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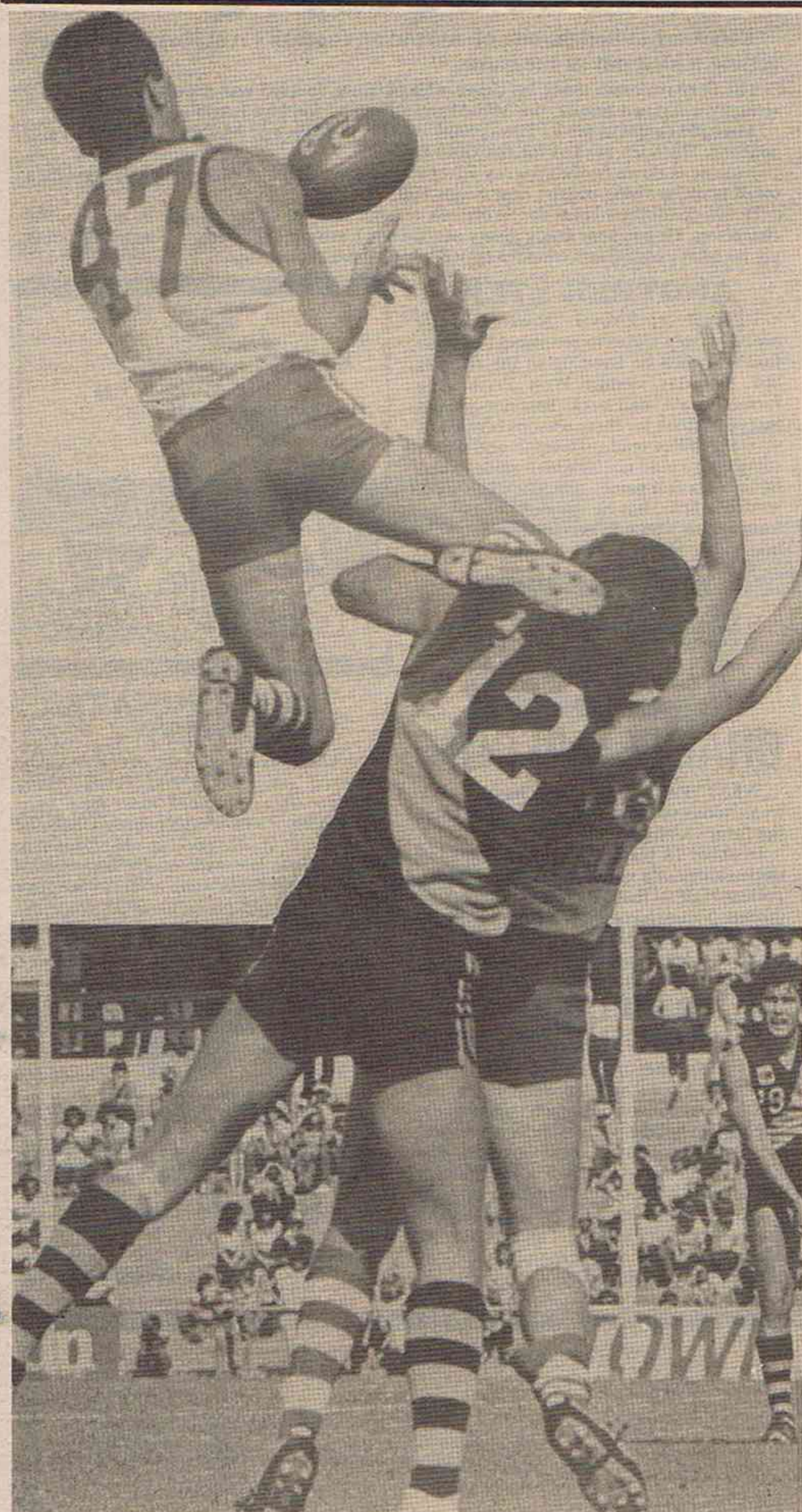
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Ban the bad supporters

BY GRANT DORRINGTON

FOOTBALL supporters who sit on the outside of the fence and call players 'gutless' or 'shirkers' should be banned from official club areas.

There is no room in football, particularly in the members area where some control can be exercised, for supporters who slate their players.

It amazes me to see supporters sitting there calling players "gutless" or what-have-you. It is the easiest place in the game to become a brave, courageous critic — and comment on things they could never do themselves.

During the recent match between Carlton and Claremont I had the misfortune of witnessing one of those cruel acts that affect all sports people.

Tiger will-of-the-wisp Allen (Shorty) Daniels was booed and heckled, not by the opposition, but by his own Claremont supporters.

These so-called supporters showed a complete lack of club loyalty and support for a young player who has proved to be a match-winner on many occasions.

Any player who runs on to a league football ground has more than enough courage and guts.

To accept the disciplines of training and the restrictions on their private life deserves the highest support for his commitment to his club.

Every human being is different and we all have our strengths and weaknesses. Shorty Daniels has many strengths that are admired by all genuine football followers.

His fitness is second-to-none. His elusiveness and ball-getting ability has few peers, his ball skills (especially kicking) is as good as any player and his most damaging aspect is the way he carves up other teams.

Shorty wasn't built to crunch Ron Boucher or shirt-front Stan Magro. But I'm sure he is always endeavouring to build up his body so he can take more physical clashes.

Supporters don't realise the damage they do to a club when they slate players. It eats away at the foundation of a club; creates divisions between supporters and spreads to the players.

This player denegration must be eradicated and I've always been a strong advocate of club administrators taking firm action.

Coaches don't allow players to openly criticise each other, so why should supporters who sit in the members reserve have the right to criticise players?

If clubs won't discipline members, then I believe that players have the right to defend themselves.

By the way, I've never been a great fan of Shorty Daniels from the day he spat on me when I was the opposing coach in a reserves grand final. But I do respect his courage; going out there every Saturday and doing what thousands of vocal supporters can only dream about — playing league football.

Teal Cup star quits

SOUTH Fremantle's Teal Cup star Bruce Edwards leaves for Melbourne this weekend to collect his football pot of gold.

The 17-year-old ruck rover is already \$5000 in front.

Edwards shocked South Fremantle this week when he accepted the Melbourne Football Club's offer to go to Victoria as the guest of the Demons and he was given the money just to sign on the dotted line.

In addition, the VFL Demons have set him up with a job, a car and will pay his board. Edwards will receive \$300 a week whether he plays colts, reserves or league and when he makes his league debut he will receive a \$10,000 bonus.

After 50 senior matches he will earn an additional \$10,000 bonus.

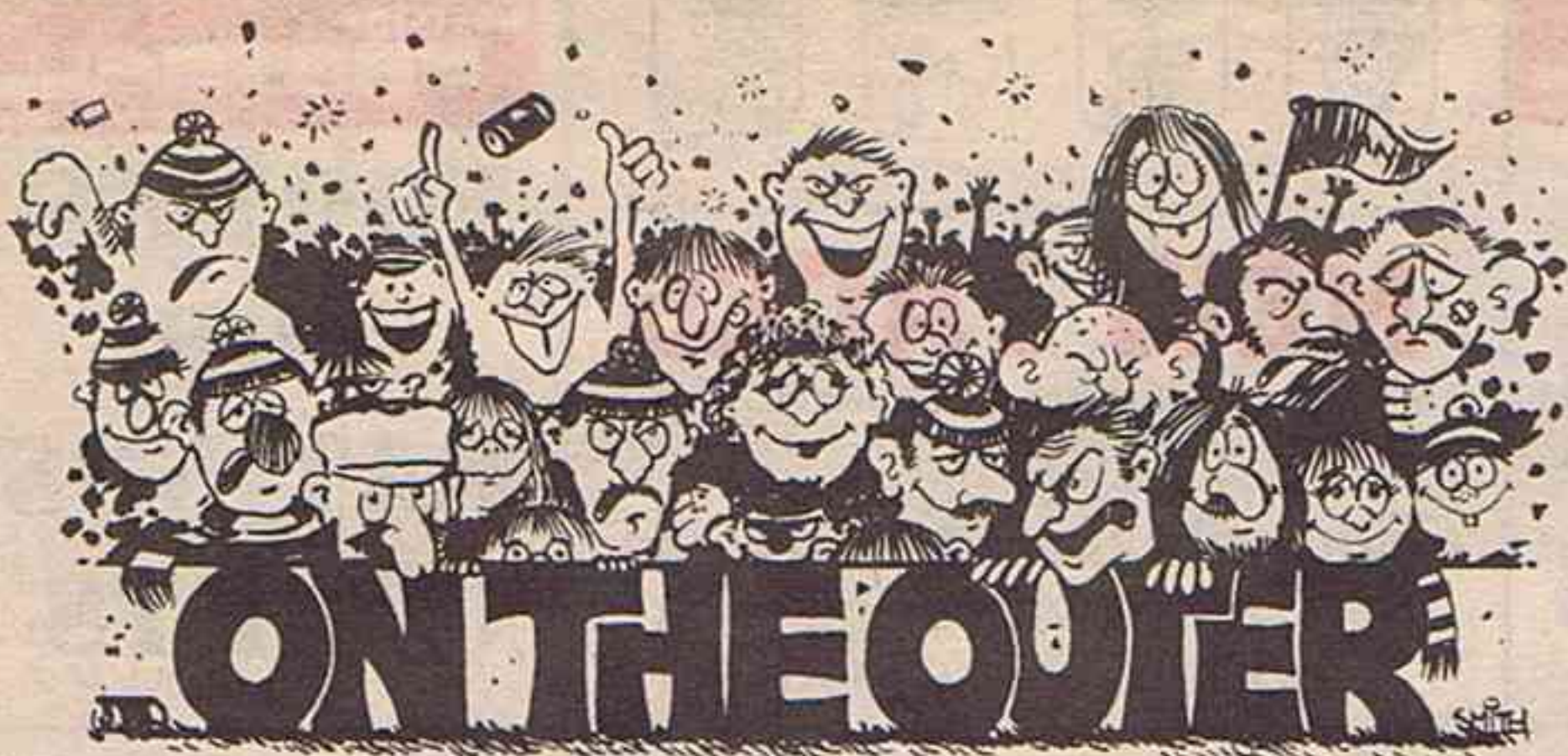
Edwards was due to play reserves last Saturday with WA's Bulldogs, but instead accepted an invitation from Melbourne's chief executive Dick Sneddon.

South Fremantle first game player Tony Amoroso soared to great heights to drag down this magnificent mark over the top of former club-mate Bruce Monteath and Westside Football photographer Richie Hann was on the spot to catch the action.



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SHOWING THE WAY

WAFL officials stand up and take a bow. What a great innovation the Hands Oval experiment proved to be.

The marketing potential of top-quality sport in the country is enormous. Country people have a great love for sport and crowd attendances will always be good.

The WAFL board of management can ill-afford to relax with this 'once-off' success. Plans for more league matches in the country areas must swing into progress immediately so as ALL concerned can prepare.

It is only a matter of time before Sheffield Shield cricket is staged at a leading country centre.

So perhaps the most forward-thinking country bodies can combine to ready themselves for a major step forward in decentralizing top-line sport.

Country people might love their sport — but leading footballers and cricketers

Let's decentralise footy

are not used to playing in front of car-horn-blowing audiences crammed into confined spaces.

Future planning for country sport must be positive.

Government and league assistance in the establishment of first-class facilities is a must.

The Government is committed to the 'Bunbury 2000' project, aiming to make the city of Bunbury relatively self-sufficient in industry, etc. Why can't sport be included in that plan?

The success of the Swans-East Perth clash needs to be taken a step further.

Bunbury Bombers?

MARKETING, development and administration bodies of the WAFL must consider establishing a full-time league team in a nearby country centre.

The 'BUNBURY BOMBERS' with correct planning, guidance and some up-grading of the Hands Oval could be a powerful combination.

We can learn from problems the VFL encountered in establishing the Sydney Swans to ensure that the Bunbury-based (or Geraldton, Albany or wherever) side is a successful venture.

With the primitive facilities being offered by established league clubs, a newly developed club could become a trendsetter in spectator appeal.

There is not much doubt that one or two WAFL clubs have worn out their worth in terms of offering the competition full value.

Toss too early

WHILE patting the officials on the back, another recent move does not deserve the same accolade.

Tossing the coin for a game of football 40 minutes before the start of a match is not such a good idea.

What next?

Maybe when the toss is made at three-quarter time in the reserve game, the league game could start with the score on the board that their respective reserves teams kicked in the final term.

Next the league will be wanting cricket commentator Tony Greig to do a pitch report and Ian Chappell to

interview the team captains asking why they chose to kick to the city end.

It was a traditional part of the game for the teams to be on the ground before the toss.

There is no need for an early toss to be made in a game when teams have equal opportunity to play in the same conditions twice each afternoon.

Conditions might change but not too often.



East Perth utility player Peter Spencer celebrated his 150th game at Bunbury and here he crashes through a specially constructed banner.

CARL KEEPS ON KICKING

BIG Carl Ditterich, one of Australian football's real characters, is still getting a kick out of the game.

The fiery ruckman made his debut with St Kilda in 1963 and though he is now in a virtually unknown league, the Mid-Murray League, football is still his obsession.

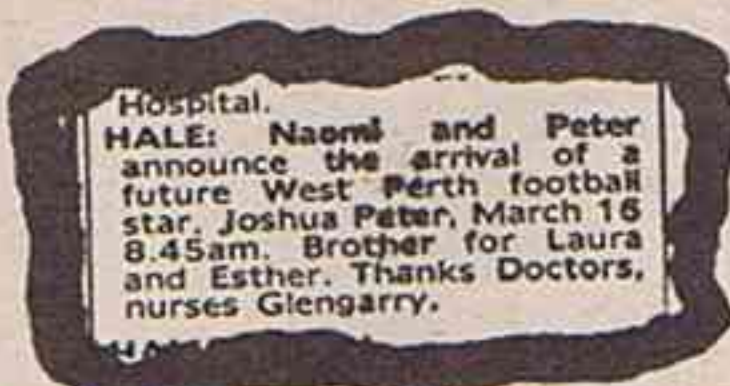
After 256 games in the VFL, including stints at St Kilda and Melbourne, where he also coached, Ditterich headed for the Gold Coast.

Now he is down in the Murray River district coaching at a place called Woorinen, a small grape-growing district near Swan Hill.

It was a football coup for Woorinen to sign up one of the game's most colourful characters. He has been doing plenty of road work around the streets of Swan Hill; but as yet he hasn't confirmed whether he will play all season or not.

ANOTHER STEP

PERTH ruck-rover Ross Prunster moved a step closer to returning to league football when he lined up in the reserves last Saturday against West Perth. The former State half-back has not played league football for three seasons because of severe achilles tendon trouble and Perth supporters could not hide their smiles when he lasted a full game. Prunster's legs have wasted a little, but he showed signs of the form which won him acclaim as one of the best utility players in the game.



CRADLE FALCON

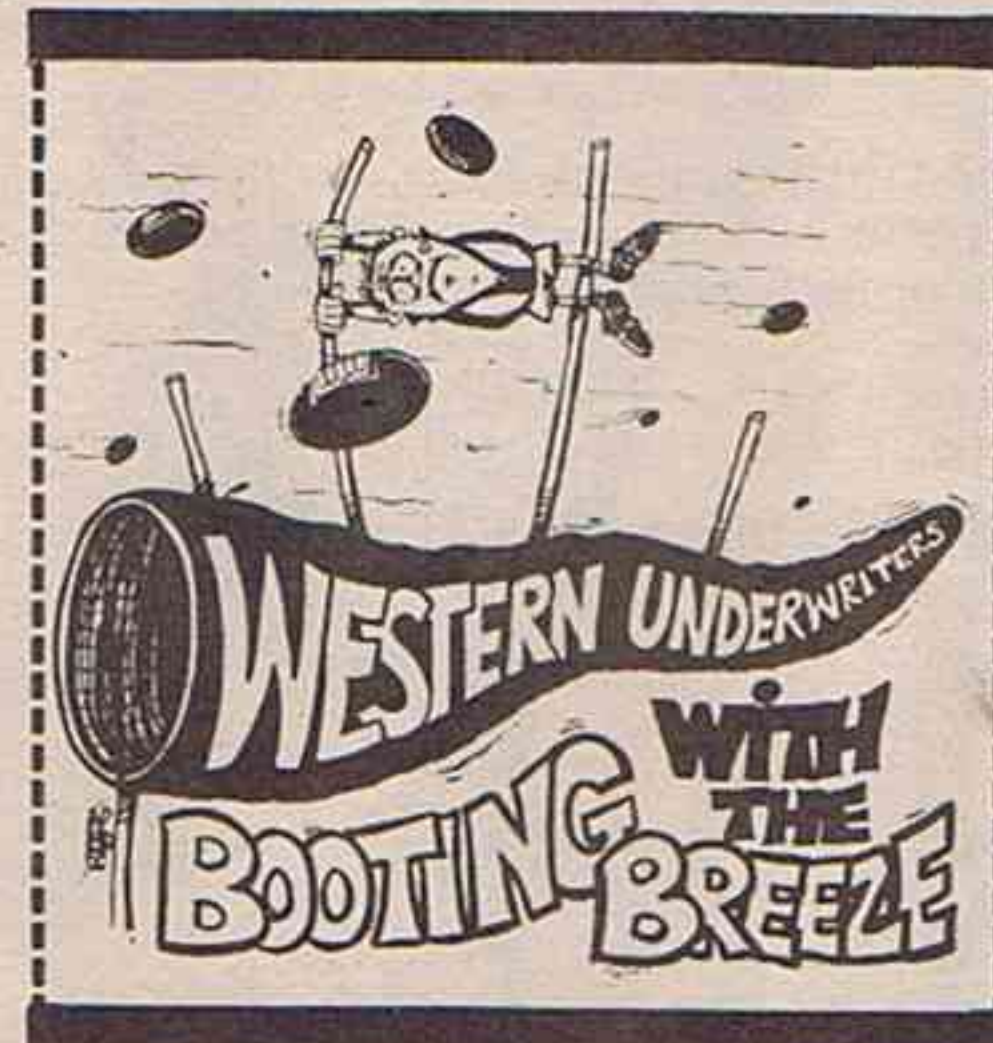
WEST Perth might not have had a tremendous start to the season, but at least the future looks bright.

In about 18 years time they should have the makings of a good side which includes Joshua Hale — that's if his father Peter and mother Naomi have anything to do with it.

Joshua was born in March and this advertisement appeared in *The West Australian* later that month.

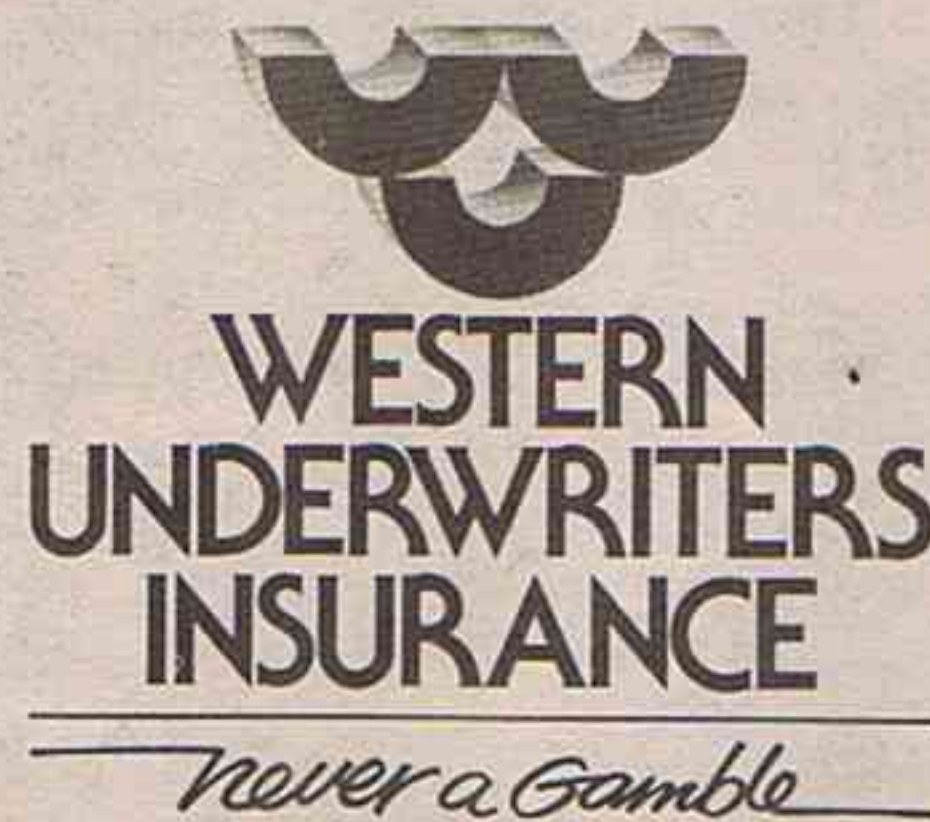
BRILLIANT BANNERS

THE opening of a new season is always an exciting time and the West Perth and Perth cheer squads did much to add to the pre-game build-up at Leederville Oval when they displayed their banners. The Demons' cheer squad had a magnificent drawing with the words "The Dawning of a Demon Premiership". West Perth featured a mean looking Falcon hovering above a shy, retiring demon. It seems as though the cheer squads will continue their excellent high standards.



UNFORTUNATE TWIST

TALKING about the reserves game between West Perth and Perth, young Demon Greg Campbell must have been disappointed when he was carried from the ground on a stretcher at the 15-minute mark of the last quarter. He had worked hard during pre-season, only to see four months of solid preparation go down the drain with an unfortunate twist of luck.



FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WORLD OF



9am SUNDAYS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

CLAREMONT	.....	L	.....	v	.....	Swan Districts at Claremont
EAST PERTH	.....	W	.....	v	.....	West Perth at Perth Oval
PERTH	.....	W	.....	v	.....	Subiaco at Lathlain
EAST FREMANTLE	.....	L	.....	v	.....	Sth. Fremantle at Est Frem. Oval
SWAN DISTRICTS	.....	L	.....	v	.....	Claremont at Claremont
WEST PERTH	.....	L	.....	v	.....	East Perth at Perth Oval
SUBIACO	.....	W	.....	v	.....	Perth at Lathlain
SOUTH FREMANTLE	.....	W	.....	v	.....	East Frem. at East Frem. Oval



Footballer of the Year

Michael Christian (EP) 3
Rod Alderton (EP) 3
Crai Edwards (SF) 3
Peter Featherby (S) 3



Goalkicker of the Year

John Scott 8
Clinton Brown 7
Bryan Cousins 6

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Tony Amoroso (South Frem.)

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GOAL-OF-THE-DAY

Weekly Winner: \$100

Alan Rowe (Claremont)



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THOSE VICS WILL DO ANYTHING

... but we can fight back in the schools

CURRENT events indicate that Victorians will go to any lengths to secure the players they want.

It is obvious that WA and SA clubs are powerless to stop the Vics from doing exactly what they want.

And judging by what has happened in the last few weeks, the time has come for WA to set up some sort of development programme.

WA produces the best talent per capita in the land. We only have to look at how successful WA-bred players are in Victoria to realise that.

With Ross Glendinning and Graham Moss winning Brownlow Medals in the past eight years, it is evidence that we have what it takes to produce top players.

I do not want to deny our players the opportunity to play in the VFL. I believe every player in the game today should be aiming at playing successfully in the VFL one day.

Compensate

BUT I think something has to be done to compensate for the loss of our top players.

The ideal way to do it would be to take the game back into schools.

Football is nowhere near as prominent in schools as it was 15 years ago and I think

the WAFL and the State government, via the Education Department, should come to an agreement.

With so many league players out of work it presents the ideal opportunity for school footballers to get tuition from the best possible players and at the same time gives the government the opportunity to solve a small problem in the unemployment queue.

I am sure high school students would relish the opportunity to be coached by league players — and they would take notice of what is said.

Scholarship

Taking the idea another step, I believe a scholarship system could also be introduced.

The league clubs could send their development or recruiting officer around to the schools in their district and offer to put the youngster through school and college so long as he agrees to sign a contract binding him to that club when, and if, he becomes good enough.

Let's face it, schooling is not cheap any more and for the clubs to offer some



Chris Mitsopoulos

is this week's

Guest Columnist

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assistance would be tremendous, helping the youngster to gain academic qualities as well as helping him develop as a player.

It would be great to see a system in WA that is similar to that which is already in operation in America.

First

IT would be another first for West Australian football and it would ensure we maintained our high standards, by being able to cover for the yearly losses to Victoria.

Some people might see that all the work

would go to waste because those youngsters brought up under the scheme would end up in Victoria and the local clubs would be wasting their time and money.

However, we do receive quite a deal of financial return for the players we sell to the VFL and those dividends could be recycled back into the system.

I cannot see that the St Kilda move can succeed in the long run and I believe all other VFL clubs will adhere to the normal transfer rules.

Umpire on the ball

IT'S good to see a former umpire joining a radio station's panel of experts and doing an around-the-grounds role.

I am, of course, referring to David Rowe who has joined the 6IX team this year and I believe he has slotted into the job well.

In recent times we have seen umpires become more than just the men in black-and-white who run around the ground on Saturday afternoons blowing their whistles.

They have become involved in TV and with David taking on a media role with 6IX I believe it is a step towards convincing people that they are really human.

I bet every footy fan will listen with interest when David casts his votes after each game and he might be an accurate guide as to who will be this year's Sandover Medal winner.

How's this for two teams...

I HAVE always encouraged former league players and coaches to put something back into the game after retirement and I was pleased to be appointed as one of the State under-18 selectors this year.

There is a lot of experience on the panel.

With other selectors Stan Nowotny and Eddie Pitter and Grant Dorrington as coach — I hope we can bring home the Teal Cup this year.

For the past few years, the State under-18 team has produced many fine footballers and I have selected two sides from some of those who have gone on to play league football.

Here are my line-ups, with the top team in capitals, from the backline.



RHETT BAYNES
Darren Bennett

BRENT HUTTON
Alan Rowe

LEN GANDINI
Mark Valli

MICHAEL BRENNAN
Glyn Williams

MURRAY RANCE
Ian Newman

WARREN MOSCONI
Ken Martin

PHIL NARKLE
Rod Grljusich

STEVE MALAXOS
Lindsay Carter

RICHARD DENNIS
Michael Cockie

BRAD HARDIE
Steve Da Rui

GRANT CAMPBELL
Warren Dean

MICHAEL MORT
Kim Hetherington

TONY PAPTOTTO
Trevor Malcolm

CLINTON BROWN
Peter Ashworth

JOHN IRONMONGER
Alex Ishchenko



FIRST RUCK:
PETER SARTORI
PAUL HARDING
BRIAN TAYLOR

First ruck:
David Court
Peter Thomas
Angelo del Borrello

INTERCHANGE:
DEAN FARMER
PETER DAVIDSON

Interchange:
John Gavranich
John Garnett



Alan Rowe

As you can see, these two sides are stacked with ability and it is imperative that we continue to turn out players of this nature through our State under-18 team.

When I sat down to pick the sides it was particularly pleasing to find the depth in the ruck with players of the calibre of John Ironmonger, Peter Sartori, Dean Farmer, Paul Harding and Rhett Baynes all being slotted into the top side.

The centre-line picked itself with Phil Narkle and Richard Dennis on the wings and Steve Malaxos in the pivot. The strength of this line can be gauged when you see Michael Cockie in the second team.

Murray Rance and Brent Hutton picked themselves in the key defensive positions because there was no room in the forward line and they can play at either end of the ground.

Len Gandini was a natural choice to be given the job of watching the resting rovers while Warren Mosconi and Michael Brennan have developed into outstanding half-back flankers.

The half-forward line is all class with South Fremantle captain Brad Hardie, East Perth star Grant Campbell and brilliant Subiaco youngster Michael Mort.

Tony Papotto's performance on Sunday helped get him a berth as the top team's second rover, while Clinton Brown was the natural choice for full-forward and the other pocket went to resting ruckman John Ironmonger.

The first ruck is powerful with Peter Sartori as the ruckman, Paul Harding as the ruck rover, because he is probably the most agile of the big men, with Brian Taylor the rover.

Dean Farmer and Peter Davidson earned their spots on the interchange bench.

This could easily be a State senior team of the future. With the WAFL's new board of directors indicating that they will support this year's Teal Cup mission I am sure we will discover some more talented youngsters.

It is essential that such support continues then WA football can be assured of unearthing more great talent.



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IAN MILLER

FIRST AIM ACHIEVED

I MUST admit that everyone at Lathlain gained great satisfaction with the four premierships points first-up last week. The players had really set themselves for the first game and it was vital for them to achieve the first of their goals for 1984. Of course they will have to be prepared to build on to that and approach every game in the same positive frame of mind.

Full credit should go to both sides for the quality of the game and believe me, whoever suggested West Perth would not be competitive, should have been at Leederville Oval.

IMPRESSIVE

ONE of the outstanding features of last week's game was the impressive performance by the first-game players. I was certainly pleased with the efforts of Kim Fancote, Lloyd Richardson, Geoff Thomson and Glen Smith and most impressed with West Perth's wingman Paul Mifka and half-forward Derek Kickett. Both players show good skills, speed and a willingness to share the ball. They will give the opposition plenty of headaches as the season progresses. Also Brian Perrin, a former Footscray half-back, will be a valuable acquisition. He uses the ball well and is prepared to run hard out of defence.

UNLUCKY

PERTH utility player Greg Campbell (six league games last year) sustained an unfortunate injury in the reserves last week, fracturing his ankle. He has had three pins and a bolt inserted and will miss the season. Greg had an interrupted pre-season with a knee injury and last year broke his wrist, so luck isn't with him. He is bitterly disappointed about his football, but also as a physical education student (Nedlands College) and he might have to defer his course. Knowing Greg's character and philosophical outlook he will be back giving 100 percent as soon as possible.

ROYAL SHOW

WHAT a great promotion for football last Sunday with the Swan Districts — East Perth game telecast live from Bunbury. Full credit should go to both teams, particularly East Perth, whose commitment and approach to the game was outstanding. And certainly because of the very competitive nature of the game it was a proven winner both in Bunbury and on television. East Perth fans and the WA public saw the return to football of the "Little Rat", Wayne Otway. I thought he was superb and he had a significant influence on the game. He fears nothing, runs all day, uses the ball well and knows how to kick goals. Welcome back, Otters.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

I WAS a guest of the Collier Junior Football Club last Sunday at their official opening to the 1984 season, their 30th anniversary of competition in the Perth Junior Council. In past seasons they have struggled, but this year has seen a great influx of players to the club. In the past 20 years the club has produced 13 players who have gone on to represent Perth at league level, the latest being Geoff Thomson. Other players to come from the club include John Quartermaine, Bob Shields, Brian Cook, Greg Campbell and yours truly.

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PREVIEW

A look at Saturday's WAFL league fixtures

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	C'Mont v Swans	E.P. v W.P.	Perth v Subiaco	E.F. v S.F.
GARY STOCKS	1	Claremont	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
ALAN EAST	2	Claremont	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
PETER POAT	2	Claremont	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
DAVE CLEMENT	2	Swans	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
GRANT DORRINGTON	1	Swans	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
KIM HAGDORN	3	Claremont	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
JOHN DUCKWORTH	0	Swans	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
IAN MILLER	2	Swans	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
ROBERT BENNETT	0	Claremont	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle
GARY CARVOLTH	3	Swans	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
MOTHER BROWN	3	Swans	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
MOST FAVOURED	2	Swans	East Perth	Perth	South Fremantle

Tigers to win battle of giants

THE replay of last year's grand final should provide some tremendous action this week with both Claremont and Swan Districts anxious to open their 1984 accounts.

Both were far from impressive in losing last week and there will be hard thinking going on at the clubs during the week.

The two teams appear evenly matched, although there could be wholesale changes to the line-ups which represented the clubs last weekend.

Claremont's biggest problem when they met South Fremantle was their ruck.

Young David O'Connell and Jeff Stone did not have the experience or strength to take on Craig Edwards and because of this the smaller players had to work hard for their kicks.

The problem could be solved by bringing Dean Farmer into the side.

He is the most talented big man at the club and it was bewildering to see him in the reserves last week.

They will need his height and strength



By GARY STOCKS

against a Swan Districts ruck which boasts Craig Hoyer and Peter Sartori.

The Tigers will also need bigger efforts from Darrell Panizza, Noel Morton, Allen Daniels and Steve Malaxos if they are to take out the game.

These four players were slightly down on form against South Fremantle and when they fire so do Claremont.

On the other hand Swans will be looking to Don Holmes, Chris Allen and Brad

Shine to provide the "run" they require.

Claremont have a tremendous incentive to win this match. They have to start work at throwing off the hoodoo which has seen them lose the last two grand finals to Swans.

At the same time they have to prove they can win games without Graham Moss. They are a young side and many pundits believe they lacked leadership last week.

Morton will obviously take a while to settle into the captaincy, therefore Malaxos and Bruce Monteath must help him out.

Demons have the power

Perth and Subiaco could not have been more impressive in winning last week and their clash at Lathlain Park promises to be magnificent.

Subiaco played a brand of football not seen at the club for 10 years when they easily accounted for East Fremantle while Perth played their best football since winning the 1977 premierships.

The Lions look dangerous. With Peter Featherby dominating midfield and Neil Taylor, Phil Lamb and Greg Wilkinson also working hard in midfield they have an experienced core on which to mould a side.

Perth will need Bryan Cousins, Robert Wiley, Oral McGuire and Brett Yorgey to continue where they left off last week.

One of the highlights of the match should be the ruck clash between young stars Laurie Keene (Subiaco) and Rhett Baynes.

Baynes was in outstanding form against West Perth and it was largely due to his influence that Perth managed to withstand the West Perth challenge.

Perth look to have greater mobility around the ground and that should see them win their second game in succession.

South set for derby

South Fremantle should remain unbeaten when they clash in the first derby of the season against East Fremantle.

They showed rejuvenated spirit against Claremont with young players like Tony Amaroso, David Hart and Warren Mosconi leading the way.

In addition big ruckman Craig Edwards put in one of his best performances for several seasons, obviously enjoying the opportunity to lead this division after having been the second string ruckman at East Perth.

South showed that they are ready to make up for their poor efforts in last year's final round and with a few younger players in their line-up there is renewed enthusiasm in the camp.

On the other hand East Fremantle could not have had a less-impressive start to the new season.

After coming home with a flourish in last year's final series to finish in the top four they were freely tipped as premierships contenders before going down to Subiaco.

Falcons to flounder

EAST Perth caused a major upset last Sunday at Bunbury and they should continue their unbeaten run when they meet West Perth at Perth Oval on Saturday.

The Royals displayed a brand of football not seen at the club for a couple of seasons when they downed hot favourites Swans last week and they will aim to keep up that form.

And if they are to beat West Perth they will need to.

The Falcons showed ability in going down to Perth last week.

After a blistering start which saw the Demons kick six goals in the first nine minutes, West Perth showed great character to come back into the contest.

And it was young players like Paul Mifka, Wayne Dayman and Craig Nelson, together with wingman Rod Alderton who led the charge.

Alderton was brilliant last week and the expected clash between him and young East Perth star Richard Dennis should be a highlight of the match.

The two clubs, arch rivals for many years, always have tight matches and this one promises to live up to those expectations.

Because East Perth beat Swans last week they should start favourites.

The Falcons will probably bring Peter Avery into the side at full-forward and he will have a tough duel with Michael Christian, the star of the game at Bunbury.

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APRIL PREMIERS — OR FOOLS?

APRIL premiers or April fools. That's the question Subiaco have posed with their convincing win over East Fremantle last Saturday.

Those with long memories will remember the term April premiers was coined for Subiaco. Back in the dim past they tended to do everything right at the start of the season only to fall in a hole when things got dinkum.

Will it be any different this year?

Those with short memories need to be reminded that the Lions were just as convincing in their opening match against the Sharks last season.

They won that match by 45 points and followed up with an equally impressive win against Perth 20.18 to 11.14.

Then they went to sleep winning only two more matches for the season.

On that basis, it would be a bit foolish to get carried away with Subiaco's first-up win.

BUT there is a difference this season. Haydn Bunton.

He has been around too long to get carried away with a first-up win.

That came through very strongly when he was interviewed on television last Sunday.

While some Subiaco fans are intoxicated with the win. Bunton is taking a very sober approach to it.

But if you look at Bunton's past performances first-up in WA then it might be worth taking a punt on the Lions this season to make the four.

He has a track record that has given him the appearance of a magician.

When he took over Swan Districts in 1961 they had finished last the two previous seasons and collected the wooden spoon four times in five years.

History

WHAT he did with Swans is history.

They won their first three premierships in successive years. Though they faltered in his next and last season with them, his influence was such that Swans played off in the grand final the following year.

Bunton's next appearance in WA was in 1968 when he again took on a mob of duffers... Subiaco.

Like Swans, Subiaco had finished last the previous season. Bunton took them into the four, where they remained for three successive years.

They lost the first semi-final narrowly the first two years to East Perth by three points, after looking to have the game sewn up in the dying stages of the match, and by eight points to Perth the following year.

East Perth went on to make the grand final while Perth had just finished a hat-trick of premierships.

Decline

THE next two years saw Subiaco on the decline, finishing fifth and sixth.

But the following year they bounced back to win their first premiership in 49 years.

But it was really Bunton's premiership. Bunton had put in the ground work for Ross Smith, who walked into a premiership in his first season.

Subiaco did not finish last in 1983 — but they were so close it did not really matter.

It will be interesting to see if Bunton can wave his magic wand again this season.

Saturday will be the real test. Subiaco have not found Lathlain Park a happy hunting ground over the years... and of course the Demons look capable of a big showing this season.

It is interesting to note that Bunton is shooting for a premiership. If he can get Subiaco half way there this year a spot in the four... then he will prove that he really is something of a miracle worker.

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ON THE OUTER

WEST Perth had a few internal problems last year and it seems as though little has been done to improve the situation this season.

I am told that a ludicrous situation developed at the club last Thursday night. All the players arrived for training, but the reserves squad was told they could not train on the oval because the league players needed all the space. They were sent on a run around Lake Monger. And when they came back from the run, one of the reserves players sought a squash to ease his thirst, but he was promptly told it was specifically for the league players. That hardly seems the way to build club spirit and I believe the reserves sent in a letter of complaint over their shabby treatment. And rightly so!

CONFUSED?

IF you are a junior football coach and you follow all the official instruction books, you could be forgiven if you were confused after reading last week's Sunday Times. The first in a new series of "How to Play" instructional diagrams showed East Perth's Peter Spencer holding the ball one-handed and underneath as the 'modern' way to do a drop punt. The traditional method is with the two hands clamped either side of the ball, fingers running along the stitching and guide it on to the foot with the preferred hand. This new series is organised by the WAFL and differs markedly with traditional coaching styles. If there has been a change, let's hope all the coaching manuals are altered and the coaching instructors (including those used by the WAFL at coaching seminars) are notified.



THE EXPERT

WE all know that the K. in John K. Watts stands for Knowall. That's been a trademark of the radio Personality for years. It became even more obvious on Saturday when, during the West Perth-Perth match he gave the score on the Emu "Expert" scoreboard. He just can't think of anything else but perfection!

PS: Now that he's back on TV there will be no stopping him!

STAUNCH LION

SOMEONE reckons that Channel 7/6IX personality Harvey Deegan is a Subiaco supporter. Well, maybe so. On his new TV show last Saturday, a proud HD put up the premiership table with Subiaco sitting on top and said, jokingly, someone had better take a photograph of the ladder. In fact, the Lions were in the upper strata for the first two games last season, sharing top spot with two other undefeated sides. Let's hope, for Harvey's sake anyway, that they finish better than second last this year!

QUIET COACH

MY friends at West Perth tell me that the members weren't too pleased when Dennis Cometti refused to have a few words to say after the Falcons lost to Perth. Apparently Cometti wasn't too happy with his charges and he had them locked in the change rooms for a while after the game and then he refused to address the members.

POINTING IT OUT

FOOTBALL fans who get to the ground early enough to witness the toss of the coin (they now have to get there by three-quarter time in the reserves) will have to watch closely if they want to know who has won it. Some people would have been confused when Les Fong and Bryan Cousins took the toss at Leederville Oval last week. Fong won the toss — but a simple point of the finger from his hip indicated the direction he wanted to kick.

Not the first

ANYONE watching Channel 7's VFL reply on Sunday morning must have been irate when Lou Richards said that Warren Ralph and Wayne Blackwell had done well in their league debuts. The former Claremont stars played a combined tally of 208 games for the Tigers before heading to Carlton and I would hardly have described them as first-game players. Those Victorians get under my skin when they make comments like that.

TV bloopers

IT didn't take Channel 7's World of Sport show long to figure in my column. They made a heap of blues in the first programme of the season. Firstly, when John Rogers was giving his best-on-ground votes for the South Fremantle-Claremont game, they had David Hart playing for Claremont. Then when Peter Waltham was recording Wayne Harvey's votes for the Subiaco-East Fremantle game he said GARY Wilkinson polled one vote. Those sort of mistakes should not go to air.

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Warren Mosconi tackling his new job as a policeman with the same enthusiasm he shows for league football.

STAR South Fremantle half-back Warren Mosconi will always remember his second league game. It was a baptism of fire.

After impressing in his first senior appearance from a back-pocket he found things a lot harder when he was given the job of watching West Perth's resting rovers — and in particular Les Fong.

Mosconi takes up the story: "Fongy rang rings around me and I was dragged in the second quarter.

"I'll never forget it. I don't think I have ever learned so much in one game.

"He just ran around kicking goals and destroyed my confidence. I dropped simple chest marks and he capitalised on all my mistakes.

"I don't think I had a kick before Brown took me off the ground."

Even though Mosconi was well beaten in that game he has been able to learn from it and is now one of the most effective half-backs in the game.

Many critics believe he was unlucky to miss State representation last year.

Mosconi says that the secret to his success has been hard work.

"I don't think I am as skilful as a lot of

Warren Mosconi

players in league football at the moment, that's why I have to work harder.

"I have to be fitter than the other players so I can run longer and harder than them to pick up my kicks."

It was only natural that Mosconi should play league football for South Fremantle. It was something he dreamed about from the age of six.

In addition to that his oldest sister, Debbie is married to former South ruck-rover Larry Dwyer and his other sister, Jenny goes out with big ruckman David Rawlinson.

Mosconi has just been accepted into the police academy and that helps him to maintain his high standard of fitness.

With the physical workouts he does at the academy as well as his training he looks like having a top season. Just the same a recent fitness appraisal by the police force showed that he was only 84 percent fit.

Football season in the Mosconi household brings a few arguments. His father Steve is an avid South Fremantle fan while his mother Pat has followed East Fremantle for most of her life.

"I think mum is starting to come around now", Mosconi says.

But it appears she will have to change her colours shortly because Mosconi's younger brother Danny (15) looks like joining the Bulldogs next year.

Danny hopes to emulate the feats of his brother who became the first South Coogee Junior Football Club player to reach league football.

He was awarded life membership of the club upon making his league debut.

Perth's Mick Garbin is the only other South Coogee player to make the grade, although Bulldogs reserves player Gary Jackovich is not far away from his league debut.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Warren Mosconi
Date of Birth: 17/8/63
Place of Birth: King Edward, Subiaco
Height: 6.1 (185cm)
Weight: 13.2 (84kg)
Previous club: South Coogee
Occupation: Policeman
Major awards: Reserves fairest and best 1981; Colts runner-up 1980
Marital status: Single
Girlfriend's name: Kerrie
Hobbies: None
Other sporting interests: Indoor cricket, squash
Favourite actor: Joe Baluchi
Favourite movie: The Blues Brothers
Favourite food: Anything edible
Favourite drink: Milk
Nickname: Moscow

Why?: Because of my surname
Favourite book: I just read newspapers
Car: Commodore
Career highlight: Playing in the finals last year
Worst moment in football: Losing both finals last year. I felt like I had worked hard all year for nothing.
Hard things in football: Keeping fresh for the whole year
How do you mentally prepare for a game: On Friday night I go to the Fremantle markets. Mum says I am hyper-active on Saturday mornings.
Football idols: Stephen Michael
Ambitions: To play State football and to play in the VFL.
Advice to youngsters: To work hard and once they get into the higher ranks make the most of every opportunity.
First league position: Back-pocket
Current position: Half-back

MILESTONE MEN

100 GAMES

Doug Simms (WP) 99 *
 Peter Murnane (WP) 98 *
 Brad Hardie (SF) 98
 Grant Campbell (EP) 97
 Ross Fitzgerald (P) 96 *

* Denotes that tally includes other club games as follows: Doug Simms 94 Perth; Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn; Ross Fitzgerald 77 Swan Districts.

250 GAMES

Bruce Monteath (C) 246 *
 Gary Malarkey (P) 244 *

* Denotes that tally includes games with two or more clubs as follows: Bruce Monteath 128 Richmond, 117 South Fremantle; Gary Malarkey 143 Geelong, 101 East Perth.

200 GAMES

Ross Prunster (P) 192 *
 Ron Boucher (SD) 190

* Denotes that tally includes games with two or more clubs as follows: Ross Prunster 159 West Perth, 33 Perth.

150 GAMES

Wayne Otway (EP) 147 *
 Brian Adamson (WP) 147 *

* Denotes that tally includes games with two or more clubs as follows: Wayne Otway 110 East Perth, 36 Essendon; Brian Adamson 124 West Perth, 22 Norwood.

50 GAMES

Lindsay Carter (P) 49
 Mark Washfold (P) 49

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 Wayne Helmrich (EF) 19 on 11th
 Bruce Williamson (C) 20 on 14th



Chris Foulkes

Mark Watson



Kentuck ponders the power slump



"Gee 'Mossy' fancy seeing you here!!"

KENTUCK



By Allan (Chubby) Stiles 6PR panelist and Perth reserves coach.

Chubby's Chatter

Les gets a helping hand

LES Mumme, one-time rover for Claremont, is bobbing up everywhere and last week he took advantage of his position in Westside Football. No-one had heard of him until they turned to Chubby's Chatter last week and saw Les' Lyrics next to my spot. When they finished my column they naturally read the rest of the page. I can understand Les wanting to have his column in close proximity to my contribution; after all it wasn't so long ago that John K. Watts' ratings were sliding and he joined me on my page to help lift him back to the top. It worked too. I hope it works for you, Les.

Falcon Focus

I read with interest the West Perth "newsletter" on page 7 of this publication last week, under the by-line of John Duckworth. I know what it's like Ducky, when I first started I wrote about Perth all the time, too!

Percy's Role

I HAVE been disappointed to see that Percy Johnson, the man the players voted as the best critic in the game last year is not involved in the media this season. After being involved in football as a coach and critic for 30 years, I only hope that he does not spend 1984 on the outer. Surely he should be used in some medium. He is constructively critical and the players obviously enjoyed the way he put his message across last year.

Falcon Fans

I ONLY hope Perth supporters don't stoop as low as their West Perth counter-parts did last Saturday when they abused one of the game's true champions, Robert Wiley. Booring players is part of the game, but I couldn't believe some of the derogatory remarks which were thrown Rob's way. While on the subject of supporters, I believe there should be some protection for the club officials sitting on the benches at the grounds. I know a few West Perth supporters and I'm glad they are not like the group who were in our vicinity last week.



The R & I Bank present . . . FOOTBALL FACTS

With DAVE CLEMENT WA's top football historian.

Some had to sit and watch

SOME former WA footballers would be green with envy as they watched Phil Narkle and Phil Cronin play with St. Kilda last week.

I refer to a small band of players who really paid a price to play in the VFL. They were forced to stand out of football for a season or two because the WAFL wanted to discourage our players from going to Victoria.

Remember the Perth pair, Ern Henfrey and George Bailey? They watched Carlton play the 1946 season without them.

The early 1950s saw two local juniors, Reg Hall (East Perth) and Kevin Bradley (West Perth) stand down for a year in order to play in the VFL.

Two Kalgoorlie boys — Alex Epis and Dave Cuzens — had a 12 month wait for an official clearance.

Wayne Richardson and Colin Beard (South Fremantle) sat out for a season too. In the mid 1920s Bob Snell moved from East Perth to West Adelaide and was not cleared for TWO years. He was rewarded somewhat by winning the 1929 Magarey Medal.

YOUNG CAPTAIN

South Fremantle's appointment of 21-year-old Brad Hardie as captain gives that club three of the youngest skippers in league history.

In 1931 they appointed another 21-year-old in Ron Doig as their skipper and in 1959 the 20-year-old John Todd was given the job as captain-coach.

Doig, who was the Bulldog captain-coach in 1932, died after receiving a hard knock in a semi final that year.

The youngest captain in the VFL is David Dench, who led North Melbourne as a 20-year-old.

WINNING STYLE

Haydn Bunton is becoming a bit of a first-up specialist. his record goes back to 1961 (Swans), 1968 (Subiaco) and again last Saturday. All teams won their first game of the season.

LOSING AGAIN

Swan Districts, the pre-season favourites, went down last week, but the result was almost predictable.

Swans have won five premierships, but have lost their opening game in the next season four times — in 1984, 1983, 1964 and 1962.

COUNTRY TRIPS

Last Sunday's first league game in Bunbury has been acclaimed as a great success. But league teams have been visiting country centres for 95 years.

The first was Rovers, who, in 1889 visited Toodyay (or Newcastle as it was then known).

After a six-hour train trip at a cost of \$2 the players saw half the traps (horse and sulkies) in town waiting to meet them.

Another league team to play in the country was West Perth in 1895. They incurred a censure from the authorities because they forfeited a league game against Fremantle to go to York. The locals beat them nine goals to two.



With 6KY commentator and former WAFL, VFL and SANFL star JOHN DUCKWORTH

HANG IN THERE MOSSY

IT doesn't take people long to jump on the band-wagon and slip into sides that lose first-up. How was John Rogers on the World Of Sport show last Sunday, suggesting that Graham Moss should come out of retirement because Claremont lack on-field leadership. It was the first time for many of the Tiger players to be in the middle without Moss's guidance and just because you lose one game the cause isn't lost. The senior players at the club will accept the responsibility, but it will take time for them to adjust and surely Moss deserves more than one game as a non-playing coach.

PERTH BOOST

IT was good to see Perth show such an attacking brand of football and they appear ready to emerge from the football wilderness. And when you consider they have players of the calibre of Peter Bosustow, Ross Fitzgerald and John Gavranich to come back into the side, they could be a force to be reckoned with. My old mate Ian Miller must have been happy with his side's brand of football, particularly in the last quarter, but he could also be concerned about their fade-out after a brilliant first term.

YOUNG TALENT

WHILE the West Perth — Perth result wasn't what I had hoped for, I did enjoy watching some of the new players in both camps. West Perth have unearthed a couple of good youngsters in wingman Paul Mifka and half forward Derek Kickett. Mifka played a great game first-up, while Kickett always looked dangerous on the half forward line. I was also impressed with young Perth player Lloyd Richardson, who was instrumental in getting the Demons off to a flying start in the first term. Geoff Thomson, given the task of minding Kickett, did a good job. He looks like being a top defender.

ADAMSON'S INJURY



I WONDER what the future holds for Brian Adamson following another serious injury on the weekend. Ado has been plagued with injury throughout his career and when he dislocated his elbow I felt sorry for him. I wonder whether he will make it back or come and join me in the press box. You get a much better view of the game from up there, mate!

POOR START

WELL, I told you last week that I was now an immediate expert, but my tipping on the weekend would suggest I still have a fair way to go. I picked four losers! Hopefully I can open my account this week.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Crisis time at North Melb

NORTH Melbourne, one of the VFL's glamour sides in the last decade, are facing a crisis.

Urgent meetings after last Saturday's debacle at the hands of Carlton have put the future of a number of players on the line.

The Blues annihilated Norths by 137 points and in so doing maintained their brilliant record of not having lost an opening-season game for 16 years. Their 31.13 to 9.8 win was their biggest winning margin for 54 years.

Coach Barry Cable was under the spotlight following the drubbing, but he



steadfastly refused to criticise the players or show signs of cracks in the camp.

"We are not really that bad," said Cable, who did admit to giving the players a tongue-lashing at half-time when they trailed 11.1 to 2.1. "It really hurts me because I know that's not how bad we are. But the players' characters certainly have to be questioned."

A number of top names are under review and there could be sweeping changes in the North Melbourne camp... and Cable's security is not all that strong, either.

"We, as a match committee, now have to decide about a few guys," said Cable. "We are going to have a real good look at the list; we might just have to change our personnel."

Match statistics showed that Carlton had 395 effective possessions (253 kicks, 142 handballs) to North's 173 kicks and 93 handballs.

HAPPY JACK

SOUTH Australian import John Cahill is revelling in his coaching role at Collingwood.

In the second year of his two year experiment in Victoria, he says that there is a bright new atmosphere at Collingwood. Gone are the moody blues of last year.

"It was a hard year in 1983 because we had recruits who received a lot of money and players at the club who didn't get what the new players did," said Cahill.

"I suppose there was some envy and jealousy, which was normal, but we have settled down and there hasn't been a cross word in the club since November."

TALL ORDER

"YOU just can't keep beating blokes who are six-foot-seven inches tall."

That was the after-match comment of St Kilda coach Tony Jewell, who was quite pleased despite watching his side go down to Essendon by 37 points.

Jewell was referring to the brilliant Essendon giants Paul Salmon, Simon Madden and Terry Daniher who took 28 towering marks between them.

Salmon, a 19-year-old with tons of potential, booted seven goals and shared the limelight with another seven-goal performer, St Kilda's Tony Lockett.

SAINT JEFF

FORMER St Kilda champion Jeff Dunne is keen to line up with Richmond this year.

The dual St Kilda fairest and best winner left the Saints last month and has been training with Richmond, who are keen to add the versatile Dunne to their club depth.



Phil Narkle

Phil Cronan

Warren Ralph

RUN-DOWN ON THE DEBUT BOYS

THIS is how the Melbourne football critics sized up the VFL debuts of seven West Australians last Saturday.

PHIL NARKLE (St Kilda): Showed flashes of brilliance and will obviously be a good player when he adjusts to the tempo.

PHIL CRONAN (St Kilda): Played on the half-back line and did everything right.

WARREN RALPH (Carlton): A superb debut; 9.4 from 15 kicks and 11 marks and he seems set to top 100 goals in his first season.

WAYNE BLACKWELL (Carlton): Spent most of the day on the interchange bench during Carlton's runaway win. But picked up kicks quickly when he came on late in the game.

DEAN TURNER (Fitzroy): Outclassed by Gary Ablett and Michael Turner on the wing.

RAY HOLDEN (Melbourne): Was an interchange reserve and didn't get a chance to show his skills.

LEON BAKER (Essendon): Used off the bench, but did well in patches and indicated that he can improve.

MIXED FEELINGS

CARLTON team-mates Warren Ralph and David Honeybun made their VFL debuts last week — with vastly different recollections.

Ralph, the former Claremont star, booted nine goals and directly contributed to at least three others in a scintillating premier.

"I like it" was his chirpy reply when asked what he thought of Victorian football.

But the day wasn't so glorious for Honeybun, even though the Blues scorched home.

He was knocked out early in the third quarter and carried off on a stretcher.

"The lights went out and I didn't come to until I was back in the rooms," he said. "I wish I could remember the game, but I can't."



Belton in conflict

PAUL Belton, one of South Australia's top players, is in football limbo because of a financial dispute with his club, Port Adelaide.

Belton, a talented State wingman, is not contracted to the Magpies and is on their 'inactive' list. But he is not allowed to train elsewhere and West Torrens have been refused permission to talk to him officially.

Belton quit Port Adelaide when he refused to accept the committee's decision to cut his match payments by half. He said that he had been paid a lot less than some of the club's other players last season.

Former Port captain Brian Cunningham and Stephen Clifford have both retired after refusing to take a 50 percent cut in their match payments.

MYSTERY ILLNESS

TALENTED Glenelg defender Peter Maynard has been suffering from a mysterious foot injury since the end of the last season.

His immediate football future is in doubt as different medical opinions fail to reveal the cause of the problem.

One opinion was that he had a 'lazy' kidney which was not functioning properly and failing to dispose of waste products. This resulted in acid on the joints, causing an arthritic problem.

The 23-year-old former Melbourne player has notched 42 games with the Glenelg Tigers, but he wonders whether he will ever reach the half-century mark.

FIGHTING VETS

TWO veterans of South Australian football are back in action again this season.

Russell Ebert, the four-times winner of the Magarey Medal for SA's fairest and best, is heading for 350 club games. With 347 to his credit, he is also just 13 short of Paul Bagshaw's club record.

Peter Carey has also passed the 300 games mark and now in his second year as captain of Glenelg, he is aiming for the 400-game mark.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

THIS is how players from the West performed in the VFL last week.

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
COLLINGWOOD				
Mike Richardson	7	6	5	2.1
Gary Shaw	14	3	11	0.3
MELBOURNE				
Ray Holden	—	—	—	—
Peter Thorne	9	3	1	2.3
Alan Johnson	13	3	6	1.1
FOOTSCRAY				
Jim Sewell	8	2	6	—
Ian Williams	14	4	8	1.0
Simon Beasley	19	13	1	11.4
Andrew Purser	11	1	3	—
RICHMOND				
David Palm	8	5	13	—
Maurice Rioli	17	1	6	0.3
Brian Taylor	5	3	2	3.2
Tim Gepp	5	—	3	—
FITZROY				
Dean Turner	10	4	2	—
GEELONG				
Brian Peake	11	3	6	1.0
CARLTON				
Alan Montgomery	12	4	2	1.1
Wayne Blackwell	5	1	1	—
Ken Hunter	19	9	11	2.1
Mark Maclure	11	8	7	—
Warren Ralph	15	11	6	9.4
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Steve McCann	7	2	2	—
Phil Krakouer	12	7	2	—
Jim Krakouer	9	2	7	2.0
HAWTHORN				
Ken Judge	18	4	5	3.5
SYDNEY SWANS				
Craig Holden	9	1	6	0.1
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	12	5	1	0.1
Bill Duckworth	10	2	4	—
Tony Buhagiar	13	—	10	—
ST KILDA				
Phil Narkle	16	4	4	1.1
Alan Sidebottom	3	—	1	—
Phil Cronan	8	3	5	—

Sidebottom had 10 hit-outs; Purser 10 hit outs.

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Peter Jackson Superboot

Great Scott off to a big start

EAST Perth full-forward John Scott has shot to an early lead in the Peter Jackson Superboot Award. If he can maintain the form he displayed in Bunbury on Sunday he must be given a big chance to take off the \$1000 cash prize from Peter Jackson and the Golden boot replica from Westside Football as the season's top goalscorer. His magnificent 8.1 performance against Swans set the Royals up for their first-up win. Many of his goals were real classics under pressure, but none was better than his sixth. He was given a free kick deep in the right forward-pocket after a Swans player had deliberately rushed the ball across the boundary line. He would not have been able to see daylight between the tall timbers, but managed to bring up major points.

FARMER'S FIRST

BRETT Farmer didn't play a big part in Sunday's match at Bunbury, but his only goal for the game was a gem. Deep in the left pocket he picked the ball up in the middle of a pack and shot for goal without a glance and it travelled 40 metres to split the centre.

THIRD THE BEST

PERTH skipper Bryan Cousins was in brilliant goalkicking form in the opening round and the third of his six was magnificent. He picked the ball up on the half-forward line, just when his side needed a steady goal, weaved around a couple of defenders and hooked the ball over his right shoulder. He watched anxiously as the ball bounced towards the goals avoiding several desperate West Perth hands.

GREAT SNAP

WEST Perth newcomer Paul Mifka could not have made a more impressive debut than his effort on the wing last Saturday. He played a leading role for the Falcons and also showed that he was prepared to go deep into attack to help set up scoring opportunities — while kicking a couple of top goals himself. One was a great left snap. After receiving a handpass from George Michalczuk on the 25m mark, he ran on to his left foot and converted with all the aplomb of a veteran.

FALLING SNAP

CLAREMONT'S boom recruit Bruce Monteath would rather forget his first game against his old club, South Fremantle. But if there was anything he would like to remember it would be his tremendous snap in the third quarter. He received a handpass about 40 metres from goal from Allen Daniels and as the Bulldog defenders began to converge, he managed to get a boot to the ball. The snap over his left shoulder, as he fell to the ground, was a great goal.

DASHING DORO

FREMANTLE Oval was the scene of many fine goalkicking feats last Saturday, and apart from Alan Rowe's goal-of-the-day there were several others worthy of the prizemoney. The Bulldogs 21st goal, posted by Jon Dorotich, was a beauty. Running full pace across the half-forward line, he scooped up the ball with a perfect one hand pick-up and shot it over his right shoulder to register a major.

SUPERSCORERS

John Scott (East Perth)	8.1
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	7.3
Bryan Cousins (Perth)	6.3
John Hayes (South Frem)	5.2
Ed Blackaby (Swan Districts)	5.0
Earl Spalding (Perth)	4.4
Don Holmes (Swan Districts)	4.3
Bruce Monteath (Claremont)	4.3
Willie Roe (South Frem)	4.1
Laurie Keene (Subiaco)	4.1

Newcomers make an impression

EVERY year WA football loses talented players, either to the VFL or through retirement. But as quickly as players leave, others take their place and last Saturday was no exception.

Most league clubs have had to cover losses and the standard of debutants in senior football last weekend was outstanding.

The man to make the biggest impression was South Fremantle half-back TONY AMOROSO.

He has been waiting in the wings for several seasons, but when given his opportunity in league football he was determined to make the most of it.

His first game for the Bulldogs will be best remembered by the tremendous mark he took, sitting on the shoulders of expatriot South Fremantle player Bruce Monteath.

But aside from that he played solidly all day from the half-back-flank.

Amoroso's case is the perfect example of perseverance and making the most of his opportunities. Football is based on both those attributes and success comes to those who want it the most.

Also making his first league appearance in that game was young Claremont rover DEAN WINNING.

Although the Tigers would have been disappointed with the efforts of some of their senior players, they were delighted with his contribution.

Winning had to contend with playing to a losing ruck and he did the job well. He played all last season alternating between colts and reserves, but seems destined for a lot of league football this year.

Perth have promoted many players in recent seasons, but few would be as talented as the quartet who made their league debuts for the club last Saturday.

GEOFF THOMSON was given the tough assignment of minding West Perth newcomer DEREK KICKETT and the pair had an enthralling duel.

Kickett looked like being West Perth's most dangerous forward, but Thomson kept him under control for most of the game — except for a patch in the third term when the former Tammin ruck rover threatened to get away from him.

Cricketer

Thomson, a former Sheffield Shield fast bowler, played with Old Scotch in amateur ranks last year, but he should be around the Demons camp for some time.

Kickett was impressive, just the same.

He played two seasons in South Australia with Central District, kicking 15 goals in one game from a half forward flank in the reserves, before returning to Tammin and becoming a damaging player for his team.

LLOYD RICHARDSON, a 24-year-

By GARY STOCKS



Dean Winning

old accountant from Maddington, was one of the prime movers behind Perth's blistering opening quarter burst.

He is fast and creative and kicked two goals to help his side on the way to a memorable win.

Promising

Former Brookton centreman KIM FANCOTE played his first game with the Demons as a rover and after a promising start faded slightly.

However, he showed enough to suggest he has the ability to succeed in league ranks.

The most unobtrusive of Perth's new group was back pocket player GLEN SMITH.

He had the job of watching the resting rovers and did his assignment quietly and effectively.

Smith repelled many attacking moves and the resting rovers found kicks hard to come by when pitted against the speed and strength of the former Kelmscott utility player.

One of the most impressive of the young players was West Perth wingman PAUL MIFKA, who helped to give his side the ascendancy across the middle in the last half.

Mifka marked strongly and his raking left-footers often sent his side deep into attack. In addition to that he kicked two magnificent goals himself.

At Subiaco Oval the only newcomer to league ranks was former Old Scotch utility player PAUL WALLWORK.

He lined up at centre-half-back and showed he had the strength and stamina to hold that difficult position down. He is a former team-mate of Thomson, and it will be interesting to see them play against each other this Saturday.



EILEEN BROWN, mother of football's Mr Controversy, Malcolm Brown, is Australia's first female football columnist.

MOTHER BROWN

Toss a plus

I MUST say that the tossing of the coin at three-quarter time is a good idea — the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. Firstly, it gives coaches the chance to plan the first quarter more accurately because they know whether they are kicking with or against the breeze and they can switch players around accordingly. I believe it is one of the recent changes of the game which will benefit everyone.

New Faces

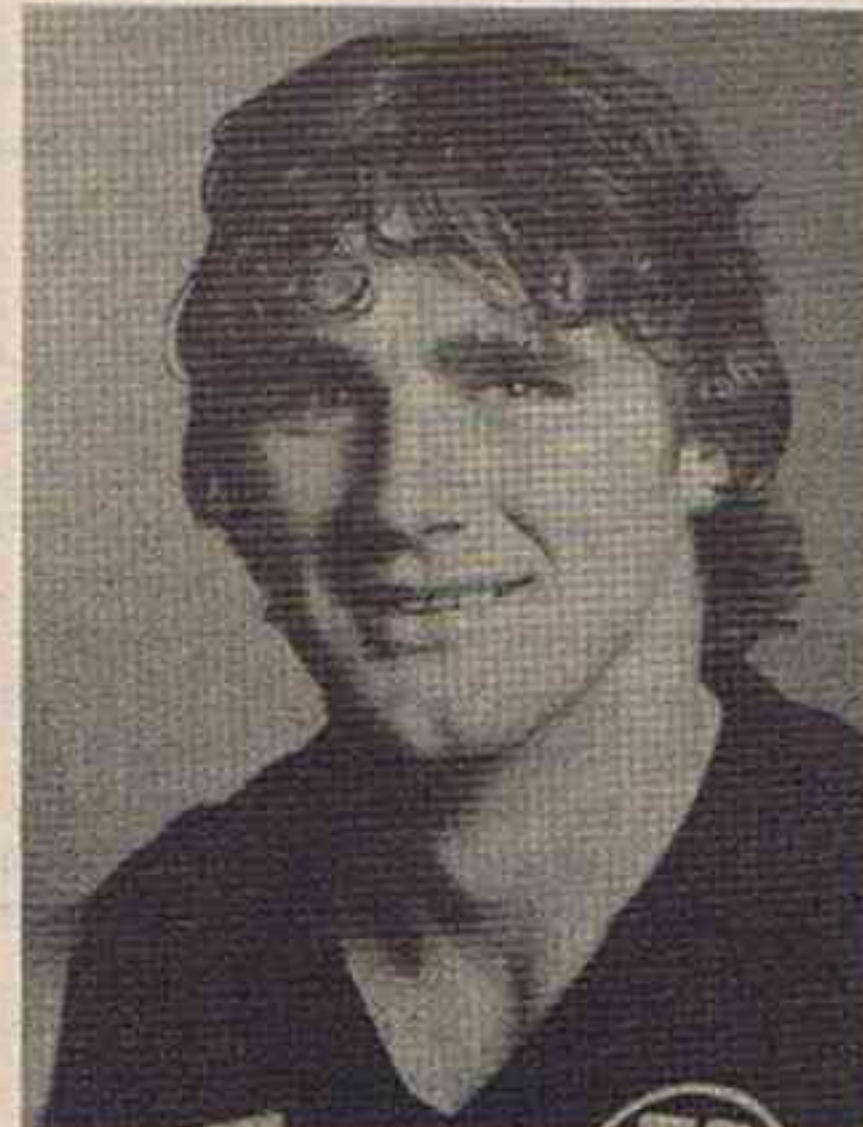
It was magnificent to see so many new players lining up for league clubs in the opening round of fixtures. Obviously the first assignment for every keen footy fan when they get to a ground is to buy a Budget, so they know who all the newcomers in the opposition are. Also I have a suggestion for the producers of the Football Budget. I think it would be a good idea to put a star next to the name of all the first-year players in the respective sides.

Transport Services

RADIO 6PR are again broadcasting departure and arrival times for buses and trains going to and from the four league grounds each Saturday and I would like to congratulate them for the service. They broadcast the times at 7.55 each Saturday morning before the tape of the Football World programme is played and more people should take note of the bus and train service. I am sure other pensioners appreciate it.

Who will it be?

IF nothing else, the first round of fixtures showed that the fight for the goalkicking honours this season, in the absence of Claremont ace goal sneak Warren Ralph, will be tight. East Perth full-forward John Scott leads the way at the moment and he is being hotly pressed by his Subiaco counterpart Clinton Brown. I wonder if it will be the year of the full-forward or whether a rover will take the honours — like Kevin Taylor did in 1979. Bryan Cousins must be a leading candidate after kicking six goals, five of which came in the first half before he was injured.



Craig Edwards

Inter-swap

IT'S good to see many players changing clubs in this State, rather than teams going to Victoria and bringing over broken down players. Craig Edwards showed with South Fremantle that he is going to be a top player and others like Kim Hetherington, Chris Allen, Brett Farmer, Jeff Stone, David Court, David Hart and Clinton Pike should find success with new clubs this year.

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LES'S LYRICS

6KY commentator and former Claremont and State champion LES MUMME has a different look at football.

TURBULENT BEGINNINGS

This first week of Footy has seen some confusion — with East Perth catching Swans by the tail. Christian and Scott were Bunbury's best. The young Busselton boy didn't fail.

The Bulldogs were allowed to have their day — but don't be fooled by the Tigers defeat.

It's all a part of Graham's great plan, and Claremont's next win will make it complete!

Phil Narkle has prompted the St. Kilda Fox — Yes! he's had a lot to say. Lindsay is a man of many words — about the so called raping by W.A.

Many of our boys now play for the Vics. The likes of Hunter, the Krakouers and such.

And so you see — you little, Fox. We think your accusations are too much

If we in our State were not such good sports — the dishonour would prove too great.

For we in the West have been raped for some years. What say you, me Victorian mate?

HOW THEY PERFORMED

Statistical Roundup

A progressive season tally of the top 20 players in the categories of kicks, marks, hit outs, handballs and disposals.

KICKS			DISPOSALS		
PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Rod Alderton	West Perth	31	Rod Alderton	West Perth	45
Peter Featherby	Subiaco	30	Peter Featherby	Subiaco	38
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	25	Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	36
Wayne Otway	East Perth	25	Wayne Otway	East Perth	34
Steven Goulding	Claremont	22	Peter Spencer	East Perth	34
Peter Spencer	East Perth	22	Allen Daniels	Claremont	30
Brett Yorgey	Perth	22	Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	30
Gerard Neesham	Swan Districts	22	Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	29
Allen Daniels	Claremont	21	Michael Mitchell	Claremont	28
David Hart	Sth Fremantle	21	Don Langsford	Swan Districts	28
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	21	Steven Goulding	Claremont	27
Les Fong	West Perth	20	Gerard Neesham	Swan Districts	27
Bryan Cousins	Perth	19	Brett Yorgey	Perth	26
Keith Narkle	Swan Districts	19	David Hart	Sth Fremantle	26
Brad Shine	Swan Districts	19	Keith Narkle	Swan Districts	25
Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	19	Brad Shine	Swan Districts	25
Bevan Warner	Subiaco	19	Phil Lamb	Subiaco	25
Bill Jones	E. Fremantle	18	Neil Taylor	Subiaco	25
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	18	Bevan Warner	Subiaco	25
Murray Wrensted	E. Fremantle	17	Shane Ellis	E. Fremantle	24

MARKS			HANDBALLS		
PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Rod Alderton	West Perth	17	Rod Alderton	West Perth	14
Clinton Brown	Subiaco	11	Michael Mitchell	Claremont	12
Clinton Roberts	Perth	10	Shane Ellis	E. Fremantle	12
Neil Fotheringham	Subiaco	10	Peter Spencer	East Perth	12
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	10	Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	12
Michael Christian	East Perth	8	Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	11
Peter Spencer	East Perth	8	Don Langsford	Swan Districts	11
Mark Washfold	Perth	8	Peter O'Connell	Perth	10
Rod Barrett	Sth Fremantle	8	Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	10
Craig Edwards	Sth Fremantle	8	Neil Taylor	Subiaco	10
Peter Featherby	Subiaco	8	Allen Daniels	Claremont	9
Steven Goulding	Claremont	7	Grant Campbell	East Perth	9
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	7	Wayne Otway	East Perth	9
Jeff Cassidy	E. Fremantle	7	Kim Fancote	Perth	9
Mark Valli	East Fremantle	7	Robert Hooker	Perth	9
Grant Campbell	East Perth	7	Clinton Roberts	Perth	9
Rhett Baynes	Perth	7	Glen Smith	Perth	9
Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	7	Peter Davidson	Claremont	9
Noel Carter	Sth Fremantle	7	Lindsay Kanther	Claremont	8
Paul Wilson	Subiaco	7	Richard Dennis	East Perth	8

HIT OUTS			
PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	
Craig Edwards	Sth Fremantle	21	Craig Nelson
Paul Harding	E. Fremantle	19	Jeff Stone
Mick Johns	Swan Districts	18	Ron Alexander
Phil Scott	Subiaco	18	Shane Cocker
David O'Connell	Claremont	17	Peter Sartori
Wayne Simms	Perth	17	Paul Arnold
Frank Wilson	East Perth	15	Jon Dorotich
Rhett Baynes	Perth	15	Mark Stephens
Barrie Quirk	Subiaco	12	Baden Harper
Malcolm Bennett	West Perth	12	Tom Smith

Top performers from around the nation

This tally board gives individual kick, mark and handball totals for the leading players in each of the major football States. Points are allocated on a basis of 1 for a kick, 2 for a handpass and 3 for a mark to evaluate a players consistency.

Each week, the player polling the highest tally of points under this system wins a dinner for two at Isabella's Restaurant, which is part of the Chateau Commodore Hotel in Hay Street, Perth.

This week's winner is West Perth wingman Rod Alderton.

PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Rod Alderton	West Perth	31	17	14	110
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	18	10	12	72
Peter Spencer	East Perth	22	8	12	70
Peter Featherby	Subiaco	30	8	8	70
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	25	7	11	68
Clinton Roberts	Perth	11	10	9	59
Clinton Brown	Subiaco	15	11	5	58
Allen Daniels	Claremont	21	6	9	57
Mark Washfold	Perth	16	8	8	56
Neil Fotheringham	Subiaco	16	10	5	56
Don Langsford	Swan Dist	17	5	11	54
Steven Goulding	Claremont	22	7	5	53
Grant Campbell	East Perth	13	7	9	52
Wayne Otway	East Perth	25	3	9	52
Michael Christian	East Perth	15	8	6	51
Paul Vasoli	Sth Frem	19	4	10	51
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	15	5	10	50
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	16	3	12	49
Craig Edwards	Sth Frem	13	8	5	47
Paul Wilson	Subiaco	9	7	8	46



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Wayne Johnston	Carlton	32	10	11	84
Greg Phillips	Col'wood	15	11	12	72
Gary Williams	Geelong	21	5	17	70
Ken Hunter	Carlton	19	9	11	68
Robert Flower	Melbourne	13	8	12	61
Warren Ralph	Carlton	15	11	6	60
Wes Fellowes	Col'wood	11	11	8	60
Simon Beasley	Footscray	19	13	1	60
Tony Shaw	Col'wood	14	6	13	58
Chris Burton	Footscray	18	7	9	57

PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Michael Aish	Norwood	20	11	14	81
Andrew Jarman	Nth Adel.	16	8	20	80
Russell Johnston	Port Adel.	14	9	18	77
Lindsay Heaven	Woodville	16	10	15	76
Neil Craig	Sturt	15	11	12	72
Simon Heaney	Woodville	14	10	14	72
Craig Bradley	Port Adel.	21	6	16	71
Ian Borchard	West Adel.	16	9	14	71
Daryl Schimmelbusch	W. Torrens	21	5	15	66
Garv Menzel	Norwood	12	5	19	65

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March 31	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Times	Channel 7	6PR	6IX	6KY	6WF	ABC/TV	Umpires
West Perth v Perth	Rob Wainwright: Alderton (WP) Washfold (P) Baynes (P)	Mike Thomson: Alderton Washfold Yorgey (P)	Gary Stocks: Washfold Alderton Cousins (P)	Marty McDonnell: Alderton Cousins Baynes	Bob Hicks: Alderton Perrin (WP) Yorgey	Chris Mitsopoulos: Cousins Alderton Baynes	John Duckworth: Washfold Alderton Cousins	Tony Parentich: Cousins Yorgey Fong (WP)	Grant Dorrington: Washfold Cousins Fong	Lendich/Morris
South Frem. v. Claremont	Tim Gossage: Edwards (SF) Barrett (SF) G. Carter (SF)	Robbie Burns: N. Carter (SF) Hayes (SF) Barrett	Ray Wilson: Edwards Hardie (SF) Hart (SF)	John Rogers: Edwards Hart Hayes	Peter van Helden: Matera (SF) Hardie Hayes	David Rowe: Matera Hayes G. Carter	Les Mumme: Vasoli (SF) Hayes Edwards	Mick Malone: Hardie Malaxos Vasoli	Keith Slater: Edwards Hayes Hardie	Phillips/O'Reilly
Subiaco v East Frem.	David Marsh: Featherby (S) Wilkinson (S) Keene (S)	Rod White: Wilkinson Featherby Featheringhame (S)	Colin Hopkins: Featherby Wilkinson C. Brown (S)	Wayne Harvey: Featherby C. Brown Wilkinson	Oscar Howard: Featherby C. Brown Jones (EF)	Phil Muleahy: Wilkinson Featherby C. Brown	Colin Hopkins: Featherby Wilkinson C. Brown	Eric Sarich: Featherby C. Brown Warner (S)	Ian Brayshaw: Featherby Reeves (S) D. Lamb (S)	Austin/Hearne
April 1 Swan Dist. v East Perth	Geoff Christian: Scott (EP) Christian (EP) Otway (EP)	Robbie Burns: Christian Scott Spencer (EP)	Gary Stocks: Christian Spencer K. Narkle (SD)	Ken McAullay: Christian Scott Spencer	Alan East: Christian Scott K. Narkle	Wayne Harvey: Christian Scott Spencer	Geoff Christian: Scott Christian Otway	Eric Sarich: M. Christian Spencer Scott	George Grijusich: Christian Scott Spencer	Ball/Johnson

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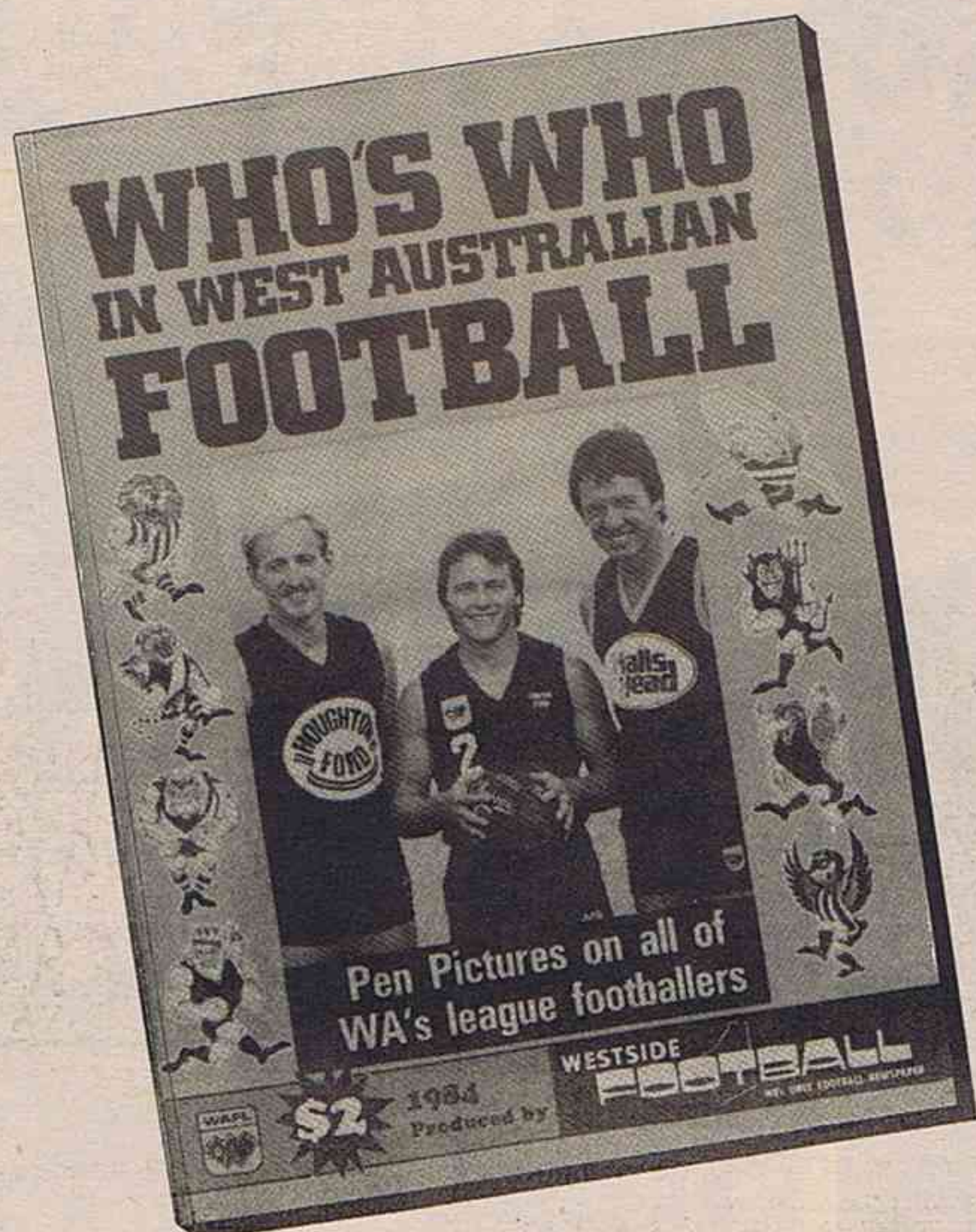
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BUNBURY BIG GAME

THE success of the big game at Bunbury last year has led to the club playing more fixtures outside the metropolitan area.

More than 6000 people poured through the gates to enjoy what was a great game of football.

There was a carnival atmosphere at the ground with many people performing in front of their old crowd.

Westside Football photographer Richie Hann has captured a sample of the action he caught on film.

A train load of metropolitan supporters transfer to buses at the Bunbury station for the ride to Hands Oval.



CRUNCH! A south west player receives a solid bump from a Stirling player as he raises the ball to the big game.



Channel 7 personality Bob Miller interviews SWNFL president Bernie Cunningham during a live TV cross from Hands Oval.



John Todd makes a point to his players during the game.



BUNBURY'S DAY

Bunbury last Sunday must make the WAFL consider metropolitan area.

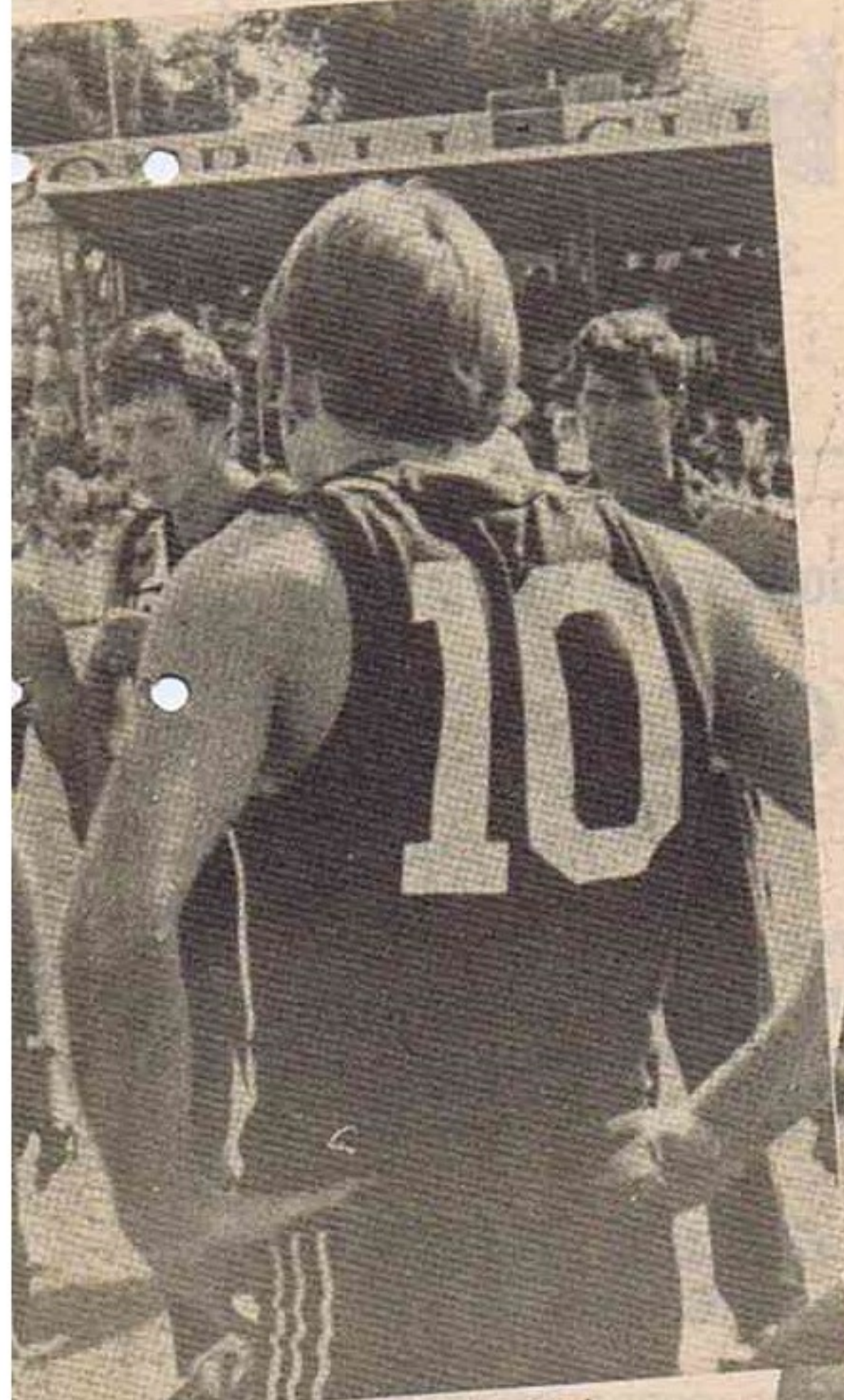
ough the gates at Hands Oval and they obviously all.

he ground and the former local players thrived on

ie Hann made the trip to Bunbury and here is a



om a State amateur representative during the exciting curtain-



during a break in the historic match.



Greg Brehaut makes a point.



It was a case of the media making the best of the picnic atmosphere as statisticians (l-r) Paul McKeon and Graham Reader. The West Australian's chief football writer Geoff Christian, Umpire's Coach Ross Capes and Westside Football's Peter Poat observe the game from the "press box" on top of the stand.



This picture captures the carnival atmosphere.



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Rovers abound in Royals camp

A SHORTAGE of rovers has been a problem at East Perth for the last few seasons, but it could be solved in 1984.

The return of Wayne Otway after two seasons with Essendon in the VFL will go along way towards alleviating the situation.

And with young tyro **TONY PAPOTTO** showing excellent form pre-season they could have their best roving combination since the 1978 premiership side when Otway and Barry Cable pooled their talents to give East Perth an edge in the small-man department.

Papotto has been slowly nurtured along at East Perth and he looks ready for league football.

He needs to work on his disposal, but he has the basic ability to get the ball.



Paul Higgins

S-W RECRUITS

For several seasons East Perth have tried to coax **PETER ROWE** to the city to try his hand at league football and at last they have succeeded.

Rowe, captain of the losing Mines Rovers grand final team in the South West last year, is a gifted half-forward/ruck-rover who has the credentials to make the transition from country football to senior competition in Perth.

The South West competition is the best outside the metropolitan area and it should not be too difficult for Rowe to adjust to the WAFL.

He reads the play well, has good skills on both sides of his body and is keen to succeed.

Another South West player who has been high on East Perth's recruiting priorities is Augusta-Margaret River utility player **NEIL EARL**.

Although he is now 27, he has the ability to adapt to league football.

He was extremely impressive in reserves matches leading up to the season where he played mainly as a ruck-rover.

CREATIVE

Earl is a player who uses his head and has the happy knack of being able to move out into the open spaces and use his creative abilities to set up attacking moves.

He was a member of the Wesfarmers country all-stars team last season which won the historical match against a similar side from South Australia in the curtain raiser to the interstate clash between those sides last year.

The blond haired stock agent was one of the prime movers in the local team's win and he displayed at that level all the qualities required to do well in league football.

BRUCE STEWART, a 19-year-old recruit, has already had success as a tennis player and an athlete and now he wants to add football to his list of sporting achievements.

He has been one of the leading junior tennis players in WA for several years and has also represented WA as a sprinter.

And when he played amateur football with Coolbinia/Yokine he won the fairest and best for the colts division.

Stewart is a talented utility player who can play at either end of the ground and while he could take a little time to settle down he should be close to league selection by mid-season.

Lanky forward, **PAUL HIGGINS** showed in the last practice match of pre-season that he would play league football this year.

And his dream became reality when he made the side for the game at Bunbury last weekend.

He did the job well after starting on the interchange bench and he looks to have a bright future.



New rover Tony Papotto (left) talks over his prospects with Angelo Del Borrello, who made his debut in 1983.



NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL



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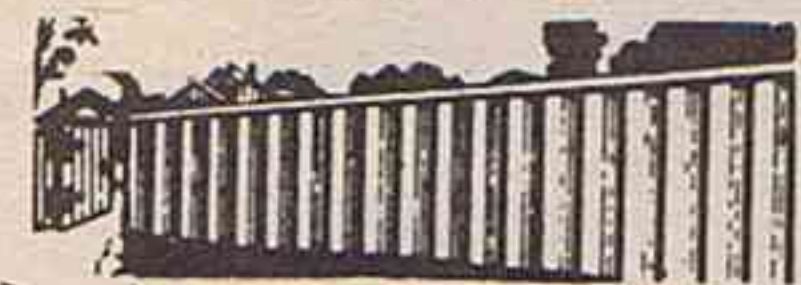


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Country star will boost Demon ranks

WHILE there has been much publicity about the return of star players Robert Wiley and Peter Bosustow to Perth this season, another potential match-winner arrived unheralded.

In the last three seasons KIM FANCOTE has been a regular member of Avon Football Association teams and he has shown outstanding ability.

At last the Demons have been able to lure the talented centreliner or half-forward to Lathlain Park.

And he won't even have to leave the environment of the family farm.

Fancote will travel several times to Perth from his Brookton farm for training and to play each week so he will not have the problem of settling into totally new surroundings.

Fancote won the A-grade fairest and best award in the Wesfarmers country football championships in 1982 and that is



Kim Fancote

testimony to his ability.

The 24-year-old woolclasser/farmer could be an important player for the Demons this year and provided he has an injury-free run should slot straight into league football.

SPEARHEAD

One of Perth's major problems in recent seasons has been finding a reliable spearhead in attack.

Although Mick Rea and Earl Spalding produced some fine performances last year, the arrival of KEN PRIDE has been welcomed.

Pride showed in his first practice match with Perth that he would be an asset. The former Old Wesley star, who kicked over 100 goals in amateurs last season, marks strongly, recovers well for a big man and has excellent disposal.

He was the All-Australian amateur full-forward last season and he should be a valuable acquisition for the Demons.

Strongly built defender GEOFF THOMSON knows the requirements to get to the top of the sporting tree — he has been a regular first grade player at South Perth Cricket Club for several seasons and played one Sheffield Shield game in 1982-83.

He has played most his football with amateur club Old Scotch and looks capable of slotting into a defensive role.

Thomson was used at full-back in a practice match, but he does not have the height to hold this spot down on a regular basis.

He appears better suited to a half-back-flank where he could use his strength and pace to best effect.

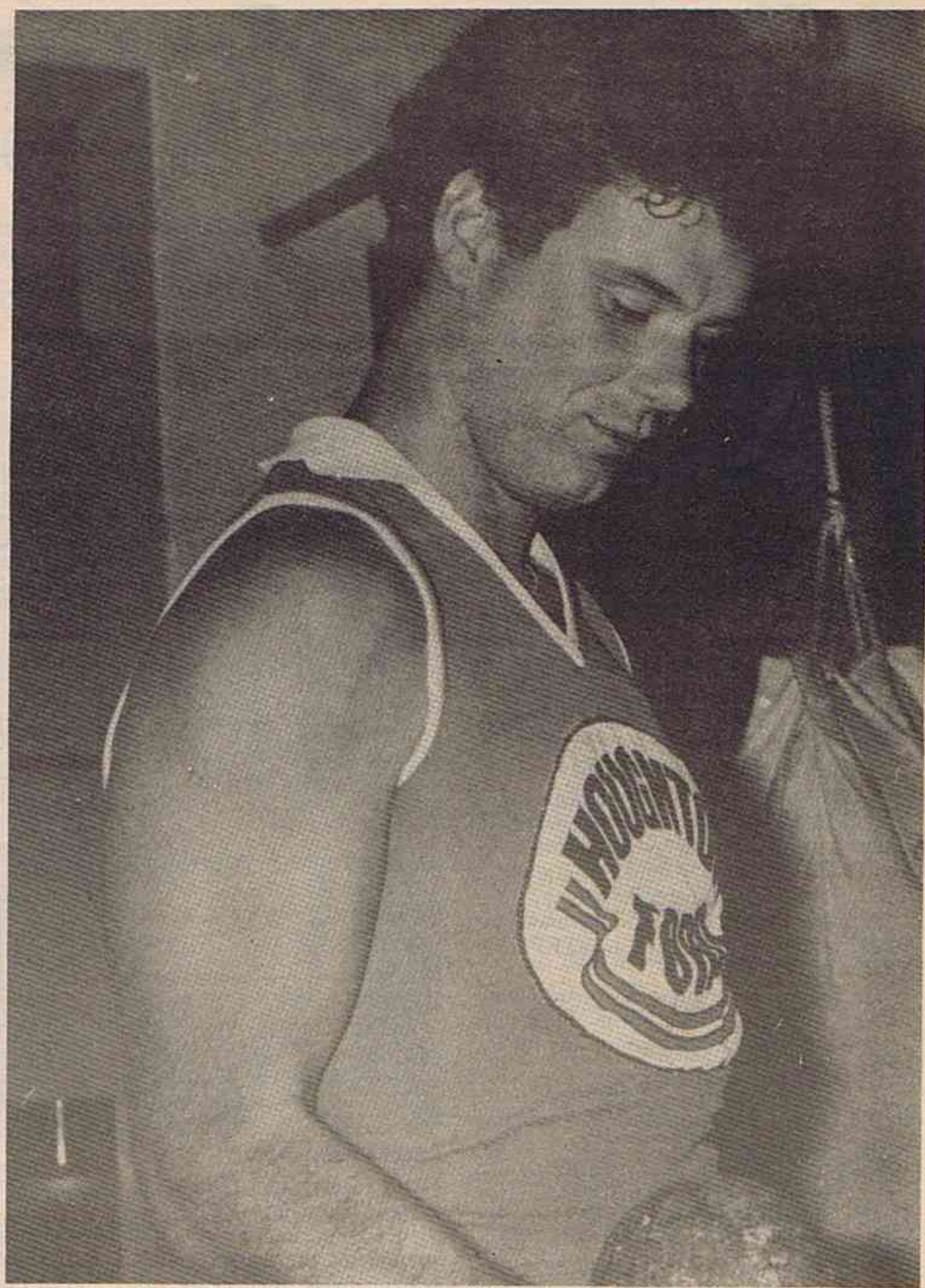


Geoff Thomson

FORMER Maddington player LLOYD RICHARDSON made an impressive start to league football when he was one of the men responsible for setting the Demons on their winning way last week.

Richardson is a pacy half-forward who kicked a couple of inspirational goals in Perth's victory.

He was runner-up to the fairest and best at his South Suburban club last year.



Ken Pride... a strong marking full forward ready to emerge.



NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL

When GLEN SMITH arrived at Lathlain Park he was being looked at with the view to a ruck-roving role.

But he played so well in the back pocket watching the resting rovers last week that he could end playing the whole season from the last line of defence.

Smith would only need to string together a few more performances like that to earn a regular position in the side.



Glen Smith

SWANS RECRUIT

CIARAN LYNCH made his debut for Swan Districts in that infamous Sterling Cup match against Richmond two years ago, but could not earn league selection in another season with Swans.

In view of his effort against Richmond that was surprising and he decided a move would be the best thing for his career.

And he has already shown that he could become a regular player with Perth.

He was obviously carrying a knee injury in the first practice match of the season, but still managed to pick up many kicks across the half-forward line.

Perth will undoubtedly try to rectify his knee problem because if he is fit he could add some life to their half-forward line.

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Lions work to boost forwards

SUBIACO's biggest problem in recent years has been getting the ball past the half-forward line to a position where they can kick goals.

And that has been the major objective behind their recruiting campaign.

They need players who can lead, create and get the ball deep into their attacking zone.

One player who looks capable of partly solving this problem is former Geelong West star **STEPHEN SELLS**.

He has shown the ability to perform from a half-forward-flank and to bring other players into the game.

The 21-year-old clerk is not unlike Peter Featherby in his approach to the game and he has also been used as a ruck-rover.

KICK-GETTER

While he might not have the same touch of brilliance, he is always prepared to commit his body and work hard for his kicks — an area in which the Lions have been disappointing in recent times.

Another recruit who should make his mark across half-forward is **STEPHEN COCKROFT**.

He played at centre-half-forward with WFAA runners-up Osborne Park last season and was largely responsible for his club's success.

And when he was given an opportunity in the key attacking position in a practice match against East Perth he was one of the new shining lights in the forward line.

Cockroft takes a strong mark, is agile for a man of his size and has sound skills. He looks capable of holding down the most difficult position on the football field.



Shaun Kelly

settle down and fulfil a similar role in league football.

He impressed at centre-half-back in a couple of pre-season matches, but could obviously be used at the other end of the ground.

One of the most promising aspects of his game was that while he did not have the experience of top level football he was prepared to back his judgement and run down the ground to create opportunities further afield.

Former Hale School star **JOHN GEORGIADIS** is a young player who looks to have an outstanding future.

The strongly built utility player who was used extensively as a ruck-rover in his school competition, shows maturity well beyond his years and should receive an opportunity at league level.

PRESSURE

Although just 18-years-old he remains cool under pressure and invariably uses the ball with maximum results when he gathers it.

Subiaco are excited about his potential and rather than thrust him straight into senior competition they could "blood" him by giving him a couple of games in the reserves.

However, it could become a question of how long they can afford to leave the hard working mid-fielder out of the league side.

He is constructive and can be extremely damaging.

Former Queensland State representative **GRAHAM ADAMS** came to Perth with a big reputation and he will obviously be a top player for the Lions.



Peter Ashworth

PAUL WALLWORK is a deceptively fast utility player who has joined the Lions from amateur club Old Scotch.

In the Saturday competition last year he alternated between centre-half-forward and centre-half-back and was a top player for his club.

Obviously Subiaco will be hoping he can

CHAS GREENWELL

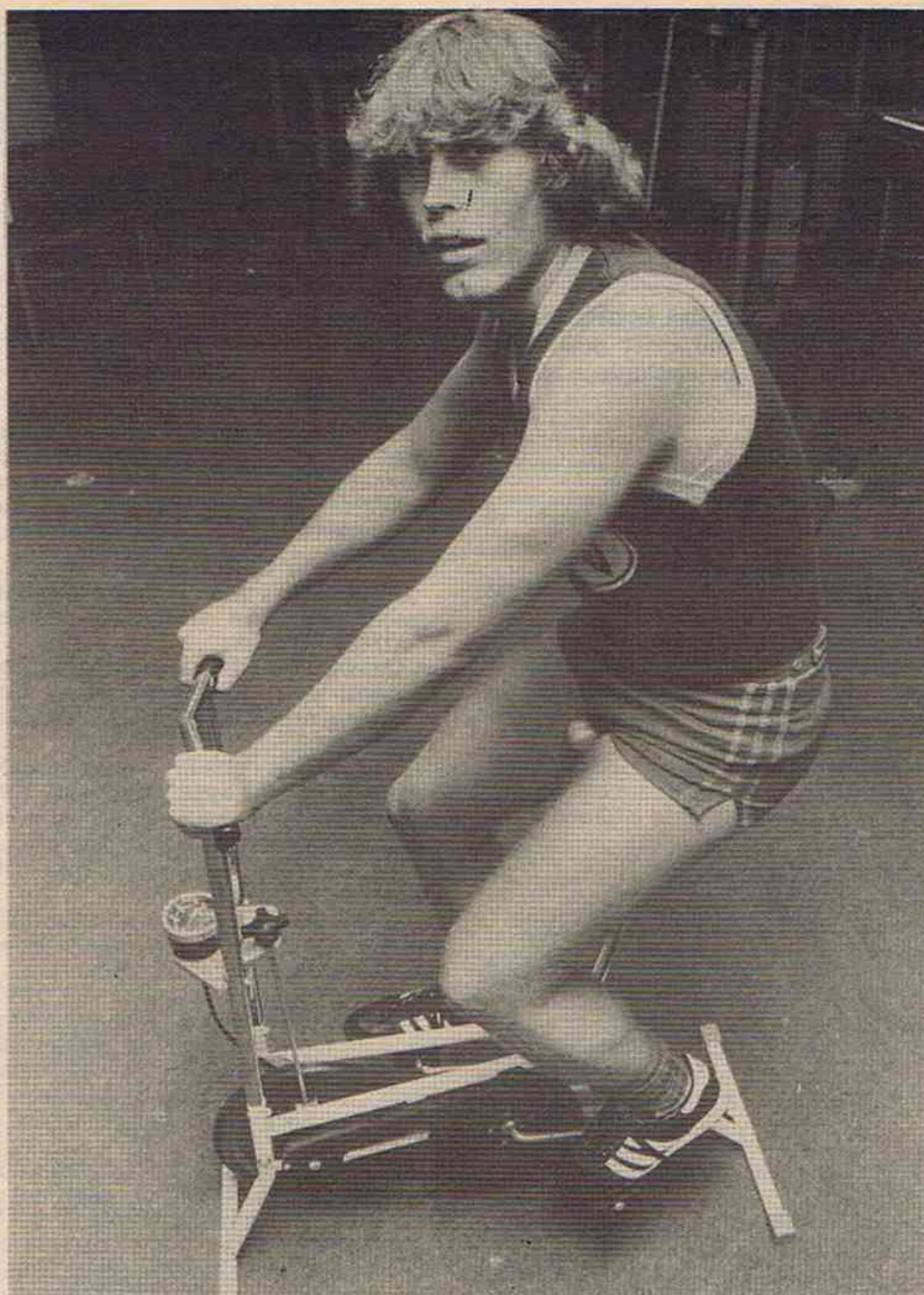
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Graham Adams . . . a young player preparing for his entry into league football.



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He represented his old State eight times and played 68 senior games for Windsor-Zillmere.

The 19-year-old sales rep obviously has a bright future and he is not far away from making his league debut.

Three years ago Perth forward **PETER ASHWORTH** seemed to have the football world at his feet.

But last year he left the Demons to play out the season in the South Suburban competition.

He was recruited by Subiaco reserves coach Wayne Loxley over the summer and showed in practice games that he could be a handy acquisition.

He kicked seven goals in the reserves last week and must be on the verge of senior selection.

In 1983 **SHAUN KELLY** loomed as a likely league player following some good performances in the colts and reserves the previous year.

However, he disappeared from the scene and was not sighted until he rolled up at the club for pre-season training this year.

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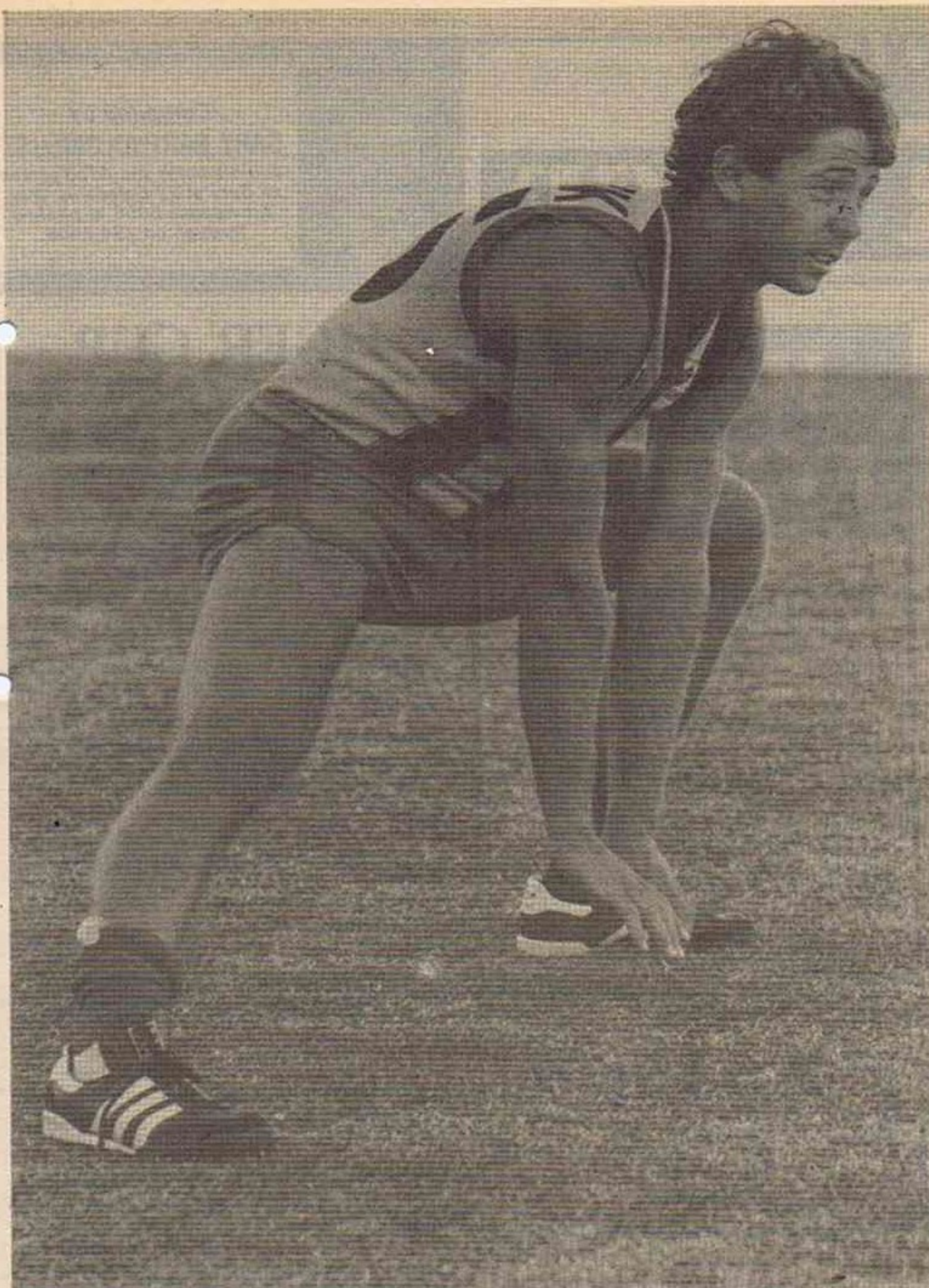
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Mark Shaw... limbering up for a big season in his new State.

Darwin produces another young star

WA's league football clubs are quickly learning that there are better recruiting grounds than Melbourne.

Canberra, Queensland and Darwin have provided some outstanding players in recent history and the latest club to benefit is East Fremantle.

Their star recruit for 1984 is nippy little rover William "Ninny" BRISTON.

The Sharks believe he has the same flair and brilliance as the famous Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, and if that is the case WA football fans are in for a real treat.

Briston's arrival in Perth was delayed because he was involved in finals in the summer competition in the Northern Territory, but it won't be long before he is able to live up to his reputation.

MEDALLIST

He is obviously a fine player because he won the Nicholls Medal — for the fairest and best player in the Darwin competition — before moving to Perth to make his mark in the WAFL.

He is more in the mould of Jim Krakouer than Phil. He is small, robust and strong and has an exciting turn of speed.

The 20-year-old gardener will be welcomed at East Fremantle, a club which has struggled in the roving department since the move of Tony Buhagiar to Essendon.

GERALDTON

Geraldton has also proven to be a fine recruiting source for the Sharks and wingman JOHN BELLOTTI should continue their run of success from their country zone.

When he first arrived in the city he was carrying a bit of condition, but after a month of solid training with East Fremantle he looks extremely fit.

Bellotti has been a regular member of the strong Great Northern National Football League team in Wesfarmers country championships in the last few seasons and has what it takes to be a good player in Perth.

Strong marking centre-half-back BRETT BUKTENICA has returned to the Sharks after a two-year absence on Army service, and he looks likely to move straight into the senior side.

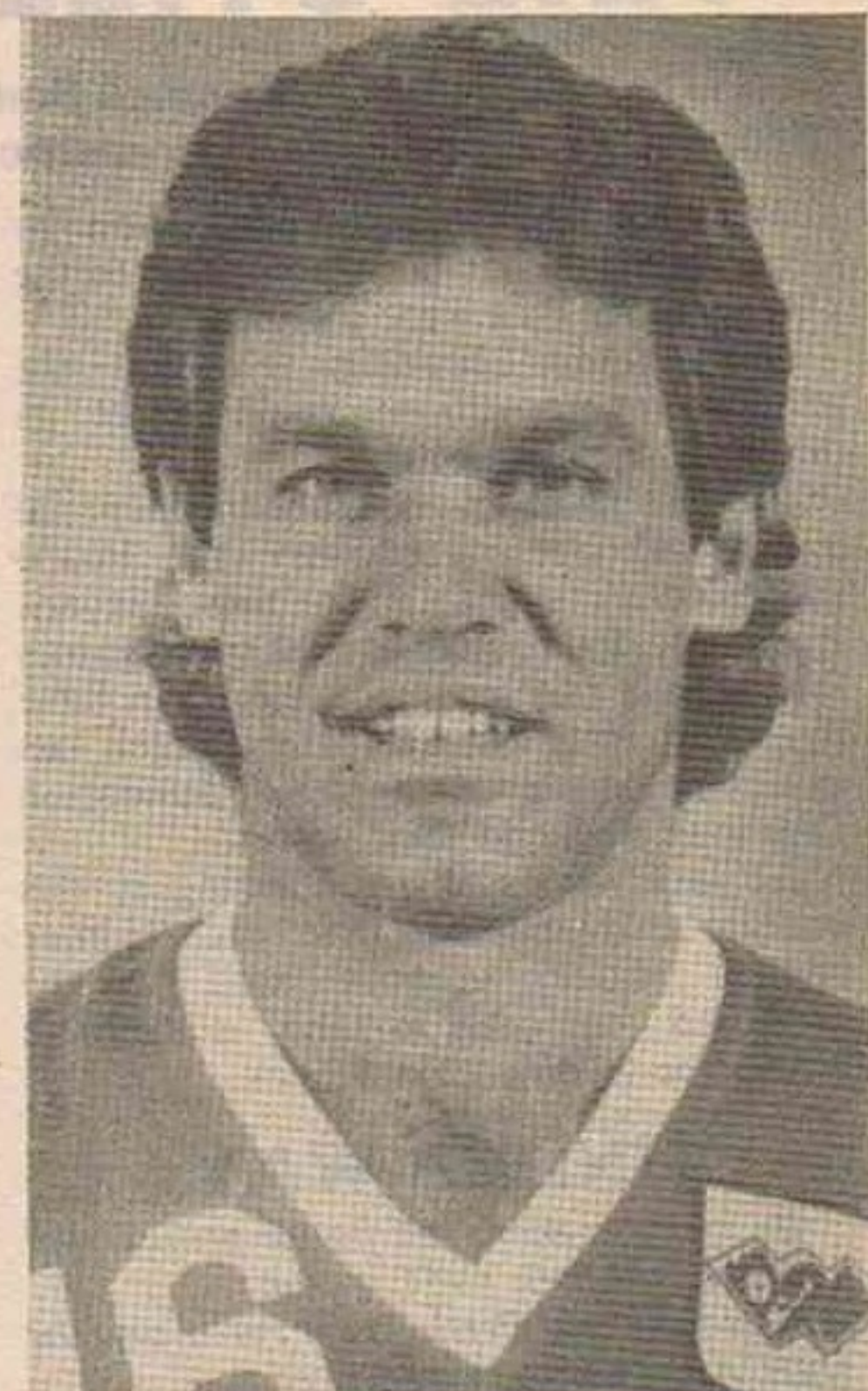
He is an attacking defender who uses his strength to good effect and the Sharks were pleased with his form in lead-up matches to the start of 1984.

In an intra-club match Buktenica was given the difficult assignment of checking talented half-forward Ray Sterrett and he did an admirable job.

Buktenica's success at centre-half-back could have a big bearing on the destiny of East Fremantle this season.

If the move works then that will mean Shane Ellis, the team's regular key defender, would be free to take on a ruck-roving role — something which was being looked at pre-season.

In an effort to bolster their roving division the Sharks also recruited MARK SHAW from North Hobart.



Glenn Hoult

Although there is a big difference between the two competitions, he showed by being runner-up in his club's fairest and best award last season that he could be a valuable player.

Former Northampton utility player GLENN HOULT is not stranger to the surroundings at East Fremantle.

He made his league debut with the club as a 19-year-old in 1979 and notched up 10 games. But a serious ankle injury saw him return to the country and he seemed destined to play out his days in the Great Northern National Football League.



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17s INTER-DISTRICTS ARE STILL POSSIBLE

THE WAFL Junior Council Board met last week and still hopes that the proposed extended 17s inter-districts competition will start this season.

The response to the competition by junior councils has been poor, due to the playing dates that were planned.

Most junior councils felt that the proposed competition would effect its domestic competitions.

Because most league clubs have special squads who train regularly, the Board suggested a competition for these players. It was decided to play at least seven games throughout this season, rather than have the usual inter-district format which has games being played over the Foundation Day long weekend each year.

At last week's Board meeting it was unanimously passed that each junior council should commit itself to the proposed competition and a definite answer be given within a week.

UNDER WAY

By next weekend all junior groups will have started their 1984 season.

Last weekend Perth, West Perth, and the Hills Association commenced.

This weekend sees the start for Swan Districts, Claremont, East Perth, East Fremantle, and South Fremantle, and next weekend Subiaco's Wanneroo and South Suburban get under way.

FREEBALL MOVES

Freeball, the fun game without pressure for eight year olds, has expanded since last season.

Five junior councils will play the game this season with just over 1000 boys taking part.

Modified Rules is being played in all junior councils this season, except the South Suburban, and Special Laws has been introduced by most bodies.

Special Laws has the same rules as Little League football, with a few differences from Standard Rules — i.e. 15 players on the field with five reserves — to help the 11s and 12s age group become more involved in the game and learn the skills a lot quicker.

ROYAL PARADE

East Perth Junior Council will hold its annual junior day parade at Perth Oval this Saturday.

This season clubs from the South Suburban are expected to take part with the locally-based clubs.

DEMONS JINX

IT seems as though Melbourne just cannot get off to a good start, and the club's early-season injury jinx has hit the Demons camp again.

Brownlow Medallist Brian Wilson broke an arm in the final practice match and when the season opened for real last Saturday, senior stars Steven Icke and Gerard Healy were badly hurt.

The Demons had similar troubles last year when players like Michael O'Sullivan, David Williams and Paul O'Brien were knocked out of the football business before they hardly got started.

STAN'S ADVICE

How many juniors saw the first junior segment on Channel 7's World of Sport last Sunday?

Former Swans veteran and captain Stan Nowotny gave some good advice to youngsters. One point he emphasised was for juniors to study the movements of individual league players who played in the same positions as they did.

The junior segment will be on television each Sunday.

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Entries close every Tuesday.

• THE answer to last week's question was John Ironmonger and congratulations to C. Raffan, of Girrawheen.



TIGER CUP

Claremont Football Club's Tiger Cup, a competition for 16 and 17 year olds, which is in its seventh season, starts this Sunday.

The structure of its executive has changed. The new executive is Ray Moore (President), Joe McNamara (Secretary/Treasurer), and Committeemen Graham Moss, Bruce Currie and Wayne Reynolds.

Teams are Churchlands/Wembley, City Beach/Floreat, Hawks (taking in the Nedlands, Dalkeith, Cottesloe, and Swanbourne), Karrinyup, Marists Royals (who played in the West Perth Junior Council last season), North Beach, Wembley Downs and Woodlands/Doubleview.

To gain a closer liaison with junior clubs in the area, and save wear on Claremont Oval, all Tiger Cup games will be played away from Claremont Oval this season. Only the grand final is there this year.

Some teams are still looking for sponsors, if anyone is able to assist, contact Ray Moore on 446 3243.

SETTING A PATTERN

A first for East Fremantle Junior Council was to have all its clubs conduct its annual general meetings before Christmas.

Junior council president Ted Minotti told WESTSIDE FOOTBALL that the move was tried to get clubs more organised before the new season and it had worked well.

"We hope to follow that pattern in future," said Mr Minotti.

1984 JUNIOR COUNCIL STATISTICS

() figures in brackets mean last season's totals

	Estimated Registered Players	Clubs	Teams	Playing Days	Standard Rules	Special Laws	Modified Rules	Free-ball Players
Claremont Junior Football Council	2300 (2100)	14 (14)	91 (85)	Sundays	12s: 13s: 14s: 15s	11s	9s: 10s	150
East Fremantle Junior Football Council	2800 (2600)	13 (13)	110 (105)	Saturdays Sundays	12s: 13s: 14s 15s: 16s: 17s	11s	9s: 10s	150
East Perth Junior Football Council	1600 (1700)	11 (11)	61 (68)	Saturdays Sundays	12s: 13s: 14s 15s: 17s	11s	9s: 10s	200
Perth Junior Football Council	1400 (1300)	10 (10)	56 (53)	Sundays	11s: 13s: 15s: 17s	—	9s	—
South Fremantle Junior Football Council	1750 (1700)	12 (12)	69 (68)	Sundays	14s: 16s: 17s	12s	10s	450
Subiaco's Wanneroo Junior Football League	2800 (3100)	10 (10)	112 (124)	Saturdays Sundays	12s: 13s 14s: 15s: 17s	11s	9s: 10s	400
Swan Districts Junior Football Council	2000 (2200)	16 (16)	80 (87)	Saturdays Sundays	12s 13s: 15s: 17s	11s	9s: 10s	—
West Perth Junior Football Council	1800 (2400)	12 (15)	72 (94)	Saturdays Sundays	12s: 13s: 14s 15s: 17s	11s	9s: 10s	—
Hills Junior Football Association	850 (800)	9 (9)	26 (25)	Sundays	12s: 14s: 16s	—	9s	—
South Suburban Junior Football Association	2200 (1900)	11 (9)	90 (74)	Saturdays Sundays	8s: 13s: 15s 9s: 11s: 17s	—	—	—

NOTE: Club movements since last season are — Marist has gone from West Perth JFC to Claremont JFC. West Perth JFC's Balcatta has gone into recession and Tuart Hill has folded. Claremont JFC has lost South Scarborough which has disbanded. South Suburban has two new clubs, Kalamunda and Forrestdale.

LIST OF 1984 JUNIOR COUNCIL OFFICIALS

* means first term in position

	President/Chairman	Vice Presidents	Secretary/Manager	Treasurer	Registrar/Recorder	Umpires Advisor	Little League Manager
Claremont Junior Football Council	Monty Buttfield 384 0983	*John Summers *Win Jones	Peter Brazier 386 1969	Larry O'Reilly	Lindsay McKenna 448 2865	Barry Johnson 349 5991	*Gary Taylor 384 4743
East Fremantle Junior Football Council	Ted Minotti 364 1691	Peter Sheavyn	Ron Renfrey 339 3004	Frank McGrath	George Brunner 330 5950	Max Freeman 330 5341	Colin Frazer 459 7674
East Perth Junior Football Council	Bill Forrest 444 4619	Reg Wray Athol West	Colin Campbell 271 2339	*Athol West	Cec Coultas 271 6262	*John Marrapodi 271 7507	Graeme Drew 272 6779
Perth Junior Football Council	Murrie O'Halloran 451 3170	*Alan Sexton *George Robey	Kevin Johnstone 361 6576	Les Godrey	*Gordon Maconachie 361 2743	*Mike Fielder 362 2294	Ridley Plaisted 390 5841
South Fremantle Junior Football Council	Mick Moylan 418 5212	Kim Davey *Ian Atkins	Margaret Nellestyn 337 3218	Jack Dickson	Margaret Nellestyn 337 3218	*John Briffa 335 5960	Les Barry 330 3808
Subiaco's Wanneroo Junior Football League	*Trevor Barron 446 6383	*Colin Jackson	Bill Francis 446 1338	John Walker	Wally Edgar 8-12s Dale Sommers 13-17s	*Jim Turley 405 3529	Ron Tester 446 6196
Swan Districts Junior Football Council	Lindsay Johnston 294 2569	Jim Taylor Ron Payne	Diane Mervyn 279 2917	Eva Taylor	*Wayne Taylor 277 3004	Gary Drew 274 4782	Ron Williams 277 2982
West Perth Junior Football Council	George Vukman 349 7952	Tony Gerritsen *John Price	*Norm O'Neil 349 0950	*Norm O'Neil	Stella Gerritsen 342 4859	Graham Leckie 342 2092	Bert Dewar 444 3233
Hills Junior Football Association	Chris Catlin 299 7102	Colin Chitty Barry Shillingford	Betty Pratt 298 8791	Betty Pratt	Betty Pratt 298 8791	*Lance White 294 3554	—
South Suburban Junior Football Association	Don Loughton 390 6085	Greg Harper	Kevin McManus 459 2001	Kevin McManus	Terry Smith 459 3383	*Neil Renouf 390 6376	—

NOTE: Extra officials at East Fremantle JFC are Bill Reuter (Co-ordinator); Tony Nicholas (Country Liaison Officer); Val Timewell (Result Liaison Officer).
John Lister is the Publicity Officer at Perth JFC.
*Lloyd Smith is the Junior Council Administrator at West Perth JFC.
*John Mill is the Junior League Manager at Subiaco's Wanneroo JFL.



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Three players top the poll

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The trio naturally hold the early lead in the ratings — the best guide in WA to the form of all the players.

Players to earn eight were East Perth's Michael Christian, and John Scott, Subiaco's Greg Wilkinson, Neil Fotheringham and Clinton Brown, Claremont's Steve Malaxos, South Fremantle's Tony Amoroso, Brad Hardie and David Hart and Perth's Mark Washfold and Rhett Baynes.

East Fremantle

V	S
6	ALEXANDER, Ron
5	BROWNING, Clint
4r	BELLOTTI, John
5	BRENNAN, Michael
4r	BUKTENICA, Brett
4i	CASSIDY, Jeff
4	CLAESSEN, John
6	ELLIS, Shane
4	HARDING, Paul
5	HOULT, Glenn
7	JONES, Billy
4	KERR, Roger
4	KICKETT, Graham
6	RANKIN, David
3	STERRETT, Ray
5	VALLI, Mark
2	WATERSON, Colin
5	WAKE, Gavin
6	WILSON, Peter
7	WRENSTED, Murray

West Perth

V	P
2i	ADAMSON, Brian
9	ALDERTON, Rod
4	BENNETT, Malcolm
4	BRADMORE, Phil
4	CAMPBELL, Dean
7r	COMERFORD, Graeme
6	DAYMAN, Wayne
3r	FALCONER, Dean
5	FONG, Les
6	HENDRIKS, Geoff
5	KICKETT, Derek
5	MICHALCZYK, George
6	MIFKA, Paul
2	MOUNTAIN, Paul
6	NELSON, Craig
6	O'BRIEN, Mick
6	PERRIN, Brian
4	POLSON, Gordon
3	STEPHENS, Mark
5	WARWICK, Dean

Perth

V	WP
8	BAYNES, Rhett
4	CARTER, Lindsay
7	COUSINS, Bryan
3r	COLLIE, Paul
4	FANCOTE, Kim
2	GARBIN, Michael
4	HOOKE, Robbie
5	McGUIRE, Oral
6	MUMFORD, Harry
3	O'CONNELL, Peter
6	RICHARDSON, Lloyd
6	ROBERTS, Clinton
6	SIMMS, Wayne
5	SMITH, Glen
6	SPALDING, Earl
5	THOMSON, Geoff
3r	TURNER, Steve
8	WASHFOLD, Mark
4	WILEY, Robert
7	YORGEY, Brett

East Perth

V	SD
6	BARTLETT, Glen
5	CARPENTER, Greg
7	CAMPBELL, Grant
8	CHRISTIAN, Michael
4	COCKER, Shane
2r	DA RUI, Steven
4	DENNIS, Richard
5	DAWSON, Peter
4	FULLARTON, Brett
4	HIGGINS, Paul
5	KELLY, Lance
6	MORGAN, David
7	OTWAY, Wayne
6	PAPOTTO, Tony
7	SPENCER, Peter
6	SPARKS, Russell
5	SOLIN, Robert
2r	SMITH, Tom
8	SCOTT, John
6	WALSH, Greg
5	WILSON, Frank

Swan Districts

V	EP
4	ALLEN, Chris
6	BLACKABY, Ed
5	BRENTON, Leigh
3r	FARMER, Brett
3	HETHERINGTON, Kim
4	HUTTON, Brent
6	HOLMES, Don
3	HOYER, Craig
6	JOHNS, Michael
5	KIMBERLEY, Barry
6	LANGSFORD, Don
3	MARSHALL, Ken
2i	MAHER, Andrew
7	NARKLE, Keith
6	NEESHAM, Gerard
4	RANCE, Murray
4	RICHARDSON, Steve
7	SHINE, Brad
5	SARTORI, Peter
4	SOLIN, Tony
4	WARE, Peter

Claremont

V	SF
3	BARNS, Colin
6	DANIELS, Allen
4	DICKFOS, Michael
4	DAVIDSON, Peter
5	GOULDING, Steve
4	HARPER, Baden
2r	KICKETT, Larry
4	KANTHER, Lindsay
5	MALAXOS, Steve
5	MORTON, Noel
7	MITCHELL, Michael
6	MONTEATH, Bruce
4	MIERS, David
5	O'CONNELL, David
3	O'CONNELL, Mike
5	PANIZZA, Darrell
7	ROWE, Alan
4	STONE, Jeff
3	SMITH, Ray
7	WINNING, Dean

South Fremantle

V	C
8	AMOROSO, Tony
4	ARNOLD, Paul
7	BARRETT, Rod
6	CARTER, Noel
7	CARTER, Gavin
5	CORNELL, Kevin
5	DOROTICH, Jon
5	DOBSON, Glen
9	EDWARDS, Craig
4r	GRLJUSICH, Rod
8	HARDIE, Brad
6	HART, David
4	HAYES, John
5	MATERA, Wally
5	MOSCONI, Warren
6	MOUNT, Stephen
4r	ROE, Willie
7	VASOLI, Paul
3	VIGONA, Benny
5	WINMAR, Nicky

Subiaco

V	EF
5	BENGOUGH, John
8	BROWN, Clint
7	CRUTCHFIELD, Mike
9	FEATHERBY, Peter
8	FOTHERINGHAME, Neil
7	KEENE, Laurie
5	KELLY, Greg
5	LAMB, Dwayne
6	LAMB, Phil
7	LEISHMAN, Steve
6	QUICK, Barrie
7	REEVES, Ray
7	SCOTT, Phil
6	TAYLOR, Neil
3	TOWNSEND, John
5r	TUCKER, Ian
7	WARNER, Bevan
7	WALLWORK, Paul
8	WILKINSON, Greg
4r	WILSON, Paul



This Claremont player looks downfield for a lead during the R and I Little League match against South Fremantle.

SWANS STRONG IN JUNIORS

SWAN Districts scored the most convincing win in the R and I Little League matches on the weekend.

They proved far too strong for East Perth, amassing 3.3 (21) to the young Royals' 0.1 (1).

Strong contributors for Swans were Darren Moore, Jason Ninyette and Ernest Sharpe while East Perth's better players were Matthew Kendall, Santino Wan Cano and Steven Downton.

Claremont also recorded a strong win when they posted 2.3 (15) to South Fremantle's 1.0 (6).

Quinton Leach, Jamey Cook and Anthony Carpence led the way for the Tigers while South Fremantle's best players were Shayne Fellon, Peter Holland and John Fowler.

In a high scoring encounter Subiaco just fell over the line — beating East Fremantle 2.3 to 2.1.

The Lions had good players in

John Peck, Alan Brennan and Shane Skidmore while East Fremantle's best players were Peter Sheavyn, Paul Richards and David Poller.

Inaccuracy cost Perth their chance to open their account for 1984. They kicked four points while West Perth kicked a goal.

Ryan Campbell, Todd Zanich and matthew Stirling helped West Perth to score a victory and Perth had good players in Bradley Condon, Shane Ebstary and nathan Stewart.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	%	Pts
Swan Districts	2100	4
Claremont	250	4
West Perth	150	4
Subiaco	115	4
East Fremantle	87	—
Perth	67	—
South Fremantle	40	—
East Perth	5	—

JUNIOR BOARD

This season's WAFL Junior Council Board consists of seven junior council presidents and one vice president.

They are Trevor Barron of Subiaco (Proxy delegate in Colin Jackson), Murray O'Halloran of Perth (proxy George Robey), Mick Moylan of South Fremantle (Proxy Dom Ricci), East Fremantle's Ted Minotti, West Perth's George Vukman, East Perth's Bill Forrest, Claremont's Monty Buttfield and Swan Districts junior council vice president Jim Taylor.

The board chairman is Gerry Stokes and executive officer is Ross Davis. Meetings are held monthly.

At the last meeting Mrs Stella Gerritsen, last year's secretary/treasurer and registrar of the West Perth Junior Council, was elected as inter-districts co-ordinator.



North Beach JFC president Rod Mollett with club members.

PLAYERS NEEDED

North Beach Junior Football Club requires players to fill some of their teams.

Any boys in the North Beach, Carine, Karrinyup, North Scarborough and Sorrento areas looking for a regular game on Sundays are welcomed.

Boys from the ages of 8 to 16 wanting to join a club can contact club president Rod Mollett on 447 3909 for details. The club has provided some top footballers in recent years including Peter Featherby, Wayne Blackwell, Brett and Dean Farmer, Darren Klemm and Gary Tate.

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EXTRA PLAYERS ADDED TO TEAMS

SUBIACO coach Eddie Pitter was a happy man last Saturday, but it wasn't just because his young Lions had beaten East Fremantle by four points.

Pitter, the most experienced colts coach with 10 years behind him, had been trying for some time to introduce extra interchange players in the competition.

He arranged a meeting with all the other colts coaches to discuss ways of making the game better for colts players and he mooted the idea of having 22 players a side.

The other coaches agreed to the idea and Perth president George Spalding, who chaired the meeting, took the proposal to the WAFL's new board of Directors for approval.

The result was that last Saturday there were 44 players involved in each colts match.

Colts coaches have a difficult task keeping 30 players or so interested all season and now more players are to be given an opportunity.

ROYAL STARS

East Perth have a habit of producing top class players and one of the latest to emerge in the colts is rover Ozzie Dikoli. With Tony Papotto graduating to league ranks last Sunday, Dikoli did the bulk of the roving for East Perth and his performance helped the young Royals side to their first win of the season. Obviously Dikoli will be hoping he can follow in Papotto's footsteps and force his way into senior football. The Royals scored a convincing 29 point victory over Swans and it was Dikoli who did most to ensure his side took the points. He was always at the base of the packs getting the ball out and was creative in the forward line. Goal-kicking rovers are hard to find, but Dikoli used his creative wares to good effect in attack and he finished with five goals personally. East Perth are obviously excited about his potential and if he continues that sort of form he will rise quickly through the ranks.

LONG BREAK

Another innovation which was brought to the fore on Saturday was extending the half time break from 15 minutes to 20 minutes, giving the coaches more time to talk to players individually and instructing them.

The colts competition also saw the introduction of the two umpire system. Last year it operated with one umpire in control.

Pitter is one of the foremost authorities in WA on junior development and he was obviously overjoyed that his ideas had been approved.

FAMILY FLAVOUR

THE East Perth colts team has a flavour of authority about it.

Club president Mal Atwell has a son and a nephew involved in the side and both players look to have bright futures.

Mr Atwell's son, Trevor played colts last year and had a good season under coach Greg Henderson and this year he has been joined by his cousin Bruce, a product of the Royals newly claimed recruiting ground of Mundijong.



Sponsors of the CIG Shield High School competition.



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Champion Swan Districts ruckman, Peter Sartori tests his thigh muscles for strength and endurance on the revolutionary Cybex machine, at the Sports Medicine Centre of WA in Wembley, supervised by centre director Denis Boyd (centre) and Peter Hamer, sports physiotherapist.

New weekend injury treatment service

Country sports players now have access to on-the-spot specialist weekend treatment for injuries with the opening of the Sports Medicine Centre of WA on both Saturday and Sunday.

This means rather than delaying treatment and risk prolonging the injury, country players within a few hours drive of Perth can visit the centre where the injury can be assessed, tested and a programme devised for recovery.

In many cases the trip to Perth will be more convenient and effective than tracking down suitable treatment in the country, or spending hours waiting at a hospital casualty department.

"We can map out a recovery programme which the player can do at home. If necessary he can return test the injury recovery rate on our sophisticated equipment a week or two later," said chief physiotherapist Denis Boyd.

The Sports Medicine Centre of WA, located in the St John of God Hospital complex in Wembley, has the right facilities — including a gymnasium and therapy pool — to get players back on the road to recovery fast.

It also has the only Cybex machine in WA open to the public, which was installed a few weeks ago.

Cybex revolutionised sports testing in the US because it measures muscle and joint performance electronically and provides a paper print out that shows whether an injury is fully fit. It is considered the ultimate in testing and assessing problem or recurring injuries.

Cybex has gone a long way towards eliminating the risk of playing too soon after injury — a common problem for country coaches and players who don't have modern testing facilities.

Since its weekend service began the centre has treated a wide range of injuries — from muscles damaged in pre-season football games to a golfing wrist, even a skateboard fall.

"Through prompt appraisal, testing and advising on the correct exercises and techniques to speed up recovery, we can get rehabilitation started immediately. We can also provide specialist advice on recurring injuries — always a problem at this time of the year as winter sports resume," Denis Boyd said.

One advantage of the Sports Medicine Centre of WA is that injured players can go directly there for treatment. You don't need to be referred by a doctor and the treatment is covered by most medical insurance schemes.

Champ calls it a day

CHAMPION Royals ruck rover Robin Waugh has retired and will not be seen in action in the Southern Districts National Football League this season.

Waugh, a veteran of the club, has played a leading role in the history of the Lions, but injuries have taken their toll and he has decided not to front up again.

Throughout his career he set a magnificent example for the young players and was prepared to put something back into the game which gave him so much satisfaction.



Robin Waugh in the thick of things for Southern Districts in a Wesfarmers Country Football Championship

He was always available to umpire junior fixtures and attended coaching clinics regularly.

He will be sorely missed by Royals who are gearing up for a big season under coach Mike Reed, the last man to take them to a premiership.

Ditchburn the key

Kukerin, in their second season in the Central Great Southern National Football League, will be looking to former Claremont and Carlton star Ross Ditchburn to lift them up the ladder.

Ross Ditchburn

Ditchburn, who played 110 games with the Tigers before returning to his farm in 1981, spent just one season with his country club before being recruited by Carlton.

He had two successful years with the Blues kicking 90 goals in 30 games and playing an important role in the club's premiership in his first season of VFL football.

Although he was knocked out early in the grand final he provided Carlton with a sure avenue to goal at full-forward throughout the year — kicking 12 goals in one match.

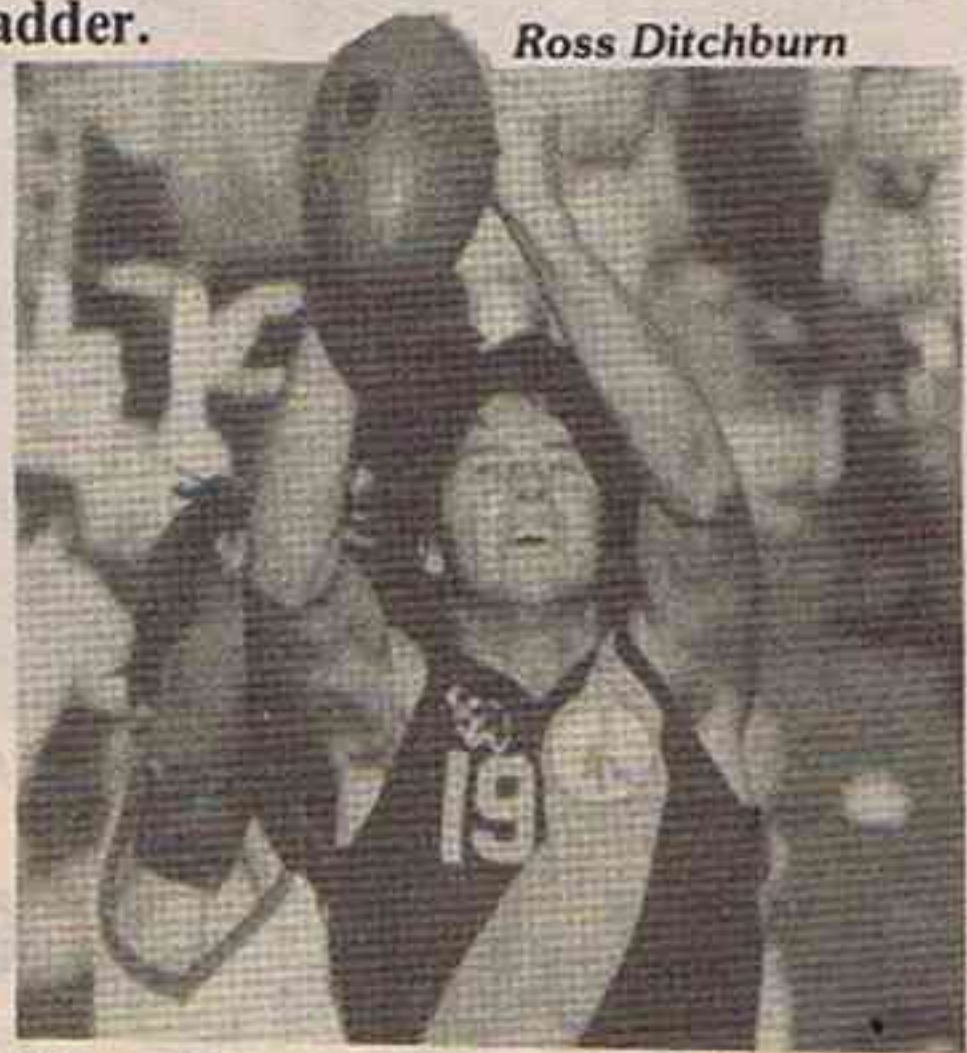
Obviously the competition's defenders are going to have many problems trying to curb the influence of the brilliant captain-coach.

He will probably play at centre-half-forward, the position in which he had most success with Claremont.

Kukerin could also receive a boost if recently retired Claremont defender Tom Pearce decides to pull on his boots in his old country town.

Pearce stamped himself as one of the toughest and most capable backmen in the WAFL before crippling injuries took their toll.

Defending premiers Wanderers should again be a strength in the competition although they have lost the services of captain coach Alan Campbell, full-back



Wayne Hams and wingman Phil Coxon. They have recruited well and are hungry for a second success after breaking a 15-year premiership drought last season.

The other Katanning team, Australs look much the same as last year, but they are keen to improve on their third position.

Kojonup are always a force in the competition and when the new season opens on April 29 they will begin their quest to return to the premiership list.

Tambellup, Gnowangerup and Dumbleyung are still looking for coaches for 1984 and their destiny will not be known until this problem is solved.

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South West just survive

AMATEUR NEWS



A combined South West side survived a torrid last quarter fightback to defeat the WA Amateur Football League in Bunbury last Sunday.

Trailing by 11 points at three-quarter time, the amateurs put everything into their last quarter assault, eventually going down by one point.

Scores were level at the first change after both sides started at a stinging pace. By half time the amateurs had slipped away to an 11-point lead and this would have been far greater had it not been for their inaccurate kicking for goal.

A seven-goal burst in the third term put the South West back in business. It was the dominating role of the small brigade which swung the game back for the South West.

Former East Fremantle rover Alf Shiosaki was a tireless worker for the South West and roved brilliantly to a ruck dominated by Ray Davies.

Roger Steinepries (on a wing) and Neal Fong (centre) provided an efficient springboard into attack for the amateurs.

However, apart from patches of good work from Steve Cronan and Chris Ehlers in the forward area the South West backline was difficult to penetrate. Gavin Thornton, at centre-half-back for South West, was a stumbling block all day.

The amateur side suffered a severe blow early in the game when All-Australian amateur, and captain of the side, John Price left the ground with a broken collarbone.

SWNFL	3.3	5.3	12.5	13.6	84
WAAFL	3.3	6.8	8.8	12.11	83

GOAL SCORERS: WAAFL: S. Cronan 4.2; C. Ehlers 3.1; C. Mathews 2.1; B. Dunn 1.0; M. McKinnon 1.0; R. Steinepries 1.0.

BEST: SWNFL: Gavin Thornton, Alf Shiosaki, Ray Davies, Kevin Williams, Richie Harris, Vic Peos. WAAFL: Roger Steinepries, Neale Fong, Nick Stanisis, Ian Moustaka, Steve Cronan, Chris Ehlers.



Amateurs centre half forward Chris Ehlers gets his kick away despite pressure from South West full back Kevin Williams, during the thrilling curtain raiser to last Sunday's historic league fixture. Watching on is amateur full forward and Mt Lawley fast bowler Chris Matthews.

A GRADE & A COLTS FIXTURES 14 APRIL 1984

CBC v Wembley, Fremantle Oval
Mount Lawley v Trinity-Aquinas, Inglewood Oval
Old Wesley v North Beach, Bassendean Oval
Nollamara v Scarborough, Perth Oval

Last season's Premiers

- A-grade — Mt Lawley
- A-colts — Wembley
- B-grade — Scarborough
- B-colts — Scarborough
- C-grade — Carlisle
- D-grade — Dianella
- E-grade — University No. 3
- F-grade — Churchlands
- G-grade — Applecross
- H-grade — Mt Lawley No. 3
- I-grade — A.I.C.A. No. 2
- J-grade — A.N.Z. (inaugural year)
- K-grade — Dianella No. 3
- Sunday — A.I.C.A.

THANKS

THE WAAFL wishes to thank the SWNFL president Bernie Cunningham and secretary Ray Kelly for their assistance.

The amateurs were sponsored with dress shorts supplied through Greenwood Sports, Greenwood Shopping Centre and provided with refreshments by long time supporters, Sunny Citrus.



A round-up from the West Australian Amateur Football League.

CHANGES AND AMALGAMATIONS

As the new season draws near we find that several clubs have joined forces to form new clubs.

A-graders Old Scotch and Collegians have merged to form what should be a powerful combination under the banner of Collegians/Old Scotch. Two B-grade clubs, Floreat-Marist (themselves a combination of the former Floreat Park and Marist Old Boys) and City Beach have joined to form the new

club West Coast.

Robbs Jetty "Warriors" have changed their name to Cockburn Lakes to cover a wider area.

AICA (Australian Italian Cultural Assoc.), one of amateurs youngest and most successful clubs, have incorporated the title Northbridge into their name.

ARNOTT IS NEW STATE COACH

FORMER West Perth utility player Steve Arnott has been appointed State amateur coach for 1984.

With an important game against the South Australian Amateur State team this year his coaching skills will be tested.

Starting with Collingwood Reserves (1967-68), then with Melbourne (1969), he joined West Perth, playing 50 league games.

He was a member of the Falcons 1971 premiership team, supporting the great "Polly" Farmer in the ruck.

In 1975 he joined Sunday league team Wanneroo, coaching them into the 1976 grand final.

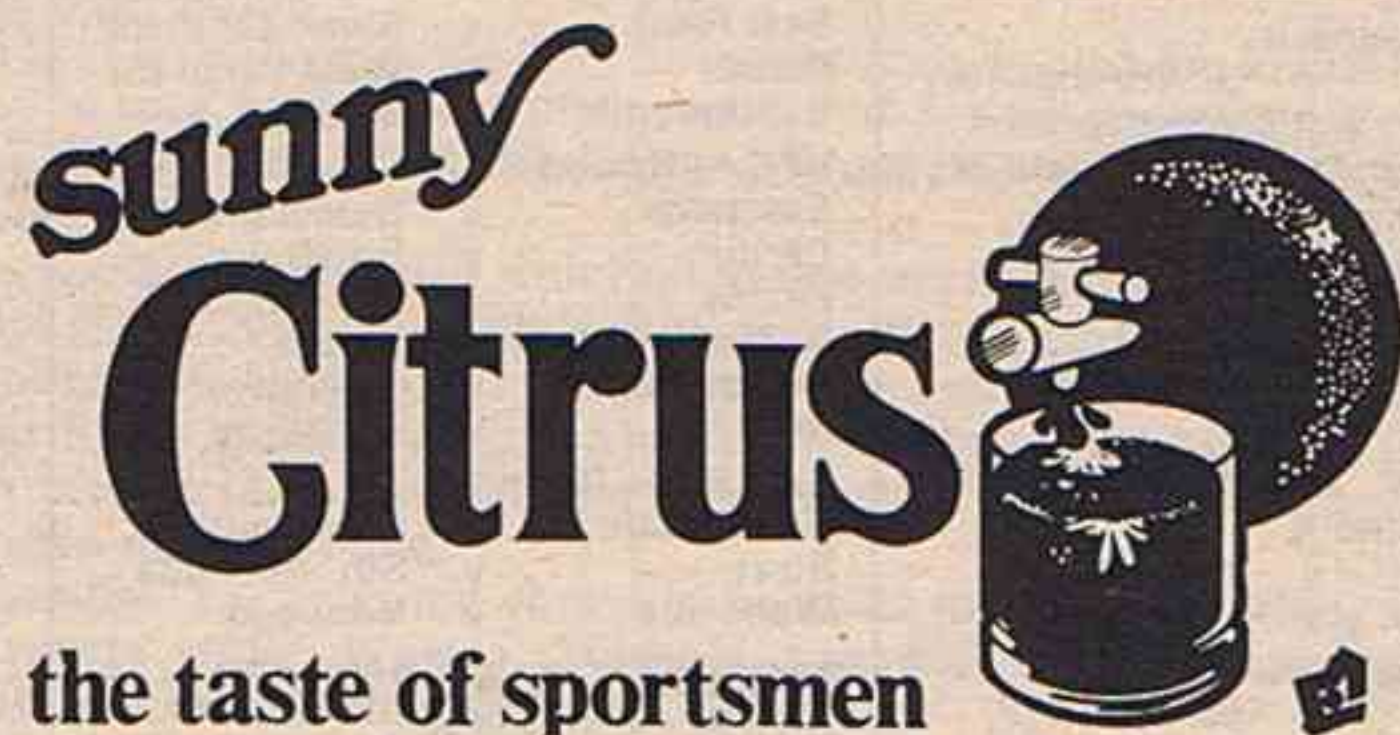
From 1978 to 1981 he was in charge of amateur A-grade team Old Wesley (grand finalists 1980).

STATE SELECTORS

State selectors for the 1984 programme are Neil Browne, Ray Snell and Nick Belyea.

The WAAFL, in a new innovation, has appointed another panel to watch senior and lower graded teams for potential State players. The panel includes: Doug Frame, Kevin O'Keefe, John Davies, Bill Payne, Malcolm Murray, Bill James, Colin Tincknell.

Don Baker has been reappointed as State team manager for his third term.



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Budget National Fixtures and Results

All home teams mentioned first.
 KEY - (S) = Subiaco, (P) = VFL Park,
 (SS) = Sydney Cricket Ground,
 (W) = Football Park, Westlakes, Adelaide.

W.A.F.L. - Round 1
 S. Frem. 24.12, Claremont 18.15.
 W. Perth 15.11, Perth 18.18.
 Subiaco 21.16, E. Fremantle 11.19.

VFL - Round 1
 N. Melb. 9.8, Carlton 31.15 (P).
 Footscray 18.14, Richmond 11.17.
 Geelong 23.10, Fitzroy 15.9.
 C'Wood 18.12, Melb. 15.17.
 Hawthorn 17.22, Swans 13.11.
 St. Kilda 14.18, Essendon 19.20.

SANFL - Round 1
 Sturt 23.7, Norwood 18.12 (W).
 Port Adel. 19.14, South Adel. 15.7.
 West Torr. 14.12, Woodville 26.16.
 Glenelg 12.15, Central Dist. 13.12.

SUNDAY APRIL 1
W.A.F.L. - Round 1
 Swans 16.17, E. Perth 19.13 (Bun.).

SANFL - Round 1
 West Adel. 13.15, Nth. Adel. 12.14.

THIS WEEKEND'S NATIONAL FIXTURES

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
W.A.F.L. - Round 2
 Claremont v Swan Districts
 East Perth v West Perth
 Perth v Subiaco
 E. Fremantle v S. Fremantle

VFL - Round 2
 Geelong v Footscray (P)
 Essendon v Hawthorn
 Fitzroy v Carlton
 Collingwood v St. Kilda
 Richmond v Nth. Melbourne

SANFL - Round 2
 Port Adelaide v W. Adelaide (W)
 Central Dist. v Norwood
 Glenelg v Sturt
 Woodville v South Adelaide

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
VFL - Round 2
 Swans v Melbourne (SS)

SANFL - Round 2
 Nth. Adelaide v West Torrens

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
W.A.F.L. - Round 3
 West Perth v Subiaco
 Claremont v East Fremantle
 S. Fremantle v S. Districts (S)
 Perth v East Perth

VFL - Round 3
 Fitzroy v Richmond (P)
 Carlton v Geelong
 Essendon v Collingwood
 Melbourne v Hawthorn
 N. Melbourne v Footscray
 St. Kilda v Swans

SANFL - Round 3
 Glenelg v S. Adelaide (W)
 Central Dist. v West Torrens
 Norwood v West Adelaide
 Nth. Adelaide v Sturt

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
SANFL - Round 3
 Port Adelaide v Woodville

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
W.A.F.L. - Round 4
 E. Fremantle v West Perth
 Subiaco v Claremont

VFL - Round 4
 Melbourne v Essendon (P)
 Collingwood v Swans
 Richmond v Carlton

SANFL - Round 4
 Norwood v N. Adelaide (W)
 Sturt v Port
 West Torrens v Glenelg
 W. Adelaide v Sth. Adelaide
 Woodville v Central Districts

MONDAY, APRIL 23
W.A.F.L. - Round 4
 East Perth v Sth. Fremantle
 Swan Districts v Perth

VFL - Round 4
 Fitzroy v Footscray
 Hawthorn v St. Kilda
 Geelong v Nth. Melbourne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
VFL - Round 5
 Carlton v Collingwood (P)
 Richmond v Essendon

SANFL - Round 5
 W. Adelaide v Sturt (W)
 Sth. Adelaide v Norwood

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
W.A.F.L. - Round 5
 S. Fremantle v Perth
 S. Districts v East Fremantle
 West Perth v Claremont
 Subiaco v East Perth

VFL - Round 5
 Footscray v Hawthorn
 N. Melbourne v Melbourne
 St. Kilda v Geelong

SANFL - Round 5
 Glenelg v Woodville (W)
 Port Adelaide v West Torrens
 Nth. Adelaide v Central Districts

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
VFL - Round 5
 Swans v Fitzroy (SS)

FRIDAY, MAY 4 (NIGHT)
SANFL - Round 6
 Port Adelaide v Norwood (W)

SATURDAY, MAY 5
W.A.F.L. - Round 6
 West Perth v Sth. Fremantle
 Subiaco v Swan Districts
 Claremont v East Perth
 E. Fremantle v Perth

VFL - Round 6
 Hawthorn v Richmond (P)
 Carlton v St. Kilda
 Collingwood v Nth. Melbourne
 Fitzroy v Essendon
 Footscray v Swans
 Melbourne v Geelong

SANFL - Round 6
 W. Torrens v Sturt (W)
 Central Dist. v Sth. Adelaide
 Glenelg v West Adelaide
 N. Adelaide v Woodville

SATURDAY, MAY 12
W.A.F.L. - Round 7
 S. Fremantle v Subiaco
 S. Districts v West Perth
 Perth v Claremont
 East Perth v E. Fremantle (S)

VFL - Round 7
 N. Melbourne v St. Kilda (P)
 Essendon v Footscray
 Geelong v Collingwood
 Hawthorn v Fitzroy
 Melbourne v Carlton

SANFL - Round 7
 Port Adelaide v Glenelg (W)
 Norwood v West Torrens
 Sturt v Woodville
 N. Adelaide v Sth. Adelaide
 West Adelaide v Central Districts

SUNDAY, MAY 13
VFL - Round 7
 Swans v Richmond (SS)

TUESDAY, MAY 15
SANFL - Round 7
 SANFL v VFL (W)

SATURDAY, MAY 19
W.A.F.L. - Round 8
 Claremont v Sth. Fremantle
 East Perth v Swan Districts
 Perth v West Perth (S)
 E. Fremantle v Subiaco

VFL - Round 8
 Essendon v Geelong (P)
 Carlton v Hawthorn
 Fitzroy v Melbourne
 N. Melbourne v Swans
 Richmond v Collingwood
 St. Kilda v Footscray

SANFL - Round 8
 N. Adelaide v Glenelg (W)
 Sturt v Sth. Adelaide
 Woodville v Norwood

MONDAY, MAY 21
SANFL - Round 8
 West Adelaide v W. Torrens (W)
 Port Adelaide v Central Districts

SATURDAY, MAY 26
W.A.F.L. - Round 9
 Swan Districts v Sth. Fremantle
 Subiaco v West Perth
 E. Fremantle v Claremont
 East Perth v Perth

VFL - Round 9
 Footscray v Melbourne (P)
 Collingwood v Fitzroy
 Essendon v Carlton
 Hawthorn v Nth. Melbourne
 Richmond v St. Kilda

SANFL - Round 9
 Central Dist. v Sturt (W)
 Glenelg v Norwood
 Port Adelaide v Nth. Adelaide
 W. Adelaide v Woodville

SUNDAY, MAY 27
VFL - Round 9
 Swans v Geelong (SS)

SANFL - Round 9
 W. Torrens v Sth. Adelaide

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
W.A.F.L. - Round 10
 S. Districts v Claremont
 Subiaco v Perth

VFL - Round 10
 St. Kilda v Fitzroy (P)
 Footscray v Collingwood
 Geelong v Hawthorn
 Melbourne v Richmond
 N. Melbourne v Essendon

SANFL - Round 10
 W. Adelaide v N. Adelaide (W)
 Central Dist. v Glenelg
 Norwood v Sturt
 W. Torrens v Woodville

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
VFL - Round 10
 Swans v Carlton (SS)

SANFL - Round 10
 S. Adelaide v Port Adelaide

MONDAY, JUNE 4
W.A.F.L. - Round 10
 West Perth v East Perth
 S. Fremantle v East Fremantle

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
W.A.F.L. - Round 11
 (No local W.A.F.L. and SANFL fixtures).

VFL - Round 11
 Essendon v Swans
 Richmond v Geelong
 St. Kilda v Melbourne

MONDAY, JUNE 11
VFL - Round 11
 Collingwood v Hawthorn (P)
 Carlton v Footscray
 Fitzroy v Nth. Melbourne

SANFL - Round 11
 Sturt v N. Adelaide (W)
 S. Adelaide v Glenelg
 W. Torrens v Central Districts
 W. Adelaide v Norwood
 Woodville v Port Adelaide

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 (NIGHT)
SANFL - Round 12
 S. Adelaide v W. Adelaide (W)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
W.A.F.L. - Round 11
 Perth v Swan Districts
 Claremont v Subiaco
 S. Fremantle v East Perth
 West Perth v E. Fremantle (S)

VFL - Round 12
 Carlton v Fitzroy (P)
 Footscray v Geelong
 Hawthorn v Essendon
 Melbourne v Swans
 N. Melbourne v Richmond
 St. Kilda v Collingwood

SANFL - Round 12
 Sturt v P. Adelaide (W)
 Central Dist. v Woodville
 Glenelg v West Torrens
 N. Adelaide v Norwood

SATURDAY, JUNE 23
W.A.F.L. - Round 12
 Perth v Sth. Fremantle
 E. Fremantle v Swan Districts
 West Perth v Claremont (S)
 East Perth v Subiaco

VFL - Round 13
 Footscray v Nth. Melb. (P)
 Collingwood v Essendon
 Geelong v Carlton
 Hawthorn v Melbourne
 Richmond v Fitzroy

SANFL - Round 13
 P. Adelaide v W. Torrens (W)
 Glenelg v Woodville
 Norwood v Sth. Adelaide
 N. Adelaide v Central Districts

SUNDAY, JUNE 24
VFL - Round 13
 Swans v St. Kilda (SS)

SANFL - Round 13
 Sturt v West Adelaide

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
W.A.F.L. - Round 13
 S. Fremantle v West Perth (S)
 Swan Districts v Subiaco
 East Perth v Claremont
 Perth v East Fremantle

VFL - Round 14
 Essendon v Melbourne (P)
 Carlton v Richmond
 Footscray v Fitzroy
 N. Melbourne v Geelong
 St. Kilda v Hawthorn

SANFL - Round 14
 S. Adelaide v Woodville (W)
 P. Adelaide v West Adelaide
 Sturt v Glenelg
 W. Torrens v Nth. Adelaide

SUNDAY, JULY 1
VFL - Round 14
 Swans v C'wood (SS)

SANFL - Round 14
 Central Dist. v Norwood

FRIDAY, JULY 6 (NIGHT)
SANFL - Round 15
 N. Adelaide v Woodville (W)

SATURDAY, JULY 7
W.A.F.L. - Round 14
 Subiaco v Sth. Fremantle
 West Perth v Swan Districts
 Claremont v Perth
 E. Fremantle v East Perth

VFL - Round 15
 Collingwood v Carlton (P)
 Essendon v Richmond
 Fitzroy v Swans
 Geelong v St. Kilda
 Hawthorn v Footscray
 Melbourne v Nth. Melbourne

SANFL - Round 15
 Norwood v Pt. Adelaide (W)
 S. Adelaide v Central Districts
 Sturt v West Torrens
 W. Adelaide v Glenelg

SATURDAY, JULY 14
W.A.F.L. - Round 15
 S. Fremantle v Claremont
 Swan Districts v East Perth
 West Perth v Perth
 Subiaco v East Fremantle

VFL - Round 16
 Richmond v Hawthorn (P)
 Essendon v Fitzroy

SANFL - Round 16
 Central Dist. v W. Adelaide (W)
 S. Adelaide v Nth. Adelaide
 P. Adelaide v Glenelg
 W. Torrens v Norwood

SUNDAY, JULY 15
VFL - Round 16
 Swans v Footscray (SS)

SANFL - Round 16
 Woodville v Sturt

FRIDAY, JULY 20 (NIGHT)
 Sturt v Cent. Dist. (W)

SATURDAY, JULY 21
W.A.F.L. - Round 16
 Claremont v S. Districts (S)
 East Perth v West Perth
 Perth v Subiaco
 E. Fremantle v Sth. Fremantle

VFL - Round 16
 Geelong v Melbourne
 N. Melbourne v Collingwood
 St. Kilda v Carlton

SANFL - Round 17
 P. Adelaide v N. Adelaide (W)
 S. Adelaide v West Torrens
 Norwood v Glenelg
 W. Adelaide v Woodville

TUESDAY, JULY 17
W.A.F.L. - Round 17
 SANFL v VFL (S)

SATURDAY, JULY 28
W.A.F.L. - Round 17
 S. Fremantle v Swan Districts
 West Perth v Subiaco
 Claremont v E. Fremantle (S)
 Perth v East Perth

VFL - Round 17
 St. Kilda v N. Melb. (P)
 Carlton v Melbourne
 Collingwood v Geelong
 Fitzroy v Hawthorn
 Footscray v Essendon
 Richmond v Swans

SANFL - Round 18
 W. Adelaide v W. Torrens (W)
 S. Adelaide v Sturt
 Central Dist. v Port Adelaide
 Norwood v Woodville

SUNDAY, JULY 29
SANFL - Round 18
 Glenelg v Nth. Adelaide

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
W.A.F.L. - Round 18
 Swan Districts v Perth (S)
 Claremont v Subiaco
 East Perth v Sth. Fremantle
 E. Fremantle v West Perth

VFL - Round 18
 Geelong v Essendon (P)
 Collingwood v Richmond
 Footscray v St. Kilda
 Hawthorn v Carlton
 Melbourne v Fitzroy

SANFL - Round 19
 S. Adelaide v Pt. Adel. (W)
 N. Adelaide v West Adelaide

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
VFL - Round 18
 Swans v Nth. Melb. (SS)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
W.A.F.L. - Round 19
 S. Fremantle v Perth

Swan Districts v E. Fremantle
 Claremont v West Perth
 Subiaco v East Perth

VFL - Round 19
 Fitzroy v Collingwood (P)
 Carlton v Essendon
 Geelong v Swans
 Melbourne v Footscray
 N. Melbourne v Hawthorn
 St. Kilda v Richmond

SANFL - Round 19
 Central Dist. v Glenelg (W)
 Sturt v Norwood
 Woodville v W. Torrens

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
W.A.F.L. - Round 20
 West Perth v Sth. Fremantle
 Subiaco v Swan Districts
 Claremont v East Perth
 E. Fremantle v Perth

VFL - Round 20
 Hawthorn v Geelong (P)
 Carlton v Swans
 Collingwood v Footscray
 Essendon v Nth. Melbourne
 Fitzroy v St. Kilda
 Richmond v Melbourne

SANFL - Round 20
 W. Torrens v Cent. Dist. (W)
 Glenelg v Sth. Adelaide
 Sturt v Nth. Adelaide
 Woodville v Port Adelaide

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
SANFL - Round 20
 Norwood v West Adelaide

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 (NIGHT)
SANFL - Round 21
 Glenelg v W. Torrens (W)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
W.A.F.L. - Round 21
 S. Fremantle v Subiaco
 Swan Districts v West Perth
 Perth v Claremont
 East Perth v E. Fremantle

VFL - Round 21
 Melbourne v St. Kilda (P)
 Footscray v Carlton
 Geelong v Richmond
 Hawthorn v Collingwood
 N. Melbourne v Fitzroy

SANFL - Round 21
 Central Dist. v Woodville (W)
 S. Adelaide v West Adelaide
 Norwood v Nth. Adelaide
 P. Adelaide v Sturt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
VFL - Round 21
 Swans v Essendon (SS)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
W.A.F.L. - 1st Semi Final
VFL - Round 22
 Richmond v Footscray (P)
 Carlton v Nth. Melbourne
 Essendon v St. Kilda
 Fitzroy v Geelong
 Melbourne v Collingwood

SANFL - Round 22
 S. Adelaide v Norwood (W)
 Central Dist. v Nth. Adelaide
 W. Torrens v Port Adelaide
 W. Adelaide v Sturt
 Woodville v Glenelg

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
SANFL - Round 22
 Swans v Hawthorn (SS)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
W.A.F.L. - 2nd Semi Final
VFL - Finals
 Qualifying Final
 2nd team v Third team
 Elimination Final
 4th Team v 5th Team

SANFL - Round 22
 Elimination Final

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SANFL - Round 22
 Qualifying Final.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
W.A.F.L. - Preliminary Final
VFL - Finals
 First Semi Final
 Second Semi Final

SANFL - Round 22
 First Semi Final

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
SANFL - Round 22
 Second Semi Final

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
W.A.F.L. - Grand Final
VFL - Preliminary Final

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
SANFL - Preliminary Final.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
VFL - Grand Final

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
SANFL - Grand Final

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What a great sight for the WAFL — 3 teams that were onlookers during the 1983 final round now in the top four.

SENSATIONAL

...that's the only way to describe the start

THE opening round of fixtures was nothing short of sensational for the forthcoming WAFL season.

- **PERTH**, who have been a disaster for several seasons, showed great team cohesion and ability to beat the Falcons.
- **SUBIACO** played a great brand of football to defeat a disappointing Sharks.
- **SOUTH FREMANTLE'S** eclipse of last year's grand finalists, Claremont.

If those results were not pleasing enough for the new Board, then the Royals' magnificent team display against last year's premiers, Swan Districts in the first country game, at Bunbury, would have had them smiling like the proverbial cat that swallowed the canary.

The emergence of new players in Glyn Dobson, David Hart and Tony Amoroso for the Bulldogs, Lloyd Richardson, Geoff Thomson and Kim Fancote for the Demons, Paul Mifka, Derek Kickett for the Falcons and Barrie Quick and Paul Wallwork for the Lions has already created a new interest for football followers.

But the biggest bouquet must go to the Royals and their coach Greg Brehaut.

They were superb, especially Michael Christian and John Scott. As the game went on, the difference was those two-

WAFL						
	P	W	L	For	Agst	%
Subiaco	1	1	0	142	85	167.06
South Frem	1	1	0	156	123	126.83
Perth	1	1	0	126	101	124.75
East Perth	1	1	0	127	113	112.39
Swan Dist	1	0	1	113	127	88.98
West Perth	1	0	1	101	126	80.16
Claremont	1	0	1	123	156	78.85
East Frem	1	0	1	85	142	59.86

pint sized Royal rovers, Wayne Otway and Tony Papotto.

Otway was brilliant; he showed how important getting under packs and feeding the ball out is. Papotto gave senior football his first indication of what this young rover will do in the future and he has the ability to be a top class player.

I hope the league has studied this week's fixtures and immediately set into motion a continual marketing operation, promoting what will turn out to be the best football season for a decade.


Well done!

LAST Saturday's game at Subiaco Oval was of great importance to one of their outstanding players, Brian Taylor.

A brilliant rover, he was sidelined for the 1983 season with a serious groin injury. Subiaco need his pace and ball skill and it was great to see him get through the reserves game.

He will add even more bit to a most impressive Subiaco.

Dorro's Diary



By Grant Dorrington

WHO NEEDS ERRORS?

ON last Sunday's World of Sport on Channel 7 it amazed me to see how much time was spent highlighting mistakes.

Surely to promote the game — and therefore assist Channel 7 to make the programme rate — a positive approach should be the key word.

The ABC show The Winners could probably find as many errors in the VFL games if they wanted to. But the VFL never degrades its own game.

Let's hope that Channel 7 can adopt a similar approach.

WHERE TO NOW?

WATCHING Peter Avery kick 10 goals for the West Perth reserves last Saturday against the Demons only confused me and many other critics, even further.

Last season Avery played league football with limited success although showing glimpses of ability at times. Each time I saw him he was dominating the reserves where he constantly kicked high scores.

If he is too good for reserves, but not good enough for league then West Perth would save a great deal of media and supporter conjecture by releasing him to another club.

If Avery has future potential for the Falcons, then he needs to be persevered with for four or five weeks, giving him a chance to develop the most important personal trait all players need for success — confidence. You don't get that playing reserves.

WELL DONE GREG!

THE appointment of Greg Walsh as captain of the Royals will turn out to be one of the most important decisions made by the club.

Walsh exemplifies all the aspects coach Greg Brehaut will be trying to instil in the young Royals. He is an unspectacular, no-nonsense player who has had to overcome a serious back injury to play each season.

His greatest contribution to East Perth has been his self-discipline and character. He has enormous respect from all players with that rare ability to extract that "little extra effort" from his team-mates.

When you consider that Greg has gone from being considered as a player of little value at the start of 1983, to club captain, he has definitely made some of his critics eat their words.

WESTSIDE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Over the summer months I received a very surprising request as to when Westside Football would be hitting the streets again.

The unusual thing about it was that the call came from Canada.

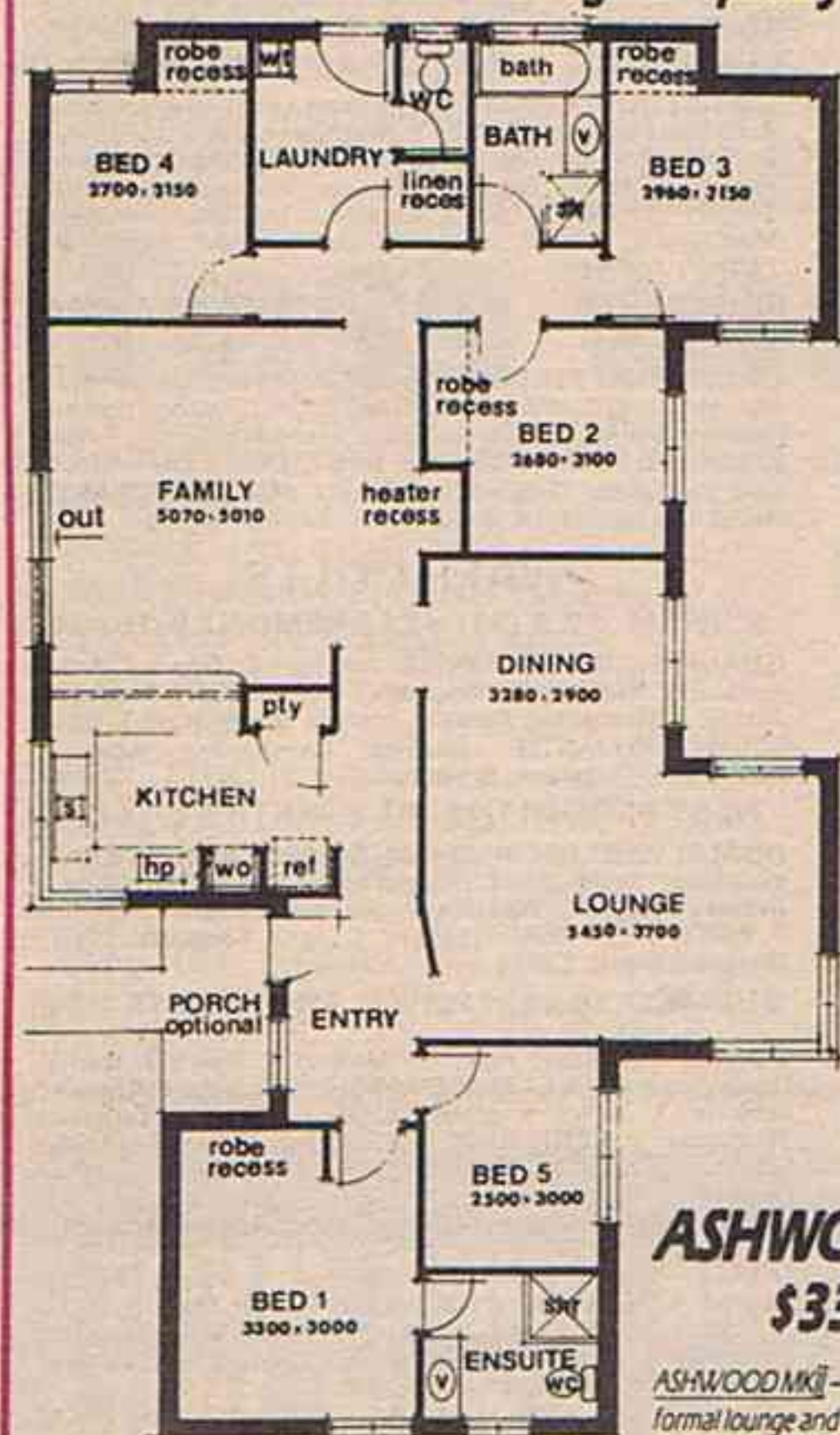
Former Maylands Rams A-grade amateur player Wayne Moyle, now a permanent resident in Vernon British Columbia Canada receives Westside Football every week. He has indicated it is a great way for him to keep up with the game he loves.



Greg Walsh, an excellent choice as skipper and he will prove to be a good leader. The young players at the club can't help but admire him.

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