



East Perth's John Scott was in the money last week when he became the first man to kick a double figure goal tally this season. He won a \$100 bonus from Peter Jackson for his effort. See page 7.

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query about
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Cam Shepherd limping his way down the road to recovery.



BY
GARY STOCKS

BRILLIANT Perth centreman Cam Shepherd is set to prove medical experts and football sceptics wrong.

Shepherd was told to forget about the 1984 season when he shattered his left ankle in a pre-season practice match.

X-rays taken last Friday revealed that all the bones were in place and Shepherd is now aiming at taking the field for the final series of matches.

"I won't play unless it is right," Shepherd says. "And even then I doubt if I will risk it for the sake of six or seven games unless Perth look like playing in the finals.

"If we aren't in with a chance, I will rest it for the entire season."

Shepherd expects the leg to be in plaster for another three weeks and doctors say it will be another 13 weeks of intensive work before the ankle would be able to stand up to the rigours of league football.

"But they are pessimistic", Shepherd says. "I will do everything possible to make sure I'm fit."

It has been frustrating for Shepherd to be sitting on the boundary line watching his side in the opening two games of the season.

He is vital to the Perth cause and it has been particularly difficult for him to cope with the injury because until that fateful day just over a month ago he had only missed two games in his whole career.

Falcons after VFL forward

WEST Perth are on another VFL recruiting drive.

This time they are chasing a 193cm (6ft 4in) centre-half-forward from Fitzroy who has played just one senior game with the Lions in two years.

Rod Lewis broke down in a practice match on the eve of the 1982 season with a knee injury and decided to wait 18 months until it healed completely.

He made his comeback mid-way through last year, but the Lions had unearthed another young centre-half-forward and Lewis was told that his services were no longer required.

The 23-year-old then applied for a clearance to Richmond, but Fitzroy showed no interest in releasing him to another VFL club.

Lewis was a player of tremendous potential before breaking down and he could be a valuable acquisition for the Falcons. he played 31 games from 1980 to 1982.

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With Kim Hagdorn

Spencer out in the cold?

WHAT does Peter Spencer have to do to gain the recognition of East Perth officials?

Spencer is the epitome of excellence and the trend-setter in tenacity in the Royals camp.

The 1976 Sandover Medallist goes through sheer hell just to take the field each week. He wears more padding to protect old injuries than some cricketers do to face pace bowling.

Yet he seems to have that added burden each week of trying to impress the Royals' vote casters.

Fifty possessions in a game of football is an incredible performance by anyone's standards.

But after doing that against the

Falcons last week he failed to gain a mention at the club presentations for his mercurial and herculean effort.

Even in presenting the little champion a momento for his 150th game for the club there was no mention of his courage, high standards of personal excellence and magnificent club spirit.

It seems seven clubs are more appreciative of his fine football skills than his own.

Come on East Perth, recognise a true champion and make him feel part of your great tradition.

Just a name

WE CALL it Aussie-Rules, but reading through the Budget before the East Perth-West Perth game last week, one might have thought they were at the soccer. Names such as Da Rui, Papotto, Michalczyk, Fong, Bogunovich, Mifka and Gastevich are hardly of Australian origin.

Actually very few of us are of true Aussie origin.

But West Perth's Tammin recruit, Derek Kickett, can certainly lay claim to that distinction.

What's more he has mastered the skills of our national game with fine tuning. He showed patches of real 'Rioli' magic.

Scrap this rule

INCONSISTENT umpiring decisions have been a major problem in football since the day this great game began.

Although there are a number of interpretations to all rules in the game, one seems a complete contradiction to a basic 'skill' of defensive play.

The rule governing a player's deliberate attempt to force the ball over the boundary line when in defence needs cleaning up.

For decades coaches have instructed defenders "... when in doubt play toward the boundary line".

This would indicate that every time a backman plays toward the white line and it goes out of play, he has acted with premeditated deliberation.

Under the rules a free kick must be given.

Umpires have a difficult enough job controlling the pace of league football without having to issue a free kick for one of the skills of the game.

I say scrap the rule altogether.

In the East Perth-West Perth clash at

Perth Oval last week there were several blatant incidents of 'basic defensive football', resulting in backmen running the ball out of play.

In most cases the effort was applauded by team-mates and supporters, while free kicks were called for by opposition followers.

Only once did the man in white award a free kick for the action, resulting in a goal to the Royals.

The same luxury did not go the way of the Falcons when they were 15 metres from goal just before the half-time break.

This prompted the gentleman of WA sport, Dennis Cometti, to speak at length to the two men in control of the game as they walked from the ground.

The action of playing the ball toward the boundary is good football skill and too difficult for the umpires to correctly police.

Do away with it!



YOUNG STAR

YOUNG East Perth defender David Morgan had everything under control when he came up against West Perth skipper Les Fong last week. Morgan, who will be remembered as the man Stephen Michael flattened when he made his league debut last year, was a solid player for the Royals and he managed to have the upper hand in this passage last week. Fong was again one of the few Falcons players to contribute for four quarters.

BRIEF SETBACK

PERTH coach Ian Miller isn't one to dwell on disappointments. He was quite shattered by his team's inept effort against Subiaco last week, but he told players and members on Saturday night that they only had a few more hours to dwell on the problems of the day. "At midnight we forget about today and start planning to beat East Perth next week," he said.

DEMON DUO

A LOT of people at the Perth-Subiaco match might have overlooked the efforts of Demons duo Robert Wiley and Bryan Cousins last week against Subiaco. Both players had 10 kicks in a blistering first quarter and finished with 30 kicks and 29 kicks respectively. They might have faded a little towards the end of the match, but it must be remembered that Wiley has only been able to train for one week in the last four weeks. And Cousins did not train at all last week, recovering from an ankle injury and only decided to take his place in the side on Friday night. Perth coach Ian Miller had these fine words to say about the pair: "When it came to the crunch this pair were waiting for someone to chip in and help them. But that help didn't come."

ROYAL CAUTION

ROYALS coach Greg Brehaut is certainly not getting carried away with his side's early success. After their 90-point win over West Perth last Saturday (when they kicked their highest tally against the Falcons) Brehaut made a forceful speech to his players, advising them not to get swelled heads over their two wins. He said: "You have simply achieved what you know you should achieve. There is no reason now to get carried away with that achievement. Supporters will pat you on the back and tell you how great you all are, but you must remember that there is a very long way to go yet."



INEFFECTIVE

THE weekly stats service provided in the Sunday Times always provides interesting reading. One fascinating figure last week was the respective kick tallies for Subiaco and Perth. The Lions had 225 kicks for the game and the Demons just 10 less. Handballs were very similar too — 106 to the Lions and 104 to Perth. But the scoreboard showed that Subiaco won by six goals! It just shows how wasteful the Demons were — and as one sceptic said: "I thought Subi were the only team to use three kicks to cross the ground and end up further away from the goals!"

GENEROUS FAN

WELL-known Perth fan Gary Rogers — he doubles as a Philip Morris promotions man in his spare time — shared some of his luck with his favourite club last week. Rogers picked up a \$10,000 bonus in scratch-and-match and offered a \$50 note to Perth's best player against Subiaco. It went to Rhett Baynes.

TOUGH GOING

A VITAL part of East Perth's opening to the season has been a tough physical approach and a special rugby session on Wednesday nights has been partly responsible for it. However, these sessions might not last for much longer if the injuries which occurred last week continue. Promising young rover Angelo Delborrello broke his ankle during one of the drills and left training via the ambulance, while Arnold Cox needed attention to a gashed chin. Just the same, the Royals looked impressive as they went through one of the routines during their warm-up for the game against West Perth. And after throwing each other aggressively around the ground, they moved into a rugby scrum and keyed themselves up for the game.

INSIDE AID

THE East Fremantle Past Players and Officials Association has just spent \$4000 installing closed circuit television at the club. This enables patrons to watch the football from upstairs in the bar or downstairs in East Fremantle's PPOA bar.



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SWAN DISTRICTS	L	W	v. South Fremantle at Subiaco
WEST PERTH	L	L	v. Subiaco at Leederville
SUBIACO	W	W	v. West Perth at Leederville
SOUTH FREMANTLE	W	L	v. Swan Districts at Subiaco



Footballer of the Year

Rhett Baynes (P) 4
John Scott (EP) 4
Michael Christian (EP) 3
Rod Alderton (EP) 3
Craig Edwards (SF) 3
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IS THE BOARD GOING TOO FAR?

THERE are few people who would disagree that football in WA has taken a giant step forward with the appointment of an Independent Board of Directors.

It's only common sense that any board should be made up of specialists — and the level of expertise on the current board is extremely high.

This is not to say that club delegates could not form a competent board. But there are occasions when club loyalty may rival the overall benefit to football and place some representatives in compromising situations.

However, one act the previous board of directors got together was the formation of the group of paid officials of the WAFL.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

Now it seems that these men may not be good enough. We now see newspaper advertisements for a chief executive for the WAFL.

Unless the ads are couched in misleading terms, this man (or I suppose woman), will be a football supremo, effectively kicking several well-respected men a rung down the ladder.

To quote from the advertisement, the chief executive will be responsible for the day-to-day control of the WAFL and for the promotion, marketing and management of football in WA.



Peter Bowler
THE QUESTIONS

I simply ask this: Where does that leave the general manager of the WAFL, Peter Bowler, whom I thought handed the day-to-day affairs of the league and has done so for 13 years?

Where does this leave Terry O'Brien, who handles the marketing and promotion for the league?

Where does this leave John Jardine, the administration manager, who handles the league's financial affairs?

Or for that matter, Neil Judge and Ross Davis, both of whom hold very important administrative roles in the WAFL?

Is there a genuine need to appoint someone above these men — or is the board making change for the sake of change?



Terry O'Brien



Ross Davis

Maybe the board will find a whiz kid who will solve all administrative problems. Or maybe the answer lies in the board's own backyard.

Think about it — before a step is taken that may prove to be both costly and unnecessary.

No, Dorro, No

COME on Dorro. You were way off beam on the front page of Westside Football last week.

Grant Dorrington suggested that supporters who gave their own side a tongue lashing should be barred from members' enclosures.

Dorro targeted his comments at those who described players as gutless or shirkers. That is not the vernacular I would care to use either, but if I had paid to go through the turnstiles, as well as having forked out club membership fees, I would feel as if I had the right to say what I liked to whom I liked, providing of course if was not obscene or likely to cause offence to those within earshot.



Harvey Deegan

is this week's

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Stephen Michael

STATE TEAM

IT is every footballer's dream to play for his state — and already hopefuls are casting their minds towards June 9 and the match in Adelaide against South Australia.

WA does not have a great record against the croweaters at Football Park in recent years, and I wonder if the State squad is going to get together early enough.

Current plans are to name a squad of 25 on May 26.

Training in the form of indoor cricket is scheduled for May 29 and 31, with footy training on June 5, 6 and 7.

Club commitments aside, I believe a preliminary squad of up to 30 players should be chosen no later than the end of April, and they should train together at least once a week during May, before a pruned squad trains intensively in the two weeks leading up to the match.

We are Australian champions. Let's do everything possible to remain that way.

FEAST OF FOOTBALL

ANY footy fan who is uniformed about the game in WA doesn't read newspapers, watch television, or listen to the radio.

The daily and weekend newspapers, and of course, Westside Football devote many pages to previews, summaries and analysis.

This is despite the fact that clubs make the going hard before games by naming squads rather than teams on Thursday nights, thus preventing our having a good look at the line-ups on a Friday.

It should be mandatory for clubs to list no more than 21 players on Thursday. The WAFL board should fine those clubs who cannot manage to stay within those guidelines.

DOING THE JOB

But that's straying from the point. Congratulations to the Press for a great job.

The electronic media has increased its commitment to footy this year.

My own organisation, TVW, now conducts a one-hour replay programme

on Saturday nights and 6IX is broadcasting for the first time a VFL football match every week. We are meeting the ABC head-on in those areas, but I'm sure they are relishing the competition.

6KY has taken on 6PR in Friday lunchtime panel shows, with replays the following morning.

Channel Seven continues to have no peer on Sundays with four hours of sport from 9am, while the ever reliable The Winners rolls on as usual on that national channel on Sunday evenings.

As I said, competition is great, with the real winners being the football public who should respond by flocking to see our great game in bigger numbers than they have so far this year.

With the four games that were presented last Saturday, I am staggered that there were such poor attendances. Before Saturday, I would have bet money on upwards of 50,000.

...and what you can win

FOOTBALLERS and fans have the chance to win thousands of dollars in awards, incentives, and prizes this season.

I would like to mention two new and novel prizes with which I'm involved. (Don't worry Tim, Wattie & Co. you'll get your chance on this page later in the season.)

First up is Big League Bazza, a computerised figure who marches across Channel Seven's Big League program every Saturday night wearing one of the eight league guernseys. People can ring or write in to win valuable electronic gear from the show's sponsor, N.E.C.

In addition to its regular awards, 6IX now has the Buccaneer of the Year. The player who gains the most possessions this season wins \$1000 cash plus a gold pendant worth upwards of \$1000 from Peter Borrello of Buccaneer Pools. And the shape of the pendant? You guessed it: a swimming pool.



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ASHWORTH'S INCENTIVE

FORMER Perth player Peter Ashworth should be congratulated on his debut for Subiaco last week. He left Perth towards the end of 1983 and no doubt, deep in the back of his mind, he was determined to succeed against his old club. He came on in the third quarter and was a solid contributor in Subiaco's win. He took some strong marks and kicked a great 60-metre goal from centre-half-forward late in the third term. He also gave a persistent performance in the ruck. It was good to see Peter get another opportunity in league football and do well — unfortunately it was against us!

PERSEVERANCE

WHILE on Subiaco, they must get full marks for their perseverance last week. They certainly were committed all day; prepared to share the ball at all times and received the just rewards for their efforts. Naturally I was disappointed in our performance, particularly as we frittered away many goal-scoring opportunities.

THE DUCK

FELLOW columnist John Duckworth certainly had to 'Duck For Cover' last Saturday night after West Perth had gone down to East Perth. "Marbles" Wilson, from the Blue Note Tavern, had donated the biggest cigar you have ever seen to be smoked by either Jim Haines (East Perth) or The Duck. Jim presented Ducky with his prize and he readily accepted the challenge — though he didn't really look to be enjoying it.

FORMER MATES!

MANY top players have come through the WA Amateur Football League to make the grade in the WAFL and on Saturday three former Old Scotch team-mates lined-up against each other. Perth's Geoff Thomson and Subiaco's Paul Wallwork and Greg Wilkinson found themselves on different teams. Wallwork was impressive at centre-half-back and worked solidly with flankers Ray Reeves and Dwayne Lamb to cause us a few headaches.

SETTLED IN

I WAS impressed with East Fremantle's Glenn Hoult pre-season and watching the replay of Saturday's derby he has carried that form into the qualifying games. His performance was outstanding, even more impressive when you consider he has been out of league football for four years. He played 10 games in 1979 and then returned to Northampton. Craig Edwards and David Hart have also settled in well at South Fremantle, both giving strong performances.

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PREVIEW

A look at Saturday's WAFL league fixtures

OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	C'Mont v E.F.	Perth v E. Perth	W.P. v Subiaco	S.F. v Swan Dist.
GARY STOCKS	2	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
ALAN EAST	3	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
PETER POAT	3	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
DAVE CLEMENT	4	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
GRANT DORRINGTON	3	East Fremantle	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
KIM HAGDORN	4	East Fremantle	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
JOHN DUCKWORTH	2	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth	Swans
IAN MILLER	4	Claremont	Perth	Subiaco	Swans
ROBERT BENNETT	1	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
GARY CARVOLTH	6	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans
MOTHER BROWN	6	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	South Fremantle
MOST FAVOURED	4	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco	Swans

Royals to march on to victory

GAME-of-the-day billing on Saturday could go to the East Perth — Perth clash at Lathlain Park.

Who would have believed that pre-season?

The Royals looked badly depleted and were odds-on to finish outside the four — but after two games they are undefeated.

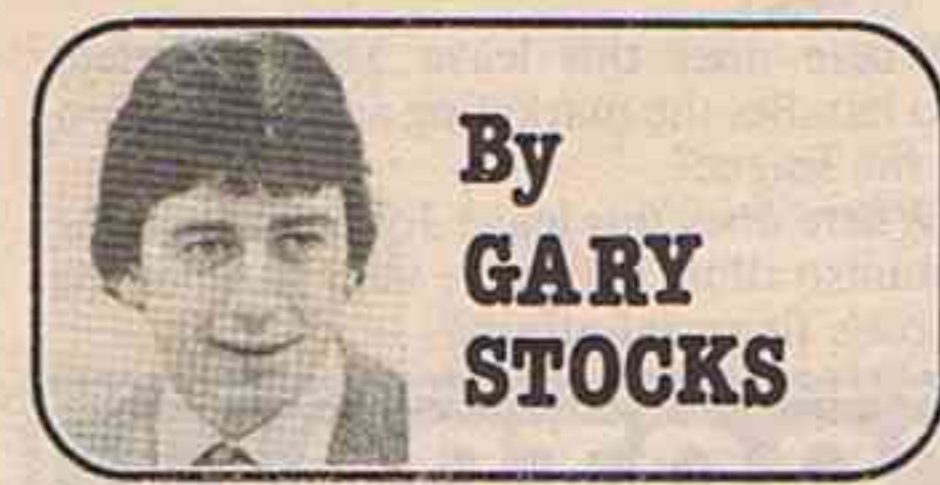
Perth were rated as the season's big improvers — but they ruined an impressive start when they were well beaten by Subiaco last week.

DETERMINED

East Perth are determined to succeed and that comes through in their strong tackling, aggressive running and desire to do the hard things.

Obviously, their Wednesday night rugby programme has helped immensely.

With Frank Wilson doing well in the ruck, Michael Christian leading a professional defence and John Scott making a sensational start to the season at



By GARY STOCKS

full-forward the Royals have the power to make it in three in a row.

Peter Spencer has had a big influence and Wayne Otway and new centreman Russell Sparks were in blistering form against the Falcons.

Bryan Cousins and Robert Wiley hold the key to Perth's chances. But the Royals are playing a magnificent brand of football and must be favoured to continue their unexpected success.



Young East Perth rover Tony Papotto has been a key player in the club's revival.

Swans to fire the shots

THE battle of the big guns will take place at Subiaco Oval when South Fremantle play Swan Districts.

Swans hit peak form with a victory over Claremont on Saturday, while South had an impressive win over the Tigers in the first round.

However, the Bulldogs never looked like winning against East Fremantle last week and they will need to lift if they are to throw out a serious challenge.

Swans tough brand of football is hard to counter and the Bulldogs will learn that on Saturday.

With Don Langsford continuing his brilliant form as a ruck rover, Barry Kimberley rising to the occasion as a rover and Brad Shine working hard, Swans look to have the players required to give them the edge mid-field.

Some compensation for South is that Stephen Michael could be back, but his presence will not be enough for the Bulldogs to notch up four points.

Subiaco look good

SUBIACO, the other unbeaten side in the competition, are looking more convincing every week.

Their first two wins are no flash in the pan efforts and they should continue on their winning way when they play West Perth at Leederville.

The Lions confused us all when they won the opening two matches of last season, before falling in a hole, but that won't happen this year.

They are far more professional and coach Haydn Bunton will not allow them to get carried away with their early success.

West Perth will need Peter Avery to make the most of his opportunities at full-forward and they will also rely on the mid-field drive of Les Fong, Peter Menaglio and Dean Warwick.

Tigers have point to prove

CLAREMONT have a lot to prove when they meet East Fremantle this week.

Coach Graham Moss said after last week's loss that it was about time some of his players hated losing — and after a solid week's training they must surely hate it now.

The Tigers are one of the most complete teams in the competition and they will show it this week.

They have started slowly with losses to South Fremantle and Swans, but both those teams are extremely hard to beat and Claremont have had the toughest draw to begin with.

Although East Fremantle could not have been more impressive in winning a tremendous derby last week, they will find things even harder at Claremont Oval.

Their trump cards are ruckman Paul Harding and centreman Murray Wrensted.

They were the players behind the Sharks

win last week and with half-back Glenn Hoult they set the Sharks on the road to their first win of the season.

One of the highlights of the match should be the clash between Harding and his Claremont counterpart David O'Connell.

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Do the Tigers lack something?

Are Claremont gutless?

Their coach Graham Moss seemed to imply that after the Tigers were cleaned up by Swan Districts on Saturday.

In stating that his players ducked for cover Moss is suggesting they showed a lack of intestinal fortitude.

He also claims his players don't take the game seriously and that there isn't too much heartburn when they lose.

Moss must have been really annoyed to give his players such a serve. It's rare for a coach to make the kind of comments about their players.

More so when that person is not renowned for making scathing attacks on anyone.

He must really be at wits end with his players... and he has every reason to be.

Claremont are in danger of sliding from the four after their second best stint in the WAFL.

HALCYON YEARS

Their five successive years in the four, including three grand final appearances, is bettered only by their halcyon years between 1936-42 when they played off in seven grand finals (if you count the draw of 1938) and won three premierships on end.

But their latest period has not been anywhere near as productive.

In the past five years Claremont have been the trendsetters in qualifying rounds, having finished on top three times — and second on another occasion.

But it has yielded only one premiership. In fact apart from 1981 when they stormed to their first premiership in 17 years and only their second in 41 years the Tigers have been dismal in finals.

The past two years, particularly last season, were probably the most disappointing.

BRUSHED ASIDE

They were easily brushed aside by Swans in 1982 after finishing on top of the premiership ladder and were unable to go on with the job last season when the game was up for grabs.

Something is obviously wrong with player attitudes. There is certainly no shortage of talent at the club.

But its not new to the club. Claremont have tended to falter in pressure games since they won the premiership in 1964.

Since then they have played in 16 finals, including six second semi finals, but managed to win only five games. And most of those losses were by decisive margins.

Swan Districts have shown that guts are a vital ingredient to success.

What's the point in having the best team in the competition, as Claremont appear to have had — for most of the past five years — if you can't win when it really counts?

DETERMINED

Like Claremont, Swans have had to take a lot of stick from other clubs over the years but they are obviously determined to make the most of the occasion now they are riding high.

It may be a good lesson for players at Claremont to be on the receiving end for a change. Most of their players have found kicks easy to get in recent years. They have become a team of front runners.

If there is a deficiency in their character then it will really be put to the test over the next two games when they meet East Fremantle and Subiaco.

It will also determine whether Claremont are a spent force.

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Now, let's get serious!

THE newly-appointed Board of Directors at the WAFL is keen to improve the overall image of football and polish up many promotional aspects of the game. Right, that's good. So let's start by putting the Lathlain Park scoreboard high on the priority list. We've complained about its slowness, its inaccuracies and its general lack of information for years. Sure, I know Lathlain Park might become redundant within a few years, but lifting the scoreboard's performance wouldn't cost much right now. Take last Saturday — the 7000 paying customers found that the time clock wasn't working throughout the reserves and only joined the league game for the second half; the colts scores were nowhere to be seen; the reserves scores likewise; the scores from the other games were so far behind it really was a waste of time having them there... and twice during the game there was an inaccurate total up for the league game. It's simply not good enough!



Subiaco are leading the way on the premiership table and they have scored another first by becoming the initial club to take advantage of the WAFL's new laws on advertising on uniforms. The new Board of Directors recently agreed to allow clubs to put advertising on their shorts. The Lions are the only club to take advantage of the concession and here Dwayne Lamb gives us a taste of things to come as he models the two sponsors' logos — Western Underwriters and Channel 9 are the two lucky sponsors because it is a part of their \$100,000 deal with the Lions.

TOUCH OF SOCCER

THIS great game of ours is built on tradition. We all love Australian Rules and what it stands for and can't see how anyone could be interested in other football codes like soccer or rugby. But at Fremantle Oval on Saturday there was a touch of soccer in the air when, during a couple of breaks, they played the music to English soccer's The Big Match seen on Channel 2.

OUT OF POCKET

THIS one has taken a little time to filter through to me from the deep South. I was surprised to see that just on 6,500 people turned out for the historic match in Bunbury as I thought there were many more. And now I know why. It seems the WAFL and SWNFL are out of pocket because the gate-keepers knocked off before half time. People were flocking to the game during the long break after hearing the news of the closeness of the contest on radio. They had their money out, but there was no one on the gate to receive it.

POOR SHOW!

IF you are a Sharks fan and think your team is being hard done by in the media promotion area... then you are right. Whoever designed the new Sharks logo didn't have a very heavy hand and subsequently the logo doesn't reproduce too well in print. How so-called 'professional' people can design a logo that isn't capable of being reproduced is beyond me! Our artist at Westside has had to draw his own Shark.

FALCON FAN

WE all know that 6PR race-caller Trevor Jenkins is a one-eyed Falcons fan and red-and-blue is his favourite colour on Saturdays. However, one wonders why he didn't call the last two races from Ascot last Saturday — was it more than a coincidence that the Falcons had gone down in a heap to the Royals and TJ had headed to a quiet spot somewhere?

VIC. FANS

SOME of the workers in the ABC television crew who were at Lathlain Park last week must have Victorian loyalty in their blood. Flying proudly atop the outside broadcast van was a Fosters Lager flag!

JKW CLASSIC

THERE'S never a dull moment when that loveable comedian John K. Watts is calling football on radio 6PR. During the Claremont-Swan Districts match the fire brigade was called to Claremont Oval to douse some burning grass. At the same time things were getting pretty hot out on the field and JK suggested that the brigade boys should stick around "in case the tempers get a little more fiery."

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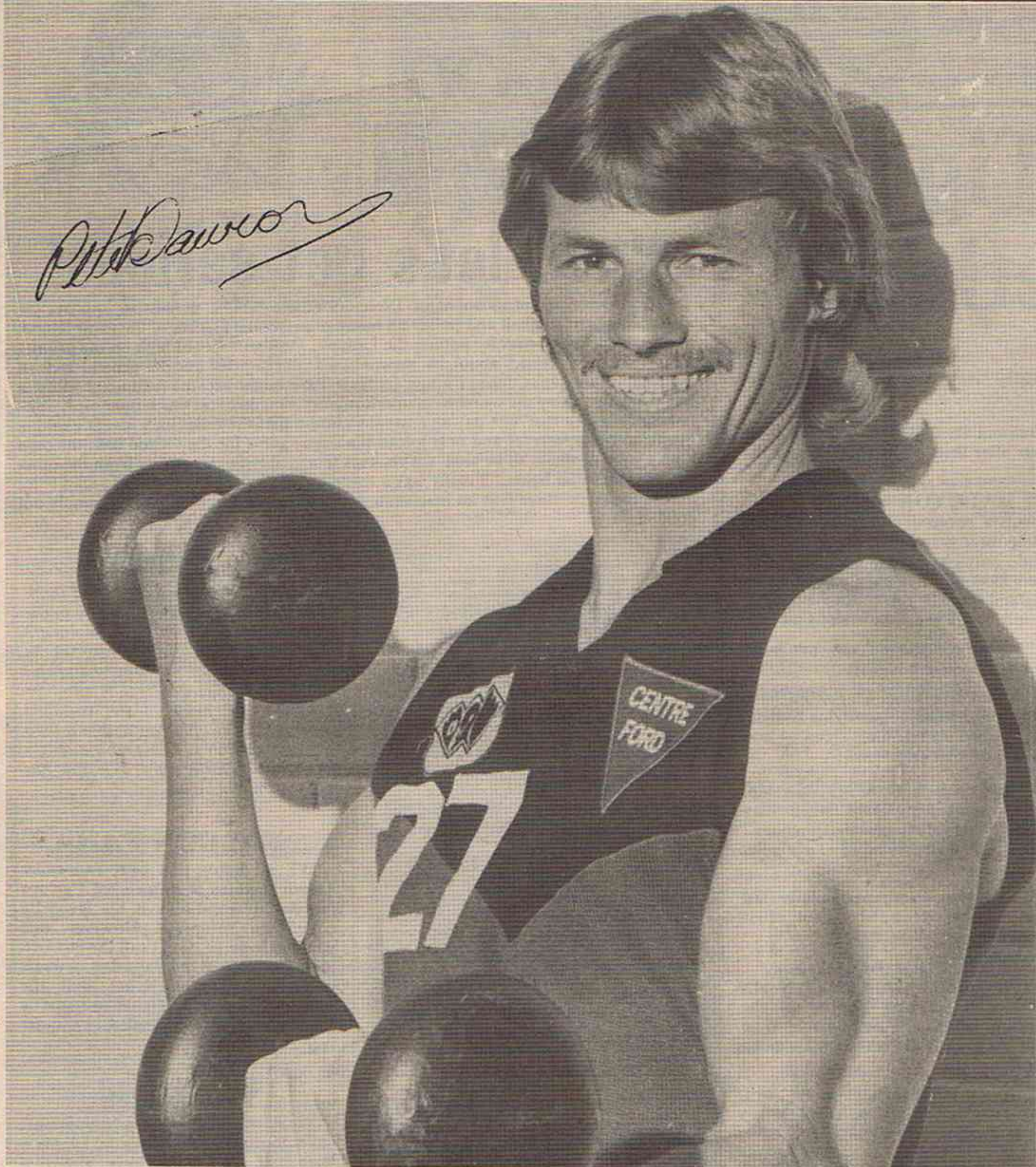


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WHEN Peter Dawson arrived in Perth to play league football last season many people thought he might have left his run too late.

HE was 25 and there appeared to be a lot of players at East Perth with similar ability.

In addition his prospects were made even worse because he could not leave the family farm at Busselton.

The nuggety utility player was travelling from the country every weekend to take his place for East Perth.

Breaking into league football as a mature recruit, particularly with such a handicap looked like it could be too much. But people who thought the strain would be too much simply did not know Dawson.

HAPPY

The Royals had tried for several seasons to coax him to the city, but he was happy with life in the country, and enjoyed his football down there.

However, when he decided the time was right to try his hand he was determined to succeed.

It is now history that he was one of the

best recruits of 1983 and now, although young in games, he has an important role to play at a club which most pundits considered would be also-rans this season.

Peter Dawson

He has played all of his 15 games from a wing, but can easily adapt to a half-forward or ruck rover's role, and that flexibility is something coach Greg Brehaut is keen to build on.

Dawson was an outstanding country player for several seasons before finally deciding to combine life in Busselton with league football.

ABILITY

Testament to his ability was that he won

Busselton's fairest and best award for the first time as a 19-year-old, won it a second time the season before joining the Royals and in 1979 was the fairest and best player in A-grade at the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships.

The South West competition is regarded as the best outside the metropolitan area and for a young man to build such a reputation in that company makes him an outstanding prospect.

The strongly built Dawson is now based full-time in the city and that will no doubt help him in his second year with East Perth.

He was a top player for his side when they beat Swan Districts in that historic match in Bunbury and followed it up with another solid performance against West Perth.

If East Perth are to continue their good form and force a place in the finals Dawson will need to continue with his good work.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Peter Dawson
Date of Birth: 24/6/58
Place of Birth: Busselton
Height: 5.11 (180cm)
Weight: 12.7 (79kg)
Previous Club: Busselton
Occupation: Farmer
Major awards: Busselton fairest and best 1977 and 1982; Wesfarmers fairest and best 1981.
Marital status: Married
Wife/girlfriend's name: Kerrie
Children's names: Ryan
Hobbies: Scuba diving, rifle shooting, fishing, camping
Other sporting interests: Basketball, tennis, golf
Favourite actor: Sylvester Stallone, Bryan Brown
Favourite movie: Deer Hunter; Midnight Express; First Blood
Favourite food: Steak and vegetables

Favourite drink: Egg flip
Nickname: Smokey
Car: 1979 Ford Cortina Station Wagon
Career Highlight: My first game of league football with East Perth
Worst moment in football: Playing on Mike Smith
Hard things in football: Trying to finish the last quarter as if it were the first
How do you mentally prepare for a game: I just relax and think about ways I can beat my opponent
Football idols: Phil Narkle
Ambitions: To finish my football career with as few injuries as possible
Advice to youngsters: Never under-estimate your football ability and make the most of every opportunity
First league position: Wing
Current position: Wing

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50 GAMES

Graeme Carter (EF) 48

100 GAMES

Doug Simms (WP) 99 *

Peter Murnane (WP) 98 *

Brad Hardie (SF) 99

Grant Campbell (EP) 98

Barry Kimberley (SD) 97*

Darrell Panizza (C) 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; Barry Kimberley 76 Perth.

150 GAMES

Wayne Otway (EP) 148*

Brian Adamson (WP) 147*

Geoff Hendriks (WP) 144

* 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.

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.

250 GAMES

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Gary Malarkey (P) 244 *

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JOHN DUCKWORTH

Come on ump's — be fair

IT'S high time the umpiring in WA became consistent. I was at the West Perth game when Mick O'Brien was reported for striking Robert Wiley and I could not believe it when he copped two weeks from the tribunal. I was at Claremont Oval when the same umpire who reported O'Brien was in charge. There were at least 10 incidents in that game that were worse than O'Brien's offence. All of those incidents went unnoticed. Come on ump's, if it is good for one, then it is good for all.

Mick O'Brien



WHAT A BUMP

DURING the Claremont game I saw one of the best shirtfronts I have ever seen. Rugged Swan Districts utility player Brad Shine floored his former team-mate Jeff Stone and it was well within the rules of the game. But I must congratulate Stone. He saw Shine coming but kept his eyes fixed on the ball and committed himself to winning possession. Unfortunately for him he was on the receiving end of a magnificent bump and he spent the rest of the day off the ground.

JOB WELL DONE

ONE player I was impressed with at Claremont was young ruckman David O'Connell. He came up against the strong Swan Districts brigade in his second league match and he did a terrific job for his team. He had to take on the bulk of the ruck work when Jeff Stone was ko'd and the way he tackled the job was particularly pleasing.

KICKING ON

IT'S a wonder East Perth ruck-rover Peter Spencer did not receive leather poisoning after his 50-possession effort against West Perth. He is getting better as he gets older and has played a leading role in helping the Royals win their opening two matches. Spencer uses every kick or handpass to perfection and he will cause many sides a few headaches throughout the season. The form of Wayne Otway must also be pleasing for East Perth. He is always at the bottom of the packs shovelling the ball out and helps to make the players around him more effective. I was also pleased to see John Scott kick 11 goals. The former defender has slotted in well at full-forward and he is now a vital player for East Perth.



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FOOTBALL FACTS With DAVE CLEMENT WA's top football historian.

Royals start is familiar

SHADES of 1956 is how I describe East Perth's opening to the 1984 season.

That was the year of a Royal resurgence.

In 1955 they lost their first five games; the following year they were premiers. Last year they lost their first three games, this year who knows?

Last Saturday they recorded their highest score against West Perth — 31.19, their previous highest was 27.16 in 1971.

Saturday's game was the third time East Perth have posted a 200 points plus score. The previous times were 1983 — 31.18 (204) v East Fremantle 18.12 and 1958 — 32.19 (211) v Claremont 9.10.

IT IS 100

I'M not trying to be the odd man out in the football world, but a couple of weeks ago I said that this was the start of the 100th season of football in WA.

I was taken to task by a few readers who read (and heard) elsewhere that it is the 99th. Well, I'm still sticking to my guns; the first season was in 1885, so this must be the 100th. The WAFL is officially celebrating the centenary of football next year.

CENTURY TARGET

EAST Perth full-forward John Scott has jumped straight into calculations for a 100 goal tally for 1984. Only four Royals have ever booted a three figure tally — Billy Mose 114 in 1958, Neil Hawke 110 in 1959, Phil Tierney 111 in 1967 and 113 in 1971 and Archie Duda 106 in 1977.

Scott, with hauls of eight and 11 goals from the first two games, has figures that have been bettered only twice in post war football. In 1953 South Fremantle ace forward Bernie Naylor opened up with eight and 18 on the way to a record qualifying round tally of 156. In 1968 Subiaco's Austin Robertson's first two games netted 14 and nine to help him break Naylor's record that year by one goal.

HARD TIMES

POWERFUL but unfinancial — a description that fits a lot of football clubs throughout the land today. The combined debts of East Perth and West Perth (according to financial statements released by those clubs last year) would total quarter of a million dollars. At the turn of the century, the powerful Fremantle Club was forced to 'fold-up' because it was 54 pounds (\$108) in debt and had assets of only 16 pounds (\$32).

Despite efforts such as a concert in the Fremantle Town Hall, where Perth's leading amateurs were engaged, they could not wipe out the debt. Being premiers six times in the previous eight years could not save the powerful, but unfinancial Fremantle Club.

HERE, HERE!

CHEERS for Grant Dorrington's front page story last week on "Bad Supporters".

Those who jeer and heckle their own players (as well as opponents) can only be classified as SICK.

Dorrington's knowledge of football leaves me for dead, but I have been around long enough to see that ALL clubs supporters are exactly the same as those he encountered in Tigerland a month ago.

It's an unfortunate fact of life that from Fremantle to Bassendean and all stops in between that 'rotten dollars' paid by this supporter is still essential to the life-line of the game.



BONUS FOR SCOTT

JOHN Scott won the first Peter Jackson Superboot \$100 goalkicking bonus last Saturday for his effort in scoring 11 goals against West Perth.

Scott, who is a clear leader in the \$1000 Superboot award with an incredible 18.2 from two matches, kicked 10 straight goals before he registered his only behind for the match — mid-way through the last term when he scored a poster.

Scott's work in the forward line in his first two matches has been one of the major factors behind the Royal resurgence. It is not only his personal goalkicking tally, but the way he creates opportunities for his team-mates.

Scott is an unselfish player who has no hesitation in passing the ball to a team-mate in a slightly better spot to kick for goal. His bullet like passes equal his ability to kick goals from almost any angle.

Another pleasing feature of his game is the way in which he uses his body in marking duels and his speedy recovery rate. He is equally capable on the ground where he is not afraid to throw himself into a pack and earn the hard ball . . . something lacking in many modern day forwards.

It is 16 years since an East Perth player headed the WAFL goalkicking list. Scott was only seven years old when Phil Tierney finished the 1967 season with 111 goals.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Beasley unhappy with VFL Park

WHEN a full-forward kicks eight of his team's nine goals in a match it is hard to imagine that he would have any complaints.

However, this wasn't the case with Footscray's Simon Beasley who this week launched a stinging attack on the condition of VFL Park.

Fresh from his lone effort against Geelong last weekend, the former Swan Districts full-forward said: "The ground is a joke".

The VFL have recently completed yet another upgrading programme at the Park ... this time costing \$150,000.

Beasley, obviously unimpressed with the result, said: "It makes it very tough to play at full-forward. In the first 10 minutes last Saturday, my ankle went from underneath me."

This week he is nursing a heavily bandaged ankle.

"The surface may look all right, but it is very soft underneath. Rather than making the ground look beautiful, they should just make it safe," he said.



Simon Beasley

Though Beasley seemed to suffer little effect from the injury during his goalkicking spree, there is now a strong chance that he will miss this Saturday's game against North Melbourne.

Beasley is naturally disappointed at that prospect after such an impressive start to the season. He heads the VFL goalkicking table with 19 goals and is also the current leader in several top Melbourne media awards.

Tigers can breath again

Richmond officials breathed a sigh of relief after their fighting 14 point win over North Melbourne last Saturday.

A loss would have been a bit hard to swallow for Richmond supporters who have seen their club spend \$500,000 on recruits during the summer months.

However, it wasn't until well into the last quarter that the Tigers managed to finally over-run the Roos, who had lost the previous week by a mammoth 137 points.

Players of the calibre of John Annear, Philip Walsh and Peter Francis were secured in a bid to lift the club up the ladder in their centenary year. After receiving a drubbing against Footscray in the opening match, the pressure was really on the team to show some early season success.

DEMPSEY DISASTER

Veteran North Melbourne ruckman Gary Dempsey faces a long road back to league football after another serious injury in last weekend's match against Richmond.

He suffered his second depressed cheekbone in five years when he ran into John Annear's head early in the second quarter and will be sidelined for at least a month.

RICHO FOR HOSPITAL



Collingwood ruck-rover Mike Richardson, is expected to enter hospital to help overcome a back injury which has dogged him in recent weeks.

He was a last minute withdrawal from the Magpies side last Saturday and a spell in hospital may be the only answer. The former Swan Districts star was first injured during a pre-season match and although he played in Collingwood's first qualifying match a fortnight ago, he has been troubled ever since.

SHAW AGAIN

After throwing an injury, which kept him sidelined for almost the entire 1983 season, Gary Shaw is also back on the injured list. The Collingwood rover was carried from the ground early in last Saturday's match against St Kilda with a hamstring injury.

NISSAN REPLACE G.M.H.

THE Nissan Motor Company is the VFL's new corporate sponsor, replacing General Motor's Holden's which didn't take up the option of a third year of hefty involvement.

In a sponsorship deal worth more than \$800,000 a year, Nissan plan to take advantage of the VFL's weekly audience in excess of two million throughout Australia and seven million watch the grand final live on television.

The VFL is developing as a major sporting attraction in the United States with five million Ammericians viewing the game weekly on cable television.



200 FOR CLOKE

Former Richmond captain David Cloke gave an outstanding performance for Collingwood last Saturday to celebrate his 200th league appearance.

The Magpies paid \$185,000 for the ruckman-cum-forward last year and this season he looks fitter and faster and should prove a great acquisition for his new club, which recently appointed him vice-captain.

SA NEWS

Bad start for West Adelaide

West Adelaide, the reigning SANFL premiers, have made a lack-lustre start to the 1984 season and coach Neil Kerley is not a happy man.

Kerley, a coaching legend in South Australia, was aiming for back-to-back premierships, something that he has never previously been able to achieve.

West lost three of their first four Escort Cup matches in the SANFL night competition and then struggled to win their first qualifying fixture by seven points over lowly North Adelaide.

The big crunch came last Saturday when West were trounced by Port Adelaide, going down by 62 points.

Kerley was hopping-mad after the match and West players are sure to pay for their reported "low key" approach to pre-season training.

CAREY'S 300

Glenelg captain Peter Carey became the youngest player to reach 300 games when he led his side in a night Escort match against South Adelaide. The 30-year-old ruckman has also played 16 State matches for SA.

SUNDAY GRAND

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WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

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

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
COLLINGWOOD				
Gary Shaw	4	2	1	—
MELBOURNE				
Ray Holden	4	2	2	1.2
Peter Thorne	12	4	4	—
Alan Johnson	15	4	7	3.4
FOOTSCRAY				
Jim Sewell	10	7	10	0.1
Simon Beasley	10	7	5	8.0
Andrew Purser	9	7	14	—
RICHMOND				
David Palm	4	1	4	—
Brian Taylor	12	7	3	6.3
Tim Gepp	5	1	1	—
John Annear	18	4	9	1.4
FITZROY				
Dean Turner	12	2	5	—
GEELONG				
Brian Peake	17	7	2	3.1
CARLTON				
Alan Montgomery	15	9	4	—
Ken Hunter	11	6	4	—
Mark Maclure	12	5	4	2.1
Warren Ralph	14	7	3	6.3
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Steve McCann	6	7	6	1.0
Phil Krakouer	13	5	7	3.0
Jim Krakouer	16	4	9	2.4
HAWTHORN				
Ken Judge	11	1	3	1.0
SYDNEY SWANS				
Craig Holden	10	3	5	1.1
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	16	5	4	1.0
Bill Duckworth	10	—	2	—
Tony Buhagiar	12	5	14	1.2
ST KILDA				
Phil Narkle	15	3	3	2.0
Alan Sidebottom	12	3	6	0.1
Phil Cronan	10	3	5	—

Sidebottom had 22 hit-outs; Purser 16 hit-outs.

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HELPFUL KEENE

BIG Subiaco ruckman Laurie Keene kicked five goals against Perth last week — but his contribution was much more than that. There were many times during the game when he used his bulk to keep out the Perth defenders and shepherd the ball through after it had been kicked in by a team-mate. One of Phil Lamb's two goals came that way in the second term. Lamb read the ball brilliantly off a pack in the centre square and dashed across the half-forward line, sending a long raking kick goalwards which Keene shepherded safely through.

DASHING EFFORT

SOUTH Fremantle half-back Warren Mosconi didn't kick a goal against East Perth, but he can certainly take credit for the team's 12th just before three-quarter time. Mosconi, a real loping dasher off his half-back flank, had five bounces up the wing before he handballed over to John Hayes, who put it into Craig Edwards' safe hands. A goal resulted and Mosconi quietly jogged 100 metres back to his position.

CLEVER CLINT

THE poise and balance of Subiaco forward Clint Brown was in evidence when he kicked the Lions 10th goal against Perth. Brown trapped the ball out at centre-half-forward, but was besieged by defenders. He ducked, dived and weaved around to face the goals, steaded and balanced himself for a standing shot that went straight through.

KERR-IFIC!

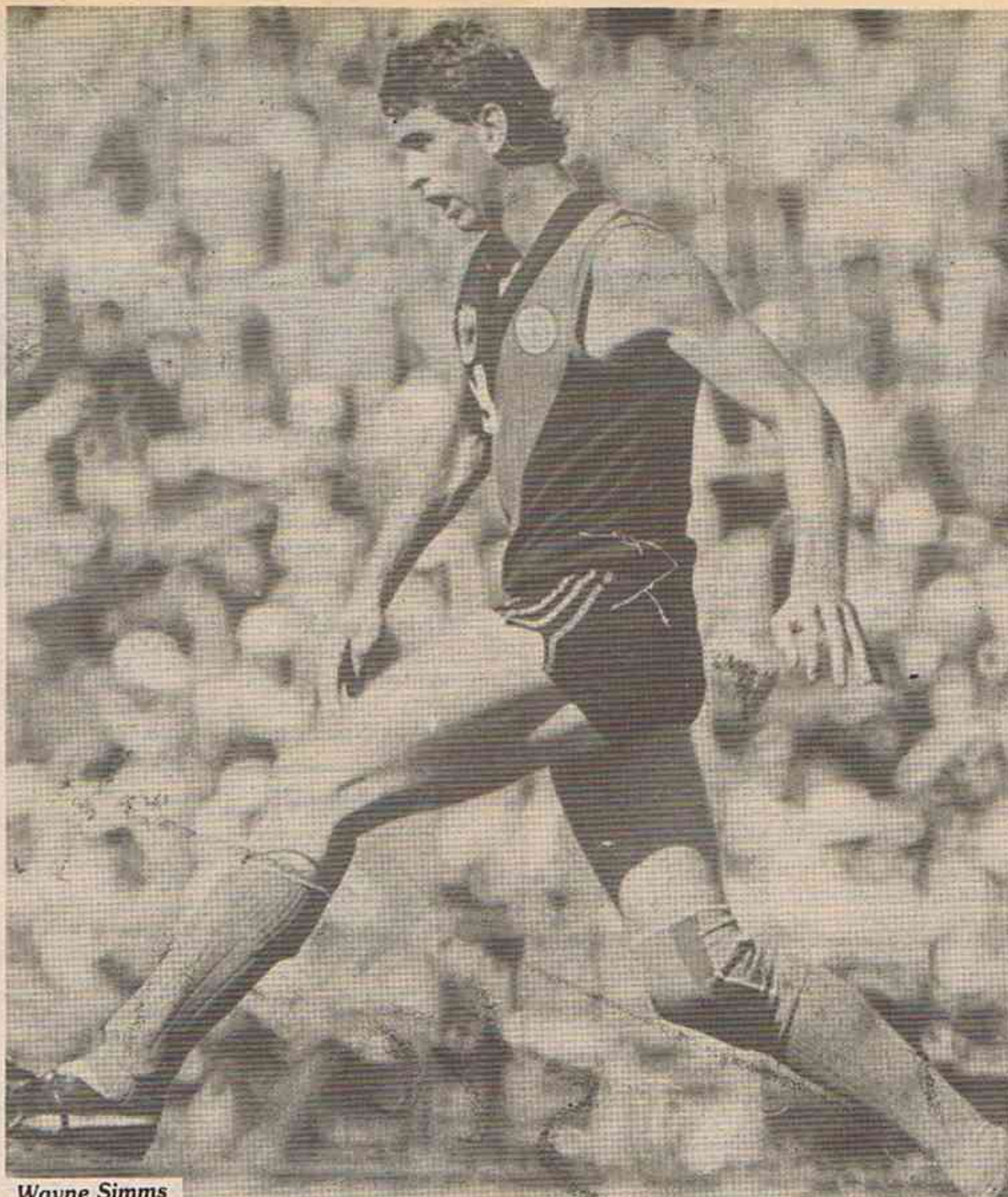
EAST Fremantle rover turned wingman Roger Kerr was a worthy winner of the Town and Country WA goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Sport last Sunday. He took possession backwards of the centre circle and dashed right into the forward line, having three bounces and ducking around a host of South Fremantle defenders. He finally worked himself into the open and his accurate shot was right on target.

FALCON PAIR

WEST Perth supporters had little to enthuse about last Saturday, but goals by a couple of their players were enough to put temporary smiles on their faces. Tammin recruit Derek Kickett struck a purple patch in the second quarter when he scored three quick goals. One was a shot from about 65 metres out when he scooped the ball up after it had come to ground from an aerial contest. He turned around an opponent and shot off the side of his boot for goal. It landed on the edge of the goal square, bounced over several players, then cleared the desperate reach of a Royals defender to travel through the centre. Dean Warwick notched West Perth's 15th goal when he gained possession deep in the right forward pocket in the final term. He ducked and dived between two East Perth defenders and as he was about to be swamped by another two Royals backman, he shot over his right shoulder to register full points.

SUPERSCORERS

John Scott (East Perth)	19.2
Clint Brown (Subiaco)	10.6
Laurie Keene (Subiaco)	9.2
Ron Alexander (East Frem)	7.0
Russell Sparks (East Perth)	6.6
Don Holmes (Swan Districts)	6.6
Earl Spalding (Perth)	6.6
Michael Mitchell (Claremont)	6.4
Bryan Cousins (Perth)	6.3
Wayne Otway (East Perth)	6.2
Jon Dorotich (South Fremantle)	6.2
Alan Rowe (Claremont)	6.2



Wayne Simms

Simms needs plenty of time

PERTH must give big ruckman Wayne Simms time to regain his best form.

Simms has worked long and hard to make a comeback to football after shattering a knee and his confidence needs building up slowly.

The former State ruckman was out of league football for 18 months before the start of this season and it will take time for him to become accustomed to the tempo again.

Simms has had a total knee reconstruction which is a serious operation.

PEAK

Given time, Simms will return to his best and when the Demons really need him, during the finals, he should be at his peak.

Simms is a vital player for the Demons. Besides working hard in the ruck, he takes many marks around the ground and as his confidence grows so will his performances.

By GARY STOCKS

There must still be an element of doubt in his mind as to whether the knee can take the full strain of a league match and that can only be overcome when he starts to play at full capacity.

Simms will hit top form and when he does Perth will be a better combination. Just be patient.

But already there are murmurs that his current form is not good enough — the knockers are starting to try and destroy the man.



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

LES'S LYRICS

UPHEAVAL RULES

And still upheaval rules the game the Bulldogs were eaten by the Sharks. Wrensted's handpass was good to see and Kerr's goal was full of sparks.

Brownie's wrath is known by all his fame is widely spread, But when dressing down his fallen team he filled his little boy(s) with dread.

Subi's Lambs are playing well they had the Demons by the tail. And many say that in eightyfour the Lions simply cannot fail.

Two games they've played and still on top but Haydn — just beware. 'Cause Daniel had the same success but after eleven he wasn't there.

Now all in all, the plan is clear the formula was set last season. We reverse the wins, it's plain to see and Tigers for Premiers is the reason.

BLUE FIN STARS OF THE DAY

GLEN SMITH: A 20-year-old rookie from Kelmscott, he played strongly in defence for Perth. He opened up in the back pocket, but played with flair and dash when moved to a half-back flank. Took six strong marks, had 11 kicks and six handpasses.

GLENN HOULT: He has been enticed back to East Fremantle this season and showed why on Saturday. The 24-year-old half back was superb all day and repelled many attacking moves. Brought down nine marks, had 13 kicks and seven handpasses.

JOHN SCOTT: A former defender and wingman who has made a success of the full-forward spot. Kicked 11.1 against West Perth and set up many scoring opportunities for team-mates. Pulled down 14 marks, had 18 kicks and made two effective handpasses.

DAVID O'CONNELL: A rookie Claremont ruckman playing his second game with the Tigers and he gave a marvellous display of his skills against the powerful Swan Districts combination. The former Medallists Medal winner has a big future.

These four stars of last Saturday's WAFL matches won a dinner for two at Nick Lekias'...

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MOTHER BROWN

Country boys doing well

I WAS reading through that magnificent football publication, *Who's Who in West Australian Football 1984*, and it was pleasing to see so many country players in the league lists of the eight clubs. The WAFL does extremely well from the country areas and it is further proof, if any is needed, that there is a great case for recruiting players from the country districts rather than going to Victoria.

RUNNING HARD

I WONDER how the East Fremantle runner must feel after a game. Pretty tired I would say, particularly after watching him in action during the Fremantle derby last Saturday. As I was walking out of the ground a man came up to me and handed me a note saying that he had kept a record of the appearances Peter Gainoli made on the ground during the first 15 minutes of the game. He was on the field no less than 12 times. I know there are rules about the runners being constantly on the arena, but I wonder what limits he can go to before the umpires enforce their power. Incidentally, the gentleman who handed me the information was an East Fremantle supporter.

ON THE MARK

I HAD not been informed of any change of rules regarding how many players can stand on the mark — but I must have missed it. Twice in Saturday's derby there were four players standing on the mark when an opposition player was shooting for goal. South Fremantle did it once and the Sharks got away with it on one occasion as well.



Bill Mitchell

A FEW IDEAS

NOW that we have got a new board of directors I hope we see some changes to the facilities at some of the league grounds. I saw where Bill Mitchell went to the footy as an ordinary spectator and he said he learnt from that experience. My major gripes are that the seats are too low and the fence is at eye level — and the lavatory facilities are not enough to cater for big crowds.

DORROS STORY

I couldn't believe Grant Dorrington's front page story in *Westside Football* last week slamming the bad supporters. They have always been part of the game and, quite frankly, I don't think there is anything you can do about it.

In addition it has been my experience that those people who "sling off" at their own players are generally the club's best supporters. They feel they can say what they like about their own players, but if an opposition supporter has a go at them, watch those supporters stick up for anyone wearing their favourite club's guernsey! I think Grant was writing tongue-in-cheek.

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

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	56
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	51
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	48
Wayne Otway	East Perth	48
Bryan Cousins	Perth	48
Rod Alderton	West Perth	44
Robert Wiley	Perth	43
Barry Kimberley	Swan Districts	43
David Hart	Sth Fremantle	42
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	40
Bevan Warner	Subiaco	39
Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	37
Allen Daniels	Claremont	36
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	33
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	33
Greg Walsh	East Perth	32
Brett Yorgey	Perth	32
Les Fong	West Perth	32
Paul Mifka	West Perth	32
Steven Goulding	Claremont	31

DISPOSALS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	84
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	69
Rod Alderton	West Perth	65
Wayne Otway	East Perth	63
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	58
Bryan Cousins	Perth	58
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	57
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	54
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	53
David Hart	Sth Fremantle	52
Paul Vasoli	Sth Fremantle	51
Barry Kimberley	Swan Districts	50
Bevan Warner	Subiaco	50
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	50
Allen Daniels	Claremont	49
Greg Walsh	East Perth	49
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	48
Robert Wiley	Perth	48
Tony Papotto	East Perth	46
Russell Sparks	East Perth	46

MARKS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Rod Alderton	West Perth	23
Peter Spencer	East Perth	18
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	17
John Scott	East Perth	16
Clinton Brown	Subiaco	16
Neil Fotheringham	Subiaco	16
Glen Hoult	East Fremantle	15
Rhett Baynes	Perth	14
Craig Edwards	Sth Fremantle	14
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	14
Jeff Cassidy	East Fremantle	13
Robert Wiley	Perth	13
Barry Kimberley	Swan Districts	13
Rod Barrett	Sth Fremantle	13
Steven Goulding	Claremont	12
Grant Campbell	East Perth	12
Brent Hutton	Swan Districts	12
Ray Reeves	Subiaco	12
Paul Mifka	West Perth	12
Michael Christian	East Perth	11

HANDBALLS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Spencer	East Perth	28
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	24
Shane Ellis	East Fremantle	22
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	21
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	21
Rod Alderton	West Perth	21
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	20
Richard Dennis	East Perth	20
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	20
Lindsay Kanther	Claremont	18
Robert Hooker	Perth	18
Peter O'Connell	Perth	18
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	18
Paul Wallwork	Subiaco	18
Greg Walsh	East Perth	17
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	17
Dean Warwick	West Perth	17
Joe Pittorini	East Fremantle	16
Lindsay Carter	Perth	16
Kim Fancote	Perth	16

HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	60	Barrie Quirk	Subiaco	17
Rhett Baynes	Perth	40	Jon Dorotich	Sth Fremantle	14
Craig Edwards	Sth Fremantle	35	Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	13
Mick Johns	Swan Districts	34	Ramsay Bogunovich	West Perth	12
David O'Connell	Claremont	32	Baden Harper	Claremont	11
Frank Wilson	East Perth	32	Jeff Stone	Claremont	11
Wayne Simms	Perth	32	Tom Smith	East Perth	10
Craig Nelson	West Perth	23	Craig Hoyer	Swan Districts	10
Phil Scott	Subiaco	18	Dean Farmer	Claremont	9
Malcolm Bennett	West Perth	18	Peter Sartori	Swan Districts	9

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 Stret, Perth.

This week's

winner:

Peter Spencer.



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Peter Spencer	East Perth	56	18	28	166
Rod Alderton	West Perth	44	23	21	155
Stephen Malaxos	Claremont	48	17	21	141
Greg Wilkinson	Subiaco	26	11	24	107
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	51	14	6	105
Don Langsford	Swan Dist	40	9	18	103
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	33	8	20	97
Barry Kimberley	Swan Dis	43	13	7	96
Paul Mifka	West Perth	32	12	14	96
Grant Campbell	East Perth	29	12	15	95
Paul Vasoli	Sth Frem	37	10	14	95
Allen Daniels	Claremont	36	10	13	92
Glen Hoult	East Frem	25	15	11	92
Robert Wiley	Perth	43	13	5	92
David Hart	Sth Frem	42	10	10	92
Neil Fotheringham	Subiaco	26	16	9	92
Murray Wrensted	East Frem	33	5	21	90
Wayne Otway	East Perth	48	4	15	90
Rhett Baynes	Perth	30	14	8	88
Bevan Warner	Subiaco	39	9	11	88



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Terry Daniher	Essendon	30	22	11	118
Greg Williams	Geelong	33	9	29	118
Chris Burton	Footscray	47	10	18	113
Wayne Johnston	Carlton	46	11	16	111
Tony Shaw	C'wood	33	10	23	109
Stephen Taubert	Swans	22	18	16	108
Gerard Healy	Melbourne	42	9	19	107
Ken Hunter	Carlton	30	15	15	105
Greg Phillips	C'wood	27	14	18	105
Rick Barham	C'wood	32	14	15	104



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	PTS
Stephen Kernahan	Glenelg	37	28	10	141
Neil Craig	Sturt	30	17	24	129
Michael Redden	Nth Adel	13	19	26	122
Paul Martin	Sth Adel	36	13	22	119
D. Schimmelbusch	W. Torrens	40	8	27	118
Lindsay Heaven	Woodville	26	14	24	116
Martin Leslie	Port Adel	31	18	15	115
Simon Heaney	Woodville	19	15	25	114
Alan Stringer	Glenelg	14	8	37	112
Russell Johnston	Port Adel	21	13	26	112

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April 7	West Australian	Weekend News	Sunday Times	TVW 7	6PR	6KY	6IX	6WF	ABC/TV	Umpires
Perth v Subiaco	Tim Gossage: P. Lamb (S) Reeves (S) D. Lamb (S)	Robbie Burns: P. Lamb Baynes (P) G. Kelly (S)	Colin Hopkins: P. Lamb Cousins (P) Wiley (P)	John Rogers: Baynes P. Lamb D. Lamb	Alan East: P. Lamb Reeves Baynes	Colin Hopkins: P. Lamb Cousins Wiley	Neil Garland: P. Lamb Reeves Cousins	Mick Malone: P. Lamb N. Taylor (S) D. Lamb	Keith Slater: P. Lamb Cousins D. Lamb	Phillips/ O'Reilly
Claremont v Swan Dist.	Robert Wainwright: Kimberley (S) Langsford (SD) Malaxos (C)	Mike Thomson: Kimberley Malaxos Langsford	Ray Wilson: Langsford Kimberley Rance (SD)	John Watts: Langsford Kimberley Malaxos	Bob Hicks: Langsford Kimberley Malaxos	John Duckworth: Rance Shine (SD) Q'O'Connell	Phil Mulcahy: Langsford Rance Kimberley	Tony Parentich: Langsford Kimberley Rance	Grant Dorrington: Langsford Shine Kimberley	Lendich/ Morris
East Perth v West Perth	David Marsh: Spencer (SP) Scott (EP) Campbell (EP)	Rod White: Spencer Wilson (EP) Scott	Rod Lane: Spencer Sparks (EP) Scott	Wayne Harvey: Sparks Scott Spencer	Peter van Helden: Scott Spencer Sparks	Joe Fanchi: Spencer Scott Sparks	David Rowe: Spencer Scott Sparks	Eric Sarich: Scott Spencer Sparks	Ian Brayshaw: Scott Spencer Sparks	Hearne/ Austin
East Frem. v South Frem.	Geoff Christian: Hoult (EF) Wrensted (EF) Harding (EF)	Mario D'Orazio: Wrensted Hoult Harding	Gary Stocks: Wrensted Hoult Mosconi (SF)	Marty McDonnell: Hoult Harding Wrensted	Oscar Howard: Wrensted Hoult Harding	Les Mumme: Hoult Wrensted Kerr (EF)	Chris Mitsopoulos: Wrensted Hoult Harding	David Dyson: Wrensted Hoult Browning (EF)	David Dyson: Wrensted Hoult Browning	Ball/ Johnson

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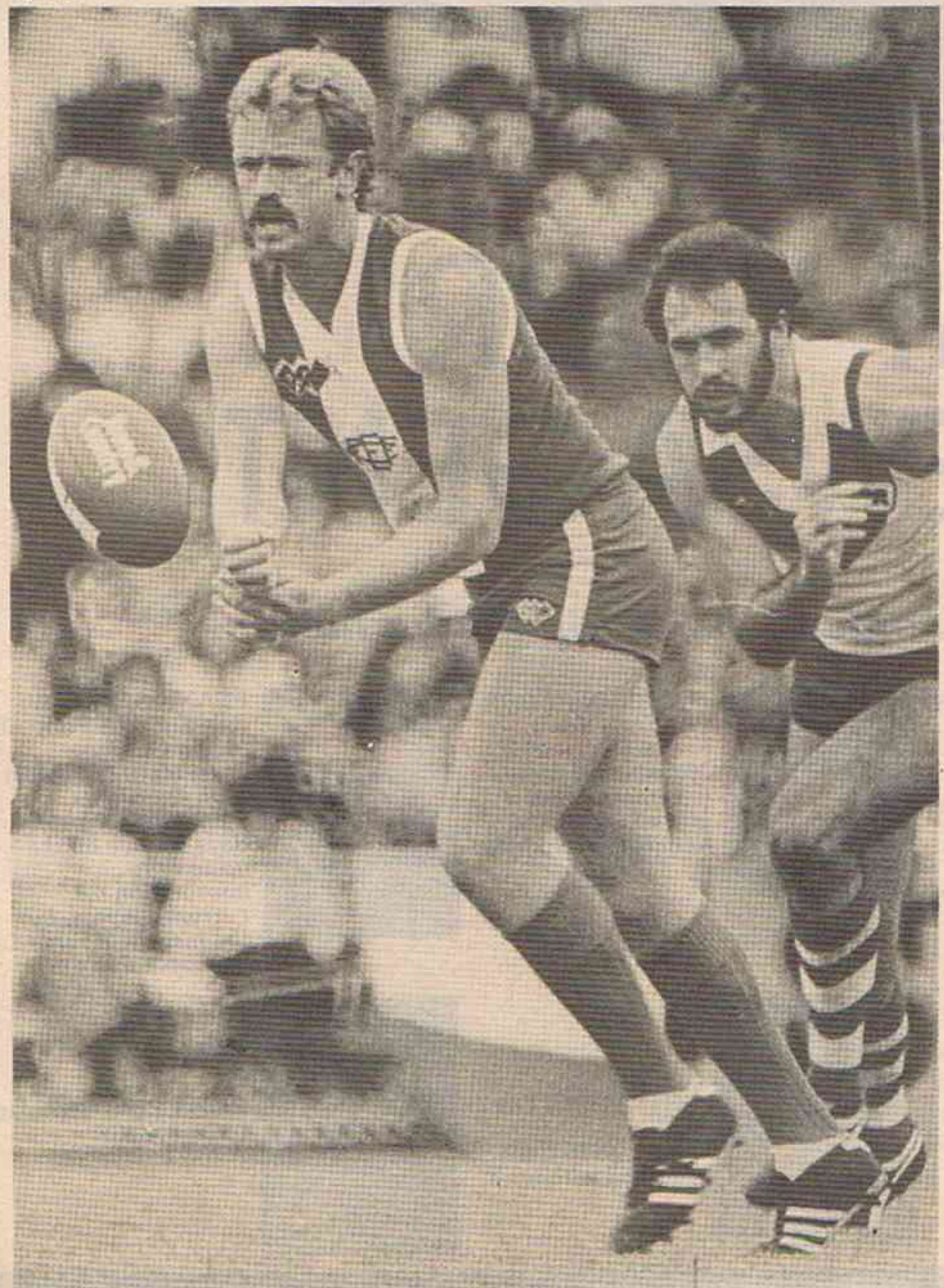
JOHN DUCKWORTH (West Perth): Played top-level football in three States and built a reputation that was hard to fault in each of the States. Won a Magarey Medal while playing in South Australia.

One of the toughest players ever to pull on a boot and had the capacity to inspire a side. His long kicking and fast dashes was a treat to watch.



BRIAN NEEDLE (East Fremantle): Towards the end of his career he struggled for regular league games, but managed to play more than 150 games for his club to earn life membership.

He began his career as a defender, but finished it off with some memorable performances in front of goal near the end of last year. He was moved to full-forward and was one of the driving forces behind East Fremantle's rise into the four.



STAN NOWOTNY (Swan Districts): Tough utility player who began his career as a half-back and later graduated to centre half-forward and wound up his career playing mainly at full-forward or from a half-forward flank.

Nowotny played 277 games for Swans and that has only been bettered by club president Bill Walker who played 305 matches.



JOHN DIMMER (East Perth): Joined the Royals in 1980 after seven seasons and 90 games at Subiaco and was last year named captain of East Perth. He played more than 150 games of league football and represented the State three times.

Made his mark on WA football as one of the tightest — checking half-backs in the game. Decided to retire when East Perth hit a trouble period at the end of last season over player payments.

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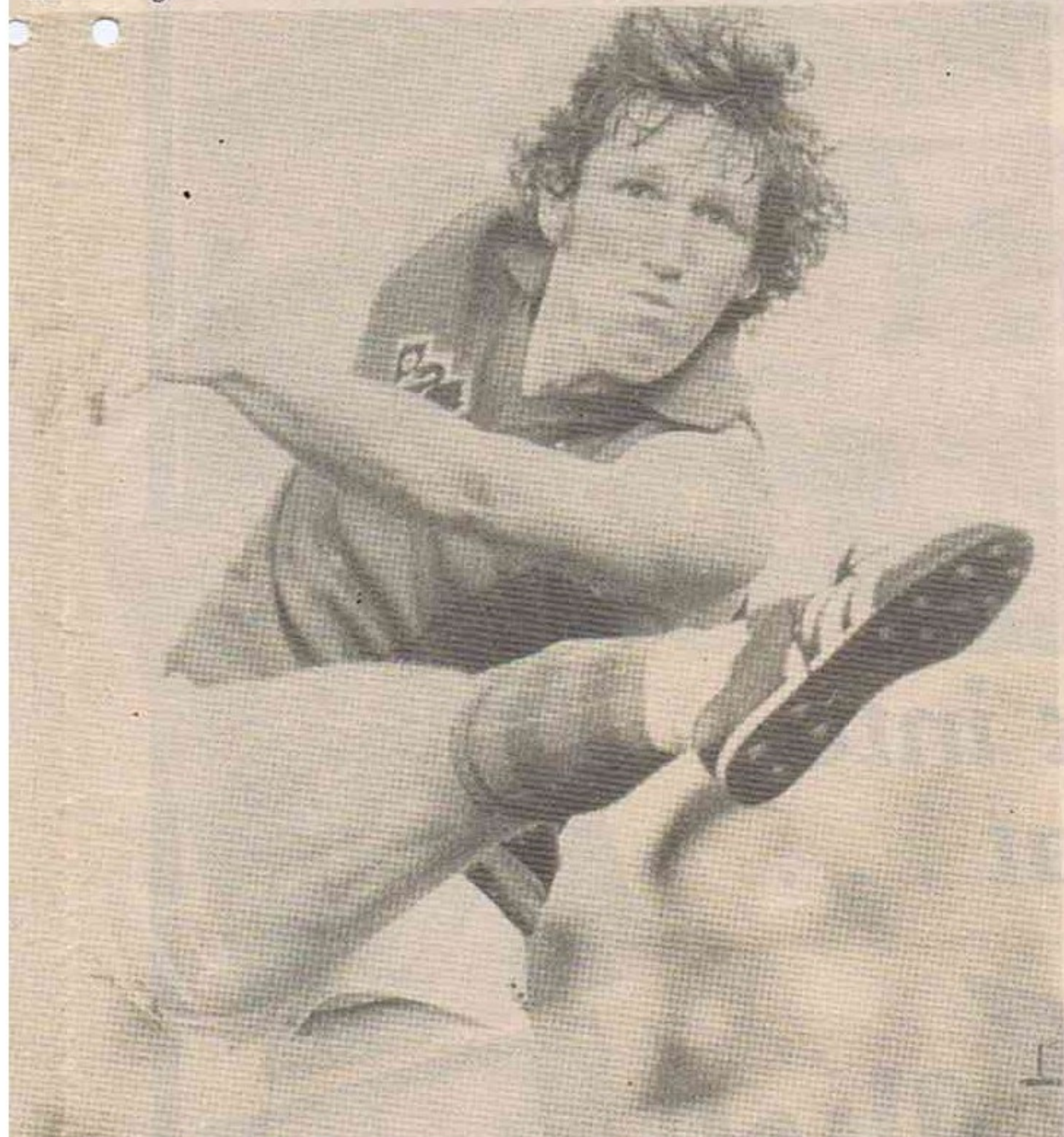
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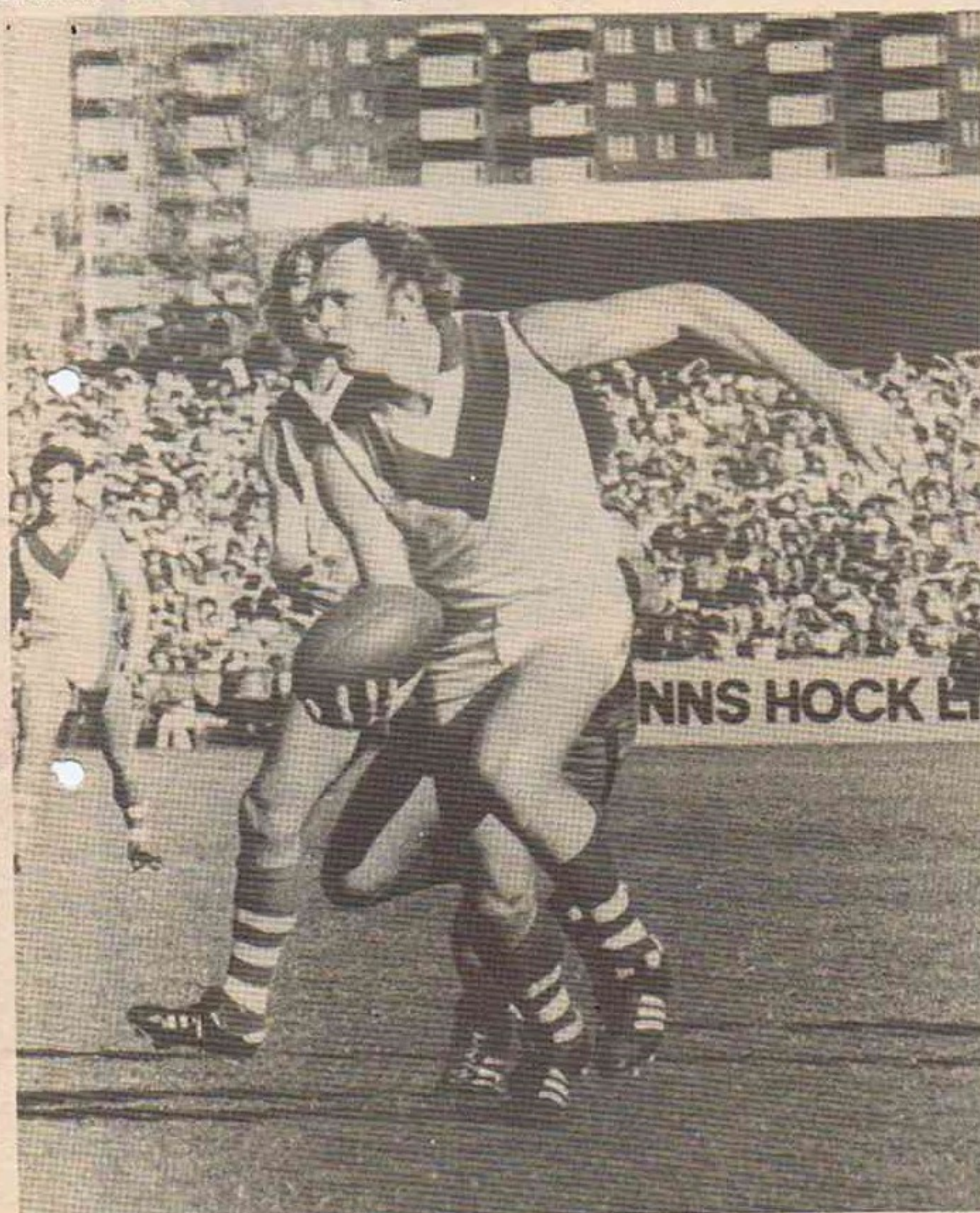
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Final salute to the champs

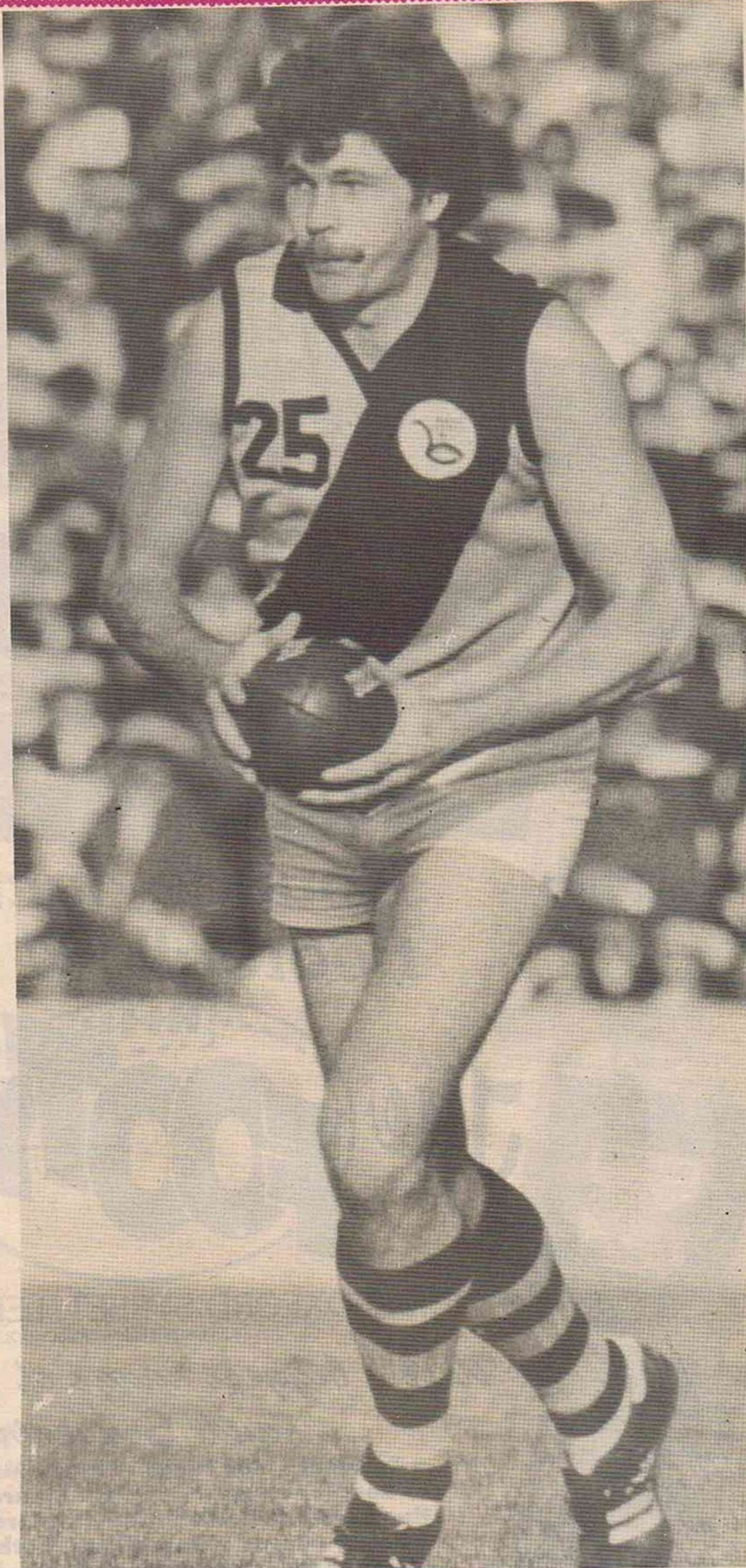
THIS is the first of a two-part series where we look at stars who retired from the game ring the off-season. Every year WA football loses top-line players through retirement and 1984 is no exception. These are some of the big guns who will not be donning their respective club guernseys this year, and Westside Football takes this opportunity of making this final salute to their vice to the game.



RUSSELL ELLEN (West Perth): Joined the Falcons from Essendon in 1978 and played more than 100 games with his West Australian club. Was a valuable ruckman for several years before fading a little in his final season. Was extremely agile for a big man, but could not force a regular place in the line-up last season. Will be invaluable as captain-coach of Wembley.



WAYNE DELMENICO (South Fremantle): Arrived from Melbourne in 1976 and gave the Bulldogs great service throughout his career in WA. Top-class utility player who could play at either end of the ground. Represented the State in 1981 and was one of the strongest defenders in the game during his career.



GRAHAM MOSS (Claremont): Champion ruckman who won the 1976 Brownlow Medal before returning to WA and taking over the Tigers as captain-coach. Played 242 games in two States, 89 of those with Essendon — and every one was stamped with class. Decided to retire as a player this year to concentrate on his coaching.

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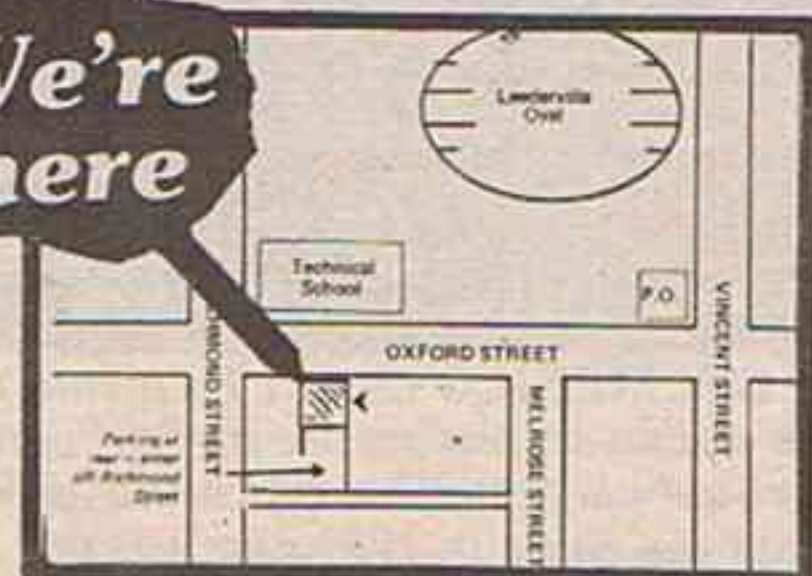
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WANNEROO TO PROVE TOPS

Wanneroo, Kelmscott or Gosnells — who will be the most powerful club outside the WAFL by the end of 1984?

The newly formed Sunday league of 17 clubs begin battle this week to decide the answer to that question and many others that have hounded Sunday football for decades.

The Sunday Football League kicks off with the clash of the two premiers from the previous Sunday competitions. Kenwick, the South Suburban champions, travel to Kingsway Reserve to take on six time WAFA title holders, Wanneroo.

The Roos start this inaugural year of the SFL outright favourites, but face more competitive opposition than during their reign as WAFA champions.

The SFL boasts 17 powerful combinations with plenty of pre-season activity in an effort to gain maximum player potential.

The following club run-down will give Sunday football enthusiasts an indication of just how close this competition will be and where the sides might finish in September.

WANNEROO

COACH: Stuart Hillier.
RECRUITS: Ron Wilson (West Perth), Ashley Tidy (Bunbury), Neville Paterson (West Perth), Paul and Greg Hyde (Canning), Ross Parker (Gosnells), Kevin Dale (South Perth), David Adamson (Osborne Park) and Mark Bonomelli (Subiaco).

KEY PLAYERS: Hillier, Mick Fuller, Dennis Williams, Steve Finch and Alan Shepherd.

HOME GROUND: Kingsway Reserve.
MY TIP FOR 1984: PREMIERS.

The Roos are set to prove once and for all that they are the best Sunday football combination around. Their impressive array of talent stands tall over all opponents.

KELMSCOTT

COACH: Stephen Fowles.
RECRUITS: Pat O'Meagher (Gosnells), David Brady (Swan Districts), the Nizich brothers (Perth) and Wally Sidebottom from the country.

KEY PLAYERS: Bruce Tschirpig, Ray Witt (leading goalkicker), Doug Beattie, Bruce Stevenson and Peter Adams.

HOME GROUND: John Dunn Memorial Reserve.
MY TIP: Grand finalists.

With a fine spread of youth combined with the experience of Witt, Tschirpig and Fowles, Kelmscott will be a real force. Pre-season form has never been a true indication of how this band of professionals approach the arduous season ahead.

GOSNELLS

COACH: Trevor Williams.
RECRUITS: Graeme Edwards (Canning and Brookton), David Glendinning (Maddington), Stephen Preedy (East Fremantle) and Mark O'Keefe (Rockingham).

KEY PLAYERS: Arthur Jones, Glen McKay, Ross Leopold and Phil Latham.

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HOME GROUND: Gosnells Recreation Ground.
MY TIP: Third.

An experienced finalists combination with some of the finest players in the league. David Wilson must start the year as favourite to win the League's fairest and best medal whil ruckman Dale Chapman and half-forward David Wilson are two exciting players.

KALAMUNDA

COACH: Steve Gillespie.
RECRUITS: Gary Armstrong (Perth), John McGuire (Perth), Glen O'Rourke (Swan Districts) and Stan Nowotny (Swan Districts).

KEY PLAYERS: Rick Ellard, Peter Netherway, Bill Boylan and Brett Williams.

HOME GROUND: Ray Owen Reserve.
MY TIP: Fourth.

Maturing and improving all the time as a side and under the guidance of Gillespie and Nowotny, they will come of age this season.



SUNDAY SCENE

Kim Hagdorn's weekly round-up of Sunday League matches.

CANNING

COACH: Wayne Delmenico.
RECRUITS: Kim Zubrinich and Kim Bryan (Armadale).
KEY PLAYERS: Steve Goodall, Terry Eaton, Brett Dale and Wayne Hardman.
HOME GROUND: Wyong Reserve.
MY TIP: Fifth.

The most consistent and competitive side for the past decade, Canning will again be a force. Their experience in finals football will be a distinct advantage in a season that will see all the top sides playing tough football every week.

KENWICK

COACH: Graeme Nicholas.
RECRUITS: Nil.
KEY PLAYERS: Wayne Ogg, Alan Boundry, Geoff Fry, Wayne Vulich and Brad Steinbock.
HOME GROUND: Mills Park.
MY TIP: Sixth.

Last year's grand finalists have lost too many players to be a major threat in '84. But the Kenwick grit and pride will keep them in the top half of the table and they could surprise by the end of the year.

ARMADALE

COACH: Des Hindson.
RECRUITS: Brian Cook (Rockingham — 1983 fairest and best), Stephen Irons (East Perth), Phil Seal (Mines Rovers), John Hall (East Perth) and Craig Nock (Canning) and Hindson (Claremont).
KEY PLAYERS: David Michael (Stephen's cousin), David Tenardi, Alan Pratt and the Ciccotosto brothers, Brian and Adrian.
HOME GROUND: Gwynne Park.
MY TIP: Seventh.

The 'easy beats' of Sunday football for many years have been busy throughout the off season and will reap the benefit with their best year for some time.

OSBORNE PARK

COACH: Gordon Rogers.
RECRUITS: Ben Jager (West Perth).
KEY PLAYERS: Kim Dellacqua, Norm Uncle, Mick McCutcheon and Wayne Loxley.
HOME GROUND: Balcatta Reserve.
MY TIP: Eighth.

The Saints will find this competition tough going but with plenty of home grown talent and a distinct home ground advantage will win more than they lose.

WILLETTON

COACH: Jeff Trott.
RECRUITS: Robert Poepjes (Claremont), Robbie Johnson (East Fremantle)

and Brian Needle (East Fremantle).
KEY PLAYERS: Doug Gibb, Peter O'Donnell, Kim Barrett and Noel McKenney.

HOME GROUND: Willetton Reserve.
MY TIP: Ninth.

A real club of the future. Recently formed into one of the strongest sporting clubs in the State, they have plenty of support and will be a competitive force this season.

SOUTH PERTH

COACH: Phil Haughan.
RECRUITS: John Duckworth (West Perth), Mick Minchinton (Maddington).
KEY PLAYERS: Gary Diver, Tony Capriotti, Shane Brennan, Gary Simms and Peter Kiely.
HOME GROUND: Lathlain Park.
MY TIP: Tenth.

The move from Perth Oval to Lathlain Park will probably be the most exciting thing about the 1984 season for the Tigers. They will struggle to reach the heights they have enjoyed in recent years.

FOOTBALL TALK

The Sunday Football League of WA goes onto the airways this Saturday.

Radio 6NR will preview the games and introduce to listeners the coaches, officials and players of this unique gathering of Sunday football talent.

From 7:45am you can hear all the latest team developments and League news.

This week's special guest is League Chairman Colin Reynolds. The regular panel comprises Terry Kift and Kim Hagdorn.

KEY PLAYERS: Chris Roe, Steve Carey, Neil Pinner and Mark Harding.

HOME GROUND: Shirley Strickland Oval.

MY TIP: Thirteenth.

Harder to beat at home than away, the Hawks are a tremendously enthusiastic side that never say die. They will win a share of games to suggest their worth in this competition but will find the might of the more star studded sides too much to be any real threat.

KWINANA

COACH: Tony Morley.
RECRUITS: Dave Fraby (Claremont) and Steven Lewington (South Fremantle).
KEY PLAYERS: Ollie Loo, Ross Sweetman, Glen Hutchison, Peter Shaw and Doug Allen.

HOME GROUND: Medina Oval.

MY TIP: Fourteenth.

After a disappointing year last season they have little to look forward to this year. Kwinana will look to a number of youngsters for big efforts if they are to prove a force this season.

THORNIE

COACH: Phillip Turner.
RECRUITS: Curtis Clarke (West Perth), Noel Williams and Bernie Dunne (South Perth).

KEY PLAYERS: Dennis Evans and Nevelli Tomelty.

HOME GROUND: Thornlie Oval.

MY TIP: Fifteenth.

The club is in rebuilding process and will use this season as a gauge to the future. Will win some games that may have a bearing on the top five.

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East Perth name Skill Squad

THE East Perth Football Club has named its 1984 Special Skills Squad, made up of 14 and 15 year olds of the future.

The club's coaching co-ordinator is former Perth league footballer Noel Wilson who trains the squad each Wednesday at Perth Oval. Each squad member will receive a pair of boots, a pair of socks, a guernsey and a sports bag from the club.

Twelve current East Perth league players have graduated through the squad since its inception in 1976. From its inaugural year, Grant Campbell and Glyn Williams are league survivors.

PLAYERS

Below is a list of the 32 players selected for the current squad.

John Edmondson, Murray Hulbert, Peter Ilott, Ashley James, Steven Locatori, Eric Maroni, Joe Marrapodi, John Marrapodi, Murray Reid (St Marks); Andrew Brady, Mark Cartier, Lee Payne, Flavio Rigotti, Stirling Ross, Stephen Tipping, Stewart Vernon (Bayswater/Morley); Ashley Burgess, Chris Canning, John Moore, Steven Wasley, Paul Ward, Tim Pense (Noranda); Nathan Brooks, Bruno Granato, Bruce Hinkley, James O'Callaghan (East Perth/Highgate), Jeromy Collinson (Morley Police & Citizens Youth Club); Ashley McPhail, Michael Rees (Byford); Murray Ameduri (Bedford); Jamie Carter (Mt Lawley); Jon Miller (Dianella).

CUP TRIALS

THIS season's Town and Country State 17s side, who will vie for the Teal Cup in Sydney from June 6 to June 12, is quickly getting into gear and the first trial game will be held after Easter.

Western Australia has contested the Teal Cup since 1978, but has never won.

This year, under new coach Grant Dorrington, there is an air of confidence about their prospects.

MEETING THIS WEEK

THE WAFL will record a first for junior football this week.

A meeting will be held at League headquarters involving all general managers and development officers from each league club.

Many points of discussion are on the agenda, including "the white elephant" — the 17s inter-districts competition.

COLLIER'S 30th

THE Collier Junior Football Club, in the Perth Junior Council, will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year.

A big club function will be held on June 9 at Lathlain Park to mark the occasion.

Past and present club supporters can contact club President Peter Weston on 368 1486 for further information.

Collier have inaugurated freeball in the Perth Junior Council this season.

If any clubs are willing to nominate players for freeball, contact club President Peter Weston on 368 1486.

PRECAUTION

A SIMPLE precaution taken by the Subiaco's Wanneroo Junior Football League for the past few years may help other bodies when it comes to producing fixture books.

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Send your entry on the back of an envelope — with your Name and Address of course — to: Junior Quiz, Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville 6007.

Entries close every Tuesday.

The answer to last week's question was Bryan Cousins and the winner is Lane Doherty of Maddington.



problem with fixtures after some teams drop out at the start of the season," said John Mill, Subiaco's Wanneroo League Manager.

"To cover the first two weeks we distribute news sheets showing the first two games."

WATTSIE POISONS JEFF

Jeff Carter, the captain of Queens Park Junior Football club's 13s team, seems to have been brain-washed by that one-eyed Royals man John K. Watts.

Jeff was the first invited junior guest on Channel 7s World of Football's junior segment last Sunday and was given the 'grill' by Wattsie.

When asked who he barracked for, Jeff promptly said East Perth. It seems ironic that Wattsie was holding an East Perth-coloured football at the time!

The football, a pair of boots and a pair of shorts were presented to Jeff for his appearance on television.

Jeff may barrack for East Perth, but he plays in the Perth Junior Council and his idol is South Fremantle champion Noel Carter.

DUAL ROLES

RON Tester is the fixture co-ordinator and Karrinyup Junior Football Club delegate (a club where he is also president) of the Claremont Junior Council — and he is the R. and I. Little League manager for Subiaco's Wanneroo Junior League as well.

Ron is happy working for both organisations and naturally divorces them from each other.

He is a Subiaco follower, his son Gary Tester is a former league player and is a life member of the Subiaco Junior Council where he has worked for many years.



This Perth player is under plenty of pressure during the R & I Little League match on Saturday.

Swans the only narrow winner

EASY victories were the order of the day in the R. and I. Little League matches.

The one exception was the Claremont-Swan Districts match when Swans snuck home by one point — 1.3 to 1.2

Renoof, Brown and Netherway were the prime movers for Swan Districts while Rindle, Smirke and Sheppard played well for Claremont.

The easiest win of the day was recorded by Subiaco, 3.4 to Perth's 1.0.

Andrew Beard, Danny Stumper and Bradley Spark did best for the young Lions while Brendan Cocks, Jamie Baker and Ramon Mairada tried hard for Perth.

In another easy win, East Perth kicked 2.2 while holding West Perth 0.1.

Best players for East Perth were Tassone, Cotton and Venenia while West Perth's major contributors were Liddelow, Malcolm and Gordon.

The other match saw East Fremantle out-play South Fremantle 1.4 to nil.

Vinicombe, Don Collins and Colin McGuire were best for the Sharks while South had good players in Monaghan, Blades and Bennett.

WELL DONE

A long-time servant to the Perth Junior Council has retired. He is Bill Jones, who has been the council's recorder for 16 years.

Bill is a life member of the council and he and his wife are life members of the Manning Junior Football Club.

The couple plan to travel around the State once Bill retires from work in June this year.

The Perth Football Club held a presentation evening for Bill and his wife last month when about 100 guests attended, including club president George Spalding, who gave a speech on Bill's contribution to junior football.

MILESTONES

100 games

PERTH JFC: Scott Baynes and Michael Kosteralas — East Vic. Park 13s, Jamie Chamberlain — Carlisle 13s.

SWANS JFC: Shayne Hoy — Koongamia/Helena Valley 17s.

50 games

PERTH JFC: Paul Rowe — Carlisle 15s.

Hints for Juniors

During the 1984 season Freddie Footballer . . . WA's favourite footy character, will present a series of hints for junior footballers. He will explain how to kick, punch and mark the ball properly, together with many more helpful hints for young players.

Over the next three weeks we will look at the different ways to kick the ball, today, it's the . . .

The drop punt . . .

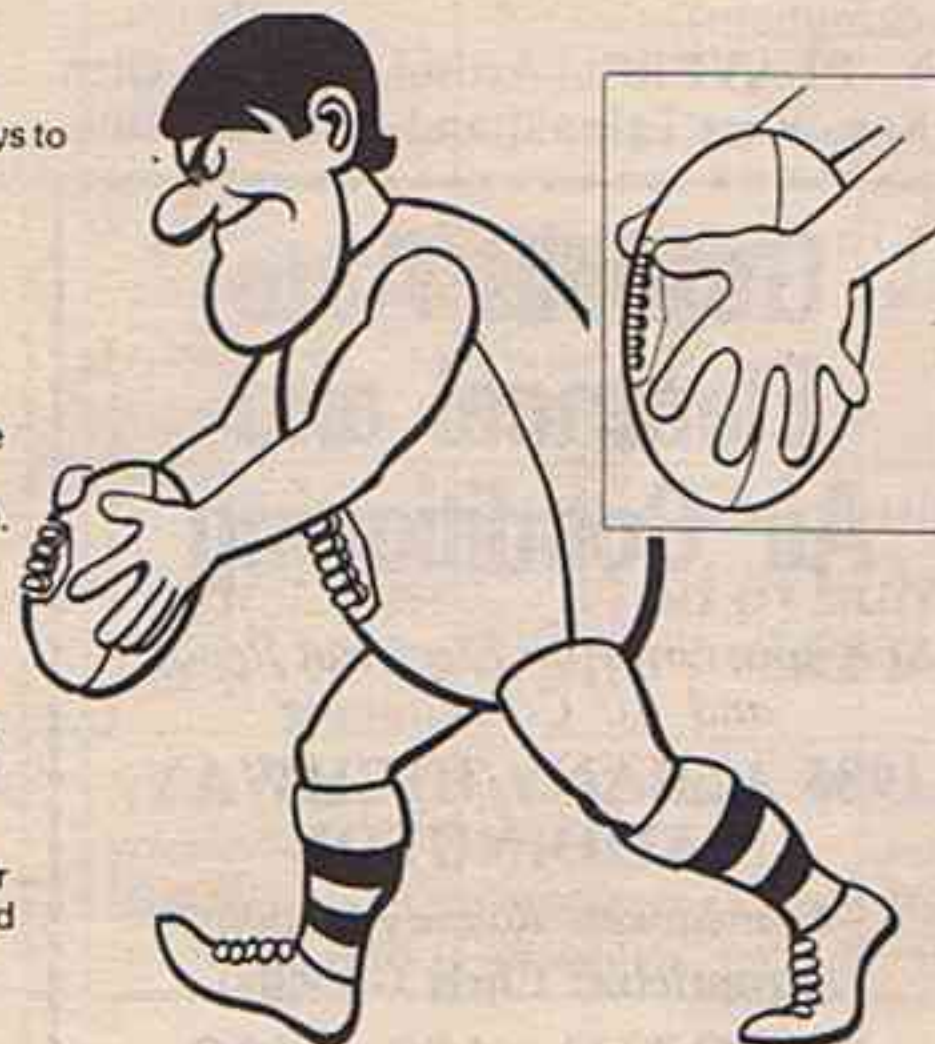
The drop punt kick is today's most-used kick. There are quite a few of us who still love the drop kick, but it's a fact of footy life in the 1980's that it's not used too much.

The right way to hold the football for the drop punt kick is to grip the ball on either side of the lace, thumbs opposite each other and fingers spread down the side seams of the ball. The ball should face down towards the ground. Crouch over the ball as you run in to kick and let it go as close to your boot as possible; guide it on to your boot with one hand — that's the idea.

Your instep (that's the part between your shin and your toe) must be taut and straight and the ball's bottom should land ideally where your laces are.

Keep your eyes on the ball all the time.

*The complete series of Freddie's helpful hints are published in a book called "Aussie Rules . . . Learn to Play the Freddie Footballer Way" which is available at The Footy Shop, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.





Greg Walsh (above) and Peter Spencer



A GREAT DEPUTY

PETER Spencer's appointment as East Perth's vice captain is fitting, particularly as it looks like being a tough year for the Royals.

Spencer is one of the game's greatest fighters.

He is a player who does not give, or accept, anything less than 100 percent commitment and he will lead the side by example.

He is the perfect foil for new skipper Greg Walsh.

Spencer, knows what it is like to stare adversity in the face. The dynamic centremen-ruck-rover has overcome

injury which would have convinced many other players to retire and concentrate on something less physically demanding.

He represents tradition — and tradition is something East Perth pride themselves on.

It is not going to be easy for East Perth, even though they have started the season in a blaze of glory. Spencer knows they have a long way to go.

But if the young players at the club follow his lead they will have every chance of making the four. And when you make the finals anything can happen.



THE LEADERS

In this series GARY STOCKS speaks with the on field leaders of the eight league clubs.

Job not so tough for him

NO ONE envied Greg Walsh when he was appointed captain of East Perth.

It looked as though he was taking on one of the toughest assignments in the game.

The Royals, after losing several players, were freely tipped to finish firmly on the bottom half of the ladder. Surely only a masochist would want to captain a side which was going to do that.

But Walsh is not one to shirk his duties.

He knew that he was one of the most experienced players in the camp in the absence of John Dimmer (last year's skipper), Chris Allen, Craig Edwards and Dean Turner.

He had never stopped trying as a player and he was ready to accept the responsibility of club captain.

APPOINTMENT

"It wasn't something I thought a great deal about until the appointment," Walsh says. "I knew I was in the running along with about four other guys, but it didn't concern me a great deal.

"One bloke isn't going to lift East Perth. It's a team thing and I can't believe the spirit of the young guys at the moment.

"I will be getting together with all the senior players after training sessions and having a talk to them about where we are headed."

That is typical of Walsh.

TEAM MAN

He has always been a team man and he is working hard with the other senior players at the club to ensure that East Perth continue on their winning way.

Obviously Walsh could not be happier at the moment. The Royals have won their first two games and they have been most convincing.

And one of the major reasons for their success, Walsh says, is the atmosphere at the club.

"I don't think there has been a better feeling at the club since I joined them," he says. "It is particularly evident in the younger players.

"They are so keen I can't believe it."

SUCCESS

Perhaps a contributing factor for the success in the camp is that East Perth are a young side. With so many senior players leaving, the youngsters realised that if they played well enough they would get an opportunity.

Walsh played all of his junior football with Busselton and came to Perth to make a name for himself in league football.

He made his league debut in 1976 as a half-back and eventually won himself a place in the Royals defence.

Walsh earned a reputation as something of a quiet achiever.



Greg Walsh shows his versatility as he contests this ruck.

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Country side in training

THE Wesfarmers State country team will begin their campaign to continue their unbeaten interstate record with a training run on Saturday morning.

The 24-man squad will train at Perth Oval at 11am and move on to Subiaco Oval as guests of the WAFL to watch the Swan Districts-South Fremantle clash.

In an historic match at league headquarters last year, the WA country team played a SA country team with the local side taking the honours.

That was the first time two country bodies had met as the curtain raiser to an interstate clash.

After trailing for most of the game, the WA team came home with a rush and stole the match on the siren.

The squad is based on last year's Wesfarmers All-Stars side.

Successful Bunbury and South West coach Peter Betti is in charge of the squad which is:

Peter Le Cras (Captain, South Coastal Football Association), Dave Roberts (vice-captain, South West), Neil Earl, Graham Jeffrey, Peter Quartermaine, Ross Tyson, Leigh Wright (South West), Derek Doyle, Paul Cook, Lex Growden (Eastern Districts), Kim Rogers, David Clarke, Merv Davis, Mick Morris (Avon), Glenn Hoult, Scott Rowlands, Barry Evans (Great Northern), John Ditchburn, Robert Marononi, Rodney Zilm (Central Great Southern), Murray King, Peter Smith (Mortlock), Greg Cavanagh (Upper Great Southern), Ricky West (North Midlands).



The football facts at your fingertips

THE football fan's bible — that's our annual publication *Who's Who in West Australian Football*.

Statistical details of more than 350 players are included in this publication, which is now on sale at all newsagencies — or at The Footy Shop, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

Everything that you need to know about all the players at your club is compiled in an easy-to-read style.

However, even since our publication date some new names have emerged on the league scene and we publish the details of these players below. Cut this list out and add it to your *Who's Who* reference book.

Football records provide fascinating reading and statisticians Stephen Davies and Trevor Dawson have updated their figures on how all the clubs have performed against each other.

The magazine also introduces the new independent board members and tells you more about the men who now have control of the destiny of West Australian football.

It's a Westside Football publication, so the quality is guaranteed.

WEST PERTH

BENNETT, Malcolm. Born 30/1/62. Height 6.4 (193cm). Weight 14.7 (92kg). League debut 1981. Came from Nungarin. Occupation Student. Games — 9. Goals — 5. *Rose to prominence with some outstanding ruck work late last season and will be a top player for the Falcons. Takes a strong mark and works hard around the ground.*

PERTH

RICHARDSON, Lloyd. Born 26/5/59. Height 6.0 (187cm). Weight 12.7 (80kg). League debut 1984. Came from Maddington. Occupation Accountant. *Runner-up in his club's fairest and best award last season and played solidly in his league debut as a ruck-rover. Is exceptionally fast and could develop into a handy player.*

SMITH, Glen. Born 27/10/63. Height 5.8½ (174cm). Weight 12.2 (77kg). League debut 1984. Came from Kelmscott. Occupation Bank Officer. *Played in the back pocket in his first game of senior football, but can be used as a ruck-rover or half-forward. Impressed in his league debut.*

SWAN DISTRICTS

BLACKABY, Ed. Born 6/12/51. Height 5.8¼ (173cm). Weight 10.7 (66kg). League debut 1980. Came from Manuka, Canberra. Occupation shop owner. Games — 185. Manuka; 45 Swans. Goals — 86. *Has been plagued by illness since arriving in WA and looked likely to retire this season, before pulling his boots on again. A brilliant goal-kicking rover vital to Swans' cause.*

RICHARDSON, Steve. Born 16/3/59. Height 5.11 (180cm). Weight 12.4 (78kg). League debut Essendon 1983; Swans 1984. Came from Essendon. Occupation Physical Education Instructor. Games — 1 Essendon. Goals — 2 Essendon. *Twin brother of former star Swan Districts ruck rover Mike Richardson. Plays mainly as a wingman and could become a top line player for Swans.*

EAST PERTH

HIGGINS, Paul. Born 15/11/64. Height 6.2½ (189cm). Weight 12.7 (80kg). League debut 1984. Came from Trinity. Occupation Trainee Manager. *Talented youngster who made his entry into league football at Bunbury. Wiry utility player who could become a damaging half forward.*

SOUTH FREMANTLE

DOBSON, Glyn. Born 12/3/64. Height 6.2 (188cm). Weight 12.0 (76kg). League debut 1984. Came from Coolbellup. Occupation Fitter. *Talented defender who looks capable of holding the full-back position for the Bulldogs. Takes a strong mark and clears the ball with style.*

AMOROSO, Tony. Born 24/12/59. Height 6.0 (183cm). Weight 11.12 (75kg). League debut 1984. Came from Southern Port. Occupation Teacher. *Made a sensational debut in the opening round, taking a brilliant mark and playing strongly from the half-back line. Showed outstanding potential.*

SUNDAY SCENE

• From page 15.

MANDURAH

COACH: Ross Bradley.
RECRUITS: Nil.
KEY PLAYERS: Stewart Barker, Jim Lopiriorie, Graham Waters, Greg Poultney and Merv Kelly.
HOME GROUND: Rushton Park.
MY TIP: Sixteenth.

To tip them so low is probably harsh, as they have the potential to push any side in the competition on their day. They must show improvement on last season and follow the example of coach Bradley, one of the hardest working players in the League.

FREMANTLE

COACH: Adrian Warner.
RECRUITS: Bill Hallam (Victoria), Mark Regan (East Fremantle), Brett Fannon and Glen Batten (Thornlie).
KEY PLAYERS: John Abrusci, Alec Stewart, Murray Ford and Nick Puca.
HOME GROUND: Gilbert Fraser Reserve.
MY TIP: Wooden spoon.

A lack of 'big-time' experience will prevent the port side from figuring prominently this season. They are a club with a future and will persevere to become a leading club in years to come.

Whistle Stop



FAMILIAR FACES

DAVID Rowe and Darryle Gillies might have retired from umpiring, but they still have an interest in what is happening on the local panel. Both went down to training at the WACA Ground last Thursday to have a run with the umpires and they didn't look to be that unfit either! Gillies was down at training because he had a cricket wind-up at the same venue and Rowe was there just to revive old friendships. Rowe received plenty of constructive criticism as to the comments he should be making in his new role as an around-the-groundsman with 61X.



David Rowe

HEARNE'S RETURN

IT HAS been good to see Brian Hearne force his way back into top level umpiring after a year's absence from the senior scene. Hearne made his debut in 1970 and had umpired 53 league games before last season. He could not force his way into the top eight umpires, but was promoted back into league umpiring for the first game of this season and has done a good job in the opening two fixtures. His form has been impressive and he looks set for one of his best years in the game.

NEW RULE

THE umpires were disappointed when a proposed change to the 15-metre law was not introduced immediately. They took the rule change to the new Board of Directors, where it met with approval, but its introduction has been delayed till the second series. The umpires suggested that the player who is penalised 15 metres should not be able to take his place on the new mark. That has to be taken by one of his team mates. It saves any further confrontations and the umpires would have liked to have the law introduced earlier.

VIDEO HELP

THROUGH the co-operation of the WAFL the umpires panel will soon have video equipment. The video will be used to tape games, naturally concentrating on the umpiring aspects, and those tapes will be replayed to the umpires involved. It should prove to be invaluable in helping them overcome faults.

WELCOME CHANGE

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COLTS CORNER

Another Bewick on the way

DON'T be surprised to see a rover named Bewick in the West Perth senior side before the end of the year. Nuggetty 16-year-old Darren Bewick, the younger brother of injured West Perth star Corry, is showing all the credentials to become a success in football. He has good skills on both sides of his body, lacks nothing in courage and is a former State schoolboy.

YOUNG HOPEFULS

TWO of Bewick's team-mates in the State schoolboys side are also playing colts at West Perth and have bright futures. Dean Laidley, a brilliant centreman, is being freely tipped as a player with enormous potential and he could force his way into the league team before the end of the year. Heath Soutar is a young ruckman with outstanding prospects. However, he might need to settle into a key attacking or defensive role when he moves up through the grades. All three players have been nominated for the State under-18 Teal Cup team and they should move through to represent the State at this level as well.

KRAKOUER-THREE

WHEN Billy Krakouer arrived in Perth he was the central figure in a big publicity rush by the local newspapers. The brother of the famous Krakouers, Jim and Phil — who began their careers with North Mt Barker in the Southern



Districts National Football League, before joining Claremont and then heading to North Melbourne — found himself the centre of attention. Because of that pressure he did not play to his true capabilities and was placed in the Tigers colts team to give him some confidence. And judging by Saturday's effort, the ploy worked. Krakouer kicked three goals for the Tigers and figured highly on their best player lists.

RAMSHAW No. 2.

DARRIN Ramshaw, a member of the WA Sheffield Shield squad, is set to make his mark in the world of football. The talented former under-18 State player has slotted in well with the Perth colts and has been in their best-player list in the opening two games. Ramshaw, a son of former Perth full back and full forward Graham Ramshaw, is keen to succeed in football and could be given an opportunity at senior level before the season is over. On Saturday night the colts players were introduced to the Perth members and Ramshaw was mentioned as one player with a big future. He had the option of playing for Claremont because he was in their area, but he chose to play with the Demons under the father-son rule.



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Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Country football clubs, associations and leagues are invited to submit news items and photographs for inclusion on this page.

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DONNYBROOK IN UPSET WIN

DONNYBROOK caused a boilder in the South West competition on Sunday when they beat Carey Park by 31 points in an opening round fixture.

They played a brand of football not seen at the club for several seasons when they kicked 23.13 to Carey Park's 17.18.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup, another side to have struggled in recent seasons, showed improved form when they pushed Augusta-Margaret River all the way before going down by 10 points.

With new coach Kim Allsop leading the way and several imported players also showing good form, the Cardinals kicked 13.16 to AMR's 16.8.

The performances by those two clubs augers well for a top season.

Mines Rovers scored an impressive 72 point win over Harvey Brunswick — 25.20 to 14.14.

The Miners, without three of last year's stars Des Hindson, Ray Smith and captain Peter Rowe, surprised many people with their good performance.

Defending premiers Bunbury kiucked off their hat-trick campaign with a good win over Busselton, while South Bunbury proved far too good for Collie.



Wayne Watterson, South Bunbury's ace rover, has overcome illness to again be a top player for the Tigers.

Mullewa unlucky

THERE were plenty of surprises when the Great Northern National Football League played their second round of fixtures on the weekend.

The only undefeated teams remaining in the competition are Chapman Valley, who had a bye on Sunday, and Northampton. And the only teams yet to win a game are Mullewa, who had the first round bye, and Towns.

Mullewa were unlucky not to open their account when they went down by just one point to Railways, 16.13 to Mullewa's 16.12.

Rovers scored their first win of the season when they were too strong for Brigades — winning 16.11 to 10.11.

The other game saw Northampton easily account for Towns, 16.17 to 11.21.

Railways look good

NORTHAM teams Federals and Railways rounded off their pre-season preparation with a practice match at Jubilee Park last Sunday.

The season kicks off this Sunday and Railways showed they should be a force in the competition when they won the practice match by five goals.

Ruck rover Mike Thomson did most of the damage for Railways and he received solid support from captain coach Mick Morris and half-forward Dan Foley.

Foley kicked four goals with the Perth reserves on the Saturday before playing in Northam on Sunday.

Federals had only a few good players including Mick Bloomfield, Terry Lawlor and Craig Curtis.

This Sunday Railways will play Tammin in what promises to be the game of the round, while Federals play Kellerberrin and on last year's form they should win comfortably.

Coastal teams shape up

THE Coastal Football Association has completed its first round of fixtures and defending premiers Leeman are on course for a back-to-back premiership.

They won their first premiership in history last season and after the opening three games in the four-team competition are undefeated.

With centreman David McKain providing most of the drive, Leeman are looking good once more.

However, the competition is much more even this year and any of the teams competing could take the honours.

Their season revolves around the fishing season so they start much earlier than most other competitions in the country and finish with their grand final in July.

EAST FREMANTLE STAR

Cervantes, who entered the competition for the first time last season, have yet to win a game but with former East Fremantle star Peter Le Cras playing a leading hand they are a much-improved combination.

Cervantes have improved — though they have yet to win a game.

Eneabba are in second position with two wins and coach John Bunter has them playing an impressive brand of football.

In third position, with one victory, is Jurien Bay.

They have also shown improvement under the direction of Neil Marshall.

Cervantes are coached by Dave Thompson and Leeman by Harold Wass.

NO CLEARANCE

The Coastal Football Association is not affiliated with the WAFL because of the way their season falls and the early finish means players can complete the season in another competition without a clearance.

The competition does not come under the country zoning system.

However, East Fremantle have shown a great deal of interest in the association.

Turpin makes a timely return

ROYALS full-forward Wayne Turpin made an auspicious return to Southern Districts football when he booted 14 goals on Sunday.

He was the driving force behind their second win in succession and he will be a key player after having been out of town for several years.

Royals caused a minor upset when they proved too strong for North Mt Barker — the side which dominated most of last season before going down in the grand final.

The Lions played a superior brand of football and with captain Michael "Sticky" Bell leading the way, they look to have strong premiership prospects.

Bell was well supported by Michael Waugh, John Boccomazzo and centre-half-forward Matthew Spurr.

North Mt Barker were badly let down, but Neil Williams and Ray Morgan still put in a big effort and had they received support, the score would have been much closer.

Good news for the competition was a win for Denmark over South Mt. Barker.

The Magpies have struggled in recent seasons and that victory should give them the confidence to go on to bigger and better things.

They beat the Hawks by five goals. Former West Perth star Alan Watling, the new coach of Railways, has them playing an impressive brand of football and they proved too strong for reigning premiers, North Albany, winning by about three goals.

This week will see the two undefeated sides, Royals and Railways, do battle and it promises to be a great spectacle.

Obviously the key to the game will be how well Watling plays.

The Lions will probably adopt tagging tactics, but that has not been enough so far to stop the former All-Australian from winning kicks.

He has played mainly as a ruck rover for the Tigers.

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WAFL

Table with WAFL scores for East Perth vs West Perth, including scorers and umpires.

Table with WAFL scores for Swan Districts vs Claremont, including scorers and umpires.

Table with WAFL scores for Subiaco vs Perth, including scorers and umpires.

Table with WAFL scores for East Fremantle vs South Fremantle, including scorers and umpires.

PETER JACKSON SUPERSCORE

Summary of Peter Jackson's superscore across various matches.

VFL

Table with VFL scores for Hawthorn vs Essendon, including scorers and best player.

Table with VFL scores for Richmond vs North Melbourne, including scorers and best player.

Table with VFL scores for Collingwood vs St Kilda, including scorers and best player.

Table with VFL scores for Carlton vs Fitzroy, including scorers and best player.

Table with VFL scores for Geelong vs Footscray, including scorers and best player.

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Table with VFL scores for Sydney Swans vs Melbourne, including scorers and best player.

Best players and scorers from the Sunday matches.

LEADING VFL GOALKICKERS

Summary of leading goalkickers from the week's matches.

SANFL

Table with SANFL scores for Port Adelaide vs West Adelaide, including scorers and best player.

Table with SANFL scores for South Adelaide vs Woodville, including scorers and best player.

Table with SANFL scores for Central District vs Norwood, including scorers and best player.

Table with SANFL scores for Glenelg vs Sturt, including scorers and best player.

Table with SANFL scores for West Torrens vs North Adelaide, including scorers and best player.

LEADING SANFL GOALKICKERS

Summary of leading goalkickers from the week's matches.

Premiership Tables table showing win/loss records for various clubs.

WAFL

Table showing WAFL win/loss records and percentages for various clubs.

WAFL Reserves

Table showing WAFL Reserves win/loss records and percentages for various clubs.

WAFL Colts

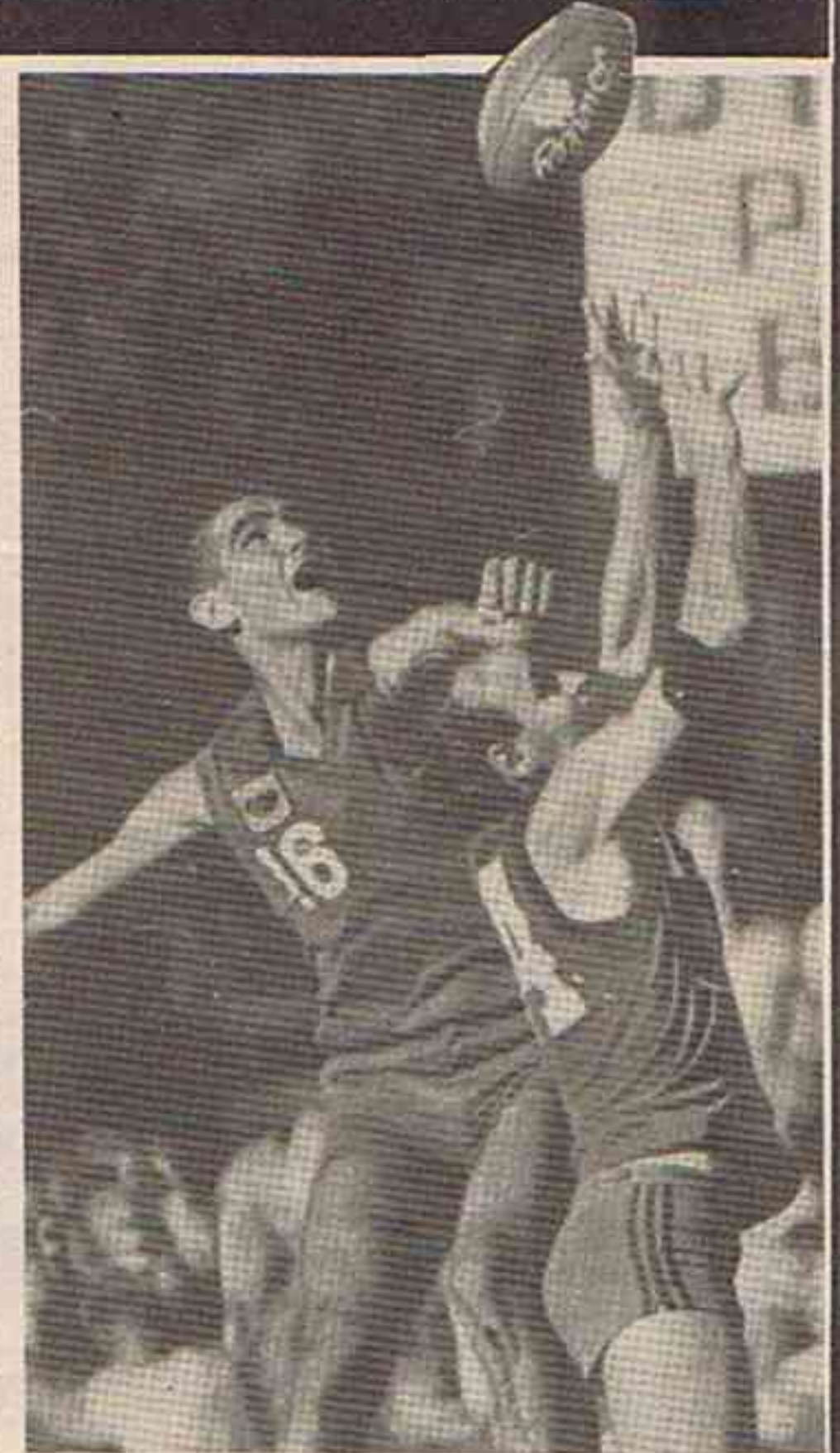
Table showing WAFL Colts win/loss records and percentages for various clubs.

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Phil Bradmore contests a mark with East Perth star Grant Campbell.

WAFL RESERVES

Table with WAFL Reserves scores for Perth vs Subiaco, including scorers and best player.

Table with WAFL Reserves scores for East Perth vs West Perth, including scorers and best player.

Table with WAFL Reserves scores for Swan Districts vs Claremont, including scorers and best player.

WAFL COLTS

Table with WAFL Colts scores for E. Perth vs W. Perth, including scorers and best player.

Table with WAFL Colts scores for Claremont vs Perth, including scorers and best player.

Table with WAFL Colts scores for S. Frem. vs E. Frem., including scorers and best player.

VFL RESERVES

Summary of VFL Reserves scores and scorers from various matches.

CANBERRA

Summary of Canberra scores and scorers from various matches.

TASMANIA

Summary of Tasmania scores and scorers from various matches.

see it all on



TIGERS BEWARE!

WATCHING the Tigers last Saturday was like witnessing the tremors before an earthquake.

The Tigers have built-up a reputation for being one of the most disciplined teams in the WAFL. They have overcome the previous stigma of being "college footballers" and being only interested in their off-field social life.

Their club's standing has been given a new tradition by their total commitment to 'winning'.

Last Saturday there were ominous signs for the Tigers. Signs that are not easily detected to the unknowing supporter.

The 'little things' that make great teams were not being done with a genuine natural feeling. Chasing hard, running hard, tackling hard were generally not seen and one sensed that there was an air of "it's not my fault" attitude among the team.

Swan Districts showed that they still have that 'inner-commitment' to never-say-die by physically grinding the Tigers into the ground. They have done it in two consecutive grand finals and now have a psychological confidence that when the pressure goes on their team's commitment to winning will carry them through.



Jeff Stone

... danger signs starting to show

During the summer swimming season I met new Tiger recruit Jeff Stone, who was with Swan Districts before transferring to the Tigers.

I asked Jeff what was the difference between Swans and the Tigers and his answer indicated that football wasn't as intense at Tigerland as at Swans. In other words, winning wasn't as total a commitment to many of the players.

His comments were not made in a derogatory manner, but as an honest opinion, some four weeks before the season began. He also indicated that this was his own biggest problem at Bassendean.

Fortunately, the season is still young and so the Tigers have a chance to rectify their attitude, as no doubt coach Graham Moss indicated in his post game comments.

But it does not occur over-night. Steps will have to be taken that may shock the football world.



Graham Moss

Some of their so-called 'superstars' are not putting in; they may need to realise what makes great teams, by playing in the reserves — one sure way of testing the character of any footballer.

Dorro's Diary

By Grant Dorrington

The future

MUCH has been said and written in recent weeks about the new Board of Directors that was established to control football in WA.

Like any proposed changes, most people are against them, but in this case I believe the findings of the Task Force investigation into football and the establishment of a new board will, in time, be the salvation of our game.

Football had lost direction and control and was heading for bankruptcy. Like a business, it had to be placed in the hands of receivers.

Time will tell, but the new board have the correct blend of men necessary to face the monumental task. They need all the support they can get from the media and club administrators. It will take them at least a season before they can start to have an impact.

As coach of the State junior team, I have already had discussions with Dr Tom Stannage in the most important areas of junior development.

Dr Stannage's enthusiasm and professional approach to his portfolio of Football Development will see a new look to junior football — something which is essential for our game to survive.

On the move

FOUR seasons ago East Perth were involved in a bitter behind-the-scenes clearance wrangle with West Perth.

An outstanding player from the Royals junior council, Bruce Thornton, did not want to play with East Perth.

After a series of discussions between the player and the club, he was eventually cleared to West Perth for three unknown players from the Falcons territory.

It was great to see one of those young players, Paul Higgins make his league debut against Swan Districts in the opening round of the season.

Wake up Dean!

MANY football followers must be asking themselves why young Claremont ruckman Dean Farmer is playing reserves football.

I only saw Dean play six times last season, but was most impressed with his natural agility and ability. His ball handling was clean and he has an excellent kick. In fact, in many ways he has all the personal skills and physical attributes to be the perfect footballer at a very young age.

Yet Dean cannot establish himself as a regular player. And even more concerning, he allows other players like David Court and Jeff Stone to force their way into the senior side at his expense.

Obviously there is something wrong with either the club or with Dean.

During my involvement in football I had the privilege of being assistant coach to Dean's father Graham "Polly" Farmer.

Apart from his unbelievable skills, Graham's rating as the best footballer ever produced (in my opinion) came from his almost fanatical mental approach. He was a perfectionist who had enormous pride in being the best.

His message to the Royals players under his control was simple: "it's all in your hands".

The young players at East Perth at the time would still remember Graham's persistent advice and many have gone on to be very good footballers.

It is harder for young players to grow up in an environment where their father is ranked as one of the all-time greats; it places undue pressures on the son.

In Dean's case, he is at a different club to where his father played and therefore he can establish his own reputation in that club's "hall-of-greats". What a great body of knowledge he has to draw upon from his father and his coach, who is also ranked as one of the best ruckmen WA has produced.

No matter what the reasons for Dean's languishing in the reserves, there can only be one person really at fault.

His football life will be over too soon and



Dean Farmer

he will regret not knuckling down to the disciplines and requirements expected by the club.

Unfortunately, the only loser in this situation is Dean, so let us hope he can turn the corner and realise the potential he has.

Well done, Noranda

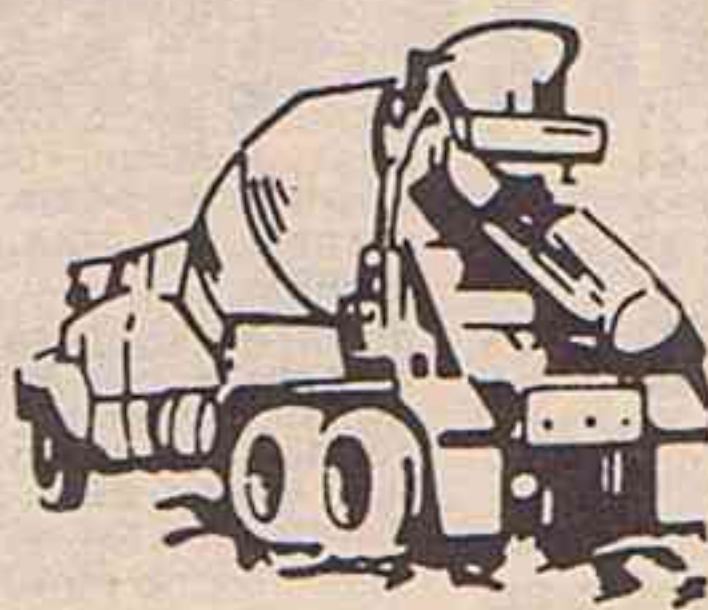
A COUPLE of weeks ago I was a guest of the Noranda Junior Football Club's under-9 players tea and I was most impressed with what I saw.

Not only do they have excellent training facilities, but the attitude of coach Greg Simpson and the administration towards the young players was excellent.

Standards for both parents and coaches are clearly indicated around the clubrooms, stressing what is allowed, always with the ultimate aim of doing what is best for the young players.

The club also has video equipment where they can tape the young players performing their skills and then replay them to the boys after the game.

It was great to see the positive reaction from the boys watching themselves on video. According to their coach, it greatly enhances their learning.



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