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# PRUNSTER WINS BATTLE

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**THE** agony of sitting on the sidelines for two years is over for one of football's veterans.

Ross Prunster has come back from the football wilderness and now has his life-long ambition of 200-games in his sights.

Prunster, 32, has completed one of the most remarkable comebacks in football history, struggling for two years to overcome a series of Achilles heel problems.

The former outstanding State utility player struck a patch of bad luck when he crossed over to Lathlain Park in 1980 after a meritorious 159 senior games with West Perth.

Injuries dogged him week after week and though he managed 33 games with Perth in just over two seasons, he finally vanished off the league scene.

## FINISHED

But he wasn't finished despite what the medics said about his heel problems.

And it hasn't been traditional football methods that have helped him back into the game — instead, he has used unorthodox martial arts training to overcome his injuries.

After two operations and three attempted comebacks, Prunster finally gave up his football aspirations midway through the 1982 season. He opted for a whole year away from the game and then he took up martial arts at a Mt Hawthorn centre — with football still in the back of his mind.

"The guy in charge of the centre, Steve Berente, helped me strengthen my heels," said Prunster.

"Without his training routine I would never have been able to make it back."

Prunster, a carpet layer whose knees had started to give out towards the end of his career because of the long hours involved kneeling on floors, turned up at Lathlain Park for pre-season work this year.

"I'm just here to see how my fitness shapes up," he said without any real promise about the future.

His solid pre-season, coupled with some good efforts in the reserves, earned him a senior spot for the Easter Monday game against Swan Districts.

His form in his three club games has been patchy as he works hard to regain his old touch and confidence. But Demons coach Ian Miller knows the value of an experienced player like Prunster and he has given him every encouragement.

## NERVOUS

"When I played against Swans on Easter Monday I was as nervous as if it was my first game," he said.

"I doubted if I was up to it any more, but when I got a few kicks I felt a lot better.

"I just didn't want to make a fool of myself."

With Prunster's 159 games at West Perth and now 36 with Perth, his club tally has risen to 195.

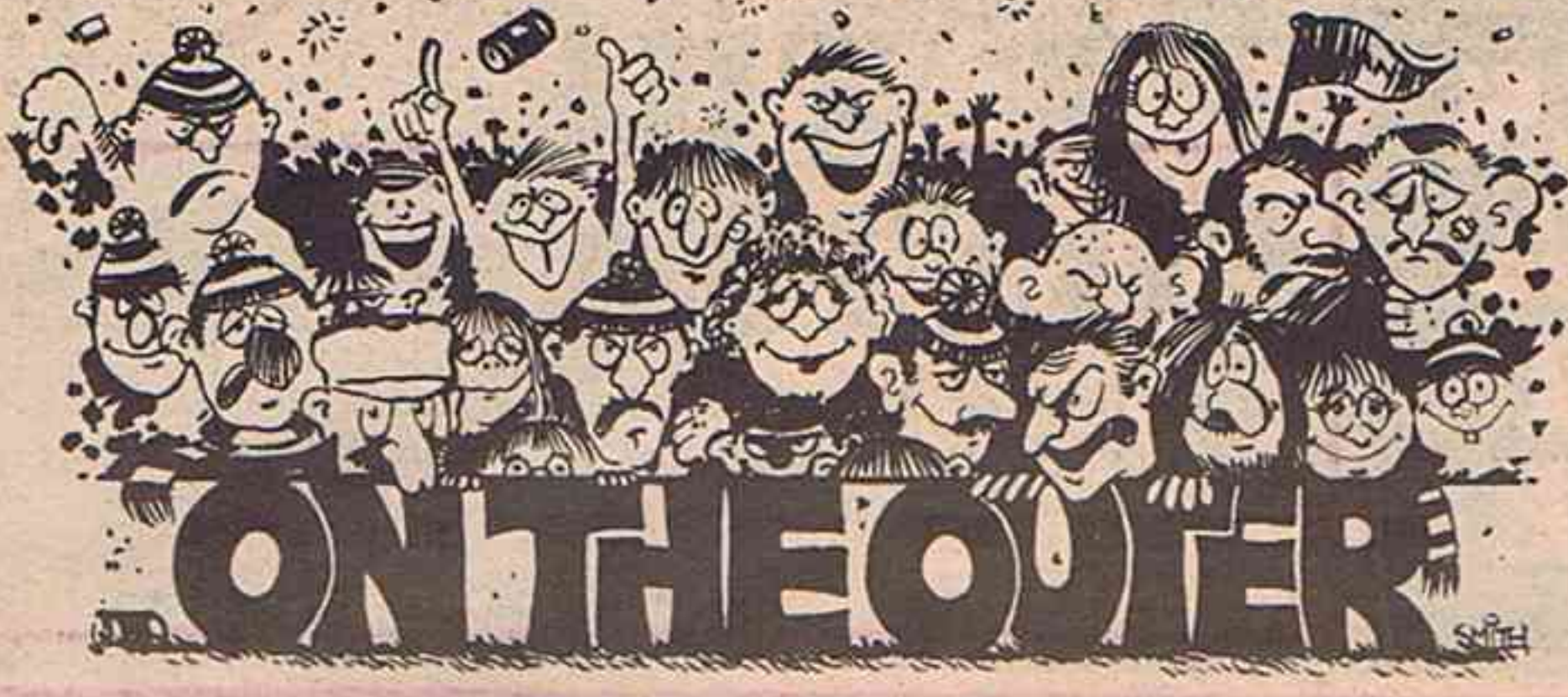
Add to that his State games and he is just a week or two away from playing his 200th senior game. Then he just has a couple of more senior appearances before he achieves a life-long dream of joining the WA 200 Club.

*Perth defender Ross Prunster is keen to play his 200th senior game. He has notched 195 club games with Perth and West Perth and his four State games take him to 199.*



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# READY TO DEFEND OUR TITLE

IT'S time to start considering State team prospects for the clash with South Australia in Adelaide on June 9.

Everything is stacking nicely in WA's favour for the encounter when you consider the pressure-packed fixtures we have had each week this season.

WA are the current Australian champions and with plenty of football being played it makes naming a side (even a squad) difficult.

The State selectors must do plenty of homework before they arrive at the final line-up to carry the reputation of WA football up to the Croweaters.

The wealth of talent in WA will ensure that a strong combination will take the field at Football Park — it is bound to be jammed with young potential superstars.

How about this for a possible team make-up:

- Backs:** Rod Barrett, Clint Browning, Paul Harding.
- Half-backs:** Shane Ellis, Murray Rance, Don Langsford.
- Centres:** Allen Daniels, Murray Wrensted, Brad Hardie.
- Half-forwards:** Nicky Winmar, Jon Dorotich, Peter Bosustow.
- Forwards:** John Ironmonger, Brent Hutton, Les Fong.
- Ruck:** Rhett Baynes, Stephen Michael, Robert Wiley.
- Interchange:** Peter Sartori, Brad Shine, Stephen Malaxos.

The Eastern States talent scouts would have a field day with the youngsters in this side, but there is a pleasant blending of the required experience.



Nicky Winmar

All are form players and their flexibility gives coach John Todd the versatility necessary to win the big games.

Add to the suggested line-up names like Peter Featherby, Clinton Brown, Bryan Cousins, Noel Morton, Jon Fogarty, David Hart, Noel Carter, John Scott, Greg Wilkinson, Steven Goulding and Don Holmes to make up the squad the WA's chances look very healthy.

# THE SHARKS BITE HARD

EAST Fremantle have emerged as the side most qualified to challenge Swan Districts and South Fremantle for top billing this season.

Ron Alexander and his Sharks are poised for a bite at the finals cake, provided they can keep a net over their shark pen to stop the 'big game' Victorian poachers away from Fremantle.

Many of the Sharks' players are young up-and-coming stars, but Alexander keeps finding more.

Last Saturday saw another 20-year-old make his league debut with distinction for the Sharks — Peter Leeson turned in a great performance on a half-forward flank and looks set for a bright future.

He is a fast, creative player who, at half-time, was one of the best players afield. He faded in the pressure-filled stages of the final quarter, but was still contributing and will develop with experience.

Addressing members after the character-building win over Perth, Alexander paid tribute to his young side.

"Perth might have top recruits in Robert Wiley and Peter Bosustow, but give me Peter Leeson, Mark Valli, Russell Jones and Mark Shaw anytime," he said.

Those players are all in the recruit category and all played a significant part in the Sharks success last Saturday.



# CIG SHIELD ON AGAIN

THE CIG Shield for interschool competition is on again this year with Tuesday, July 17 the target day for competing schools.

CIG State manager Phil Aiken (pictured with the Shield) announced this week that 65 secondary schools — including high schools at Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Southern Cross and Bruce Rock — would compete in the event.

Matches have already started and the grand final will be played as a curtain-raiser to the WA-Victoria game at Subiaco Oval on July 17 — as was the successful case last year in the CIG Shield's inaugural season.

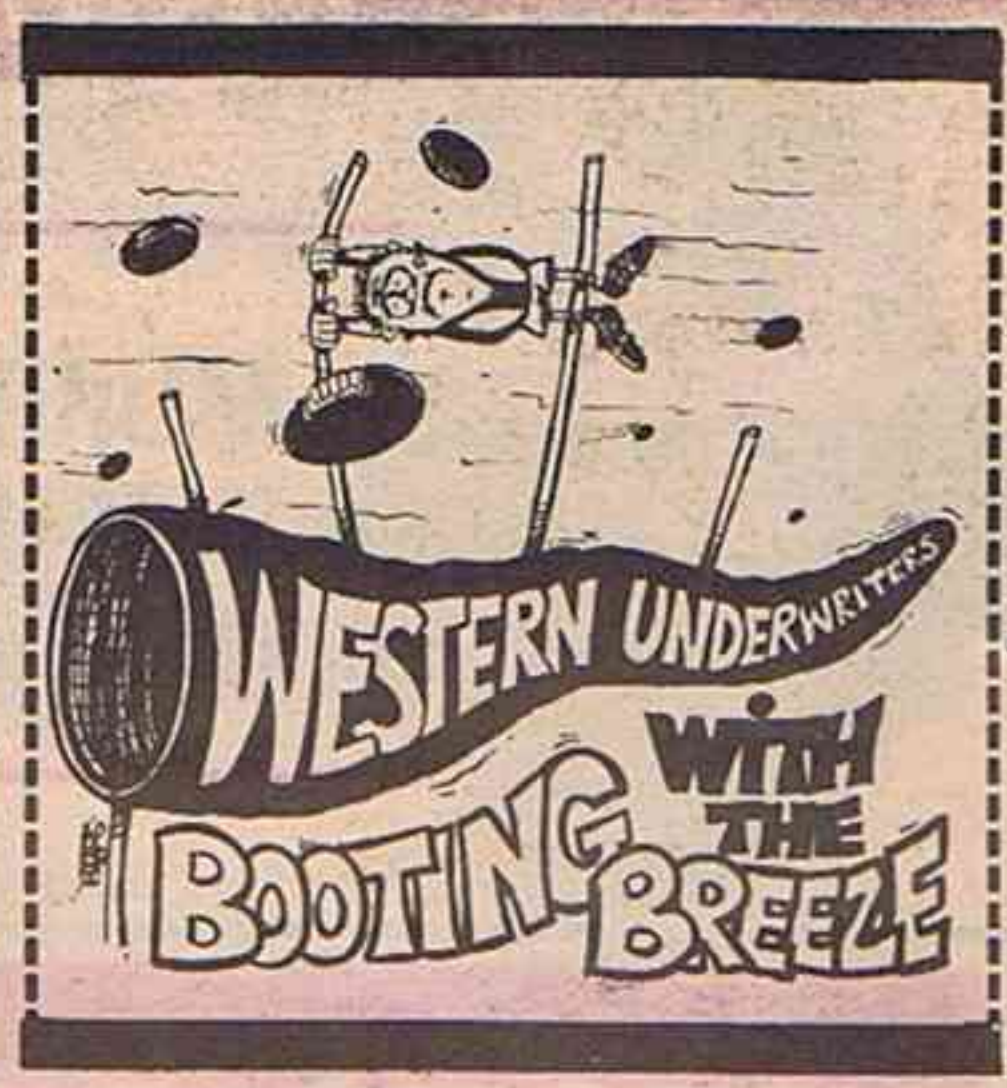
Belmont, the defending champions, will again be in the line-up.

# GOING TO WASTE

STATISTICS do not always give a true picture of a game. In the past two weeks it is interesting to note how well — or ineffective — two clubs have used the ball. Last Saturday Swans kicks for each quarter were 70, 54, 42, and 64. Matching the goal tally for each quarter, Swans booted 7, 1, 4 and 4. They scored the same amount of goals in the final two quarters but the kick difference was 22. A week earlier Subiaco in the first quarter against East Perth had 62 kicks but were kept goalless. Their second quarter produced 12 goals from 59 kicks.

# FALCON RECRUITS

TWO young Aboriginal players have already made their mark at Leederville this year and it will not be long before another makes the league line-up. Derek Kickett has been a consistent performer for the Falcons and last Saturday he was joined by Ron Davis, whose entry into league football has been well publicised this week. Paul Motlop, who joined the club from Darwin last week, made an impressive debut in the reserves last Saturday when he kicked seven goals. He has league experience with Norwood in South Australia where he played 11 games. He missed the entire 1983 SANFL season, but played nine games as a 20-year-old in the club's 1982 premiership year. Though his performance in the reserves was encouraging, he looks badly overweight and will have to shed a few kilos and gain a bit more fitness before he is promoted to the league side. Don Bonson, who also rejoined the Falcons last week was another good performer in the reserves match against South Fremantle and he also should work his way into league contention over the coming weeks.



# SCORING SYSTEM

THE WAFL has introduced an alternative scoring system, purely on an experimental basis this year. And it is interesting to note that under the system West Perth would now be in the four. One point is awarded to the club which kicks the most points in each of the four quarters, while the team that wins gets an additional three points. That means that there are seven points up for grabs each week in a game. South Fremantle head this method with 30 points, followed by Swan Districts 27, East Fremantle 23½ and West Perth 20½. They are followed by Subiaco 19, East Perth 19, Perth 16 and Claremont 13. The alternative scoring system is published in the Football Budget each week.

# A CLOSE THING

STATISTICALLY speaking, last Saturday's results produced the closest finishes in six seasons — the combined losing tally was just 58 points.

One had to go back 110 football playing Saturdays, to August 1978, to get a closer round when 54 points separated the winning teams from the losers.

# FAMILY STAR

IT was interesting to see the winner's name in the weekly NEC — Electronic Sales and Rental Footy Quiz on Channel 7's World of Sport programme. The name drawn out of the barrel was Bobby Michael, of Kojonup. No doubt he is related to South Fremantle champion Stephen Michael, who played all his junior football in the small country town.

# PRODUCTION LINE

BEFORE the Claremont — East Perth match at Tigerland on Saturday the Claremont Junior Council clubs went on display — and were then let lose with their collection tins. That might not sound unusual as all league clubs do it at some stage during the year. However, Claremont won points as when they introduced the various clubs they listed some of the star players to come from the particular club to go on to play league football.

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WEST PERTH . . . . .	L L W L W D
SUBIACO . . . . .	W W L L W L
CLAREMONT . . . . .	L L L W L L
SOUTH FREMANTLE . . . . .	W L W W W D
EAST PERTH . . . . .	W W L L L W
PERTH . . . . .	W L W L L L
SWAN DISTRICTS . . . . .	L W L W W W

<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Footballer of the Year</b></p> <p>M. Wrensted (EF) 8 P. Harding (EF) 6 N. Mugavin (WP) 6 R. Wiley (P) 6</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Goalkicker of the Year</b></p> <p>John Scott . . . . . 27 Clinton Brown . . . . . 25 Don Holmes . . . . . 21 Brad Hardie . . . . . 18 Brent Hutton . . . . . 18</p>	<p><b>Ian Diffen</b></p> <p><b>MARK-OF-THE-DAY</b></p> <p>Weekly Winner: \$100</p> <p>Clinton Brown (Subiaco)</p>	<p>Town &amp; Country WA</p> <p><b>GOAL-OF-THE-DAY</b></p> <p>Weekly Winner: \$100</p> <p>Peter Bosustow (Perth)</p>	<p><b>NEC</b></p> <p>Electronic Sales and Rentals</p> <p><b>FOOTY QUIZ</b></p> <p>This week's winner</p> <p>Bobby Michael, Kojonup.</p>
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# Ground rationalisation an inconvenience

WITH indications strongly directed to the rationalisation of grounds — and not being completely in accord — I offer another view for consideration.

Any ground rationalisation would, unfortunately, inconvenience at least 50% of our grass-root football public — the members of the four clubs who forego their home games.

Any move in this direction must be experimental and it is absolutely imperative that all aspects, particularly the national scene, are fully investigated.

I am confident the newly appointed board will do this, but I offer the following thoughts.

With more than 40 West Australian players now in Victoria, we can accept that our football has developed to a stage where we can provide two national teams.

## DIVISIONS

These teams could be known as Canning — drawn from the existing boundaries of East and South Fremantle, Claremont and Subiaco — and Stirling, drawn from Swan Districts, Perth, East and West Perth.

Each team would select a training list of 30 players from within their districts.

Those not selected to play each week would return to play with their original club.

The club from which each player is selected would receive payment for that player's services. It would be a figure determined by the independent Board of Directors, as would player payments.

National games at home would be played on Sundays, so as to prevent any clash with the local competition; the main game which would be played each week at Subiaco Oval.

## TELECAST

The away national game would be played on Saturday and with a 12.15pm Perth time start it could be directly telecast back to Perth and screened exclusively on giant TV screens (such as those at the MCG and the SCG) at Subiaco Oval, with the game of the day of the local competition to follow.

To allow this programming, the reserves and colts of those clubs would play on the Sunday as curtain-raisers to the home game of the other national team.

Further consideration could be given to extending this exclusive coverage to the Entertainment Centre, with buses available to transport patrons to Subiaco Oval.

The major benefit — apart from the revenue flowing to the WAFL — would be that our players would not have to leave WA to play at the nation's top level.

## REWARDS

While reaping the rewards in accordance with their ability, it would also provide the football public if WA with a top game of football each Sunday — and a quality match direct from Melbourne or Sydney each Saturday.

One could well imagine the capacity crowds that would flock to the Canning v Stirling derby twice a season!

You will note I have not included the WACA Ground in this concept.

My first impulse was to do so. However, after inspection of the venue during the recent Shield final, I find it difficult to imagine how it could be considered as a football home.



The game played at Bunbury, to kick off the start of the season, proved that crowds could be attracted outside of the city.

Why cricket followers would want football back is something I cannot understand.

The logical local action is the entry of the South West to the WAFL competition.

The SWNFL has dominated the Wesfarmers Country Championships for two decades and have contributed no less than 50% of the Swan Districts side that has won the past two WAFL premierships.

In addition, they have several players of equal ability playing with East Perth.

The WAFL should not make the same error as the SANFL, who introduced two clubs at the same time — Central District and Woodville.

Those clubs, in particular Woodville, were expected to draw additional followers to the game from within areas that were already part of an existing club.

They were also trying to prevent a bye situation and while that may have been a consideration in those times, a bye now with so much football such as Tuesday and Sunday matches, is no longer a problem. In fact, it could even be beneficial.

## FINAL FIVE

This entry of a ninth league team would open the way for a final five.

A South West team concept would attract followers to the league who are basically radio or TV supporters.

Bunbury has proved that it can attract 10,000 followers to grand finals and promoted matches.

The South West area has a lot of players currently in the WAFL and you would have a team well up to the required standard.

Bunbury has everything to offer, with a suitable venue at Hands Oval and a very progressive business sector.

As for isolation — which is a point often argued when the SWNFL is discussed — I wonder just how far away Geelong appeared when they entered the VFL competition in 1879.

Such was the enthusiasm of the Geelong administrators, they, with Essendon, were instrumental in forming the VFL in 1896.

This similar spirit abounds at Bunbury — an attitude that stamps them as very worthy competitors — and they are ready for the Big League.

## Poker machines are the answer

WHILE I fully commend all concerned, particularly the Government, for the willingness to help football in its time of financial need, one cannot but wonder why an obvious means of funds were not considered.

Most of football's problems relate to finance, with player payments being a major contributor.

However, the answer is not in reducing payments; after all, players are what the public want to see.

NSW foster a code far less popular than Australian Rules, but pay their players equal to the VFL stars.

For half a century NSW has enjoyed the benefits of poker machines; the revenue providing top club facilities, international entertainment, quality catering, areas of tuition, attention to personal or financial needs of members and many other advantages all of which contribute to a great feeling of pride and satisfaction.

Canberra clubs followed the NSW lead in 1975 to prevent financial disaster and they now enjoy solvency.

## IMPACT


This reflects the impact of poker machines on clubs. Ainslee, one of Canberra's older clubs, had a turnover in the first 10 months of \$917,000; from only 25 machines and quarter the membership of any WA League club.

The 1974 Royal Commission on gambling classified poker machines as an "acceptable form of gambling".

The introduction of "Scratch and Match" — a gamble promoted under the guise of the old faithful lottery ticket, provides strong argument for the introduction of poker machines in football clubs.

Poker machines could operate in the confines of club premises, used only by club members, with persons under 18 strictly prohibited.

Scratch and Match rages unabated adjacent to almost every chain store check-out counter in the State — a location



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directly in the path of the everyday family bread and butter cash flow, in contact with children.

A 12-year-old recently won the \$50,000 major prize in an instant lottery, an indication that children are involved. We read of children stealing reject ticket bins and scavenging through the contents — hardly a credit in the social development of our youth.

## ADVERTISING

Scratch and Match enters every home with extensive TV advertising, once again exposing it to the children.

It is a gamble promoted on "sucker bait". The \$2 prize is simply a swap for another two tickets; more obvious is the excessive use of the \$10,000 bait on non-prize winning tickets.

A check of 100 reject tickets showed that not one ticket carried less than one \$10,000 bait, while 63 revealed two \$10,000. In contrast only six tickets had \$2 twice, obviously by design to give a "near miss" image to keep trying.

## CHANCE

The Lotteries Commission have simply introduced a game of chance, which Church bodies and anti-gambling groups obviously accept.

If Scratch and Match is acceptable, why not poker machines in football clubs?

It would obviously relieve the financial problems facing our game today. Surely, in the name of all we stand for, it would be in the interest of all concerned to allow football the dignity of standing on its own two feet.

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# RON IS VALUE

In the past seven games between East Fremantle and Perth, Ron Alexander, at some stage has had a significant influence on the game. He was the difference between the two sides last week with his effort up forward in the final minutes of the contest — being responsible for three goals — when he gave victory to East Fremantle again. Many people have been critical of Ron's play and his value to the team and I know seven occasions when he has been more than just nuisance value.



Peter Bosustow

## REPUTATION

Young East Fremantle player Michael Brennan is fast earning a reputation as a class defender, although only in his second season. He was given a tough assignment against Peter Bosustow from mid-way through the first quarter last Saturday and stuck to his task well, doing a great job for his team. Although Peter took the honours on the day, Michael must have gained much from the challenge and experience. He is a most disciplined player and combines his defensive and attacking skills with great maturity. The East Fremantle half back line of Brennan, Browning and Ellis will cause many headaches for opposition forwards.

## FIXTURE DRAW

The way the fixtures have been drawn up this year has brought a lot of unfavourable comments from many quarters and it has caused disadvantages for all the clubs. Having to play three games away from home in succession is not appreciated by the clubs or the players. Clubs are left without their match revenue for long periods, while members and supporters are not pleased at having to drive all the time. Perth play at home one week (this week) in eight games, having played the last three away from home. South Fremantle have just played four games in 12 days and I think the fixtures need to be looked at for 1985.

## PLAYER USAGE

It is interesting to look at the number of players each club has used so far this season. Four clubs have already played over 30 players in their league side and we are just six weeks into the season. South Fremantle have used 27 players, East Perth (30), Swans Districts (28), Subiaco (32), West Perth (31), Claremont (33), East Fremantle (33) and Perth (33).

## HELMETS

I am not an advocate of players wearing helmets or headguards, but certainly if any player is medically advised to wear one, then he must. It is a big decision for a player to make about his future, as Peter Spencer has just found, but the decision is Peter's alone. No one likes to see talented players forced out of the game prematurely or face serious injury by continuing to play. I am sure Peter and his family are completely satisfied with his decision or he would not continue.

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# PREVIEW

A look at Saturday's WAFL league fixtures

## OUR EXPERTS SELECT:

	Tally	Swans v W. Perth	Perth v C'mont	E.F. v E. Perth	S.F. v Subiaco
MOTHER BROWN	16	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
GARY CARVOLTH	15	Swans	Claremont	East Perth	Subiaco
GRANT DORRINGTON	14	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
DAVE CLEMENT	14	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
KIM HAGDORN	13	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
PETER POAT	13	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
ALAN EAST	12	Swans	Perth	East Perth	South Fremantle
IAN MILLER	10	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
JOHN DUCKWORTH	10	West Perth	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
ROBERT BENNETT	10	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
GARY STOCKS	9	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle
MOST FAVOURED	13	Swans	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle

# Royals have a score to settle

EAST Perth have a score to settle with East Fremantle . . . and when they meet the Sharks at Subiaco Oval this week they will get their chance.

The Royals looked assured of playing in the finals last year — until the final qualifying game.

When East Fremantle won that contest it ended the Royals challenge. They slipped to fifth place and watched the Sharks play in the first semi final.

Saturday will be the first time they have met since that match.

East Fremantle need to win to cement a place in the four, while the Royals need the four points to stay in touch with the leading contenders.

East Perth scored an encouraging win against Claremont last Saturday and they will be looking to continue their hard running, enthusiastic brand of football.

The Royals defence was in good touch last week with centre-half-back Lance Kelly showing the way. He received good support from Steve Da Rui, Arnold Cox and David Morgan and those four players must continue their good form.

## Tigers must rebuild

Claremont's run of outs looks like continuing.

The Tigers, trend-setters in WA football over the past five years, now have to take stock and begin to rebuild once again.

On Saturday they come up against Perth, another disappointing side this year.

Claremont have only won one game this year while Perth have managed two victories.

The Demons were tipped as big improvers this season and they could easily have had two more wins to their credit — losing the last two games by a total of just 12 points.

They are playing a better brand of football than Claremont and they should win this match.



By GARY STOCKS

The Sharks will be looking for a big effort from centremen Murray Wrensted, captain-coach Ron Alexander and defenders Shane Ellis and Clinton Browning.

## Swans have the power

WEST Perth, written off by most pundits pre-season, have the chance to finish the first series of fixtures with three wins and a draw if they can beat Swan Districts at Bassendean.

While that is a tough assignment, the Falcons have provided more than one surprise already this year.

After being involved in the exciting draw with South Fremantle last week, the

Falcons could go into this match confident of victory.

Although Swans are hard to beat at Bassendean Oval, the Falcons youthful exuberance has won out in other games this year.

With youngsters like Paul Mifka, Craig Nelson, Wayne Dayman and John Morgan showing the way, West Perth's senior players are now playing with renewed confidence.

However, Swan Districts are a powerful combination and West Perth will have to play at their maximum if they are to beat the reigning premiers.

With players like Murray Rance, Brad Shine, Brent Hutton, Keith Narkle and Leigh Brenton all in top form, Swans have the experience and fire-power required to win what promises to be a great match.

## BIG TEST FOR LIONS

SUBIACO face a big test when they travel to Fremantle Oval to take on the league-leaders South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs were lucky to get out of last week's match against West Perth with a thrilling draw and there is no way they will be taking Subiaco lightly.

The Lions were impressive against Swan Districts last Saturday and that should give them tremendous confidence.

With their backline playing tightly and making opposition forwards earn every kick and with Peter Featherby and Neil Taylor working hard midfield, the Lions appear to have found the balance required to topple leading teams.

However, their task of beating South at Fremantle Oval is one of the most difficult assignments any team in the competition faces.

South are always a five-goal better side at home and they should continue their good form.

With players like Brad Hardie, Benny Vigona and Noel Carter playing solidly they have an edge in brilliance which should give them four premiership points.



Ron Alexander

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# BENNETT'S BURST

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## Moss must pull on the boots

GRAHAM Moss should throw off the shackles of retirement and line-up with the Tigers again . . . preferably this week.

Some may see that as a backward step or stop-gap measure.

However, the Tigers are in a desperate situation and it calls for desperate measures.

They are virtually out of finals contention after only six games. A loss to Perth would really hammer the nail into their coffin.

The Tigers dismal performance against a patched-up East Perth last week showed that they are really in the pits.

They need a psychological boost and Moss could be the answer.

Two weeks ago I would have been dead against any comeback by Moss.

I would have seen the move as a holding-

the-hand exercise. After all, the Claremont players have to learn to get by without him — and for him to have put on his boots again would merely have delayed the inevitable.

At that stage I believed, like many others, that Claremont would shake off their lethargy and return to the form that has put them in either top spot or second place on the premiership ladder in the past three years.

### WOODEN SPOON

But they show no sign of a recovery. In fact, they look prime candidates for the wooden spoon.

This week they have an away game against a team showing a lot more endeavour this season. They then have to face up to South Fremantle, East Fremantle and Swan Districts . . . the competition pace-setters. And two of those games are away.

Even if they were in top form, the Tigers would find it difficult to win any of those games. The way they have played so far this season indicates they could get a hiding in each.

Ironically, it is their attack that has let them down this season. In past years, it has been their strong point.

In the past three years they have averaged between 140 and 160 points a game.

They are averaging only 95 points a game this season.

Yet, while they are sitting on the bottom only three teams have had less points scored against them, and the one with the best defence, Swans, have had only 20 points fewer kicked against them.

Obviously, Claremont need a lift in attack and Moss could provide that.

But more importantly, something needs to be done to get the Tigers off the deck.

I don't see it as a retrograde step if Moss pulls on the boots to try and get Claremont on their feet again.

### ATTITUDE

At the moment, there is something very wrong with the attitude of players.

It is difficult to understand how a team with so much talent could perform as badly as Claremont have this season.

Twelve years ago, Jack Sheedy made a surprise appearance for East Perth in a desperate bid to get the Royals into the four.

It almost worked. He fronted up at Fremantle Oval against South in a fifth final.

The Royals got away to a flying start and were just nabbed at the end by South.

Even if Claremont can't salvage a place in the four they need to salvage some pride.

Moss could help them lift their heads again. If it works he could phase himself out of the side by spending time on the interchange bench.

Marlow's present . . .

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## TIGER PROTECTION

CLAREMONT can now forget about the 1984 season and cut back on their recruiting expenditure. After talking to media men who attended the Claremont game last Saturday, I have a suggestion for the Tigers. Spend some of your money on some glass or perspex to enclose the front of the press box. Some of the radio commentators who sit at the front of the box were drenched by the driving rain, which also destroyed their notes and made it a dangerous business because of the amount of water which hit the wires.

### BOOING

BOOING poor efforts from players and umpires is an unfortunate aspect of all sports. Some people only go to a sporting spectacle to find as many negative aspects as they can.

One can only find praise for the manner in which the East Fremantle Football Club is developing, but a performance from some of their supporters last Saturday earns no accolades.

The small band of East Fremantle supporters in the public stand gave the Perth Little League team a mouthful as they jogged past after their half-time exhibition.

That's going just too far.

### LATE ARRIVAL

SUBIACO general manager Trevor Nisbett couldn't believe his ears when he



had a telephone call last Saturday morning from Greg Kelly, calmly announcing that he was in Mandurah and didn't really know what time he would be at Subiaco Oval. Kelly was due to play in the reserves, which starts at 11.40 — and the call came through at 10.15! Kelly somehow made it to the ground, but started as an interchange. After being set up in the city with a job and a flat, he will obviously be told that Friday night trips to Mandurah aren't really on.

### FALCON FURY

WEST Perth were taking no chances with their latest sensation, Ron Davis, getting too much media exposure early in his career. The lithe Aboriginal was in demand by the media after his brilliant last quarter effort to snatch a draw for the Falcons. Channel 7 wanted to talk to him on their World of Sport show, but West Perth refused to let him appear.

It was interesting to see the talented half-forward appear on the Channel 7 news during the week. Obviously West Perth relinquished their hold on the talented youngster and gave him permission to be interviewed.

### FAMILY FEUD

IF former Perth half-forward Graham Jenzen happened to be listening to the 6PR broadcast of the Perth-East Fremantle clash he would certainly have produced a grey hair or two. John K. Watts didn't live up to his middle-initial reputation of Knowall when he described Sharks wingman Michael Jenzen as Graham's son. Michael, who is 20, is in fact Graham's younger brother.

### CHEER FLOP

I FELT sorry for the East Perth cheer squad at Claremont Oval last week. The enthusiastic Royals Scream Team spent all week preparing a banner which read: "We've Come Back Before and We'll Do It Again." Unfortunately for the young Royals enthusiasts the wind was so strong on Saturday that as soon as they picked it up for the players to run through, it broke apart.

## ADVOCATING CHANGE

SUBIACO defender Ray Reeves copped the heaviest tribunal suspension of the season when he was rubbed out for three weeks recently. He had been convicted of striking East Perth's full-forward John Scott. His advocate at the tribunal hearing was Rod Lohar, a dyed-in-the-wool Lions fan who has represented many Subiaco players over the years — with a reasonable Perry Mason success rate. Reeve's suspension was a bitter blow for Subiaco — but it did allow Lohar's son Brad, to come into the league side for his first game for two years!

### TIRED TIGERETTES

THE Tigerettes, who perform before Claremont Oval home games, must have had sore arms on Saturday. Part of their routine is to put their hands above their heads in anticipation of the music starting. But the music was late and they must have had their arms in position for at least three minutes before Claremont's theme song came over the PA. That used to be a training drill for players — so maybe the Tigers should join their female cheer squad.

### FROM THE OUTER

I was at the football last week when Swan Districts played Subiaco and one of the Subiaco fans passed a magnificent comment about Swans' Ed Blackaby. As a few people know Blackaby runs a small deli and when he fumbled the ball this fellow yelled out: "Go and make some sandwiches Ed." It had everyone on the hill in fits of laughter. That entry was sent in by Mrs Kaylene Wittle, of Bedford and she wins a ticket for two to a City Theatre.

I will award a double pass to a City Theatre to the person sending in what I consider the funniest comment each week. My address is: "The Hood, Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

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# adidas PLAYER PROFILE



**EAST Fremantle** centreman Murray Wrensted enjoyed his first season of league football so much that he just had to come back this year.

The Geraldton youngster flew or drove down to Perth every weekend to play for the Sharks last season.

He has a job in Perth and is continuing to be one of the most impressive young players in the game.

Wrensted was a sensation in his debut season.

In just 21 games, he has had an influence on West Australian football that many 100-game players have not been able to achieve.

The talented centreman finished third in last year's Channel 7 Sandover Medal count — a fine achievement for a young man of just 18 years.

"I think that's the closest I will ever get to winning the medal," the modest Wrensted says. "I was naturally rapt to have polled so well last year, but I was surprised."

"I thought I was too inconsistent."

"I would play one good game and then two bad ones and it has been a little bit the same this year."

"At times I have fallen into the trap of starting to believe it's easy and then I lapse

## Murray Wrensted

in concentration. It is then that I play badly.

"League football is never easy. Whether a player is in the back pocket or on the ball, anyone playing league football is capable of being best on ground and you have to treat your opponenet like that."

"A couple of times last year I convinced myself I could beat the guy I would be playing on and I took it too easy."

Wrensted's attitude towards his chances of ever winning a Sandover Medal is typical of his approach to the game. He is basically a team man.

Although he won most first-year player awards in 1983 — a year regarded by many pundits as the most productive season for

new stars in a long time — Wrensted is still a perfectionist.

He is keen to do well and before every match he reads Westside Football to study how many possessions his opponent had the week before.

Last season he flew or drove to Perth from his family home in Geraldton because, initially, East Fremantle could not find him work in the city.

And when they did, about nine weeks from the end of the season, he chose to continue his weekly commuting from the north to Perth.

He has now taken up the job offered to him last year with plumbing firm Tapper and Wilcox. A partner in that firm, Ron Wilcox, is the assistant coach of East Fremantle's colts team.

Although Wrensted considers himself little chance of winning a Sandover Medal, he is one of the favourites for this year's award.

If he continues the form he has shown early this year he should be right up there with the leaders at the end of the count.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

**Name:** Murray Wrensted  
**Date of birth:** 26/8/64  
**Place of birth:** Geraldton  
**Height:** 177cm (5.10)  
**Weight:** 79kg (12.7)  
**Previous club:** Railways (Geraldton)  
**Occupation:** Plumber  
**Major awards:** Railways fairest and best 1982; also won a media award in the same year  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Girlfriend's name:** Leanne  
**Hobbies:** Diving and fishing  
**Other sporting interests:** Basketball and indoor cricket  
**Favourite actor:** Sylvester Stallone  
**Favourite movie:** The Rocky movies  
**Favourite food:** Pies, chicken and spaghetti  
**Favourite drink:** Beer  
**Nickname:** Muzza  
**Why:** Derived from his christian name  
**Favourite book:** I don't read books, just the newspapers

**Car:** Commodore  
**Career highlight:** My first league game  
**Worst moment in football:** Losing the first semi final last year  
**Hard things in football:** Sunday morning training  
**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** I sit down and think about the player and study the form of my opponent  
**Football idols:** Stephen Michael and Peter Daicos  
**Ambitions:** To play in a premiership and to be a consistently good player  
**Advice to youngsters:** Just listen to what their coaches have to say  
**First league position:** Interchange  
**Current position:** Centre  
**Favourite position:** Centre  
**Biggest influence on your career:** Ron Alexander, Bevan Rose and my parents, Mick and Elaine  
**Games played:** 25  
**League debut:** 1983  
**Guernsey number:** 32

## MILESTONE MEN

### 50 GAMES

David Rankin (EF) 49\*  
 Graeme Carter (EF) 48  
 Michael Christian (EP) 48  
 Craig Hoyer (SD) 48\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Craig Hoyer 2 Hawthorn; David Rankin 10 Fitzroy.

### 100 GAMES

Peter Murnane (WP) 98\*  
 David Rawlinson (SF) 98\*  
 Noel Morton (C) 98  
 Ross Fitzgerald (P) 98\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn; David Rawlinson 61 Claremont; Ross Fitzgerald 77 Swan Districts.

### 150 GAMES

Wayne Otway (EP) 149\*  
 Geoff Hendriks (WP) 148  
 Neil Taylor (S) 147  
 Brian Adamson (WP) 147\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Wayne Otway 36 Essendon; Brian Adamson 22 Norwood.

### 200 GAMES

Ross Prunster (P) 195\*  
 Ron Boucher (SD) 190  
 Noel Carter (SF) 189\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Ross Prunster 159 West Perth; Noel Carter 53 Richmond.

### 250 GAMES

Bruce Monteath (C) 246\*  
 Bryan Cousins (P) 239\*  
 Keith Narkle (SD) 233

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### BUCKEY ON THE IMPROVE

Ron Buckey, one of the WAFL's leading field umpires in recent years is still sitting in the reserves, but his form is improving every week and he is not far away from returning to senior football. And he has the 200 game milestone well within his sights. Buckey has now controlled 185 league games and he is putting pressure on the men who have earned league places ahead of him this year. Another senior umpire, Bob Phillips, who had done 212 games before being injured early this year will make a decision on his future within the next couple of weeks. Phillips was unable to continue in a game earlier in the year after suffering a leg injury and he is still on the injured list contemplating whether to make a return.

### GOOD START

David Johnson must be happy with his form this year. After making his debut as a field umpire in 1980 he had struggled for a regular league game until this season. He had officiated in 22 matches before the start of the new season, but has been involved in each of the league games this year. He umpired only nine matches last year, so he must be happy to have kept his place for the opening six fixtures.

### PETER'S DEBUT

Last Saturday the umpires panel introduced a new boundary umpire to the league scene. Peter Nutchey made his debut on the panel in the game between Subiaco and Swan Districts. He has been around a long time without getting an opportunity and he must have been thinking that the days of doing a league game were behind him. However, congratulations are due and he did a fine job.

### ROSTER SYSTEM

The Umpires Appointment Board has introduced a roster system, whereby league goal umpires take it in turns to step down so that two new faces can appear. The eight men who were initially involved take one week in eight off, while the two new umpires remain a part of league football each week. The two who have been promoted so far are Alan Lockyer and Trevor Cant. Later in the year two more goal umpires will be given their opportunity.



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# Draw ends a long drought

AT long last a dead-heat! South Fremantle and West Perth have ended a 10-year drought.

The last tie was 888 games ago when Swans and East Fremantle finished level on 11.14 apiece.

The longest period without a draw was between 1946 and 1957 when 948 games were played without a tie. Ironically, it was South Fremantle and West Perth who broke that drought. West Perth scored 12.10 to South's 13.4.

The draw at the other end of this sequence also figured an inaccurate Falcons side when they tied with Swans in the highest scoring draw in history — 17.17 to 18.11.

Between 1885 and 1897 there were only goals registered on the score card — points did not count — so naturally there were many drawn games.

In 1897, West Perth featured in five draws from 12 games and there were also many instances of score-less draws.

In 1898, behinds were introduced and this immediately reduced the number of drawn matches.

The 1960 season saw four draws. These were: West Perth v Perth; South Fremantle v East Perth; West Perth v East Perth; West Perth v South Fremantle — the last two occurred on successive Saturdays.

### NAME TO REMEMBER

THE year was 1916 and the Great War had taken its toll on league football. In the first game of the season, West Perth had 13 players making their debuts.

One of them was a 16-year-old student from Christian Brothers College, who was later to become League President, then Australian National Football Council President. His name was R.P. (Pat) Rodriguez.

West Perth played Midland Junction on their opening day on May 13 and were easily out-classed 12.16 to 0.10. This is the last instance of a team being held goal-less for an entire game.

Rodriguez moved to Midland Junction the following year and then to Subiaco where he headed the league's goalkicking list in 1920 with 36 goals.

The most first-year players used in a VFL opening round was 10 with St Kilda in 1956.

### DANGER TIME

THIS week's games see the end of round one and it spells danger for the bottom four teams.

Only on three occasions has a team won the premiership after being out of the four at this stage of the year.

The last of these was East Perth in 1978 and before that West Perth were able to do it in 1971 and 1951 — all of those teams had three wins to their credit to this point.

### A TOUGH JOB

WHAT is the highest number of first-year players used by a club in a season and what is the highest number of debutants given an opportunity in the first game of the season?

This question was posed to me several weeks ago and after much research I have not been able to come up with the answer.

However, try these examples for size. In 1966 West Perth used 19 first-year players throughout the season and nine of those made an appearance in the first game.

The nine new boys who made their debuts against Claremont in that opening round game were John Wynne, Laurie Richards, Ray Margaria, Trevor Russell, Joe Merillo, Trevor Cleary, Brian Medcalf, Norm Knell and Mick Sell.

Can anybody beat that list?



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

## How good is 'The Buzz'?

JUST how good is mercurial Perth forward Peter Bosustow? Last week I saw 'The Buzz' in action against East Fremantle when he kicked his side's first four goals and could easily have made it five. Two of those were unbelievable and there was never any question that he was going to win the goal-of-the-day awards. He has an uncanny goal-sense, unbelievable skills, even in the wet, and is one of the best high marks the game has seen. Although 'The Buzz' lacks a bit of fitness at the moment, he was the most brilliant player afield in last week's great game and I just cannot wait until he plays out a full game.

### BALL ON THE BALL

WHILE on the game between Perth and East Fremantle it was interesting to see Chubby Stiles taking on the runner's role once again while Perth dressed John Garnaut — the club's physical fitness expert — out in white. However, umpire Mike Ball was not about to be bluffed by the two-runner situation. Clubs are only allowed one official runner, but for years they have been getting away with using a second runner dressed in a water-boys outfit. Umpire Ball was right on the ball when he stopped Garnaut from delivering his message. Garnaut told Ball that he was going to give the player concerned a drink, but Ball did not fall for that trick — he pointed to the water bottle and told Garnaut that it was empty.

### NOW I KNOW...

I WOULD not mind being able to predict the Nostradamus-type results that Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton has been able to come up with this year. "Bunts" is one of the best forecasters of results I have ever met, but on 6KY's panel show on Saturday morning out-did himself when he predicted a draw between South Fremantle and West Perth. When he was coach of Swan Districts in the early 1960s they reckoned he was God when he took them to their first premiership — and now I know why.

### WINDY FLYNN

LAST week I outlined the exploits of 6KY commentator Tim Flynn on the football field. In a word, his skill at the great Australian game was non-existent. And on Sunday I was invited to join the panel on Appealathon with Tim and I had another look at his sporting prowess. We had a golf competition to raise funds for the appeal. We conducted a competition for the longest drive in the studio — using plastic balls, of course — and Tim let himself down again. In front of about 1,000,000 viewers he gave his swing everything only to look down at the ball and see it still sitting peacefully on the tee. Stick to describing sport, Tim.

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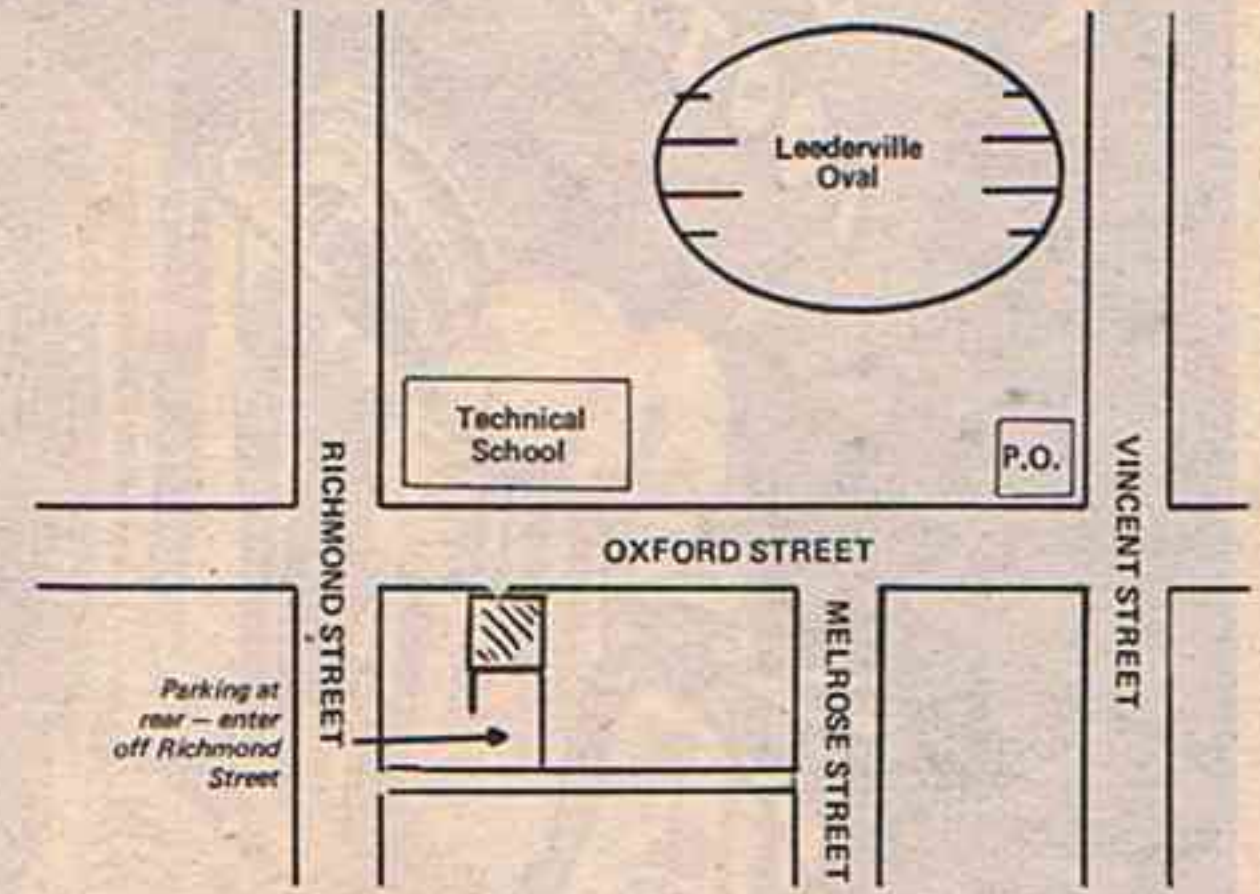
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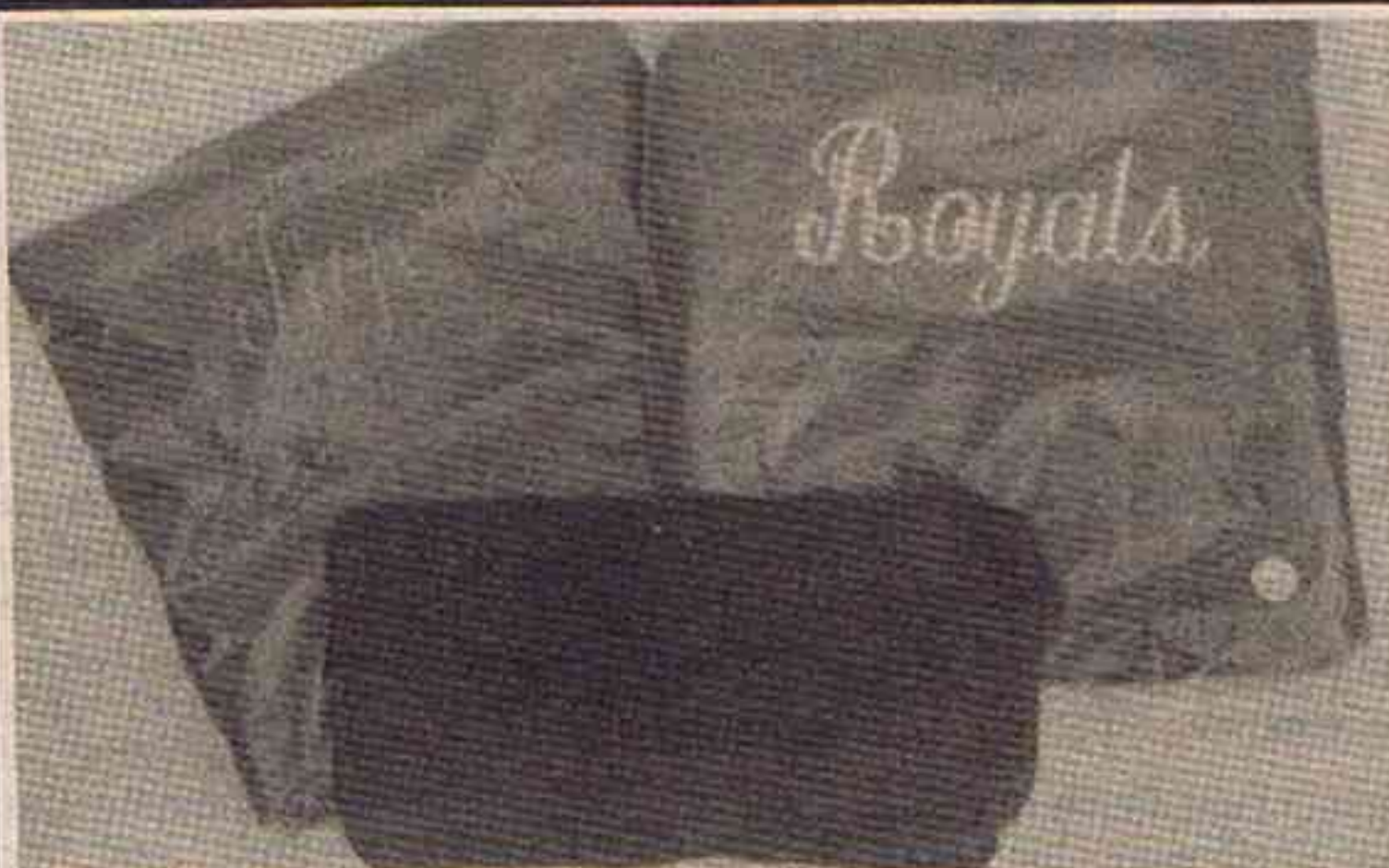


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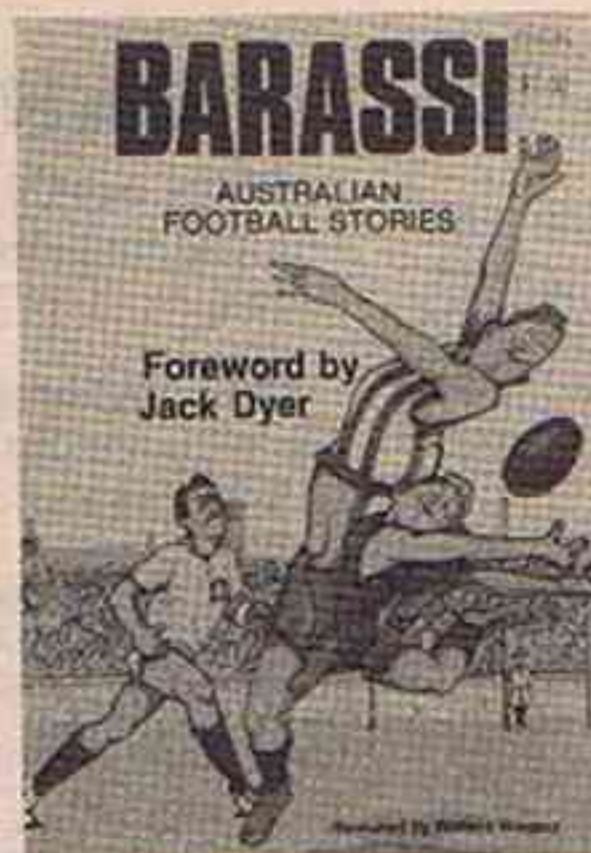
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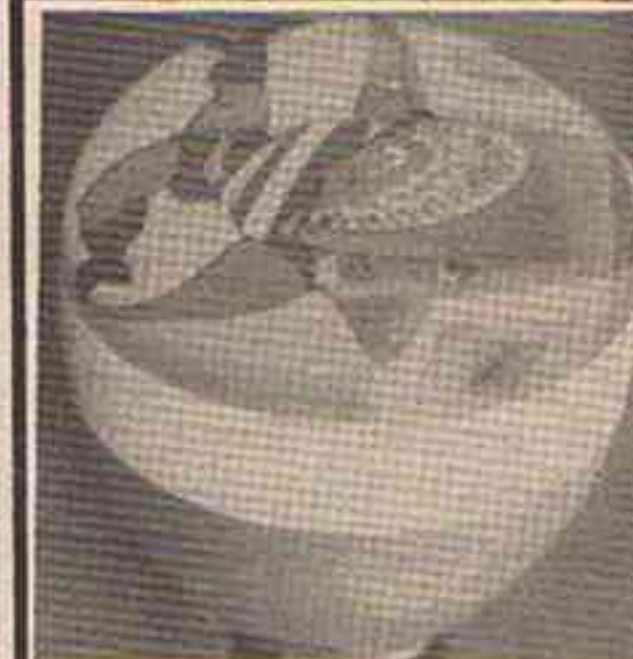


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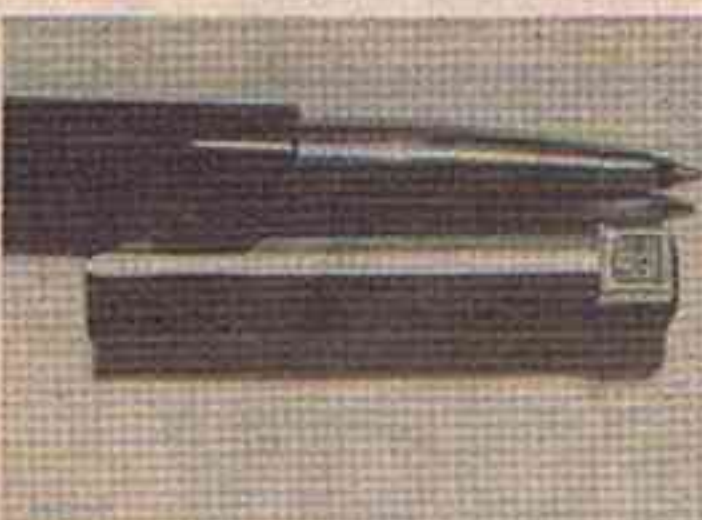
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# INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



## Parkin wants a send off rule

CARLTON coach David Parkin — regarded as one of the game's foremost thinking coaches — has thrown out a hint that he would like to see the order off rule adopted in football.

A visibly upset Parkin surveyed his wounded Blues after a sensational match against St Kilda and said: "It would have been nice to have the order off rule in existence today."

The brawling clash saw the controversial Robert Muir reported a record seven times by four umpires and there was plenty of heated and, at times, hard-hitting clashes.

The Blues won the game but lost the fights with at least four players needing medical attention after the match.

Spiro Kourkoumelis needed stitches to a



cut mouth, Alan Montgomery had a cut nose, Phil Maylin had a bloodied face and Alex Marcou had a cut eyebrow.

Parkin said that the game would be remembered as a performance by a couple of players who didn't deserve any credit. He wouldn't name those players, but obviously Muir was one. He said that it was time football thugs were sent off.

Last year the Blues thrashed the Saints by 30 goals, but this time the margin was just 14 points.

• The VFL tribunal this week suspended Muir for a total of 12 weeks when he was found guilty on six charges. His 68 game VFL career has now been interrupted with 54 weeks of suspension.

## WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

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

	Kicks	H/balls	Marks	Score
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Alan Johnson	19	7	6	0.1
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Jim Sewell	10	4	5	2.3
Simon Beasley	4	—	3	0.1
Andrew Purser	6	7	7	—
Ian Williams	13	5	4	0.1
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Brian Taylor	14	1	10	8.5
Tim Gepp	7	2	3	—
John Annear	19	10	6	—
Maurice Rioli	13	7	4	3.0
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Brian Peake	8	2	2	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Alan Montgomery	13	6	3	—
Wayne Blackwell	12	4	6	1.2
Mark Maclure	15	2	6	4.0
Warren Ralph	9	1	5	6.1
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Steve McCann	7	4	2	1.0
Jim Krakouer	13	7	5	2.2
Ross Glendinning	12	9	6	—
Phil Kelly	3	4	—	1.0
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Ken Judge	12	1	3	2.1
Rod Lester-Smith	9	5	5	1.2
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Craig Holden	11	3	1	—
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	17	7	7	2.0
Tony Buhagiar	21	3	3	2.1
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Phil Cronan	9	3	3	—

Hit Outs: Andrew Purser 19; Stephen McCann 17.



Leon Baker

## BEWDY BAKER

LEON Baker, the football wunderlust who established his top-class reputation with Swan Districts, is proving to be the VFL's star recruit of 1984.

The brilliant centreman was Essendon's best player for the third week in a row and is the focal point for the Bombers strong form.

"He's like a Wallace," said team-mate and former WA star, Tony Buhagiar, comparing Baker to the tough Hawthorn player Terry Wallace.

"He dives in and gets the ball out of the packs and he has brilliant skills, particularly his fluent left and right foot kicking. He is surprising most critics with his physical approach."

Baker provided boom full-forward Paul Salmon with several bullet-like passes and his determination in the packs was responsible for many of Essendon's successful forward thrusts.

## JINX GOES

FIVE weeks of frustration ended for Melbourne coach Ron Barassi and his struggling players when they thrashed Geelong.

It was their first win for the season and the winning atmosphere was back in the club . . . in fact, the jubilation was like a grand final victory.

"Everybody knew that we were a better side than a five-nil score line indicated," said Barassi.

A lot of the praise for the victory was aimed at under-19s coach Ray Jordan, a close associate of Barassi at North Melbourne and now Melbourne.

Nine of the winning team members have graduated from the under-19s in the past three seasons and this youthful exuberance is now paying dividends for the Demons.

## GOAL DROUGHT

SIMON Beasley's goal drought continues.

The brilliant WA full-forward has now gone for three weeks without kicking a goal after booting 24 goals in the opening three VFL games.

However, there was some dispute about whether his run of outs did, in fact, end with Footscray's first goal on Saturday. There was confusion in the Press box about whether Beasley or fellow WA team-mate Jim Sewell kicked the opening goal.

Beasley only had three marks and four kicks before being taken off the ground early in the last term after being shifted out to centre-half-forward.

But Footscray coach Michael Malthouse wasn't losing faith in his star forward.

"I thought Simon competed well all day," he said.

## SA NEWS

# NIGHT FOOTBALL BIG SUCCESS

ADELAIDE football patrons gave night football a giant stamp of approval last Friday night when nearly 20,000 people turned out to see Port Adelaide beat Norwood.

It was the first time that a match had ever been played under lights in SA for premiership points.

The SANFL obviously was not expecting such a big crowd as there was chaos outside the gates and about 10,000 people missed the start of the match.

Some patrons did not get into the ground until well into the second quarter.

Though these two sides traditionally draw large crowds, Port Adelaide the predictable winners, lead the table, while Norwood are in seventh place.

The official attendance of 19,612 was only 4,000 less than the total attendance for the remaining four matches of the round, which were played the following day.

## STATE GAME

NORTH Melbourne rover Kym Hodgeman could be added to the South Australian State football team after his fine performance against Collingwood in the Victorian Football League last Saturday.

SA will name its team on Sunday for the interstate clash with Victoria, under lights at Adelaide's Football Park next Tuesday.

## DEATH THREAT

COLLINGWOOD super-star Peter Daicos received a death-threat during the week — but it didn't stop him from helping the Pies to victory last Saturday. Someone telephoned the Collingwood club during the week to say that he was going to shoot Daicos. But he wasn't worried about the call as he went out to be Collingwood's best player for the fourth time in his four games this year. The Pies outstayed North Melbourne to win by 21 points and stay in the top five.

## SURE SWANS

SIX directors of the Sydney Swans have backed their team to take out the premiership.

Darwin bookmaker Theo Manolas offered 100/1 on the Swans taking out the premiership and the directors now stand to split up \$10,000 if the Sydney-based club can perform such a miracle.

The market for the VFL is: Hawthorn 2/1; Essendon 9/4; Carlton 4/1; Geelong 8/1; Collingwood 12/1; Fitzroy 15/1; Richmond 20/1; North Melbourne and Footscray 33/1; Swans 40/1; Melbourne and St Kilda 100/1.

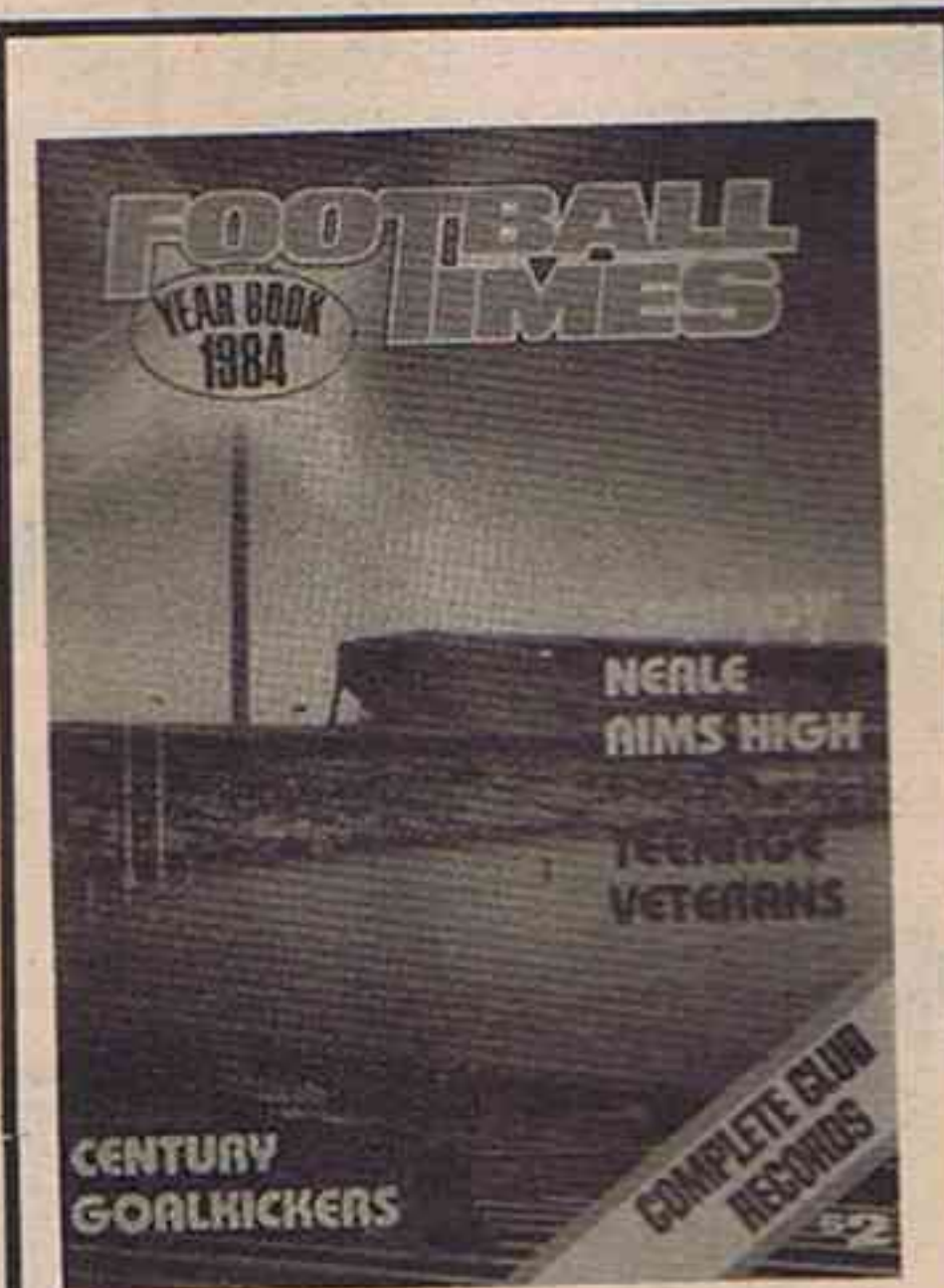
## Lions chief hits at poaching

FITZROY president Keith Wiegard has suggested that two of his reserves players were being paid by another club not to try.

Speaking at the club's pre-match luncheon Mr Wiegard refused to name the players. He said that football clubs were cutting their own throats by poaching opposition players for huge sums.

Players whose contracts were about to expire were a constant target by opposition clubs, pushing some of the clubs nearer to bankruptcy as they offered huge incentives.

Mr Wiegard's suggestion about two players being paid not to perform was obviously a reference to clubs trying to influence potential recruits to 'lay down' and then get the sack.



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# Peter Jackson Superboot

## BIG DEBUT FOR RON

IT has been a long time since the first three goals in a footballer's league career have had such a big impact as those kicked by West Perth newcomer, Ron Davis last Saturday. His first kick in league football resulted in a goal. Shortly later he was instrumental in two other goals kicked by team-mates Derek Kickett and Craig Nelson and then late in the last quarter he booted two goals from acute angles to bring his side level with South Fremantle and give WA its first league football draw for 11 years. All goals followed great marks and his last two, particularly, had the hallmarks of a mature player.

## WORTHY RESERVE

WE don't often mention goals scored in reserves matches in this column, but one kicked by the crown prince of Leederville, Phil Bradmore, had Falcons fans screaming with delight last Saturday. Bradmore, who struggled in his four league appearances this season before being relegated to the reserves, was playing at centre-half-back. He gained possession of the ball slightly forward of that position, weaved through several opponents and travelled to the 50 metre line letting go with a kick which split the centre.

## BUZZIN' AROUND

LIVE-WIRE Perth forward Peter Bosustow was in dynamic goal-kicking form against East Fremantle, repeating his effort of the previous week when he did all their early scoring. He gave the Sharks cause for concern when he kicked the Demons first four majors and one of his left-foot over-the-shoulder snap shots earned him the \$100 from Town and Country WA for the goal-of-the-day on Channel 7's World of Sport. It was classic Buzz as he screwed the ball back from an impossible angle. Boy, he really knows where those goals are!

## DOUBLED UP

DASHING little Subiaco rover John Western has joined the growing band of first-game players who notch a goal with their first kick. He came on as an interchange player against Swan Districts, running straight into the action at the one-minute mark of the second term, earning a free kick on the half-forward line and kicking truly. Western, who has switched over from the East Perth colts side to make the seniors at Subiaco, went one better by making it a double. Twelve minutes after his first effort he picked up his second kick to goal on the run.

## AND AGAIN

SWAN Districts forward Chris Burgess came into the game as an interchange player in the third quarter — and quickly made his presence felt with two goals in a minute. The first was a classic, kicking the ball high towards the goals as he was being slung on to the ground. He was almost parallel with the turf when his boot found its mark. His second goal came after a strong mark.

## SUPERSCORERS

- John Scott (East Perth) . . . . . 27.8
- Clinton Brown (Subiaco) . . . . . 25.14
- Don Holmes (Swan Districts) . . . . . 21.14
- Brent Hutton (Swan Districts) . . . . . 18.14
- Brad Hardie (South Frem.) . . . . . 18.13
- Laurie Keene (Subiaco) . . . . . 17.3
- Michael Mitchell (Claremont) . . . . . 15.12
- David Hart (South Frem.) . . . . . 15.9
- Ron Alexander (East Frem.) . . . . . 15.6
- Jon Dorotich (South Frem.) . . . . . 14.11
- Peter Bosustow (Perth) . . . . . 14.9
- Grant Campbell (East Perth) . . . . . 14.7



## DENNIS FIRES UP HIS FALCONS

WEST Perth coach Dennis Cometti came under plenty of fire early in the season when things did not look bright for the Falcons. But he has made his critics sit up and take notice as his side continues to improve. They came home with a flourish against premiership hopes South Fremantle on Saturday and were considered unlucky not to win the game. Just the same, Cometti could be satisfied with the draw.



## BLUE FIN STARS OF THE DAY

**CLINTON BROWN (Subiaco):** Set the standard for marking in the Subiaco forward line. Took some great captures with strong leading and kicked four goals to hold his second position on the goalkicking ladder.

**BADEN HARPER (Claremont):** The only Claremont player to be presented with an award after their inept performance against East Perth, played solidly in the back pocket on the resting ruckmen. Had 13 kicks, six marks and eight handpasses.

**CLINTON BROWNING (East Fremantle):** Solid defender, who started in the back pocket before taking up station at centre-half back. Took 3 marks, had 14 kicks and 4 handpasses.

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

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## MOTHER BROWN

### Wet day is big test

WHAT a great game the match between South Fremantle and West Perth turned out to be last Saturday. It was a nail-biting finish that must have done a great deal for football in this State. Big wins have been the order of the day and the draw was just what we needed. But, it takes a rainy day to realise just how bad the football facilities are. Leederville Oval may not be the worst ground — but it was difficult trying to stay dry when the rain tumbled down on Saturday. Officials are always saying that they can't understand why people do not attend the football when it is wet. Well they should go to one of the games and stand in the outer and get drenched — and then they would know.

### SCOREBOARD FOLLY

I COULD not understand the scoreboard attendants at Leederville Oval on Saturday. Mind you, they are not the only culprits who drag down the score before you have got time to write it in your Football Budget. But aside from that annoying point, they were also well behind with the scores from the other grounds. Any keen football follower likes to keep track of how the other games are going, but at Leederville it was hopeless. They were just too far behind and something has to be done about it.

### UNDER PRESSURE

EVERYONE says that players are under a great deal of pressure, but had they been watching the replay of the Perth-East Fremantle match on Sunday morning they would realise the tension is not restricted to just players. A close



look at Perth coach Ian Miller revealed an extremely tense looking man. He was a white as a sheet as he watched his side slip from a winning position to another close defeat. These tight games must take their toll.

### DOLLAR TOSS

EAT your heart out Victoria! WA scored a first a couple of weeks ago when the first one dollar coin was tossed before a game. And to cap it all off it happened in the country. The Pingelly Football Club was able to get hold of one of the new coins for the first match of their season in the Upper Great Southern against Cuballing. While they were extremely pleased to become the first club to use the new coin before the start of the game it reportedly confused the umpires.

### MISSING MATCH

SOME East Perth supporters I know were extremely disappointed when the weekend's football coverage was finished. They were able to see replays and highlights of every WAFL game from the weekend, except the one they really wanted to see when the Royals proved too strong for Claremont. Those particular supporters were understandably annoyed.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

### FALCONS FLY HIGH

THE wind blew hard, the rain beat down, and the falcons looked defeated.

Brownie's boys were playing, tough they thought West Perth had retreated.

Joe Fanchi watched with pride and awe, his team of years long past.

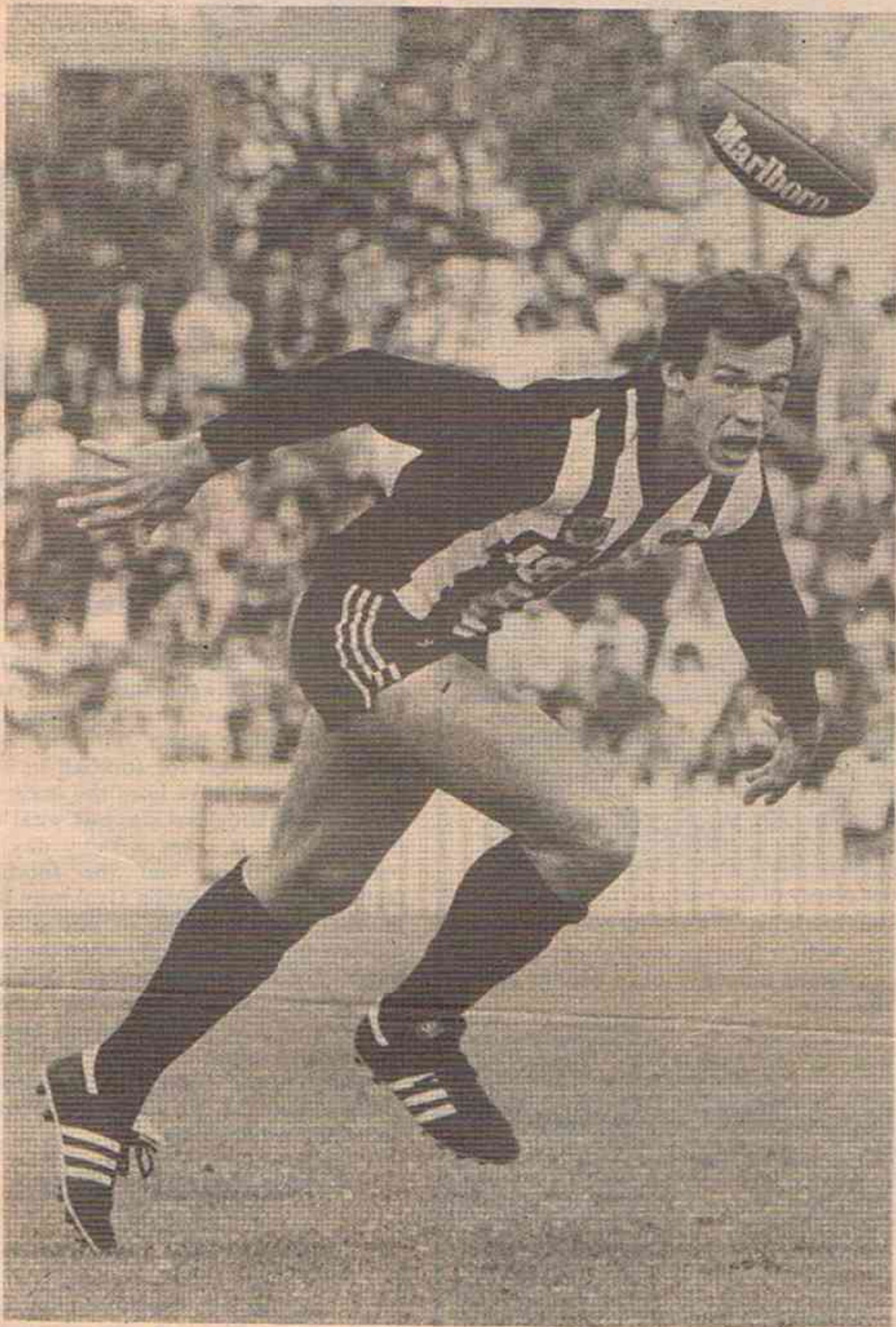
He crossed his arms, his legs, his teeth, and hoped that bad luck wouldn't last.

With Cometti the Falcon they stood a chance and young Davis flew to the lure.

He kicked two goals against the wind, with his aim true and sure.

What now my friends, the end is nigh. Can the Tigers fool you all?

Will Graham show us how it's done — beat Perth and watch them fall?



**MURRAY RANCE** (Swan Districts): Has a mortgage on the centre-half-back position after his form so far this year and his impressive interstate debut last season. And if WA gets in trouble he can easily be swung to the other end of the ground.



## THE CONTENDERS

*We look at likely candidates for this year's S*

On June 9 the WA team takes on one of the most difficult assignments to face - to beat the South Australians at Football Park in Adelaide.

The Croweaters are always hard to beat, especially at home and particularly after having won the previous encounter.

WA has a poor record against the South Australians in Adelaide and coach John Todd and his staff have the daunting task of picking a side capable of victory.

This match is one of the most significant in the history of the game.

We are the defending Australian champions and must survive this initial challenge to keep our title.

Over the next few weeks we will look at the players likely to come under consideration for the team.

We begin today with the contenders for the defensive roles.

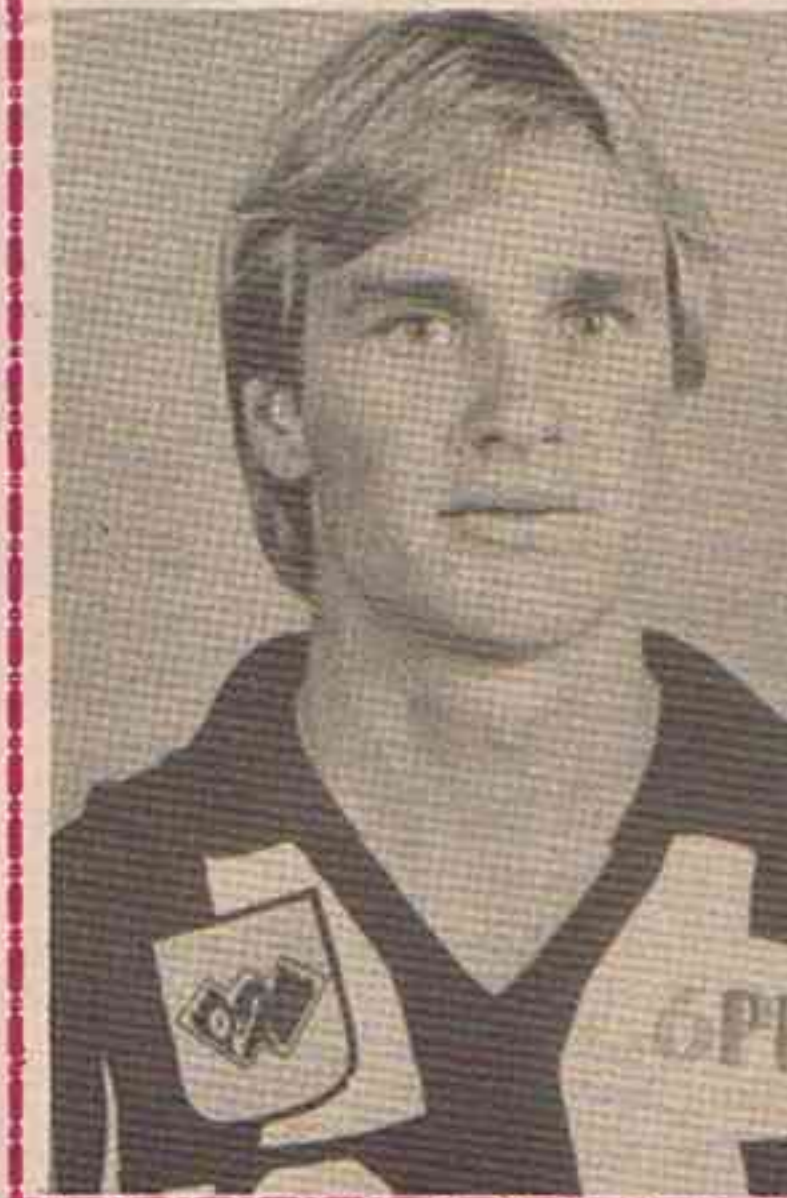
Next week we will put the forwards under the microscope and following that we will examine the centreliners.

## BACKMEN IN LINE FOR



**JON FOGARTY** (Swan Districts): Tough half back flanker who must come into consideration after his improved form in the last few weeks. Can also be used as a ruck rover and his versatility will enhance his prospects.

**CLINTON BROWNING** (East Fremantle): One of the most versatile players in the game, having the ability to play in any key position at either end of the ground. If he does not make the actual 18 he should be an interchange.



**KIM HETHERINGTON** — Left — (Swan Districts): Was struggling at his new club until moved to full back and since taking up the position has been most impressive. A real dasher who must come under strong consideration.



**HARRY MUMFORD** — Right — (Perth): Started the season in a blaze of glory at Perth at full back, but has since been injured and lost form. His chances will depend on how he performs in the next two weeks.



**DWAYNE LAMB** — Left — (Subiaco): Won the club fairest and best award last year and is one of the closest checking half-backs in the game. Gives the forwards no latitude, but also has the capacity to be attacking.



**DAVID RANKIN**, Right — (East Fremantle): Was moved to the back pocket last year and since then has not looked back. One of the highest kick-getters in league football and repels attacking moves with monotonous regularity.

# LAGER SPOTLIGHT



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**WARREN MOSCONI** (South Fremantle): The form Half back of the competition. Has dominated for the Bulldogs this year and should almost be an automatic inclusion, unless, he loses form dramatically.



**SHANE ELLIS** (East Fremantle): A key member of State teams in the last couple of seasons and his experience in interstate matches should be called on. Can play anywhere across the half back line or at full back.

**ROD BARRETT**, (South Fremantle): The regular back pocket specialist in State teams will be under pressure to retain his position this season. Loves to back his judgement and takes a strong mark.



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**MICHAEL CRUTCHFIELD** (Subiaco): Has developed into one of the hardest working defenders in the game. Lacks brilliance, but he compensates for this with his desire. Makes full-forwards earn every kick.



**GAVIN CARTER** (South Fremantle): Emerged as a class full back last season and has the ability to play at centre-half-back as well, which will help his cause. Takes a big mark and is agile for a man of his size.

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**Don't forget there are no local fixtures  
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**Todd in  
angry mood  
over umps.**



SWANS coach John Todd was again 'on his high horse' last Saturday protesting about the way umpires and the media are not giving Swans a fair go. After his team's clash with Subiaco Todd gave media men Marty McDonnell, Ken Casellas and Wayne Harvey a "spray" when they went into the Swans room after their 10 point win over Subiaco. Todd believes the media should be honest and condemn some of the umpiring performances rather than give them 'wraps'. He knows, of course, if he did publicly, (being a coach) he would be fined.

Swans had 25 free kicks last Saturday to Subiaco's 41.

Since regular publication of media statistics began last season, Subiaco has kept out of the wrath of umpires. In the 21 games played last season and six so far this season, Subiaco has given away more free kicks than they have received on only three occasions — all last year on March 27 v EF; July 31 v C; and August 14 v EP.

1983 totals shows Subiaco received 748 free kicks and gave away 615. Its biggest free kickgetters were Neil Taylor and Dwayne Lamb with 62 each, while Laurie Keene gave most (46) away.

So far this season Subiaco has been credited with 246 free kicks and is debited with 179.

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- Non-elastic tape should be held taut and then applied while maintaining tension to ensure the desired support.
- Ensure while taping that the desired pressure of application is achieved as loose tape or tight tape is ineffective. Communication with the player is important.
- To ensure maximum strength of application each layer of tape or bandage should cover two-thirds of the previous application.
- Test the application of tape immediately to ensure that it is not too tight. An immediate detection method involves pressing the skin below the tape. It should go white and should return to pink as soon as pressure is released. If this does not occur circulation is being impeded. It may not be until the player has warmed up that he will realise that the tape is too tight as increased blood flow may slightly swell the area.
- Adhesive tape should not be applied to inflamed or infected skin.
- Non-elastic tape should not be used for compression, unless in an open technique, in areas that need to accommodate further swelling.
- Adhesive foam padding may be used to give compression or padding to injured parts.

**BE FLEXIBLE:**

There are no rigid rules about taping techniques. Always look for new ways to improve your taping techniques. Much can be learned through the experience of others.

**PRACTICE:**

You can practice the various methods of adhesive tape application by making yourself a re-usable strip (stick two pieces of tape together back to back).





# THE LEADERS

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

## Stepping into some big Tiger shoes

THE club captaincy is a position of great responsibility and takes someone special to fill the role.

But taking on that task after the departure of one of the game's champions makes for an even tougher assignment.

That was the problem faced by new Claremont captain Noel Morton when he was appointed to the position at the start of this season.

Former captain Graham Moss ranks with the best players ever produced at Tigerland and suddenly Morton found himself in the situation where he had to try to fill Moss' shoes.

### IMMEDIATELY

He realised that was something that would not be achieved immediately. After all, Moss had played with distinction in the VFL with Essendon, he had won the 1976 Brownlow Medal, to be the first West Australian to achieve that honour, and he was captain coach of Claremont in 1981 when the club broke a 17-year premiership drought.

Moss was one of the most recognisable and respected men in the game — both on and off the field and whoever was given the captaincy upon his retirement would be under a great deal of pressure.

Morton knew that and when the Tigers lost their first three games Claremont's

new skipper found himself under even greater strain.

There were cries from the football world that the Tigers lacked on-field direction and that Moss should come out of retirement.

"When Graham retired I didn't think about who would replace him as captain," Morton recalls. "I was down at the family farm in Newdegate at the time.

"And when I came back to Perth to do pre-season training I realised I was one of the players in the running. To be made captain is certainly one of the highlights of my career, but it will take a while to adjust.

### CONCENTRATE

"I have found that I am under a bit more pressure to perform and I have to concentrate a lot harder on my own game.

"But I believe it is up to all the senior players to help off-set the loss of Graham on the field. We have to encourage and guide all the younger players," Morton says.

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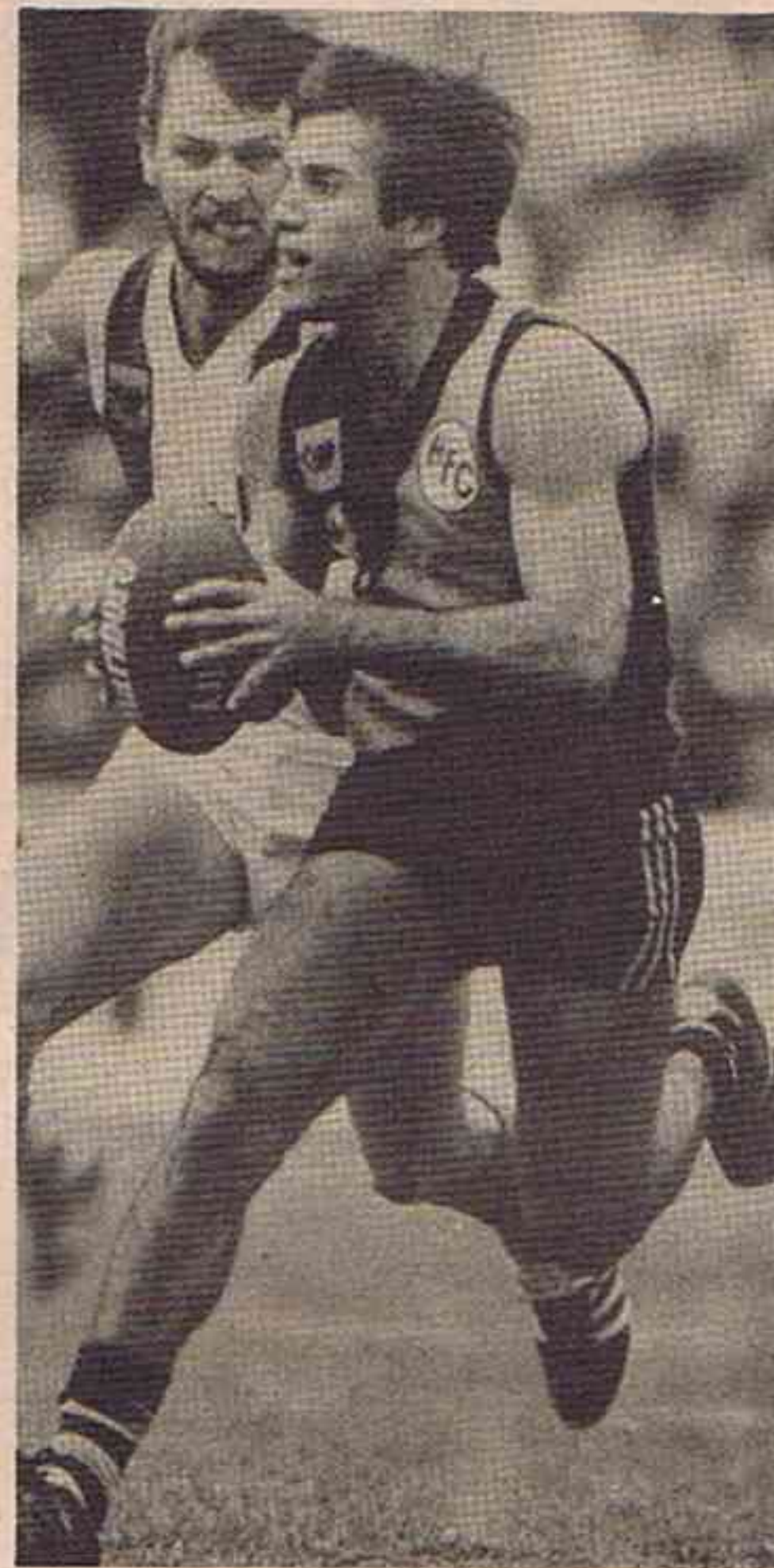
When Moss retired it was obvious Morton would be one of the players under the microscope to take on the captaincy.

He was Moss' deputy last year so he had the grounding behind him.

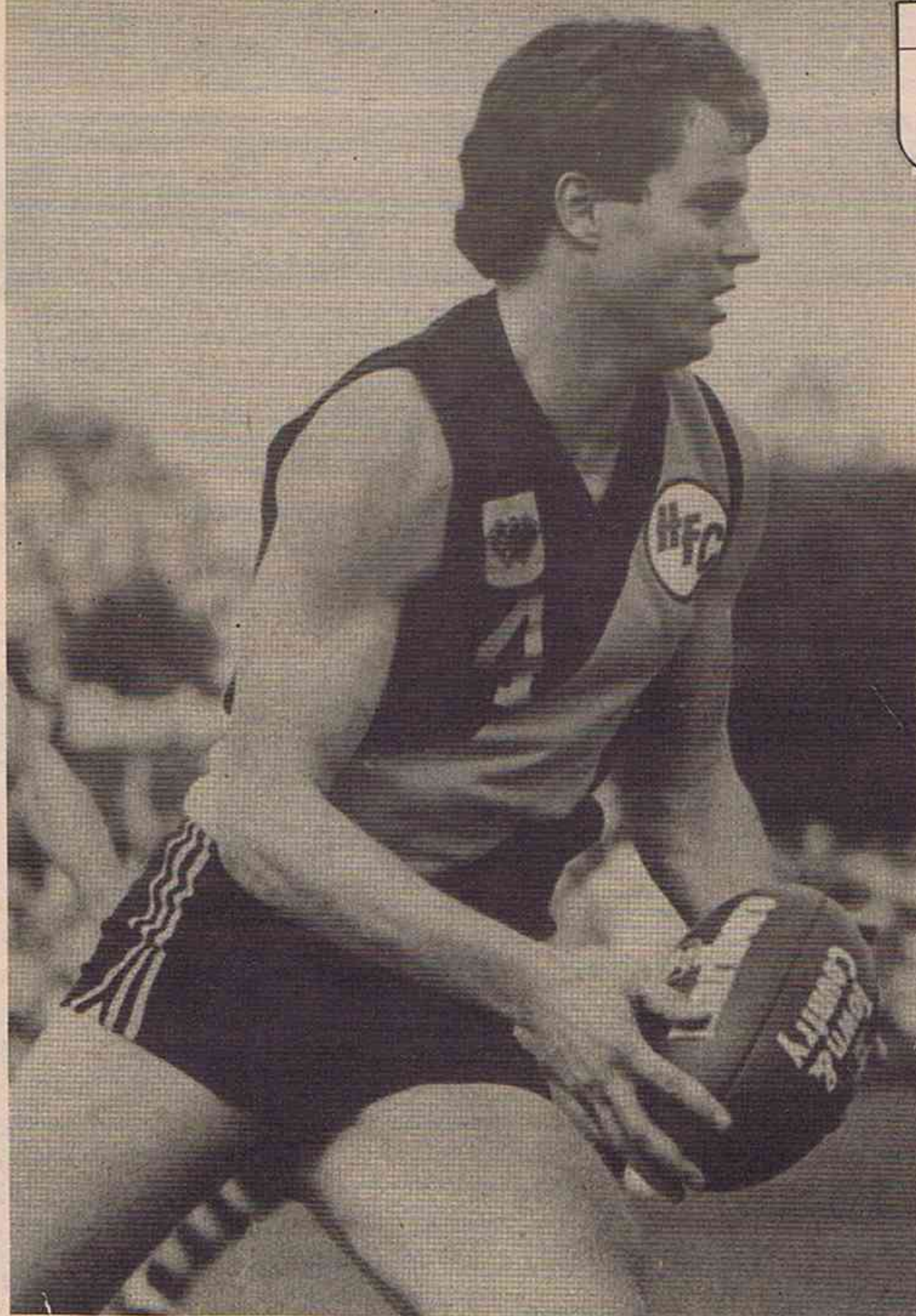
Morton is relatively young for a club captain at 23 years of age and with just under 100 games to his credit.

However, he is a mature and hard working utility player who has had a big bearing on the club's performances in the last few years.

He was a fine choice as club skipper and as he grows accustomed to his on-field duties we should see him reproduce some of his special brand of tough, hard running football.



Steve Malaxos . . . a good choice as deputy.



Noel Morton . . . one of the toughest jobs in football.

## Malaxos enjoys move into the middle

TWO years ago the football future of Steve Malaxos looked uncertain . . . now he is Claremont's vice-captain.

In 1981 when Malaxos was promoted from the reserves to the league team after injury, he built a reputation as one of the best forwards in the game.

He was uncanny around the goals and it seemed as though he could kick goals from anywhere.

So much so that he kicked over 80 goals in less than a full season.

However, the more goals he kicked the more obvious it became for other sides that they needed to tag him.

### TACTICS

And when they adopted those tactics in 1982 Malaxos found kicks much harder to come by. It seemed that he had been worked out and when his scoring opportunities were limited he lost form badly.

But Graham Moss was aware of the situation and decided, in the pre-season games of 1983, to try Malaxos in the centre.

At the time regular centreman Wayne Blackwell was injured, so it was the perfect opportunity to give Malaxos a trial in the middle.

He slotted into the position immediately and stayed there for the entire season, once again becoming one of the Tigers key players.

He played so well from the pivot that he was made a hot favourite for last year's Sandover Medal.

Malaxos has matured as a player and the vice-captaincy is another step forward in his career. He will give valuable support to new skipper Noel Morton.



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# SUNDAY SCENE

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

## Kenwick run may be short lived

THE 1983 premiers, Kenwick, made a welcome return to form last Sunday and their timing could not have been better.

After two successive losses, the Royals turned the tables on glamour side Mandurah in preparation for their home-ground appointment with premiership fancies Kalamunda.

The Royals are a fit, hard-running side in similar mould to Kalamunda and will look to further big efforts from form players Wayne Ogg, Phil Timmermans, David Watterson and coach Graeme Nicholas. Gillespie and Cougar officials will be anxious to include former East Perth and Perth champion John McGuire.

### INJURY

McGuire would be the logical player to oppose the pace and skill of Kenwick's brilliant winger Allan Boundry. But McGuire is under a cloud with the recurrence of a hamstring injury.

Kenwick's win over Mandurah last week was set up with a brilliant first quarter but they will find Kalamunda well and truly on their guard against the pace of the Royals. Kalamunda can match the Royals pace around the ground with big efforts from form followers Rick Ellard and Ian Mercer, half-back Ross Prater and strong defender Glenn O'Rourke.

### COMPETITIVE

MADDINGTON have shown themselves to be a more than competitive unit and play host to Mandurah at the Maddington Recreation Ground this Sunday in what promises to be one of the highlights of the fourth round of fixtures. The Bulls have welcomed the return to playing duties of strong-man Jeff Murray. The former Subiaco and Claremont ruckman combined well with Brent Levitzke, Gary Bochenek and Paul Howard to outrun Wanneroo by six points last Sunday and go into their home ground clash with Mandurah favourites to take the four points.

### RIVALS

Traditional Wafa rivals Osborne Park and Wanneroo meet Sunday with both sides desperate for the four points. After two successive losses, Wanneroo must bounce back if they are to remain in the field as leading premiership contenders and the Saints must produce form in order to confirm their reputation as a top Sunday League club. Osborne Park, languishing at the bottom of the table without success have failed to show any resistance in the latter stages of their three losses.

### BIG TASK

KWINANA face the daunting task of stopping the confident and hard-working Applecross at Medina Oval. The Applecross Hawks have run up

three great wins and there is nothing to suggest that form will not continue this week.

Kwinana coach Tony Morley will have some worrying times arriving at a suitable opponent for ace forward Ian Crawford.

### CONFIDENT

THORNIE find themselves in fifth place following their two spirited wins in succession and go into their match at John Dunn Oval confident of downing 1983 runners-up Kelmscott.

A bonus for the Lions has been getting the services of former Prendergast Medal winner Andrew Partington.

### UNDEFEATED

In other games, this week GOSNELLS look set to continue undefeated when they travel to Lathlain Park to tackle the undermanned South Perth.

The Tigers will find big ruckman Dave Glendinning difficult to stop while Dale Chapman and Kim Thomson showed tremendous promise after coming from the interchange bench last Sunday against Kelmscott.

CANNING play host to Fremantle at Wyong Reserve with the Port side fresh from their win over Kwinana.

Apart from the four points Fremantle picked up last Sunday they unleashed George Ford into Sunday football.

Ford showed he will be one of the most exciting players in the league. But even another great performance from this youngster will not be enough to stop Wayne Deleminco and his Canning Tigers taking the four points.

### RADIO PREVIEW

6NR's radio cover of the Sunday Football League continues Saturday at 7.45am.

Panelists Terry Kift and Bill Wake will preview Sundays exciting fixtures and discuss the selected squad of players from which the SFL team to play in Geraldton in June, will be chosen.

That squad will be announced live on 6NR this Saturday. Don't miss it.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WILLETTON	3	0	297	158	187.97	12
KALAMUNDA	3	0	311	191	162.82	12
APPLECROSS	3	0	343	223	153.81	12
GOSNELLS	3	0	293	204	143.62	12
THORNIE	2	1	326	242	134.71	8
Mandurah	2	1	332	272	122.05	8
Maddington	2	1	256	253	101.18	8
South Perth	1	1	186	134	138.80	4
Wanneroo	1	2	221	193	114.50	4
Fremantle	1	1	231	227	101.76	4
Kenwick	1	2	232	244	95.08	4
Canning	1	2	183	238	76.89	4
Armadale	1	2	196	270	72.59	4
Kwinana	0	3	248	372	66.66	0
Kelmscott	0	3	225	375	61.64	0
Rockingham	0	3	115	227	50.66	0
Osborne Park	0	3	130	312	41.66	0

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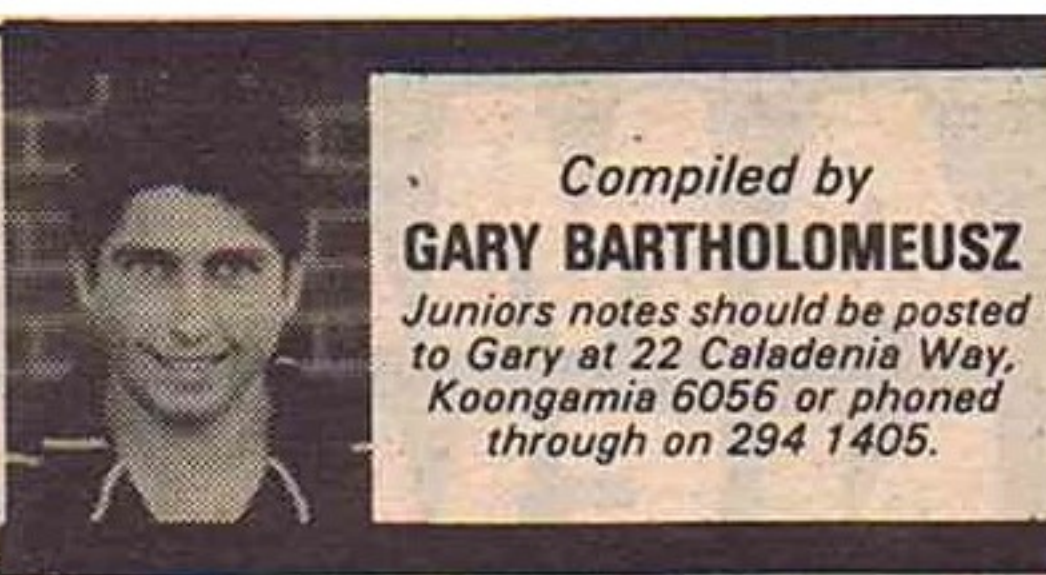
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# Director steps in to save carnival

A disaster for junior football was averted last week when all eight WAFL clubs nominated teams for this year's 12s, 14s and 16s interzone carnivals after intervention by WAFL football director Dr Tom Stannage.

Dr Stannage, who heard that Perth were not interested in this season's annual carnival, approached the Demons to investigate the matter.

He also sent each junior council a letter asking for the opinions about the present interzone carnival format.

Dr Stannage's approach to Perth proved fruitful and all WAFL clubs will now compete in the 1984 carnival for the 12s, 14s, and 16s.

"It would have been a disaster not to have each club represented," said Dr Stannage.

"For this reason it is disappointing for the 17s grade, where only four clubs have nominated.

"I would like to see a total commitment by all clubs."

## POLICY CHANGE

Perth seem to have changed their policy on combined side football.

For the past few years the South Suburban Junior Football Association has held a lightning carnival joining with the Perth and South Fremantle junior councils.

Perth has withdrawn from the carnival this season — much to the annoyance of South Suburban officials.

"We had a good working liaison and were disappointed when Perth withdrew for no apparent reason," said Kevin McManus, South Suburban's junior secretary.

The South Suburban JFA will hold its carnival on May 19 at Maddington Oval and joining them will be East Fremantle.

Non-stop football will run from 9.15am to 4.45pm and the South Suburban welcome all interested people. Competition will be for 12s, 14s, and 16s grades.

## NEW HOME

Midvale Junior Football Club, in the Swan Districts Junior Council, has a new home after sharing the neighbouring Midland Oval for three seasons with the Midland JFC.

The Midvale Club took up tenancy at the start of this season at the Shire of Swan Midland Regional Recreation Central Oval in Midvale.

Midvale was formerly based at Pauly Park (in Midvale) but were evicted four years ago to make way for industrial development.

## GOLDFIELDS REUNION

THE Goldfields Sub-Junior Football Association will hold its 21st birthday party with a cabaret in the Boulder Town Hall on July 14 and Association officials invite all past players and supporters back to the Goldfields to celebrate.

Tickets are \$30 a double and \$20 a single and can be obtained from the Association's secretary, Mrs Fay Moodie on (090) 21 3394 or writing to P.O. Box 224, Kalgoorlie.

The Association has five clubs, Railways, Kalgoorlie, Mines, Boulders, and John Paul College (formerly Christian Brothers College) and caters for boys between eight and 16 years old.

Ironically, in this its 21st season, the Association seems certain to register its 2100th player.

# WIN A FOOTY!

HEY kids... How would you like to win a magnificent Chesson football? It's simple. Just enter our "Who Am I" quiz on this page every week and you could be the lucky winner of a great club-colours footy.

**This week's question: WHO AM I?**  
I made my league debut as a rover in 1981. My usual position is now back pocket. I am from Nungarin. My playing number is in the early double figures.

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

Entries close every Tuesday.

The answer to last weeks question was David Hart and the winner is Troy Robinson, of Eden Hill.



## TRAINING BEGINS

THE Swan Districts junior council started its combined side training last week and invited up to six players from each of its clubs to attend.

Swans take part in two combined side carnivals on the Foundation Day long weekend each year — the WAFL interzone competition and its country zone carnival.

The Hills Junior Football Association, celebrating its 21st birthday this season, will host the Swan Districts country zone carnival this year.

Games for the 12s, 14s, and 16s grades, will be played at Sawyers Valley and Mundaring Ovals on June 2 and 3.

## HILTON HOGS?

THE Hilton Hawks Junior Football Club, one of South Fremantle Junior Council's oldest clubs, held a glutton's night recently, which successfully attracted about 150 big eaters.

The club, which has produced league players Bob Carson, Brad Hardie and Kevin Cornell, is currently enjoying a 'high' in spirit and development.

## MILESTONES

### 150 GAMES

PERTH J.C.: Dean Bertram — Collier 15s.

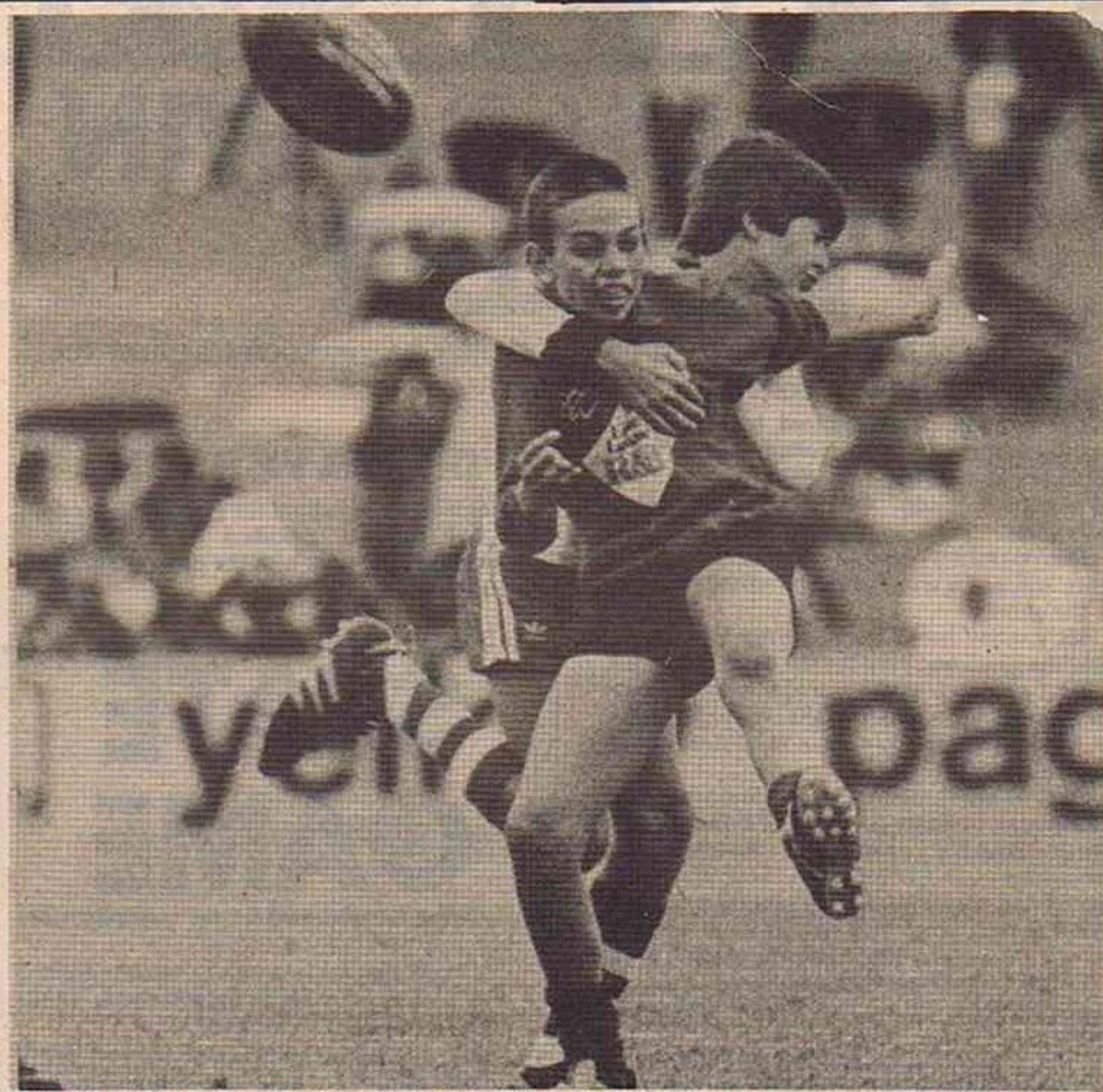
### 100 GAMES

PERTH J.C.: Todd Harry — Manning 13s; Andrew Mann — Canning 15s.

### 50 GAMES

PERTH J.C.: Pat DeSouza — Manning 13s.

EAST PERTH J.C.: Scott Middleton — Dianella 10s.



This West Perth player looks to kick the ball downfield despite pressure from a South Fremantle opponent in an R & I Little League match on Saturday.

# Falcons kick big score in the wet

SATURDAY'S wet conditions did not stop the West Perth R & I Little League team from kicking 5.2 (32) against South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs, at the same time, could not score.

Andrew Figliomini, Geoff Caple and Andrew Slattery did best for West Perth while Michael John, Robert Reagan and Beau Collins did well for South Fremantle.

Subiaco kicked 3.0 while Swan Districts managed just 1.0.

Jamie McIntosh, Garry Burden and Justin Bandy played well for Subiaco while Swans' best players were Shane Rossen, Kirk Pohle and Paul Tuttle.

Inaccurate kicking cost East Perth the chance to score a big win over Claremont. Just the same, they won 2.5 to 1.0.

Chris Jenkins, Clint Smith and Anto Rnezvich set up the win for the young Royals, while Claremont had good players in Paul Stephen, Jamie Kerr and Gary McDougall.

The other game saw East Fremantle beat

Perth when they kicked 3.1 (19) to the Demons 1.2 (8).

Terry Lofts, Danny Cateldini and Paul Eastman played well for East Fremantle while Chris Lamont, Darren Berry and Thomas Shespar tried hard for Perth.

Next week South Fremantle will be represented by Hilton, Subiaco (Wembley), Swan Districts (Marist), West Perth (Leederville), Perth (Manning), Claremont (Claremont), East Perth (East Perth) and East Fremantle (Mt Pleasant).

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
East Perth	6	5	1	97	55	176	20
Claremont	6	4	2	112	41	273	16
Swan Districts	6	4	2	99	60	165	16
Subiaco	6	3	3	76	66	115	12
West Perth	6	3	3	61	70	87	12
East Fremantle	6	3	3	63	107	59	12
Perth	6	1	5	70	99	71	4
South Frem	6	1	5	31	111	28	4

## 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.

### On the run...

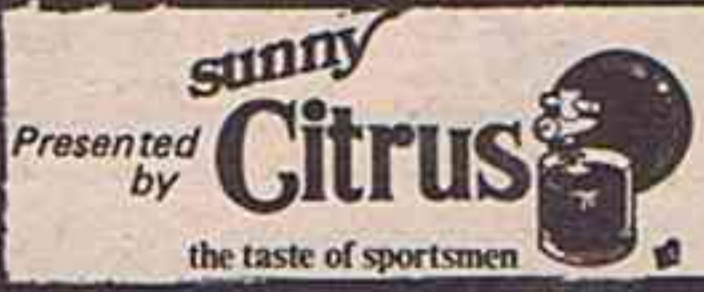
In Australian football you are allowed to run and bounce the ball, but it must be bounced (or touched to the ground) every 15 metres.

It is a tricky operation, bouncing as you run as fast as you can. Try to remember that one hand should stay on the ball as long as possible, guiding it to the ground. You shouldn't let go of the ball till it is well down past your stomach. Don't let it drop from too high or else you'll lose control. Also it's important to bounce it well out in front of you, making sure it hits the ground on an angle of about 45 degrees so it will bounce on its point and return safely to your hands.



\* 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.

# AMATEUR NEWS



## NOLLAMARA WIN THRILLER

NOLLAMARA won a hard-fought thriller by one point against the luckless Old Scotch-Collegians last week.

The football was reduced to a scramble bruising affair with Nollamara's Parker Brooker and Desmond showing out and Moustaka playing well for Old Scotch-Collegians.

The Wembley bubble burst although the score was not a true indication of the standard of the game.

Mt Lawley broke away in the last quarter after the game was even for the first three terms.

Mt Lawley's teamwork was the main reason for gaining ascendancy while Wembley relied on Symons (a state player of the future) Ryan and Falconer.

CBC broke through for their first win of the season and, in doing so, creating a doubt about North Beach's ability to handle these conditions. C.B.C., however, were not to be denied and played some excellent team football with Meyers, King and one of amateurs best known characters, Rod Cronan, playing well.

Coach Leigh Sprylan would have been happy with the form shown by Dargie, Hird and Sutton.

Trinity-Aquinas, led by ace ruckman Jeremy McGrade, demolished a hapless Scarborough. Trinity's smaller brigade capitalised on McGrade's good work and took control right from the early stages of the match.

The other players who stood out were Collins and Diviney, with very few putting in for Scarborough.

In view of the other scores, University appear to be outright favourites at this early stage of the season after their one-sided win against Old Wesley.

It was good to see former State amateur players Fingers Anear (Uni) and Ken Duffy (Old Wesley) showing such good form after serious injuries.

Good players also included O'Sullivan and Churack for University with Bradbury and Jessup trying hard for old Wesley.

The match of the day this week will be between Scarborough and CBC, last year's 'B' grade grand finalists with the winner's prize a place in the top five.

In this game either side could win, but CBC should gain the four points.

North Beach could win a tight game as their loss last week would not be taken too well.

Old Wesley should account for Collegians-Old Scotch, University can beat Trinity/Aquinas and Wembley will bounce back to defeat Nollamara.

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

A — Nollamara 7.13 d Collegians/O.S. 7.12; Mt Lawley 16.12 d Wembley 10.12; C.B.C. 11.10 d North Beach 8.11; Trinity-Aquinas 14.16 d Scarborough 5.7; University 14.9 d Old Wesley 7.13.

### ATTENDANTS

Scoreboard attendants are wanted by the W.A.A.F.L. for 'A' grade games played at league grounds.

Anyone interested (experience not needed) can contact amateur headquarters. Remuneration is available.

### BURLEY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

(Subject to official confirmation)

**A GRADE:** University 12, Mt Lawley 12, Wembley 8, North Beach 8, Scarborough 4, Old Wesley 4, Nollamara 4, Trinity-A 4, C.B.C. 4, Collegians/O.S. 0.

**A COLTS:** Mt Lawley 12, University 12, Old Wesley 8, Nollamara 8, North Beach 8, Wembley 4, Scarborough 4, Coll/Old Scotch 4, C.B.C. 0, Trinity-A 0.

**B GRADE:** North Fremantle 12, W.A.I.T. 12, West Coast 8, M.H.W.P. 8, Carlisle 6, Whitford 4, Bayswater 4, Uni 4, Maylands 2, Wembley 0.

**C GRADE:** Mt Lawley 12, Innaloo 12, Dianella 12, North Brigade/A.I.C.A. 12, Coll/O.S. 8, Morley 4, Hamersley 2, Hellenic 2, Osborne Park 0, Forrestfield 0.

**D GRADE:** Nollamara 12, Uni 8, Old Wesley 8, Wembley 8, Lynwood 8, Swan Athletic 8, North Beach 4, Brentwood 0, National Bank 0, Bassendean 0.

**E GRADE:** R & I Bank 12, W.A.C.A.E. 12, Koondoola 8, Applecross 8, Comm. Bank 8, St Norberts 4, Bayswater 4, Maylands 4, Swan/Nedlands 0, Carlisle 0.

**G GRADE:** Cockburn 12, Coll/O.S. 12, W.A.I.T. 12, Mt Lawley 8, Whitfords 8, Uni 4, John XXIII 4, Dianella 0, Edgewater 0, North Beach 0.

Compiled by MAL MONGER.

### OBSERVERS IN

After a series of behind the play incidents the W.A.A.F.L. has decided to introduce independent observers with the power of report at many games.

## STATE GAME

Training has resumed for the coming state clash against South Australia

All clubs are encouraged to assist by pointing out their players to State selectors who will be watching games.

While the state teams mainly consist of 'A' grade players, lower grades have supplied some top competitors in recent season.

State coach Steve Arnott can be contacted on 447 8007 (H) or 323 3888 (W).

### Taylor turns to umpiring



FORMER Subiaco League player and Wembley 'A' grade and State amateur Don Taylor has turned his hand to central umpiring.

A successful wingman, he made a big impression in football with his skills, fairness and ability to turn in consistent games.

He represented the WAAFL six times and won the WAAFL 'A' fairest and best in 1980, playing in numerous final rounds for Wembley.

He has already come under notice for his top umpiring efforts.

Anybody interested in umpiring Amateurs can contact the Umpires Advisor George Meiers on 335 1823.

Both experienced and inexperienced persons are welcomed — weekly training every Tuesday.

### VETERAN AMATEURS

Veteran Amateurs over 35 are invited to be available for selection in the curtain raiser game before the W.A.A.F.L. versus S.A.A.F.L. clash.

A combined veteran Amateur team is to play a Super Rules State squad team starting at 12.30. With 15 minute quarters and special rules (no tackling, nine points for drop kick goals etc.) it should be an interesting clash.

Officials are invited to find a representative from their clubs to participate. Further details can be obtained from Management Committee member Colin Tincknell (W) 326 8334 or Amateur headquarters.

### MILESTONES



**150 GAMES**  
Dave Haddow (North Fremantle). First started playing in 1975. He is a reliable ruck-rover or centre-half-back. He won the club's senior fairest and best in 1979, but missed the entire 1981 season. He now qualifies for WAAFL player life membership.

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## CLUBS IN FOCUS

### MURESK

Muresk Club colours navy blue and white and their home ground is Muresk Agriculture College near Northam. The Rams were formed in 1978 and now have 100 members. They were premiers in 'H' 1978 and 'G' 1979.

WAAFL honours include 'H' leading goalkicker 1978 (G. Bungey 70). Coach Dick Visser (1980-84), was vice-captain in 1978, captain in 1979 and club fairest and best in 1978-79.

## THIS SUNDAY

### A GRADE and A COLTS

#### ROUND No 4

Scarborough v CBC — Balcatta Reserve  
North Beach v Mount Lawley — Perth Oval  
Coll/Old Scotch v Old Wesley — Leederville  
University v Trinity-Aquinas — E. Frem. Oval  
Nollamara v Wembley — Nollamara Oval No. 1



## PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



TREVOR Staniforth, Mt Lawley's veteran campaigner, joined in 1962, when it was the mets camp.

He was a member of the inaugural year premiership, ('C' 1983), he was runner up in the 'B' fairest and best in 1968, and won the club's first 'A' fairest and best in 1970. Vice Capt of the 'A' team in 1972 and runner up to the club fairest and best that year.

A member of the 1974 carnival team (Melbourne) saw him become the first Mt Lawley player to play against all major states. He was awarded clubs life membership in 1980 and played his 250th game in 1981, (he currently holds the clubs record of 282).

Captain coach of 'H' grade 1982 and a member of the club's management for over 10 seasons. He is a current clubs delegate to W.A.A.F.L. since 1983.

Burley sports appreciates the services rendered to Amateur football and makes a presentation of a sports bag to the Personality of the week.

## Form Reversals

Form was thrown out the window with last week's B grade results.

Three teams — Whitfords, University No.2 and Maylands — gained their season's first points by beating more fancied opponents.

North Fremantle and W.A.I.T. (coached by former Subiaco player Ken Bell) remain undefeated.

Wembley No.2 look like having a second successive hard season and University No.2 helped their chances of moving into the top five by beating an inconsistent Carlisle.

Nothing should separate Maylands and Whitfords, although the Whitfords Warriors have shown greater desperation recently.

W.A.I.T. and North Fremantle should continue on their way at the expense of Bayswater and M.H.W.P.

West Coast should bounce back and grab four points from Wembley's second 20.

West Coast have been served by good performers recently such as half-backs Dean Button and Peter Moore, full-back John Martin, rover Trevor Osborne and Wayne Nicholson (Centre).

I Grade — Murdoch caused the upset of the day downing second placed Old Wesley No.3. Mt Lawley No.3 gained first points leaving West Coast No.3 the only team without a win.

Girrawheen (with old campaigner Norm Perry coaching) remain the only undefeated team.

Dianella No.3 and Lynwood-Ferndale No.2 battle for second spot.

J Grade — Hellenic No.2 continue to impress. Five other teams — East Fremantle, Bullcreek No.2 (Wayne Baker coach), Coolbinia-Yokine No.2, Applecross No.2 and Brentwood No.2 — are all on two games each.

K Grade — M.H.W.P. No.3 turned the premiership table upside down by defeating second placed Coolbellup No.2. The "Mounties", coached by Terry Richie, will have to be taken seriously.

Top spot will be decided in the clash of undefeated teams W.A.I.T. No.3 and Trinity-Aquinas No.3.

L Grade — Rookie club Mirrabooka broke through for their initial amateur win. Coach Bill McCallum will be keen to follow up the success. Morley No.2 still run hot at the top. Only Edgewater No.2 have yet to open their account.

COLTS: B Colts — West Coast and Whitford continue to set the pace while North Fremantle and University No.2 vie for third spot.

Officials from Maylands, and Wembley failed to telephone in scores making comment difficult.

Carlisle with former successful Junior coach Angelo Pini are deserving better results.

C Colts — The future of Hamersley and Osborne Park teams must be questioned. Both have yet to field a team. To maintain their senior teams ranking in 'C' grade they must field a colts team.

Innaloo and Dianella remain undefeated while Northbridge — A.I.C.A., Forrestfield and Mt Lawley No.2 are one game behind.

D Colts — Lynwood-Ferndale caused Riverton (rookie club under Vic Varischetti) to come back to earth in a close two point decision (9.5 to 8.9).

Another newly admitted club, Redcliffe hold top berth along with Bassendean.

West Coast No.2 continue to improve under coach Grant Button.

### RUNNERS WANTED

At half time of the State game (Sunday May 27th) the W.A.A.F.L. will be holding a four — (1200 metre) foot race and each club is invited to enter a representative.

The winner will receive suitable prizes and his club an inaugural perpetual trophy to be contested annually at interstate or interleague games in Perth.

Other place getters will be presented with inscribed medallions.

Officials are urged to support this event by encouraging a member of their club to take part.

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## COLTS CORNER

### Chip off the old block

A YOUNG player making his mark with the Claremont colts team is Mark Brayshaw — the son of former Tiger star and WA Sheffield Shield cricketer Ian Brayshaw. Ian is one of the legends in WA sport, both as a player and as a journalist and commentator — and his son looks likely to follow in his footsteps. Mark is an extremely gifted young player who has figured prominently in the best player lists in the Tigers colts team so far this season. He was again a top player for Claremont on Saturday when they beat East Perth and the Tigers are predicting a big future for him. He should receive some of the best tuition available through Ian Brayshaw.

#### MOVING UP

THE loss of about eight senior players to the East Perth league side last week caused a trauma for the colts team on Saturday morning. With a few late withdrawals, the colts had to bolster the reserves, thus giving about eight more youngsters the opportunity to play colts and another eight the chance to move up a grade. Those regular colts players who were promoted for the match against Claremont were Stephen Cross, Geoff Hogg, George Giannakis, Ossie Dikoli, Darren Best, Frank Delcalle and Bruce Atwell. All players acquitted themselves well.

#### MISSING OUT

THE colts competition has been crying out for greater publicity, but it seems some clubs do not want to help themselves. In the past couple of weeks, there have been two instances where the colts details have not been forwarded to the press. This is the responsibility of the team manager.

When the weekend papers are forced to publish "no details available" underneath details from other games it reflects badly on the home club. It is time a tougher line was taken on the clubs who do not forward the details to the media.

#### MEET THE PLAYERS

THE East Perth colts players will be introduced to the club's members after the presentation of trophies at Perth Oval on May 19, following the match against Swan Districts.

#### ANOTHER PEAKE

THE East Fremantle colts side might not be winning too many games at present, but a few of the promising youngsters have already left the colts side to play reserves. Ian Minotti and Rod Tunbridge played creditably in the reserves on Saturday and players looking at promotion in the near future include Glen Peake — who, incidentally is no relation to Brian — and Greg Trepsis.

#### SIX IN SQUAD

SWAN Districts have six young players taking part in Teal Cup trials. They are ruckman Ron Trott, rover Mark Farmer, rover Bob De Graf, utility player Tony Walley, back-pocket player Danny Penny and half-back Darren Lamers. Penny and Walley were stars of the Belmont Senior High School team which won the CIG Shield last year.



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### Tigers emerge unbeaten

SOUTH Bunbury emerged victors in a clash of the giants in the South West National Football League on Sunday.

They met the other unbeaten team in the competition, Bunbury and emerged comfortable victors over their arch rivals.

It was a fiercely-contested match, reminiscent of the outstanding clashes of the 1960s, where no quarter was asked or given.

In a typical tough match, South Bunbury bounced out of the blocks and kicked 5.3 to Bunbury's three points when the Tigers had first use of the breeze.

The second term, saw Bunbury come back at the Tigers when they kicked 5.2 for the term and trailed by just eight points at half time.

At three-quarter time, there was nothing in the contest, but the wind blew up at about the 20 minute mark. South Bunbury

took advantage of it and stormed to a 40-point win.

South Bunbury full-back Kevin Williams gave an outstanding display when he held the Bulldogs star recruit, former West Perth reserves forward, Phil Nash to just one goal.

The Tigers also received tremendous service from veteran ruckman Peter Old. Bunbury were well led by ruck-rover Alf Shiosaki and wingman Grant Heales.

The coaching change which made all the difference came when South Bunbury coach Gerard McNeil moved himself from centre-half-back to centre-half-forward. He made a big difference to their attacking division, after half-time.

#### MINES KICK ON

In another top-of-the-table clash, Mines Rovers scored an encouraging eight-point win over Augusta-Margaret River.

The Miners have been impressive so far this season and they continued to play a solid brand of football.

John Brown kicked three goals from centre-half-forward for Mines to give them a focal point in attack. Wayne Coles, who had kicked 22 goals from three games, was well held when he managed only two goals on Sunday.

Former Swan Districts utility player Stuart Egan played well for Augusta-Margaret River as did big ruckman Paul Pavlinovich, who returned to the side after serving out a three-week suspension incurred during last year's preliminary final.

Harvey Brunswick, through good efforts from Brian Needle (six goals), Craig Rogers (eight goals) and big ruckman Dave Roberts proved too good for a Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup side which showed little support for captain coach Kim Allsop.

Collie proved too good for Carey Park mainly because they made better use of the breeze.

Ruck-rover David Hollins, not the same man who won the 1971 Sandover Medal, kicked four goals for Collie. David Lewis did best for Carey Park.

The match also marked the return of Neil Jackson who returned to Collie after a stint with Swan Districts colts.

Jackson was a top player for the Saints. The other game saw Donnybrook run out comfortable winners over the struggling Busselton side.



Gerard McNeil

### PERHAM IN LINE FOR TON

GREAT Northern full-forward Steve Perham is on line to kick his second triple figure tally in as many seasons.

Last year the Brigades goalsneak kicked over 100 goals in his initial season in that competition and already this year he has 24 goals from just four matches.

Perham played in the Coastal Football Association before joining Brigades last season and he could re-write the league's record books.

He kicked his way into them last year with his triple figure tally.

Perham's closest rival is Northampton spearhead Kevin Smith, who has 16 goals to his credit.

Perham is an outstanding mark, exceptional kick and is quick off the mark when leading. It seems only injury can prevent him from reaching the ton for the second year in succession.

### Royals take a tumble

Royals, after being unbeaten in the first three games of the Southern Districts National Football League season, suffered their second loss in succession when beaten by North Mt Barker on Sunday.

The Demons proved far too good for Royals and they will now have to take stock of the situation.

Neil Morgan and Andy Garklakis did the damage for North Mt Barker and helped their side to a comfortable 53 point win.

In an exciting match between Railways and North Albany, Alan Watling's Tigers fell across the line to beat North Albany by four points.

The other game saw South Mt Barker finish too strongly for a gallant Denmark.

### Sharks go to the country

EAST Fremantle sent a 14-man party to Geraldton this week to hold coaching clinics in their country zone.

The Sharks' zone committee umpires advisor Ned Martino and league players Murray Wrensted, Glenn Hoult, Graham Kickett, Michael Jenzen and Glenn Mitchell held the clinics at the Recreation Ground on Monday.

The clinics were basically for primary school students in the morning while they specialised with high school students in the afternoons.

The sessions were extremely successful and dealt with the basic fundamentals of the game.

The East Fremantle group also held coaching clinics in Moora and Three Springs.

The Sharks have done extremely well out of their Geraldton zone and no doubt they kept an eye on some of the promising young players at the clinics.

### Albany Fair

Football fans in the Albany district will get the opportunity to inspect and purchase from WA's biggest range of football gift and souvenir lines next week when Perth's Footy Shop visits the town for the annual Trade Fair.

The fair will be conducted at the Albany Woolsheds from Thursday, May 17 to Saturday May 19.

### TOP SIDES DEFEATED

The two top sides in the Great Northern National Football League competition — Brigades and Northampton — were both beaten at the weekend.

And the teams which beat them were second last and last before Sunday's round of fixtures.

Ross Kerr's Chapman Valley proved too good for Brigades, winning 17.7 to 14.8 while, Mullewa, who were sitting at the bottom of the premiership table, beat Towns comfortably while Rovers had the bye.

The results of the weekend's games means that there is now only four points between first and last.

Brigades, Northampton, Railways and Chapman Valley are all now on 12 points, while Towns, Rovers and Mullewa all have two wins to their credit.

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Ray Reeves

## COSTLY ERROR

**TOUGH** Subiaco defender Ray Reeves was suspended for three weeks for striking Royals forward John Scott.

Reeves' rush of blood could turn out to be one of the costliest mistakes he could ever make.

The Lions have an incentive of \$100,000 to get in the four, plus other large financial gains for the players fund. Reeves, who has been in excellent form, will be hard to replace across the half-back-line, and his absence could be the difference between winning or losing.

To be reported for any offence should incur an automatic fine from the players own club.

Modern-day football is based on finance. Players demand it, therefore any player, like Reeves, who disadvantages the team should be used as an example.

I'm sure \$500 would stress the disgust teams feel about individuals taking the law into their own hands.

# We all make mistakes

**YOUNG** Royals utility player Wes Coutts was recently sentenced to 18 months in gaol for a series of stealing offences.

His arrest was a shock to all who knew him and, in particular, to myself.

Having travelled to Manjimup many times to lure the outstanding junior to the city, I developed a close relationship with Wes.

Like many country players, he found the bright lights and the city life a big distraction in his first few years at East Perth. He also had one of those builds, where he would put weight on just looking at a cake.

Wes's football skills are very good with an enormous high mark being one of his best attributes.

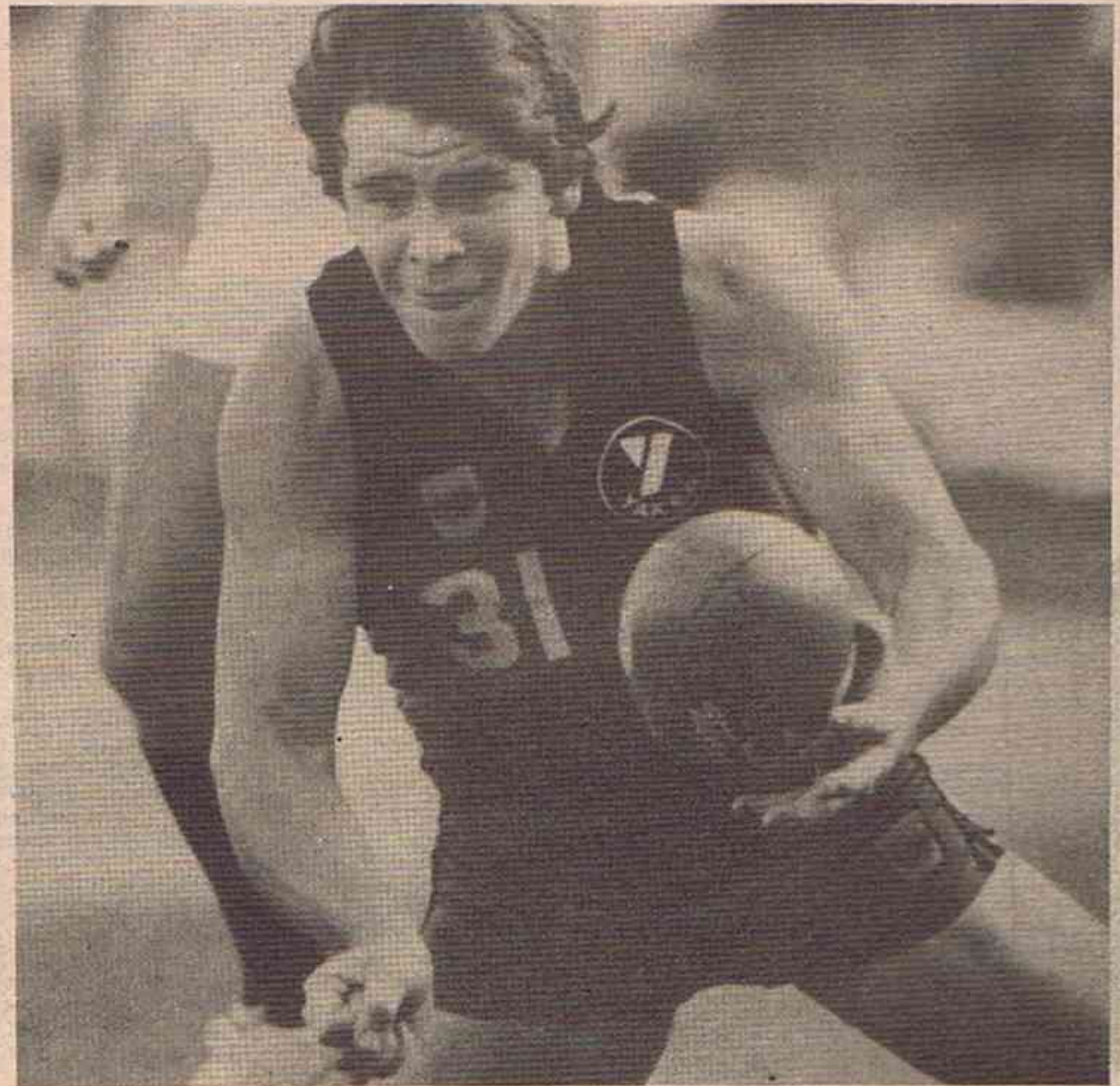
At the time of his offence, Wes was the fittest he has ever been and was playing at the level those who recruited him knew he was capable of.

Attitude was the only area he needed a lift in to be a regular league player.

The people and players who have known Wes have great respect for him as a person. He has character and is a fierce competitor who plays the game hard and, above all, he is a total TEAM man.

I am sure I speak for all those who have known Wes when I say that he has that inner quality to overcome this setback in his life and rebound in the future. After all, we all make mistakes we regret; nothing can be done but accept the penalty — the most important part is to learn.

Wes Coutts will rebound and play league football in the future. He has that personal quality to "never say die".



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## Dorro's Diary

By Grant Dorrington



### NEW RECRUIT

**DURING** the recent game between Subiaco and Swans a young Lions recruit came on and kicked two goals with his first two kicks in league football.

John Western had made his dream come true by playing league football, something that he set out to do when he arrived at East Perth three years ago.

Western and the Royals parted company at the start of the 1984 season with John being given a clearance to Subiaco.

Like so many of these pre-season clearances, no-one at East Perth thought they would hear any more of this young player.

But with determination and courage he has made it to the top — league football.

It just proves the old saying "Where there's a will there's a way."

### BIG THANKS

**BIG** Lions ruckman Laurie Keene is one of the tallest men in the league — but on Saturday he paid high tribute to two of the game's smallest men. Keene thanked Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton and his assistant Wayne Loxley for their faith in him and their encouragement in helping him 'get back to basics' with his football.

### PARTNERSHIP

**SUBIACO'S** improving full-back Michael Crutchfield won a special trophy for his effort against Swan Districts. It was dinner for two at a Subiaco restaurant and Crutchfield said that he was pleased to pick up such an award — especially when he didn't think he played all that well, allowing his opponent (Brent Hutton) to kick five goals. But then he said the biggest problem about the award was finding someone to share it with. In the packed Subiaco social hall, there were plenty of volunteers!

### IT'S ANCIENT!

**BEING** involved in the media each Saturday introduces you to the various club media boxes, where you can get an uninterrupted view of the game.

Most clubs have upgraded the media facilities and are of a reasonable standard, but Fremantle Oval would have to take the prize for the worst.

It is overcrowded, dilapidated and to say it is ancient is an understatement.

On the walls are many carvings with initials from the past.

One set of initials I noticed were the letters C.S. When I enquired if anyone knew who they represented someone well-informed said they belonged to Captain Stirling!

### A REAL STALWART

While talking about media facilities, the Tigers have a magnificent box for the media. It is a pleasure to watch the game from there and they have a Claremont stalwart in Bill Cove looking after the needs of all media people.

Bill is one of the game's nicest people, always willing to assist and extremely co-operative.

He has been doing this job for some 30 years and is one of those many people working behind the scenes of our game, for no financial reward, no recognition, but just a love of Australian football and his club, Claremont.

The game should highlight these people more as they are what the game's all about — dedication.

**NB: Wal Maskiel** — could you look at covering the front of the media box as when it rains everyone inside gets soaked. Someone in the electronic media will get electrocuted soon!