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Todd's rookies beat the odds...



JUBILATION... as State coach John Todd and his players give the victory salute to the SA crowd.

Glory, glory Adelaide!

The Vics are shaking in their boots!

The large contingent of VFL clubs at Football Park last Saturday expected to see South Australia wipe the floor with John Todd's young, unknown and inexperienced side.

But the WA boys caused one of the biggest boilovers in interstate football history winning by one point with the last kick of the day.

Without any help from expatriate players now propping up VFL clubs, the local lads achieved a victory few people outside this State believed they could.

And the Victorians now realise that winning the crown as Australian Football Champions will not be an easy task.

After their four point win over South Australia the Vics probably felt that regaining the title would now be a formality — but they did not count on the 21 determined youngsters who flew to Adelaide almost unheralded.

To beat WA at Subiaco Oval with former star Sandgropers back in the side will prove extremely difficult.

Fresh in the minds of the Victorians will be the effort last year when WA battled against the odds to become the 1983 champions.

And those same fighting qualities will be required if WA has to hang onto the crown. There is no point being big-headed, but WA has jumped the first hurdle in achieving a remarkable feat.

Winning the title as the best football playing State in the nation does not come easy, but WA has an excellent shot at doing it for the second year in succession.

Obviously the match against the Big White Vee on Tuesday, July 17 will attract a bumper crowd of parochial West Aussies and the local side will have the chance to be heroes.



FOOTBALL SPORTSWORLD

Tomorrow: BOORAGOON HOTEL — Replay 7.30-8.30am Saturday.



With Kim Hagdorn

TRIBUTE TO MALAXOS

NOT enough can be said of WA's magnificent win in Adelaide last Saturday.

It was the type of win that should read "TEAM EFFORT" on the best player lines.

But while spending the afternoon glued to the television set in typically 'Norm' fashion, a number of things were glaringly obvious.

One outstanding factor was Steve Malaxos — he was simply superb.

Not only was the 22-year-old one of the heroes of the day, but his on-ground leadership could not be faulted.

Malaxos can be well proud of the way he carried the skipper's role with distinction, completely justifying the WAFL confidence in giving him the job.

It was evident before the first bounce that Malaxos had decided to make the most of the responsibility placed on his inexperienced interstate shoulders.

Malaxos gathered the players in a rugby-like huddle to address the team in no uncertain manner.

If it hadn't been for the much publicised fact that John Todd was in charge, you may have thought from the ferocity of Malaxos' verbal approach that he was coach.

The star centreman-forward had the total attention of every player in the squad, which set a wonderful standard for the rest of the day.

To win a game as big and as important as the one in Adelaide demands a great deal of planning and cohesive preparation from all parties.

Before the game there was plenty of



Steve Malaxos

criticism fired at the selection of the initial squad.

But the response of the final 21-players was indeed a credit to the character of WA football.

Malaxos was a trend-setter on the day and should now look forward to a sequence of opportunities at the helm of the WA side.

To cap off what is surely one of the most memorable days in WA football, Malaxos produced a courageous mark in the dying stages of the game.

He took the full blast in the back from a South Australian opponent to hold a chest mark, intercepting a pass that was surely the difference between winning and losing.

Singling out Malaxos for his part in such a great win is probably unfair to the likes of Murray Rance, Brad Hardie, Robert Wiley, Paul Harding, Peter Bosustow and Don Langsford.

But it really was a job well done, Stephen.

Football the winner

WHILE the euphoria of WA's win refuses to settle down the South Australians have found little to enthuse over the result of both their interstate encounters this season.

Plenty of criticism has been fired their way from the SA press and coach Neil Kerley.

But apart from the three times the Croweaters hit the post during the game and the open-goal miss from captain Neville Roberts, the South Australians played their part in turning on a fine display of our national game.

Kerley accused his players of not producing acceptable skill levels on the day.

The old adage of playing as well as your opponent allows you to play, must come under consideration when finding blame for poor showings.

The fierce tackling and heated approach

adopted by both sides last Saturday has one long-term effect of which we can all be glad.

Interstate football is a necessary part of today's football.

West and South Australians know this as fact and it is now up to the WA players on July 17 to remind the Victorians the importance of interstate clashes.

Last year's Tuesday crowd of nearly 44,000 will no doubt remember the occasion and turn out again in their droves.

And on the line will be the reputation of Australian football supremacy.

Let's see it stay right where it belongs — Perth, WA.



BOOTS 'N ALL

THE team manager's job is a thankless one — and one of the hardest working men on the Adelaide trip was the State team manager Ron Lorimer. Apart from looking after all the players' needs, he had to cater for the unexpected and he carried with him a large supply of boots.

WA PLAYERS

SEVERAL West Australians are quietly making a name for themselves in SA club football at present. Stephen Curtis and Ross Gibbs have received plenty of publicity, but Grant Edwards (East Perth/Swan Districts); Jeff Collier (Swan Districts); Rod Campbell (West Perth) and Kevin Hill (Perth) are also doing well in SANFL ranks. Gibbs has regained his best form as a ruck-rover for Glenelg (Graham Campbell's team), but Campbell's son Rod has been forced out of the seniors with an injury. Collier has found his niche as a rover for West Torrens after failing to make the grade at Central District, where Edwards is proving to be one of the form wingmen of the competition. Curtis, an All-Australian back-pocket player last season, is slowly getting back to top form and fitness with Port Adelaide and Hill continues to be a steady wingman for West Torrens.

CONVERTED

THERE'S certainly no racial discrimination in South Australian football. One of the most prolific young writers on Australia's own brand of football is Michelangelo Rucci — that's as Italian as you'll ever get!

BACK HOME

FORMER East Fremantle footballer Rick Vidovich is still active on the SA scene. Originally from Central District, the former goalkicker is now back at that club serving as a director on the Board of Management. He played with East Fremantle and in the South West before going back to Adelaide in the early 1970s.

BIG WINNER

HAWTHORN star Russell Greene has been having a top season this year — and he has one staunch supporter in Victoria. Someone had \$1000 on Greene this week at the attractive odds of 50/1 to win this year's Brownlow Medal.



TOUGH GUY

FORMER Claremont star Wayne Blackwell found out how tough VFL football can be when playing for Carlton on Monday against Footscray. Blackwell was on the receiving end of a powerful "shirt front" in the first quarter of the gruelling match and he remained motionless on the ground. At first it looked as though he was seriously hurt, but he re-appeared after half time and watched the rest of the game from the bench. It is that sort of courage which made Blackwell one of the toughest players at Claremont before heading east this season.

FOOTY POLITICS

IN the last 18 months Federal Opposition leader Andrew Peacock has had precious few victories over Prime Minister Bob Hawke. Therefore, he made the most of an opportunity on Saturday. Mr Peacock is the No.1 badge holder at Essendon and Mr Hawke has the same position with the Sydney Swans so when the two teams met on Saturday, Mr Peacock took up the chance to have a side wager. Mr Hawke wanted 10-goals in, but he was met half-way and given five goals. When the Bombers beat the Swans by 41 points Mr Peacock had great pleasure in picking up his \$10.

LOYAL FANS

LOYAL West Perth supporters who felt that some of their star players had been hard done by when it came to State selection, dipped into their pockets to show their support. Enough money was raised at the club to send five players over to Adelaide to watch the interstate game — but only Dean Warwick and Craig Nelson made the trip. The supporters had extended their offer to include Les Fong, Peter Menaglio and Brian Perrin, all of whom declined as they did not make the final squad. Warwick and Nelson were part of an official 6IX/Traveltime International tour group (led by Falcon George Michalczyk, the general manager of Traveltime) and certainly enjoyed the WA victory.

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CLAREMONT	L	L	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	v. Subiaco at Claremont
PERTH	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. Swan Districts at Lathlain
SWAN DISTRICTS	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	v. Perth at Lathlain
EAST FREMANTLE	L	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	v. West Perth at Subiaco
WEST PERTH	L	L	W	L	W	W	W	L	W	v. East Fremantle at Subiaco
SOUTH FREMANTLE	W	L	W	W	D	W	L	L	W	v. East Perth at Fremantle
EAST PERTH	V	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	v. South Fremantle at Fremantle



Foot of the Year

- S. Malaxos (C) 14
- M. Wrensted (EF) 8
- L. Keene (S) 8
- L. Fong (WP) 8



Goalkicker of the Year

- C. Brown (S) 43
- J. Scott (EP) 37
- D. Holmes (SD) 32
- G. Campbell (EP) 30

Ian Diffen MARK-OF-THE-DAY

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VERSATILITY — it's really the only answer

HOW important is versatility in today's football?
For everyone who saw WA's victory last Saturday against SA they will know the answer — VITAL.

Every player — with the possible exception of Paul Harding, who is essentially a ruckman — was capable of playing in a number of positions, and often do in club games.

The prime examples were two of WA's best players, Steve Malaxos and Brad Hardie.

They can both play equally as well at centre, on the ball, at half-forward, in a forward pocket or even in defence, as we saw Steve Malaxos do in the exciting last quarter.

The day of the position specialist has almost disappeared.

Back in the 1950s and 60s players made a reputation because of the position they played.

Bernie Naylor, John Gerovich and Austin Robertson were full-forwards and rarely, if ever, played anywhere else.

Ray Sorrell and Mel Whinnen were centremen; Norm Rogers and Brian France were centre-half-backs; Con Regan and Joe Lawson were full-backs and so on.



Mel Whinnen

If a player was shifted from his accustomed position, it usually meant he wasn't playing well and it often had a depressing effect on him.

Today it's a vastly different story. Players are being continually moved around like a giant chess game with the coaches as the masters.

Players must learn quickly to adapt, both physically and psychologically, to a



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Channel 7 Commentator

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change of position, perhaps to a position never played before.

The ability to go on and off the bench and still maintain concentration is yet another skill to be developed.

Even the position players have a different role, there is much more running required to support their team-mates alongside and up-field.

VERSATILE

Swans, premiers for the last two years, have developed a versatile team of players who can play well in a number of positions.

Don Langsford, Jon Fogarty and Murray Rance all performed well in the State game and are capable of playing many roles.

Brad Shine, Tony Solin, Steve Richardson and Gerard Neesham are other examples of Swans' great flexibility, which makes them so consistently good. They are never caught short because of injury or with a player down on form.

Claremont, runners-up to the flag for two years, also have their share with Allen Daniels, Steve Malaxos, Mike Aitken and Steve Goulding.



Stephen Michael

Stephen Michael is almost the perfect footballer of the 80s.

He is able to mark over ruckmen and beat rovers on the ground; he is supremely fit and fast, is an intelligent player who can handle practically every position on the ground.

Coaches today are looking for this flexibility and the versatile mobile player is in demand.

Young players and coaches should work hard on the full range of skills; using either



Brad Shine

hand or foot equally as well, turning either way as well as their fitness, speed and team jobs.

They should be taught how to play each position correctly and moved regularly to experience each position personally and to feel and acclimatize to the effect of change.

It is a different game today, faster and more demanding, and players need the full range of skills to achieve league status and to be able to survive under the pressure.

THINK POSITIVE

What a superb effort by our boys in South Australia to win against such great odds. It is a credit to their courage and dedication — Congratulations fellas.

It is an even greater win when you consider that 10 players from WA were playing their first interstate match.

So how good is WA football? Even though we lose our top stars each year to the glamour and temptation of "big brother", Victoria, we keep producing new stars.

In fact, we have come to expect — and in some cases to need these annual pilgrimages from the East to relieve us of our better players.

Apart from the money, which is an essential fund raiser for some clubs, we must make way for our bright new stars.

With the great form shown by our Teal Cup boys and the continual promotion of country footballers, places must be found for new faces each year.

League coaching in this State is currently of a very high standard in all eight clubs. While this level of expertise is maintained, then WA football will continue to take raw recruits and turn them into polished professionals equal to any other in Australia.

So let's be positive about it. As John Todd has said: "Think positive, don't think about the players we have lost, but talk about the players we have now, they are as good as and maybe even better than the ones we have lost".

DOORMEN HAVE A JOB TO DO

EACH club has a sentinel guarding the door to the players rooms and he often comes in for some abuse from enthusiastic supporters, either before or after games.

The doorman is usually acting under instructions from the league coach or the president to keep everyone out of the rooms at certain times.

Before the game a coach usually addresses his players twice. Once early during the third quarter of the reserves games for tactical instruction and then just before they run out.

During both of these times everyone except club officials are banned.

On practically every occasion nowadays coaches have a post-match session with players and again everyone except club and league officials and certain media men are excluded.

Supporters should remember not to take it out on the doorman who is only doing his job. Better still, get to know your doorman and call him by name — you will find that they are nice blokes.

Chat to them, they are good supporters just like you.

GOOD ON YOU UMP!

THE man-in-white has certainly come in for his share of criticism this season from coaches and clubs.

Several of our leading coaches in their after match comments have criticised umpires and quoted statistics of free kicks to support their argument.

Let us not forget that umpires are only "human" and they make mistakes just like players do. They are out there trying their darndest to be perfect, as they are being judged by their superiors just as players are.

With the retirement in recent years of experienced umpires such as Ross Capes, Darryle Gillies, Ron Powell, David Rowe and now Bob Phillips, it has left a new group of umpires in charge of league games.

They will learn and improve just as players do — so give them a go. Believe it or not, they DON'T deliberately favour any one team or player — as they say, they umpire as they see it.

Some of those clubs and supporters who "hop into" umpires may be better served in analysing why their players managed to give away so many kicks.

It would be interesting to allow those league coaches who have criticised umpires to select their own umpires for one week — I wonder if their choice would be any better.

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JOHN DUCKWORTH

Great effort

WHAT a tremendous effort from the young WA team in Adelaide on Saturday. John Todd took with him to Adelaide a number of players who made their interstate debuts and he must have been pleased with the way they came through the match. The most impressive of the first gamers were David Hart, who kicked a goal with his first possession in State football, Gavin Carter and Jon Fogarty. Carter was given the difficult task of watching brilliant Glenelg forward Stephen Kernahan and he did the job well while Fogarty worked hard for West Australia midfield.

ON THE BALL

I HAVE given the umpires a couple of real baggys this year, but I must take my hat off to Mike Ball and Laurie Argent for a couple of gutsy, but correct, decisions on Saturday. Ball was spot on when he ruled that SA's Bruce Lindsay had dropped the ball and he gave Brad Hardie a free kick about 30 metres from goal. Lindsay did not want the ball and he dropped it like a hot potato. Argent was also correct in allowing Robert Wiley's match-winning point to stand. He cannot call time until he hears the siren and Wiley had put boot to ball before Argent heard the bell on Saturday. Just the same it was a courageous decision in front of a parochial home town crowd.

WELL DONE DOC



ONE player who had a big influence on the State game in Adelaide — Claremont's Mike Aitken — deserves special mention for his effort. While it was a great team display which helped WA to a memorable victory, Aitken had to overcome a serious neck injury to make it back into league football. And he played only three league games before forcing his way into the side. "Doc" did a magnificent job for WA, firstly in defence and then in attack and he has also played a leading role in Claremont's recent revival.

GREAT ROUND

WHILE on Claremont, the Tigers could force their way into the top four for the first time this season if they can beat Subiaco this week. The Tigers, written off by many critics earlier in the season, have bounced back strongly, winning their last four games. Other important matches this week will see West Perth meet East Fremantle and South Fremantle do battle with East Perth. Should the Falcons lose to East Fremantle they could drop out of the four once more and East Perth need to win to stay in contention. The other game should see Swans prove too good for Perth.

OUR WRITERS SELECT

	Tally	Swans v Perth	S. Frem. v E. Perth	W. Perth v E.F.	C'mont v Subiaco
MOTHER BROWN	24	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
GARY CARVOLTH	23	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Subiaco
DAVE CLEMENT	23	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
GRANT DORRINGTON	22	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
KIM HAGDORN	20	Swans	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Claremont
JOHN DUCKWORTH	20	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
PETER POAT	20	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
ALAN EAST	20	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
ROBERT BENNETT	19	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
GARY STOCKS	18	Swans	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Claremont
IAN MILLER	16	Perth	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont
MOST FAVOURED	22	Swans	South Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont

THE LIONS WILL BE TESTED

IT IS a long time since Subiaco have featured in a game with match of the day billing... but that is the case this week.

The Lions, under coach Haydn Bunton and with a lot more experience under their belt, have graduated to the stage where they can think seriously about playing in the finals.

Impressive wins over West Perth and Perth before the break for the interstate match last week, showed that they had the capacity to beat top sides and grind the opposition into the dirt once they are on top.

Subiaco have always been able to get their share of the ball, but constantly fell down in attack.

That has not been the case in 1984 where Clinton Brown, the WAFL's leading goalkicker, Rod Brown and Stephen Sells have given them something to aim at up forward.

A true guide as to just how good the Lions are can be gauged after Saturday's game against Claremont.



By
GARY STOCKS

The Tigers, after a deplorable start to the season, have hit form with four successive victories and Subiaco will have to pull something extra out of their bag of tricks to take their winning sequence to three.

Claremont have successfully stopped sides with similar players to Subiaco's forward line and it will be interesting to see whether the Lions can kick a winning score.

However, the Tigers should win this match because their mid-field players will starve their Subiaco counterparts.



Lindsay Kanther... in top form for the Tigers

Perth's problems

THE break in league fixtures last week gave Perth the opportunity to regroup and think about where they are headed in 1984.

But that will not be enough for them to beat Swan Districts.

The boys from Bassendean are a ferocious bunch after a loss and the payout they received from coach John Todd after going down to Claremont will be fresh in their minds.

It is difficult to see the out of form Demons getting anywhere near Swans.

They will need lesser lights to give greater support to star players Peter Bosustow, Robert Wiley, Bryan Cousins and Rhett Baynes.

But just the same, Swans have a more even sprinkling of talent through players like Brad Shine, Murray Rance, Steve Richardson, who impressed a great deal against Claremont, Peter Ware, Tony Solin, Leigh Brenton, Don Holmes, Don Langsford and Jon Fogarty.

ROYAL CHALLENGE

EAST Perth are in danger of slipping out of contact with the leading teams in the competition after this week's round of fixtures.

The Royals come up against the well-oiled South Fremantle machine at Fremantle Oval and their cause looks hopeless.

The Bulldogs showed in the Foundation Day derby against East Fremantle that they are nearing peak form and that spells bad news for the Royals.

For East Perth to beat South Fremantle at the port club's home ground looks out of the question. However, tradition is strong in the Royals camp and that is not built by a club which takes defeat lying down.

With Peter Spencer and Wayne Otway in top form they are a chance and these two East Perth small men will have to reserve something special for this contest.

The Bulldogs appear to have too much pace through players like Brad Hardie, David Hart and Noel Carter and that should see them across the line.

Chance for Sharks

A GREAT game should result when West Perth and East Fremantle lock horns at league headquarters.

Both sides have lost form in the last three weeks, although West Perth still managed to win their last match against East Perth, and premiership points are vital to each club.

East Fremantle have lost their last two games because players like Paul Harding, David Rankin, Murray Wrensted, Shane Ellis and Michael Brennan have been down on form.

Most of those players had the week's rest through the State game and that should help them to overcome their ailments.

And that makes things difficult for West Perth.

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TODD WAS THE DIFFERENCE

WHAT a mob of squealers SA are.

Fancy blaming an umpiring decision — which was shown to be spot on — for a defeat and then making moves to have neutral umpires for future interstate games.

NO credit has been given by the Croweaters for what was a really mighty effort by WA.

The Sandgropers were really pushing against the tide from the outset.

Firstly they had to achieve what few other WA teams have been able to do... overcome the Adelaide hoodoo... and with one of the most inexperienced teams ever sent from WA.

There were few big-name players in the WA side and that could have been an important factor in their win.

COCKY

I think the Croweaters were too cocky. They expected the game to be a pushover and weren't quite prepared for the West Aussies.

There's little doubt that South Australia fielded a very talented team and one that, on paper, looked capable of stitching WA right up.

They gave a preview of that when they almost beat a top Victorian side a few weeks earlier.

John Todd, perhaps trying to lull the South Aussies into a state of complacency, claimed before the WA side's departure that SA had the best footballer in Australia at present in Stephen Kernahan and that they would field the best roving duo in the country.

Given all those factors WA had the job ahead of them. During the match SA twice looked likely to break away... but they didn't.

So why did WA win.
One reason. John Todd.

HOMEWORK

Unlike the South Aussies, Todd did his homework.

Todd was aware he had to fend off boredom and lack of things to do when the WA side set off for SA.

He told me prior to the departure that those factors lead to players sitting around eating and taking in too much liquid which affected them when they went on to the ground.

It was too easy to go into a coffee lounge or milkbar and fill up on drinks.

He had seen it happen before.
So he devised a program to keep the players occupied.

The next factor was getting the players in a mental frame of mind for the game.

He took a team of goers and then convinced them they could win.

EXCUSES

It would have been very easy for a coach to make excuses before the game, e.g. "Well we're not expecting you to win, after all we're playing them at home and teams with much bigger reputations have failed. As well the South Aussies are in top form. Just do your best."

There was none of that.
I don't think anyone would argue with the fact that the Croweaters looked a more skilful team during the game. But WA's persistence kept them under pressure and they weren't able to capitalise on their ability to win the ball.

It wasn't an umpiring decision that cost the Croweaters the game.

Two easy shots for goal by SA captain Neville Roberts, which went through for points, were more costly than any umpiring decision.

In the final analysis SA just weren't good enough. If we'd kicked straight in the last quarter, 3.7 to 1.2, then SA wouldn't have the umpires to blame.

It was one of WA's greatest interstate victories and we shouldn't let it be tarnished by sour grapes from a team that appeared to have everything in its favour.



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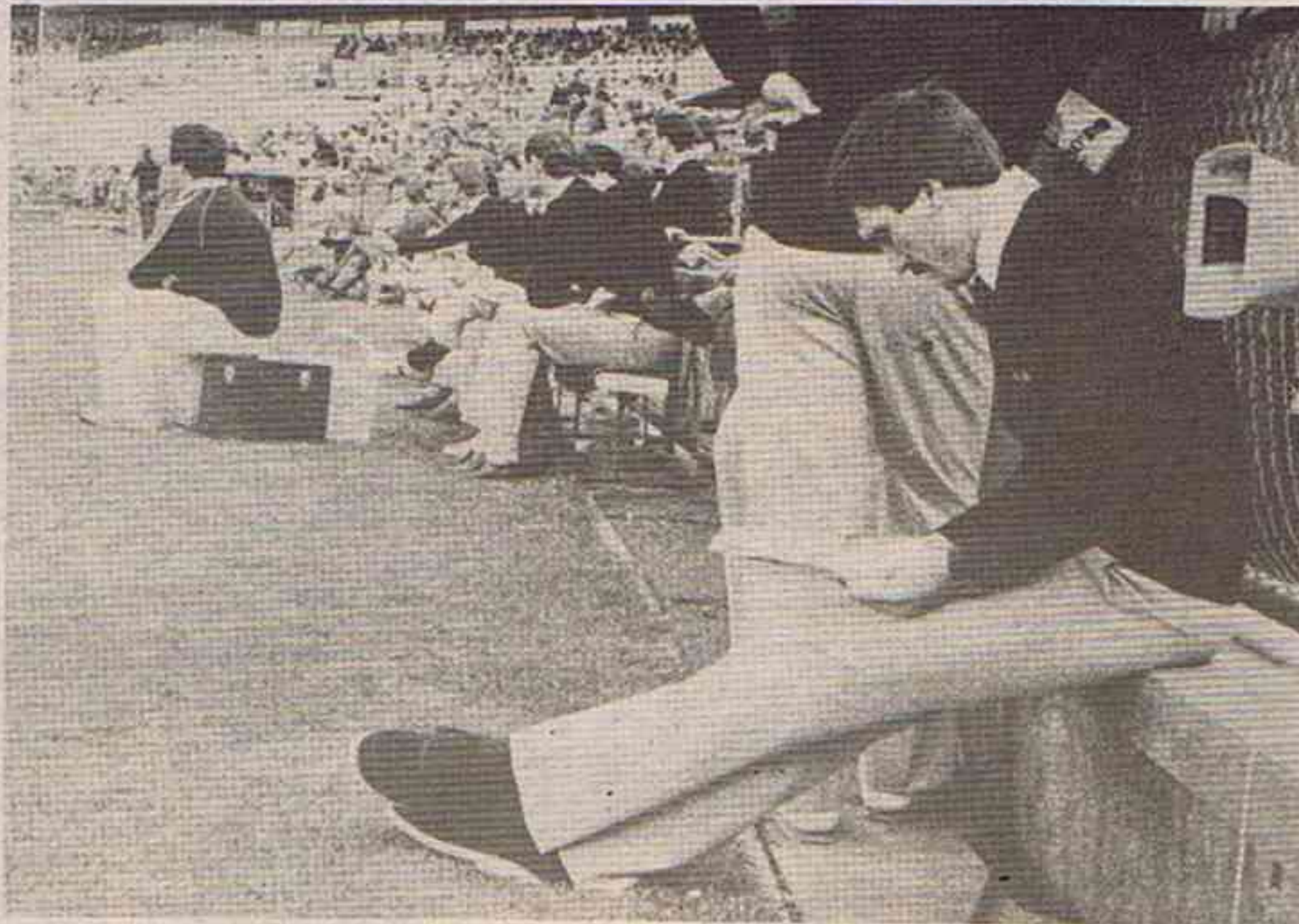
A WIN of such character-filled magnitude has one flaw — it introduces players to the VFL clubs who may not otherwise have attracted much attention.

Laurie Keene, David Hart, Rhett Baynes, Leigh Brenton, Jon Fogarty, Greg Wilkinson, Gavin Carter, Peter Ware, Don Holmes and Mike Aitken are well known in Perth, of course.

But their efforts as part of the youthful, inexperienced combination that played in Adelaide marks them as potential recruits to the 'big time' of the VFL.

It has been said of John Todd before that he is the best producer of young footballers bar none.

In Adelaide last weekend he confirmed that already high ranking reputation.



LONELY LIFE

THEY say it is lonely at the top. Well, Perth and State forward Peter Bosustow could vouch for that. While the Carlton-Perth saga almost stole the limelight the pre-match build-up for the interstate clash on Saturday, the Buzz found himself a quiet spot on the boundary line to flick through the budget. On the morning of the match it was announced that Bosustow would see out the 1984 season with Perth and would not be heading to the VFL to play once more with Carlton — ending a month of speculation... we hope!

THE media ban applied by Perth on star forward Peter Bosustow did not last long once he had left the State with the WA team. Immediately after arriving in Adelaide the South Australian press honed in on the mercurial Bosustow and the interview was telecast in WA on Friday night. In the interview Bosustow announced that he would head straight to Melbourne after the interstate clash to continue with Carlton. He inferred that Perth has "sold him out to Carlton". But the next morning, he said that everything had been sorted out with Perth and he would now play the whole 1984 season with the Demons.



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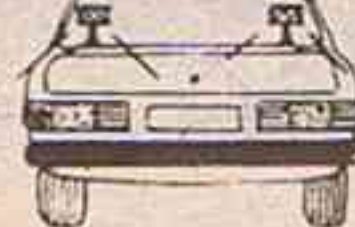
SOUTH Australia's loss came as a bitter blow to coach Neil Kerley as the match marked his last as a State coach. He has announced that he will bow out of football at the end of this season to become involved in a SA syndicate which is planning a challenge for the 1986 America's Cup in Perth. He will end a career in South Australian football which has spanned three decades. It was the announcement last week that he would be turning his attention to the Cup challenge, combined with the secrecy which surrounded the naming of his side before last Saturday's match, which led the Adelaide News cartoonist Stonie to put his impression on the Kerley plan of attack.

BIASED CROWS

SITTING back in my armchair, watching the interstate clash from Adelaide on Saturday, I was most annoyed with the Channel 7 commentators. We didn't have any West Australians involved and the SA commentators continually confused the WA players and it really was one-sided. But if that was not enough, even when they picked the right player they had trouble pronouncing his name. They continually referred to Don Holmes as Don Holl-mes and it was irritating. Apparently I was not the only person watching who was upset with the call. A fellow West Aussie took the liberty of phoning the TV station concerned and in the second half of the game they got it right. Surely Holmes is not a difficult name to get right and they should have done their homework.

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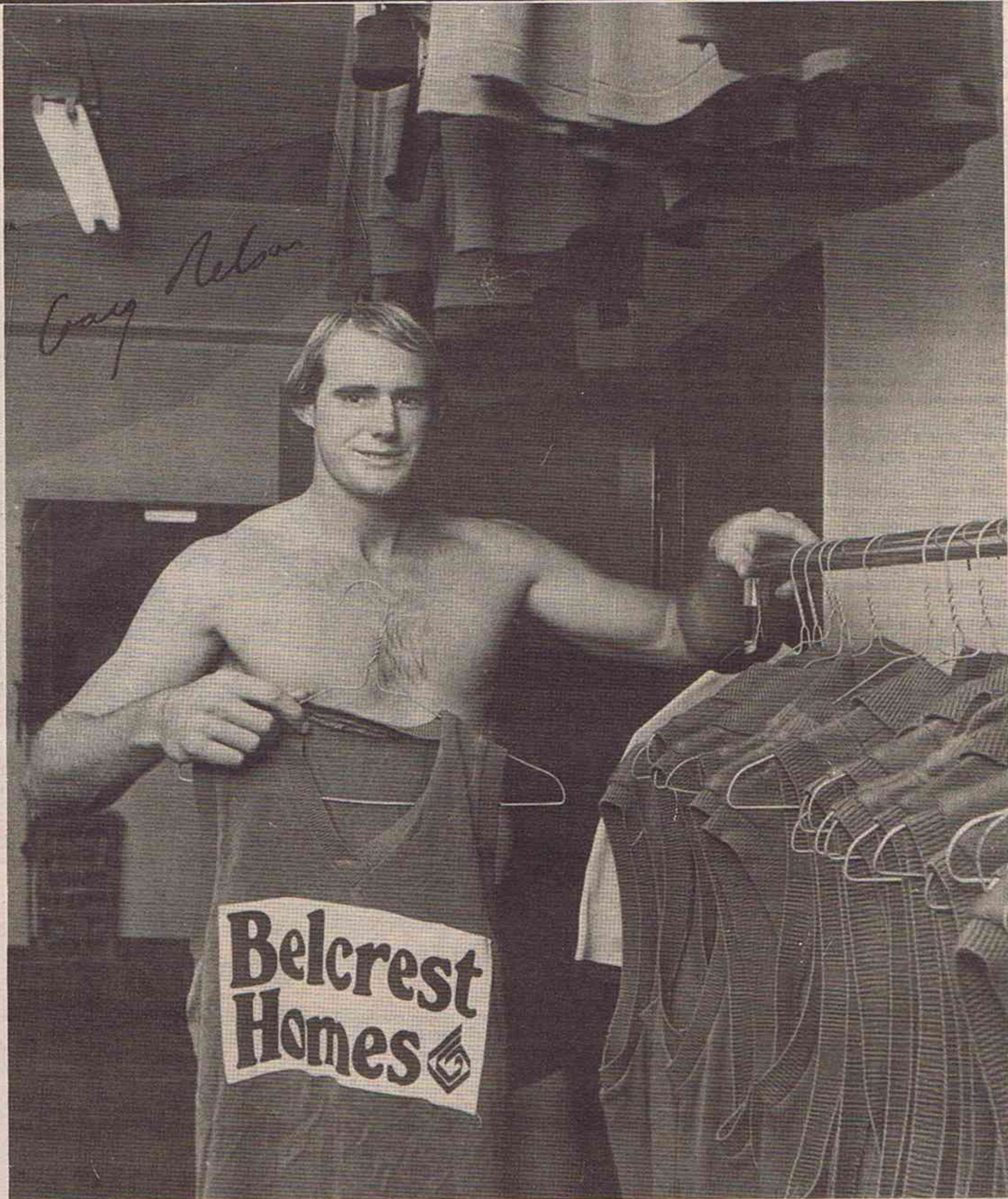
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BIG men are an essential part of any football side and it is not by chance that West Perth's rise up the premiership table this season has coincided with Craig Nelson's improved form.

Working from centre-half-forward and in the ruck, Nelson has progressed to be one of a group of promising young ruckmen in WA.

The Falcons have a talented band of little men that can thank Nelson for much of the possession they have received since West Perth returned as a football force.

Nelson's string of strong performances in the early part of 1984 took him to within an ace of State selection — an ambition he holds in high regard.

And like most young players to today the skilful big-man would like to try his luck in the VFL.

In the meantime he seems destined to be a Falcon for some time yet — a factor Dennis Cometti and the Falcon administrators can thank Nelson's schooling days for.



Nelson lived in the heart of Swan Districts for two years to further his education.

The live-in Hostel of Swanleigh, in Middle Swan, housed Nelson while he completed his tertiary admission exam at Lockridge High School.

Football in those days for the thin-framed boy from Mukinbudin, was Sunday afternoons playing for Ashfield in the Swans Junior Council.

But Swans loss was to the fortune of the Falcons.

The Swanleigh sportsmaster Kim Milstead spotted the potential of Nelson and recommended the youngster to West Perth.

Although not nearly the strapping frame he is now, Nelson showed promise as a teenager and spent plenty of his early time pressing weights in order to increase his bulk to the stature that now enables him to 'mix it' with the most talented big men in the game.

The Falcons will reap the benefit of the good fortune that took Nelson to Leederville Oval.

In his short league career Nelson has demonstrated an agility and skill level that does not usually accompany a big man.

Time is sure to see Nelson develop into one of the game's most gifted tall timber.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Craig Nelson
Date of birth: 26/4/63
Place of birth: South Perth
Height: 6.4 (193cm)
Weight: 13.7 (86kg)
Occupation: Bank officer
Major awards: Nil
Marital status: Single
Hobbies: Any sporting activity
Other sporting interests: Golf, tennis
Favourite actor: Clint Eastwood
Favourite movie: Every Which Way But Loose
Favourite Food: Roast
Favourite drink: Emu Export Lager
Nickname: Nelly
Why: Shorten form of my surname
Favourite book: Merry Go Round in the Sea



Car: Holden Kingswood
Career highlight: Playing first league game
Worst moment in football: Losing games
Hard things in football: Keeping yourself disciplined to keep your mind on the job
How do you mentally prepare for a game: I like to get some time to myself before the game and think what I have to do
Football idols: Stephen Michael
Ambitions: Play State football and play in the VFL
Advice to youngsters: Never give up trying
First league position: Ruck
Current position: Centre-half-forward/ruck
Favourite position: Ruck
Biggest influence on your career: Dennis Williams (first colts coach I played under)
Games played: 23
League debut: 1983
Guernsey number: 1

MILESTONE MEN

50 GAMES

Michael Christian (EP) 48
 Russell Sparks (EP) 48
 Phil Bradmore (WP) 46
 David Court (C) 46*
 Ray Reeves (S) 46

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: David Court 41 Claremont.

100 GAMES

Noel Morton (C) 99
 Mark Washfold (P) 99*
 Peter Murnane (WP) 98*
 David Rawlinson (SF) 98*
 Paul Vasoli (SF) 98

* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn; David Rawlinson 61 Claremont; Mark Washfold 41 West Perth.

150 GAMES

Phil Lamb (S) 148
 Bill Skwirowski (SD) 144

200 GAMES

Ross Prunster (P) 196*
 Noel Carter (SF) 193*
 Ron Boucher (SD) 190

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

250 GAMES

Bruce Monteath (C) 247*
 Bryan Cousins (P) 243*
 Keith Narkle (SD) 237

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 David O'Connell (C) 21 on 22nd
 Bevan Warner (S) 21 on 22nd



D. O'Connell

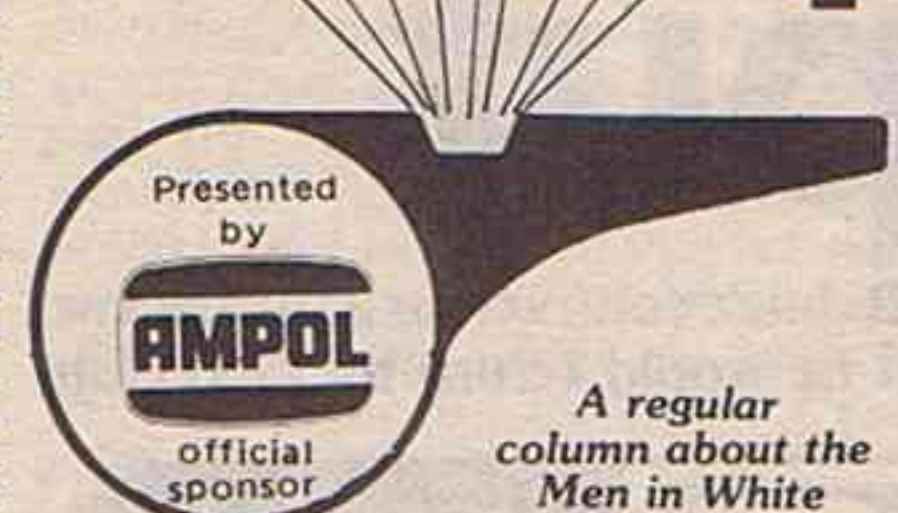
Hawkins





"Arrrrgghhhh why can't they deliver the goods for me!??!"

Whistle Stop



A regular column about the Men in White

Nolan will press claims

Phil Nolan officiated in league games early this year as a boundary umpire. But his progress was interrupted when he was married shortly after the start of the new season and he has been missing from action for eight weeks. He and his new wife took a honeymoon overseas and returned to Perth this week. It will be interesting to see if Phil can force his way back on to the senior panel and if so, how long it takes.

VETERAN UMPs

Veterans football has proven extremely popular with old players relishing the opportunity to run around on a Sunday afternoon and pick up a few kicks. And it is proving just as popular with a couple of former umpires who have missed blowing their whistles and laying down the law every Saturday. Recently Ned Martino, one of the State's leading umpires under the one umpire system, showed that he was still fit enough to control a game on his own when he was in charge of one of the veterans matches. And then, in the second match on that day, Ron Powell and David Rowe showed they had lost none of their touch.

MORRIS IN FORM

One of the WAFL's leading umpires in recent times, John Morris, is currently spending some time in the reserves. He has spent the last month in the lower grade, but is gradually regaining the form which made him one of the most respected men in white in WA football. He is working hard in the reserves competition and it will be interesting to see how long it takes for him to force his way back on to the league panel.

REWARD FOR EFFORT

Last year Peter Dawson and Peter Newland tried to force their way onto the city umpires panel, but were unsuccessful. They had to be content with umpiring games in the country and other competitions. But through hard work and a desire to succeed they have both forced their way into colts ranks this season. Dawson has controlled three colts matches this year while Newland has been in charge of five.



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FOOTBALL FACTS

With DAVE CLEMENT
WA's top football historian.

100TH SEASON THE STRANGEST

A LOT of strange things have happened in this, the 100th league season, which is looming as the closest on record.

On the Saturday of the recent split round Subiaco jumped from seventh to third place and on the Monday West Perth jumped from seventh to third. Nowhere in history has a team advanced four places on the premiership list on one afternoon in second round games and here it happened twice on the long weekend.

Last year, after ten games, East Perth were in fourth spot with five wins, this year with the same number of wins they are in seventh place.

UNPRECEDENTED

Last year West Perth were in fifth place when W.A. played S.A. here and they managed three State representatives. This year from third place they supplied none, a situation unprecedented in the history of State football.

BEAT THIS KICK

Some weeks ago I read where Jack Dyer, alias Captain Blood of Richmond, performed one of the longest kicks on record. It appears he kicked the ball out of the ground into an open railway truck and the ball was located about 100 mile away several days later. This kick may have bettered Dyer's effort. On the June 25, 1906, East Perth played North Fremantle at North Fremantle oval. During the second quarter the ball was kicked over the lofty fence into the flooded river and went sailing away never to be recovered. Did the kick from this unknown player reach New Zealand or did it reach Mauritius?

PROTEST DISMISSED

In 1903 West Perth narrowly beat North Fremantle but had to survive a protest. The Fremantle team claimed the goal umpire had waved a goal for West Perth without the all clear from the central umpire. At the hearing goal umpire Shawyer claimed he had, the central umpire Russell said the goal umpire turned his back on him and waved two flags. The North delegate said he saw the goal umpire throw his hat in the air, but the goal umpire said his hat fell off when waving the flags.

The end result was that the protest was dismissed, but one wonders how our present day tribunal would handle the situation.

MORE PERCENTAGES

Last week I mentioned how South Fremantle finished with a percentage of 27 when they failed to win a game in 1944. This prompted a check to see which wooden spooner had the highest percentage. Would you believe it was South again. In 1936 they won six games and finished with a percentage of 86.

The team with the highest percentage in open football is also South Fremantle. In 1953 they had 186%, however, for those who like to argue about the under age competition, in 1944 the unbeaten East Perth side finished with a percentage of 218.

The lowest percentage of a team to top the premiership table was 108 by West Perth in 1975.

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DEBUTANTS DID WELL

To represent your State is a great honour and last Saturday at Football Park the 10 newcomers to interstate football for WA all played their part in a successful and most persistent team effort. David Hart's first half performance would have had the talent scouts jotting down yet another WA name for draft consideration and Jon Fogarty enhanced his reputation as one of WA's most talented and versatile players. The performances of Gavin Carter and Greg Wilkinson across the full back line were outstanding considering they had to cut out SA's two main scoring avenues — Stephen Kernahan and Neville Roberts. They posted 14 goals between them against Victoria. Rhett Baynes' effort on the ball in the last quarter was one of maturity, making up for his slow start.

The most impressive first game performer for SA was wingman David Marshall who contributed throughout the four quarters. He came up against pacy WA star Darrell Panizza and acquitted himself well.

GREAT DUEL

One of the most interesting duels of the day was that between young WA ruckmen Paul Harding, Laurie Keene and Rhett Baynes and SA veteran Peter Carey. The SA player made up for his lack of height and spring with excellent use of his body and he positioned himself well around the ground. I am sure our ruckmen learnt from the contest and SA could be well satisfied with Carey's effort.

NUCLEUS LOST

SA football has a top group of young and exciting footballers that now form the nucleus of their State side. These players impressed again on Saturday, but the likes of Stephen Kernahan, Craig Bradley, Michael Aish, Peter Motley, Garry McIntosh, Mark Naley and John Platten (who was injured and did not play) are signed by VFL clubs and my information has it that they will all go to Victoria next year. That mass exodus will certainly create a large hole in South Australian football.

RUNNERS-UP

I know that Grant Dorrington and his players will be extremely disappointed at having finished second in the Teal Cup to Victoria after giving it their best shot. Victoria went all out this year to win the competition and left no stone unturned in their selection. I think our effort was most commendable and congratulations to all the boys who played — particularly Danny Penny, Craig Starcevic, Brad McDougall and Darren Bewick who won selection in the All-Australian team.

GOLDEN BOOT

I felt sorry for Joe Fanchi when Robert Wiley kicked the winning point last Saturday. Joe, known as Golden Boot after kicking the winning goal against Victoria in the 1961 carnival in Brisbane, giving WA the championship, looks to have found a successor to his title 23 years on. Just the same Joe will ensure his memories live on, but Rob does have an advantage — coloured television and videotapes opposed to Joe's black and white newsreel memory.

INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Call for Round to retire

THERE have been calls in Melbourne this week for the retirement of Sydney Swans skipper Barry Round.

Two poor games in succession from the 1981 Brownlow Medallist have seen many pundits suggesting Round should follow in the footsteps of former team-mate Gary Dempsey and bow out of the game while still at the top.

On Saturday against Essendon Round's statistics told the sad tale.

He had just four kicks (two of which were effective), one handpass, six knockouts and a goal.

The 34-year-old Round is the oldest player in the VFL following Dempsey's recent retirement and one Melbourne journalist says he is now more of a liability than an asset in the Swans side.



Coach Ricky Quade, one of Round's most ardent fans, also expressed concern about the big ruckman's form, saying that he had played two bad games in succession.

"Before the last two weeks he had paid his way," Quade said. "But his last two games have been poor."

"If we drop him, who do we replace him with?"

Round's career began in 1969 when he joined Footscray from Warragul and over the years he has earned a reputation as a man who puts the team first.

It would be a football tragedy for Round to spend time in the reserves this season and for his own sake he should take similar action to that of Dempsey.

The big North Melbourne ruckman saw the writing on the wall and Round should

...Rowlings under pressure too

WHILE the future of Sydney Swans skipper Barry Round is under question, so too, is that of his Richmond counter-part Barry Rowlings.

Rowlings, also one of the VFL's most senior players, could lose his position as Richmond captain.

The Tigers' 12 point loss to Geelong has put Rowlings in the football hot seat.

After the game coach Mike Patterson refused to talk about Rowlings' future, but it is believed wholesale changes will be made at the club and the leadership of the side would come under discussion.

Patterson said some drastic changes had to be made at Punt Road.

Richmond has a history of being tough on their captains.

Rowlings is the only player since Francis Bourke, back in 1976-77, to hold down the job for two years in succession.

POT JACKO

JACKO just can't stay out of the limelight.

Mark Jackson, Geelong's zany full-forward, played current world match play snooker champion Eddie Charlton last night in what was described as the Match of the Year.

Jacko is the biggest celebrity in VFL football and no show is complete without him any more.

Apart from his snooker exploits Jackson was pleased to be back in the Cats side last Saturday after serving a three-week term of suspension.

Sitting on the sidelines was costing him money. His contract means he only gets paid for games played and when he is under suspension he misses out badly.

Salmon tops the poll

THERE is always speculation about who the most valuable players in the football world are . . . and leading Melbourne journalist Mike Sheahan has named his top six players in this month's edition of Football Fan.

Sheahan, the chief football writer for the Melbourne Herald, rates Paul Salmon, Peter Daicos, Terry Daniher, Wayne Johnston, Michael Tuck and Robert Flower as his most valuable players.

Sheahan put Salmon at the top of the list simply because he believes he is the only player in football who is unstoppable.

"How do you stop a player who stands 206cm, has a fine pair of hands, is remarkably agile for a giant, can play at full-forward or in the ruck and is still a teenager," Sheahan asks.

The leading football media man sees Salmon as a potential superstar who will remain at the top for many years provided he has few injury problems.

In naming his top six he emphasised that age had to come into consideration and he was looking to the future — that's why players like Wayne Schimmelbusch and Leigh Matthews were missing.

Sheahan also gave the players a rating out of 10 and Salmon topped the poll with nine, Daicos was next with 8½, Johnston and Tuck rated eight and Flower a seven.

He says that Daicos is close to the complete player because he has an uncanny ability to read the play, has superb ball handling, exquisite balance and remarkable efficiency around the goal, combine to make him a true match winner.

Balme will stay put

NORWOOD have renewed coach Neil Balme's contract for a further two seasons in a bid to head off rumours that he would return to VFL club, Richmond.

The former Subiaco and Richmond star is now in his fifth season as coach of the Redlegs, leading them into the finals in each of those years and to a premiership in 1982.

Meanwhile, Balme is currently convalescing after a recent knee operation. He had surgery on the knee a fortnight ago, but was re-admitted to an Adelaide hospital last week after complications had set in.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

THE South Australian National Football League will venture to Melbourne on June 21 to put its case for a national competition to a special VFL task force.

The invitation by the VFL is the first positive step towards forming the Australia-wide competition.

The SANFL will be represented by its president, Mr Max Basheer, and general manager, Mr Don Roach.

The VFL set up a task force earlier this year to explore where Australian football was headed.



EARLIER START

SOUTH Australian football fans gave their overwhelming support last week to a television station's viewer poll suggesting an earlier start to league matches.

SANFL matches currently start at 2.20pm (the same as WAFL games) but the public favour a 2pm start, similar to the VFL.

COPPING RETURNS

FORMER Essendon forward Stephen Copping returned home to Adelaide last Friday to resume his football career with Graham Campbell's Glenelg.

Copping had struggled for form recently in Melbourne and returned after a 2½ year stint in Victoria. Glenelg are believed to have paid about \$35,000 to the Bombers for his return.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

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

COLLINGWOOD

Gary Shaw	18	5	5	1.0
Mike Richardson	16	5	9	-

MELBOURNE

Peter Thorne	7	8	2	1.0
Alan Johnson	9	4	1	1.0

FOOTSCRAY

Jim Sewell	11	3	7	1.0
Simon Beasley	11	1	7	6.2
Andrew Purser	10	3	1	-
Ian Williams	9	0	3	2.2
Bruce Duperouzel	5	8	4	1.1

RICHMOND

David Palm	7	10	7	-
Brian Taylor	10	1	8	7.3
Tim Gepp	11	7	3	-
John Annear	19	17	4	0.1
Maurice Rioli	8	8	1	1.0

FITZROY

Dean Turner	7	0	1	-
Gary Sidebottom	15	2	3	3.5

GEE LONG

Brian Peake	14	6	3	0.1
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CARLTON

Alan Montgomery	6	4	4	-
Ken Hunter	16	3	7	8.2
Wayne Blackwell	5	1	3	-

NORTH MELBOURNE

Steve McCann	10	4	7	-
Jim Krakouer	9	6	4	2.1
Ross Glendinning	12	14	9	0.4
Phil Kelly	15	5	8	1.0

HAWTHORN

Ken Judge	7	2	4	5.1
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ESSENDON

Leon Baker	10	7	2	-
Bill Duckworth	14	-	3	-

ST KILDA

Phil Narkle	-	-	-	2.0
Alan Sidebottom	14	7	10	2.0
Phil Cronan	9	3	1	-

HIT OUTS: Alan Sidebottom 20; Andrew Purser 15.



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THE VICTORIOUS WEST AUSTRALIAN TEAM

BACK ROW (l-r): Ron Lorimer (propertyman), Darrell Panizza, Warren Mosconi, Don Langsford, Mike Aitken, Clinton Browning, Jon Fogarty, Don Holmes, Allen Daniels, Steve Thistleton (trainer), Graeme Maynard (head trainer). **CENTRE ROW:** Ron Seman (team doctor), Gavin Carter, Paul Harding, Rhett Baynes, Laurie Keene, Grant Campbell, Baden Harper, Greg Wilkinson, Murray Rance, Ron Griffiths (team manager). **FRONT ROW:** Leigh Brenton, Peter Bosustow, Benny Vigona, Steve Malaxos (captain), John Todd (coach), Robert Wiley (vice-captain), Peter Ware, Brad Hardie, Michael Mitchell.

Rating

- 7 MICHAEL AITKEN** : 10 kicks, 6 h/balls, 6 marks. A solid effort at centre-half-forward. Overcame early nervousness to be a real hard-worker, setting a pattern for determination.
- 6 PETER BOSUSTOW** : 9k, 7hb, 4m. Was a better player than his stats indicate. Showed great endeavour in the forward line and was always working to aid the team.
- 4 LEIGH BRENTON** : 7k, 2hb, 0m. A disappointing effort after a fairly promising start on a wing. Seemed to lack tightness in his game and spent time on the interchange bench.
- 5 RHETT BAYNES** : 2k, 3hb, 2m, 10 tap-outs. Did well in his role as a ruckman changing off the bench; used his body to advantage and was enthusiastic in his play.
- 7 GAVIN CARTER** : 5k, 4hb, 2m. A real strong effort at full-back where he eventually forced SA to shift their gun forward, Stephen Kernahan. Played tight and aggressively.
- 3 GRANT CAMPBELL** : 4k, 1hb, 1m. Did not play with his current confidence. Spent time on the interchange, but did some useful things at centre-half-forward.
- 6 ALLEN DANIELS** : 16k, 5hb, 7m. Worked hard after being shifted from roving to a wing at quarter time. Created the loose man well, especially in the final term.
- 7 JON FOGARTY** : 16k, 4hb, 4m. Set the pattern for courageous football either as a ruck-rover or off the half-back flank. Played fearlessly.
- 8 BRAD HARDIE** : 18k, 3hb, 5m. The lynch-pin at centre or on the ball. Always the architect with his constructive play and was cool in the final crisis moments.
- 5 DAVID HART** : 7k, 2hb, 1m. Was a brilliant rover in the first half; using his speed and strength to give WA an edge around the packs. Faded in the second half.
- 6 PAUL HARDING** : 4k, 4hb, 5m, 9to. A strong effort as one of the three-way ruckmen. Used his strength to telling effect and marked surely.
- 4 DON HOLMES** : 5k, 5hb, 2m. Took a while to settle down as a half-forward. Played loosely early, but his second-half was more constructive.
- 4 LAURIE KEENE** : 6k, 0hb, 1m, 5to. Did not work as hard as he could have as a ruckman, but that was probably because he couldn't get into the game often enough.
- 6 DON LANGSFORD** : 18k, 2hb, 2m. A typical hard-working and constructive effort as a ruck-rover or on a half-back flank. Very consistent over four quarters.
- 7 STEVE MALAXOS** : 21k, 5hb, 7m. Set a fine example as skipper; played creatively off a half-forward flank or in the middle and was at his best at the finish.
- 6 WARREN MOSCONI** : 7k, 3hb, 2m. Improved as the game progressed. Played with dash off his half-back-flank and was always working well to aid the team.
- 4 DARRELL PANIZZA** : 4k, 4hb, 2m. Found the pressure of State football a little hard to adjust to. Did not play with confidence, though he did some useful things on a wing.
- 8 MURRAY RANCE** : 13k, 5hb, 7m. Was strong and relentless at centre-half-back. Made life difficult for the forwards and cleared effectively.
- 6 ROB WILEY** : 14k, 3hb, 8m. A willing rover; burrowed in hard for the ball and used it well. His match-winning kick was typical of his win-at-all costs attitude.
- 5 GREG WILKINSON** : 5k, 2hb, 1m. Was a better player than his stats indicate. Defended stoutly in a back-pocket, where he tackled with vigour and cleared long.
- 3 PETER WARE** : 6k, 0hb, 0m. Was not able to play with his normal flair and dash out of a back-pocket. Too much forward-line pressure for him to handle.

ADELAIDE ROUNDUP

Words by
PETER POAT

Pictures:
RICHIE HANN

They took it hard!

THIS is how Adelaide's Sunday Mail newspaper reacted to the controversial decision by WA umpire Mike Ball in last Saturday's interstate clash in Adelaide.

In a front page story headed "Angry scenes after final kick... SA OUTRAGE" the paper's chief football writer, Ashley Porter, said:

"More than 26,000 SA football fans were yesterday outraged with a controversial decision by WA umpire Mike Ball which cost SA the interstate match at Football Park."

He continued "There were angry scenes as Ball was escorted off the ground by police after the game. The crowd erupted at the 20-minute mark of the last quarter when Ball penalised Bruce Lindsay for holding-the-ball. Lindsay did not have control of the ball, his fingers had barely touched it. Brad Hardie took the free and goaled."

South Australian coach Neil Kerley had this to say about the incident: "To think that a person could make a decision like that to affect the outcome of the game is beyond my comprehension. There were only two possible decisions, play-on or holding the man."
SA president Max Basheer also got into the act at an official function for players and officials of both sides after the match. He accused the umpires of making some "doubtful decisions".

REAL DAMPENER

THE crowd of 26,649 was a good one at Football Park considering the heavy rain that fell about 1pm. Usually rain around that time affects crowds at all football matches because people are generally organising themselves to leave for the ground. It really bucketed down for about 15 minutes.

HART AND SOUL

PLUCKY South Fremantle rover David Hart was a classic case of a young player getting keyed up for a big interstate match — and over-doing it. Hart was really psyched up for his interstate debut and he worked his heart out in the first half. But by half-time he had expended himself, energy and all, and hardly had a touch in the second half. But coach John Todd wasn't critical; in fact, he praised Hart's first half effort as it set the standard for some aggressive attacking football.

HAPPY DAD!

ONE of the happiest members of the WA "support crew" in Adelaide was George Malaxos, father of State skipper Steve. George, a dedicated football follower, had decided to take the trip to see Steve play — and was even more pleased when the young Tigers star was, firstly, made captain and then led the side magnificently to victory.

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MIDNIGHT



Angry scenes after siren kick

SA OUTRAGE

BIG BONUS

THE trip to South Australia certainly proved to be a financial bonanza for some people — particularly the airlines. At least 160 West Australians made the trip — and at about \$500 a round trip in airfares, that's \$80,000 for TAA and Ansett to start with. Add in the accommodation — up to \$90 a night at the plush Park Royal — and the extravagant spending (particularly on Saturday night) around town, and it's a pretty profitable weekend of football. The tourists were made up of two teams (the WAFL side and the Wesfarmers country All-Stars); a 6IX tour party and a Wesfarmers supporters group; the new Board of Directors at the WAFL; club presidents (or their nominees) and about 10 media.

MARVELLOUS THEORY

THERE was a great deal of confidence displayed by the media in Adelaide last week about the Croweaters prospects against WA. The Adelaide Advertiser newspaper went as far as suggesting that a good win by South Australia would virtually assure them of winning the Australian carnival. The writer felt that although WA might not be good enough to beat the South Australians, they would manage to beat the Vics at Subiaco, thus giving the South Australians the title on percentage. A pretty optimistic scenario!

TODD'S TACTICS

AT State training at Subiaco Oval before the side went to Adelaide, coach John Todd made it clear that he was expecting a lot from his team of rookies. But he also made it clear that he could tolerate mistakes providing the players were having a go. He didn't want any half-hearted attempts at tough football; it had to be 110 percent. That coach/player attitude was almost certainly the reason for Michael Aitken's top game. He started badly on a half-back flank, making several elementary mistakes. But Todd's faith in Aitken, a real goer all the time, resulted in him being switched quickly to centre-half-forward, where he grew in confidence and turned in a superb match.

NOT SO SECRET

THERE was much secrecy surrounding the final line-ups of both sides. WA coach John Todd was keeping his team of unknowns even more unknown in a bid to surprise SA coach Neil Kerley, who played the same game and would not go any further than his squad of 24. But before the game Todd had lined his WA players up in a man-to-man situation on his blackboard opposed to the SA players as he saw it. And he only had two mistakes in his SA team! He had Grant Fielke on a wing instead of David Marshall and Lee Robson in a back pocket instead of Robin White. So much for secrecy!

OUR ADELAIDE



JOHN Todd and his 21 glorious young players carved their own special place over South Australia last week.

And Westside Football photographer Richie Hann was in Adelaide to capture the WA boys battling against great odds to win the tremendous cup. The photos show the team preparing for the match, in action and then the after-match jubilation.



Don Langsford could not wait to get his boots off while Mike Aitken (19) and Warren Mosconi (15) cannot hide their joy.



The WA players rejoice after Robert Wiley's point kicked on the siren. They are from left to right: Robert Wiley, Mike Aitken, Grant Campbell, Don Holmes (3), Paul Hanlon.



New State captain Steve Malaxos gets his ankle strapped before leading the team onto the ground.

Big Perth ruckman Rhett Baynes looks downfield.



Brilliant centreman cum ruck rover Brad sets himself to pass to a teammate.

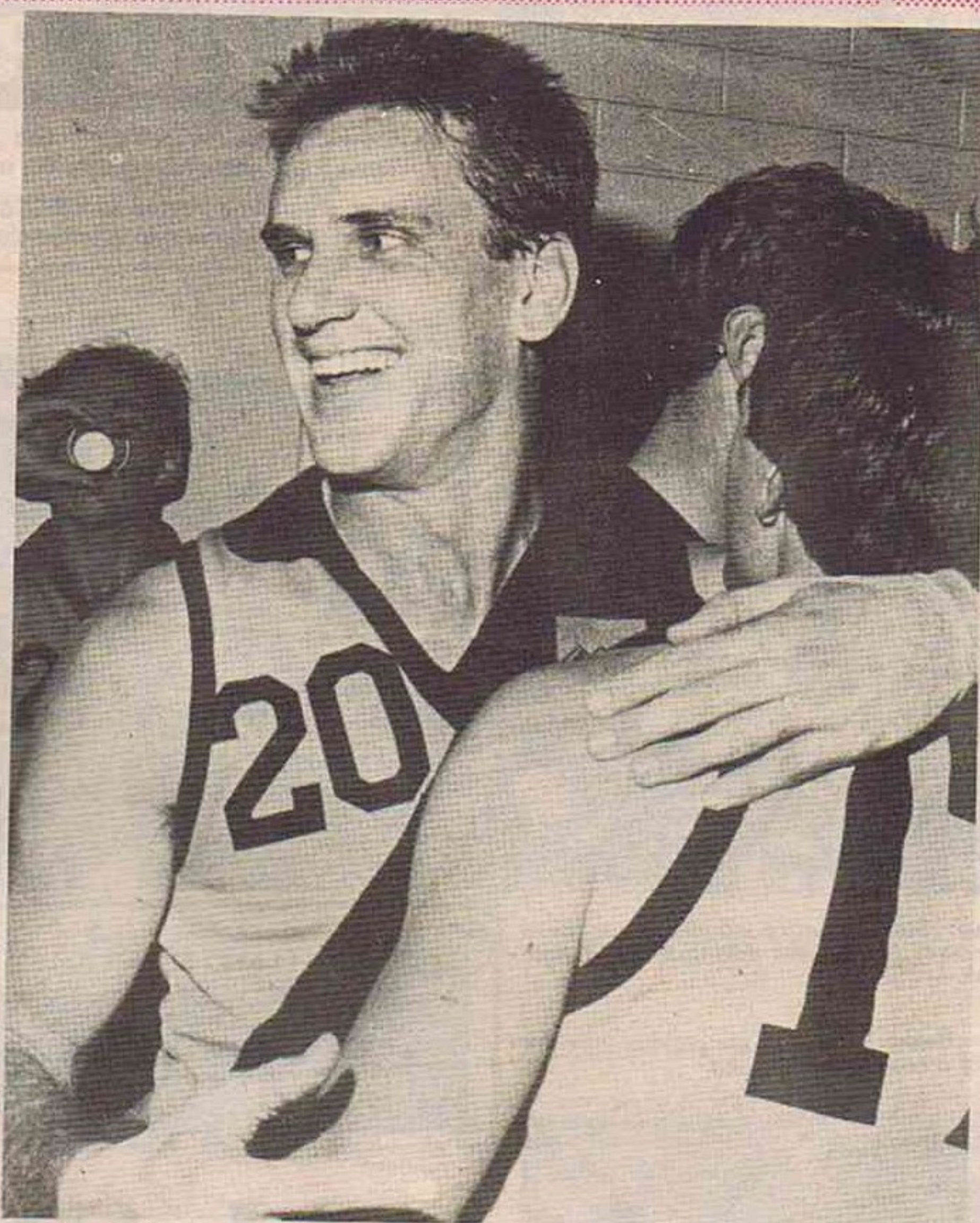
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abilation.



They are Peter Bosustow (17), Allen Daniels, David Hart (6), Darrell Panizza,
Paul Harding (21). Second from left is team manager Ron Griffith.



Full back Gavin Carter gives Peter Bosustow a hug after the magnificent win.



Centre-half-back Murray Rance . . . psyching himself up before the game.



Brad Hardie looks downfield
to a team mate.



Young defender Warren Mosconi sends WA forward.

**“Would you go
an Export mate?”**





Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Country football clubs, associations and leagues are invited to submit news items and photographs for inclusion on this page.
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S-W squad is named

THE South West National Football League has announced its squad for the Wesfarmers Country Football Championships to be held in August.

The squad is: SOUTH BUNBURY: V. Peos, W. Watterson, W. Hardie, B. McDougall, G. Thornton, K. Buswell, P. Upson, P. Old, C. Lewis, K. Williams, G. McNeill. COLLIE: J. Doyle, G. O'Brien, J. Simms, D. Lewis, G. Graham, B. Vale, B. Jackson, R. Davies. DONNYBROOK: I. Trigwell, G. Howlett, T. Williams, J. Roberts, A. Howlett. AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER: S. Whitfield, S. Egan, J. van Der Vurst, P. Pavlinovich. MINES ROVERS: M. Barrett, G. Winterton, P. Moyses, B. Loxton, M. Rowe, T. Bruce, W. Coles, M. Rea. BUSSELTON: J. Howlett, C. Maiolo, V. West, P. Kelleher, D. Roberts. HARVEY BRUNSWICK: J. Cormack, S. Mooney, P. Le Cras, G. Carter, C. Rogers, J. Davidson. BUNBURY: C. McGuire, B. Allen, D. Gaunt, G. Howlett, G. Cross, A. Shiosaki, P. Cartledge. GAREY PARK: R. Harris, S. O'Callaghan, M. Cook, G. Boyd, M. P'Donoghue, T. O'Donoghue. BOYANUP-CAPEL-DARDANUP: G. Clifton, M. Sibson, K. Tucker, G. Bock, B. Symmons.

Training will be held on Thursday, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Monday July 30.

The venues will be announced at a later date and players teas will be held after the first and last sessions.

The coach of the team will be victorious Wesfarmers State country team coach Peter Betti.

The South West team has been sponsored for \$1500 by the Peters Company. The sponsorship will go towards providing the players with a pair of shorts and a tracksuit top.



Above: State country coach, Peter Betti addresses his players during the half time break.



Merv Davis (left) and Derek Doyle... elated at the result.

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WA CNTRY		11	16	82

Below: Peter Le Cras crashes over the top of a team mate to spoil.



ALL STARS SET THE PATTERN FOR WA'S WIN

TWO wins in two starts — that's the impressive record of the Wesfarmers All Stars after their great victory over South Australia at Adelaide's Football Park last Saturday.

The 18-point win in the curtain-raiser to the interstate clash between the WAFL and the SANFL was achieved with the same grit and teamwork that the league players showed a little later in the afternoon.

The WA side, selected after last year's Wesfarmers country football championships in Perth, had trained together several times under coach Peter Betti — and it paid off in the last half.

The match has become an accepted curtain-raiser to WAFL-SANFL clashes and the Adelaide victory was a repeat of the inaugural interstate country encounter at Subiaco Oval last year when the Sandgropers came from behind to grab a six-point win over the Croweaters.

WA had struggled to get their team work going in the first half and trailed by 11 points at half-time. Too many scoring attempts were repelled by the SA defenders as WA went into attack without looking where they were kicking.

Some stirring words from Betti at half-time — plus plenty of provoking from all team members — saw a determined WA fightback led by skipper Peter Le Cras.

A timely switch by Betti that saw Leigh Wright move out from full-forward to centre-half-forward helped turn the tide.

Le Cras kicked a goal early in the third quarter to put WA within striking distance and with rovers Graham Jeffrey and Merv Davis (who had started to play strongly) and ruck-rovers Ricky West and Murray King taking advantage of the dominance of giant ruckman Kim Rogers, the team work improved.

Wright was untroubled by heavy rain mid-way through the third quarter and kicked WA's sixth, seventh and eighth goals and they turned for home with a six point advantage and a strong tail wind.

The WA defence reigned supreme with Avon pair Mick Morris and Dave Clarke holding out in the two key defensive spots.

Fresh legs in the shape of interchange players Rex Growden and Peter Quartermaine helped overcome the slippery surface and both players goaled in the final term to help sew up the match.

Rogers won the Byfield-Coleman trophy for WA's best player and Morris collected the award as decided by the South Australians.

THREE AT THE TOP

RAILWAYS and Chapman Valley joined Towns at the top of the Great Northern National Football League premiership table after Sunday's round of fixtures.

Chapman Valley beat Northampton by five points with a goal after the siren while Railways beat Brigades by 16 points.

The Valley gained victory when Darrell Stokes kicked a 60 metre goal after the siren to end a thrilling match.

Stokes played solidly all day and he received strong support from Chris Hicks and captain-coach Ross Kerr. Northampton had good players in Dave Causer, Terry Smith and Roger Crouch, who kicked three goals.

Railways were able to fly their Wesfarmers Country All Stars players back to Geraldton in time for the match and Barry Evans and Scott Rowlands played no small part in their side's win.

In addition, Alan Casserley and Peter Res played strongly to set up victory. Brigades star Steve Parham kicked another five goals to continue his good form.

Bevan Gray, Warren Jones and Steve Cooper also weighed in with solid contributions for Brigades.

Mullewa scored the biggest win of the afternoon when they were too good for Rovers.

Rod Joseph led the way with seven goals and he received good support from Jim Sandy, Gus Mourish and Ashley Taylor as they kicked 27.22 to 16.8.

Dennis Roberts and Rick Randall played well for Rovers.

MINES CLEAR AFTER COLLIE DERBY WIN

MINES Rovers moved two points clear in second position when they were too good for Collie in one of the best games ever seen in the South West National Football League.

Collie derbies are traditionally tough, rugged affairs and Sunday's game was no exception with the Miners winning 14.11 to 14.6.

Rover Michael Barrett, centre-half-back Terry Bruce and full-forward Wayne Coles, with six goals, did most to set the Miners on the road to victory.

The Saints had good players in centre-half-back Brett Hansen, wingman John Sims and full-forward Ken Hayward who kicked five goals.

Another great game saw Bunbury (15.13) beat the vastly improved Harvey Brunswick by 11 points when they managed 13.14.

Phil Nash was the star of the game at centre-half-forward and centre-half-back while Dave Gaunt kicked five goals from full-forward.

David Morris and Graeme Carter held sway in the ruck for Harvey Brunswick, while Paddy Maddaffari kicked four goals after starting on the interchange bench.

Carey Park were able to stay with league leaders South Bunbury until the 20-minute mark of the final term when

the Tigers rattled on five quick goals to win 20.17 to 12.6.

Other games saw easy wins to Augusta-Margaret River against Busselton and Donnybrook opposed to Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

South Bunbury won the first round of the Peter Jackson Superscore with 44½ points while Mines Rovers tallied 39½ points. The Tigers collected a \$500 cheque for the effort while Mines Rovers received \$250.



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It started in defence

THERE were many soul-stirring goals in the interstate clash between WA and South Australia — but one midway through the game really lifted the Sandgroppers. It was WA's seventh and started deep in defence when half-back Warren Mosconi thumped the ball out of a pack into the waiting hands of skipper Steve Malaxos. He shot a direct pass to half-forward Grant Campbell, who quickly handballed on to rover David Hart, whose kick was right on target — as the SA defenders stood back bewildered.

QUICK GOING

THE closing stages of the second term had the goal umpires working overtime. At the 24-minute mark of the quarter rover David Hart set up a great goal for Robert Wiley, but within seconds SA had replied through Craig Bradley. Not to be outdone, the West Aussies took it straight out of the centre and clever work behind the pack by Peter Bosustow saw another WA goal posted.

DEFENSIVE GOAL

GREAT work in defence by Warren Mosconi helped bring up WA's goal in the third term. SA were streaming into attack with the loose man set up further downfield. As they headed towards the half-forward line Mosconi had a decision to make — go out and meet the advancing David Marshall or stay back and defend. He chose to go out and with some great aggressive football he trapped the running Marshall, took the ball off him and booted it long to full-forward where big ruckman Laurie Keene received a free kick and goaled. It was courageous work by Mosconi, who would have looked well and truly stranded if he had missed his mark.

TOUGH LUCK

SOUTH Australians couldn't believe their bad luck when skipper Neville Roberts missed a goal from inside the 10-metre square late in the last quarter. Roberts has been a sensational goalkicker in his long career and it would rank as one of the easiest shots he has ever had. But, in the pressure of having to kick a goal to win the game in the time-on section, the ball missed the big opening by a wide margin. However, that was not justification for some fickle-hearted SA fans who booed Roberts' wife as she sat up in the VIP seats in the grandstand!

KERNAHAN'S WOES

AFTER a 10-goal haul against the Victorians, it was only natural that ace ruckman/forward Stephen Kernahan could feel confident about his chances against rookie WA defender Gavin Carter. Kernahan's three goals however were all earned the hard way as Carter played the talented youngster close and tight. Kernahan did show his undoubted class a couple of times, once with a brilliant piece of play behind the pack that saw him goal and another time he posted a major from a great fighting mark in the pack.

SUPERSCORERS

Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	43.18
John Scott (East Perth)	37.16
Don Holmes (Swan Districts)	32.25
Grant Campbell (East Perth)	30.12
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	29.19
Brad Hardie (S. Frem.)	28.24
David Hart (S. Frem.)	26.20
Brent Hutton (Swan Dist.)	26.18
Ron Alexander (E. Frem.)	25.17



• Phil Scott

• Laurie Keene

Lions pair are a top combination

HIGH-leaping ruckmen have become almost as extinct as the drop kick in modern-day football.

The fashion now is for giant ruckmen with long arms and a safe pair of hands. But Subiaco have the perfect combination.

Phil Scott, an agile big man with a healthy leap, and Laurie Keene, the lanky giant with a strong mark, have combined their skills to give the Lions one of the best ruck combinations in this State.

Early in the season Keene was banished to a forward pocket until he showed he wanted to work harder — and Scott carried the Subiaco ruck.

And when given that responsibility, he showed why he is regarded in many football circles as one of the most promising big men in the game.

It has been his magnificent leap, great aerial skill and a penchant for hard work which have seen him become one of the success stories of the 1984 season.

STALWART PASSES ON

MEMBERS of the West Perth Football Club have mourned the death of Wally Meadows, a life member, long-serving committeeman and well known in the football fraternity.

In football, he had three loves — West Perth, Western Australia and junior development.

Perhaps it is in the junior sphere that he will be best remembered.

In the early 1950s, Wally was chairman of the now defunct Wescom Association, formed to promote inter-club competition between West Perth, East Perth and Subiaco.

When the Junior Council was formed, Wally was the inaugural chairman and under his guidance, the nearby junior clubs of West Perth, Cardinals, Northern Suburbs and so forth, were united in one competition.

As the northern suburbs were developed, new names were admitted to the council — Tuart Hill, Balcatta, Nollamara, Balga and so on. From a small association of six to eight clubs in the mid 1950s, the council developed to over 18 clubs and 100 teams during the 70s.

Along with his skill as an administrator, Wally was also a sound judge of form. Mel Whinnen was one young lad who went on to prove Wally's judgement sound.

Former long serving West Perth president, Len Roper, a close friend and colleague of Wally, had this to say:

"A staunch supporter of West Perth, a willing and able worker for the club, and the juniors; a sound knowledge and appreciation of football and footballers. Under his chairmanship the Junior Council was inaugurated and developed. He leaves us with a sense of loss and many memories of enjoyable times."

The 23-year-old clerk joined Subiaco from amateur club Scarborough early in the 1982 season and he did not have to wait long for his first taste of league football.

Just a couple of weeks after joining the Lions he made his league debut and had an immediate impact on those people who saw him in action against East Fremantle at the port club's home ground on May 29.

Scott played at full forward in that game, when Subiaco were struggling, and he finished the match with four goals.

He has been used in key attacking roles on several occasions during his short 29 game career, but he has had his biggest effect in the ruck.

A measure of his success this year can be gauged through the hit-outs statistics. Despite missing two games through injury he is sitting in fourth position.

Keene's form could not have been more impressive in the month leading up to the State game.

Coach Haydn Bunton kept him locked away in a forward pocket until he was hungry for a run on the ball. And when he took the lanky star off his leash Keene did not let his coach down.

His form in the ruck helped Subiaco recover their momentum just when they appeared to have lost it and now they are a real chance to play in the finals.

As a result of his improved efforts the 200cm (6ft 7in) Lion made his interstate debut against South Australia last week and put in a creditable performance.



LES'S LYRICS

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

THE WINNERS

One of our best — of that I'm sure, the win in June of eighty four. When two teams met with hearts of oak, it's hard to say who was best bloke.

But shining forth among the others, the young player of two brothers. He made the South Australians grieve, our State Captain — the courageous Steve.

Rob Wiley's Golden Boot we saw — it saved the day for us I'm sure. Neil Kerley must now be feeling rough, he knows our men are strong and tough.

John Todd, we say to you — well done! you showed them how your boys could run. Now for the Vics and you'll make us proud when you play as winners before OUR crowd.



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

MOTHER BROWN

Result is on the board!

IT DOES not matter whether you agree or disagree with those couple of decisions late in the last quarter of Saturday's controversial interstate game — the fact is the result is on the board and WA won their second match in succession against SA. I cannot understand why the local television stations choose to continually replay the two decisions under question — the first by WA umpire Mike Ball to give a free right in front of goal and the second by SA umpire Laurie Argent to allow Robert Wiley's match winning point to stand. The result will be a good one for the WAFL. When we meet the Victorians at Subiaco Oval on July 17 the ground should be packed to capacity as WA needs only to win this game to be Australian Football Champions for the second year in succession.

TEAL CUP

IT WAS great to see WA's Teal Cup team make the grand final of the under-18 competition in Sydney earlier this week. Unfortunately, they failed against the strong Victorian side when they attempted to win the Cup for WA for the first time, but it was still a fine achievement by coach Grant Dorrington and his boys. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of this year's quest for the honours was the amount of publicity given to the team. In the past you needed a magnifying glass to find the results and sometimes they were not even published. Our boys can be proud of their effort.

BIG THRILL

LOCAL radio station 6PR made it possible for two youngsters to head to Adelaide for the historic interstate clash — and it is a pity that this does not happen more often. There are plenty of country boys in WA who have never seen a league football match live and it would be a great promotion to fly a couple of lads to Perth with their parents each week. Surely some sort of competition could be organised. The prize could include accommodation and the opportunity to be in the rooms with the players before the game. I remember when my son Malcolm first broke into league football and he returned to Dowerin for a weekend. The kids went wild just because they had touched a league player.

GOOD EFFORTS

ONE of the most pleasing aspects of Saturday's interstate game was the performance of some of the young players in the WA team. Players like Gavin Carter, Warren Mosconi, David Hart, Jon Fogarty, Rhett Baynes, Paul Harding, Laurie Keene and Greg Wilkinson must give WA football plenty to be happy about. Most of those players will remain in WA for a couple of seasons to come and they all have the potential to be real stars.

TERRIBLE SHOW

I WAS watching the VFL football on television on Monday when, during a break in the Collingwood-Hawthorn match, the cameras switched to the Carlton-Fitzroy game. There was a huge fight on behind the goals and it interrupted play for about 10 minutes. The players were all sitting on the ground being entertained by the mellee. It was a terrible scene and I hope that sort of crowd behaviour does not spread to WA.

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Crucial test for Willetton

WILLETTON face their biggest test of the season when they play host to the in-form Kalamunda at the Willetton Reserve this Sunday.

After a two week lay-off coach Jeff Trott and his Willetton side will be anxious to confirm the premiership potential they have displayed so far this year.

But Kalamunda, under the astute leadership of former Swan Districts toughman Steve Gillespie, will be a determined and match-hardened combination.

Willetton have the strength down the middle of the ground to threaten any side in the competition.

Their impressive goal-to-goal talent includes centre-half-back Kim Barrett, former East Fremantle player Robbie Johnson in the centre, Trott at centre-half-forward and Bruce Dornan at full-forward.

TALENTED

But apart from former Claremont ruckman Robert Peopies around the ground and big marking Noel McKenney up forward, Willetton don't appear as talented as the Kalamunda Cougars around the flanks.

The Cougars will match the home side in the key positions with the likes of Gary Armstrong, Ric Ellard, Ross Prater, John McGuire and Glen O'Rourke.

Another clash that will provide a clear indication of premiership potential is the Wanneroo-Gosnells encounter at Kingsway Reserve.

Gosnells warmed up for the all-important confrontation with an easy 176 point win over bottom side Rockingham

last week, whereas the Roos had to resist a spirited challenge from Thornlie.

The home ground advantage will give the Roos an edge but Gosnells coach Trevor Williams is aware of the importance of this game.

The Gosnells Hawks have the talent up forward to kick a winning score. Roos coach Stuart Hillier will have to think long and hard as to who he gives the assignment of stopping Williams and Ross Leipold from kicking goals.

Gosnells' ability to run the ball with precision to their leading forwards will be a headache for Roos defenders and should be sufficient for the Hawks to take the points.

Former State and South Fremantle star Tony Morley takes his side Kwinana to the Maddington Reserve this week full of confidence after an exciting last win over Kelmscott last Sunday.

On the rebound from their big loss to Kalamunda, Maddington will be determined to make up lost ground on the top five clubs and should prove too strong for Morley and his spirited side.

Armadale kept their slim finals hopes alive with a character win over Canning last week and look set for another victory when they travel to John Dunne Oval.

THREATENED

The Armadale Demons have threatened all season to put their game together and it looks as though that time has arrived.

Kelmscott will need big games from Wally Sidebottom, Bruce Tschirpig, Ray Witt, Doug Beattie and Mal Hancock if they are to be any threat to the Demons.

Applecross travel to the seaside for their encounter with Mandurah.

Applecross are a class side when they get their running game in action, but faltered temporarily against South Perth last week.

But if coach Chris Roe can get his charges firing from the outset the Applecross Hawks will be a handful for the Seaside.

It was South Perth's enthusiasm and strong midfielders that gave them the chance of beating the glamorous Applecross last Sunday.

The Southerners will again look to Gary Diver, Dave Nelson, Clayden Whittle and Tony Capriotti if they are to seriously threaten Thornlie at Lathlain Park.

IMPRESSIVE

The hard work done mid-field by Souths was finished off by an impressive performance from new full-forward Greg Mucci and interchange player Ian McDougall.

A four-quarter effort from the South Perth side would see them a chance for victory, but Thornlie look too strong around the ground.

Geoff Ironmonger has been in tremendous form receiving great support from Hans Versteegen, Larry Norman, Neil Smith and forward Steve Joncour and the visitors should take the four points to keep in touch with the leading sides.

In other fixtures on Sunday Kenwick should go on a goal kicking spree at Mills Park against Rockingham. While Fremantle should prove far too strong for Osborne Park at Balcatta Reserve.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KALAMUNDA	6	1	090	502	181.07	24
WILLETTON	6	0	699	393	177.86	24
GOSNELLS	6	1	831	489	169.93	24
APPLECROSS	6	1	772	568	135.91	24
MANDURAH	5	2	737	672	109.67	20
Wanneroo	4	2	550	386	142.48	16
Kenwick	4	3	640	589	108.65	16
Thornlie	4	3	715	659	108.49	16
Fremantle	3	3	621	562	110.49	12
Canning	3	4	538	589	91.34	12
Armadale	3	3	446	514	86.77	12
Kwinana	2	4	564	689	81.85	8
Maddington	2	5	584	715	81.67	8
South Perth	1	5	514	627	81.97	4
Kelmscott	1	6	624	805	77.51	4
Osborne Park	0	7	417	744	56.04	0
Rockingham	0	6	296	954	31.02	0



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COLTS CORNER

No rest for young Sharks

While some of the other clubs in the WAFL had a rest last week the East Fremantle colts team worked hard under coach Graham Melrose in an effort to lift themselves off the bottom rung of the premiership table. The Sharks will be looking to promote under-16 and under-17 players from their junior district as well and their tough programme began at the Maylands Police Academy last Thursday night. Physical fitness expert Burt Omega took the young Sharks through a variety of exercises and it proved to be a most beneficial session. Then, on Saturday, Melrose began this week's preparation with a 6am training run followed by a breakfast which was sponsored by Eric Johanson, one of the hardest working supporters at East Fremantle. From the breakfast the players moved onto the Kelmscott Hotel as guests of Beau Ashton where they watched the big interstate clash as a unit. Melrose has been concerned about the way his side has been fading in games. Although they have ability they have won just one match. They have been able to outscore sides for three quarters of a game, but still lose. The latest example came on Foundation Day when they were beaten by South Fremantle by 14 points. They had their chances to take the contest, but wasted opportunities up forward, when they hit the post three times, and some costly mistakes in defence did not help their cause.

FALCONS PROMOTED

Two West Perth colts players, Craig Turley and Tony Ricciardello, have been added to the Falcons reserves list. For Turley it is a fine achievement. He played colts with the club a couple of seasons ago before deciding to concentrate on his cricket with North Perth. And he started this season playing football with amateur club Nollamara. However, former West Perth star Stephen Smeath saw the talented ruck rover's potential and suggested that he return to Leederville Oval. He played only two colts games before being added to the reserves list. Ricciardello has played mainly in the centre with the colts this year, but he is also suited to a key attacking or defensive role. He is strong and agile and looks to have a bright future.

YOUNGSTERS STAR

Swan Districts' colts team is not winning too many games, but they are doing their best to promote young players who deserve an opportunity. Two of those youngsters, Shaun Davey and Ron Crosby, were given their first taste of colts football against Claremont a fortnight ago. Davey, 16, arrived at Swans from Kalamunda and he was particularly impressive, winning the club's third best player award. Crosby, 17 has played all his football with Bassendean and he also turned in a strong effort. They have put pressure on some of the young players who have been at the club all year. To date, eight colts players have been promoted to the Swan Districts reserves.



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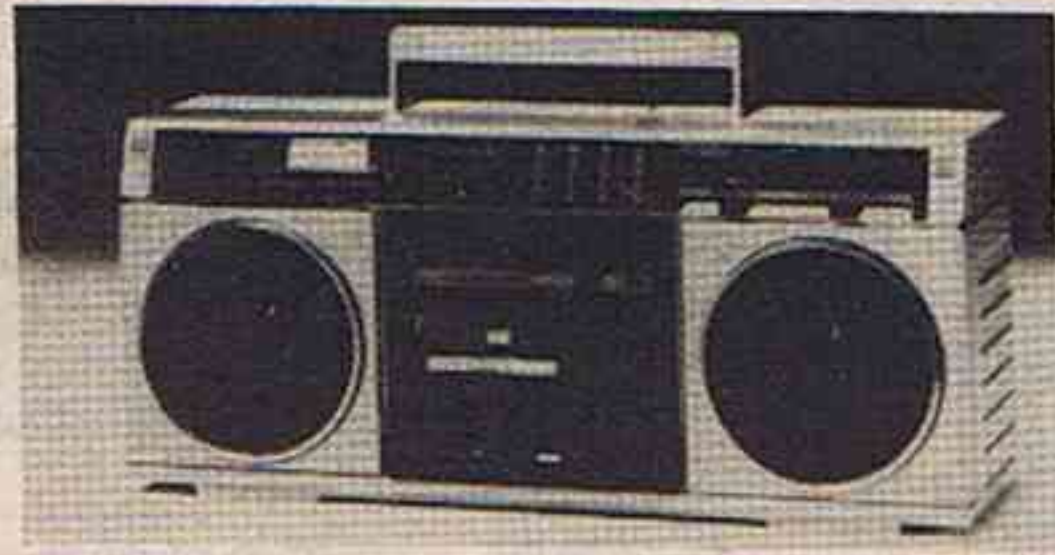
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Medibank prop up umpires

THE umpires, the unsung heroes of country football, have received tremendous support from Medibank Private in the last two years.

And that trend looks like continuing. Medibank Private began their sponsorship of country umpires last year, spending \$1,000 in four country leagues.

This year the Great Northern National Football League dropped out of the sponsorship, leaving three leagues supported by the scheme.

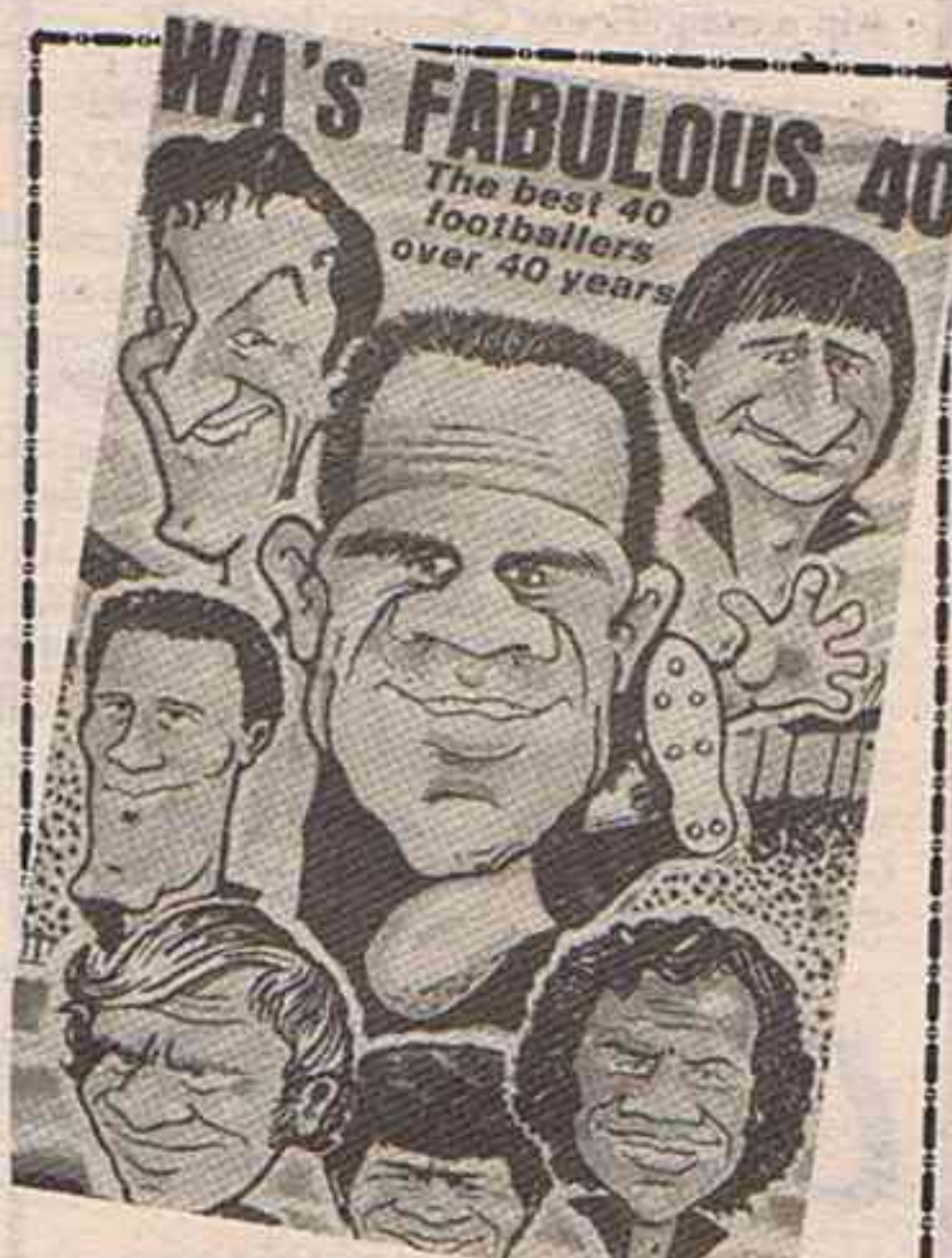
Umpires in the South West National Football League, the Southern Districts National Football League and the Goldfields National Football League have all been supported by Medibank Private over the last two years.

Medibank Private Marketing Manager Mr John Barker said his company would continue to support country football.

"This year the money was used largely to provide uniforms for the umpires," he said. "And the rest of the funds were used for administrative purposes and for awards."

"We have been very happy with our involvement with country football."

"It is our way of supporting sport that, in the long run, should promote physical fitness and good health in the community. "Next year we hope to return to sponsoring the Great Northern competition as well."



FOOTBALL'S newest publication — WA's Fabulous 40 — will be available in newsagents within the next week.

Published by Westside Football and sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, the book looks at the best 40 players produced in WA in the 40 years of post-war football — and puts them in order from 1 to 40.

With the help of four well-respected judges, the list was narrowed to 40 after each player was given a rating out of 10 in 10 different football categories.

The book is sure to provoke a few arguments with football fans as they argue over who should have been included — or left out.

The Fabulous 40 should make excellent reading with comprehensive personal details and a biography on each player.



THOMAS HARDY present...

FLYNN'S FOLLY

Radio 6KY's Tim Flynn awards a bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut Champagne each week to a football personality who says (or does) something foolish.

IT takes courage to stand up to 26,000 home-town fans when you believe you are right and for that reason umpire Mike Ball wins this week's Flynn's Folly and a bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut Champagne. Ball awarded a controversial free kick to Brad Hardie during the crucial last term in Saturday's interstate match and the South Fremantle skipper made the most of the opportunity, kicking a goal.

Elastoplast Presents FOOTBALL CLINIC

A weekly feature dealing with the treatment of football injuries.

TREATMENT OF SPECIFIC INJURIES

CONTUSIONS & BRUISES:

Types:

1. Superficial
 - skin.
 - subcutaneous tissue.
2. Deep
 - Muscle
 - tendon
 - bone.

Acute Symptoms:

1. Pain may be experienced.
2. Muscle contraction may be inhibited.
3. Inflammation of the area.
4. Local tenderness.

Treatment:

1. Apply cold pack to affected area for approximately 15-20 minutes.
2. Elevate injured area to aid control of swelling.
3. Apply a compression bandage.

SPRAINS:

Types of:

1. Grade I

Signs & Symptoms:

1. Sudden pain.
2. Slight tenderness at site of injury.

Treatment:

1. Localise pain and determine severity.
2. Ice if necessary.
3. Limit stressful movement.

2. Grade II

1. Sudden prolonged pain.
2. Swelling of joint.
3. Inflammation.
4. Tender to touch.

1. Localise pain and determine severity.
2. R.I.C.E.*
3. Strap to limit stressful movement.

3. Grade III

1. Immediate sharp pain.
2. Immediate local swelling.
3. Inability to move affected part.
4. Joint instability.
5. Very sensitive to pressure.

1. R.I.C.E.
2. Assist from playing arena.
3. Physician must inspect injury.

* R.I.C.E. — Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation.



SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE



IT'S MALAXOS OUT IN FRONT AGAIN

IF the \$20,000 Channel 7-Sandover Medal count was held right now the winner would probably be dynamic Claremont centreman-cum-ruck-rover Steve Malaxos.

At least that's according to media voting based on our regular Sandover Medal guide.

The media also tipped Malaxos last year and it is now history that the Claremont superstar polled poorly. However, the umpires cannot continue to ignore his brilliant efforts for the Tigers and he should do a lot better in this year's count.

According to our survey of media voting for the first 10 games of the season Malaxos has already gathered 14 votes in a consensus of opinion — only two less than East Perth ruckman John Ironmonger tallied last year when he won WA's most treasured individual honour.

Included in Malaxos' total to date are three best on ground performances, two second votes and a third.

In the media poll he is three clear of outstanding East Fremantle centreman Murray Wrensted, who has gone off the boil in the last three weeks.

However, that could be attributed to a leg injury and he should return to vote-catching form after his rest last week while the State team was away.

In equal third place are the form rovers of WA football — Michael Mitchell of Claremont and South Fremantle's David Hart.

Mitchell also polled well early but has faded in the last few weeks and he will be anxious to hit top form again.

Hart was slow to hit vote-catching form. He did not register in the media voting until the fourth game of the season.

Perhaps the most surprising result to come from the poll at the middle stage of the year is that West Perth have produced the highest number of individuals to poll votes.

They had 12 players receive votes from the 10 games.

But South Fremantle notched up a higher tally. All told they posted 36 votes, West Perth 34, East Perth 32, Claremont 31, Subiaco 31, East Fremantle 30, Swan Districts 29 and Perth 19.

You can follow the voting for the rest of the year by cutting out the Sandover Medal Guide each week in Westside Football.



Steve Malaxos



Murray Wrensted

VOTING TO DATE

14 votes: S. Malaxos (C).
 11 votes: M. Wrensted (EF).
 9 votes: D. Hart (SF), M. Mitchell (C).
 7 votes: P. Featherby (S), P. Spencer (EP), J. Ironmonger (EP), G. Campbell (EP), N. Mugavin (WP).
 6 votes: L. Keene (S), D. Holmes (SD), R. Wiley (P), J. Dorotich (SF).
 5 votes: M. Rance (SD), P. Harding (EF), R. Baynes (P), B. Perrin (WP), A. Daniels (C).
 4 votes: C. Brown (S), N. Taylor (S), J. Scott (EP), D. Langford (SD), P. Menaglio (WP).
 3 votes: P. Lamb (S), D. Lamb (S), M. Christian (EP), K. Narkle (SD), B. Shine (SD), M. Brennan (EF), R. Kerr (EF), D. Rankin (EF), B. Cousins (P), C. Edwards (SF), B. Hardie (SF), N. Winmar (SF), R. Barrett (SF), B. Vigona (SF), R. Alderton (WP), L. Fong (WP).
 2 votes: B. Kimberley (SD), K. Hetherington (Sd), L. Brenton (SD), P. Ware (SD), G. Hault (EF), P. Wilson (EF), G. Wilkinson (S), R. Reeves (S), R. Sparks (EP), M. Washford (P), P. Bosustow (P), J. Hayes (SF), S. Michael (SF), N. Carter (SF), G. Comerford (WP), G. Michalczyk (WP), D. Kickett (WP), G. Hendriks (WP), C. Nelson (WP).
 1 vote: S. Ellis (EF), L. Kelly (EP), K. Sparks (EP), D. Panizza (C), C. Barns (C), L. Kickett (C), D. Warwick (WP), W. Dayman (WP).

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Graham Williams ... 1000 games as a junior umpire.

1000 games — what an effort!

GRAHAM Williams is 38 years old, but he deserves top-billing on this junior page.

Last Sunday, Williams notched up his 1000th junior game in football's most unpopular job — umpiring.

He started central umpiring as a 13-year-old with the Perth junior council in 1959 and ended his career there as Umpires Advisor in 1982. He umpired 970 consecutive junior games at Perth.

For the past two seasons he has been with the Swan Districts junior council where he added 30 games to reach his milestone. The players in the game he controlled last Sunday, Redcliffe versus Koongamia/Helena Valley (17s) at Selby Park, provided a human tunnel for Williams to run through before the game as recognition of his achievement.

Williams has never umpired a senior game. He was Perth junior council's umpire's association president for a while and is its first life member.

Perth junior council started using the two-umpire system before the WAFL adopted it and Williams was one person responsible for its introduction at the junior council.

"The two umpire system is the best thing to ever happen to umpiring," he remarked.

Williams missed his first game through injury during last season's finals. He has umpired numerous grand finals and finals.

He recalls two major highlights over his career.

"I will never forget my first 18s grand final," he said. "And the players who I have umpired who later made league."

Congratulations Graham, your contribution to junior football is worth saluting.

MILESTONES

150 games

WEST PERTH: Clayton Ramsay — Osborne Park 16s.

100 games

WEST PERTH: Kevin Liddelow — Osborne Park 16s.

SUBIACO'S WANNEROO: Scott Lothian — Sorrento/Duncraig 14s Blue.

50 games

SUBIACO'S WANNEROO: Dayle Bryant, Linton Dunk, Jeffrey Booth and Mark Paterson — Northern Districts 10s Blue. Kevin Smith (10s), Bruce Cameron Grant Lorje and Paul Brookes (13s) — Ocean Ridge. Mark Gurney — Sorrento/Duncraig 14s Blue.

MERREDIN WINNERS

Merredin defeated two West Perth junior council teams from the North Innaloo club in challenge games held at Merredin over the recent long weekend.

In the 10s game best players were P. Alvaro, G. Jones, P. Wanless (Merredin and S. Siciliano, M. Padberg, J. Hart (North Innaloo).

Best 12s players were L. Agerton, S. Smith, D. Bradstreet (Merredin) and K. Donnelly, D. Jetta, R. Navils (North Innaloo).

TRINITY BEATEN

Trinity were beaten in the Alcock Cup competition for the first time since 1982 last Saturday. Their conquerors were Scotch, who won 13.12 to 8.9 in a high-class game.

Wesley proved too strong for Christ Church and won 12.17 to 5.5 and Aquinas downed Guildford Grammar by 12 goals in the other games played last weekend.

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 played in the VFL last season but returned to WA in 1984.

I have spent most of this season on the sidelines through injury. I am one of the smallest players in the WAFL.

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 week's question was Geoff Gillies and the lucky winner is Paul Vogl of Mt Pleasant.



TEAL CUP TEAM DID THEIR BEST

WA's Teal Cup team returned home on Tuesday night a little disappointed at being runners-up to Victoria after going down heavily in the grand final of the under-18 national competition.

But WA should be proud of the effort put in by the youngsters.

With two strong wins in preliminary matches, the grand final was their only blemish and perhaps a lack of tough practice in the lead-up games did not help the local team's cause.

Just the same four WA players — Brad McDougall, Danny Penny, Craig Starcevic and Darren Bewick — were chosen in the All-Australian team at the end of the carnival. • Details page 19.

INTER-DISTRICT GRAND FINALS

The WAFL junior inter-districts championships will be played this Sunday, June 17, at Leederville Oval.

East Perth meet East Fremantle in the 12s at 9.30am, Subiaco front East Fremantle in the 14s at 11am and the 16s title will be fought out between South Fremantle and East Fremantle at 12.45pm.

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.

The blind turn...

... this is an extension of the baulk or spin.

It is to be used when you are being pursued by a hungry opponent...

He's breathing down your neck, so throw him off the track by holding the ball out to one side; then put all your weight on the opposite foot and swivel around. Providing he has followed the direction of the ball, you should be able to elude him as he is wrong-footed.



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.

Falcons name young squad

THE West Perth Football Club has announced the 25 boys selected for their skills academy, "The Scholarship Squad".

The squad is mainly made up of 15 and 16-year-olds who will undergo a comprehensive 12-week course covering all facets of football.

Resident coaches Jim Di Carlo, Brian Adamson and Paul Mountain will be in charge, with appearances by special guests lecturing and demonstrating throughout the course.

The boys and their parents have been invited to a special presentation night on Thursday, June 14 and training starts on Friday June 15.

The boys selected are: Martin Baraiolo, Mark Lawson, Joe Conande, Anthony Willis, Bradley Hosking, Adam Lamb, Steven Raftis, Brett Taylor, Wade Starr, Danny Acres, Glen Meakens, Nick Milic, Gavin Barac, Michael Herbert, Paul Herbert, Glen Hewick, Andrew Bairstow, Shane Ward, Reuben Mills, Keith Thompson, Cole McGuire, Paul Sanzoni, Steven James, Craig McSweeney, Bradley Stevens.



ATTENTION all junior footballers!

The Westside Football/Town and Country WA Milestone Medallions are on offer again this season ... so take note.

Junior footballers who reach milestones of 100 games, 150 games and 200 games are entitled to apply for our specially-minted Milestone Medallions.

We present bronze medallions for 100 games, silver for 150 games and gold for 200 games.

Last year we were proud to acknowledge the efforts of several juniors who reached the important milestones and this year we look forward to making similar announcements.

These medallions will only be presented to young footballers who fill in the official form published below and forward it to Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville.

Only nominations RECEIVED ON THIS OFFICIAL FORM will be recognised.

I wish to be presented with a Town and Country Milestone Medallion for reaching my ... game of junior football.

I am ... years of age and started playing in ... when I was just ... years old.

I play as a ... with the ... club.

NAME: ... ADDRESS: ... CODE: ...

Parent's signature: ... Coach (or club official): ...

Send off Rule!

...Let's give it a try

FOR many seasons one of the most contentious discussion points has been the "send-off" rule.

Every season it rears its head causing great concern, mainly to the older conservative football followers who believe change is not necessary; in fact, so much so that they feel the game is threatened.

I have always believed that the "send off" rule has many positive benefits. While Australian football must maintain its originality as one of the world's most unique sports, the professionalism club administrators and players are demanding, brings the need for our game to take the advice and guidance nearly all other sporting codes in the world have followed — and allow the umpires to issue warnings and have the power to send players off.

Amateur football has had this rule for years and judging by the comments I have received from umpires, players and coaches, the game just adapts to the rule and generally players and coaches don't abuse it and it is well accepted.

With football moving into television and the possible introduction of a national league, it is now time for the WAFL to introduce the rule on a trial basis.

Great attitude by WA

Sitting in Sydney on Saturday it was great to hear that the WA senior side had broken through for a well earned victory against South Australia.

From all accounts it was WA's never-say-die attitude which saw them through a tough encounter and that must have pleased coach John Todd.

Dorro's Diary

By Grant Dorrington



Tails Come Up!

WITH the recent record-breaking spells of the Lions, I can't help think of the great pleasure their captain Neil Taylor must be experiencing.

He has remained loyal to the Lions for all his playing career and during that time he has experienced the 'lows' the Subiaco club has had to wear.

As captain, he has seen coaches come and go, the club in financial ruin, other players leave for 'greener pastures' but never has he performed at anything but his best.

It must be an enormous pleasure for this genuine, committed, player to be now on the 'giving' end of the football world.

I hope for his sake, that Subiaco can continue to compete at the level they have shown in recent weeks and give their number one team-man, their captain, the enormous satisfaction of being at the top of the WAFL competition.



Neil Taylor



Kevan Sparks

UNLUCKY, GOERS

"SOME players get all the breaks; some don't".

The latter part of that saying must surely apply to Royals utility players Kevan and Russell Sparks. The Sparks brothers had been the Royals most consistent players in recent weeks, but are now both out injured.

Russell has torn a hamstring while Kevan broke his collarbone against Swan Districts.

Kevan Sparks is one of those unobtrusive hard working "goers" who has had to overcome many hurdles while getting to league football.

He spent several seasons in Queensland before returning to the 'Royals'.

During the 1982 season, while I was coach of the Royals, Kevan had a great season with his self discipline and ruthless desire to get the ball, making him a very important team man.

Unfortunately after eclipsing Murray Wrensted and becoming a vital cog in the Royals, he is now sidelined for six weeks.

Russell has had many injuries that always seem to occur when he is playing well. Russell is a more skilful player than Kevan but is also a "goer". He has blistering pace and can change the course of a game off his own boot.

Knowing Kevan and Russell these setbacks will only spur them onto working even harder, I can only wish them all the best.



Russell Sparks

CHALLENGE PAYS OFF

"A CHANGE is as good as a holiday" — and that must apply to Tigers player Larry Kickett.

Three weeks ago Larry looked as though he was at the football crossroads having only played two games in the first seven.

Claremont's performance in those seven games was disastrous and a player of Kickett's experience had to make a decision to retire and give younger players a chance.

But the Tigers selected the centreline player to play in the back pocket against Perth.

Since then Kickett has been at his blistering best with some dazzling performances.

He is now in a position where he can read the play, use his experience and skill and create attacking moves for the rejuvenated Tigers.

On his recent form Larry looks set for his best season for many years.



Larry Kickett

Umpires note

WHILE watching a recent reserves game, a football brawl began right near where I was standing.

It was surprising to see the umpires rush in and literally man-handle players screaming out to them to 'cut it out' and 'get out of there'.

I don't know whether they are told to do this or just feel that is the best way to stop brawls.

Nearly every other sport in the world that has contact, the umpires take the opposite stance and stay out of all fracas.

By staying out, the umpires will encourage players to get on with the game. If they stand off with their report books out and give a warning to the players, then it won't be long before coaches will issue strict instructions to their players not to get involved.

If they don't, Monday nights can determine who was right or wrong.



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