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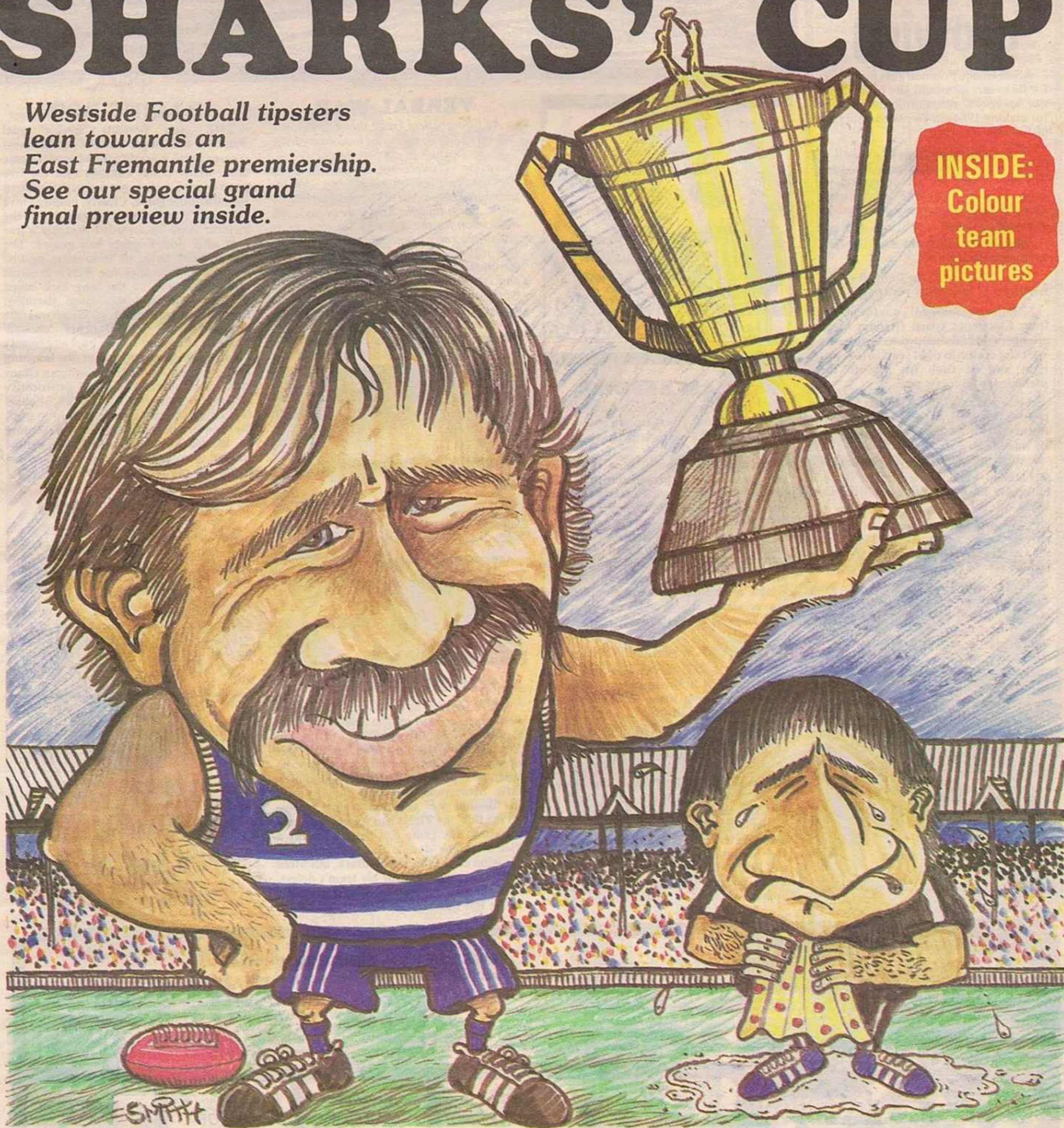


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By Don Henderson

Six years — and still growing

AS Westside Football goes into recess for this year, we would like to thank all our sponsors, columnists and readers for making 1984 another successful year of football coverage.

Our extensive coverage of football, as WA's only football paper, has been growing solidly for six years and we look forward to 1985 when some exciting new horizons are predicted for our national game.

Westside brought you many football firsts throughout 1984.

These are a few of the football stories we broke to our many readers:

* "We're not finished!" was the pledge from Claremont coach Graham Moss after his side had slumped to their worst start to a season in eight years. Moss was right and he took his side to the preliminary final last week.

* Our team was in Adelaide to witness one of the great days in WA football history when we beat South Australia by one point.

* Westside was close to the upheaval at Lathlain Park that led to the Perth Football Club not wanting Ian Miller in 1985.

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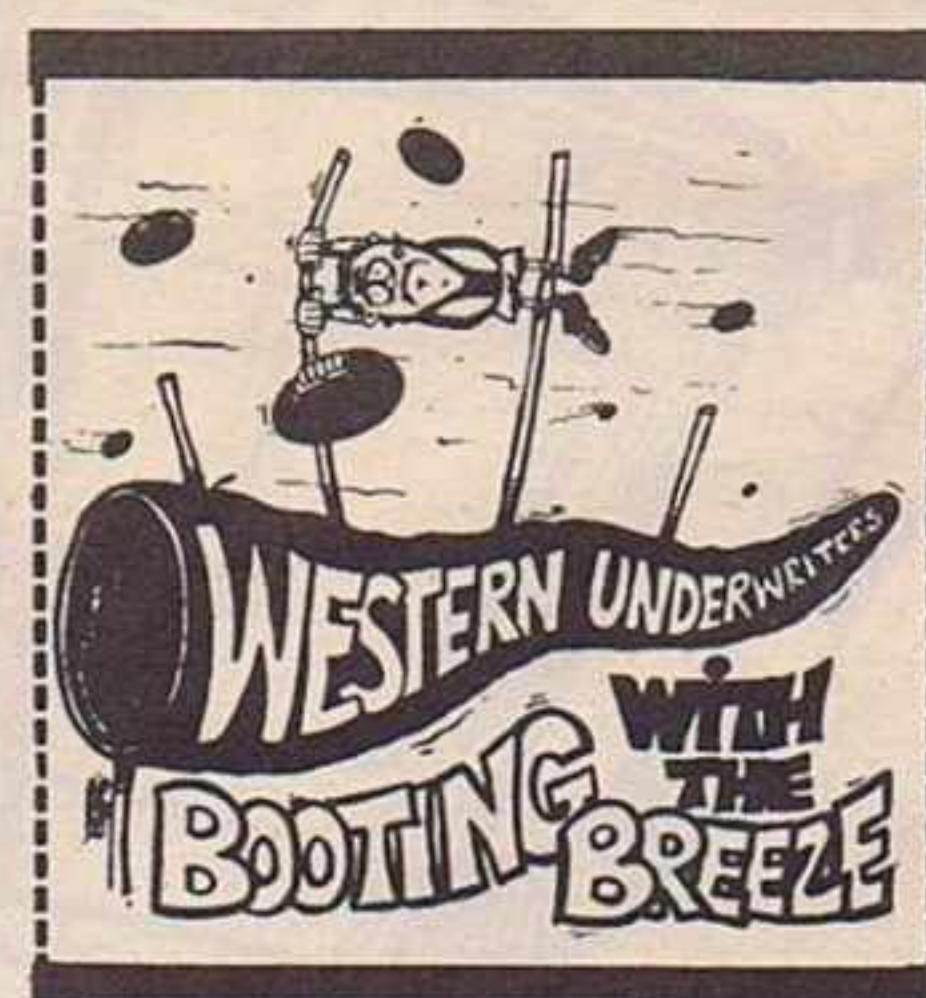
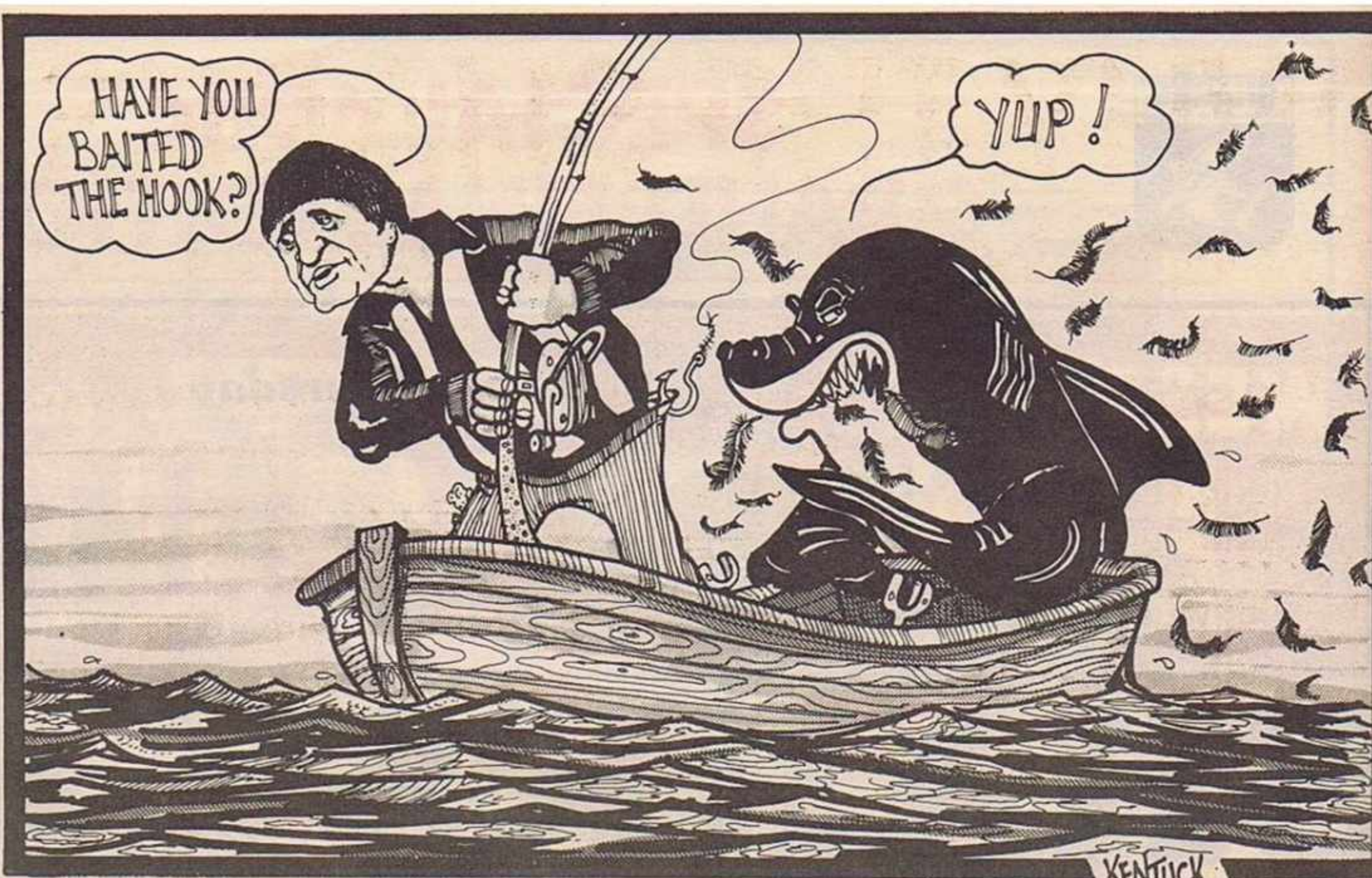
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CLAREMONT coach Graham Moss is a quality in the football game who...
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...of the 1984 season in pictures.



TEAM EFFORT

IT'S a real team effort at Swan Districts this year — and even former captain Stan Nowotny, now a media critic, has been part of the build-up for their crack at a third consecutive premiership. Stan (the Man) was the only media person able to beat the media ban placed on the players by coach John Todd. Nowotny had been training with Swans during the season and was out on the track again all last week while his media colleagues were stranded outside the fence. It must have given Nowotny great pleasure to hunt out Swans captain Keith Narkle after Saturday's win and interview him on air for 6IX. Wonder who he will be searching for this Saturday?

SHARKS MILESTONES

EAST FREMANTLE must have decided they did not need any extra incentive to help them win their second semi-final appointment two weeks ago. Officials discovered after the game had been successfully handled that three of their players had missed the opportunity to celebrate personal milestones. Coach Ron Alexander played his 150th league game in WA (98 with East Perth and 52 with the Sharks), while Roger Kerr and Colin Waterson played their 50th games for the club. Waterson played 13 games with VFL club Richmond, before joining the Sharks in 1982. Rugged defender/mid-fielder, Peter Wilson, will make his 50th league appearance for the Sharks this Saturday.

VERBAL WAR

ALL footballers know that Claremont's Allen Daniels has got a lot to say out on the field — and the preliminary final was no exception. Daniels, the match-winner in the first semi, was in good form with his tongue and he lashed the Swans players last week. But it backfired, mainly because his marksman for the day, Bill Skwirowski, is one of the game's quietest men and seldom gets ruffled or annoyed by other player's comments. He wore Daniels like a shadow and cut the most dangerous player in the game out of action. As Tigers coach Graham Moss said afterwards: "Daniels, unfortunately, let himself down by becoming involved verbally with the Swans players."



MIGHTY MOSSIE

FEW players have covered themselves with glory on and off the field as much as Graham Moss, the gentleman of the Big League. Moss seldom allows himself to get dragged into controversial comments, even when he is probably entitled to sound off a little. Moss surely felt hard done by with the 'double goal' situation against Swans. At the time the Tigers had fought their way back into the game and there was only a kick in it. The 'double goal' certainly took the wind out of the Tigers attack, but Moss wasn't blaming that for his team's defeat. "We still had our chances to win the game in the last quarter," he said.

RAGING ROO

THE Ron Boucher 'freebie' goal situation will linger as one of the most controversial umpiring decisions for some time. Many critics contend that the two goals Swan Districts got out of the incident won them the game. Clearly, umpire Dave Johnson was caught off-guard by the incident when he awarded Boucher a free kick after Jon Fogarty had goaled. The kick should have, in fact, gone against Boucher for shepherding Barry Beecroft out of the way as the long kick sailed through. But what was more alarming, from a sporting point of view, was the arrogant way that Boucher 'chested' Beecroft after the Fogarty goal and openly taunted his Tiger opponent by laughing right in his face — and throwing an elbow and a head butt! Boucher's provocative tactics were uncalled for and all Michael O'Connell was doing as he ran in to push the Swans ruckman away was preventing an incident where Beecroft was almost entitled to contravene the laws of the game by closing off Boucher's smile.

BIG ADMISSION

IT'S easy to make admissions after the event, we know, but one of John Todd's concessions about their finals form was an interesting insight to the black and whites camp. Talking about Swans' second semi loss and their subsequent recovery in the preliminary final, Todd said that winning (they had won seven on end going into the second semi) often breeds complacency. "If we had won the second semi I don't think we could have won the grand final," he said.

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League: SWAN DISTRICTS v EAST FREMANTLE — 2.20pm

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EAST FREMANTLE	L	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	...	14 WINS

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(As at 4 August)

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EAST FREMANTLE look set to collect their 26th premiership title at the expense of one of the most disciplined sides seen in WA football for many years.



JOHN TODD

Grand Final arrangements

STARTING TIMES

Colts 9.15am
Reserves 11.25am
League 2.20pm

GATES

All gates will be open by 9am. Please note that gates may be opened earlier if considered necessary.

ADMISSION PRICES PUBLIC RESERVE

Adults \$7.50. Children and Concessions \$2.50.

NOTE: Please note school tertiary student concessions do not apply for final round matches.

STANDING ROOM TICKETS

Standing room tickets are on sale at the Perth Entertainment Centre or the WAFL office or any of the eight league clubs. Please note that the total crowd for the grand final will be limited to 45,000. Any unsold standing room tickets will be available at the gate on the day of the match.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Special train and bus services will operate prior to and after match.

PARKING

All public parking areas adjacent to Subiaco Oval will be available. These areas include Mueller Park, Kitchener Park, Axon Park and Market Square.

PRESENTATION

At the end of the game the premiership team will be presented with special medallions and the premiership cup and pennant. The presentation will take place on the oval and the public are requested to co-operate by keeping off the playing arena.

Swan Districts coach John Todd has moulded his side into a hard-working unit who know how to turn solid team football into winning games.

However, the youthful enthusiasm and comradeship in the East Fremantle camp is set to be the undoing of Todd and the black-and-whites.

East Fremantle embarked on a plan of developing their youngsters when Ron Alexander arrived at East Fremantle Oval in 1982.

They topped that plan with the signing of one of WA's deepest thinkers in football, Murray Ward from Claremont, at the start of the 1984 season.

SIGHTS

Since East Fremantle lost last year's first semi-final to Swans by 59 points, they have had their sights firmly on a grand final appearance in 1984 and are not about to waste that day by being runners-up.

If the Sharks are to beat the undisputed champions of the 1980s they will rely on the same formula that has taken them into the big match appointment.

That formula includes having the tightest defensive zone in WA football, mid-fielders capable of dominating any game, explosive forwards and a rucking division with four options.

The Sharks defence is led by one of the hardest workers in the game in Shane Ellis, backed up by one of the smoothest operators in a back-line, Clinton Browning.

East Fremantle's centre line endeavours will be headed by a rising superstar and one of the best exponents of handball in modern football, Murray Wrensted, whose duel with Gerard Neesham should be a highlight of the day.

That duel may not eventuate if Alexander and Ward assign Stephen Green to the task of tagging Neesham.

DANGER

Neesham looms as a danger to East Fremantle's intentions of claiming the most prestigious award in football.

The cool-headed, precise delivery of the ball from Neesham was not evident in last week's preliminary but his record indicates he is most dangerous on an opposition when pressure is on him to perform.

Neesham is a big-match performer and will not string two bad ones together.

If East Fremantle have a question mark it is in their forward zone where they may have played their trump in the first encounter of the '84 series with the reigning premiers.

The performance of young full-forward Darren Bennett will have been closely watched by Todd and more particularly, veteran defender Tom Mullooly.

Bennett is sure to get plenty of attention from the Swans defence. It is unlikely that Bennett will be allowed to dominate proceedings as he did in the first clash when he booted seven goals.

But the Sharks have other options to Bennett.

All-Australian ruckman Paul Harding did very little in the second semi and John Nolan will be desperate for more opportunity than the four minutes of football he played on that day.



BY KIM HAGDORN

The big-man versatility East Fremantle have at their disposal will add to their cause of taking the flag and how Alexander coordinates the brigade will play a vital role in the outcome.

The key to the end result looms with the ability of the respective defensive units to withstand the constant pressure that will be applied by the pacy mid-fielders both sides possess.

The rival defences have played a major part in their respective teams performances throughout the year.

However both sides have the pace and skill in the mid-field to exert enough pressure to force the opposition to crack.

The Sharks' pace will be headed by Roger Kerr, Kevin Taylor, Mario Turco, Peter Wilson, David Rankin and Graham Kickett. All are capable of winning the match with their fine skills.

TEAM SKILLS

Swans will rely on their team-oriented skills for supremacy.

Neesham, Keith Narkle, Brad Shine, Jon Fogarty, Don Laingsford, Shane Renfree, Joe Ahmat and Steve Richardson will combat the Sharks pace and do it with admirable team co-operation.

Team-work is the key to Swans. Their half-back line will play a major part in deciding who claims honours at 5pm on Saturday.

From that line they develop so much of their forward play and across that line they have the best defender in Australia, Murray Rance.

Rance lined up at centre-half-forward last week to demonstrate his versatility, but Todd is sure to use the elegant skills of Rance at half-back with Tony Solin and his ruck-rovers changing on the flanks.

The presence of Peter Sartori in the Swans side will also be a problem to East Fremantle.

However, the Sharks are ready to claim the premiership — and perhaps win the last WAFL premiership as we know it.



Swans champion Murray Rance — poses a threat to East Fremantle's plans to claim the 1984 premiership on Saturday.



Murray Ward and Ron Alexander

DOUBLE REASON FOR RON

EAST FREMANTLE coach Ron Alexander will be doubly desperate for success in Saturday's grand final.

In his third year at the helm of the Sharks he takes a team into a grand final for the first time.

The match could also mark the end of a long illustrious playing career that has seen the talented ruckman leave his mark in two States.

After 98 games with East Perth, Alexander joined VFL club Fitzroy where he played 133 games before returning to take up his appointment at East Fremantle.

Alexander's contract with the Sharks expires at 5pm on Saturday and he has made no firm decisions on his future.

When he arrived at East Fremantle Oval in 1982 he began a two year term and at the start of 1984 he signed a one year agreement.

The Sharks' signing of Murray Ward to provide valuable guidance to Alexander has played an enormous part in East Fremantle being in their current position of grand finalists.

Of his pending retirement Alexander says: "I'll just have to weigh up the situation after the season."

"The only thing that has been on my mind has been our build-up to the grand final."

"In making a decision whether to continue playing I will consider my family. I would like to keep involved in football and certainly would look at a non-coaching position if I decide not to keep playing."

Whether Alexander can gather the necessary enthusiasm to go through the pre-season programme and then the toil of the weekly routine of league football will have a bearing on his decision to play next year or not.

He is anxious to continue in a non-playing coaches capacity, if the situation arises.

After 14 years of league football, 283 games (his 150th game in WA was played on second semi-final day) and 10 State games (nine with WA and one with Victoria), Alexander could be satisfied with his innings.

Hard work is a characteristic of his play and nature.

Saturday could be the finest hour of a long career and regardless of the outcome the 'big Shark' will be remembered as one of the game's real characters.

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BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Yes, Roo was just trying to help...

SWAN DISTRICTS tough-man Ron Boucher is having a terrible trot in the finals... despite being awarded a gift goal and being exonerated by the WAFL tribunal.

It seems that Big Ron's co-ordination, no doubt through lack of match practice, isn't quite what it should be.

Take the second semi-final for instance. Big Ron attempted to catch a bothersome fly on the chin of East Fremantle's Gavin Wake, but he missed by a mile.

Then he tried to get his elbow out of the way as Peter Wilson charged after the ball. Unfortunately Wilson didn't have as much regard for Boucher's elbow as the Swans ruckman had for the East Fremantle player's head.

It resulted in a clash of elbow and neck, which must really have hurt poor old Ron.

Or is it that other players don't appreciate the help Ron tries to give them?

On Saturday, Claremont's Barry Beecroft seemed to have trouble grasping a lesson from Big Ron on how not to annoy an opposing player.

Big Ron, displaying his usual compassion to opponents, spent quite a bit of time, before he kicked his controversial goal in the last quarter, showing Barry what not to do. But he just didn't seem to get the message.

You could see how frustrated Ron had become. But nice guy that he is he decided one last time to show Barry a few tricks of the trade by flashing an elbow and then giving an example of a head butt.

It's just as well they're not as slow on the uptake at Claremont as Barry. Michael O'Connell, who obviously comes from quite an erudite family, had no trouble understanding what Ronnie was on about. He gave Roo a gentle push to show Barry just what Ron expects from an opponent.

Unfortunately, Big Ron neglected to tell goal umpire Ron Poole how helpful he was trying to be to Barry. Field umpire Dave Johnson obviously knew Ron was merely trying to pass on his talents to Barry. He gave him a reward for his diligence and consideration.



WASTING HIS TIME

Even the Tribunal got it right. It realised Ronnie was wasting his time on the Claremont players. They didn't even appreciate his demonstration of a head butt.

Perhaps the East Fremantle players will be quicker on the uptake should Ron play this week. But they'll need to be quick. There won't be a second chance as he has announced he will retire after the grand final.

So they, and other players in the WAFL, won't have the opportunity to pick up a few tips from Ron how not to be ungentlemanly on the football arena. Can he help it if people just keep running into him all the time? After all he is a big bloke.

NOT THE SAME

It just won't be the same without Roo. He could very well put club trainers and doctors from opposing clubs out of business.

Perhaps he could make the occasional guest appearance in the WAFL after he retires, if only to show the medicos the kind of broken bones that can be suffered if players don't learn how to avoid running into people like Ron.

Some players are keen to learn from him. Take Kevin Taylor. Did you notice how hard he tried in the second semi-final to get Ron to show him how to clout someone.

Incidentally, if you happen to see me walking around with a big lump on the side of my face, it will be because my tongue is firmly into the side of my cheek. I hope it's not a legacy from big Ron showing me that his timing has improved since I last saw him in action.

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OUTSIDE HELP SAVES WAFL

THE paymaster out at League headquarters should be sending a little cheque out to a certain Swan Districts person this week. It should be marked 'Entertainment Value' and it refers to the person who wears that outlandish Swan costume as part of Canberra TV's sponsorship of the reigning premiers. If the Swanees had not shown a bit of initiative and dashed out to the middle of Subiaco Oval last Saturday, dancing and prancing around those lovely Tigerettes, the pre-game entertainment would have been a bit flat. What's going on out at League headquarters? Two weeks in a row we are blasted by helicopters and invaded by SAS troops — and then, when the finals start to get warmer, we are served up nothing pre-game. The reserves preliminary final finished early last week and there was a blank spot of about 15 minutes before the senior boys arrived to do their bit. It would have been a bit embarrassing for the League if the 20,000 fans didn't have the Swan to laugh at.

NUMBERS GAME

PRE-GAME tacites are becoming more and more confusing and the practice of clubs taking 21 players — or even more as in Swans' case last week — out onto the ground before the match makes life difficult for those who like to know exactly who is in the 20. When you have three players, or up to six, go into the dug outs, you don't really know who the reserves are until they come onto the ground — which could be in the second or third quarters. Maybe the scoreboard could flash up the names of the reserves as they walk off the ground. And what about Claremont? They even had Bruce Monteath show off his linament-covered arms in his short-sleeved guernsey to confuse Swans (and everybody else) before he donned the runner's gear.

SCOREBOARD WOES

TALKING about that infamous electronic scoreboard and the outdated one across on the wing... why can't we have progressive scores from the VFL finals? Many people at Subiaco Oval are interested in the VFL finals even if our league officials try to discourage active interest in the big white Vee. Why can't the old scoreboard, which is used for race results and preliminary games scores, carry progressive scores from Victoria? After all, I counted seven people in the old scoreboard having a good look at the game last week...

MASSED MIX-UP

TALKING about colour, wasn't it disappointing to see the brass band parading before the game last week with a mixed-up assortment of uniforms? It seems as though there were a couple of bands together, wearing different uniforms. Maybe when they have two or three bands, they should stay in their own group.

MEDIA MESSAGE

HERE'S a message for all media personnel — and there's enough of them in the Press box at finals time! We know that media men always read this column to make sure they get a mention, so this message will hit home. If you are caught mis-using your WAFL media pass this Saturday, you will not get one next year.

COLOUR-LESS

SOMEONE is trying to take the colour out of our finals football! Did you notice the security guard patrolling inside the arena last week making sure that eager fans were not draping their scarves, flags or streamers over the fence? Sure, the sponsors pay good money for those signs. But the fans do keep the game alive with their loyalty.

TIMES CHANGE

FEW Swan Districts fans of long standing could forget the massive frame of Fred Castledine, one of the game's real tough men of a bygone era. But it seems as though times do change quickly. Big Fred wasn't able to get past the doorman on the Swan Districts room before last Saturday's preliminary final. It was only when a senior official came along and told the young man that here was one of the club's all-time greats.

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BOSUSTOW RECOVERS

PERTH'S Peter Bosustow may have been quiet lately but he has not been silenced altogether. 'Buzz' is making a slow, but sure, recovery from the unfortunate accident that resulted in his missing the last five games of the year with a badly lacerated right wrist. Bosustow is likely to be out of action for six months as the arm regains strength. He faces some hard work to build the arm up and he says he will not be ready for action until about March or April. The brilliant Bosustow put his arm through a plate glass window in frustration after Perth had been soundly beaten by Subiaco at Lathlain Park on July 21.

MORE THOUGHTS ON THE GRAND FINAL

SOME of WA's leading football identities share their feelings on who will take 1984 premiership honours. Most agree that Saturday's clash will be close and found it difficult to confidently predict a winner.

East Perth's dual Sandover Medallist, Peter Spencer says: "It promises to be one of the all-time great grand finals. There is no way East Fremantle will get the start they enjoyed in the second semi-final and Swans will be ready for them. Swans have the finals experience, but the week off is sure to have freshened up the Sharks. I simply could not pick a winner."

Former West Perth coach and ABC commentator Dennis Cometti says: "East Fremantle will win the 1984 premiership. They have impressed me with the way they played against West Perth this year and the way they won the second semi-final was particularly impressive."

Claremont coach Graham Moss, whose side went down to Swans last week, says: "Swan Districts have the mental toughness to win. A number of times last week we looked ready to get on top, but Swans had the ability to re-group and regain the ascendancy. However, you cannot ignore what East Fremantle did to Swans in the first clash, but I think that may be a one-off situation."

The only other man to have coached Swan Districts to premiership titles,



Bunton



Bosustow

Haydn Bunton, says: "Swan Districts will have too much experience for East Fremantle in the grand final. East Fremantle will not get the jump they did in the second semi-final."

East Perth coach Greg Brehaut says: "I have thought Swans were the side to beat all through the finals series and I will stick with that conviction. The finals experience of Swans will prove to be the difference. But East Fremantle proved, with their second semi-final performance, that they have the commitment to want to win the flag. If East Fremantle lose, they will be very unlucky as they would be worthy premiers."

Wal Maskiell, the president of last week's losing preliminary finalists, Claremont, says: "Swan Districts coach John Todd has the ability to bring the best out of his disciplined side in finals. Swans should win, however East Fremantle will prove formidable opposition."

Perth's mercurial Peter Bosustow, who was a member of Carlton's 1981 and 1982 premiership wins, says: "Claremont were robbed of a grand final appearance by the Boucher incident. Boucher could turn this into one of the bloodiest games for many years in his current frame of mind. My heart says East Fremantle, but if anyone can get the best out of footballers it is John Todd. If East Fremantle can withstand the buffeting Swans will give them early, they could win."

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Cometti has set things going at WP

IT IS a pity that Dennis Cometti decided not to continue with West Perth as I feel he was ready to reap the benefit of some good work with the Falcons. He has developed a fine crop of young players at Leederville and whoever gets the job next year is probably going to gain the success Cometti deserves. West Perth are about to embark on a fruitful few years with the personnel they have developed this year. They have some of the most exciting prospects in the game and if WA football remains in its present concept, they could be a force for some time to come.

STILL SWANS

WITH predictions proving pretty evenly spread for this week's big grand final, I must stick with Swans. Even after the second semi-final, when East Fremantle caught Swans on the hop, I am not convinced the Sharks have sufficient talent to beat the reigning premiers. In fact, the loss could be a blessing in disguise for Swans. They had won seven straight and the second semi loss will have helped re-gained their team play and desire that may have become complacent with so many consecutive wins.

FAIR GO

THERE has been a lot of discussion about Ron Boucher receiving a second free kick in the last quarter of the preliminary final. If the rule remains that a second free kick can be given after a goal has been kicked, why can't the kick be taken from the centre of the ground. It seems like a fairer way of coming to a compromise for all concerned. The team being infringed still gets the bonus of possession and there is not the added disadvantage of another goal. It has happened three times this year and too often it has had an enormous psychological disadvantage to the team offending. The kick from the centre is fairer.

WELL DONE, BILL

THIS might appear a little 'one-eyed', but I was very impressed with little brother Bill's performance against Hawthorn in the VFL second semi-final last Sunday. Bill has had a top year with Essendon and topped off the consistency by being named in the Sun newspapers All-Stars team at full-back. Last Sunday he was given the unenviable task of watching Leigh Matthews, who is undoubtedly one of the best players in Australia and Bill kept him to three goals which I thought was a tremendous effort.

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Marshall proves his worth

MANY critics felt that Ken Marshall was lucky to be included in the Swan Districts final 20 — especially with a couple of nippy goalkickers like Kevin Caton and Alby Smith missing out. But coach John Todd had plenty of faith in the former Subiaco player, particularly in his ability to rise to the occasion at Subiaco Oval. Marshall started in the interchange dugout, but was soon brought into action in the second term as Swans floundered in attack. He flashed across the half-forward line to mark strongly towards the end of the term and brought up a confidence-boosting goal. From then on the often-unpredictable Marshall was riding high in attack, grabbing six more marks and kicking two more goals. However, with a little more accuracy, he could have finished with better figures than his 3.5.

ON TARGET

IT'S not often a player finishes high up the merit order when he only has six kicks for the game — but Stephen Goulding did in the first semi-final when he posted six straight goals. And last week he looked like continuing that form when he brought up goals with his first two kicks. Both shots were steered in cleverly with the tricky breeze in the first term. But his conversion rate slipped when he posted a point and he finished with 3.1 from his eight kicks.

WHISTLE STOP

CLAREMONT'S Mike Aitken kicked his team's seventh goal from deep on the boundary line — with very little opposition. Team-mate Steve Goulding had kicked the ball off the side of his boot and it was heading for the boundary line deep in the pocket. Most players pulled up as the ball rolled towards the line — except Aitken, who chased it all the way and found himself picking it up as it stopped inside the line. Aitken, uncontested, turned around and snapped a left foot to keep Claremont in the game.

CLEVER CHIP

TIGER star Allen Daniels couldn't repeat his first semi-final goalkicking effort, but he did feature in one classic goal that would have served him proud on the golf course. David O'Connell kicked the Tigers' fourth goal, but it came after Daniels chipped a neat little soccer out of a pack into the path of a running Darrell Panizza, who drove the ball into the forward line.

BULLDOG'S BACK

BULLDOG Brad Shine regained some of his best big-game form with a strong effort in the preliminary final . . . and one of his two goals was classic Shine. The tough ruck-rover had gone back against an advancing pack to retrieve the ball and then elude some Claremont defenders before producing an excellent left foot snap shot to bring up the team's 11th goal.

FINALS TALLIES

Steve Goulding (C)	9.1
Allen Daniels (C)	8.6
Darren Bennett (EF)	7.1
David O'Connell (C)	6.0
Steve Richardson (SD)	4.1
Ken Marshall (SD)	3.5
Don Holmes (SD)	3.3
Brent Hutton (SD)	3.3
Barry Kimberley (SD)	3.2



Michael Brennan . . . one of the Sharks' tough defenders.

Brennan has touch of class

TO WIN any game of football, a side must have hard, close-checking defenders with an ability to turn their defensive role into attack.

East Fremantle have been well served by their defenders all season with all of them willing to run the ball downfield for the benefit of the side.

Young Sharks half-back Michael Brennan is no exception to the cohesive way Easts have combined in defence to become the most respected back-line in WA.

Brennan has shown a healthy willingness to back his judgement and attack the ball in an effort to avoid his immediate opponent gaining possession.

His superb skill and graceful poise when approaching the ball have marked him a definite player of the future and Saturday's grand final appointment with the Swans half-forward line could enhance that reputation.

Brennan has had a magnificent introduction into league ranks.

He was impressive throughout 1983 in his debut year and this year as a mere 19-year-old has produced form and skill of a veteran.

The positive approach Brennan has to his defensive duties and the co-operation with which the entire East Fremantle defence go about their task, is a key to the Sharks prospects of success on Saturday.

The development of Brennan has come a long way in just two seasons.

He is a product of Ron Alexander's philosophy of promoting youth and this Saturday pits his enthusiastic desire for success against some of the most experienced forwards in WA.

The experience is sure to add further weight to Brennan's growing reputation and will make him a better player in years to come.

Former VFL and WAFL star, Sandover Medallist, and now Perth Coach.



IAN MILLER

Questions for both teams

SWAN Districts go into their fourth consecutive grand final with the opportunity and incentive to make it three in a row. They have the finals experience and have made it this year with persistence without really putting it all together in either of the two finals appearances. If they can produce that four-quarter effort it will be too much for East Fremantle. Can East Fremantle produce the same quality performance this week as in the second-semi? If they don't, they can't win. Ron Alexander's on-field leadership will have a big influence on his enthusiastic and emotional team. It will be no place for the "faint hearted" and the week's break can give East Fremantle that slight edge in what should be an even contest. Will East Fremantle make it premierships in 1974, 1979, 1984? — a five-year plan!

WRONG DECISION

I BELIEVE we spend too much time and attention on umpires in our game but I couldn't pass this week without comment on umpire David Johnson, one of WA's brightest umpiring prospects. I believe he erred badly with his interpretation of the rule which allowed him to award Ron Boucher a free kick and second goal to Swan Districts in a vital last quarter and impose an unnecessary penalty on Claremont in last week's final. Football is a physical game at any time but at finals time it is even tougher as the emotion and "stakes" are very high. There is no prize for second! I wouldn't like to see the repercussions if such a decision for the same incident was given in a grand final and the penalised side lost by less than six points? Consistency in performance is the hallmark of good players, good teams and good umpires.

"BULLDOG" BONUS

SWAN Districts are to be congratulated for their sheer "persistence" last week to get back and win the game when Claremont had taken all before them and had more than their opportunity to win from midway through the second-quarter. One player who I believe really set the trend from that midway mark was Brad "Bulldog" Shine. I thought his physical "commitment" at any cost for the team was magnificent. Brad has had an indifferent year due to illness, injury and poor form but last week he gets full marks for his inspirational effort.

TWIN SUCCESS

LAST weekend was a great weekend for both Steve (SD) and Mike (Collingwood) Richardson. Both played key roles in their respective sides victories. I was most impressed with Steve's disciplined performance against Claremont. He defended well and not only cut Michael Mitchell out of the game but became very much an "attacker" for Swan Districts. Early in the season I didn't believe Steve used his ability to the best advantage at all times. Last week he really had his mind on the job.

NEXT YEAR

THIS YEAR has been a great season for football in WA on and off the field, and with the likelihood of a national competition on our doorstep and four coaching positions needed to be filled, 1985 is already shaping up well. As our game continues to change I look forward to being involved next year at a club or media level.



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STEVE Richardson has been a real bonus for Swan Districts this season after spending time in two States before settling in at Bassendean.

Richardson found his first niche in Queensland where he spent two seasons playing for Mayne in the Brisbane senior competition in 1980 and 1981.

It was good form in the sunshine State that led to his spending two years with VFL club Essendon.

Although Richardson did not find a regular berth in the Bombers senior side, the experience of being associated with one of the most powerful teams in Australia taught Richardson much about football.

Swan Districts put the finishing touches on Richardson's development this year with responsibility that has led to the talented follower/forward becoming one of their key figures in the 1984 premiership quest.

Richardson commands respect from opposition players for his amazing stamina and aggressive approach to gaining possession.

Steve Richardson

He is a hard-working player who does many of the little basic things that coach John Todd asks of his players.

Richardson attributes his consistent year to the guidance Todd has given him.

Richardson learned plenty from some of the nation's best players while at Essendon, but believes Todd helped turn him into a good player.

There is no doubting Richardson's ability and potential to be a key player with the black and whites for years to come.

But for the time being, Swan fans are going to be content if he can take his great 1984 form into Saturday's big game.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Steve Richardson
Date of Birth: 16/3/59
Place of Birth: Perth
Height: 180cm (5'11")
Weight: 78kg (12.4)
Previous club: Essendon
Occupation: Physical Education instructor with Laurie Potters
Major awards: None
Marital status: Single
Hobbies: Water sports
Other sporting interests: Cricket and tennis
Favourite actor: Clint Eastwood
Favourite movie: Apocalypse Now
Favourite food: Spaghetti Bolognese
Favourite drink: Beer
Nickname: Richo
Why: Shortened from surname
Favourite Book: Newspapers and magazines
Car: Datsun 280 ZX
Career highlight: My first VFL game last year against Melbourne
Worst moment in football: Getting beaten by Victoria in a game I played for Queensland three years ago. They beat us by 15 goals.

Hard things in football: Coping with disappointments.
How do you mentally prepare for a game: I do not follow a set routine and I tend not to think too much about the game
Football idols: Simon Madden and Terry Daniher
Ambitions: To win this year's grand final and keep playing as long as I possibly can
Advice to youngsters: Practice your skills and listen to your coach. That is basic advice but you must follow the basics if you intend to make it.
First league position: Wing
Current position: Ruck-rover/half-forward
Favourite position: Anywhere, I just love being in the side
Biggest influence on your career: Kevin Morris (Essendon reserves coach)
Games played: 24
League debut: 1983 Essendon, 1984 Swan Districts.
Guernsey number: 20



WHEN Colin Waterson made his league debut for VFL club Richmond in 1978, a lengthy career in the VFL looked a rosy prospect for the 19-year-old ruckman.

But three frustrating years later Waterson was a disillusioned man wondering where he might finish up.

So it was a timely approach from East Fremantle that resulted in Waterson making the biggest decision of his life — he crossed the Nullarbor to start what has turned out to be a mutually happy existence with the Sharks.

Waterson has played an enormous part in the Sharks becoming a football force during the reign of Ron Alexander.

Whether camped at centre-half-forward or using his tremendous stamina around the ground, Waterson is an essential part of the Sharks premiership plans for 1984.

Waterson has found a consistency this year that has not been a part of his game in the past.

An aspect of the Sharks winning formula is their ability to run the ball from defence, through the centre of the ground and into attack — and it is usually Waterson who provides that avenue into the scoring zone.

Colin Waterson

His high marking and astute knocking of the ball on to the smaller running players makes him such an important cog in the Sharks machine.

Waterson is a model for the younger Sharks players — and they have plenty.

The quiet, but confident Waterson is always willing to assist his team-mates whether on the training track or on the field and he is willing to do the little things so the team will benefit.

Waterson has no regrets about the decision to come to Perth in an effort to establish himself as a regular league footballer.

But to eclipse the shaded past of uncertainty and inconsistency, he has a burning ambition — to be part of an East Fremantle premiership on Saturday.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Colin Waterson
Date of Birth: 25/6/59
Place of Birth: Wycheproof (Victoria)
Height: 193cm (6ft 4in)
Weight: 80kg (12.8)
Previous Club: Richmond
Occupation: Bank Officer
Major awards: Fairest and best Richmond reserves 1980.
Marital status: Single
Girlfriends name: Peta Cowan
Hobbies: Sporting activities
Other sporting interests: Water skiing and tennis.
Favourite actor: Charles Bronson
Favourite food: Steak
Favourite drink: Orange juice
Nickname: Kanga
Why: I don't know where it came from I've just been called Kanga for a long time.
Favourite book: I don't read all that much.
Car: Commodore.

Career highlight: Being selected in the Richmond side for the 1980 qualifying final.
Worst moment in football: Only getting onto the ground for three minutes of that final.
Hard things in football: Being consistent
How do you mentally prepare for a game: I like to think about the game as much as I can and think of what I can do for the side.
Football idols: Francis Bourke and Kevin Sheedy.
Ambitions: To play in an East Fremantle premiership side this year.
Advice to youngsters: Be prepared to do lots of hard work.
First league position: Ruck
Current position: Centre-half-forward
Favourite position: Centre-half-forward
Biggest influence: Don Devanport. He was my first Under 19 coach at Richmond.
Games played: 63
League debut: 1978
Guernsey number: 20.

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Browning after another flag

THE last grand final Clinton Browning played in was in 1979 — the same year as East Fremantle's last flag — when he lined up at full-forward for Mingenew.

His home town club won the game over a more favoured Morowa side and Browning kicked six goals out of his team's 10 for the day.

Browning remembers the day well. It poured with rain for the entire game and Morowa, who Mingenew had not beaten all year, booted an incredible 4.28 to literally throw the title away.

The talented country player came to Perth in 1980 to start what has become a healthy relationship with the Sharks.

He made his league debut in 1981 as a promising forward, but it has been as part of a machine-like Sharks defence that has won him State squad selection over the past two seasons.

SPOILING

Browning's dashing skills and brilliant overhead marking and spoiling skills has marked him one of the most reliable defenders in WA football.

His ability to cut key players out of a game and his superb use of the ball when he gathers possession makes him one of the most important players in East Fremantle's prospects of success this Saturday.

Being a member of the State squad — but missing selection at the last moment — has been disappointing for the skilful defender. But he sees the experience as being an advantage to him in the finals.

Browning says: "Being in the squad gave me an insight into how top players think and you get to know the character of players you come up against in the finals."

After such a consistently good year, Browning looms as a danger-man for any forward in Saturday's clash.

It would be fitting for Browning, after missing the opportunity to play in big game interstate matches, that he turn the biggest day of his career into a memorable occasion.

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BATTLE FOR TOP UMPIRE

AS the season draws to an end interest surrounds the announcement of the umpire of the year awards. The prize for being voted WA's top field umpire is a fabulous trip for two to London. The awards will be announced next week at the WAFL by the State manager for Ampol, Mr Tony Rapson. Ampol sponsor the umpires for which the Umpires' Association is grateful. Leading contenders for the major prize will be Mike Ball, Dave Johnson, Ron Buckley, Reg Salis (most improved umpire for 1984) and Brian Hearne.

At the same function, prizes of \$800 will be awarded to the leading boundary and goal umpires. Those expected to be in the running to collect the Ampol title as best boundary umpire for the year are Grahame Daniels, Clay Shimmion, Greg MacDonald, David Ross, Craig Curtis and Geoff Samuels.

The goal umpire's award is expected to be decided between Max Hale, Colin Raynor, Paul Smith, Robyn Dalby, Neville Lewis and Ron Poole.

FINAL SHOW

AFTER Saturday's grand final, the umpires will let their hair down at the annual dinner-dance at the Beau Rivage Room at Gloucester Park. It has always been a highlight of the social calendar for the umpires and this year promises to be no exception.

BIG TALLY

THERE were 15 field umpires used in league ranks during 1984 with two making their debut. Len Cooper and Colin Shawcross were introduced to senior ranks this season from a panel of 40 umpires who have controlled the league, reserves and colts matches.

COUNTRY STAR

LITTLE mention is ever made of performances of country umpires. However, the efforts of Greg Kelly in the two semi-final matches he controlled in the Upper Great Southern NFL last weekend were highly commended. Kelly spent the weekend in the country where he controlled the first semi in Wagin on Saturday and then the second semi-final in Narrogin on Sunday. Kelly is a brother to footballing pair Phil and Lance. With the excellent way he controlled the two big games last week Greg seems destined for big things himself.



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Milestone day for the Sharks

EAST FREMANTLE will record their 100th victory against Swans if the Sharks win the grand final on Saturday.

Swans win over the Sharks in round 19 was also a milestone for them — it was their 50th win against East Fremantle.

This week's grand final contestants represent the most experienced final round club and the least experienced.

Admittedly, East Fremantle have had a 30-year start on Swans but the Sharks have played in 143 finals to the black-and-whites 32.

There were no finals before 1904 (Swans came into the WAFL in 1934). Here's how all clubs have fared in finals over those 80 years.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
East Fremantle	143	79	2	62
East Perth	102	55	1	46
West Perth	93	39	2	52
South Frem	89	45	1	43
Perth	75	34	1	40
Subiaco	50	20	—	30
Claremont	40	20	1	19
Swan Districts	32	18	—	14

FIFTY-FIFTY

NOW let's get the record straight. East Fremantle have been premiers 25 times and runners-up 24 times, but that doesn't mean that this week is their 50th grand final.

There was no final round when they went premiers in 1900, 1902 and 1903 and runner-up in 1899 and 1901. This week is their 45th appearance in a premiership match, their record reads, won 22 lost 22.

WET FINALS

I could be wrong but I do not recall a wetter final round than 1984. I guess I've seen the last 36 years of finals but can't recall rain on the first three like this year. Grand final day just has to be fine.

CHANCE FOR HISTORY

JOHN Todd has the chance to make some rare football history this week in his last game as coach of Swans. (He is coaching Perth next year isn't he!).

Only two coaches before in the history of the league have coached a premiership team in their last game with a club.

In 1971 Graham Farmer was successful at West Perth and back in 1929 Ray Mudie was in charge of East Fremantle premiership team in his last game as coach of that club.

SHARKS ARE SET

STATISTICS show that East Fremantle are in the box seat. In the 53 years of the Page system finals, the second-semi winners have gone premiers 31 times and only 12 times have the second-semi losers reversed the decision. Oh yes, last week I said that first-semi winners got to the grand finals 20 times. I must have been encouraging the Tigers. Would you believe ten times.

THE WHEEL TURNS

BACK in 1970, South Fremantle and Perth played off for the premiership (South under Hassa Mann won). Two bottom teams that year with four wins each were East Fremantle and Swan Districts, this week's grand finalists.

IT'S A WINNER

PS. Don't forget your Football Register this year, I thoroughly recommend it.



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

MOTHER BROWN

A SAD ENDING

LIKE most enthusiastic football fans, I am looking forward to Saturday's grand final with keen interest. But it is a sad time of the year, because it marks the end of another season. I count the days to football like a lot of people count their days down to Christmas. Football means a great deal to me and over the years I have seen many fine players come and go for more reasons than just being good footballers. One such player we are not going to see in years to come is a little guy I have tremendous admiration for, Ed Blackaby. He was a player who has suffered so much through illness and I will always remember him. This year marks the end of his long battle to play football.

WELL DONE

CONGRATULATIONS to the three players who celebrated personal milestones last Saturday. Keith Narkle, on playing his 250th league game, Gerard Neesham (150) and Mike Aitken (100) have all been great servants to their clubs and all made valiant efforts for the sake of their team last week.

NO WOMEN

THE Players' Association and the WAFL are talking about the Sandover Medal presentation next year and I must point out (and admit that) I have had a change of heart on the topic of women at the count. I am convinced now that it should be a night for the players and officials only. The girls in football have their role to play in helping the players prepare for a game and they do it very well. But the one night of the year when the players from all clubs, former medallists and officials can get together and enjoy each other's company in the safety of their peers is the prestigious Sandover Medal presentation. There is no real need for women to be there — and I was one of the first to cry they SHOULD be there.

GOODWILL

THE helicopter and band as pre-game entertainment over recent weeks have been good — but nothing could out-weigh the performance of the Swans mascot last Saturday! The humour and goodwill the 'big Swan' injected into the day was well worth seeing and for the first time I can remember at a game of football, rival fans have shared such goodwill before an important fixture.

LITTLE CHAMPS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Claremont's Little League team for winning the R. & I. grand final last Saturday. It was a big day for the youngsters and the Tigers cheer squad deserves special mention for the banner they presented the Little Leaguers before the game. It helped make the day even more memorable for stars of the future.

SEVEN'S SHOW

WHILE handing out congratulations for efforts, I must make mention of how glad I am to hear that Channel 7 will televise the reserves grand final live as part of their build-up to the big game. Seven are certainly coming along in big steps.

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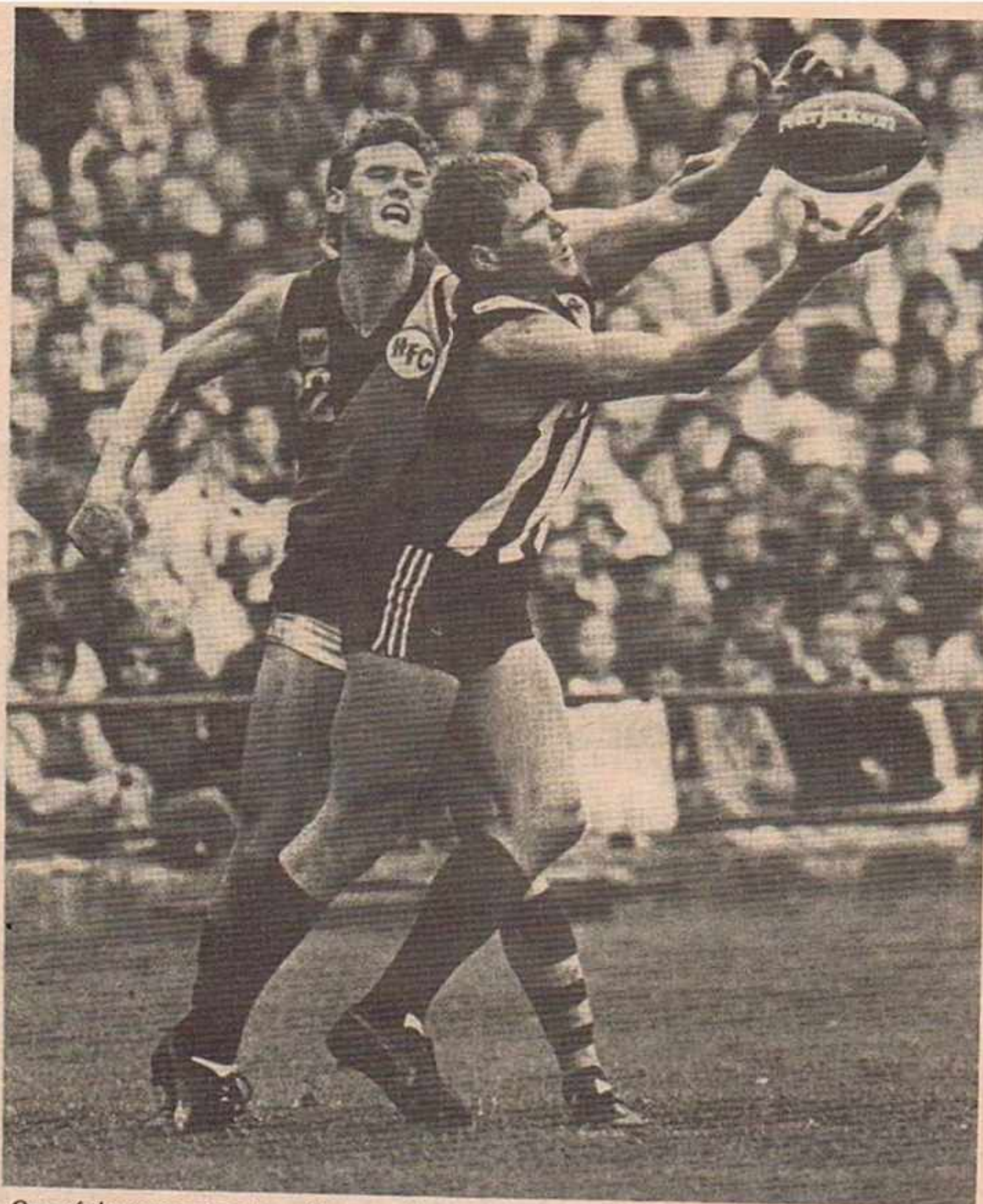
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One of the success stories of last week's preliminary final, Ken Marshall (front), is poised to mark in front of Claremont's Michael O'Connell.

Marshall makes his mark

KEN MARSHALL was playing for his football reputation when he went on to the ground in the vital preliminary final.

Marshall is another of the many footballers Swans coach John Todd has

taken under his wing after leaving another club.



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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.

This week's bottle of Hardy's Grand Reserve Brut Champagne goes to field umpire Dave Johnson for his preliminary final disaster.

The Claremont-Swan Districts clash was heading for an exciting finish when Johnson was bluffed by big Ron Boucher. At a crucial stage of the game, Johnson awarded Boucher a free kick when, in fact, the Swan Districts ruckman had been the aggressor. Boucher's goal ended Claremont's hope of staying in the premiership race.

Todd has the ability to bring the best out of players and Marshall seems to be another success story for Todd.

Marshall immediately added bite to the Swans forward line last week with his strong marking and sound body use in an effort to gain possession.

Marshall joined Swans in 1983 after compiling 70 league games with Subiaco.

Under Todd and with the challenge of confirming his reputation, Marshall has been a consistent performer without ever dominating proceedings.

CONTROL

Last Saturday he demonstrated that he is capable of taking control in the forward line to be a sure avenue to goal for his side.

Swans will be anxious for Marshall to fire against the Sharks this week giving them another alternative in their talented forward line.

If the former Lions can pick up from where he left off last week, Swans could have the forward line combination capable of beating the highly-cohesive East Fremantle defensive zone.

Marshall has worked hard in an effort to gain consistency, perhaps a big game performance is just what he needs to gain full-time recognition with the black-and-whites.

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- Safely teach the acquisition of football skills.
- Avoid training methods and match tactics which are liable to cause injury.
- Insist on mouthguards for all players at all times.
- Constantly endeavour to obtain and to upgrade suitable facilities for training and competition.
- Always insist on warm-ups. Avoid lengthy coaching lectures or match analysis during training sessions.
- Prohibit the participation of players who are feverish or ill.

(2) MANAGEMENT

- Pre-determine the person responsible for the management of injury should it occur. (In many instances this may, by necessity, be the coach. In more favourable coaching circumstances, this responsibility may be delegated to a trainer or an assistant who should seek to obtain appropriate training.)
- Plan methods of management of injury in football. This includes acquiring first aid equipment including ice, the availability of transport, and knowledge of the location of doctor, clinic or hospital.
- Prevent aggravation of injury by continued participation.
- Demand that all injuries or illnesses are reported and prohibit return to football until recovered.
- Insist that injuries receive qualified advice and that the prescribed treatment is followed.
- Obey competent medical restriction of activity.
- Treat and train is an excellent policy. This infers exercising uninjured regions, but not aggravating the injury.

(3) TREATMENT

- Examination of injured players must be performed gently and in a reassuring manner without the presence of scores of onlookers. Compare the injured with the uninjured side.
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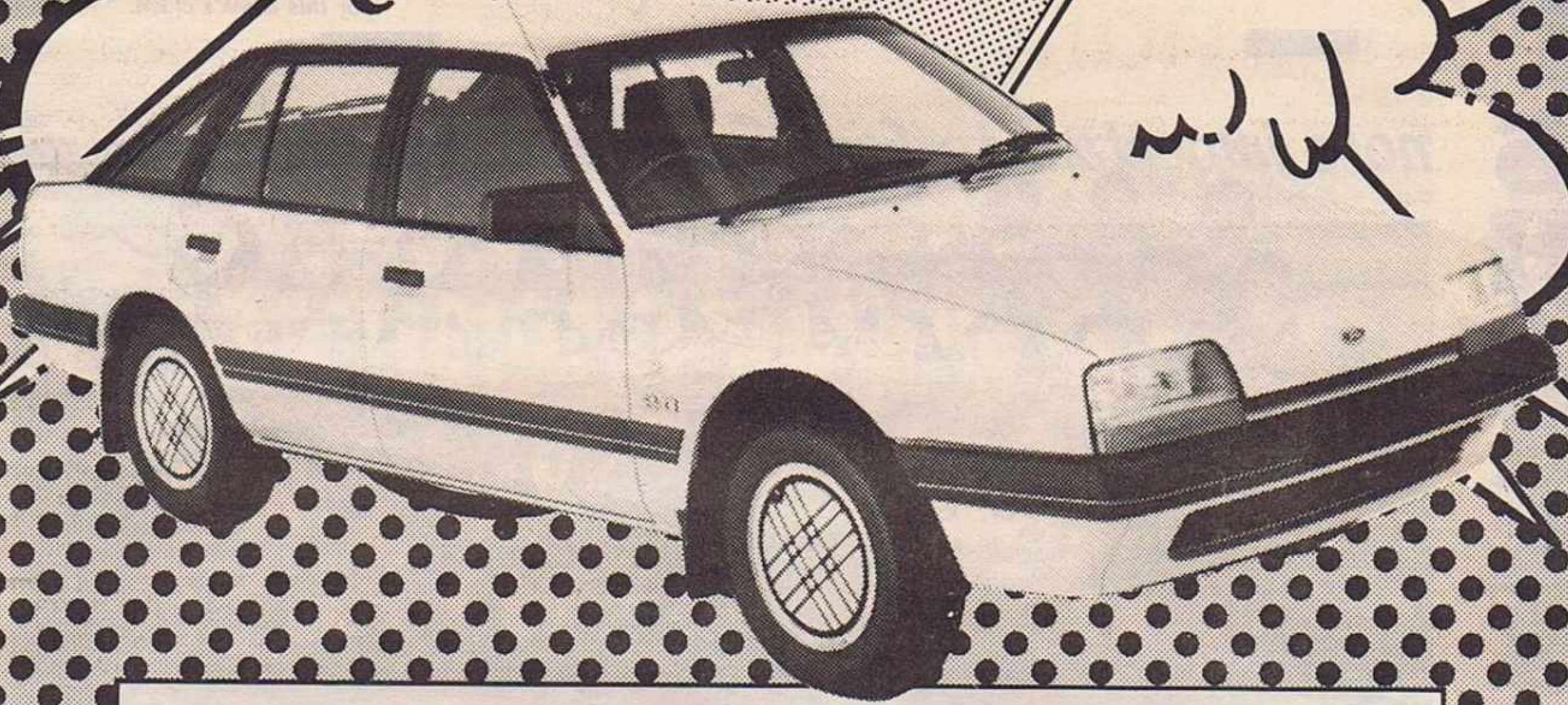
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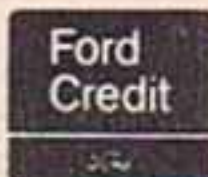
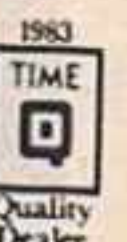
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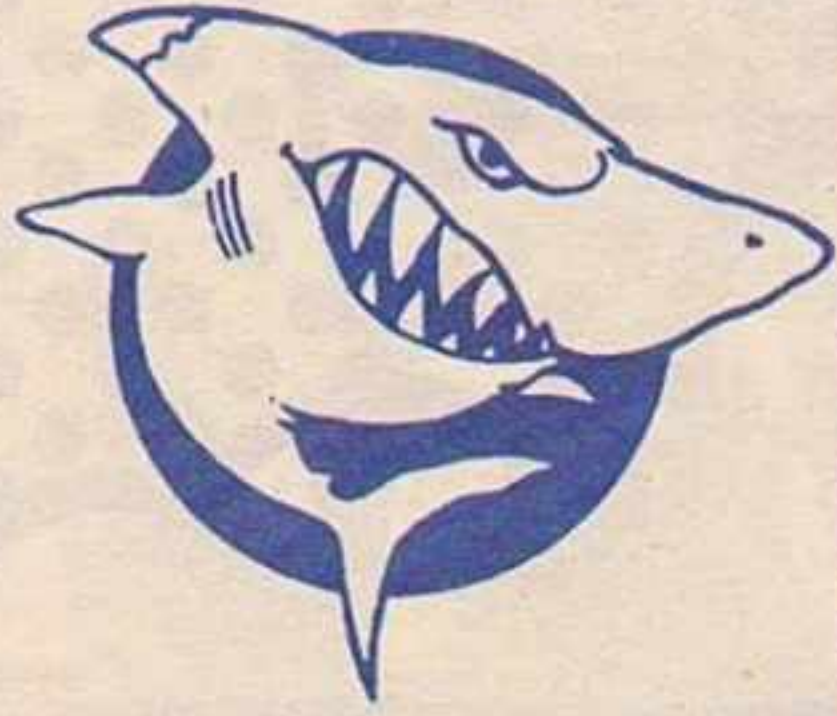


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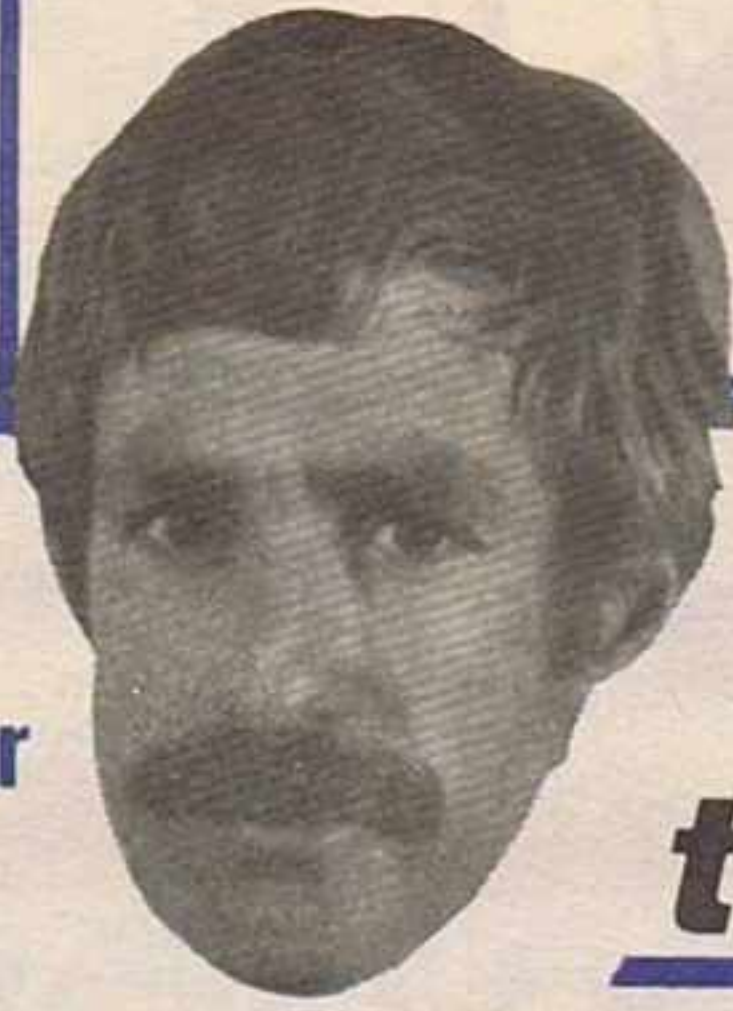
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Ron Alexander



"We are self motivated towards success"

EAST Fremantle coach Ron Alexander is confident that his players are ready to win a premiership. He says they are a group dedicated, through strong discipline and planning, for this one big occasion.

"We know we have got the players capable of winning. They have learnt through a carefully planned process which has the entire team in mind," Alexander said.

"Our players are self-motivated which makes preparation more concentrated on game plan and strategy.

"Our entry into this grand final has been a combined effort and together we are ready to do everything we can to win.

"Our planning has been excellent. All we have to do now is concentrate and accept the challenge required to win a premiership.

"We know we will have to improve on our second semi-final performance if we are to win. But the past two weeks have revolved around the necessary improvement," a philosophical Alexander said.

East Fremantle place no emphasis on any one individual and go into Saturday's grand final with a finely-tuned team.

Although the Sharks claim a solid team unity and plenty of discipline for the big day, Shane Ellis, Clinton Browning, Kevin Taylor, Paul Harding and the pace of Roger Kerr will be key factors to their cause in claiming the 1984 flag.

They are the five members of the 1979 premiership side who are still part of the Sharks league squad for this week's clash.



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BACK ROW (left to right): John Bellotti, Clinton Pike, Graham Kickett, Glen Hoult, Wayne Cormack, Kim Chatfield, Gavin Wake, Bill Jones, Russell Waterman and David Bushell. CENTRE ROW: Peter Wilson, Ray Sterrett, Clinton Browning, Andrew Lockyer, Colin Waterson, Darren Bennett, Paul Harding, Bryce Forman, Michael Brennan, John O'Sullivan and Stephen Green. FRONT ROW: Roger Kerr, Murray Wrensted, George Christie, Jeff Cassidy (vice captain), Ron Alexander (coach), Murray Ward (coaching co-ordinator), Shane Ellis, Kevin Taylor, Mario Turco and David Rankin.

Last premiership side — 1979

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| Andrew Purser | <i>Backs:</i>
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| Merv Carrott | <i>Half-backs:</i>
Doug Green | Peter Le Cras |
| Rod Lester-Smith | <i>Centres:</i>
Stephen Green | John Sims |
| Mario Turco | <i>Half-forwards:</i>
Jim Sewell | Wayne Cormack |
| Ken Judge | <i>Forwards:</i>
Ian Thomson | Kevin Taylor |
| <i>Ruck:</i> Graeme Carter | Brian Peake | Tony Buhagiar |
| <i>Interchange:</i> | Robbie Johnson | Graham Kickett |
| <i>Coach:</i> | Bradley Smith | |

Ron Alexander

WITH the satisfaction of knowing off-field tactical manoeuvres are adequately handled by assistant coach Murray Ward, big Ron Alexander has had his most consistent year since returning from Victoria.

His best-on-ground performance in the second semi-final confirmed that he is playing as well as at any other time of his long career and the talented big-man is ready to take on any opponent in the finals series.

Alexander goes into Saturday's grand final after making his 150th league appearance in WA football.

A Sharks victory would be a fitting tribute to his coaching qualities and a career that has seen him represent two States and leave his mark as a top ruckman throughout Australia.

For most of 1984 Alexander has been content to let Paul Harding and John Nolan carry the ruck duties. But in the second semi, he rucked for most of the game.

Irrespective of where he lines-up for Saturday's big game, there is no doubting that the 'big Shark' will play a leading hand in the outcome of the match.

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"Whatever we do we do as a team"



John Todd

SWAN DISTRICTS coach John Todd is happy to be getting another crack at East Fremantle in this week's grand final.

When Swans were beaten by the Sharks in the second semi-final it ended a winning sequence of seven straight by Swans and Todd doubts that his side could have won nine straight games to take the 1984 premiership title.

Todd says: "It is difficult for any team to keep winning games particularly when we have done it all before."

"This team I have at the moment compare with any I have ever worked with in regard to courage."

"We have come a long way together and the most important thing about the side is that whatever they do they do as a team."

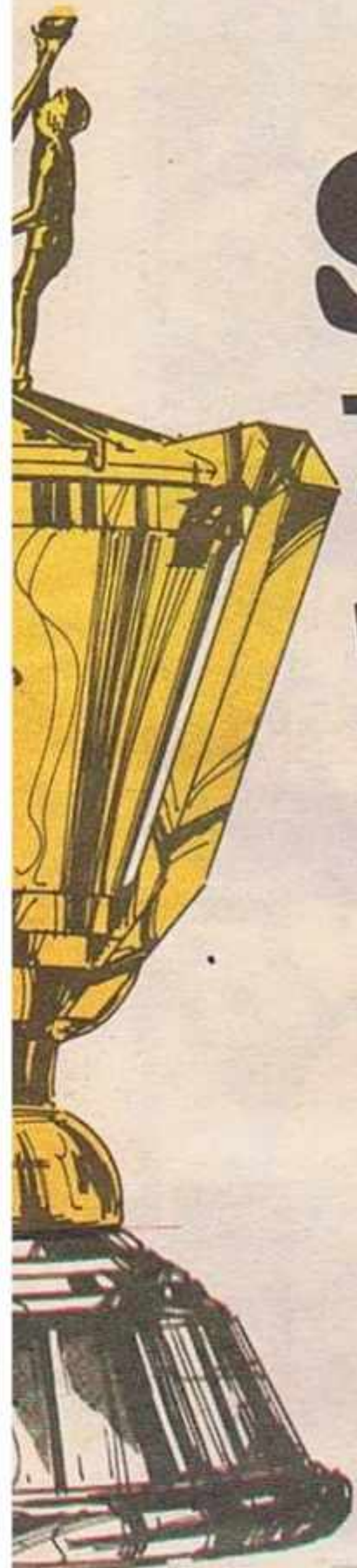
"We are not a team of stars and the way we have not polled well in media awards and the Sandover Medal shows that."

"East Fremantle are a good side and we are looking forward to the game."

Todd is taking Swans into their fourth grand final since he took over at Bassendean in 1977.

Although Todd believes that he has few real stars, Murray Rance, Peter Sartori, Gerard Neesham and Barry Kimberley are players who pose serious threat to East Fremantle.

A third consecutive premiership to Todd would be fitting tribute to the service he has given Swans.



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SWAN DISTRICTS
(times)

- 1963 1983
- 1982

up twice)



BACK ROW (left to right): Gerard Neesham, Steve Richardson, Tony Solin, Ken Marshall, Andrew Maher, Jon Fogarty, Tom Mullooly, Shane Renfree, Kevin Caton and Don Holmes. MIDDLE ROW: Brad Shine, Brent Hutton, Ron Boucher, Craig Hoyer, Mick Johns, Shane Bogunovich, Peter Sartori, Peter Nuich, Murray Rance and Kim Hetherington. FRONT ROW: Barry Kimberley, Bill Skwirowski, Peter Ware, Don Langsford, Keith Narkle (captain), John Todd (coach), Leigh Brenton, Mike Smith, Joe Ahmat and Chris Allen. SEATED: Gavin Outridge, Peter Hodyl, Graham Jeffery and Alby Smith.

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Keith Narkle

WHEN Keith Narkle took over the captaincy reins from Graham Melrose mid-way through last year it confirmed the respect black and white officials have for the veteran.

Narkle has carried the responsibility of being team captain with a professional air of confidence which flows through to all members of the side.

Narkle is a quiet leader who sets standards hard to ignore through personal skill and a desperate desire for success.

After 250 league games, he is more than qualified to hold the title of captain and carries it with dignity.

His influence on any game is most important to the team and Saturday's all-important grand final will be no exception.

A feature of Narkle's leadership is that regardless of the importance of the game, he contributes for 100% of the time and never accepts second best.

It is that quality the Swan Districts players will be looking for from their skipper on Saturday.

Last premiership side — 1983

Bill Skwirowski	<i>Backs:</i> Tony Solin	Peter Ware
Don Langsford	<i>Half-backs:</i> Murray Rance	Leigh Brenton
Keith Narkle	<i>Centres:</i> Mike Smith	Phil Narkle
Gerard Neesham	<i>Half-forwards:</i> Peter Kenny	Don Holmes
Barry Kimberley	<i>Forwards:</i> Leon Baker	Ron Boucher
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Swans' Jon Fogarty (27) is hotly pressed by Claremont's Mike Aitken in last weeks preliminary final.

WHEN it comes to tough football Jon Fogarty (27) is one of the toughest. Fogarty will play an important role in his team's quest for a third premiership in succession when they meet East Fremantle on Saturday.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



BIG PLUNGE ON THE MAGPIES

VICTORIA'S most famous football club, Collingwood, could have the bookmakers reeling in their bags if they go on to complete this year's premiership challenge.

The Magpies have been sensationally backed for the premiership and bookies will duck for cover as they face a pay-out estimated at more than \$1 million.

The fighting Magpies were 20/1 to win the flag two weeks ago, but have firmed into 3/1 and not too many bookies are keen to accept bets.

The fans are with Collingwood — but they still have two fairly sizeable hurdles to overcome — Essendon this week and, if successful, the even more formidable barrier of Hawthorn.

Collingwood players are also reaping in the cash benefits of their late surge towards the grand final.

The players won \$4000 by backing themselves in the first semi-final and they plan to double up this week in their preliminary final clash.

JOHNSON ANGER

MANY Carlton supporters were angry about the decision to play captain Wayne Johnston in last week's first semi.

Johnston was clearly not fully fit and, in fact, played against the orders of his specialist.

A week ago Johnston was still laid up with a serious back injury and he was a shock inclusion in the team. His name was not even in the Football Record and his inclusion was a closely guarded secret. Fans did not know that he was playing till he led the side through the huge cheer squad banner.

It was Johnston's first game since July 28 and he struggled in the first half, spending time on the interchange bench and failing to get a kick.

He improved in the second half with a strong 14-kick effort and coach David Parkin defended his decision to play Johnston even though some critics felt that younger players should be given their chance.

"There were a lot of other Carlton players who did not get as many possessions," said Parkin.

"I believe in playing my team captain if he's available.

"But it was a hard decision dropping Alex Marcou to make way for him."

DOUBLE DUCK

ESSENDON will be anxious to keep former West Perth defender Bill Duckworth on their staff for 1984.

Speculation in Melbourne is that the rugged full-back, who turned in a brilliant performance last Sunday against Leigh Matthews, may return West for season 1985.

Duckworth could almost write his own contract for next year with the consistent form he has produced for the Bombers. But if big brother John gets the coaching job with West Perth, he may be difficult to keep at Windy Hill.



Determined duo

SERIOUSLY injured Collingwood pair Mark Williams and David Cloke have declared themselves determined to play in the grand final.

Cloke has a broken thumb and missed the first semi-final and Williams has strained shoulder ligaments and his left arm is in a sling.

Williams, the Magpies skipper, said that he would be working hard on the injury over the next two weeks and hoped that his team-mates would do the right thing in the preliminary final.

Cloke said that he wanted to play in the grand final even if it meant taking a risk with his thumb.



SHEEDY THE SPY

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy went on a spying mission a few days before last week's second semi-final — but it didn't quite work out the way he wanted it to.

Sheedy snuck out to Glenferrie Oval to watch Hawthorn preparing for their big clash with the Bombers — but found the club's under-19 side training instead.

However, he says the trip wasn't entirely fruitless.

He watched Ray Biffin take the under-19 Hawks and said that he picked up a couple of interesting training drills.

THE END?

THREE of Carlton's stalwarts will have to make up their minds over summer about their football careers.

Bruce Doull, Geoff Southby and Val Perovic could have played their last senior games for the Blues.

Southby (273 games since 1971) and Perovic (172 games since 1973) have already declared their intentions to hang up their boots.

But dashing Doull, who made his debut in 1969 and has now played 331 games, equalling the club record with John Nicholls, could go on next year.

Beitzel's biased view!

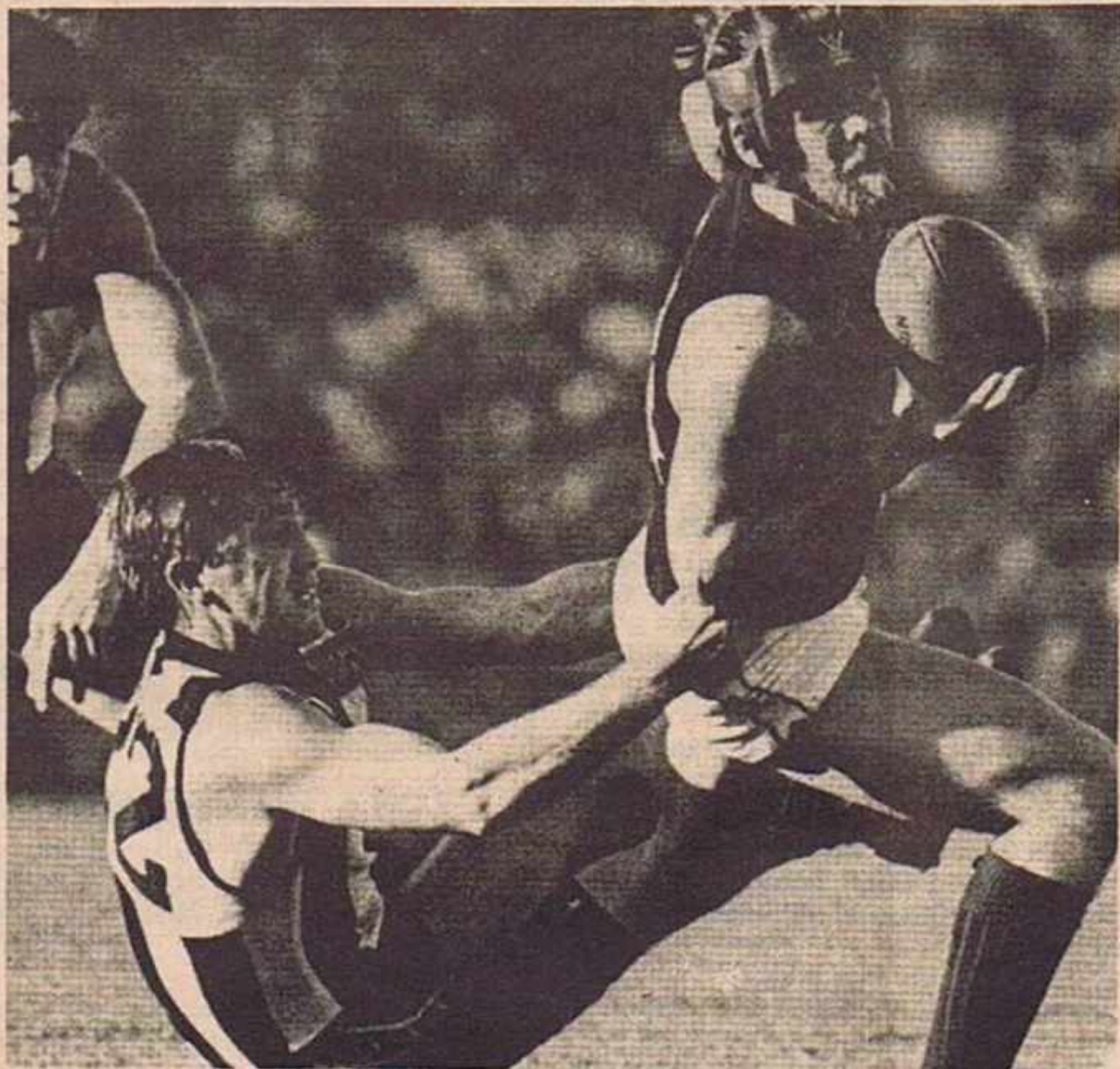
JOVIAL Melbourne football critic Harry Beitzel has summed up why the VFL is loath to rush into a national league next year.

To quote him in last week's Sunday Observer:

"What happens if teams from WA and SA prove themselves to be so superior that a coming grand final is played away from Melbourne?"

And that's the VFL problem in a nutshell — they don't want composite teams from the West because most of their local teams would fall by the wayside.

The Big H feels that a grand final away from Melbourne would be a disaster — and it certainly would be interesting to see what happens if Swan Districts and East Fremantle, for example, topped the table in a national league.



Magpies' Tony Shaw tackles Carlton's 'helmetted' Rod Ashman in last Sunday's hectic VFL second semi final at the MCG.

Curtis stars in Port victory

FORMER East Perth veteran Steve Curtis, was one of the stars of Port Adelaide's 39 point second semi final win over Graham Campbell's Glenelg last Saturday.

Port now advance to the grand final — to be played on the day after the VFL grand final — while Glenelg get their second chance to qualify when they meet first semi final winners, Norwood this Saturday.

Playing in a back pocket, Curtis was a tower of strength in the last line of defence for Port who restricted Glenelg to 2.10 for the last three quarters of the match.

The game was played in appalling weather conditions and poor light towards the end of the game led to the SANFL turning on newly installed lights at Football Park.

GOALS

Glenelg kicked three goals in the first term, then one each in the second and third terms. They only added 2 behinds to their meagre tally in the last term.

The only bright aspect of the result for Glenelg is that if they win this Saturday and advance to the grand final they will be able to include their ace ruckman Peter Carey in their grand final team. He was their best player in the qualifying final, but was suspended by the tribunal for two weeks after an incident in that match.

Central District, who entered the finals full of confidence, bowed out of the competition when they lost to Norwood by 13 points in the first semi final.



CORNES TO STAY?

Graham Cornes looks certain to renew his coaching contract with South Adelaide. Cornes has done a good job with the Panthers since taking over from Haydn Buntun at the start of last year.

BUSY SEASON

SEASON 1984 has been a busy one for the SANFL tribunals with a grand total of 85 players reported through the four grades — League, Reserves, U19 and U17.

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DAVID FINALLY WINS BEST AWARD

DAVID Weaver, a 15s player with the Kalamunda junior football club, has finally won a Swan Districts junior council fairest and best award after being runner-up three years in a row.

As an added bonus, David also won the Syd Brown Memorial Trophy this season.

This award goes to the footballer in Swans junior council who collects the highest number of umpire's votes throughout the season. Syd Brown is a former Swans junior council president.

F & B AWARDS

The Swans junior council held its fairest and best counts recently and following are the results of each grade.

The 11s medal was won by Brendan Carney, of Mary's Mount, from Belmont's Paul Morrison.

Troy Jordan (Redcliffe) was fairest and best in the 12s count and there was a tie between Mike Castledine, of Guildford Grammar and Sean Stanley, of Belmont, for the runner-up award. Mike is the son of former Swan Districts champion league player Fred Castledine.

Another former Swans league player, Lindsay Johnston, had his son win a Swans junior council fairest and best award this season.

David Johnston, of Swan View, beat Jamie Taylor, of Cloverdale, for the 13s award.

David Weaver won the 15s voting from Belmont's Geoff Passeri. In the 17s, Midland's George Mladineo beat Swan View's Andrew Holmes for the main trophy. It was a fitting finale for the Midland player as his club has now been disbanded.

GOALKICKING

Swans junior council's highest goalscorer in the 11s this season was Adam Matson, of Ashfield, who booted 27 majors to beat Sean Tobin (Mary's Mount) with 20. Belmont's Sean Stanley kicked 30 goals in the 12s to win that grade's goalkicking from Steven Curry, of Cloverdale on 29.

The 13s goalkicking went to Paul Jackson (Bassendean), who scored 38 goals this season to beat his team-mate Brett Bergerson by seven goals. Damien Gordon, of Kalamunda, with 57 goals, won the 15s goalkicking from Geoff Passeri (50 goals) of Belmont.

The 17s goalkicking went to David Della-Franca, of Kalamunda. David booted 43 goals to beat Redcliffe's Paul Ford and Swan View's Andrew Holmes, who both scored 42 goals.

UMPIRE'S AWARD

THE Swan Districts junior council 1984 Umpire of the Year award was won by Trevor Gould.

Trevor was declared as the winner at a recent function held by the Swans Umpire's Association.

MORTLOCK GRAND FINAL

Wongan Hills won their way into this year's Mortlock junior council's grand final when they beat Toodyay in the 17s (Colts) preliminary final last Sunday.

The winners will face the strong Wyalkatchem side in this Sunday's premiership play-off to be held at the Godmalling Recreation Ground at 10.30am preceding the reserves and league games.

The junior council's fairest and best player this season was won by Wyalkatchem's Jamie Mills who polled 24 votes to head Justin Guthrie (Toodyay) and John Quartermaine (Wongan Hills) who tied for second spot with 14 votes.

WHEATBELT CARNIVAL

THE Central Wheatbelt junior football association held a lightning carnival last Saturday at Mukinbudin to end its 1984 season. Three teams, involving 66 players between the ages of 15 and nine, met in the carnival.

Greens won the carnival with two wins from Reds, who had one victory. The Gold team were win-less after three games.

Fairest and best player awards were presented over the carnival and were won by Jason Fogarty (Greens), Angus McTavish (Reds), and Glenn Meredith (Golds).

1984 WINNERS

Following are the Westside winners for the season just passed, showing all junior premiership teams and fairest and best winners throughout the metropolitan competitions.

Westside Football congratulates every team and player for their outstanding achievement.

WAFJ JUNIOR ZONE CHAMPIONS: East Fremantle (12s), Subiaco (14s), South Fremantle (16s) and Swan Districts (17s).

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STATE SCHOOLBOYS: Queensland.

ALCOCK CUP: Hale School.

CLAREMONT'S TIGER CUP: Claremont/Swanbourne Hawks.

R & I LITTLE LEAGUE: Claremont. SUBIACO'S WANNEROO: Premiers — Ocean Ridge (12s gold), Whitford Saints (12s maroon), Kingsley (13s), Warwick Black (14s), Warwick Black (15s), Warwick (17s).

FAIREST AND BEST: Justin Quin-Schofield (Wanneroo) 12s gold, Steven Shelley (Kingsley) 12s maroon, Andrew Carter (Kingsley) 13s, Cory Lind (Whitford Tigers) 14s, Steven Hill (Koondoola) 15s, Gordon Cole (Koondoola) 17s.

EAST FREMANTLE: Premiers — Melville (11s white), Thornlie (11s blue), East Fremantle (12s), Applecross (13s white), Rossmoyne (13s blue), Bullcreek (14s), Melville (15s), Karoonda (16s), Melville (17s).

FAIREST AND BEST: Mathew Warburton (Melville) 11s white, Jared Lofts (Attadale) 13s white, John Lawrence (Rossmoyne) 13s blue, Phillip Street (Willetton) 14s, Peter Stone (Mount Pleasant) 15s, Mark Taylor (Thornlie) 16s, Neil Whyte (Melville) 17s.

WEST PERTH: Premiers — Osborne Park (11s), North Innaloo (12s), Westminster Balga (13s), CBC (14s), Balga 15s, North Dianella (17s).

FAIREST AND BEST: David Dragun (Nollamara) 11s, Andrew Figliomeni (Osborne Park) 12s, Graeme Reid (Westminster Balga) 13s, John Petsos (Osborne Park) 14s, Bradley Stevens (Servite) 15s, Barry Sutton (Lockridge) 17s.

EAST PERTH: Premiers — MPCYC (11s), Mt Lawley/Inglewood (12s), St Marks (13s), Bayswater (14s), St Marks (15s), East Perth/Highgate 17s.

FAIREST AND BEST: Cameron Levi (Bedford) 12s, Ben Stewart (Dianella) 13s, Flavio Rigotti (Bayswater) 14s, Nathan Brooks (East Perth/Highgate) 15s, Daniel Ninnette (Bayswater) 17s.

SWAN DISTRICTS: Premiers — Mary's Mount (11s), Belmont (12s), Bassendean (13s), Belmont (15s), Swan View (17s).

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Entries close every Tuesday.

The answer to last week's question was Darren Bennett and the lucky winner is Scott Pedretti, of Kambalda West. This week's winner will be notified by mail.



Tigers do it easily

CLAREMONT took out the honours in the R & I Little League grand final with a strong victory over Swan Districts.

By coincidence, the two combined junior teams were clashing in the grand final at half-time of the league preliminary final, which was being keenly contested by their senior teams.

Swans and Claremont had emerged unbeaten from the round-robin series contested during the finals by the combined junior council teams.

But in the grand final, the Tigers jumped out quickly with a goal in the opening minute and they were never headed, winning 4.1 (25) to 1.1 (7).

Best players for the winners were Ben Matthews, Michael Hutton and Matthew Edwards.

Best for Swans were Peter Snell, Chris Milentis and Wayne Guthrie.

BILL FRANCIS HONOURED

BILL Francis, who was forced to retire as Subiaco's Wanneroo junior football league's secretary mid-season due to ill health, has recently been named the inaugural life member of the junior league of which he was the initiator.

Bill (70) previously spent 25 years with the Subiaco junior council and held most executive positions there in that time. He was given life membership with the junior council in the early '70s.

Bill also initiated the Scarborough junior football club and is a life member there as well. He has been one of the hardest-working persons behind the scene in Subiaco's district for three decades and thoroughly deserves the recognition given by the organisations which he has been involved.

Congratulations Bill, your loyalty and commitment is worth emulating.

CARNARVON AWARDS

The Carnarvon/Gascoyne junior football association held its annual trophy presentation immediately after the grand finals and following are the award winners.

Association fairest and best in the 15s went to Shane Mitchell (a cousin of Michael Mitchell) of Falcons who polled 25 votes to head Steven Scott, of Easts, on 16 votes. The association's leading goalkicker was also Shane Mitchell, with 32 goals.

Team trophies were also awarded at the annual presentation.

The Saints trophy winners were Shane Ryan (fairest and best), Andrew Durmanich (runner-up), and Carlo Andreou won the hardest trier award. Shane Mitchell won the Falcons' fairest and best from Darren Forbes while the team's hardest trier was Raymond Ward.

Steven Scott was the top player with Easts and his runner-up was Jamie Tilbee while Brett Muller won the hardest trier trophy. For Bombers, Raymond Lockyer was fairest and best, Mathew Limerick came runner-up and Greg Dodd was the team's hardest trier.

The association's fairest and best in the 11s grade went to Larry Quartermaine of Hawks (23 votes) who also won the goalkicking with 19 goals. Larry's runner-up for the association was Ken Capewell on 16 votes.

Hawks club award was won by Laurence Bellotti. Mathew Lamer was Farmers best while Richard Peck won the Bombers award. Jamie Eaton was the fairest and best for Tigers.

STATISTICS DO TELL A STORY

STATISTICS are often criticised for being used too readily in analysing a players' performance or the outcome of a game.

However, the simple fact remains that possessions and disposals can be gauged through statistical analysis with a degree of value.

Reigning premiers Swan Districts averaged the most kicks per game during the 1984 season, while Saturday's pre-grand final favourites, East Fremantle, averaged the second lowest tally of kicks for each game.

Swans averaged 226.2 kicks each week with the talented South Fremantle combination being second to Swans with their 220.4 kicks a game.

South Fremantle also led the way in terms of marks taken by their players. South took 81.4 marks per match, five more than Swans.

GRAND FINALISTS

With handball so much a part of modern football, it is no wonder grand finalists East Fremantle should be leaders in that department.

The Sharks have averaged 123.3 handpasses per game this season, nearly 12 more than their nearest rival in that facet of the game, East Perth.

The Sharks had the measure over their counterparts when it came to gaining free kicks.

East Fremantle collected 715 frees in their favour for the year at an average of 34 per game.

South Fremantle appear to have been on the worst end of umpiring decisions with the lowest tally of free kicks going in their favour.

Preliminary final contestants Claremont and Swan Districts had the highest number of free kicks against their sides, with Claremont registering the wrath of the men

in white 719 times at an average of 34.2 per game and Swans 715 for an average of 34.

Subiaco, Perth and East Perth shared the honour of having the most inexperienced players with their average number of games played per player throughout their young sides.

The Lions averaged 49.5 games played among their staff, Perth 49.8 and the Royals averaged 50.2.

South Fremantle's crushing 158-point win over East Perth on Easter Monday this year, assisted in their large overall scores for, as opposed to tallies kicked against them.

South booted an average of 123.1 points each week which was surpassed only by Swans' 123.9 points tally.

Swans, South and Claremont had the lowest tallies of points scored against them on average which, apart from Perth, was fairly evenly spread throughout the eight clubs.

Subiaco's giant ruckman Laurie Keene had his most consistent year since his debut in 1981, when he dominated many ruck duels to notch the highest tally of ruck hit-outs for the year with 427.

As a consequence of Keene's effect at bounce-downs and throw-ins, Subiaco registered the highest number of hit-outs by any team with 830 at an average of 39.5 per game.

East Perth's John Ironmonger was second to Keene in the ruck contests with an impressive tally of 382 from only 13 games, but it was the Swan Districts big-man division that recorded second berth in the hit-out division with 774.

The chart below gives a complete weekly breakdown of many interesting statistics from WA football in 1984.

TEAM	KICKS	MARKS	HAND BALL	DISPOSALS	FREES FOR		FREES AGAINST		GAMES		SCORES		HITOUTS	
					TOTAL	AVE.	TOTAL	AVE.	TOTAL	AVE.	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL	AVE.
SWAN DISTRICTS	226.2	76.2	91.4	317.6	598	28.5	715	34.0	1732	86.6	125.9	103.7	774	36.9
EAST FREMANTLE	209.9	75.5	123.3	333.2	715	34.0	678	32.3	1101	55.1	112.9	109.0	703	33.5
CLAREMONT	217.1	70.7	104.1	321.2	646	30.8	719	34.2	1352	67.6	101.9	105.2	593	28.2
EAST PERTH	218.5	72.2	111.0	329.5	669	31.9	703	33.5	1004	50.2	109.8	119.9	743	35.4
STH FREMANTLE	220.4	81.4	101.9	322.3	608	29.0	666	31.7	1570	78.5	125.1	105.7	626	29.8
WEST PERTH	208.0	70.6	104.6	312.6	697	33.2	639	30.4	1267	63.4	108.5	116.4	715	34.0
SUBIACO	215.0	65.4	98.6	313.6	806	38.4	634	30.2	989	49.5	112.4	113.0	830	39.5
PERTH	212.1	70.0	91.7	305.8	702	33.4	687	32.7	996	49.8	99.9	126.6	741	35.3
AVERAGES	215.9	72.8	103.3	319.2	5441	32.4	5441	32.4	10011	62.6	112.2	112.2	5725	34.1

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THE CONTESTANTS



SWAN DISTRICTS HOW THEY GOT THERE NOW FOR THE HAT-TRICK

1 TONY SOLIN. Age 26. Height 183cm (6.0). Weight 76kg (12.0). Club games 80.

A big game player. His finals performances confirm his importance to the Swans defence. His cool, rock-like tactics see him seldom beaten and his experience is invaluable to the back-line.

3 SHANE RENFREE. Age 20. Height 183cm (6.0). Weight 76kg (12.0). Club games 4.

Made a confident debut in big-time finals last week when he ran hard and long on a wing. Showed his true class in the first quarter of the preliminary final and should improve on that performance this week. His pace and skills compliment Swans centre line.

4 GERARD NEESHAM. Age 29. Height 179cm (5.10½). Weight 76kg (12.0). Club games 150.

The controller of mid-field play and a vital member of Swans prospects for success. His cool use of the ball enables many team-mates to prosper from his great play. Is a true team player and inspiration for the entire team.



Boucher

Shine

5 RON BOUCHER. Age 31. Height 192cm (6.2). Weight 102kg (16.0). Club games 193.

Has again faced a barrage of criticism for his part in the finals series but may play a vital part in Swans chances of success this week. His presence in the game adds confidence to the Swans side.

7 BRAD SHINE. Age 24. Height 178cm (5.10). Weight 78kg (12.4). Club games 86.

One of the toughest and most hard-working players in WA football. Never shirks an issue and when the going gets rough he is first to assist team-mates and to gain possession of the ball. Has fine skills to back up his desperate approach to the game.

9 KEITH NARKLE. Age 31. Height 170cm (5.7). Weight 66kg (10.7). Club games 250.

Sets a fine example to his players and his brilliant skills and pace from a wing is a key factor to Swans combatting the pace of East Fremantle's little men. Celebrated his 250th league game last week with a typical hard-working performance.



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10 BRENT HUTTON. Age 20. Height 185cm (6.1). Weight 80kg (12.8). Club games 45.

Has yet to find his best form throughout the finals but with solid delivery of the ball to his fast leads and high-flying potential could be a positive avenue into goal for Swans on Saturday. Is capable of converting goals from long distances.

11 DON LANGSFORD. Age 25. Height 185cm (6.1). Weight 81kg (12.11). Club games 137.

One of the hardest-working followers in WA football and will again be a vital part of Swans prospects of success. His reading of the play and presentation of opportunity to team-mates forms a link-man effect and should see him busy again on Saturday.

12 GAVIN OUTRIDGE. Age 22. Height 178cm (5.10). Weight 75kg (11.11). Club games 29.

His services were not required for the preliminary final but if called on for this week's grand final he is sure to rise to the occasion and work in his usual team-oriented fashion.

13 BILL SKWIROWSKI. Age 28. Height 182cm (6.0). Weight 74kg (11.9). Club games 147.

Had the task of minding danger-man Allen Daniels in last week's game and if given a 'tagging' role on Saturday would make every effort to be successful again. Combines his set tagging tasks with good usage of the ball making him a doubly-effective player for the side.



Skwirowski

Sartori

15 PETER SARTORI. Age 19. Height 194cm (6.4½). Weight 89kg (14.0). Club games 54.

The sensation of last year's grand final and a key to Swans' chances this Saturday. His brilliant overhead marking and intelligent ruck work is sure to provide Swans players with opportunities. Whether he operates at centre-half-forward or in the ruck.

17 KEN MARSHALL. Age 24. Height 183cm (6.0). Weight 86kg (13.8). Club games 98.

Came into the side for the preliminary final and produced the best from of the season. His goal-kicking talents will form another avenue into attack for the black-and-whites. Can play in defence if required.

18 MURRAY RANCE. Age 22. Height 190cm (6.3). Weight 85kg (13.5). Club games 86.

One of the finest footballers in Australia and confirmed that reputation last week when he successfully converted from his usual centre-half-back role to dominate the key half-forward position. A brilliant left footer and cool in a crisis.



Rance

Johns

19 MICK JOHNS. Age 26. Height 195cm (6.5). Weight 93kg (14.9). Club games 88.

Will be one of the most desperate players on the field when he attempts to compensate for missing last year's grand final at the last minute. Has been in great form as he prepares for the biggest day of his career.

20 STEVE RICHARDSON. Age 25. Height 180cm (5.11). Weight 78kg (12.4). Club games 23.

Produced one of his best performances of the year when he was one of Swans' best players last week. Whether tagging an opposition key player or following the ball he is a potential match winner. A key player.

21 TOM MULLOOLY. Age 30. Height 184cm (6.0½). Weight 86kg (13.8). Club games 226.

Controls the defence for the black-and-whites with his cool approach, particularly in a crisis. His precise management of the less experienced defenders is important to the operation of the Swans back-line. Is a great team player.



Mullooly

Holmes

23 ALBY SMITH. Age 24. Height 178cm (5.10½). Weight 70kg (11.0). Club games 16.

One of John Todd's players waiting for a chance to perform in the finals series. Has pace and skill that would be useful in the tension of a finals match.

25 SHANE BOGUNOVICH. Age 20. Height 203cm (6.8). Weight 101kg (16.0). Club games 10.

His height and aggression would be valuable in a finals clash but has been waiting in the wings for a chance to perform.

26 BARRY KIMBERLEY. Age 27. Height 172cm (5.8). Weight 76kg (12.0). Club games 115.

Was one of his side's best players last week and looms as a danger player in Saturday's clash. He is a brilliant rover who has grown in stature since his transfer from Perth. His pace and skill around the ground will be a vital part in Swans chances.



Fogarty

Kimberley

27 JON FOGARTY. Age 24. Height 185cm (6.1). Weight 80kg (12.8). Club games 110.

One of the link-men in mid-field play. Whether working from a half-back flank or ruck roving, his skill and control of any situation makes him one of the most vital members of the side.

28 CHRIS BURGESS. Age 22. Height 190cm (6.3). Weight 91kg (14.5). Club games 19.

A talented forward/ruckman who would be ready to give everything if called upon to play in the final.

30 JOE AHMAT. Age 21. Height 180cm (5.11). Weight 76kg (12.0). Club games 6.

Returned to his best form last week when he gathered many important possessions as part of the Swans dominant mid-field combination. Has demonstrated his liking for a challenge.

32 PETER HODYL. Age 22. Height 178cm (5.10). Weight 74kg (11.9). Club games 8.

Yet to be given a chance in the finals, but if called upon is sure to be desperate to justify his opportunity. Is a skillful player with a willingness to assist his team-mates.



Narkle

Hutton

33 DON HOLMES. Age 25. Height 180cm (5.11). Weight 77kg (12.2). Club games 93.

A brilliant goal-kicking half-forward with a roving commission in the forward zones. Is a potential match winner on his day and has the ability to convert his scoring opportunities with big tallies of goals. A superb footballer and a vital member of the side.

36 KEVIN CATON. Age 19. Height 183cm (6.0). Weight 70kg (11.0). Club games 9.

Forms an excellent combination with Brent Hutton when operating from a forward pocket. A high-flying forward who has a liking for converting his possession with goals.

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A ROYALS STAR OF THE FUTURE

REMEMBER the name David Bain — he is destined for League football at East Perth.

The lightly-built wingman was runner up in the Medallists Medal despite playing several reserves games during the season.

Since graduating from the Maylands junior club, Bain has displayed exceptional skills that belie his tender years.

Good judges at Perth Oval are comparing the youngster with former champion wingmen Derek Chadwick at a comparable age.

To be a success at senior level, Bain will need to spend many hours in the gymnasium over the summer months to strengthen his body against the rigours of league football.

HIGH STANDARD

EAST Perth colts centreman Stephen Cross is setting the standard in courage and determination for his team-mates.

In last Saturday's preliminary final against Subiaco, Cross ran himself ragged in the first three quarters.

At three-quarter time coach Greg Henderson moved Cross to a half-forward flank where he lifted his team with two inspirational goals.

The former Police Boys junior has played 10 reserves games this season and is set to be a permanent fixture in that grade in 1985.

FIERY FELLOW

MANY Royals fans will remember fiery red-head Bob Whalley playing on a half-back flank in the 1960's.

The former State player epitomised many players with red hair who display an explosive temper when upset by opposition players.

Another fiery red head has donned the blue and black guernsey at East Perth.

Mark Bettini, a former St Marks junior, has struggled to control his temper, which led to him being reported in last Saturday's colts preliminary final.

The temperamental half-back has the ability to reach league level, but must devote his energies to playing football and refrain from fighting.

SOUTHS FAVOURED

A FRESH and confident South Fremantle will start favourites to win this Saturday's colts grand final against East Perth.

The Royals are still licking their wounds after a tough encounter against Subiaco last Saturday.

The Bulldogs will need to guard against complacency when they meet the tenacious Royals.

East Perth showed typical fighting spirit against the Lions, but cannot afford lapses in concentration when playing the fast and skilful South Fremantle unit.



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PINGELLY ON THEIR WAY

PINGELLY continued on their way to taking out the 1984 premierships title in the Upper Great Southern NFL when they beat Railways in the second semi-final at Darkan last Sunday.

Ross Tyson, David Koutsoukis, Barry Hewton and Basil Little led the charge for Pingelly in a high-standard clash in what must be a grand final preview.

Little continued his great form for the year with seven goals for Pingelly, who won 16.17 (113) to Railways' 15.13 (103).

In front of the biggest crowd seen at a UGS clash for many years, the goal for goal affair gave little indication as to who would enter the grand final as favourites, but confirmed that both sides would be worthy contestants.

Railways must now qualify for a re-match the hard way when they face Williams in Wagin this Sunday.

Williams qualified for the preliminary final clash with a big win over Wagin, 18.12 (120) to 8.4 (52).

Williams were well served by Murray Ford, Greg Douglas and Craig Cavanagh, while for Wagin, Graham Nelson, Peter Williamson and Dean Nalder were good players.

If Railways are to confirm their expectations and qualify for the grand final, they will look to solid performances again from Greg Fletcher, Laurie Richards and Moby Dillon.

Williams will be bolstered by the return to playing duties of former South Fremantle star Greg Cavanagh, who has missed the last two encounters for Williams with injury.

CONSOLATION

Lake Grace received some consolation for not qualifying for the big games at the end of the season when their champion, Mark Bairstow, was awarded the Leo Graham Medal for the best and fairest player in the league competition in the 1984 season.

Bairstow polled 31 votes in a runaway win from Greg Cavanagh, winning by 17 votes.

TOP RECRUIT FOR FALCONS

THE West Perth Football Club look set to get another top footballer from the Eastern Districts NFL.

Gavin Chaplin of the Bruce Rock Club has topped off a fine year by collecting the Miller Medal for being the best and fairest player in the league.

Chaplin, who plans to play with the Falcons in 1985, added the medal success to his fairest and best award from the Elders West Lightning Carnival earlier in the season and his being runner-up to the league goal-kicking award.

A hard-working rover, Chaplin converts many scoring opportunities while resting off the ball and booted 63 goals for the year.

Chaplin won the medal with 20 votes, two clear of Corrigin's Greg Doyle.

DITCHBURN'S TOP AWARD

FORMER Carlton and Claremont champion Ross Ditchburn continues to dominate the Central Great Southern NFL as he prepares to take his home-town club Kulin into Sunday's grand final against Tambellup in Kokerin.

Ditchburn has clinched the Charlie Punch-Sunday Times Medal for the best and fairest player in the league. He polled 20 votes to win the coveted award from Robert Marinoni, of Kojonup and Darryl Hart of Dumbleyung, on 13 votes each.

Ditchburn has been in brilliant form all season, heading the goal-kicking list with 119 goals from just 14 qualifying games.

This Sunday he takes his side into the grand final with the comforting knowledge that they have beaten Tambellup all four times they have met this year.

Ditchburn will get solid back-up from former Claremont utility player Tom Pearce and Richard Joyce, who has been in brilliant form.

A win for Kulin would mark a successful return from Melbourne for Ditchburn.

He coached the Central Great Southern side to the B section championship at the Wesfarmers country series and success this Sunday will complete a great year for Ditchburn as a coach.

SOUTHS CRUSH MINES

SOUTH Bunbury clinched the South West NFL premierships with a ruthless display of finals football over Mines Rovers last Sunday.

Souths won the one-sided match 22.20 (152) to Mines 11.14 (80) before the biggest Bunbury crowd in six years.

Superbly led by veteran ruckman Peter Old, South led by 86 points at three-quarter time and were never in doubt of claiming the title.

Other good players for South, who are coached by former East Perth player Gerard McNeil, were Clay Lewis and Peter Upson, while youngsters Peter Cransberg with four goals and Brad McDougal (three), confirmed that they are ready to transfer to Swan Districts next year after their solid performances in Souths' forward line.

Mines were well served by Kevin Rowe, Brett Whittaker and Mick Rea on the disappointing day.

South completed a unique treble by also winning the reserves and colts grand finals.

McNeil's tactics on the day played a significant part in South's win.

He persisted with using Upson against Mines star forward Wayne Coles. Upson restricted Coles to four goals and Mines did not have the alternative of scoring opportunities.

Three of Coles' goals came in the final term, when the game was well in South's control.

Again Mines received great service from Rea, who worked tirelessly throughout. But he simply did not get enough support from the less experienced Mines players.

South Bunbury's win continues the Bunbury dominance of South West football.

Koorda break drought

KOORDA won their first Central Wheatbelt NFL premierships title for 22 years when they beat Beacon 22.18 (150) to 9.12 (66) at Mukinbudin last Sunday.

Former West Perth star Ian Logan coached Koorda, who went through the season undefeated.

Logan topped off the great year for Koorda by winning the fairest and best trophy in the grand final.

The reserves was not as successful for Koorda when Mukinbudin beat them 15.6 (96) to 10.0 (69).

... and Jones is a winner

MUKINBUDIN star Joseph Jones added another award to his already impressive tally for 1984 when he was voted fairest and best player in the Central Wheatbelt NFL last week.

Jones received the Jeffries Medal when he polled 20 votes to win from Koorda's Craig Burton, who polled 15 votes.

The win by Jones tops off a brilliant year where he has collected many Association awards and also won his club fairest and best.

Koorda's Ron Clark won the Marchant Medal as the best and fairest player in the reserves competition. The Dandanning Medal for the leading league goal-kicker was won by Mukinbudin's Brad Jones and the reserves goal kicking was headed by Paul Jones, also from Mukinbudin.

For the first time in the history of the league, the medal count and presentation was combined and it proved a great success.

The function was attended by West Perth Football Club assistant general-manager Michael Beres, who paid particular interest to the major award recipients.

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For just \$2 a copy, this is the football "bible" for 1984 and is a must for your records. The Football Register will be available in major newsagencies late next week.

Putting a shine on team-work

AS one of the toughest men in WA football, Brad Shine forms a vital part of Swan Districts' cohesive mid-field.

The 1983 grand final Simpson Medallist adds class to the Swans smaller players with his magnificent desire for hard work.

In finals football, or home-and-away fixtures, Shine is always willing to create many opportunities for team-mates by his courageous efforts at the bottom of packs.

In the pace and pressure of big games, Shine has never shirked an issue and will play an important role in whatever system

play an important role in whatever role Todd gives him on Saturday.

The 'gutsy' rover-forward has the potential to register telling goals when not running on the ball.

His experience and finals know-how will be a confidence-boosting bonus to the younger Swans forwards.

Whether passing the ball accurately to fellow forwards or doing the heavy work around the goals, Shine makes opportunity for team-mates and is an invaluable part of Swans' ambitions.



LES'S LYRICS

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

The big game

We'll all go to Subi
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Tim Flynn — and there's me.

The tension will build
as the time draws near
Who'll be the victors
at the Grand Final this year?

John Todd — he'll be there,
and waiting to see
His boys win the triple —
what excitement there'll be!

The Sharks will be hoping
to repeat their last game
Will this Saturday be
their day to claim fame?

Oh yes, we'll be there
all the others and me
To watch footy at Subi
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SWAN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

GRAND FINAL EVENING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Clubrooms open to 1.00 am.

Please note admission into clubrooms for male and females will be on presentation of membership card ONLY!!!

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS will be at 6.30pm. So be there and celebrate with your team. Snacks will be available inside the clubrooms.

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1984 GRAND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Friday 21st, September

5pm — Social hour. Light meals available. 6.30 — Panel show chaired by Trevor Sprigg. Replay '79 Grand Final and '84 Second Semi Final.

SATURDAY 22nd, SEPTEMBER

9am — Champagne Breakfast. Tickets \$15.00 includes Bus trip to and from the oval. Departing 11.00am. Package deal \$35.00 includes Breakfast, bus to and from oval, and seating ticket at Subiaco Oval.

GRAND FINAL NIGHT

Full club facilities for members from 5.00pm Supporters welcome to participate in activities on the oval, includes entertainment, refreshments, and light meals.

SUNDAY 23rd, SEPTEMBER

11.00am — Bars open 1.00pm. Presentations of Grand Final Trophies. 1.30 Grand Final Replay. Non stop entertainment to 9.00pm. Light meals available. Channel 7 World of Sport at the Club that wins the Grand Final.

WAFL

SWAN DISTRICTS	2.2	8.9	11.18	16.18	114
CLAREMONT	6.5	9.5	10.6	14.9	93

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Marshall 3.4; Kimberley 3.1; Shine 2.0; Sartori, Holmes 1.2; Hutton, Langford 1.1; Fogarty, Boucher, Rance, Richardson 1.0; Narkle, Ahmat, Johns 0.1; forced 0.4. CLAREMONT: D. O'Connell 4.0; Goulding 3.1; Daniels, Beers, Aitken, Beecroft, Rakich 1.1; Mitchell, Panizza 1.0; Malaxos 0.2; Davidson 0.1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: B. Kimberley, M. Rance, P. Sartori, J. Fogarty, S. Richardson, W. Skwirowski. CLAREMONT: L. Kickett, M. Aitken, S. Malaxos, D. O'Connell, S. Lill, N. Park. Played at Subiaco Oval.

UMPIRES: D. Johnson, M. Ball. Swan Districts won toss and kicked against breeze to western end. Free-kicks: SWAN DISTRICTS: 6, 7, 5, 8 — 26; out-of-bounds 2, 15 metres 6. CLAREMONT: 11, 6, 3, 9 — 29; out-of-bounds 7; 15 metres 9. Attendance withheld.

HOW THEY LINED UP

SWAN DISTRICTS: Backs: Richardson, Mullooly, Maher. Half-backs: Solin, Fogarty, Langford. Centres: Renfree, Ahmat, Narkle. Half-forwards: Neesham, Rance, Holmes. Forwards: Shine, Hutton, Sartori, Ruck, Johns, Skwirowski, Kimberley. Interchange: Marshall, Boucher.

CLAREMONT: Backs: Kickett, M. O'Connell, Harper. Half-backs: Smith, Morton, Park. Centres: Panizza, Davidson, Lill. Half-forwards: Daniels, Aitken, Mitchell. Forwards: D. O'Connell, Goulding, Beecroft, Rucks, Court, Malaxos, Kanther. Interchange: Beers, Rakich.

WAFL RESERVES — Preliminary Final

SUBIACO	6.4	9.6	14.13	18.19	127
CLAREMONT	2.3	5.8	6.12	11.17	83

GOALS: SUBIACO: Willett 5; Wilson 3; Taylor, Lee, Dean 2; Dawson, Ross, Warner, Italiano 1. CLAREMONT: Brayshaw, Gomm 3; Farmer 2; Foulkes, Hann, Tait 1.

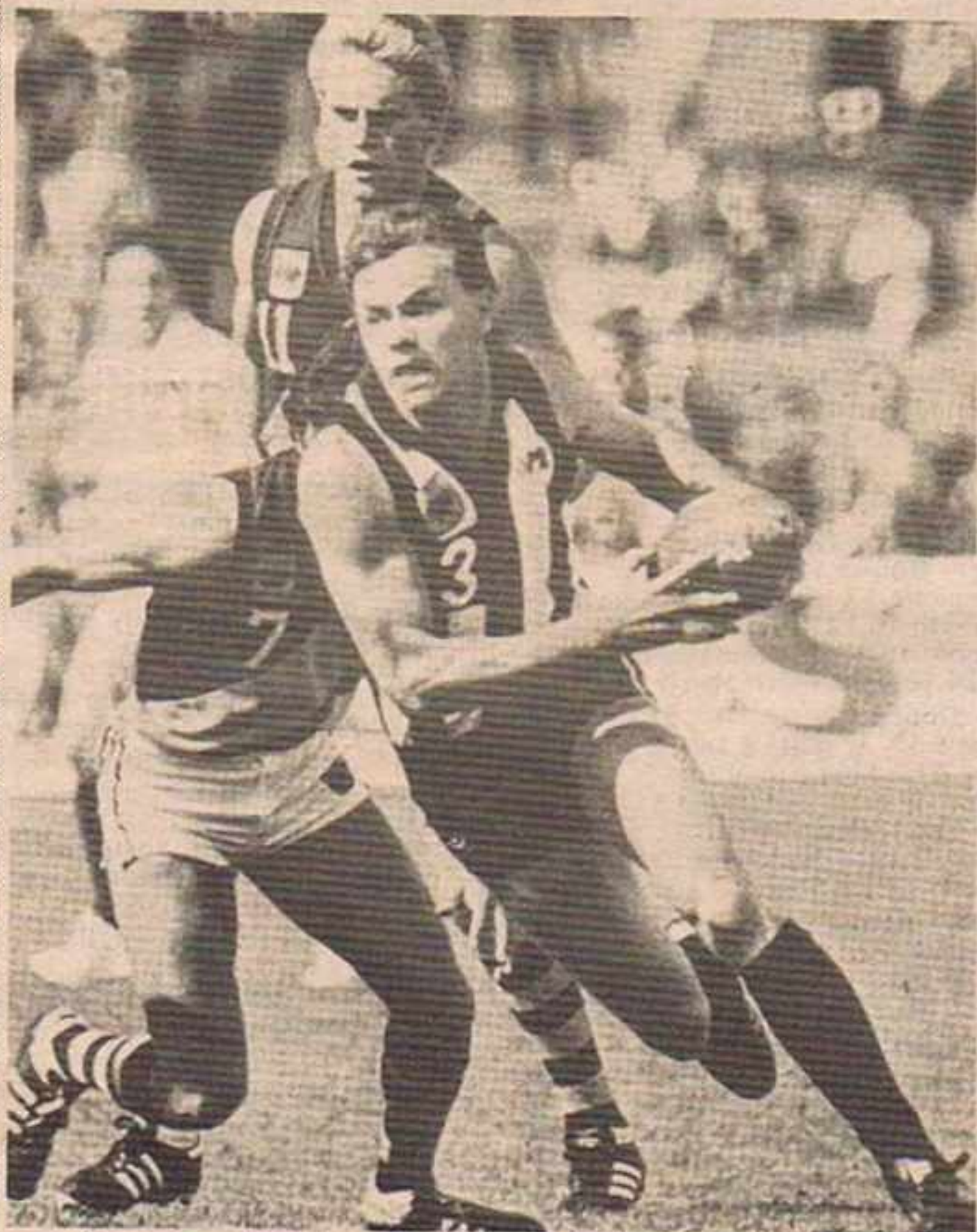
BEST: SUBIACO: Taylor, Willett, Lee, Lohar, Zanotti, Warner. CLAREMONT: Williamson, Tomizzi, Partington, Foulkes, Gomm, Hann.

WAFL COLTS — Preliminary Final

EAST PERTH	2.7	4.10	7.11	15.13	103
SUBIACO	1.2	4.3	9.11	12.12	84

GOALS: EAST PERTH: Starcevic, Cross 3; Dikolli, Giaros, McKinlay 2; Gianakki, Best, Ninette 1. SUBIACO: Batka, Metcalf, Georgiades, Taylor, Robson 2; MacNish, Riches 1.

BEST: EAST PERTH: Cross, Bettini, Bain. SUBIACO: Batka, Whitehead, MacNish.



Swans rookie Shane Renfree added pace to the black and whites centre line last week.



Collingwood's Mike Richardson was one of the stars of his side's semi final victory last Saturday, while back home in Perth his brother Steve was of his best for Mike's old club, Swans in their preliminary final win.

VFL

FIRST SEMI FINAL

COLLINGWOOD	3.4	9.80	13.12	17.16	118
CARLTON	2.2	8.4	8.6	14.9	93

GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Dalcos 7; Richardson 4; McMullin 2; Andrews, Banks, Williams, N. Shaw 1. CARLTON: Ralph, Dean 3; Madden 2; Sheldon, Ashman, Meldrum, Murphy, Harmes, MacLure.

BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Phillips, Richardson, Taylor, Dalcos, McCormack, Raines, CARLTON: McConville, Dean, Doull, Alvin, Ashman. Played at VFL Park, attendance 70,634.

SECOND SEMI FINAL

HAWTHORN	5.6	9.8	13.13	16.17	113
ESSENDON	3.4	8.10	13.14	15.15	105

GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dipierdomenico 4; Matthews, Judge 3; Brereton 2; Russo, Wallace, Loveridge, Langford 1. ESSENDON: Baker 3; Madden, Watson, Daniher, Neagle 2; Williams, Ezard, Van Der Haar, Weston.

BEST: HAWTHORN: Dipierdomenico, Lester-Smith, Russo, O'Hallaron, Byrne. ESSENDON: Neagle, Duckworth, Watson, Hawker, Daniher. Played at the MCG, attendance 76,514.

SANFL

FIRST SEMI FINAL

NORWOOD	2.1	8.3	10.5	16.9	105
CENTRAL DISTRICT	6.4	6.6	12.12	13.14	92

GOALS: CENTRAL DISTRICT: Fraser, Moulds 3; Roe, Connolly 2; Van Dommelle, Graham, Platten 1. NORWOOD: Payne 5; Laughlin 4; Roberts 3; Thomas, Gallagher, McIntosh, Michalannev 1.

BEST: NORWOOD: Payne, Laughlin, Aish, Winter, Michalannev, Roberts, Thomas, Gallagher. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Graham, Fraser, Moulds, Platten, Bubner, Connolly, Joyce. Played at Football Park.

SECOND SEMI FINAL

PORT ADELAIDE	4.6	7.6	9.6	12.7	79
GLENELG	3.0	4.3	5.8	5.10	40

GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Evans, Clifford 3; Ginever, Russell 2; Bradley, Belton 1. GLENELG: S. Kernahan 2; Hall, Copping, Garton 1.

BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Clifford, Kennedy, Curtis, Belton, R. Ebert, Leslie. GLENELG: Symonds, Marshall, Talbot, W. Stringer, Seebom, MacFarlane. Played at Football Park, attendance 28,912.

TASMANIA

TANFL — Preliminary final

GLENORCHY	3.4	7.5	13.8	16.10	106
NORTH	1.4	3.6	8.9	10.15	75

GOALS: GLENORCHY: Davidson 8; Curley, Carpenter 2; Ling, Pearce, Linton, Bowden 1. NORTH: Pelham 3; Sutton, McQueen 2; Negri, Noble, Emes 1. BEST: GLENORCHY: Collis, Carpenter, Curley, Davidson. NORTH: Sutton, Negri, Frame, Noye.

NTFA — Preliminary final

LONGFORD	7.4	8.6	10.10	12.11	83
SCOTTSDALE	0.4	3.11	6.16	10.23	83

GOALS: LONGFORD: Walker, Batt, Grima 3; Archer, Donnellan, Chugg 1. SCOTTSDALE: Nichols, McCarthy, Wood 2; Williams, Wagner, Lovegrove, Speers 1. BEST: Longford, Archer, Grima, Prewer, McGee. SCOTTSDALE: Nichols, McCarthy, Lovegrove, Wagner.

NWFU — Preliminary final

COOEE	4.1	8.7	12.14	19.15	129
PENGUIN	3.6	8.8	11.9	16.12	108

GOALS: COOEE: Beaumont 8; Bellinger, Docking 2; Templeton, Burley, Shephard, Youd, Mihocek, Hudson, Keygan 1. PENGUIN: Cole 6; C. Fielding 4; Hennessy 2; Clark, Carpenter, Brown, W. Fielding 1. BEST: COOEE: Beaumont, Keygan, Templeton, Burley. PENGUIN: W. Fielding, Cole, Lane, Harding.

VFL RESERVES

First semi final

MELBOURNE	6.3	12.4	18.7	25.11	161
CARLTON	5.2	5.5	9.6	10.9	69

GOALS: MELBOURNE: Wilson 10; Hutchison, Rugolo 3; Withers 2; Thorne, Battiston, Wright, Tossol, Tanner, Ted Fidge, John Fidge 1. CARLTON: Howell, McKenzie 3; M. Buckley, Kourkoumelis, Enders, Marcou 1. BEST: MELBOURNE: John Fidge, Allday, Bailey, Dickson, Wilson. CARLTON: Robertson, Maylin Howell, Kennedy, Rohde.

Second semi final

COLWOOD	6.6	12.10	16.17	23.21	159
HAWTHORN	4.2	5.9	8.12	10.16	76

GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Dickson, Ataata, Dalkin 4; Seow 3; Barham, Beers, Malcolm 2; Kelly, Skerritt 1. HAWTHORN: Buckenara, Paton 2; Howard, Morrissey, Considine, Morris, Allen, Lee. BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Morwood, McLean, Erwin, Seow, Kelly, Dickson. HAWTHORN: Abbott, Paton, Buckenara, Handley.

CANBERRA

ACTAFL — Preliminary final

EASTLAKE	5.3	8.8	15.12	19.13	127
QUEANBEYAN	2.2	5.4	10.7	12.9	81

GOALS: EASTLAKE: Miller 4; Carmen, Yates 3; Fellows, Macafee 2; Libbis, Duffy, Samios, Overland, Werner. QUEANBEYAN: B. Fort 3; Hemming 2; Wynd, Lysewycz, Daniel, Henry, Williamson, M. Taylor, R. Imrie 1. BEST: EASTLAKE: Miller, Southwell, Macafee, Yates, Libbis. QUEANBEYAN: Daniel, Wvn. R. Imrie, B. Fort, Briant.

SYDNEY

SFL — Preliminary final

NORTH SHORE	3.7	10.12	13.14	17.17	119
CAMP TOWN	1.6	6.7	9.10	14.12	96

GOALS: NORTH SHORE: A. O'Donnell, J. Hendrie 4; Fitzgerald 3; Breen, Batty, Batchelor, Vernon, Sullivan, Dignan 1. CAMPBELLTOWN: S. Zahra 3; Reid, Scott 2; Underwood, Podbury, Morley, Coburn, T. Smith, P. Smith, Lindfield 1. BEST: NORTH SHORE: Fitzgerald, Vernon, McKindlay, O'Donnell, Hendrie. CAMPBELLTOWN: Coburn, Zahra, Forsyth, Lindfield. Umpires: M. Henry, N. Jarvis.

VFA

Preliminary final

FRANKSTON	6.3	11.6	13.9	16.11	107
GEELONG W.	1.4	5.6	6.12	9.18	72

GOALS: FRANKSTON: Boyd 4; Jones, Membrey 3; Gamble 2; Bardeol, Rogerson, Geddes, Czarneci 1. GEELONG WEST: King 3; Nichols, Doyle, Torney, Berry, Eddy, Toulmin 1. BEST: FRANKSTON: Bardeol, Walsh, Geddes, Czarneci, Jones, Bruin. GEELONG WEST: Berry, Dahihaus, King, Toulmin, Gibson.

WA SUNDAY LEAGUE

GRAND FINALS

Kalamunda 15.18 (K. Ferguson, R. Prater, G. O'Rourke) d Wanneroo 11.10 (R. Saylor, A. Crabb, G. Kelleher). Reserves — Canning 22.8 (Vines, Deering, Hynam) d Kenwick 6.7.

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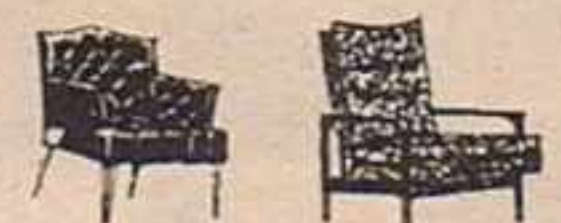
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BE THERE . . . IT MAY BE THE LAST ONE

SATURDAY'S grand final may well be the last of the grand finals as we know them.

The most important changes in our game are just around the corner with the proposed National Football League and the suggestions that the Victorian-based clubs want to start next season.

While I have been outspoken in my support of a National Football League I am very apprehensive about the speed at which the competition looks like being organised.

It is essential that thorough investigation and planning be carried out to establish this new competition. Like many new ideas, too much can be done too soon — not necessarily affecting the NFL competition but more importantly the eight-team WAFL competition.

It will be great for football supporters and players to be able to watch and take part in a truly national competition. But the WAFL has an obligation to ensure that the present competition survives.



ONE of the most underrated players in our game is Swans rover Barry Kimberley.

Since transferring from Perth he has developed into a player who very rarely performs below his best.

Kimberley has been a lone hand in the Swans small-man brigade since the unfortunate illness to outstanding rover Ed Blackaby.

He has pace and always endeavours to get the ball. Kimberley is very strong for a small man as was seen in the second semi final when he received two of the best body clashes the game can produce and still got to his feet and continued to run.

Unfortunately Kimberley has not any particular skill that stands out so that his rating as a better player can be established.

Without doubt, Barry Kimberley has shown great character and perseverance in his efforts to get Swans to their third premiership.

The eight teams have enough financial problems trying to make ends meet without having crowds and sponsorship reduced by the two "super teams".

Strict controls will be required to regulate payments to players, with heavy fines to any club who breaks these guidelines. Players in all clubs should be paid the same amount, stopping the ridiculous contracts offered by clubs to disgruntled individuals.

Money has brought the competition as we know it to its knees. It is the biggest single factor for all the changes about to occur.

The league must take steps to control the financial side of Australian football. When this is established, the game will continue to grow both in the professional and in semi-professional leagues that will operate in each State.

I am sure that most football supporters do not realise the magnitude of this new proposal that will develop in the next few months.

Saturday's grand final should be one that all supporters should go to. It will give them the chance to say in the future: "I was at the last official WAFL grand final before the super league was established."



Keith Narkle

KEITH Narkle never ceases to amaze me. The quietly spoken Swans Districts captain seems to get better with age.

When you consider his age and the games he has played, Narkle could be justified in feeling like retiring. But he has saddled up every week and season 1984 has seen him continue to produce a most consistent performance.

Narkle has been part of Swans 'dark days', when they were chopping blocks for all clubs. And now he has seen the Swans become the trendsetters with back to back premierships.

He has had a remarkable season and after his 250th league appearance last Saturday his coach John Todd paid him a tribute by suggesting that he is his choice to win the club fairest and best award this year.

Narkle is now poised to be part of his club's third successive premiership, an honour very few players have achieved.

Dorro's Diary

By Grant Dorrington

About time...

IT WAS great to see the WAFL organise the first post-match coaches media conference.

For several seasons now I have been writing in Westside Football suggesting that for the sake of professionalism, press conferences should be held after every game.

Last Saturday's conference showed the benefit of getting the two coaches together and controlling the post game image that Australian football presents to the football world.

WELL DONE SWAN...

SATURDAY'S preliminary final saw the emergence of a star.

The star in question was the large Swan that paraded around the ground before the league game.

The actions of the swan in pecking at the Tigerettes while they were doing their dance, then chasing the various media men around the boundary kept the crowd entertained.

I don't know whether this swan was acting for the WAFL or just took it upon himself, but whatever it was it created good light-hearted humour.

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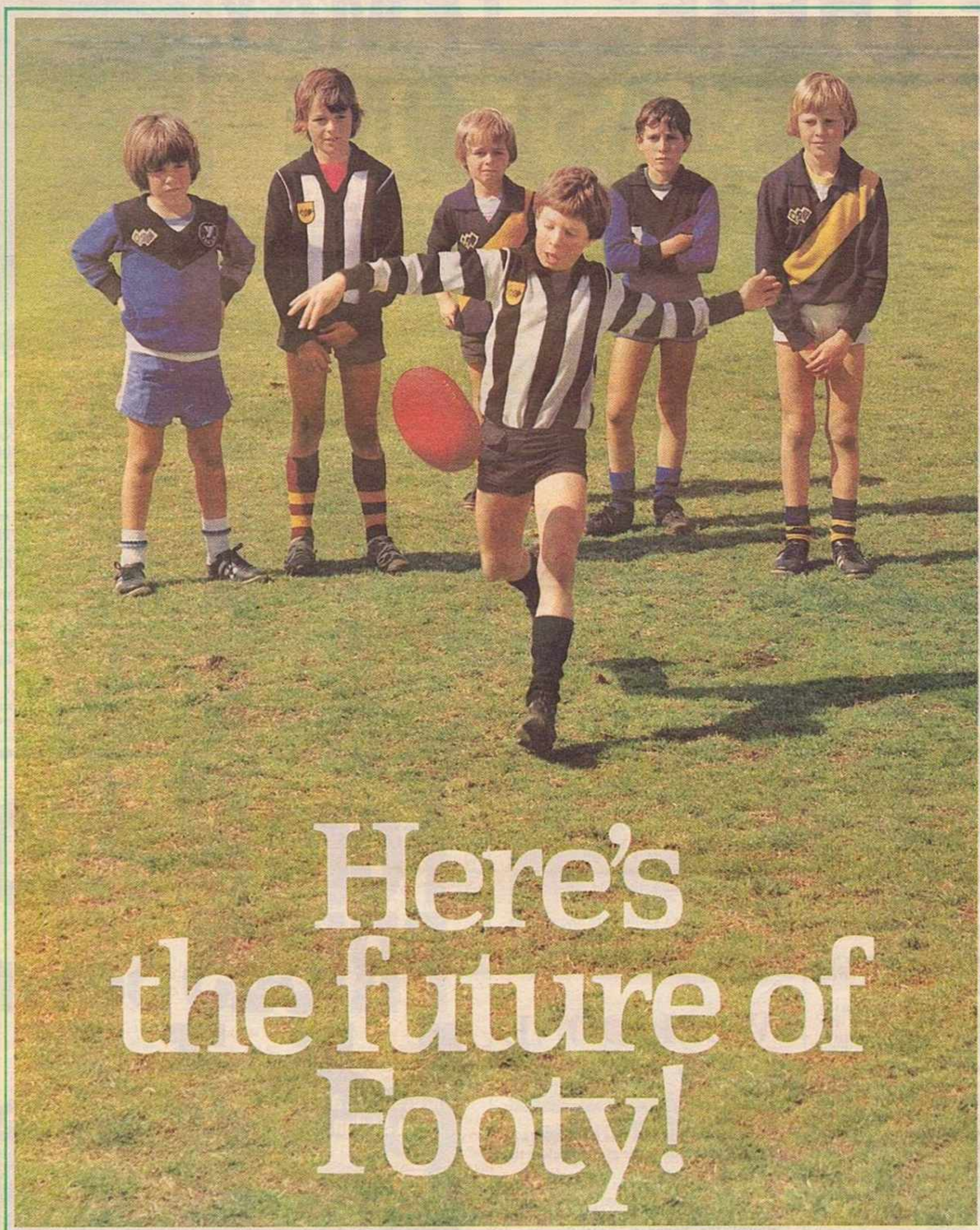
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