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JON Dorotich . . . showing a temper.

**HOT HEAD DORRO**

By **TONY CARR**

**BULLDOGS** coach Don Haddow is facing his first big test in league football after a heated clash with South Fremantle big man Jon Dorotich.

Team-mates had to restrain Dorotich after Haddow accused him of selfish play in a practice match against East Fremantle at Wagin last week.

Dorotich, who has received a healthy signing-on fee from Victorian club Carlton, stormed off during the three-quarter time break and sat 20 metres away from the team.

South's chairman of selectors, Murray MacDonald and team manager Rick Gloede failed to calm Dorotich and get him back into the team huddle.

The public row put a dampener on what was an encouraging day for the Bulldogs after their good form against East Fremantle.

Dorotich was in excellent form at centre-half-forward and is expected to be a key player for the Bulldogs this season.

It was unfortunate that the Wagin incident happened in front of a crowd. Such outbursts should be confined to the privacy of the change rooms and not in front of supporters.

Haddow needs time to settle into the rigours of coaching a league football team and his



• **DON HADDOW** reputation may have been dented unfairly by this outburst.

Some supporters fear that Dorotich could slip into a false sense of security now that he will be playing with Carlton next season.

Players such as Grant Campbell, John Ironmonger, Brad Hardie and Jim Sewell have struggled for form in WA football after signing with VFL clubs.

**What a Farce!**

SAYS ROBERT BENNETT



THE WAFL tribunal is a farce. It's as outdated as a chastity belt.

Penalties dished out by the tribunal are no longer commensurate with "the crime."

Take the Garry Sidebottom case. If the tribunal had not changed its decision, then Sidebottom would have been given a penalty far more severe than what a court of law would dish out for a far worse offence.

I don't know what sort of money Swan Districts are paying Sidebottom, but I doubt that they will get much change, if any, out of \$25,000 this season.

If that is the case, and Sidebottom is on a contract per game, then a one-week suspension arising from a practice match could cost him around \$1000.

That's just not on.

It's time the WAFL looked at tribunal penalties in tandem with the kind of money and contracts players now receive.

It probably didn't matter a great deal back in the dark dim past if a player was given a week as he was not expected to put in a great deal of effort pre-season or during the week and was paid peanuts.

But league football has reached a semi-professional stage in this State.

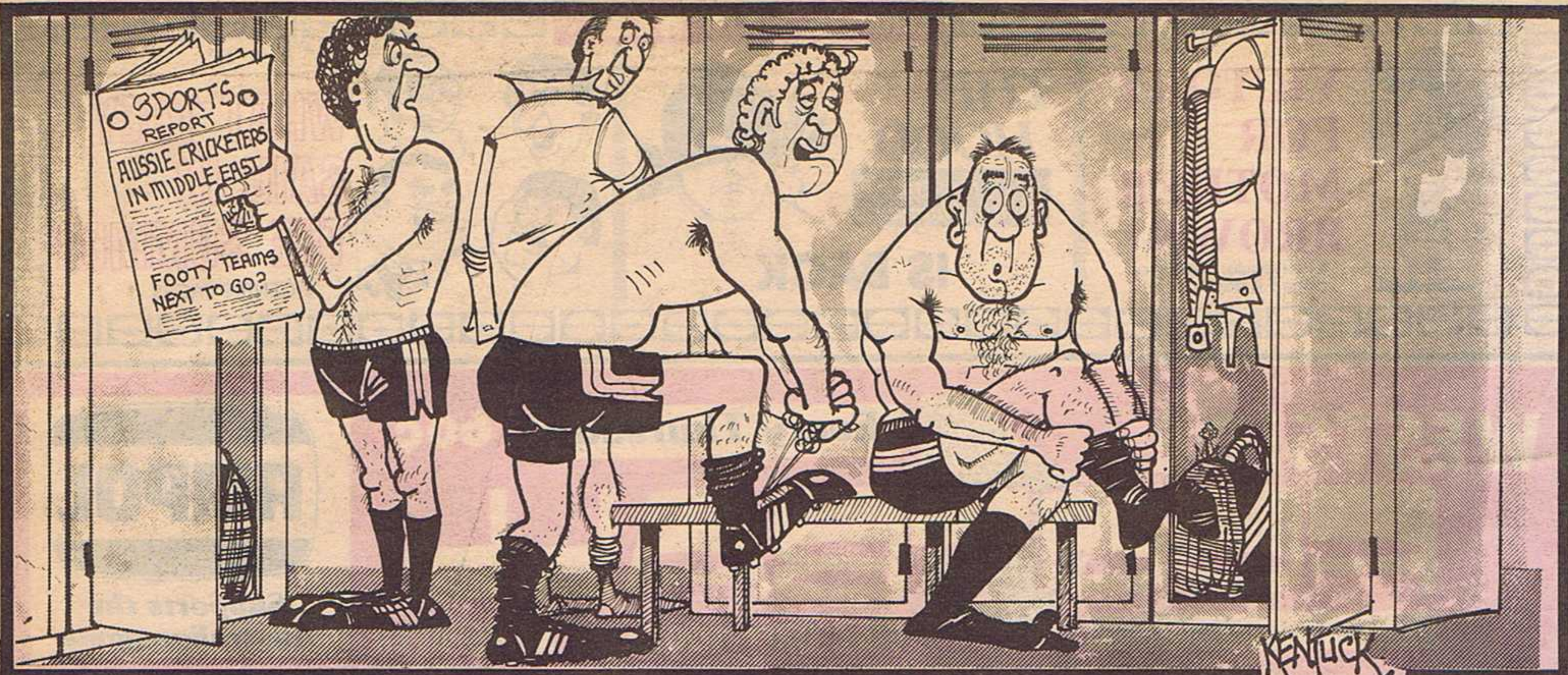
Suspensions should be reserved for extreme incidents, not ones where players try and dust each other up — and that happens all the time.

Consideration should be given to a scale of fines.

• Robert Bennett continues his thoughts in his weekly column on page 5.

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**LONG HAUL!**

SUBIACO utility player Brian Taylor has a long drive to work each day. He leaves his home in Greenwood early each morning to travel to Beverley where he teaches at the local school. Of course with training several times a week, he runs up a sizeable petrol bill.

**SWANS PRESENTATION**

SWAN Districts had their annual presentation of jumpers night at the club last Sunday with five special guests also receiving club guernseys. Fred Kersley and Rod Kemp from the pacing and racing world, former champion cyclist Steel Bishop, 6IX announcer Malcolm T. Elliott and WAFL chief executive John Walker were the lucky recipients. The club will have their major sponsor the Swan Brewery's logo on the back of their jumpers.

**STEVE'S HONOUR**

WEST Australian Steve Malaxos has certainly made a big impact on the VFL scene — some critics say that he has arrived in Melbourne with as big a reputation as did the legendary Graham (Polly) Farmer and Barry Cable. Malaxos, 23, has gained recognition with his role as captain of WA and the All-Australian team and he was accorded the honour of having his photograph in colour on the front page of the VFL's Football Record for the opening game of the season last week.

**LIONS FEAT**

THE announcement that Neil Taylor and Phil Lamb will continue as Subiaco's field leaders, this season has produced an interesting fact. Both players recorded their 150th games last season which qualifies them for life membership of the club. At this stage, no other league club can claim this feat this season, although Robert Wiley and Bryan Cousins at Perth and Les Fong and Peter Menaglio at West Perth will also match the achievement if Wiley and Menaglio remain fit.



**U.S. INFLUENCE**

EVER since Alan Bond shocked America by winning the America's Cup, there has been a wave of curiosity sweeping America. Many Yanks regard Australia as a new frontier and are eager to get hold of any type of souvenir they can. So it didn't take one of our American readers (Yes, we have them all over the world) by surprise when he came across an advertisement in a San Diego newspaper for "AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL JERSEYS." The jumpers were selling for \$48 (American) at a store known as the Banana Republic Travel and Safari Clothing Company. The advertisement described the jumpers as those being "worn by the strapping lads who bash heads in Aussie Football".

**FRIENDLY RIVALS**

SWAN Districts coach John Todd is a master at motivating his players, even at typically laborious training sessions. The league squad has been playing practice matches at training, with the two teams being made up of players from the city and the country. The games are played in a very competitive spirit and the country players have proved too good for their city opponents. But the city side, led by big Garry Sidebottom, is determined to change this, so training could be interesting in the next few weeks.

**ROYAL VISIT**

THE Royals are really working hard off the field as well as on and the idea of bringing one of the club's former greats Kevin Murray back to Perth for pre-first match functions is a top move to build club spirit. Murray will present club jumpers tonight, talk to the players before they run onto the field on Saturday, toss the coin and present trophies after the match.

**LAWRENCE CLEARED**

IT was a relieved Subiaco defender Steve Lawrence who was cleared of an assault charge this week. The young policeman was suspended from duty for several months until the charge was heard in court. Lawrence is back at work at the Dalkeith Police Station and now can concentrate on the business of playing football.

**HELPING HANDS**

THERE'S a chap in town looking for a job as a masseur with a football club if anyone is interested. Vic Trafford, who says that he has been "fixing up" footballers for years, has returned to live in the city after a stint down Esperance way. He is offering his services to the first club that calls him at Jewell House, 180 Goderich Street, East Perth, telephone 325 8488.

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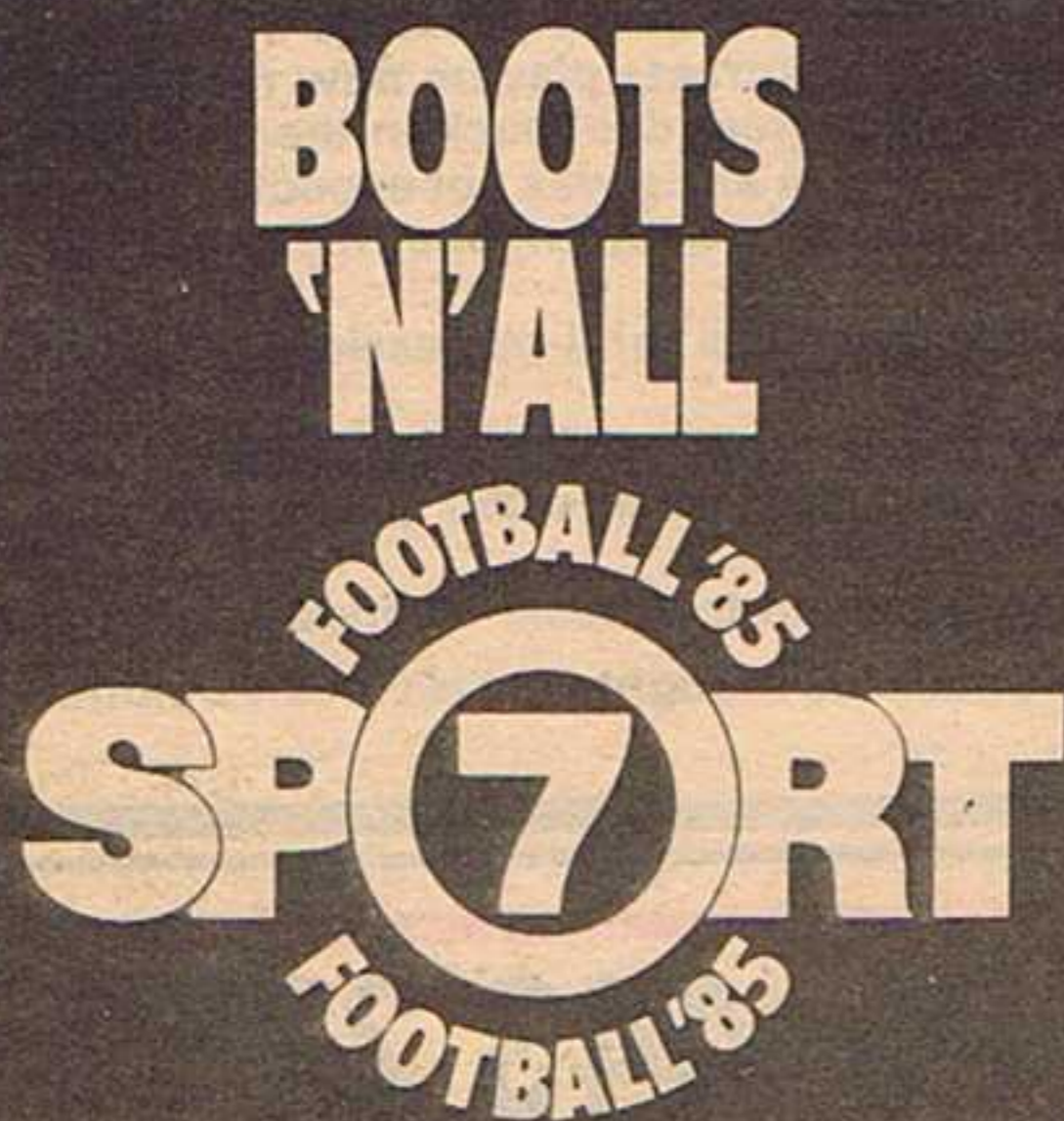
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SWAN DISTRICTS (1984 premiers)	v East Fremantle at East Fremantle
EAST, PERTH (fourth in 1984)	v Claremont at Perth Oval
CLAREMONT (third in 1984)	v East Perth at Perth Oval
SUBIACO (seventh in 1984)	v Perth at Subiaco Oval
PERTH (eighth in 1984)	v Subiaco at Subiaco Oval
WEST PERTH (sixth in 1984)	v South Fremantle at Leederville Oval
SOUTH FREMANTLE (fifth in 1984)	v West Perth at Leederville Oval



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## MY VIEW



By Western Mail  
Sports writer  
ALAN NEWMAN

# Finance is the No.1 target

FOOTBALL'S centenary season in WA is sure to provide many notable achievements, both on and off the field.

One of them took place several weeks before the opening bouncedown.

The WAFL pulled off a masterstroke when it obtained sponsorship to the tune of \$700,000 for its biggest ever season.

Having that \$700,000 in the kitty and earning a healthy rate of interest represents a giant step forward in the State's football finances.

And because of it, the directors have already been able to forecast that they expect the 1985 season to return a profit of \$315,000.

It is not so long ago that WA football, from a financial standpoint, was in a terrible mess.

The blackest year of all was 1982 when the league — meaning the eight WAFL clubs — finished \$319,000 in the red and the situation was much the same in 1983.

At one stage the WAFL was in such dire straits financially that it pleaded to the State Government for a share of TAB profits, called for the introduction of poker machines in licensed clubs and recommended that betting be allowed on football.

None of those things ever eventuated.

Even though some clubs have been having trouble in making ends meet, the overall picture of WAFL viability looks much brighter than it was a year ago.

Credit for the transformation is due to the wisdom of the new independent board of directors, who have made finance their No.1 priority since they took over the running of WA football.

The new \$700,000 sponsorship — up \$400,000 on 1984 — became a reality when the Swan Brewery, the Nissan Motor Company and the SGIO became joint major sponsors of the WAFL along with Town and Country WA Building Society and Philip Morris Ltd (Peter Jackson), both long-time supporters of WA football.

I understand that WAFL chief executive John Walker handled the negotiations so expertly that at least two other major organisations were ready to come to the party.

At that rate the WAFL should have no difficulty in obtaining major sponsors in years to come.

Last year the US television networks paid a staggering \$600 million to screen direct telecasts of professional and college football over a season lasting a mere four months.

For a variety of reasons, mostly geographical, the WAFL will never be able to barter for really big money in their dealings with local TV stations.

They are forced to generate funds from other sources and their best bet is commercial sponsorship.

That is much more preferable to the continuing spiral in admission prices.

In four years prices for adults have risen from \$3.60 to \$5.50 and there have also been hefty hikes for kids and pensioners.

That's not the way to keep those turnstiles clicking.

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WAFL CENTENARY 1985

# WELCOME '85

# It will be a year to remember

In this the West Australian Football League's centenary year, the excitement and intrigue of our great game will never be more evident.

Early indications suggest that this season's competition will be closely contested with every side having claims for a place in the four.

Practice match attendances are an improvement on past seasons, which augurs well for solid public response.

The experiment of a live telecast of the last quarter of one of the matches each week will appeal to a new audience and give the game the extra exposure it needs.

The two country matches planned during the season — at Dampier and Geraldton — will give football supporters in the North West a golden opportunity to see top football at close range.

The league is spending \$250,000 on football development, which includes the formation of the Football Coaches Association, designed to teach correct coaching procedures.

The staging of the Teal Cup in Perth will give the football public the opportunity to see the best young talent in Australia.

An extra incentive for the young footballers is the decision to play the grand final of the Teal Cup as a curtain-raiser to a league game on Sunday, June 9.

This season WA will be playing host to South Australia and Victoria in the battle for the Australian football championship.

WA has never won three consecutive titles and it would be the highlight of our centenary season if the hat-trick could be achieved.

I am confident all league clubs will record surplus profits and continue to eat away at deficits accumulated over recent seasons.

There will be alterations made to country zones in July and implemented at the end of the season.

An agreement between the WAFL and the West Australian Cricket Association will be signed soon on the development of the WACA Ground as a football venue.

The first football game is planned for 1987 at the WACA and the installation of lights is a high priority.

So everything is in readiness for a memorable 100th year of football and I wish all football followers a successful and enjoyable year.

## NEW-LOOK BUDGET

THE popular Football Budget will undergo several changes this season.

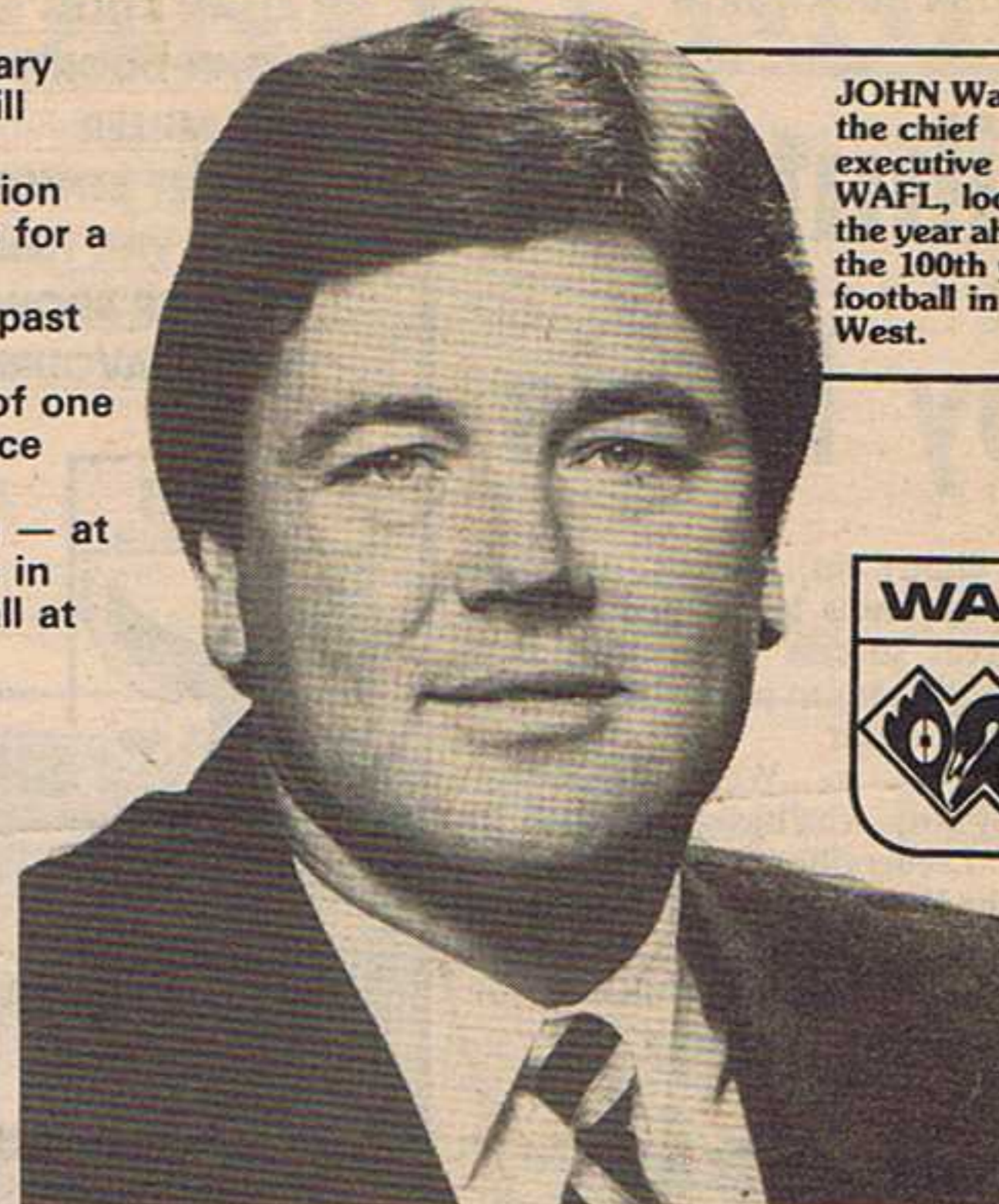
The size of the Budget will be increased from 48 to 64 pages to accommodate additional features and the demand for more advertising space.

At the end of the season, the league plan to introduce for the first time a magazine-size grand final edition.

The league's annual year book will be incorporated in this special issue which will be combined with the Football Budget, making it a 100-page glossy full-colour publication.

It will be an excellent moment, not only of the grand final, but for our centenary year.

JOHN Walker, the chief executive of the WAFL, looks at the year ahead... the 100th year of football in the West.



## CLUB COLOURS

WHEN the players run on to the ground this Saturday they will be wearing newly-designed shorts.

The shorts will feature on both side panels a stylised 'W' in their respective colours, a design similar to that featured on SANFL and VFL shorts.

## STATE SELECTORS

LEAGUE director, Dr Tom Stannage, has been appointed chairman of the State selection panel. He will join John Todd, Bob Manning, Ken McAullay and new selectors Les Mumme and Grant Dorrington.

## NUMBERS FOR ALL

A FIRST by any major Australian Football League will be the introduction of numbers on the back of field umpires shirts in WAFL matches this season. This will assist patrons and television viewers to readily identify the field umpires.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

THE CIG company have confirmed their sponsorship for the third consecutive year of the CIG Shield for private and State Government schools.

The highlight for the players is the chance to once again play in the grand final of the competition as a curtain raiser to the WA-Victoria match on Tuesday, July 16.

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

## Tribute to Roy Ennis

THE dinner in honour of West Perth's Roy Ennis last Monday night was a great success with many past players turning up to pay tribute to this great club stalwart.

Well done to West Perth for honouring Roy, who has spent nearly 50 years at Leederville Oval and many years at the WACA; most of those years as head trainer in both sports. I offer my personal thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

### TOUGH MAN

WEST Perth's lack of big men will be a real problem this season, but the club has recruited a man who will possibly take the place of big Ron Boucher as the strongest in league football. His name is Kim Rogers and though he is still a little rough around the edges, he is sure to be a great acquisition. At present I'm helping take skills training and coach John Wynne asked to me take the big fellow aside to put him through some man-to-man routines — and I'm sorry I did!

### BAD LUCK BILL

THE biggest disappointment for me early in the season was the injury last Saturday to brother Bill in Melbourne. After a great finish to last season — winning the Norm Smith medal in the VFL grand final — and a good start to this year in the first half, he injured his knee in a collision with Hawthorn's Rodney Eade. Bill entered hospital on Monday for a scan on his knee and will be out of action for anything up to 12 weeks.



JOHN Wynne . . . unorthodox

### NEW TACTIC

MUCH has been said of John Wynne and his coaching methods at West Perth. Using mainly ball training to get his players fit for the season, Wynne is under pressure if these revolutionary methods don't work. He knows he is to blame if these methods fail, but I think he should be given several matches to prove if they are feasible. Wynne has the difficult assignment of re-building and establishing one of the great clubs in the WAFL. If he is successful he will be a hero at the club and other league coaches will have to reassess their pre-season methods.

## OUR WRITERS SELECT

	Tally	E. Frem. v S. Dist.	E. Perth v C'mont	Subiaco v Perth	W. Perth v S. Frem.
TONY CARR		East Frem.	Claremont	Subiaco	South Frem.
ALAN EAST		East Frem.	East Perth	Subiaco	West Perth
PETER POAT		East Frem.	Claremont	Perth	West Perth
DAVE CLEMENT		Swan Dist.	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.
GRANT DORRINGTON		Swan Dist.	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.
ALLAN STILES		East Frem.	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.
JOHN DUCKWORTH		Swan Dist.	Claremont	Perth	West Perth
IAN MILLER		Swan Dist.	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.
ROBERT BENNETT		East Frem.	Claremont	Subiaco	South Frem.
PETER VAN HELDEN		East Frem.	East Perth	Perth	West Perth
MOTHER BROWN		Swan Dist.	Claremont	Subiaco	South Frem.
MOST FAVOURED		East Frem.	Claremont	Perth	South Frem.



# Sharks out for revenge

A RE-MATCH of last year's grand final is an ideal way to kick off the WAFL'S centenary year of football.

The game promises to be a tough, closely-contested affair with the Sharks determined to revenge their September disappointment.

Both sides have cruised through the practice matches in low gear and the handbrake will be released this week as the real football begins.

East Fremantle officials will be hoping that their top ruckman, Paul Harding, recovers from the heavy concussion he received against South Fremantle at Wagin last Saturday.

### RUCK TRIO

Many clubs prefer to rest players for a week after suffering concussion, but the Sharks need Harding to combat the talented Swans ruck trio of Peter Sartori, Mick Johns and Wayne Simms.

The outstanding form of Garry Sidebottom pre-season has been a bonus for the black and whites and his presence on the field gives the Swans' smaller players confidence.

The Sharks will be looking for consistent four-quarter efforts from Brian Peake, who adds experience and ball-getting ability to the side's midfield play.

He will combine with Murray Wrensted, Stephen Green, Mario Turco and Gerard Neesham (if fit) to place pressure on the Swans runners.

Swans will be hoping their mobile players Don Langsford, Barry Kimberley, Jon Fogarty and Steve Richardson, run hard to counter the fleet-footed Sharks.

Swans half-forward Don Holmes has displayed sound practice match form and he presents a big danger to the East Fremantle defenders if he is given room to move.

## Tigers will miss the runners

THE loss of several top players has left both East Perth and Claremont depleted in key areas.

Claremont will miss Steve Malaxos, Allen Daniels, Mark Watson and Lindsay Kanther — leaving some big holes in their midfield play, which has been evident during the practice matches.

Peter Thorne, Geoff Miles and Robert Dickfos have helped ease the situation, but the lack of runners at Claremont is a major problem.

The Royals have been hit hard by the loss of experienced players — Peter Spencer, Greg Walsh and John Ironmonger.

The return of Kevin Bryant to Perth

## NEW COACHES HAVE A LOT TO PROVE

THE two new coaches in the league, John Wynne and Don Haddow, do battle first-up in their initiation into the big time.

Both clubs have opted for low-key build-ups to the season and interest will centre on how each side lines up.

Special interest will be on the make-up of the West Perth ruck, with Craig Nelson having injury problems during the summer.

New big men Kim Rogers, Mike Stockley and Neil Brooks are all battling for positions at West Perth.

Stephen Michael will lead the Bulldogs first ruck with support from North Albany giant Gerard Cameron and ruckman-forward Craig Edwards.

Jon Dorotich has been starring in pre-season matches at centre-half-forward and his stint in the ruck last season has made him more aggressive.

West Perth have gained in the small man area with Corry Bewick back from injury and Gavin Chaplin and Darrin Bewick destined for league football.

The Bulldogs are also looking good in the roving department with Wally Matera and Brad Collard playing well — but State rover David Hart is an enigma at this stage.

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## ON THE WAY UP

SUBIACO and Perth have shown immense improvement since last season and may be real threats for final-four berths.

Subiaco have recruited strongly in the mobile player area with dual Sandover Medallist Peter Spencer a major coup, and speedy wingmen Geoff O'Brien and Roger Steinepreis adding pace across the centre.

Swan Districts reject Danny Platts has been an acquisition on the half-forward line and Devonport recruit Leon Perry has shown plenty of dash as a rover or on a half-forward flank.

The Demons have also been active over the summer months picking up Claremont runners Lindsay Kanther and Mark Watson, who have complemented the brilliant ball-getting skills of Robert Wiley and Bryan Cousins.

The Lions are hard to stop when they get a run on with players like Peter Featherby, Neil Taylor and Dwayne and Phil Lamb, motivators in the midfield.

Unpredictable Perth forward Peter Bosustow is playing with renewed life and his performance at centre-half-forward will have a major bearing on the outcome of the game.

# THE HOOD

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## PROUD PANEL

SEVEN are justifiably proud of their World of Sport football panel and the make-up girls do an excellent job each week. This publicity shot from Seven shows the good-looking line-up (standing from left) Ken McAullay, John Rogers, Freddie Woods (yes, he's been recalled out of retirement), new recruit John Hayes and veteran Marty McDonnell. Oh, that's chairman Tim Flynn holding his breath to stop the buttons popping!

## HIGH VALUES

MOST people in sport are aware of the minority who develop an over-inflated ego when someone puts an official jacket on them or provides them with a fancy title. Take a couple of timekeepers who were holding forth in a press box during pre-season. Defending the role of the time-keeper one gent, (a country fellow, actually) claimed that timekeepers were the most important part of the game and football couldn't exist without them. Was he forgetting about those 40 players out on the ground, do you think?

## SMITH A SHARK?

MY spies at East Fremantle Oval believe that speedy Swan Districts half-forward Alby Smith is keen to try his luck with the Sharks. Smith has found it difficult to break into the powerful Swans line-up in the past few seasons. One wonders whether the same would apply at East Fremantle and he might be better off going to a weaker club.

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## BITTER WORDS

THE normally serene atmosphere that surrounds Aunty, the ABC headquarters in downtown East Perth, has been running hot in pre-season time with lots of controversy over radio and TV coverages. Their sports supervisor, George Grfusich, has had plenty of heated words to say about things being done by other media. In one Saturday morning outburst he talked about the "incestuous relationship" a certain daily newspaper had with the WAFL and hit at people suggesting that he possessed a "jaundiced view". This media wrangling makes for good off-field action all year!

## NO HOMEWORK

THE lack of homework that our local football critics (apart from most of the Westside crew, of course!) was never more evident than when Channel 7's new-look panel unveiled their knowledge of the 1985 season. Billed as a preview of the year, the critics were continually caught out with their lack of player knowledge, particularly on the debits and credits side of things. Why, in the line-up for Subiaco's credits, they didn't even include Peter Spencer... and he did win a Sandover Medal last year, didn't he?

## DESCRIPTIVE

TALKING about Channel Seven's World of Football (which we can do a lot now that things are really under way) how about the new-look chairman of the panel, Tim Flynn. His flamboyant use of words will be a highlight of the weekly presentation. Like last week when he was talking about Subiaco's Warren Dean being a good kicker of the football. "I've seen him kick the footy over many, many great distances"

## TODD'S TACTICS

VOLATILE Swan Districts coach John Todd was at his fiery best on Sunday — and this time the media were on the receiving end of a verbal blast. Todd, renowned for the way he can build his band of winners up into a tight us-versus-the-rest unit, was given a 'serve' by Freddie Woods on Seven's World of Sport show. Woods claimed that Todd was out of order by blasting the junior umpires in charge of a recent practice match — and he said so to the master coach's face. Todd didn't take the bait, at least, not on camera. But afterwards he apparently had a few words to say about the Channel Seven show... and where it could go!

## PASS CONFUSION

When the WAFL announced their family pass plan recently it was reported that \$10 would pay for two adults and two children and represent a saving of \$3. WAFL chief executive John Walker confused many people when he announced on 6WF a couple of weeks ago that the pass would cover as many children as you wished. I hope the league clarifies this point before Saturday.

# BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



# Umps are not up to standard

THE move taken by John Todd and Mal Brown in using outside umpires for last week's practice match was not met with total approval — but I can understand their frustration.

Umpiring has just not been up to the standard it should be in pre-season games.

This was never more evident than in Wagin on Saturday.

South Fremantle's Wally Matera was awarded a free kick and in an endeavour to set the same moving quickly, team-mate Noel Carter retrieved the ball and tossed it to Matera so he could take his kick.

The umpire, who had not made the decision, must have been asleep as he penalised Carter for throwing the ball. It shows just how ludicrous some decisions have been this season.

But back to the tribunal and the question of penalties.

## PENALTIES

The scale of penalties could apply in a number of ways, practice matches could receive a low priority and a player's track record should be taken into consideration.

For instance, for a first offence he should be fined a set amount increasing to the point that he sets an automatic suspension for a certain period after say, his third or fourth offence. Likewise, if a player has not been reported for a certain number of seasons, then he should get consideration for that good behaviour.

## UNFAIR

It could be argued that it may be unfair as some players earn a lot more than others. However, the respective merits of a particular player are not taken into consideration at tribunals at the moment.

In fact, instead of fining the player, the tribunal could fine the club; that way more pressure would go on players to behave themselves on the ground.

I heard one coach in pre-season games tell his players to square off if one of them was dealt with unfairly by the opposition.

While that may appear commendable, it only encourages reportable incidents to take place.

## IN BRIEF...

### HELPING HAND

RACEHORSE trainer George Daly has had many years experience training horses and working on their fitness — and now he is spending part of his spare time at Bassendean Oval supervising the colts players with their weight training and general fitness. Daly's Swan Districts connection stems from league coach John Todd, who part-owns racehorse Money For All, which Daly trains. Money For All has had two wins and a third at its last three starts, winning at Pinjarra and Bunbury over 1600 metres.

### KICKING FINE

THE torpedo punt, or mongrel put as it is often called, has been superseded in recent years by the more accurate and easier-to-mark drop punt. Swan Districts coach John Todd has made it quite clear to his players that he dislikes the kick. So much so, a \$100 fine will be inflicted on any player who uses the torpedo during a game unless he is under extreme pressure.

I'm sure if a club was liable to any penalty incurred by one of their players, then a coach wouldn't give the kind of instruction I have just related.

Let's face it — it's really the dirty behind-the-play incident that can maim a player and that should be stamped out.

Football is a man's game and you can't expect players to act like fairies in what is really a physical contact sport.

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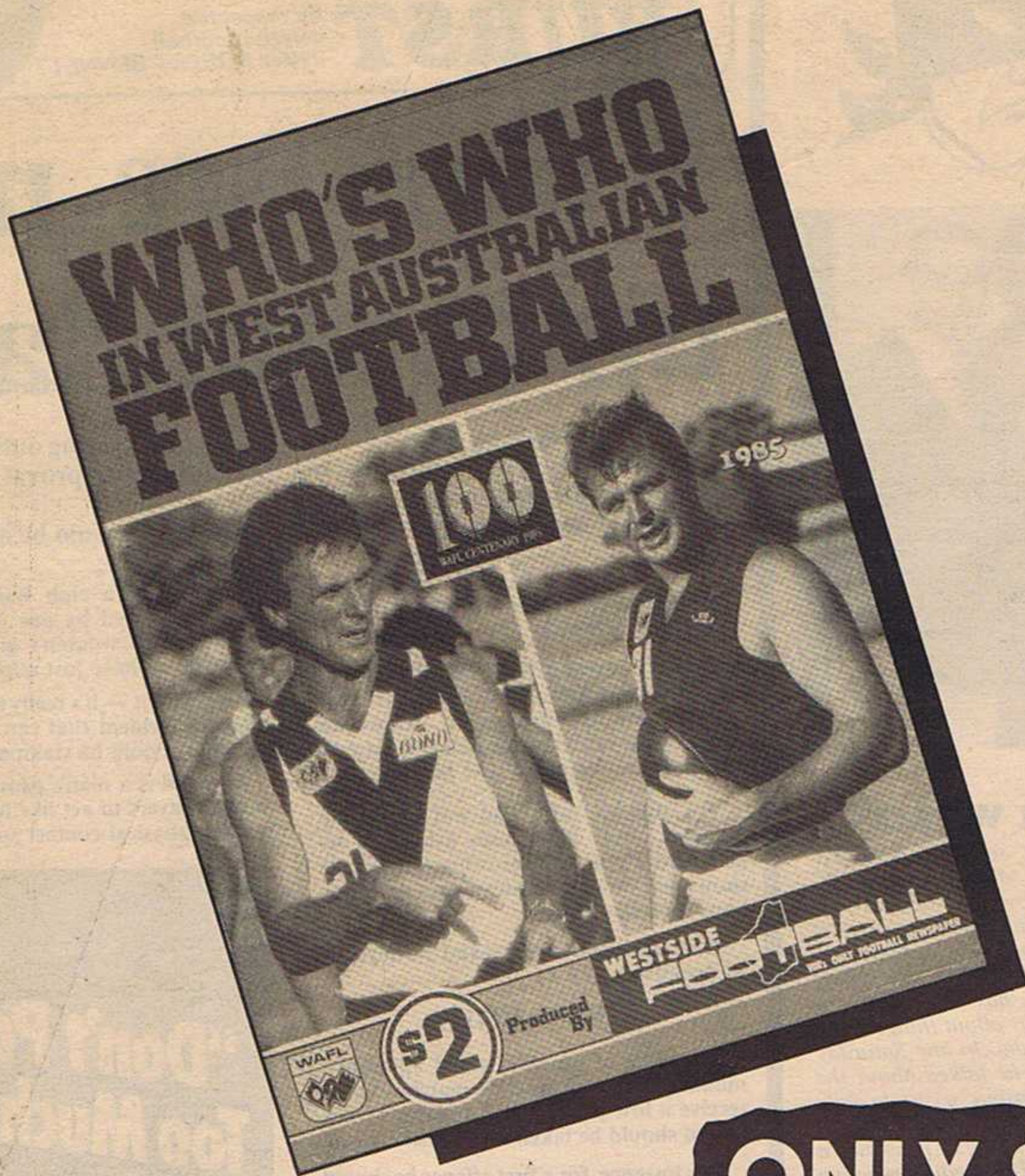
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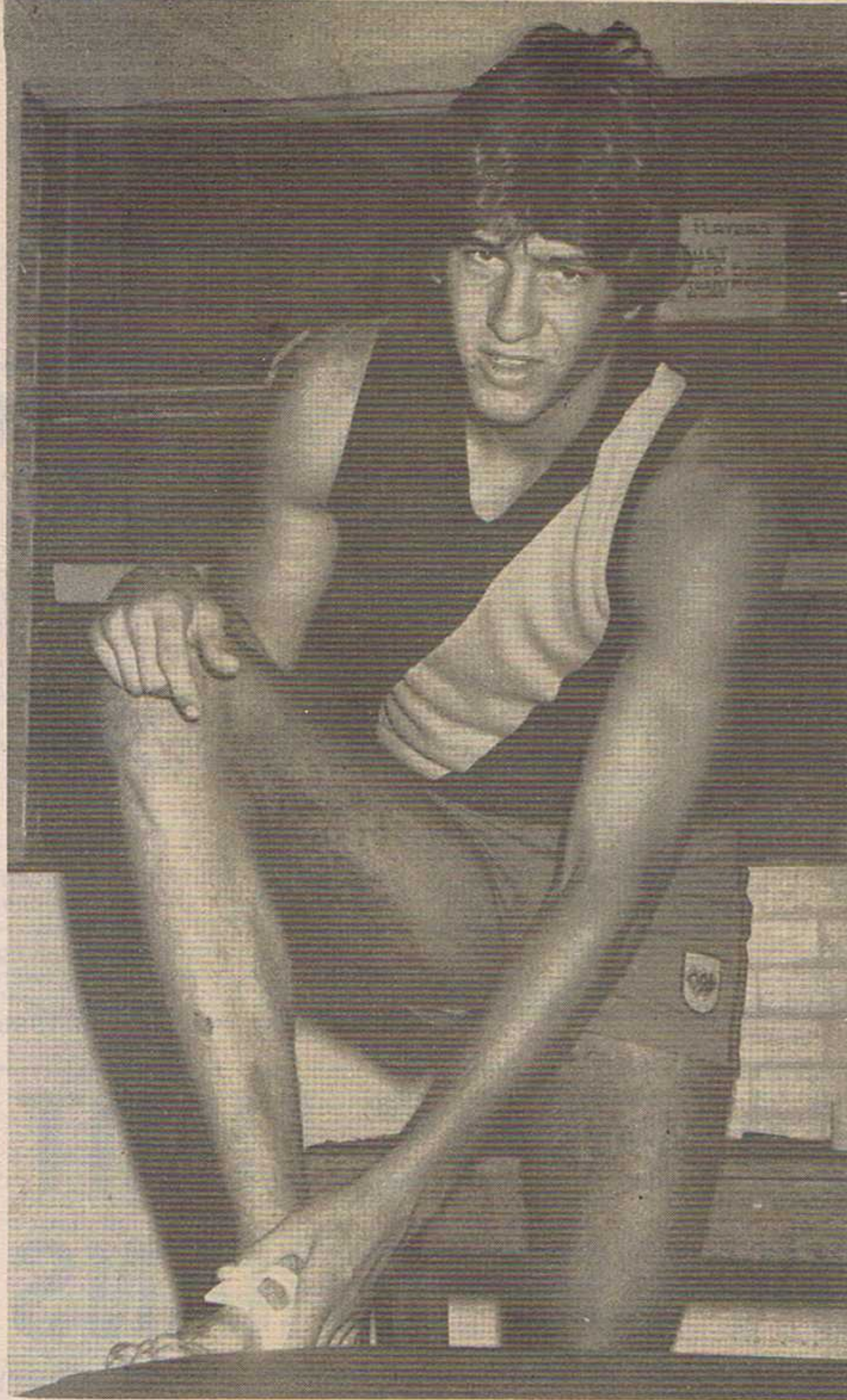
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**SEASON 1985** is a crucial one for Alex Ishchenko as he prepares to accept more responsibility.

The loss of the Royals' No. 1 big man, John Ironmonger to the Sydney Swans, has left a huge gap in the East Perth ruck.

The tall, strongly-built Ishchenko is the heir apparent for the first ruck position this season.

After a late start to the 1984 season because of a knee operation, he fought his way back into league contention which culminated with his fine performance in the first semi final.

Several players will have to accept more responsibility this season at East Perth with the

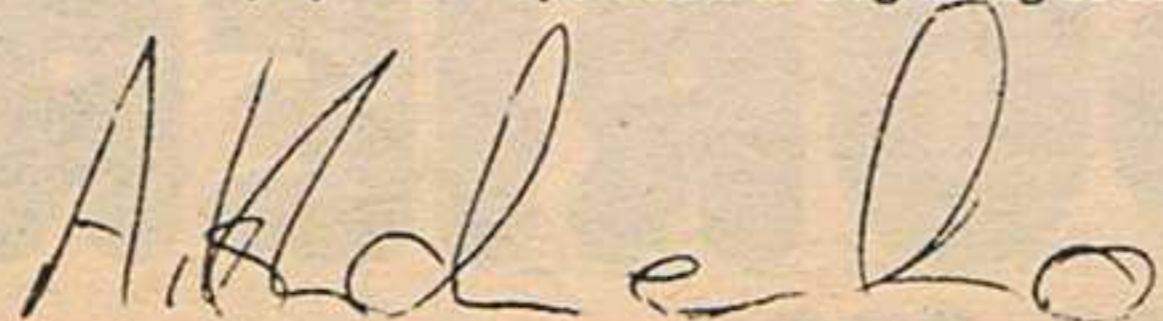
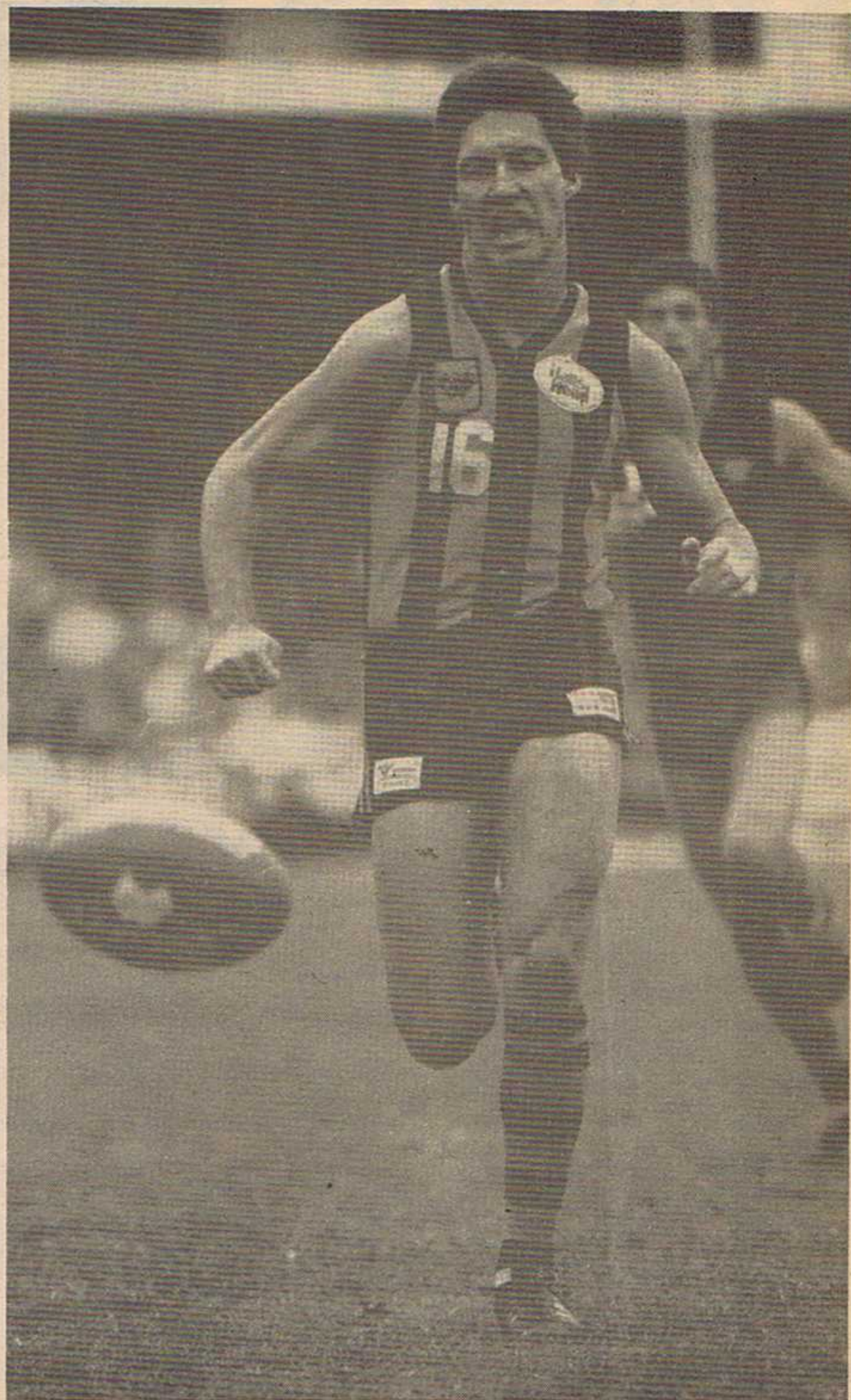
## Alex Ishchenko

exodus of senior players from last year.

Coach Greg Brehaut will be hoping that Ishchenko develops like other young ruckmen Paul Harding, Peter Sartori and Jon Dorotich have when given positions of seniority.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Alex Ishchenko Nickname: Russian Why? My name  
 Date of birth: 20.4.64 Place of birth: Perth  
 Height: 6.6 (198cm) Weight: 16.0 (100kg) Age started playing: 18  
 Junior club: Maylands Marital status: Single Residence: Maylands  
 Occupation: Student Place of work: WAIT  
 Other sporting interests: Windsurfing, Water skiing, Golf  
 Favourite position: Ruck First position: Centre-half-back  
 League debut: 1982 Versus: South Fremantle  
 Your favourites —  
 Actor: Sylvester Stallone Drink: Beer  
 TV Show: Minder Food: Seafood  
 Movie: Any James Bond film Music: INXS, Bruce Springsteen  
 Holiday resort: Broome, Esperance Ground: Perth Oval  
 Your car: HQ Holden Station Wagon Your favourite car: Anything expensive  
 Career highlights: First semi final 1984, Teal Cup 1981  
 Worst moment in football: Whenever I'm dragged  
 Hard things in football: Pre-season training  
 Football idols: Malcolm Blight, Basil Campbell, Alex Jesaulenko  
 Most respected opponent: All of them Most respected umpire: All of them  
 Most memorable game: One I played in Darwin for Nightcliff in 1982/83  
 Ambitions: To play consistently well and play in a premiership side  
 What do you like about football: The feeling you have after winning a game  
 How do you mentally prepare for a game: Try not to think about it on a Friday night, relax on a Saturday morning.  
 Who influenced your career: Bill Bennett (coach I had in Darwin)  
 Guernsey number: No. 25 Worst injury: Knee operation at beginning of 1984 season.

**SINCE** his debut in 1976, Phil Lamb has endured many of Subiaco's defeats, which, at times, must have made him contemplate if all the personal sacrifices were worthwhile.

The talented utility player was an important member of Subiaco's improved showing in 1984, as he will be again this season as the Lions make a concerted bid for that elusive final four.

As the club's vice-captain last season, Lamb showed his leadership qualities with some inspiring performances in some pressure matches.

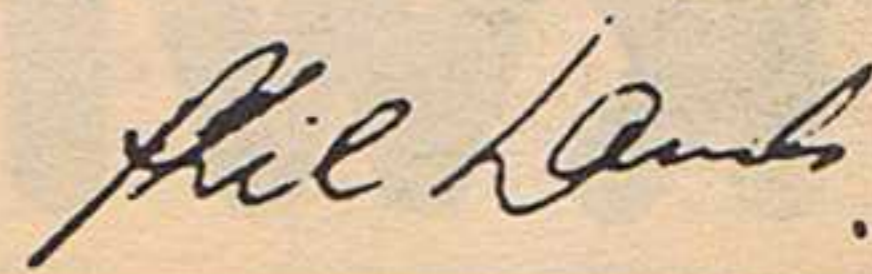
He achieved a personal milestone of 150 games last season and is well on the way to realising an ambition to play 200 games.

## Phil Lamb

A groin operation over summer has hindered his pre-season preparation for this season, but the Lions are confident that he is fully recovered.

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Philip John Lamb Nickname: Sid Why? After character on TV commercial.  
 Date of birth: 7.2.58  
 Height: 5.10½ (179cm) Weight: 12.8 (80kg) Age started playing: 1976  
 Junior club: Scarborough and Marist Marital status: Married (Julie) Children: Rebecca eight months.  
 Residence: Wembley Occupation: Teacher Place of work: Morley High  
 Other sporting interests: Golf, Tennis and Swimming  
 Favourite position: Centre/Ruck rover First position: Centre  
 League debut: 1976 Versus: East Fremantle  
**YOUR FAVOURITES —**  
 Actor: Gene Wilder Drink: Tea  
 TV Show: Sale of the Century Food: Roast  
 Movie: Shandi Music: Rhythm and Blues  
 Book: Ken Fullet's Holiday Resort: Various Ground: Subiaco  
 Your Car: Gemini Your Favourite Car: Porsche  
 Career highlights: 150 games 1984  
 Hard things in football: Consistency  
 Football idols: Alex Jesaulenko  
 Toughest Opponent: Maurice Rioli Most respected opponent: Maurice Rioli  
 Most respected Umpire: All  
 Most memorable game: Fifteenth winning game, 1976  
 Ambitions: Premiership 200 games What do you like about Football: Friends  
 Who influenced your career: Father Guernsey Number: 16  
 Any reason: Given to me Superstitions: None  
 Worst injury:  
 Worst injury: Groin 1984 Luckiest break: Entry into league 1976



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# INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



# BOMBERS RATED AS ODDS-ON

VICTORIAN football critics — and some rival coaches — are already claiming that the 1985 premiership is as good as over.

Headlines like "Give up"; "Bombers Away" and "Bomber Blitz" dominated the papers after Essendon, the reigning VFL premiers, took the grand final replay against Hawthorn in fine style.

Former VFL coach Tony Jewell, writing in the Sunday Observer, said: "Thank Heaven I'm not coaching this year!"

"If any one of the other club coaches believe they have the team to win this season's flag, they can forget it."

"Even before the year starts, 1985 is all but ruined for 10 clubs as it should be a two horse race between Essendon and Hawthorn for the third season in a row."

Essendon's impressive win was achieved in a typical Melbourne mixture of weather — sauna bath conditions at the start, heavy rain in the middle and darkness at the end.

The new Essendon sensation for 1985 looks like being 19-year-old rover Mark Harvey, who made his mark in last year's finals. He is an exciting small man, with great skills and outstanding courage — all ingredients that should make him a VFL hero this season.

## PRIVATE PLAN

THREE people are under consideration as owners-to-be of the Sydney Swans. The trend towards private ownership is really catching on in the VFL and football chief Jack Hamilton has confirmed that the move is building up. Hamilton says that it would be a big decision for a club to sell out to private ownership. "But we are preparing an agreement that would regulate their behaviour in the competition, including certain conditions if the club wants the ownership transferred," said Hamilton.

## SYDNEY STYLE

DESPITE their financial plight, the Sydney Swans really live it up in the harbour city. Initially, they had free access to the palatial mansion of chairman Michael Edgley before he moved to the Gold Coast, but now the hospitality of millionaire Dr Geoff Edelsten, who wants to buy the club, is to the fore. The Doc uses his personal helicopter to ferry the star Swans around the city and his gleaming array of cars, including a few Rolls Royces and Lamborghinis, probably convince the players that he would be good for the club!

## TOUGH BLOW

DASHING Collingwood wingman Bruce Abernethy has suffered a serious back injury just a week before the opening of the VFL season. The Pies figure in the historic Friday night match under lights at the MCG against North Melbourne, but the absence of Abernethy is a blow. In addition, classy half-forward Ian McMullin suffered a corked thigh in the last practice match and heavy knocks received by South Australians Dennis Banks and Tony Burgess has upset the Collingwood balance.



## BULLDOG PUPS

FOOTSCRAY, one of the trendsetters in the VFL when it comes to marketing and promotion, hopes to have a membership of 8000 juniors and seniors this year. The VFL Bulldogs are confident of topping last year's membership figure of 6500 . . . and they are looking at raising \$1.4 million in marketing revenue. Gold pass membership at Footscray is \$1200, with a maximum of 100 members — and there is a waiting list.



Simon Beasley . . . . . in good touch

## WA INFLUENCE

FOOTSCRAY are certainly going to feel the West Australian influence this season. In last week's final practice match against Richmond (which the Bulldogs won by 41 points) WA players Ian Williams, Simon Beasley, Jim Sewell, Allen Daniels, Brad Hardie and Tony Buhagiar all featured in the best-player list. Daniels and Hardie showed good ball-handling skills, while Beasley (five goals) and Williams (two) were dangerous in attack.

## NEW UMP'S MAN

FORMER top VFL umpire Neville Nash is the new umpires' adviser for the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Nash, a VFL umpire for 18 years, umpired the 1983 day and night grand finals before retiring last season.

# HUNTER IS OK

COURAGEOUS Carlton star Ken Hunter has avoided the need for a serious knee operation.

Hunter, 27, has just had a secret exploratory operation which has relieved the worried minds of quite a few Carlton people.

Hunter's knee has been troubling the dashing defender for some time, but his ability to play with injuries has always been a feature of his game and he wasn't going to be put on the sidelines.

A specialist removed small particles of bone from Hunter's knee and the next few days will tell if he can take his place in the opening team line-up.

BUT the news is not good for fellow West Australian Bill Duckworth, the Essendon star of last year's grand final win.

Duckworth has damaged the posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and he faces 12 weeks out of action.



Steve Malaxos . . . . . first-up goal

## FIRST TOUCH

WEST Australian champ Steve Malaxos joined the select group of players to kick a goal with his first kick in senior football in the VFL. Malaxos, the Golden Greek, brought up six points with his first touch early in the opening quarter and he gathered two more goals after that. Malaxos had an impressive debut in a losing Hawthorn team, gaining 15 kicks and six handpasses, with nine of his kicks going direct to a team-mate. And, of course, there was that sensational mark that wasn't allowed!

## RUSSELL IN DEMAND

Port Adelaide and State centre-half-forward Dwayne Russell has been sought by three VFL clubs — Collingwood, Carlton and Geelong. However, all three clubs were prepared to wait until Russell's contract with Port ends in 1986.

# SA ENDS LIMIT ON VICTORIANS

The SANFL has decided to allow its clubs to recruit as many Victorians as they can afford.

Clubs have previously been restricted to five, but West Adelaide wanted the regulation deleted because it believed the rule was a breach of the Trade Practices Act and therefore a restraint of trade.

West were poised to initiate action against the SANFL if the directors refused to scrap the controversial rule.

West had earlier pulled off a major recruiting coup when they signed Collingwood players Dale Woodhall, Derek Shaw and Ron Andrews.

They also announced that they wanted South Adelaide pair Mark Naley and Darryl Hewitt and gave notice that they would interview them.

Collingwood agreed to release their trio in exchange for Tony Burgess and the deal also involved an arrangement between Collingwood, West and Fitzroy for the clearance (to Fitzroy) of Mark Weideman.

## MUIR QUILTS

Robert Muir has threatened to quit league football because of unreasonable clearance fee demands being made by his former club, West Torrens. Muir believes he can play at senior level for another three to four seasons. He had discussions with four league clubs, but none could afford the transfer fee of \$10,000 which Torrens claimed. He later trained with Glenelg.

## EXTENSIONS

The SANFL has borrowed \$500,000 to build a new convention centre and office block at Football Park.



## DAVIES' DECISION

Rick Davies has stood down from the Sturt captaincy, but says he has no intentions of retiring.

## WERNER FOR PORT

Port Adelaide signed Eastlake (ACT) full-forward Paul Werner, who played 14 games with Swan Districts in 1983 when he was the club's leading goalkicker.

## HOFNER RETURNS

Former Port Adelaide defender Peter Hofner, a key player in Port's 1979-80-81 premiership sides, has returned to the Magpies. He transferred to East Fremantle in 1983 but struggled to hold a regular position and was leased to East Perth in 1984.

## McADAM GOES

Former North Adelaide and State utility player Greg McAdam has joined St. Kilda, discounting suggestions he would resume with the Roosters. It was McAdam's third move to Victoria. Last year he joined Geelong, but returned to SA without playing a game. At the end of the 1980 season, at the age of 19, he signed a three-year contract with North Melbourne and moved to Victoria, but only stayed three weeks.

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## Appleby takes on new role

THE appointment of Brian Appleby as the WAFL Umpires' Development Officer is a major step forward for umpiring in this State.

Appleby started field umpiring in 1981 and notched 15 senior games before his appointment this year.

One of his early jobs was to strengthen the liaison between junior council umpires and the WAFL panel. With this in mind, a group of about 12 junior council umpires have been invited to train with the WAFL panel to give them the taste of senior umpiring.

This group will be rotated with the younger umpires returning to their junior council ranks, while Appleby will be keeping an eye on their progress.

"The experience they can gain with this step will be excellent," says Umpires' Coach Ross Capes.

"They can learn how the more experienced umpires think and talk and also it will give them the chance to umpire a few colts games, or even go to the country or amateurs."

### TRAINING

THE umpires are at present operating between two training venues — the WACA Ground and Haig Park.

Redevelopment work at the WACA forced the umpires away from their normal training ground for most of the pre-season work, using McGilvray Oval instead.

But they have recently returned to the WACA for changing purposes and then they jog to Haig Park, in nearby East Perth, for training.

### VETERANS BACK

THE veterans of local umpiring are all back for this season.

Ron Buckey, Umpires' Association president, is the most experienced of the field umpires, with 201 games to his credit, followed by Mike Ball, on 137.

With the retirement of John Morris (173 games) they are the only umpires to reach the century mark in games.

Greg McDonald (148 games) and Gary Woodhouse (147) head the list of boundary umpires.

Woodhouse didn't notch a senior game last year because he was out injured, but he is back and both men should quickly reach the 150-game mark.

In the goal umpires, Max Hale (257 games) heads the list.

John McKay (203) has taken on the role of coach of the goal umpires.

Heading towards the 200-game milestone is Roy Becker on 184.

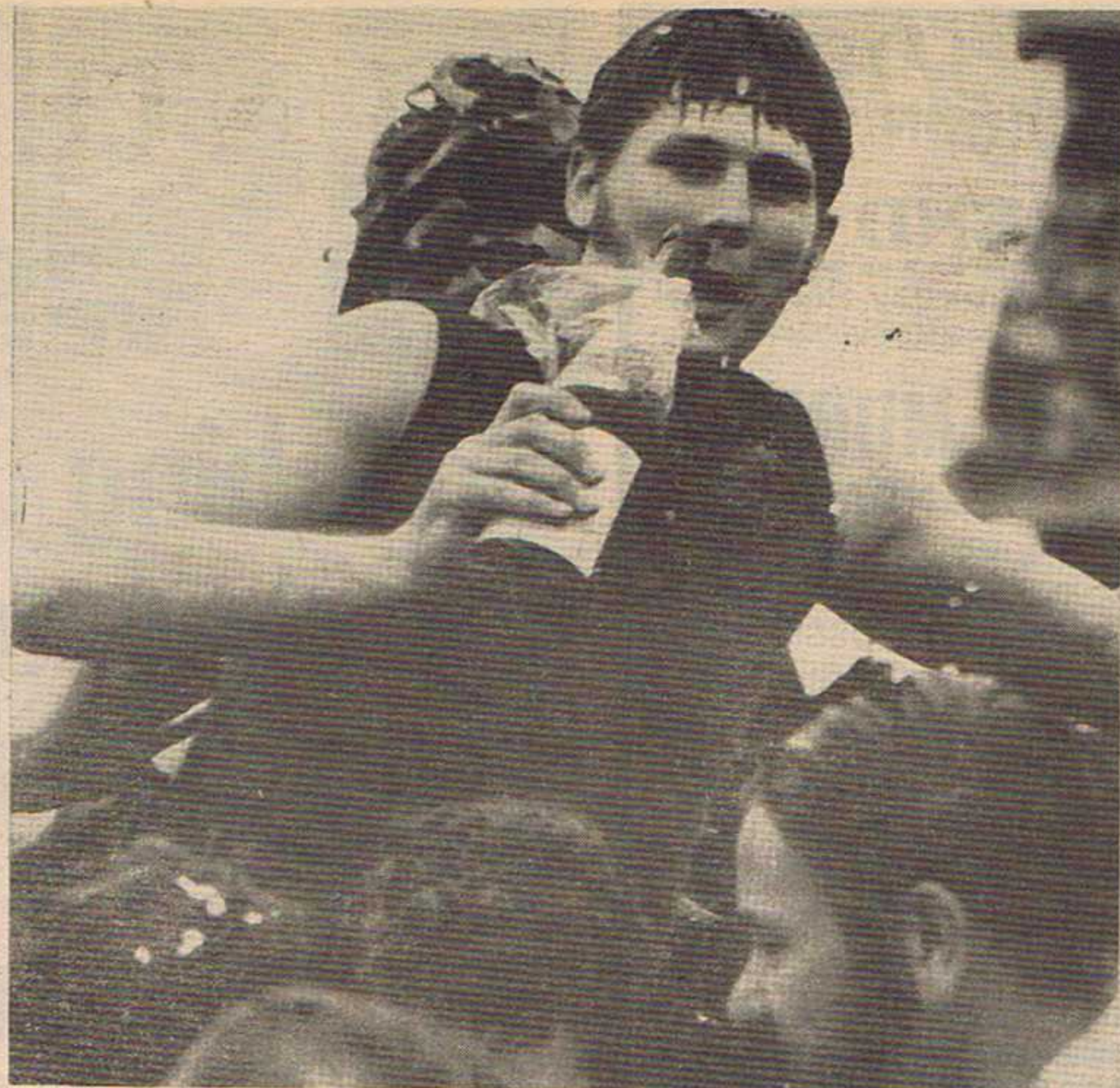


DAVE Johnson . . . last year's top umpire

### PHIL'S DEBUT

FIELD umpire Phil O'Reilly made his "interstate" debut last week when he went to Melbourne to share the whistle in the Foster's Cup clash between East Fremantle and Richmond.

O'Reilly, who first umpired in senior ranks in 1976 and has now done 36 league games, was well received by the Victorians, with special tribute for his umpiring coming from the media critics.



Mal Brown . . . chaired from the ground after leading East Perth to the premiership



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## FOOTBALL FACTS

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# Brown equals a coaching record

PERTH'S new coach Malcolm Brown equals a coaching record this year as only the second man ever to coach four different league clubs in WA.

Brown has previously coached East Perth, Claremont and South Fremantle — and 52 years ago Jack Leckie coached his fourth club, West Perth after a stint at Perth, South Fremantle and Subiaco.

Leckie, originally from Perth, was coach of WA's first successful carnival team; back in 1921.

### OLD RULE

FOOTBALL fans who watch week after week may be surprised (as I was) to discover that boundary umpires did not always throw the ball back into play.

A report of a game between Collingwood and Geelong in 1910 said: "The boundary umpires Sandford and Battye threw the ball in instead of using the old punch off the palm of the hand."

"This was done under the direction of the league's instructor, Mr Jack Worrall, who was present."

"After the game Mr Worrall said he was so impressed with the improvement it made in the way of quickly returning the ball to the arena, that he intended instructing all boundary umpires to adopt this style."

Boundary umpires were only introduced in 1904 and before that the central umpire did the lot — which meant that for the first six seasons, the ball was punched back into play.

FOOTNOTE: Mr Worrall became the first official football coach in history. He was appointed to that capacity at Carlton in 1906; before that the captains controlled their sides.

### MOBILE MOWERS

REPORTS from Fremantle Oval indicate a lack of grass on the playing surface, quite a contrast to a report on another ground many years ago that said: "It would improve the ground if a flock of sheep were allowed to eat down the grass which is rather long and very thick."

### LATE UPDATE

IT'S not very often that history can be changed, but last Monday's launching of the WAFL's Centenary book, *The Footballers*, gave me a great deal of satisfaction.

In this magnificent book, the league has agreed to change their premiership list of 100 years standing, to what I have proved was the correct list.

It is nearly two decades since I discovered errors in the early Premiership winners, but League officials were not keen on altering these historical records.

Some 10 years ago I predicted that the Centenary year of 1985 would bring a change of heart.

### TOUGH TASK

THOUGH Swan Districts are at Preux Chevalier odds to win four premierships in succession, history has shown this to be an elusive goal — take South Fremantle's golden years in the 1950's for example.

Only four times before has a club won four successive premierships — East Fremantle (1928-29-30-31); East Perth (1919-20-21-22-23); East Fremantle (1908-9-10-11) and Fremantle (1890-1896).

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# Plenty of controversy to open up

THE 1985 season certainly got off to a bad start with the dispute between the umpires over money and the feud between the radio stations over the game allocation. But hopefully that is all behind us now and we can get on with the job of enjoying a great season of football. However, the WAFL did the right thing when they decided not to employ the new time-wasting rule which has been introduced in Melbourne this year.

### GOOD NEWS

AND there was some other great news pre-season with the WAFL deciding to take the Sandover Medal back to the Sheraton-Perth Hotel. I was pleased to see Channel 7 pull out of the sponsorship of the medal. They will now have their own award in 1985 — something I have been pushing for some time. I had another win when it was announced this week that the field umpires would carry numbers on their backs, making it easier for the public to identify them.

### WRANGLES

THE pre-season domestic clearance wrangles have also been of concern. If we can't organise things in our own backyard how can we hope to sort out our clearance problems with the VFL?



Brian Douge . . . tips for juniors

### GREAT SEGMENT

WATCHING the first World of Sport programme on Channel 7 on Sunday it was pleasing to see a junior instruction segment included. Each week a league coach will outline the basics of the game while the WAFL's new coaching co-ordinator Brian Douge gives a detailed commentary explaining what was happening. I am sure our "old-timers" will take great heart from this detailed coaching session which deals with the fundamentals.

### TOO NEGATIVE

THIS season promises to be one of the most exciting in the 100-year history of the game in WA and the media has an important role to play. Therefore, I was a little disappointed on Sunday when Harvey Deegan announced on the World of Sport that he had heard that Bryan Cousins had been "dumped" from the captaincy at Perth. I believe this sort of negative approach should be stopped. I disagree with the media attacking players and terms like "dumped" and "dragged" should be forgotten. Even players have feelings.

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## Coaching . . . it's not a long-term job

DON Haddow and John Wynne start their senior coaching roles this season in one of the most precarious occupations one would care to choose.

It's a career in which very few survive for long periods. And there is undoubtedly many more heartbreaks and headaches than prizes or accolades in the life of a league coach.

In the past decade, there have been 33 coaching changes in the eight WAFL clubs.

The longest survivors are Graham Moss and John Todd, who have both served nine consecutive seasons with their current clubs. They have helped reduce that turnover, though Moss has not missed a season since his coaching began in 1976. Todd is the real survivor.

He has coached for 13 consecutive



By  
**PETER  
POAT**

seasons with East Fremantle and Swan Districts. Before that he coached South Fremantle in two separate terms for a total of four years. His remarkable 17-season tally is a record in modern football.

Mal Brown is not far behind. Now with his fourth club, he is entering his 14th season as coach.

Subiaco, with seven, have had most changes since 1976. This is a breakdown of each club:

**SUBIACO:** (7) Jack Ensor, Brian Douge, Peter Burton, Ken Armstrong, Peter Daniel, Brian Fairclough, Haydn Bunton.

**EAST FREMANTLE:** (5) John Todd, Alan Joyce, Brad Smith, Ken Smith, Ron Alexander.

**EAST PERTH:** (4) Graham Farmer, Barry Cable, Grant Dorrington, Greg Brehaut.

**PERTH:** (4) Ken Armstrong, Alan Joyce, Ian Miller, Mal Brown.

**SOUTH FREMANTLE:** (4) Colin Beard, Percy Johnson, Mal Brown, Don Haddow.

**WEST PERTH:** (5) Graham Campbell (two separate terms), Percy Johnson, Dennis Cometti, John Wynne.

**SWAN DISTRICTS:** (2) Stuart Magee, John Todd.

**CLAREMONT:** (2) Mal Brown, Graham Moss.

Mal Brown has coached three clubs over the period, while Percy Johnson, John Todd, Alan Joyce and Ken Armstrong have each served terms at more than one club.

Despite the large turnover of coaches during the past 10 years, the situation has stabilised a little. During the preceding decade there were 38 appointments.

It would be hard to find a more "temporary" career. However, there never seems to be a lack of those anxious to try their luck.

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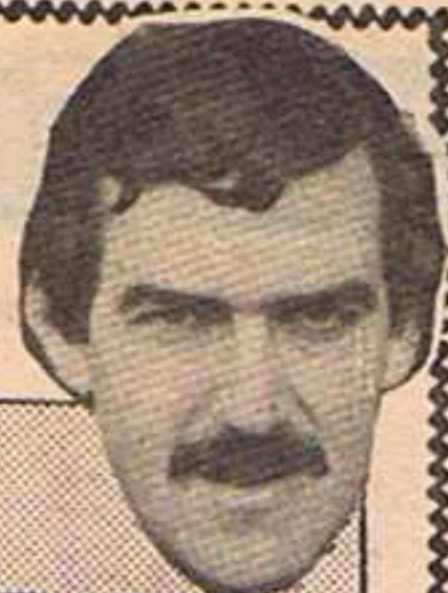
### CHANGING TIMES

SUBIACO coach Haydn Bunton has some interesting thoughts about how football is changing. The emphasis in recent years on flexibility and versatility has seen a whole new breed of players emerge. As Bunton says, teams don't have rovers, ruck-rovers, centremen and half-forwards now. They have "running players" who are expected to fill all those roles. It will be interesting to see if someone comes up with an apt word for those type of midfield mobile men.

### COUNTRY CLASH

WITH the pre-season practice matches between league sides in the country proving successful, West Perth are keen to stage a game at Merredin against Perth next season. Both clubs' country zones are close, which would attract a good crowd to Merredin. The Demons have not agreed to play this match yet, but the positive results of previous games in the country should entice Perth to make the trip to Merredin.

Former VFL and WAFL star, Sandover Medalist, and league coach.



# IAN MILLER

## LEADERSHIP CHANGE AT PERTH

BRYAN Cousins must naturally be disappointed with the Perth club's decision to demote him to vice-captain after having captained the senior side for the past three seasons. He has been an inspirational leader both on and off the field and I'm sure would have liked to be skipper when the good times come back on field.

On the other hand, Rob Wiley, last year's vice captain, is more than capable to fill the role. It has always been an ambition of his to lead the club and his promotion is a natural progression as he is one of Perth's most decorated and inspirational footballers.

Whatever reasons Mal Brown used to change leadership roles, Perth is fortunate to have two of the most professional, skilful and dedicated footballers in the game at the helm.

## EXPERIENCE LOST

IN football, there is always someone waiting in the wings to take your position and at Claremont this year there will be plenty of opportunity for players to come through the ranks to league football.

The club has recruited well, but it is difficult to keep on replacing experienced players.

This season they have lost players totalling 691 club games — Steve Malaxos-130, Allen Daniels-104, Lindsay Kanther-146, Mike Aitken-100, Brad Reynolds-138 and Mark Watson-73; a significant loss.

Interesting to note that in the previous three seasons, with the loss of players such as Warren Ralph, Ken Hunter, Jim and Phil Krakouer, Wayne Blackwell and John Annear — a total WA games of 1151 — sees the overall tally near 1900 games.

That is a lot for one club to lose in player experience in three seasons.

## PAYMENTS

ONCE again this year we have seen the saga of umpires payments for practice games. Players don't receive payments for pre-season games and I don't believe umpires should either.

The umpires need the practice like the players and therefore should fall into line with the whole basis of pre-season games. I also believe that some sections of the media place far too much emphasis on the umpires and not the game itself. Let us continue to promote the players and the game and leave the 'men in white' to be part and parcel of the proceedings!

## FUTURE TALENT

WA football has always had a great capacity to unearth quality footballers and I'm sure this year will be the same. The quicker we produce them, the quicker the 'Vics' take them and young East Perth ruckman Craig Starceвич, direct from last year's Teal Cup, looked most impressive last week against Claremont. Former Queensland Robert Dickfos is another young player who has impressed and he looks to have plenty to offer both Claremont and WA football.

## COMPETITIVE

LIKE most others, I expect this season to be very competitive and the fight to get those early premiership points and confidence will be enormous. I don't believe we can take too much from pre-season games other than a guide, but I feel the WAFL is in for a very competitive season in this its centenary year.

# BATTLE OF THE AIR WAVES

SOME of the biggest battles in the 1985 football season were fought before the first ball was bounced — and hardly involved a footballer.

The electronic media — both television and radio — indulged in plenty of heated verbal battle going into the season; culminating this week with the WAFL issuing a stern instruction to four radio stations.

The departure of radio 6KY from the football broadcasting scene for this year enabled 6NR, the Government-funded community affairs station operating from the WA Institute of Technology, to join the Big League.

The 6KY team, headed by Tim Flynn and including experienced radio men such as John O'Connell, Les Mumme, Joe Fanchi and Geoff Christian, were given an open clearance to 6NR.

But the three existing stations — the ABC's 6WF, 6PR and 6IX — didn't like the idea of sharing the four games with such a rookie station.

The three senior stations refused to allow 6NR to take part in the traditional weekly roster of matches; resulting in 6NR being allowed an open selection. But 6IX were given first choice (and therefore the top game) each week; leaving the way open for one game to be missed out if 6NR went to the same match.

## DISCUSSIONS

This all ended when WAFL chief executive John Walker — after a series of heated discussions — issued a firm directive to all four stations: Share all four games around every week to guarantee total coverage or your radio broadcasting rights permit will not be issued.

There has been no shortage of heated firepower in the television arena, either.

The League's decision to introduce three new major sponsors and use the extra revenue to join with Channel 7 and provide a live telecast of the last quarter of a game every week drew strong reaction from the ABC.

Channel 2's sporting supervisor, George Grljusich, objected strongly on the grounds that the ABC, who have served country viewers faithfully for years with live telecasts, should have been given a say in the decision.

It seems now that the ABC will withdraw its previous service to Channel 7 of providing a tape of the game they cover for use in Seven's Sunday World of Sport show.

## TRAUMA

Despite all this trauma, the football public will still receive plenty of coverage of the game over the next 26 weeks.

Football's know-all, John K. Watts, has defected from 6PR, where he built the sport into a financial bonanza for the station. He joins the commentary team on 6IX, with the State's most experienced duo of Frank Sparrow and Neil Garland, and will also take his popular Friday lunchtime panel show on the hotel circuit.

That show, featuring a line-up of Johns — Todd, Hayes, Duckworth, Watts, plus chairman Gary Carvolth, will be heard on air on Saturdays, at 8am.

Meanwhile, 6PR suffered severe player-



Bob Maumill

losses but between seasons with the departure of Watts and his Johns, but have recruited and rebuilt impressively.

Chairman Mal Brown showed loyalty to stay at PR as did Bob Cribb and is joined by Barry Cable, Percy Johnson, Bob Maumill, and Brian Ciccotosto.

Their show will be recorded in the studio on Fridays and goes to air at 7.30am on Saturdays, also for an hour.

Saturday mornings will be a busy time for the football fan.

In addition to the two panel show replays, there are now three live sporting shows — on 6NR for three hours from 6.30am covering all sports with host Peter Vlahos; on 6PR from 9-12 with Wally Foreman covering all sports and on 6WF with Dennis Cometti, George Grljusich, Ian Brayshaw and company from 10am to noon.

Channel 7 have joined the TV football parade with a preview of what lies ahead that afternoon.

After it is all over, there will be the usual post-mortems on Channel 7 (Big League goes to air later, in the 11pm time-slot) and the Channel 2 Today's Football will again go from 6pm to 7pm.

Then on Sunday, Tim Flynn and his new-look World of Sport crew will present a morning of football going through till 1pm. On some Sundays, Seven will then show (live from Sydney) a VFL game featuring the Sydney Swans.



John Watts

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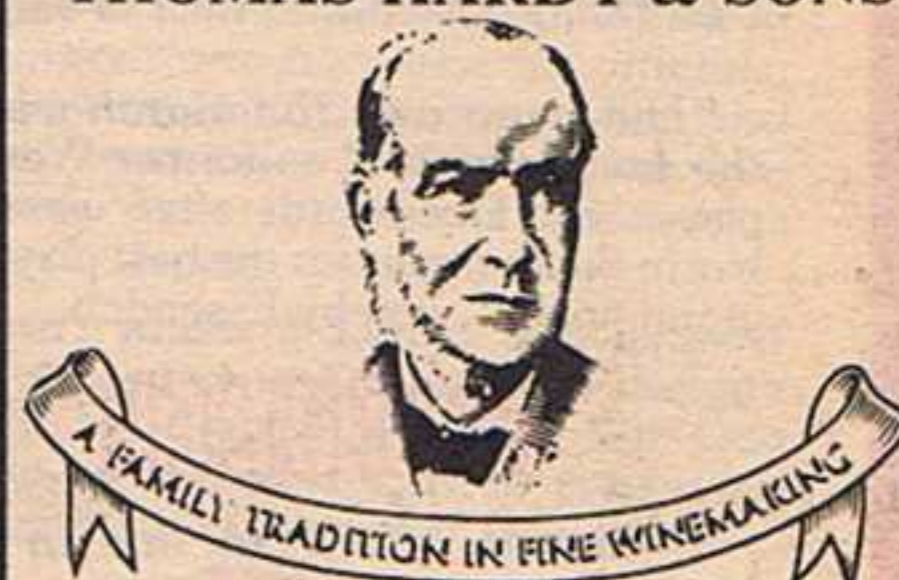
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## The Father of the Game Passes On.

THE LATE MR H.C.A. HARRISON

The late Mr H.C.A. Harrison has rightly been called 'The Father of the Australian Game.' He was born in N.S.W. in 1836 and at the time of his death was well past 90 years of age. It was during his residence in Victoria, where he went with his parents as a young man that he laid the foundations of our Australian game. Speaking some little time before his death he said: "Until the year 1858 there was no football played. The first club formed was Melbourne Football Club captained by Tom Wells in 1858 and in that year Richmond, Royal Park South Yarra and Geelong formed. In the early days of the game, two goals constituted a match, so that if neither side succeeded in kicking the requisite number, the match would be resumed on the following Saturday. This carrying on until one side had secured two goals was considered inconvenient so in 1866 a new rule was made to the effect that if two goals were not scored by one of the opposing teams in the afternoon the match was to be considered a draw. The present system, by which the team making the most number of points in the match is the winner was not introduced until two or three years later." The first interstate match was played in 1877 between South Australia and Victoria, and Victoria had the honour of the first interstate victory to their credit. 1905 saw the first Australian Football Conference held in Melbourne, with Mr H.C.A. Harrison as chairman. W.A. was represented at that Conference by J.J. (Boxx) Simons and T.J. Brett. All Australian States were represented as well as New Zealand. As a result of that Conference the Australian Football Council came into being. — Extract from 'The West Australian Football Follower', April 1939.

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## LES'S LYRICS

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SOUTH are happy cos they have Don — SO are West cos they've got John.

BEST of luck to all the rest COME September we know who's best.





Compiled by GARY BARTHOLOMEUSZ Juniors news should be posted to Gary at 6 Byfield Road, Parkerville 6553 or phoned through on 295 4525.

# Plenty of junior changes off-season

THE off-season has brought many changes to junior football in WA.

Two major developments were the appointment of former Hawthorn and Subiaco player Brian Douge as full-time coaching co-ordinator with the WAFL and former umpire Brian Appleby as umpires development officer.

The newly-formed Junior Football Planning and Development Committee, meets monthly to map junior football's destiny and has direct access to the WAFL Board of Directors.

It is headed by chairman Mike Beach, who has been involved with Claremont juniors for many years, and consists of committee members Gerry Stokes (chairman of Junior Council Board), Bill Forrest (league director and junior board delegate for East Perth), Dom Ricci (former president of South Fremantle junior council), Alan Sexton (former committeeman of Perth junior council) and WAFL's development officer Ross Davis as executive officer.

Another big step forward since last season was the recent forming of the Australian Football Coaches Association.

Perth coach Mal Brown initiated the Association and joining him on the inaugural committee are present-day coaches Graham Moss, Ron Alexander and Greg Brehaut, with former league coaches Grant Dorrington, Ken Armstrong and Brian Douge.

### UMPIRE SHORTAGE

West Perth's delegate to the WAFL Junior Council Board, George Vukman, said at last week's meeting that the current shortage of umpires in junior football has reached a critical stage — and Umpires Development officer Brian Appleby agreed.

"It seems that spectator abuse is causing a large drop-off of junior council umpires," Appleby told the meeting. "Only East Perth, at present have sufficient umpires for this season. All other junior councils have yet to reach 50% quota."

The meeting decided the immediate solution would be for junior councils to share their umpires more while the situation be looked at for next year.

Umpiring fees in each junior council are uniform to prevent poaching.

This season's umpires payments are \$13 (9s), \$14 (10s and 11s), \$15 (12s), \$17 (13s), \$18 (14s), \$22 or \$18 — for two umpires (15s) and \$25 or \$22 (16s and 17s).

Anyone interested in becoming a junior council umpire should contact Brian Appleby as soon as possible on 342 4391.

### JUNIOR GRADINGS

WITH the introduction of Aussie Footy, the following gradings will apply in each junior council this season.

Standard Rules will be played for the 13s-17s grades, Aussie Footy 11s-12s, Modified Rules 9s-10s, and Freeball for the tiny tots.

### OPEN SELECTION

FOR the first time the WA State schoolboys squad will have open selection this year. In the past players at many independent and private schools have not been considered when selecting the under 16s squad.

This season's 54th championships will be held in Melbourne during the August school holidays.

### TEAL CUP

APRIL 27 and 28 will see a big gathering of country football talent at Perth Oval. A country carnival, comprising of eight sides representing their WAFL zones, will be held to scrutinize players under selection consideration for the 1985 Teal Cup.

After the carnival, an all-star country team will be picked to tackle the team from the metropolitan area.

This year's Teal Cup will be held in Perth early June. It was last played in WA in 1980.

The same officials as last season — coach Grant Dorrington, selectors Eddie Pitter, Stan Nowotny, Chris Mitsopoulos and WAFL's co-ordinator of football development, Ross Davis — remain at the helm to try and win the coveted cup for WA for the first time.

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Action from R and I Little League.

## Little League off again

THE R. and I. Bank start their 16th season of sponsorship of the Little League, this week and new rules will be used for this season.

Aussie footy, as it will be called as part of a national programme, will see teams made up of 15 players with no rucks and rovers in operation.

Players are not permitted to bounce or soccer the ball and the umpire will nominate two players of equal height to contest the throw ups.

No boundary umpires will be used, so if the ball is kicked out of play, even on the bounce, the opposition will have a free kick.

If the ball goes out of play off hands, the umpire will again nominate two players of equal height and weight to contest a throw up five metres inside the boundary.

The boys competing in the Little League this season will be 12 years or under.

Throughout the 21 matches there will be a different junior club each week from either the city or the country.

The country sides will be combined association teams.

At the end of the home and away games, combined sides will be selected from each club to play in a knockout competition to decide the final four.

A league ladder will be kept up during the season, but at the end of the season, a new knockout competition comes into operation.

Last season 3200 boys played in the Little League and a similar figure will take part this season.

Many current league players started in the Little League, such as Steve Malaxos, Brad Hardie, Wayne Blackwell, Grant Campbell and Greg Wilkinson.

Malaxos and Hardie were opposing captains of the first Little League grand final in 1970.

Their league careers have taken similar paths with both making their VFL debuts this season and their WAFL debuts in 1979.



# ... the modern, National game for all kids.

## AUSSIE FOOTY

AUSSIE Footy, being promoted as the modern national game for kids, will be introduced to all junior councils and, hopefully, all primary schools this year.

It is to replace 'Special Laws' football and will be played in the 11s and 12s grades.

The main differences in Aussie Footy, compared with standard rules, are (1) only one bounce is allowed, (2) no kicking off the ground, and (3) there are no boundary throw-ins — a kick is required to re-start play.

It is envisaged by the junior council board that no premiership points be allowed in the 11s grade.

### COUNTRY NEWS

AS in the past, I welcome any news on country football. Please post all letters to Gary Bartholomeusz, 6 Byfield Road, Parkerville 6553 and all endeavour will be made to publish your news.

### 15s CHAMPIONSHIP

EACH WAFL club will be selecting their best 15s side to play in a championship at Perth Oval during the first week of the May school holidays this season.

This is a first and comes about as selection trials for the State schoolboys squad.

### AGE GROUPING

BECAUSE of the 15s championship being played this year, the age grouping has been changed for the WAFL inter-districts carnival which is held annually on the Foundation Day long weekend in June.

This season the age grouping will be 13s, 14s and 17s.

### JUNIORS WORLD

A five-minute junior segment will be shown each Sunday on Channel 7's World of Sport this season, but the format has changed since last year.

WAFL's coaching co-ordinator, Brian Douge, will present a series of skills not only aimed at junior players, but also for coaches of junior football.

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Scott Meadows ..... another Gibson recruit.

## TOUGH CHALLENGE AT SWANS

Breaking into the Swan Districts league side in the past five years has been a difficult assignment and this challenge should continue again in 1985.

The league team is well endowed in the skill and experience departments, so aspirants have to possess above average talent.

One youngster who fills many of these requirements is schoolboy **Danny Penny**.

The All Australian Teal Cup player is close to league selection if his practice match form is any guide.

The former Cloverdale junior has played most of his football in the centre and with the departure of Brad Shine and Gerard Neesham, he may fill this important position.

Coach John Todd is looking for a permanent centreman so he may gamble with the youthful Penny early in the season.

Two of Swans stars, captain Don Langsford and centre-half-back Murray Rance, learnt their early football at the Gibson Football Club in Esperance.

The success of these two has enticed two other Gibson footballers, **Scott Meadows** and **Phil Montgomerie** to try their luck in the big league.



Danny Penny ... another Teal Cup product.

Meadows has been the outstanding footballer in the Esperance competition for the past two years.

The young ruck rover will place pressure on some of the established league players who will need to be consistent to hold their places.

Montgomerie is a talented centre half forward who has been at Bassendean for two seasons, but has been plagued by injuries.

Speedy wingmen **Gavin McGuire** has some talented football relations.

Keith and Phil Narkle and John and Oral McGuire are cousins of McGuire, from Bunbury.

He has inherited some of the skills of this quartet and he should follow his cousins into league football.

Talented half-forward **Brad McDougall** from the South Bunbury club has arrived at Bassendean Oval with an impressive record in junior ranks.

He was selected in last year's All Australian Teal Cup team and is a young Swan with plenty of league potential.

State under 19 cricketer **Tony Cope** will be hoping for as much success on the football field as he achieved on the cricket arena over the summer months.

The promising batsman from the Midland Guildford club has had an interrupted football preparation.

He will be involved in the pennant finals and may miss the early games.

Cope showed promise in the colts and reserves last season playing as a ruckman or centre-half-back and his mobility and strength makes him a bright prospect for the future.

Diminutive rover **Ken Allen** has potential for league football after a solid first season in reserves football.

The 1982-83 colts fairest and best winner has worked hard during the summer and his dedication may prove beneficial.



# NEW FACES

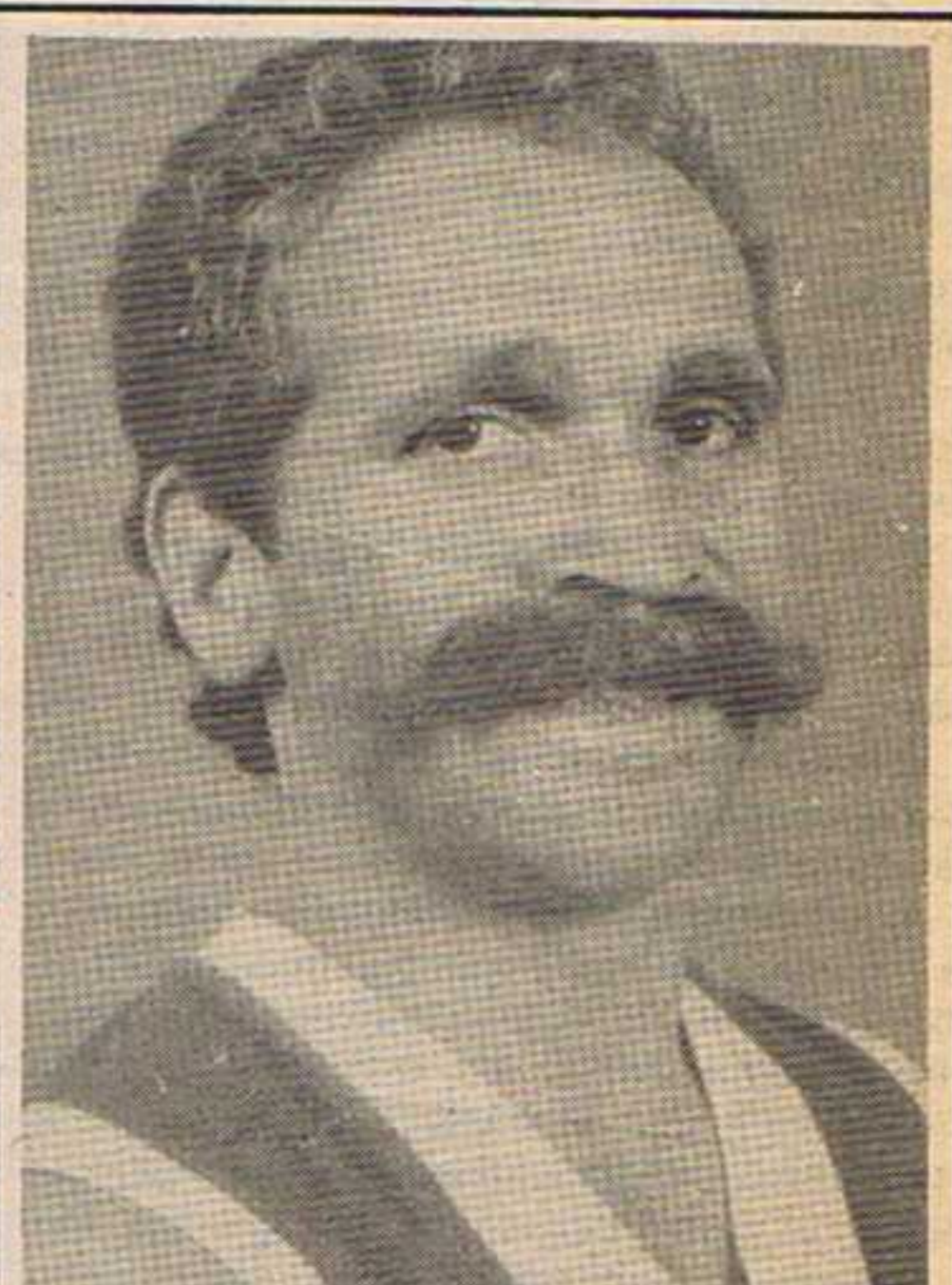
Focus on players new to the WAFL



Brad McDougall ..... top South West prospect.



Garry Sidebottom



Kevin Taylor

## SIDEY'S BACK

THE unusual situation of not having a Sidebottom at Swan Districts made Bassendean Oval look a little strange last year.

But the return of big Garry Sidebottom this season solves that problem and he is looking big and mean after a successful season at Fitzroy last year.

The loss of tough man Ron Boucher has been alleviated to some extent by the return of Sidebottom, who adds extra physical strength.

Brilliant, but unpredictable rover Kevin Taylor has also joined the black and whites. Coach John Todd has always got the best out of Taylor in State games, so it will be interesting to see his performance at Bassendean.

His goalkicking ability adds extra potency to the Swans strong scoring potential.



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# More Queenslanders at Claremont

QUEENSLAND has been a favourable recruiting zone for the Tigers in recent seasons, with brilliant rover Gary Shaw proving a great success before departing for the greener VFL pastures in 1983.

Another Queenslander, tough defender Michael Dickfos, has been hampered by injuries during his two-year stint at Claremont, but his best football is still ahead of him.

Now two more Queenslanders from the Windsor-Zillmere club in Brisbane, David Pie and Robert Dickfos (younger brother of Michael) have arrived on the West coast determined to make their mark in WA football.

Young Dickfos has acclimatised quickly to WA conditions with some impressive displays in pre-season practice matches.

The slightly-built utility player has shown the balance and poise normally associated with a seasoned league campaigner.

Like his elder brother, he shows no fear in his attempts to gain possession when bone-crushing packs form around him.

The tall athletic Pie has proved a goalkicking sensation in Queensland football in the past three seasons.

His tally of 333 goals suggests he will be a strong candidate for the spearhead position.

Pie's major rival for full-forward will be former East Perth goal sneak John Scott who kicked 61 goals last season despite playing several games in defence.

Scott's versatility in attack or defence may prompt the Tigers selectors to opt for Pie in front of goals.

Another youngster to follow his brother to the big league is rover Kevin Mitchell, the younger brother of Sandover Medallist Michael Mitchell.

The younger Mitchell has impressed Claremont officials with his practice match form.

He has similar football mannerisms to those of Michael, in the way he kicks, marks and uses his explosive pace.

The Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, teamed together brilliantly at Claremont and similar words may be used to describe the Mitchell brothers by the close of the 1985 season.

Young utility player Paul Kelly is a new arrival at Claremont Oval from the Newtown club in Victoria.

Kelly has played reserves football for Geelong and Footscray and could prove a handy acquisition to the Tigers.



JOHN Scott . . . a Tiger



Paul Kelly . . . from Newton club in Victoria.



Geoff Miles . . . Collingwood recruit.

The third Krakouer to come to Claremont from Mt Barker, Billy, who like his famous brothers is a rover.

Young Billy has several characteristics of both his brothers, notably he has that awkward but very effective kicking style that Phil uses to devastating effect and has a similar running style to Jim.

The Claremont hierarchy are promoting Krakouer slowly through the grades, which will prove beneficial to the youngster when he reaches the pressure packed atmosphere of league football.

Two reserves players, Darren Klemm and Tony Tomizzi, will be pushing hard for league recognition this season.

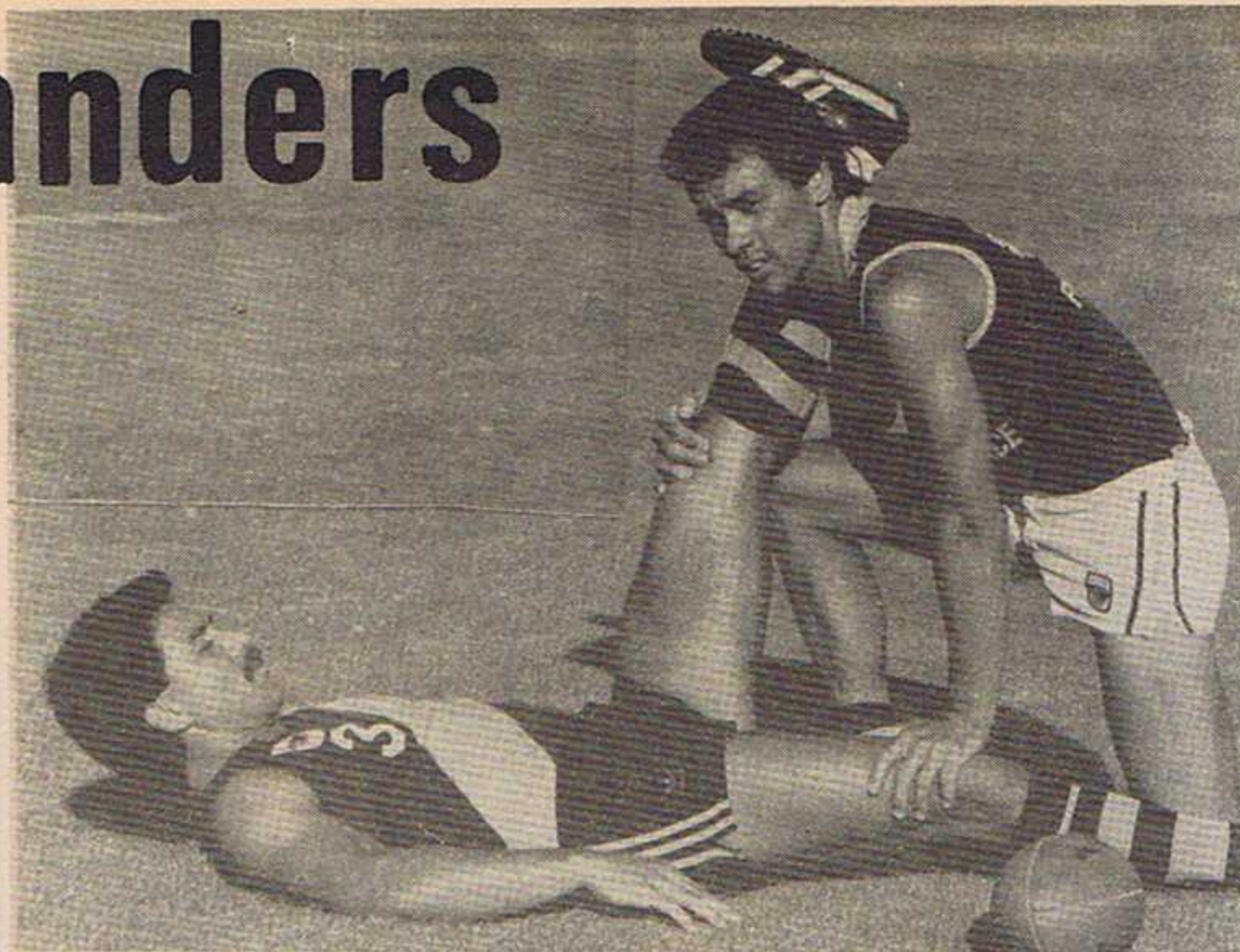
Klemm is a fast, skillful rover who played one Sterling Cup game last season and should add to his tally after serving a two-year reserves apprenticeship.

Tomizzi is a tough, courageous half-back who plays in a similar mould to the recently retired Brad Reynolds.

Ironically, he may be the man to replace Reynolds on the half-back-flank in the league side.

Colts players Guy McKenna and Tony Begovich will be strong contenders for league berths.

Begovich starred in the pre-season practice game against Carlton last year but lost form and confidence, playing most of the year in the colts.



Dickfos brothers . . . Michael and Robert



## NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL



Kevin Mitchell . . . has joined the Tigers from Carnarvon.



Billy Krakouer . . . younger brother of Jim and Phil.



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## A Royal flavour

THERE is a real East Perth flavour about Claremont this season with the arrival of Peter Thorne and John Scott at the club.

The appointment last August of former East Perth toughman Ron Webster to the position of club general manager emphasised the Royals connection.

Thorne did not settle down back in

Melbourne last season and will be determined to recapture his 1983 East Perth form on the big grounds here in Perth.

Scott began the 1984 season in a blaze of glory with several good goalkicking hauls, but lost form and ended the season in the backline.

His performances this season are crucial if Claremont are to kick winning totals.



# NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL



Chris Mainwaring . . . one of the most promising recruits from the country for years.



Brad Tunbridge . . . Talented ruckman from Mullewa.

## More talent from the North

THE Great Northern Football League has been an important recruiting zone for East Fremantle over the years and this season will be no exception.

Players of the calibre of Murray Wrensted, Clinton Browning, Glen Hoult and Graham Kickett played their formative years of football in the northern league.

Four more Great Northern footballers — Chris Mainwaring, Brad Tunbridge, John Belotti and Andrew Lockyer — look set to make their presence felt in WA football.

Mainwaring was one of the stars of the Northern League last year, finishing runner-up in the association medal.

The speedy wingman/ruck-rover could prove one of the recruits of the season.

Mullewa ruckman Tunbridge impressed East Fremantle officials at the annual Wesfarmers country week carnival last year.

The strong-marking athletic big-man could prove a competent understudy to State ruckman Paul Harding.

Former Railways wingman John Belotti played two league games last season after several outstanding reserves performances.

Injuries disrupted his 1984 season, but an intensive pre-season has him fit and keen to challenge for a position in the first 18.

Tall, powerfully built Lockyer, has starred in the practice matches at centre-half-forward.

He impressed in his one league game last season with his strong marking and the depth in his kicking.

For a big man he has deceptive pace and reads the play well, which are attributes that suggest he will be a focal point for the Sharks at centre-half-forward.

Another young Shark who had a taste of league football once last season was

19-year-old defender John O'Sullivan.

Good judges at East Fremantle believe O'Sullivan is similar to a young Shane Ellis at the same age.

The keen and dedicated youngster, ironically, may replace Ellis on the half-back line.

Another mobile ruckman who could support Harding this season is country recruit Ken Seymour.

The big leaping Seymour kicks both feet and could play in a key forward position.

Two classy forwards David Bushell and Gavin Miller will be vying for a position on a half-forward flank with the departure of Jeff Cassidy back to Victoria.

Both players are elusive, courageous forwards who have a good goal sense.

Two young defenders, Tony Grosse and Joe Lawrence, will be pushing hard for league recognition this season.

Grosse is a dashing attacking backman while Lawrence is a close-checking defender who attempts to nullify his opponent's effectiveness.

A player who could make the grade is lightning fast-wingman Ian Minotti.

The former Aquinas College star is an attacking wingman who loves kicking goals.

## Back home again

TWO of East Fremantle's prodigal sons, Brian Peake and Gerard Neesham, return to East Fremantle Oval this season.

The two veterans are determined to end their outstanding careers with a Sharks premiership.

Peake has vivid memories of East Fremantle's last flag in 1979 when he led them brilliantly to cap an outstanding season, with selection as All-Australian captain and a Tassie Medal as a highlight.

A disappointing season in the VFL with the Sydney Swans in 1982 has been the only blemish on Gerard Neesham's fine career, which began in 1975.

Both players will be vital cogs in the Sharks midfield play and will be helping coach Ron Alexander to guide his young Sharks to attempt to break the monopoly Swan Districts have on the premiership cup.

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# Opportunity knocks at East Perth

**OPPORTUNITY** is the key word at Perth Oval this season.

Thirteen regular league players from last season have either retired or gone to another club, opening the door for some young East Perth talent.

Former Essendon under-19 captain **Brett Stephens** has joined the club and has already raised a few eyebrows with his goalkicking potential in the practice matches.

The powerfully-built full-forward has also played for North Hobart and could prove one of the recruits of the year.

Donnybrook has been a prolific recruiting zone for the Royals in recent seasons, with **Tom Williams** and **Gavin Howlett** adding to that list.

**Williams** is a strongly-built utility player who won the best 19 years and under trophy in the South West last season.

**Howlett** was a member of the 1982 Teal Cup team, playing as a ruck-rover.

**Peter Cransberg**, from South Bunbury (a younger brother of former Swan Districts player Alan) is now residentially bound to the Royals.

He was a member of last year's Teal Cup team and has strong claims for league selection.

Another country footballer who shows league potential is **Brad Kevill**, from Augusta-Margaret River.

Kevill was selected in the Wesfarmers country All-Stars team last year and is a key position player in attack or defence.

Sydney Swans defender **David Wing** has arrived at the club and has been impressive in the pre-season build-up. He played 35 reserves games for the Swans, playing at full-back or a half-back-flank.



Two youngsters from Manjimup, **Gary Ryan** and **George Giannakis**, are shaping well for 85.

Ryan has been an enthusiastic participant in pre-season training and would be one of the fittest players at Perth Oval.

Giannakis was a Teal Cup player in 1984 and a prominent member of the East Perth losing colts grand final team.

Promising ruckman **Craig Starcevic** was selected in the All-Australian team after the Teal Cup carnival last season.

He should continue the Royals tradition in introducing another promising ruckman to league football.

His former St Mark's team-mate, **Mark Bettini**, showed promise in the colts last season on a half-back-flank or as a wingman.

Speedy wingman **David Bain** was runner-up by one vote to **Stephen Rowe**, of South Fremantle, in the Medallist's Medal last season — an outstanding achievement considering he played six games in the reserves.

Two Bayswater footballers, **Wayne McKinlay** and **Craig Jackamara**, could make their mark in league ranks this season.

McKinlay shows promise as a key forward, while Jackamara is a speedy half-forward from the Bayswater amateurs who is an accurate left foot kick for goals.



**Brett Stephens** . . . Former Essendon under 19 captain.



## NEW FACES

Focus on players new to the WAFL



**Kevin Bryant** . . . . . Back at the Royals.

## BRYANT AN ASSET

THE loss of many experienced players at East Perth this season, has left the Royals lacking in the leadership department.

The return of former star **Kevin Bryant** has proved very popular with officials at the club on the lookout for experience.

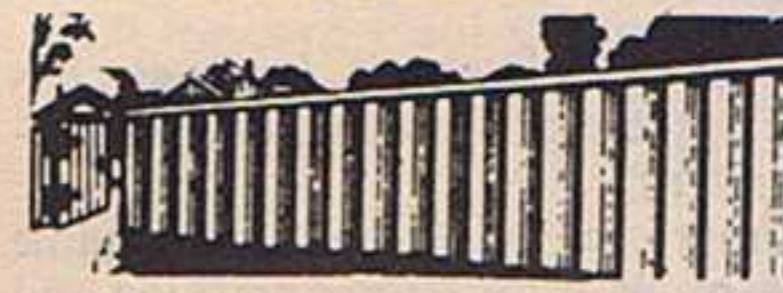
His five-year stint at North Melbourne was plagued by injury problems, but he proved his versatility by playing in a number of positions.

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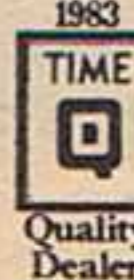


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# COLTS CORNER

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## NEW COACHES IN COLTS

**THERE are five new colts coaches this season, all of whom can boast impressive football backgrounds.**

Jim Di Carlo (West Perth), Tony Micale (Swan Districts), John Hayes (Claremont), Allan Stiles (Perth) and Ron Wilcox (East Fremantle) are well credentialed coaches to guide young, prospective footballers into senior ranks.

Di Carlo, a member of West Perth's only colts premiership team in 1968, played several league games in 1969-70 before a serious leg injury brought his brief career to a premature end.

The former rover played for the Scarborough amateurs, where he had considerable success, the highlight being his selection in the All-Australian amateur team.

He began his coaching career at Scarborough with the colts and then the D and A grades before moving to Maddington, in the South Suburban League, where he assisted Dennis Cometti.

The last time Tony Micale and John Todd were associated was at East Fremantle when Micale played on a wing in the 1974 East Fremantle premiership side which Todd coached.

Micale's former East Fremantle team-mate, Bob Becu, has also joined Swan Districts as colts team manager.

After four league clubs and 297 league games, John Hayes has the football qualifications to be a successful coach.



Hayes



Stiles

The effervescent Hayes has got the young Tigers playing with plenty of enthusiasm already and he looks set to have a successful first year in coaching.

After three years as reserves coach Allan 'Chubby' Stiles has been appointed colts coach at Perth.

The former star back-pocket player at Perth is looking forward to the challenge of preparing youngsters for league football.

The enthusiastic Stiles is a loyal Perth clubman and he plays an important part in the development of Perth's league players of the future.

Ron Wilcox played 24 games for East Fremantle in 1966-67 and then went to coach in Kununoppin in 1968.

He then spent three years as coach of Applecross in the WA Football Association in 1972-74 and followed this with a coaching stint at Canning in the South Suburban League from 1975-80.

Last season he assisted Graham Melrose with the East Fremantle colts and has replaced Melrose this season who is coaching the reserves.

This wealth of football experience will prove beneficial to the young Sharks as they prepare for senior football.



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# The top award for consistency

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The top award for consistency last year went to Claremont's State and All-Australian captain, Steve Malaxos, with 145 votes — an average of just under seven per game. He won in an exciting finish from team-mate Michael Mitchell.

Previous winners have been Don Langsford (Swan Districts) in 1983; Claremont's Allen Daniels (1982); South Fremantle's Stephen Michael (1981); his team-mate Noel Carter (1980) and Claremont's Graham Moss, back in Westside's initial year of 1979.

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Steve Malaxos . . . . . accepts the 1984  
Crestwood Inntown award.



### WARE OUT

**FOOTBALL** has many highs and lows, just ask Swan Districts backman Peter Ware. Ware a member of the State side in Adelaide last year failed to make the league training list of 28 players. Coach John Todd said that Ware and another surprise omission Shane Renfree will need to play well in the reserves to regain their league status.

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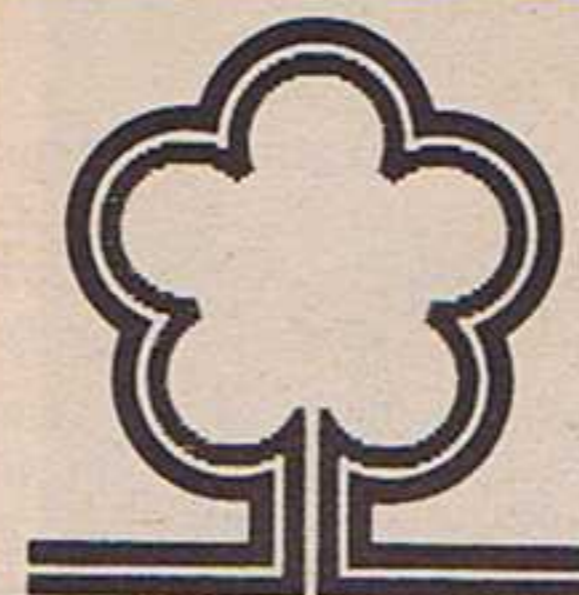
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# AMATEUR NEWS AMATEUR NEWS AMATEUR NEWS

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A round-up of news from the West  
West Australian Amateur Football League.

## Busy time for State side

The WAAFL State team faces a busy season in 1985.

The Australian amateur football council carnival will be held in Victoria in June to coincide with that State's 150th anniversary.

Already indications are that it will be one of WA's best prepared squads. After starting training several weeks ago, they have already played East Perth in a pre-season trial game.

The officials and players at East Perth are to be congratulated in providing valuable assistance to the State amateur squad and continue the good relationship between WAFL clubs and the WAAFL.

Steve Arnott is in his second season as State coach, having a successful debut against the South Australian amateurs last year.

The former West Perth and Old Wesley utility player is assisted by State selectors Neil Browne, Ray Snell and Nick Belyea.

Don Baker, one of the league's longer serving team managers, is reappointed to that position for a fourth term.

Updates on team players etc. will be made from time to time in Westside Football.



Steve Arnott ..... State amateur coach.

### APRIL 13 START

The WAAFL season starts on Saturday April 13 (the weekend after Easter) Home and away games conclude on August 17.

The final five system is used and all grand finals are scheduled for September 14.

## Back again for the seventh season

The 1985 football season marks the seventh year of the WAAFL's association with Westside Football.

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Westside Football provides the only real media outlet of the WAAFL; the biggest football league in Western Australia, in terms of both the number of players taking part and the teams and clubs affiliated.

We hope the general football public gain greater understanding and appreciation of amateur football.

This season new clubs in Army, Melville and Wanneroo have been admitted while Osborne Park have left, taking the total number of teams to 158 from a record 56 clubs.

These compete in 12 senior grades and four colts (under 20) grades.

Amateur football in W.A. began in 1922 when it was known as the Mercantile Association. There are no district boundaries with clubs competing from as far afield as RAAF Base (Pearse) in the north, Cockburn Lakes and Coolbellup in the South and East to Carlisle and Forrestfield.

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### 1984 PREMIERS

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H Grade	Scarborough No. 3
I Grade	Girrawheen
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Claremont duo Michael Mitchell and Steve Malaxos tied on 17 votes with East Perth's Peter Spencer, who collected his second medal, repeating his 1976 victory.

An excellent guide to the winners of last year's medal was the Westside Football Sandover Medal guide, sponsored since its inception in 1979 by Sandovers, the WA firm who originally founded the award.

The Sandover Medal guide indicated that all three players would feature prominently in the award, though Robert Wiley was tipped as the runaway winner, but once again was overlooked by the umpires.

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# Many changes in Great Northern

**MANY WAFL footballers have come from the Great Northern Football League and the stream of talent should continue with a record 102 new applications from players for 1985.**

In a season of records, 125 clearances have been processed with 20 already refused.

If agreement between the clubs cannot be reached, some of these players will be forced to stand out of football.

Mullewa coach Glen Brown is seeking a clearance to Northampton after leading Mullewa to the premiership last season.

Two GNFL combined players, Leon Blurton and Brad Mews, are also looking for a new challenge with the new-look Northampton Rams.

### SIGNED

Another GNFL player, Colin Hayward, has signed with Brigades and has been training with the club for several weeks.

Several former WAFL players — Daryl Stokes (South Fremantle) and former East Fremantle players Chris Hicks and Merv Carrott — have all been training with Rovers and need clearances from the Valley.

Rovers are proving to be a popular club, as several other players are keen to join them.

Former Perth player Peter Chidlow, last season's Bindi-Miling coach, former East Fremantle player Gary Delance, Carey Park ruckman Jim Halleen and key Morawa forward Andrew Rogers are some of many players seeking clearances to the club.

### IMPORTANT

Two other important acquisitions to the Rovers training list are 1983 club fairest and best Ray Smith and former Claremont and East Fremantle utility player Russell Cooper.

Brigades have also added Michael Barnes and promising Rovers wingman Robbie Dawson to their squads.

The recruiting of former Perth player Glen Smith to Railways is a coup for the club.

Smith will join Anthony Bunter, Paul Drennan and John Valli as the new faces for the Blues this season.

Towns have been quiet during the summer with their recruiting, relying on their improved 1984 line up.

The only new players at the club are ruckman/forward Tony Vidovich and Jack Horwood, has journeyed from Melbourne to play.

Reigning premiers Mullewa have appointed Gus Mourish as coach, after he was successful in that role in 1983, when he led the Saints to a flag.



Russell Cooper . . .



Peter Rowe . . . . .

# COLLIE SHOWS THE WAY

**THE Collie Football Club, one of the most progressive clubs in the South West National Football League, now boast the biggest membership in the competition.**

The club has added \$3000 worth of facilities to their gymnasium with money raised from their past players and supporters club.

The club has also formed a committee to investigate the possibility of extending their already impressive upstairs social area.

After two years as club president, Dick Syme was unable to seek re-election and former president Bill Thomas will take over this year.

During his term as president, Syme introduced many new ideas and was responsible for obtaining a \$2500 sponsorship deal for the club's juniors from the Griffin Coal Mining Company.

### COACHES

Trevor Stewart will coach the league side for the second year while Greg Smith will coach the reserves.

The club will concentrate on the young local talent and no outside players have been recruited this season.

Stewart said that he was pleased with the progress of his players after one of the best responses to pre-season training for many years.

He believes that the decision to use local talent was a step forward for the club, he has enough seasoned players to field a team that will be highly competitive.

## NEW COACH AT DONNYBROOK

**FORMER Mines Rovers' champion and Hayward Medallist, Rod Saunders will coach Donnybrook this season.**

One of the most experienced and accomplished players in South-West football history, Saunders will be expected to continue the team's improvement which last year saw them the only team to beat both grand finalist's South Bunbury and Mines Rovers.

Saunders has continued his involvement in the game since retiring as a player three seasons ago.

"It was a big decision to coach again, but I can't keep away from football," Saunders said.

"After last season I was talking to some of the Donnybrook people and I decided to take up the coaching position because it was a big challenge," he said.

## Albany Toyota renews sponsorship

**ALBANY Toyota, the major sponsors of football in the Southern Districts Football League, has renewed its sponsorship for the 1985 season.**

Albany Toyota announced their intention to continue as the League's major sponsor at a special function held at the Port of Call Restaurant in Albany on Thursday night.

Last year Albany Toyota, in conjunction with the League, identified the greatest need as being in the area of radio promotion including match broadcasts. Most of this year's \$5800 sponsorship will again be directed to this area.

In addition, Toyota will also give support back-up to the combined Southern Districts side at the two major country carnivals, the Great Southern carnival and the Wesfarmers country championships.

Present at the launching of Albany Toyota's 1985 sponsorship were the directors of Albany Toyota, Mr Lew Mutch and Steve Goulding, of Toyota Australia and representatives of Claremont football club including the coach Graham Moss and former Albany player Darrell Panizza.

## Problems for Mines Rovers

**THE Mines Rovers football club has suffered heavily through transfers and retirements this season.**

The club is one of the oldest football clubs in WA and is traditionally a strong contender in the South West competition.

But replacing players such as Mick Rea, Wayne Coles, Ross Prunster, John Brown and possibly Geoff Saunders, Brett Whittaker, Terry Bruce and Mark Antonovich will test the club's resources.

New players will include Peter Rowe (back from East Perth), Len Bowman, Ken Tate and Ron McNess from Kalgoorlie.

Some young players who could emerge this season are ruckmen Alan Fontana and Peter Bignell, forward Mark Crowe, Tony Papalia, David Pierce, Andy Pimm and John Niski.

## CARNIVAL FOR MANJIMUP

**THIS season's Great Southern football carnival will be held in Manjimup for the first time.**

The annual carnival, which was held in Albany for many years was transferred to Narrogin in 1983 and was held there again last year.

The weekend knock-out series is one of the oldest surviving country football carnivals in Australia. It dates back to 1922.

The Manjimup carnival, to be held on the weekend of July 6 and 7, will involve associations from Ongerup, Ravensthorpe, Lower South West, South East, Upper Great Southern, Southern Districts and Central Great Southern.

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## GRAND FINAL DETAILS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1984

SWAN DISTRICTS	10.7	11.8	16.12	20.18	138
EAST FREMANTLE	0.3	9.8	13.8	15.12	102

SCORERS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Hutton 5.4; Shine, Holmes 5.1; Marshall 2.4; Sartori 1.3; Langsford, Neesham 1.0; Kimberley 0.2; Fogarty, Ahmat, Renfree 0.1. EAST FREMANTLE: Taylor 4.3; Bennett 4.1; Kickett 3.0; Waterson 2.1; Wilson 1.2; Wake 1.0; Alexander 0.2; Rankin, Harding 0.1; forced 0.1.

BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: B. Kimberley, B. Shine, G. Neesham, M. Johns, D. Holmes, D. Langsford. EAST FREMANTLE: S. Green, S. Ellis, B. Forman, M. Wrensted, C. Browning, D. Rankin.

UMPIRES: M. Ball, D. Johnson. Swan Districts won toss and kicked to western end with breeze. Free-kicks: SWAN DISTRICTS: 11, 4, 11, 5 — 31; out-of-bounds 4; 15 metres 3. EAST FREMANTLE: 11, 4, 5, 5 — 25; out-of-bounds 3; 15 metres 4. Played at Subiaco Oval.

### Match statistics

SWAN DISTRICTS	Kicks	H/balls	Marks	EAST FREMANTLE	Kicks	H/balls	Marks
Mick Johns	6	4	3	Roger Kerr	3	2	1
Barry Kimberley	25	3	6	Ron Alexander	4	4	1
Gerrard Neesham	22	7	9	David Rankin	19	—	2
Brad Shine	15	3	4	Kevin Taylor	14	4	6
Keith Narkle	17	1	2	Ray Sterrett	9	3	3
Don Holmes	18	6	4	Graham Kickett	6	4	3
Ken Marshall	10	3	5	Clinton Browning	12	4	4
Brent Hutton	12	11	10	Michael Brennan	6	1	5
Peter Sartori	11	6	6	Stephen Green	26	6	11
Joe Ahmat	5	1	1	Glen Hoult	6	4	3
Don Langsford	17	7	7	Peter Wilson	11	4	2
Shane Renfree	1	—	—	Colin Waterson	9	2	1
Jon Fogarty	14	8	6	Paul Harding	5	3	1
Steve Richardson	12	1	3	Gavin Wake	10	4	4
Kevin Caton	3	3	2	Shane Ellis	10	9	8
Murray Rance	13	7	11	Darren Bennett	5	2	4
Bill Skwirowski	13	5	8	Bryce Forman	13	2	7
Tony Solin	6	4	3	Murray Wrensted	19	10	3
Gavin Outridge	10	5	3	George Christie	9	3	6
Tom Mullooly	12	2	2	John Nolan	5	4	5
TOTAL	242	77	95	TOTAL	201	75	79

### HOW THEY LINED UP

SWAN DISTRICTS: Backs: Skirowski, Mullooly, Outridge. Half-backs: Langsford, Rance, Solin. Centres: Renfree, Richardson, Narkle. Half-forwards: Holmes, Sartori, Shine. Forwards: Ahmat, Hutton, Marshall. Ruck: Johns, Fogarty, Kimberley. Interchange: Neesham, Caton.

EAST FREMANTLE: Backs: Harding, Forman, Christie. Half-backs: Ellis, Browning, Brennan. Centre: Rankin, Taylor, Kickett. Half-forwards: Hoult, Waterson, Wilson. Forwards: Wrensted, Bennett, Wake. Ruck: Alexander, Green, Kerr. Interchange: Nolan, Sterrett.

## VFL

1984 VFL — GRAND FINAL, SEPTEMBER 29

ESSENDON	2.4	3.11	5.15	14.21	105
HAWTHORN	6.1	8.6	10.8	12.9	81

GOALS: ESSENDON: Baker 4; Duckworth, Watson 2; Neagle, Daniher, Merrett, Thompson, Weston, Bradbury 1. HAWTHORN: Matthews 4; Robertson, Brereton 2; Judge, Tuck, Loveridge, Curran 1.

BEST: ESSENDON: Duckworth, Weston, Watson, Heard, Harvey, Hawker, Baker, Clarke. HAWTHORN: Wallis, Matthews, Schwab, Loveridge, O'Halloran, Byrne, Ayres, Mew.

UMPIRES: G. James, R. Sawers. Played at MCG, attendance 92,685.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

ESSENDON: Backs: Duckworth, Weston, Clarke. Half-backs: Bradbury, Walsh, Heard. Centres: Neagle, Baker, Foulds. Half-forwards: Hawker, Van Der Haar, T. Daniher. Forwards: Ezard, Merrett, Dunell. Ruck: S. Madden, Watson, Williams. Interchange: Harvey, Thompson.

HAWTHORN: Backs: Ayres, O'Halloran, Robertson. Half-backs: Schwab, Mew, Lester-Smith. Centres: Dipierdomenico, Wallace, Russo. Half-forwards: Curran, Brereton, Judge. Forwards: McCarthy, Matthews, Loveridge. Ruck: Byrne, Tuck, Greene. Interchange: Eade, Paton.

VFL — SATURDAY, MARCH 23

ESSENDON	7.4	12.9	16.11	17.12	114
HAWTHORN	4.1	10.4	12.9	15.10	100

SCORERS: ESSENDON: Van Der Haar 4; Harvey 3; Daniher, Madden 2; Neagle, Baker, Williams, Elshaug, Merrett, Watson 1. HAWTHORN: Brereton 4; Malaxos 3; Matthews, McCarthy 2; Dipierdomenico, Tuck, Greene, Schwab 1.

BEST: ESSENDON: Neagle, Van Der Haar, Elshaug, Duckworth, Foulds, Madden, Harvey, Daniher. HAWTHORN: Brereton, Morris, Malaxos, Ayres, Robertson, Green, Tuck.

## SANFL

1984 SANFL GRAND FINAL

NORWOOD	4.3	9.5	11.8	15.10	100
PORT	1.2	8.7	11.11	13.13	91

GOALS: NORWOOD: Roberts 6; K. Thomas, Aish, Vardanega, Fosdike 2; McIntosh 1. PORT: Evans 4; Clifford 3; Bradley, Knight 2; R. Ebert, Russell 1.

BEST: NORWOOD: K. Thomas, Ross, Roberts, Balme, G. Thomas, Aish, Winter, Scanlon, Laughlin. PORT: Clifford, Russell, Anderson, Bradley, Curtis, Kennedy. Umpires: L. Argent, J. Hylton. Attendance 50,271.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

NORWOOD: Forwards: N. Roberts, P. Laughlin, G. Thomas. Half-backs: D. Payne, J. Michalanne, G. Vardanega. Centre: D. Fosdike, G. McIntosh, P. Gallagher. Half-backs: J. Scanlon, T. Warhurst, A. Jarvis. Backs: B. Winter, C. Balme, L. Ross, Rucks, J. Hall, M. Aish, K. Thomas. Interchange: D. Jenkins (captain), N. Hein. Coach: Neil Balme.

PORT: Forwards: T. Ginever, T. Evans, R. Ebert (captain-coach). Half-forwards: S. Knight, D. Russell, S. Clifford. Centre: K. Kinnear, C. Bradley, G. Anderson. Half-backs: B. Owens, M. Leslie, A. Gill. Backs: A. Williams, M. James, S. Curtis, Rucks: D. Kennedy, J. Harvey, P. Belton. Interchange: R. Johnston, C. Ebert.

### RESERVES

Subiaco	5.5	10.12	12.17	17.25	127
South Frem.	5.4	8.8	10.13	14.17	101

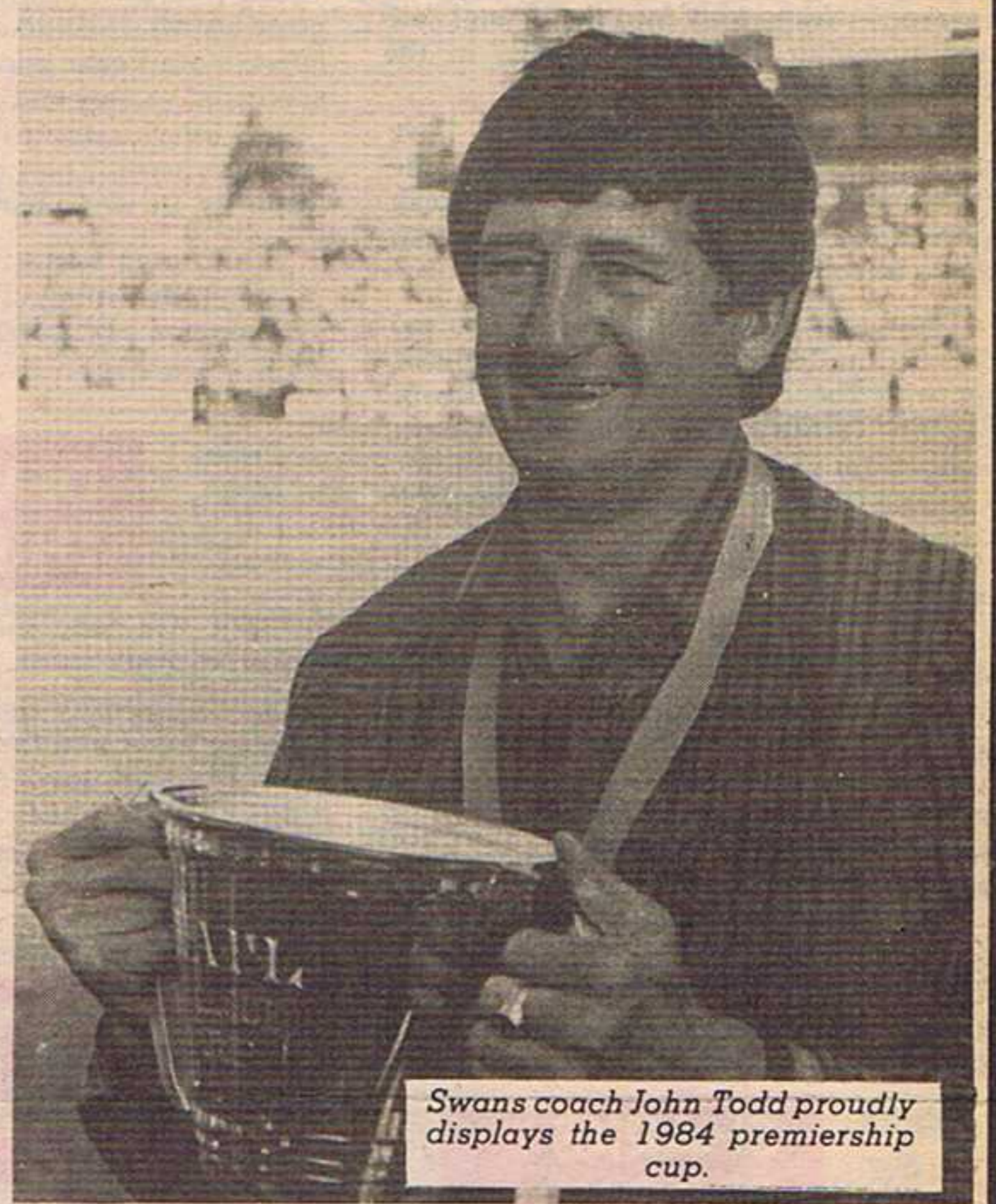
Goals: SUBIACO: Dean, Dawson 3; Floyd, Kelly, B. Taylor, P. Wilson, Pitt 2; Ross 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: McGilvray 4; Dobson, O'Donnell 3; Stasinowsky 2; Hardman, Little 1. Best: SUBIACO: Lee, B. Taylor, Dawson, Dean, Kelly, Zanotti. SOUTH FREMANTLE: McGilvray, Begg, Dellar, Rioli, Lynch, Little.

### COLTS

South Frem.	3.4	4.6	9.9	10.11	71
East Perth	2.2	4.5	6.7	9.10	64

Goals: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Sims 5; Todd 2; Rowe, Tognolini, Gatti 1. EAST PERTH: Cross, Starcevic 2; Dikolli, Bartlett, Stubbs, McKinlay, Giannakis 1. Best: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Cammarano, Sims, Tognolini. EAST PERTH: Starcevic, Giannakis, Cross.

## SWANS DAY OF GLORY



Swans coach John Todd proudly displays the 1984 premiership cup.



East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander and president Harry Morgan speak to Swans players after the grand final.



Swans' Don Holmes (front) breaks clear of Sharks' full-back Bryce Forman.



Brent Hutton made the most of his first grand final appearance after missing selection at the last minute of Swans last two premiership successes.

# SWANS AGAIN!

THE 1985 football season should be one of the closest home-and-away competitions for years.

This is the time of the year when everyone tries to look into the 'crystal ball' and nominate what will happen in the coming season.

For the last two seasons I have nominated Swan Districts to win the premiership and I believe they will break more club records by winning their fourth consecutive flag.

They have lost key players in Brad Shine, Ron Boucher and Gerard Neesham, but with the careful recruiting of Kevin Taylor (from the Sharks), Garry Sidebottom (Fitzroy) and Wayne Simms (Demons) they have more than covered the losses.

With a fit Taylor, the elusive Don Holmes and Keith Narkle alongside big men in Sidebottom, Peter Sartori and Simms, the Swans will have great goal-power, something that was missing at times last year.

When you add Murray Rance, Tony Solin, Jon Fogarty, Don Langsford and Brent Hutton, there is great depth of player skill.

The only hurdle between Swans and their fourth premiership is that mental condition called 'complacency' or a 'lack of urgency' that infiltrates the attitude of players



**SHARKS SECOND**

East Fremantle are the danger side. They have the players, the skill and now the knowledge of what is required to win grand finals after their effort in 1984.

The return of Brian Peake and Neesham should add great playing experience to the

young Sharks. But while this should be of great benefit, it could also have the reverse effect. Both Peake and Neesham have had successful careers and are now at the stage where injuries start to take their toll. Short cuts can become part of their play and their capacity to work hard may diminish.

The young talent in Murray Wrensted, Clinton Browning, Paul Harding, Peter Wilson and Michael Brennan, to mention a few, is exciting.



**DEMONS THIRD**

Perth will take the title of the most improved team in '85.

I saw them play eight times last season and they produced the worst and then the best football I saw. At times they were magnificent, but then lapsed in concentration and their belief in each other.

New coach Mal Brown will be like a breath of fresh air. He needed a new challenge and from his summer player 'raids' he has drawn together, off and on field, a completely new group of football personnel that will give all Perth supporters a welcome return to the top four.

In Rob Wiley, Bryan Cousins and Peter Bosustow they have great experience and 'goal power'. Add to these the young players Ian Newman, Cam Shepherd, Len Gandini and Warren Nicholas, to mention a few, and they will be a force.



**LIONS FOURTH**

Subiaco to make the four is a brave statement, but I believe they will fight out a very tight battle with the remaining five teams.

With coach Haydn Bunton having a year to assess the playing strength, the



**TIGERS SIXTH**

Claremont are on the way down. It is hard to keep teams up season after season; complacency sets in and is hard to remove.

The Tigers have lost the 'hard workers' in Steve Malaxos, Mark Watson, Brad Reynolds and Lindsay Kanther, who never stopped shovelling the ball out to the skilled runners.

They have recruited more than any club to try and lift, but I have always been of the opinion that great eras are made by home-grown players. Interstate recruits, for the money they require, rarely give value; they don't have the 'commitment' you get from locals.



**FALCONS SEVENTH**

West Perth have some of the most exciting youngsters around. Dean Warwick, Derek Kickett, Paul Mifka, Dean Laidley and Craig Nelson, to mention a few, have plenty of ability.

New coach John Wynne has departed from modern football coaching methods for pre-season work and has placed his faith in the players to do the right thing. Along with the club's 100th year celebrations, Wynne will be hoping for a resurgence in Falcon-land.

Critics and supporters will closely monitor his methods and place enormous pressure on him if they don't work.

The Falcons still have weaknesses in key positions that I believe will cause the team to have regular highs and lows.



**ROYALS EIGHTH**

East Perth to take the wooden spoon is nearly as hard to believe as Mal Brown becoming the Pope.

This great club, built on the tradition that other clubs have envied for years, has internal strife with financial deficits, player loss and a dramatic membership drop off.

To Greg Brehaut's credit, he has never faltered in his endeavours to lift the Royals and as long as he has the type of players that exist at East Perth, they will never surrender. In Wayne Otway and Kevin Bryant (great to see him back home) they have men of great character, but unfortunately that is where the experience finishes.

Young players in Michael Christian, Russell Sparks, Glen Bartlett, Greg Carpenter, Alex Ishchenko, Richard Dennis and David Morgan have great skill and character, but need to gain the experience that is essential to make successful teams.

Having been associated with the club all my life, to predict them as wooden spooners for '85 disappoints me greatly.

## DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON

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increasing confidence of young players from their premiership's reserves team and greatly improved colts team, the addition of Peter Spencer and the behind-the-scenes football guidance from one of the best football co-ordinators in the game, Trevor Nisbett, Lions supporters will have something to talk about this year.

Consistency is the thing that must come from senior players with giant ruckman Laurie Keene being the key. Played at full-forward, Keene could be the star of '85.



**BULLDOGS FIFTH**

South Fremantle are the unknowns. Rookie coach Don Haddow has his chance to coach at the highest level. Like all new coaches his enthusiasm will be unlimited — but having come through the club over many years his biggest hurdle won't be the players, but the total support he needs from the club directors and supporters in believing in him. Don has earned the position — I hope he gets that support.

A physically and mentally fit Stephen Michael (the best player in the West), with veterans Noel Carter and Paul Vasoli can provide the leadership necessary to mould the young side.

They have an exciting group of young players who have been in the reserves and are now ready to stand up and be counted.

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