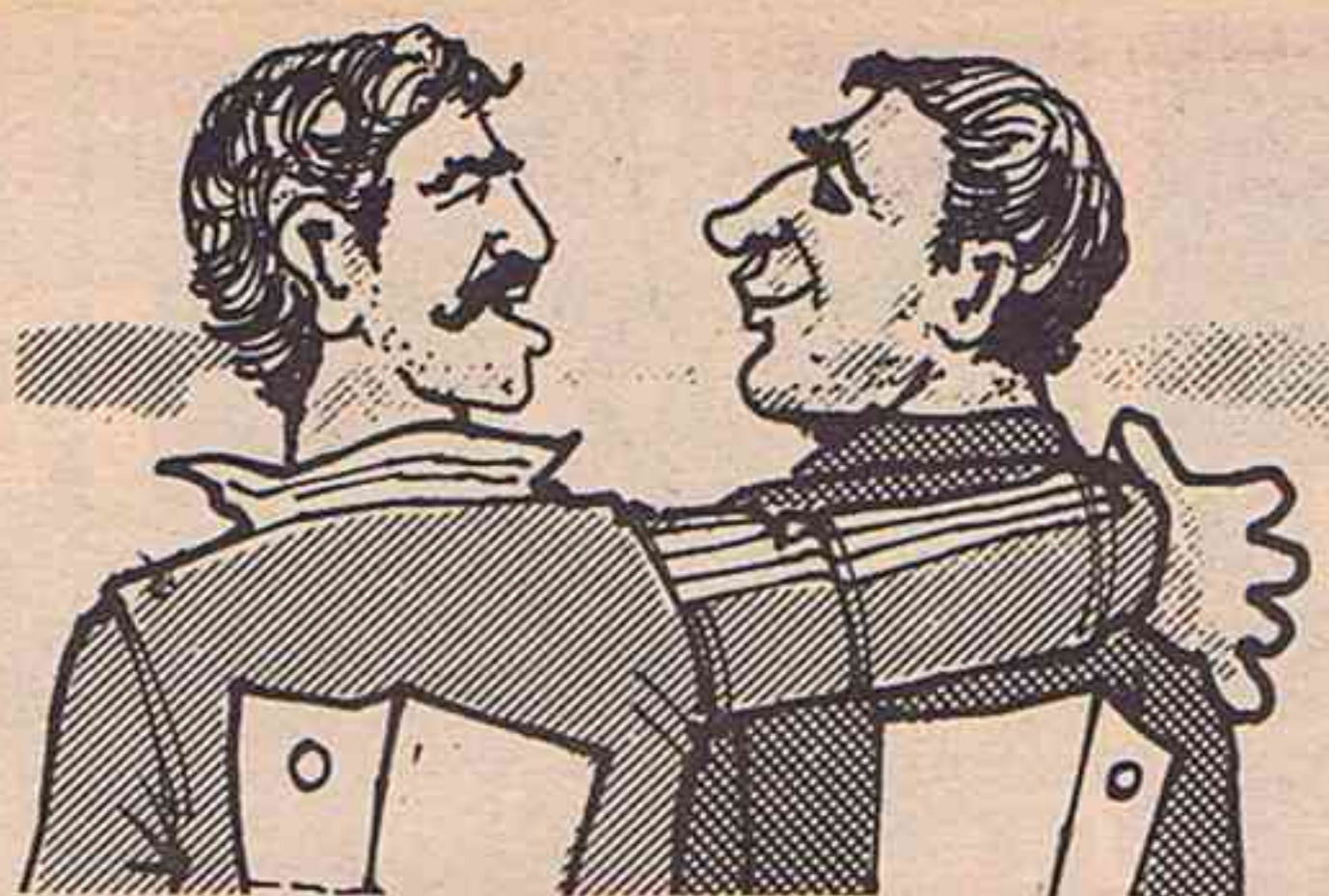


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do Alexander
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have for
each other?

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With one game to go:

MALAXOS

IT'S Stephen Malaxos for the 1983 Channel 7-Sandover Medal.

...say the Media men

That is the collective opinion of the media in Western Australia judged on their weekly voting throughout the season.

The special Sandover Medal guide published in Westside Football throughout the season records the best-on-ground votes of all 10 media outlets involved in coverage of the WAFL.

Our special survey of the 80 qualifying matches played so far this season — this Saturday's 21st round of football is the last before the Medal votes are counted on Tuesday night — indicates that Malaxos has the Medal in his keeping.

The media critics have given Malaxos 24 votes based on a consensus of opinion each week from the 10 different voting media in each match.

The dashing Claremont centreman — who has been successfully converted from a goal kicking forward pocket specialist this year — is well clear from a big group of rivals.

The voting survey shows that dual Channel 7-Sandover Medallist Stephen Michael (South Fremantle) is well in contention with 18 votes as is the 1976 winner, East Perth's Peter Spencer, also on 18.

Right up there also are players like Brad Hardie (South Fremantle) and Stephen Goulding (Claremont) on 15; Peter Thorne (East Perth) on 14; Leon Baker (Swan Districts), Wayne Blackwell (Claremont); Bryan Cousins (Perth) and Murray Wrensted (East Fremantle) on 13 votes.

Back on 12 votes are East Fremantle's Kevin Taylor and South Fremantle's Rod Barrett.

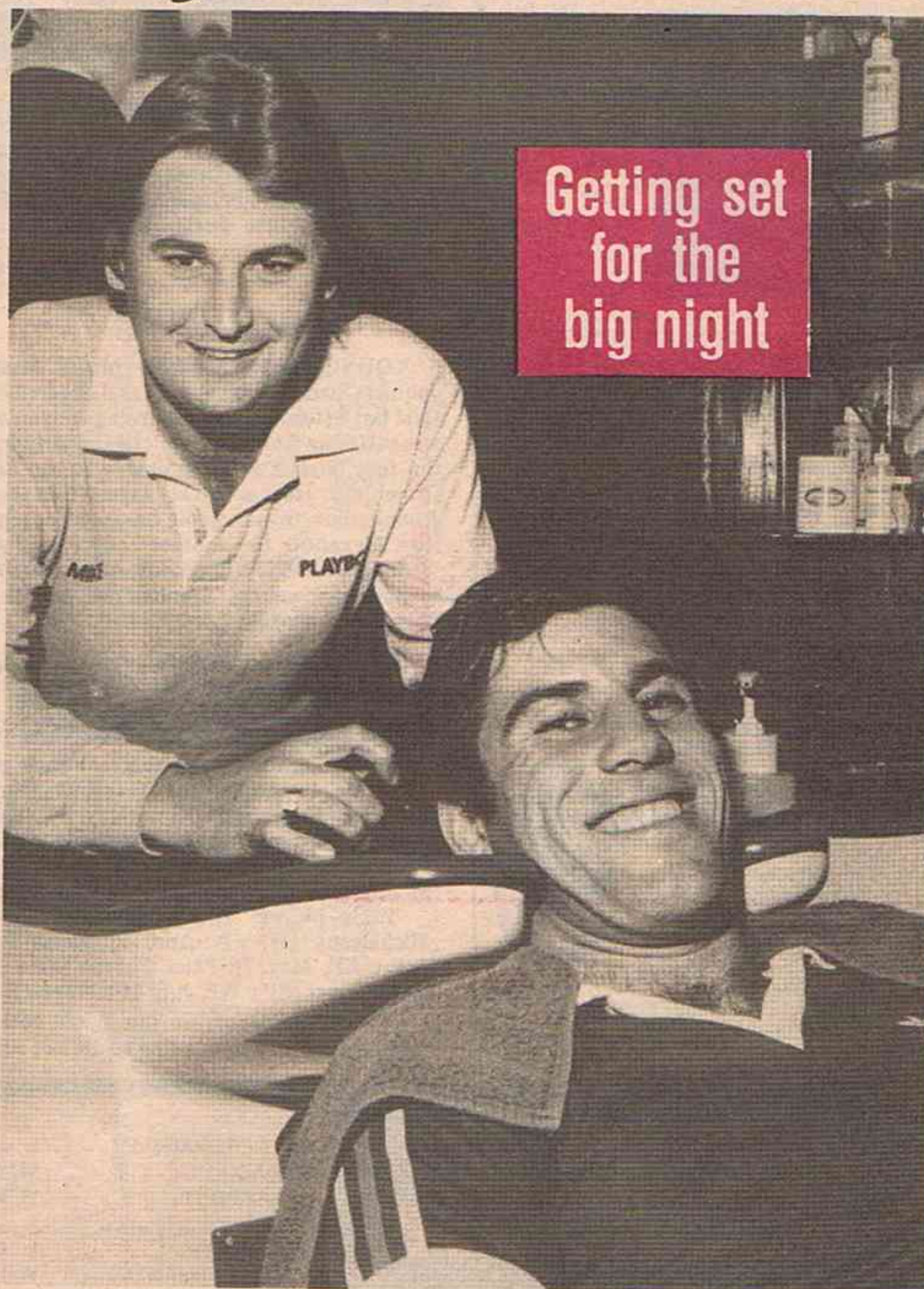
One interesting factor about the media voting is the low tally for Swans' Don Langsford, who is one of the most consistent players in the WAFL this season and has already won Westside Football's Crestwood Inntown player ratings award. He has received only 10 votes in the media poll.

There are a number of other interesting aspects of the media voting.

Only five times in the year did the media vote unanimously right across the board for the same player as best-on-ground... giving him the maximum of 30 votes.

But there were seven other occasions when just one media man dissented from his colleagues, giving the player on that occasion 29 points.

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Getting set
for the
big night

ALL SMILES that's Claremont star Stephen Malaxos as he enjoys a hair cut at Playboy Hairstylists in Rokeby Road, Subiaco.

Malaxos could well be preparing for the biggest night of his career . . . the media seems to think that he has earned enough votes from the umpires to take out the 1983 Channel 7-Sandover Medal.

Steve is receiving some expert attention from Playboys manager Mike Scorda.

and SPENCER

... says the Computer

THE Westside Football computer does not agree with the media experts and selects East Perth's Peter Spencer to win his second Sandover Medal.

The computer assesses players chances on their statistical performances throughout the season . . . allocating one point for every kick, two for a handpass and three for a mark.

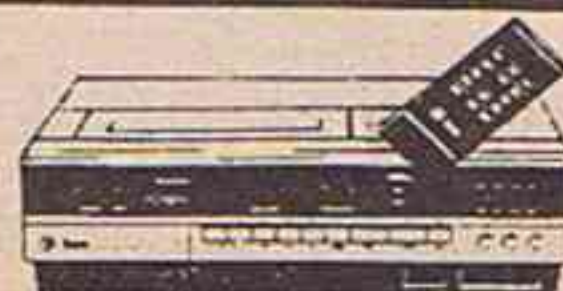
Using this formula, a computer in Melbourne has correctly selected the last three Brownlow Medallists and, used for the first time in Adelaide last year, picked the Magarey Medallist.

Our chart on page 14 has shown the computer's top ten contenders throughout the season. With one game to go it indicates a comfortable Spencer win with little separating Don Langsford, Wayne Blackwell and Peter Thorne for the minor prize money. Media favourite, Steve Malaxos is currently ranked fifth.

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50 GAMES

- CLINTON BROWNING (EF) 49
- LAURIE KEENE (S) 48
- PETER THORNE (EP) 47*
- TOM PEARCE (C) 46
- ED BLACKABY (SD) 45
- DARYL FREAME (P) 45*
- STEPHEN MOUNT (SF) 45*

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows:
Peter Thorne 15 Melbourne, Daryl Freame 17 Richmond, Stephen Mount 31 Richmond

100 GAMES

- DOUG SIMMS (WP) 99*
- PETER MURNANE (WP) 98*
- ROSS GIBBS (WP) 97
- GRANT CAMPBELL (EP) 96
- LEIGH BRENTON (SD) 95*
- 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, Leigh Brenton 85 East Fremantle.

150 GAMES



PAUL MOUNTAIN (WP) 149*

- PETER SPENCER (WP) 148
- ALEX HAMILTON (EP) 147
- BRIAN ADAMSON (WP) 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.

300 GAMES

- ALAN WATLING (WP) 284

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Percy's point

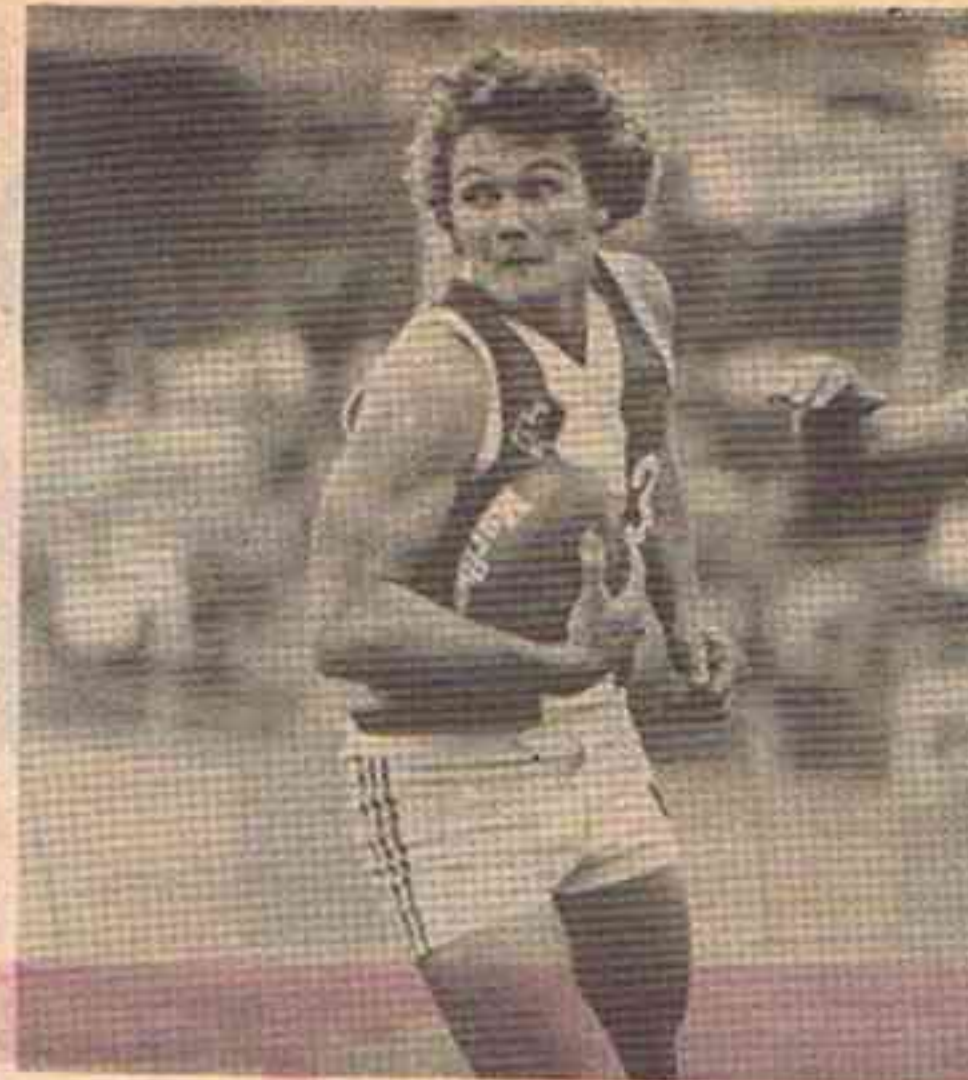
VOLATILE Channel 7 critic Percy Johnson is not one to hold back his words — and he does make good sense. Two of his comments last Sunday are worth recording. He described Stephen Michael as the most complete footballer he had seen in his 30 years or so of football involvement. And, talking about Subiaco, he said simply: "They have to be re-taught the art of football."

Expensive game

THE casualty rate in footballs seems to grow all the time. The way that footballs disappear over the fence at our WAFL grounds when goals are kicked is amazing. At Leederville Oval last week three disappeared in one quarter when they "vanished" over the Vincent Street end. And the week before, two went off at Perth Oval in a matter of minutes. The strange thing is that at Perth Oval, two security guards (employed by the WAFL) were standing behind the goals, but saw — or did — nothing. At Leederville Oval, two mounted police were on hand, but couldn't catch the culprits despite a canter down the road.

Pain-staking

YOUNG East Fremantle player Max Johnson had a mixed day at Leederville Oval last Saturday. The promising wingman was suffering from stomach cramps early in the first quarter and was unable to run or stretch out. He was quickly taken from the ground, but to his credit he asked coach Ron Alexander for another chance in the second half. As it turned out, he appeared to have thrown the problem off and he turned in an excellent second half.



Wrensted's a winner

EAST Fremantle continue to reap a good harvest out of their country zone around Geraldton — and Murray Wrensted is no exception. The talented centre-man or ruck-rover seems destined to win the 6PR Buccaneer Pools best first year player award as he has now raced to 25 points, three ahead of Swan Districts' star Peter Ware. Wrensted's ball skills, balance and effectiveness stamp him as a real star of the future. He seems set to scoop up most of the other first year awards also — in a year that there have been an outstanding crop of talented first-year players.

Old rivals

Noel Carter and Stan Magro have been rivals for a long time. The two players were first pitted against each other in the State schoolboys championships in Perth in 1969. Magro was captain of the WA team and he played against Carter in the centre when Carter was playing for his home State of Tasmania. One year later Magro made his debut with South Fremantle as a 15-year-old and became the second youngest player to make his debut in league football. Magro was 15 years and eight months old when he played his first game and only Des Miller, also of South Fremantle, has played league football earlier. He was just one month younger than Magro when he made his debut in 1953.

Happy Hags

SUNDAY Independent and Westside Football critic Kim Hagdorn was on the edge of his seat on Saturday. Not that the game between Claremont and Perth was an exciting contest, but his wife was in hospital expecting a baby. He got a phone call half way through the game and by the end of the match he was the proud father of a baby boy — Samuel James. Hagdorn, a member of the State cricket squad for several seasons, says that young Sam is going to be an opening batsman. He says that today's game is made for batsman but he may be biased as he is a bowler himself.

Birthday greetings

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

Steve Goulding (C) 23 on 18th.

Neville Williams (SD) 20 on 20th.

Ray Reeves (S) 28 on 20th.

Wayne Delmenico 31 on 21st. (SF)



Richard Lynch (SF) 23 on 21st.

Michael Christian (EP) 20 on 21st.

Peter Nuich (SD) 24 on 21st.



Les Fong (WP) 27 on 24th.

John Begg (SF) 25 on 27th.



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MALAXOS MEDIA TIP

The maximum vote-getters (and their games) were:
Laurie Keene (Subiaco) against Claremont on April 16, Stephen Michael (South Fremantle) against Perth on May 21, Kevin Taylor (East Fremantle) against Subiaco on July 9, Warren Ralph (Claremont) against Subiaco on July 30, Brad Hardie (South Fremantle) against East Perth on August 6 (Note: The voting for this week did not include Channel 7 and 6IX who were in camera).

Those players who went within one vote of gaining the maximum were: George Michalczyk (WP v P, April 9); Kevin Taylor (EF v WP April 30); John Ironmonger (EP v EF, May 7); Peter Thorne (EP v P, June 6); Ross Fitzgerald (P v WP, June 11); Rod Barrett (SF v WP, July 16); Wayne Blackwell (C v EP, July 23).

A full breakdown on the media voting alongside the actual umpires votes for 1983 will be published in our first semi-final issue on Thursday, August 25.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983

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

FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WORLD OF SPORT

9am Sundays

7 FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR
As at July 30

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

Voting now in Camera.

7 GOALKICKER OF THE YEAR

- W. Ralph (C) 117
- J. Scott (EP) 63
- C. Stasinowsky (SF) 57
- C. Brown (S) 56
- C. Edwards (EP) 55
- C. Waterson (EF) 48
- M. Rea (P) 47

Ian Diffen MARK-OF-THE-DAY

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South Fremantle

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Weekly Winner: \$100

STAN NOWOTNY
Swan Districts

7 SANDOVER MEDAL

Winner \$20,000
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Third Place \$2,000

A TOUCH OF CLASS

It's been a top year for young stars

IN years to come 1983 will be remembered as a vintage year for first year players.

Rarely do so many talented youngsters break into league football in one season.

This year's crop include some of the most talented and potentially great players to make their debut for a long time.

All clubs have shared in the bounty by discovering at least one outstanding prospect.

Should these players develop as expected, they will add a touch of class to our game.

Some of the 1983 first-year stars include:

- NICKY WINMAR - (South Fremantle).
- PETER DAVIDSON - (Claremont).
- PETER WARE - (Swan Districts).
- RICHARD DENNIS - (East Perth).
- MURRAY WRENSTED - (East Frem.).
- CRAIG NELSON - (West Perth).
- GREG WILKINSON - (Subiaco).
- EARL SPALDING - (Perth).

There are many more brilliant youngsters playing who are not mentioned with perhaps East Fremantle and Perth having the greatest number.

HOWEVER, perhaps all the rookies should take heed of the following verse -

*Some ships sail east
some ships sail west
by the self same winds that blow
It is not the strength of the gale
but the set of the sail
that determines the way you go.*

IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

MANY critics believe that it is just a dream for East Fremantle to beat East Perth this Saturday and then go on to win the 1983 premiership.

That was the task facing Claremont in 1964 when they had to beat West Perth in the final qualifying game.

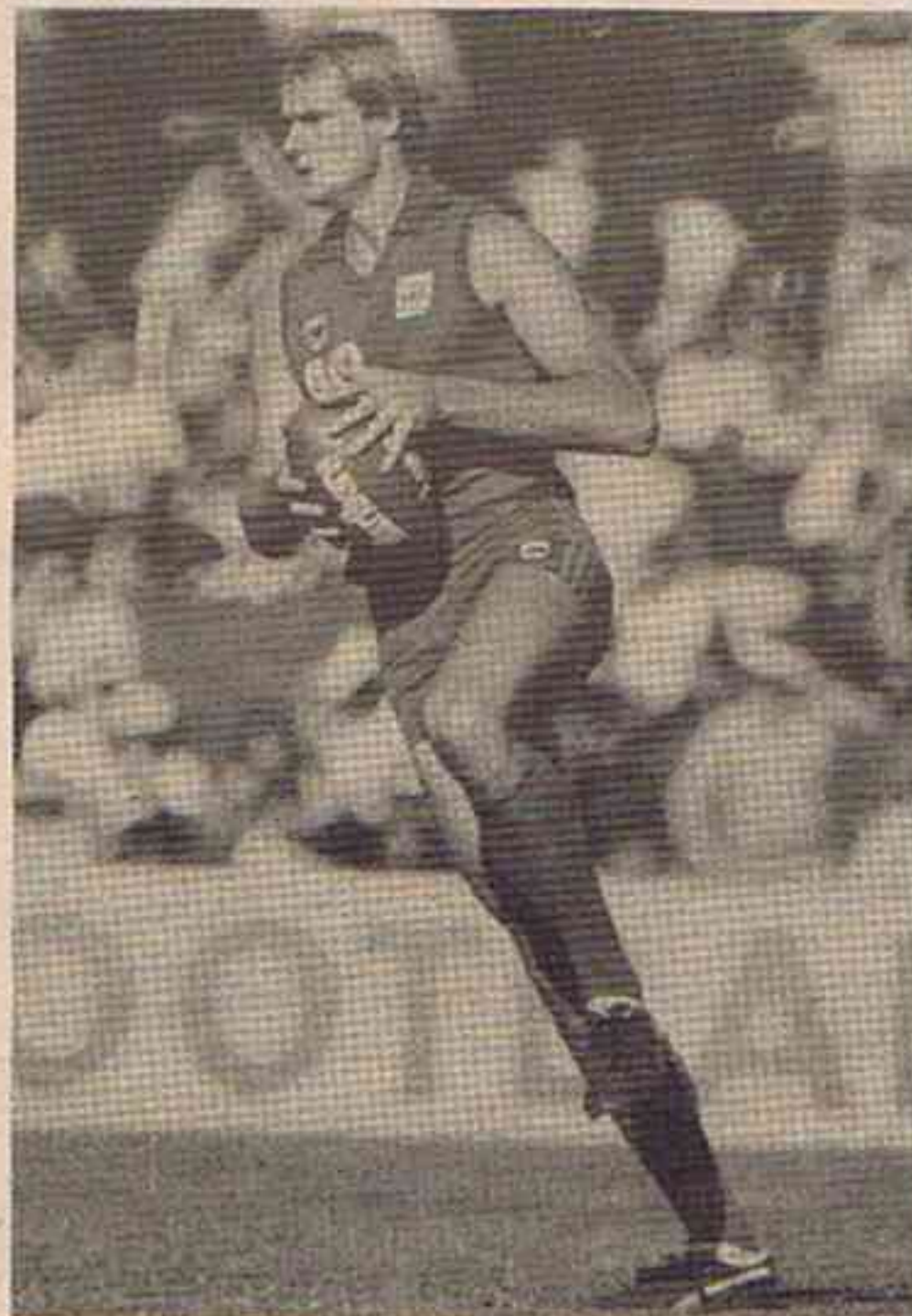
It is now history that they won the match and went on to make their impossible dream come true.



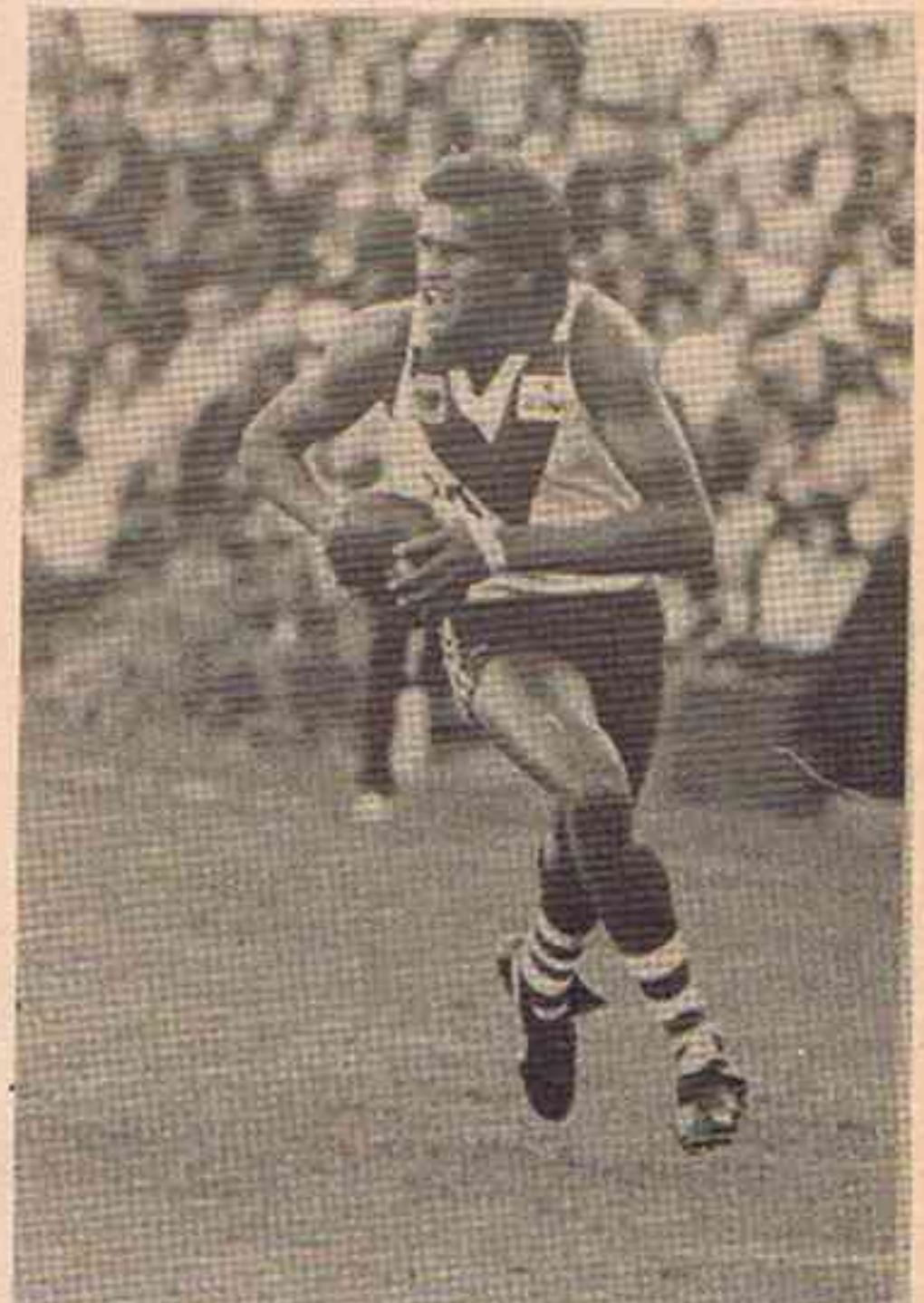
LES MUMME former Claremont and WA star and now a radio 6KY commentator.

is this week's *Guest Columnist*

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Sandover thoughts

STEPHEN MICHAEL: Previous dual winner, outstanding form but recent publicity could cost him votes.

STEVE MALAXOS: Great form all year, but surprisingly he did not poll a vote in 1982 when he played well and kicked 86 goals. Similar type of player to team-mates such as Wayne Blackwell, Darrell Panizza, Stephen Goulding and Allen Daniels who will take votes from him.

BRAD HARDIE: Will poll well as his form has been good and he is easily recognised on the field.

PETER SPENCER: A previous winner who has been very consistent and will score well - a good place bet.

DON LANGSFORD: A prolific kick-getter but could lack votes by not being noticed.

BRYAN COUSINS: Outstanding for Perth and will gain minor votes in many games.

PHIL NARKLE: The 1982 winner - eye-catching and will certainly get some top votes.

MY TIP: Malaxos, Hardie, Michael.

THE BROWNLOW

COULD Ross Glendinning or Maurice Rioli become only the second WA footballer to win the prestigious Brownlow Medal?

It is interesting to note that George Maloney, Denis Marshall and John McIntosh were all runners-up and, of course Graham Moss, the only WA winner, took the medal in 1976.

MAGAREY MEDAL

AND what about the Magarey Medal in South Australia? Could it be a hat-trick for WA footballers?

Stephen Curtis, one of WA's toughest and most courageous players over the years, is strongly favoured after the tremendous season he has had with Port Adelaide.

John Duckworth won the Magarey Medal in 1979 and, of course, his type of football is similar to Curtis' and that obviously attracts the umpires' attention in SA.

CHARMING CHUBBY

WHEN the Swans and Perth reserves sides meet this Saturday, two of football's most colourful and enthusiastic coaches will be opposed.

Kevin Clune and Allan Stiles were outstanding players and have taken their enthusiasm for the game into their coaching techniques.

When interviewing one of these coaches last Saturday, I was exposed to a display of his enthusiasm which prompted this verse -

*There's a little 'chubby' fellow
who's excitement is well known.
He yells and shouts and screams a bit,
especially down the phone.*

*Yes, Footy is his passion,
it's his private pride and joy;
but when interviewed by Mumme,
he was a naughty, naughty boy.*

*Excitement overcame him,
his adrenalin was high;
and when speaking forth about his boys,
his vocabulary made me sigh!*

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... shaping up as a great defender



ONE of the brightest young prospects at Perth Oval is defender Michael Christian.

Since moving to the city from Busselton he has impressed as a player of the future and he will obviously be a key man for East Perth in this week's do or die match.

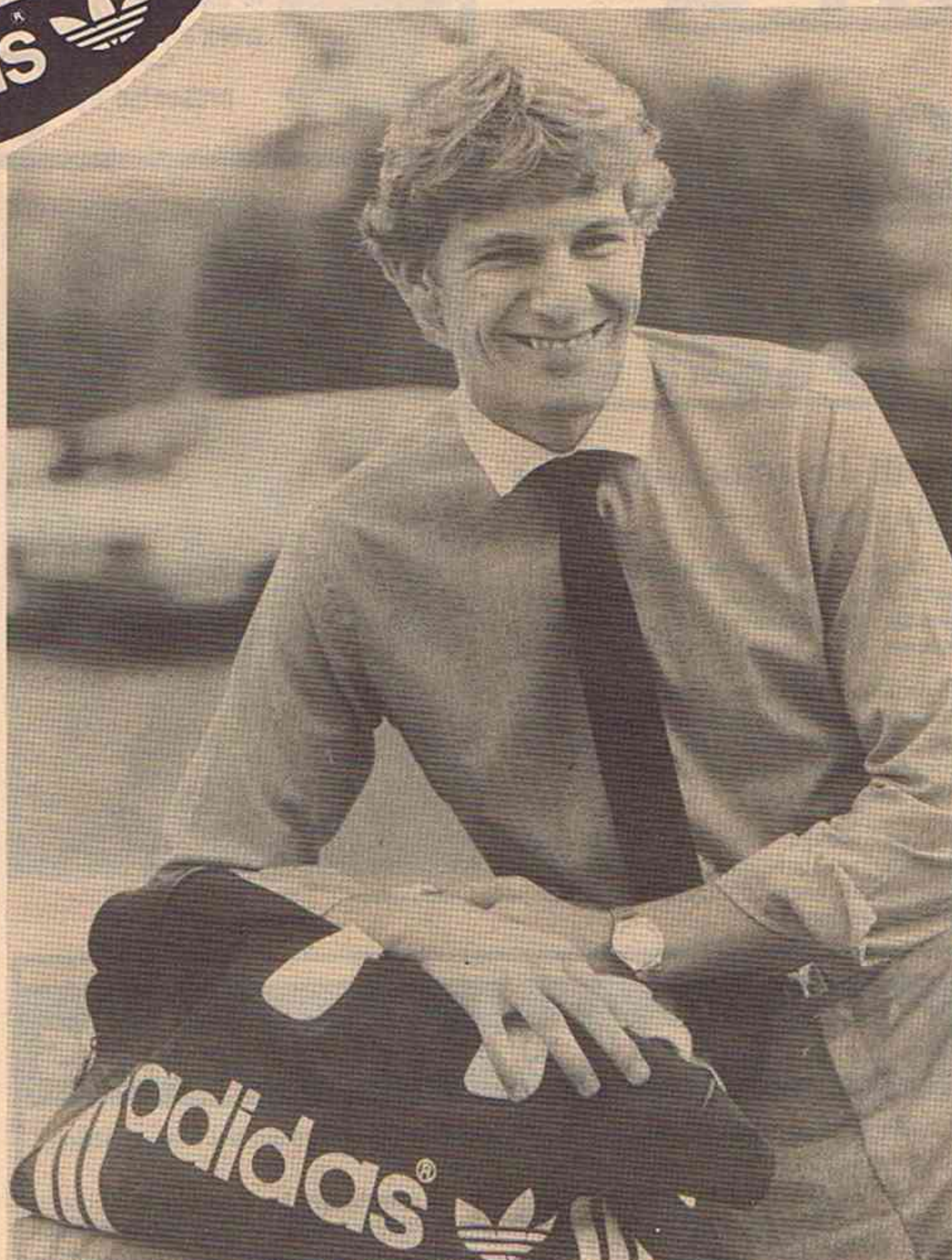
Christian made his mark in country football as a forward, but since joining the Royals he has had to be satisfied with playing in the backline and he has done the job well.

He impresses as a player who likes to back his judgement and he has the ability to take a strong mark.

It is never easy moving to the city from the country, but Christian has overcome those difficulties, even though it took him a while to settle down.

Obviously East Perth will be hoping he progresses even further and goes on to become another great player for the club.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the unassuming star and found out more about life off the field for the young accountant and also discovered that Christian is a real family man.



Royals star Michael Christian... he has settled in well after moving up from Busselton

Q. How hard was it to break into league football at East Perth?

A. When I first came up from Busselton I had played all my football in the forward line. For the first seven or eight games I couldn't get a reserves game in attack so they put me in the backline when there were a few injuries. I got the breaks and have gone well ever since. I have had no injury problems or anything and I have only missed three games since I have been here.

Q. One of those games you missed was the first semi final last year, that must have been disappointing?

A. It was really bad. I was going to play up until about 2 o'clock, but I had to pull out and I was sick for about six weeks after that. I just couldn't eat. First semi final day I thought it might have been just nerves, but it wasn't it was a bad stomach wog. I just couldn't get rid of it. It was really disappointing because playing in finals is something you look forward to. It is the ultimate and it is very challenging.

Q. What about this year, can you cause some damage?

A. We didn't get flustered when we were down a bit mid-season, and everyone has written us off and they will get a shock on Saturday. The game is played on the day and anything can happen. We had a few experienced players like Greg Walsh, Russell Sparks and John Scott out for a few games in the run to the finals and they will make a difference.

Q. What about those two losses to Subiaco and Perth, they could have proven extremely costly?

A. Yes, they could have done. We were a bit unfortunate in that regard. Without making excuses we caught Subiaco a couple of weeks after they had sacked Peter Daniel and they were in a determined mood. They nearly beat Swans the week before and then they beat us and West Perth. I think they were on a high and we

didn't play particularly well. Then against Perth, they just played very well and we were beaten by a better side on the day. That happened in both games.

Q. How difficult was the transition from country life to living in the city?

A. The most difficult thing was coming up here to live by yourself. The initial adjustment is pretty hard, but once you settle in you are right. That takes a couple of months and when you get down to playing football you are set.

Q. Have you boarded rather than live on your own since you have been here?

A. Yes, virtually since I first came up. I moved in with Wayne Loxley's parents at the start of this season and they have been great. I had a late start to the year because I went on a trip to Europe and I didn't get back until the end of January. But I couldn't have done anything anyway. In November I had a hernia operation, so after that I wasn't meant to do a thing for eight weeks. That coincided with when I came back from the trip. It took me a long while to get back and get fit again. Ever since I have been in Perth I have boarded and the first place I stayed was with Yvonne and Stan Scott — people connected with the club — and they were good. When I came back from my trip I was looking for somewhere to stay, and I told Trevor Nisbett. He got me fixed up with the Loxleys. It's great, they are really good people.

Q. Do you prefer boarding to sharing a house?

A. Yes. At the moment I am working and doing part time study aside from playing football and I just wouldn't have time to cook meals, clean the house and do my washing.

Q. How long did you play league football in the country?

A. I played just one year with Busselton, and I was lucky enough to kick about 78 goals.



Q. You had a bit of a run in the forward line last year — didn't you?

A. I played a couple of games on a half forward flank and played one game as full forward. I kicked about six goals against Perth and then the next week we were playing West Perth. Brian Adamson was starting to do well so Grant Dorrington called me in at training on the Thursday night and asked me what I thought about playing on Adamson. I said all right and that was about the best game I have played. I have been there ever since.

Q. How hard is it to maintain consistency?

A. It is the hardest part of the game. You have to mentally prepare for the game on Friday night and you don't know how much to think about it. Sometimes you get over-worked up and other times you don't prepare yourself well enough. A lot of football comes down to mental attitude, and how you prepare yourself for the game because everyone has got the same sort of skills — it's just a matter of getting your mind right. And that is the hardest thing to do. Only over the last four or five weeks have I been able to string together a few good games. Previously I would play three or four good games and then play a real bad one and then I would have to work to get myself back up again.

Q. Would you say this has been your best season?

A. When I came up I played nine games in my first season and last year I played 14 and I have played every game this year. I started off slowly this year, as I said, but as I have got into it I have played pretty consistently.

Q. How did you find the training, coming up from the social atmosphere of country football to a club where you had to really work hard to get somewhere?

A. I really enjoyed training in the country because of the fact that there was that relaxed attitude. You did the work, but there was the atmosphere where you could stir blokes up a bit. Up here it is completely different. If you want to get to the top you have to train harder. To do everything right you have to have your mind on the job all the time. If you want to become a good player you just have to train hard and that's all there is to it.

Q. At East Perth at the moment there seems to be a lot of guys around your age, so the future must augur well for the club?

A. That's the thing. People say East Perth always get in the four but never go anywhere, but you have to look at the players. For instance Swan Districts have had the same players there for five or six years. Claremont have been in the same boat. Those blokes have been playing together for about the same time and when you look at us we have got a lot of blokes like John Ironmonger who is 21, Craig Edwards is 21, Lance Kelly is 20, Richard Dennis is 16 and Craig Earnshaw is 22. There are a lot of players who are really young and if we play together for a couple of years we will be right at the top too. It takes time to get young players to mature into good players. You can't get a 19-year-old and say right, you are going to be as good as Graham Moss. You have to nurture them along.

Q. What about your own future. A few years here and then maybe go to Victoria?

A. I will just take each year as it comes and I will really work hard this summer to make sure I have a top year next season. It is always in the back of your mind to go east, but at the moment I am just going to take it year by year and see what happens.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Michael Christian
Born: Busselton 21.8.63
Height: 6.3½ (191 cm)
Weight: 13.8 (86 kg)
Married: No
Girlfriend's name: Claire
Lives at: Doubleview
Football likes: playing well and winning
Football dislikes: Fickle supporters
Occupation: Accountant
Ambitions: To play in a premiership side and to represent the State.
Football idols: Ross Glendinning
What car do you drive: A Falcon XB
Do you read at all: Just the newspaper
Favourite music: Roxy Music and Australian Crawl
Favourite movie: An Officer and a Gentleman
Favourite actors: John Cleese
Hobbies and relaxation: Playing golf and tennis
Hard things in football: Being consistent
Favourite food: Roast chicken
Favourite drink: Coke
League debut: 1981
Games: 44
Guernsey number: 19
Nickname: Chrissio

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	E. Frem. v E. Perth	Clar. v S. Frem.	Swans v Perth	Subiaco v W. Perth
GARY STOCKS	62	East Perth	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
ALAN EAST	62	East Fremantle	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
PETER POAT	63	East Fremantle	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
BOB CRIBB	64	East Fremantle	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
MOTHER BROWN	64	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swans	West Perth
GRANT DORRINGTON	66	East Perth	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
ROBERT BENNETT	66	East Fremantle	Claremont	Swans	West Perth
IAN MILLER	55	East Fremantle	Claremont	Perth	West Perth
GARY CARVOLTH	64	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swans	West Perth
DAVE CLEMENT	65	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Swans	West Perth
MOST FAVOURED	69	East Fremantle	Claremont	Swans	West Perth

Tigers can gain a big advantage

CLAREMONT can gain a big psychological advantage in the premiership battle when they meet South Fremantle in a second semi-final preview at Claremont Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers have returned to their best form in the last seven games and they will be keen to win and go into the finals with a 2-1 win-loss record over the Bulldogs this year.

However, it will not be easy.

Souths will be aiming for the same record as the business end of 1983 looms.

The Bulldogs showed against Swan Districts last Saturday that they are approaching their best form and this promises to be a great contest.

Obviously Stephen Michael, Wally Matera, Noel Carter and Michael Cockie are the key to South's chances.

Michael will again need to make his physical presence felt in an attempt to muscle Claremont off the ball. Those tactics have worked in the past and no doubt Claremont aim to off-set the problem.

With Stephen Malaxos, Wayne Blackwell, Darrell Panizza, Peter Davidson and Allen Daniels all in top form, they have enough run to take the points away from South.

Claremont base their whole game on running and opening up the play with intelligent handball and they will run the top-heavy South Fremantle off their legs.

FREMANTLE SHOWDOWN

AT last the show-down for fourth place between East Perth and East Fremantle is set.

For the last month everything has been gearing itself for the battle to decide who will play Swan Districts in the first semi final.

In effect, it becomes a fifth final, with the loser bowing out of the competition along with West Perth, Perth and Subiaco.

East Perth warmed up for the challenge with a crushing, but less than impressive, victory over Subiaco while East Fremantle sharpened up with a top class display against West Perth.

However, East Perth can still win this game, despite the fact that everything seems to be working against them.

They can overcome the home ground advantage for the Sharks and they can produce their best football at the right time of the year. It is totally unacceptable at Perth Oval for the Royals to miss out on the finals and they will rise to the occasion and oust East Fremantle.

East Perth have been the better of the two sides all season and it would be unjust for them to miss out on the vital fourth position.

They will need big John Ironmonger and Peter Thorne firing if they are to have any chance. Thorne, in particular, needs to return to the brilliance which sparked East Perth mid-season.

However, it is not going to be easy for the Royals.

East Fremantle will be desperate, but their inexperience under the sort of pressure which will be applied this week could prove costly.

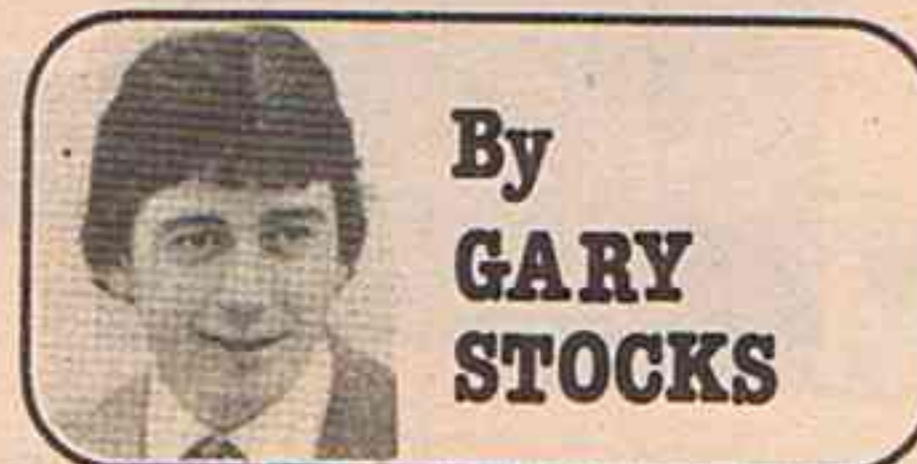
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By **GARY STOCKS**

NO PRIZE CONTEST

WITH Swan Districts able to finish no better than third on the premiership table the clash against Perth pales into insignificance in comparison to the other two games.

However, Swans will want to finish off their preparation with a top showing against the lowest team in the competition.

Swans will be looking to bring back the five players who missed last week's game against South Fremantle — Murray Rance, Brad Shine, Tony Solin, Don Holmes and Gerard Neesham.

These players are vital to the Swans cause and John Todd will want to give them a run before they set out to defend the title they won last year.

Perth have shown some competitiveness in the last series of matches and they will be looking to end the season on a high note. They don't need to win the match, but at the very least they will be looking to make Swans earn the four premiership points.

Falcons can end well

WEST Perth can gain something out of the season if they beat Subiaco at league headquarters.

Undoubtedly the Falcons will be keen just to see their most disappointing season for several years come to an end. But they must beat Subiaco to start their 1984 preparation on the right foot.

Subiaco caused a boomer in the second series when they beat the Falcons and West Perth will also have that loss to avenge.

The Lions have not been playing well lately and appear to again have little chance of victory.

West Perth started the season as a real premiership prospect, but confidence has dwindled to the stage where they have won just two more games than Subiaco.

They will be desperate to stretch the gap between the two sides and they will take the four points on offer on Saturday.

BLUE FIN present ...

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



IAN MILLER

TIGERS ON TARGET

BEFORE last Saturday I thought South Fremantle and Swan Districts would fight out the grand final in 1983. But Claremont were most impressive last week, having put their 'act' together in recent weeks and are certainly well on target for the final round.

I still believe Claremont lack real physical strength but they make up for it with disciplined team football, with the emphasis on speed and skill. Of course they will be subjected to greater pressure than was the case last week. It is well and truly back to a three horse race with the fourth team being a dark horse. This time last year Claremont didn't have the same appetite for the finals as they are now showing. They want that flag back.

LARRY MAKES IT

SOME weeks ago I looked at Larry Kickett's future — it appeared likely to be in the Claremont reserves — thus his decision to move to the Tigers did not look good. (He should have come to Perth). But he has made it back into the league team and on Saturday showed flashes of the old Larry. I am sure he will be all out to hold his place and perform for the Tigers in the finals.

WELL DONE

CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Moss on his 250th game for Claremont. Mossie has been a great competitor and contributor to our game and his record of achievements is outstanding. He is still very much a vital cog in his side's quest for a flag. Graham Melrose was also a great player and he will be missed by the game. He always gave 100 percent and was a fierce competitor with a tremendous track record. I know it was a difficult decision to make Melly, but I am sure you will be back in an off-field capacity.

FIFTH FINAL

WHAT a finish to the season, a desperate day in the form of the fifth final at East Fremantle Oval this week. Fourth spot is on the line and I see it as being very much a line ball decision. I lean slightly to East Fremantle because they are at home and they haven't been in the finals since 1979. Greg Brehaut and East Perth will place heavy emphasis upon their big man power in Craig Edwards and John Ironmonger.

THE BREAKS

TWO of Perth's first year players this season have both had an abrupt end to the season. Gavin Whittington broke his leg in the reserves last week and Glen McGuinness sustained a severe groin injury two weeks ago and has to have a six month rest.

SANDOVER TIP

THIS time next week it will be all over. We'll have another Sandover Medallist and I believe the count will be very open and the vote low. Will the umpires recognise consistency or brilliance? The winner will come from one of these players, Stephen Malaxos, Stephen Michael or Peter Spencer with Don Langsford, Bryan Cousins and Brad Hardie right up there with them.

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TAYLOR FOR FITZROY

EAST Fremantle and State rover Kevin Taylor is expected to join Fitzroy next season in his second attempt to succeed at VFL level.

The Lions are believed to have outbid Footscray in their attempts to lure the 24-year-old rover back to Victoria.

Rumours that Taylor had signed with Footscray several weeks ago have been dismissed and our Melbourne correspondent says that Taylor is shortly expected to put his name to a \$140,000 three-year contract with Fitzroy.

Before joining the Lions, Taylor would have to secure releases from both East



Kevin Taylor

Fremantle and the Sydney Swans. He played 1½ seasons with the Swans, but never really fired; returning to WA midway through the 1982 season.

The Swans are also interested in giving him another try, but cannot match the Fitzroy money.

WILLIAMS BACK

IAN Williams' returned to VFL football last weekend after a six-week absence — and the move came after a split decision at the selectors table.



Ian Williams

The former Swans player, who spent last season in Port Hedland, had been sidelined with a hamstring injury and coach Bluey Hampshire was considering bringing him back via the reserves.

Hampshire said after the match he was glad he didn't. Williams kept Footscray within striking distance in the first half when Fitzroy looked like running away with the game and he was in the thick of everything and booted four goals in the second quarter.

IN BRIEF...

VFL UNHAPPY

THE VFL has admitted that they did not like some of the answers provided by a firm of consultants they commissioned earlier this year.

The consultants were engaged to survey public reaction to several key issues facing the VFL.

Their findings — reported back to the league in March — contained information including public opposition to the grand final being moved away from the MCG.

The VFL was obviously annoyed when a Melbourne newspaper last week published details of the report which had previously been kept secret.

General manager Jack Hamilton said this week: "The VFL did not like some of the answers to the survey."

Bartlett

RICHMOND veteran Kevin Bartlett, who seems certain to finish the season with a tally of 403 games, said last weekend that he has made no definite plans for next season.

Bernie's ton

FITZROY full forward Bernie Quinlan is still two goals short of the elusive century for the season. He only managed three majors in the Lions shock loss to Footscray last weekend; but should become the first Fitzroy player to kick a ton in one season when his side meets Collingwood this weekend.

WA medal

THE Brownlow Medal could go to a West Australian this season for only the second time in the history of the award.

A Melbourne newspaper last week named their top four candidates for the award and they included Ross Glendinning, Maurice Rioli and Mike Richardson.

BULLDOG BOUNTY

A FOOTSCRAY club sponsor has offered to chip in \$21,000 for the players' end-of-season trip fund if they win their last three qualifying matches.

The offer was made before the club's great win over Fitzroy last weekend and obviously stirred the club on after a series of losses.

The Bulldogs three best players in the match were former West Australians Andrew Purser, Ian Williams and Simon Beasley — and also in their best six were Bruce Duperouzel and Jim Sewell.

On their form against Fitzroy, they have a great chance of collecting the incentive money as this Saturday they meet bottom side St Kilda and a week later finish the season with a game against the Sydney Swans.

MCCANN'S PLANS

NORTH Melbourne star Steve McCann said on Melbourne television last Sunday that he intended staying in Victoria for another five years — and then he would consider returning to his home State of Western Australia.

The 25-year-old former Geraldton boy moved to Melbourne before playing any senior football and obviously feels he has no particular ties to a West Australian club. Questioned about which club he may join on his return to WA he said he would be guided by his present coach Barry Cable.

HAWTHORN DOWN

HAWTHORN . . . one of the teams heavily backed recently to take out this year's VFL grand final, are struggling.

Their loss to Carlton last weekend exposed some glaring weaknesses in their armour. They are short of small running players and effective forwards.

Against the Blues, they started well but simply ran out of legs. Carlton showed that with a brigade of quick little men the Hawks can easily come unstuck.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

Twenty-nine former WA footballers played VFL football last weekend. Here is a breakdown of the statistical performances.

	Kicks	Marks	H/Balls
RICHMOND			
David Palm	9	16	9
Maurice Rioli	16	3	5
Robert Wiley	7	1	4
Tim Gepp	8	1	5
Dan Foley	6	5	5
COLLINGWOOD			
John Annear	20	10	12
Mike Richardson	10	9	13
FITZROY			
Gary Sidebottom	4	—	3
FOOTSCRAY			
Jim Sewell	12	9	9
Andrew Purser	7	11	13
Simon Beasley	7	7	4
Ian Williams	14	5	1
Bruce Duperouzel	6	3	11
CARLTON			
Ken Hunter	12	4	2
Peter Bosustow	10	5	3
Mike Fitzpatrick	12	8	2
ESSENDON			
Tony Buhagiar	10	3	13
Bill Duckworth	2	2	2
GEELONG			
Peter Featherby	20	3	17
Gary Malarkey	9	2	6
Brian Peake	15	6	6
NORTH MELBOURNE			
Ross Glendinning	15	8	7
Stephen McCann	17	12	3
Phil Krakouer	9	2	6
Jim Krakouer	10	2	5
Phil Kelly	16	1	8
HAWTHORN			
Gary Buckenara	9	2	3
MELBOURNE			
Alan Johnson	19	8	7
ST KILDA			
Allan Sidebottom	8	7	9

ADELAIDE BLOOD BATH

GLENELG and Port Adelaide were engaged in one of the most violent SANFL games for many years when they met last Saturday.

Three players were carried off the ground on stretchers and another reported. Port's Tony Giles and Anthony Williams both spent a night in hospital suffering from concussion.

Graham Campbell's Glenelg won 23.20 to 8.15 to keep alive their hopes of reaching the five.

Port full-back Danny Hughes was reported by a goal and a boundary umpire on a charge of striking Glenelg's Stephen Kernahan.

Kernahan went down in the opening term and was carried off on a stretcher.

But he came back after half-time and figured prominently in Glenelg's victory.

Port's dismal performance saw them drop out of the five and they could miss the finals for the first time since 1969 and for only the seventh time since 1908.

North Adelaide grabbed fifth spot with an upset win over South Adelaide.

The loss has put South under great pressure to hang on to third spot and a double chance in the finals.

SA NEWS

BALME TO STAY

NORWOOD coach Neil Balme will not be leaving Norwood to return to Melbourne.

Francis Bourke's pending resignation at Richmond has again raised speculation that Balme could return to Melbourne to coach his former club.

But Balme says he will not be an applicant for the position.

He says he is committed to Norwood until the end of 1984 and is confident the Redlegs have an excellent chance of winning this year's premiership.

Balme is disappointed with Richmond's situation and says he is a loyalist when it comes to the clubs he has played with.

He admits he is interested in a job with the Tigers but not just yet.



BENNETT'S BURST

By Robert Bennett
well respected
football writer.



Todd, Brown may have given Tigers an advantage

HAVE Mal Brown and John Todd handed the initiative to Claremont for this year's final round?

While Brown and Todd have waged a war of words against each other through their respective newspaper columns, Claremont coach Graham Moss has unobtrusively been preparing the Tigers for the finals.

The spotlight that shone on the Tigers early in the season when they won their first eight games — and looked likely to set the pace this season — was doused by a mid-season fade-out.

Since then South and Swans have attracted all the attention.

South, because they have been at the top of the ladder since displacing Claremont, and Swans for stringing together 11 wins.

While Brown and Todd have been trying to lull the other team into a false sense of security, Claremont have slowly returned to the form that made them WA's best side earlier in the season.

So much so that it is only since last Saturday that many people have started to rethink Claremont.

PURPLE PATCH

Until then it looked as though the Tigers would be relegated to the first semi-final because of the purple patch Swans were enjoying.

Claremont's problems mid-season were cushioned by their great start to the season.

They were able to sit comfortably in second spot, while they ironed those problems out.

The way they have played since losing in successive weeks to South Fremantle and Swan Districts suggests they could be the team to beat for the flag.

They have been more impressive against South and Swans than either of those sides have been against them.

The six point losing margin by South to Claremont in the first round was a flattering result for the Bulldogs. It was only a late surge of goals that made the score so close.

In their return encounter the Tigers were unlucky not to have been the only side to beat South at Fremantle this season. They gave the Bulldogs a start only to see the game stolen in the last 30 seconds when South scored two quick goals.

Claremont also are the only side to have beaten Swans at home this season.

PSYCHOLOGY

Todd and Brown rely heavily on psychology to rev up their players.

Because they appear to be able to goad each other they will no doubt look for ammunition to fire at each other should they meet in the finals.

They won't find it so easy against Claremont.

Claremont have a point to prove following their dismal performance in last year's grand final against Swans.

Claremont have restructured their side since last season.

In 1982 they tended to rely on a few players to fire them. The flexibility they have developed this season will make it more difficult to harness them.

They have an abundance of running players who can alternate in a number of positions.

South have a point to prove following last season's tumble from the four, however they have the disadvantage of having been the pace setters this season.

Despite their strong mid-season showing I don't think Swans will win the premiership. (Todd would like all the media to start thinking that so he can use it to fire up his players).

If South beat Claremont on Saturday then I think you can put away your glasses. If they don't then it will be a very interesting final round.

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Those ticket gripes

THE sellout of grandstand tickets for the grand final in a short time last week resulted in a lot of criticism being levelled at the WAFL.

One of the common cries was that the people who support the game throughout the season were being ignored when it came finals time.

This argument is hard to understand, because series tickets were on sale for three weeks before the grand final tickets went on sale. Surely, if the people who missed out were regular patrons they would have purchased a complete series set to ensure a seat at all games.

Another point worth considering, particularly by those people who said this sort of thing does not happen in Victoria, is that at least 50,000 regular patrons of VFL football miss out on seeing their grand final every year... and that includes standing room.

The MCG has a capacity of little more than 100,000 people, yet weekly attendances to football matches in Melbourne exceed 150,000.

The capacity of Subiaco Oval is somewhere near 50,000... far greater than the average weekly attendance at our matches.

It's further evidence that a big percentage of West Australian fans are very selective during the season and then expect the red carpet treatment for the finals. They refuse to attend games on wet days, will not support lowly placed clubs and grizzle at any inconvenience.

Jumper switch

SWAN Districts and State coach John Todd must have learned a lesson from the South Australians when they played at Subiaco Oval earlier this year. The Croweaters had brothers Andrew and Michael Aish swap guernseys in their numbers published in the Football Budget and most West Australians would not have known about the switch. On Saturday Leon Baker took the field wearing his customary No. 2 jumper, but after just a few minutes he bobbed up wearing No. 18 — Murray Rance's normal number. Few people were fooled by the ploy.

Todd's tactics

SWAN Districts coach John Todd has built a reputation as one of the best coaches in the game over the years and that has not been earned easily. On Saturday he showed why he is held in such high esteem with a move before the ball was even bounced. Swans lost the toss and were forced to kick against the wind, so he immediately sent rover Barry Kimberley into defence as a loose man. The move had outstanding results with Kimberley repelling many attacking moves during the term. The only problem was that Swans did not make maximum use of the breeze in the second term.

Wrong ball

South Fremantle have just released a 1983 yearbook and it's a great publication for South fans. However, on the front they have a sketch of Stephen Michael holding a Burley football. I thought South Fremantle owned the Chesson company? That's not the way to market a product.

Expensive game

YOU couldn't really believe that Swan Districts were suddenly hit by an injury plague, could you? Coach John Todd is smarter than most of us and he has read the situation pretty well. He had assumed that Swans would miss out on a second semi-final berth, so he would not want to go into the finals with 13 straight wins behind him (assuming they beat Perth in the final game of the season). Naturally, a loss to South would help his finals preparation and obviously some key players were put in cotton wool for the tough Fremantle Oval trip.

Pete's pander

WE'VE avoided having our regular shots at 6PR around-the-grounds commentator Peter Van Helden this year... after all, he's using the same big words that we couldn't understand last season, so why bother! However, he does deserve a mention this week for his reference to Channel 7 commentator Percy Johnson, who was sitting somewhere near Pete at the East Perth-Subiaco game. Talking about how dull and boring the game was, he said that Percy's face looked like a front end loader and he obviously wanted to go home. What a front end loader has got to do with football I'm blown if I know!

Furious Falcon

AND over to West Perth... there were some embarrassing moments in the president's VIP lounge after the game. The entire East Fremantle camp accepted the Falcons invitation for a social drink after the match — but the West Perth players didn't make it as coach Dennis Cometti locked them in the changerooms for a solid 45-minute heart-to-heart chat.

Tough Talk

DID you catch the interview with Essendon's Ron Andrews on the ABC TV show The Winners on Sunday night? It was real entertaining stuff as Andrews talked about reaching the 150-game milestone — and his long string of suspensions at the hands of the VFL tribunal. When asked why he often incurred the wrath of the umpires, he honestly replied that it was through frustration. "When I can't catch an opponent or beat him, I just give 'em a belt over the ear," said rough Ronnie.

Sore secret

IT was supposed to be a football secret; but there was one problem. Ron Alexander was out of the East Fremantle side for the crucial game against West Perth and the information wasn't readily available at Leederville Oval before the bounce down. However, if you had been astute — or lucky — enough to spy big Ron walking into the ground you would have noticed that he could hardly put his right heel on the ground. The injury — received in the closing minutes of the previous week's game against Perth — has the captain-coach worried. Jarred heels can often be troublesome — and the Sharks certainly need Alexander in action.

OFF COURSE

EVERYONE agrees that Subiaco need to improve and to do it they must rely on their juniors, and in particular their colts. Therefore it was amazing to hear that club vice-president Brian Sierakowski was going golfing on Saturday morning when the colts were playing and he would have been lucky to get to the football by quarter time in the reserves. In a recorded early morning interview with Gary Carvolth on 6PR, Siera was heading for the golf course. He probably would not finish before noon, go home, have a shower, possibly lunch and then get ready for the football. That's hardly the attitude required to lift the Lions out of the doldrums!

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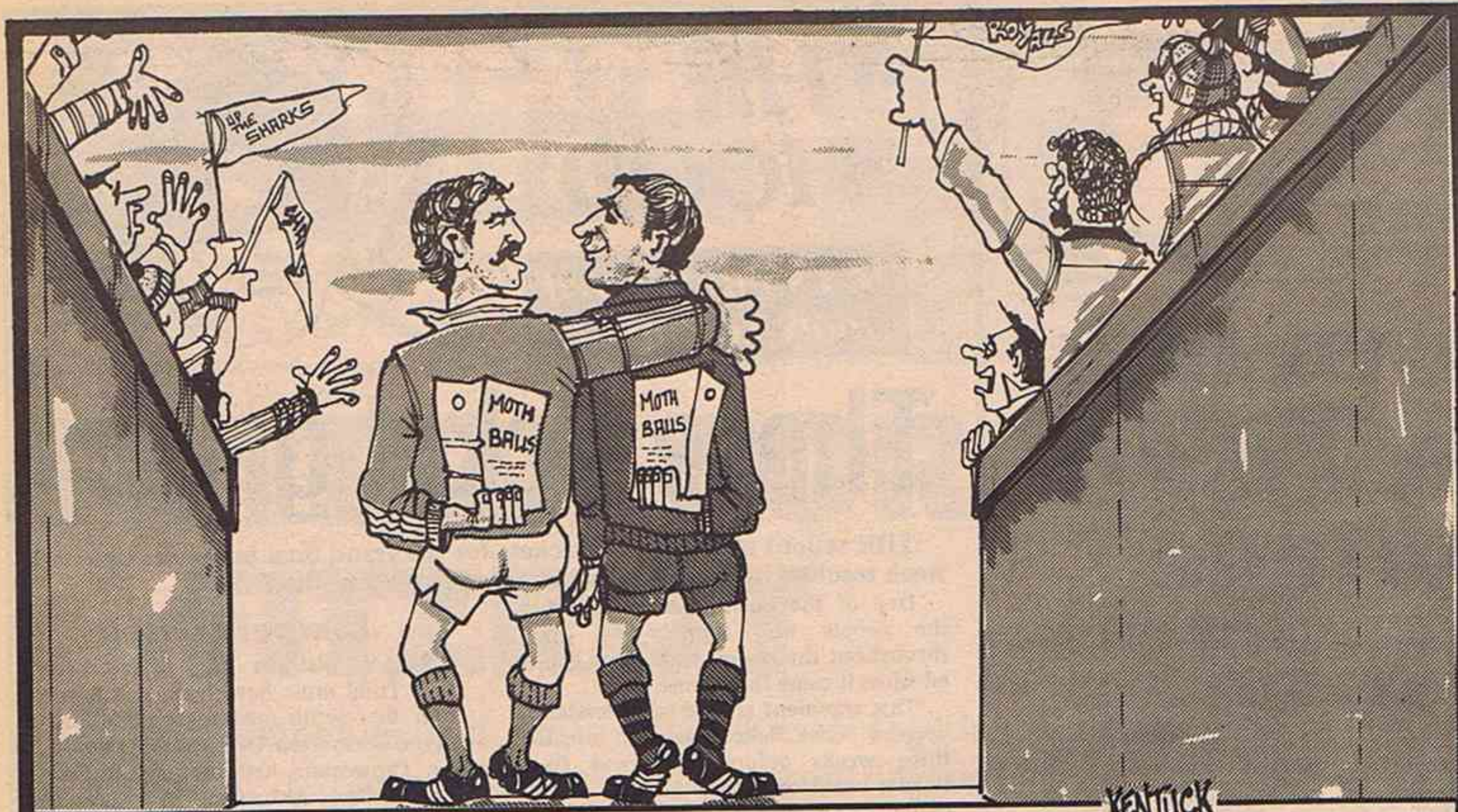
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PLAYERS POINT

By George Michalzyk, president of the WAFL Players' Association.

AWARDS

THE Players' Association is currently accepting votes for its annual awards - with the presentation night scheduled for Wednesday, October 5.

The association's awards are gaining in prestige and with players of the calibre of Noel Carter, Stephen Michael and Gary Shaw taking out our Footballer-of-the-Year title in recent years, the award is becoming a much-sought after honour.

The other awards are Umpire-of-the-year; Media Personality of the Year and Rookie of the Year.

The first two awards are sponsored by Marlboro, the Media personality is sponsored by the WAFL's other joint major sponsor, the Town and Country WA Building Society and Westside Football sponsor the Rookie award.

Voting for all awards is done by the players, from league right down to colts. Every WAFL player who is a member of our association is entitled to vote in all awards.

Players are reminded that voting slips should be returned by next Monday at the latest with the qualifying rounds coming to an end this Saturday.

MAGAZINE SALES

THE association's magazine The High and the Mighty is reportedly selling well via all newsagencies, but it's not a sell-out yet, so players are asked to keep spreading the good word.

The 58-page publication, with a four-colour picture of East Perth and State ruckman John Ironmonger on the cover, has a number of articles written by our leading players - and their comments make interesting reading.

MAY RESIGNS

OUR association administrator, Ross May, has been forced to resign as he is taking up a hotel appointment at Wokalup.

We will be looking for a part-time administrator for next season, so if anyone has suggestions please contact myself or any club delegate.

The association is growing rapidly and we definitely need the services of a part-time official.

MEDICAL MEN

WE have received an approach from the Australian Sports Medicine Federation offering to have doctors rostered for duty at all colts and reserves games.

This had been an area of concern for the association with the danger of colts or reserves players being injured - and not having medical expertise on hand - being a major problem.

We will be taking the Federation's suggestion up with them and the WAFL to see if something permanent can be arranged next season.



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GREAT EFFORT FOR SHARKS

IF East Fremantle win this week and make the final four it will be a tremendous effort, particularly after losing their first four games.

Only one other team has forced their way into the finals after losing the first four games of a season. In 1978 West Perth made up the lost ground to finish third with 13 wins.

In 1978 East Fremantle won 10 games and finished sixth, but in 1953 their nine wins gave them fourth place. West Perth qualified for fourth in 1972 with nine wins.

In the seven team competition of 1933 three teams, Subiaco, South Fremantle and Perth, finished equal fourth with seven wins in the 18 game season. Subiaco's percentage saw them through and they made the grand final.

Warning for South

SOUTH Fremantle are the minor premiers for the first time since 1955 and are \$12,000 richer, courtesy of Town and Country WA. Their vice president, Clive Lewington, who was their coach in that year, will no doubt have a word of warning for the players. In 1955 they finished on top, losing only four of the 20 games they contested, but they did not qualify for the grand final. They were beaten by East Fremantle in the second semi final and by eventual premiers, Perth in the preliminary final.

There are only four other instances of the top team not qualifying for the grand final under the Page system. They were Perth in 1963, East Fremantle in 1936 and 1932, and Claremont in 1979.

Tiger record

History could be made this Saturday at Claremont if Tigers reserves full-forward Alan Rowe can kick five goals and take his tally to 100 for the season.

Never before has a league and a reserves

player from the same club kicked a century in the same season. Football records are rarely kept on reserves, but I am almost certain that no player in the post-war era (since 1945) has kicked 100 goals in this competition.

If this is fact then the last reserves player to reach triple figures was also a Tiger. W.J. McLean kicked six to reach 101 in the last qualifying game of the 1938 season at Claremont Oval. Team mate Ben Cook kicked nine in the same game to finish second with 78. The only other centurion in the reserves was South Fremantle's Arthur Ashton, who in the 1920s, performed the feat when the competition was known as B-grade. Arthur, now a spritely 76, is not sure how many over the 100 mark he kicked.

Of reserves goal kicking records Mark Jackson would hold the Australian title with his 131 at Richmond in 1980.

Spencer's medal

Peter Spencer will win this year's Sand-over Medal and become this State's ninth dual medal winner. That is my prediction for the 1983 count on Tuesday night.

Posters

Posters were prevalent in the big game at the port last week between South Fremantle and Swan Districts when they hit the post seven times. There is nothing official on the record number of posters in one game, but I read in a match report in 1937 that Subiaco kicked seven posters in their losing score of 12.20.

A Melbourne report says that South Melbourne scored 8.25 against Geelong in 1920 and that included eight posters - five in the last quarter.

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MOTHER BROWN

Sad blow for 'Randy'

What a sad loss Neil Randall will be to South Fremantle. He was just starting to return to his best form in the back line when he courageously ran into a pack and had his cheekbone fractured. It took a great deal of intestinal fortitude to run back into the pack the way he did and that was typical of the way he played the game. He has been a fine ambassador for the game and in a non-playing capacity can still play a part in South's quest for the premiership.

STANDS HELP ATMOSPHERE

THE atmosphere at Fremantle Oval last week was tremendous and I believe it was created by the people in the old wooden stand. I rate the stand at Fremantle Oval on a par with the McDonald Stand at Bassendean and they are both tremendous for the game. With all the so-called improvements being made to facilities I hope both grounds retain their stands and keep a bit of atmosphere at the football. It was a big game at Fremantle Oval and it certainly warranted a crowd of that magnitude. However, the attendances at the other grounds must have disappointed officials.

HELPFUL PR

LAST Saturday morning at 7.55 I was listening to 6PR and was pleased to hear them advertise the train and bus services available for football fans. It was an excellent service and one which I believe they offer every Saturday and they should be commended for their efforts. 6PR gave a full run-down on times and departures and it was appreciated.

COMBINED TRIP

SOUTH Fremantle organised a special train trip to Gingin on Sunday and it was a magnificent day. However, Bulldog supporters were not the only ones to take advantage of the offer. West Perth, East Perth and East Fremantle fans also made the trip and it turned out to be a memorable day with the train departing at 10.15 am and leaving Gingin at 3.15 pm.

WELL DONE, MOSSIE

CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Moss on his 250th game for Claremont. He has been an ornament to Australian Rules and it is fitting that he should become only the second Tigers player ever to reach the 250 milestone. Claremont won for him on Saturday to make it a day he will always remember.

MATERA'S HAIR

YOUNG South Fremantle recruit Wally Matera has had big impact at Fremantle Oval since his arrival from the country and he should be commended on his effort. He was again a fine player against Swans and he wins this week's Playboy Hairstylists free haircut.

PS: Just a question for Peter Poat, how long do I have to hold Brownie by the hand?

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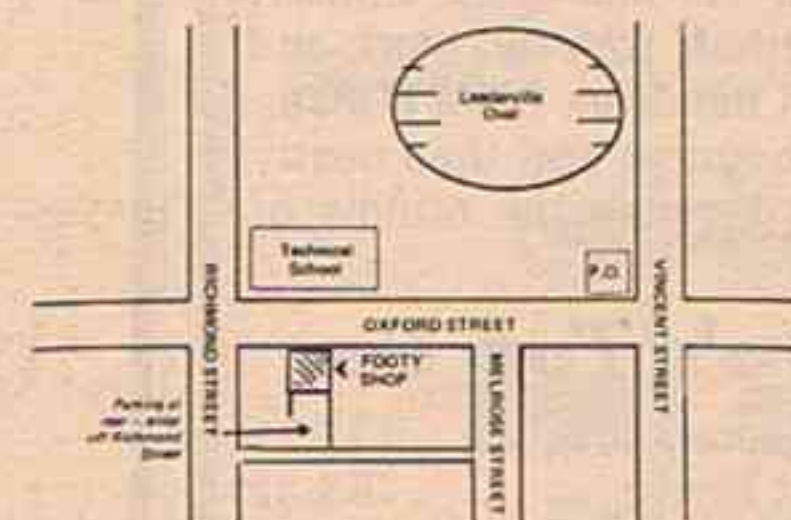
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NICE ONE, NEEDLE

IT was a big day at Leederville Oval for injury-troubled Shark Brian Needle. He was reaching his 150-game milestone for East Fremantle — and it has taken him all season to notch the three games he needed to achieve that mark. He was given the challenge to make it a memorable day and he did it with seven straight goals — his best effort in league football. He gathered his goals in a variety of ways — a couple coming from strong marks after good leads, a couple of opportunist goals as he waited in the square and a couple on the run. He also featured in quite a few other goals, particularly East Fremantle's eighth when he marked strongly and shot out a lightning-fast handpass to Jeff Cassidy, who passed the ball on to Murray Wrensted for a goal before the West Perth defenders had even realised that Needle didn't have the ball.

SNAPPY FONG

WEST Perth's great little skipper Les Fong knows no bounds to his energetic approach to football — and to kicking goals. He produced two real gems early in the game against East Fremantle. Both were difficult snap shots on the run from deep in the forward pocket. On a day made difficult by the gusty winds, Fong showed his knowledge of his home ground and steered both shots through from a fair way out.

VERSATILITY

GRAEME Comerford is a versatile player in more ways than one. The former Swan Districts player has handled a variety of roles since moving to West Perth and his ability to kick with both feet is an added bonus. He showed how good he was on his left foot when he steered a great goal through on the run in the second quarter. Comerford had broken away from a pack of Sharks and, despite being under pressure, he guided a long shot in from the left half forward flank.

STAN'S GEM

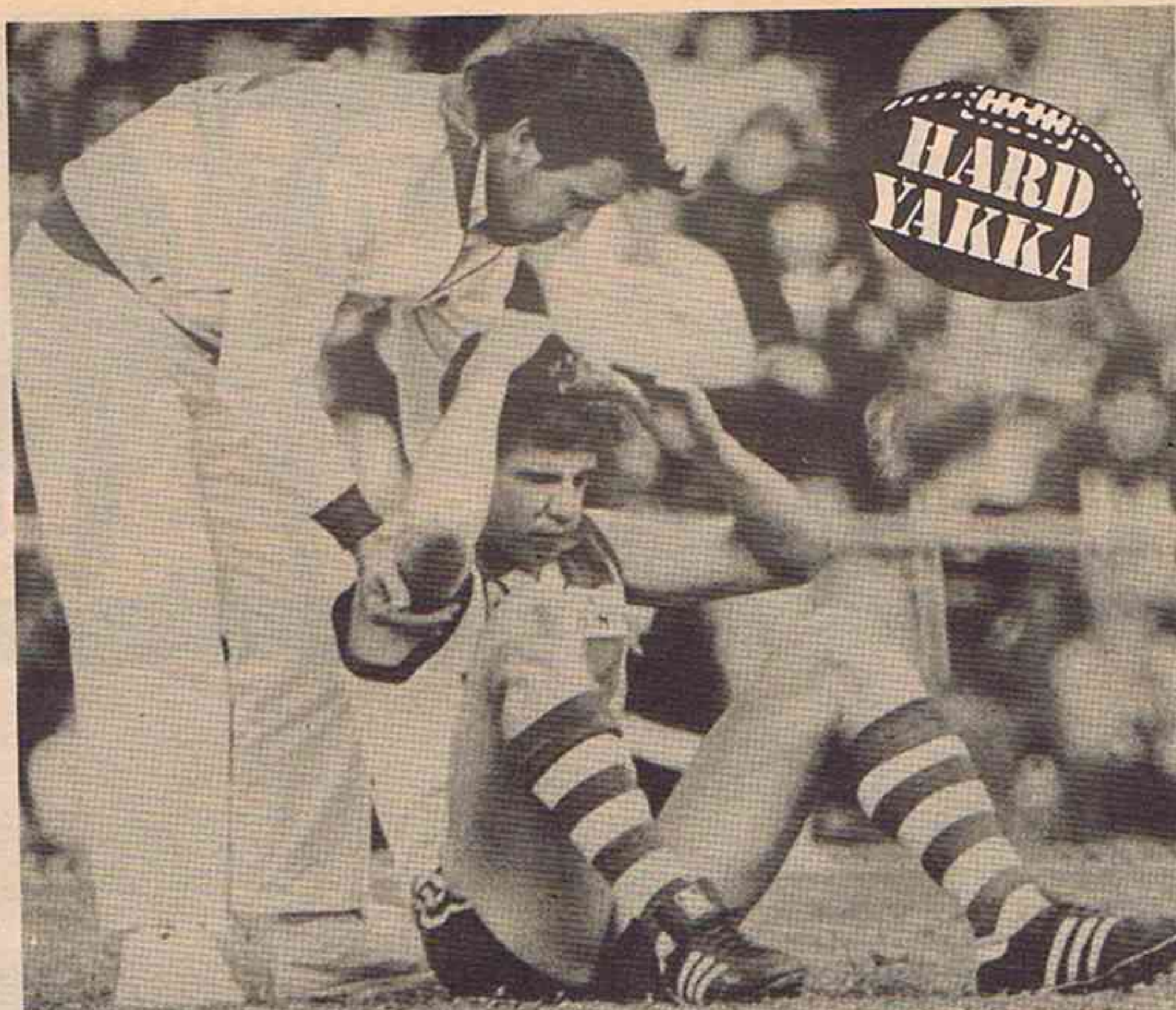
SWAN Districts veteran Stan Nowotny proved he still had something to offer to the forward line when he kicked a great goal on Saturday. It won him the World of Sport \$100 goal of the day award and he used all his experience to read the passage of the ball. It had been delivered high into attack and Nowotny used his pace to get to the back of the pack, it bounced straight off hands into his arms and he ran into an open goal.

MIGHTY MATERA

YOUNG South Fremantle rover Wally Matera has impressed around the goals this year and his effort on Saturday was worth remembering. He finished with four goals and his second was a real gem. He had made himself available on the half forward flank and received a sharp handpass from a teammate, had two bounces and then neatly steered the ball through the middle of the big opening.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)	117.62
John Scott (East Perth)	63.32
Chris Stasinowsky (South Frem)	57.36
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	56.36
Craig Edwards (East Perth)	55.30
Paul Arnold (South Frem)	49.31
Colin Waterson (East Frem)	48.33
Mick Rea (Perth)	47.24
Peter Spencer (East Perth)	47.24
Allen Daniels (Claremont)	44.30



It is hardly any compensation, but South Fremantle veteran Neil Randall wins this week's Hard Yakka award and picks up a pair of fabulous Rigs trousers or rugged new Brut jeans. Randall was helped from the ground when he backed into a pack and received severe facial injuries which have spelled the end of his 200-plus game career. He has a depressed fracture of a cheekbone and because the injury will take at least four weeks to mend it means he will not be able to return to the Bulldogs league side. Randall, who played 154 games with Subiaco before joining South, said earlier he would retire at the end of this season and it is a tragic way to end the career of one of the game's real characters.



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Chubby's Chatter BAD BOY BOB!

I WAS bitterly disappointed with last week's Westside Football article by Bob Cribb about Stephen Michael.

The increasing tempo of the game has resulted in less physical contact and there are only a handful of players in each side who utilize their bodies to the fullest extent.

Stephen Michael is one of the minority group of WA players who knows how to use his body in the correct manner — and he has unfortunately become the victim of some scribes' caustic pen.

If you look back through the last two decades of football you will recall the handful of players who used their body to the advantage of their team and they were part and parcel of the game.

It's the physically-strong players who stand out in your memory . . . and I'm sure Bob Cribb has written plenty about some of those bygone heroes.

I know that sensationalism sells newspapers and that's the name of the game . . . but is it worth it in the long run?

THE GREATEST?

VERY few spectators turned out to pay tribute to one of the game's great ambassadors last Saturday as Graham Moss played his 250th for Claremont. The banner prepared for the former Brownlow Medallist to run through before their clash with the Demons summed up the feeling of all Tiger fans — and football followers in general — "MOSSIE, THE GREATEST TIGER OF THEM ALL".

MEDAL MAN

IT'S Sandover Medal time again and the opinions vary right across the media as to who will be the winner.

Being involved with one team means that I only see the other sides three times a year, so I don't have the advantages of my media colleagues.

But I will still express my opinion — Stephen Michael is my choice.

He is the all-round player and he has proved in the past that he is a vote-catcher.

Not far behind him is Perth captain Bryan Cousins, who has had an excellent season and is improving with age.

The only problem is that Perth haven't been winning games and this could prove costly as it's unlikely that Cousins would ever get top votes.

Other players with outstanding prospects are Peter Spencer, Phil Cronan and Don Langsford, who is a great ball-getter but lacks the charisma of the others.

RESERVES BATTLE

THE reserves competition this year has been a cut-throat battle.

The outcome of the top four will depend on the South Fremantle-Claremont match this week with the winner taking fourth spot — the same as the league finale.

Up until South Fremantle beat Swan Districts last week six sides had the chance to play in the finals.

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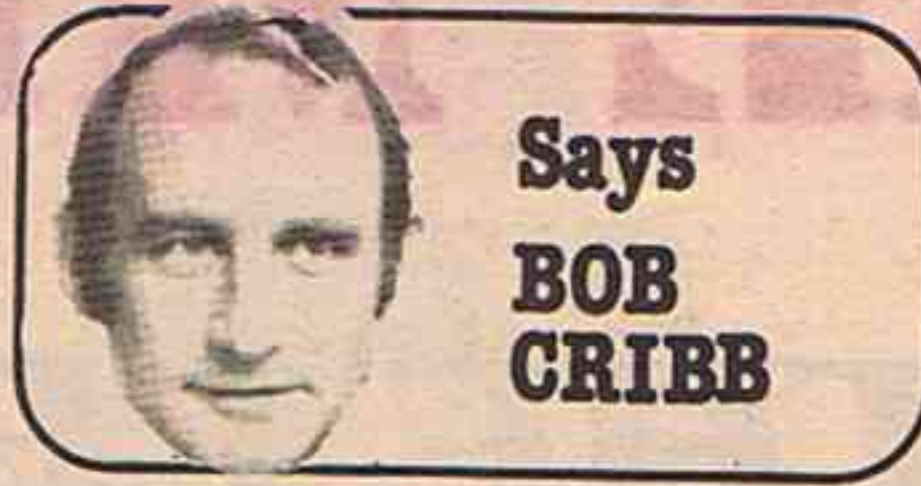
Now you can put the icing on the cake by beating the Royals and enter the finals when no-one really gave you a chance.

The East Fremantle Football Club can be very proud of its first ever team of Sharks and 1983 can go down in the club's history book as a year of great progress.

Personally, I believe that the progress started when president, Harry Morgan, and his committee bravely gambled on a change of name early in this football season.

It was a decision which earned scathing criticism from the rank and file and which also brought down on the club the derision of the media every time you lost a game.

Well now the Sharks cannot be put down by anyone.



Says
BOB CRABB

They, more than any side in the competition, have shown what it is to fight when the chips are down.

They have suffered worse than any side with injuries in the last half of the season.

They have blooded more top class first year footballers than anyone in 1983.

Three weeks ago I saw East Fremantle soundly thrashed by South Fremantle in the last of this year's official Derbies.

On that day I wrote that East Fremantle were not disgraced in defeat because they had kept trying.

I suggested that they could still make the final four and that they could do it by winning their last three games.

Well, that contract is now two-thirds over and it will be all or nothing at East Fremantle Oval this Saturday.

I think the Sharks will cap off one of the best fightbacks of the decade by beating the Royals and so become very worthy first semi final opponents for the Swans.

No risk match

THE other clash of the giants this weekend between Claremont and South Fremantle has nowhere near the same significance with the issue of first and second spots now settled.

Both these sides will take a wary attitude towards injury in this match and I cannot see South Fremantle in particular, taking any risks at all.

Malcolm Brown could be in his last year as coach of the Bulldogs and he will stop at nothing to make it a premiership year.

That would include treating this game as a training run if necessary and while he will not try to lose, I cannot see him risking ANYTHING to win.

Last word...

Incidentally my last word on the Sand-over Medal is that South Fremantle's Brad Hardie will win it.

Close finish

MORE than just fourth place will be decided in the last round of qualifying games for 1983.

With one game remaining, competition is fierce for the Marlboro prizemoney in the \$1,000 player of the series award and the Marlboro Cup.

Claremont centremen Stephen Malaxos, with 29 votes, is one vote clear of South Fremantle's Brad Hardie in the player award and the winner is likely to come from this pair.

The game between Claremont and South Fremantle should decide the winner of the Marlboro Cup and at this stage Claremont hold a one point advantage. They need only to win the game to take the \$5,000.

QUIZ WINNERS

The winners of our final tipping competition for the season are — \$10 Ampol Voucher — K. Martin, Greenwood; Double pass to a City Theatres show — L. Frazer, Dianella; Two bottles of Hardy's Wines — S. Wheatley, Fremantle; \$10 voucher on Marlow's Auto. Parts — S. Coles, Greenwood; Footy radio — T. Patron, Midland; Grosby Supersportz casual shoes — Ashley Cross, Edgewater; Sportique voucher — P. Farley, Spearwood.

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SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT

THE MEDAL

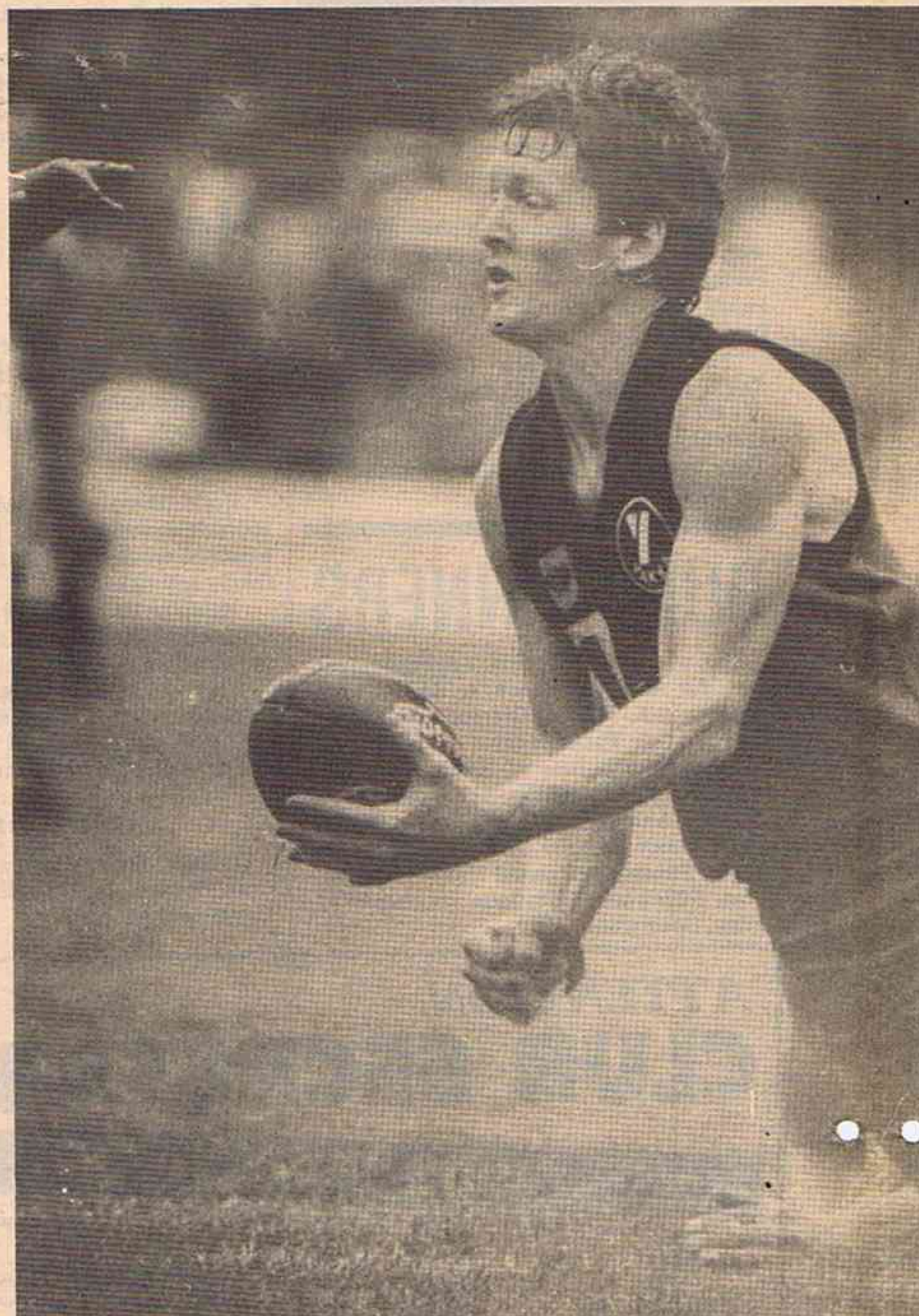
THE LEADING CONTENDERS



On Tuesday night another player will earn his own special books when the 1983 Channel 7 Sandover Medal is decided. own opinion as to who will win the medal, but the media be have the best chance. According to votes cast in our unique Sa each week, the medal should be decided between Stephen Michael, Brad Hardie, Don Langsford, Peter Spencer and Peter



STEPHEN MICHAEL (South Fremantle): *Champion Bulldogs ruckman who can never be left out of the calculations. Won the medal in 1980 and 1981 and while he did not poll well last year has always been up in the leading division. Has been a more physical player this year and only time will tell whether that helped him or worked against him. Is always in the play as a ruck rover and will poll votes.*



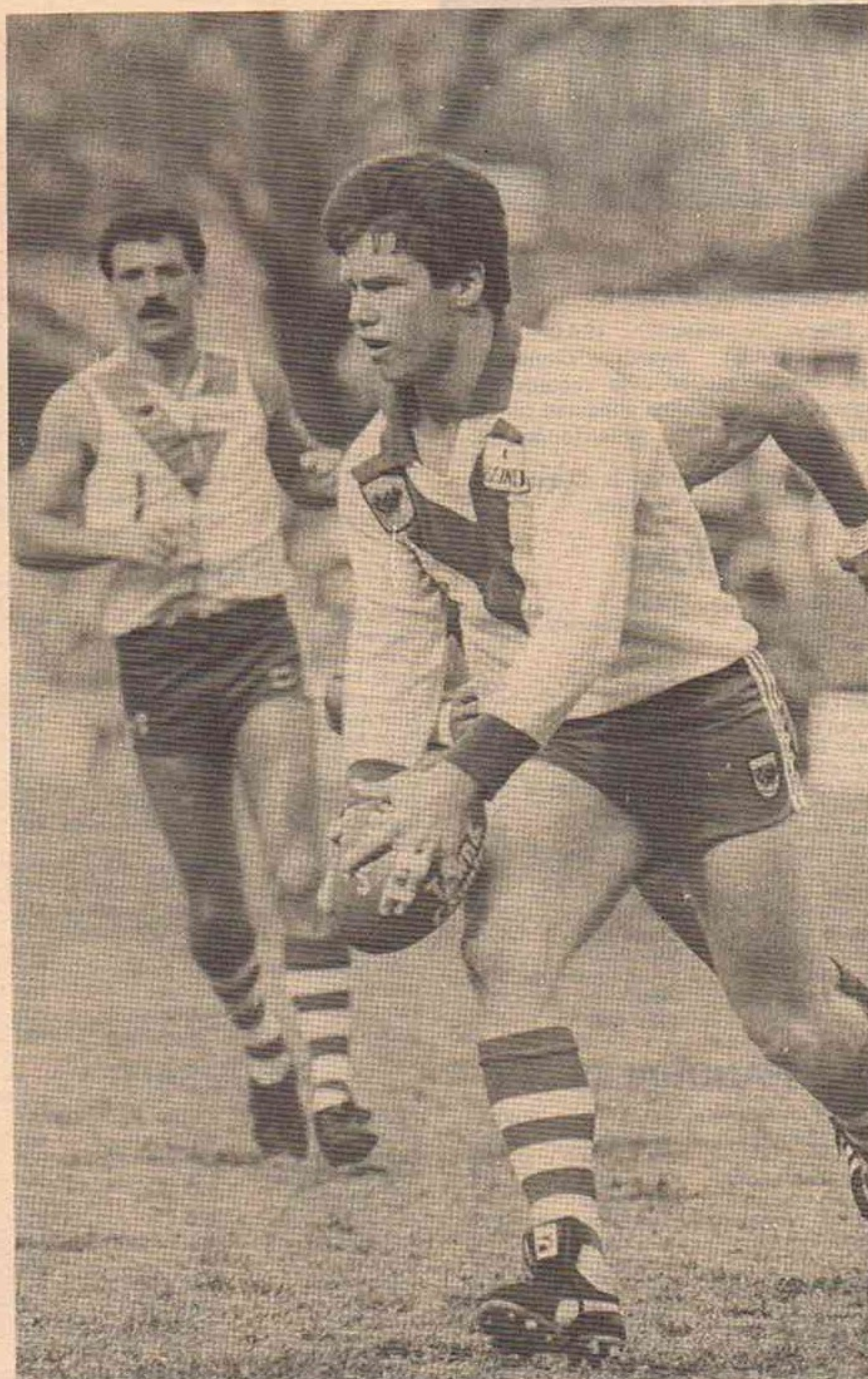
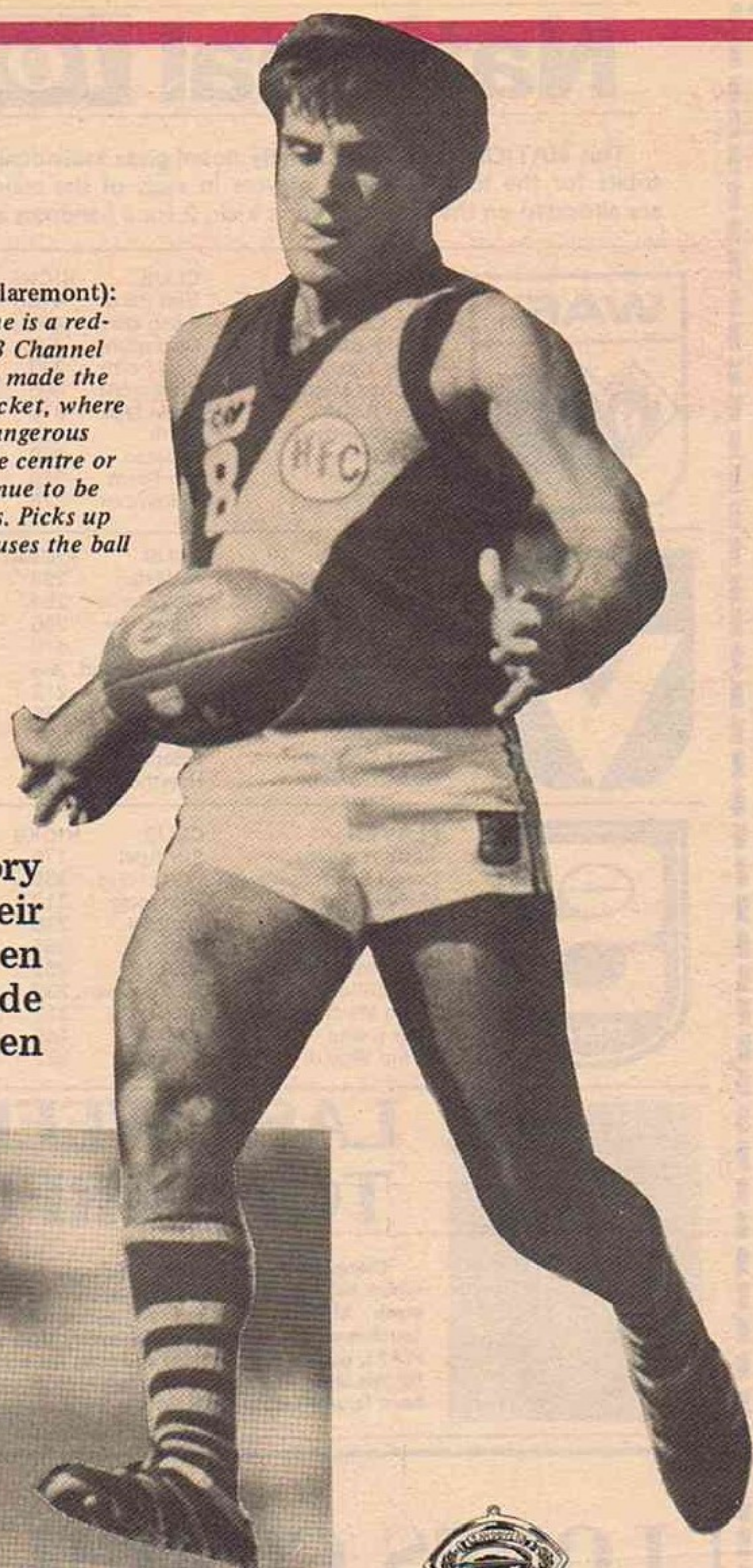
PETER SPENCER (East Perth): *The 1976 winner showed last year that he always attracts the attention of the umpires when he had a relatively quiet season, but still polled well. Has had a much better year this season so he could be expected to be right up there at the finish. He gathers so many kicks that he is in front of the umpires at all times and a win will not surprise. He has been in fine form in 1983.*



DON LANGSFORD (Swan Districts): *Has enjoyed his best season in league football after switching from a half back flanker to a ruck rover and has developed into a key man at Swan Districts. Picks up many possessions every week and the only shadow hanging over his head is the unobtrusive manner in which he gets his kicks. Has been a most effective linkman for his side this season and was a valuable part of the State team.*



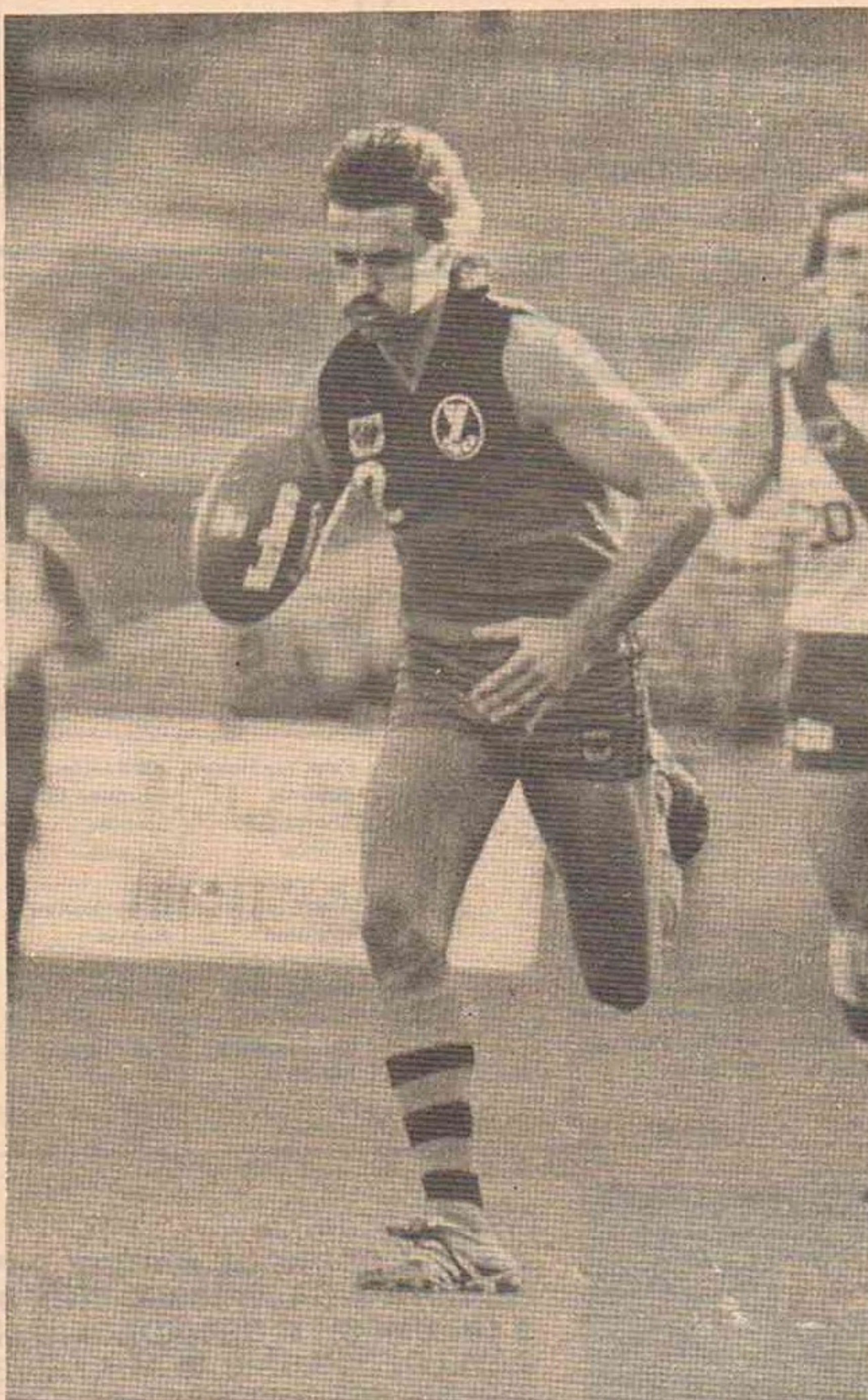
STEPHEN MALAXOS (Claremont): According to the scribes he is a red-hot favourite for the 1983 Channel 7 Sandover Medal. He has made the switch from a forward pocket, where he was one of the most dangerous players in the game, to the centre or ruck roving roles to continue to be a top player for the Tigers. Picks up a lot of kicks and always uses the ball well.



BRAD HARDIE (South Fremantle): His red hair and long-sleeved jumper will help attract votes and he has been in brilliant form in the last month. Had a quiet start to the season, but has really come home with a rush. Is an attacking type of player who has also been used as a spare man in defence and he will certainly come under the notice of the men in charge.



PETER THORNE (East Perth): Injury could prove extremely costly for this talented ruck rover. He was in outstanding form before breaking down with a knee injury and under-going surgery, but he might have polled enough early votes to take the medal. Also picks up numerous possessions every week so he will be constantly under the watchful eye of the umpires.



THE MEDAL

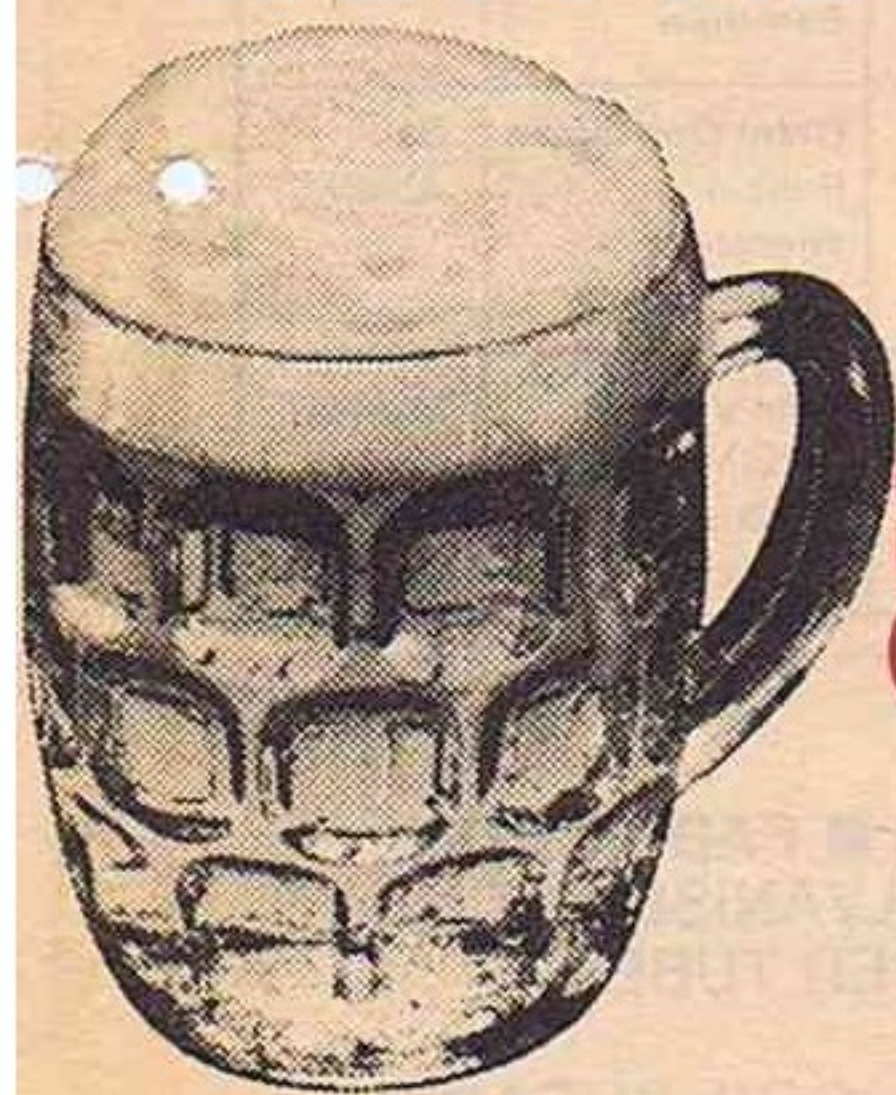
The first Sandover Medal was won in 1921 by Subiaco star Tom Outridge and since then many champions have been honoured by receiving WA's most prestigious individual award.


Many changes have taken place in the history of the medal, the most significant being the change in the voting system in 1930 when votes were cast on a 3,2,1 basis for the first time.

Then, in 1978 Channel 7 took over the sponsorship of the medal and the winner — Phil Kelly — was presented with \$20,000 as well. The medal count will again be held at the Sheraton Perth Hotel this year and it will be telecast live by Channel 7.

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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.

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This week's winner is Claremont centreman Stephen Malaxos.

KICKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	446
Cam Shepherd	Perth	443
Peter Spencer	East Perth	418
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	406
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	390
Bryan Cousins	Perth	385
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	378
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	375
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	374
Allen Daniels	Claremont	367
Les Fong	West Perth	357
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	352
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	347
Steven Goulding	Claremont	328
Peter Thorne	East Perth	327
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	325
Ross Gibbs	West Perth	320
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	319
Phil Cronan	West Perth	311
Keith Narkle	Swan Districts	300

HANDBALLS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	249
Mark Watson	Claremont	202
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	201
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	196
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	193
Peter Thorne	East Perth	180
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	178
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	165
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	163
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	163
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	153
Wally Matera	South Fremantle	151
Greg Walsh	East Perth	148
Bryan Cousins	Perth	148
Graham Moss	Claremont	146
Les Fong	West Perth	143
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	142
Clinton Roberts	Perth	140
Peter O'Connell	Perth	139
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	128

HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
John Ironmonger	East Perth	545
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	359
Ron Boucher	Swan Districts	359
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	342
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	298
Steve Turner	Perth	244
Craig Nelson	West Perth	239
David Rawlinson	South Fremantle	192
Barry Beecroft	Claremont	191
Ben Jager	West Perth	190
Phil Scott	Subiaco	182
Mick Johns	Swan Districts	176
Graham Moss	Claremont	169
Rhett Baynes	Perth	149
Craig Edwards	East Perth	135
Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	133
Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	115
Wayne Duke	Claremont	81
Barrie Quick	South Fremantle	75
Ian Newman	Perth	70

MARKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Warren Ralph	Claremont	151
Craig Edwards	East Perth	151
Peter Thorne	East Perth	142
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	136
Rod Alderton	West Perth	133
Peter Spencer	East Perth	132
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	132
Ross Fitzgerald	Perth	124
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	120
Bruce Monteath	South Fremantle	116
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	114
Graham Moss	Claremont	113
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	113
Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	113
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	111
Steve Turner	Perth	110
John Ironmonger	East Perth	109
Rod Brown	Subiaco	106
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	106
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	102

DISPOSALS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	667
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	609
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	607
Cam Shepherd	Perth	550
Bryan Cousins	Perth	533
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	521
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	509
Peter Thorne	East Perth	507
Les Fong	West Perth	500
Paul Vasoli	South Fremantle	497
Noel Carter	South Fremantle	491
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	489
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	485
Allen Daniels	Claremont	473
Leon Baker	Swan Districts	473
Brad Hardie	South Fremantle	453
Phil Cronan	West Perth	433
Wally Matera	South Fremantle	432
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	426
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	426

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	418	132	249	1312
Don Langsford	Swan Dist	446	120	163	1132
Wayne Blackwell	Claremont	325	136	196	1125
Peter Thorne	East Perth	327	142	180	1113
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	406	99	201	1105
Leon Baker	Swan Dist	378	132	95	964
Cam Shepherd	Perth	443	100	107	957
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	390	106	119	946
Paul Vasoli	Sth Frem	319	86	178	933
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	375	102	110	901



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Ross Glendinning	N. Melb.	294	143	148	1019
Brian Wilson	Melbourne	254	122	154	928
Steven Wallis	Footscray	256	87	204	925
Terry Wallace	Hawthorn	479	64	125	921
Mike Richardson	Collingwood	268	112	158	920
Geoff Cunningham	St Kilda	212	102	198	914
Tony Shaw	Collingwood	275	82	193	907
Tim Watson	Essendon	351	96	120	879
Terry Daniher	Essendon	281	126	109	877
Russell Greene	Hawthorn	262	81	181	867



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Robb Hawkins	Sth Adel	175	135	196	972
Darryl Schimmelbusch	W. Torrens	330	86	182	952
Michael Aish	Norwood	317	108	154	949
Ian Borchard	W. Adel.	235	89	207	916
Jim Derrington	Sturt	255	62	222	885
Brendon Phillips	N. Adel.	252	95	172	881
Kym Dillon	W. Torrens	232	91	184	873
David Marshall	Glenelg	313	80	155	863
Peter Carey	Glenelg	149	126	165	857
Phillip Would	S. Adel.	262	74	181	846



LAST WEEKEND'S TOP PERFORMER

Claremont star Stephen Malaxos continued his outstanding form when he was again the most successful player in league football last week. Malaxos has had an outstanding season and he had more touches of the football last Saturday than any other player in the four WAFL games. He ran hard and long for his kicks and worked tirelessly for his team. His form in the last half of the season, in particular, has been largely responsible for the Tigers return to their best football.

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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.

August 13	West Australian	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	Channel 7	6PR	6KY	6IX	6WF	ABC TV	Umpires
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E. Perth v Subiaco	Steve Wright (EP) Spencer (EP) Magro (EP)	Rod Lane Spencer Edwards Magro	Peter Poat Ironmonger (EP) Edwards P. Lamb (S)	Paul Simpson Edwards Spencer Magro		Peter van Helden Edwards Thorne (EP) Spencer	Joe Fanchi Earnshaw (EP) Spencer P. Lamb		Ian Brayshaw Edwards Earnshaw P. Lamb	Eric Sarich Edwards Thorne Earnshaw	Rowe/ Graffin
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Perth v Cl'mont	Ken Casellas (C) Blackwell (C) Morton (C)	Geoff Worner Blackwell (P) Gandini (P) Davidson (C)	Kim Hagdorn Malaxos Blackwell Gandini	Mike Thomson Davidson Gandini Malaxos		Oscar Howard Daniels (C) Panizza (C) Malaxos	Tim Flynn Blackwell Gandini Davidson		Ray Lawrence Mitchell (C) Cousins (P) Blackwell	John Vukman Cousins Malaxos Mitchell	Mannix/ Buckey

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Foley led West Perth to a memorable win

WEST Perth had every reason to look forward to the 1960 season with a degree of confidence.

After all, 1959 had finished on a high note for them with Brian "Blue" Foley winning the Sandover Medal.

On top of that they had shown enough in qualifying matches to suggest they could be a force in the competition.

At the start of the season Don Marinko was named captain and he appeared the ideal leader.

However, trouble brewed mid-season and when Marinko had a disagreement with coach Arthur Oliver the players were asked to stand up and be counted and there was the hint they would go out on strike.

But instead of going on strike, they settled the differences within the club and Foley took over as the skipper.

After such turmoil it would have been difficult for the players to put their problems behind them and get on with the job of winning enough matches to ensure they played in the finals.

Foley was a fine leader and it was during these troubled times that he really stamped himself in that regard.

He had always been a man who had demanded the utmost respect from his team-mates and opposition alike and particularly after having won the 1959 Sandover Medal he was set to become a great player for West Perth.

Another great player around at West Perth at the time was rover Peter Medhurst and he recalls that West Perth did approach 1960 with a fair degree of confidence.

"We lost the first seven games of 1959," he says. "But we came home with a rush and in the end just missed out on playing in the finals."

"Then we recruited a few players from the east and we were confident as the 1960 season approached."

"Blue had been around a while at that stage and he had shown that he could be an outstanding leader.

"Some guys are just born leaders and he was one of them" Medhurst says. "Besides being a top knock ruckman, he had always had the spirit and guts to fight out a game."

"I remember one day when he was hammered by Jack Sheedy when he stuck his knees in Blue's kidneys he bounced back and helped us on our way."

CAPTAINS

They led their teams to a premiership

Following those good performances in 1959 West Perth should have been excited at the prospect of 1960.

And by the end of the qualifying round

GRAND FINAL 1960 8th OCTOBER

West Perth	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot
Goals	3:1	5:3	11:8	13:9	17:13
Williams 1, Fanchi 1, Langdon 1, Best 1, Ayre (EP) Farmer 1, MacGregor 1, Ayre (EP) Farmer, Kennock, Towner, Kelly, Foleys, Margaria, Free kicks WP 6, 10, 6, 5, - 27. EP 6, 3, 7, 3, - 19.					
Attendance 42,850.					
East Perth won toss.					

they had won enough games to be at the top of the premiership table.

They had earned a berth in the second semi final against East Perth and under the guidance of Foley they won that match by four goals and set themselves for the grand final.

East Perth then earned the right to challenge the Cardinals when they won convincingly against East Fremantle in the preliminary final.

West Perth had stamped themselves as the best team in the competition and with Foley leading the charge, there was no reason why they should not cap off a great season and end a premiership drought which had followed the euphoria of the 1951 premiership for the club.

West Perth were, however, slow out of the blocks and at quarter time in the 1960 grand final East Perth led by 14 points.

However, a big second quarter sewed up the match for the Cardinals.

They kicked eight goals to one and it was virtually all over by the long change.

Foley dominated in the ruck all day and helped to create the dominance around the ground required to win a game of this magnitude. They went on to win by 32 points and men who gave Foley tremendous support were Ray Marinko, and Frank Magaria.



Brian Foley with Peter Medhurst. During the late 1950s and 1960s they were a top combination.



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Club secretary and 16s coach Trevor Offer has compiled a list of juniors who have reached the 100 game mark and they all qualify for our bronze medallion.

The players are Darren Nabbs (ruckman, 100 games); Tony Strano (rover, 117 games); Glen Mooney (full back, 125 games); Frank Ietto (forward pocket, 127 games); John Strano (back pocket, 128 games); David Evans (forward pocket, 128 games); David Italiano (ruck-rover, 128 games); Bradley Offer (forward flank, 133 games).

Also in our latest list of Milestone Medallion winners is Glenn McCahon, who has notched 150 games with the East Perth-Highgate club. He started in 1972 as a six year old and plays in the back pocket.

Other 100 game achievers are:

BEN FONTI, 100 games with North Innaloo, playing at centre half back after starting in 1978 as an eight-year-old.

RUSSELL PRYER, 100 games with Hilton, starting in 1976 at the age of six and playing as a wingman or full forward.

BRUCE HARCOURT, a ruck-rover with the Bassendean club, starting at six years of age in 1975.

BRAD HEATLY, a wingman with the Whitfords club who started in 1977 at the age of seven.

STEVEN RODD, a back pocket player with Belmont, starting in 1977 at seven years old.

LUKE BREMAN, of Churchlands-Wembely, a defender who started in 1976 at the age of six.

DENIS RADEVIC, a ruck-rover with Mt. Lawley-Inglewood who started in 1978 at the age of six.

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FLYNN'S FOLLY

This week's Flynn's Folly goes to Perth reserves coach Allan "Chubby" Stiles for his off-the-cuff comments after his side had beaten Claremont by a point. 6KY's Les Mumme was on the spot to interview Chubby after the thrilling victory.

Chubby was in such a state of joy after the win that he forgot he was being interviewed live on air and he let slip with a choice adjective. He wins a bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut Champagne which should help him put the mistake out of his mind.

MOVING CLUBS?

BRUCE Bailey and Associates, a New South Wales firm of sporting consultants, are looking for players and coaches seeking to transfer to other clubs.

The organisation has been operating for four years, mainly on the East Coast, placing players and coaches with clubs at all levels.

East Fremantle's Peter Keays and Peter Hofner joined the Sharks via Bailey and Associates.

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◆ Trevor Sutton — signed as coach of Deniliquin and in his first year kicked 150 goals. The next year he kicked an Australian record of 249 goals.

◆ Frank Cranage — coached Hay to their first premierships in 100 years of senior football in 1982.

◆ Peter Ruscuklic — Myrtleford. Before signing he kicked an Australian record in metropolitan football, of 203 goals, for East Sydney.

◆ Greg Nicholls — A.C.T. league best and fairest in 1982 and coach of Myrtleford in 1983.

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TOP FOUR WIN

The top four teams in the South West National Football League all gave impressive performances last weekend.

Mines Rovers continued on their winning way when they thrashed Augusta-Margaret River 21.20 to 4.11 in an awesome display of their football prowess.

Bunbury scored a 70 point win over Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup in an impressive exhibition of their football talents. They were never in trouble of losing the match although the Cardinals did show some signs of improvement.

South Bunbury and Collie also scored comfortable wins over Harvey Brunswick and Donnybrook respectively.

In the other game Carey Park played a solid brand of team football to beat Busselton by 43 points.

FLAG FOR LEEMAN

AFTER nine successive grand final appearances Leeman have finally won a premiership.

The club is only 10 years old, but they have earned their way into the last nine grand finals in the Coastal Football Association and it wasn't until this year that they finally broke the ice.

The Coastal Football Association is a four team competition which begins in February each year and ends in July because it revolves largely around the cray-fishing season.

Leeman, Jurien Bay, Cervantes and Eneabba make up the competition. They play 12 qualifying games each year and after that the bottom team drops out, second and third play a semi final to decide who has the right to play the top team in the grand final.

This year Eneabba beat Jurien in the semi final, but Leeman proved too good in the grand final, winning 12.10 to 10.12.

Coached by Harold Wass they played a first class brand of football to record the historic win.

Gavin Showers won the fairest and best medal, the Ted Parker perpetual trophy, and he received solid support from other Leeman players Neville Murphy, Brett Heales and Bevan Bell.

Bell set the standard for courage when he fractured a collarbone in the first quarter, but played until the final siren sounded in front of a crowd of almost 2,000 people.

Cervantes are a new club to the competition. They entered the association when Dongara pulled out to join the North Midlands National Football League and they were coached by former Swan Districts player Dave Thomson. He has a member of Swans first premiership team in 1961 when he played on a half-back flank.

He believes they will improve with time. Leeman were sponsored by the Lazy Crab motel in Mandurah and 20 players and several officials spent five days at the tourist resort after their big win.

The Lazy Crab made available the

ABORIGINAL CARNIVAL

THE Wanderers Sporting Club played host this year to the football carnival in Moora.

Teams from Perth, Pinjarra, Meekatharra and Geraldton competed with some of the best Aboriginal footballers in the State.

The Wanderers club can be traced as far back as 1913 when an all-Aboriginal side played against teams in the Moora area. Their players came from far and wide and currently the club still relies on players from Moora and surrounding districts to form their team.

In the past four or five years the team has been extremely successful in various carnivals around the State from Geraldton in the north to Bunbury in the south.

With the success of so many Aborigines at league level the country carnivals can only serve the game well and benefit the younger players.

accommodation free of charge if the club could break the drought. They went to Mandurah after they had celebrated their victory by drinking eleven 18 gallon kegs. That worked out to sponsorship worth almost \$3,500.

Some top players have been produced in the competition and many of them continue in other leagues once their own season is finished.

One player, Steve Perham, who now plays in the Great Northern National Football League, could be the first man to kick 100 goals in the Geraldton-based competition.

The fairest and best player in the Coastal Football Association this year was Eneabba rover Doog Lindon.

KAL. STILL IN RACE

Bottom team Kalgoorlie stayed in the race for a finals berth in the Goldfields National Football League with an encouraging win over top team Mines Rovers on the weekend.

After a tight contest for three quarters, Kalgoorlie powered their way to a 51 point victory.

They were magnificently led by former Subiaco star Gerry Cotter and West Perth reserves player Garry Roberts. Roberts did not crack a league game for the Falcons, but he has been one of the stars of the Goldfields competition this season.

Ruck-rover Matt Smith and centre-half-forward Mike Stockley also played leading hands in the victory.

Former Claremont player Kim Bevan was one of the few Mines players to contribute over the entire four quarters of the match.

Kalgoorlie are now just one game out of the four.

Boulder kept their nose in front of the Roos when they scored an impressive win over Kambalda in the other game.

The Tigers led for most of the day before hammering home their advantage in the last quarter and going on to record a strong 30 point win.

Glen O'Loughlin, Ron Hill and Jeff James led the Boulder charge, while Kambalda's best players were ruckman Gary Holmwood, defender Rob Walker and ruck rover Colin Higgins.

ALBANY WIN

THIS week's winner of the Crestwood Inntown Perth Hotel weekend for two is Albany Royals ruck-rover Robin Waugh.

He played his 250th game recently for the Lions and throughout his career has been a regular member of Southern Districts combined sides.

Waugh has excelled in many sports in Albany and aside from football he has achieved outstanding results as a basketballer and cricketer.

As a member of Southern Districts teams in Great Southern carnivals he has also been a regular member of the Great Southern 20 - a team picked at the completion of the carnival each year.

He has played in numerous premierships with Royals and has done a great deal to promote the game in the country.

Waugh has always put back into football - a sport which has given him so much enjoyment - by always being among the first to volunteer his services to umpire junior matches.

The talented ruck-rover has also played a big hand at the club helping younger players make their mark in the game and is always prepared to offer advice to younger players.

If Royals are to win the premiership this year they need Waugh firing at his best and his form would indicate he could join the exclusive 300 club before his playing days are over.

With only 15 games played in the SANFL qualifying rounds for several seasons the milestone takes on even greater significance.

MINCHERTON'S MEDAL AGAIN?

THE Mortlock National Football League has broken with tradition by holding the annual fairest and best count away from league headquarters in Goomalling.

Instead the venue will be Wongan Hills and in another historic move the award will now be known as the Allied Leasing Fairest and Best Medal.

The count will be held next Monday night and five times winner Phil Mincherton, of Ballidu, is again expected to be right up with the leaders.

Other players with strong claims include former Perth half-back Chris Lee, Brad Sinclair and Murray King from Calingiri, Phil King and Greg Miller from Dowerin, Tim Bahen (Gingin), Goomalling's Peter Smith, Darryl Strathford (Wyalkatchem) and Mark Panizza (Wongan Hills).

Pingelly in boilover

Pingelly caused a boilover in the Upper Great Southern National Football League when they beat second top team Wickepin at the weekend.

For Pingelly it was their most impressive win of the season, while it was an untimely loss for Wickepin.

Pingelly had not been able to reproduce the brand of football which saw them as serious premiership contenders last year because of huge player losses, but they showed against Wickepin that they could still have a bearing on this season's finals.

They kicked 19.16 to Wickepin's 14.10 and that must present some worries to Wickepin as the finals draw near.

Boddington returned to their best form after a disappointing season when they proved far too good for West Arthur.

Towns gave an impressive display against Lake Grace and further enhanced their prospects in the finals. They won 17.14 to 14.15.

Lake Grace have steadily improved since their introduction to the Upper Great Southern this year and the loss was disappointing after their solid win over Wickepin in the previous week.

Williams, in another show of their football power, completely crushed Cuballing and coach Greg Cavanagh has them playing a brand of football capable of producing a premiership.

In the other game Railways proved far too strong for Wagin.

GOOD WINS

CUNDERDIN and Tammin game impressive performances in the Avon Football Association on the weekend.

Cunderdin scraped home by 11 points against a determined Federals combination, while Tammin proved far too good for Quairading and won by 121 points.

Other winners were Railways over Beverley and Brookton over Kellerberrin.

FAIREST AND BEST DETAILS

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AMATEUR NEWS



UNIVERSITY TOP THE SEASON

UNIVERSITY finished the season with a fine two-point win over arch rivals Old Scotch to take top spot and earn the rest next week.

Old Scotch could be considered unlucky, but should give them the confidence when they front the students again.

Trinity-Aquinas threw away a gift chance of playing in the finals when they were defeated by lowly Collegians, who proved once again that they do have ability.

However now both sides must take stock for 1984 and recruit sensibly as they are only two or three players away from being top sides.

In the game of the day, Nollamara took honours over Wembley in a battle which meant the end of the year for the losers.

As expected, big game player Stephen Smeath and Chris Raykos excelled and would have coach Colin Northcott smiling going into the finals round.

Old Wesley, with the opportunity of taking third place, disappointed against North Beach, who finished only one game out of the five.

The Beach were another hot and cold side over the season and are also only one or two players short of a top contender.

North must also stick with their coach. Maylands, with injuries, finished in disappointing fashion and appear to be in line for relegation. But as a club with tradition they will bounce back and won't be far from re-emerging in the A-Grade competition.

Mt. Lawley showed that they have the discipline to still be a threat in the finals with former West Perth player Peter Duncan back into top form.

Mt. Lawley will have a tough job defeating Old Scotch in the qualifying final this week.

Old Scotch must have big guns Moustaka, Wallwork and Paganini at their best to ensure their smaller players are brought into the game.

The hard game against Uni last week was a good build up for the finals and Old Scotch should win and go into the second semi.

In the elimination final, Nollamara should win with all their name players firing. Old Wesley are relying on too few players especially Dixon and Poole and must have the whole side contributing to be any chance.

B GRADE

NORTH Fremantle, with McKinnon, Goustone and Jenkins all in top form, face an out-of-form Bayswater in the elimination final and should win. However, they must first contain big game players McGinnity, Payne and Easton.

Scarborough should go into the second semi (after the qualifying final) against a shaky City Beach.

City must have all players in form instead of just a few, and must work harder when the opposition have control of the ball.

C.B.C. ensured top of the table status and a week's rest with a good win over Uni (No. 2).

A top performance by Reed, Dickie, King and the Cronan brothers paved the way for an easy victory.

But C.B.C. must avoid complacency when going into the finals because they could be in line for promotion to 'A' grade.

C GRADE

Both Forrestfield and Mt. Lawley No. 2 had good wins to finish the qualifying rounds.

Lawley should start favourites with their seasonal campaigners.

Forrestfield have performed creditably in 'C' and W.A.I.T. should prove too strong for Whitfords, who are renowned for their finals "wobbles". However, they could

MILESTONES

200 Games KIM VANN (Mt. Lawley) A classy wingman or rover, he was vice captain in the 1979 'A' premierships team. Club 'A' fairest and best winner in 1972-73 and 75; State player in 1971 against South Australia and 1973 carnival. Current captain coach of Mt. Lawley No. 2 team. Club treasurer in 1972.



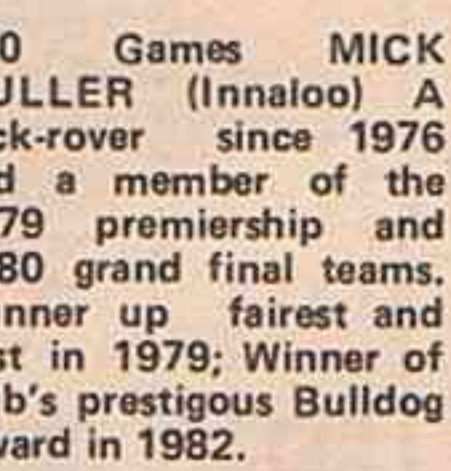
150 Games BILL PAYNE (Wembley). A ruck-rover with one of amateurs best interstate records. He was in the 1976 Adelaide carnival team; 1978 versus South Australia; Captain of the 1979 carnival team (Hobart); 1980 versus Victoria and South Australia; 1982 Perth carnival team and 1983 versus South Australia.



100 Games ANDY VOLARIC (St. Norberts) A half back he started in 1977 and was a member of the 1980 premierships and 1981 grand final teams. He was runner-up to the fairest and best in 1978, and won the most consistent award in 1979 and 1980 and the coaches award winner in 1981.



100 Games MICK MULLER (Innaloo) A ruck-rover since 1976 and a member of the 1979 premierships and 1980 grand final teams. Runner up fairest and best in 1979; Winner of club's prestigious Bulldog Award in 1982.



100 Games STEVE PASCOE Started with the club in 1977, won the coaches award in 1981 and most consistent 'E' grade in 1982. Served on the management committee in 1980 - 1981; Social Secretary 1982 - 1983.



THIS SATURDAY

ELIMINATION FINALS

'A' Grade: Nollamara v Old Wesley at Lathlain. 'A' Colts: Nollamara v Old Wesley at Lathlain. 'B' Grade: Bayswater v North Fremantle at Fremantle Oval. 'B' Colts: University No. 2 v Morley at Fremantle Oval. 'C': Mt Lawley No. 2 v Forrestfield at Robinson Reserve. 'D': Nollamara No. 2 v Brentwood at Balcatta Reserve. 'E': Collegians No. 2 v St Norberts at Earnest Johnson Oval. 'F': Scarborough No. 2 v Coolbell-up at Gilfraser Reserve. 'G': University No. 3 v Robbs Jetty at Tempest Park. 'H': Dianella No. 2 v Wembley No. 4 at Wordsworth Reserve. 'I': City Beach No. 2 v Bassendean No. 2 at Hamer Park. 'J': Coolbinia No. 2 v North Beach No. 4 at Dalkeith Oval. 'K': Applecross No. 2 v Hamersley No. 2 at Yaluma Park.

QUALIFYING FINAL

'A' Grade: Mt Lawley v Old Scotch at Leederville. 'A' Colts: Mt Lawley v University at Leederville. 'B': Scarborough v CBC at Perth Oval. 'B' Colts: CBC v Floreat-Marist at Perth Oval. 'C': WAIT v Whitfords at Inglewood Oval. 'D': Bassendean v North Beach No. 2 at Morrison Oval. 'E': Lynwood Ferndale v Bayswater No. 2 at Melville Oval. 'F': Koondoola v Coolbinia-Yokine at Hillcrest Park. 'G': Bullcreek v Melville at Karoonda Park. 'H': Whitfords No. 2 v North Beach No. 3 at Nollamara Oval. 'I': Scarborough No. 3 v City of Perth at City Beach Oval. 'J': ANZ v Collegians No. 3 at Coolbinia Oval. 'K': Brentwood No. 2 v Dianella No. 3 at Allan Park.

OTHER FINALS GAMES

First Semi Final

'C' Colts: Division 2 Hamersley v Mt Lawley No. 2 at Yaluma Park.

Second Semi Final

Sunday Division: Swan Athletic v AICA at Inglewood Oval.

All teams mentioned first are home team.

PUBLIC WELCOME

The public are invited to watch all games. Admission to closed grounds is \$2 adults, \$1 pensioners and students under 16.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Mout Lawley 29-17 d Maylands 2-8; Nollamara 11-22 d Wembley 12-14; Collegians 16-16 d Trinity 14-11; University 12-11 d Old Scotch 11-15; North Beach 12-19 d Old Wesley 7-10.

1st Semi Final Sunday Division Graylands 15.15 d Fire Brigades 9.5.

cause an upset with Tim Wright an experienced finals coach pulling a few tricks.

COLTS

'A': Mt. Lawley, missing top spot by percentage, have enough incentive to down University. Nollamara may find Old Wesley too strong over the four quarters. Old Wesley served notice of better times with a 14 goal last half against North Beach a week ago.

'B': C.B.C., defending their 1982 premierships, should force Floreat Marist into the first semi final next week.

Morley, the only shining light in their club, caused a major upset by downing leaders Scarborough. University No. 2 should have their work cut out to down Morley.

'C': Division 2. Mt. Lawley No. 2 and Hamersley have enjoyed limited success and it will be hard to predict the winner.

SUNDAY

A.I.C.A., chasing their third successive pennant, will find Swan Athletic (premiers in 1980) a difficult opponent with the loser facing up to the in-form winners of the first semi "Giant Killers" Graylands.

The Grays have come from nowhere in recent weeks and look to have their first premierships in sight.

MEDAL COUNT

AUGUST 24 at Wembley Lodge will see the counting of the league fairest and best voting in one of possibly the most open counts ever.

Nollamara's Neale Fong could be the only player to win the medal three years running. But he should have some strong opposition from Mike Salmon (University) Jeremy McGrade (Trinity-Aquinas) and Dixon (Old Wesley).

CLUB SECRETARIES NOTE

Club secretaries please note that the WINNING team during finals must phone the scores to W.A.A.F.L. secretary Bruce Wainwright (447 3502) before 6.30 pm on Saturday.

Clubs wishing to publish in Westside Football the quarter-by-quarter scores, best players and goalkickers during the finals should phone Trevor Schorer ('A' and 'B' teams) 272 4910 and John Davies (all other grades) 447 3774 on Sunday morning.

LIQUOR AT GROUNDS

Clubs are being continually warned that it is an offence to consume alcohol at grounds.

Despite many warnings, the management have decided to take stronger measures and have requested the Police to take the necessary actions to prevent drinking during the finals.

THE FUTURE

WITH the end of the qualifying rounds, half of the teams are already looking to the 1984 season.

Several clubs who have performed poorly in recent seasons will be seriously considering their future.

With the continued pressures to lift their playing standards and raise all-important club revenue, many clubs could think about the possibility of amalgamating with other nearby clubs in order to survive from year to year.

Some who have failed in recent years because of the closeness (in distance) of rival clubs could have achieved much more than just disbanding or continually dropping to a lower grade every year, if they had come to agreement and join forces with another club.

OTHER GRADES

'D': Little separates Brentwood and Nollamara No. 2. Brentwood have reached final rounds consistently, but have failed at the business end and they owe a big win to their hard working secretary Keith Mann, who has been a driving force behind the club.

Bassendean have had the wood over North Beach No. 2 in their clashes this season.

'E': Lynwood should account for Bayswater No. 2. St. Norberts grabbed fifth spot at the expense of an unlucky R & I Bank. Collegians No. 2 should prove to be too strong in the finish. St. Norberts have had good service from Haydon Dunn half-back, wingman Brad Viney, full back Ralph Martin and Andy Volaric.

'F': Koondoola, whipped by Scarborough No. 2 last week, have to rebound to down Keith London's Coolbinia - Yokine. Scarborough should end Floreat-Marist's No. 2 run and firm a favourite for a good final placing.

'G': Bullcreek have enough around-the-ground pace to hold Melville to a losing score. University No. 3 may find regular finals team Robbs Jetty a difficult proposition: Robbs have Lee Kelly, Hawkins and Bowe in fine form.

'H': This is the hardest grade to predict a winner. Whitfords No. 2 and North Beach No. 3 should provide fireworks with the double chance at stake. Dianella No. 2 moved from sixth place to displace fifth placed W.A.I.T. No. 2. Wembley No. 4 appeared to be stronger than their No. 2 and No. 3 teams throughout the year and are the only seminar team from the clubs in the finals.

'I': Scarborough No. 3 may find second-year club City of Perth too strong. City Beach No. 2 should account for Bassendean No. 2.

'J': ANZ Bank should easily down Rod Bickerton's Collegians No. 3 if form counts for anything. ANZ lost several early games through ineligible players have amassed a percentage of over 280. Collegians have enough tall timber to dominate the ruck. Coolbinia will have to pull out all stops again to prevent the North Beach No. 4 from advancing into the 1st semi.

'K': Brentwood No. 2 and Dianella No. 3 are evenly matched, as are Applecross No. 2 and Hamersley No. 2. Winners will be hard to pick. Hamersley should have great support from club members who have had a disappointing year in 'C'.

RADIO SHOW

Every Thursday afternoon the W.A.A.F.L. has a segment on Amateur Football on Radio 6PR. It is heard on John Hunt's Sportstalk programme. The amateur round-up has been successful and is generally put to air around 3.15 p.m.

DINNER

The League's annual dinner will once again be held at Wembley Lodge on Friday, October 28.

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DOCTOR FOOTBALL

GROIN INJURY

SOME groin injuries can be frustrating because once they become moderately severe, the results of treatment are generally poor.

Because of this, I refer to the groin injury as the cancer of the football injuries.

It is imperative that players, coaches and trainers realise that the only way to treat this problem is to stop the injury reaching the stage whereby treatment offers little.

What do I mean by the severe groin injury?

In medical terms, it is called adductor tendonitis. When more severe, it can go onto what is called osteitis pubis.

With some players, there is also instability and tenderness over the pubic symphysis, which is a joint in front of the pelvis made of fibro cartilage. See diagrams below.



Translating all this into simple terms, there are a group of muscles in the upper thigh called the adductor muscles. They attach onto the pubic bone.

If these adductor muscles are strained and torn low down, the outlook is usually good as they are treated as normal muscle tears. They usually heal at the same rate as ordinary muscle tears, and with a program of physiotherapy, stretching and strengthening the outlook is good.

However, when the tear or strain is at the insertion onto the pubic bone, the problem is a little more difficult.

Inflammation sets in at this junction and can be very hard to shift. The only known treatment that does work is complete rest.

Physiotherapy offers only little hope, because there is not much blood supply to be stimulated at this site. Cortisone injections give misleading temporary relief and give the false impression that the injury has healed only for it to relapse further several weeks after its use.

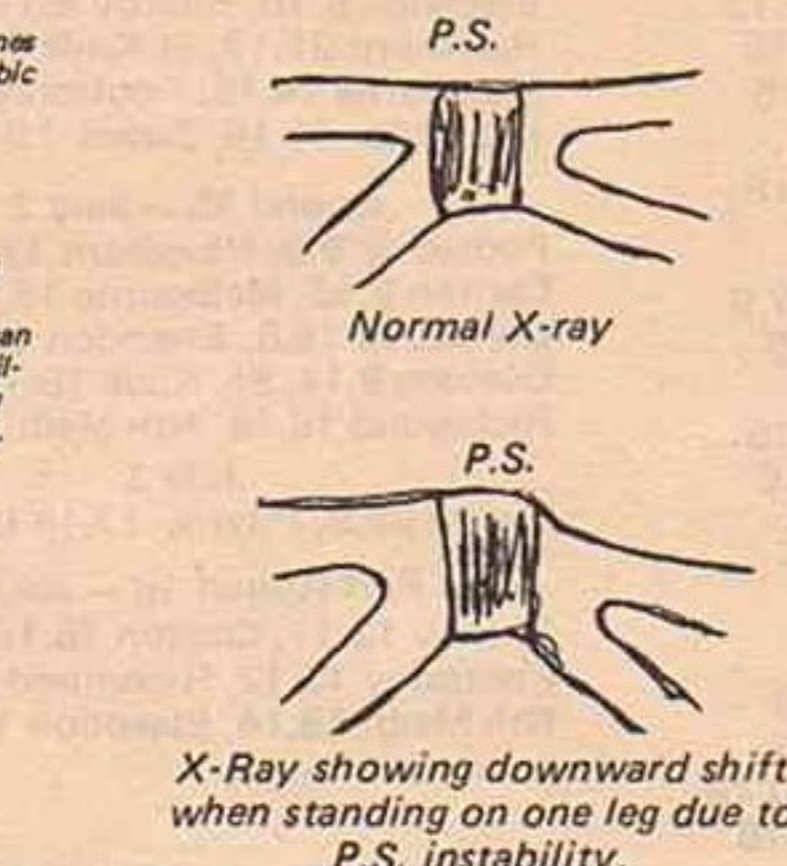
I guess it may have a place when there are just one or two games left at the end of the season. However, a player in this situation would have lost so much match fitness through his inability to train correctly, that it would be a silly decision to play him.

The injury usually becomes chronic because of the vicious cycle players get in to. They try and run out the injury and indeed, when one continues to train and play, the body produces its own pain killer, called Endorphin, from the brain. Thus when warmed up, often the pain is not felt. The player gets through training or a game.

However, they fight an uphill battle. I have seen players soldier on by swallowing pain killers or having injections to play and then next day have difficulty even walking!

Often they progress to a stage where they also develop inflammation of the pubic symphysis and instability at this centre joint in the pelvis. This instability can be demonstrated on x-rays. See diagram.

P.S. = Pubic symphysis joint



Once players get to this stage, they have a real problem. Coaches will tell you that these players' performances generally drop below the required standard.

Rest has its best results only if the injury is caught at its early stage. There have been cases where players have rested for one or two years and still the injury has not resolved.

This is because they didn't attempt to commence their rest and treatment when the injury was of only mild severity.

Pubic symphysis (P.S.) fusion operations have been performed where there is a lot of instability.

Dr. Football

WAFU REPORT

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

WANNEROO TO ATONE

WANNEROO will be out to atone when they play South Perth at Kingsway Reserve on Sunday.

The Roos led by 25 points at three-quarter-time in their last clash, but Souths turned on a blistering final term to run out 10 point winners.

Coach Stuart Hillier will be reminding his charges of South Perth's ability to beat top sides and he will be looking for big games from in-form players Steve Finch, Colin Blabb, Glen Yabuka, Greg Rich and Mick Fuller.

Sunday's encounter gives both sides the opportunity to prove their finals potential.

The Roos must win to finish the qualifying rounds on top of the table, while the Tigers can confirm their late-season form a week before they take on the much-feared Applecross Hawks, in the first semi-final.

Big Ron Webster turned in a top performance last week against the tall timbers from Southern Port and he was ably backed up by 6ft 7in Kevin Dale, who has improved with each outing.

The Roos big-man brigade is led by evergreen Dennis Williams and he has worked effectively all season to bring running players like Hillier, Rob Sailor, Mal Kay and Blabb into the play.

Wanneroo will not have it all their own way against the Tigers band of runners in Kim Castle, returning to the side after a two week lay off, Tony and Vince Capriotti, Dave Nelson, newly-found ruck rover Gary Diver and coach Kerry Coates.

A feature of both team's huge wins last week was the number of forwards to figure in the goal-kicking, giving further evidence of the opportunists they have.

The Roos exploited the second-half fade-out that has become a poorly-accepted trait of Mosman Park when they produced a 15-goal half while holding the Reds to only one major score.

The Roos led by just one point at half-time but Mosman failed to follow up their hard work from the first half.

While the Roos turned on their might for the second half to hold their top-of-the-table billing, South Perth produced a solid four quarter performance to blitz Southern Port, by 136 points.

The Tigers had many good players, but none better than 18-year-old centre-half-back Peter Kiely, who has developed into a fine defender and looks destined to make the move to a WAFL club next season.

Belmont's big chance

AFTER their convincing 52 point win last week over Melville, Belmont can have their best season for some time with a win on Sunday and finish in fifth spot on the premiership table.

The Bombers who had not won a game for two seasons before this year travel to Perrott Reserve to play Mosman Park and confirm their reputation as the most improved side in the competition.

Osborne Park finish off the home-and-away fixtures with an easy run. After their tough encounter with Applecross last week they now play host to wooden spooners Melville at Balcatta Reserve.

The Hawks threw everything at the Saints in the first half to have the scores level at half-time. But superior fitness and fast running mid-fielders like Wayne Loxley, Peter Gianoli, Ken Ferguson, Ker Rich and Kim Dellacqua saw the Saints exert their authority to notch a 30-point win.

The turning point was the seven goal break the Saints established in the third term when Loxley and Gianoli were at their best.

The Hawks had no answer to these two — and that's something coach Mick Jez will need to look at before the finals.

Jez will be pleased at the efforts of big man Steve Carey who was the best ruckman afield, Paul Baker, Dave Watson and captain Mick Pember.

Saints officials have a worrying two weeks ahead as they await the outcome of injuries to key players Gerard McNeill and Peter Gianoli.

Coach McNeill left the field early last Sunday with a dislocated collar-bone while Gianoli has three fractured ribs.



Wayne Loxley

Player of the week

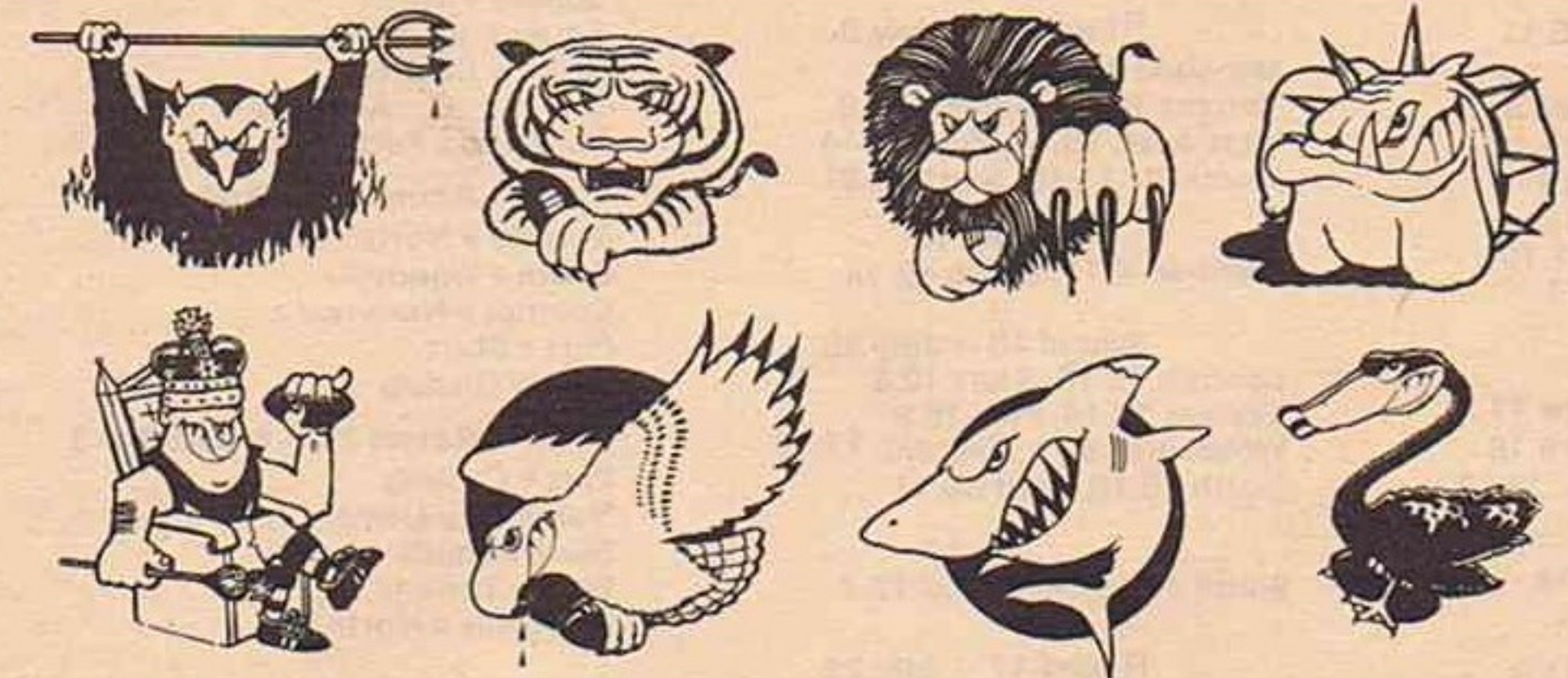
OSBORNE Park had to produce a power-packed third quarter to throw off the determined challenge the Applecross Hawks put up last week.

Much of the credit for the big third term goes to their running players and again they were led by the fit and effervescent East Perth football club fitness advisor, Wayne Loxley.

Loxley has been in superb form all season and shapes as a vital link in the Saints make up for this year's final round.

The 24-year-old fitness fanatic can take off what must be a rare double. As winner of the South Suburban fairest and best medal last season, Loxley is expected to figure prominently in the WAFU British Paints medal this year.

Loxley has already earned the stamp as WAFU recruit of the year and on the eve of the finals he had added further acclaim as Westside's player of the week.



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WESTSIDE WINNERS



Claremont v S. Fremantle

South will be like Swans last week, looking forward to better days - perhaps in a fortnight's time.

BOB CRIBB
Westside Football



Swans v Perth

Swans will take the big stick out to Perth and by the end of the game it will be the wooden spoon.

KEN MCAULLAY
Channel 7



Subiaco v West Perth

It will be a friends and relations match and if I have to make a choice then it will be West Perth.

FRED WOODS
Westside Football



E. Fremantle v East Perth

The Sharks might be babies, but they're hungry for success and they plan to indulge in a right royal feast this week-end.

ALAN EAST
Western Mail

Who will be there?

THE question all football followers are asking this week is who will play Swan Districts in the first semi-final?

East Perth play East Fremantle in what has to be a mini grand final.

I watched the Sharks beat West Perth last Saturday and while they have great skills and youthful exuberance, there are several aspects of their team play that could cause their demise under pressure.

Too many players in their forward zone try to do too much; in other words, kick all the goals themselves.

Pressure games rely on a "Team" scoring more than another "Team" - not individual glories.

Running to chase or block is another area of concern in the Sharks team-play.

Whilst modern day teams rely on attack, the top sides all have players who can defend fiercely when required, particularly mobile players.

Against West Perth, neither side were

disciplined enough to defend at a level required to defeat the top sides in the competition.

The reason that the Royals can win is the players they have who are disciplined and hard-working under pressure situations.

I'm not just talking about the Peter Spencer, Dean Turner or Peter Thorne, but the Stan Magro, Greg Walsh, Russell Sparks, Michael Christian, Lance Kelly Robert Solin and Craig Earnshaw who never admit defeat and are always doing the unspectacular "little things" that make the difference between success and failure.

When these players break the opposition's spirit with fierce tackling, body work, punching, shepherding and checking, then the game will be finished off by Spencer, Thorne, Turner and Co. Who have great individual skills.

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



Feeling in the air

LIKE the beginning of spring, there is a different feeling in the air at this time of year in the football world.

We are just about to move out of the long home and away games and into "finals time."

Clubs throughout WA - both senior and junior - have either just started or are about to start finals.

Finals are what the season is all about; all the hard training, the injuries, disappointments and sacrifices all players in any grade have to go through in an Australian football season.

Finals are when everyone becomes level again and can display how much they have learnt as a team during the season.

Finals display the team-work and team commitment needed to make one side better than another. Individuals can never do what a disciplined team can.

Coaches have spent hours and hours instilling the necessary commitments for success into all team individuals.

Yes, it is what football is all about.

Well done, Whitfords!

I WAS invited to speak to the coaches of the Whitfords Junior Football Club recently - and I was impressed by their organisation and application.

They had advertised for a Director of Coaching early in the season and made him responsible for the training of all coaches within the club.

It was great to see a club run by enthusiastic parents with no financial support and being handled professionally when it comes to the importance of their coaching staff.

What a great idea for all other junior clubs.

Mighty Melly

GRAHAM Melrose recently retired from the football arena after a magnificent playing career.

The decision to retire would be the hardest any player who loves the game ever has to make. In Melly's case retiring when you are captain of a team that could win back-to-back premierships makes it even harder.

Apart from his days at North Melbourne and East Fremantle, Melrose would have to go down in the Hall of Fame at Bassendean.

His attitude to the game has helped develop Swans into the WAFL's power team.

Players of Melrose's character are few and far between. I am sure the young players at Swans have been privileged to play with one of the game's greats.

Banned!

WOODVILLE coach Malcolm Blight has adopted an interesting tactic.

Blight banned all Woodville players from attending the social rooms after a game until they won.

Blight believed that the members had accepted the team being beaten and this had a bad effect upon the players.

Coming from perhaps the most professional club in Australia - North Melbourne, where there is only one accepted way, WINNING - Malcolm Blight no doubt has found it hard to coach at a club where losing is accepted.

Dinner for two

The great dinner for two at the Vegas Hotel goes to Neville Fields from the Sharks camp.

I was critical of his attitude at the start of the season, but now have to compliment him on sticking at it and now he is a regular member of the league team with worthwhile contributions. Well done Neville.

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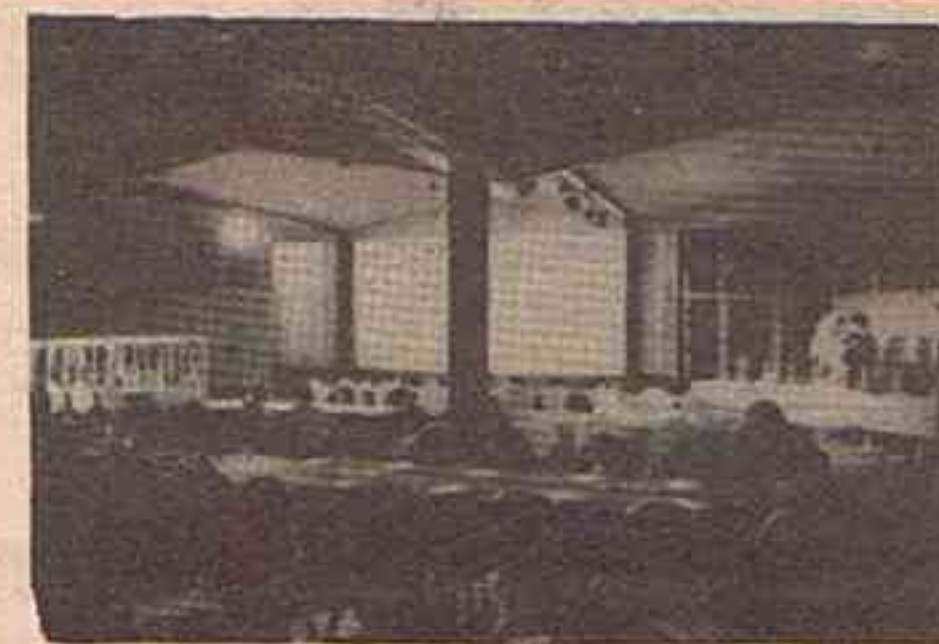


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