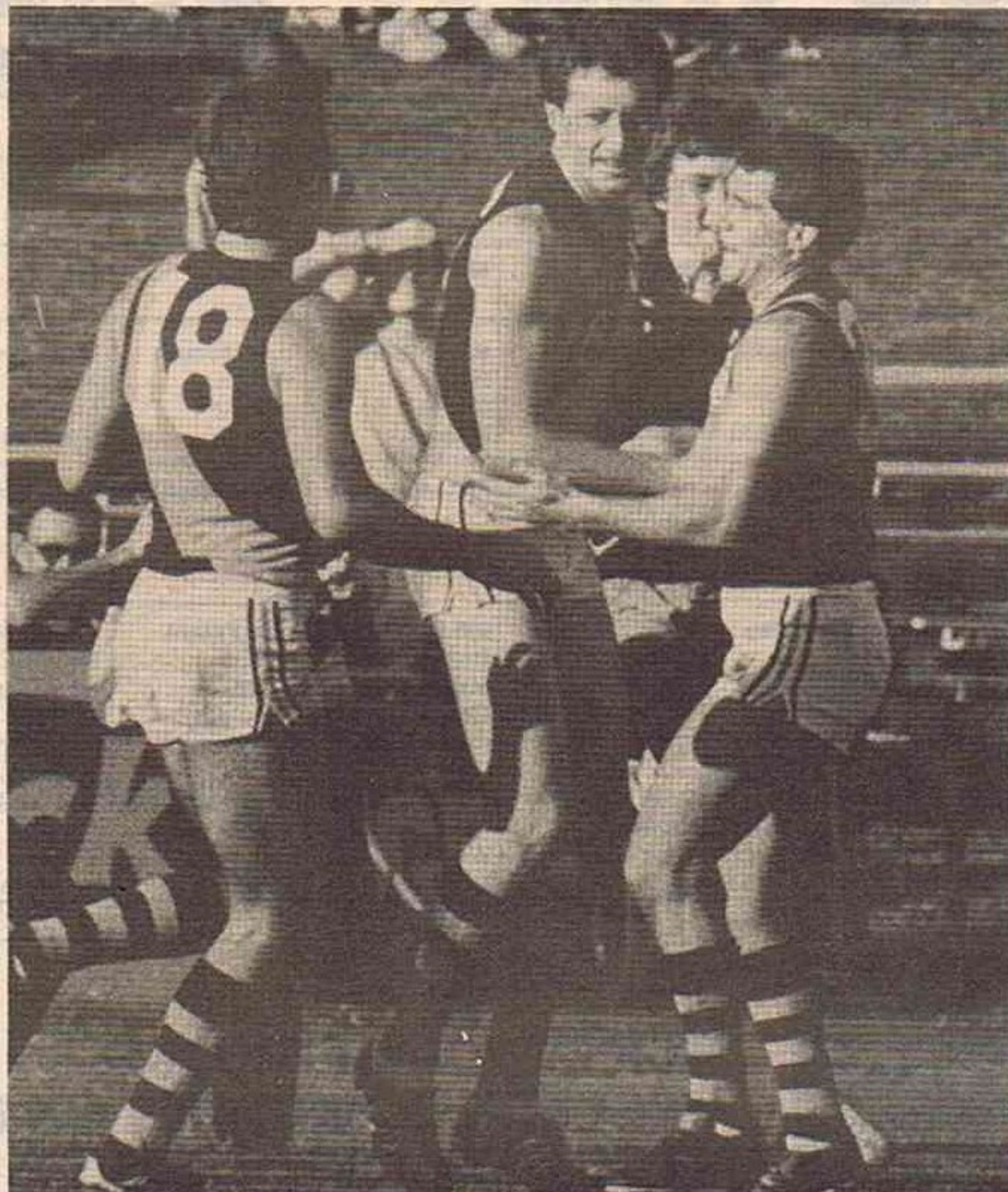
The kick that made it 100 for the third season in succession.

At Claremont: ANOTHER TON FOR RALPH

Before Saturday's game against Subiaco, Claremont's ace full forward Warren Ralph had kicked 90 goals — by the end of the day he had tallied 106 goals for the season in an inspirational individual performance. It was his best effort in league football.



Narkle, the Swan Districts captain.

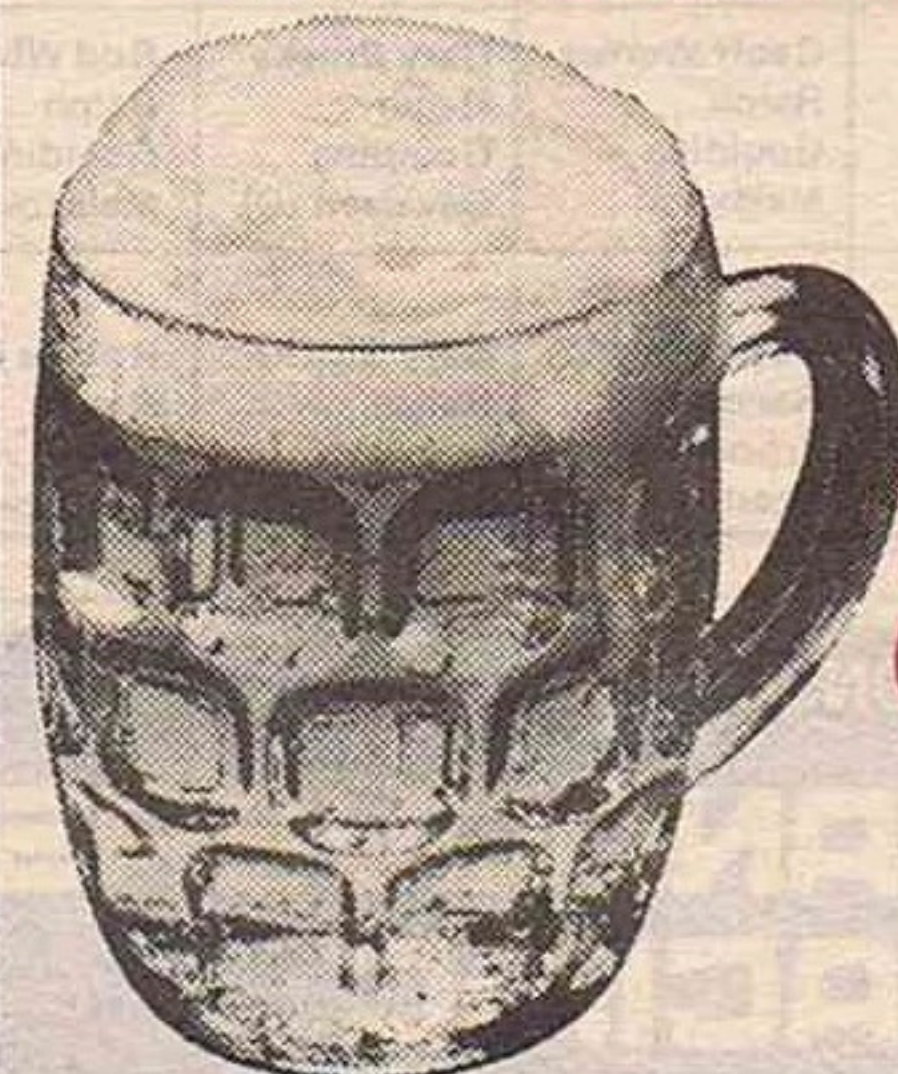



Team mates congratulate the full forward after his 100th goal.



The fans jumped the fence to congratulate their hero as captain coach Graham Moss gives him a pat on the back.

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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 South Fremantle's versatile Brad Hardie

HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
John Ironmonger	East Perth	493
Ron Boucher	Swan Districts	339
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	321
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	316
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	268
Steve Turner	Perth	240
Craig Nelson	West Perth	204
David Rawlinson	South Fremantle	185
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	183
Phil Scott	Subiaco	182
Ben Jager	West Perth	181
Mick Johns	Swan Districts	162
Graham Moss	Claremont	159
Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	132
Craig Edwards	East Perth	129
Rhett Baynes	Perth	125
Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	98
Barrie Quick	South Fremantle	75
Wayne Duke	Claremont	65
Alan Sidebottom	Swan Districts	63

KICKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	413
Cam Shepherd	Perth	395
Peter Spencer	East Perth	372
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	351
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	349
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	347
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	347
Bryan Cousins	Perth	341
Les Fong	West Perth	340
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	328
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	326
Allen Daniels	Claremont	325
Steven Goulding	Claremont	321
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	311
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	306
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	294
Phil Cronan	West Perth	292
Peter Thorne	East Perth	288
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	286
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	284

MARKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Warren Ralph	Claremont	136
Rod Alderton	West Perth	127
Craig Edwards	East Perth	126
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	123
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	120
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	120
Peter Thorne	East Perth	119
Peter Spencer	East Perth	114
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	114
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	107
Bruce Monteath	South Fremantle	107
Graham Moss	Claremont	105
Steve Turner	Perth	102
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	102
John Ironmonger	East Perth	100
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	98
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	97
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	96
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	94
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	94

HANDBALLS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	219
Mark Watson	Claremont	189
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	169
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	165
Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	162
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	159
Stephen Michael	Sth Fremantle	152
Peter Thorne	East Perth	151
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	150
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	150
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	142
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	139
Greg Walsh	East Perth	139
Bryan Cousins	Perth	137
Wally Matera	South Fremantle	135
Les Fong	West Perth	135
Graham Moss	Claremont	129
Peter O'Connell	Perth	128
Clinton Roberts	Perth	128
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	125

DISPOSALS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	591
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	563
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	516
Cam Shepherd	Perth	494
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	489
Bryan Cousins	Perth	478
Les Fong	West Perth	475
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	456
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	450
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	445
Peter Thorne	East Perth	439
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	431
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	431
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	423
Allen Daniels	Claremont	421
Steven Goulding	Claremont	413
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	400
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	398
Phil Cronan	West Perth	397
Wally Matera	South Fremantle	387

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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	372	114	219	1152
Don Langsford	Swan Dist.	413	114	150	1055
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	286	123	159	973
Peter Thorne	East Perth	288	119	151	947
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	351	77	165	912
Leon Baker	Swan Dist.	347	120	84	875
Paul Vasoli	Sth Frem.	294	82	162	864
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	239	120	125	849
Cam Shepherd	Perth	395	83	99	842
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	349	94	101	833



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Ross Glendinning	N. Melb.	267	128	130	911
Geoff Cunningham	St Kilda	198	96	183	852
Brian Wilson	Melbourne	235	112	135	841
Steven Wallis	Footscray	230	78	183	830
Terry Wallace	Hawthorn	420	58	117	828
Glen Hawker	Essendon	287	88	134	819
Tony Shaw	Collingwood	254	74	167	810
Steven Icke	Melbourne	190	83	180	799
Mike Richardson	Collingwood	239	94	134	789
Barry Round	Swans	167	107	147	782



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Darryl Schimmelbusch	W. Torrens	311	83	175	910
Robb Hawkins	S. Adelaide	162	124	184	902
Jim Derrington	Sturt	243	61	214	854
Michael Aish	Norwood	287	98	135	851
Ian Borchard	W. Adelaide	223	80	192	847
Brendon Phillips	N. Adelaide	245	88	160	829
Peter Carey	Glenelg	143	121	159	824
Kym Dillon	W. Torrens	213	87	175	824
David Marshall	Glenelg	292	74	150	814
Rene Van Dommele	Can. Dist.	210	54	214	800

LAST WEEKEND'S TOP PERFORMER



South Fremantle star Brad Hardie has been in excellent touch in the last month and he capped off his good form by being the best possession winner in WA league football last week. He has played mainly from a half back flank in recent matches and has used his constructive skills to turn defence into attack on numerous occasions.



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SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

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

July 30	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	Channel 7	6PR	6IX	6KY	6WF	ABC TV	Umpires
S. Frem. v E. Frem.	Ken Casellas Hardie (SF) Cockie (SF) Michael (SF)	Rod Lane Hardie Michael Cockie	Bob Cribb Cockie Ellis (EF) Hardie	Robbie Burns Hardie N. Carter (SF) Ellis	Percy Johnson Hardie Michael P. Harding (EF)	Oscar Howard Hardie Roe (SF) Michael	Frank Sparrow Hardie Cockie Michael	Les Mumme Hardie Cockie Ellis	Ray Lawrence Hardie Cockie Vasoli (SF)	Keith Slater Hardie Michael Ellis	Morris/Ball
Perth v E. Perth	Robert Wainwright Cousins (P) Yorgey (P) Spencer (EP)	Colin Hopkins Yorgey Cousins Shepherd (P)	Kim Hagdorn Cousins Yorgey Shepherd	Michael Thomson Spencer Cousins Roberts (P)	Bob Miller Yorgey Cousins Spencer	Peter Van Helden Cousins Spencer Yorgey	Phil Mulcahy Cousins Shepherd Christian (EP)	Colin Hopkins Yorgey Cousins Shepherd	Ian Brayshaw Cousins Washfold (P) Yorgey	Eric Sarich Cousins Washfold Yorgey	Rowe/Buckey
Claremont v Subiaco	Steve Wright Ralph (C) Malaxos (C) Goulding (C)	Geoff Worner Ralph Goulding Malaxos	Gary Stocks Ralph Goulding Davidson (C)	Rod White Ralph Goulding Malaxos	Ken McAullay Ralph Malaxos Goulding	Brien Thirley: Ralph Malaxos Goulding	Bill Valli Ralph Malaxos Goulding	Joe Fanchi Ralph Malaxos Goulding	David Dyson Ralph Goulding Malaxos	Grant Dorrington Ralph Goulding Malaxos	Phillips/Appleby
July 31 Swans v W. Perth	Geoff Christian Rance (SD) Cronan (WP) Ware (SD)	Ray Wilson Rance Cronan Neesham (SD)	Gary Stocks Rance Neesham Jager (WP)	Robbie Burns Rance Ware Warwick (WP)	Marty McDonald Rance Langsford Cronan	Oscar Howard Cronan Ware Gibbs (WP)	Harvey Deegan Rance Ware Neesham	Geoff Christian Rance Cronan Ware	George Grljusich Rance Cronan Neesham	Eric Sarich: Langsford Ware Rance	Gillies/O'Reilly

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The Greatest Team of All Time

TO coincide with the 125th anniversary of Australian football, a panel of Victorian experts last week selected what they considered the "Greatest Team of All Time".

The selection panel consisted of Laurie Nash, regarded by many as the greatest footballer of all-time, Harry Beitzel, one of the VFL's best-known umpires and now a leading commentator, and current-day champion Leigh Matthews.

Melbourne football journalist Ken Piesse, who chaired the selection panel, researched football's history books to ensure that no one was left out of consideration.

After hours of discussion, they narrowed 150 front-liners down to a final 21.

Only one West Australian made the side... number one ruckman Graham Farmer.

Six current-day players, including three from North Melbourne, are in the side. The North men are David Dench, Keith Greig and Garry Dempsey.

Norm Smith, who coached three VFL clubs and led Melbourne to six premierships, was named coach and Ron Barassi was honoured with captaincy.



Graham Farmer

The side is:

Backs:	Bernie Smith (Geelong)	David Dench (NM)	Garry Dempsey (Footscray NM)
Half backs:	Bruce Doull (Carlton)	Ted Whitten (F'cray)	Ron Clegg (SM)
Centres:	Francis Bourke (Rich)	Ian Stewart (St K-R)	Robert Flower (M)
Half forwards:	Darrell Baldock (St K)	Laurie Nash (SM)	Alex Jesaulenko (C)
Forwards:	Haydn Bunton (F'roy)	John Coleman (E)	Jack Dyer (R)
Followers:	Graham Farmer (G)	Ron Barassi (M-C)	Bob Skilton (SM)
Interchange:	Leigh Matthews (H)	Dick Reynolds (E)	
Emergency:	Keith Greig (NM)		

INCREASED USE OF PROTECTIVE GEAR

By John Warren, NFL Director of Coaching.

The subject of protective gear is assuming increasingly greater priorities.

As our game gets faster there seems to be emerging a relationship between head contact and extra speed generated. Also in spite of very intensive, and presumably scientific and professional training programs, there is an escalating spate of ankle, knee and hamstring injuries. These are causing officials to research much more intensively into the possibilities of using protective and preventative devices.

The matter of head protection is vitally important as it encroaches into one of the most distinctive areas of our game - that of the ability of Australian Football players to take part in an extremely physically demanding game without recourse to space age type protective helmets.

Whilst visiting the U.S.A. last year I conferred with many people who relate very enthusiastically to our game on cable television.

One of the features as far as they are concerned is in seeing obviously gifted athletes indulging in a spectacular game and in doing, so being immediately recognisable - not by a number, but much more attractively by their personal features.

IMPORTANT

Because of this I believe it is very important that in the case of protective head-gear we give precedence to effective, scientifically researched yet unobtrusive protection. It is also vital that no buckles, straps or hard materials are involved as obviously such things can be counter-productive in creating injury causing situations to opposing players. In such an observation it is interesting to note that some of the extraordinary padding and protective gear found necessary in American Gridiron Football is to offset the potentially damaging effect of the protective gear - especially helmets and their grilles - worn by opposing players.

HEAD GUARD

It is pleasing to note that a head guard has now been produced for use by Australian Footballers which adheres to all the abovementioned criteria. Importantly it protects the most vulnerable areas of the temples, skull base and behind the ears. The materials used are impact absorbing

and the gear has been developed in Australia specifically for use in our game by Olympic Duoflex Pty. Ltd. It also has the advantage of being cheap (around \$20) and is available in five sizes.

Undoubtedly considerable research is also taking place regarding the possibility of devising effective support for ankles and knees. Unfortunately much of the thinking in relation to these areas is based on very restrictive taping which to me as a layman seems totally unnatural and foreign to the stress reciprocating functions of the joints in question.

Almost overnight Australian Football discarded football boots with "unobtrusive" ankle support for boots designed in Europe for Soccer. It seems to me our leg injuries (and the so-called necessity to spend thousands of dollars per club on tape) increased dramatically at that time.

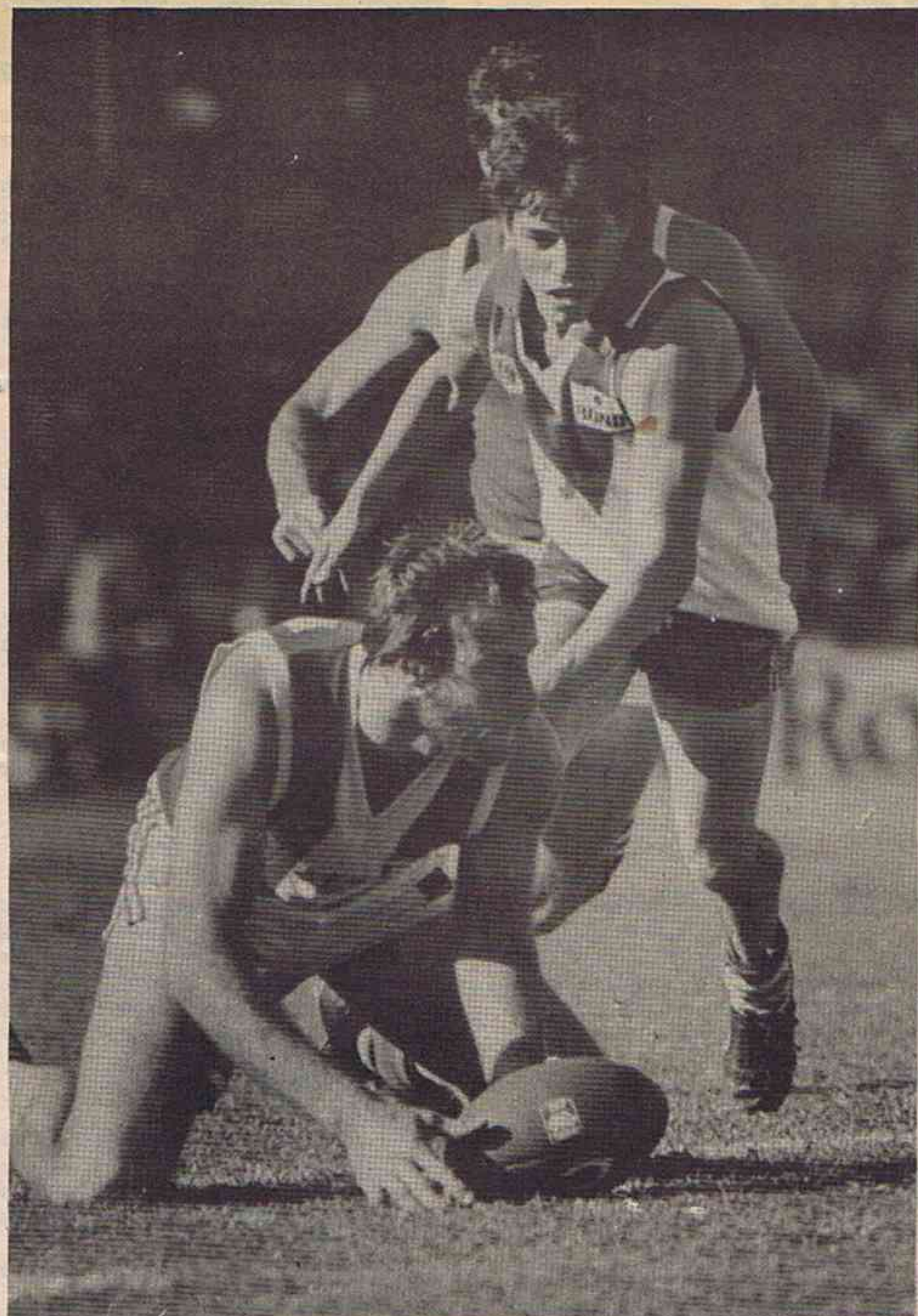
We obviously have a long way to go regarding the requirements of the feet, legs and thighs. The problems however of those wishing for adequate head protection appear to have been largely solved.

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East Fremantle's star defender Shane Ellis has been in exceptional form with the Sharks this season. Here he has a good look downfield before shooting out a hand-pass as South Fremantle rover Wally Matera closes in. That is an object lesson for any young player - you must look before feeding the ball out. For his effort Ellis wins this week's Hard Yakka award and will collect a pair of fabulous Rigs trousers or new Brut jeans.

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JUNIOR PAGE

CLOSE GAMES IN FINALS

MANY surprising results and close games have occurred since the finals started, and last weekend even a draw eventuated in the 11s qualifying final of the Swan Districts Junior Council.

Ashfield (3.4) drew with Midvale (2.10) and the game will be re-played this Saturday before their next finals match scheduled the following day.

In the elimination final of that grade a draw would have been a fitting result.

In a very even game throughout Maida Vale (5.8) snuck in over Cloverdale (5.6).

Because of the tie, all that is known at this stage is Belmont will face the winner of the Ashfield/Midvale re-play in the second semi being played this Sunday at a venue to be named.

The losers meet Maida Vale in the first semi-final.

In the 12s elimination final, Guildford Grammar beat Midvale 7.3 to 6.5, and Swan View (7.7) defeated Cloverdale (6.9) in yet another close game for the qualifying final.

The first semi this Saturday between Cloverdale and Guildford Grammar will be played at Peet Park (Belmont) starting at 9.10am.

The second semi is to be contested at Kostera Oval (Kalamunda) at the same start time, that game sees Swan View front Bassendean.

Cloverdale 14.10 trounced Kalamunda 2.12 in the 13s Elimination Final and Mazenod White won the Qualifying Final against Redcliffe 8.9 to 5.6.

On Saturday, at 10.40 am, Redcliffe play Cloverdale at Peet Park in the first semi and Belmont meet Mazenod White at Kostera Oval in the second semi clash.

The 15s elimination and qualifying finals provided two extremely close-fought battles and this grade looms as the tightest of all grades in Swans zone.

Belmont won the elimination game 13.7 to Kalamunda's 11.7 and in the qualifying game Redcliffe 8.9 downed Bassendean 7.10.

The first semi programmed for Sunday at 12.30 pm at Selby Park (Redcliffe) is between Bassendean and Belmont with the second semi bringing Swan View and Redcliffe together at Peet Park at the same starting time.

Cloverdale and Swan View were victorious in the 17s last weekend.

The former beat Kalamunda in the elimination final 11.15 to 6.10 and the latter won the qualifying final against Bassendean 18.18 to 7.7.

Their fixture for this Sunday has Bassendean facing Cloverdale in the first semi at Selby Park and Redcliffe meet Swan View in the second semi at Peet Park — both games at 2.30 pm.

HILLS ASSOCIATION

OF the six finals last weekend in the Hills Association only two ended up close contests.

In the 12s first semi Wooroloo 7.6 defeated Pickering Brook 1.5 and Mundaring 7.11 beat Mt Helena 1.4 in the second semi.

Parkerville 8.4 downed Wooroloo 6.7 in the 14s first semi and Darlington easily accounted for Mt Helena winning 8.8 to 3.3 in the second semi.

The 16s saw a comfortable victory to Pickering Brook over Mundaring in the first semi-final.

These two teams have drawn in both their meetings previously this season, but Pickering Brook won this one 16.8 to 8.11.

The second semi bought the closest result over the weekend when Mazenod scraped through beating Darlington 13.14 to 13.10.



AROUND THE CLUBS

By Gary Bartholomeusz

Phone 294 1405 with club news.

This Sunday at Chidlow Oval in the preliminary finals Mt Helena play Wooroloo in the 12s (10.30am), Mt Helena meet Parkerville in the 14s (12.30pm) and the 16s clash is between Darlington and Pickering Brook (2.00pm).

A 9s exhibition game between Mt Helena and Parkerville will be played at 11.45 am.

WEST PERTH

THE West Perth Junior Council start their finals this weekend and following is their programme.

SATURDAY: North Innaloo versus Osborne Park White in the 12s elimination final starting at 9.10 am at Dianella Reserve 1 while CBC meet Cardinals at the same time at Robinson Reserve (Tuart Hill) in the qualifying final.

The 13s elimination final between Osborne Park and North Dianella will be contested at Dianella Reserve 1 at 10.30 am and the qualifying game sees CBC and Balga Orange do battle at Lilleymans Reserve (Mt Hawthorn) at 10.30 am also.

In the only other Saturday fixture Osborne Park will meet Servite in the 14s first semi-final at 10.30 am at Robinson Reserve.

SUNDAY: The 11s first semi is between Osborne Park White and Balga at Dianella Reserve 2 commencing at 9.10 am.

North Innaloo play Marist in the second semi at the same time at Keemore Park (Balga).

Grenville Reserve (Tuart Hill) is the venue for the 15s elimination final between Marist and Balga, and the qualifying game is to be played at Robertsbridge Reserve (Nollamara) where Nollamara face Mirrabooka — 10.30 am is the starting time for both matches.

The 17s Division One have another game remaining before their finals, but Division Two begin Sunday when North Innaloo White front up to CBC at Lilleymans Reserve in the first semi and Nollamara play Marist Black at Dianella Reserve 2 for the Qualifying Final — again both games start at 10.30 am.

EAST PERTH

ONLY the 11st and 13s commence their finals this weekend with the 14s, 15s and 17s all having just one game remaining in the East Perth district.

The 11s elimination final is between Bedford and Coolbinia at De Lacy Reserve (Maylands) starting at 10.20 am this Saturday.

St Marks and Bayswater will contest the qualifying final at the same time at Wordsworth Reserve (Inglewood).

Both the 13s elimination and qualifying finals will be played at Inglewood Oval this Saturday — St Marks and Bedford face each other at 9 am in the knockout match and following at 10.30 am will be Bayswater Green playing Noranda.

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The answer to last week's question was Clinton Roberts and the lucky winner was Graeme Taylor of Koongamia.

Strong win for Sharks

IN A high scoring R and I Little League match East Fremantle emerged winners over South Fremantle 4.2 to 4.1.

For the victors Steven Knox kicked two goals and he received strong support from Bruce Biddiscombe and John Sweetman with one goal apiece.

Peter Hilton and James Pansabene each kicked two goals for the Bulldogs and another good player was Shawn Carter.

Claremont were off target in the game against Subiaco, but they still won 2.6 to 1.0. Shane Cassey was Claremont's best and other good players were Ryan Turnbull and Geoff Wright with a goal each. Jason Anderson, Tim Nedille (one goal) and Damon Lemmon did best for the young Lions.

Claremont were scheduled to be represented by Ongerup, but they could not make the trip and Karrinyup took the field instead.

In a close game, Perth kicked 2.1 to beat East Perth 1.1.

Tony Ryder, Garry Butler (one goal each) and Michael Woods were the driving force behind the young Demons win and Shawn Cumming, Glen Pinkerton (one goal) and David Neenan were best for East Perth.

Swan Districts hit top form with a 5.1 performance to beat West Perth who could muster just 2.2.

Bradley O'Reilly, two goals, Jason Norish, Wayne Symon and Mark Harris, one goal each, were the major contributors to the win. Raymond Moyle (one goal), James Wearne and Anthony Boyatzos (one goal) did best for West Perth.

MILESTONES

SIXTEEN-year-old Jeff Ricketts played his 200th game for Canning JFC last Sunday in the Perth Junior Council.

Ruckman Jeff began playing in 1972 and this season is getting reward for effort by already playing six colts games for the demons.

100 GAMES

PERTH J.C: Eddie Marshall (Kensington) and Ken Stuhr (Collier) — 13s.

EAST PERTH J.C: Bevan Avard and Shane Tyler (Bayswater-Morley) — 14s.

50 GAMES

CLAREMONT J.C: Ben Roach, Luke Twomey & Warren Wicton — North Beach 11s.

WEST PERTH J.C: Mathew Sallur — Osborne Park 92; Kevin Maxwell — Balga 10s.

Junior players are reminded that they can receive their own special rewards for reaching milestones. Town and Country WA and Westside Football offer players medallions for playing 100, 150 and 200 games. The only requirement is that entries be sent in on the official coupon which is published in Westside Football regularly throughout the season.

MURCHISON CLINICS

On Sunday WAFL's Administrator of Football Development, Ross Davis, and West Perth's Development Officer, Wayne Foreman, leave for a one week, 11,000 km trip to the Murchison region conducting 19 junior football clinics and seminars in their travels.

TIGER CUP

An amazing turn-around after half-time saw Wembley Downs defeat Kangaroos 12.13 to 9.10 in the elimination final of Claremont Football Club's 17s and under Tig Cup competition.

The half-time scores saw Wembley Downs 8.4 to 1.4 in arrears.

They now go on to meet Woodlands/Doubleview (who lost their qualifying contest 17.13 to 9.11 against Karrinyup) in the first semi-final this Sunday at 1pm being played at City Beach Oval.

The second semi following at 3pm will be between keen rivals Magpies and Karrinyup.

R & I Little League

East Fremantle were represented by Willetton, South Fremantle (CB), Subiaco (Wanneroo), Perth (Avon), East Perth (Armada), Swan Districts (Marist) and West Perth (Dianella).

This week Mines Rovers will represent Swan Districts, Warwick (Subiaco), Ongerup (Claremont), Central Wheatbelt (West Perth), Central Midlands (East Fremantle), East Victoria Park (Perth), Mt Lawley (East Perth) Kardinya (South Fremantle).

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
East Fremantle	18	14	4	—	378	163	56
Perth	18	10	7	1	270	217	42
Claremont	18	9	8	1	243	251	38
Subiaco	18	9	9	—	252	273	36
East Perth	18	8	9	1	191	220	34
West Perth	18	8	9	1	248	229	34
Swan Districts	18	8	10	—	228	259	32
South Fremantle	18	4	14	—	128	326	16

ALCOCK CUP

LAST Saturday's Alcock Cup produced a slaughter for Aquinas who thrashed Christ Church 37.19 to 4.6, while Trinity continue winning and last season's title holders, Wesley, continue losing. Trinity beat Hale 12.6 to 9.5 and Scotch 14.10 downed Wesley 11.10.

SPECIAL FEATURE:

A SECTION:

SOUTH WEST LOOK GOOD

THE draw for the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships, starting today, favours a replay of last year's grand final between the South West and Great Northern.

South West came out on top in last year's final to win their fifth consecutive title, but Great Northern have picked a strong squad in an attempt to wrest the crown from their arch rivals.

Today the South West should win their opening encounter against Central Midlands quite comfortably.

Centrals find themselves in the top division this year by virtue of winning the B-grade grand final against the South West's second team last season.

However, they could not have hoped for a tougher introduction to top level competition.

The South West team take combined fixtures extremely serious and they will be out for a percentage booster in their initial game.

Tomorrow they come up against the Avon Football Association and while this game will be much tougher, they should be able to come through the test and make their way to another final.

Avon can never be under-estimated and with former Perth players Terry and Kim Coleman and Chris Lee available this year they could make things difficult for the South West.

EXCELLENT

John Doyle had an excellent carnival for South West last year and they will again be looking for strong performances from him if they are to win this contest.

In addition they will be looking for ruckman Des Hindson to give Doyle an arm-chair ride.

Great Northern also meet Central Midlands on their way to the final and that is bad news for a league which has just been promoted to the "A" Section.

The indications are that they will be back in "B" Section next year.

STAR-STUDDED

Great Northern have picked a star-studded line-up and they will face their first test today when they play Upper Great Southern - a team full of confidence after winning the Great Southern Carnival.

Memories of that carnival must be put aside and they should now concentrate on their next assignment.

Keith Miller, the evergreen former West Perth star, now playing for Wickpin, could hold the key to the outcome of the contest. He can cause a lot of damage as a ruck rover and Great Northern may need to adopt shadowing tactics.

Greg Cavanagh would also be expected to play a leading role in Upper Great Southern's quest for Wesfarmers honours.

However, Great Northern appear to have a slight edge all around the ground.

The winner of this game should get through to the final as Upper Great Southern come up against Eastern Districts in their second match.

While Eastern Districts put up a solid performance against the South West last year, when they were unlucky to lose, they lacked the class and professionalism of the

other side in the run to siren and were eventually beaten.

With a place in the All Stars team and a trip to Adelaide up for grabs every league should have their best side available for the contest.

Every player in the carnival would love to play in a State country side and they will give their all.

South West should get through to the grand final and they must be favoured to again take out the championships. They have greater depth than any other league and they should continue their dominance.

PREVIOUS CARNIVAL WINNERS

A-section WESFARMERS SHIELD

- 1965 - Eastern Districts
- 1966 - Eastern Districts
- 1967 - Eastern Districts
- 1968 - Upper Great Southern
- 1969 - Great Northern
- 1970 - South West
- 1971 - South West
- 1972 - South West
- 1973 - South West
- 1974 - Upper Great Southern
- 1975 - Great Northern
- 1976 - Avon
- 1977 - Avon
- 1978 - South West
- 1979 - South West
- 1980 - South West
- 1981 - South West
- 1982 - South West

B-section

W.A.F.L. TROPHY

- 1965 - Koorda-Wyalkatchem
- 1966 - North Midlands
- 1967 - Dumbleyung-Lake Grace
- 1968 - Central Wheatbelt
- 1969 - Central Midlands
- 1970 - Lower South-West
- 1971 - Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1972 - South Suburban Murray
- 1973 - Mortlock
- 1974 - Central Great Southern
- 1975 - Central Midlands
- 1976 - Mortlock
- 1977 - Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1978 - Lower South West
- 1979 - Upper Great Southern
- 1980 - Mortlock
- 1981 - Mortlock
- 1982 - Central Midlands

C-section

GORDON KILPATRICK SHIELD

- 1973 - Fortescue
- 1974 - Esperance
- 1975 - North Midlands
- 1976 - Ongerup
- 1977 - Murray Districts
- 1978 - No competition
- 1979 - No competition
- 1980 - Competition in recess
- 1981 - Murray Districts
- 1982 - North Midlands

1983 WESFARMERS COUNTRY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 4TH, 5TH, 7TH.



WESFARMERS CARNIVAL FIXTURES

TODAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

"A" Section	Central Midlands	v South West	Bassendean	2pm
	Upper Great Southern	v Great Northern	East Fremantle	2pm
	Avon	v Eastern Districts(1)	Perth Oval	2pm
"B" Section	Southern Districts	v Central Great Sthm	Claremont	2pm
	Mortlock	v Eastern Districts(2)	East Fremantle	Noon
	Lower South West	v North Midlands	Perth Oval	Noon
"C" Section	Central Wheatbelt	v South East	Bassendean	Noon
	Ongerup	v Murray Districts	Claremont	Noon

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

"A" Section	Central Midlands	v Great Northern	Leederville	2pm
	Upper Great Southern	v Eastern Districts(1)	Fremantle	2pm
	Avon	v South West	Lathlain Park	2pm
"B" Section	Southern Districts	v North Midlands	Leederville	Noon
	Lower South West	v Mortlock	Lathlain Park	Noon
	Central Great Southern	v Eastern Districts(2)	Fremantle	Noon
"C" Section	Ongerup	v Central Wheatbelt	Leederville	10am
	South East	v Murray Districts	Lathlain Park	10am

Sunday, August 7 - GRAND FINALS

Top two teams in "C" Section at Subiaco Oval 10 am
 Top two teams in "B" Section at Subiaco Oval noon
 Top two teams in "A" Section at Subiaco Oval 2.30pm

Where they are staying

Where the leagues will stay while in Perth and their team managers:

SOUTH WEST: (Team manager - Colin Buswell), Scarborough Hotel, Scarborough.

GREAT NORTHERN: (Team manager - Alan Cox), Raffles Motel, Applecross.

AVON ASSOCIATION: (Team manager - Phil Sullivan), Ascot Inn, Belmont.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN: (Team manager - John Gilbert), Crestwood Inn.

EASTERN DISTRICTS NO.1: (Team manager - Ken Leach), Beatty Lodge, West Perth.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS: (Team manager - Ian Craven), Windsor Lodge Motel, Como.

MORTLOCK: (Team manager - Peter Yeland), Swan View Motel, Como.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: (Team manager - Pat Brown), Bentley Motel, Bentley.

LOWER SOUTH WEST: (Team manager - Paul Wood), Lincoln Auto Lodge, Perth.

NORTH MIDLANDS: (Team manager - E. Speldewindle), Ocean Beach Hotel, North Cottesloe.

CENTRAL GREAT SOUTHERN: (Team manager - Ray Boys), Highway Hotel, Claremont.

MURRAY DISTRICTS: (Team manager - Ken Landwehr), Herdsman Motor Motel, Wembley.

ONGERUP ASSOCIATION: (Team manager - Syd Walker), Pacific Hotel, Highgate.

CENTRAL WHEATBELT: (Team manager - Gary Coumba), Lincoln Lodge, Perth.

SOUTH EASTERN LEAGUE: (Team manager - Bob McGillivray), Ascot Inn, Belmont.

EASTERN DISTRICTS NO. 2: (Team manager - Gary Repacholi), Beatty Lodge, West Perth.



Darryl Williams will be a key player for Southern Districts

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Ross Wharton (left) will be a key player for the Upper Great Southern in the carnival and Don Nesbitt (right) will play a similar role with Southern Districts.

PREVIOUS TROPHY WINNERS

A-section "Fairest and Best"

JOCK COLEMAN TROPHY

- 1965 - C. Davis (Eastern Dist.)
- 1966 - F. Copeman (Eastern Dist.)
- 1967 - G. Spalding (Lower Sth. West)
- 1968 - D. Doyle (Corrigin)
- 1969 - G. Fenner (Avon)
- 1970 - N. Slater (Central Midlands)
- 1971 - R. King (South West)
- 1972 - T. Wade (Great Northern)
- 1973 - T. House (South West)
- 1974 - L. Craven (South West)
- 1975 - M. Kennedy (South West)
- 1976 - B. Crouch (Central Midlands)
- 1977 - L. Baker (South West)
- 1978 - G. Wheeler (Avon)
- 1979 - P. Dawson (South West)
- 1980 - R. Bentley (Great Northern)
- 1981 - M. O'Mally (Eastern Districts)
- 1982 - K. Fancote (Avon)

B-section "Fairest and Best"

BUD BYFIELD TROPHY

- 1965 - V. O'Meara (Dampier)
- 1966 - G. Gooding (Dumbleyung-Lake Grace)
- 1967 - R. Ayre (Dampier)
- 1968 - Tie: A. Walling (Hills); S. Narrier (Central Mid.)
- 1969 - Tie: T. Ward (Dumbleyung-Lake-Grace); T. Romaro (Central Mid.)
- 1970 - J. Robinson (Hills)
- 1971 - R. Scott (Southern Districts)
- 1972 - S. Agar (North Midlands)
- 1973 - P. Mincherton (Mortlock)
- 1974 - C. Miller (Cent. Gt. Southern)
- 1975 - A. Kennedy (Goldfields)
- 1976 - M. Slater (Mortlock)
- 1977 - R. Watkins (Cent. Wheatbelt)
- 1978 - M. Smith (Southern District)
- 1979 - K. Hart (Eastern District)
- 1980 - P. Smith (Mortlock)
- 1981 - C. Lewis (Southern District)
- 1982 - R. Lawrence (Central Midlands)

C-section "Fairest and Best"

JOHN LUSSICK MEDAL

- 1973 - B. Peters (Fortescue)
- 1974 - J. Skinner (Esperance)
- 1975 - R. Gannaway (Ongerup)
- 1976 - M. Stoney (Ongerup)
- 1977 - P. Anderson (Esperance)
- 1978 - Competition in recess
- 1981 - K. Mead (North Midlands)
- 1982 - F. Fimmano (Central Midlands)

B SECTION:

WIDE OPEN COMPETITION

THE 'B' section at this year's Wesfarmers carnival looks an open affair.

Central Great Southern beat the Southern Districts in the Great Southern Carnival and they are playing a top brand of football. They have again risen to the heights of competitiveness they once enjoyed and they should be able to take the game right up to Southern Districts in their big clash today.

Southern Districts got through to the Great Southern grand final by virtue of a better percentage and Centrals will be keen to show that their first win was no fluke.

Big ruckman Geoff Hall and centre-half-forward Barry Hutcheson will be their key players.

Hutcheson has been in outstanding form in club matches and his marking ability could provide many headaches for the Southern Districts defenders.

The winner of this game should be able to make their way through to Sunday's grand final so it will be do or die in the opening match.

South Mt Barker captain coach Larry Dwyer will need to be at his best if Southern Districts are to improve on their first encounter with Centrals.

Southern Districts have been preparing for the showdown for some time and they are confident of success.

They will also need Robin Waugh firing as a ruck rover.

Since the Great Southern Carnival in Narrogin they have made several additions and one player the talent scouts will be watching is the brother of North Melbourne stars Phil and Jim Krakouer - Billy.

The talented youngster has the same magical skills of his more famous brothers and will give a good account of himself. Also included is Glen Thomson, a talented half-forward who booted 10 goals against North Albany a couple of weeks ago.

Lower South West and Eastern Districts (2) appear to be the only teams with little chance of taking the 'B' Section pennant.

Mortlock always have strong representation for the championship and they should move through to the final to play either Central Great Southern or Southern Districts.

North Midlands can also provide a few headaches for the opposition. They should win their first game against the Lower South West and their destiny will be decided when they meet Southern Districts tomorrow.

COUNTRY STARS MAKE THEIR MARK IN THE BIG LEAGUE

Seventy two former country footballers, - a big percentage of them members of past Wesfarmers Carnival Championship teams - have represented WAFL league clubs this season.

A further eight have played for VFL clubs this year.

Following is a breakdown:

SWAN DISTRICTS: Ron Boucher (Albany), Phil Narkle, Keith Narkle (Bunbury), Alan Cransberg, Leon Baker (South Bunbury), Bill Skwirowski (Mines Rovers, Collie), Brad Shine (Harvey), Don Langford, Murray Rance (Gibson).

CLAREMONT: Tom Pearce (Kukerin), Noel Morton (Newdegate), Allen Daniels, Darrell Panizza, Baden Harper, Russ Cooper, Alan Rowe (Albany), Michael Mitchell (Carnarvon), Larry Kickett (Northam), Colin Barns (Kulin), Mark Watson, Reg Watson (Denmark), Peter Davidson (Collie), Paddy Papalia (Brunswick).

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Stephen Michael (Kojonup), Rod Barrett (Katanning), Michael Cockie (West Arthur), Wally Matera (Wagin), Nicky Winmar (Pingelly), Neil Randall (Mt Barker), Tony Kelly (Wyalkatchem), Ken Martin (Wickepin), Gavin Carter (Cuballing), Lindsay Borthwick (Narrogin), Barrie Quick (Donnybrook).

WEST PERTH: John Duckworth (Dudin), Rod Alderton, Dean Warwick (Merredin), Craig Nelson (Muckinbudin), Wayne Dayman, Mel Bennett (Nungarin), Neil Fotheringham (Kondinin), Ross Munns (Beacon).

EAST PERTH: John Ironmonger (Margaret River), Dean Turner (Capel), Greg Walsh, Michael Christian, Peter Dawson, Lance Kelly, Shane Cocker (Busselton), Greg Carpenter (Albany), Wes Coutts (Manjimup), Frank Wilson (Brunswick).

EAST FREMANTLE: Murray Wrensted, Graham Kickett, Kim Hetherington Mark Valli (Geraldton), Kevin Taylor (Carnamah), Max Johnson (Morawa), Clinton Browning (Mingenew).

PERTH: Oral McGuire, John McGuire (Northam), Michael Page (Pingelly), Ian Newman (Dowerin), Lindsay Carter (Meckering), Glen Moir (Beverley) Gavin Whittington (Brookton).

SUBIACO: Michael Lee, Gerald Cotter (Kalgoorlie), Greg Kelly (Pinjarra), Matthew Bushe-Jones (Merredin), Paul Wilson, Dean Wilson (Mandurah).

NORTH MELBOURNE: Phil Krakouer, Jim Krakouer (Mt Barker), Phil Kelly (Busselton), Stephen McCann (Geraldton). **CARLTON:** Ross Ditchburn (Kukerin). **ESSENDON:** Bill Duckworth (Dudin). **FOOTSCRAY:** Andrew Purser (Moora), Jim Sewell (Geraldton).

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They meet Central Wheatbelt in their first game and Murray Districts tomorrow and they should be able to win both those encounters.

If Ongerup can get through today's game against Murray Districts they could be pitted against South East in Sunday's grand final.

They meet Central Wheatbelt tomorrow.

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MELVILLE PUSH THE ROOS

BOTTOM side Melville came within an ace of beating premiership favourites Wanneroo last Sunday when they turned on a spirited display.

Melville produced their best team effort for the year with outstanding games from rover Mark Tweedie and big man Alan Burn, to go down by nine points.

Tweedie has been in consistent form all season and capped off his great midfield play last Sunday with five goals.

Melville had other good players in Paul Carter, Alan Brennan and captain Gareth Stewart and an upset win would have been well deserved.

Ace full-forward Steve Finch was well held all day but managed to notch his 100th goal for the year.

It is the first time Finch has notched the century after playing in the shadow of crack full forward Colin Northcott for so long.

Other good players for the Roos were rover Rob Sailor, Greg Rich and the hard-working Colin Blabb.

Applecross ended any chance Mosman Park had of forcing their way into the final four when they beat the Reds by 84 points the biggest margin of the day.

The Hawks are shaping as real premiership contenders with their strong run-on style of play resulting in many goal shooting opportunities.

Mosman never really looked like offering the type of resistance needed to upset the Hawks.

Top side Osborne Park did not have things all their own way in their encounter with the much-improved Southern Port-Hamilton.

The Port side questioned the ability of the Saints to withstand the pressure of fierce competition and had their chances to possibly win the match.

Norm Uncle took his season's tally to 92 with seven goals in his best performance for some weeks. Hard running rover Wayne Loxley was again a good player for the Saints.

Port had a fine display from 18-year-old half forward Martin Rodriguez and other good players were Terry Winter, Sam Maskos and Sam Locantro.

Belmont also had their chances of causing an upset when they had giant killers South Perth struggling at the third change.

The Tigers led by just four goals going into the final quarter, but the Bombers failed to capitalise on the situation. The Tigers kicked eight goals for the term while Belmont failed to goal.

Centreman Paul McGrath tried hard all day for the home side, while rover Ross McKenzie had outplayed the South Perth little men to give the Bombers the advantage on the ball.

But strong defensive play from the vastly improved Peter Kiely and Clayton Whittle broke the spirit of the Belmont forwards.

With final four placings decided, fixtures over the next three weeks are a mere formality, with the only interest being who will finish as minor premiers.

Osborne Park will seek to regain some of the glamour that marked them as early-season premiership favourites and Wanneroo will be looking to get back their fast flowing team football.

Sunday's games sees the top four opposed to the bottom four for the second successive week.

Injury hit South Perth travel to Stock Road to play bottom side Melville, where an upset is possible on Melville's good showing last week.

Southern Port have troubled Wanneroo each time they have hosted the reigning premiers this season, but Sunday should be the exception at Fremantle Oval.

Osborne Park will boost their percentage at Perrott Reserve against fifth placed Mosman Park and Belmont face a formidable task to stop the most underrated force in the competition, Applecross.

The Hawks have the ability to crush the weaker sides and Sunday could be another of those occasions.

Player of the week

Melville haven't enjoyed much success this season but some of the players have worked manfully in an effort to make the side as competitive as possible.

One such player is hard working 25-year-old rover Mark Tweedie, who has been in consistent form all season and deserves special mention for his efforts.

Tweedie's five goal performance against the powerful Wanneroo side last week took Melville to within striking distance of the upset of the season.

No doubt Wanneroo coach - Stuart Hillier would like to have Tweedie's ball gathering talents at his disposal over the final rounds. Tweedie was the elusive and creative follower that can expose severe problems in the Roos defence.

Tweedie's great individual effort last Sunday earns him the recognition as Westside Football's Player of the Week.

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Swans v Subiaco

The cricket season will come early for Swan Districts and they will be so far in front at three quarter time that they could declare.

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Claremont v West Perth

West Perth improved last week, but so did Claremont and they should be able to dispose of the Falcons.

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Westside Football



East Perth v S. Fremantle

The Royals were rocked by the Devilish Demons last week and now they have to bounce back to beat the Bulldogs.

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Western Mail

COACHING...A PROFESSION

WITH the increase in professionalism in football — and the definite moves towards a national competition — emphasis on all areas of our game must increase.

This will bring with it a far more professional approach towards selecting coaches.

Coaching is a profession.

It is an ability to obtain the best performance possible from a given group of players.

With this in mind, club directors will have to take into account the previous coaching experience of the applicants.

In the 'pro' leagues of American football, coaches must have experience in the job before anyone can apply. It is not accepted that a player who recently retires or wants to move clubs can take up coaching.

Like all professions, there is a degree of training the individual has to achieve, before he can practice on the public. Yet in football, so many clubs appoint coaches with no experience.

There are enormous differences between playing the game as an individual — where your concern is towards your own per-

formance — and having to control 40 players, each with his own needs, and having to unite them into a successful team.

Coaching an Australian football team is one of the most difficult jobs in football.

The coach's responsibility goes far beyond the accepted task of putting a team into the field on match days, with a stirring pre-match address.

In addition to improving the football ability of his players, the coach contributes to the moulding of the character of many young men who look to him for advice and as a confidant for many personal problems.

The coach has to be a psychologist in that he knows how to manage various types of players from different walks of life, and how to get the best out of each in the common cause — teamwork and success.

Very few first year players are given team captaincy, so it would be a worthwhile assumption that first year out or recently retired league players should serve

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



an apprenticeship before taking on a league team.

It is a fact of life that people new to a job will make mistakes, it is too costly an exercise to allow those mistakes to be made on a league team.

If players, or other interested people, want to coach at league level, then their apprenticeship should be served coaching amateurs or in the Sunday competitions.

Coaching league football requires a person to live, breath, eat and sleep football — a total commitment.

In view of this demand, surely the selection process by directors must be more professional.

Discipline starts with regular attention to every phase of the players interaction with the club, both on and off the field.

Correct dress, punctual attendance, excuses, attitude to others, looking after club equipment and attendance at all functions are some of the areas standards have to be established so that everyone knows what is expected.

Undisciplined sides during a game can always trace their cause back to the lack of guidance in the areas mentioned above.

Football discipline on match days starts at training.

Club training

TRAINING should be FUN for all footballers, particularly so for juniors.

Coaches, from their own experience, should be aware that running lap after lap is no fun and is the quickest way to "turn players off".

Coaches should aim to present a challenging training session to maintain the young players' interest, while conditioning them to the rigours of the game at the same time.

Creative coaches who plan their training sessions can condition their players without them suspecting it.

Whenever possible, training should conclude with fun games, thereby encouraging the boys to want to train.

At all times there should be sufficient balls (round or oval — football or soccer) at training to enable each player to have one ball between four team mates.

Brownie's reward

This week's Vegas Hotel dinner for two goes to the coaching heavyweight, Mal Brown. Brownie doesn't need the great meal, but I'm sure his wife Kay will enjoy a night out. Brownie has been instrumental in the development of juniors at what ever club he has coached. He would have put more into both country and city junior football than any senior coach I have known.

The umpire

THE umpire is the boss.

Many coaches do not instruct players to accept an umpire's decision.

No two umpires are alike. That's human nature. Therefore players should adapt themselves to an umpire's style and control early in a game.

This is common sense, and could mean vital points to a team.

Nothing is gained by antagonising an umpire. It is better to play the game his way, than try and force him to umpire it to suit you.

South Fremantle coach Mal Brown, who has been guilty of saying some 'nasty' things to the men in white, has been very quiet and nice to the umpires recently.

May be when your team is winning all the time they don't seem to be as terrible as they do to coaches down the ladder?

NOTE: I must admit, I haven't been guilty of abusing umpires this year. I wonder why?

Discipline

WITHOUT discipline on and off the field, a coach cannot maintain the respect of his players.

He must demand it from them at all times, otherwise his planning can fall apart because of the selfishness of the undisciplined player. If he is not pulled into line, he could have the same effect as the "bad apple in the case".

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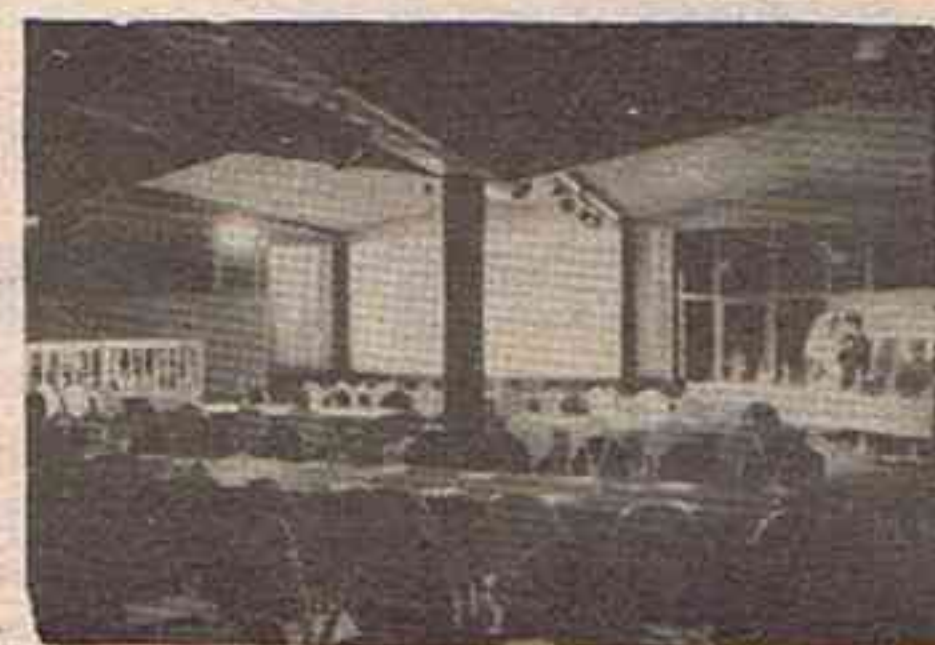
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