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SWANS' CUP

Westside Football's tipsters lean heavily towards Swan Districts winning their second successive premiership.

Of the 12 tipsters who have given our readers an accurate guide to the winners each week throughout the season only Gary Stocks, Ian Miller and Robert Bennett think Claremont can win.

The other nine experts have all gone for Swans following their impressive wins in the first semi final and then the preliminary.

Last year the tipsters also said it was Swans' Cup and they proved to be right — what will the result be this week? Turn to page five for a special preview of the big game.



INSIDE THIS BUMPER 28 PAGE EDITION:

- Statistics on every player for Saturday's Grand Final
- Profiles on Grand Final players
- Why the coaches think they can win

JOHN TODD

GRAHAM MOSS

Good luck and goodbye

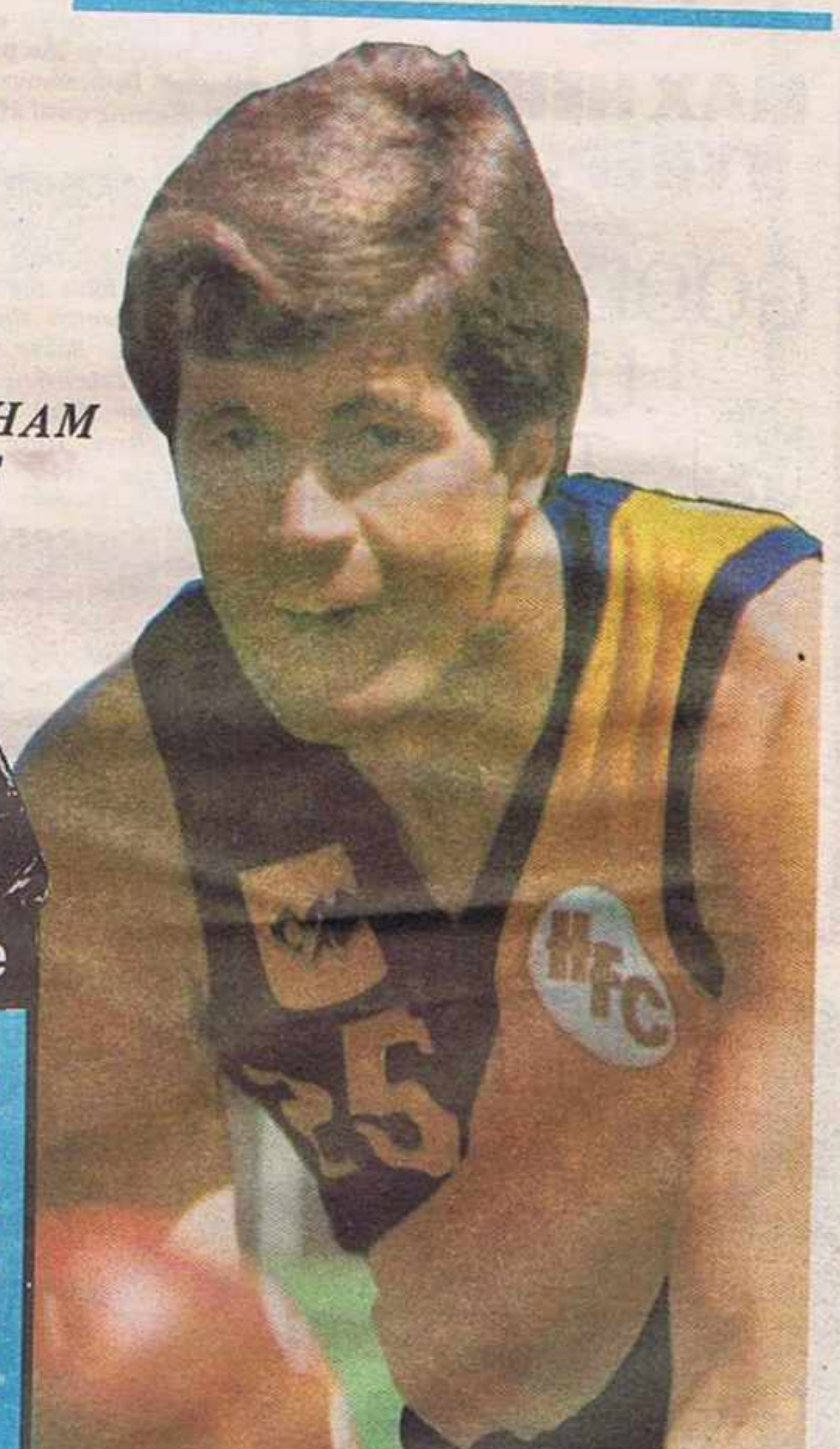
WESTSIDE FOOTBALL — WA's only major football newspaper — says farewell to the 1983 season with a good luck message to the 40 players and their coaches involved in this week's grand final.

May the best team win.

And, as we publish issue No. 126 of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL, bringing our fifth year to an end, we say thanks to all our readers, who continue to grow in considerable numbers.

Win, lose or draw this Saturday, the 1983 grand final will be a great contest.

And then next year it will be on again — and we'll be back again, that's for sure!



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SPEEDSTERS CHASE MARLBORO MONEY

Patrons at Saturday's grand final will get the chance to see which club has the fastest four runners in the WAFL when the Marlboro \$1000 4 x 100 metre relay is staged at half-time. The only teams which will not be represented are Claremont and Swan Districts. Marlboro have made available \$600 for the winners, \$300 for the second placed team and third across the line will pick up \$100. The race will be conducted by officials from the WA Amateur Athletic Association. At the end of Saturday's game, fans have been urged to stay off the ground so that the players can enjoy their moment of glory and they can be presented with their premiership medallions.

Former Claremont star Les Mumme - now with 6KY - has his say on this week's grand final.



LES'S LYRICS

Last year we saw the Swans fly high, they soared to win the day. Now Toddy knows the time is nigh - will the Tigers have their day?

Forty men will clash again, their strength and power supreme. Swans have dash with Peter Ware - a sporting creme' de la creme'.

Claremont men are stout and strong. Big Captain-Coach is Moss. Perhaps the Tigers' nemesis - is to prove that he is boss.

Warren Ralph will be there to score, his skill renown to all. But sadly yet for WA, will he soon kick a Carlton ball?

Yes, forty men will meet on Saturday, their hearts beat big and strong - and any man who picks Claremont to win - may not be entirely wrong.

OVER THE FENCE



Lucky fans

THERE will be 40 lucky football fans at this week's grand final. Town and Country WA Building Society have had 40 balls specially inscribed in Swan Districts and Claremont colours and the 20 players from each side will kick one of the Chesson footballs into the crowd when they run onto the ground for the start of the big match.

TV replay

WHEN will the WAFL take a leaf from the VFL in relation to television display of an incident on report. The amount of visual publicity given to the Michael Cockie report for allegedly striking Murray Rance must prejudice the potential finding of the tribunal. In Melbourne, there is a ban on such showing until after the case is heard.

Leon's win

SWAN Districts utility player Leon Baker will have the ideal television set on which to watch the replay of this year's grand final. Baker won a new TV from Canberra Television for his effort in the preliminary final and he was in their Murray Street store to pick up his reward early in the week.

Cheerful job

IT SEEMS cheer squads are still having problems being accepted by the football public. Every week some sections in the crowd abuse them for being in the way or for making too much noise. However, the cheer squads have done a great deal to add atmosphere to the football in recent seasons. They get down to the games to support not just the league teams, but also to encourage the colts and reserves players. Keep up the good work.



Don Holmes

Todd master

SWANS coach John Todd marked himself as a master coach yet again with some of his strategy during last week's big game. Much of his pre-game thought must have been deep to come up with moves such as using one of WA's best ruck-rovers, Don Langsford, to mark danger man Bruce Monteath to perfection and to bring the creative forward Don Holmes into the side. Both moves proved highly successful and leaves one wondering what the incredible football mind of Todd can come up with in an effort to dull the Tigers confidence.

Unlucky fifth

THE use of regular defender Peter Kenny in the forward line last week was another of John Todd's moves that proved successful. Kenny topped off a fine performance with five good goals, the fifth of which he may well wish he hadn't bothered to kick. With the game well and truly in the black and white's keeping, Kenny ran into goal from some 30-metres out, but strained a thigh muscle that puts him on the doubtful list for the all important grand final clash with the Tigers on Saturday.

Grid iron style

SATURDAY'S preliminary final took on an air of American grid iron style introduction when the players from both teams huddled together after respective captains had tossed the coin. Each side regrouped to receive last minute advice from team leaders before breaking up to the cheers and best wishes from team mates and fans to take up positions for the bounce down.

Line-ups

THE day has come for the media to be allowed to inform the public EXACTLY where players lined up for the bounce down. If a side is playing a player as a loose man in defence, effectively using four half-backs, then the line-up should read that way, consequently showing only two players in the line where the fourth half-back has come from.

Soccer rules?

WHAT an exciting finish it was to the reserves game at Subiaco Oval last Saturday. With the league game being so one-sided, at least the reserves gave fans some compensation for their money. The anticlimax of the drawn result goes deeper for the two sides. To ensure that lower grade teams do get the opportunity to play on the "big occasion" day perhaps the League could consider playing five minutes each way in the event of a draw happening again?

Stazza's bad day

MURRAY Rance's big leap to mark over Chris Stasinowsky capped off a day Stazza will choose to forget. The volatile Stasinowsky had not registered on the kick statistics list up to that stage - the 18-minute mark of the third term.

Birthday greetings

IS your favourite footballer about to celebrate a birthday?

Lance Kelly (EP)
21 on 15th.

Kevin Taylor (EP)
25 on 15th.

Brian Needle (EF)
29 on 16th.

Greg Kelly (S)
20 on 19th.



Bruce Monteath (SF)
28 on 20th.

Alan Cransberg (SD)
25 on 22nd.

Brett Fullarton (EP)
22 on 23rd.

Michael Lee (S)
22 on 24th.



Brad Shine (SD)
24 on 25th

Shane Ellis (EF)
23 on 26th.

Ben Jager (WP)
29 on 26th.

Jeff Cassidy (EF)
27 on 27th.

Nicky Winmar (SF)
18 on 29th.



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LEAGUE GRAND FINAL AT SUBIACO OVAL

Colts: Claremont v South Frem. - 9.20a.m. Reserves (Prelim. Final replay) Swan Dist v West Perth 11.25a.m.

LEAGUE: SWAN DISTRICTS V CLAREMONT - 2.20p.m.

CLAREMONT W W W W W W W L W L W W L L W W W W W W 18 WINS
SWAN DISTRICTS L W W L W L W L W W W W W W W W W L W W W 18 WINS

1983 clashes: March 26 (Bassendean) Claremont 26.12 b Swans 20.8. May 22 (Claremont) Claremont 24.17 b Swans 18.19, July 15 (Bassendean) Swans 14.10 b Claremont 8.16.

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THE YEAR THAT WAS

"We are looking to the future"

THE 1983 football season has been a significant period in the history and development of football in Western Australia.

- We have seen the emergence of one of the finest crop of first year players for the past decade, the introduction of a full scale promotional and advertising campaign, an overall increase in attendances, outstanding success in interstate football and a positive response from the State Government to the problems confronting football in Western Australia.

Despite a significant fall-off in attendances throughout Australia in all fields of spectator sports, the WAFL maintained and showed a small, but significant increase in overall attendance figures.

We are very aware of the problems facing us and are taking positive steps in this direction.

Before this season, the League introduced a special concession admission price for unemployed people and also made available other significant concessions to club members and their children.

These moves were well received by the football public although it did result in an overall decrease in the average admission price paid by football patrons during the year.

GOVERNMENT HELP

THE WAFL made a submission to the WA Government earlier this year outlining the problems confronting the development of football in this State.

The financial problems facing the League and its constituent clubs were pointed out to the Government and particular emphasis was placed on the heavy commitment the League faces in providing public facilities and playing venues.

We were pleased with the positive response from the Government and their genuine interest in the welfare of our game.

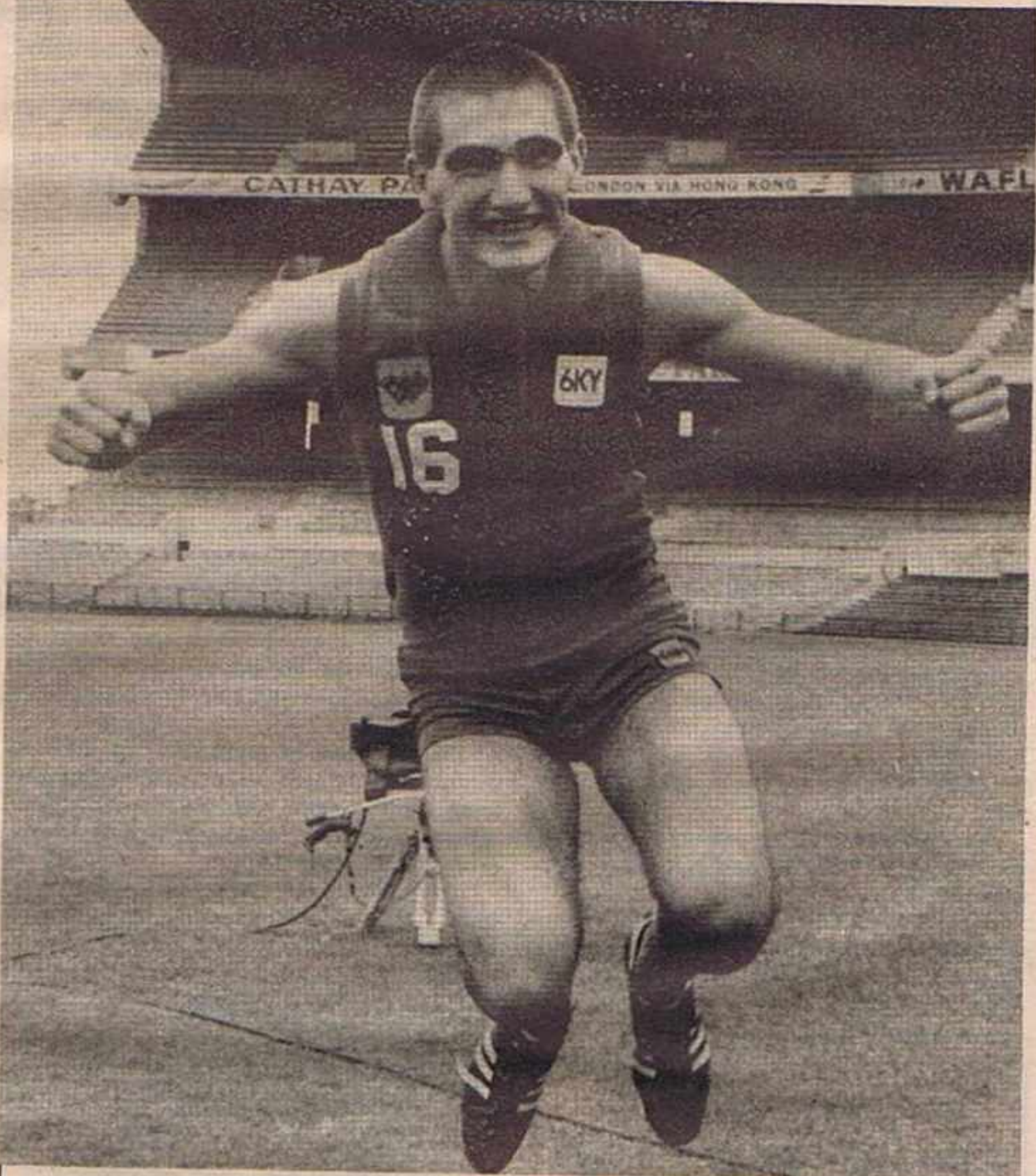
Acting on our submission, they have now appointed an independent Task Force to examine all aspects of football and its development and to report directly to the Government before next season.

We welcome this move and are offering full support to the enquiry.

We applaud the Government for their responsible attitude in instigating what will be the most far-reaching independent study conducted in the League's 98-year-history.



VINCENT YOVICH WA Football League president
Is this week's
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This picture of West Perth's Phil Bradmore was one of the League's promotional posters that appeared around the suburbs.

STARS EMERGE

NOT since 1974 when Ross Glendinning, Peter Spencer and Robert Wiley made their League debuts have such a talented band of first-year players come on to the W.A. football scene.

New young stars such as Murray Wrensted, Peter Ware, Peter Davidson, Nicky Winmar, Peter Dawson, Craig Nelson, Greg Wilkinson and Earl Spalding are just some of the exciting stars.

This augurs well for the future of the depth of our playing strength.

Interstate glory

THE 1983 year will be remembered as one of the great years for interstate football in Western Australia.

Two magnificent matches against South Australia and Victoria were staged at Subiaco Oval and both resulted in outstanding victories to the home side.

The match against Victoria will be long remembered by the 44,000 people who attended Subiaco Oval on a Tuesday afternoon - July 12.

Western Australia fought back from a 21 point deficit half way through the last quarter to snatch a three point victory on the bell.

As a result of these victories, WA was declared the Australian Champions for 1983.

WA captain Stephen Michael capped off the great interstate series by being awarded the Simpson Medal for the match against South Australia and the Tassie Medal for the best player for the series.



Garry Sidebottom and Kevin Taylor elated after a win against Victoria.

PROMOTION OF THE GAME

FOR the first time, the West Australian Football League entered into a full-scale advertising and promotional campaign before the start of the 1983 season.

This campaign, launched in conjunction with the TVW Enterprises Group, covered television, radio and press and was continued right through the season.

We believe that the campaign was successful and was instrumental in contributing to our attendance increases.

The League directors are currently planning their campaigns and activities for 1984.

THE DRAFT SYSTEM

THE WAFL and the V.F.L. continued their agreement on interstate clearances and are currently negotiating for the renewal of an agreement for the next three years.

Two years ago the V.F.L. introduced a drafting system in an endeavour to give their lower clubs an opportunity to recruit leading interstate players.

There is some speculation among the V.F.L. clubs that they may discontinue, or change, the draft system.

It must be pointed out, however, that this will not necessarily affect our clearance agreement.

The agreement between the two States is based purely on qualification and number of players eligible to transfer to Victoria in any one season and is in no way directly connected with the Victorian draft system of selecting players.

The decision on drafting is purely an internal matter for the Victorian Football League.



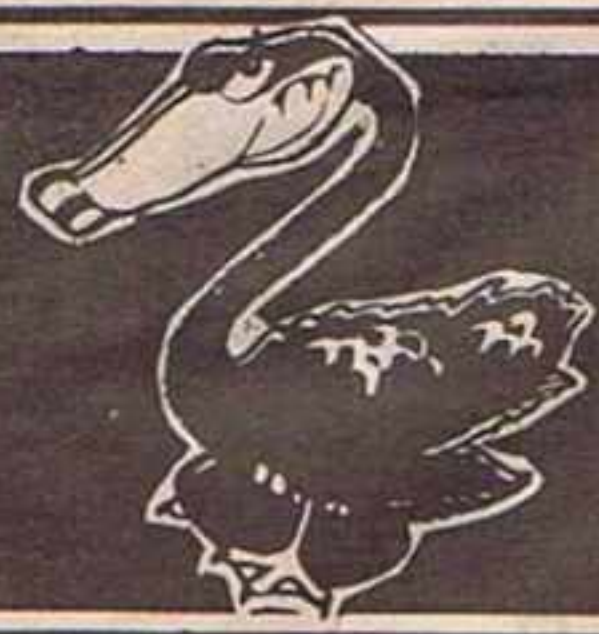
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have won,
We play with all our might
Because we're full of fight
We're the famous Black & Whites.

Celebrations at Bassendean

Swan Districts members will be given the opportunity to own their own special piece of premiership memorabilia when the club auctions the grand final jumpers on Saturday night.

Members only will be admitted to the upstairs section of the club, but supporters will be able to enjoy themselves outside on the oval where a band, Grapevine, will be playing.

There will also be meals available outside.

The players will be presented to both sections of the crowd and it should be a great night.

Members will have the opportunity to start the day off on the right foot at a grand final brunch, starting at 9 a.m., at Bassendean Oval. After which a special bus will convey patrons to Subiaco Oval.

NOT SO GREENER PASTURES

SATURDAY'S grand final will be played under rugged conditions, but the 40 players will enjoy the lush greenness of Subiaco Oval for the game.

The players will need to be mentally tough, physically strong and match hardened. They have all been preparing for this match since October last year.

But it's a far cry from the dusty, rock-ridden surface one has to contend with when playing football in the wheatbelt areas.

Claremont vice captain Noel Morton knows all about that.

He was raised on a Newdegate farm and they always play it hard in that competition. The conditions were far from ideal for football, but he suffered that inconvenience.

Perhaps it was that rugged introduction to Australian Rules which makes him realise just how rewarding league football can be.

And now he is set to play in his second premiership side in three years.

Morton has been a top player for the Tigers since making his league debut in 1979 and with 90 games under his belt he has an important role to play for his club today.

He has been in great form in the last month and he will be looking to put the icing on the cake with a good individual effort in today's big game to help Claremont win another flag.

The 22-year-old clerk was a key player in the Tigers' 1981 premiership and will be chasing a similar success today.



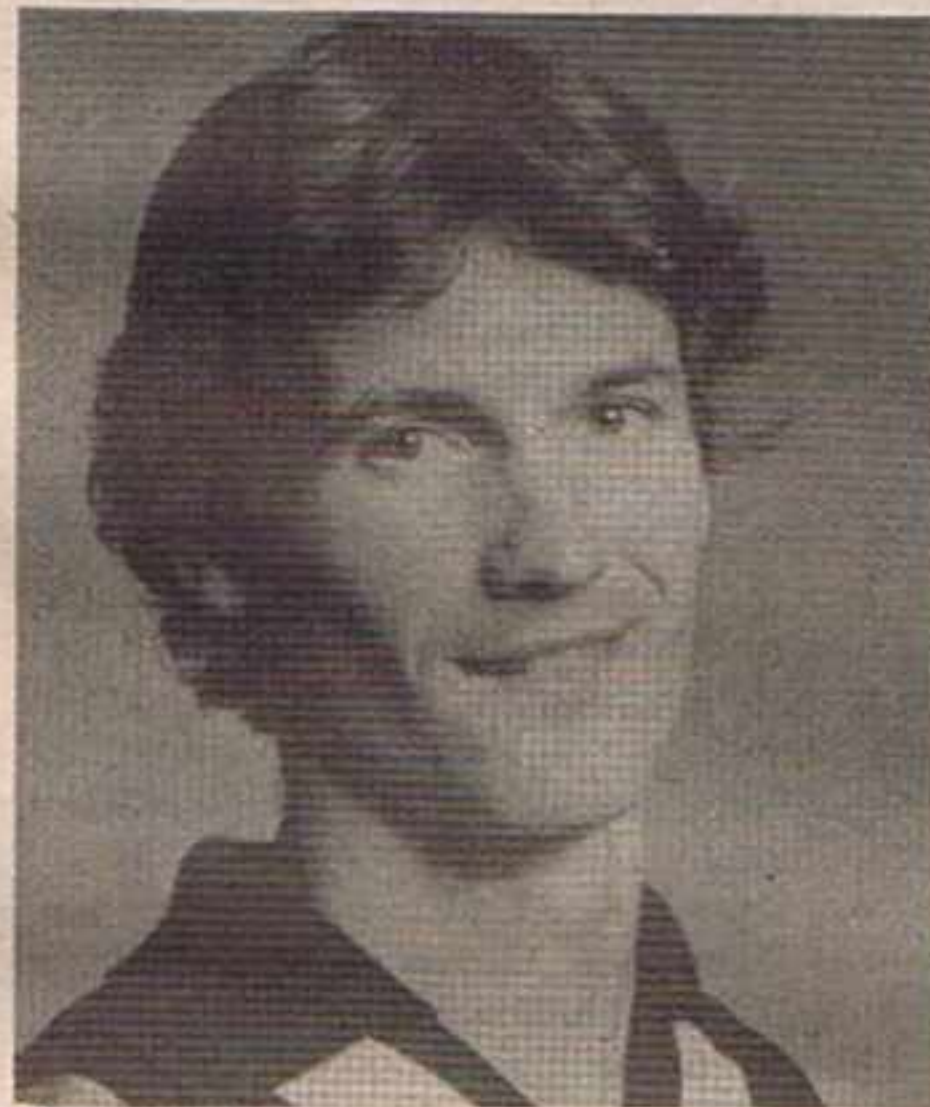
Morton

And Don Langsford will be vital to Swan Districts' hopes.

Discipline plays an important role in football these days, and particularly at Swan Districts.

In last week's preliminary final Langsford showed exactly what discipline is all about.

Langsford has starred all season as a ruck rover, winning a place in the WA side for the match against South Australia



Langsford

in that position. But last week he returned to defence and did a magnificent job.

He was given the task of minding dangerous South Fremantle forward Bruce Monteath and managed to keep the former Richmond captain's opportunities in front of goal down to almost nil.

In the second semi final Monteath almost sparked a tremendous revival from the Bulldogs when he was an inspiration at full forward.

But Langsford was not about to let that happen again on Saturday.

He watched Monteath extremely closely and was always on hand to destroy the ball when his opponenet looked like he might get a kick.

It took a tremendous effort from Langsford to keep the South forward down to just one goal for the match.

Langsford graduated from the half back flank to take on a ruck roving role this year. While he had been used on the ball in previous seasons the move had not been a success and he eventually returned to defence.

However, it was a different story this season when given his opportunity to use his creative skills.

An unobtrusive player, Langsford gained possessions almost at will in the first half of the season and always used the ball with some purpose when he gained it.

He should return to a ruck roving role this week and will be one of the players responsible for getting Swans midfield play into action.

The former Esperance star also has the ability to get out into the open spaces and he is sure to present some problems for the Tigers.

Tiger tune

When the summer ends and the days grow chill in the city streets you can feel the thrill as you see the stripes and you see the marks of the Tigers Paw.

And deep in the dark of the Tiger's den they stretch and growl for the hunt again you can feel the shake as the city wakes to the Tiger's roar!

Beware the tiger. Beware the tiger he waits in hiding his eyes are shining he misses nothing take care. Beware the tiger.

Beware the tiger. Beware the tiger he won't be beaten he fights forever now hear him roaring Take care, beware the tiger.

Saturday night in Tiger Town

Only Claremont members will be permitted in the licensed area of their club-rooms on Saturday night after the grand final.

However, supporters can celebrate the win on Claremont Oval where a big tent will be erected. The action is sure to be thick and fast outside the members area.

Who could forget the celebrations on Claremont Oval after the 1981 grand final? Entertainment and snacks will also be available up until 2 a.m.

The club will kick on during Sunday when the club premises opens between 11am and 7pm.

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The Tigers have the goods

By **GARY STOCKS**

IT'S the showdown of the year . . . the moment we have all been waiting for.

The six also-rans are out of it and now the premier team of 1983 will be either Swan Districts or Claremont. And Claremont it will be. That might be a little hard to follow, particularly in view of Swan Districts' performances in their two final round matches to date. However, when their campaign for back-to-back premierships began in the first semi final it was always going to be a tough assignment to win three finals matches in succession to take the flag. They were most impressive in dumping South Fremantle out of contention and are looking dangerous. However, Claremont will not allow Swans to play the same brand of football which saw them demoralise South Fremantle last week. South lacked discipline and finesse last week and those are the prime ingredients on which Claremont rely for success.



Wayne Blackwell
The Tigers were brilliant in the first half of the second semi final and while they relaxed and allowed South back into

that contest there will be no stopping them this week. They have a point to prove. In last year's grand final they were muscled off the ball. That will not happen on Saturday. Claremont have worked hard to become a side capable of winning finals football matches and they lost some of their prestige in going down so badly last year. They were timid and at times appeared frightened to go for the ball. The man they feared was big Ron Boucher. While there is some doubt as to whether Boucher will play, Claremont must still go in with a tougher mental approach. Boucher did not play in the preliminary final in the hope that he would be fit for the grand final and coach John Todd will almost certainly recall him for this week's all-important clash. A dangerman for the Tigers will be young ruckman Peter Sartori who has been outstanding, both when on the ball and when resting in a forward pocket. His probable duel with Baden Harper will be a treat to watch. In addition Gerard Neesham and Leon Baker have also been prime movers for Swans. Neesham has been roving backward of the centre in the last two matches and he has been responsible for setting up many of his side's attacking moves from that defensive spot. Baker has been brilliant and he should have a great duel with Claremont fairest and best winner Steve Malaxos. Swans' biggest problem will be the ability of Claremont's runners - Wayne Blackwell, Steve Goulding, Allen Daniels and Darrell Panizza. If they can get on top they will give Warren Ralph enough opportunities to kick a winning score. And this is where Claremont should win it. They will have too much pace for Swans and they will be the team celebrating on Saturday night.

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



IAN MILLER DISGRACE

FOOTBALL is a great game and always will be. It continues to allow all supporters every week to say their piece from behind the fence and that's fair enough. But last week I was disgusted with the attitude shown towards one of the best footballers this State has ever produced, Stephen Michael. The continued jeering every time he went near the ball was unwarranted. He is a strong and aggressive athlete who always plays the game hard. His ability and performances didn't warrant such treatment. It's amazing how some people always want to knock the champions if they waiver at any stage.

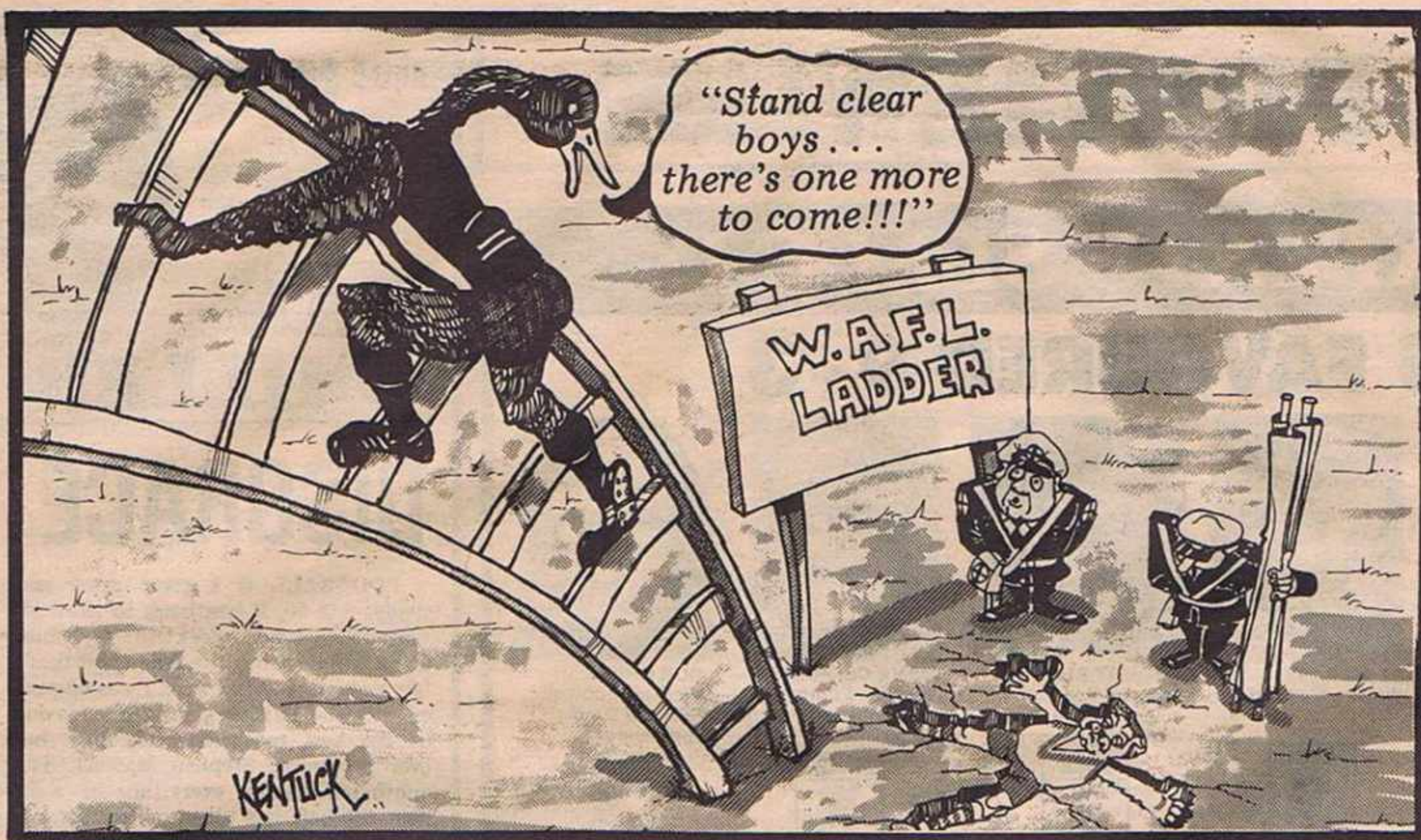
Key man
THE three finals thus far have certainly not produced the competitive football many of us would like - this week will certainly remedy that - but it has produced some outstanding individual performances, particularly from our younger players. One of those is Murray Rance, who has certainly developed into a key forward-defender for Swans. His effort last week was excellent, when he completely dominated from centre-half-back. He is a player with a great future and he will be tested this week when he plays on Graham Moss.

Five each way
WHAT an anti-climax for the players in the reserves grand final which will be played next week. Because of the draw last Saturday they have been robbed of the opportunity of playing in front of a large crowd on that one day of the year, grand final day. Last week would have been a perfect opportunity for the WAFL to say, play five minutes each way. I am sure the crowd would have enjoyed it because the last 10 minutes of the game had everyone involved. Of course time didn't permit and I wouldn't like to be a coach or player being told at 2.15pm that the game had been put back 15 minutes. Maybe next year provision could be made for an extra 10 minutes between games.

Continuation
YEARS ago, when the siren sounded to end the grand final, that heralded the end of another football season. Today, it signifies the end of the on-field battle and leaves just one victor with all the spoils. The real battle will start at 5pm on Saturday for the other seven clubs as they work on recruiting for 1984. No longer can one lay idle and wait for the next season to start. I assure Perth supporters that our position in the recruiting field will not be the same as the position we finished on the premierships table.

Thanks
IN CONCLUSION I would like to thank Nick Lekias and the Blue Fin for sponsoring my column. I have enjoyed this year and look forward to a successful and consistent season in 1984.

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Burgess wins the award for messing up the finals system. He kicked the goal of his life in the dying minutes of the reserves game to force a draw with West Perth and now we will see these two teams play a replay of the preliminary final on grand final day.

JOHNS COMES FROM RAGS TO RICHES

THE football career of Mick Johns was resurrected early this year when he was approached by Swan Districts to make a move to Bassendean Oval.

After spending the majority of last season in the reserves, when Subiaco won just one game, his league opportunities with the Lions were limited.

Many people found that hard to believe because during his early days in the Lions den he had shown some promise as a young ruckmen. But he never really went on with it.

He played a couple more league games this year before Swans approached him

about going to Bassendean. That move kept Johns in league football.

The big ruckman took a punt and it has paid off handsomely. Had he failed in his new Bassendean surroundings that almost certainly would have been the end of his career.

But since transferring to Swans he has proven to be good value for his new side. He was recruited at a time when Swans had a number of injury problems to a few of their big men and Johns relished the opportunity to play in a top side.

He moved virtually straight into the league team and has been there ever since. He is growing in confidence with every match and is now looming as a key man in this week's grand final.

At this time last year who could have imagined that 12 months later Johns would emerge as an important link in a club's quest for the WAFL premiership?

The 25-year-old ruckman admits that he took a gamble by moving to Swans, but the thing which swayed him into making the switch was the confidence John Todd had shown in his ability.



"It was a pleasant change to have someone like John Todd have a bit of faith in me," Johns says. "He told me there was an opening for me at Swans if I wanted to take it."

"That was a lot different to being stabbed in the back all the time and I have grown in confidence because of it."

"Also there is an air of confidence at Swans and the general atmosphere here is a lot better. It is easier to contribute consistently at a top club."

"I only hope we can cap it all off by winning the premiership on Saturday. The two sides are evenly matched and it will be just a matter of who plays the better football on the day," Johns said.

The former Lion will probably be opposed to Baden Harper in the big game and this duel should be a highlight of a match which promises to have on show all the ingredients of our great Australian game.

EILEEN BROWN, mother of football's Mr Controversy, Malcolm Brown, is Australia's first female football columnist.
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ONLY THE FINALS REALLY COUNT

WELL, the carnival is over for South Fremantle. After finishing at the top of the premiership table after qualifying games they bowed out of the competition with two losses in the finals. It just goes to show that it doesn't matter what happens during the year the only games that really count are the finals. It was a disappointing effort from the Bulldogs and now the title of WA champions for 1983 has been reduced to a battle between two - Claremont and Swan Districts. At least South still have the colts flying the flag for the club and they play Claremont in the grand final.

Well done, Steve

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Malaxos on winning Claremont's fairest and best award on Saturday night. He had a great season and picked up almost every award in town, except the Sand-over Medal. Malaxos has matured as a player this season and he will obviously be a key player for Claremont in Saturday's grand final. I think it would be fitting for him to take out the Simpson Medal in the big match.

Ducking rule

WHILE I am normally against following the VFL I think the time has come for WA football to adopt the "ducking the head" rule. After the second semi final Channel 7 replayed an incident involving Brad Hardie and Claremont defender Simon Lill when the South Fremantle player dived between Lill's legs and picked up a free kick as a result when Lill closed his legs on Hardie's neck. The kick should never have been paid. Under the VFL's rules Lill would have been awarded the kick for holding the ball and I believe that would have been fair. Once again last week we saw several players duck their heads at crucial times and earn a kick from the umpires.

Good umpiring

WHILE talking about the umpires I would like to congratulate Phil O'Rielly and Ross Graffin for the way they handled the colts match on Saturday. With few people at the ground for the start of this contest you could hear both men give free kicks and then tell the youngsters why it had been awarded. It was excellent to see and that is the way our up and coming players should be handled.

John's haircut

THIS week's Playboy Hairstylists free haircut goes to Swan Districts coach John Todd. He has done a magnificent job with Swans in his time at the club, particularly in the last four seasons and he thoroughly deserves this small reward. Keep up the good work Toddy!

TILL NEXT YEAR.....

FINALLY, in my last column for Westside Football this year I would like to thank everyone for helping me every week and I would like to thank the football public for continuing to support this excellent publication. I have again enjoyed being involved.

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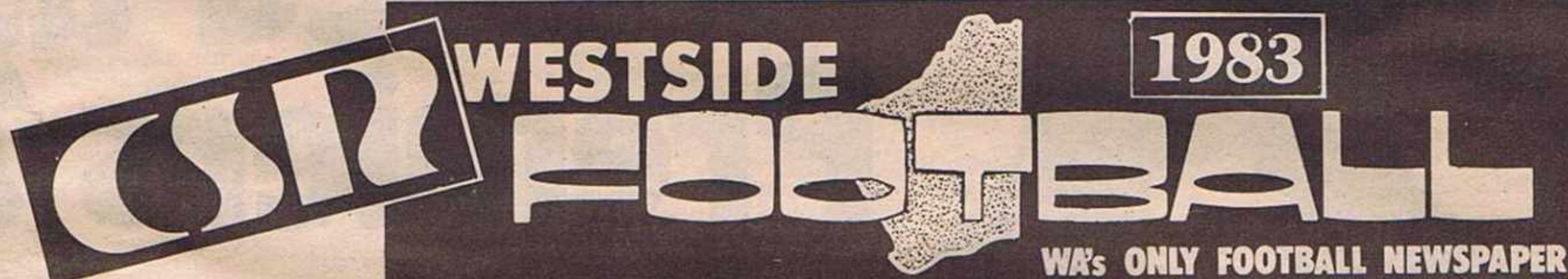
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MEDALLIST FIGHTS BACK

THE thrill of winning the 1982 Prendergast Medal had barely sunk into the young Claremont defender's head when an agonising cry of sheer pain echoed through the packed Subiaco Oval stands.

The curtain had certainly come down on his season . . . and it was a distinct possibility that he might never play again.

It was the classic chocolates to boiled lollies story.

Everything was going great for Andrew Partington when he received an invitation to the Sandover Medal to pick up his reward for being the fairest and best player in the reserves competition.

He had also made his league debut and performed well enough to suggest he could play a part in the Tigers quest for back to back premierships.

But all that was ruined by just one second of bad luck.

He fell awkwardly on his left leg and as soon as he had done it he knew it was broken. Just how severely only time would tell.



Andrew Partington

The bad news came from the doctors that Partington would not play league football in 1983 and there was no certainty that he would ever don a Claremont guernsey again.

He had broken his leg just above the knee and he needed pins inserted in his thigh to keep the bones together. The only consolation was that he was allowed out of hospital to go to the grand final.

He was laid up in the Royal Perth Hospital for a couple of months, but all he did while laying back in his bed was to plan a comeback.

Partington was determined that the nightmare would end there. Now all he wanted to do was to get back onto the

By GARY STOCKS

track and work on playing league football once more.

The doctors who told the talented 21-year-old that he might never play again would have choked on their words if they had been at Claremont Oval mid-way through the third series.

Pardo was a determined man.

As soon as he was discharged from hospital he moved to Albany for the summer to run a boat hire business. Then it was back to Claremont Oval to build up the strength in his severely wasted leg.

When he couldn't do any more on his leg he pushed weights.

Pardo worked hard and long for the next six months and this period of treatment was the most agonising. He could only sit back and watch his team mates battle it out in the middle.

They said he wouldn't have any hope of playing in 1983. But Partington was desperate. It really hurt to be out of the action and watching.

About half way through the second series of seven matches things started to fall into place. He was able to move freely and was running strongly — although his leg still lacked a bit of muscle.

Then, with about five games of the season remaining, Pardo was ready to resume his career.

It was a remarkable show of courage and now at last all the sweat, all the anguish and all the pain was about to pay off.

He started his first game in the reserves on the interchange bench and came on early to play on the half-back line. The further the game went the more confidence he gained and it was obvious that even after such a lengthy lay-off he had lost none of his natural ability.

He then played in the centre and gathered kicks. They were hard-earned kicks — perhaps the hardest he will ever have to pick up.

At least the difficult part was over. He didn't play in the reserves first semi final but now he must continue to work and Claremont fans WILL see the talented utility player in the senior side in 1984.



Pictured above are some of the Ampol Miss Football Quest girls for 1983 — and the panel of judges went through some painstaking times selecting the final winner.

That's Miss Football in the middle of the front row — East Fremantle's Kerry James. Flanking her are Vicki Hitchcock (left) also from East Fremantle and West Perth's Sharyn Mitchell.

Standing behind are (from left) Ann Marie Briggs (Swans), Marina Lindroos (Swans), Karen Harrop (West Perth) and Kathy Gazey (Perth).

LEFT: Compere Harvey Deegan congratulates the winner, Kerry James, who is the daughter of East Fremantle's team manager, Milton James.

Kerry wins a trip for two to Hong Kong, flying Cathay Pacific and accommodation courtesy of Vacations International. She also wins prizes from Ampol, WAFL Insurances, Lionel Samson wines and Lancome.



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CLEVER KENNY

Versatile Swan Districts' player Peter Kenny produced a real gem of a goal in the opening quarter. He was running around the outer boundary line when South's big-man Gavin Carter put a real headlock on him. But Kenny had managed to get boot to ball and even though he was flat on the deck when it went through, he had the satisfaction of knowing that he would have got another kick if it had missed. Kenny's goal kicking was a feature of the Swans attack. He generally plays in defence, but showed his versatile qualities with a 5.5. effort including a couple of other snap shots on the run.



Fast Fogarty

SWANS 12th goal was written down to Keith Narkle when he guided a nice long shot through the big sticks. But the major was set up for him beautifully by Jon Fogarty who had taken the ball in a pack and shot out a lightning-fast hand-pass just a metre or so to the running Narkle. Most of the South players were still wondering where the ball had gone as the umpire raced for his flags.

Wily Willie

THE clever use of the body by South Fremantle's Willie Roe was well illustrated when he kicked his team's third goal. Roe baulked beautifully out of trouble, slipped casually out of a tackle from Bill Skwirowski and unloaded a long shot that was right on target.

Heart stopping

SWAN Districts fans had their hearts in their mouths for a split second as the team went into attack in the second term. Full-forward Paul Werner was leading out fast to a Phil Narkle pass — and coming in equally fast from the other direction was centreman Leon Baker. It looked like a repeat of the Tony Solin-Bill Skwirowski clash of the first semi-final. Fortunately, Werner allowed Baker right of way and the classy Baker marked brilliantly in full flight, hit the deck and kept running without missing a step. He goaled to complete what was a magnificent exhibition of balanced football.

Ralph is in elite company

CLAREMONT captain coach Graham Moss rarely responds to media opinion.

Last week, however, was different. He sprang to the defence of ace full-forward Warren Ralph after Westside Football columnist Robert Bennett had written a story about Ralph.

That was a mark of the enormous respect Moss has for Ralph.

In that letter to the editor Moss said it was doubtful that WA fans would see a full-forward of Ralph's ability for some time. Now it is up to the champion goal-kicker to live up to these comments from his captain coach... and he will.

It has taken Ralph just four short seasons to lift his name among some elite company.

He would rank with Bonny Campbell, George Doig, George Moloney, Bernie Naylor, Ray Scott and Austin Robertson as the greatest full-forwards WA football has ever seen.

In his four seasons of league football his lowest tally for a full year is 90 goals, and on each occasion he has led the WA goal-kicking table.

His last three seasons have produced triple figure tallies and he has excelled at State level. Up until this year his efforts on the interstate arena had been flawless.

Only a disappointing effort against Victoria marred an otherwise perfect record.

At just 24 Ralph obviously has a lot more football left and his appearance in Saturday's grand final may well be his last in WA football.

He cannot continue to turn down enormous VFL offers from Carlton forever and if Claremont win on Saturday he will



almost certainly make his way to Melbourne.

While it will be a sad day for local football when Ralph eventually decides to head across the border, he needs a new challenge, particularly if the Tigers win a premiership there is little more he can achieve in WA football.

However, he has plenty to aim at on Saturday, apart from the big opening. Number one priority will be to help the Tigers to another premiership, then he will look to prove a few critics wrong.

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AMPOL'S BIG AWARDS

MORE than \$6,500 will be awarded by Ampol to the umpires after Saturday's grand final. The judging of the field umpire, goal umpire and boundary umpire of the year will be announced at a special function. Obviously Mike Ball must be in line for the major share of the prizemoney as the field umpire of the season. He officiated in two State games and two finals matches this season and must be right in line for the \$2,000 as the best field umpire this season. His main opposition is expected to come from John Morris and Bob Phillips. The second place-getter in the Ampol Umpire of the Year award gets \$750 while third will receive \$300, so competition will be fierce. In addition the most improved umpire will receive \$500. The best boundary umpire for 1983 will pick up an \$800 cheque from the fuel company, while second will pick up \$500 and third \$200. Those same amounts of money will be made available for the goal umpires.



Phillips

Morris

Injured umps

TWO umpires who have had good seasons could be out of action on grand final day. Both John Morris and Bob Phillips broke down during the finals and face uphill battles to regain their fitness and gain a berth in a grand final. Morris appears almost certain to miss out on umpiring on Saturday, while Phillips will need to improve greatly if he is to take the field. Morris suffered an injury in the reserves first semi-final and then aggravated it during the second semi final of that same competition. In the second semi he was forced to leave the ground.

Rotto rest

THE draw in the reserves preliminary final means that some umpires will not be able to go on the WAFL Umpires Association annual end of season trip. They are scheduled to leave on VFL grand final day, but six umpires will be engaged in the reserves grand final on the same day. About 40 umpires will make the trip to Rottmest — the same venue as last year and it promises to be just as enjoyable.



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ATTITUDE WILL BE THE DIFFERENCE

CLAREMONT have the job ahead of them on Saturday.

Man-for-man they are probably a more talented side than Swan Districts. But talent is not usually the deciding ingredient in a grand final.

Attitude, which breeds the kind of determination and desperation needed to win such an encounter, is the most important factor.

Claremont had it in 1981 when they won only their second premiership in 40 years. It was demonstrated in the closing stages of the second quarter and in the final term.

South had knocked all the stuffing out of the Tigers in the second term, but blew the match with woeful kicking for goals.

South were still in the box seat at three-quarter-time when they had last use of the breeze which had been a telling factor in the previous quarters.

However, Claremont after picking themselves up of the deck, they refused to let the game slip and finished more doggedly.

But last year it was a different story. Claremont gave in without a whimper. Swans were ruthless in their desire to get the ball. Claremont players did not have anywhere near the same desire.

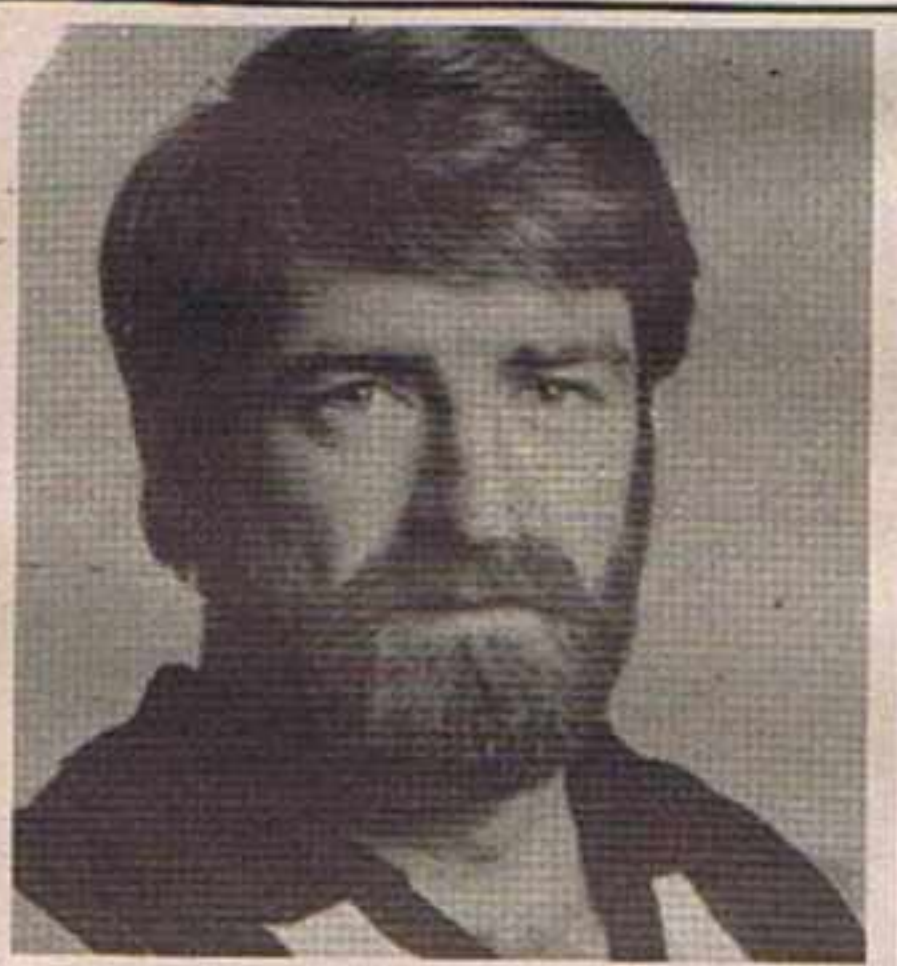
That loss no doubt will be the factor coach Graham Moss will use to motivate his players on Saturday.

But will it be enough against a club that showed last Saturday it has a voracious appetite for another premiership.

The outcome of the match will hinge around which team is more desperate to get the ball.

From the centre forward Claremont are devastating and Swans will find it hard to contain the Tigers should they monopolise possession of the ball.

On the other hand, Claremont appear brittle in defence... there was evidence of this against South Fremantle in the second semi-final.



IT'S not often you feel sorry about winners, but in the victorious Swan Districts rooms after the game there was one real sorrowful face — former captain Stan Nowotny. While Stan the Man was well pleased at his team's victory, behind that bushy beard was a sorrow-lined face. Nowotny was dropped out of the team just before the game and it seems as though he'll need a bit of luck to get back into the side for the grand final. After 15 seasons at Swans, when he has seen all the tough times, Nowotny has had incredibly bad luck at finals time, missing matches through injury or whatever. Let's hope that somehow the selectors can find room for one of the game's great players to see out his career in a grand final.

If it is Swans taking the ball forward most of the time then Claremont could face a repeat dose of last year.

The match is looming as a classical showdown between two talented teams that have not often enjoyed the sweet taste of a premiership.

Last year all the talk revolved around the physical part Swans ruckman Ron Boucher would take in the game. Swans forgot about rough-house tactics and out-played Claremont.

They have shown in their two final round games this season that they have no need of Boucher... but it must be a nice feeling to have someone like him up your sleeve.

The match should be worth going a long way to see.

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



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Team change

THE latest "team changes" at the WAFL see Tim Flynn back in favour! The football mouthpiece for radio 6KY was back in the middle of Subiaco Oval last Saturday handling the master-of-ceremonies job with aplomb. The previous two weeks we had seen Channel 7's Peter Waltham with the microphone, but it was reported that he had suffered a chill after being left stranded in the rain when the heavens opened up before the second semi-final.

Sufferin' Stasa

POOR old Chis Stasinowsky; how he must have hated that preliminary final match! Stasa, the hot-and-cold South Fremantle forward, registered only one kick for the game and the ratings in the Sunday Times awarded him nil out of ten for his effort. A bit rough; most players deserve one point for being picked and another point for having the courage to turn up and play! Stasa's first connection between boot and ball came at the 17-minute mark of the third term — but it was such an ineffective kick that it didn't register on the "kick-o-metre". He gained his first genuine kick at the 18th minute of the last quarter — and booted a giant 60 metre goal just to show that he still knew how to do it.

Pre-match muddle

TALKING about the pre-match entertainment at Subiaco Oval... what a muddle they got themselves into. It seems as though they just ran out of time in presenting the sports stars being paraded around the ground in those vintage cars. What with the reserves match finishing late because of the exciting draw, the league players arriving on the ground early for a change and the parade taking a bit longer than expected, it developed into a mad rush to get everyone off the ground. The sports stars were still being driven around past the grandstand as the officials packed up their gear and disappeared off the arena.

Todd talk

IT was interesting to see where Swan Districts coach John Todd confirmed a story that the person involved and his club had previously denied. I'm talking about the reference to Phil Narkle going to Victoria next year. "He'll go east and I'll encourage him," Todd told viewers of Seven's World of Sport show on Sunday. Earlier this year Bob Cribb, writing in the Sunday Independent, said that Narkle would accept a lucrative offer to play VFL football — something which the club officially denied on the World of Sport show at the time and a fact that Narkle himself denied.

Hectic time

IN THE excitement of the finish in the reserves preliminary the operators on the old scoreboard went through a hectic period. At the 22 minute mark of the last quarter the score on the board read: West Perth 19.16 (130) to Swan Districts 20.11 (130). Then, when West Perth kicked a behind it showed the Falcons as being a point in front, when the scores were level. This misled the public and possibly the players at a crucial stage in the match, but at least they rectified the problem as soon as the fault was noticed.

Odd boots

WEST Perth rover John Gastevich, who played one league game this year, was outstanding in the reserves last week, but there was something odd about his attire. He had one green boot and one white boot, so as soon as he gets his cheque from the club they should send him to Cecil Brothers to buy a new pair. Perhaps he has a pair just like it at home. The only thing which matched about the two boots was that they were the famous Adidas brand.

Brunch

I'M LOOKING forward to making another personal appearance at Westside Football's big Champagne Brunch on Saturday. Those lucky people who have been able to secure tickets are asked not to throw things at me... I'm really a nice bloke.

Those Melbourne men

LAST week I picked up a couple of blunders in the Melbourne newspapers when they were talking about West Australian football and they have done it again. In the Melbourne Sun on Tuesday the paper said that there had been nine applications for the Richmond coaching job for next season and five of those were from interstate. However, The Sun added that EAST FREMANTLE coach Mal Brown had the inside running for the job. Don't they even know where one of the game's biggest names is coaching?

Sail away

TALK about getting on the sailing bandwagon... even our football officials want to be part of the Alan Bond extravaganza. The WAFL sent off a telegram of congratulations and goodwill last week, urging the West Aussies to give the Yanks something to go on with. Maybe a couple of our top-flight WAFL officials are looking for an invite to get over to Newport in their official blazers!



Westside Football columnist Bob Cribb was a popular choice as this year's Flick Pest of the Year and at the annual luncheon he was on hand to pick up his award. Cribb is famous for his outlandish statements, both in the press and on radio, and he won the Terry Termite trophy and a Flick T-Shirt from Flick representative Mike Rouhliadoff at the luncheon at Mamma Maria's Restaurant.

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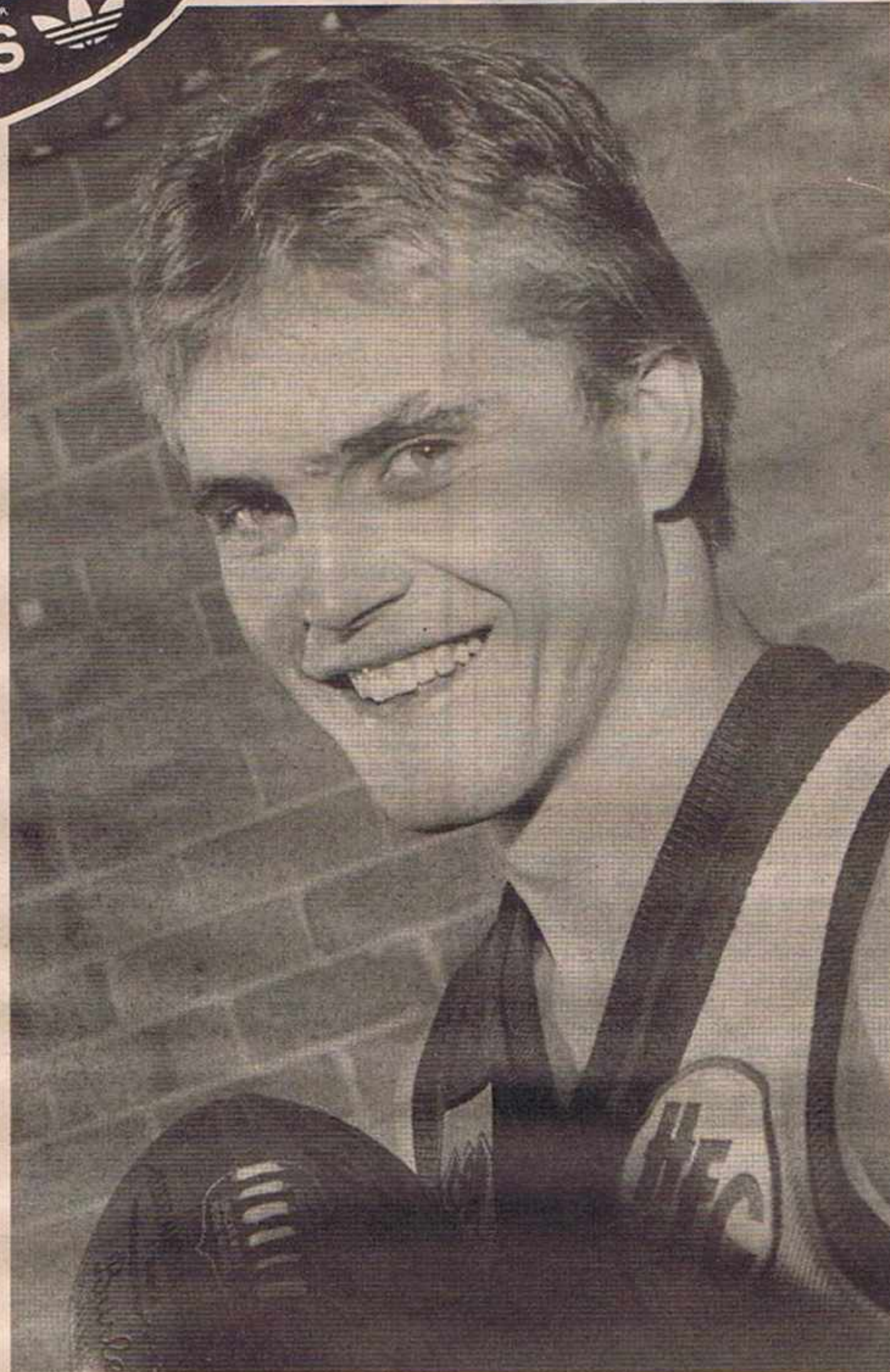
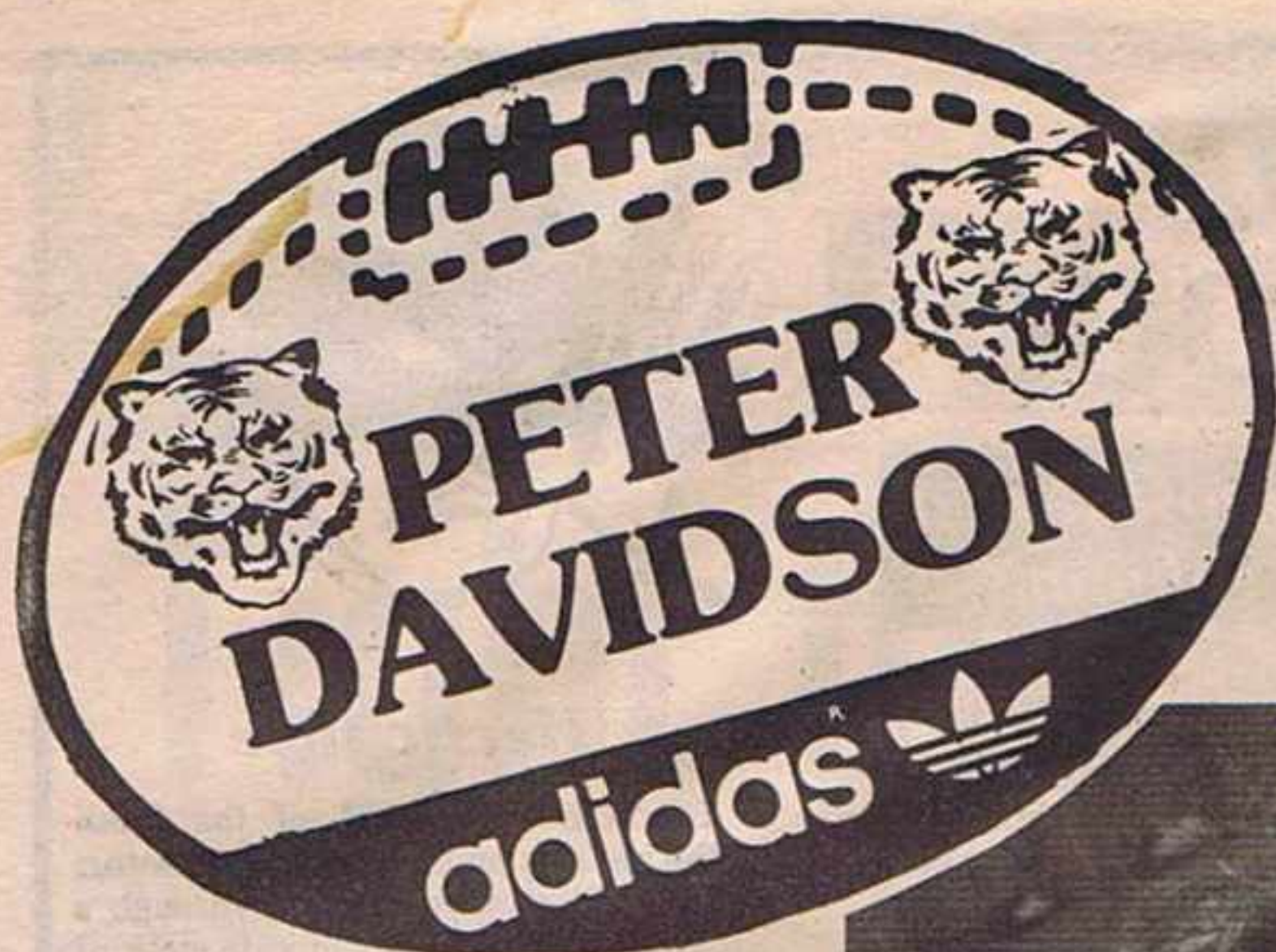
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PETER DAVIDSON... he's all smiles now in Tigerland.



To be involved in a swap deal between three different WAFL clubs before even coming to Perth would cause problems for most young players.

But former Collie star Peter Davidson was able to put it all behind him and become a key player for the Tigers.

He was originally tied to Swan Districts under the zoning system, but his cousin, Claremont ruck rover Allen Daniels, had other ideas.

Davidson was keen to play in the same side as Daniels, so the former State star had a talk to Graham Moss about arranging a swap deal with Swans.

As it turned out Swans wanted Subiaco forward Ken Marshall and the Lions were chasing all-Australian amateur Greg Wilkinson, who was bound to Claremont.

Davidson had good credentials to recommend him to the Tigers.

He had played Teal Cup football and had been a league player in the strong South West competition for several seasons.

He proved to the Tigers that they had not made a mistake when he worked his way into the league side and gave some impressive performances early in the year.

However, like most first year players, he struggled to keep his place in the side and was eventually relegated to the reserves.

But he forced his way back into the senior side and his form in the last month makes him a key player for the Tigers during the 1983 finals.

Westside Football's GARY STOCKS spoke to the talented young Tiger and found out more about his rise from country football to league stardom and some of the problems he has had to face on the way.

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

A. Four years. I played my first league game with Collie when I was 15 and I think I played about 60 or 70 league games with them. When I first started it was hard and I would have played a lot more games, but I had injury problems. When I was 15 and 16 I only played half a season in each of those years, I must have been still growing. I was only playing 10 games a year because I was injured for the other 10.

Q. What have you found to be the major difference between the two competitions?

A. Although the standard is pretty high in the South West, the pace of the game in Perth is much quicker. You haven't got as much time to think about what you are going to do with the ball.

Q. You played Teal Cup in 1980, how valuable was that experience?

A. It was tremendous. I played fairly well and was picked in the All-Australian side. I also won the fairest and best award for WA, so I had a good carnival. It was played in Perth, but I would have enjoyed a trip to Melbourne. I was tied up with Swans at that stage and they looked after me as well.

Q. You must be happy with your form in the last month?

A. I am starting to play better now. I played the first two games in the reserves, got a league game, played a couple there and got dropped. I wasn't playing very well. I think I was just getting used to it and the players were getting used to me as well. They didn't know how I played or what I was going to do. It would probably be the same as when I was playing in Collie. I wouldn't give the ball to someone unless I knew they would do something with it. Now I am starting to get to know everyone and they are all good blokes. It's a top club.

Q. What sort of influence has Graham Moss had on your game already?

A. He has been really good. He hasn't rushed me into it or anything. I was sitting on the bench for a little while and I think he was just letting me work out what was going on. He has been more than fair to me. When I first came up I thought I would be playing at least one full year in the reserves. Instead I have had a good season and a good run.

Q. It must be hard coming up from the country and then suddenly playing with blokes you have been watching on the television?

A. That was probably my biggest problem. Actually Mose (Graham Moss) and I talked about that one night. I said that you idolise the blokes you have been watching on TV in country for years. Once you get in there and play with them, you mix with them just the same as you would mix with players in the country. I said that to Mose and he said he had the same problem when he first came down here.

Q. And you hope to go to the VFL one day?

A. Yes, I think everyone aims at one day going to play over there. I would also love to play State. But at the moment the biggest ambition is to play in a premiership side in my first season of league football. That would be great.

Q. How did you feel about being involved in a swap deal before you had even come to the city to play football?

A. I thought it was good really. I had three months to go on my carpentry apprenticeship and Swans couldn't carry it on. Apparently a few of their blokes are out of work, so Shorty (Allen Daniels) got onto Mossy about it and they got me a job. They have looked after me pretty well and it has been good.

Q. So Shorty must have played a leading role in getting you down to Claremont?

A. Yes. He talked to Mossy about the situation when Swans couldn't get me a job so I suppose he was instrumental in getting me down here.

Q. You were going to come to Perth a couple of years earlier weren't you?

A. Yes. I have been going to come up for the last three years, but my apprenticeship held me back each time. Now that I have finished my time it is good.

Q. How did you find moving up from the country and tackling league football?

A. It was pretty hard, but I live with two blokes and two girls and they have made it easier. The girls do all the cooking and look after us so that is great. I would hate to have to come home from training every night and then cook a meal. With us training four nights a week, plus Sunday

morning, it would be impossible to try to cook for myself.

Q. Would the amount of training sessions differ greatly to the training required in the country?

A. Yes, it is a lot different, but it is still hard in the country. It's nothing like you have to go through up here. The amount of running you have to do is the biggest difference between the two.

Q. How did you enjoy your first pre-season?

A. I haven't had it yet. I didn't get up to Perth until April, but Swans sent me a training programme down last October and I was running six miles, six nights a week, right through Christmas until I started playing. I still wasn't living in Perth when the first game was played. I played my first league game against East Perth in the third game of the season, and I was still living at home then. Shortly afterward I moved up. I used to drive back to Collie after Sunday morning training and I suppose I did that for about five weeks. That wasn't too bad because Claremont looked after me as far as travelling expenses were concerned. I wanted to play up here so I had to be prepared to do that.

Q. Well, are you looking forward to your first pre-season?

A. Oh yes, I think I will get through it all right. I was working pretty hard on my own in Collie last year. Still they reckon it's pretty tough.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Peter Davidson
Height: 6.0 (183cm)
Weight: 12.9 (81kg)
Born: Collie, 29.8.63



Married: No

Girlfriend's name: I haven't got one

Lives at: City Beach

Football likes: Winning

Football dislikes: Losing

Occupation: Carpenter

Ambitions: To play in a premiership with Claremont this year, to play State football and to one day go to the VFL.

Football idols: Graham Farmer, Graham Moss, Ross Glendinning.

What car do you drive: XD Falcon

Do you read at all: Mainly newspapers

Favourite music: Dire Straits, Australian Crawl.

Favourite actors: Clint Eastwood

Hobbies and relaxation: Swimming and playing other sports, when I've got time.

Hard things in football: Training and all the running you have to do.

Favourite food: Roasts, anything edible.

Favourite drink: Beer

League debut: 1983

Games: 18

Guernsey number: 11

Nickname: Davo

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SWANS



JOHN TODD

"We are more mature this year"

Swan Districts coach John Todd says that the winner of this year's premiership will be the team which is able to get the breaks . . . and naturally he believes Swans will get those breaks.

"We have a more mature side than the one which won the pennant last year," Todd says. "I know that Claremont rely on gaining control across the middle and winning the ball away from the centre and so do we.

"The two sides appear evenly matched in this department, but I think we can gain the ascendancy and win the game.

"South Fremantle did not have the players in these areas to give us problems, but Claremont do.

"They should have beaten South by more in the second semi final, but they let them off the hook. The only difference between their win and ours was that we rammed home our advantage.

"Players like Wayne Blackwell, Steve Malaxos, Darrell Panizza, Allen Daniels and Steve Goulding provide Claremont's run and we will have to counter them."

Obviously Todd believes Swans can do just that. Their trump cards will obviously be Phil Narkle, Leon Baker, Gerard Neesham and Don Langsford.

Those four players take on a similar role with the Bassendean-based club as Blackwell and Co. play at Claremont.



SWANS



Back row (l-r): Peter Ware, Gerard Neesham, Stan Nowotny, Leon Baker, Don Langsford, Jon Fogarty, Tony Solin, Don Holmes, Bill Skwirowski. Middle row: Paul Werner, Peter Kenny, Ron Boucher, Alan Cransberg, Mick Johns, Peter Sartori, Chris Burgess, Murray Rance, Brent Hutton. Front row: Barry Kimberley, Gavin Outridge, Mike Smith, Keith Narkle (Capt.), John Todd (Coach), Phil Narkle (Vice-Capt.), Jeff Davidson, Leigh Brenton, Brad Shine.

Last premiership side — 1982

Graham Melrose	<i>Backs:</i> Tom Mullooly	Bill Skwirowski
Peter Kenny	<i>Half-backs:</i> Alan Cransberg	Tony Solin
Phil Narkle	<i>Centres:</i> Leon Baker	Jeff Davidson
Brad Shine	<i>Half-forwards:</i> Murray Rance	Keith Narkle
Alan Sidebottom	<i>Forwards:</i> Stan Nowotny	Don Holmes
<i>Ruck:</i> Ron Boucher	Jon Fogarty	Mike Richardson
<i>Interchange:</i> Don Langsford		Ross Fitzgerald

KEITH NARKLE

WITH the retirement of Graham Melrose through injury problems, Keith Narkle was the logical replacement to take over as the club captain.

And he has done the job well since taking over.

Narkle is a player who commands respect from his team-mates. He has been a fine player for Swans throughout his 226-game career.

He began his career with Swans in 1971 when he was recruited from Bunbury and was initially used as a wingman. However, he lacks the same pace which made him such a good player in the early days, but he has since developed into a goal scoring half forward with a lethal influence.

It would be a pleasure for the younger players at the club to line up in the same side as a man of Narkle's stature.

He won the club's fairest and best award in 1977 and 1978 and the captaincy this season has peaked a great career for a tremendous player.

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SPOTLIGHT TIGERS



GRAHAM MOSS

"The team which runs the longest will win"

Claremont are desperate to avenge their defeat at the hands of Swan Districts in last year's grand final.

Tigers captain coach Graham Moss says that he was pleased that Swans got through the preliminary final because it gave them the opportunity to level the scores.

"Both sides are evenly matched and I believe the team that runs the longest and hardest will take the game," Moss says. "It should be a close contest for most, or all, of the day and it will be just a matter of which side can establish a break.

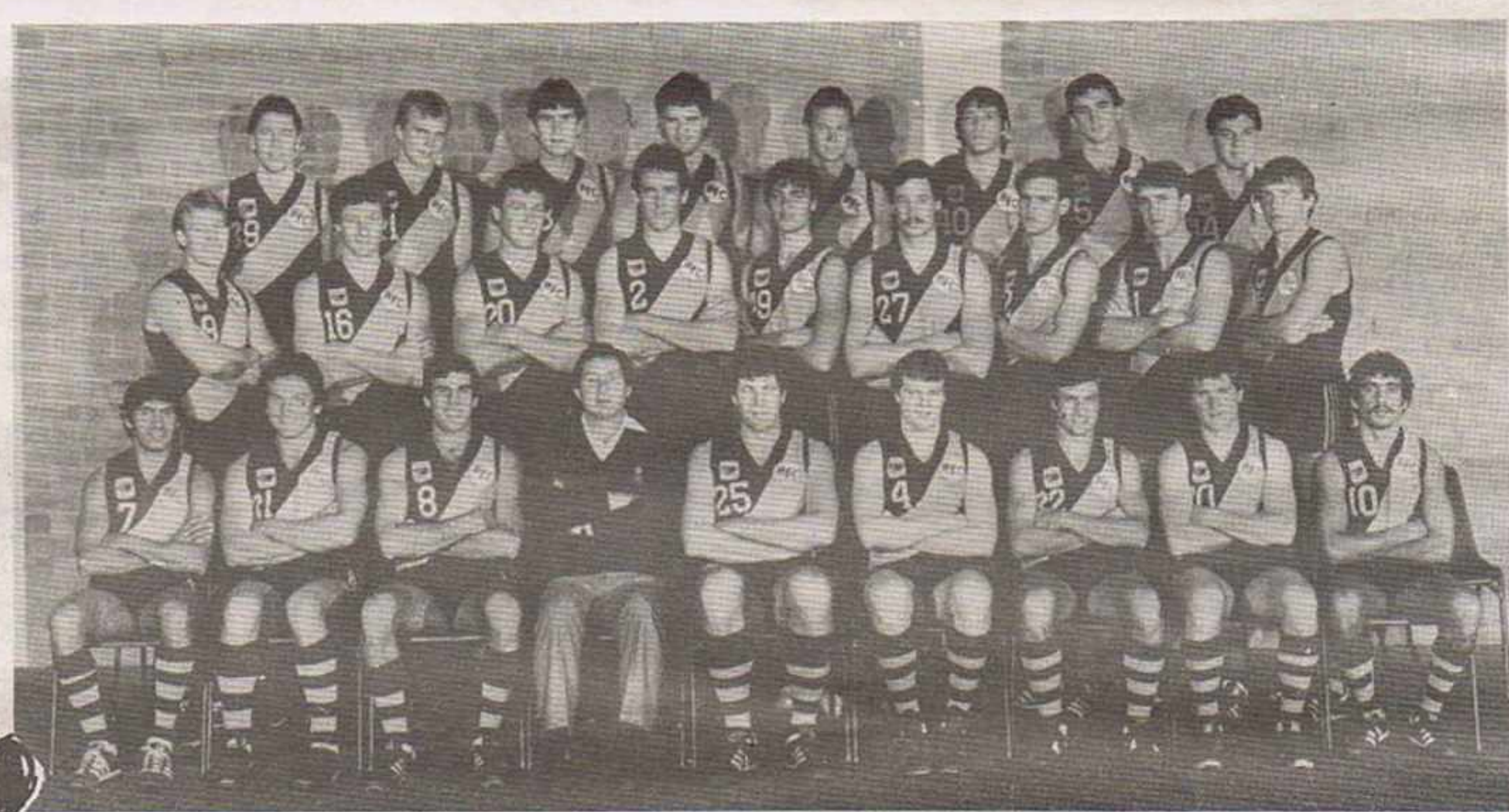
"For the last four or five years we have basically had the same side. Players like Darrel Panizza, Wayne Blackwell, Steve Malaxos and Allen Daniels all came up through the colts together.

"I think we can win on Saturday because of that and also because we will be more determined to win this year than we were last year.

"The players are more mature this season and they have every reason to want to even the score with Swans."

Last year Claremont were extremely disappointing in the grand final and they did not appear to want to win. Moss says that will be different on Saturday.

The Tigers are a skilful, hard running side and those attributes are something on which they rely heavily. They have every reason to want to make amends for last year's abysmal display.



Back row (l-r): Wayne Blackwell, Peter Davidson, Steve Goulding, Brett Farmer, Brad Reynolds, Darrell Panizza, Allen Daniels, Lindsay Kanther. Middle row: Mike Aitken, Warren Ralph, Baden Harper, Wayne Duke, Dean Farmer, Barry Beecroft, Michael O'Connell, Colin Barns, Simon Lill. Front row: Larry Kickett, Tom Pearce, Steve Malaxos, Murray Ward (Assistant coach), Graham Moss (Capt./Coach), Noel Morton (Vice-Capt.), Mark Hann, Mark Watson, Michael Mitchell.

TIGERS

GRAHAM MOSS

ANYONE who had any doubts that Graham Moss still had something to offer Claremont in a playing capacity would have been put to rest following his performance in the second semi final.

Moss was among the best players on the ground and his effort helped to bring the smaller, running players into the game.

Although he does not play with the same flair which saw him become the first and only West Australian player to win a Brownlow Medal, he has an important role to play with the younger players particularly.

In recent seasons Moss has been content to take a back seat role and allow Baden Harper to give the side the drive to win big matches.

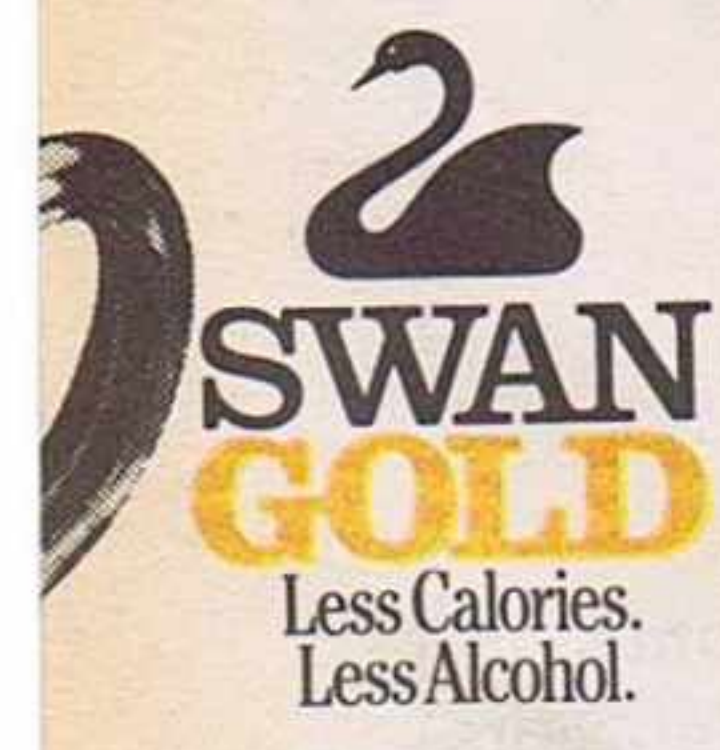
But in the second semi final he did enough at centre half forward to rate among the most influential men in the game.

The 1976 Brownlow Medallist will certainly play a leading role in Saturday's grand final.

Last premiership side — 1981

Tom Pearce	<i>Backs:</i> Gerald Betts	Baden Harper
Ray Smith	<i>Half-backs:</i> Mike Aitken	Noel Morton
Darrell Panizza	<i>Centres:</i> Wayne Blackwell	Phil Krakouer
Mark Watson	<i>Half-forwards:</i> Graham Moss	Gary Shaw
Brett Farmer	<i>Forwards:</i> Warren Ralph	Steve Malaxos
<i>Ruck:</i> Barry Beecroft	Lindsay Kanther	Jim Krakouer
<i>Interchange:</i>	Peter Jamieson	Allen Daniels

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THE TIGERS



WAYNE BLACKWELL... in top form.

9 MIKE AITKEN. Age 23. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 13.4 (84kg). Club games 87. One of the tightest checking defenders in the game Aitken polled more votes in the Sand-over Medal than any of his team mates. Is a good aerialist who sets up many of his side's attacking moves.

10 MICHAEL MITCHELL. Age 21. Height 5.7 (170cm). Weight 9.7 (61kg). Club games 29. Has been down on form in recent weeks, but has explosive pace off the mark and uses the ball to good effect. Made his interstate debut this season and will be looking to return to that touch.

11 PETER DAVIDSON. Age 20. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 12.9 (81kg). Club games 18. Missed the second semi final with a hamstring injury, but should be fit enough to take his place. Was in outstanding form on a wing before that injury.

13 PADDY PAPALIA. Age 20. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 11.10 (75kg). Club games 10. In his first season of league football he missed a berth in the second semi final. Will also be struggling to work his way into the grand final team.



Goulding



Mitchell

14 LINDSAY KANTHER. Age 23. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 121. A young veteran, who has had a disappointing season after being injured early in the year. A tough utility player who, when fit, is a vital cog in the Claremont machine.

16 WARREN RALPH. Age 24. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 95. Champion Claremont full-forward who has led the goalkicking tally in every season of league football he has played. An exciting high mark and a magnificent kick.

18 STEPHEN GOULDING. Age 23. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 39. An important link-man in the Tigers side, Goulding picks up many possessions each week and is one of the most consistent contributors in league football.

20 BADEN HARPER. Age 26. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 84. Returned to his best form in the second semi final. Takes a strong mark and his leaping prowess is his greatest asset. Also has a lot of pace for a big man.

22 MICHAEL O'CONNELL. Age 20. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 12.9 (80kg). Club games 32. A tough young backman who acquitted himself well in the second semi final. Never stops trying and is a valuable member of the Claremont side.



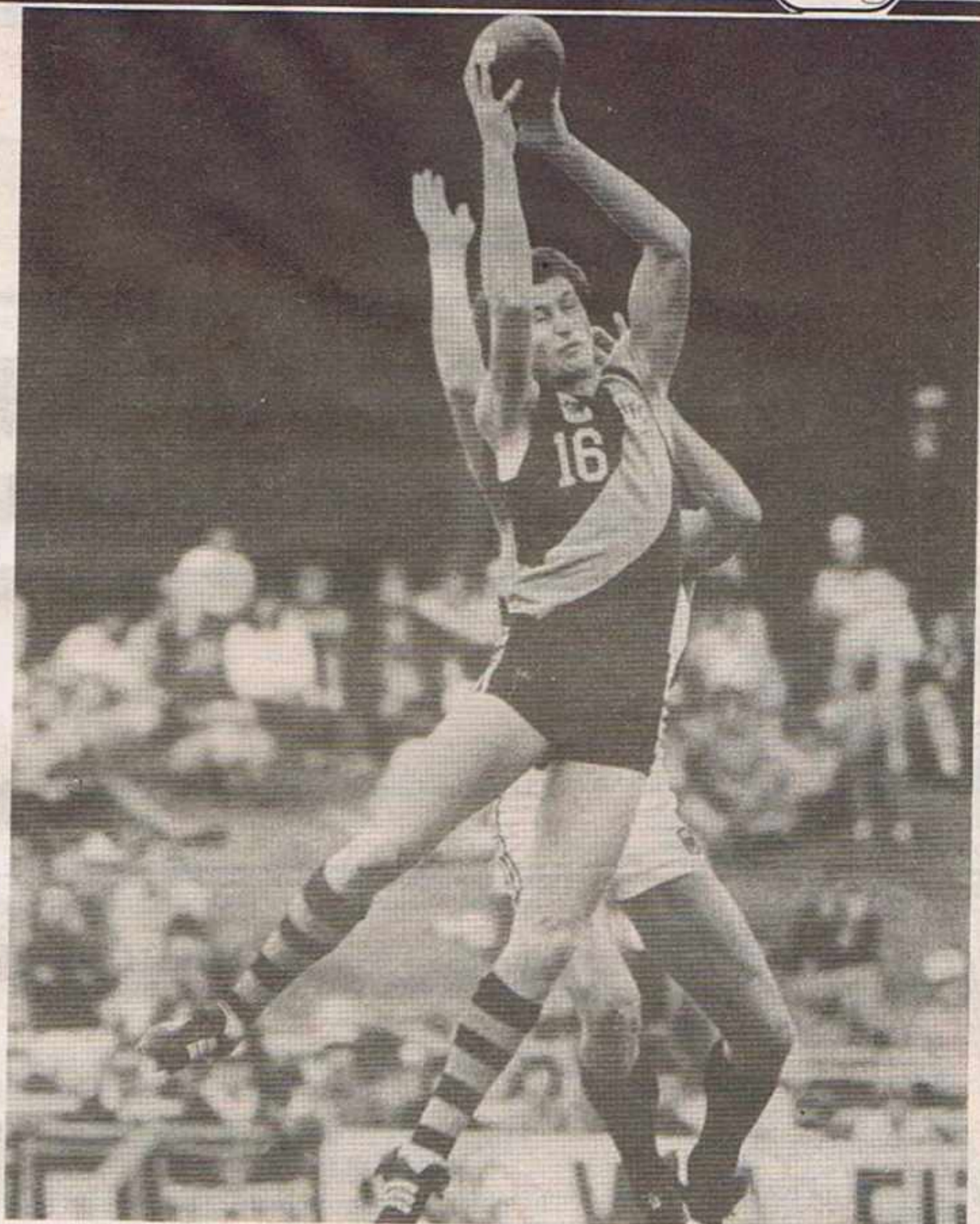
Pearce



Panizza

25 GRAHAM MOSS. Age 33. Height 6.5 (195cm). Weight 16.0 (101kg). Club games 252. Returned to his best form in the second semi final when he was close to best on ground. Took many fine marks and handed the ball out, bringing the running players into the action.

27 BARRY BEECROFT. Age 28. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 14.9 (94kg). Club games 83. Has done well in the ruck all year, but also has the capacity to play in a stationary position. Marks strongly and has a good football brain.



WARREN RALPH... another top goalkicking display.

30 MARK WATSON. Age 23. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 11.7 (73kg). Club games 41. Returned to his best form a fortnight ago when he was one of the stars of Claremont's second semi final win. Burrows in for the ball and dishes it out to his faster team mates.

31 TOM PEARCE. Age 24. Height 5.10 (179cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 44. Has been plagued by injury this season, but set the standard as one of the State's leading defenders last year. Would not be a surprise inclusion in the grand final team.

32 MARK HANN. Age 19. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 11.0 (70kg). Club Games 15. Can play in the back pocket, as a rover or on a wing and has been more than just a handy player this season. Could hold his place in the line-up.

39 WAYNE BLACKWELL. Age 23. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 101. Has emerged as one of the stars of WA football in the last two seasons and is a key player for the Tigers whether as a ruck-rover or in the centre. Courageous.

40 DARRELL PANIZZA. Age 24. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 94. Has had problems with conjunctivitis in the last month and will be hoping that clears up in time for the big game. Did not handle the ball with his normal sureness in the second semi final, but the eye could be blamed for that.

41 SIMON LILL. Age 21. Height 6.3 (190cm). Weight 13.5 (85kg). Club games 10. Had trouble with Bruce Monteath in the second semi final, but is a better player than that and can do well at full-back. Is prepared to run the ball out of defence.

49 DEAN FARMER. Age 19. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 13.5 (85kg). Club games 8. One of the most promising young players in WA football, he has not been rushed into league ranks, but has the ability to work his way into the 20 for the grand final.

1 COLIN BARNES. Age 22. Height 6.2 (188cm). Weight 13.0 (82kg). Club games 29. A solid defender who has made his presence felt in the Tigers camp this year. Takes a strong mark and enjoys backing his judgement.

2 NOEL MORTON. Age 22. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.6 (79kg). Club games 90. Rugged half-back and team vice captain who is always a solid contributor. Has good pair of hands and disposes of the ball with precision.

5 ALLEN DANIELS. Age 24. Height 5.10 (179cm). Weight 12.9 (80kg). Club games 79. Talented ruck-rover who runs hard all day. Kicked six goals in the second semi final and will be a key player for the Tigers in the grand final.

6 BRAD REYNOLDS. Age 26. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 13.7 (86kg). Club games 127. Was one of the stars of the second semi final before leaving the ground with a hamstring injury. Has had two weeks to get over that problem and should be fit.

7 LARRY KICKETT. Age 29. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 10.6 (66kg). Club games 8. Started on the interchange bench in the second semi final and did some good work when he eventually got his chance. Can lift a team at a crucial time in a match.

8 STEVE MALAXOS. Age 22. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 11.9 (74kg). Club games 105. Talented centreman who has been the star of the 1983 season. Was a solid contributor in the second semi final and will need to be at his top today if the Tigers are to win.



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SWANS



TONY SOLIN... a key defender.

1 TONY SOLIN. Age 26. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 70

A tough defender who made his interstate debut this season. Is strong in the air and likes to attack the ball.

2 LEON BAKER. Age 27. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 11.0 (70kg). Club games 63

Brilliant centreman or half-forward who can turn the course of a match with his own effort. Could be the difference between winning and losing because he excels in finals football.

4 TOM FLOYD. Age 22. Height 5.7 (170cm). Weight 11.0 (70kg). Club games 2.

Recruited late in the year in an attempt to solve the roving problems at Bassendean Oval. Has not really succeeded at league level as yet.

5 RON BOUCHER. Age 30. Height 6.1½ (192cm). Weight 16.0 (102kg). Club games 189.

The ironman of WA football, Boucher has the ability to take strong marks all around the ground and when resting in a forward pocket. One of the dangermen for Claremont.

6 LEIGH BRENTON. Age 25. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 12.11 (81kg). Club games 13

Transferred to Swans from East Fremantle early in the season and has done the job well at his new club. A pacy ruck-rover who is at his best in a midfield creative role.



K. Narkle



Baker

7 BRAD SHINE. Age 23. Height 5.10 (177cm). Weight 12.4 (78kg). Club games 63

Rugged utility player who had injury problems towards the end of the year and was brought back into league football slowly. Is ready to have a big impact especially in his new roving role.

9 KEITH NARKLE. Age 30. Height 5.7 (170cm). Weight 10.7 (66kg). Club games 226

Took over as club captain when Graham Merrose retired and is playing a quality brand of football at half-forward. A fine leader.

10 BRENT HUTTON. Age 19. Height 6.1 (185 cm) Weight 12.8 (80kg). Club games 23.

One of the brightest young prospects in WA football, he has been slowly introduced to senior competition. Will take on more responsibility next season, either in a key defender or attacking role.



Langsford



Shine

11 DON LANGSFORD. Age 24. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 12.11 (81kg). Club games 117

Has had a magnificent season and needs only a premiership to cap it all off. Made his interstate debut as a ruck-rover and is a key player for Swans.

13. BILL SKWIROWSKI. Age 27. Height 5.11½ (181.5cm). Weight 11.9(74kg). Club games 138

One of the most under rated players in league football, Skwirowski is at his best in a tagging role. A close-checking defender.

14 STAN NOWOTNY. Age 32. Height 6.0 (183 cm). Weight 13.8 (86kg). Club games 276.

Second only to Bill Walker in games played for the club, he still has something to offer the side. His strength in attack and his influence on the younger players are his greatest attributes.

15 PETER SARTORI. Age 18. Height 6.4½ (194cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 35

He showed just how good he is in the first semi final when he carried the ruck in the absence of Ron Boucher. Has outstanding potential.

16 ALAN CRANSBERG. Age 24. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 14.0 (89kg). Club games 114

Has been down on form in recent times, but has ability. Can play in a variety of defensive roles with good effect.

17 GERARD NEESHAM. Age 28. Height 5.10½ (179cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 85

Starting to hit the form which made him such a valuable ruck-rover for Swans before heading to Melbourne for a season.



Smith



Sartori

18 MURRAY RANCE. Age 21. Height 6.3 (190 cm). Weight 13.5 (85kg). Club games 62

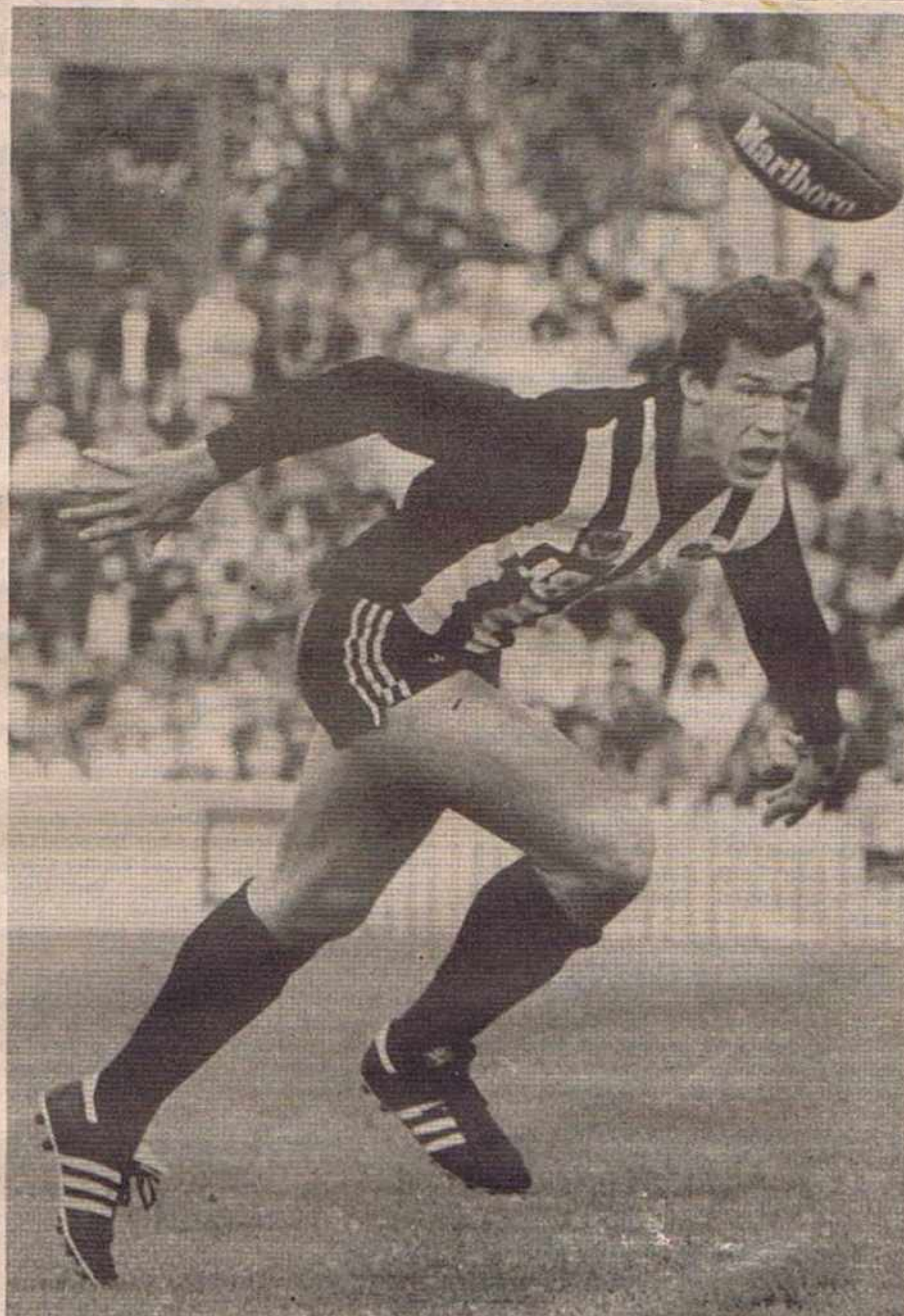
Has the ability to play at centre-half-forward or centre-half-back, takes a strong mark and hands the ball out to his smaller team mates. A key man for Swans.

19 MICHAEL JOHNS. Age 25. Height 6.5 (195 cm). Weight 14.9 (93kg). Club games 15

Played 64 games with Subiaco before transferring to Swans mid-season and has relished the switch. Has slotted in well as a ruckman/defender and has become a better player for the move.

22 PETER KENNY. Age 24. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 12.6 (79kg). Club games 33

Injury kept him out of the game early this season and he has not reproduced the form that won him a State guernsey last year. But he is getting closer at every outing and is a key defender.



MURRAY RANCE... a star in defence or attack.

28 CHRIS BURGESS. Age 21. Height 6.3 (190 cm). Weight 14.5 (91kg). Club games 10.

A strong marking centre-half-forward who started the season in fine style before losing form and being relegated to the reserves.

31 PETER WARE. Age 23. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 13.8 (86kg). Club games 22

An exciting young prospect who loves nothing better than to go for a dash downfield. Has excelled in the back pocket all season, but can play an attacking role as well.

33 DON HOLMES. Age 24. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.2 (77kg). Club games 70

Was in brilliant form as a rover in the first round before being knocked out in the Emu Export Carnival. Since then has battled with the WAFL's doctors for approval of a head guard.

36 PHIL NARKLE. Age 22. Height 5.9 (175cm). Weight 11.0 (70kg). Club games 119

Has not been in the same form which won him the 1982 Channel 7 Sandover Medal, but is still a valuable contributor for his side on a wing. Simply brilliant.

45 PAUL WERNER. Age 21. Height 6.0½ (184cm). Weight 12.4 (78kg). Club games 14

Walked into Swans and asked for a game and the young ACT recruit was in exceptional form at full-forward early in the season. However, he lost form and was relegated to the reserves.

25 MIKE SMITH. Age 23. Height 5.10 (178cm). Weight 12.4 (78kg). Club games 76

Classy centreliner who has overcome a crippling knee injury to return to league football and show some of the sparkle which made him a State player.

26 BARRY KIMBERLEY. Age 26. Height 5.8 (172cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). Club games 18

Cleared from Perth at the start of the season and has become a valuable rover at Swans. Hit peak form just before the finals and will be looking to continue in that manner.



P. Narkle



Fogarty

27 JON FOGARTY. Age 23. Height 6.1 (185cm). Weight 12.8 (80kg). Club games 90

One of the toughest men in the game, Fogarty is also one of the most consistent half-backs. Uses his strength well in the aerial duels and is a good spoiler.



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Tight titles at Perth

THE four Perth Junior Council grand finals contested last Sunday at Lathlain Park saw the biggest winning margin just 23 points — the closest set of premierships played for many years.

The Queens Park club, appearing in all grade titles for the first time, won two crowns and doubled their premiership tally in just over a decade of competition.

Their sole flag before last weekend was won in 1976 by their 14s.

Queens Park's initial success was over Manning in the 11s when they got home 4.2 to 2.1 and had Andrew Thomas best on field. The 13s game was an exciting event throughout with South Perth just beating Queens Park by four points, 6.5 to 5.7. Frank Ryder was named the player of the match for the losers.

Manning proved the day's most comfortable winners when their 15s outstayed Queens Park to get home 7.8 to 4.3 — Edward Broughton (Manning) won the fairest and best award.

In the 17s match Queens Park's Henry Hansen was best afield when his side, as underdogs (coming from fourth spot), upset Canning to take the honours, the final score being 10.10 to 8.15.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

Sharks devoured all before them to win both grade titles in the Southern Districts Junior Football Association this season, and in doing so, downed Swans in their first blemish all season in the 13s.

The premiership play-off saw Sharks upset proceedings to win 7.5 to 4.4 — Jason Corden (Sharks) was named best afield followed closely by Garry Eldridge of Swans.

The 15s contest was a thriller with Sharks, who were undefeated all season, beating North Mt Barker — the final score was 6.7 to 6.2 and the players of the match were Tony Fitzpatrick (North Mt Barker) and Sean Gorman (Sharks). Jason Corden (Sharks) also won the association voting this season with 17 votes in the 13s to head North Mt Barker's Barry Ashton on 15.

In the 15s polling Paul Morgan of Magpies created an association record with the highest number of votes received and also the widest winning margin.

Paul won with 33 votes and runner up was Brad Higgins of North Mt Barker on 23.

This season has been extremely pleasing for the association and some points need highlighting.

The association was revamped in February, 1981, after 25 years under the control of the S.D.F. League.

It was then they changed to a sole junior organisation run by an individual committee away from the seniors.

Season '83 has attracted just over 550 boys to the association, the most participants ever.

Eight clubs make up the association, they are, listed with their WAFL club colours in brackets, South Mt Barker (Subiaco), North Mt Barker (Perth), Denmark (Swans) and the five Albany-based combinations, Swans (East Fremantle), Demons (South Fremantle), Magpies (Claremont), Sharks (West Perth) and Eagles (East Perth).

The association caters for two tiny-tot sides, the Leprechauns and Giants, with 55 boys ranging from 4-7 years old being involved.

Modified rules are then played in the 9s and 11s grades — the 9s had four teams and the 11s had six.

There are six sides in the 13s and eight in the 15s, and after that age group, the thirds competition, for 18s and under is run by the S.D.F. League.

The juniors have taken much pride in the way their combined sides have performed this season. A fortnight ago their 14s met a visiting Wanneroo side in Albany and trounced them by 30 goals.

In four seasons of representing Claremont in the Little League the association has remained unbeaten — this season Justin Pass of Demons was the only association player to part in Claremont's Little League grand final victory.

DENMARK TERRIERS

THE Denmark-Walpole Terriers Junior Football Association exist with just four sides involving around 95 boys from the ages of 8 to 13 years old each Saturday afternoon throughout the season.

Players past that age limit then compete for Denmark in the Southern Districts J.F.A.

The four Terriers are the Walpole Warriors and three Denmark-based teams, the Demons, the Tigers and the Bombers.

The latter three celebrated their 21st birthday this season and the Walpole Warriors have been active for 15 years.

Over all the premierships have been shared evenly and this season's went to the Warriors who defeated the Tigers 13.8 to 3.4 in the grand final to remain unbeaten in 1983.

Christian Brass, of the Warriors was the fairest and best.

The association voting was this season won by Glen Burton of the Warriors and his runner up was James Cocking from Demons. Glen also won his team's top award from Adam Lee while Craig Anning was best under 12s and Bradley Cooper best under 10s. For the Tigers, Mark Howes was fairest and best and runner up was Lloyd Bentink with Jamie Carne best under 12s and Jason Poolman best under 10s.

James Cocking was Demon's top player and next best was John Lunan. Best under 12s was Bill North and Darren Lunan was best under 10s. Phillip Wheatley was fairest and best with Bombers followed by Clinton Farr, other winners were Jason Smith (best under 12s) and Anthony Warham (best under 10s).

WARREN DISTRICTS

MANJIMUP sides Tigers and Imperials dominated the three Warren Districts Junior Football Association grades with only these two clubs playing off in the grand finals.

Tigers scraped home in the 11s against Imperials 1.2 to 1.0 in an extremely hard-fought match.

Imperials reversed the decision in the 13s in another nail-biter the final scores being 2.0 to 1.3.

Tigers slaughtered Imperials in the 15s to win 19.17 to 3.1.

Three other clubs make up the competition which caters for 350 boys. They are Deanmill (the third Manjimup combination), Southerners (from Pemberton and neighbouring Northcliffe) and Boyup Brook, who competed this season for the first time.

It is the intention to attract Bridgetown next year to make a six-team competition in each grade.

Games are played Saturday mornings and this season the first junior match believed to be played at Northcliffe was brought to fruition.

Plans are in the melting pot in secure the Dingup Oval (near Manjimup) as the association's headquarters for the future.

The association was born in 1966 with just the 15s and the current three grade system has now lasted a decade.

The association fairest and best voting saw Deanmill's Darren Stemp win the 11s with 20 votes from David Inglis of Boyup Brook on 17.

Brett Chatley (Tigers) was successful in the 13s with 21 votes beating Dean Harrison (Southerners) on 16.

Imperial's Shannon Crane was fairest and best with 24 votes in the 15s and his runner up was Mark Cunningham of Southerners on 19.

ESPERANCE

PORTS proved the dominators of the Esperance and Districts Junior Football Association in season '83 winning three of the four premierships played on the Newtown Oval recently.

In the 12s RESERVES they beat Esperance in a game which had a total of 30 behinds kicked, the final score being 7.14 to 6.16 with Mathew Williams best afield for the victors.

Newtown won the 12s flag in a low-scoring affair, 3.7 to Gibson's 2.4 and John O'Dea (Newtown) was the game's best player.

Joe Lowah of Ports was best afield when his side comfortably defeated Newtown 7.13 to 4.0 for the 14s title and in the Colts (17s and under) Roy Abram (Ports) was fairest and best when Ports 14.16 trounced Gibson 5.9.

Apart from the three above-mentioned clubs,



AROUND THE CLUBS

By Gary Bartholomeusz

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a further three participate in the association, they are Norseman, Condingup and Munglimup.

Troy Foote (Esperance) won the 12s Reserves association voting with 20 votes from Newtown's Lloyd Woods on 16 and in the 12s Mario Abram of Newtown won easily with 23 votes with next best being James Noble of Esperance with 12.

The 14s fairest and best was Troy Ward of Ports with 17 votes and runner up was Mark Moore from Gibson with 12.

Sean Hazelden (Ports) was the colts highest poller with 17 votes narrowly beating Kim Gibbs of Newtown on 16.

NEWMAN

HAWKS won two premierships and were runners up in their third appearance in the Newman Junior Football League grand finals played recently.

The 9s flag went to Magpies over Hawks but the tide were turned when Hawks beat Bulldogs (12s) and Magpies (15s) in the other two grades.

This season's fairest and best were Shaun Stephens (Magpies) in the 12s and Wayne Morey (Hawks) in the 15s.

Around 200 players within the grades competed for the three clubs mentioned above in 1983 — next year plans are to conduct an 8s and 10s group with Freeball, the 12s grade with Modified Rules and run the 15s with standard rules.

In Newman the 9s and 12s this season played on Saturday mornings but the 15s contested their matches at the unusual time of 4.00p.m. each Friday.

The junior league recently hosted a 16s touring side from the Perth Junior Council when two games were played — Perth won both matches easily.

The country folk however had their moment of glory this season when their Little League team, representing Claremont, won their first such game after four attempts.



The jubilant Claremont players hold the R and I Little League Shield aloft after their grand final victory, flanked by manager Joe McNamara and R and I Bank commissioner Denis Whitely (right). The players are (l-r) Justin Pass, Peter Jasper (vice captain), Jamie Ballard and Chris Brown (captain).

TIGERS WIN

Claremont won the R and I Little League grand final when they played South Fremantle on Saturday.

The young Tigers dictated terms for most of the game and won 4.3 to 2.3.

Chris Brown kicked two goals for the Tigers and was the best player on the ground and other goal scorers were Jamie Ballard and Peter Jasper. Those two players also turned in solid performances.

Grant Atwell, Paul Mirco (one goal) and Nick Germinaro played well for the Bulldogs. Their other goal came from Dean Runner.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

IT'S time to wind up the 1983 season with a special salute to all the regining junior premiership sides.

I would like to thank all of this season's junior page contributors and sincerely hope for your assistance again in the future.

WAFL JUNIOR ZONE CHAMPIONS — Claremont (12s); Subiaco (14s) and South Fremantle (16s).

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EAST FREMANTLE — Thornlie (11s Blue); Rossmoyne (11s White); Thornlie (12s Blue); Lynwood (12s White); Karoonda (13s); Rossmoyne (14s); Rossmoyne (15s); Melville (16s) and East Fremantle (17s).

SOUTH FREMANTLE — Cockburn (12s White); Cockburn (12s Red); South Coogee (14s White); Cockburn (14s Red) and Cockburn (16s).

PERTH — Queens Park (11s); South Perth (13s); Manning (15s) and Queens Park (17s).

WEST PERTH — North Innaloo (11s); Westminster Balga (12s); Marist (13s); Marist (14s); Osborne Park (15s); Mirrabooka (17s Div 1) and North Innaloo (17s Div 2).

EAST PERTH — St Marks (11s); Bayswater (12s); St Marks (13s); St Marks (14s); St Marks (15s) and Maylands (17s).

SWANS — Belmont (11s); Swan View (12s); Mazenod White (14s); Swan View (15s) and Swan View (17s).

CLAREMONT — Scarborough (11s); City Beach/Floreat (12s); Woodlands/Doubleview (13s); Dalkeith/Nedlands (14s) and North Beach (15s).

SOUTH SUBURBAN — Kelmscott Blue (11s A); Langsford (11s B); Gosnells (13s A); Gosnells Red (13s B); Gosnells Blue (15s) and Gosnells (17s).

HILLS — Mundaring (12s); Parkerville (14s) and Mazenod (16s).

BUNBURY

THE 1983 season saw Marist stand out in the Bunbury and districts Junior Football Association. Following are the results of their grand finals, which the college won their three appearances.

In the 10s Red division Crosslands 2.1 snuck home against Donnybrook 1.2; Marist White 5.7 beat Glen Padden 3.4 in the 10s Blue; Marist Blue 8.5 were victorious over Collie Mines Rovers 6.6 for the 12s Red title; the 12s Blue crown went to Marist White after their 8.6 to 4.3 win over Donnybrook; Collie easily beat Bunbury 13.11 to 4.5 in the 14s while Harvey/Brunswick won their sole premiership against Collie, 6.3 to 4.13.

Shane Jackson from Donnybrook 14s won the association's Junior Footballer of the Year award.

R & I Little League

SHOW PARADE

THE WAFL are again conducting a junior football demonstration and parade at this year's Royal Show and invite clubs to take part.

The activities start at 6.30p.m. on Friday, October 7 and is followed by a parade of all players in their club dress.

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YOUNG SIDES PLAY OFF

FOR the second year in succession the two youngest clubs in the WAFL will play off the grand final. This also means that for the second time in a row there will not be a Perth or Fremantle team in the big one.

If North Melbourne win their preliminary final against Essendon this week, they will meet Hawthorn in the VFL grand final and those two teams also represent the youngest clubs in their competition.

In final round games Claremont and Swans have met four times previously. Swans won the 1965 second semi and repeated the effort in last year's match as well as winning the 1982 grand final, while Claremont won the second semi final in 1981.

Lonely Bob

BOB Cribb may be the loneliest man in the football media over his criticism of WA's number one footballer Stephen Michael, but he appeared to have the majority of football supporters on his side last week. In my humble opinion I interpreted the continued booing of Michael as one of two things: A - they didn't like the way he played his football THIS year, or B - the abuse was aimed at the WAFL tribunal for inconsistency.

Big four

Which ever way Saturday's game goes, either Graham Moss will win his second premiership or John Todd will win his third. However, they are a long way behind the big four when it comes to coaching.

South Australian Jack Oatey has the record with 10 premierships, three with Norwood and seven at Sturt. Another Croweater, Foster Williams, has had nine successes, all with Port Adelaide.

WA's best is Phil Matson, whose one success with Subiaco (1913) and seven at East Perth, five of them straight for a State record and a feat equalled by Oatey and Williams in SA.

Victoria's best on the score of grand final wins is Collingwood's Jock McHale whose 38 years with the Magpies yielded eight premierships.

Lill's chance

WILL Claremont's Simon Lill be a part of a premiership side after just 11 WAFL games? John Parkinson achieved the feat with the Tigers in 1964.

Perth's Steve Hargrave played in a premiership side with the Demons in 1976 after just eight games.

In 1962 Swan Districts wingman Frank Copeman had played only four league games before being selected in their successful side. In 1975 Geoff Hendriks was a member of West Perth's premiership side in his third league game. (In 1920 Richmond selected Bill James to make his league debut in the grand final. They won and James never played another game in the VFL).

Museum

THE league is establishing a football museum to coincide with the centenary year in 1985. They would be grateful for any donation in the way of old trophies, medallions, blazers, boots, budgets or anything else pertaining to football in the early years. All donations will be acknowledged.

Early finish

LEAGUE football has its earliest finish in 66 years this week. I had to go back to 1917 to find an earlier grand final, played on September 15 at the WACA ground.

Poor Fitzroy

THIS year Fitzroy won 15 games, but still did not make the grand final. Yet in 1916 they won just two qualifying games before taking the premiership. How? World War I had reduced the VFL competition to four teams so every club participated in the finals. Fitzroy showed a marked improvement to win three finals and take a VFL premiership with just five wins.

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Some thoughts on 1983

IT will be a great show, but when they bring the curtain down on the last act at Subiaco Oval this Saturday, the obvious will have happened and last year's winners will have done it again.

Swan Districts are my confident prediction to win the flag. Apart from hoping that this game is the best and most competitive game of the year, I have nothing else to say about this year's grand final.

By the time you read this, it will have all been said anyway.

Instead, I would like to take this last opportunity in Westside Football to hand out a few acknowledgements to some deserving individuals.

Having been a recipient of a few myself this year — and believing that what is good for the goose is good for the gander — I would like to make the following awards.

Firstly, to Percy Johnson, of Channel 7 and the Sunday Independent, I award the title in 1983 of Football Hypocrite of the Year.

I give the award to Percy without any malice because I believe and know him to be the best and most sincere advocate of the game of football in this State.

But Percy hit with a bolt of lightning — a thunderbolt — when he declared last Sunday that he had picked Swans for premiers in his first article of the season.

Of course he did — so did everybody else! They were the winners of the previous grand final.

What Percy neglected to mention was that between that initial article and last Sunday he has rubbished Swans and John Todd and has been plugging for Claremont and South Fremantle to go premiers, every alternate Sunday depending on how they went the previous Saturday.

To my friend Geoff Christian, chief football writer of The West Australian, goes the title of manipulator of the year.

Geoff's back page article last Monday week did more to influence the outcome of the tribunal hearing than any article I would have thought possible — or printable!

It proved to me once and forever that Vince Yovich might think he is running football in this town, but in actual fact he, like all of us including the tribunal, only are allowed to do what Geoff thinks is best for the game.

In fact, I think the League should sack the directors and appoint Geoff to a position of total control of football in this State and then we might get somewhere. Seriously, my title of footballer of the



By
BOB CRIBB

year goes to Ron Boucher, who contributed more to keeping this season alive — in fact, awake — than the rest of the 250 league footballers in this town combined.

Even in his absence, the final round matches have been preceded with nothing but publicity for the Roo.

My umpire of the year is Ron Buckey, who has stood on his dignity and taken on the media with more courage and conviction than any umpire has done before in history.

He also proved to me last Saturday that he is the best umpire in this State anyway.

Finally, my award for personality of the year goes to Westside Football colleague Robert Bennett, who does not even have to go to the football these days to earn more wrath and derision from those associated with the game than I do.

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HAWTHORN IN BOX SEAT

HAWTHORN are in the box seat to take out this year's VFL grand final.

The Hawks will rest this Saturday while their rivals slog it out on the muddy VFL Park.

Players from both North Melbourne and Hawthorn complained about being leg weary after last weekend's match . . . and North face it again this Saturday.

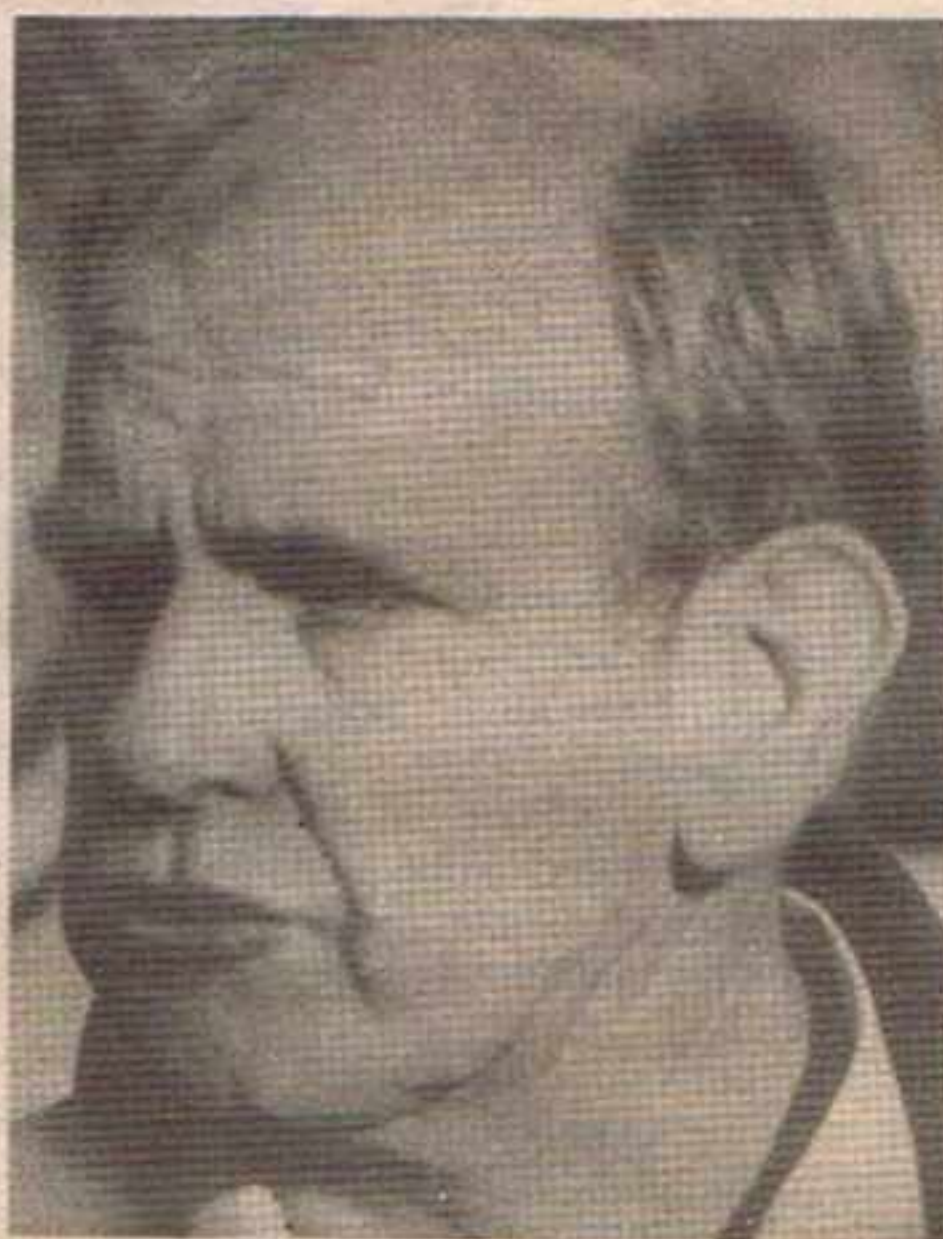
Coupled with this prospect, the Roos are suffering badly from injury problems.

Their opponents in Saturday's preliminary final, Essendon, will be playing in their third successive finals match after staying in the premiership race with an elimination final victory.

No side has ever won a grand final from that position. Collingwood did reach a grand final after advancing from an elimination final in 1981, however, they were crushed by Richmond in the grand final.

Despite Hawthorn's happy position, coach Allan Jeans refuses to concede that his side is best placed to win the flag.

His only comment this week has been that "we're in with a chance".



Allan Jeans

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

Ten former WA players were involved in last weekend's VFL finals.

GARRY BUCKENARA (Hawthorn): A quiet return to football when he had just seven kicks, took two marks and made six handpasses. Started at full forward and kicked only one goal.

KEN JUDGE (Hawthorn): An extremely quiet day when he had just three kicks and one mark and he may now be struggling to hold his place for the grand final.

ROSS GLENDINNING (North Melbourne): The champion North defender was his side's best player when he had 16 kicks, took seven marks and made three handpasses.

PHIL KELLY (North Melbourne): Had six kicks, two marks and four handpasses in a promising start before leaving the ground with a leg injury.

STEVE McCANN (North Melbourne): Picked up 10 kicks, took five marks and made three handpasses in another impressive performance. One of North's better players.

PHIL KRAKOUER (North Melbourne): A damaging player who picked up 12 kicks, made 10 handpasses and took three marks. A good player for the Roos.

JIM KRAKOUER (North Melbourne): Was once again a busy player when he gathered 13 kicks, took two marks and had two handpasses. Wasn't brilliant, but handy.

BILL DUCKWORTH (Essendon): A solid defender although his statistics showed that he had only five kicks and made five handpasses.

TONY BUHAGIAR (Essendon): One of his side's best players when he had 15 kicks, took four marks and made nine handpasses. A top class performance.

GARRY SIDEBOTTOM (Fitzroy): Was far from disgraced and his statistics of nine kicks, five handpasses and five marks are not a true indication of his performance.

IN BRIEF...

CLARKE'S OPERATION

Essendon back pocket specialist Neil Clarke has had to undergo a knee operation to repair damaged ligaments.

The aggressive little defender was bitterly disappointed when he broke down in the last qualifying game of the season and has been a spectator in the Bombers two finals appearances this season.

He would have been out there had not it been for the injury and the pain will probably increase if they win this week and earn a berth in the grand final against Hawthorn. That is when it will become unbearable for the 26-year-old.

CLOKE RUMOUR

Rumours that expensive Collingwood recruit David Cloke would quit the club have been quashed by chairman of selectors, Len Thompson.

Thompson says the former Richmond captain, who was made Collingwood vice captain immediately after joining the club, would stay with the Pies in 1984.

He said many people would not have realised that Cloke played under severe pain in the last few games of the season and that with a solid pre-season he would be a valuable player next year.

Bartlett to present medal

The VFL has invited retired champion Kevin Bartlett to present the Norm Smith Medal on grand final day.

The medal is presented to the fairest and best player in the match, and Bartlett himself won the award in 1980.

It was introduced in 1979 in honour of one of the VFL's greatest coaches.

The winner will again be presented with his medal prior to the Premiership Cup presentation.

The judges who will vote on a 3-2-1 basis include VFL President, Dr Allen Aylett, Mr Jack Hamilton, Mike Sheahan of the Herald, Jack Dyer of 3KZ and Ted Whitten of 3GL.

Brownlow Medal

The Brownlow Medal count will be held at the Southern Cross Hotel on Monday night and several West Australian players are sure to be right up there at the finish.

North Melbourne champion Ross Glendinning will lead the WA charge at the medal and he could become the second West Australian born player to have football's greatest individual honour bestowed upon him. Graham Moss became the first when he won the Brownlow in 1976.

Others who should poll well will be Maurice Rioli, Ken Hunter, Gary Sidebottom and Mike Richardson.

Recruiting race

The cut-throat world of VFL football stops for no one and already rumours are circulating in Melbourne that several clubs are chasing the services of some of Carlton's stars.

With the Blues out of the finals race early this season the other clubs are seizing every opportunity and are reputed to have already spoken to Jim Buckley, Alex Marcou, Ken Sheldon and Wayne Johnston.

Norwood in thriller

NORWOOD scraped into the SANFL's second semi final this weekend with a thrilling four-point win over Sturt at Football Park last Sunday.

The Redlegs had trailed their opponents until the 20-minute mark of the last quarter. It was a powerful comeback by the reigning premiers, who had trailed by six goals at one stage during the second term.

Norwood responded to several moves at half time by coach Neil Balme. This was coupled with a match winning performance from Jim Thiel at centre-half-forward.

South Adelaide were crushed the previous day by North Adelaide in the elimination final at the same ground.



Steven Kernahan was the unlucky South Australian footballer at this week's Magarey Medal count. He actually polled more votes than any other player in the competition but was ineligible because of suspension. He polled nine more votes than the eventual winner Anthony Antrobus.

SUPERULES CARNIVAL

The first interstate Superules Football Carnival will be held in Melbourne next week.

The Carnival which will be played at the Camberwell Football Ground creating wide interest as some of the great names of football are expected to represent their States.

They include former champion Hawthorn full-forward Peter Hudson who will represent Tasmania; former Fitzroy great and Brownlow Medallist, Kevin Murray; former Essendon captain, Jack Clarke and team mates Geoff Gosper and Hugh Mitchell; former Collingwood coach, Mick Erwin and former Magpie captain, Wayne Richardson; former champion South Fremantle full-forward John Gerovich will play for WA.

The first matches will be played on Sunday, September 18.

The draw is — W.A. v ACT; Victoria v Northern Territory and S.A. v Tasmania.

The second round will be played on September 20 with the grand final on September 22.

Sports Exacto will sponsor the series. The premier team will win the Sports Exacto Championship Cup.

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SA NEWS

MEDAL SHOCK

The South Australian football world was shocked this week when North Adelaide's 21-year-old Anthony Antrobus won the 1983 Magarey Medal.

The talented rover is in just his second season of league football and it was a tremendous effort by him to win SA football's most prestigious honour.

But the unlucky men were Glenelg and State ruckman Steven Kernahan and State wingman Craig Bradley.

Kernahan polled the most votes in the count but he was ineligible because he was suspended for one match during the season.

Both umpires in control of the game poll votes under the South Australian system and Kernahan picked up 44 votes, while Antrobus polled 35.

Bradley polled 31 votes from 14 games before his cricket commitments took him out of the country. The talented all round sportsman was playing a Test series with the Australian under-19s in England and had he been able to play a full season he would have been right up there at the finish.

Michael Aish, a hot favourite for his second medal, won most media awards in Adelaide, but polled only 31 votes.

Antrobus is a talented young rover who seems to have a bright future in the game. Essendon have already recognised his potential and he is tied to them.





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Albany produces a talented quartet

By GARY STOCKS

ALBANY will be one of the proudest towns in this State when the grand final is played on Saturday.

With four players from the south coastal town likely to play for Claremont in WA football's biggest game, the bulk of Albany's population will focus their attention on the performances of the quartet.

Baden Harper and Darrell Panizza played with Royals, Allen Daniels with North Albany and Mark Watson was a star for Denmark in their only premierships success in the history of the club.

Harper, Panizza, Daniels and Watson are four of the district's favourite sons and the only football followers who will not wish them every success on Saturday are Swan Districts supporters.

Many of the town's football fraternity will be at Subiaco Oval to watch them in action.

Every year a strong contingent from each of the six clubs in the Southern Districts National Football League makes its way to Perth for the football event of the year.

To have the area represented in a WAFL grand final is a big thrill.

Harper, Panizza and Daniels all represented the State last year and when they played in the same side together, Albanyites stood tall.

Harper's career with Royals did not start until he was in his late teens. As a schoolboy he had preferred hockey and was an outstanding goal keeper who

represented the State in numerous under-age sides.

But it was obvious that his natural sporting ability would see him play league football. In his first season of senior competition in the country he unveiled an unprecedented gift.

He had an amazing leap, was one of the tallest players in the side and when he extended himself he was also one of the fastest.

It did not take the Claremont officials long to realise that Harper could succeed in the city and as a 19-year-old he made his debut with the Claremont Tigers.

He was in and out of the side in his first couple of seasons, mainly because he was still growing.

In 1978 he turned his back on league football and returned to Royals, led them to a premierships and then decided he still wanted to be a success in league football.

So he returned to Claremont and since then he has not looked back, although injury problems have restricted him. The highlights of his career to date have been State selection and playing in a premierships side in 1981.

Panizza and his family moved to Albany when he was about 14 after he had spent most of his life in the south west town of Boyanup.

Initially it was his running ability which captured the imagination of his teachers, but when the football season came around he showed even more ability in the winter sport.

He began his career in the thirds competition with Royals and played most of his football across the centre.

When he graduated from thirds to league he showed he was worthy of his berth in senior competition. While he used his pace effectively he was sometimes guilty of not steadying before kicking and his delivery was often astray.

However, since moving to Claremont as an 18-year-old he has ironed out that flaw in his game and can turn the course of a game with his own brilliance.

Daniels' story is one of tremendous determination and dedication.

He started with North Albany playing in the thirds competition (under 17) when he was just 13.

He was born in Collie before moving to the whaling town as a youngster and right from the start of his football life he had shown he could kick a ball superbly.

In his four seasons with the Kangas in thirds football he developed into a player who looked certain to progress straight into league football.

And he did just that.

However, he could not find his feet in the seniors and was consequently dropped to the reserves. That looked to be the end of his burning ambition to make the grade in the city.

Daniels eventually worked his way back into the league side, but his career seemed desisted to lie in the country.

He has never lacked confidence however, and decided to come to Perth and try out with the colts regardless. He succeeded there, was promoted to the reserves and in 1979 was given his first taste in league football.

He had to work extremely hard to get where he is today. He does not have the natural brilliance of many of his team mates, but got there purely because he would let nothing stand in his way.

Watson's ability was revealed when he represented the Albany Senior High School in the annual country week carnival in 1977.

He had already played a couple of seasons of senior football and was one of the stars of an Albany side which oozed talent.

That same year he played in Denmark's first ever league premierships team — and they have not won another flag since. He played no small part in that victory.

He has always been a hard working type and seems to relish the challenge finals football has to offer.

Albany will indeed be a proud town on Saturday, particularly if the Tigers get up and win.

Bad day for Collie

SUNDAY proved to be a disappointing day for the two Collie teams in the South West National Football League.

The two sides were the trend setters in qualifying matches, but they have failed to go on with the job during the finals.

Collie disappointed for the second year in succession at the business end of the season.

After losing the qualifying final to Bunbury last week they bowed out of the

premiership race when they were well beaten by Augusta-Margaret River in Sunday's first semi final.

Mines Rovers lost the second semi final to Bunbury, who are now in line for back-to-back premierships.

In one of the best games of football seen in the competition this year Augusta set up their victory over the Saints with a tremendous first quarter, kicking 7.0 to 4.1 against the breeze.

They went on to win 20.4 (124) to 15.12 (102).

John McTaggart gave an outstanding performance at centre-half-forward for the victors when he kicked 10 goals, while Mark Stephenson and Ron Crabbe each kicked three.

Bunbury were always in control of Mines Rovers in the other game and they eventually won by 29 points. Only three quick goals in the dying minutes of the contest gave any respectability to the Miners score.

Bunbury went into the game without two of their stars from the previous week.

Dave Gaunt gave an impressive display at full forward for the Bulldogs, kicking nine goals to take his season's aggregate to 103.

Wayne Coles returned to Mines' side to kick four goals along with Ray Smith and other good players were youngsters Paul Moyses, Michael Barrett and Ken Tait.

WILLIAMS WINS

NORTH Mt Barker ruck rover Neil Williams has won the Kleeman Medal for the fairest and best player in the Southern Districts National Football League.

In an extremely close count Williams took the award by one vote from South Mt Barker captain coach Larry Dwyer and his South team mate Charlie Staite.

Williams, a gifted player who has been in line for the award on several occasions, polled just 18 votes for the season.

With one card remaining in the count Williams led by one vote from Dwyer and three from Staite. In that final game Staite polled two votes to level the score with Dwyer. However, the former South Fremantle player won second position on a countback.

Williams was runner-up to team mate Geoff Nicholls last year.

He has been one of the most consistent players in the competition in recent seasons and in 1980 won the Warburton Medal for the fairest and best SDNFL player in the Wesfarmers carnival and also the Cobber Cook Memorial Medal in last year's grand final.

TAMMIN IN UPSET

Tammin caused a major upset in the second semi final of the Avon Football Association when they proved too strong for York.

Led by Derek Kickett, the fairest and best player in the competition this season, they scored a 32-point win over their arch rivals.

KANGAS WIN

North Albany caused a major upset in the Southern Districts National Football League grand final when they beat North Mt Barker convincingly.

The Kangas, beaten by their Mt Barker opponents in the second semi final, produced their best effort of the season in beating the Demons 11.10 to 10.7.

It proved to be a bad day for North Mt Barker as they lost the reserves grand final to Royals.

The Lions played a solid brand of football under coach Bob Goulding and broke a long drought at the club in this competition. Their previous success was in about 1958.

Drought broken

Wanderers have broken a 16-year premierships drought.

The Tigers won a bruising grand final against Kojonup at Gnowangerup on Sunday to win their first pennant since 1968.

"Aldo" Morrow led the Wanderers assault on the flag and he received strong support from Mick Allen, Steve Quartermaine, Alan Gibson, Allan Campbell and Zilm brothers, Rod and Ken.

Rod Zilm won the South Fremantle award for being his side's best player.

The fairest and best award in the game went to Kojonup's Steven Hill.

PIKE UP TO 200



COLLIE footballer Bill Pike has reached his 200 game milestone with the Saints.

Pike started with Collie's under-12s in 1966 and won the fairest and best award in the junior grades up till under-16s.

He started his league career in 1972, playing as a rover and was in Collie's premierships side for that season.

Pike has represented the South West side at Wesfarmers country carnivals several times and has twice been runner-up in Collie's fairest and best award.

The 26-year-old Pike played his 200th game against arch-rivals Mines Rovers.

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OSBORNE PARK FACE THE ROOS AGAIN

OSBORNE Park earned the right to challenge the might of Wanneroo when they convincingly ousted South Perth from the 1983 finals series at Leederville Oval last Sunday.

The Saints' 34-point win was a credit to their fighting qualities. It came only seven days after they had lowered their colours to Wanneroo in a second semi final clash that had shown a weakness in the Saints ability to withstand pressure.

But coach Gerard McNeill had paid particular attention to Swan Districts master coach John Todd to set up a loose man style of play that the Tigers had no answer for.

McNeill used rover Wayne Loxley and ruck-rovers Peter Gianoli and Trevor Nisbett in similar fashion as Todd uses his creative mid-fielders, with the loose man in defence, to set up the run on football.

CREATIVE

The move of bringing creative forward Glen Schofield back into the Saints line-up after injury proved a match winning one. The hard working forward was responsible for a number of successful Saints opportunities up forward while kicking two goals in the second term when goals were the hardest to come by.

Saints spearhead Norm Uncle was well

THE GRAND FINAL BATTLE

held by former State defender Jeff Dickson for most of the day before he broke loose to notch four goals in the final term and sink the Tigers' confidence. Uncle finished with six goals and poses as a threat to Wanneroo's premiership prospects.

The preliminary final loss was a bitter pill for Tiger officials and comes in the wake of many a finals disappointment in recent years.

Coach Kerry Coates was a bitterly disappointed man after the loss. That he was his side's best player on the day was of no consequence to the man who has worked so hard to bring premiership honours to the club he adopted after leaving East Fremantle four years ago.

The Tigers, who have boasted such cohesive team work in the latter stages of the season after their recruitment drive, simply did not get the opportunity to get their normal pattern of play going.

They had many players down on form on the day, but none tried harder than Richard Peel who found himself the loose man after McNeill had given a free running



W.A.F.A. REPORT

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

role to Nisbett, Tony Capriotti, young Clayden Whittle and Gary Diver.

Of the 2000 spectators who welcomed the change of venue to Leederville Oval, the most attentive of all was Wanneroo coach Stuart Hillier.

Hillier will have paid close attention to the way McNeill was prepared to take on the ruck duties against the tall Kevin Dale with success and then after quarter time former East Perth tough man Ron Webster.

THINK-TANK

The Roos coach will no doubt have some lengthy think-tank sessions in an attempt to over-come the effectiveness of the Saints midfield play, well led by Loxley and supported by Gianoli, Nisbett, Greg Murphy, Ken Ferguson and Kim Rich.

But after the moral-boosting way the Saints brushed the Tigers aside, the Roos face a new opponent this Sunday at Leederville Oval - a stark contrast in surface, size and atmosphere to their last encounter.

The Roos have finals experience and tradition on their side and Hillier will remind Colin Blabb, Paul Taylor, Greg Rich, Alan Shepherd, Dennis Williams and Brett Cousins of the influence they can have on a game such as this.

It will be the first time McNeill and Hillier have taken senior sides into grand finals and both will be looking for big personal efforts to lift their charges.

Once again the goal scoring potential of both sides will be enormous with the fast run on style each combination employs.

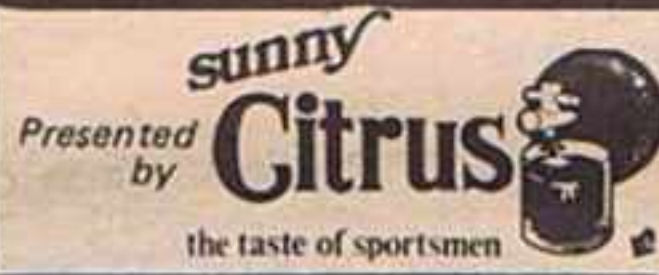
The final can be expected to be one of the most fierce and closely fought encounters for some years with favouritism going to the experienced and in-form Roos.

The Roos have the advantage of having had the week's break between finals and also to have seen the tactics McNeill employed to beat Souths.

The Saints seek their first title for years while the Roos their sixth consecutive championship.

But whatever the outcome each side would be worthy 1983 premiers.

AMATEUR NEWS



Uni and Mt. Lawley in showdown

MT Lawley fought their way into the delayed 'A' grade grand final to be played at Perth Oval this Saturday.

Their opponents, University are sitting in the wings after the replayed drawn second semi and will not have everything their own way.

The Lawley Hawks walked over highly-fancied Old Scotch (who had been hit by injuries) and should be full of confidence. They have the added incentive of a premiership in their 20th anniversary year and their first since 1979.

Uni, full of talent, are chasing their 15th 'A' grade pennant since joining Amateurs in 1929.

'B' GRADE: Scarborough hung on to down C.B.C. by eight points to record their second 'B' Premiership in three grand finals.

It was Scarborough's ninth pennant (and second this year). C.B.C. minor premiers, failed to gain their club's fourth flag.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The W.A.F.L. management would like to thank all those who have assisted throughout the past season.

Special thanks to Westside Football for their total support, Carl Evans, Tony Naylor and John Ashley for their assistance in providing premiership tables and goal kicking lists regularly and Trevor Schorer for his valuable contributions each week of A and B grade articles.

Don Baker's regular comments on 6PR Sports Talk show added a new dimension in publicity for amateur football. He has been assisted by Bruce Wainwright and Steve Woodward. 6PR's John Hunt and Trevor Carlsen are to be thanked for their support.

We look forward to the same publicity and available space and time in 1984.

The continuation of support received from the W.A.F.L. in all facets from central umpires in 'A' and 'B' division and 'A' Colts, to advise and assist in use of league grounds is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Joy Grosvenor, the clearance officer, handled over 1700 clearances during the year. Mr George Mieers once again was the amateurs' Umpires Advisor ('C' to 'K' Grade) along with first year Assistant Advisor Mr Terry Haydon, both working closely together and assisting tremendously throughout the season.

Members of the independent tribunal met every week (except one) and should be sincerely thanked for their efforts.

'C' GRADE: Carlisle became the 21st club to go through a season without a loss. It was their 11th premiership and possibly one of their most significant.

Whitfords, still after their initial grand final win, will have to wait another season despite their good efforts this year.

'D' GRADE: Dianella, with only one loss, took their premiership success (with two flags this year) to four. Nollamara No.2 battled from fourth place to reach the grand final.

'E' GRADE: University No.3 were instrumental in gaining the varsity's 37th pennant. Lynwood-Ferndale lost their third successive grand final.

'F' GRADE: Churchlands have now won five premierships and much will depend on teacher transfers to see if they remain a force next season. Scarborough No.2 showed growing depth in the clubs.

'G' GRADE: Applecross gained their second successive premiership win over Bullcreek. Applecross only lost one game during the year and now have two pennants.

'H' GRADE: Mt Lawley No.3 completely reversed the score of their second semi drubbing by North Beach No.3. Improving by 25 goals in two weeks and restricting North to only one point after half time they gained their club's 11th premiership.

'I' GRADE: A.L.C.A. No.2 overpowered City Beach No.2 to win. Despite their success, the young A.L.C.A. club must change their style of play and aggression if they are to become a respected member of the amateur league.

'J' GRADE: Rookie club ANZ gained a first-up premiership success over third year club Girrawheen.

'K' GRADE: Dianella No.3 won their second premiership for 1983 by downing the luckless Lynwood-Ferndale club (who have been in few grand finals without success).

'A' COLTS: Wembley won their 22nd premiership and the colts flag with a good win over Mt Lawley.

'B' COLTS: Scarborough gained their first 'B' colts premiership and reversed last year's result over C.B.C.

'C' COLTS DIV.1: W.A.I.T. back to back premiers prevented Whitfords first success becoming a reality.

'C' COLTS DIV.2: Bassendean (previously Ashfield) gained their initial pennant over Forrestfield who were after their clubs fourth flag.

GILES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Barney Giles is celebrating his 50th year as general secretary of the Wembley Athletic Club.

Founded in 1926 with a cricket and basketball section, the club added football (1928) and Baseball (1950) and has been based at Henderson Park since 1934.

Barney first became involved with football in 1927 when he was elected secretary, continuing to 1948 and was then football president from 1949 to 1968.

Since 1938, he has been connected with amateur football when Wembley affiliated with the W.A.F.F.L.

From 1953 he has been the W.A. delegate to the Australian Amateur Football Council, became a vice president and was elected to the executive of the Amateur Football League.

For a short time he was secretary (1933-36) of the Cricket Club (now competing in the Suburban Turf Assoc.) and Secretary of the Basketball club (affiliated with W.A. Basketball League) from 1938-1940).

In 1954 he became assistant secretary of the W.A. Football League till 1968, when on the death of Mr Dick Hill, he became secretary of that League, retiring in December, 1973.

During that time he represented the W.A.F.L. on the W.A. Sports Federation and was for many years after his retirement secretary/organiser of the annual W.A. Country Football Championship Carnival.

He is a life member of the W.A. Football League, the W.A.F.L. Members Club, the W.A. Amateur Football League (1955) and the Wembley Athletic Club. He has been awarded the N.F.L. Merit Award for his services to football.

Barney can be still seen each Saturday during the football season at Wembley games and takes an active interest in the club. Wembley, honoured him by naming their headquarters and clubrooms "The B.J. Giles Hall" at Henderson Park, Wembley in recognition for his services.

CHAMPIONSHIP

THE club championship trophy for 1983 will be announced at the annual delegates dinner at Riverside Lodge on October 28th.

In 1972 West Australian Newspapers donated a perpetual trophy to be presented to the champion club.

CHANGES

The W.A.A.F.L. 55th year closes with many changes undertaken and more to come. The computer installed to handle player details, games, premiership tables, goalkickers etc. has still to reach its full potential.

A final five was introduced for the first time with a record 41 clubs taking part.

An assistant Umpires' Advisor was appointed for the first time and along with the Umpires Advisor helped uplift the standard of the 60 regular central umpires.

The independent tribunal was enlarged to help to take the work load off this necessary part of amateur football.

Two central umpires were provided for all grades in the preliminary and grand finals.

For the past two seasons it has been a period of consolidation for the amateur league with 146 teams and it seems likely that the league has reached the maximum in operating efficiency and will be reluctant to increase to number of teams beyond that number for some time.

There is a strong possibility that the Sunday division of amateurs will be phased out with strong indications that the top teams wish to venture into the more competitive Saturday grades.

PRELIMINARY FINAL

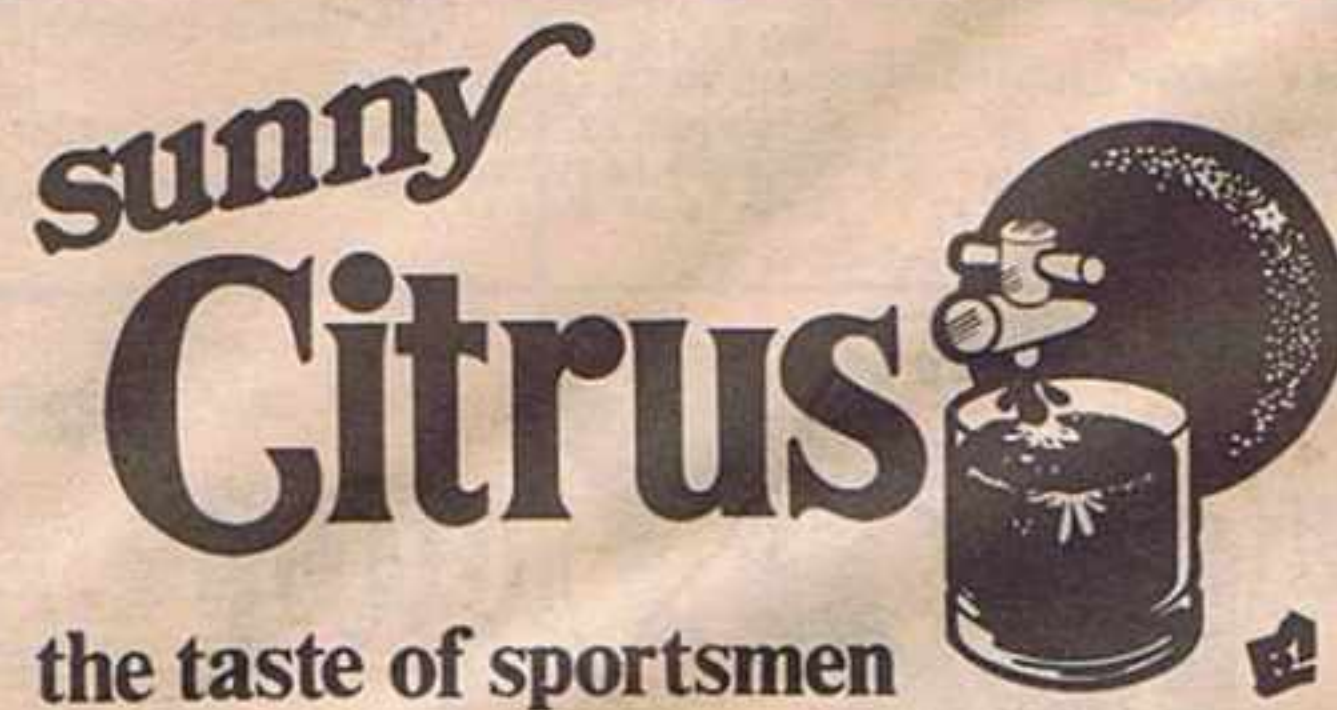
'A' GRADE

Mt Lawley 21.12 d Old Scotch 9.10

GRAND FINALS

'B' grade: Scarborough 10.10 d C.B.C. 8.14.
'C' grade: Carlisle 27.16 d Whitfords 10.7.
'D' grade: Dianella 16.15 d Nollamara No.2 9.12.
'E' grade: University No.3 17.10 d Lynwood-Ferndale 12.10.
'F' grade: Churchlands 14.18 d Scarborough No.2 10.16.
'G' grade: Applecross 12.13 d Bullcreek 9.15.
'G' grade: Mt Lawley No.3 19.7 d Nth Beach No.3 7.3.
'I' grade: A.L.C.A. No.2 16.19 d City Beach No.2 10.11.
'J' grade: ANZ 19.18 d Girrawheen 10.7.
'K' grade: Dianella No.3 14.13 d Lynwood-Ferndale 14.8.
'A' COLTS: Wembley 13.13 d Mt Lawley 8.10.
'B' COLTS: Scarborough 12.17 d C.B.C. 9.1.
'C' COLTS Div 1: W.A.I.T. 18.11 d Whitford 14.12.
'C' COLTS Div 2: Bassendean 17.11 d Forrestfield 9.10.

Sunday Division A.L.C.A. d Swan Athletic



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National Fixtures and Results



West Australian Football League

Home side named first
**To be played at Subiaco Oval

Round 1 - March 26
Swans 20.8; Claremont 26.12
East Frem. 15.13; Subiaco 22.16
Perth 12.11; Sth. Frem. 19.22
March 27
West Perth 18.26; East Perth 17.13

Round 2 - April 2
Subiaco 20.8; Perth 11.14
Sth Frem 18.11; West Perth 16.8
April 4
East Perth 22.9; Swans 23.20
Claremont 27.15; East Frem 13.5

Round 3 - April 9
East Frem. 9.9; Swans 18.24
E. Perth 14.8; Cl'mont 23.22
W. Perth 22.24; Perth 14.10
Subiaco 9.19; South Frem. 27.22

Round 4 - April 16
Swans 10.13; W. Perth 20.18*
Cl'mont 17.15; Subiaco 15.10
Perth 13.15; E. Perth 18.19
April 17
S. Frem. 24.16; E. Frem. 14.9

Round 5 - April 23
Swans 21.18; Subiaco 17.8
Cl'mont 22.15; W. Perth 11.8
East Frem. 19.22; Perth 10.11
E. Perth 19.14; Sth. Frem. 28.14

Round 6 - April 30
Sth Frem 24.22; Swans 13.18
Perth 15.14; Claremont 17.18
W. Perth 19.15; East Frem 19.19
Subiaco 12.17; E. Perth 19.13

Round 7 - May 7
Swans 17.25; Perth 15.13
Cl'mont 17.10; S. Frem. 15.16
E. Frem. 18.12; E. Perth 31.18**
W. Perth 17.18; Subiaco 9.19
May 14/15 - Weekend Carnival
Won by East Fremantle

Round 8 - May 21
East Perth 19.18; West Perth 10.9
Subiaco 18.10; E. Frem. 19.18
S. Frem. 26.18; Perth 12.18

May 22
Claremont 24.17; Swans 18.19

Round 9 - May 28
E. Frem. 24.18; Cl'mont 19.15
Swans 26.20; E. Perth 19.16
W. Perth 16.16; S. Frem. 22.16**
Perth 29.15; Subiaco 19.7

June 4 WA 20 14, SA 16 14

Round 10 - June 6
W. Perth 15.21; Swans 16.18
S. Frem. 18.20; E. Frem. 19.13
E. Perth 22.21; Perth 10.12
Subiaco 14.15; Cl'mont 24.10

Round 11 - June 11
Swans 30.15; East Frem. 15.11
Perth 21.14; W. Perth 27.11
S. Frem. 26.29; Subiaco 9.4
Cl'mont 13.9; E. Perth 18.16

Round 12 - June 18
Subiaco 12.9; Swans 13.25
Perth 18.16; East Frem. 18.23
West Perth 9.14; Cl'mont 18.16

June 19
South Frem. 16.23; East Perth 11.14

Round 13 - June 25
Swans 18.10; S. Frem 10.15
E. Frem. 16.8; West Perth 15.11
Claremont 22.16; Perth 15.10
Subiaco 20.7; East Perth 15.11

Round 14 - July 2
Perth 17.14; Swans 23.15
Sth Frem. 17.12; Claremont 16.13
E. Perth 17.16; E. Frem. 15.20
Subiaco 17.10; W. Perth 15.18

Round 15 - July 9
Swans 14.10; Claremont 8.16
E. Frem 19.26; Subiaco 8.11
Perth 12.12; S. Frem 12.16
West Perth 6.12; East Perth 17.12

July 12 WA 16.22, VFL 16.19

Round 16 - July 16
Claremont 26.22; E. Frem 12.9
E. Perth 14.15; Swans 20.26
Subiaco 13.10; Perth 19.20
July 17
S. Frem 16.17; W. Perth 13.13

Round 17 - July 23
E. Frem. 8.8; Swans 13.22
E. Perth 8.7; Claremont 20.19
W. Perth 12.14; Perth 11.17
Subiaco 14.15; S. Frem. 27.18

Round 18 - July 30
Cl'mont 37.19; Subiaco 11.9
S. Frem 21.22; E. Frem. 11.10
Perth 21.16; E. Perth 17.9

July 31
Swans 18.19; W. Perth 15.14

Round 19 - August 6
Swan 26.22; Subiaco 5.8
Cl'mont 26.13; W. Perth 16.13
E. Frem. 21.20; Perth 15.21
E. Perth 15.11; S. Frem. 24.11

Round 20 - August 13
S. Frem. 18.25; Swans 11.23
Perth 8.15; Cl'mont 21.17
W. Perth 11.13; E. Frem. 16.17
E. Perth 22.18; Subiaco 9.12

Round 21 - August 20
Swans 25.21; Perth 15.8
Cl'mont 21.12; S. Frem. 15.19
E. Frem. 19.16; E. Perth 12.9
Subiaco 15.15; W. Perth 16.20

August 27 - First semi-final
Swan Dist. 21.25; East Frem. 13.14

September 3 - Second semi-final
Cl'mont 20.11; Sth Frem. 14.26

September 10 - Preliminary Final
Swan Dist 26.19; Sth. Frem. 15.11

September 17 - Grand Final



Victorian Football League

Round 1 March 26
Geelong 15.16; Footscray 11.9
Carlton 20.16; Richmond 11.10
Fitzroy 16.15; Hawthorn 20.11
Melbourne 19.11; Col'wood 20.15
Nth. Melbourne 14.16; St Kilda 12.15

March 27
Swans 17.9; Essendon 15.20

Part Round 2 - April 2
Collingwood 14.12; Geelong 15.11
Footscray 14.15; Carlton 12.10
Richmond 15.10; Melbourne 18.11

Part Round 2 - April 4
Nth Melbourne 6.7; Fitzroy (p) 12.16
Essendon 20.11; St. Kilda 10.10
Hawthorn 9.16; Swans 5.15

Round 3 - April 9
Carlton 13.19; Col'wood (P) 11.21
Fitzroy 14.13; Essendon 7.14
Footscray 16.15; Melbourne 11.13
Geelong 13.16; Richmond 6.10
St Kilda 6.6; Hawthorn 26.15

April 10
Swans 5.15; Nth Melbourne 27.23

Round 4 - April 16
St Kilda 11.13; Geelong 13.12 (P)
Ess'don 20.21; Col'wood 17.15
Fitzroy 17.23; Swans 6.16
Hawthorn 12.25; Footscray 17.16
Melb. 13.12; Carlton 14.15
Nth. Melb. 18.19; Richmond 14.19

Part Round 5 - April 23
Carlton 9.11; Fitzroy 18.17
Col'wood 9.19; Hawthorn 14.11

April 24
Swans 24.16; St. Kilda 21.11

Part Round 5 - April 25, Anzac Day
Richmond 17.12; Footscray 18.8
Nth. Melbourne 17.21; Essendon 20.8
Geelong 16.14; Melbourne 18.13

Round 6 - April 30
Hawthorn 12.16; Richmond 15.16 (P)
Carlton 12.13; Geelong 14.11
Collingwood 19.16; Nth Melb 15.18
Essendon 27.19; Footscray 7.7
Melbourne 18.18; Swans 12.21
St Kilda 15.12; Fitzroy 22.11

Round 7 - May 7
St. Kilda 11.9; Melb. 16.12
Fitzroy 11.10; Geelong 9.13
Footscray 11.16; Col'wood 14.4
Hawthorn 13.13; N. Melb. 21.16
Richmond 16.16; Essendon 21.11

May 8
Swans 18.10; Carlton 22.17

Round 8 - May 14
Coll'wood 16.11; Richmond 8.11 (P)
Geelong 11.18; Swans 16.14
Hawthorn 20.17; Ess'don 14.11
Melb. 12.15; Fitzroy 18.17
St. Kilda 12.17; Carlton 22.13
Nth. Melb. 29.15; Footscray 11.8

May 16
S.A. 26.16; Vic. 17.14

Round 9 - May 21
Fitzroy 13.21; Footscray 22.13 (P)
Carlton 15.14; Hawthorn 14.12
Essendon 22.17; Melbourne 17.13
Geelong 12.12; Nth. Melb. 18.16
St Kilda 16.12; Richmond 13.15

May 22
Swans 18.13; Collingwood 14.15

Round 10 - May 28
Melbourne 16.13; Hawthorn 27.9
Coll'wood 10.17; Fitzroy 13.15
Essendon 15.19; Geelong 15.7
Footscray 17.26; St. Kilda 11.16
Nth. Melb. 29.19; Carlton 11.16
Richmond 16.10; Swans 14.10

Round 11 - June 4
Carlton 15.11; Ess'don 19.12
Fitzroy 20.16; Richmond 16.18
Hawthorn 12.16; Geelong 14.11
Melbourne 18.17; Nth. Melb. 20.19
St. Kilda 21.18; Col'wood 24.16

June 5
Swans 17.19; Footscray 15.12

Part Round 12 - June 11
Ess'don 23.18; Swans 13.5
Hawthorn 25.17; Fitzroy 21.8
St. Kilda 15.14; N. Melb. 20.15

Part Round 12 - June 13
Coll'wood 12.15; Melb. 10.8
Footscray 15.12; Geelong 14.7
Richmond 21.15; Carlton 13.13

Round 13 - June 20
St Kilda 13.13; Essendon 21.12
Carlton 26.15; Footscray 12.10
Fitzroy 34.26; N. Melb. 10.10
Geelong 15.11; Col'wood 13.7
Melb. 18.15; Richmond 15.19

June 21
Swans 11.12; Hawthorn 15.20

Round 14 - June 27
Richmond 11.4; Geelong 10.9
Collingwood 15.10; Carlton 6.9
Essendon 8.10; Fitzroy 9.11
Hawthorn 21.17; St Kilda 9.20
Melbourne 14.15; Footscray 12.13
Nth Melb. 11.16; Swans 7.8

Round 15 - July 2
Footscray 9.6; Hawthorn 13.11 (P)
Carlton 9.13; Melbourne 15.16
Coll'wood 16.8; Essendon 13.9
Geelong 9.14; St. Kilda 18.12
Richmond 16.18; Nth Melb. 21.12

July 3
Swans 23.9; Fitzroy 17.15 (S)

Part Round 16 - July 9
Fitzroy 13.11; Carlton 18.16 (P)
Footscray 12.12; Richmond 15.14
Nth Melb. 19.14; Essendon 16.11

Part Round 16 - July 16
Hawthorn 19.23; Col'wood 14.16
Melbourne 10.19; Geelong 10.13
St Kilda 20.9; Swans 14.16

Round 17 - July 23
Nth Melb. 24.8; Col'wood 14.14
Footscray 16.11; Essendon 18.17
Fitzroy 20.18; St. Kilda 22.17
Richmond 11.16; Hawthorn 22.14
Geelong 11.17; Carlton 15.18

July 24
Swans 18.17; Melb. 16.16

Round 18 - July 30
Geelong 7.7; Fitzroy 16.15
Carlton 17.17; Swans 11.9
Coll'wood 12.10; Footscray 9.19
Essendon 6.14; Richmond 19.10
N. Melb. 12.18; Hawthorn 15.7
St. Kilda 11.15; Melbourne 14.14

Round 19 - August 6
Footscray 10.11; N. Melb. 25.14
Carlton 25.18; St. Kilda 8.13
Essendon 23.18; Hawthorn 10.14
Fitzroy 22.29; Melbourne 11.9
Richmond 11.13; Collingwood 13.11

August 7
Swans 10.15; Geelong 20.21

Round 20 - August 18
Richmond 9.11; St. Kilda 21.14
Collingwood 28.14; Swans 18.12
Footscray 19.11; Fitzroy 14.15
Hawthorn 15.22; Carlton 20.9
Melbourne 19.10; Essendon 21.15
N. Melb. 16.20; Geelong 11.18

Round 21 - August 20
Hawthorn 25.22; Melbourne 8.9
Carlton 18.18; North Melb. 13.15
Fitzroy 19.13; Coll'wood 7.21
Geelong 12.11; Essendon 26.9
St Kilda 13.16; Footscray 16.4

August 21
Swans 10.13; Richmond 15.24 (S)

Round 22 - August 27
Essendon 18.10; Carlton 8.19 (P)
Coll'wood 24.11; St Kilda 14.18
Footscray 17.12; Swans 10.12
Geelong 11.11; Hawthorn 24.13
Nth. Melb. 21.22; Melb. 10.15
Richmond 12.21; Fitzroy 19.14

September 3 - Qualifying Final
Hawthorn 19.13; Fitzroy 19.9

Elimination Final
Essendon 17.12; Carlton 12.9

September 10
First semi-final
Essendon 16.13; Fitzroy 12.14

Second semi-final
Hawthorn 13.10; Nth. Melb. 6.12

September 17 - Preliminary Final

September 24 - Grand Final



South Australian National Football League

Matches to be played on ground of first mentioned club except first listed game each week to be played at Football Park.

Round 1 - April 2
Port 19.9; Glenelg 17.16
West 23.22; Centrals 8.10
Woodville 13.24; Torrens 18.19
North 14.9; South 7.18

April 4
Sturt 12.14; Norwood 11.7

Round 2 - April 9
Central 20.23; Nth. Adel. 8.12
Sth. Adel 17.12; W. Torrens 9.12
Port 15.11; Norwood 17.16
Sturt 22.8; Glenelg 12.11
West Adel. 21.22; W'ville 16.7

Round 3 - April 16
W. Adel. 29.13; Glenelg 23.11
N'wood 17.12; Centrals 14.14
W'ville 6.7; Sth. Adel 19.21
N. Adel. 14.17; W. Torrens 15.15

April 17
Port 18.23; Sturt 15.11

Round 4 - April 23
Port 16.8; Central 12.10
W'ville 10.13; North 15.15
W. Torrens 14.10; W. Adelaide 18.17

April 25
Sth. Adel. 13.17; Sturt 15.15
Norwood 29.14; Glenelg 12.12

Round 5 - April 30
South 13.13; Port 15.11
Centrals 16.17; Woodville 11.10
Glenelg 12.14; North 14.17
Torrens 15.17; Sturt 20.17

May 1
West 14.16; Norwood 16.6

Round 6 - May 7
Glenelg 15.16; Torrens 23.11
South 19.16; Centrals 12.6
Port 16.17; West 22.16
Sturt 24.19; Woodville 16.9
North 29.15; Norwood 13.10

Round 7 - May 14
Port 15.16; Torrens 10.15
West 15.16; North 12.12
Glenelg 7.12; Woodville 16.3
Norwood 13.10; South 10.5
Sturt 12.10; Central 13.11

May 16
S.A. 26.16; Vic. 17.14

Round 8 - May 21
West 17.14; Sturt 29.16
South 20.13; Glenelg 7.15
Centrals 25.13; Torrens 16.14
Woodville 14.10; Norwood 26.6
North 19.11; Port 21.7

Round 9 - May 28
Glenelg 15.12; C. District 7.10
Sturt 23.25; North 10.14
Torrens 14.7; Norwood 13.10
W. Adel. 13.17; S. Adel. 6.8

May 29
Port 11.16; Woodville 15.11

Round 10 - June 4
Torrens 22.15; W'ville 23.18
South 19.13; North 12.15
Central 13.13; West 20.13
Norwood 20.11; Sturt 21.12
Port 14.12; Glenelg 15.11
WA 20.14; SA 16.14

Round 11 - June 11
Centrals 16.8; N. Adel. 18.16
Woodville 13.7; W. Adel. 29.18

June 12
Sturt 17.12; Glenelg 15.18

June 13
S. Adel. 20.22; Torrens 11.8
Port 14.11; Norwood 14.9

Round 12 - June 18
Centrals 14.15; Norwood 16.7
South 26.22; Woodville 17.6
Glenelg 19.20; W. Adel. 19.8
Sturt 28.26; P. Adel. 12.8
Torrens 14.10; N. Adel. 28.19

Round 13 - June 25
Sturt 12.12; South 14.13
Glenelg 12.16; Norwood 10.15
Port 13.7; Centrals 16.12
North 20.15; Woodville 17.11

June 26
West Adel 29.16; Torrens 13.9

Round 14 - July 2
C. District 22.11; Woodville 7.11
Norwood 15.8; W. Adelaide 21.14
Port 23.7; S. Adelaide 10.9
Sturt 30.25; Torrens 10.12
North 14.14; Glenelg 16.14

Round 15 - July 9
Norwood 18.9; North 7.8
Torrens 18.14; Glenelg 16.9
West Adel. 15.15; Port 15.14
Woodville 11.15; Sturt 29.21

July 10
Centrals 4.11; South 18.14

Round 16 - July 16
Centrals 15.16; Sturt 19.8
Torrens 20.14; Port 16.9
Woodville 15.15; Glenelg, 17.18
North 18.16; West 30.11

July 17
South 16.15; Norwood 12.7

Round 17 - July 23
Centrals 21.17; Torrens 10.13
Glenelg 12.13; S. Adel. 17.14
Norwood 32.19; Woodville 11.12
Port 15.9; North Adel 22.15
Sturt 16.23; West Adel. 21.17

Round 18 - July 30
Sturt 19.14; North 15.12
South 16.8; West 20.11
Norwood 20.7; Torrens 11.13
Woodville 10.10; Port 13.15

July 31
Centrals 13.13; Glenelg 17.17

Round 19 - August 6
Centrals 14.8; W. Adelaide 22.16
Sturt 19.9; Norwood 22.8

August 13
South 13.13; North 15.16
Glenelg 23.20; Port 8.15

August 14
Torrens 25.17; Woodville 20.13

Round 20 - August 20
Woodville 19.14; West 34.17
Glenelg 20.19; Sturt 16.16
Torrens 12.9; South 24.15

August 21
Norwood 25.15; Port 15.13
North 20.13; Central 21.16

Round 21 - August 27
Torrens 13.13; North 17.19
South 18.12; Woodville 19.16
Centrals 14.11; Norwood 21.10
Port 18.8; Sturt 23.15
West 27.17; Glenelg 16.9

Round 22 - September 3
Port 17.15; Centrals 14.16
West Adel. 15.22; Torrens 17.13
Sturt 26.11; S. Adel. 12.13
Woodville 12.13; N. Adel. 25.17
Norwood 22.10; Glenelg 11.19

Elimination Final
Nth. Adel. 20.13; Sth. Adel. 14.9

Qualifying Final
Norwood 13.12; Sturt 12.14

1st Semi Final
September 17

2nd Semi Final
September 18

Preliminary Final
September 25

Grand Final
October 1



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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

This year statistics have played an important role in WA football and Westside Football has provided an interesting statistical look at the performances of every player who has made the senior competition.

There were four categories of kicks, marks, handballs and overall disposals and it proved to be an interesting guide.

At the end of the qualifying games Perth centreman Cam Shepherd and Swan Districts ruck rover Don Langsford had more kicks than any other player in the competition. During the 21 qualifying games they picked up 481 kicks each.

Claremont full forward Warren Ralph took more marks than any other player, East Perth ruck rover Peter Spencer made more handballs than anyone else and he also had more disposals than any player in the WAFL.

In this unique guide we look at the performances of all players throughout the season. The tallies also include the efforts in the first three finals matches of the season.



Claremont

Name	Tot. Games	'83 Games	'83 Kicks	'83 Marks	'83 H/Ball	Frees For	Ag't	Sh'd	Hit Outs
AITKEN, Michael	85	19	242	84	135	45	24		1
BARNES, Colin	28	17	132	53	76	30	18		
BECROFT, Barry	81	19	189	100	69	23	39	11	12
BETTS, Gerald	86	5	19	10	8	5	3		3
BLACKWELL, Wayne	109	19	345	148	212	38	35	28	20
COOPER, Russ	6	6	60	14	33	15	15		
DANIELS, Allen	77	19	392	83	113	20	43	43	34
DAVIDSON, Peter	16	16	214	92	105	10	19	4	9
DUKE, Wayne	67	8	28	12	26	9	12		81
DICKFOS, Mick	15	15	85	49	73	24	15	6	
FARMER, Brett	56	16	143	64	131	12	22	35	19
FARMER, Dean	8	6	33	23	35	7	5	1	2
GOULDING, Steven	37	19	342	92	101	33	43	34	22
HANN, Mark	13	13	116	22	85	16	17	3	2
HARPER, Baden	83	11	57	34	67	17	14		84
JAMIESON, Peter	51	4	15	11	14	2	5	3	2
KANTHER, Lindsay	120	9	63	13	81	9	10	5	3
KICKETT, Larry	164	6	45	10	39	13	12	8	2
LEWIS, Cameron	10	4	21	6	21	6	8		1
LILL, Simon	9	9	73	17	38	15	7		1
MALAXOS, Stephen	103	19	429	106	220	53	39	22	18
MITCHELL, Michael	28	15	178	35	103	30	31	29	13
MORTON, Noel	88	15	158	50	71	18	18	8	
MOSS, Graham	250	21	161	115	149	35	32	28	8
O'CONNELL, Michael	20	16	160	52	58	42	21	2	3
PANIZZA, Darrell	92	21	394	108	113	42	40	27	31
PAPALIA, Paddy	9	9	42	9	27	7	6	1	
PEARCE, Tom	44	4	33	13	32	6	7		
PEOPLES, Robert	38	4	21	14	12	2	9	1	4
RALPH, Warren	94	21	268	158	35	30	36	123	64
REYNOLDS, Bradley	126	12	117	32	50	18	16	1	1
ROWE, Alan	1	1	6	3				2	2
WATSON, Mark	61	20	213	37	207	29	44	17	12
WATSON, Reg	13	2	15	1	14	1	4	2	2



South Fremantle

Name	Tot. Games	'83 Games	'83 Kicks	'83 Marks	'83 H/Ball	Frees For	Ag't	Sh'd	Hit Outs
ARNOLD, Paul	107	17	108	66	19	12	28	50	31
BARRETT, Rod	176	21	261	94	95	31	18	1	1
BEGG, John	39	1	8	3	1	1	1		
BORTHWICK, Lindsay	8	5	16	6	11	4	4	2	1
BRIGHT, Kevin	11								
CARTER, Gavin	13	13	80	42	55	18	19		6
CARTER, Noel	129	22	405	90	131	51	41	29	27
COCKIE, Michael	42	16	224	72	104	35	42	8	5
CORNELL, Kevin	111	6	42	17	20	2			
DELMENICO, Wayne	128	6	33	25	22	6	19	1	1
DOROTICH, Jon	33	7	47	30	39	7	15	1	1
GILLIES, Geoff	20	7	106	49	40	16	8	14	5
GRLJUSICH, Rod	10	9	110	26	36	6	5	7	1
HARDIE, Brad	96	21	392	129	113	35	39	40	42
HAYES, John	257	18	131	49	86	26	18	12	14
HENWOOD, Wayne	51	11	68	39	33	11	26		13
KELLY, Tony	92	7	44	15	39	11	8		
MARTIN, Ken	3	2	17	5	11		2	1	
MATERA, Wally	26	22	311	99	169	42	31	31	35
MICHAEL, Stephen	209	22	256	127	184	58	70	11	11
MONTEATH, Bruce	117	21	278	126	108	46	37	48	40
MOSCONI, Warren	33	21	234	60	125	41	36	1	1
MOUNT, Stephen	15	15	122	76	57	14	23	18	9
O'BRIEN, Geoff	90	9	98	39	44	15	12	8	8
QUICK, Barrie	26	10	42	30	53	17	14	5	4
RANDALL, Neil	211	16	184	43	35	18	12	6	4
RAWLINSON, David	79	21	115	64	79	20	41	9	6
ROE, Willy	35	22	302	75	93	29	35	38	33
STASINOWSKY, Chris	75	19	167	84	76	28	47	60	33
TOWNSEND, John	14	5	39	14	8	7	11	5	7
VASOLI, Paul	118	22	354	97	195	41	36	9	6
VIGONA, Benny	114	14	168	58	57	20	38	5	9
WINMAR, Neil	12	12	164	47	44	25	25	19	14



East Fremantle

Name	Tot. Games	'83 Games	'83 Kicks	'83 Marks	'83 H/Ball	Frees For	Ag't	Sh'd	Hit Outs
ALEXANDER, Ron	128	17	96	56	83	29	20	9	2
BRADLEY, Mark	2	2	16	8	1	1	3		2
BRENNAN, Michael	21	21	190	77	63	23	22		
BRENTON, Leigh	85	3	29	9	12	4	6	1	1
BROWNING, Clinton	51	21	228	125	58	47	43	13	10
BUCKLEY, Michael	1	1	4	2	1	1	1		
CASSIDY, Jeff	40	18	218	89	106	36	26	47	44
CLAESSEN, John	26	1	3	2					
CORMACK, Wayne	117	19	252	75	123	29	26	9	7
CRONAN, Rod	2	2	22	9	6	3	2		
CROUCH, Roger	78	10	73	17	25	27	15	1	1
ELLIS, Shane	68	22	220	111	170	42	19	1	3
FAULKNER, John	7	1	5	1	1	1	1		
FIELDS, Neville	8	8	98	17	23	11	7	6	3
FOREMAN, Bryce	14	3	16	8	8	5	5	1	
GREEN, Stephen	111	6	87	32	42	4	7	3	2
HARDING, Paul	36	22	203	121	108	33	21	4	8
HETHERINGTON, Kim	51	9	62	19	29	5	17		2
HOFNER, Peter	3	3	24	4	9	2	3		
HOKKER, Robbie	10	1	6	2	2	1	1		
JENZEN, Michael	11	3	18	5	8	4	3	1	1
JOHNSON, Max	17	17	164	71	73	26	22	5	7
JONES, Bill	17	17	214	75	68	26	42	11	14
KEYS, Peter	19	12	98	24	30	21	6		
KERR, Roger	28	14	125	32	79	21	23	11	8
KICKETT, Graham	60	15	206	58	82	24	38	5	9
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	7	7	49	25	15	8	8	9	7
LESTER-SMITH, Rod	96	7	70	36	24	8	11	22	11
McGREGOR, Brad	4	4	44	14	14	10	4	5	7
MILLER, Gavin	1	1	4	1	5	1	2		
MITCHELL, Glen	26	5	53	21	25	3	7	5	1
NEEDLE, Brian	152	5	41	18	11	5	13	14	4
NOLAN, John	9	9	60	48	68	20	13	9	5
PITTORE, Joe	16	2	16	4	9	1	5		2
RANKIN, David	33	22	262	39	78	28	26	2	1
STERRETT, Raymond	18	18	156	75	99	22	27	25	30
TAYLOR, Kevin	103	17	263	78	91	49	63	37	37
TURCO, Mario	90	10	128	31	94	9	21	10	11
VALLI, Mark	4	2	21	4	5	4	1	2	
WAKE, Gavin	1	1	4	1	3	1	1		
WATERMAN, Russell	5	5	51	19	31	14	5	9	4
WATERSON, Colin	33	19	175	98	59	31	29	49	31
WILSON, Peter	28	17	225	78	100	27	44	14	21
WRENSTED, Murray	20	20	264	72	215	41	25	11	6
ZUPANOVICH, Rob	1	1							



West Perth

Name	Tot. Games	'83 Games	'83 Kicks	'83 Marks	'83 H/Ball	Frees For	Ag't	Sh'd	Hit Outs
ADAMSON, Brian	123	7	54	29	7	11	9	20	10
ALDERTON, Rod	120	21	310	138	88	24	41	8	15
AVERY, Peter	13	13	92	51	9	14	16	37	17
BENNETT, Malcolm	10	6	30	25	21	7	10	1	2
BOGUNOVICH, Ramsay	3	3	8	5	5	1	5		18
BRADMORE, Phil	40	14	124	68	96	17	22	9	8
CAMPBELL, Dean	3	3	43	6	14	3	6		1
COMERFORD, Graeme	52	20	201	90	72	38	33	37	27
CRONAN, Phil	95	21	323	84	130	35	58	19	26
DAYMAN, Wayne	13	7	60	18	26	12	11	2	3
DUCKWORTH, John	104	20	129	62	97	29	60	7	5
ELLEN, Russell	107	7	32	23	22	5	7	4	3
FALCONER, Dean	12	12	149	42	72	24	31	1	2
FITZSIMMONS, Shane	91	19	165	66	76	30	22	26	24
FONG, Les	201	20	371	82	151	61	33	21	13
FOTHERINGHAM, Neil	129	18	159	57	73	21	20	7	9
FRASER, Tony	21	3	10	2	8	2	5		
GASTEVICH, John	1	1	8	4	1				
GAVRANICH, John	39	4	19	10	9	5	8		29
GIBBS, Ross	96	19	320	101	80	58	36	14	20
HART, David	6	6	92	23	28	14	7	9	8
HENDRIKS, Geoff	142	16	148	49	55	29	15	9	5
HOLDEN, Ray	78	21	143	66	64	34	33	3	2
JAGER, Ben	134	16	59	39	49	21	28		2
McEVOY, Steve	44	1	4	4					190
MENAGLIO, Peter	118	19	286	91	100	68	39	25	18
MICHALCZYK, George	183	15	222	60	69	34	22	12	10
MOUNTAIN, Paul	150	11	154	47	82	13	23	13	17
MUGAVIN, Noel	16	16	131	72	61	33	26	7	3
MUNNS, Ross	2	2	8			1	2		2
NELSON, Craig	15	15	137	59	46	35	20	14	9
O'BRIEN, Michael	18	18	177	36	49	22	26	1	1
POLA, Tony	3	3	14	7	7	2	1	1	
POLSON, Gordon	4	4	18	4	7	5	3		
SIMMS, Doug	99	15	170	70	55	20	47	27	26
WARWICK, Dean	29	12	149	40	85	11	13	2	5
WATLING, Alan	284	2	9	1	9	2		2	2

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Swan Districts cente-half-back Murray Rance found himself on the receiving end of a heavy knock last week in an incident with South Fremantle wingman Michael Cockie. Rance received a deep gash below the eye which required four stitches. The knock might have been worthwhile because he has won our Hard Yakka award and will receive a pair of fabulous Rigs trousers or rugged Brut jeans.

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PRELIMINARY FINAL

SWAN DISTRICTS	4.6	10.10	18.15	26.19	175
SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.0	6.3	9.7	15.11	101

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Kenny 5.5; Holmes 5.1; Baker 4.2; P. Narkle 3.1; Sartori, Werner 3.0; Brenton 1.3; Neesham 1.1; K. Narkle 1.0; Sith 0.2; Kimberley, Fogarty 0.1; forced 0.2. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Roe 3.0; Vigona 2.1; Winmar 2.0; Hardie 1.3; Monteath 1.2; O'Brien 1.0; Matera 0.2; forced 0.1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Baker, Neesham, Sartori, Kenny, P. Narkle, Langford, Sollin. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Hardie, Barrett, Michael, Hayes, Vasoli, Griljusch.

UMPIRES: M. Ball, R. Buckey. Swan Districts won toss and kicked with wind to the eastern end. Free-kicks: SWAN DISTRICTS 7, 10, 10, 8 - 35; out-of-bounds 22; 15m 6. SOUTH FREMANTLE: 7, 10, 9, 9 - 35; out-of-bounds 6; 15m 6. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 33,585.

HOW THEY LINED-UP

SWAN DISTRICTS: Backs: Ware, Langford, Cransberg. Half-backs: Skirwoski, Rance, Sollin. Centres: P. Narkle, Shine, Brenton. Half-forwards: K. Narkle, Kenny, Neesham. Forwards: Johns, Baker, Kimberley. Ruck: Sartori, Fogarty, Smith. Interchange: Werner, Holmes.

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Backs: Barrett, Hayes, Rawlinson. Half-backs: Hardie, G. Carter, Mosconi. Centres: Griljusch, N. Carter, Cockie. Half-forwards: Stasinowsky, Mount, Winmar. Forwards: Arnold, Monteath, Roe, Ruck: Michael, Vasoli, Matera. Interchange: O'Brien, Vigona.



Reserves

PRELIMINARY FINAL

SWAN DISTRICTS	5.4	12.8	15.10	21.11	137
WEST PERTH	6.6	9.9	16.14	20.17	137

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Malden, Hutton, Montgomerie 3; Davidson, Floyd, Outridge 2; Bugess, A. Smith, M. Smith, Pike, Gibson, Nuich 1. WEST PERTH: Avery 7; Polson, Watling, Gasteich 3; Mifka 2; McEvoy, Davies 1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Hutton, Nuich, Montgomerie, Hodyl, Malden, Outridge. WEST PERTH: Watling, Gasteich, Mifka, Avery, Hathaway, Ramsay.



Colts

COLTS PRELIMINARY FINAL

SOUTH FREMANTLE	2.2	9.7	13.10	17.14	116
EAST PERTH	5.2	5.2	9.2	10.5	65

SCORERS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards 3; Brown, Sims, Morgan, Adkins 2; D. Collard, O'Donnell, Little, B. Collard, Perejmbida, Maskos 1. EAST PERTH: McKinley 4; Papotto, Delborello 2; Bock, Cook 1.

BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Beattie, Deliar, O'Donnell. EAST PERTH: Berry, Pinnerl, Weston.

VFL

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

HAWTHORN	0.2	6.6	9.8	13.10	88
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.4	3.6	5.9	6.12	48

SCORERS: HAWTHORN: Matthews 5; McCarthy 4; Diplerdomenico, Buckenara, Loveridge, Kennedy 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer, Kelly, Hodgeman, Schlimmbusch, Demetriou.

BEST: HAWTHORN: Eade, Tuck, Greene, Ayres, Loveridge, Mew. NORTH MELBOURNE: Ramsay, Dempsey, Atkins, Grelg, Furey, Abernethy. Played at VFL Park, attendance 41,063.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

ESSENDON	5.3	7.8	9.11	16.13	109
FITZROY	3.4	8.9	10.12	12.14	86

SCORERS: ESSENDON: Danlher 5; Buhaglar 3; Kink, Madden 2; Dunell, Merrett, Weston, Ezard 1. FITZROY: McMahon 3; Quinlan 2; Carlson, Sidebottom, Parish, Wilson, Harris.

BEST: ESSENDON: Weston, Danlher, Nagle, Merrett, Kink, Watson. FITZROY: Carlson, Conlan, Rendell, Osborne, Harris, Wilson. Played at the MCG, attendance 81,000.

SANFL

ELIMINATION FINAL

NORTH ADELAIDE	4.6	5.9	16.12	20.13	133
SOUTH ADELAIDE	2.1	5.3	6.4	14.9	93

SCORERS: NORTH ADELAIDE: Dietrich, Grenfell, Gehling 4; Antrobus 2; Parson, Redden, McAdam, Robertson, Sanders, Arnold. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Cornes 5; Naley 3; G. Brooksby 2; Hawkins, Bateley, Schulz, Butler.

BEST: NORTH ADELAIDE: Tiller, Antrobus, Gehling, Grenfell, Hay, Redden. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Naley, Ivanoff, White, Butler, Martin, Hawkins. Played at Football Park, attendance 17,535.

QUALIFYING FINAL

NORWOOD	0.2	4.5	7.7	13.12	90
STURT	4.3	8.6	1.13	12.14	86

SCORERS: NORWOOD: Thiel 3; Roberts, Jenkins, A. Aish 2; Gallagher, Fosdike, McIntosh, Thomas. STURT: Davies 4; Whittlesea 3; Fielke, Hollis, Radbone, Craig, Graham.

BEST: NORWOOD: Thiel, Jenkins, McIntosh, A. Aish, Gallagher, Thomas. STURT: Craig, Heinrich, Motley, Wilson, Whittlesea, Spiel. Played at Football Park, attendance 23,700.

TASMANIA

NWFU - GRAND FINAL

SMITHTON	3.3	9.5	15.7	20.17	137
COOEE	6.3	12.6	16.12	21.10	136

SCORERS: SMITHTON: Maguire 10, Newman, Billing, Korpershoek, Herbert 2; Coombe, French. COOEE: S. Beaumont 7; Docking, Templeton. BEST: SMITHTON: Maguire, Korpershoek, Hofing, Coombe. COOEE: S. Beaumont, Lee, Bourne, Hislop, Beswick.

NFTA - PRELIMINARY FINAL

NORTH	5.2	8.5	10.7	15.13	103
SCOTSDALE	4.5	5.7	13.13	13.14	92

SCORERS: NORTH: R. Young 4; Leone 3; Jordan, Norquay 2; Reid, Mackrill, Hughes, S. Young 1. SCOTSDALE: McClure 3; D. Williams, Dennis, Roozendaal 2; C. Williams, Lethborg, Gillespie, Grafinger. BEST: NORTH: R. Young, Leone, Hill, Whelan. SCOTSDALE: Dennis, Roozendaal, Lethborg, Williams.

TANFL - PRELIMINARY FINAL

New Norfolk 23.11 (149) d Sandy Bay 15.6 (96)
SCORERS: NEW NORFOLK: W. Fox 8; Munnings 5; Thompson 3; O'Halloran, Williamson, Hunnibell 2; Dykes. SANDY BAY: Mundy 6; Marrett 3; Jackson, Martyn 2; Fagan, Marquis. BEST: NEW NORFOLK: Harwood, W. Fox, Hinch, Hunnibell. SANDY BAY: Smyth, Mundy, Martyn, Jackson.

BRISBANE

GRAND FINAL

SOUTHPORT	3.2	4.5	7.8	13.12	90
MORNINGSIDE	3.1	5.1	8.2	12.5	77

SCORERS: SOUTHPORT: Boyce, Guy, Tagliabue, Monro 2; O'Connor, McGuane, Ives, Cotter, Taylor. MORNINGSIDE: Tarrant 3; Ledger, Dwyer 2; Newton, Duward, McGregor, J. Willemse, Sambell. BEST: SOUTHPORT: Taylor, Short, McGuane, Wells, Youngs, Munro. MORNINGSIDE: Willett, Russ, Tarrant, Sambell, Burns, Croke.

SYDNEY

PRELIMINARY FINAL

BALMAIN	4.1	10.3	16.6	19.11	125
NTH SHORE	5.0	6.10	12.11	16.15	111

SCORERS: BALMAIN: Bocabella 5; Holland 4; Breen 3; Payne, Luscombe, Tillyard 2; Lear. NORTH SHORE: Sullivan 3; Bray, Dignan, Baker, Moore 2; Handie, Morgan, Batty, Fitzgerald, Phillips. BEST: BALMAIN: Holland, Payne, King, Bocabella. NORTH SHORE: Sullivan, Batty, Watson, Dignan, Melville.

CANBERRA

PRELIMINARY FINAL

EASTLAKE	7.3	10.8	11.11	11.12	78
MANUKA	4.1	4.2	5.5	8.9	57

SCORERS: EASTLAKE: D. Fisher, Southwell 3; D. Werner 2; James, Macafee, Slater. MANUKA: Franklin 2; Dods, C. Dorman, Clardge, Kimball, Linehan, O'Shaughnessy 1. BEST: EASTLAKE: Mickelson, Overland, Harper, D. Fisher, Turner. MANUKA: Grigg, O'Shaughnessy, Mackay, C. Dorman, Clowry.

VFL RESERVES

First semi-final: Essendon 16.15 (111) d North Melbourne 10.7 (67). Second semi-final: Collingwood 15.12 (102) d Fitzroy 7.8 (50).

VFA PRELIMINARY FINAL

GEELONG W.	4.5	8.8	10.10	14.12	96
PORT MELB	1.6	2.7	6.8	6.11	47

SCORERS: GEELONG WEST: Sells 4; Eddy 3; Welsh, Radojevic 2; Beaton, Johnston, Dahllis. PORT MELBOURNE: Cook 4; Fitzpatrick, Hoy 1. BEST: GEELONG WEST: Beaton, Smith, Eddy, Murphy, McKenzie, Watt. PORT MELBOURNE: Cook, Robertson, Kavanagh, Evans, Ebeyer, Wilkinson.

Swans are
into Training

BEHIND THE WALLS

BEING involved in football has given me many great experiences over the years — and one of those experiences occurred last Saturday.

I was invited to give a pre-match talk to the Canning Vale Prison football team before their grand final against Karnet Prison.

I have never been inside a prison, so from the time I arrived it was a real eye-opener.

The building is modern with all the extras that you would expect in a motel. Security is tight and after passing through about six or seven steel gates, I arrived in a modern gymnasium where the Canning Vale "Bombers" were preparing for the game.

Their coach "Bimbo" Kelly introduced me to the team and explained where and how good each team member was. There was even a Stephen Michael among them!

After discussing the game and offering my thoughts I followed the team to the oval inside the prison.

The oval is flanked by huge concrete walls with guard towers on each corner.

All the inmates from both prisons were there to add support and the atmosphere created by both teams was as keen as any WAFL game.

Both teams went about their warm up enthusiastically urging each other on with the support of their followers.

Perhaps my greatest surprise was the standard of football played. Players from both sides threw themselves into the game with fierce determination.

The skills were excellent and the pace of the game was extremely quick.

Nothing separated the sides all day with the 'Bombers' finally winning by five goals.

Some of the players have great personal ability, good enough to play league football, opening up another area for local clubs to recruit from.

I don't know whether these players are in allotted territory or are residentially bound to the league club where the prisons are, but with the correct dedication there are some excellent players for our WAFL league competition.

In my short stay there I made many good friends and could only speak highly of the very professional attitude that the prisoners have to playing Australian football.

It doesn't matter where you are, our game provides a great social and physical environment for all Australians, and I'm sure the teamwork and dedication that is part of our game can only help the men to re-adjust when their term in prison finishes.

Strong action

WITH the current controversy over Mal Brown's comments on umpires it is time for the whole issue of umpire criticising to be discussed and an uniformed set of guidelines drafted for 1984.

A sub-committee involving prominent football people from outside the league should discuss the problem with coaches, officials and umpires and make recommendations to the board of directors.

There are strong cases for both arguments that umpires should and should not be criticized.

When this recommendation is officially adopted then every coach is fully aware of the consequences.

At present the WAFL have shown 'little courage' in their handling of breaches of



Mal Brown

WAFL rules. Immediate action must be taken with the league General Manager making a statement within 24 hours indicating that a breach of rules has occurred and the club, not the individual, has been fined.

After all, every coach is a paid official of the club. Whether he or the club pay is not up to the WAFL to decide, but should be left to the individual club.

As a coach who was fined \$400 for asking an emergency umpire why he didn't report a player for elbowing one of my players — and then being told by my board that I was to pay the fine, it makes you think twice.

Our game must have strong leadership from the top. At present this does not appear to occur when prominent personalities come before them.

Disciplined duo

WHEN analysing this year's final round performances, statistics can give a clear indication of why Swan Districts and Claremont are the two best teams.

Modern day football is based on hard running created by effective handballs and knock-ons — in other words, getting the ball first and then giving it out to your team's advantage quickly.

The Claremont — South Fremantle game saw both sides have about 196 kicks. But the difference was clearly shown in the Tigers' 116 effective handballs to the Bulldogs' 74 and again with the Tigers having 31 knock-ons to the Bulldogs eight.

Against South Fremantle, Swans had 112 effective handballs and 24 knock-ons to the Bulldogs' 82 handballs and 11 knock-ons.

'Run' comes from strong team discipline and an absolute urgency to get the ball moving at all times. Both the Swans and the Tigers have this drilled into them.

They are so close in all areas of skill, defence, ruck and mobility that the premiership will be decided by attitude.

Last year Claremont did not have the 'urgency' needed to win — Swans did. This year if both sides have that urgency — and I believe they do — we are in for one of the greatest grand finals seen in many years.

DORRO'S DIARY

by GRANT DORRINGTON



Media conference

IT is time that the League looked very closely at the post match situation all coaches have to front with regards to the media.

Our game is becoming more and more professional every year and we should establish post match media conferences where coaches can go to a set venue at each ground to meet the media.

A club official should be there to 'vet' questions and answers so that the coach, who is still under considerable post-game tension, does not make derogatory statements.

This would stop the haphazard unprofessional way it is done today where the media can walk into the rooms and among all the players and club officials start seeking answers to the game just played.

When I was coach at East Perth I never voted in any fairest and best awards because I believed it was not a suitable time to assess every player while my thoughts were still on a wide variety of game problems.

The media, who are looking for a story, should be able to give the coach the right to re-establish his thinking and then answer all the necessary questions from the game.

Contracts

WITH all the problems relating to player payments and movements today, many Clubs are already demanding that all their players sign three year or more contracts for the seasons to come.

Having been on both sides of the fence — player and official — it is a complex question that has arguments for and against.

When asked to give an answer and — after serious thought for the individual rights of all players — signing contracts for any length of time nowadays would be "committing suicide".

Dinner for two

THE dinner for two at the Vegas Hotel goes to Tony Solin.

The Swan Districts half back flanker played almost the perfect game last Saturday. He didn't allow his forward a kick and yet Solin didn't receive the accolades he deserved. I'm sure the dinner will be some consolation for a great game.

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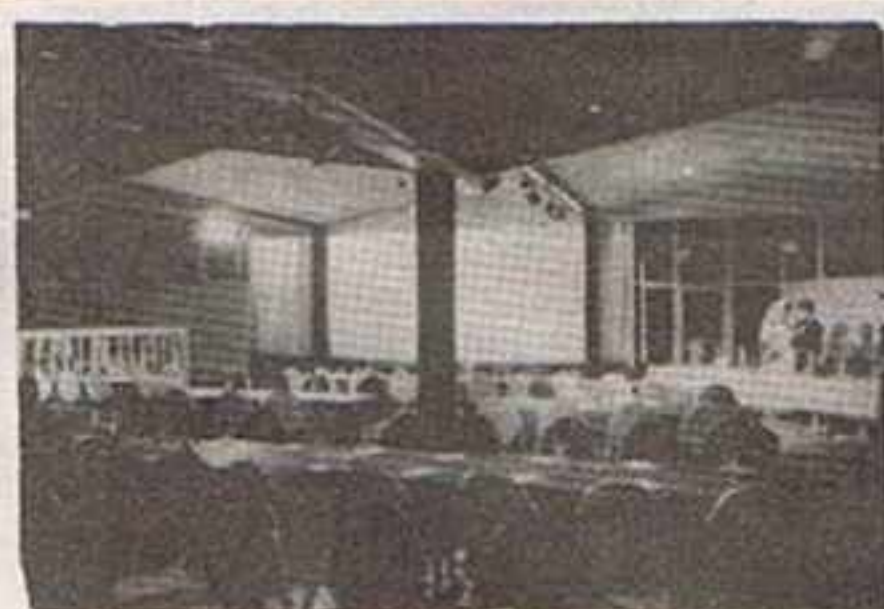
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MALAXOS**
(Claremont) . . . dominated the Marlboro player - of - the - series awards, winning the \$1000 cash twice, in the first series and the third series.



**PETER
THORNE**
(East Perth) . . . who broke the Stephen Malaxos grip on the Marlboro money by taking out the second series award of \$1000 with a spate of brilliant games.



**WARREN
RALPH**
(Claremont) . . . who took out Marlboro's Golden Boot award of \$1000 for the third year in a row. He headed the WAFL goalkicking table with 123 goals after the qualifying rounds.
Warren Ralph, Chris Stasinowsky and Clinton Brown who each kicked double figure goal tallies to receive a \$100 bonus from Marlboro - a feat that Ralph, in fact, achieved three times in the season.



CLAREMONT and SOUTH FREMANTLE who almost had the Marlboro Cup awards for each series of football all to themselves in 1983 - except for one brief burst by Swans.

In the first series, South Fremantle and Claremont tied on 32½ points each and shared the prizemoney of \$5000 for the winners and \$1500 for the runners-up, plus a \$500 bonus.

In the second series, South got the money with 33 points, 2½ ahead of Swan Districts.

The third series saw Claremont take the award on 34 points, three ahead of South.



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