

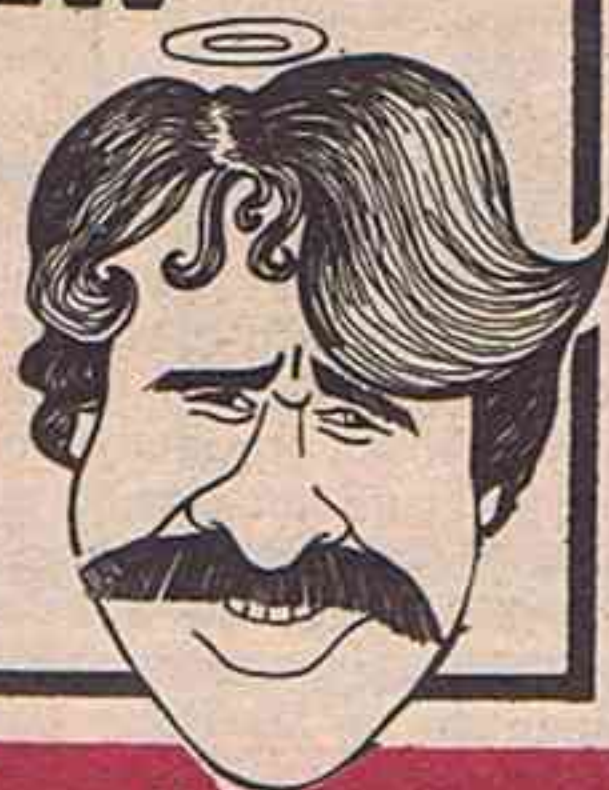
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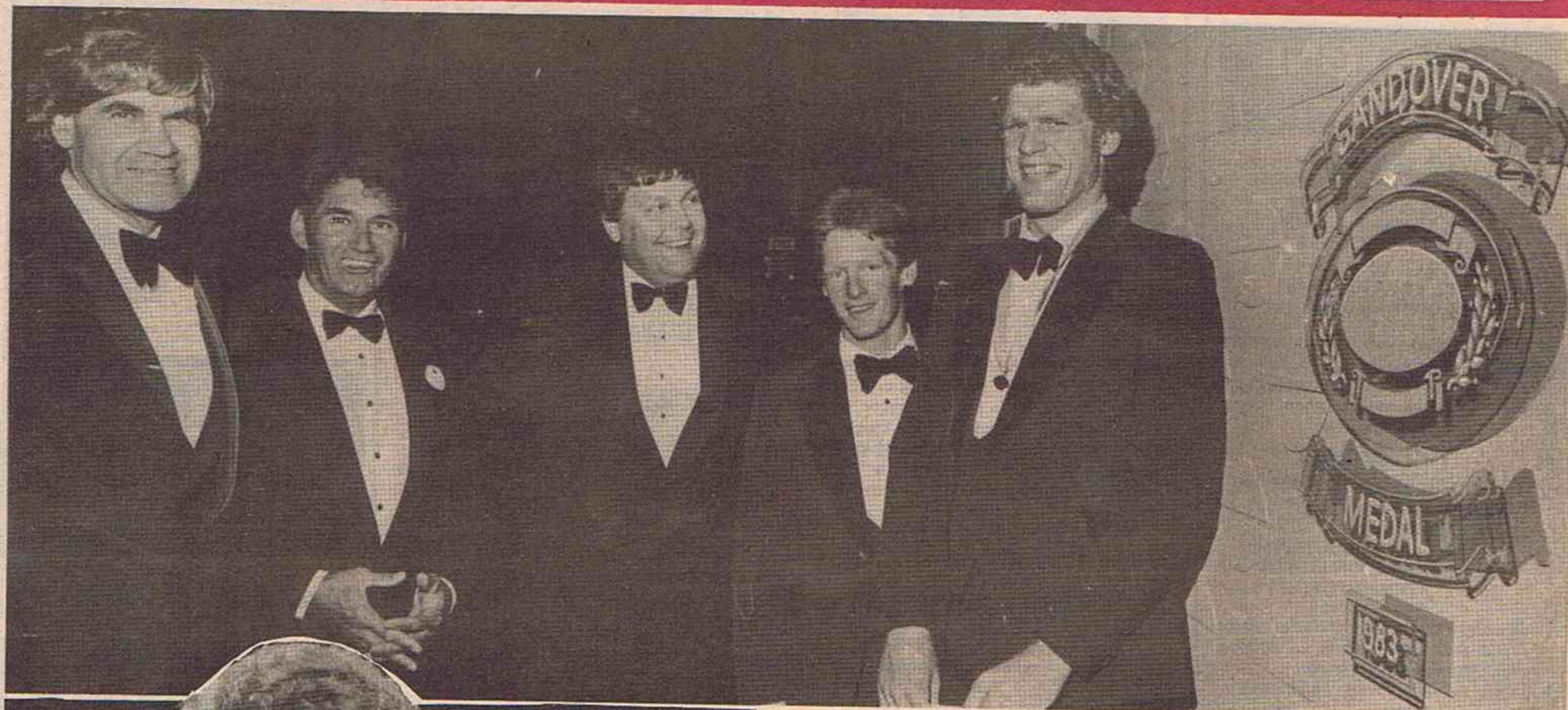
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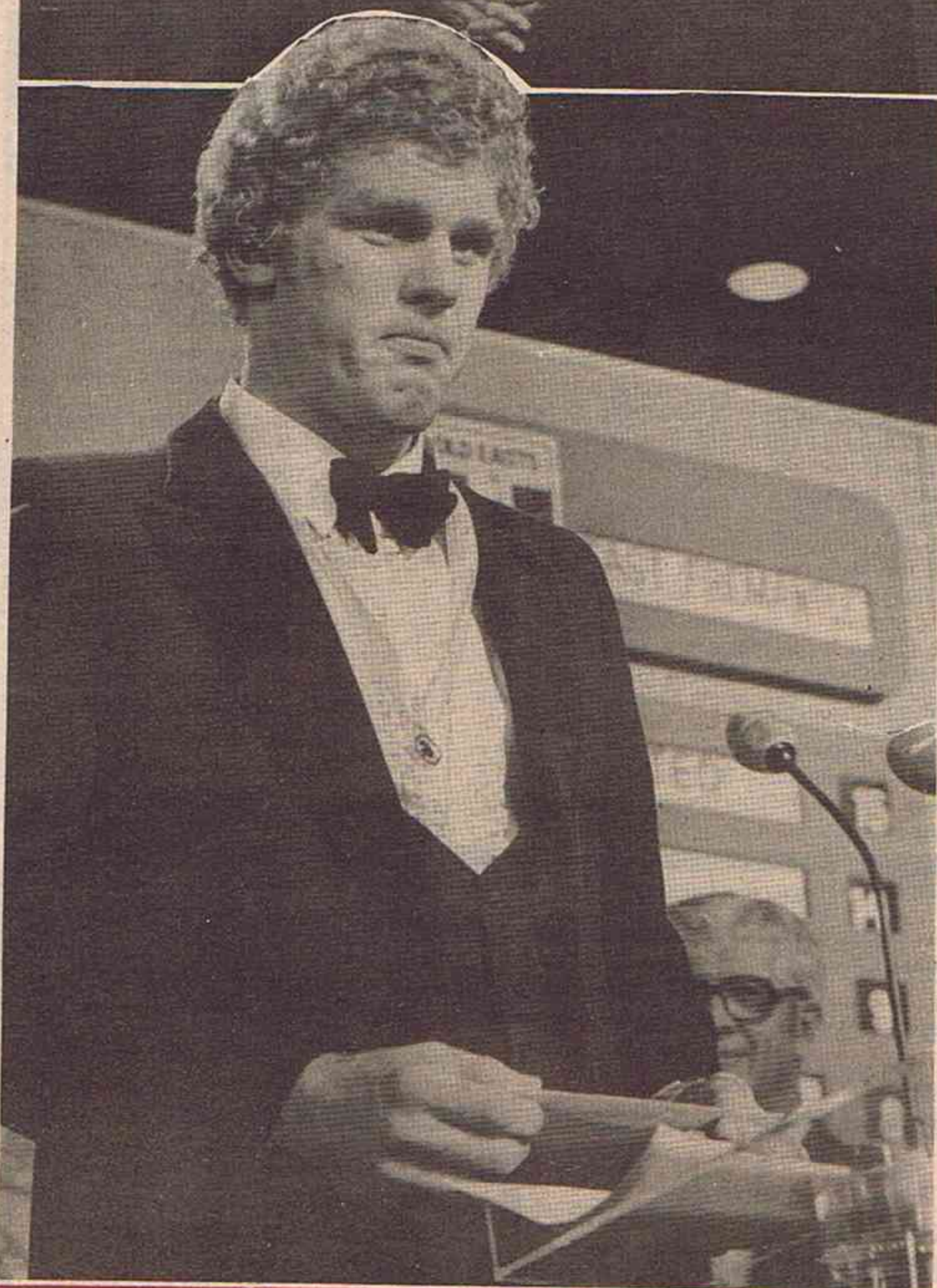


Supports the Australian game



ABOVE: THE Royals are flushed with their success — photographer Richie Hann captured five East Perth Sandover Medallists at Tuesday's count (from left) Graham Farmer (1956-60), Ted Kilmurray (1958), Mal Brown (1969), Peter Spencer (1976) and the latest addition, John Ironmonger.

LEFT: John Ironmonger . . . he can't believe it's for real!



ROYAL FLUSH

THE incredible success of East Perth footballers in the State's most prestigious award — the Sandover Medal — was confirmed once again this week.

Big John Ironmonger — "I'm completely stunned" — became the ninth Royal to win the WAFL award for the fairest and best player in the competition since the club's resurgence as a football power in 1956.

That gives East Perth an average of a Sandover Medallist every three years. In fact, East Perth have now won the medal in five of the last nine years.

Ironmonger's tally of 16 votes is the lowest since 1975 when, ironically, East Perth's Alan Quartermaine won with 16. Before that the lowest was 15 votes — also an East Perth player — Graham Farmer back in 1956.

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HANDBALL FINAL

TWELVE of WA's best young footballers will gather at the Garden City shopping centre in Booragoon on Thursday, September 1 for the 1983 handball final.

The 12 heat winners range in age from nine to 14 and have reached the final by winning tough elimination events at their local shopping centres.

The event, sponsored by Elastoplast and supported by the WAFL and Freddie Footballer, will see \$300 worth of Adidas

vouchers distributed to the top three place-getters, plus \$250 cash to the junior club of the winner.

The 12 finalists are:
 Brian Sutherland (14) Karrinyup; Ricky Ogilvie (13) East Victoria Park; Marc Bonini (13) Wilson; Chris Jurkov (10) Booragoon; Justin Hughes (10) Beckenham; Mark McPartland (13) Marmion; Paul Yakas (9) Hamilton Hill; Brett Netherway (10) Kewdale; David Callow (12) Swanview; Ben Beale (13) Greenwood; Mark Luscombe (12) Dianella; Brett Donnelly (10) Orelia.

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- Ed Blackaby (SD) 45
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- Stephen Mount (SF) 46*

* 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) 96*
- Rod Lester-Smith (EP) 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

- Peter Spencer (EP) 149
- Alex Hamilton (EP) 147
- Brian Adamson (WP) 146*
- Russell Ellen (WP) 144*

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OVER THE FENCE



Milestone man

A MILESTONE with a difference is worth recording this week. Tom Rowlands, one of the perpetual faces around the Swan Districts camp, will celebrate his 250th game as team manager with the club this Saturday. Tom keeps all the records of Swans players and always makes sure that the media know about player-milestones. Now it's his turn.

Numbers up

BRUCE Monteath and Chris Stasinowsky took the field in unfamiliar guernseys in the game against Claremont last week. Monteath, who has almost made guernsey number 11 famous at Fremantle, appeared in number 36 while Stasinowsky, who has worn No. 2 since joining the Bulldogs last year, took the field in number 23.

Talent on show

THERE was a lot of talent on display at East Fremantle Oval last week when the Sharks did battle with East Perth in what was virtually an elimination final. But there was also a fair amount of talent sitting under the scoreboard on the hill. Former East Perth and Hawthorn player Ian Scrimshaw was an interested spectator along with State cricketers Geoff Marsh and Greg Shipperd and Australian Test batsman Graeme Wood, who also played league football with East Fremantle.

Promotion

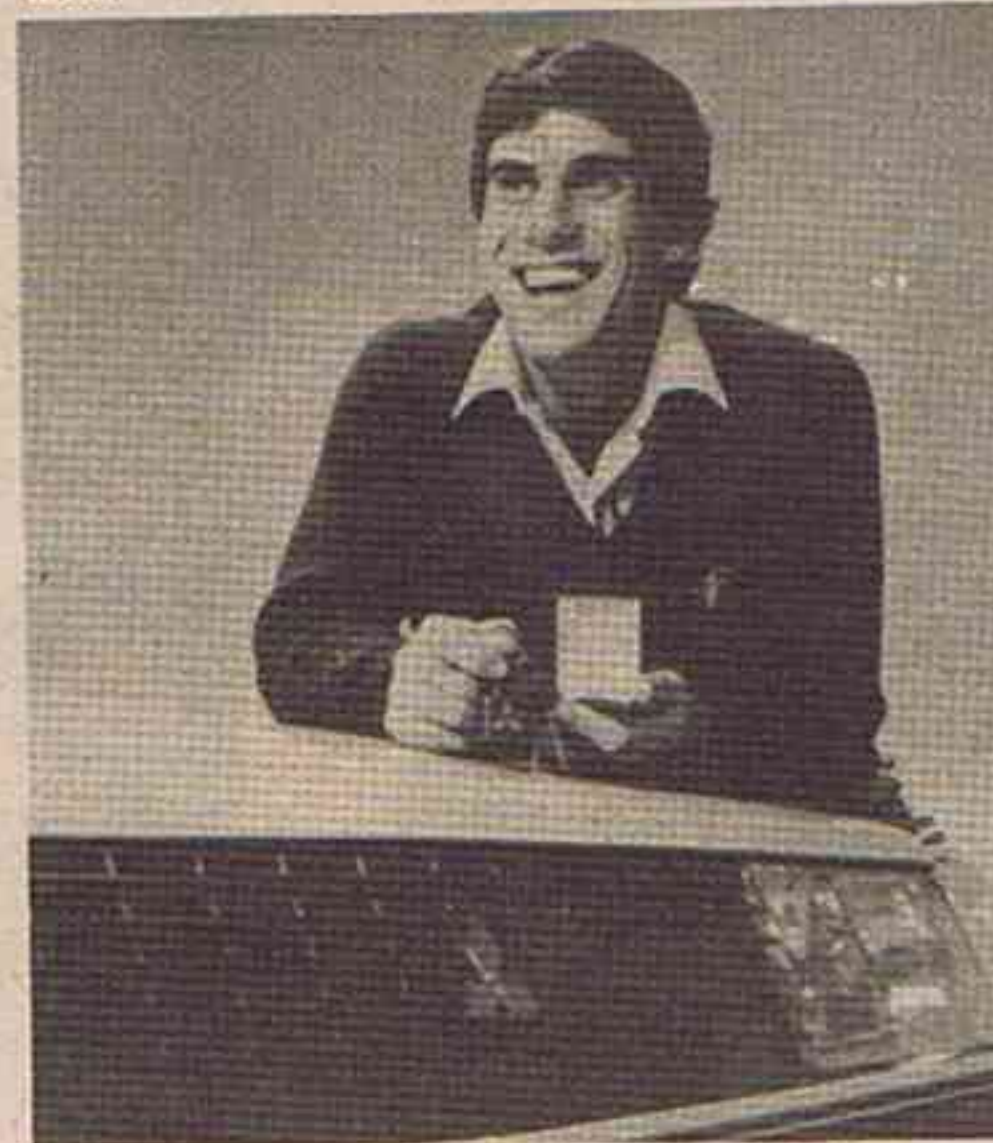
AS part of the big promotion before Saturday's clash at East Fremantle Oval, the Sharks had three motor bike riders doing laps around the ground to promote a motocross they intend holding at the ground in October. In addition they had several champions of the past including Con Regan, Jack Clarke, Wilson Onions, Ken Holt and Ray Sorrell displaying the new jumper they will adopt next season. It was the start of a great day for the East Fremantle club.

"First" for Ducky

WEST Perth tough-man John Duckworth must surely go down in history as the first runner ever to have a giant banner prepared for him to run through. The West Perth Cheer Squad, anticipating that The Duck would retire at the end of this season, thought they would give him a send-off of their own and they made a banner thanking him for his services. The only problem was that Ducky was injured and he could not take his place in the side. Instead he acted as team runner. However, the run-through was not a complete waste because they also congratulated Paul Mountain on his 150th game and he was able to lead the Falcon players onto the ground.

Members tribute

EMOTIONS were running high at Bassendean in more ways than one last Saturday. Swans and State coach John Todd had taken media representatives to task in the Swan rooms after the game, but things were a lot more pleasurable at the club's trophy presentations later when members paid tribute to two football greats. Graham Melrose, who had recently announced his retirement, addressed members as did 279 game man Stan Nowotny. Members showed the great respect they have for the two with standing ovations as they took the dais.



Claremont centreman Stephen Malaxos was a happy man after winning a new Sigma Mitsubishi sedan for being judged the Channel 7 Footballer-of-the-Year on Sunday. The star Tiger polled 27 votes to win the Mick Cronin Medal and the car ahead of East Perth ruck rover Peter Spencer, who gathered 20 votes during the season.

Busy day

SUNDAY'S World of Sport programme was the big day of the year when all the season's awards are handed out — and it proved to be a busy one. Firstly Town and Country WA's Ray Turner presented South Fremantle president Roy Annear with a \$12,000 cheque for being the minor premiers. Then Claremont centreman-cum-ruck-rover Stephen Malaxos was presented with a trip for two to Singapore on being judged the Luxaflex-6IX Footballer of the Year. It was then Marlboro's turn when State manager Barry Milsome presented Claremont president Wal Maskiell with a \$5,000 cheque for winning the third series of the Marlboro Cup. Mr Annear received \$1500 on behalf of the Bulldogs for running second. It was then back to Malaxos and East Perth ruck-rover Peter Spencer. Malaxos won the Channel 7 Footballer of the Year — the Mick Cronin Memorial Medal and the keys to a new Mitsubishi. Spencer, who was runner-up, was presented with a cheque for \$1,000. Warren Ralph won the galkicking award from TVW 7 and he collected a cheque for \$2,000.

Birthday greetings

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

John Bellotti (EF) 19 on 25th.

John Begg (SF) 25 on 27th.

Gavin Whittington (P) 19 on 30th.

Wayne Blackwell (C) 23 on 30th.



Brian Dawson (SD) 25 on 31st.

Murray Gomm (C) 19 on 31st.

Steven Irons (EP) 25 on Sept. 1st

Tony Solin (SD) 26 on 3rd.

Robert Solin (EP) 26 on 3rd.

Norm Tower (P) 24 on 1st.

Harry Mumford (P) 21 on 2nd.

Ray Holden (WP) 24 on 3rd.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

FIRST SEMI FINALS AT SUBIACO OVAL

Colts: Sth Fremantle v Swans — 9.20 am. Reserves: Claremont v Swans — 11.25 am. League: Swans v East Fremantle — 2.20 pm.

EAST FREMANTLE L L L L W W L W W L L W W L W L L L W W W10 WINS
 SWAN DISTRICTS L W W L W L W L W W W W W W W W W L W16 WINS

1983 CLASHES: April 9 (East Fremantle Oval) Swans 18.24 b East Fremantle 9.9; June 11 (Bassendean Oval) Swans 30.15 b East Fremantle 15.11; July 23 (East Fremantle Oval) Swans 13.22 b East Fremantle 8.8.

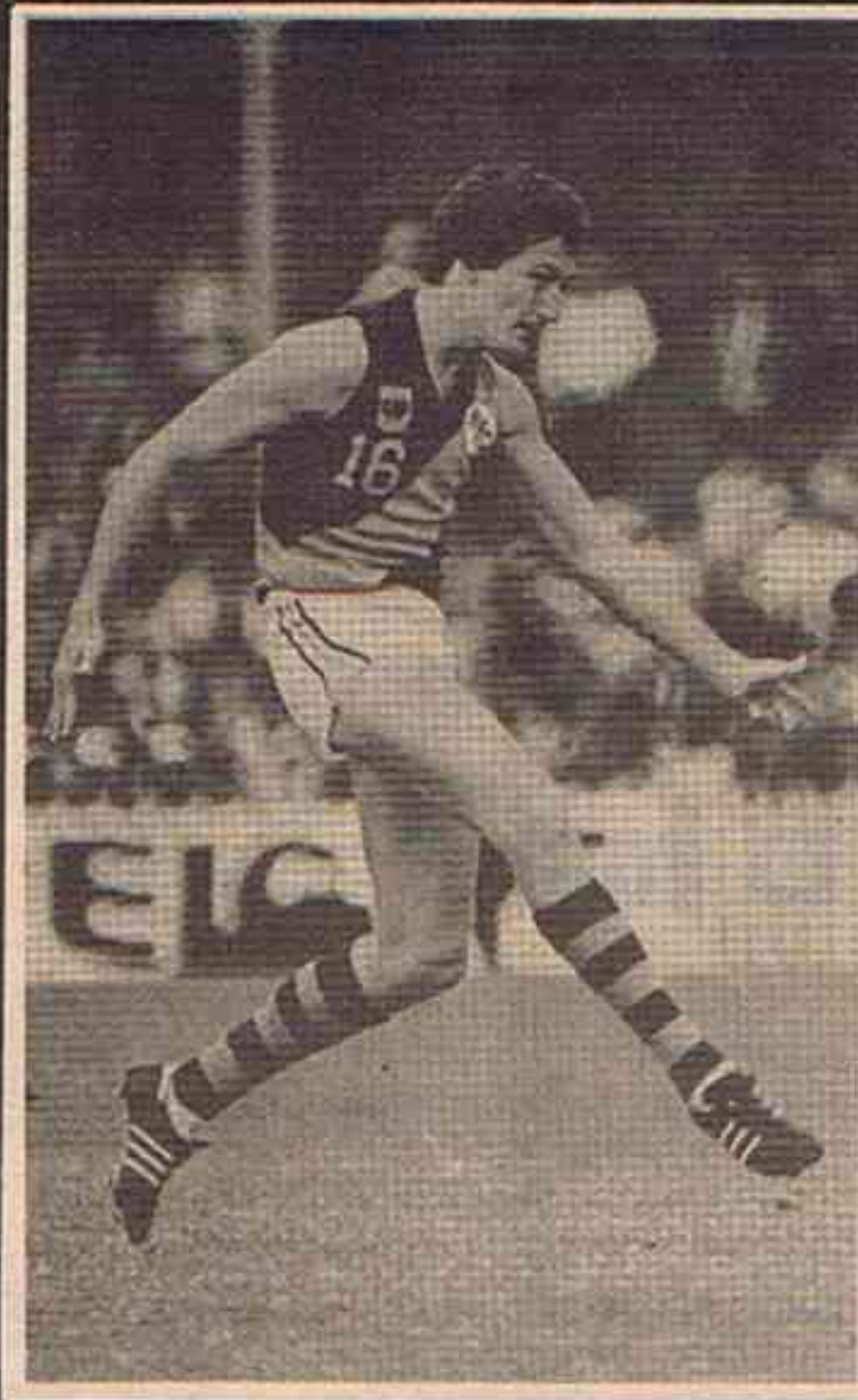
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OUR WINNERS

WARREN RALPH
TOP GOALKICKER

Swan Districts ruck rover Don Langsford and Claremont's champion full forward Warren Ralph are Westside Football's big winners for the 1983 season.

Langsford proved to be the most consistent footballer in WA when he won the Westside Football - Crestwood-Inntown Perth Hotel player ratings.

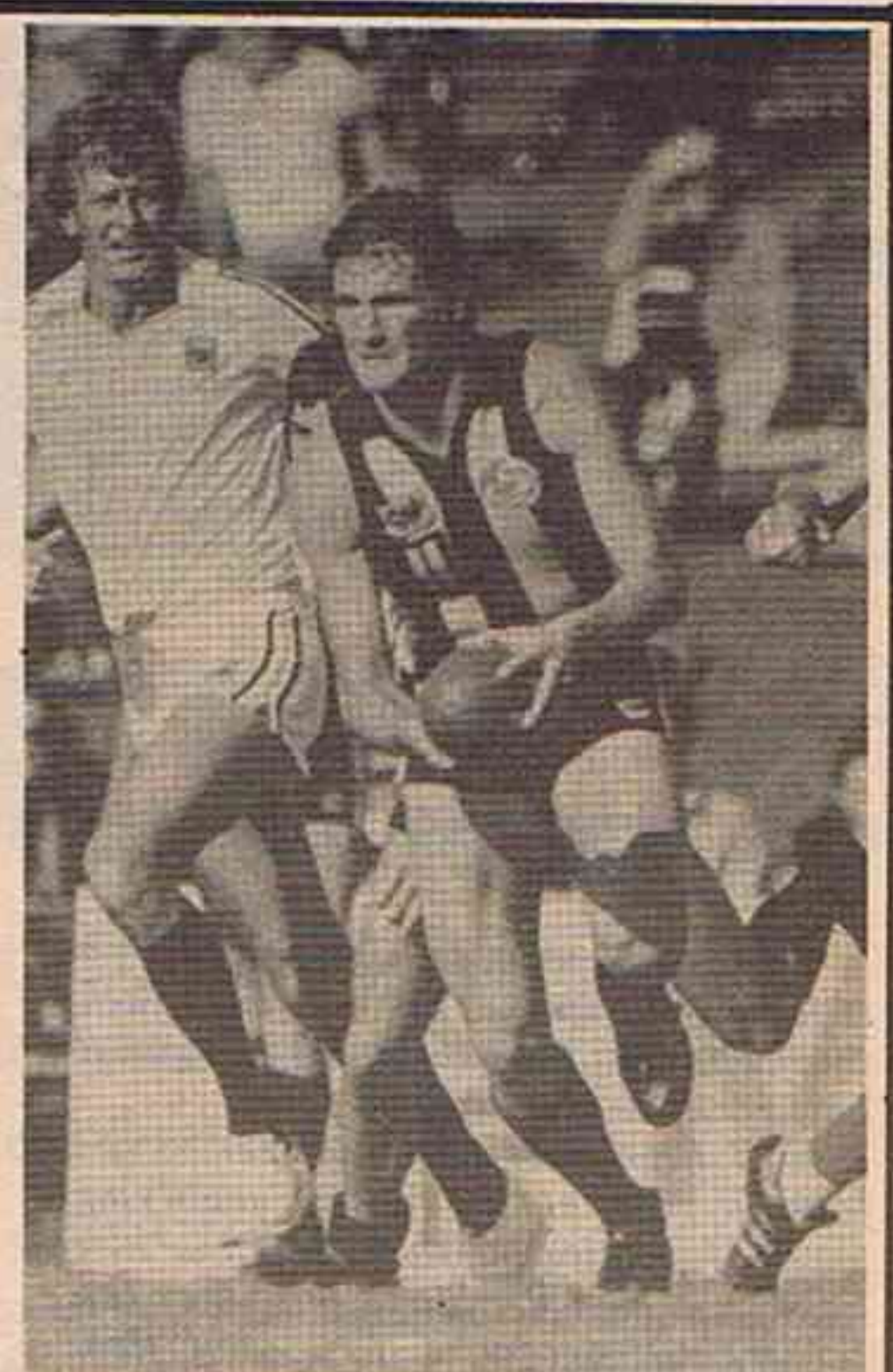
He had been in front most of the season and went on to become one of the easiest winners in the history of the award.

Players are judged on their performance by Westside Football's panel of experts at every game and given a mark out of 10. At the end of it all Langsford had polled 147 votes - an average of seven and his nearest rival was Peter Spencer on 141 votes.

Langsford receives a trip for two to Darwin, plus one week's accommodation and the use of a hire car free of charge.

For the fourth year in succession Ralph has won our Marlboro Golden Boot award for being the leading goal kicker in the WAFL.

He finished with 123 goals to his credit and won a miniature Golden Boot and \$1,000 cash from Marlboro.



DON LANGSFORD
RATINGS WINNER

FOOTBALL MEMO:

Messages for a few mothball people

THE football season is over for half of the WAFL's establishment; the boots are in mothballs; the jumpers are being dry-cleaned for the last time - and the post-mortems are in full swing.

So, with that in mind, here are a few short memos to a variety of people involved in those bottom-four clubs in the hope that they can win a little more in '84.

Firstly the Royals...

MEMO GREG BREHAUT: Congratulations; you have done well in your debut year in the hot seat at East Perth, even if you are the first Royals coach since Ray Giblett in 1974 to be watching on at finals time. You have weathered a pre-season storm that looked set to engulf quite a few people and you have given us a variety of young and talented first-year players.

MEMO CRAIG EDWARDS: Big fellow, you have been a disappointment this year, but don't despair. You can bounce back next year, so shrug off the frustrating moments you have had this season and work your butt off in the summer months. You need to use your body more and become totally attacking in your football.

MEMO ALEX HAMILTON: Don't panic about your failure to reach that 150-game milestone with East Perth that you set yourself when you returned from Subiaco. You are a worthy life membership candidate at East Perth and the break over the summer months should help you freshen up and get fully fit.

Over to West Perth...

MEMO DENNIS COMETTI: There is considerable feeling that you have shown dedication to the cause above and beyond your normal call to duty. Anyone who sacrifices the chance of going to Los Angeles to cover the Olympic Games simply to coach your favourite football side deserves commendation.

Hopefully, those senior players who you have stuck with this season will decide to

reward your loyalty with gutsier efforts next year. Hopefully, also, some of the senior players who preferred to keep their skins intact this year, losing their reputations in the process, will find that football is really a man's game and there is no place for the faint-hearted.

MEMO ROD BROWN: Well, we certainly missed your outspoken comments in the latter half of the season. One wonders who applied the "gag" after some of those headline-grabbers in the early part of the year; it was good stuff for us scribes.

One word of caution, however. There are rumours of a split in the camp, the old (Cardinals Brigade) versus the new (Falcons men); let's hope that this doesn't eventuate. Divisions at West Perth will only put the cause back behind the eight-ball.

MEMO RAMSAY BOGUNOVICH: You have finished in football's hottest seat after such a great pre-season battle over your clearance. The fact that you only played three league games confirms that you had more than your share of troubles.

Only you know how good a footballer you can be; settle down over the summer, try to avoid the publicity limelight and make certain that your aggression becomes sufficiently high enough to earn a place in the league side next year.

MEMO GEORGE MICHALCZYK: The pressure is really on you now, George. After that high-priced battle to lure you across from Perth Oval you have let your fans and your friends down with a less-than-ordinary season. Can you come back again and improve next season? Only you know that! Your talents have obviously not vanished in the last 12 months, simply been misplaced somewhere.



ALAN EAST

*Western Mail sports editor
and radio 6PR commentator.*

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MEMO JOHN DUCKWORTH: Last year, Ducky, you declared that you would retire. But then Alan Watling continued and so did you. It wasn't such a bad season for you personally, but that dash and the flair was diminished, along with the spring in those ageing legs. Well, not to worry, the vocal chords are in good form and there's a spot or two for you in the media. Welcome to the clan!

Now down to Subi...

MEMO MICHAEL CARLILE: After a promising start to the season, things deteriorated rapidly and, unfortunately, your club made my pre-season prediction in Westside Football come true - that a coach would be sacked mid-season. Now that the drama is over, hopefully the appointment of next year's coach can be made with a minimum of fuss.

And one other thing - try to remember that the media cannot be blamed for everything that goes wrong at Subiaco.

MEMO BRIAN TAYLOR: Your season of 1983 never got off the ground. Now, we know that there was some groin trouble, but you were one key player that Subiaco needed this season and you didn't get to the starting line once. Please make sure that whatever the trouble is that it is fixed over the summer months; you are needed desperately in the Lions den.

MEMO BRIAN SIERAKOWSKI: The word is that you have been instrumental in most of Subiaco's recruiting. If that is so, then please share the responsibility around a little more. If it's not true, then maybe you can help whoever is making the mistakes. The recruiting hasn't been all that flash in recent years; you need to look for players with character. And don't let blokes like Mick Johns go elsewhere - try to find out why he couldn't be motivated at Subiaco. He's now a key player in a premiership contender line-up.

And finally, across to Lathlain Park...

MEMO IAN MILLER: Well, you've got your wish - another year in the job. Things haven't gone too well in two years of coaching, but now the pressure is right on you to lift the Demons next year. It's a bit hard to criticise a fellow-media columnist - especially one who handles himself so well in the hot seat - but one word of caution for 1984 - don't expect too much of the younger guys next year; put a bit more pressure on the senior guys who just have to perform at a consistently higher level.

MEMO EARL SPALDING: The word is that you have got your feet firmly planted on the ground; mainly helped by your own down-to-earth attitude and a strong influence from father George. Let's hope that this continues. You are one of the best first year players we've seen around for a few years, so keep your mind on the job. Don't try to be too flashy, work hard and make sure that the second year blues syndrome doesn't affect you.

MEMO BRYAN COUSINS: Congratulations on a great season, you have been an inspiring leader and one who has made personal sacrifices for the sake of a team that didn't always reward you. One of your team mates who needs a bit of help over the summer months is your centreman Cam Shepherd - try to get him to use the ball more effectively! If the team's best ball-getter can develop a little more efficiency, then you'll get your rewards.

MEMO MICK REA: Now, I don't know whether you'll still be a Demon at the start of next season, but if you are, you need to work a bit harder on your approach. You are a key player in that young team; you have the ability to be an 80-goal-a-year performer and that's important. But you have to be more disciplined; you need to stop bowling over people around you.



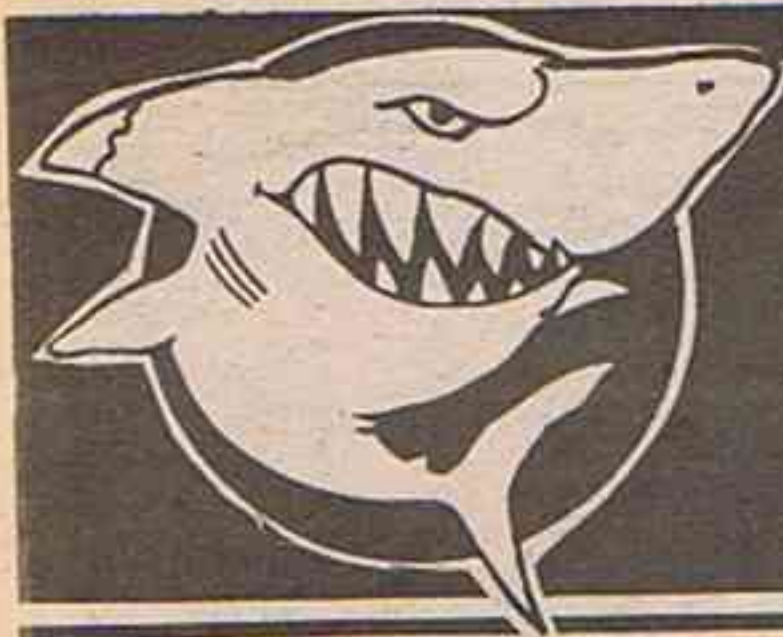
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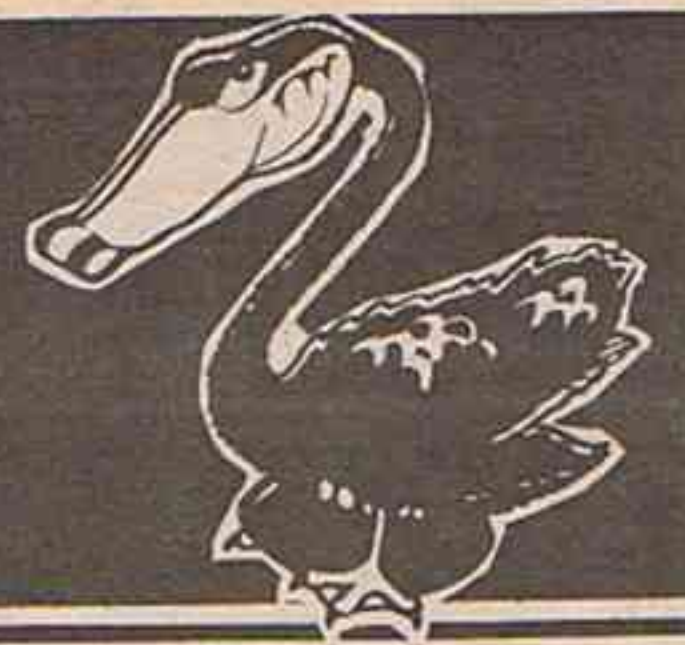
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FIRST SEMI FINAL

SWAN DISTRICTS v EAST FREMANTLE



A rags to riches story

EAST Fremantle completed a remarkable rags to riches story when they won that memorable match against East Perth last Saturday.

East Fremantle had not been in the four all year, yet in the last qualifying game of the season they won the title fight with East Perth and now they can set themselves for a first semi final showdown with Swan Districts.

The Sharks could not have hoped for a better climax to a controversial season.

It took a lot of courage for them to break with tradition and throw their Old Easts tag out of the window and come up with the more marketable image as the Sharks.

And to begin with, they were the subject of some fairly cruel jokes.

However, like a good side they answered their critics with performances. After losing the first four games of the season, they looked to be in a hopeless position.

But as Ron Alexander says, "only the uninformed" could have believed the situation was as bad as that.

He had promoted youth and it was obviously going to take a few weeks for those players to settle down. He was patient and when they started to play well they grew in confidence and all of a sudden they were a side capable of matching it with the best of them.

It was a remarkable last-minute thrust at fourth spot and now they look good enough to really press Swan Districts in the first semi final this Saturday.

KEY PLAYERS IN FINALS QUEST

RARELY before have players had the opportunity to exert as much influence on their sides as do Keith Narkle and David Rankin.

Narkle must have been tempted to give the game away after finally playing in a premiership side last year, but he chose to stick with it and now he is set to gain even greater rewards out of the game.

The slippery little half forward has developed into one of the most dangerous attacking players in WA football after playing most of his 225 games as a wingman.

With the retirement of Graham Melrose as club captain, Narkle has even more reason to see Swans go through to the preliminary final and eventually to the grand final.

He will have to play for two men. Melrose gave the club a great deal during his short time with them and with Narkle taking over his role, he will be keen to step into Melrose's shoes.

It will not be easy living up to the example Melrose set for the young players, but if there is one player in Swans camp who can take over from where he left off it is Narkle.

Although he has been acting captain for most of the season he was only recently appointed officially and it would be a fitting reward for him to lead Swans to a premiership this year.

He has added bite to the Swans forward line this year and has shown he has the ability to kick goals from long distances and from any angle. He also uses his experience to open up the play and will obviously be a vital player for Swans in their finals campaign.

If Narkle is essential to Swan Districts chances of doing well in this campaign then Rankin is absolutely essential to East Fremantle.



Rankin

As East Fremantle have risen to great heights in 1983 it has been no coincidence that David Rankin has also excelled.

The former Fitzroy rover has made the most of a positional switch from roving to minding the opposition's rovers from a back pocket.

He didn't have the pace to be a top class rover, but his ability to read the play and deliver with pin-point accuracy meant that his skills needed to be utilised somewhere in the team.

Since taking over in the back pocket he has become a key player for the Sharks and one who can be relied upon each week.

Consistency has always been a problem for Rankin, but he relished the move into defence. He is a tough little man and an indication of that was his performance in last week's crucial game against East Perth.

Peter Spencer had received an ankle injury, but Rankin, who was his marksman at the time, was not about to give him any latitude and he harassed Spencer for a few minutes. The two men also work together with the Town and Country WA Building Society.

Rankin played 10 games with Fitzroy before following Ron Alexander back to WA and the 23-year-old struggled to play 11 games with East Fremantle last season.

But he must have been unlucky not to have been chosen in the State squad this season as the back pocket specialist and now he has probably laid claim to a spot next year.

He will be looking for another big effort this week in the first semi final and his ability to shut the resting rovers out of the game could have a big bearing on the outcome.

A hard act to follow



THE year after a premiership is always a difficult one and that is exactly the way Swan Districts began this season — with difficulty.

They were sluggish in their approach and they looked ordinary in the first series of games.

They were playing as if they had considered they had done their job by breaking a 19-year premiership drought in 1982 and it was obvious it would take some hard work on John Todd's behalf to snap them back to their best football.

But Todd is a football genius and he allowed the players to take that course for a while, before letting his charges know what was required in no uncertain terms.

After that slow start they gradually built up to the stage where they were challenging for second spot and a berth in the second semi final.

It was not so much that they lost games in the early rounds, but more the way in which they were winning which caused the concern. Instead of destroying teams they struggled for three-quarters before kicking away.

But by the time the season had reached its middle stages they were again playing with the purpose which saw them successful last year.

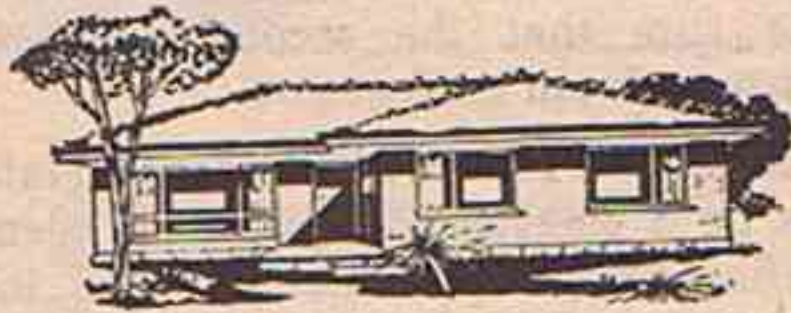
At the end of the qualifying games they had won 16 of their matches and that would normally have been enough to see them play in the second semi final.

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SHARKS FACE A TOUGH TASK



WHILE East Fremantle were jubilant about working their way into the final four in the last game of the year, they now face an awesome task.

All year three teams — Claremont, South Fremantle and Swan Districts — have dominated the competition and it is difficult to see the Sharks improving enough to cause an upset in the first semi final.

Swan Districts are a machine capable of winning the premiership and while the Sharks will put up a good show, they will struggle to match it in the big game atmosphere with Swans.

Swans felt how good success tasted last year and the roaring crowd at Subiaco Oval will revive those memories and bring out the best in them.

John Todd was content for his side to plod along once he realised a berth in the second semi final was out of the question, but he is now ready to ask for a big effort.

It was significant that Gerard Neesham should put up a best-on-ground performance last week. He picks up so many possessions during a game that he could be the difference between the two sides this week.



Boucher



Harding

East Fremantle have been thrashed by Swans on the three occasions they have met this year. On April 9 the margin was 69 points, on June 11 there was 94 points separating the two teams and on July 23 Swans won by 44 points.

The Sharks have done well to get the vital fourth position, but it is difficult to imagine their youthful exuberance testing the experience and poise of a football power of the magnitude of Swan Districts.

By GARY STOCKS

Many players will be having their first taste of final round competition and it will not take them long to discover that finals are a completely different ball game.

Players like Max Johnson, Billy Jones, Michael Brennan, Murray Wrensted and Ray Sterrett have been most impressive in their first season of league football and their appearance in the first semi final is the first step in their apprenticeship in league football.

Older players like David Rankin, Clinton Browning, Neville Fields, Wayne Cormack and Paul Harding have also been in good form this year and if the Sharks are to cause the biggest boilover in finals since East Perth won in 1978, they will need to be at their peak.

Obviously the key to the game today is the ability to get the ball away from the middle and swing it quickly into attack and Harding and Ron Boucher are vital in this regard to their respective sides.

Boucher will team with Peter Sartori and Mick Johns to form one of the most impressive ruck batteries in league football and Harding will need all the support John Nolan, and possibly, Ron Alexander can muster.

Alexander is essential to the young Sharks. He needs to be out there to set the example for his players.

But even at full strength the Sharks do not appear to have what it takes to curb the brilliance of players like Brad Shine, Don Langsford, Keith and Phil Narkle, Leon Baker and Murray Rance.

Swans will progress through to the preliminary final and meet the loser of next week's game between South Fremantle and Claremont. However, do not be surprised to see East Fremantle make a real game of it.

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IAN MILLER

UPON REFLECTION

TO finish the year at the bottom of the premiership table is disappointing, to say the least, particularly as we had the opportunity many times in the last series to remedy the situation. We started the season off poorly and finished in the same fashion after showing some promising signs. The players have worked enthusiastically all year, but did not realise that they could beat teams higher on the ladder until late in the season. They must now become more consistent in their endeavours to reach greater heights. I believe we have a solid nucleus from which to build, but there are some players who will need to work hard and long over the summer months or they will find themselves at the crossroads. The players want to be successful and this was typified last week by their gesture in donating \$10,000 raised for their end of season trip back to the club. They want the money to be put towards regaining the services of Robert Wiley or a player of equal ability. They made the donation because they want to be a part of a winning team — and they will be.

WORTHWHILE MOVE

OPPORTUNITY has a big bearing in football and you must make the most of every break. Players who switched clubs this year and now find themselves playing in their first finals series are Barry Kimberley and Mick Johns. Both players moved to Swan Districts to better themselves and they have done well at Bassendean. They have been good contributors all year and will now be involved in the business end of the season — and that is what the game is all about.

WASTED TALENT

AFTER last week's game John McGuire announced his retirement from league football. He is a player who never realised his full potential, mainly because of a long string of injuries. He was rarely 100 percent fit, but John had exceptional skills, and it is certainly a shame, from Perth's point of view, that we did not see more of them at league level. At the same time John has left his mark at the club, particularly with the young players who played in the same team as him. I wish John luck in his cricket career.

UNLUCKY LAST

PERTH captain Bryan Cousins has had another consistent year of football and has set a fine example, both on and off the field. He broke a bone in his hand last Saturday and had to leave the ground in the third quarter and it was unfortunately. Luckily for Perth it happened in the last game of the season.

BAD LUCK CHUBBY

THE Perth reserves missed fourth spot by two points, their highest position since 1978 and Chubby Stiles was a disappointed man. But he can be satisfied with the fact that his team gave it their best shot and would have learned a great deal — especially how to win the close ones.

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...a key to Swans finals chances

AS SWAN Districts prepared for their assault on the finals last year, few people would have considered Murray Rance as a key player in their quest to break a 19-year premiership drought.

However, in the last 12 months his career has really taken off and he would rate among the best young players in the WAFL.

The 21-year-old centre-half-forward made a name for himself in the interstate match against South Australia in June when he was a dominant player in his WA debut.

And since then he has grown in confidence and looks capable of doing anything.

His performance in that game, and again in the historic win over Victoria, showed that he is a player who is capable of producing his best under immense pressure and Swans will be looking for a big effort against East Fremantle this week.

Rance, who hails from Esperance, has the ability to take a strong mark and the fact that he can play in either of the key attacking or defensive spots has been a valuable bonus to his side this year.

Although he had played his best club football at centre-half-back he excelled at centre-half-forward for the State and now his future seems assured.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to one of WA's rising young stars and found out more about his aims in the game and his rise to the top.



Murray Rance and his girlfriend Dianne Ellard at Tuesday night's Sandover Medal count

Q. How did you feel about playing State football?

A. I was honoured to be chosen. When I was picked in the squad for the South Australian game I thought I had a chance of playing. I thought my form had been consistent enough leading up to that match to see me through. Though I was a bit worried about guys like Clinton Browning and Shane Ellis because I thought they were my main rivals. But Toddy came up and told me I had a bit of challenge to line-up at centre half forward.

Q. Had you played there very often before being given the role in the State game?

A. I had played there a few times in club matches and that is the thing I like — the chance to play in more than one spot.

Q. Did you expect to go that well when you got a game?

A. No I didn't. The fact that I was playing on a four times Magarey Medallist made me think a bit as well and when I got an early mark and kick I grew in confidence. I didn't think I had played well enough to be third in the Simpson Medal, but that's the way the umpires saw it and I suppose they see a lot of things that other people don't.

Q. When you have players like Ellis and Browning who may be your big rivals for a berth in the State side, or even in a club match, how do you feel when you are training with them? It must be a tense situation.

A. You feel like going and putting them out of action. In the games leading up to the first State match there was that extra bit of pressure on me to perform and I kept an eye on their form as well. I was reasonably confident I could get a game, but I wasn't going to get over-confident so that if I didn't get in I would be bitterly disappointed. With Bill Walker as chairman of selectors and Toddy as coach I thought I had a good chance — not that they would put me in the side if I wasn't playing well.

Q. The State games must rate as a personal triumph, can you put that behind yourself now and concentrate on the finals?

A. Yes. And I can see no reason why we can't win back to back premierships. We started the season playing badly, but we are playing well again now and I think we will be hard to beat. We were a

little light on in defence at the start of the year when we had a few players out, but now that we have P.K. (Peter Kenny) back we are much better balanced.

Q. Do you enjoy playing at centre-half-back?

A. Funnily enough I play there just about every game, except when we play Perth and then I go to centre-half-forward.

Q. Have you kicked a bag of goals against them?

A. No. It's not that I can't kick goals, but I try to bring the smaller players into the game. I see my role as being able to take a mark and then feed the ball out to the running players, or to lob a big kick into the goal square for Roo (Ron Boucher) to mark. No doubt I will kick goals later in my career.

Q. What position did you play as a junior? I suppose because of your height you were always a ruckman.

A. No, not really. I played anywhere from full back to centre-half-back, ruck rover, or centre-half-forward. I virtually played where there was a hole to plug.

Q. What sort of an influence has John Todd had on your career?

A. When I first came up here Toddy told me I was a bit of a sheila and I got wild and I thought I would show him. He kept on my back and on my back and I thought I will keep showing him and keep showing him. I thought the whole world had fallen down around me when he said that. But now I have achieved a bit I cannot afford to stop. I want to become a regular State player and consolidate my place in the side. After that my aim is to one day go to Victoria.

Q. Had you always aimed to play league football in Perth?

A. When I was a kid one of my coaches pointed out this guy playing for Swan Districts who had succeeded with a minimum of ability. That was Stan Nowotny and ever since I have wanted to play in the same side as him. I didn't have a clue about him until the coach showed me who he was. I was just lucky that I managed to play in the same side as him.

Q. Had you followed Swans before you became interested in Stan?

A. No I had been an East Perth supporter.

Q. How hard was it to adjust to life in Perth?

A. When I first came to Perth Billy Walker put me up at a hotel because I came up six months before my parents. I moved out of the hotel and lived with Allan Sidebottom for a while and then I moved out of there into a house my parents had bought. City life is completely different. There are a lot more places to go, a lot more birds. I missed the country for a while because everyone knows each other and when you walk down the street here you feel like hiding. I notice that a lot of the country guys who come up here are shy. I am still shy at the moment to a certain extent.

Q. I suppose it is difficult for guys from the country because all of a sudden they are a part of the same club that the heroes they see on television?

A. I think that is a part of it. It was a bit like playing on blokes in that match against Victoria. I have watched some of those players on The Winners for years. Playing against them and beating them was a great experience. The big thing the West Australians playing in the VFL now told all the local blokes was not to get over-awed by the names of some of the players. They said they have got two arms and two legs just the same as we have and we shouldn't treat them as anything out of the ordinary.

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Name: Murray Rance
Born: Kununoppin, 25.1.62
Height: 6.2½ (189cm)
Weight: 14.0 (89kg)
Lives at: Bassendean
Married: No
Girlfriend: Dianne
Occupation: Diesel Mechanic
Football honours: State selection for two games and a couple of fairest and best awards in juniors. Teal Cup representation in 1979.
Favourite food: Anything
Favourite drink: Bundaberg Rum
Hobbies and relaxation: Indoor cricket, water skiing and squash.
Football likes: Going into tough matches as a member of a close-knit side. In pressure matches you have more chance under those circumstances.
Football dislikes: Losing
Football idols: Stan Nowotny, I always wanted to play league football with him. Ross Glendinning is also a player I respect a great deal. I think he is the best footballer in the country.
Drives a: Scorpion
Do you read much: Not a lot, but the last book I read was Gold Mine by Wilbur Smith.
Nickname: Romance
Came from: Esperance
League debut: 1981
Games played: 56
Guernsey number: 18

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TIME FOR A RE-THINK

WHICH team was the biggest flop this year — West Perth or East Perth?

Now that the dust has settled after the fight for a place in the four a fair amount of soul-searching will take place among the clubs who have already hung up their boots this season.

West Perth certainly went down in a screaming heap, but the Royals would have to consider this their worst season in the past decade.

The Falcons intoxicated supporters with their big improvement to finish third last year.

Most saw it as putting them on the launching pad for a premiership this season.

But instead of challenging for the premiership, West Perth had their second most miserable season since they finished last in 1974.

No doubt some are wondering what went wrong. Were they too cocky? Was their performance last year a fluke? Or were there mitigating circumstances for their dismal season?

Though they finished sixth, West Perth were less than two goals away from making the finals. If they had won three of the four games they lost by less than a goal, they would have finished fourth.

So it could be said they weren't that far behind in the battle for fourth spot.

If West Perth are looking for excuses for their dismal season, then those close losses could be one of them. Another was the loss of star player Peter Murnane through injury.

So much for the excuses. To put it quite bluntly, West Perth simply weren't good enough... and they won't be a premiership contender until they weed out a few players.

Some West Perth players lack the guts needed win a premiership. I have said this before and I don't have any reason to change my mind; not enough West Perth

players are prepared to do the hard things needed to be a premiership, or finals, contender.

I also think some people at the club, namely the president Rod Brown, had an inflated opinion of the ability of some players.

(You now owe me two meals Rod, just in case you have forgotten.)

If they are to be a force next year then West Perth will need to recruit some David Palm type of players with a streak of aggression who also have the talent to go in and win the ball.

No doubt there will be many at East Perth who will grizzle about the club's performance this season... but it could be a blessing in disguise.

It is the first time since 1974 and only the second time since 1965 that the Royals have missed the four.

That's an impressive record if you look at it in terms of the number of times they have made the finals.

However, if you take a close look at how the Royals have performed in finals, it can be seen that on more occasions than not they have merely made up the numbers.

In those eight seasons between missing the top four, the Royals played in six first semi-finals and were bundled out of the premiership race in five of them.

There's no point in the club lamenting about last Saturday's loss to East Fremantle. The Sharks probably saved East Perth from another first semi embarrassment.

They wouldn't have come within a dropkick of the other three teams.

They only need to look at their first and last round performances against East Fremantle to realise what kind of nose-dive they took during the season.

I don't think they need to be reminded that they were the only side to beat Claremont on their home ground.

There has to be something wrong in the make up of players whos' performances can asillate between such extremes.

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Unhappy Cat

I HAVE heard that young Geelong star Bernard Toohey is interested in moving to WA. I understand he is not happy in the Cats camp and made no secret of his displeasure recently when the club cancelled a planned overseas tour. In place of the trip, Geelong players will be required to attend a tough pre-season camp.

VFL visitor

RICHMOND general manger Kevin Dixon was an interested guest at Claremont Oval last Saturday. Though Claremont played hosts, most of his interest seemed to be centred around Stephen Michael. Richmond are expected to engage in a battle with Geelong to lure the All-Australian captain to the VFL next year.

Lions missing

SUBIACO seem to have been deserted at the end of the season by some of their best supporters. A group of well-weathered ladies who normally sit in front of the radio 6PR commentary position in the members stand at Subiaco oval were conspicuous by their absence last Saturday. It so concerned John K. Warts that he immediately launched a new competition on his radio station — find the missing Subiaco fans. First prize: a front-row seat at Subiaco's next winning game.

Royal routine

WHO is the big, strong, tough looking East Perth player who spends more time than he should drinking at city bars, especially lunch times late in the week? We're not divulging names, but hopefully coach Greg Brehaut can eradicate this man's problem next season.

Not conned

CLAREMONT president Wal Maskiell was not getting carried away with his club's win against South Fremantle when he was a guest at Channel 7 on Sunday. After picking up a cheque for \$5,000 for winning the Marlboro Cup he said he was not going to be conned by Mal Brown and the Tigers realised it would be a bit tougher in the second semi final.

Pete's slip

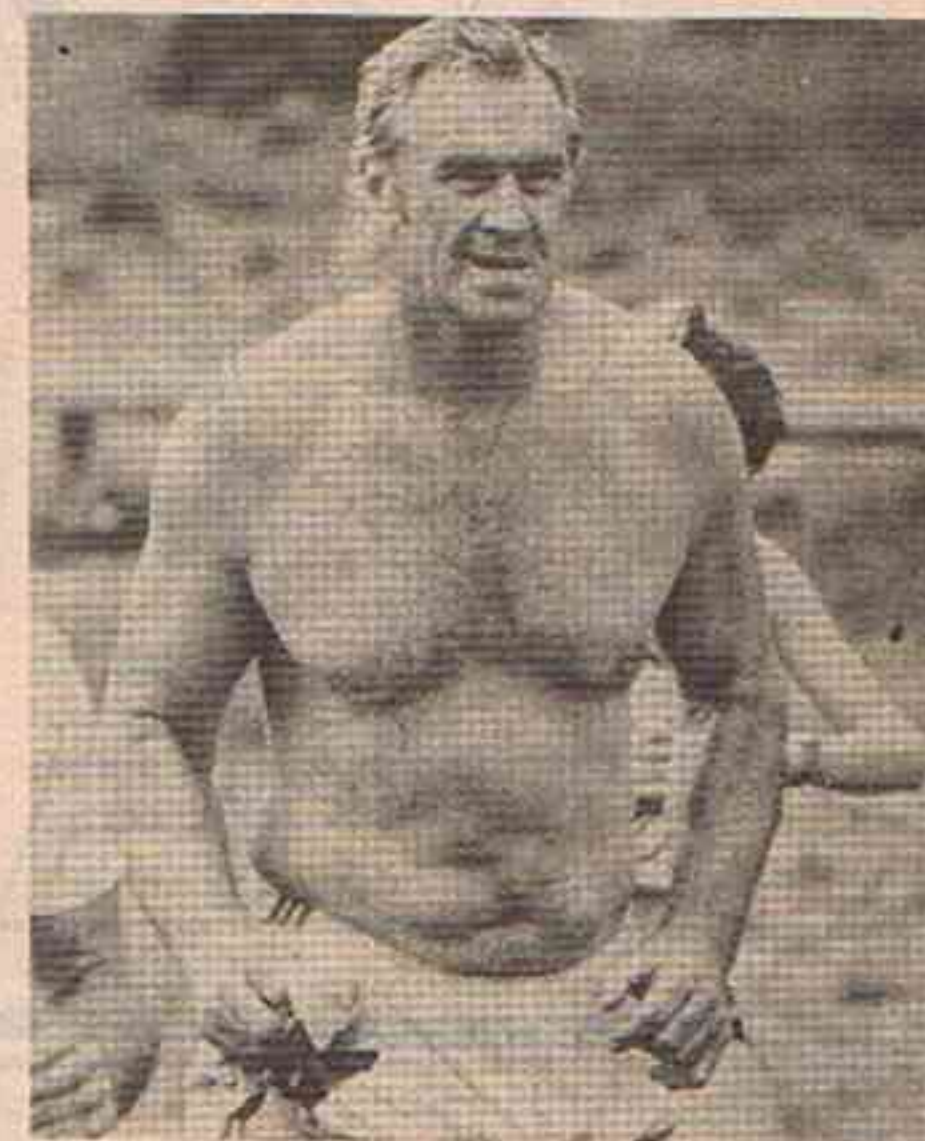
CHANNEL 7 compere Peter Waltham made a nice slip-up on Sunday. When giving a run-down on votes cast in the last game of the qualifying matches between Claremont and South Fremantle he said that young Tiger "Paul" Davidson had polled two votes. Someone should tell Waltham that the name is "Peter" Davidson and he should remember it because the young Collie recruit is a star of the future.

Marty too

IT WAS a bad day for Channel 7 because earlier in the Show Marty McDonnell told East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander that he should be pleased with his effort in getting his side into the four and suggested it could help big Ron seal the coaching job for next year. Alexander politely asked Marty where he had been for the last fortnight because the club had announced Alexander's re-appointment two weeks ago.

Flynn's folly

TIM Flynn should win his own Flynn's Folly this week as he was able to keep 6KY's record intact as the most colourful radio station in town. Last week an excited Allan "Chubby" Stiles let slip with a four letter adjective when being interviewed immediately after his reserves had beaten Claremont by one point in a thrilling finish. And on Saturday Flynn let one slip during his commentary of the match.



Could John O'Connell be thinking of emulating the feats of fellow 6KY commentator Joe McKay. McKay started the season as an around-the-groundsman for KY, but after 16 weeks in retirement decided to give league football another crack and he returned to South Fremantle. O'Connell was seen training last week and the former Claremont and Geelong star could be contemplating a return to the playing arena after 16 years out of the game. But he would need to lose that extra bit of weight around his girth first.

Over reaction

HAVE our WAFL umpires over-reacted or is the Umpires' Appointment Board becoming too heavy-handed? Those questions have to be posed after the spate of reports last Saturday. The umpires in all three grades made a total of 18 reports — coincidentally, the week after the senior field umpire, Mike Ball, was dropped for not reporting lodging reports over incidents in a game the week before. What the Ball suspension virtually means is that the umpires' observer at a game now has more power than the field umpire to decide what is reportable and what is acceptable out on the field.

Buck up, boys

"WHEN 14-year-old boys give the fingers up sign to adults supporting on the sidelines, our junior football is in a sad state." Those words came from East Perth director Bill Forrest in his capacity as president of the East Perth Junior Football Council. He was speaking after the preliminary final of the 14s grade at Perth Oval when Bayswater beat Noranda. The Bayswater boys ran over to the area where the Noranda supporters were sitting and gave them the objectionable fingers up salute. Bayswater it's time to get your house in order.

Buck's stats

LAST year on the Channel 7 World of Sport show Steve Marsh told John "Buck" Rogers, a former Claremont player, that he had watched a replay of the 1964 grand final and Rogers did not appear to be in the action a great deal. Rogers replied by saying that Marsh could not have been watching very closely because he had picked up 19 kicks and made 12 handpasses. However, a look this week at the statistics for that game revealed that Rogers had two handpasses and four kicks — two of which were effective.

Excited Bill

NEW 6IX around the groundsman, Bill Valli had a few problems while watching his two former WA teams in action on Saturday. Valli had played with both West Perth and Subiaco before turning his hand to the media this year, and during an exciting period of the game he told listeners that the score was 15.3 to 3.15 in Subiaco's favour, when, in fact, Subiaco led 15.13 to 13.15.

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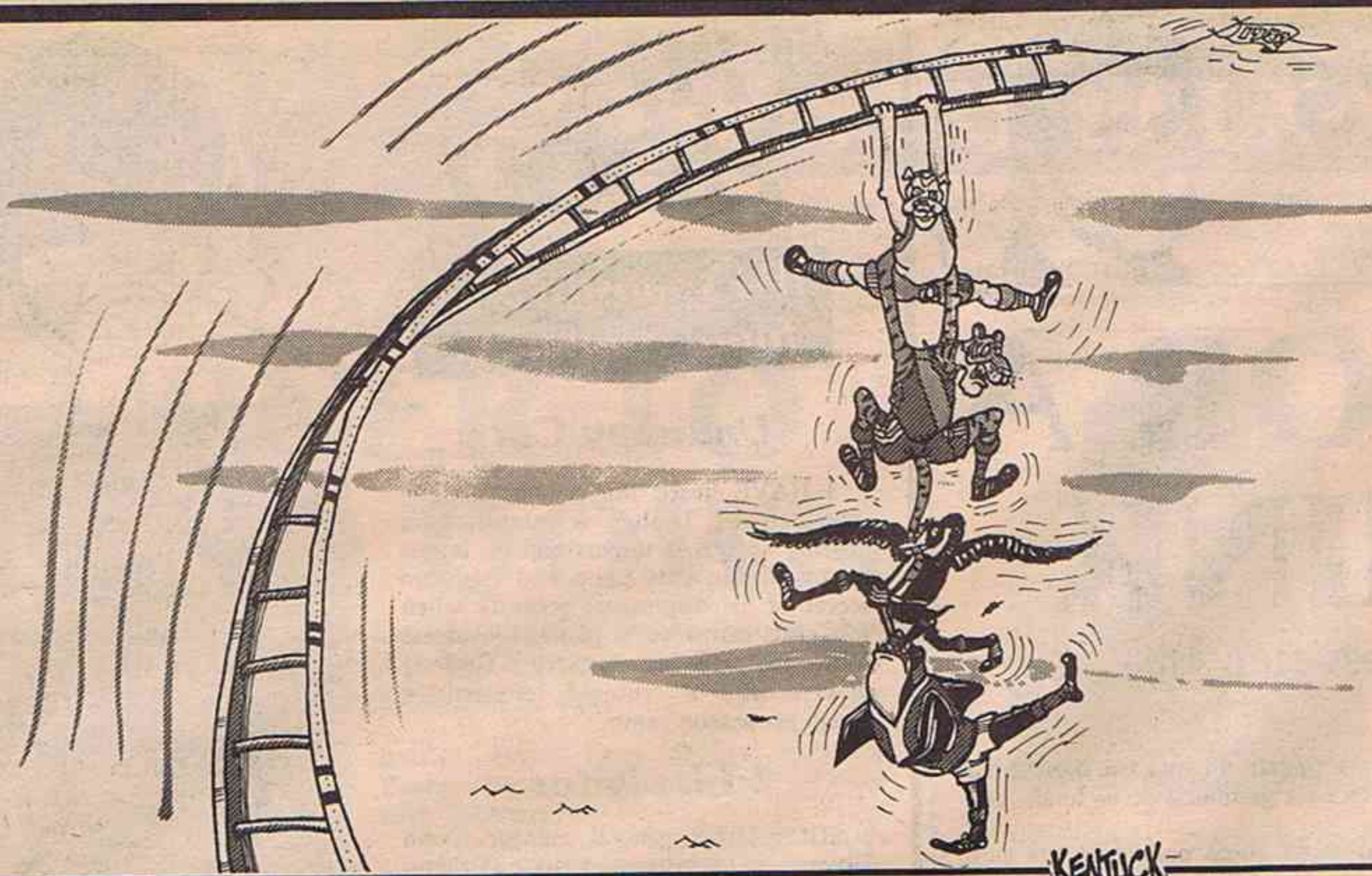
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FINALS MATCHES

SPECULATION about who will handle the forthcoming finals is the main point of interest among the umpires.

It seems certain that the Umpires' Board will adopt a policy of trying out up to six field umpires in the first three finals with a view to picking the best performers for the grand final.

With 16 central umpires having been used this season — including five first-year umpires — the field is pretty tough.

But it can be narrowed down a little when you work out that Darryle Gillies, Ron Buckey, David Rowe and Bob Phillips handled the two major matches last week — which could be considered as "elimination" finals.

Add to them the name of John Morris, who has umpired well towards the end of the season and Mike Ball, who will be back after a week's suspension and you have the six leading contenders.

Gillies has taken the lead in the Ampol incentives awards and is probably a favourite at this early stage to get a grand final job.

The leading contenders among the goal and boundary umpires would certainly come from the eight who handled league games last week.

They, too, will be tried out in the first three finals, with the best pairing — or the best individuals — getting the grand final.

AWARDS NIGHT

DON'T forget the annual Umpires' Association awards night coming up.

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Swans record to improve

FORTY nine years ago (1934) Swan Districts made their entry into league football. Their opponents were reigning premiers East Fremantle and they astonished the football world by pushing them all the way before going down 16.6 to 16.23.

This week, 146 games later, it is Swans the titleholders and red hot favourites.

Although Swans have dropped only one game to East Fremantle in the last four seasons, the Sharks lead the black and whites comfortably with 97 wins to Swans' 47 and two games have been drawn between the two sides.

The last time the two teams met in a final round match was in the 1965 grand final, the game I consider the most remarkable grand final I have seen (and I've seen the last 34).

East Fremantle were down 9.14 to 14.5 at the last change and they were kicking into a strong south-wester with no three tier concrete stand to act as a wind break.

They turned my prediction of a record losing margin into a memorable victory 18.18 to 16.6.

Not enough

SWANS became the first team in league history to win 16 qualifying games and not make the second semi final. Their 16 wins in 1981 and 1982 saw them get the double chance.

In 1965 Claremont finished second on the list with only 23½ wins and in a 21 game season in 1937 the Tigers played in the second semi final with only 12 wins.

New combination

SEASON 1983 goes on record, along with 1912, as the only year since the finals were first played in 1904 that there has not been one of the Perth teams in the finals.

The finalists in 1912 were North Fremantle, South Fremantle, East Fremantle and Subiaco.

Although out-classed by East Fremantle, 2.4 to 13.9 in the final at Fremantle Oval, Subiaco exercised their right, as minors premiers, to challenge the blue and whites and in a remarkable reversal at Perth Oval won the 1912 premiership by nine points.

This year's final four combination is the first time that these clubs have competed against each other in the finals.

Swans task

IF Swan Districts are to make the grand final they will have to win 18 games to get there. In 1933 Subiaco worked their way into the premiership game with only nine wins. They scraped into fourth place with seven wins and from the 18-game season, won the first semi (against East Perth), won the preliminary final (against West Perth), but lost the big one to East Fremantle.

South record

THIRTY years ago South Fremantle set the league record for the highest percentage in open football.

Their percentage that year was 186% from 19 wins and two losses, the previous year, 1952, it was 185.8%. East Fremantle's unbeaten year, 1946, gave them a percentage of 162.94.

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DISAPPOINTING

IT HAS been 71 years since a Perth side has not played a part in the final round and that must be disappointing for Perth, East Perth and West Perth.

While it might now be moth-balls for the four sides not playing in the finals, they could be pleased with their performances this year, and in particular with their effort in uncovering some good young talent. I can't recall a better crop of young players being produced in one season. East Fremantle lead the way with Murray Wrensted, Max Johnson, Michael Brennan, Billy Jones and Ray Sterrett, but other players to impress have been Terry Chapman and Paul Ross (Subiaco), Earl Spalding, Mick Garbin and Troy Bogaards (Perth), Mal Bennett, Dean Falconer and Craig Nelson (West Perth), and Richard Dennis, David Morgan, Lance Kelly and Gavin Hawkins (East Perth).

POOR SHOW, NINE

I COULD not believe Channel 9's coverage of league football on Friday night. It was non-existent. On the eve of the vital clash between East Perth and East Fremantle they chose to ignore football completely and that was difficult to understand. In addition, there was a great game scheduled at Claremont between the Tigers and South Fremantle and surely those two matches, in particular, deserved some exposure.

MEDAL CHANGE

FOLLOWING the awarding of another Sandover-Channel 7 Medal — I call it that because it was known as the Sandover Medal long before TVW's involvement — I think the time has come to get the public involved in WA football's most prestigious individual award. I think it would be great for all those involved in the count to go out for tea at the Sheraton before moving on to a place like the Entertainment Centre so that the people could be involved. Tickets could be sold for \$2 a head and the Entertainment Centre would be packed for the voting. Wouldn't it be great if the winner had a couple of thousand club supporters there to wish him well after the presentation? Proceeds could go to Telethon.

WELL DONE, STEVE

I WOULD like to congratulate Stephen Michael on being named Channel Two's Footballer of the Year. Many fans in WA have given this champion a raw deal this season and I think it has been unjustified. He has played the game tough and I believe he has had as good a season this year as he did in 1980 and 1981.

HAIR-RAISER

THIS week's Playboy Hairstylists free hair-cut goes to East Fremantle captain coach Ron Alexander. He has done a tremendous job with the young Sharks to get them into the first semi final and he thoroughly deserves the reward. They came from nowhere to get there right on the bell, and it is a tribute to his coaching ability.

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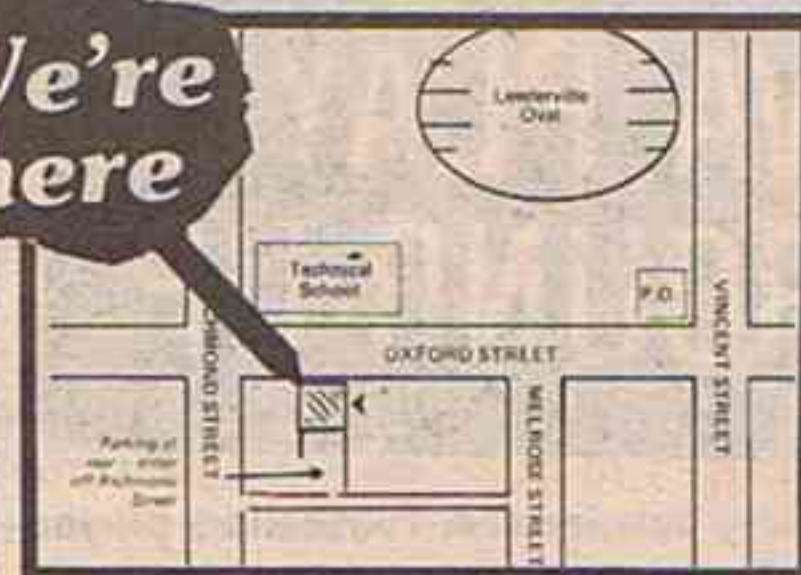
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DAVID Parkin's Carlton have firmed to 5/4 favourites to take out a hat-trick of premierships — just a month after being 25/1 chances.

Following their magnificent win over North Melbourne last Saturday, punters were digging deep for more funds to lay on the Blues.

One reliable report from a person close to the Melbourne betting scene says that a group of leading bookmakers have laid Carlton to win \$2.4 million.

To win the third consecutive flag, the Blues will have to re-write the VFL record books as no team has ever won a premiership from fifth position.

Over the past five weeks, the Carlton side has undergone a remarkable transformation in form. Before that, their chances of even playing in the finals looked remote.

Carlton have managed to make the five despite their inability to put four quarters of football together. Rarely have they been in command for more than two quarters,



Parkin

usually giving their opponents a sizeable start as they did against North Melbourne last weekend.

Parkin is using the services of one of Melbourne's leading psychiatrists in his efforts to motivate his players.

This Saturday, Carlton meet Essendon at VFL Park in what is certain to be a rehearsal for the elimination final on the same ground a week later.

SAINTS PLAN CLEAN OUT

ST KILDA coach Tony Jewell said this week that at least 30 players would be axed from the club's training lists before next season.

"We have to get rid of a lot of players because they are simply not good enough, that's why we are on the bottom of the ladder.

If we got rid of 30 players right now it would not affect our performances one iota", he said.

Jewell went on to say that the club has a great bunch of juniors on the way up, but they weren't quite ready.

Prior to June 30 this year, St Kilda sacked, or sold, 42 members of their 1982 senior training list.

Buckenara in doubt

GARY Buckenara is in doubt for Saturday's match against Geelong.

He injured a thigh in last Saturday's game against Melbourne at VFL Park.

Melbourne champion Steven Icke was also injured in the same match when he fell in a sprinkler hole and injured an Achilles tendon in his left ankle.

Richmond retiring

RICHMOND administrator, Graeme Richmond, who has guided the Tigers through some tough patches over the last 20 years, is thinking about retiring.

However, there is a strong move within the club to have him delay any thoughts of stepping down till the end of next season ... the club's centenary year.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

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

	Kicks	Marks
RICHMOND		
David Palm	8	2 6
Maurice Rioli	13	3 12
Robert Wiley	14	5 7
Tim Gepp	8	3 7
COLLINGWOOD		
John Annear	14	4 6
Mike Richardson	7	3 5
FOOTSCRAY		
Jim Sewell	3	3 4
Andrew Purser	7	4 10
Simon Beasley	6	4 —
Ian Williams	15	5 4
Bruce Duperouzel	8	3 7
CARLTON		
Ken Hunter	14	11 1
Peter Bosustow	8	2 4
Mike Fitzpatrick	6	5 5
Alan Montgomery	6	3 6
Ross Ditchburn	7	6 2
ESSENDON		
Tony Buhagiar	12	8 21
Bill Duckworth	7	— 8
GEELONG		
Peter Featherby	25	9 6
Gary Malarkey	12	3 9
Brian Peake	12	3 8
NORTH MELBOURNE		
Ross Glendinning	15	6 5
Stephen McCann	9	6 3
Phil Krakouer	10	4 4
Jim Krakouer	16	3 —
Phil Kelly	11	4 8
HAWTHORN		
Gary Buckenara	5	1 4
Ken Judge	9	6 4
MELBOURNE		
Alan Johnson	16	2 6
ST KILDA		
Allan Sidebottom	13	6 3

IN BRIEF...

Op. for Atkin

COLLINGWOOD ruckman Stuart Atkin needed to undergo a serious groin operation last week. The talented 26-year-old has had problems with poor form and injuries throughout his 18 game career and has now damaged a testicle.

He returned home to Beaufort to rest for a couple of weeks, but when his condition did not improve part of the damaged testicle was removed.

Rolfe fans

WHILE Mark Jackson's cult following has subsided following his demise from league football, another group has taken off behind Richmond first year player Michael Rolfe.

A Michael Rolfe Appreciation Society has been formed and every time he goes near the ball the big group of spectators chant Rolfe, Rolfe, Rolfe. It begins slowly and increases in tempo as their hero moves nearer the ball.

Royal return

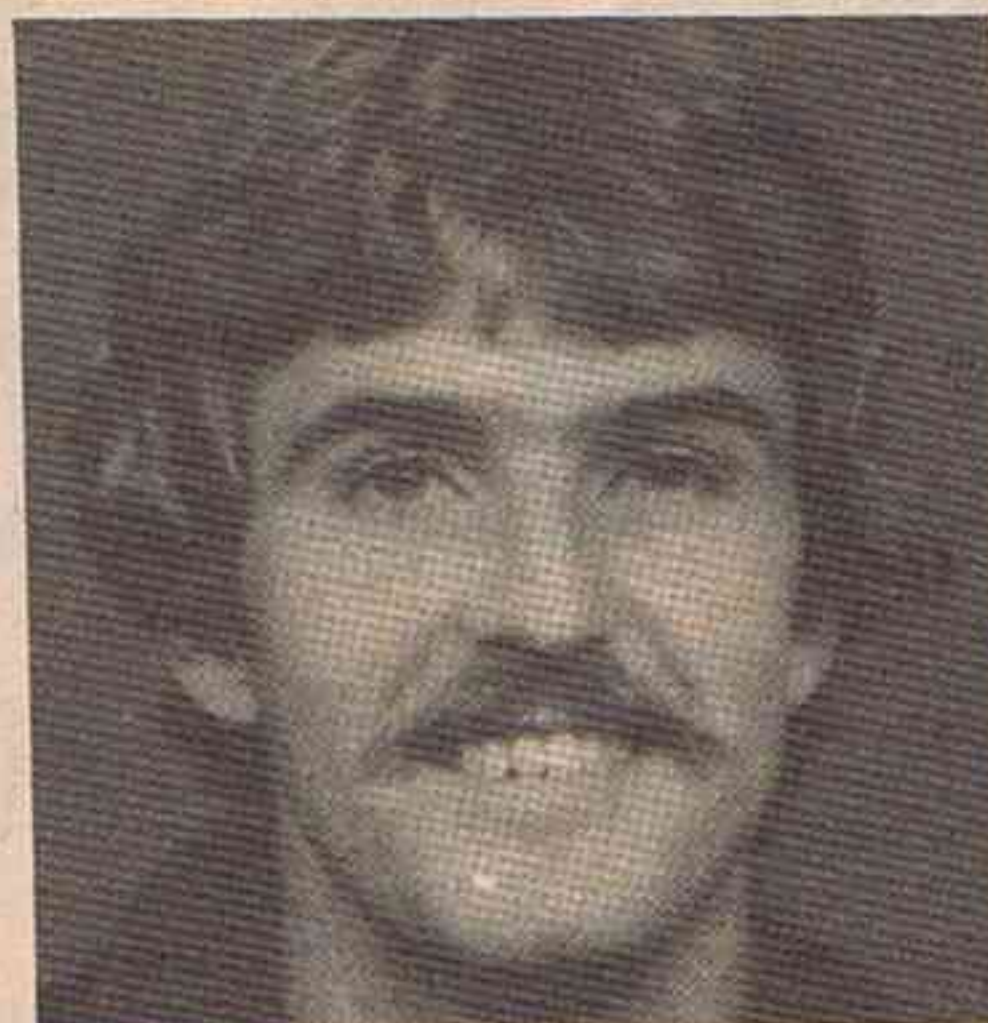
FORMER East Perth defender, Gary Malarkey, now playing with Geelong, will return to Perth next year. The State full back is certain to come home to end his career, but he has not yet determined which club he will be lining up with. There is some good news for Geelong fans, however, Brian Peake will continue with the Cats in 1984.

Wallace record

Hawthorn's Terry Wallace has become the first VFL player since statistical records have been kept to get more than 500 kicks in a single season.

He passed the magical mark last Saturday and now has a tally of 515, with one qualifying match still remaining.

Johnson and Barassi at odds



ALAN Johnson and Ron Barassi crossed swords last Saturday and the former Perth star had to be restrained by team mate Steven Icke.

The Melbourne pair exchanged heated words for about two minutes during the quarter time break in their game against Hawthorn at VFL Park.

Both were arguing as Johnson stormed towards Barassi before Icke moved in and led the wingman away.

Asked to comment after the match, Barassi simply said "Johnson is a very intense player ... that's all I am going to say".

Johnson would not comment.

Medal hoodoo

BROWNLOW Medal fancy, Maurice Rioli, will have to overcome a hoodoo if he is to take out the prestigious award.

Only three Richmond players have won the Medal since World War II and in the past 15 years only three small men have won.

A favourite with most of the Melbourne media, Rioli has a proud medal history, winning three Simpson Medals and in his first season of VFL football last year won the Norm Smith Medal in the grand final.

CAMPBELL CONFIDENT

GLENELG coach Graham Campbell talked about winning the premiership following his side's 27 point win over Sturt last Saturday.

He said if Glenelg made the finals they could go all the way.

With only two rounds remaining, North, Port and Glenelg are level on 18 points.

Glenelg came from six goals down early in the game last weekend to win 20.19 to 16.16.

And North Adelaide's shock defeat by Central District saw Glenelg draw level with them with only percentage keeping them out of the five.

Central are in eighth position, but only two premiership points out of the five and has a good percentage.

Parsons pick

BIG North Adelaide ruckman Mike Parsons has a tough decision to make — whether to play basketball or league football.

The talented 23-year-old physical education student has done well in his first seven games of league football. But his basketball commitment is taking too much time and it appears he will not be able to play both.

SA NEWS

Bartlett for S.A.

RICHMOND and VFL great Kevin Bartlett could coach in Adelaide next year.

Bartlett, 36, said this week he was interested in moving to Adelaide, fuelling speculation he could take over from Daryl Hicks as coach of Central District.

Central president, Peter Page, has denied his club has approached Bartlett.

Bartlett refused to confirm or deny he had been approached by Central or any other SANFL club.

When asked whether he would shift to Adelaide, he replied: "All I can say at this stage, I am looking at everything and giving the consideration it deserves.

"I am not prepared to say at the moment whether I have had an offer from a SANFL club."

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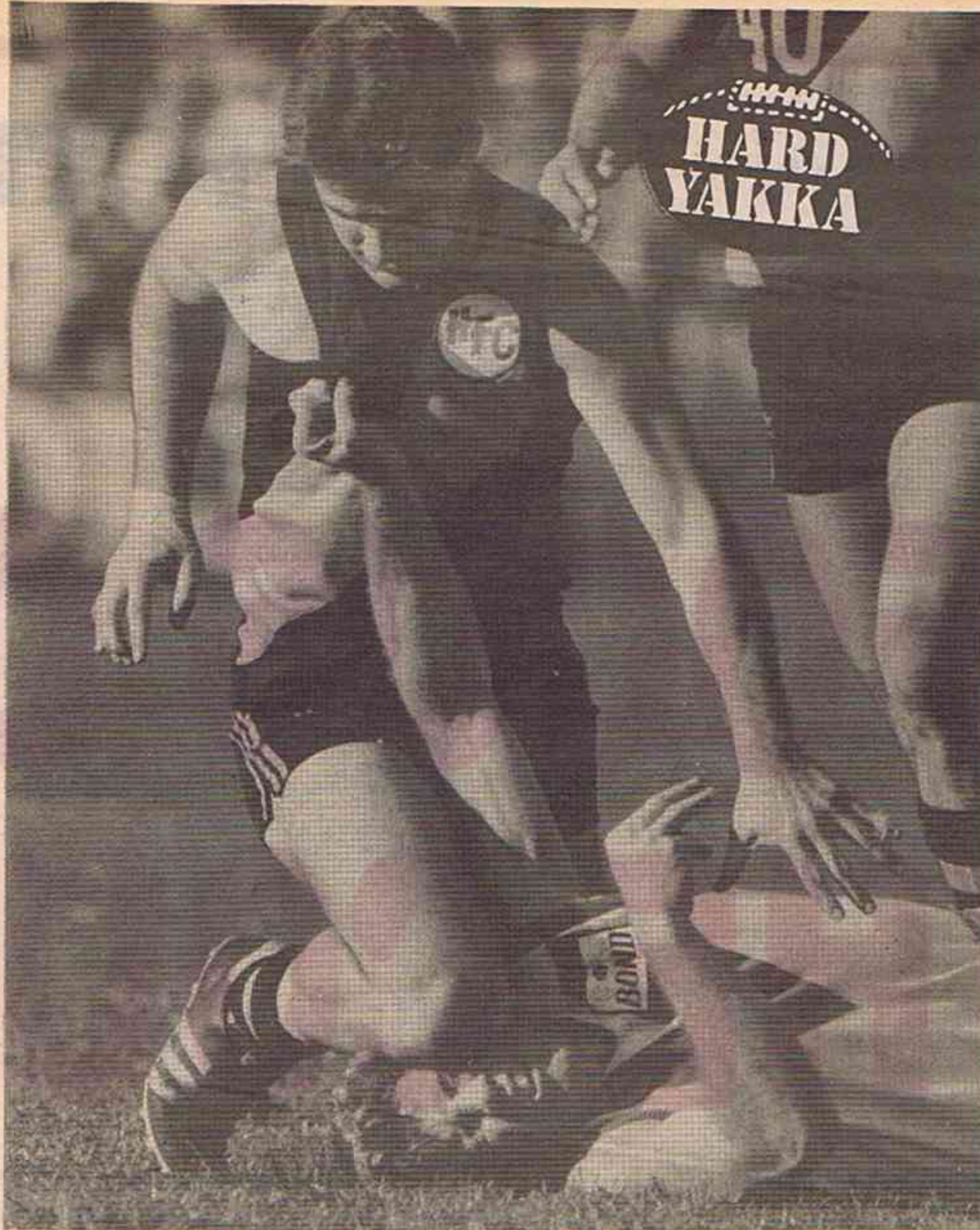
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IT was a rugged game at Claremont Oval on Saturday when the Tigers engaged in their top-of-the-ladder clash with South Fremantle. And South's star recruit Geoff Gillies found himself in the thick of things during a hectic passage in the game. Claremont ruck rover Lindsay Kanther has Gillies over a barrel in this shot. While Gillies was obviously hard done by he does receive some consolation. He has won this week's Hard Yakka award and picks up a pair of Rigs trousers or new rugged Brut jeans.



THOMAS HARDY present...

FLYNN'S FOLLY

THIS week's Flynn's Folly goes to WAFL general manager Peter Bowler. He took to the field during the half-time break in the league match between Subiaco and West Perth to draw the winner in a raffle for a trip for two to the VFL grand final. However, when the draw was about to be made he found that his microphone was not working. They had to give the idea away and the winners names were announced over the PA system. Peter wins a magnificent bottle of Grand Reserve Brut Champagne which should help him erase the memory of the embarrassing afternoon.

SWANS TO PICK ALL-STARS

Who have been Swan Districts greatest players over the past two decades?

A panel of selectors is currently putting together an All-Stars side comprising the club's best talent from the "premiership era".

The team is being chosen from a field of 55 candidates who have represented the black and whites with distinction since 1961.

There are 14 current players in the field.

Among other candidates, are 514 footballers who are now playing interstate.

Most of these players, together with their local counterparts, will attend a function next Wednesday evening when the side will be announced.

The judging panel consists of former presidents Stan Moses, Percy Bright and John Cooper and The West Australian's chief football writer, Geoff Christian.

A limited number of tickets for this special evening are available to members from the club.

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SANDOVER SIDELIGHTS

FOOTBALL'S biggest night of the year — Channel 7-Sandover Medal — can still produce a cliff-hanging finish even though the votes are now counted in round-by-round order.

The incredible nail-biting finish to Tuesday's count at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel saw the Medal in doubt till the final votes were read out.

East Perth ruckman John Ironmonger, who didn't poll a vote in the last 11 games, hung on to win — taking the medal (and the \$20,000) from Perth skipper Bryan Cousins on a countback of second votes.

But how about two other players who finished just off the pace?

Brad Hardie (South Fremantle) and Shane Ellis (East Fremantle) needed two votes and three votes respectively in either of their last two games to take out the Medal.

In Hardie's case, he was a top player in both of those games and Ellis was a unanimous media best-on-ground in the final match — but neither got a vote.

GOOD ONE

Quote of the night: East Perth's Clayton Lewis after winning the Prendergast Medal for the fairest and best player in the reserves: "That makes two of us, let's hope we can make it three" — referring to fellow-Aboriginal Derek Collard (South Fremantle) winning the Medallists Medal in the colts.

STATISTICS

THE Medal vote has confirmed one thing — the media definitely rely on statistics a lot more than the umpires do.

Stephen Malaxos, Peter Spencer and Don Langford were top vote-getters in all the media awards and head the possessions table in the kicks and marks department. But they polled just 27 votes between them — 10 each to Langford and Malaxos and seven to Spencer.

LOYALTIES NEVER DIE

WAFL president Vincent Yovich cannot forget his initial football loyalties to Perth.

When he welcomed the guests to the Sandover Medal dinner he prefaced his



Clayton Lewis



Derek Collard

Minor grades

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the three major medals in the WAFL for 1983.

Below are the leading vote-getters in the Prendergast Medal (reserves) and the Medallists Medal (colts):

RESERVES: Clayton Lewis (East Perth) 15; Dean Farmer (Claremont) 14; Ken Bell (Perth), Sean O'Brien (Perth) 13; Gavin Hawkins (East Perth), Geoff Gillies (South Fremantle), Robert Poepjes (Claremont) 10.

COLTS: Derek Collard (South Fremantle) 18; Todd Shimmion (Claremont), Sean Murdock (East Fremantle) 16; Paul Andrew (Claremont) 13; Bruce Williamson (Claremont), Murray Gomm (Claremont) 12; John Gelavis (West Perth), Bruno Ruggerio (West Perth), Ken Allen (Swan Districts) 11.

QUIZ WINNERS

George Carter of Yokine has won the final round Sheraton-Perth Hotel prize in our tipping competition.

Andrew Grayson of South Fremantle was runner-up and wins a Footy mirror.

The other final week winners were \$10 Ampol Voucher — T. Pascoe, Victoria Park; Double pass to a theatre or drive-in — K. Blechynden, Yokine; Two bottles of Hardy's Wines — H. Poole, Dianella; \$10 voucher on Marlows Auto. Parts — P. Armstrong, Leederville; Footy radio — W. Hams, Katanning; Grosby supersportz casual shoes — S. Greene, Dianella; Sportique vouchers — A. Peters, Cannington; P. Vogel, Cottesloe; R. Thompson, Greenwood.

remarks with "on behalf of the Perth Football club..." and then talked about "the 1973 medal dinner" which ironically, was the year that Perth's Barry Cable won the Medal.

Mr Yovich carried off his faux pas well, saying later that he had been talking about Perth immediately before stepping up to the microphone.

GARY TOO!

COMPERE Gary Carvolth wasn't far behind in the boo-boo stakes either.

As he was about to introduce Mr Robin Sandover to present the Sandover Medal to John Ironmonger, he almost referred to the "Michael Medal" but corrected himself before it all came out. Some people think that it should be Michael's medal.

UMPS AGREE

THERE were 12 times during the season when the media was unanimous — or almost unanimous — about the best player on the ground. The umpires agreed on four of those occasions (see our chart on page 14) and in five other cases gave that player their second vote.

HAPPY COUSINS

Perth's Bryan Cousins took his narrow defeat well. "You would be greedy if you considered yourself unlucky to be second in a Sandover Medal. I'm happy just to be up here."

FULL VOTING

John Ironmonger (EP)	3	3	3	3	2	2	—	16
Bryan Cousins (P)	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	—
Brad Hardie (SF)	3	3	3	3	2	1	—	15
Stephen Michael (SF)	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	—

FOURTEEN VOTES: Shane Ellis (EF), Murray Wrensted (EF).

THIRTEEN VOTES: Willie Roe (SF).

TWELVE VOTES: Peter Ware (SD).

ELEVEN VOTES: Michael Aitken (C), Rod Barrett (SF).

TEN VOTES: Steve Malaxos (C), Don Langford (SD).

NINE VOTES: Darrell Panizza, Steven Goulding, Michael Mitchell, Barry Beecroft (C), Wally Matera (SF), Paul Harding (EF).

EIGHT VOTES: Allen Daniels (C), Peter Thorne (EP), Phil Cronan (WP), Clinton Browning (EF).

SEVEN VOTES: Wayne Blackwell (C), Peter Spencer (EP), Dean Warwick (WP), Phil Narkle, Leon Baker, Brad Shine, Barry Kimberley (SD), Kevin Taylor (EF).

SIX VOTES: Greg Wilkinson, Rod Brown (S), Graeme Comerford (WP), Bruce Monteath (SF).

FIVE VOTES: Craig Edwards, Stan Magro (EP), Neil Taylor (S), Rod Alderton, Les Fong (WP), Mike Smith (SD), Benny Vigona, Michael Cockie (SF).

FOUR VOTES: Warren Ralph (C), John Dimmer (EP), Ray Reeves (S), Murray Rance (SD), Peter Wilson (EF), Clint Roberts, Len Gandini, Michael Rea, Ross Fitzgerald (P).

THREE VOTES: Graham Moss, Mark Watson, Peter Davidson (C), Michael Christian (EP), Laurie Keene, Mick Lee (S), Mick O'Brien, John Duckworth (WP), Gerard Neesham, Don Holmes, Peter Sartori, Tony Solin (SD), Jon Dorotich (SF), Bill Jones (EF), Peter O'Connell, Steve Turner (P).

TWO VOTES: Alex Hamilton, Grant Campbell, Greg Walsh, Gavin Hawkins (EP), Dwayne Lamb, Michael Mort, Warren Dean, Steve Leishman (S), Peter Menaglio, Ray Holden, Noel Muggavin, Craig Nelson (WP), Keith Narkle, Bill Skwirowski (SD), Noel Carter, Paul Vasoli, Warren Mosconi (SF), Roger Kerr, David Rankin, Jeff Cassidy, Mario Truco (EF), Harry Mumford, Paul Collie (P).

ONE VOTE: Colin Barnes (C), Dean Turner (EP), Phil Lamb, Clint Brown (S), Wayne Dayman (WP), Leigh Brenton (SD), Nicky Winmar, Stephen Mount (SF), Michael Brennan (EF), Mark Washfold, Earl Spalding (P).

TEAM TOTALS: South Fremantle 90, Claremont 86, Swan Districts 76, East Fremantle 68, East Perth 57, West Perth 46, Perth 44, Subiaco 37.

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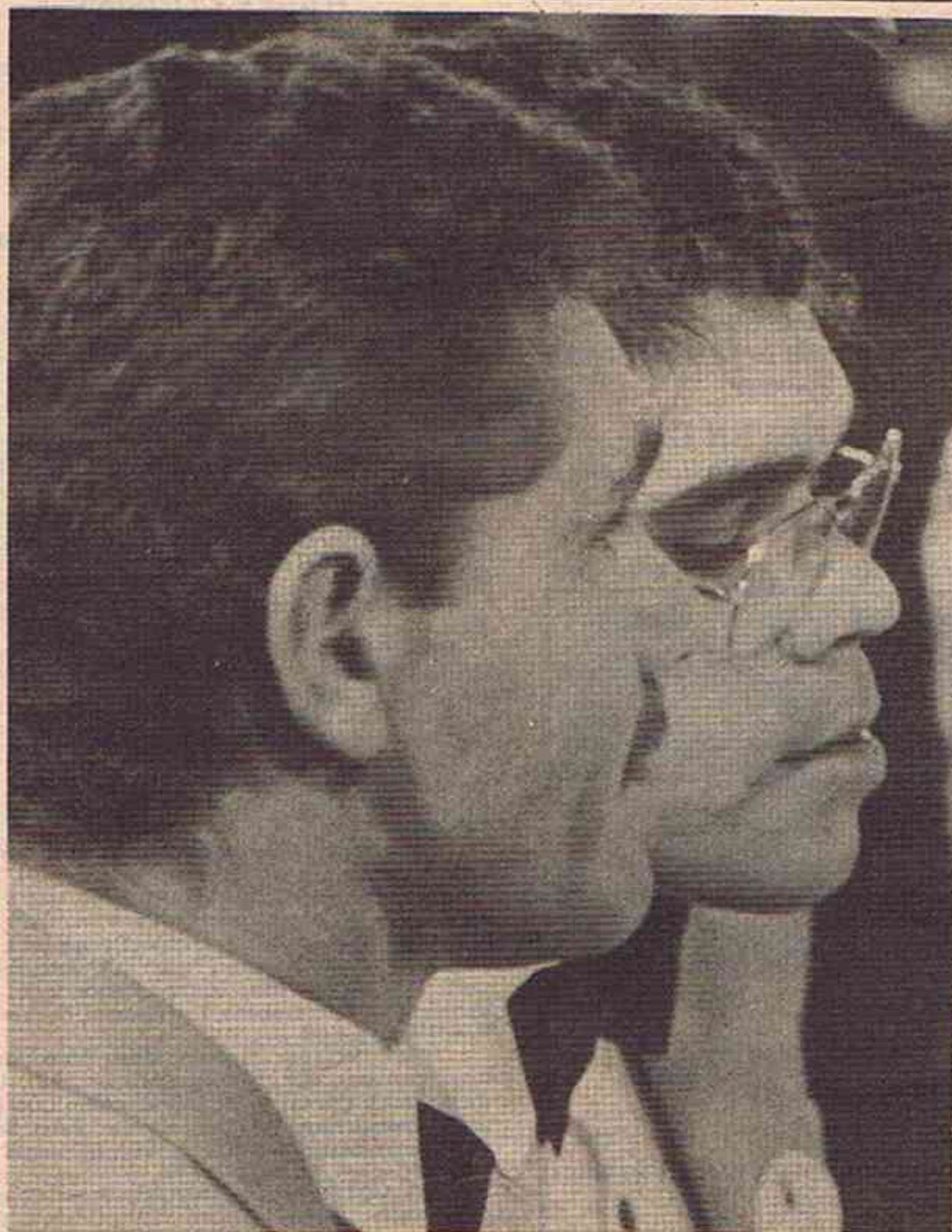
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SWAN GOLD SPOTLIGHT



FOCUS ON THE COUN



Westside Football photographer **RICHIE HANN** was at the Sheraton Hotel on Tuesday night to capture these scenes at the medal count.

IT was football's night of the year; all the glamour and glitz at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel's Golden Ballroom as the Channel 7-Sandstone Football Medal was decided for 1983.

The winner was a humble and emotional John Ironmonger, East Perth player in nine years to take out the prestigious medal.

TOP LEFT: It's almost a tearful John Ironmonger at the emotional finish.

LEFT: The Narkle brothers, Keith and Phil . . . nine votes between them.

BELOW LEFT: South Fremantle's Brad Hardie . . . pleased with that vote.

TOP RIGHT: Peter Ware (Swan Districts) . . . an impressive performance.



RIGHT: Claremont's media awards winner Stephen Malaxos . . . bitter disappointment.

FAR RIGHT (from top): DUAL winner Stephen Michael (South Fremantle) . . . so close again. Bryan Cousins . . . unlucky to lose on a countback. CLAREMONT'S Warren Ralph . . . only for another 100-goal season.

BELOW: Swans Don Langsford . . . a strong finish *BELOW: Murray Wrensted (East Fremantle)*



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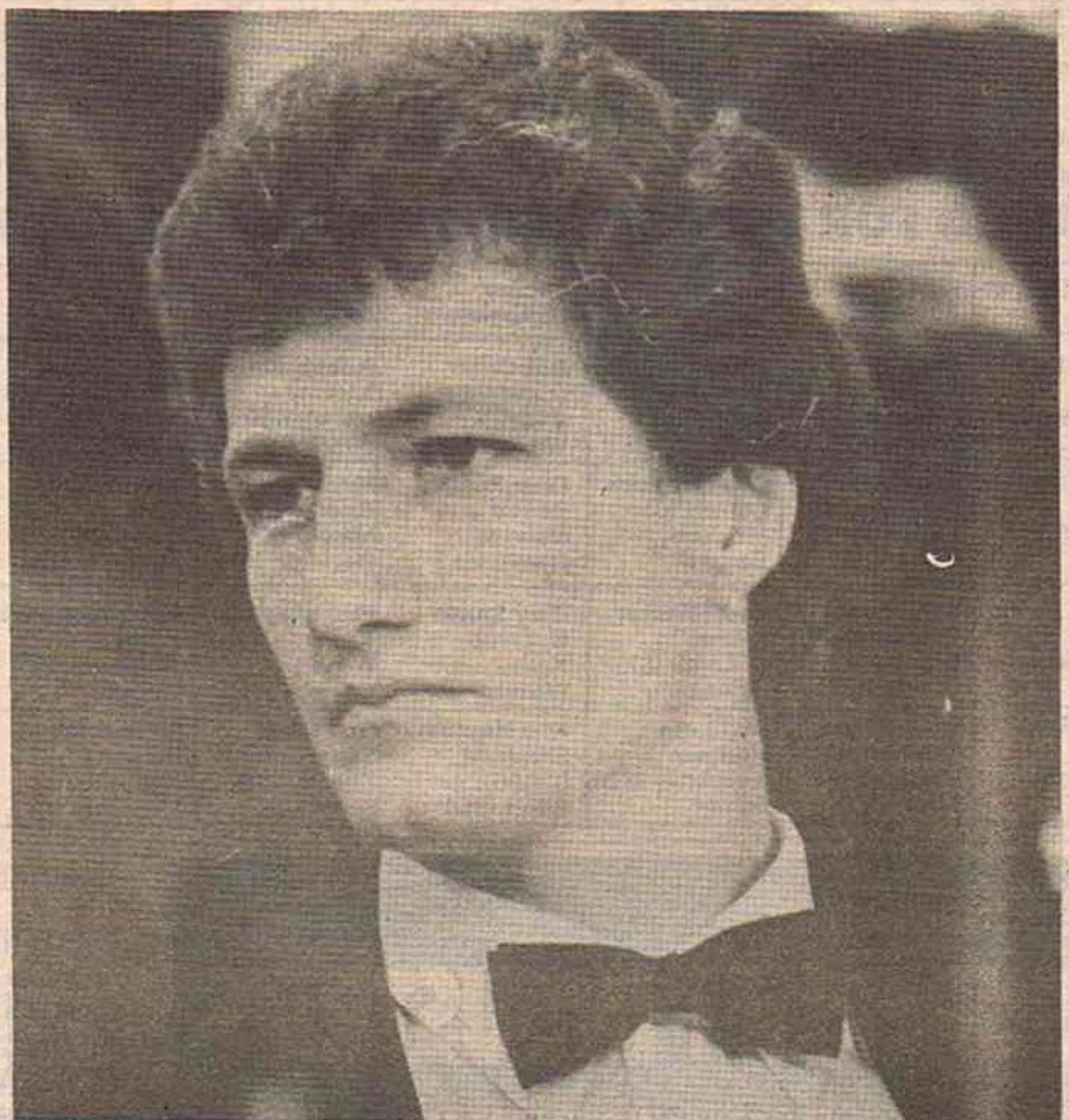
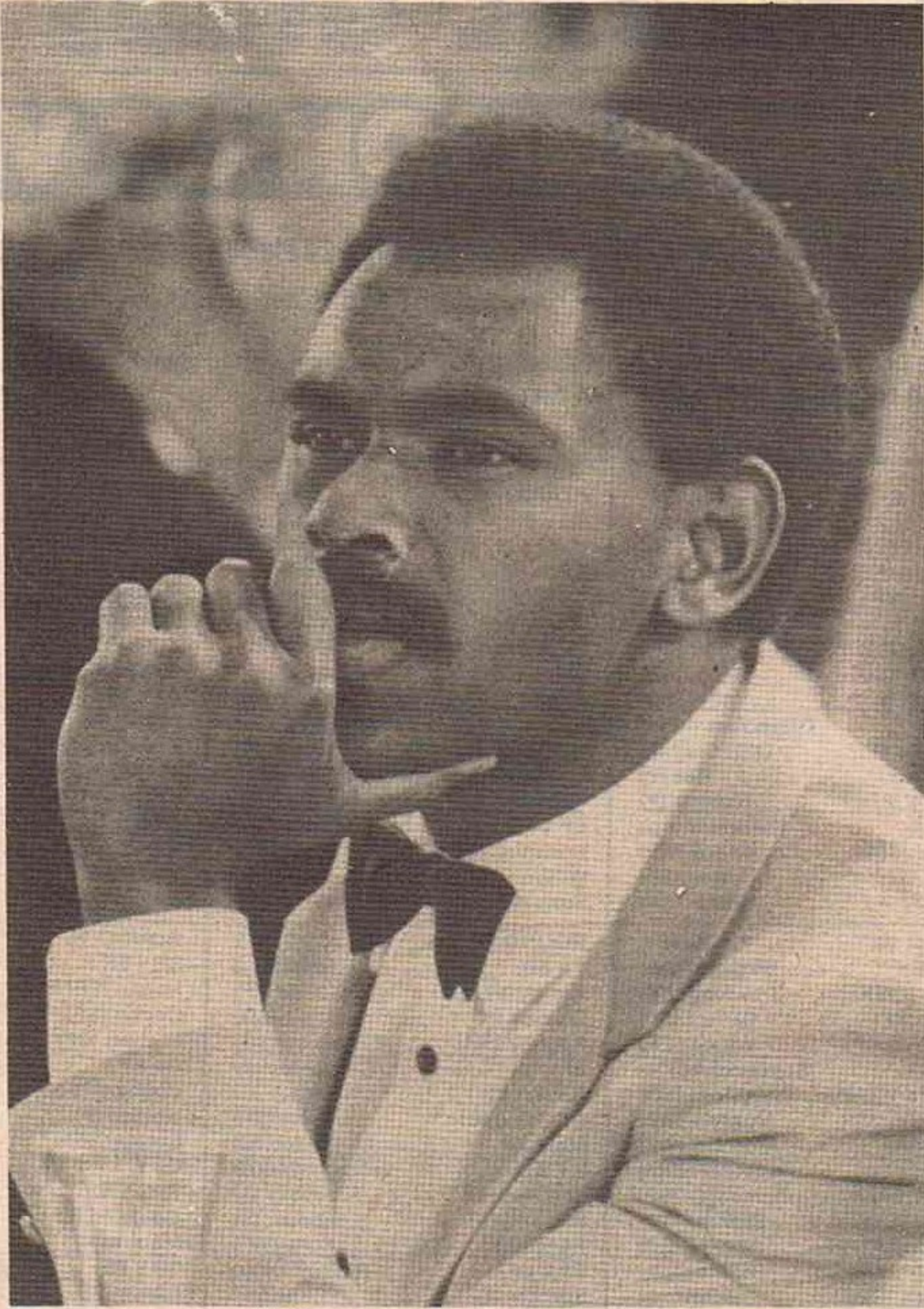
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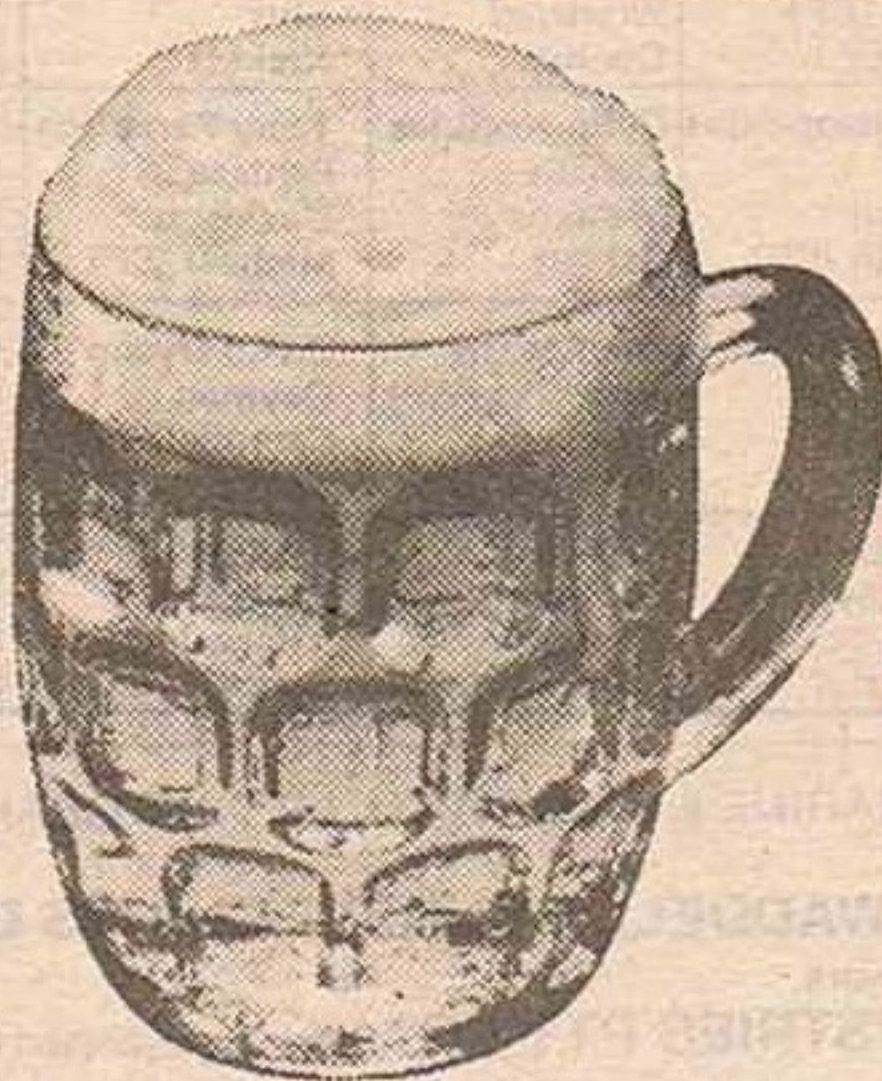
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Sheedy started a new era for the Royals

AS the 1956 season loomed East Perth had every reason to be confident.

Under their previous coach, Mick Cronin, they had shown enough to suggest they could play a part in the finals. All they needed was someone to put the finishing touches on the team.

And they hoped newly appointed captain coach Jack Sheedy would provide the impetus required.

Sheedy did not let the Royals down and with the introduction of some revolutionary training techniques, along with the adoption of the handball as a lethal weapon, Sheedy got the desired results.

As it turned out, 1956 WAS the year of the Royals. Not only did they win the flag under Sheedy's leadership, but Graham "Polly" Farmer won the Sandover Medal, a Tassie Medal and a Simpson Medal for his performances against South Australia.

Farmer had shown he was a top player with the Royals during Cronin's time at the helm, but the handpass really put the seal on him as a player of rare distinction.

He used his ability to gather the ball cleanly at the centre bounces and dish it out to a running player going past. It was Sheedy who brought this facet of his game together and at the same time made East Perth a formidable team.

A member of the 1956 premiership team, and a current club director, Laurie Kennedy, says that it was Sheedy's ability to be able to get the best out of the players which set him apart from the average coach.

"He used all of his tact to get us play at our top," Kennedy recalls. "And his influence on Polly Farmer was enormous. He put the finishing touches on Polly as a player."

"But in addition to that, in 1956 East

Perth started to get some value out of their juniors.

"The junior council was formed four years earlier and there were something like 11 players in the premiership side who had come up through the juniors. It was virtually a home-grown side.

"Sheedy was a strong man who didn't ask for you to put in your best — he demanded it.

"And along with John Watts, Charlie Walker and Jack Hunt we had a few players who used to be able to look after themselves. They played a similar role to that played by Ron Boucher at Swan Districts now.

"Unfortunately there aren't many players like that around anymore," Kennedy says. "I think we could also thank Sister Kate's home out in Kenwick for our success during Sheedy's time.

"Ted Kilmurray, Graham Farmer and Jack Hunt all came from there."

East Perth were an enthusiastic bunch going into the 1956 final round.

CAPTAINS
They led their teams
to a premiership

It had been 12 years since they had won a premiership and they sensed that this could be their year.

They started their 1956 final round campaign with a seven point victory over South Fremantle in the second semi final.

Then South earned the right for a re-match when they were too good for East Fremantle in the preliminary final.

East Perth started the grand final slowly, but by half time they had established almost a match-winning break of 21 points. By three-quarter time that had been stretched to 33 points and the game looked over.

However, the Bulldogs rallied in the last quarter and the Royals had to call on every reserve of energy to hang on to a three point victory. It was a personal triumph for

GRAND FINAL 1956 13th OCTOBER

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot	
East Perth	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	pts	
South Fremantle	1:3	6:10	9:14	10:17	67
Goals — (EP) Mose 4, Sheedy 2, McGill 2, Kilmurray 1	3:0	4:1	5:5	9:10	64
Best — (SF) Smith 3, Stewart 2, Gerovich 2, Jinnman 2					
McGill. (SF) Marsh, Parentch, Colgan, Riseborough, Smith, Stewart.					

Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires L. Gardner.
Free Kicks EP 10, 8, 1, — SF 10, 6, 9, 4, — 29.
Attendance 34,959.
South Fremantle won toss and kicked to western end.

Sheedy and the start of an amazing association with the club.

In his first five years as coach of the Royals he took them to successive grand final appearances and they won three of those contests.

His next success came in 1958 and while it was again a personal triumph for him he could not lead the team in the game that counted — the grand final.

Kennedy recalls that Sheedy was suspended after an incident against his old side, East Fremantle, in the second semi final.

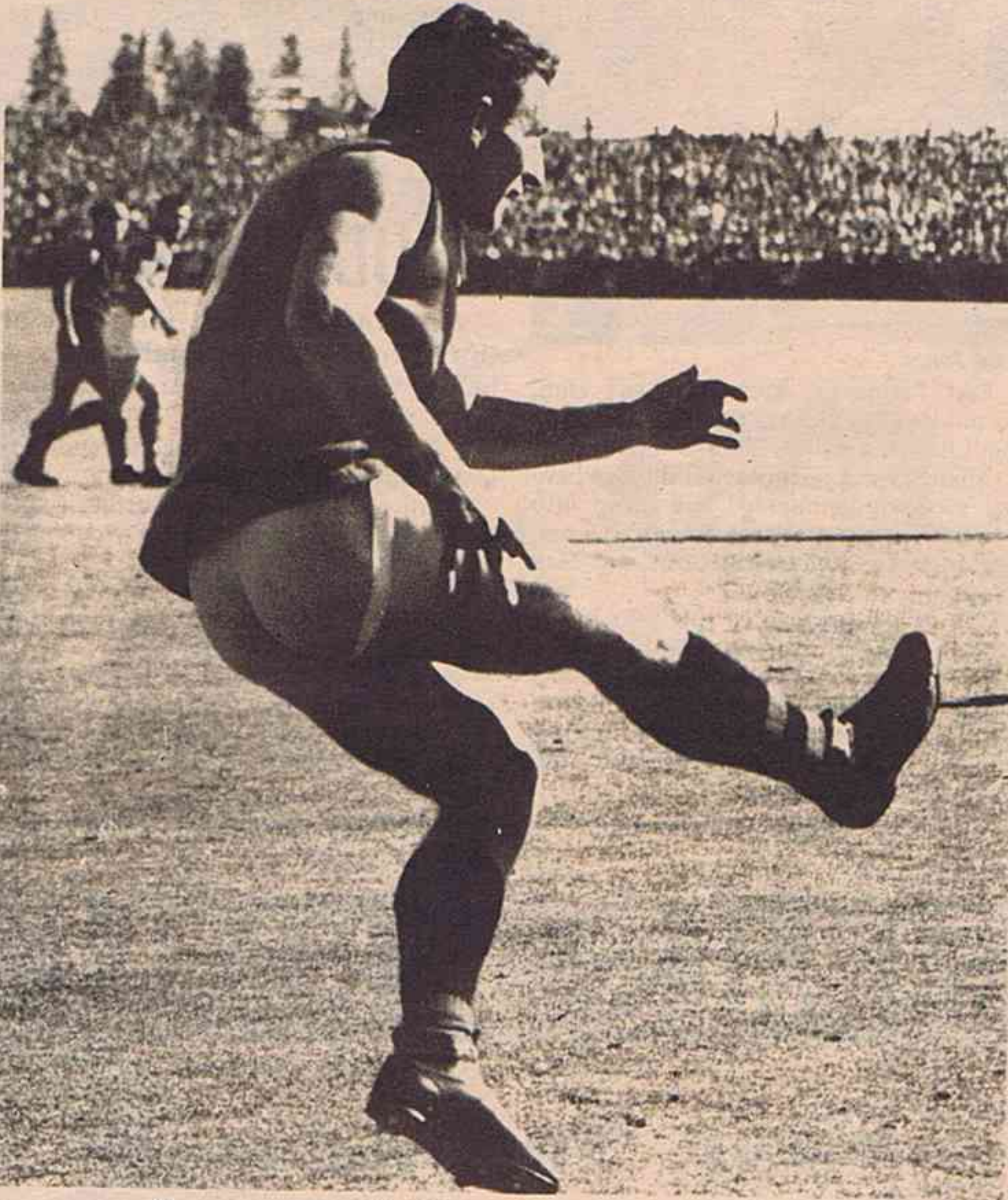
Trizzie Lawrence had started the game as a reserve and when he came onto the ground he met Sheedy with a barrage of "chat". Sheedy met that with a straight left and Lawrence was carried from the ground just 20 seconds after his arrival.

Unfortunately the umpire did not miss the action and Sheedy missed the grand final.

Tom Everett took over as captain on that memorable day and he played on East Fremantle's star player Norm Rogers, and it was his ability to curb Rogers' brilliance which was largely responsible for the Royals victory.

Because East Perth were without their captain-coach they were the underdogs, but Farmer again played a great game for his side and they were victorious.

On top of that Ned Bull won the Simpson Medal and Ted Kilmurray won the Sandover for that year.



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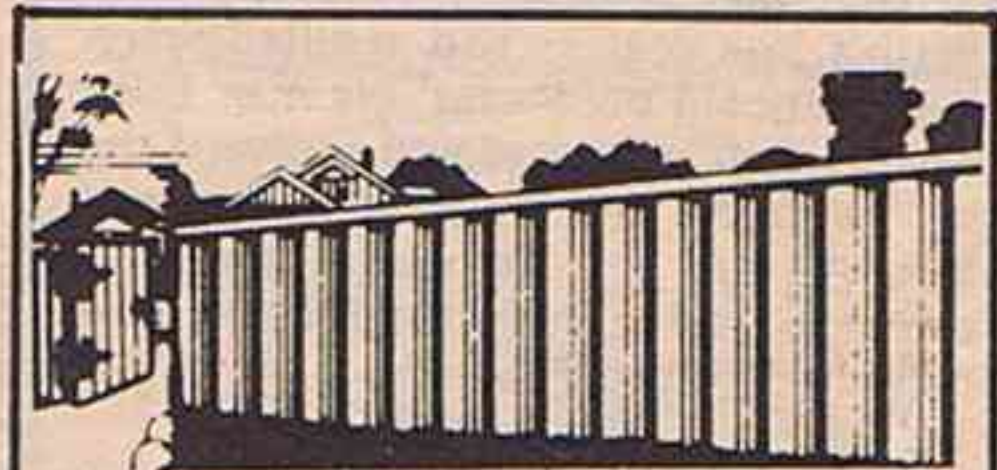
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KEEN KEENE

WHEN Subiaco came right back at West Perth it was largely through the efforts of tall ruckman Laurie Keene with his work in the third quarter. He took complete charge in his position, but aside from winning many tap outs he also showed the aplomb of a rover when he registered his team's 14th goal. Keene grabbed the ball on the 50 metre line, spun around onto his left boot and sent a magnificent kick through the big opening.

Slippery Smithy

CLASSY Swan Districts star Mike Smith showed his goal-kicking style with a great major against Perth in the first quarter of last Saturday's match at Bassendean Oval. Smith won possession of the ball on the half-forward flank, rode a hefty bump from a Demon defender, spun around to elude another tackle and in the same motion dropped the ball onto his left foot to send it accurately on its way to the goals.

Nifty Newman

PERTH's Ian Newman might be a first-year player, but one of his four goals last Saturday against Swan Districts will linger long in his memory. It came in the last quarter — in fact, it was Perth's last goal — and resulted when Newman held off Swans' big man Peter Sartori with one hand and soccered the ball with his left foot as it bounced through the air. It was a piece of soccerroo style play that would have done George Best proud.

A REAL WINNER

THE goal which won Claremont ruck-rover Stephen Goulding the Town and Country \$100 award on Channel 7's World of Sport programme on Sunday will take some beating for the goal of the year. Goulding was under all sorts of pressure when he picked the ball up in the goal square. He could not get around for a clear shot at goal because of the number of defenders, so he threw himself onto his back and kicked the ball over his left shoulder. It was a remarkable piece of acrobatics and it left the South defenders standing mesmerised, hands on their hips shaking their heads.

IMPRESSIVE PLAY

THE play of the day on World of Sport also featured Claremont players and it would have been a worthy goal of the day winner on any other show during the year. Brett Farmer took a mark on the wing and he then passed the ball to his brother Dean who was standing alone in the middle of the ground. Dean then saw Noel Morton backing up from the half-back line and he passed the ball across the ground to his vice-captain. Morton grabbed it, had one bounce and sent the ball sailing straight through the goals from 50 metres out. That was attacking football from the talented half-back and it capped off a great passage of play.

Marlboro's Top Ten

Warren Ralph (Claremont)123.63
John Scott (East Perth)66.33
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)59.39
Chris Stasinowsky (South Frem)	.59.36
Craig Edwards (East Perth)55.30
Paul Arnold (South Frem)50.32
Colin Waterson (East Frem)48.33
Peter Spencer (East Perth)49.25
Mick Rea (Perth)47.24

THE YEAR OF THE ROOKIE

THE 1983 football year should be remembered in Western Australia as the year of the "rookie."

This season WA has unearthed more top-line first year footballers than any year in my memory.

Top of the list is the brilliant East Fremantle utility player Murray Wrensted and the incredibly talented Swan Districts defender Peter Ware.

Football needed players like these two to emerge from the pack this year and the game is indebted to them and the long list of other first-class youngsters who have made their debut in 1983.

I know that John Todd and Malcolm Brown believe that this year we have found more potential champions in WA than ever before.

Both these coaches have insisted that top players be given a chance to play in Victoria, which has meant a drain on our talent. But the new young players who have emerged this year have well and truly compensated for their loss.



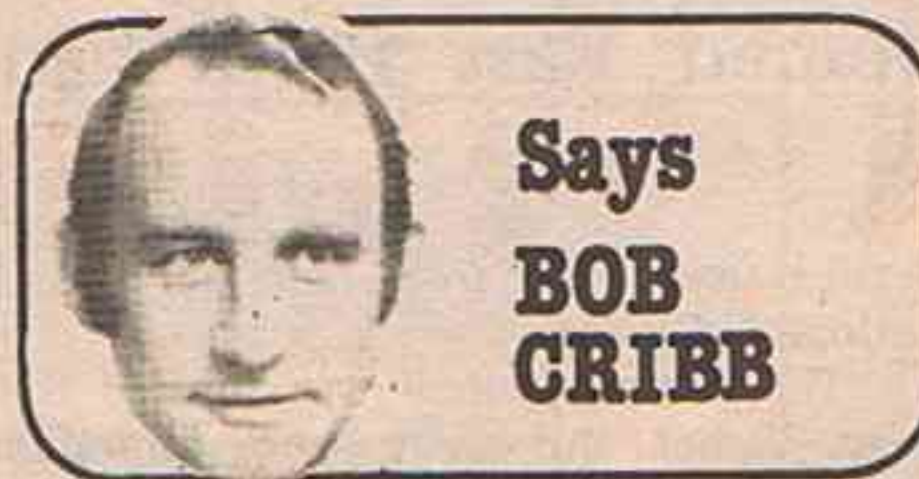
Billy Jones

East Fremantle, more than any club, has put its faith in first year players in 1983 and it has paid dividends for them.

Apart from young Wrensted, they have also successfully blooded and fitted into their side on a regular basis Billy Jones, Ray Sterrett, Michael Brennan and Max Johnson.

The other top recruits this year in my book are Earl Spalding (Perth), Nicky Winmar (Souths), Peter Davidson (Claremont) and Craig Nelson (West Perth).

All have shown enough to guarantee that they will be among this State's top footballers of the future.



Says
BOB CRIBB

UMPIRES TOO!

WHILE on the topic of debuts, I would like to pay tribute this year to the new umpires introduced to League football in 1983.

Five umpires — Richard Austin, Trevor Starceovich, Fred Devine, Brian Appleby and Paul Mannix — have joined the ranks of our League umpires and they have done themselves proud.

I believe the standard of umpiring in this State has reached a very high level this season, particularly in the latter half of the season.

I always judge an umpires' performance by how little you notice him during the game.

This season, apart from the early games, I have not had occasion to comment on the umpires at all and to me that indicates they have done a good job.

Ross Capes and Ron Powell — our two best umpires in recent years — can take a lot of the credit because they have helped the new umpires with advice and constructive criticism.

GRUDGE MATCH

NO MATTER what the result of this Saturday's first semi-final is, I believe that the winner can make it to the grand final.

I say that because the second semi-final is shaping up as a grudge match.

Souths are not happy about being told by people like me that they would not try against Claremont last week.

Claremont are not happy because they were told by people like me that their opposition last week would not try.

Now they both have to try like they have never tried before, leaving the loser and what should be the "walking wounded" at the mercy of either Swans or East Fremantle.



By 6PR
 personality
GARY CARVOLTH

GARY'S GOSSIP

New contest

WATCH out for a brand new competition on the electronic scoreboard at Subiaco oval during the finals. Radio 6IX and The Western Mail are involved and the major prize is a return trip for two to London with the compliments of Cathay Pacific Airways. It's a great idea and 6IX will give you all the details.

Predictions

THE 1983 football season is fast drawing to a close — but I can't let this opportunity go by without making a few predictions for next season.

The Subiaco coaching appointment for 1984 will be announced soon. Candidates include — Brian Fairclough; Grant Dorrington; Graham Melrose; Graham Campbell and, believe it or not, the "evergreen" Haydn Bunton Jr.

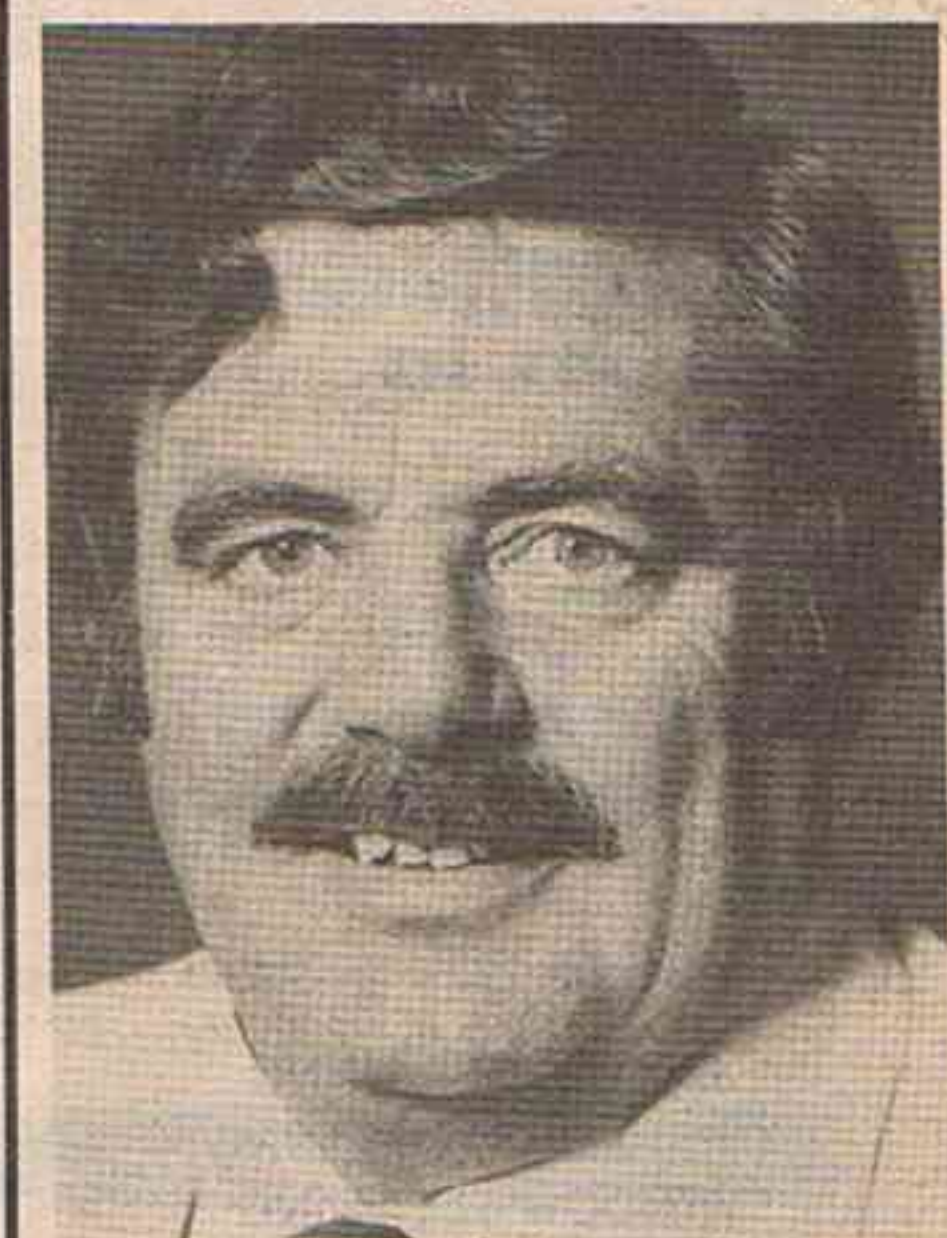
Another name being associated with the Subiaco coaching position is South Fremantle's Noel Carter.

Personally, I would like to see Dorrington given an opportunity and a long term commitment. Time will tell.

Media changes

BY the time the next football season rolls around, you could see a number of major changes in the media area too.

Radio 6PR, long-time leaders in the radio sphere of football, thanks in the main to John K. Watts, could be without the "big fellah" next year.



J.K. Watts

6KY's Tim Flynn is alleged to have received a number of offers, but would he be happy working in a country town? Seriously, though the radio industry always seems to be in a bind — however, I do believe there will be a few surprises by the time we commence the first round of fixtures for 1984.

Newton benefit

I HAD the pleasure of being invited to join Wattsie and his new side-kick Trevor Carlsen for the 6PR champagne breakfast on Monday morning at the Sheraton Hotel. This special function was organised to raise funds for injured golfer Jack Newton. It was a star-studded affair featuring "leading lights" from the sporting — media and business world. Among the "kind hearts" were Graham Moss, John "Buzz" Parkinson, Allan Quartermaine, Peter Eakins, Terry Gale, Ian Stanley, Stewart Ginn, Bruce Walker, Allan Maller and many more.

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JUNIOR PAGE

Great weekend of junior footy finals

THERE were many highlights in last weekend's junior football, including a team being unbeaten to win this season's Alcock Cup series.

Other highlights saw a Swan Districts side chasing their 50th straight victory, but losing by a kick in the grand final; a club winning a record seven premierships from seven appearances in Subiaco's Wanneroo zone; a Claremont team losing their first game this season in the grand final; an East Perth club making a record six out of six grand finals and a Perth semi-final being drawn.

ALCOCK CUP

THIS season's independent schools prestigious Alcock Cup competition was won by Trinity College, who were unbeaten with 10 wins.

Next were Hale (seven wins), Guildford Grammar (6½), Aquinas (6½), Scotch (4), Wesley (1) and Christ Church (0).

The competition started in 1905 with only Aquinas, Guildford Grammar, Hale and Scotch College taking part.

The 75-year history now shows Aquinas winning an incredible 44 titles, Scotch next best with 16 crowns, then comes Hale (7), Guildford Grammar (6), Trinity and Christ Church (three each) and Wesley, who were victors last year for the first time.

Since 1976 almost every school has now won the traditional cup — only Guildford Grammar have missed out, last winning in 1958.

This season the independent schools catered for a first, second and third grade competition, plus two divisions each for years 8, 9 and 10.

SWAN DISTRICTS

Barring the 17s play-off, all the Swan Districts Junior Council's grand finals last weekend were extremely close affairs with Swan View being successful winning three titles.

In the 11s, Belmont scored a goal in the last minute to stem a persistent Midvale and win 3.5 to 2.4.

However, Midvale received some consolation when Kevin Davies was named best player afield with his outstanding performance.

The 12s grade provided a real upset. Bassendean, going for their 50th straight victory in four seasons, lost to Swan View by three points — the final score being 4.1 to 3.4.

Swan View's Jason Zorich was the player of the match.

Mazenod White 5.6 won the 14s contest over Redcliffe 4.5 and the winners had G. Peel as the fairest and best on the day.

Swan View won their second premiership, at the expense of Redcliffe, in an exciting battle — the score was 10.6 to 9.8 and Lee Waaka (Swan View) was voted best afield.

Swan View's successful weekend was capped off when their 17s easily defeated Bassendean, 16.16 to 9.5, to take their third crown.

Paul Nicholls stood out for the victors to be awarded the game's best player.

SUBIACO'S WANNEROO

THE enormous Warwick club showed power in winning seven of the eight Subiaco-Wanneroo junior premierships last weekend — and in doing so won all of their grand final appearances.

Only Warwick's 15s grade missed out on winning a title — their Black side went

down in the preliminary final the week earlier.

In the 11s Maroon division, Warwick Red beat Wanneroo and Ryan Smith was best afield, while Justin Driffill was voted best when his Warwick White team beat Northern Districts White in the 11s Gold grade.

The 12s flag went to Warwick Black when they ousted first year club Kingsley — Glen Ottey won the game's fairest and best award.

Warwick Red downed Whitford Tigers (Maroon) and Warwick Black won against Girrawheen (Gold) in the 13s — Barry Williams and Steven Rosich (Warwick Black) were best for the Maroon and Gold division respectively.

Koondoola went under in the 14s to Warwick Red and Stephen Hooper was the best for the match.

The 15s saw a dream come true for renown paraplegic coach Ron Martin, who brought his lowly Wanneroo team up to win the premiership over Whitfords. Peter Torpy (Wanneroo) was judged best afield. The Warwick muscle was again flexed in the 17s when they defeated Whitford for the title to cap off a magnificent 1983 season.

Warwick's Tony Fullgrabe won the fairest and best award for the game — all of the best player trophies were donated and presented by the Subiaco Past Players.

CLAREMONT

THE five Claremont Junior Council premierships were won by different clubs, but four of the play-offs were one-sided affairs.

The 11s title went to Scarborough, who beat Karrinyup 5.2 to 1.8; City Beach/Floreat 10.10 proved too strong for Dalkeith/Nedlands 1.1 in the 12s; Woodlands/Doubleview 7.2 easily accounted for Claremont 2.7 for the 13s flag; the 14s crown belongs to Dalkeith/Nedlands after their 15.6 to 7.5 defeat of Woodlands/Doubleview while North Beach snuck home 6.10 to 5.10 over the previously unbeaten Swanbourne 15s side.

WEST PERTH

THE West Perth Junior Council conducted two grand finals last Sunday and the remaining five grades play off this weekend.

The 11s premiership was won by North Innaloo over Marist — the final score was 7.5 to 3.6 and the winners had Jay Burton best player afield.

North Innaloo also won the 17s Division Two title — their White side beat Nollamara 15.4 to 7.14 and Graham Wilson was the game's best player for them.

All this Sunday's grand finals are to be held at Leederville Oval.

The 12s game at 8.30am brings together CBC and Westminster Balga; Marist will do battle against CBC in the 13s at 10am; Marist then face Osborne Park at 11.30am in the 14s; Osborne Park and Nollamara meet in the 15s at 1pm and Mirrabooka front North Innaloo Red at 3pm for the 17s Division One contest.

Last weekend, Cardinals (12s), Balga Orange (13s), Balga (14s), Marist (15s) and Balga (17s) were all eliminated in the preliminary finals.



AROUND THE CLUBS

By **Gary Bartholomeusz**
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EAST PERTH

ST Marks have created history in the East Perth Junior Council by having all of their grades in this weekend's grand finals.

Last weekend Mt Lawley 5.10 won their preliminary final versus Bedford 3.0 in the 11s while Bayswater downed Dianella 6.12 to 2.8 in the 12s.

The 13s saw St Marks oust Morley Police Boys 7.8 to 3.7 and Bayswater beat Noranda 12.12 to 10.8 in the 14s.

St Marks overhauled East Perth/Highgate 12.9 to 8.13 to reach the 15s grand final and Maylands earned the right to play off by defeating Dianella 11.14 to 7.10.

The 11s and 12s grand finals will be held at Wordsworth Reserve (Inglewood) this Saturday — at 9am St Marks play Mt Lawley (11s) and at 10.30am St Marks front Bayswater (12s).

All Sunday's grand finals will be at Perth Oval.

Bayswater Green face St Marks (13s) at 9am, St Marks meet Bayswater (14s) at 10.30am, Bayswater will do battle with St Marks (15s) at 12.30 pm and St Marks and Maylands will compete in the 17s at 2.30pm.

SOUTH FREMANTLE

STRENGTH club Cockburn will again be evident when the South Fremantle Junior Council conduct all their grand finals this Sunday at Fremantle Oval.

Last season Cockburn won three out of their four premierships appearances and this weekend they play in four grand finals.

In the 12s White Division at 9am Hilton will play Cockburn; at 10.25am Cockburn meet Kwinana for the 12s Red title; South Coogee front CBC in the 14s White grade at 11.50am; then at 1.25pm in 14s Red Cockburn face CBC while Cockburn and Willagee clash in the 16s at 3pm.

The preliminary final results were Cockburn 7.8 defeated South Fremantle 2.1 (12s White); Kwinana 8.6 beat Kardinya 3.3 (12s Red); CBC 17.6 trounced Hilton 2.1 (14s White); CBC 10.9 won against Willagee 6.10 (14s Red) and Willagee 14.12 ousted Coolbellup 4.8 in the 16s.

EAST FREMANTLE

THIS weekend the East Fremantle Junior Council conduct their nine grade grand finals.

On Saturday at Marmion Oval (Melville) in 11s Blue Thornlie meet Karoonda at 9am with the 13s Karoonda/Thornlie clash following at 10.30am.

At Karoonda 2 Oval, Thornlie play Melville at 9am in the 12s Blue division, while Rossmoyne and Applecross follow at 10.30am in the 11s White clash.

Lynwood versus Riverton for the 12s White premiership at Karoonda 1 Oval on Saturday at 10.30am.

R & I Little League

POWER PACKED DEMONS

PERTH gave a power-house performance in their R and I Little League match against Swan Districts to score a 23 point win on Saturday.

Cam Mitter and Matthew Worth led the way with two goals each and Tim Martin kicked the other. Ricky Easton kicked Swans' goals and other good players were Jason Hutchison and Paul Morgan.

East Fremantle also hit top form kicking 4.1 to no score.

Grant Croot kicked two goals for East Fremantle while Glenn Fletcher and Blad Roeburne kicked one each. Mason Clarke also played solidly.

Best for East Perth were Wesley Phillips, Brock Kennelly and Troy Golding.

In the closest game of the day Subiaco kicked 1.2 to beat West Perth 1.1.

Glen Ilich (one goal), Allen Marshall and Scott McKenzie played well for the young Lions while David Elliott, Gerrard Reeves and Steven Devitt did best for West Perth. Their goal was kicked by Gavin Pain.

In another tight game Claremont kicked 2.2 to beat South Fremantle who added two goals straight.

Paul Kielly, along with goalscorers, Peter Branson and David Dyson played well for the Tigers while Colin O'Neil (one goal), David Hogg (one goal) and Grant Jervos did best for South Fremantle.

Perth were represented by Bassendean, Swan Districts (Mary's Mount), East Fremantle (North Midlands), East Perth (Mundijong), Subiaco (Sorrento-Duneraig), West Perth (Westminster Balga), Claremont (North Beach) and South Fremantle (Rockingham).

This week the knockout premiership competition begins with Swan Districts playing claremont and Subiaco meeting West Perth at half time in the reserves while east Fremantle will tackle East Perth and South Fremantle will do battle with Perth at half time in the league game.

All clubs will be represented by their combined 12s team.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts
East Fremantle	21	16	5	-	457	196	64
Perth	21	12	8	1	308	276	50
Claremont	21	11	9	1	276	270	46
Subiaco	21	11	10	-	282	301	44
Swan Districts	21	10	11	-	268	301	40
West Perth	21	9	11	1	288	359	38
East Perth	21	8	11	2	205	271	36
South Fremantle	21	4	16	1	155	365	18

The four Sunday grand finals will be held at East Fremantle Oval.

Rossmoyne play Mt Pleasant (14s) at 9am; Rossmoyne face Karoonda (15s) at 10.45am; Lynwood front Melville at 12.45pm (16s) and at 3pm the 17s meeting is between East Fremantle and Melville.

PERTH

PERTH Junior Council started their finals last Sunday and the highlight was a drawn game in the 17s first semi between Queens Park and Manning.

The latter were about eight goals down at half-time but produced a magnificent fightback to tie the match 18.10 each.

The replay is on this Sunday at Collier Reserve at 2.15pm.

The other three first semi finals this Sunday will precede the 17s game at Collier Reserve — in the 11s South Perth meet Manning at 9.30am, Manning then play Carlisle in the 13s at 11am and the Carlisle/East Vic Park 15s match follows at 12.30pm.

The second semis will be all played at Lathlain Park this Sunday — Queens Park versus Carlisle (11s) 9.30am; Queens Park and South Perth (14s) 11am; Manning play Queens Park (15s) 12.30pm and Canning versus Carlisle (17s) 2.15pm. Canning (11s), Canning (13s), Forrestfield (15s) were all eliminated from the finals race last Sunday.

The junior council's Champion Club for 1983 is Carlisle.



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TURNER TO STAND DOWN

ROYALS coach John Turner announced his decision to stand down next season after a disappointing loss to South Mt Barker in the Southern Districts National Football League first semi final on Sunday.

It was a poor performance from the Lions and Turner was naturally upset with the way his charges played.

However, it was a tremendous effort from the Hawks. Just five weeks ago they looked to be a spent force. But some inept displays from Railways and an unbelievable finish to the season saw the door opened for them to sneak into fourth place.

They made the most of their opportunity and now they look capable of throwing out a serious challenge for the premiership.

North Mt Barker and North Albany clash this Sunday in the second semi final. In all probability the Demons, who lost just one qualifying game, will win this match and then the Hawks need to beat the Albany side to make it a derby grand final.

Stars of the win against Royals were

captain coach Larry Dwyer, ruckman Charlie Staitte and centre half forward Glen Thomson.

Railways tried a last minute bid to work their way into the four by bringing former coach Tom Panizza, the father of Claremont and State wingman Darrell Panizza, who coached the Tigers in the late 1970s and had them playing their best football for several years.

However, even an inspirational pre-match address was not enough to boost Railways on their winning way.

North Albany half back Kelvin Stephen played his 150th game for the Kangas in the last match of the season.

A brother of former State and East Fremantle defender Peer Stephen, Kelvin has been a stalwart of the Kangas in recent seasons and he thoroughly deserved to reach the milestone.

Perham sets a new record

BRIGADES full forward Steve Perham, in the Great Northern National Football League, continues to re-write the record books.

The strong marking former Leeman player broke the record for the number of goals kicked in one season two weeks ago when he notched his 96th, and he reached the magical triple figures against Mullewa last Sunday.

The talented Perham has now kicked 102 goals in his first season in the Geraldton-based competition and he is obviously going to be a key player in the finals.

His effort on Sunday was worthy of special mention. His side was beaten by top team Mullewa by about 12 goals, but Perham still managed six goals.

And this week, in the last round of qualifying games, he could stretch his goal kicking record even further.

In becoming the first man to score 100 goals in a GNNFL season he surpassed the record previously held by former Brigades and Towns full forward Ken Coulson.

Coulson set his first goal kicking record in 1973 when he posted 79 goals throughout the season and then in 1975 he increased the tally to 94 goals.

Although Perham is having an outstanding season, Mullewa proved to Brigades

that they are certainly the team to beat for this year's pannaant.

Under captain coach Gus Mourish they displayed a ruthless brand of football against Brigades last Sunday. Mourish received solid support from Graham Taylor.

Brigades had few good players, but six-times fairest and best winner Warren Jones tried hard, along with Bruce Jupp, Eric Cooper and former Perth and East Fremantle ruckman Marinus Potter.

Potter, after a slow start to the season has excelled in the last two games and should produce his best form during the finals.

At this stage the final four has been decided.

Rovers, in fourth place, settled the issue when they were able to beat second team Railways last Sunday. However, Railways had every opportunity to reverse the result.

They trailed by five points with only seconds remaining when one of their players had a shot for goal, but he could manage just one point.

PERENJORI JOB

THE Perenjori Football Club is offering a job, in addition to the normal fee, for their 1984 coach.

The club is keen to tie up the loose ends before next week and applicants for the position should contact Kinglsey Barrett on 099 73 1163.

Their captain coach will be given a job as a swimming pool manager.



THIS week's Crestwood Inntown Perth Hotel winner of a weekend for two in Perth is North Mt Barker full-forward Andy Garkaklis.

In the last qualifying game of the Southern Districts National Football League season against Royals he bagged 13 goals to take his season's tally to 102.

And in doing so he became the first man to kick 100 goals in a year in that competition since former Swan Districts, Railways and Royals champion Colin Edwards achieved the feat in the early 1960s.

Against Royals, Garkaklis had kicked only five of the 11 goals he needed to reach the target by three-quarter time. But in the last quarter his team mates went out of their way to feed the ball to him and the Royals defence was powerless to stop him kicking a further eight goals for the match.

The strong marking full forward was supplied mainly through the agency of Billy Krakouer in much the same fashion as his brothers, Phil and Jim, used to feed Warren Ralph when they were playing at Claremont.

Garkaklis has led the way with his full forward play this season and he will obviously be a trump card in this week's second semi final against North Albany.

He takes a strong mark, leads well and kicks powerfully. Over the season he kicked 37 more goals than his closest rival, North Albany's Murray Wynne was second with 65 goals.

The Crestwood award has been made available this season for players, officials or supporters who have contributed to country football and nominations can be sent to Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

AWARD TO ZILM

YOUNG Wanderers player Rodney Zilm has won the Central Great Southern National Football League's fairest and best award.

Zilm, who played six games with the South Fremantle reserves last year on weekly permits, has had an outstanding season with the Tigers and he won an exciting count by one vote.

In second place was Kukerin centreman-cum-centre-half-back John Ditchburn, a brother of Carlton forward Ross Ditchburn.

Zilm polled 16 votes in a low count with Ditchburn getting 15 and in third place was Tambellup rover Ray Trevaskis on 14 votes.

The 21-year-old Zilm returned to Kattanning when South Fremantle could not line him up with a job as an electrician, but the Bulldogs are certain to try again for next season.

The win in the fairest and best count will add to his successes as the fairest and best player for the Central Great Southern in the Great Southern Carnival and fairest and best for the Central Great Southern in the B-section grand final of the Wesfarmers Country Football championships.

The lean youngster has played as a ruck-rover or centreman this season and looks to have a bright future. He finishes his apprenticeship at the end of the year and that might make a difference when he has to make a decision about his football future.

400 clearances

THE Upper Great Southern handled more clearances this season than any other year in the history of their competition.

In the last few seasons the average number of clearances has been about 300. But this year more than 400 players applied for clearances to or from Upper Great Southern clubs.

Upper Great Southern secretary John Pillage says there were two major factors contributing to the giant jump.

Firstly, Lake Grace, who had previously played in the now defunct Lake Grace Kulin Football League, joined the competition at the start of the year and then the two Wagin clubs amalgamated.

That meant that three entire clubs needed to put in transfers.

SAINTS TOO GOOD

Collie gave an impressive performance in their second last qualifying match of the season when they out-classed Busselton in their South West National Football League match at the weekend.

The Saints returned to their best form with a solid 30.15 to 6.11 and are now ready to tackle trend-setters Mines Rovers.

But the Mines also revved themselves up for the rapidly approaching finals when they scored a seven-goal win over Donnybrook.

Although it wasn't their most impressive performance of the year Mines still managed to display the skill and team work which makes them a big chance for the flag.

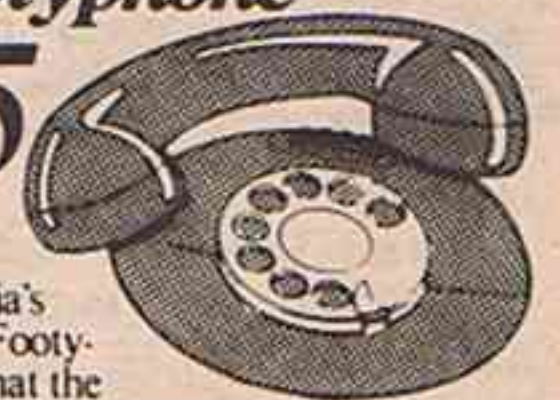
Other finalists, Bunbury and South

Bunbury also warmed up with strong showings.

Bunbury thrashed Carey Park by 118 points while South Bunbury were far too good for Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

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A GREAT COACH!

...Todd led Swans from the wilderness

AT THE end of the 1976 season the Swan Districts Football Club were at the point of no return. They had promised so much but never looked like becoming the football power their supporters wanted.

Their president, John Cooper, ready for his second year, sought the type of coach that Swans required to develop — and he selected John Todd.

Todd had won a premiership at East Fremantle, but was looked upon as a "stormy petrel" always being involved in controversy.

He continued that controversial tag placed on him by the media with his hard-line approach towards players in the club who didn't toe the line.

The media, as they have a great habit of doing, usually protect the player and didn't make Toddy's efforts easy by continually making statements to the football world supporting the 'sacked' or severely disciplined player.

Todd never wavered in his pursuit of developing a 'true champion team'. He had great support from his president and a single minded desire of what he wanted.

His fanaticism towards giving Swan Districts some credibility in the WA Football League has been one of the greatest achievements in this State's football history.

Today Swans are in the four in all grades and have an individual team arrogance that is evident with all top sides.

They have great respect from all other teams and what's more, have turned the tables in winning games on many of the clubs that used to see Swans as "easy beats".

East Perth haven't beaten Swans for three years.

Todd has used the 'Royals' as a club

that had tradition to his players and indicated that Swans would be able to 'stand tall' when they could continually beat that club.

Yes, no matter who you support and how much you may dislike Todd's statements, he speaks from the heart and doesn't pull punches. His planning and development of the Swan Districts Football Club has been one of the greatest developments in any club within the WAFL.

Todd has gained the status of a great coach.

He is a man whom I have grown to respect enormously in any development as a coach; always willing to discuss and listen to any problems (even when you are an opposition coach) that you may have as he understands only too well the difficulties new coaches have to overcome while serving their apprenticeship.



John Todd and John Cooper . . . a great combination.

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



Stats men

WITH the completion of the 1983 home and away games, spare a thought for those many men who have spent every Saturday afternoon for the past 21 weeks recording the statistics modern day football requires.

Coaches want backup information on all different aspects of a game. Kicks, marks, handballs given and received, knock-ons, shepherds, tackles, etc. for not only their side but the opposition.

Recording stats is a demanding role when you consider you don't get a chance to watch the game in the way that supporters do.

Any slight break in concentration can cause incorrect results for the football brains.

But like the many different people who work in football clubs behind the scenes, 'stats men' do an enormous job for little or no reward.

Half time

LET's hope that the powers to be who are looking at promoting the half-time intervals in the coming finals have shown some foresight and sought ideas from all areas of the football world.

Brass bands and marching girls are not what the football public want.

My suggestion is to run a series of knock-out kicking competitions between all football leagues, amateurs, Sunday associations, country leagues, and so forth.

It could be narrowed down to the 'super' kick title to be won grand final day.

Dinner for two

THE magnificent dinner for two at the Vegas Hotel goes to one of the top coaches in this State, John Todd. John has done a magnificent job in planning and then developing Swan Districts into one of the strongest teams in all grades.



Job well done

MOST junior football teams finished their seasons last weekend with the grand finals.

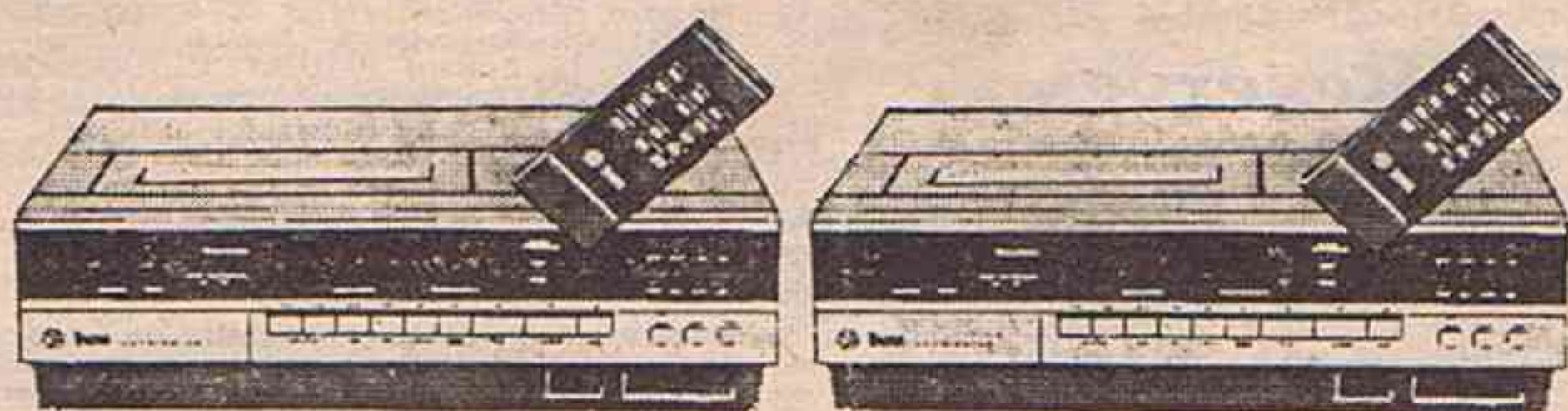
The many thousands of boys who play Australian football each winter do so because of the magnificent efforts of hundreds of parents who spend countless hours organising, administering and coaching the young players.

Junior clubs don't get any financial assistance to help provide for the jumpers, footballs and players teas that all clubs provide their young boys.

Mothers and fathers work for no financial reward and provide a great sporting environment for our young boys to play Australian football.

To all those parents and workers who have given up their training nights, Saturday and Sunday mornings to help the young boys, I am sure I speak for all the media and coaches at league level in saying a most sincere "Thank you on a job well done". Without your efforts senior football wouldn't be where it is today.

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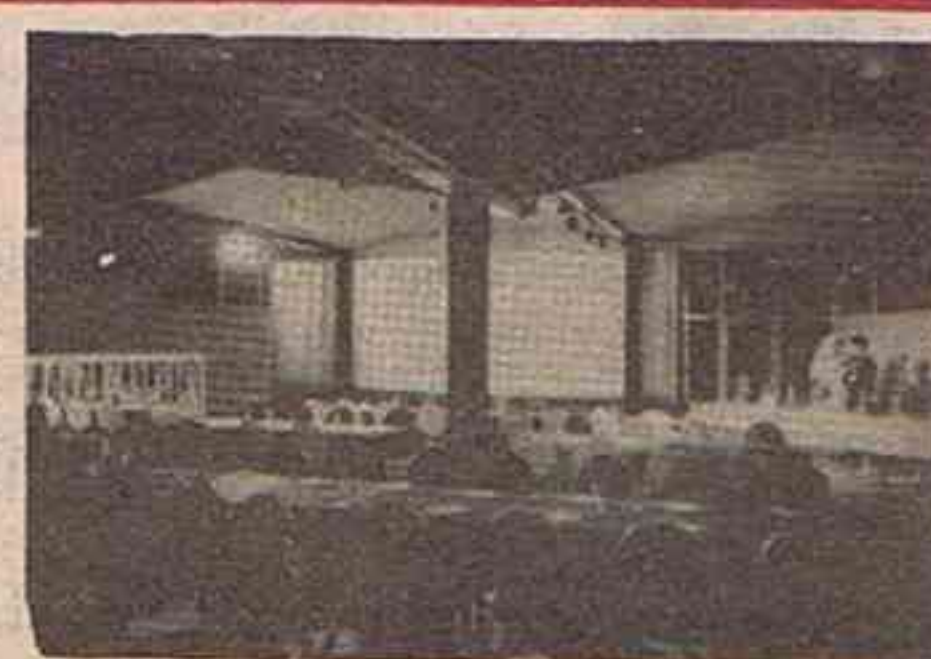
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