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Asks David Dyson

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## Royal pledge:

# PAY AS YOU PLAY



By Kim Hagdorn

EAST Perth's senior players have gambled heavily in their bold bid to qualify for this year's finals.

The Royals have adopted a 'pay-as-you-play' plan — and so far it has paid off with two consecutive wins.

This week East Perth face Claremont in a crucial battle for fourth spot, with just one more chance remaining after this set of fixtures.

The Royals players are naturally tight-lipped about their internal payments incentive — but it's common knowledge that the players did not get paid for their losing effort against Perth three weeks ago.

A behind-closed-doors meeting after that disappointing Perth setback saw the players come up with the suggestion that the club should not have to pay out money when the team performed so poorly.

Subsequently, the Royals have notched two impressive victories — over South Fremantle, who are still in danger of slipping out of the four, and Subiaco, whose \$100,000 incentive went up in smoke with last week's loss.

### PAYMENTS

The East Perth players are not prepared to elaborate on the payments scheme, but they insist that the money is not being used as a motivating factor.

"It's simply that we don't think we should be paid if we don't perform," one senior player said.

"It's a private arrangement; a pay-on-merit scheme."

The players have already accepted pay cuts at East Perth this season in view of the club's financial burden.

Now their decision to be paid on how they perform is yet another example of the tremendous spirit and loyalty in the camp.

Coach Greg Brehaut, determined not to be tagged as the coach who missed the finals two years in a row, has done wonders with an inexperienced team of rookies this year.



John Ironmonger whose good form last week steered the Royals to victory, clashes with lions ruckman Laurie Keene.



Rod Alderton and Brian Adamson . . . careers cut short

## Tragedy for Falcons

WEST Perth stars Rod Alderton and Brian Adamson have lost their courageous battles to get back into league football.

Alderton faces major surgery on his left knee and Adamson has been forced back into retirement after a knee injury in a reserves game two weeks ago.

After 126 games with the Falcons, Alderton now faces premature retirement and will undergo a complete knee reconstruction this weekend.

The brilliant forward said: "If it were a case of the knee operation to play football again I would not have it."

"But my specialist has advised that to be able to take part in any activity at all in later years I must undergo the reconstruction as soon as possible."

Few footballers have come back to their true potential after such a big operation.

Alderton is fully aware of that fact and will not attempt a comeback to competitive football.

"If I was an energetic 20-year-old it might be worth the 18 months of toil to get back into the game."

"But by the time I would be ready to play again I'd be approaching 27 or 28."

### KNEE BRACE

The brilliant forward had been out of football since April 25 but returned with the aid of a knee brace against Subiaco two weeks ago.

At the end of a season that promised so much for the Falcons, their injured list reads like a 'lost-in-action' roll.

Alderton and Adamson had hoped to play a part in lifting West Perth's finals chances and had worked hard at regaining fitness and strength.

The 32-year-old Adamson's 148-game career has been plagued with injury.

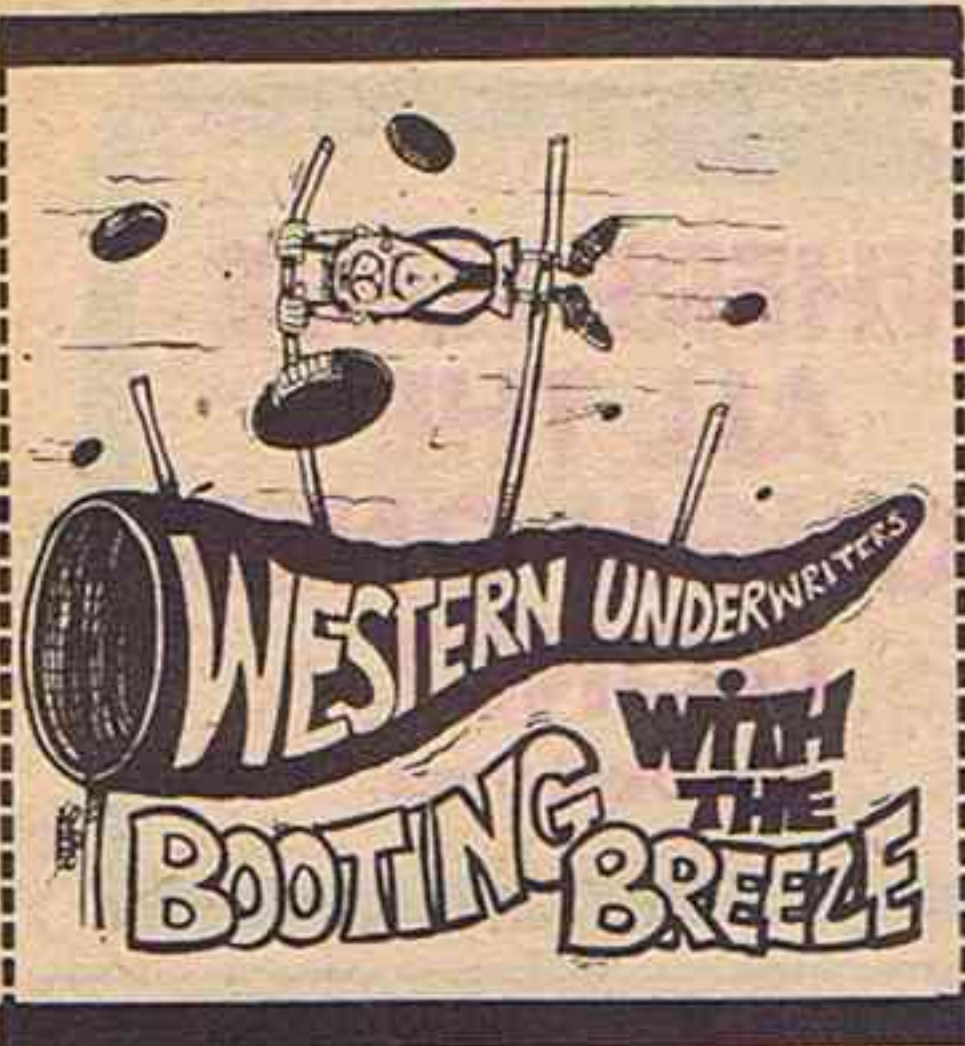
To add salt to the deep wounds at Leederville, crack forward Doug Simms will not play again this year. Simms has tendonitis behind his knee.

Injuries have played a big part in the Falcons' end-of-season fade out and last Saturday was the final chapter.

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## GEORGE PAYS UP!

PACY Claremont player Allen Daniels can expect a big parcel to land on his doorstep shortly. Daniels and his Falcons opponent George Michalczyk had some "words" at three-quarter time last week when the Tiger player expressed confidence about who was going to win. Michalczyk challenged him to put "his money where his mouth is" and Shorty agreed. The \$50 stake went Claremont's way as the result of a brilliant last-term burst — much of it initiated by Daniels. Michalczyk, reluctantly, will pay up . . . but he plans to make Shorty earn his reward, especially as he counts out the 5000 one-cent pieces the Falcons player has collected.

### HOLIDAY BONUS

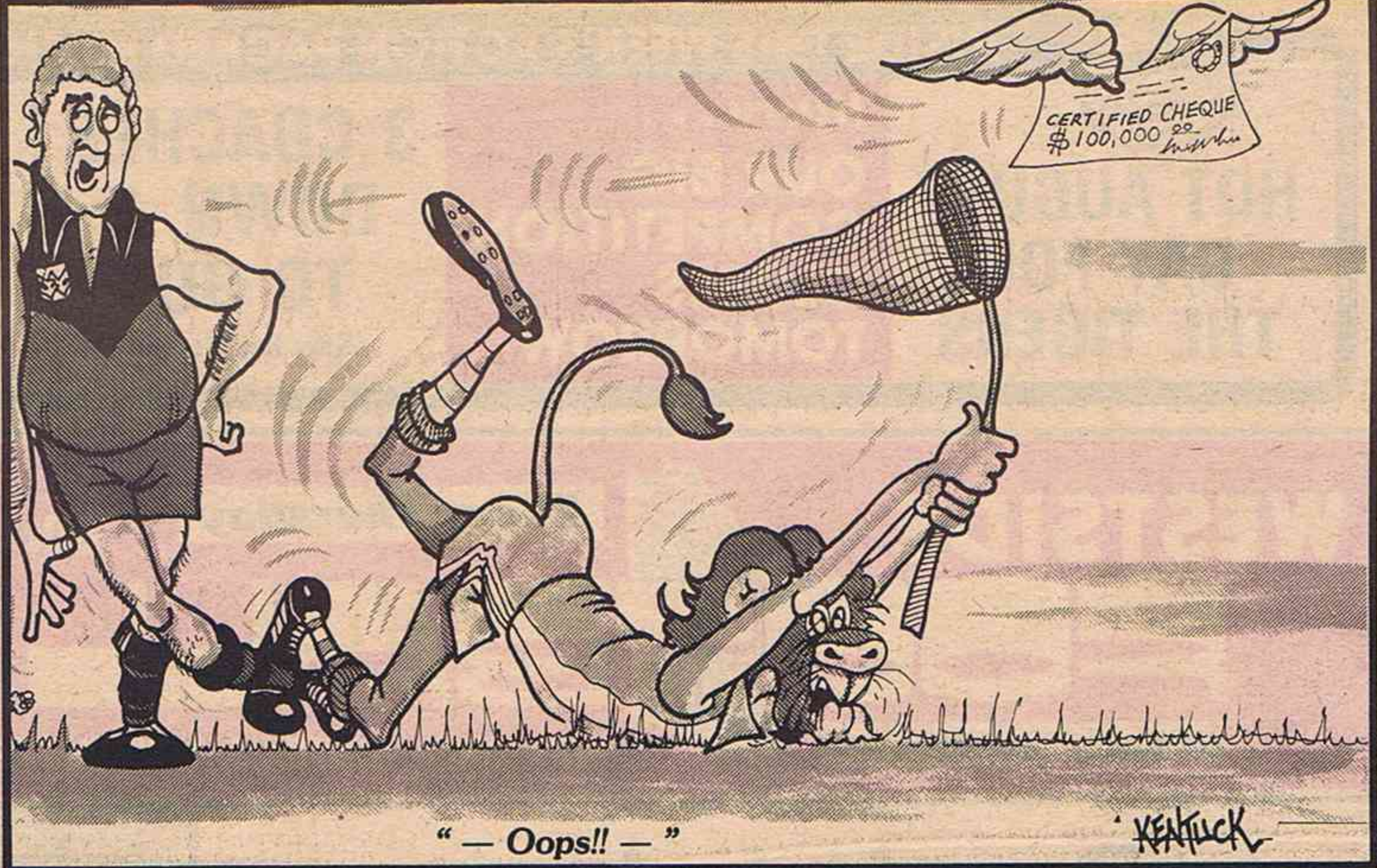
THE TAA home-game holiday bonanza has proved to be a winner — especially for seven lucky WA families. Each week TAA offer a seven-day holiday for a family of two adults and two children simply by dropping a special coupon in the barrels at the nominated home-ground. Last week the competition was at Bassendean Oval; this Saturday it is Subiaco Oval and next week's final qualifying game will see the seventh holiday given away to a lucky fan at the Lathlain Park game. Coupons are in The Western Mail each Saturday.

### SELLING FAST

SEATS for this year's final-round series are selling like hot cakes at a weekend stall. More than 12,000 seats have been sold in series package form and it seems likely that all seats will be sold for the grand final before the individual tickets go on sale on Monday, August 20. However, the WAFL is looking at the possibility of erecting temporary stands to provide extra seating. Watch next week's Westside Football for further details.

### BOUCHER BACK

SWAN Districts confirmed their potential to win a third successive premiership with their powerful display against East Fremantle last Saturday. But before that brilliant performance was further proof of the player-depth coach John Todd has at his disposal. Big Ron Boucher turned in a useful display in the reserves to suggest that he could be on hand during the finals should Todd feel the need to use his bulk and experience. Boucher's form was nothing to suggest he is automatically going to force Mick Johns, Shane Bogunovich or Peter Sartori to step aside but his presence is an enormous boost to the confidence of any side he is in. With both Johns and Bogunovich carrying slight injuries, Boucher's return could not have come at a better time for Swans.



" — Oops!! — "

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### PEAKE HURT

GEELONG star Brian Peake was admitted to hospital after the clash with the Sydney Swans last week.

Peake was in a lot of pain and kept passing out and having fits of vomiting.

He was hurt in a first quarter collision with Bill Picken and had a badly bruised thigh. Spasms of pain from the injury caused him to faint.

Geelong's head trainer George Clarke said that it was the worst thigh injury he could remember for 20 years.

Peake had been playing well when he left the ground and he seems certain to be out till well into the finals series.

### CORNES ACHIEVEMENT

SOUTH Adelaide coach Graham Cornes has managed to do what no other Panther coach has done for 18 seasons — get the club into successive finals.

South finished fifth last season and can't miss the five this year.

The last coach to have South in successive finals was Neil Kerley, who took the club to its last premiership in 1964 and led the side into the finals in 1965 and 1966.

South didn't make the finals again until 1977, under Haydn Bunton, and then took part in 1979 (second to Port) and 1981 (fourth).

### BENNETT READY

EAST Fremantle's plight in deciding where to play brilliant Clint Browning was compounded against Swans when he filled a three-way role throughout the afternoon. Browning started as a key forward for the Sharks where coach Ron Alexander wants his strong marking and aggressive attitude to bolster a flagging forward line. But whenever the Sharks find themselves in trouble they shift Browning to fill the gap. He spent time in defence when Swans' forwards were on top and then he ran on the ball in an effort to provide 'legs' in the mid-field. Perhaps the simplest thing for Alexander, and assistant Murray Ward, would be to keep 19-year-old Darren Bennett at full-forward allowing Browning to play in his more accustomed defensive role. Bennett booted seven goals in the reserves game at Bassendean to remind Sharks selectors he is ready for a league return.

### COACHING CLINICS

THERE will be two different types of coaching clinics for junior footballers during the August school holidays. Major WAFL sponsors Town and Country WA will run their annual clinic at Perth Oval daily from Monday, August 27 to Friday, August 31. There will be three one-hour sessions, starting at 9am; 10.15am and 11.30am and juniors can enrol on the first morning. Fees are \$5 a child or \$7.50 a family. There will be an advanced educational course for 50 juniors at the Mt Lawley Teachers College, organised by league players Gerard Neesham and Wayne Simms. This will be a 9.30am to 3pm daily course and is designed for advanced football tuition.

### ST GRAEME

ST KILDA caretaker coach Graeme Gellie, a former player at the club, was hailed as the patron Saint of Moorabbin this week after loyal fans tasted victory for a change.

Amidst the sacking controversy around Tony Jewell, Gellie came into the coaching role fresh from his promotions job for the Saints and guided them to a victory over Richmond.

Gellie, St Kilda's fairest and best player in 1978, but forced to quit league football through injury after 32 games, inspired the plucky Saints to victory.

It was his first coaching assignment of any description — apart from helping young kids at schools in the Ballarat district where he works for the Saints.

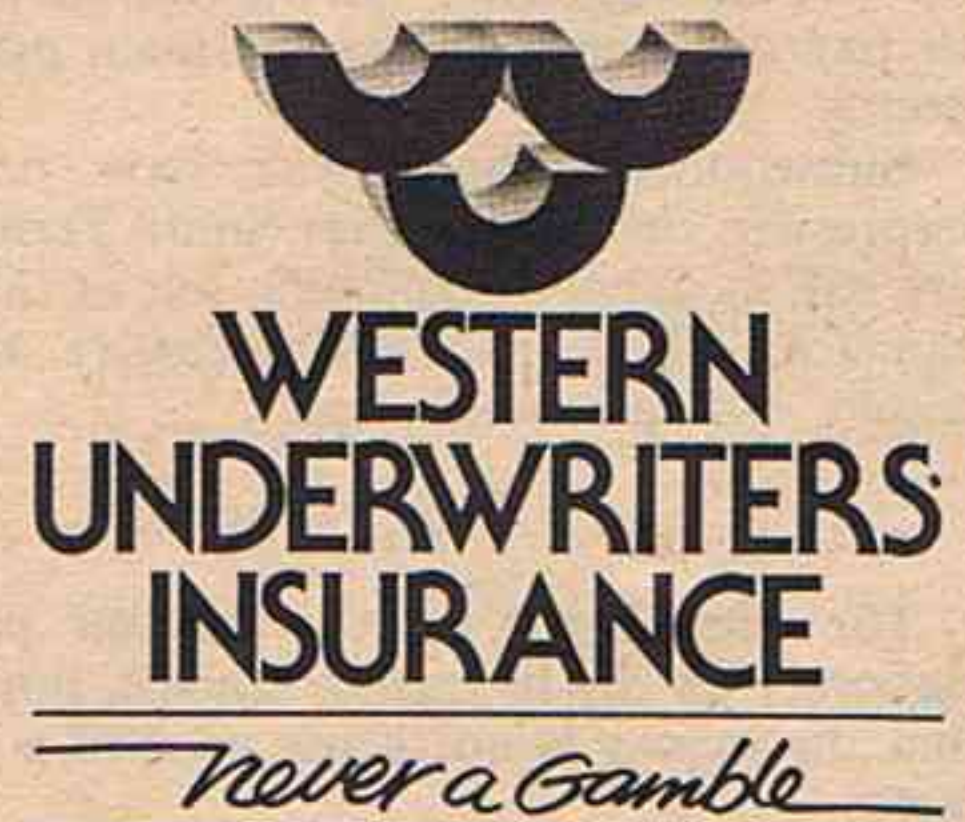
### SANDOVER SPECIAL

FOOTBALL'S big night of the year, the Channel 7-Sandover Medal count, is to be held in the Perth Entertainment Centre next Monday week.

To mark the history-making event — it is the first time the football public have been invited en-mass — Westside Football will publish a special lift-out supplement in next week's edition.

It will contain special historical facts and photos, as well as predictions for this year's medal.

IT'S a tough life being a league footballer . . . just ask St Kilda back-pocket player Glen Brown. Some of the hazards league players across the nation face are many and varied — and occasionally surprising. Brown suffered an unbelievable injury during the second quarter — a scalded ear when a supporter poured a cup of hot coffee over his head as he slid into the fence at Moorabbin. Brown was treated for the burn at half-time and continued the game



## FORM GUIDE and THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WORLD OF

# SPORT

9am SUNDAYS

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1984																	
SUBIACO	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	v. . . . . Swan Districts at Subiaco
CLAREMONT	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	v. . . . . East Perth at Claremont
PERTH	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. East Fremantle at East Fremantle
SWAN DISTRICTS	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	v. . . . . Subiaco at Subiaco
EAST FREMANTLE	L	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	v. . . . . Perth at East Fremantle
WEST PERTH	L	L	W	L	W	D	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	v. . . . . South Fremantle at Leederville
SOUTH FREMANTLE	W	L	W	W	D	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	v. . . . . West Perth at Leederville
EAST PERTH	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	v. . . . . Claremont at Claremont

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**Footballer of the Year**  
(As at 4 August)

R. Wiley (P) . . . . . 19  
S. Malaxos (C) . . . . . 19  
L. Keene (S) . . . . . 15  
J. Dorotich (SF) . . . . . 14  
P. Harding (EF) . . . . . 13

(Voting now in camera)

**7**  
**Goalkicker of the Year**

B. Hutton (SD) . . . . . 73  
J. Scott (EP) . . . . . 58  
C. Brown (S) . . . . . 53  
D. Holmes (SD) . . . . . 54  
P. Bosustow (P) . . . . . 47

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# THE TOUGH ONES



MAL ATWELL

## WHERE have all the tough players gone?

There seems to be a noticeable lack of tough or feared players. I believe this detracts from the game as a spectacle.

When one thinks back, there were many players of yesteryear whose presence on the field was always felt by opposition players.

Players like Fred Castledine, Mal Atwell, Mal Brown, Bradley Smith, Dobbie Graham, Ray Lucev, Keith Slater, Big Bob Johnson, Frank Coulson, Trizzie Lawrence (what there was of him), the Regans, John Duckworth and Stan Nowotny.

Today the two players who do have an effect are Ron Boucher (good to see him in reserves last week) and Stephen Michael. But that is where it starts and finishes.

Some people say that because the game has quickened up so much there is no room for the tough and physical players — but Mal Atwell had both toughness and pace. His style led Perth to three consecutive premierships in the 60s.

With that mountain of a man Ron Boucher back for the finals, what a psychological asset for Swans it will be.

## Where have they gone?



BRADLEY SMITH

## One for umpires

LAST Saturday at Bassendean Oval, I had the pleasure to sit next to senior umpires adviser Ross Capes.

The way he went about studying the umpires was very professional. With a hand-held mini-recorder, he recorded errors made and gave praise where praise was due.

At half-time he replayed the tape and wrote his first-half report, then repeated the performance second half.

Ninety-nine percent of all criticism of umpires comes from one-eyed football coaches, officials, players or supporters.

As a natural critic of the game, I've seen some very good performances of umpiring this season.

I hope Ross Capes gets the top job in 1985 — there is no better man qualified for it.



ROSS CAPES



## 1968 UNDEFEATED GAELIC WORLD CHAMPIONS

BACK ROW: B. Quirk, R. Johnson, J. Wynne, G. Farmer, G. Dempsey, P. Hudson, D. Meagher, D. McKenzie, J. Sharrock. THIRD ROW: Ron Kee (Trainer), G. Fenton, G. Sheppard, D. O'Brien, R. Farmer, J. Dugdale, D. Dyson, M. O'Brien, R. Hart, G. Tootell, N. Milson, T. Shaw (Physio). SECOND ROW: J. Grogan, E. Mack (Gaelic Coach), B. Roet, A. Jesaulenko, N. Kerley (V. Capt.), W. Richardson, H. Beitzel (Promoter-Manager), M. Leeder, R. Barassi (Capt.-Coach), G. Slade, B. Walker, J. Silver (Medico), A. Millson, T. O'Halloran. FRONT ROW: B. Conlon, J. Dorman, F. Bayes, J. Birt, D. Thorpe, K. Bartlett, T. Collins, S. Jackson, G. Bryant, R. Hoggett.

## NO, IT IS NOT AN IRISH JOKE

THE selection of an All-Australian side to play tests of Gaelic football against Ireland bring back memories for me because I had the pleasure of being selected in 1968 for a Gaelic tour with Harry Beitzel's second unofficial Australian side. The team was known as the "Galahs".

We played tests against the All-Ireland sides at Croke Park in Dublin (a ground similar in style to the MCG) and were undefeated.

Then we attempted to promote Australian football with exhibition games in England, United States and Rumania.

There was an unusual occurrence in Bucharest, the capital city of Rumania, when we attempted to kick souvenir Australian footballs into the crowd — they kicked them back to us on the oval. Imagine that happening here.

Also we put on an exhibition of boomerang throwing which thrilled the crowd and, of course, the expert was Syd Jackson from Carlton.

Other well-known tourists included Ron Barassi (captain-coach), Neil Kerley (vice-captain), Royce Hart, Tassie Johnson, John Wynne, Polly Farmer, Gary Dempsey, Peter Hudson, Des Meafer, John Shorrock, Don McKenzie, John Dugdale, Doc Roet, Alex Jesaulenko, Wayne Richardson, Murray Leeder, Bill Walker, John Birt, David Thorpe, Kevin Bartlett, Brian Quirk.

We had two teams made up of players from the major leagues in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, West Australia, as well as players from the VFA, NSW and Canberra.

It was a memorable experience, and I'm sure our WA players chosen for this year's trip will treasure their experience.

**DAVID DYSON**  
6WF Commentator  
is this week's  
*Guest Columnist*  
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## Why Todd is the best...

It has been said before, but John Todd's ability to maintain a quality side after losing top-class players each year is nothing short of excellent.

To see players like Shane Renfree on a wing who moves beautifully, Alby Smith at last showing the natural ability he undoubtedly possesses, Gavin Outridge, a lesser light at Bassendean, star amid other players like Kevin Caton and Peter Nuich put in a strong effort is a tribute to John Todd's effect on players.

He has their complete respect. Respect is something you don't win, you earn it.

Then to sit in the press box and hear him make moves at the right time shows his incredible coaching skills, and those skills will take him to three-in-a-row.

One remembers when Swans were struggling just after Todd took over, and perhaps things will eventually happen for Ian Miller, providing the Demons hierarchy stick with him in 1985.

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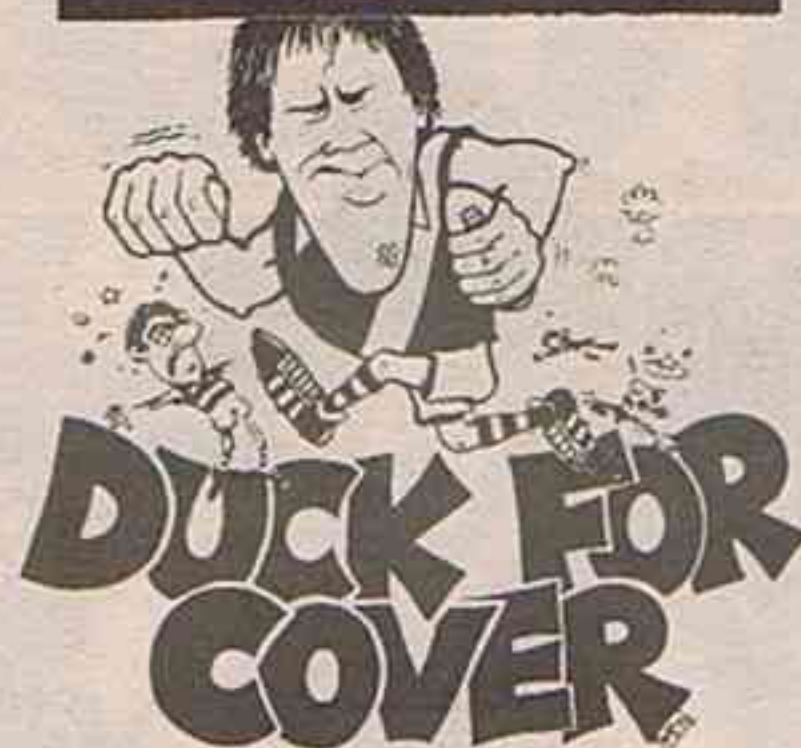
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**OFF-FIELD VIOLENCE NOT NEEDED**

LET US all hope that we never get to the same state of affairs that confronts soccer fans in Europe with 'invasion proof' fences around the arenas.

Last Saturday at the West Perth-Claremont game I saw a spectator reach over the fence at the players race to hit an umpire on the head. The only way to stop this sort of thing — without catching the so-an-so — is to have preventative fences around the grounds. That would be a sad day in Australian sport.

**KNEE PROBLEMS**

INJURIES have played their part in deciding West Perth's fate for a 1984. Over the past two years I have been staggered at the number of knee injuries that have plagued the Falcons — 13 players have had bad knees at Leederville in that time. Rod Alderton is the latest to be added to the list that includes Les Fong, Dean Warwick, Ramsay Bogunovich, Corry Bewick and Peter Murnane.



**BACK AGAIN**

WHILE on Corry Bewick — it is great to see him back in training. I do not think it would be wise for him to play this year, but it augers well for a return to football next year for the young champion.

**THE BASICS**

WE often talk about modern-day footballers working and training harder than in days past, but something that was sadly lacking in the West Perth-Claremont game last week was fundamental kicking skills. West Perth kicked 1.8 in the second quarter and five of those points were easy shots that should have been converted to goals. Spend time by all means on the fitness and running aspect of today's games, but concentrate on the basics too.

Call in and meet Ian McCulloch and Jim Haines at the . . .

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**PREVIEW**

A look at Saturday's WAFL league fixtures

**OUR WRITERS SELECT**

	Tally	W. Perth v S.F.	Subiaco v Swans	C'mont v E.P.	E.F. v Perth
DAVE CLEMENT	43	South Fremantle	Swans	East Perth	East Fremantle
MOTHER BROWN	42	South Fremantle	Swans	Claremont	East Fremantle
GRANT DORRINGTON	40	South Fremantle	Swans	East Perth	East Fremantle
PETER POAT	40	West Perth	Swans	Claremont	East Fremantle
GARY CARVOLTH	39	South Fremantle	Subiaco	East Perth	East Fremantle
KIM HAGDORN	38	South Fremantle	Swans	Claremont	East Fremantle
ALAN EAST	38	West Perth	Subiaco	East Perth	East Fremantle
JOHN DUCKWORTH	38	West Perth	Swans	East Perth	East Fremantle
ROBERT BENNETT	37	South Fremantle	Swans	Claremont	East Fremantle
IAN MILLER	36	South Fremantle	Swans	East Perth	Perth
MOST FAVOURED	40	South Fremantle	Swans	East Perth	East Fremantle

**IT'S A HOT AUGUST DAY FOR TIGERS**

GRAND finals are normally reserved for that one day in September, but Greg Brehaut and his enthusiastic East Perth side face what can only be described as a grand final on a Saturday in August at Claremont Oval.

East Perth seldom miss out on a finals appearance and if they are to qualify for the 1984 series they must take the points away from Claremont.

That will not be an easy task and fans can expect one of the most hotly-contested clashes of a season that has been jam-packed with great football.

The Tigers' late run into the top four will have them firm favourites to take the vital four points but the spirit and tradition that surrounds the Royals will guarantee a fierce contest.

The winning formula of both sides involves run and mid-field control of the ball.

The Tigers rely on the brilliant control around the centre and bounciedowns of All-Australian skipper Steve Malaxos, Allen Daniels and Michael Mitchell.



BY **KIM HAGDORN**

Grant Campbell has been an inspirational forward for the Royals but the return of veteran defenders Mike Aitken and Brad Reynolds will add keen interest to a contest that promises to be an incredible match.

If this match-of-the-day encounter was played on a neutral surface a result would be totally unpredictable, but the home-ground advantage should give Claremont the edge.

**RADIO — TV COVER**

This week's games: RADIO: 6PR — Claremont v East Perth; 6IX — East Fremantle v Perth; 6WF — West Perth v South Fremantle; 6KY — Subiaco v Swan Districts. TELEVISION: ABC regionals only — Claremont v East Perth.

**Sharks are back on the bite**

EAST Fremantle will get back on course for a grand final appearance when they face Perth at East Fremantle on Saturday.

The Demons have demonstrated an ability to beat top sides at various stages of the season. However, on the rebound from their loss to Swan Districts last week, the Sharks will be too desperate to regain composure and form at the inexperienced Demons' expense.

Coach Ron Alexander will use the clash to put finals plans into action and the return of champion rover Kevin Taylor will add bite around the ground and goal kicking potential up forward.

Taylor's presence in the forward line will allow makeshift forward Clint Browning, to resume his more accustomed role as key defender which will settle the defensive zone that was down on form last week.

The Demons will sadly miss the services of Robert Wiley.

The All-Australian rover has been in brilliant form and in the man who has led whatever challenge the Demons have made against their more talented opponents.

The Sharks will be too strong for the Demons but the need for Perth to show gratitude for the work done on their behalf by coach Ian Miller should be enough incentive for them to be competitive against the main contenders to challenge Swans on grand final day.

**Bulldogs on the march**

SOUTH Fremantle are back to their best form and should continue to prove that in their encounter with West Perth at Leederville Oval.

It was the return to best form of veterans Stephen Michael, Paul Vasoli and skipper Brad Hardie that took them into a secure first semi-final spot last week when the Bulldogs ran all over bottom side Perth.

The Falcons snatched a thrilling draw the last time the two sides met at Leederville. South will be desperate to atone that performance and maintain the refund momentum they gathered with last week's success.

Coach Mal Brown made things hard for Michael, Hardie and Vasoli and the trio have answered the challenge in the best possible way.

The character and desperation the Falcons have developed under the leadership of Dennis Cometti is sure to guarantee a spirited approach from West Perth but the Bulldogs will be too desperate and keen to continue their run toward a final crack at success under Brown.

**A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR TODD'S MEN**

SWAN Districts will use their clash with Subiaco at league headquarters as a dress rehearsal for the appointments they have on the ground during September.

The black and whites stormed to outright favouritism to take their third consecutive premiership when they brushed East Fremantle aside last week and Subiaco do not appear to have the necessary ingredients to stop their charge toward the hat trick.

Swans are powerful in every part of the ground with brilliant forwards, a tight defence and mid-fielders full of run.

The way Swans switched the ball all over the ground last week is reminiscent to the formula they enforced to collect the last two premierships when Gerrary Neesham, Brad Shine, Jon Fogarty, Don Holmes and Keith Narkle were dominant.

Subiaco have been more competitive in 1984 than for many years and have the ability to push any side in the WAFL.

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# BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



## Three go down for the count

THREE down, five to go — and it's time to rate the performance of some of our coaches.

For West Perth coach Dennis Cometti it was a year that might have been; for Subiaco's Haydn Bunton a season of lost opportunities; and for Perth's Ian Miller a year that promised a lot but provided so little.

Cometti saw his club's final-four aspirations crash at Perth Oval four games ago, when the Falcons went down by four points to East Perth and sustained a heavy injury list.

He can only lament at what might have been.

### CAPABLE

West Perth showed up until then that they were not only a top-four contender but a side capable of giving the finals a big shake.

Theoretically West Perth can still make the four, but the chances are so remote as to be virtually impossible.

While it will wind up a disappointing season, in regards to the premiership ladder, for the Falcons they still have a lot to be happy about.

They have uncovered some top players — Derek Kickett looms as one of the most exciting players we have seen in WA for a number of seasons.

I believe West Perth have turned the corner and are poised to make a resurgence.

At the moment that is probably poor compensation for not making the finals, particularly when you consider how well they handled premiership favourites Swan Districts in their last encounter.

### PROGRESS

For a while Subiaco looked capable of making the finals. Though they have won more games than last year, they probably won't make any progress up the premiership ladder.

So the season will be seen in an ambivalent way.

Unfortunately, Subiaco were found wanting when it really counted.

Two losses in games that really mattered over the past fortnight has been the difference between cementing a place in the four and again finishing near the bottom.

Subiaco just didn't have it when the whips were cracking.

Their form really fluctuated this season — from record scores to stumbling under pressure.

But Bunton has laid the foundations for what is likely to be steady improvement by the Lions in the next couple of seasons.

They are no longer a chopping block for other sides. In that respect they have made progress.



Falcons coach Dennis Cometti... set for another team?

### TOP SCALPS

What case can you make for Perth? They have managed only five wins, yet they included the scalps of two of the top three sides and another (twice) fighting for fourth spot.

Perth pinned a lot of faith on the return of stars Peter Bosustow and Robert Wiley.

Wiley has had a top season, so it shows Perth still lack the talent to be a final's contender.

Ian Miller has had reason to tear his hair out this year.

Perth have taken him to top of Mt Everest with wins against Swans and South Fremantle and two thrashings over East Perth, yet dropped him into the Rottne trench in most other matches.

Their inconsistency is real reason for concern and something Miller will need to wrestle with during the summer in an endeavour to find a solution.

If he doesn't find the answer Perth could be in for another bleak season in 1985.

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## COP THIS ONE BROWNIE

I AM not in the business of defending my colleagues, but I feel compelled to make some comment about the attack Malcolm Brown made on football writers on radio last Saturday. Brown said that today's football writers used the phone too much and did not get out to speak to coaches and players. It was certainly strange criticism coming from the man who only the previous Saturday had locked media men out of the South rooms following the game against East Perth. His "no comment" coming via the doorman is certainly the sort of stuff that makes great copy.

### TV ADS OFF BEAM

IT'S about time the WAFL's advertising people got there act together. Many of the TV commercials shown lately contain outdated action clips. Last week's ads promoting the Claremont versus West Perth match were a classic example. After a short interview with Steve Malaxos in a bath tub, action shots featured Ben Jager and John Duckworth... it's a long while since either of these two blokes have been mixed up in much action.



### VFL IN TROUBLE!

THE VFL is certainly in troubled times. It has reacted strongly to speculation of a breakaway group and last weekend devoted the entire cover and page 3 of its official programme "The Record" (equivalent to our "Budget") in a message to football supporters. The wording 'VFL CLUBS UNITE', occupied most of the front cover, a position normally taken up by a colour picture.

### CARL WHO?

TALK is turning towards the coaching position at the Perth Football Club for the 1985 season. Two of Perth's leading media men were taking part in a discussion on the subject last Saturday night and the response to one suggestion resulted in a comical reply. Neither was prepared to divulge the name of the person they believed would be at the Demon helm so, one said "... if you have paid particular attention to some of the names in the sport pages of the weekly press you should have a clue." The witty response was: "Not Carl Lewis?"

### TALLY — OH!

WELL, we have finally sorted out the great goalkicking muddle in the WAFL... or have we! Last week we convinced other media that they had one too many goals on Brent Hutton's tally and one less for Don Holmes. Our reputable morning newspaper had previously amended Clinton Brown's tally and then they got Hutton and Holmes right last week. But then, on closer inspection, we discovered that they had added a goal to Brown's tally last week — which was a pretty good effort for the Subiaco forward as he didn't play. So now they have Brown one ahead of himself again. Oh, well...

### BLAST FOR PLAYERS

THERE have been some odd types of half-time entertainment at football matches over the years, but last Saturday's surprise package at Bassendean must take the cake. After witnessing the Channel 7 band in action, the normal little league fixture, a parade of motor vehicles and a lap of honour by Swans mascot, a jet-powered drag type vehicle was brought on to the arena on the back of a semi trailer. Known as the Aussie Invader this monstrosity was parked in the centre of the ground. Its arrival came with the re-emergence of the umpires and players after the half-time break who like uninvited guests as they gathered in the centre of the ground. However the players and umpires were quick to take up refuge on an outer wing when, as unexpectedly as its arrival, the giant rocket-like machine fired up its jets with a massive explosion. Flames and thick smog shot 30 metres out of the rear of the vehicle.

### MINI HELMET

THERE has been plenty of controversy in recent years about the use of helmets by footballers. In fact, the WAFL has a ruling now that unless all eight club doctors approve of a player wearing such a device he is prohibited from doing so. Many doctors are strongly opposed to their use, claiming that in a lot of cases players take a grave risk of serious injury. I was therefore amazed when I saw a 12-year-old player decked out in a 'Phil Narkle type' helmet in the Little League match at Bassendean Oval last Saturday.

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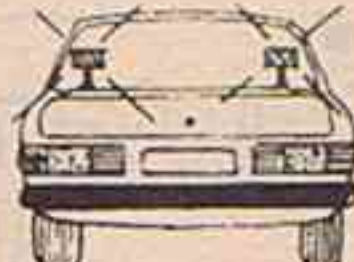
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# FINDING CONSISTENCY AFTER FOUR YEARS

WHEN Len Gandini arrived at Lathlain Park in 1980 he had little idea of the total commitment required to play league football on a regular basis.

But after four years with the Demons, he is finally putting together consistent form that is fast putting him in the experienced player category.

Gandini has suffered from a lack of self-discipline at times, but he attributes much of the blame on a lack of knowing what was required to be a consistently good footballer.

He has the potential to be used as a centreliner, follower or half-back with equal success, which makes him a valuable player for future planning in Demon territory.

Gandini has set his sights on playing in a premiership side with Perth, which is good news for supporters as it means he is at Lathlain to stay, even though he has ambitions to play in the VFL one day.



Perth are only just beginning to see full value of Gandini's potential. With the more dedicated approach he has adopted this season, Gandini has set a fine example in an inexperienced Demons defence.

He adopts a hard-working approach to his responsibilities which is what the

Demons need in their current player depth crisis.

But it has not always been so rosy for Gandini. He has suffered the wrath of selection on numerous occasions throughout his career.

The way he goes about his game is similar to the manner in which he has taken the knocks along the road to full-time league status.

Gandini is a player who does the little things that go a long way to making a good 'team' player.

The Demons will not be at the bottom of the table forever and when the resurgence arrives, you can be sure that Len Gandini will be a part of it.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

**Name:** Len Gandini  
**Date of Birth:** 15/1/62  
**Place of Birth:** Perth  
**Height:** 183cm (6'0")  
**Weight:** 86kg (13.2)  
**Previous club:** Kelmscott  
**Occupation:** School Teacher  
**Major awards:** Outstanding junior at Perth in his first year with the club and third in fairest and best 1983  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Girlfriend's name:** Colleen  
**Hobbies:** Other sports  
**Other sporting interests:** Cricket, golf and baseball  
**Favourite actor:** Jack Nicholson  
**Favourite movie:** Chariots of Fire  
**Favourite food:** Steak and salad  
**Favourite drink:** Beer  
**Nickname:** Ethnic  
**Why:** I am fourth generation Italian and Wayne Simms called me ethnic  
**Favourite book:** The Spy Who Came in from the Cold  
**Car:** 1973 Mazda  
**Career highlight:** My league debut in 1981 and beating Swan Districts in the second round this year



**Worst moment in football:** The first game of this season. I had been on a school camp and had a couple of beers to relax and got dropped when the coach found out

**Hard things in football:** Concentrating for 100 minutes and resisting the temptation to ignore the things you have been told to do

**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** I eat spaghetti the night before the game and then go through a regularly set routine on Saturday morning

**Football idols:** Peter Steward (West Perth player in 1960's and 70's)

**Ambitions:** To play in a premiership side for Perth and in the VFL at some stage

**Advice to youngsters:** Be prepared to do the little unnoticed and hard things in football and not the flashy things all the time

**First league position:** Back-pocket

**Current position:** Half-back-flank

**Favourite position:** Half-back or ruck-rover

**Biggest influence on your career:** Ross Prunster just watching the way he played and all the senior players at Perth

**Games played:** 63

**League debut:** 1981

**Guernsey number:** 4

## MILESTONE MEN

### 50 GAMES

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Ron Alexander (EF) 48

Daryl Freame (P) 47\*

Warren Mosconi (SF) 47

\* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Daryl Freame 17 with Richmond.

### 100 GAMES

Peter Murnane (WP) 98\*

Mike Aitken (C) 96

Ken Marshall (SD) 96\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Peter Murnane 80 Hawthorn; Ken Marshall 70 Subiaco.

### 150 GAMES

Gerard Neesham (SD) 146\*

Noel Carter (SF) 145

Bill Skwirowski (SD) 144

\* Denotes that tally includes games played with other clubs as follows: Gerard Neesham 45 East Fremantle, 9 Sydney Swans.

Noel Carter (SF) 198\*

Rod Brown (S) 195\*

Rod Barrett (SF) 194

George Michalczyk (WP) 194\*

Peter Spencer (EP) 194\*

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 Les Fong (WP) 28 on 24th  
 John Bellotti (EF) 20 on 25th



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Mosconi





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

## Chubby's Chatter Injury blow for Wiley

IS champion rover Robert Wiley facing a repeat of 1977? Wiley's current injury could rob him of a Sandover Medal, as happened in that year. Wiley is up with the leaders in most media awards around town and looked certain to figure strongly in the medal count on August 23. Perth players now have the chance to repay Wiley for some of the brilliant service he has given all season and play a hand in ensuring that he wins WA's highest individual award. Over the next two weeks Perth play the sides with two of the most serious threats to Wiley. East Fremantle's Murray Wrensted always plays well against Perth and in the last game Steve Malaxos often tears us apart. If Perth players can accept the challenge and curb these two then they can help Wiley win the medal.

### TODD'S PLOY

JOHN Todd's reluctance on last week's 6PR radio panel show to discuss the plans for Ron Boucher as the finals approach, makes me wonder what he has planned. Todd has the ability to come up with something innovative to assist in creating emotion that will make the players rise to the occasion. Last year it was Stan Nowotny's last game; the year before John Cooper's last game as president of the club. Todd used both situations to instil emotion into Swan Districts' grand final day. Could it be a return of Boucher to the team for one last final psychological fling at winning the black and whites a hat trick of flags?

### HECTIC DAYS

PERTH first year player Warren Nicholas, a Teal Cup representative this year, has had a very committed program for a 16-year-old schoolboy studying for his T.A.E., but has done it well.

His training commitment alone is enough but he also represents his school, St. Norbert's College, Queens Park in their competition every Tuesday afternoon.

Warren has shown great versatility in that competition playing across the half-back, half-forward, centreline and even as a ruckman. But I think his best effort must have been a couple of weeks ago when he played on a half-back-flank and kicked four goals. St. Norbert's won easily!



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WA has "exported" sixteen Sandover Medal winners to Victoria — but in return only three Brownlow winners have come this way and one of them was WA's Graham Moss returning home.

Those medal winners who headed East were:

1926: John Leonard — Subiaco to South Melbourne.

1928: Jack Rocchi — South Fremantle to Fitzroy.

1931: Lyn Richards — East Fremantle to South Melbourne.

1935: Louis Daily — Subiaco to Collingwood.

1944: Jim Davies — Swan Districts to Carlton.

1945: George Bailey — Perth to Carlton.

1956: Graham Farmer — East Perth to Geelong.

1964-68: Barry Cable — Perth to North Melbourne.

1967: John Parkinson — Claremont to Collingwood.

1969: Mal Brown — East Perth to Richmond.

1972: Ian Miller — Perth to Fitzroy.

1974: Graham Melrose — East Fremantle to North Melbourne.

1976: Peter Spencer — East Perth to North Melbourne.

1977: Brian Peake — East Fremantle to Geelong.

1978/79: Phil Kelly — East Perth to North Melbourne.

1982: Phil Narkle — Swan Districts to St Kilda.

Apart from Moss, the only Brownlow Medal winners to play league football in the West were the triple-winner Haydn Bunton senior and the 1967 winner Ross Smith who came from St Kilda to break the premiership drought at Subiaco in 1973.

Not many football followers might

know that Haydn Bunton snr played as the serviceman in the VFL for Fitzroy in 1942 after winning his three Sandover Medals.

Only a handful of South Australia's fairest and best winners, the Magarey Medal, have played in the VFL and only one 1972 winner, Malcolm Blight, made the grade.

Blight won the Brownlow Medal in 1978 and shares with Haydn Bunton snr the distinction of winning two different State's fairest and best awards.

### HISTORY HINT

DON'T despair Ron Alexander. History could repeat itself in 1975.

West Perth went to Bassendean and lost by 106 points in round 20, but two games later beat Swans by 76 points in the second semi and went on to win the premiership.

### DOUBLE WINNER

ONLY one footballer has headed the goal-kicking list playing for two different clubs — H. "Bonny" Campbell in 1922 at South Fremantle and 1924, 1926 and 1927 at East Perth.

Remember Ian Brewer? He helped the Tigers win the 1964 flag and is the only forward to top the list in Victoria and South Australia at Collingwood in 1958 and Norwood 1965.

### BACK TO EARTH

WHILE on goal-kickers, what about the rags to riches stories in the game at Claremont last week. Dean Farmer and Michael Lockman filled the bill the week before collecting five and eight goals but last week — one goal seven behinds between them.



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

## MOTHER BROWN

# Lessons at the Games

LIKE most people around the world I have spent a great deal of time watching the Olympic Games in the past two weeks. Something that was obvious to me while watching Steve Ovett at the athletics track was the slick way doctors and trainers moved to the assistance of athletes. That is something our club assistants can take heed. The speed and effectiveness with which they wheeled the stretcher to the injured athlete was a lesson we could well learn for our football — and give away the primitive means of carrying injured players from the ground by hand.



Paul Harding

### MEDAL RUSH

IT IS time to make a desperate rush to get your tickets to the Sandover Medal count to be held at the Entertainment Centre. It promises to be a great night with all the footballers, football personalities and public on hand for the first-ever public count. I was disappointed to see Robert Wiley limp off against South Fremantle last Saturday as I was beginning to think he was a great chance for the medal. My other medal prospect, Paul Harding, has not been in action for two weeks, so making a prediction for the coveted award is difficult. I'm sure it will be one of the closest for some time — much like the way our competition has been all year.

### MY TRIBUTE

I MUST pay tribute to Allen (Shorty) Daniels on playing his 100th league game for Claremont. Well done 'Shorty'. He has come in for some pretty nasty criticism over his career and answered the challenge every time.

### HELPING OUT

THE Pingelly Football Club had a big evening last week, and thanks go to organiser Peter Kay and the men who formed the panel at a dinner and sportsman's night. Brad Hardie, Mick Malone and Ian Brayshaw combined to make an entertaining night that included an auction of some prized sporting items. Brad Hardie's football jumper was auctioned off for \$300, and a pair of Robert Wiley's socks went for \$45. A cricket bat autographed by the West Indies cricket team went for \$400. This sort of thing is tremendous for country football and it is great that the city boys give up their time to promote sport in the remote areas.

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# INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



## COACHES DIFFER OVER INCIDENTS

RIVAL coaches David Parkin (Carlton) and Kevin Sheedy (Essendon) had differing points of view after the two grand final aspirants clashed in a heated match last Saturday.

Sheedy accused Carlton of adopting rough-house tactics... but Parkin claimed that the Bombers started the brawls that led to five reports and a series of bitter incidents.

Sheedy proved himself to be the master of the VFL's toughest side as the Bombers survived the crucial clash and he was elated at the way his players came out of the game.

"Carlton really got into some of our young players, but I reckon we answered them in the best possible way," said Sheedy.

"In fact, it was a good initiation for them."

Parkin was staggered to hear that Sheedy suggested the Blues had been the instigators of the rough stuff.

"That's a joke," he said. "We don't have the manpower to do that."



Parkin said that the fighting started when young Bomber Mark Thompson 'snotted' Wayne Blackwell before a ball had been bounced. Parkin said that it would be suicide for the Carlton players to initiate brawls. "We are not in business for that," he said. "It would only be sacrificing ourselves."

### YOU CAN'T FOOL THE BIG H!

HARRY Beitzel, that flamboyant Melbourne football critic who we hear locally on radio 6IX each week with his VFL commentary, is always outspoken in his Sunday Observer column.

Last week the Big H, as he is nationally known, got stuck right into the VFL directors.

What a load of garbage, was how he described the VFL claim that the VFL directors were united under the flag.

He said that no-one believed such rubbish.

"And what's more," Harry wrote "they make a fool of one of football's great administrators, Jack Hamilton, in leaving him with the responsibility of telling the football world that the directors are united."

### STARS FAIL

THREE of Collingwood's super-stars failed to fire against Fitzroy last Saturday — and their form is giving the Magpies cause for concern.

The brilliant Peter Daicos is still out of touch and he has been joined by Mike Richardson and Bruce Abernethy — a trio of stars who hold the key to Collingwood's finals hopes.

The wet conditions did not help these three 'touch' players and a thigh muscle strain suffered by Abernethy added to their woes.

Daicos has been deserted by his early-season form that resulted in four successive best-on-ground efforts.

### GLENDINNING'S DAY

BROWNLOW Medal winner Ross Glendinning celebrated his 150th game for North Melbourne in fine style last week.

The WA star had 16 kicks, 13 marks and seven handballs to be North's best player in their win over Hawthorn; a shock 12-goal thrashing that was the Roos' best effort for the year.

It was vintage Glendinning in what could have been North Melbourne's last appearance at their Arden Street home ground.

## Jewell has his say

SACKED St Kilda coach Tony Jewell has hit out strongly at millionaire businessmen who control football clubs — and he was pointing directly at the man who evicted him from his second coaching role.

Jewell said that rich business men who knew nothing about football were doing little for the game.

He was obviously referring to business magnate Lindsay Fox, who had sacked him earlier in the week after he had gone public about his plans to step down from the coaching role at the end of this season.

"I don't regret anything I've done in football," said Jewell.

"But it's obvious that I have not spent enough time kidding to powerful administrators.

"As a coach, my job is to spend time with the players and I have always put them first."

Speaking on a radio show, Jewell said that it was obvious that coaches were made the scapegoats for administrators' egos and their mistakes.

## COACHING CAPERS

IT'S that time of the year, when VFL coaches are wondering about the finals — and about next year.

St Kilda disposed of their coach, Tony Jewell, last week and several other clubs could be looking for new leaders next year.

This is how Melbourne football writer Ken Piesse summed up the current coaching stakes:

CARLTON: David Parkin — no problem about staying.

COLLINGWOOD: John Cahill — probably moving back to SA.



DAVID PARKIN RON BARASSI

ESSENDON: Kevin Sheedy — he needs a premiership to stay on.

FITZROY: Robert Walls — already reappointed for 1985.

FOOTSCRAY: Mick Malthouse — sure to continue.

GEELONG: Tom Hafey — contracted to the end of 1985, but far from secure.

HAWTHORN: Allan Jeans — will remain at Hawthorn till he decides it is time to go.

MELBOURNE: Ron Barassi — committed to next year.

NORTH MELBOURNE: Barry Cable — said to be on the skids, which would be a pity.

RICHMOND: Mike Patterson — in trouble as Richmond traditionally dispense with losing coaches.

SWANS: Bob Hammond — he took over mid-season from Ricky Quade and should stay on.

## Campbell undecided about his future

FORMER West Perth coach Graham Campbell is uncertain about his coaching career with SA club, Glenelg.

"Nothing is long-term in football," Campbell said when asked if he would survive in a position which is not noted for stability or permanence.

"At the moment my concern is to fulfil my commitment to coach the side for the 1984 season.

"When this season is over, both parties will decide whether they want to continue our arrangement.

"If I want out then it is all over — if they want out it is all over.

"The original terms of the contract were for the 1983 and 1984 seasons. It is a two-way agreement and both parties will have to be agreeing to continue the relationship in 1985.

"I am doing what I was originally contracted to do.

"That contract is effective until December 1984. At the end of 1984 the club and I will sit down and talk about it."

Campbell said he had not discussed his future with the club's administrators — in fact, he prefers it to be that way.

He does not agree with mid-season reappointments of coaches.

"I want to see how we go this year before thinking about coaching Glenelg again next year," he said. "That is the logical way to do it."

• An impressive 41-point victory over Central District last Saturday has taken Glenelg to the top of the SANFL ladder. However, it is one of the most finely balanced tables in the history of the game. The top three clubs (which include Port and Central District) all have 28 points and are separated by less than one half of one per cent. Fourth club, South trails by two points but heads the top three clubs by one per cent.



### COACHING JOBS

SIX SANFL coaching positions will be up for grabs at the end of this season.

Neil Kerley has announced his retirement as coach of West Adelaide and the front runners for his job include Collingwood and former Port Adelaide coach John Cahill and South Adelaide coach Graham Cornes.

In recent weeks Cornes has been asked on numerous occasions to extend his contract with the Panthers, but has refused to indicate his intentions for the 1985 season.

Glenelg, the club which missed out on Cahill when he left Port for the VFL scene, may continue its reputation of culling coaches and dismiss Graham Campbell if he fails to secure the premiership for the Tigers.

Sturt coach John Halbert is in a precarious position with his side having lost 11 of its past 12 games.

Neil Balme has signed a contract binding him to Norwood for the 1985 and 1986 seasons.

But he is still considered a prospect for the coaching position at VFL club Richmond and VFL sources believe Richmond could entice Balme out of his agreement with Norwood.

And the reappointment of North Adelaide coach Mike Nunan is also regarded as a tenuous agreement.

## WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

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

	Kicks	H. Ball	Marks	
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Gary Shaw	10	5	1	—
Mike Richardson	13	2	3	1.0
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Jim Sewell	11	3	9	5.2
Simon Beasley	9	—	8	7.1
Andrew Purser	10	7	8	—
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
David Palm	9	13	1	0.1
Brian Taylor	8	—	4	3.2
Tim Gepp	8	3	3	—
John Annear	7	11	3	1.1
Maurice Rioli	13	7	2	—
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Dean Turner	14	4	2	—
Gary Sidebottom	9	4	5	1.1
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Brian Peake	6	—	1	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Alan Montgomery	2	2	—	—
Ken Hunter	7	4	4	3.3
Mark Maclure	19	4	7	1.2
Wayne Blackwell	8	4	3	0.1
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Steve McCann	7	5	4	—
Jim Krakouer	12	4	1	1.0
Ross Glendinning	16	7	13	3.2
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Ken Judge	6	4	2	2.0
Rod Lester-Smith	16	3	2	—
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Craig Holden	13	5	7	—
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	11	5	3	2.2
Bill Duckworth	14	6	5	—
Tony Buhagiar	9	4	1	0.1
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Phil Narkle	16	6	1	1.1
Alan Sidebottom	8	8	7	—
Phil Cronana	9	2	4	1.2

HIT OUTS: Andrew Purser 20; Allan Sidebottom 18, Brian Peake injured first-quarter; Montgomery on first quarter only.

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The following list of don'ts contain practices which are wrong or dangerous and should not be undertaken by a coach or trainer.

1. Never massage a "corked" thigh or other badly bruised region in the first week. This will only increase the bleeding.
2. Never apply heat to any acute injury in the first 48 hours. Increases haemorrhage.
3. Do not "pump" the legs of a player who is "winded". When winded a person has a temporary inability of the diaphragm to move and hence the difficulty to breathe. This follows a blow to the lower chest or upper abdomen. The condition ceases spontaneously within a minute or two. Pumping the legs may cause further damage if any associated condition such as fractured ribs were present.
4. Do not allow any player who has been knocked unconscious or concussed to play on or to play or train for a least a week. A second head injury has magnified effects when the interval between such injuries is very short.
5. Never lift a player into the sitting or standing position after he has injured his back or neck. He may have a fractured spine and such action could cause irreparable damage to his spinal cord.
6. Don't give fluids or food to any player who is:
  - a. Unconscious;
  - b. Dazed and drowsy;
  - c. May require an anaesthetic, e.g. has a fracture or dislocation.
7. Never assume the responsibilities of a doctor. Insist on medical opinion for all head injuries, possible fractures and any condition about which you have doubts.
8. Do not permit injured players to aggravate injuries by continuing to play. This is false economy as well as bad practice. The eventual period out of football will be greater.
9. Never ask a player to seek or a doctor to perform a local anaesthetic injection prior to a game to allow an injured footballer to play. This is medically and morally wrong.
10. Do not permit a footballer to resume playing until he has fully recovered from an injury. The risk of recurrence will be much increased.
11. Do not permit those feverish or sick to train or play. It will only aggravate the illness and it will encourage spread of the ailment to other team members.
12. Do not allow any player to gain excessive publicity or sympathy because of minor injuries.



## WHERE HAVE ALL THE STARS GONE?

THE 'good old days', where sportsmen had dual sporting roles, have all but passed us by.

It seems that the pressure of being a top player in more than one sport is too much for the younger generation of athletes to endure.

A comparison of the elite group of performers who managed to reach heights in Australian Rules and cricket reveals a staggering decline.

Since the fiercely competitive days of the 1960's and 70's, when players like Keith Slater, Derek Chadwick and Neil Hawke would do battle all winter and then through the summer as well, there is now less than a handful of players who play two sports.

Of current league footballers, only Perth's Earl Spalding and Darrin Ramshaw, South Fremantle's Richard Lynch and Swan's Tom Mullooly are in the category of first-grade cricketer also.

But during the 'golden days' when sporting clubs placed less emphasis on the individual for a pre-season commitment, the number was far more.

Apart from Slater, Chadwick, Hawke Des Hoare and Mick Malone — who all represented Australia in international cricket — WA cricket also gained great service from league footballers.

#### FOOTBALLERS

Ken McAullay, George Young, Paul Nicholls, Bruce Duperouzel, Ian Brayshaw, Ron Bowe, John Inverarity and Dennis Baker were all league footballers outside their interstate cricket commitments.

To add to the list, many State and regular league players spent their summer months engaged in first grade cricket circles.

All-Australian footballers who turned their hand successfully to cricket were Alan Watling, Allan Preen, Mike Fitzpatrick and Alan Stiles.

Then there was Subiaco and State wingman Wally Martin, who played for

By **KIM HAGDORN**

the Subiaco and Scarborough cricket club, as did Colin Williams. Dashing West Perth winger Peter Panegyres and team-mate David Dyson were more than useful grade players, while East Fremantle were never affected by the summer activities of Peter Stephens and Ashley August.

Other 'dual' sportsmen were Graham John (East Perth State player who played cricket with the Mt Lawley club), Peter Medhurst (West Perth cricket and football), Graham Scott (South and Mt Lawley), Max Clements (Swans and Bayswater-Morley), Eddie Rigg (Perth) Swan Districts-Midland Guildford stars Kevin Gartrell, Bob Lane and Eric Gorman and current Claremont general manager Ron Webster played with Scarborough while playing football with East Perth.



**Ron Webster**

Why such an enormous decline is a question sporting fans find difficult to answer.

However, there is no doubt that it was possible and had little or no effect on players' performances throughout either of their pressure-packed seasons.

A variety of training and sporting backgrounds can only assist with a player's overall development.

With technology creeping into modern sport, it is only a matter of time before current coaching trends become aware of the need for the wide variety of preparation of skilled athletes.

In the search for sporting perfection, it is hoped that the best athletes are allowed an opportunity to explore their complete sporting potential, regardless of how many sports they need to explore.



Former Lions full-back **Colin Williams**.

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# Peter Jackson Superboot

## IT'S SO EASY — SOMETIMES

THERE are tough goals, great goals... and easy goals. Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor couldn't believe his luck when he kicked his team's 13th goal against East Perth last week. His team-mate, Stephen Sells had marked on the half-forward flank and a casual Royals defence stood around failing to cover any play-on activities. Taylor, seizing the opportunity to run past Sells, accepted an easy handpass and ran into an open goal.

### SHARP-SHOOTERS

THE sharp-shooters were really out in force at Claremont Oval. Two great goals were posted by Derek Kickett and David O'Connell in the last half, with neither player able to see daylight. Kickett posted West Perth's ninth goal as he snapped back over his shoulder while running virtually on the boundary line. O'Connell marked deep in the forward pocket and by the time umpire Mike Ball had taken him around on the angle, he could only see white posts. But he kicked truly to bring up Claremont's 7th major.



Grant Campbell

### AND A WINNER

EAST Perth's Grant Campbell earned himself a \$100 bonus when he snapped a great shot over his left shoulder as he ran parallel to the goals in the final term against Subiaco. His goal, kicked under pressure, resulted in Campbell winning the Town and Country WA goal-of-the-day award on Channel 7's World of Sport. Campbell was an unobtrusive, but highly effective player as he kicked five straight goals from 12 kicks and did the damage when it was needed most.

### CATON CLASSIC

THERE were some great goals kicked under pressure in the match at Bassendean Oval last Saturday. One by new-found forward Kevin Caton was a real gem. He gained possession about ten metres outside the 50-metre line, ducked and weaved three attempted tackles, then heading across the ground dropped the ball onto the side of his boot to bring up a magnificent 55-metre goal.

### SUPERSCORERS

Brent Hutton (Swan Dist.)	73.44
John Scott (East Perth)	58.30
Don Holmes (Swan Districts)	55.35
Clinton Brown (Subiaco)	52.31
Ron Alexander (East Frem.)	51.14
Jeff Cassidy (East Frem.)	49.37
Peter Bosustow (Perth)	47.33
Grant Campbell (East Perth)	46.16
Derek Kickett (West Perth)	44.44
Doug Simms (West Perth)	42.33



## Calm down Richo!

DASHING Swan Districts ruck rover Steve Richardson can thank his lucky stars that Peter Ware was close by during a scuffle in the East Fremantle forward line at Bassendean Oval last week.

Richardson could have found himself facing the tribunal this week had it not been for Ware's quick action. The Black Flash, as he is affectionately known at Bassendean, used all his strength to restrain Richardson, who wanted to take on big Shark Ron Alexander.

Many players have tangled with big Ron over his long career and come off second best.

Swans coach John Todd was not taking any chances with Richardson and made him cool off on the interchange bench for a while.

## VFL BOARD FACES AXE

THE powerful VFL board of directors seems certain to face the axe in view of current dissatisfaction over its methods of operation.

The 12 club directors seem certain to be replaced by an independent board of management — the same as has happened in WA.

Football chiefs believe that the decision facing the VFL directors will be the most important one taken in the last 30 years of administration.

Football leaders who are seeking a national league see the abandonment of the

current VFL directors system as the first step in wider thinking.

The VFL is also keen to monitor the new system of player contracts and payments under consideration of the WAFL.

A similar payment scale system was introduced in the VFL a few years back when a wages commissioner was suggested — but the idea was thrown out at director level.

The influence of the Victorian Government in the administration of the VFL is sure to have some interesting side effects in the next few months.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

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## BLUE FIN STARS OF THE DAY

KEVIN CATON (Swan Districts): Kicked a miraculous goal to clinch the award. Topped off a fine display as part of Swans' powerful forward line with another goal, seven kicks and five handballs.

NEIL TAYLOR (Subiaco): A fine captain's effort to lift his side to within touch of a place in the finals that Subiaco so desperately wanted in 1984. Taylor has topped off a fine year with the Lions when he had 27 kicks and made two handballs in an inspirational performance for his side.

GEOFF GILLIES (South Fremantle): Another of the Bulldog players who has been facing criticism of his form over recent weeks. Gillies returned to his best form in no uncertain fashion to give Souths the first semi-final chance they desperately wanted. The elusive forward-follower had 26 kicks and made nine effective handballs in a brilliant performance.

CLAREMONT did not award their Blue Fin award for a second successive week, choosing to hold the award for a later date, perhaps during the all important finals.

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

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## IAN MILLER

## Hearne was on his own

FIELD umpire Brian Hearne, officiating in the reserves on Saturday at Fremantle Oval, found himself back under the one umpire system from midway through the second quarter after his assistant, Geoff Palmer, collided with Perth's Daryl Freame and could not continue.

I was impressed with Hearne's umpiring. He positioned himself well, kept up with the play, was consistent with his decisions and allowed the game to flow. The players reacted accordingly and produced a good brand of football. Maybe there is still merit for having the one man in charge?

### GOOD FORM

I CAN recall writing seven weeks ago — after Perth had beaten South Fremantle at Lathlain Park — that Stephen Michael, even though he was struggling for form because of knee problems, would be a headache for opposition sides if he was properly positioned in the forward line. Last week I was proved correct — but



Michael did not show any signs of being restricted in his movement. He moved all over the ground and played in his customary role as No.1 ruckman. Michael has so often held the balance of power for South and his return to form looks rather ominous for the opposition in the finals.

### YOUNG TEAM

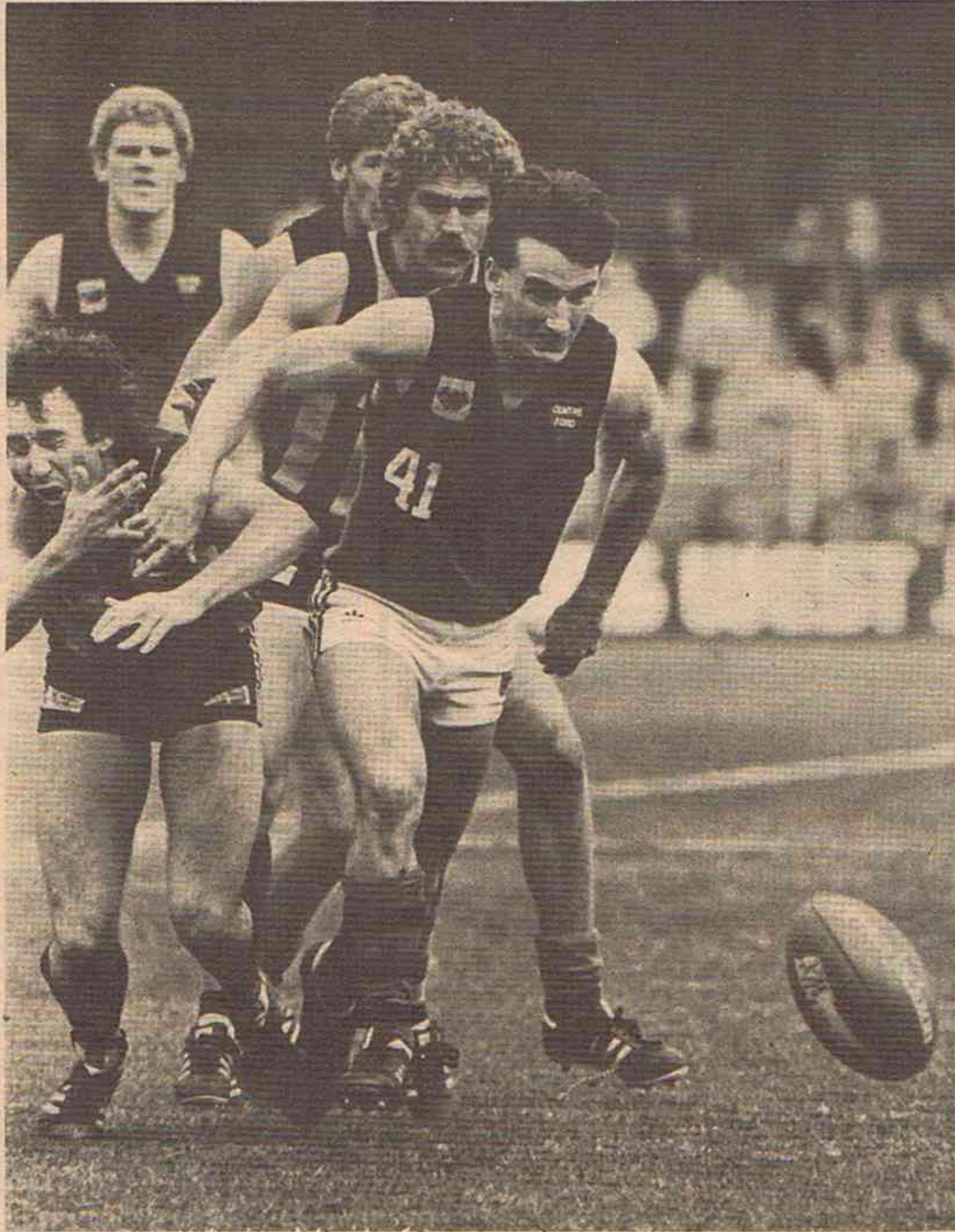
LAST Saturday we put up a meek effort after the first quarter against South Fremantle, which was disappointing considering that our three previous encounters with South had resulted in four, three and seven point margins. South played good team football, but our basic mistakes helped play South into form. One of the most interesting statistics of the game was Perth's average age of 21.6 years, certainly the youngest Perth side for many years. For six players it was their first experience of playing league at Fremantle Oval. I'm sure they will remember it and learn from it.

### ROVING TRIO

IN the past 20 years Perth have had three of the best rovers in the business wear the red and black — Barry Cable, Rob Wiley and Bryan Cousins. All three have played in Victoria. Cable was a Sandover Medallist and last year Cousins just missed out on joining him. His injury in the last game of the year could have cost him the Medal. This year Wiley has a great opportunity in the award, but last Saturday he badly injured a hamstring and was severely restricted. It could keep him out for the rest of the season. If Robert is up there at the finish, I hope it is not a repeat of 1983 for the Perth rover.

### STRONG SHOW

THE Whitfords Junior Football Club, one of the largest junior clubs in the metro area (in the heart of Subiaco territory) has all their senior teams in the finals. Five sides from 12s to 17s finished either first or second.



Royals defender Greg Carpenter brushes aside all the Subiaco opposition in his quest for the ball.

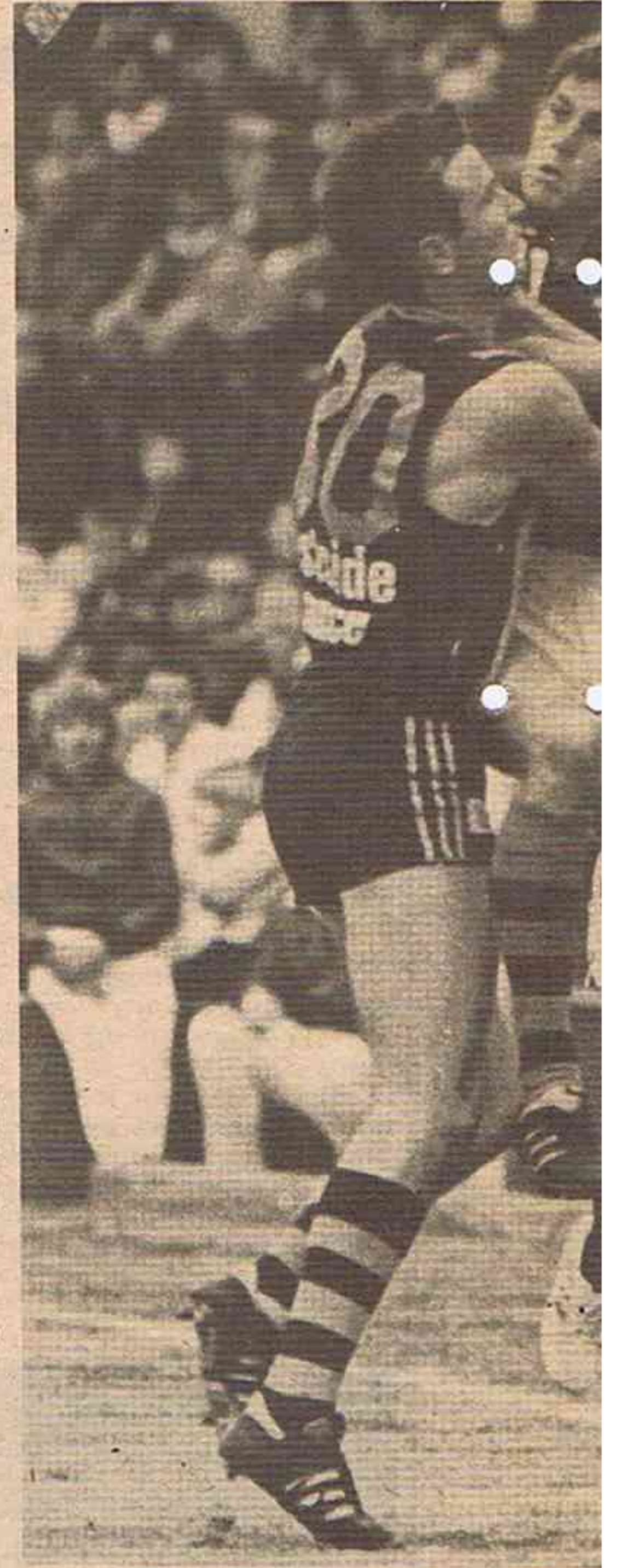
## AIMING FOR THE FOUR

WITH just two qualifying games remaining before the 1984 finals, football fans are curious about East Perth's prospects of being in the last four.

The Royals were written off by most critics this year as they took the field week after week with an under-rated side of rookies.

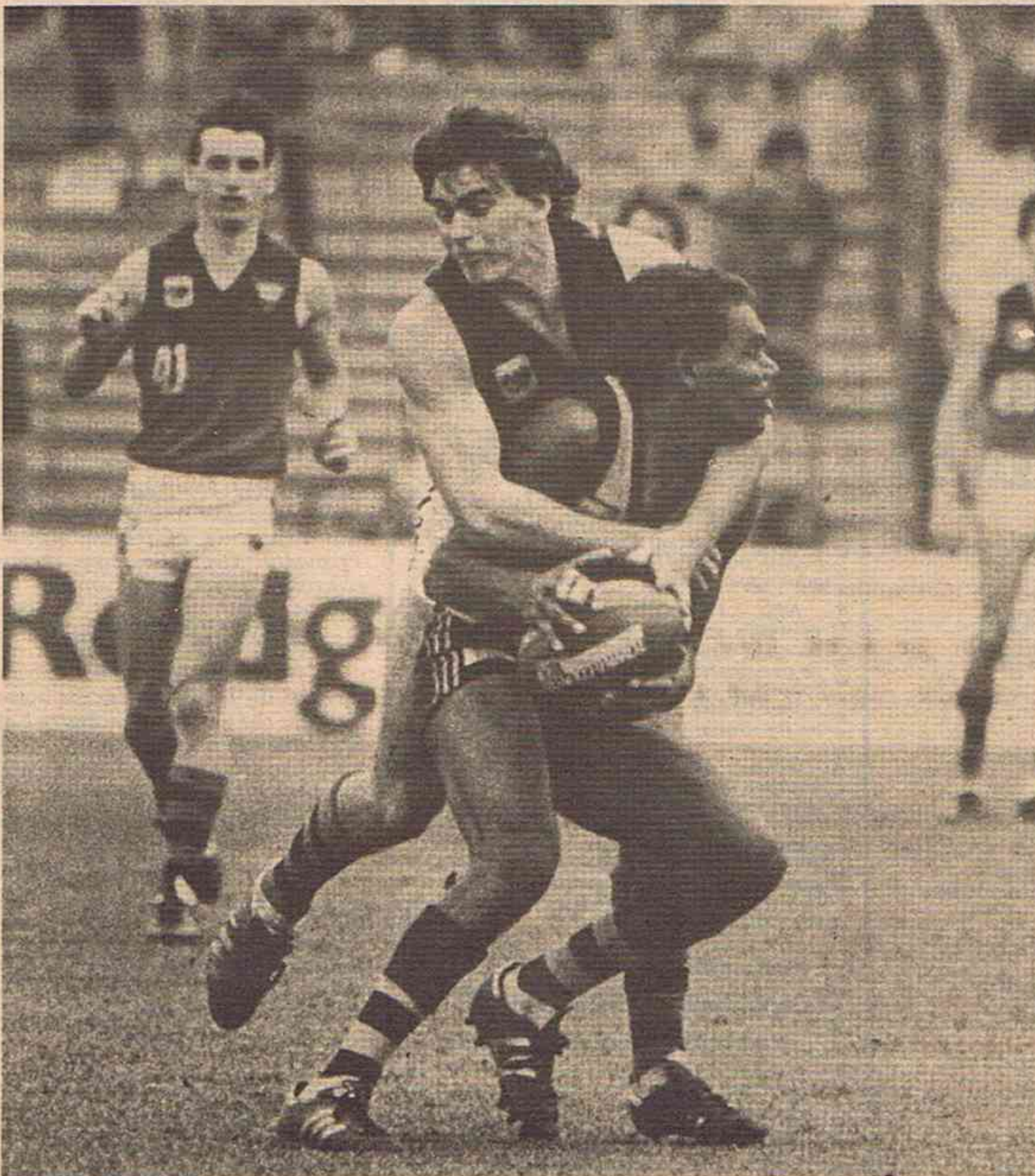
But they are still in there, fresh from successive victories over South Fremantle and Subiaco and now challenging Claremont in a game that has fourth spot at stake.

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL photographer RICHIE HANN was at Subiaco Oval last week to see the Royals breathe again — and end Subiaco's hopes of taking off their \$100,000 incentive for making the final four.

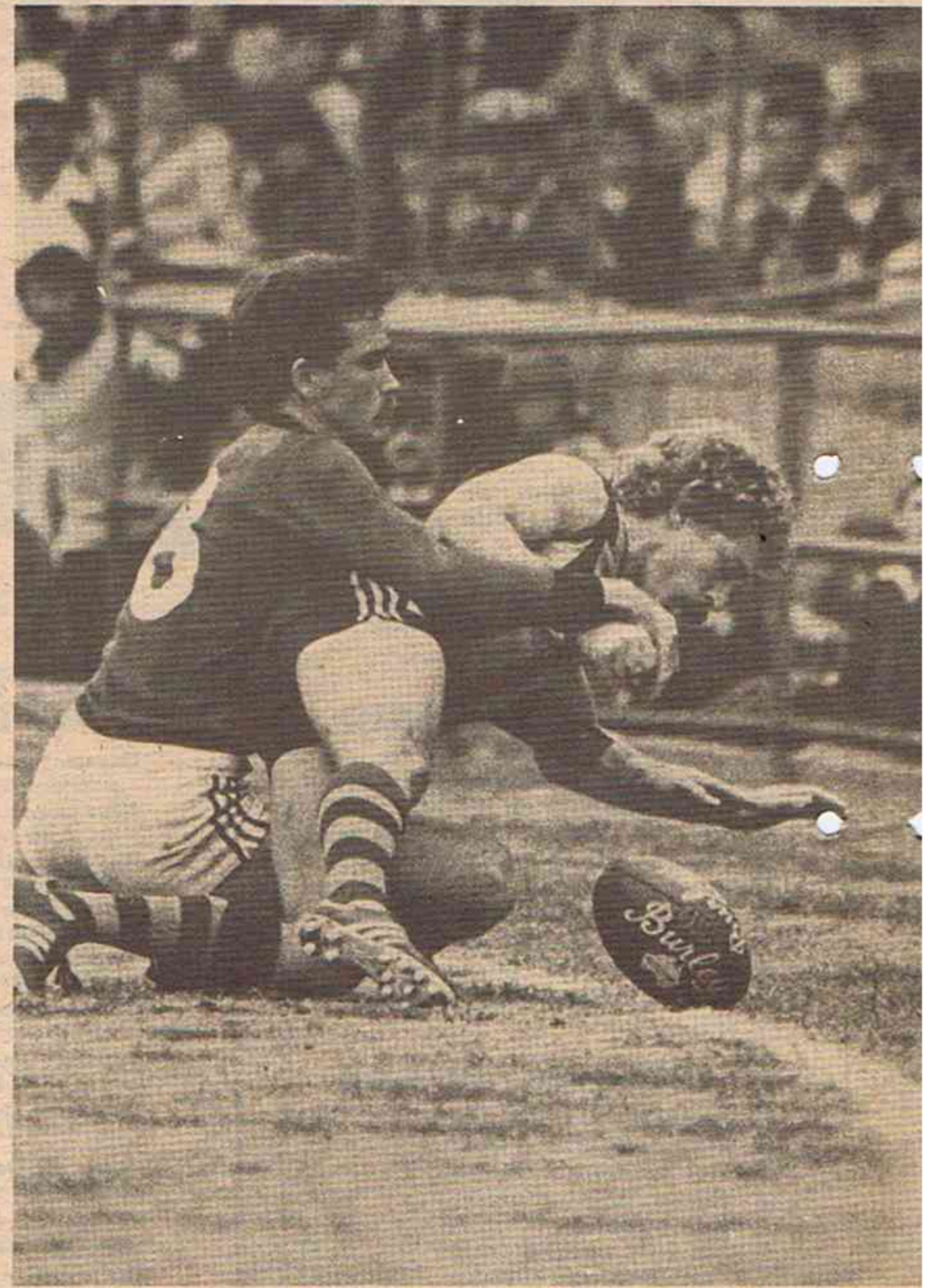


Gary Sheldon and Bevan Warne

# ROYAL CHALLENGE



Subiaco's Greg Kelly has the ball . . . but East Perth's Russell Sparks has Kelly!

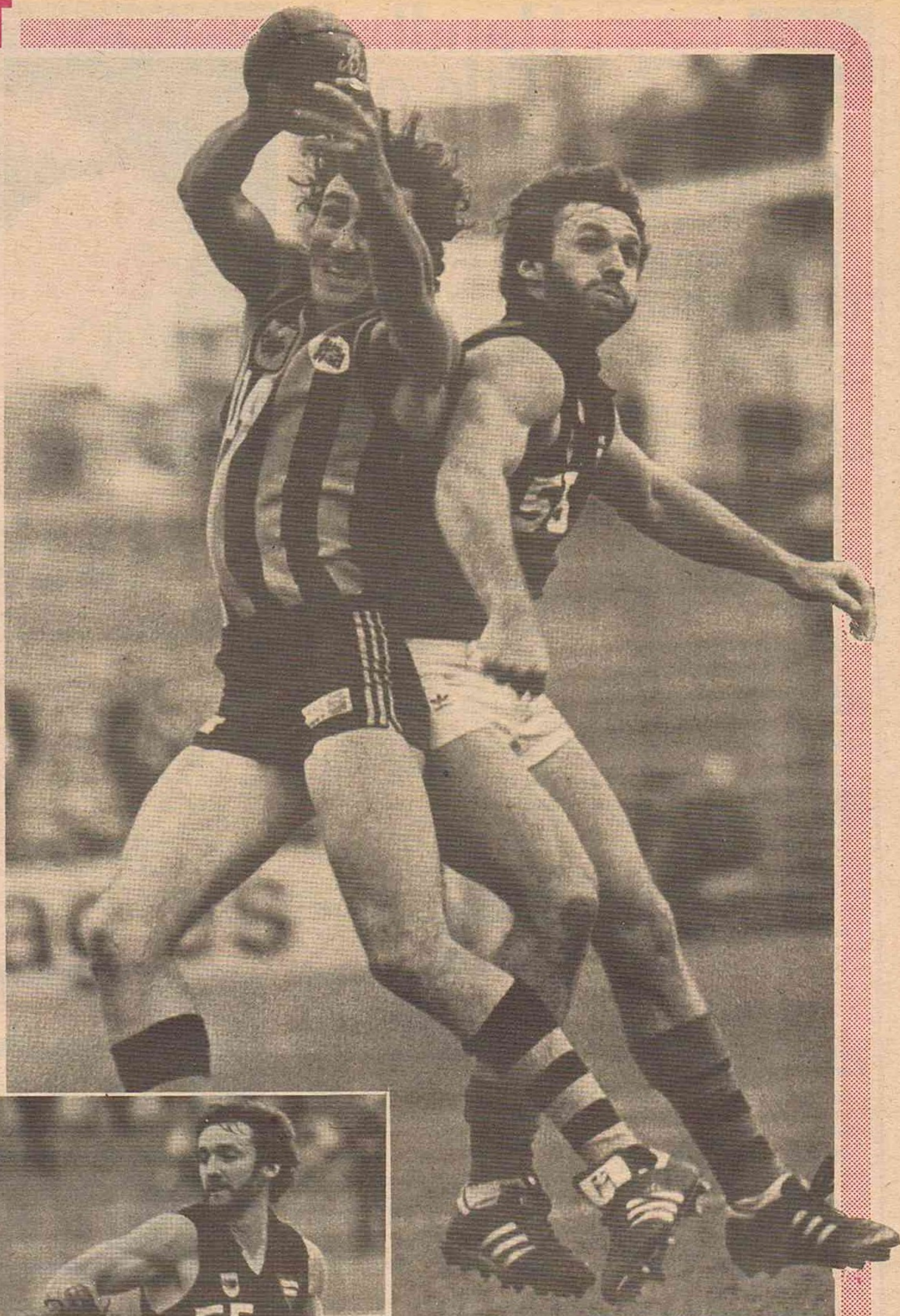


East Perth's Robert Solin puts Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor under pressure.

# ER SPOTLIGHT



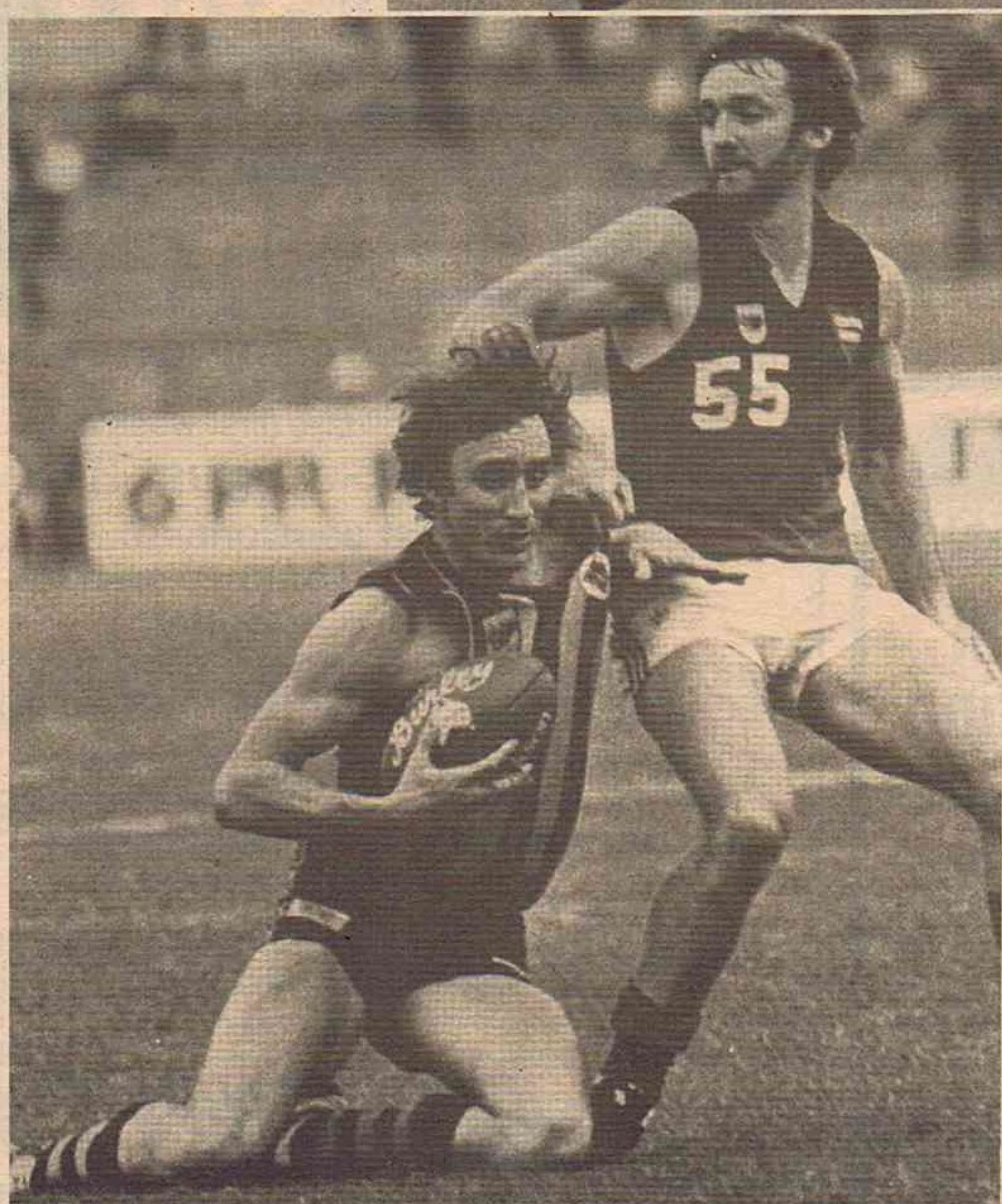
Warner face to face — without the ball.



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er pressure.



ABOVE and LEFT: Royals rookie Peter Rowe loses this battle with Lions forward Stephen Sells... but he wasn't giving in easily.

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# COLTS CORNER

BY TONY CARR

## FINAL FOUR CLIFF-HANGER

WITH two rounds to play, the colts final four will not be finalised until the last round on August 25.

Claremont and West Perth are vying for fourth place with the Tigers one game clear and a slightly better run home.

South Fremantle are certain to be one second semi final participant, but the other combatant is still undecided.

East Perth and Subiaco are both on 48 points, but the Royals' win over the Lions last Saturday suggests that the blue and blacks are more likely to get the double chance.

### BRIGHT LIGHTS

THERE hasn't been a lot to smile about at Lathlain Park during the 1980's, but Perth's future looks bright with the emergence of some promising youngsters.

Since the start of the season, 16 colts players have been promoted into higher grades. Of these, four have reached league ranks with the latest debutant being Shaun Valenta.

A product of the Roleystone Junior Football Club, Valenta won numerous fairest and best awards in the South Suburban junior competition.

In his short league career, Valenta has already shown his versatility by playing in both attack and defence.

### BIG FUTURE

BEING thrust into the football limelight early in a career has destroyed many prospective stars.

With this in mind, Perth officials are keeping a low profile on outstanding youngster Tony Watson.

The former Wesley College star has used his 195cm (6ft 5in) frame to dominate the ruck duels in the colts competition.

With an abundance of big men at Perth, Watson has played centre-half-forward in his three reserves games, showing great agility for someone his size.

He is in the Rhett Baynes mould and what a bonus for Perth if Watson can develop to the level Baynes has attained.

### ANOTHER STAR

EVERY season fans marvel at the magical skills of the many Aboriginal footballers.

Another player destined to continue this tradition is 17-year-old Grenville Ugle, who started the season in the Perth colts and is now firmly entrenched in the reserves side.

The youngster learnt his football in the tough country football atmosphere at Beverley. This experience gained by Ugle shows in his deft handball and brilliant reading of the play.



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# Handball title on the line

THE final of the Elastoplast handball competition will be held at the Mirrabooka shopping centre on Thursday, August 23 — with 12 hot-shot handballers lining up for the big prizes.

A total of \$1000 in cash and goods will be up for grabs as the young footballers play off in the final to wind-up eight weeks of activity at suburban shopping centres.

More than 500 youngsters — including a number of girls — have tried out in the heats at eight suburban shopping centres and some high-quality efforts resulted.

The boys will all be expected to handball with both hands in the final, which will start at 7.30pm.

The prizes up for grabs are:

FIRST: A \$250 voucher on the Tigers Sports store; \$250 cash to the winner's club or school, a \$100 trophy, plus a football.

SECOND: \$150 cash to the club or school plus \$100 voucher on Tigers Sports Store.

THIRD: \$100 cash to club or school, plus \$50 voucher on Tigers Sports Store.

There will also be Elastoplast products; available to win and plenty of minor prizes, for the finalists.

The finalists are expected to be at the Mirrabooka shopping centre's main display area at 7pm next Thursday.

They are — MIRRABOOKA: Kevin Woolmer, Chad East. PHOENIX: John Kelly. KARRINYUP: Kent Rayner. GARDEN CITY: Troy Eastman. WHITFORDS: Todd Bartle. MORLEY: Jason Bird, Daniel Clarke. MIDLAND GATE: Evan Myers, Jason Clarke. CAROUSEL: Brett Donnelly, Gavin Davidson.

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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.

FOR biting the hand that feeds him MAL BROWN collects this week's bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut Champagne. The South Fremantle coach has engaged in a running battle with members of the football media, who in the course of their duties, provide Brown with material to help fire up his players.

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R and I Bank executive David Fischer talks with schoolboys captain Stephen Hazel.

# STATE SCHOOLBOYS IN SYDNEY

THE WA State Schoolboys teams are currently in Sydney trying to win the 53rd national championships.

The team has played the Northern Territory, New South Wales and the ACT. They defeated the Northern Territorians 8.12 to 4.10. Their second game against N.S.W. saw them win 10.12 to 10.6 and last Monday they lost to the ACT. Their forthcoming programme is Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. They will return home next Sunday — hopefully as national kings.

The championship will be decided at the completion of a nine-day 'round-robin' competition amongst all States. WA last won the National title in 1973 when they drew with Victoria and in 1971 they lost it alone.

This year's side is coached by former

East Perth league captain John Dimmer and is managed by former South Fremantle veteran Gary Scott.

Following is a list of 25 players who are representing WA:

Shane Collie, Bradley Cope, Graham Garnaut, Stephen Hazell, Stephen Hill, Stephen Hooper (Subiaco), John Biggs and Frazer Bradford (Swans), Nathan Brooks and David Lovell (East Perth), Glen Bewick and Paul Sanzoni (West Perth), Dean Bertram (Perth), Guy McKenna (Claremont), Sean Jones (East Fremantle), Graham Stone and Darren O'Brien (Collie), Stephen Bazzo (Bunbury), Michael Chalmers (Bridgetown), Shane Stempel (Busselton), Richard Graham (Narrogin), Grant Hatch (Cunderdin), Peter Miller (Cowaramup), Tony Shaw (Kalgoorlie), and Craig Turner (Gingin).

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# Well known faces in Tigers camp

CLAREMONT probably have two of the best-known faces in the trainers' world with their head trainer Alan Shaw and his assistant Ron Chapman.

Pop Shaw, as he is known to several generations of Claremont players and supporters, is one of the game's most entertaining characters and has devoted himself to Claremont for many years. The Tigers camp have a State-wide reputation for enthusiasm, dedication and, above all, a high standard of expertise.

Claremont's league team manager, Roger Barns, a former East Perth committeeman, has had a long involvement in football and is one of the most efficient men in football when it comes to compiling records on players.



Alan (Pop) Shaw . . . a resolute Tiger stalwart.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

FOOTBALL is not only played out on the arena . . . there are many behind-the-scenes activities that contribute to our weekly battles.

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Westside Football cameras go behind-the-scenes and unveil some of the workers who keep the clubs ticking over in this continuing series.



Trainer John Winbridge



Don Hunt . . . another Tiger trainer.



Bootstudder Percy Smith.



Ron Chapman . . . his hands full.

### THE TIGERS LINE-UP

TEAM MANAGERS — League: Roger Barns. Reserves: Jim Cross. Colts: Austin Smith.

TRAINERS — Alan Shaw (head trainer); Ron Chapman (assistant); Peter Cassidy, Bill Sutherland, Phillip Barclay, Bill Kidner, Michael Barns, Merv Nitsche.

PROPERTYMEN — Jack Watkins, Don Hunt, John Winbridge.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST — Keith Bower.

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# VETERAN HELPERS IN SHARKS CAMP

EAST Fremantle's behind-the-scenes camp includes some well-known faces in WA sporting circles.

Heading the line-up of veterans would be property man Frank Dunham, whose sporting involvement is a 12-months of the year operation. If he is not at East Fremantle Oval tending to football needs, he is at the WACA Ground involved with cricketing commitments.

East Fremantle have taken their management of senior players a step further than most clubs with the appointment of Jim Hurst as senior team manager. His duties are more than those of the team managers of bygone days — he is closely involved with all aspects of the football lives of the senior players, ranging from helping them find jobs to making sure they all turn up on time for Saturday encounters.



Helping hands . . . property man Trevor Wilson (left) and trainer Doug Windsor with an armful of gear.

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### THE SHARKS PACK

TEAM MANAGERS: Seniors — Jim Hurst. Colts — David Spry.

TRAINERS — John Fisher (head trainer); David Vass, Gordon Hitchcock, Charles Cray, Doug Windsor, Bill Keenan, Keith Gundish, David Stark.

PROPERTYMEN — Frank Dunham, Ron Rose, Trevor Wilson.

DOCTORS — Neil Fitch, Graham Hartill.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST — Peter Howie.



Senior team manager Jim Hurst talks with George Christie.



Neol Wilson . . . doorman and general hand around the club.



Veteran propertyman Frank Dunham hands out a guernsey to Joe Pittorini.

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# Bunbury face finals crisis

**BUNBURY** are facing a crisis in the South West NFL after their loss to Collie last Sunday.

After a goal-for-goal affair all day, Collie turned in a powerhouse final quarter to run out winners 25.11 (161) to 15.11 (101).

It was Collie's 12-goal last term that sank the reigning premiers and Bunbury face a win-at-all cost clash with Harvey-Brunswick in the last qualifying game this Sunday.

Wingman John Sims led the assault on Bunbury in a brilliant exhibition of mid-field play when he out-shone three separate opponents on the day.

Other good players for Collie were Bruce Jackson in the ruck and Ken Hayward with six goals.

Bunbury will be hoping Phil Nash, Darren Skraha and Mick Shinner continue their good form this Sunday in the 'do-or-die' encounter at Payne Park.

### IMPROVEMENT

Carey Park continued to show improvement when they pushed premiership favourites Mines Rovers to within nine points.

Since Carey Park emerged from internal strife within the club, their band of enthusiastic youngsters have proven more than competitive and worried many top sides.

The low-scoring result was indicative of a low standard game and Mines' 12.20 could easily have been greater but for their inaccurate kicking.

Carey Park's 12.11 was enough to maintain interest in the game all day.

Defenders Graeme Carlson and Mal Cook were good players for Carey Park, while recruit Ross Prunster picked up many kicks from the centre for Mines.

South Bunbury continued their way to a grand final appointment with a crushing

26.18 (174) win over Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 9.10 (64).

Youngsters Peter Cransberg, Wayne Hardie and Brad McDougall were solid contributors for South.

Teal Cup players Cransberg (six goals) and McDougall (4) chipped in with many fine goals between them, while Hardie was a live-wire forward who also finished with four goals.

Other good players for Souths were rover Wayne Waterson, Clay Lewis and hard-working coach Gerrard McNeill.

Boyanup were well-served by Kim Allsopp and Kim Challis.

### BIG WIN

Harvey-Brunswick guaranteed themselves an appearance in the finals with a big win over bottom-side Busselton, 24.18 (162) to 8.11 (59).

Dom Trimboli with six goals, Glen Mitchell and Brian Needle with five each, led the goalscoring spree, while Peter Le Cras, Joe Cormack and Jeff Davidson set up the win with their mid-field control.

For Busselton Charlie Maiola playing his 50th game for the club was a good contributor with four goals.

Augusta-Margaret River survived a spirited Donnybrook side to keep their final-five prospects alive.

Augusta won the closely-fought encounter 16.7 (103) to 13.12 (90).

Graeme Adkin on a half-forward flank with six goals, Stewart Egan with three and Neil Earl with a four-quarter effort were good players for Augusta, while Alan and Grady Howlett were better players for Donnybrook.

## FINAL FOUR SET IN ALBANY

**SOUTH** Mt Barker's chances of qualifying for this year's finals ended last Sunday when Royals turned in a solid four-quarter effort to win the Southern Districts game-of-the-day, 20.7 (127) to 13.12 (90).

South's loss puts them out of the finals race and consolidates the top four in the Albany region.

Railways, Royals, North Albany and North Barker will contest the finals with keen interest to see who will emerge as the most serious threat to Railways.



MARK VALLI... settled with Railways.

## Kangas in big win

**KALGOORLIE** have firmed to outright favouritism for premiership honours in the Goldfields league with their bruising victory over top side Kambalda last weekend.

The Kalgoorlie Kangas stormed to favour for the title when they turned the game-of-the-day clash into a one-sided event to run out comfortable winners 17.18 (120) to 8.9 (57).

Mines continued their run towards a possible grand final appearance when they thrashed bottom side Boulder 24.20 (164) to 8.15 (65).

With three sets of home-and-away fixtures to play, the Goldfields competition takes on an aspect of unpredictability. The finals series promises to be an even affair.

# Mullewa slip on the way home

**MULLEWA** suffered a huge setback to their prospect of collecting back-to-back premierships when they went down to Towns in a thrilling encounter at Wonthella last Sunday.

Sitting on top of the table, Mullewa must now rebound from the two-point loss to reaffirm their 5/4 chance to wear the premiership crown again this year.

In a high standard of football, Towns held on to win the clash 19.18 (132) to 20.10 (130).

Chapman have fallen from the tight race for a final's berth when they lost to fifth placed Rovers.

Rovers won 15.14 (104) to Chapman's 11.14 (80).

Railways had a comfortable 56-point win over Northampton in what had promised to be the game of the Great Northern round.

The 15.20 (110) to 7.12 (54) win gives solid indication that Railways will be a force in the finals series due to start in the Geraldton competition in three weeks.

# Railways claim top spot

**RAILWAYS** have taken over top spot in the Upper Great Southern league to take outright favouritism for the 1984 premiership title.

Railways held on to win an enthralling encounter with Williams in the game-of-the-day clash.

The six-point difference between the two, who seem destined for a grand final clash, suggests there is little between the sides with on-the-day endeavour playing a major part in the result.

Railways could have made more of their chances but won 12.13 (85) to 12.7 (79).

Kevin Timms and Les Denholm were among the better players for Railways, while Greg Cavanagh and Paul Grundy were best for Williams.

### 12 GOALS

Richard Maine's 12-goal effort from full-forward led Boddington's crushing 26.24 (180) to 10.16 (76) victory over Cuballing.

The shining light for Cuballing was the brilliant seven-goal performance from 17-year-old Harold Webb.

Webb was promoted from the colts and his form suggests he will be a target for city talent scouts over the summer months.

The surprise result of the day was the close result in the Lake Grace-West Arthur clash.

Lake Grace, firmly entrenched in the top five, struggled to win 18.19 (131) to 17.8 (110).

For Lake Grace, veteran Barry Hughes

was in top form and had it not been for his inspirational play the premiership contenders may have suffered a major setback at this late stage of the year.

Pingelly can thank another brilliant goal-kicking performance from Basil Little for their 27.11 (173) to 19.18 (132) win over Towns.

Little has now booted 112 goals for the year and will pose a threat to all defenders in the finals series.

The other UGS fixture resulted in Wagin recording a hard-earned 38-point win over Wickiepin, 16.11 (107) to 10.9 (69).

## Railways clear in Avon

**RAILWAYS** gave a clear indication that they will be a difficult side to beat in the coming finals in the Avon Association when they dominated the top-of-the-table clash with Brookton last Sunday.

Railways turned in a powerful display to win 11.19 (85) to Brookton's 5.6 (36).

Other fixtures saw Federals in a big win over Beverley 30.18 (198) to 10.19 (79), York continue their good form when they beat Kellerberrin 17.22 (124) to 10.9 (69) and Cunderdin defeated Tammin 15.18 (108) to 6.8 (44).

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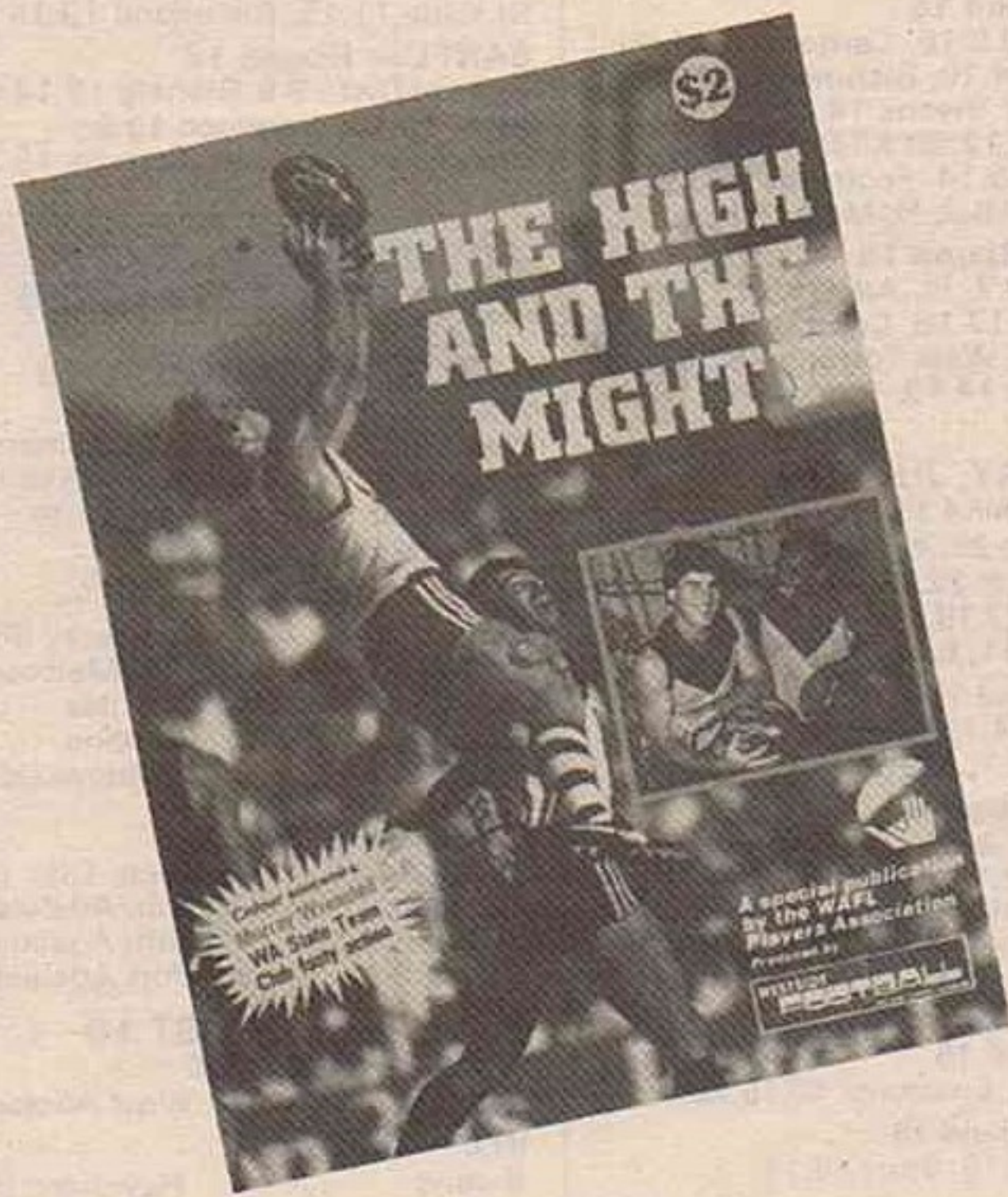
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**SUNDAY SCENE**

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

**Applecross crash out of the five**

IN a sensational turn of events last Sunday, Applecross crashed out of the top five for the first time this season making way for reigning premiers Kenwick to snatch a finals berth.

The Applecross Hawks looked safe in second spot just two weeks ago, but consecutive losses to Gosnells and Armadale has displaced them from the five and they face an almost impossible task to regain a place.

Armadale, on their home ground, held on in a pressure-filled final quarter to take the points that Applecross so desperately needed to end the Hawks' dream of a finals appearance.

In accurate kicking in the final term — and some controversial umpiring decisions — did not help the Hawks' chances of snatching victory and it was a disappointed Applecross camp after the game.

**CRAWFORD**

Ian Crawford was again a trendsetter for Applecross with eight goals. Crawford was the centre of controversy when he received some close attention from the Demons defenders in the dying stages of the game.

The only way Applecross can hope to regain their spot in the final five is for the upset of the season to occur in the Kelmscott-Kenwick clash, at John Dunn Oval on Sunday.

Kenwick pose a serious threat to other finalists and will not be about to conceive defeat to the out-of-form Kelmscott in such a vital clash.

The Kenwick Royals' recent form is an awesome reminder of their potential when the pressure really goes on and they must now be taken as serious contenders for back-to-back titles.

Applecross should account for old rivals Osborne park at Shirley Strickland Oval this Sunday but in their current frame of depression they may find the going difficult.

**REMOTE**

Mandurah have a slim chance of qualifying for the finals depending on results in other games, but it seems a remote possibility.

The Seaside's take on the powerful Willetton, at Willetton Reserve in their first hurdle and on form will struggle to cross the first leg in a chain of events that must occur for them to sneak into the finals.

Mandurah's enormous win over Rockingham gave them the necessary percentage taking them to within reach of the top five. But they lack the big man power to beat Willetton, who have warmed for their finals challenge with admiration.

Willetton's coach Jeff Trott is in brilliant form and with the support coming from Robert Poepjes, Kim Barrett, Mark Butler, Robbie Johnson and Co, they are not about to let Mandurah have any luxury win.

Trott has emerged as a leading contender for the Dr Bowden Medal as best and fairest player in the SFL.

Ken rivals Thornlie and Canning do battle at Thornlie Oval this Sunday in what promises to be a fierce encounter that Canning will use as finals toughening practice.

The Canning Tigers have demonstrated plenty of power in their run to a finals appearance and it does not look like ending with Thornlie.

Thornlie have traditionally bothered the Tigers, but history will not repeat itself this Sunday when Canning again show they are capable of being a real force in the finals series.

Another traditional clash taking place this Sunday is the Wanneroo-South Perth match at Kingsway Reserve.

The two former Wafa giants have had met in some epic encounters over the past decade with the Roos holding honours in the games that really count.

**INCONSISTENT**

Souths have been inconsistent this year, but regardless of premiership table placings, they have always been able to provide strong opposition to the Roos.

Coach Stuart Hillier will be aware of South Perth's ability to accept a challenge and will use the clash as a solid workout for their all important second semi-final next week.

In other fixtures this week Armadale and Gosnells should finish their seasons on bright notes with wins over Rockingham and Fremantle respectively, while kalamunda should earn a rest the following week with a big win over Kwinana.

The most interesting aspect of the clash at Medina Oval will be if Kalamunda's dynamic centreman Ric Ellard can collect further votes to enhance his prospects of challenging Trott for the Bowden Medal.

**PREMIERSHIP TABLE**

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KALAMUNDA	15	12	3	1900	1205	157.67	48
WILLETTON	15	12	3	1639	1213	135.11	48
WANNEROO	15	11	4	1744	1120	155.71	44
CANNING	15	11	4	1690	1168	144.69	44
KENWICK	15	10	5	1947	1209	161.04	40
Applecross	15	10	5	1788	1506	118.72	40
Mandurah	15	10	5	1809	1550	116.70	40
Armadale	15	9	6	1614	1430	112.86	36
Gosnells	15	9	6	1633	1510	108.14	36
Thornlie	15	7	8	1554	1515	102.57	28
Maddington	16	6	10	1425	1545	92.23	24
South Perth	15	6	9	1424	1581	90.06	24
Fremantle	15	4	11	1447	1651	87.64	16
Osborne Park	15	4	11	1049	1560	67.24	16
Kwinana	15	3	12	1261	1979	63.71	12
Rockingham	15	—	15	811	2598	31.21	Nil

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Stephen Michael . . . back in form.

## TIMELY RETURN

I HAVE always been a great admirer of Bulldogs ruckman Stephen Michael; he is one of the best players ever produced in Western Australia.

It is disappointing to see a champion like Michael performing at an average ability due to injuries that have plagued him all season.

Last Saturday saw glimpses of a return to his best which I'm sure brought smiles to Bulldog fans, but an ominous warning to opposing teams.

Michael has that rare ability to lead by example and can change the course of a game at any given time.

With his return to form and the fight for a finals berth between the Tigers and the Royals, football followers have plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks.

# Football on the inside

LAST Saturday I was invited for the second successive year to the grand final of the inter-prison football competition between Wooroloo and Canning Vale.

Canning Vale Bombers were the pre-game favourites and completed their second successive grand final win by beating a gallant Wooroloo.

My commitment began by being at Canning Vale Prison at 8.30am to give the pre-game address to the Bombers.

The players were very keen and as nervous as most teams, I have been involved with on grand final day.

The great thing about Australian football is that it caters for everyone and gives many thousands of people an involvement that creates a personal feeling of achievement.

These men, although confined to prison,

approach the game with great personal desire and commitment.

I couldn't help thinking that the greatest lesson for all players was actually put into practice on the field.

## PARAMOUNT

To succeed in any team game, self discipline is paramount. With self discipline, team discipline develops and that makes for successful teams.

Players have to run to assist, shepherd, block, tackle, commit their bodies and believe in their team-mates.

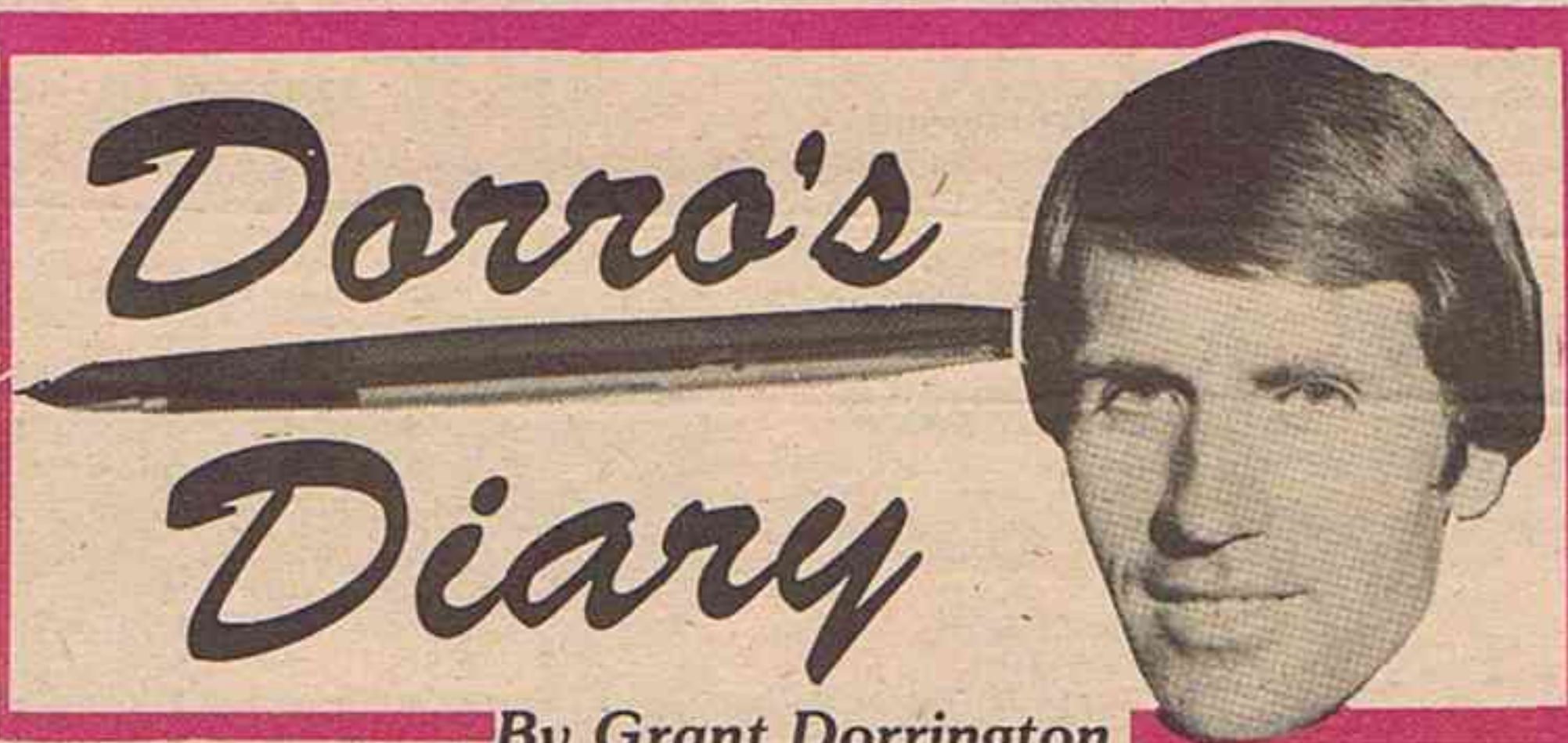
Many of these men have found it hard to

accept the disciplines of everyday life, but when it comes to sport they will literally 'die' for the team.

To the men at this grand final it was the ultimate. They could have been at Subiaco Oval, because the prison life stops for this sporting event.

It was also very evident that many of the players had outstanding skill and could play league football if they applied themselves.

The day was a great occasion for these men. I thoroughly enjoyed the game and, more importantly, the experience of meeting a group of men who, like me, love the game of Australian football.



By Grant Dorrington

## SPORTING LESSON

LIKE most people in Western Australia I spent countless hours watching the Olympic Games.

Whether you are a sporting fanatic like myself or just watched it for something to do, you cannot help but admire the effort put in by every competitor, no matter what sport they competed in.

These men and women have the one common attribute that unites all sports people — self sacrifice.

The stories that unfolded during the two weeks about how different competitors got to the Olympics and then went on to win, should have motivated every one watching to do the best they can at what ever sport they choose.

I wonder how many of our footballers and other young players have been able to obtain a message from the Olympics.

When you consider that Torvill and Dean train eight hours a day, every day of the week and Carlos Lopez, the marathon winner runs hundreds of kilometres a week all year, the sacrifice to training that Australian footballers are asked to put in is minimal.

## DISTRACTIONS

Unfortunately, modern times produce too many distractions for young footballers to achieve their best. Cars, night life and a general lack of emphasis on sport by families, has resulted in many youngsters looking for the easy road to the top. When they can't find it, they quit.

Junior football coaches have to spend more time teaching youngsters not only the skills, but more importantly the necessary attitude for them to get to the top.

It emphasises the need for a total investigation of our junior football age set-up. I firmly believe that competitive, or highly organised sport, should not start till the players are at least ten years old, so that by the time they are 16 they will be keen to 'go on' not be 'burnt out' due to commitments to training that start when they are six or seven years of age.

## TUNNEL VISION

ONE aspect of last Saturday's do-or-die clash between the Falcons and the Tigers that, in my opinion, contributed greatly to the Falcons' loss was 'tunnel vision'.

Too many West Perth players kicked or handballed to the first obvious lead instead of opening up their vision and giving the ball to the player in the best position.

Repeatedly players had fought for the ball only to give the Tigers an equal chance with poor delivery. The first leading player was given the ball, resulting in indirect play that contributed to the Falcons' losing any control they could have had on the game.

The old term "kick for grass" does not seem to be known. A long, well directed kick to open spaces can, in many cases, be more advantageous to developing patterns of play.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, they now have all summer to think about where and when their 1984 finals chances disappeared.

## A HARD DECISION

IT was great to see Barry Cable's side, North Melbourne thrash premiers favourites Hawthorn last Saturday.

Cable has had his share of problems throughout this season, but has shown great strength in rebuilding the Kangaroos.

I speak to Barry every week and can't help admire his positive approach to North Melbourne regaining power. He has mentioned the number of young players who he believes have great ability and, most importantly, 'team desire'.

Cable must be in an awkward situation not knowing whether to carry on as coach of the Kangaroos or return West.

Although he has achieved great amicability in the VFL, his heart still lies in the West, something that he won't take lightly when making his decision for 1985.



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