

INSIDE THIS WEEK:



Victorian looks at the player drain

THE VICS HAVE CHEATED BEFORE

Says Dave Clement



Peter Van Helden recalls a day in the veterans team

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By Tony Carr



Don Haddow with his right hand man Clinton Farmer.

WATCH out West Perth — South Fremantle have turned the corner and are after your place in the top four.

South Fremantle, a young and enthusiastic group, are set to emerge in the second half of the season as a side capable of beating all above them, even the powerful East Fremantle line-up.

South showed positive signs in their fighting win against Claremont that they now have depth and a strong spirit is growing again within the team.

Coach Don Haddow blames an easy pre-season practice match victory over East Fremantle at Wagin as a major cause of his side's poor start to the 1985 season.

"That win really affected the players. They thought they were world beaters and each game was going to be easy," Haddow said this week.

The Bulldogs came back to earth with a thud when the season opened, losing their first four games and looked anything but a premiership threat.

New players were introduced to the league side and South began winning games with youthful exuberance being evident as young players were given their first opportunity in league ranks.

"We have promoted 12 newcomers to league football and many of these young players haven't wasted their chance," said Haddow.

"Players like Mark Bairstow, Geoff Sims, Stephen Rowe, Arthur Maskos and Michael Athanasiou have surprised us by quickly adapting to league football."

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RED TAPE HURTS

FOOTBALL red tape reared its ugly head in Perth over the past week as tough measures were enforced on two teams guilty of minor rule infringements.

The Perth colts side lost four premiership points and percentage for accidentally having 19 players on the ground for a two-minute period during the game against Swan Districts on May 11.

In the other incident, the Claremont 17s combined side were deprived of a place in the inter-district finals for playing a boy who used a false birth certificate and was, in fact, over-age.

The Claremont side were convincing winners leading up to the under-age finals and it is harsh that the

whole side should be penalised because of one player's dishonesty. The player was not a key member of the team and only played part of the game.

Perth won their match by 56 points against Swan Districts and this harsh penalty could cost the Demons a place in the four at the end of the qualifying rounds.

This action, taken by the separate tribunals, has not been in the best interests of the game and the young footballers affected could become disenchanted with such rigid penalties.

Perth colts coach Allan Stiles was disappointed by the WAFL tribunal's decision and felt that the rules were too rigid and inflexible.

"It was a real feeling of despair on hearing the penalty," says Stiles. "I go along with rules, but this seems really harsh."

The incident happened at the start of the final quarter, with Perth leading by 11 goals. There was a mix-up with the four interchange players, with the offending player running off the ground as soon as the situation was noticed.

Swans called for a player-count, but the umpire could only account for 18 players.

However, Swans lodged a complaint and the tribunal penalised Perth on the basis of the club admitting the mistake.

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VICTORIA PARK

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THERE are many concerning aspects of the current Australian championship series which sees South Australia the 1985 winner before the final game is played.

The National Football League certainly acted within the rules by stripping Victoria of their two championship points and giving the 1985 series to South Australia.

The Croweaters had beaten Western Australia in a classic exhibition of football. But why should they win the series after a 57-point thrashing at the hands of the Vics?

The Victoria-South Australia game was played on May 14 — a month before the WA-SA clash. Why, therefore, did the NFL wait till the day AFTER the WA-SA clash, with the result obviously known, before meeting on the issue?

The SA protest over Victoria's decision to flaunt the laws and play 22 players instead of the NFL-recommended 21, was filed just a few days after the match.

Some will say that the presence in Perth of three of the four NFL executive committee members for the WA-SA game made it easier to have the meeting here.

After all, WAFL chairman Vincent Yovich is the WA delegate; SANFL president Max Basheer was the stand-in proxy delegate for SA's delegate Bob Lee and NFL president Dr Allen Aylett (with the VFL delegate's role) never misses a State game in Perth. But the fourth delegate, Tasmania's Bob Bennett, had to fly in from the Apple Isle and NFL general manager Ed Biggs flew across Australia simply for the Perth Airport meeting.

The meeting should certainly have been held BEFORE the WA-SA clash.

As for the result, the Victorians deserved to be penalised; after all, they did flaunt the rules and play an extra man. If a club did that, they would certainly lose the match on protest.

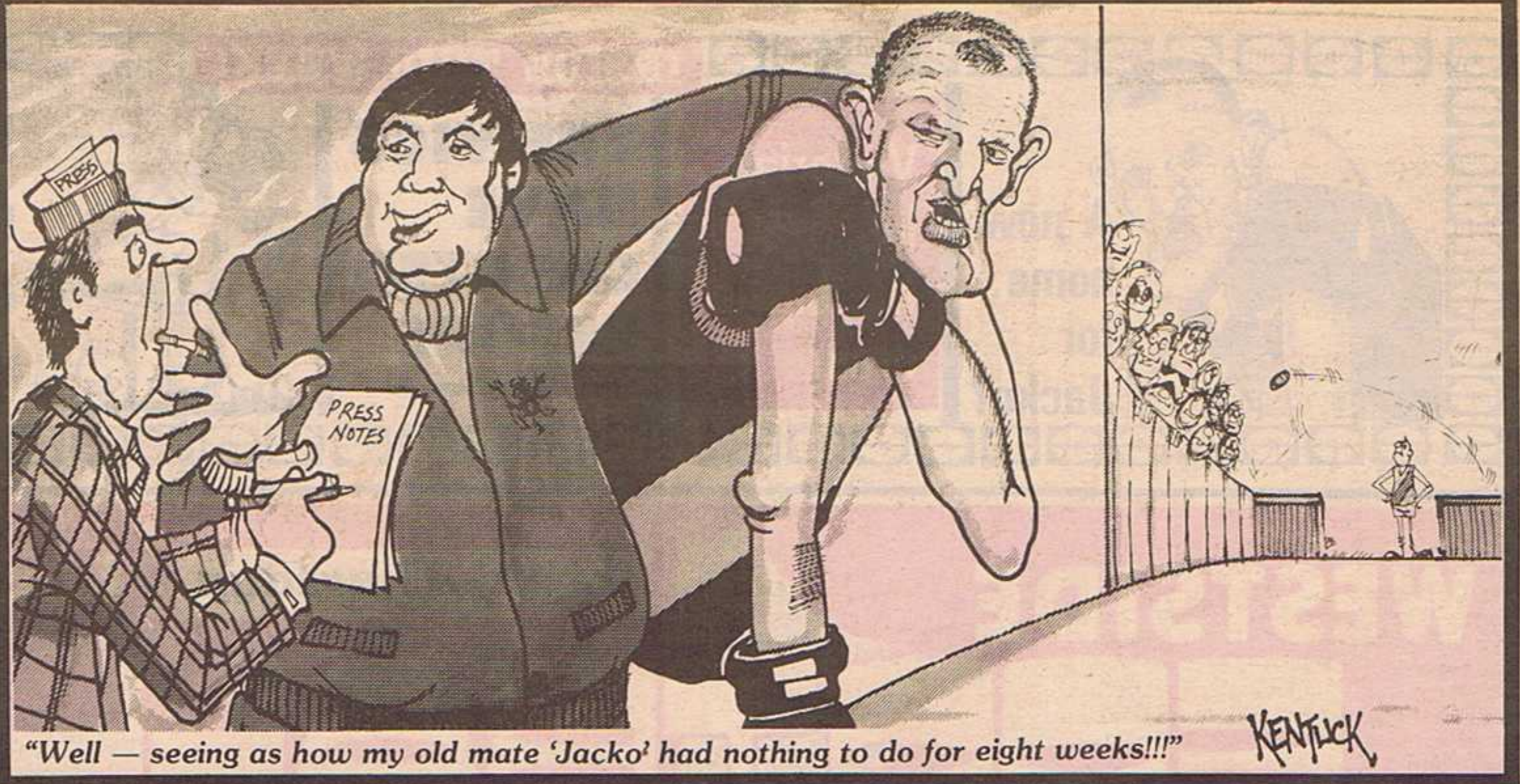
But surely this question of three or four interchange players could have been better resolved before the Victoria-SA match?

The communication breakdown between the NFL and the VFL, particularly, and with SA is certainly damaging as far as football Australia-wide is concerned.

The old love-match between Dr Aylett, when he was VFL president and new VFL commissioner Jack Hamilton is certainly on the rocks.

Nothing good will come out of this current situation.

Not only does the Tuesday, July 16 game between WA and Victoria mean little as far as the Australian championships is concerned, but the Vics are probably ready to tell the rest of Australia just where they can now stick interstate football.



BOOTING WITH THE BREEZE

KING KERNAHAN

SOUTH Australian forward Stephen Kernahan showed just how tough a champion can be with his dazzling seven-goal match-winning effort against WA. Kernahan was sick overnight before the match and at 11am the SA doctor ruled him out of action. Coach Neil Balme wanted to give him a few more hours to recover, but, as a precaution, told Stephen Connelly to stand by to play. Connelly, who had been left out of the 21 the previous afternoon, was obviously not ready for a State game at such short notice! But Kernahan insisted on playing and took his place — much to the chagrin of Western Australia.

GLENDINNING HURT

THE hopes of WA's Ross Glendinning winning a second Brownlow Medal slipped a little this week when it was revealed that his injured left knee would sideline him for a couple of weeks. The dashing North Melbourne star has been in fine form, but he injured his knee when he delivered a perfect hip-and-shoulder bump on Collingwood's Gordon Summer. The doctor said that a ligament had wrapped around the bone and was torn.

MITCHELL WINS

MICHAEL Mitchell, the State and Claremont rover, has won the Past Players' and Officials Association's best-player award for the game against South Australia. The association has a special award for WA's best player in each State match and Mitchell will receive his trophy at their annual dinner later in the year.

COACHING CAPER

FORMER champion South Australian player Graham Cornes certainly faced a difficult task when he accepted the job of coaching the SA country side last week. To pick the team, he was given a list of 50 players, with their credentials attached. He had to rely on telephone communication with various country league coaches — and the players came from more than 20 scattered leagues — before narrowing his list of typed names down to 21 actual players. It was a real gamble to see if he could finish up with a balanced combination of players. The gamble paid off and the Glenelg champion guided the side to an impressive 28-point victory.



South Australian wingman Fabian Davey attempts an unusual tackle on a WA player during last Saturday's country interstate game at Subiaco Oval.

SUPPORT GROWS

THE strong support from Wesfarmers Rural in WA and the South Australian Brewing Company has provided a major boost for country football. The third clash between the two sides saw SA win for the first time in a high-standard game. Winning berths in the two teams has become a target for country players in both States — with contrasting methods of selection. The WA side is basically picked at the end of the annual Wesfarmers country championships in Perth each August, with the players named in a squad to prepare for the next year's State match. SA don't have a similar carnival, so the players are virtually nominated by their respective country zone coaches each season. The two teams are now known as the Wesfarmers All Stars and the West End Brewers, sponsorship tags that are well justified with the strong support put in by both teams. Wesfarmers and West End beer provide all their players and officials with snappy-looking jackets, jumpers and carry bags.

LOCAL BIAS

AND we talk about the Vics thinking of only themselves! The balloons let loose before the State game last Saturday were gold and black.

GUILD QUIZ

WHAT'S your IQ? Do you rate as a wisehead, an egghead or just a plain, ordinary person who enjoys quiz nights? Whatever the category, you're assured of a great night (rewarding, too) by attending the WA Football Media Guild's annual quiz night in the Subiaco Football Club's social rooms next Wednesday, June 26, at 7.30 pm. The inimitable John K. Watts will be quizmaster, some of your favourite footballers will be there and there are so many prizes that you won't go away empty-handed. Everybody is welcome. Ladies, too. Organise your table of six or eight and reserve tickets (\$3 per head) by contacting Guild secretary Lew Nathan (381 9092). Or just turn up and pay at the door.

CENTENARY SPECIAL

Next week's bumper edition of Westside Football will contain a special Centenary Year supplement to commemorate the first 100 years of football in WA.

VIC PLEA

THE Victorians will use a high-powered coaching plan to upset WA in the final interstate match at Subiaco Oval on July 16. Victorian coach Kevin Sheedy has asked for an official assistant coach, pointing to the need for a full-time coaching director. Sheedy, obviously burdened with the dual role of keeping the Bombers at the top of the table and preparing the State side, feels an assistant is needed. He has asked that Fitzroy's reserves coach, Bernie Sheehy be allocated to the State side as a back-up man.

MEMORIES

DIDN'T the Victorians-Rovers re-enactment game bring back some memories last Saturday — especially the use of the yellow ball which was abandoned years ago to keep in line with the VFL.

FORM GUIDE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1985

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SOUTH FREMANTLE	L	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	v	Subiaco at Fremantle
SUBIACO	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	v	South Fremantle at Fremantle
CLAREMONT	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	v	Swan Districts at Bassendean
PERTH	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	v	West Perth at Lathlain
WEST PERTH	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	v	Perth at Lathlain
EAST PERTH	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	v	East Fremantle at Perth

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WORLD OF

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9am SUNDAY

MY VIEW



By former Claremont player and Channel 7 commentator Wayne Harvey.

PURE ENTERTAINMENT

LEAGUE football has come a long way from the gladiator sport of old to the modern day highly competitive entertainment medium.

It is pure entertainment at its best to watch a spectacular Michael Mitchell leap, or hear a John Todd outburst from the coach's box at Bassendean, or see the sheer magic of Benny Vigona in full flight, or listen to Mal Brown give his coach's comments after a loss, or appreciate Mick Rea's fine acting talents on a Saturday afternoon.

But football must keep improving if it is to resist the people-drawing power of other growing leisure activities.

A heavily concentrated TV coverage is very important, and it is interesting to note that crowds have increased this season since the introduction of live telecasts to the metro area.

It is obvious from last Saturday's State game against SA, that the "player drain" to Victoria has severely weakened WA football. So that our club football is not weakened any further, a complete embargo should be placed on all clearances from WA for the next three years. This would allow our present group of young players, and there are some really good ones, to mature into champions at State level.

Let's also consider the game itself, I believe it can be made faster with even more action and avoid the "flat" spots.

Reduce the quarters to 20 minutes (as already suggested by John Walker), have 22 players per team, run four boundary umpires to keep up the tempo and bring back the controversial but quick and effective "FLICK PASS".

Encourage high marking with prizes for spectacular leaps — and it would be great to see the stab pass and long drop kick used again.

MICROPHONES

Perhaps our central umpires can have small portable microphones like the American gridiron refs, so they can explain the free kicks.

With regard to scoring, if the ball hits a goal post it should count as two points with the goal umpire signalling with one white and one coloured flag.

A large electronic screen at Subiaco Oval (or the WACA) for instant replays would certainly add to the entertainment.

This season there seems to be a long time delay between reserves and league games. Surely the WAFL can do something to rectify this situation. If not, how about a kicking competition for spectators picked from the crowd with a new football as a prize.

If there is one big chance to give the loyal crowds their money's worth in entertainment, it is at final-round time. If the WAFL can't afford a world-class superstar entertainer then they can opt for something less expensive. How about a mass display of gymnastics (as they do in Russia), or masses of marching girls with bands, or rugby or soccer exhibitions, or a mass display by the army or 200 junior football teams on parade. There must be a lot of ideas that wouldn't cost much, just a little organizing.

Our great game is unique, but it needs continual promotion and change to keep it as Australia's No. 1 sport.

SA'S SUCCESS

A COUPLE of year's ago South Australia set out very deliberately to lift their name off the bottom of the interstate football ladder. Last Saturday they achieved that feat at the expense of WA.

Now it is our turn to plan ahead to recover the No. 1 spot again. We must keep our current young stars in WA and entice some of our previous champions back from Victoria where a number of them are regularly playing in the reserves.

Having successfully pirated WA, perhaps the Victorians will now turn their attention to South Australia. Surely the SA stars such as Steve Kernahan, Craig Bradley, John Platten, Garry McIntosh and Peter Motley will not escape the clutches of the VFL talent scouts for much longer.



THE VAN HELDEN FILE

By 6PR commentator PETER VAN HELDEN

No joke — they can still get kicks

LAST Saturday's Rovers v Victorians game of football produced humour, nostalgia and its fair share of skill.

Before the game, the change room was a place of gaiety and raucous humour. A late-comer entering the room saw not only past players who once decorated the arena with their person, but a football outfit which looked, to today's fabian eye, ultra-ludicrous.

One was wearing such baggy shorts that it made the Bombay Bloomer look like something out of Carnaby Street. In fact, the players who competed on Saturday can now use the material as a table cloth!

The headgear was something akin to what Dawn Fraser would have used on her cranium when she won the 100 metres freestyle in Melbourne, Rome and Tokyo! Maybe players can use the headpiece as a night-cap.

The players also wore striped guernseys, making the regalia, by today's standards, look grotesque. To us in the rooms it looked as if we were prison escapees, and the casual observer could be forgiven for thinking that he was about to see a game between San Quentin and Sing Sing!

Now to the contest — and undoubtedly the clash of the day was between John Gerovich and John Watts.

At first it looked as if Wattsy was curbing the illustrious ace full-forward. For the first five minutes of the game Wattsy looked as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. (I'm not kidding!)

However, Gero realised that all he had to do to beat Wattsy was . . . MOVE! One doesn't need pace as a prime requisite on J.K.W.

You see, Gero worked out that Wattsy is a typical backman, brilliant when the play is in front of him, but is left lamenting when the Burley filters past his body.

These days, Wattsy has as much trouble of turning around and chasing the ball as the Oriana has of doing a U-turn in Fremantle Harbour!

Gero was able to drift into an open space on more than one occasion and finally brought up a goal that was mesmeric, par excellence and vintage Gerovich.

The crowd was delighted and excited by the superb use of the drop kick by such players as John O'Neil, Mel Whinnen and Neil Randall.

A feature of the game was the excellent high marking of Norm Knell and Laurie Richards.

Umpires Woods and Ashworth did a Herculean job with the whistle. It must have been very satisfying for the crowd to see Freddy Woods at last in complete control of a football game?

And now to the awards:

GOAL OF THE DAY: Gero — gained possession of the ball, spun out of a vulture-like pack of players, ran toward the left full-forward pocket, dropped the Burley on to his size nine Adidas boot, and split the loci betwixt the goal posts, rendering the crowd in the three-tier stand into raucous raptures!



MARK OF THE DAY: Dead-heat between Norm Knell and Laurie Richards who both soared into the firmament and ensnared the leather on numerous occasions thus delighting the populous of 26,000.

ACADEMY AWARD: Percy Johnson for getting three free kicks from Fred Woods by staging. It made me laugh to hear everyone say how fit Percy looked. You would look fit too if you had been a coach of four football teams with all the worries that encompasses! Even Tim Flynn would look thin! Percy played for East Fremantle, Swan Districts and Claremont and coached South Fremantle, West Perth and Swan Districts. Seems funny that he never had Eric Sarich as a team mate!

COURAGE AWARD: To former Australian Rugby player, Charles Smith, for remaining steadfast as Graham Rothnie came down on top of him (after soaring like a Condor) and rendering Charles to a state of sub-terra! Charles was able to pick himself up and set the ball down for a place kick, which was a beauty. Albert Thurgood (circa 1890) would have been ecstatic.

REPORTS: John Gerovich — for wasting time. Gero had taken the mark, pulled the racing guide out of his sock, checked the scoreboard, and realised that the horse he had backed in the first at Ascot had failed to run a place. Consequently, he booted the ball into the upper echelons of the two-tier stand!

John Watts — for abusing Fred Woods. Come on, Wattsy, you know that you are only able to abuse Freddy on the panel show on Sunday mornings!

Both players have been suspended for 100 years. They are not eligible to play on Subiaco Oval till the next Centenary Game in June 2085!

Congratulations to Bruce Arlow and the Super Rules team for making the game a success. The help they got from the WAFL resembled the help Czechoslovakia got from Britain and France at Munich in 1938!

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GRANT DORRINGTON	26	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Subiaco	Perth
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PETER VAN HELDEN	33	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Perth
MOTHER BROWN	31	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	West Perth
MOST FAVOURED	30	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Perth

Tigers to lose four in a row

SWAN Districts will beat Claremont and bring the Tigers losing run to four in a row after the game at Bassendean Oval this Saturday.

Claremont have gone back to basics after their surprise loss to South Fremantle, but will need to improve considerably to beat a Swan Districts side regaining some of their 1984 form.

The Tigers are still struggling up forward and need Bruce Monteath firing at centre-half-forward to have any chance.

Full-forward continues to be a problem and Geoff Miles has shown the most of all the players that have been tried in that position this season.

The centreline duels will be very competitive with the black-and-whites young midfielders Kevin Caton, Joe Ahmat and Danny Penny all developing into fine players.

Darrell Panizza is almost back to his best

and with Peter Davidson playing well they should match the Swans centreline.

David O'Connell will be keen to perform after missing out on the State side and his duel with Mick Johns will be crucial for the Tigers.

Claremont rover Michael Mitchell continued his brilliant form in the State match and Swans may use Barry Kimberley to tag this explosive player.

Bulldogs on the march

SOUTH Fremantle are beginning to get their act together and should beat an inconsistent Subiaco at Fremantle on Saturday.

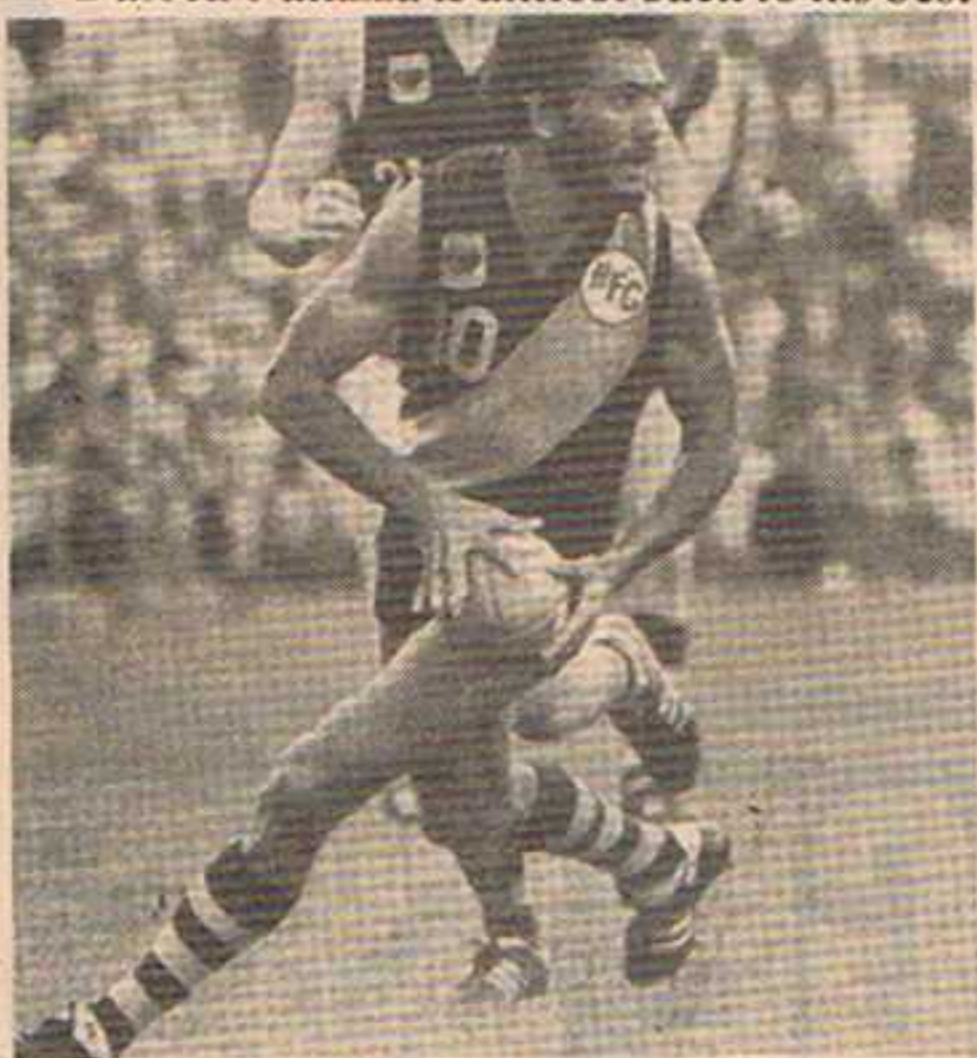
This is another desperate game for the Bulldogs who have to keep winning to stay in touch with the four.

A fit Jon Dorotich would be a big boost for South's chances although his replacement against Claremont, Michael Pedley, made a very impressive league debut.

Subiaco's ruck led by State player Phil Scott is imposing and South will be hoping leading big men Stephen Michael and Craig Edwards regain fitness for this important encounter.

The Bulldogs are getting great drive from their smaller brigade with Wally Matera enjoying a fine season.

Matera is receiving excellent support from David Hart and Stephen Rowe who will trouble the Lions rovers with their pace.



Michael Mitchell

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TELEVISION

ABC regionals only South Fremantle v Subiaco.

Falcons to beat hoodoo

LATHLAIN Park hasn't been a happy hunting ground for West Perth in recent seasons, but the Falcons should break this hoodoo and beat Perth on Saturday.

The Demons still have a chance of making the four, but if they lose this game they can start planning for 1986.

West Perth missed the ball-getting talents of experienced midfielder pair Peter Menaglio and George Michalcyk against East Perth and the Falcons are desperate for these two prime movers to regain fitness.

Demons spearhead Mick Rea looms as a danger player for West Perth, who have struggled in defence this season.

Rea has enjoyed a consistent year and his height and bulk makes him a difficult player to counter.

Up the other end of the ground, Phil Bradmore is a mobile centre-half-forward who has been a prime target for the West Perth midfield players, this season.

The loss of giant ruckman Shane Bogunovich is a major setback for the Demons and the consistent Kim Rogers should control the hit-outs and give his smaller brigade enough opportunities to set up a victory.

ROYALS TO TEST SHARKS

THE all-conquering East Fremantle side will not have things all their own way when they do battle with a rapidly improving East Perth at Perth Oval this Saturday.

The young Royals are gaining in confidence each week and will test the unbeaten Sharks.

East Perth have improvised with Grant Campbell in the ruck as support for Frank Wilson, but this pair face a major test opposed to the State's top ruckman Paul Harding.

The Sharks speedy wingmen, Chris Mainwaring and Billy Jones, are both in excellent form and with brilliant centreman Murray Wrensted, they are a formidable midfield unit.

The clash in the centre between Wrensted and classy Royals youngster George Giannakis will be a highlight of the match.

Scoring goals will be a difficult assignment for the East Perth forwards, with Clinton Browning, Michael Brennan, Robert Solin and Bryce Forman proving to be a tough, unrelenting defensive unit.

The scores will be a lot closer than the last time these two sides met. But the Sharks strength all over the ground will prove too good for the enthusiastic East Perth side.

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COACHING CONTRAST

THE clash between the WA and SA country sides last Saturday provided a stark contrast in coaching styles. South Australia's coach Graham Cornes, coach of Glenelg in the SANFL and a former champion player, adopts a quiet, restrained approach, working on basic football technique and man-to-man motivational talk, Peter Betti, one of the leading coaches in the South West, was in charge of the WA side — and adopted the full-bore, high-pitched loud approach. As the teams warmed up in adjoining rooms, the SA camp could clearly hear every word the high-powered Betti yelled at his players. He must have had a sore throat by the end of the match — which SA won by 28 points!

CHRIS WHO?

WHO is Chris Milton? Footy fans at Subiaco Oval were told to watch out for this man, wearing a Sturt jumper and trying to scrounge donations for the South Australians (why, we wondered) as part of a radio 6PM promotion. Apparently, Chris, a mad WA fan, was on a bet with 6PM's John Burgess to see if he could get 60 donations in 60 minutes. The whole thing was set up by 6PM, but as they are not a football station, I don't listen to them, so I can't tell you any more!

"BITER" AGAIN

THIS column occasionally reported the activities of a VFL player who indulges in a little "biting" out on the field. He once donned a guernsey in the West and his antics have become well-known. He even admitted an ear-biting incident in Victoria at one stage. Well, he's struck again — and this time WA's Alan Johnson, a star winger with Melbourne, was the latest victim. Melbourne captain Robert Flower said: "It's a despicable thing. The man knows who he is and it's about time he cut it out for his own good."

MISSING MAN

TWO special functions were organised for the State players in the week leading up to the clash with South Australia. On the previous Sunday, the players had been sent to Wooroloo for a picnic get-together and on the Wednesday night a Subiaco restaurant was booked for a team dinner. Both ideas were among the different build-up methods used by State and Swan Districts coach John Todd in previous years. However, there was a notable absentee at those two functions this year — Todd.



TODD'S TACTICS

STATE coach John Todd certainly didn't endear himself to WA fans at Subiaco Oval on Saturday when he gave them the fingers up sign at three-quarter time. Todd was obviously annoyed at a few boos that went his way after addressing the despondent WA players at the final change. He threatened one spectator who challenged him with a comment about Steve Richardson staying on the ground and Todd had to be physically restrained by fellow selector Ken McAullay. Todd has obviously fallen out of favour with fans who don't follow Swan Districts.

BIASED VOICE

THE South Australian radio station 5DN produced a mixture of football commentary at Subiaco Oval on Saturday. Brian Cunningham, a former top-line footballer, gave an accurate, level-headed call of the match — but his unbiased approach wasn't matched by his co-commentator, Ray Fewings. Time and time again Fewings called the play wrongly with hysterical comments such as 'king-hits behind the play'. Special comments were provided by Graham Cornes, the Glenelg coach who had earlier coached the SA country side to success. He was in the embarrassing situation of having to correct Fewings, who continually assessed wrongly what had happened in various situations. Cornes produced an intelligent summary and he is obviously ideal media material.

INTERCHANGE

TALKING about that controversial move by the NFL of stripping Victoria of their win over South Australia because they flouted the interchange rule; WA did a little interchanging themselves at the crucial Airport meeting. WAFL chairman Vincent Yovich is WA's delegate to the four-man NFL executive, but because he had made some public comment on the Victorian decision to ignore the 21-player ruling, he opted out of voting on the issue. WAFL chief executive John Walker was 'interchanged' for Mr Yovich and cast his WA vote — obviously in favour of stripping the Vics, as it was a 3-1 decision with NFL chairman Dr Allen Aylett doing what the VFL told him to do as their delegate.

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BENNETT'S BURST

By chief Sunday Times
and Australian Football
writer ROBERT BENNETT.



NO NEED TO PANIC — YET

YOU wouldn't want to be a State player at the moment.

Rarely has a team been so maligned. But has the criticism been fair?

If you want to look at statistics then you could find an argument for it being one of the worst sides to represent WA.

Two stats that could be used to confirm that was SA's score, the highest between the two States and the fact that the winning margin was 30 points more than the total winning margin of SA's only other six victories in Perth.

But I don't believe WA was THAT bad. Twice in the game we had the Croweaters on the run — in the second quarter when WA reduced a 23-point lead to five points and straight after half time when SA led by eight goals and we got within 25 points.

So the talent and method were there, if only briefly. That we weren't able to sustain it was the problem. And there I think the coach John Todd and his selectors should carry some of the can.

We were decisively outpointed in two areas — surprisingly in pace and in method.

In the past we have come to accept the fact that we have fielded a zippier side than SA in Perth. The Croweaters have obviously learnt from that.

In retrospect we should have gone for an attacking, rather than defensive, team. But everyone makes mistakes.

While I agree that some of the WA players weren't up to interstate standard on Saturday, WA selected some players who weren't suited for their position. Two who come to mind were Dwayne Lamb and Phil Bradmore.

DEFENSIVE

All season Lamb has played as a loose ruck-rover in a defensive situation, yet on Saturday he was put on a wing to try and nullify a player. Bradmore's best football has been at centre-half-forward where he can roam. He was too slow for a half-forward flank.

But probably our biggest weakness was our lack of method around the packs, an area in which SA excelled.

SA coach Neil Balme said after the game he was surprised at WA's lack of method. But he was still worried that we might get back into the game, even though we trailed by more than nine goals.

He based this on the fact that WA had players running forward of the play and they were extremely dangerous when the ball was dished out to them.

But it didn't come out often enough. According to Balme, WA did not have enough players competing for the ball.

And this was probably why we were carved up. With players waiting to have the ball spooned out, but not getting it, SA had an easy run to goals.

What we really lacked were players capable, or prepared, to win the hard ball.

In the final analysis I don't think we should be too harsh on the WA side.

Perhaps the loss was so difficult to accept because we had carried everything before us for almost three years in interstate football.

I would remind Toddy that in 1959 WA sent one of the most talented WA sides ever assembled to Melbourne and were

annihilated, 31.21 to 3.11. Two years later we won the Australian championship.

I hope we don't push the panic button on interstate football and in our desire to beat Victoria load the side with expatriate players.

While it's always nice to beat the Vics I can't see how we are going to do much service to WA football if we don't include a significant number of local players.

It's not only a good way of bleeding them, but will be detrimental to WA football if we give our local players a vote of no confidence.

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Sandover Medal

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Tom Outridge (Subiaco) and Cyril Hoft (Perth) tied in the first year and the president's casting vote went to Outridge. He thoroughly earned the verdict, yet one must feel sympathetic to the loser in any count back.

Harold Boyd was West Perth's first winner, and "Digger" Thomas was East Perth's first and the oldest player in WA to win the award. "Digger" was 34 years old, the high peak of an illustrious career.

Jim Gosnell was the second of West Perth's winners and played on the half back line with Boyd, followed by George "Staunch" Owens (Claimed by many as WA's greatest ever), and Johnny Leonard (Subiaco's rover). Jim Craig, in 1927, made up the trio who won the award and all played on West Perth's back line.

Jack Rocchi was South Fremantle's first, and in 1929 Johnny Leonard and Billy Thomas of East Perth tied. The president's casting vote favoured "Billy". A pity a medal to both was not possible; an injustice to one cannot be avoided.

To that end, the voting system was changed and 3-2-1 became the order of the day. High-flyer Ted Fleming was the first under the new system.

Lin Richards was East Fremantle's first, then Keith Hough and Sam Clarke. Sam again monopolised the Medal for Claremont and became the first dual medallist.

Dead-heaters George Krepp and Lou Daly received a medal each. Rather odd that the first winman and goalkeeper ever should dead heat. To date, no other player in these positions has succeeded.

George Moloney, back from his sojourn in Geelong, romped home in 1936 with one of the highest totals ever. Then came Frank Jenkins with the highest tally of them all and in his first year too! Following him was medal-winning freak Haydn Bunton Snr who won in 1938-39-41, and West Perth's "Checker" O'Keefe, also with a high tally, broke the run.

Laurie Bowen, Terry Moriarty and Jimmy Davies scored in underage competition and George Bailey (centre-half-b ack from Perth) scored in 1945 when open football resumed.

— From the Charlie Mitchell Football Book

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WASTING TIME

IN this modern age of fast, play on football, why does play have to be held up after a point has been kicked and everyone, players, coaches and spectators, have to wait until the two goal umpires complete their semaphore and then the full-back can kick out?

By this time, the full-backs team has been disadvantaged as rucks, rovers, half-backs, etc. have been picked up. Why can't we have two goal umpires at each end, or perhaps in the outer keeping a score, as most statisticians do now anyway?

The few extra seconds spent getting the ball straight back into play would really have a tremendous effect on our great game. Just imagine, no more boring time wasting as flags are waved and it also means that players would have to pick up their opponents which in general makes for tighter competition.

We would have a system whereby players who make position to receive a kickout from the full-back are not disadvantaged because the goal umpire has not finished waving his flags. Think of that?

I would also like to comment on Bennett's Burst (Westside Football June 13) regarding players who "dob" in other players at tribunals.

I do not know if Bennett has played football but I can bet that if he ever copped a king hit and his jaw was broken or he was severely concussed, would he go to the tribunal and not say a thing?

I doubt it. It's about time players realised they cannot expect to get away with illegal

tactics and it does not matter who you are. I for one, would not tolerate it and the penalties should be severe so that players know exactly where they stand.

Sure, they can strike someone but then they have to cop the consequences. When are players going to realise that it's tougher to refrain from retaliating than actually doing so. Maybe it's to impress their team-mates or to live up to their reputation. It does not impress people who go to watch a clean fair hard contest. It would be better Mr Bennett to encourage players to tell the truth at tribunals, so that thuggery on the football field can be wiped out.

— Bill McBride, Maylands

BEST STATE

WA has won the Australian Championship twice and now the Teal Cup, so we must be the best football State in the country. We also have the best football paper!

To stay No.1, may I suggest you publish the results of other grades in South Australia and Victoria. The respective ladders would also be a help; after all, many West Australians are playing in the VFL reserves.

Many thanks for publishing a great paper every week. Keep up the good work. Interested (Name provided), Joondanna.

EDITOR: We publish VFL Reserves on a regular basis and will endeavour to publish the SANFL reserves ladder when possible.



LES'S LYRICS

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

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OUR team was young and talented, But not yet world beaters, THEY had the job in front of them To crush the "Croweaters".

THE football world was waiting For Toddy to play his tricks, WE had to beat those South Aussies And then — a crack at the Vics!

OUR players fought and struggled Against some of Australia's best BUT as they worked hard and long Cracks showed in the mighty West!

AS they entered the final term And Toddy left the ground, HE looked into the fickle crowd And waved to all around.

YOUR record doesn't matter You can't afford to slip, SADLY, it's the Aussie way To give our champs some lip.

PERHAPS we should be grateful That it's only jeers and boos FOR over in old pommiland Burn the stands is what they Do!



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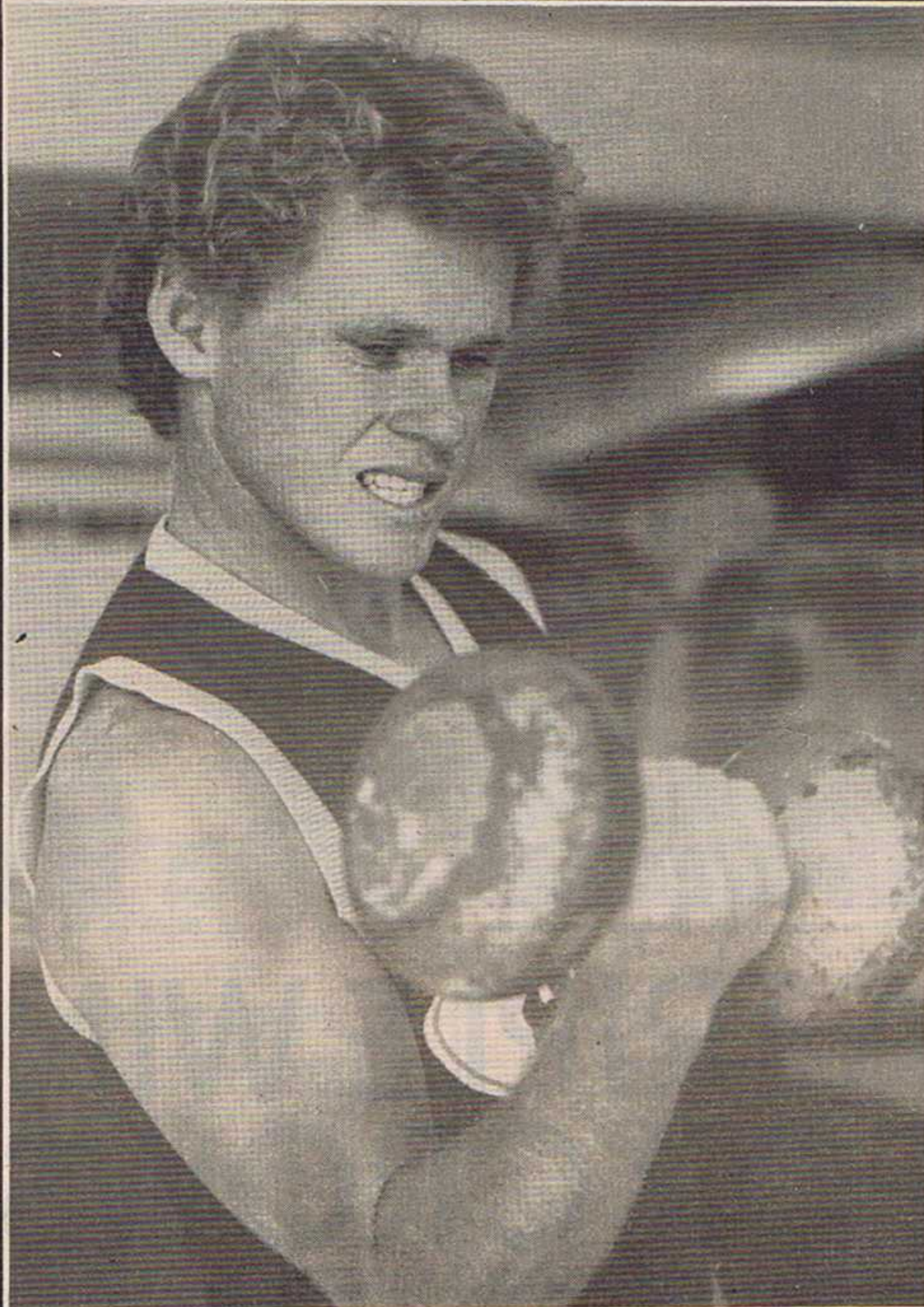
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MOST players hate sitting on the interchange bench during a game; but Subiaco utility player Mick Lee has had to accept being a permanent fixture there each Saturday this season.

Lions coach Haydn Bunton has brought the pacy Lee onto the ground at strategic times during a game to give the side extra speed around the packs.

Lee is normally used sparingly in the first half each week, being saved as a fresh player after half-time.

Injuries have hampered the career of this former Kalgoorlie junior since making his league debut during the 1980 season.

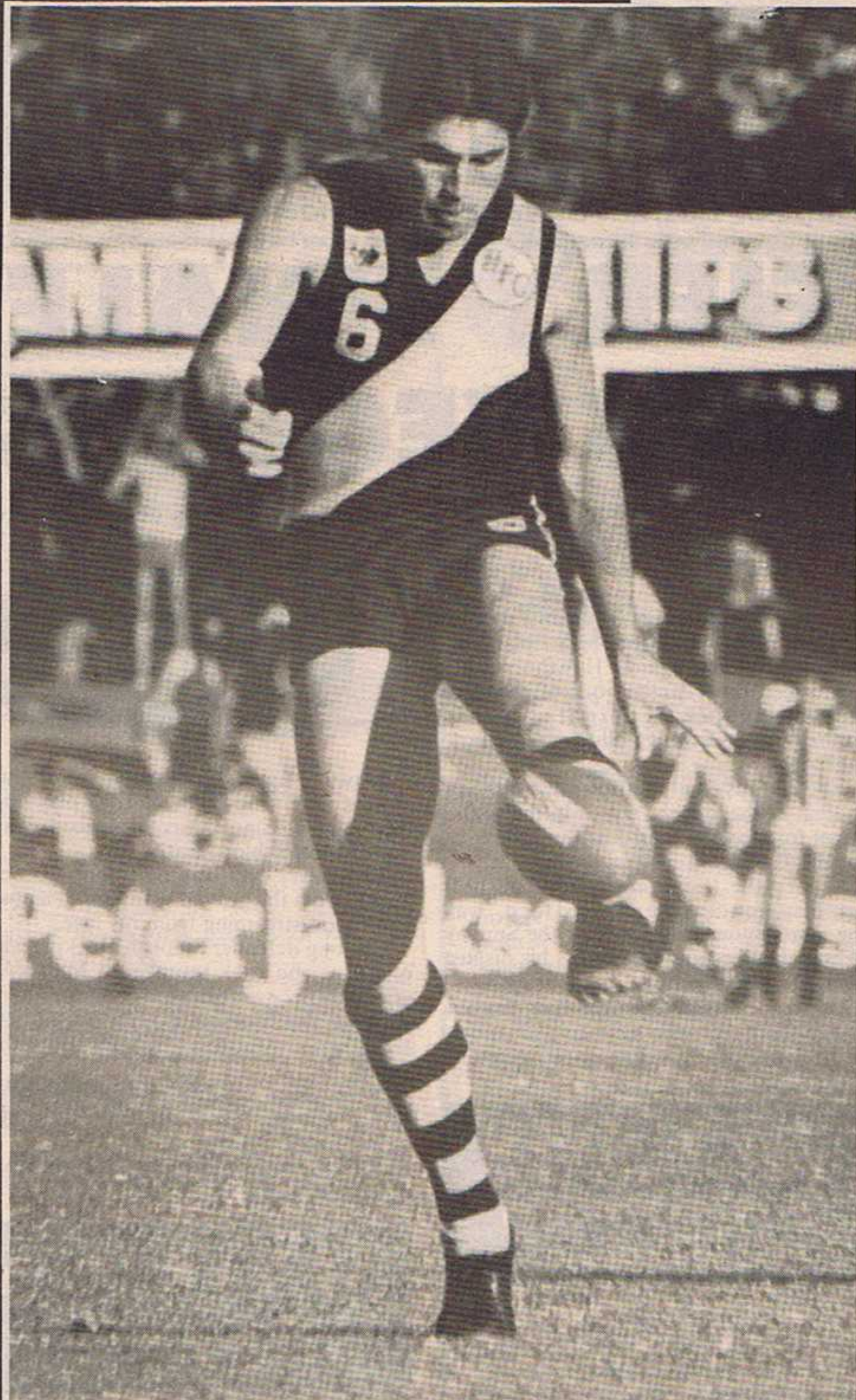
Last year was another frustrating season for Lee, but it ended on a happy note as he played an

Michael Lee

important part in the Lions reserves premiership win.

Lee has shown what a top clubman he is by accepting the fact that he won't be playing a full league game each week.

This club spirit is indicative of the feeling in the Lions defn this season as Subiaco continue their march towards the finals.



CLAREMONT Oval is a long way from the noisy crowds that gather at Victoria Park, the home of the Collingwood Football Club.

Former Maggie player Geoff Miles doesn't seem to miss the adoration from the huge army of Collingwood fans who idolise their players like pop stars.

Miles is enjoying the slower pace of living in Perth and the dry football weather.

Although not a regular league player at Collingwood, Miles was a solid contributor for the Magpies in a variety of positions and has been playing a similar role at Claremont.

Miles has been used to plug gaps for the Tigers in attack, defence, across the centre and on the ball.

Geoff Miles

After kicking eight goals against West Perth in the first series playing at full forward, it looked like he had found a permanent position but he has since been playing either at full back or a half-back-flank.

Miles is not in a hurry to return to the glamour of the VFL and is content to live and play football in WA which is good news for Claremont supporters.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name in full: Michael Dennis Lee
 Nickname: Lick Why? Reverse the initials of Mick Lee 'Lick Mee'
 Date of birth: 24/9/61 Place of birth: Kalgoorlie
 Height: 173cm (5.9) Weight: 75kg (11.9)
 Age started playing: League 12, football 10
 Previous clubs: CBC Kalgoorlie, St Gernards in VAFA Junior club: CBC Kal.
 Marital status: Single Girlfriend's name: Rosalie
 Residence: Kardinya
 Occupation: School Teacher Place of work: Lynwood SHS
 Other sporting interests: Cricket, golf, tennis, follow hockey but don't play
 Favourite position: Centre First position: Rover
 League debut: 1980 Versus: East Fremantle
YOUR FAVOURITES —
 Actor: Larry Storch Drink: Lime Coola Cordial
 TV show: Hill St Blues, F. Troop Food: BBQ Meat
 Movie: Animal Howe, Blue Brothers Music: Bruce Springsteen
 Book: First Blood Holiday resort: Like to go to Hawaii
 Ground: Subiaco Oval
 Your car: Ford Falcon Your favourite car: Any convertible
 Career highlights: First full game v West Perth 1980 and reserves premiership
 Worst moment in football: Missing most of 1981 season through injury
 Hard things in football: Injuries, accepting a loss
 Football idols: Kevin Bartlett, Leigh Matthews, Tim Watson, Neil Taylor
 Toughest opponent: Brad Reynolds Most respected opponent: Maurice Rioli
 Most respected umpire: Peter Nutchey
 Most memorable game: First full game, 1984 grand final (reserves)
 Ambitions: Play in a Subiaco premiership, play for my State, play 150 games
 What do you like about football: Challenge, recognition, comradeship
 How do you mentally prepare for a game: Relax as much as possible — I like listening to Bruce Springsteen
 Who influenced your career: My father, Ken Armstrong
 Guernsey number: 6 Any reason: I was allocated it, plus I don't think anyone has played 100 games in No. 6 at Subi.
 Superstitions: Eat the same food on Friday night and Saturday morning
 Worst injury: Groin injury 1981
 Luckiest break: Being born with the ability to play football and having a supporting family.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Geoff Miles
 Nickname: Joffa Why: Don't know
 Date of birth: 10/1/62 Place of birth: Victoria, Melbourne
 Height: 6ft (183cm) Weight: 12½ (80kg)
 Age started playing: 8 Previous clubs: Collingwood, Ivanhoe Amateurs
 Junior club: Olympic Youth
 Marital Status: Single Girlfriend's name: Kerrie
 Other sporting interests: Basketball, Horse racing, gambling
 Favourite position: Anywhere First position: Wing
 League debut: 1982 Versus: Carlton
YOUR FAVOURITES —
 Actor: Clint Eastwood Drink: Beer
 Food: Steak Movie: El Derado
 Holiday resort: Great Kepper Island Ground: MCG
 Your car: Ford Fairmont Your favourite car: BMW
 Career highlights: Best clubman Collingwood 1984
 Hard things in football: Nothing is hard
 Football idol: Alex Jesaulenko
 Toughest opponent: They are all tough Most respected opponent: Peter Bosustow
 Most respected umpire: Glen James
 Most memorable game: Beating Carlton 1984
 Ambitions: To win a premiership
 What do you like about football: The joy of succeeding
 How do you mentally prepare for a game: Relax and think about the game
 Who influenced your career: My father
 Guernsey number: 6 Any reason: No
 Superstitions: None Worst injury: Ankle

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



FIERY FINALE HAS SEQUELS

THE fiery Geelong-Hawthorn match last week looks certain to have many repercussions.

The VFL is certain to investigate the blood bath; police have already started investigations into threats against Lethal Leigh Matthews and Geelong are planning an official protest against Hawthorn.

Thirteen reports came out of the ugly match, including eight against controversial Geelong full-forward Mark Jackson.

The riotous final quarter saw a bloody ending to the match, with Matthews the target for Geelong reprisals after Cat rover Neville Bruns had his jaw broken.

"That's the last game of football he'll ever play, you can take my word for it," was the message one caller had for the Sunday Press when he rang to express his disgust over Matthews' actions.

"It was a disgraceful exhibition from a league footballer who has played as much as he had," said Geelong club secretary Nick Raicevic.



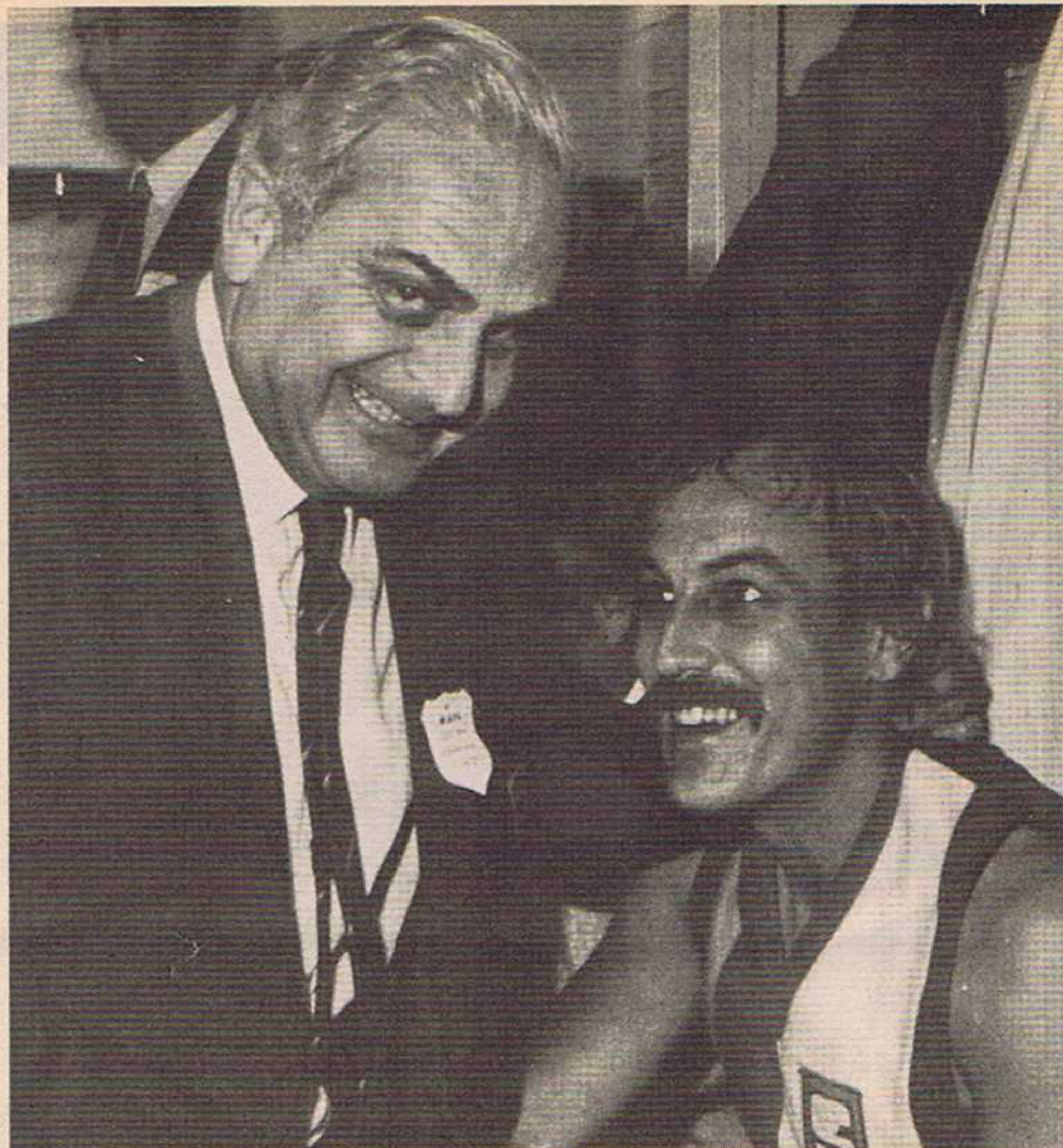
Brawls erupted all over the ground as players were king-hit behind the play and the final few minutes were described as an out-of-control blood bath.

Matthews, who was not reported, was helped from the ground with a broken nose and blood streaming from his face.

Geelong defender Stephen Hocking was one Cat who took revenge on Matthews after the Bruns incident — and an angry Jackson and team-mate Terry Bright also raced up to Matthews at the end of the game.

"It had been an aggressive game without being spiteful," said Sunday Observer writer Frank Brown.

"But at the 24-minute mark of the final quarter it turned into a war."



SANFL president Max Basheer congratulates SA captain Malcolm Blight on his fine performance.

A TRIPLE WIN FOR CROWS

SOUTH Australian football had a three-way morale boost last weekend with a senior victory over WA matched by their country team's success and a handsome win in Adelaide by their under-23 side against the ACT.

The under-23 side boasted some of the most talented youngsters in the SANFL and cruised home over the ACT Costain Cats, 22.22 (154) to 12.7 (79).

The under-23 side was missing a few players — stars such as Craig Bradley, Matthew Campbell, Richard Cousins, Andrew Jarman, Stephen Kernahan, Chris McDermott, Garry McIntosh, Peter Motley, John Platten, Tom Warhurst and Greg Whittlesea, all of whom were in Perth, but eligible for that side.

The SA youngsters dominated for most of the game, with full-forward Ian Willmott goaling in the opening minute and going on to kick five goals.

Peter Kreig, Grant Feilke and Steve Stretch (the latter two just missing out on the side for Perth) were dominant players. SA's half-back trio of Michael Rennie, Stephen Trigg and Clayton Lamb was a solid rebound line all day.

The South Aussies kicked right away in the final term, booting 7.4 to ACT's two points.



ANTROBUS DECIDES

IT seems as though dashing young South Australian rover Tony Antrobus has decided to sign with Essendon.

Antrobus, a last-minute withdrawal from the SA team for Perth, has been hunted by most talent scouts, but the Bombers have won the race — which is expected to cost them about \$30,000 for the first year.

Essendon will use their last interstate clearance form to sign the North Adelaide rover.

BLIGHT BEST

VETERAN Malcolm Blight has been named as South Australia's best footballer in the past 20 years.

A poll to decide just who was on top of the football talent tree saw three famous names emerge — Blight, the Brownlow and Magarey Medallist; Barrie Robran, a triple Magarey medallist and four-times Magarey Medal winner, Russell Ebert.

In the end they finished in that order, with Blight obviously getting the nod because of his outstanding success in Victoria.

He is a superb player, with 59 goals from nine games in Adelaide this year just to prove that he can still play at the age of 35.

Blight has returned to coach lowly Woodville and he will play his 150th game for the improving Warriors this week.

Blight played 180 games with North Melbourne, the club he coached before resuming with Woodville. He has now captained Victoria and South Australia.

MAYLIN'S REPLY

FORMER South Australian Phil Maylin had a point to prove when he lined up for Footscray against Carlton last week.

Maylin had been given an 'open clearance' from the Blues early this year after previously being in a Carlton premiership side.

Footscray's general manager, Shane O'Sullivan, was at Carlton when Maylin was there and he quickly snapped up the services of the aggressive winger.

So last Saturday Maylin had a 10-kick last quarter to cap off his first game against his old side. A broken collarbone in a practice match had kept him out in the early season clash with Carlton.

"I was shocking early in the game," said Maylin. "I was so nervous. Every time I picked up the ball, it slipped out of my hands. But the players brought me into the game."

UMPS CAUSE CONFUSION

CONFUSION over the final score in the Collingwood-North Melbourne game has upset many football punters around Australia.

The scoreboard registered Collingwood with 9.10 at the final siren — a score that the media men concurred with.

But the goal umpires deducted a goal to officially record Collingwood's score as 8.10. All media and stats men accounted for nine goals from the Collingwood camp.

But at the final siren, goal umpires Alan Grant and Ted Johnson compared scorecards in the middle of the ground and then, with a police escort, walked to the scoreboard and deducted a goal from Collingwood's tally on the board.

Further discussions in the umpires' room after the match resulted in an official statement saying that Collingwood's score was 8.10.

Controversy raged over a goal kicked by Mark Williams, the Collingwood skipper, early in the final quarter. Field umpire Rohan Sawers had given the all-clear but a boundary umpire ruled that Williams had kicked the ball outside the line, so the goal was disallowed.

But that wasn't the goal in question.

WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

	Kicks	H/balls	Marks	Score
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	6	7	6	0.3
Ken Hunter	8	7	3	
Allan Montgomery	11	8	4	
Michael Aitken	4	5	2	
COLLINGWOOD				
Brian Taylor	5	3	1	1.1
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	16	4	5	0.1
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	3	1	3	3.0
Andrew Purser	17	8	9	0.2
Jim Sewell	7	2	5	2.1
Brad Hardie	18	8	9	
Allen Daniels	17	1	6	
Tony Buhagiar	7	6	2	1.1
GEELONG				
Gary Malarkey	8	3	4	
HAWTHORN				
Gary Bukenara	9	1	7	1.1
Ken Judge	8	3	3	1.1
Rod Lester-Smith	11	7	4	
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Ross Glendinning	7	1	3	2.0
Jim Krakouer	20	9	1	2.3
Phil Krakouer	6	4	4	0.2
Stephen McCann	15	—	1	
RICHMOND				
Dan Foley	2	5	2	1.0
John Annear	8	7	1	1.0
Tim Gepp	11	11	2	
David Palm	7	2	2	5.0
Maurice Rioli	15	6	1	
ST. KILDA				
Phil Narkle	10	4	—	
Alan Sidebottom	—	—	—	
SYDNEY SWANS				
John Ironmonger	3	9	3	

● Ross Glendinning was injured in the second quarter; Simon Beasley was injured in the first quarter; Jim Sewell was on the bench for the first half; Dan Foley was on the bench for the first half; Alan Sidebottom went into the match with a chest injury and spent a long period on the bench. HIT OUTS: Andrew Purser 22; John Ironmonger 17.

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IAN MILLER

Time for a change

WITH the continued use of three and, at times four interchange players (as in the coming WA v Vic game) in State football in recent seasons, it is only a matter of time before we will see the use of three interchange players officially introduced to our normal league games. It is a natural progression and one that should be readily accepted. But it is an area of our game which some players still have difficulty in adjusting to. But I thought last Saturday, SA coach Neil Balme used the system very effectively rotating his midfield runners, particularly McIntosh, Aish, Thomas and McDermott keeping constant pressure on WA.

JUNIOR SQUAD

LAST Thursday I had the opportunity to travel to Albany and be involved with both training and presentations to the Claremont Football Club's junior Esso country squad, a group of 25 players aged between 14 and 16 years, who will receive specialised coaching along the same lines as the Esso metropolitan squad. The boys will be coached by Mike Reed, a former league coach of the Royals Football Club.

AUSTIN'S OPINION

I WAS speaking with Austin Robertson senior last Monday evening while he was helping Ron Smith with some sprint work with the Claremont players. We talked about two impressive and quick rovers in Saturday's interstate game in Michael Mitchell and SA's John Platten. Austin said both would do well in the Stawell Gift, Mitchell off 9m. and Platten off 5m!

NUMBER GAME

PLAYER injuries and form — or lack of it — determine the selection process each week and after 11 games, the half-way mark of the season, it is interesting to see just how many players have been used by each club, as we go down the premiership table.

EAST FREMANTLE — 29; SUBIACO — 31; SWAN DISTRICTS — 33; WEST PERTH — 36; SOUTH FREMANTLE — 36; CLAREMONT — 33; PERTH — 39 and EAST PERTH — 37.

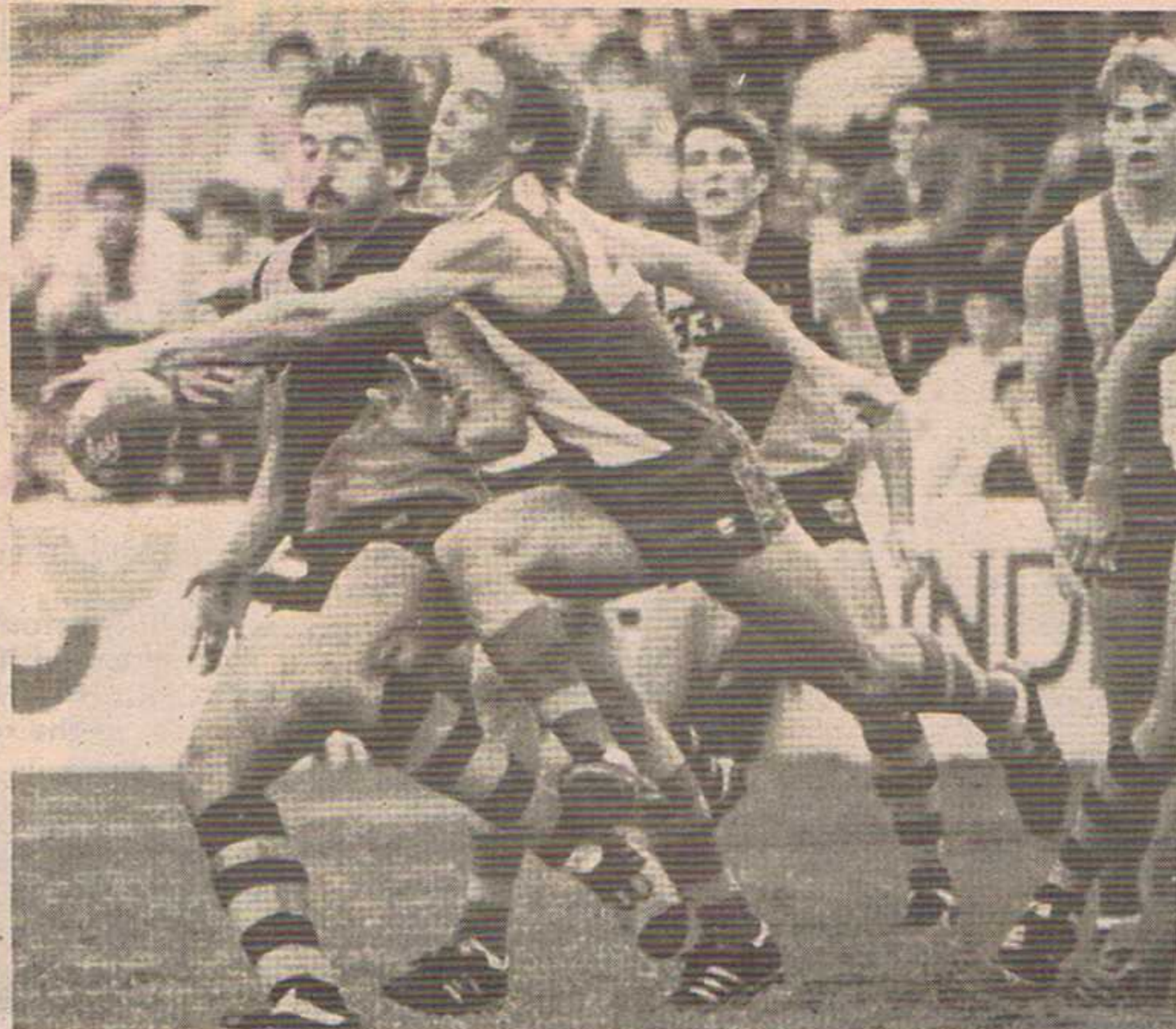
This certainly suggests that league leaders East Fremantle have had the consistent performers with few serious injury problems, which must also assist their consistent team displays.

TWO RUNNERS

I HAVE mentioned before that I am and advocate for clubs using TWO official runners each week instead of just one, as the rules stipulate. Last Saturday SA used two runners as did WA, the exception being that Grant Dorrington was assisted by Ken Marshall (SD) in the usual trainers whites, carrying his drink bottle. Let's tidy up this area and change the rules so that clubs can have the option of using two official runners. But only one runner should be on the ground at one time.

COUSINS REWARD

I WAS very pleased to see former Perth captain Bryan Cousins take the field midway through the first quarter in last week's interstate game. Bryan did not know until midday Saturday he was playing and I'm sure until then he had just about given up hope of representing his State. In the previous couple of seasons he must have been close to selection and Saturday he gained a just reward for not only his playing ability but his contribution to WA football over the many seasons.



South Australian wingman Greg Anderson is determined to keep the ball away from WA ruckman Paul Harding in this hectic passage of play last Saturday.



The R & I Bank present . . . FOOTBALL FACTS

With DAVE CLEMENT WA's top football historian.

The Vics have cheated before

SO Victoria have, at long last, suffered from their cheating ways.

I can think of a couple of championships they won playing an "illegal" player.

In 1966 they played Peter Bedford, a South Melbourne player in their successful team at Hobart. Bedford was never cleared from his VFA club.

For those who say clearances are not required from that association, the Victorian Football Association played in that carnival under the same rules.

Then again in the next carnival, 1969, the Vics played Kevin Sheedy (the centre of the strife in Adelaide that brought about the disqualification) in their team at the Adelaide championships. Sheedy was never cleared from his VFA club either.

Does the decision of the NFL last weekend mean that Victoria can no longer make the rules as they go along?

WHAT A KICK!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Freddy Woods and all the Old Timers for the exhibition of 'old time' football last Saturday. I guess I've been watching football for nearly 40 years now but last Saturday was the first time I've seen a place kick executed (in Aussie Rules that is).

The place kick was a familiar sight at most league grounds during matches before and after the turn of the century but it began to go out of fashion in the late 1920s. After that, the kick was performed by only a few players.

Austin Robertson senior was a great exponent of the place kick. He's the last player to use this kick in VFL finals, the year was 1933.

The most recent report of a place kick being used in league football was 30 years ago in 1955. Fitzroy had a champion goalkicker in Tony Ongarello whose accuracy deserted him one afternoon as he place-kicked two goals in desperation.

EASY CHOICE

TWO 300-game veterans were in the news last week on different sides of our country. On the West coast, Malcolm Blight thrilled everyone with his class and skill.

Thirteen years ago he won All Australian selection at the championships in Perth.

On the other side of Australia, Hawthorn's Leigh Matthews required police protection leaving the ground after his opponent had his jaw broken. I know which of the two I would like to see playing each week.

TOO FAR AWAY

WHEN football broadcasts started in WA in 1929, the early commentators would sit on the boundary line and call the game from their close-up position.

Modern-day footy callers are situated at the back of the grandstand and perhaps this is too far away. Take last Saturday's big clash — at ground level it was fairly evident No. 33 was no Don Holmes the programme showed, but one radio station failed to recognise Mark Bairstow till ten minutes to go in the last quarter.

TIGHT FIT

MY first reaction to Mark Bairstow appearing in Don Holmes' guernsey last week was that it was another of John Todd's 'tit-for-tat' tactics. Remember the last time South Australia played here — their coach Bob Hammond switched numbers on the Aish brothers? Now we know it was a case of finding a jumper to fit Bairstow. His original jumper (No. 25) was too tight.



By Allan (Chubby) Stiles

Chubby's Chatter Hammond back in town

IT was good to see a former South Australian opponent of mine in Bob Hammond up in the Subiaco Oval Press box at the big State clash last Saturday.

The former North Adelaide and Norwood champion was working as a special comments man for our local station, radio 6NR.



I played against Hammond in the 1970 State game between WA and SA at Subiaco Oval and remember him as a tough opponent.

He coached Norwood to two premierships and filled in as coach of the Sydney Swans in the second half of last season when Ricky Quade became ill.

ROYALS STAR

ANOTHER face from the past at the State clash was former East Perth utility player Carl Fragomeni.

It was good to catch up on him again after he moved to Adelaide to finish his league career with Port Adelaide.

Carl was a former work-mate of mine during our playing days, so you can imagine what the atmosphere was like in those days leading up to a Perth-East Perth clash.

Since retiring, Carl has still been involved with the game as the secretary of a South Australian amateur club.

DEMON RECRUIT

I WAS an interested spectator of the country interstate clash between WA and SA, especially WA rover Merv Davis.

Davis played with the Perth reserves a few weeks ago and impressed with his pace and skills.

He was one of WA's better players on Saturday and was particularly dangerous around the goals.

The Demons are keen to get Davis to Lathlain Park for a full season in 1986 and he could prove a handy acquisition.

POTENTIAL

A YOUNG player by the name of Ken Seymour has caught my eye playing for the East Fremantle reserves.

Seymour was promoted from the colts to the second 18 because of injuries at the club and was an impressive performer at centre-half-forward.

He adapted to the tougher and faster reserves football remarkably well and is yet another talented key-position player to emerge at East Fremantle Oval.

While talking about young Sharks starting to emerge, I must compliment Stephen Edgar on a fine first-up performance in league ranks.

Young Edgar was an opposition player when I was coaching Willetton and it is no surprise after watching him in junior ranks that this talented wingman has gained league recognition.

Little League and Freddie Footballer

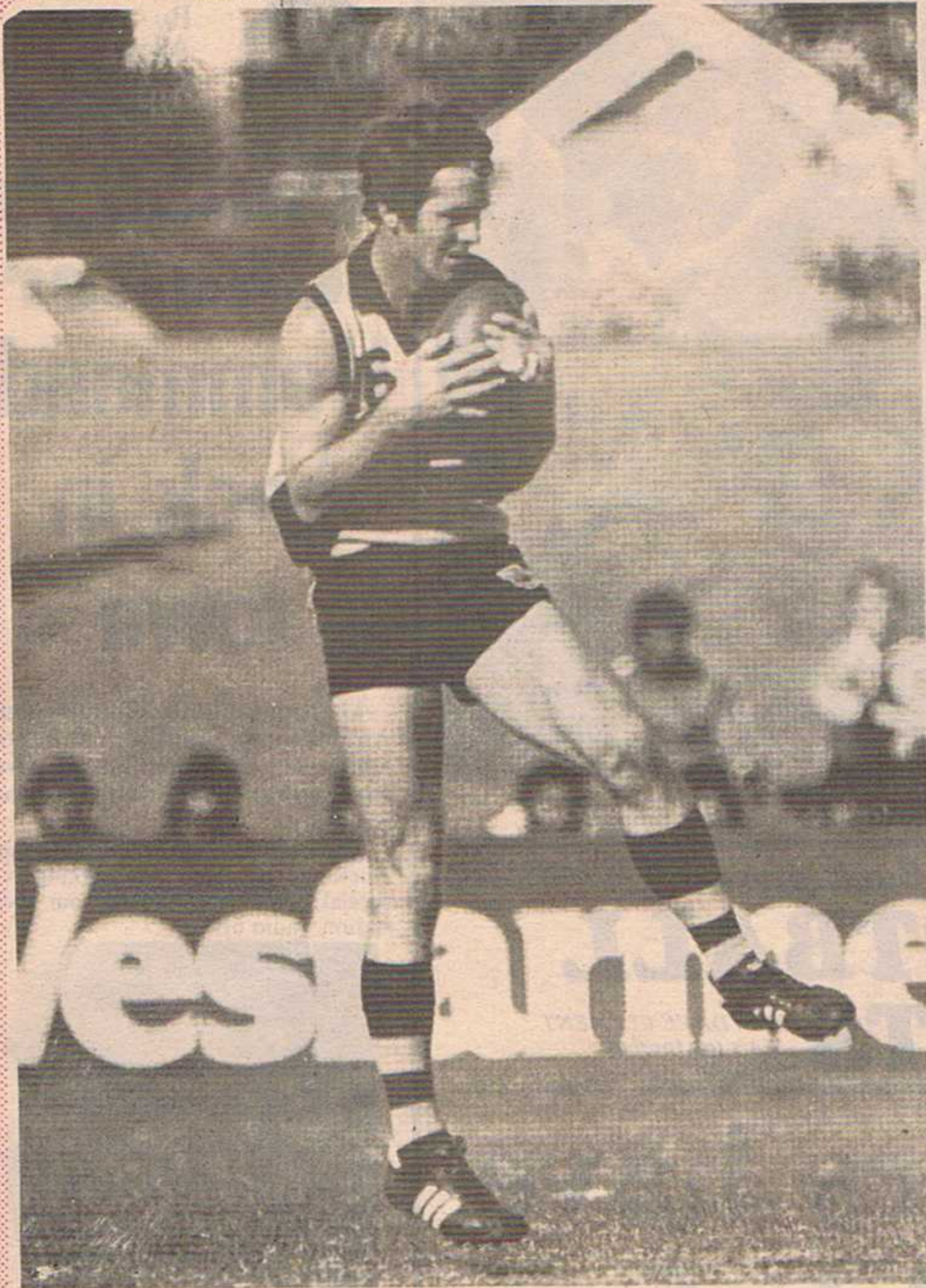
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Former WAFL and VFL star Ross Ditchburn marks in the country game.

INTERSTATE football action dominated our Saturday last week — would rather forget.

However, it was a huge promotional day for the WAFL — and full n went with our 77th clash with South Australia.

Photographer RICHIE HANN was right in the midst of the action, f and SA country sides, to the re-enactment match before the main g



John Todd . . . things were looking pretty grim at this stage.

RIGHT: Barry Cable shows that he hasn't forgotten his kicking style as he puts one of the special Nissan footballs into the crowd.



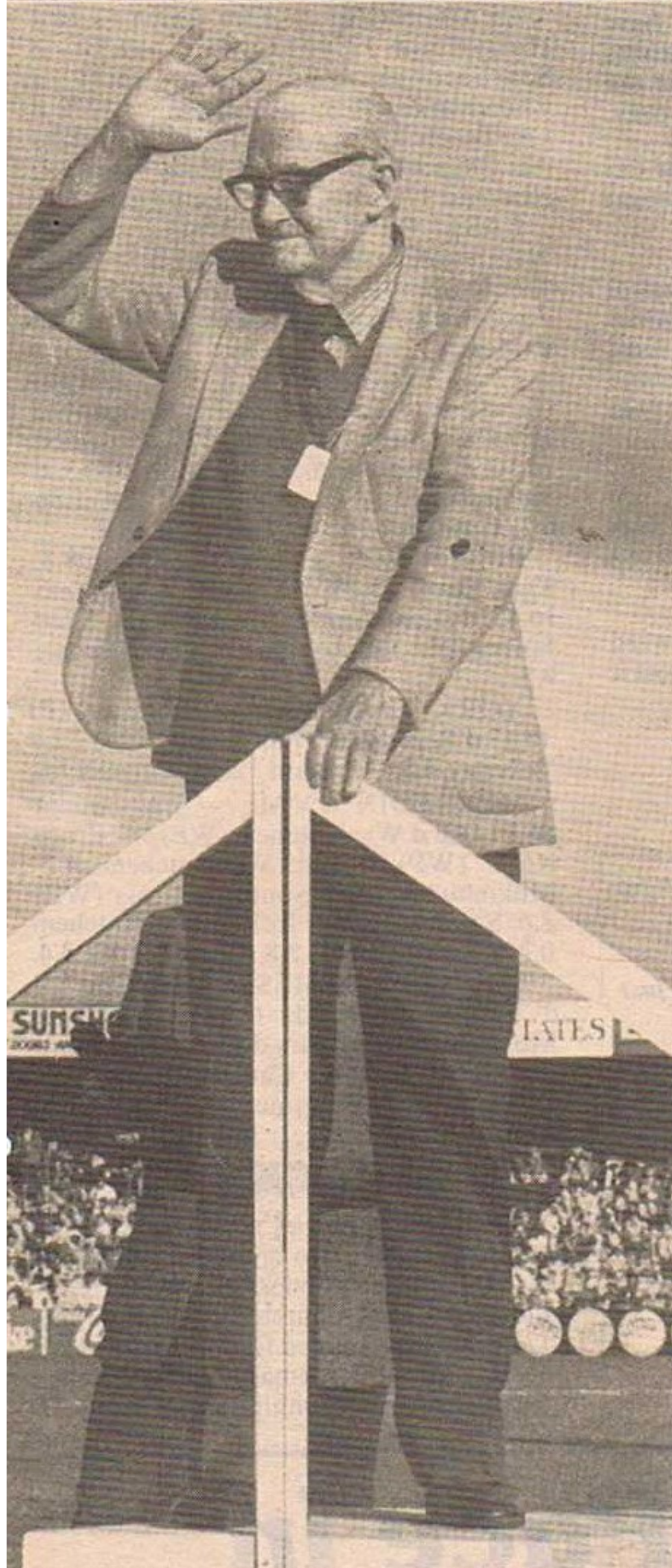
John Gerovich — complete with his famous TAB card stuck in his sock — has a few words to say.

RIGHT: John (Knowall) Watts meets his match in the rotund shape of fiery Freddie Woods, the umpires friend.



SPOTLIGHT ARY TION

turned out to be a day most WA fans
to them for some of the attractions that
the early-morning clash between the WA
and then the parade of yesteryear stars.

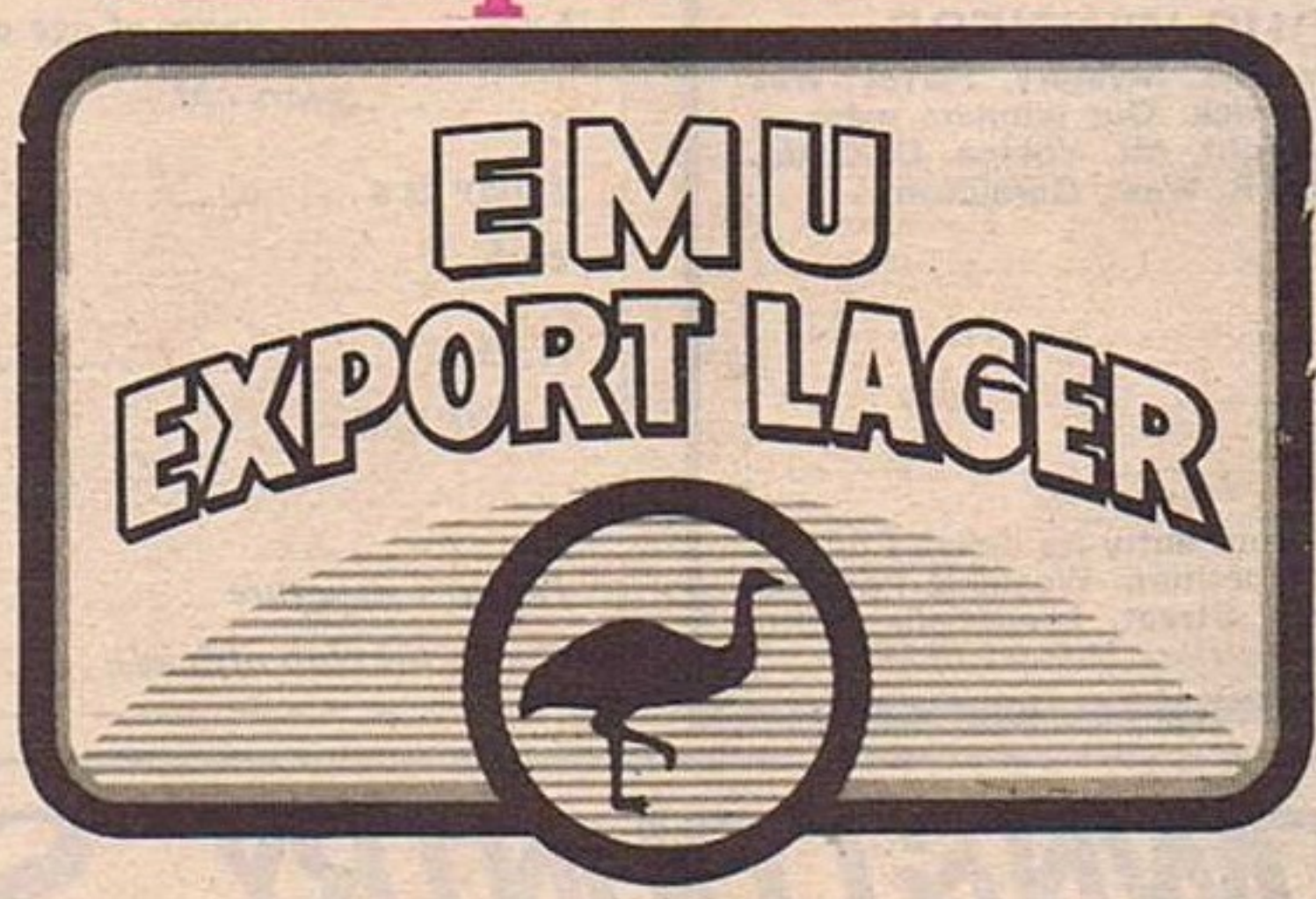


ABOVE: WA ruckman Paul Harding flies high against his SA counterpart Michael Redden.

LEFT: Bonny Campbell . . . the goalkicking star of the 1920s.



**“Would you go
an Export mate?”**





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

Champagne football in grand finals

THREE exciting WAFL inter-district grand finals were played at Leederville Oval last Sunday.

One point separated the 17s, a goal in the 13s and the 14s game saw the winners fight back after being 44-points down mid-way through the third term.

West Perth won a hard-fought close encounter against East Perth in the 17s, 13.12 to 14.5.

Best for the Falcons were Garry Holden; Darren Decorsey, and Glen Bewick (a brother to West Perth league players Corry and Darren). Darren Wright, Gavin Rose and Peter Adams played well for East Perth.

Subiaco won their third consecutive 14s title — but did it the hard way against West Perth.

Both teams scored 3.2 in the third term when the young Lions were 44-points down. The three-quarter time score was 11.5 to 7.8.

Subiaco turned on a lion-hearted effort in the last term to boot 9.5, keeping their opponents scoreless to win 16.13 to 11.5. A fantastic performance. After being 7.2 down, the Lions ended up winning by 5.8.

Their best in a superb team effort were Andrew Carter (brother of South Fremantle and State footballer Gavin Carter), Raymond Riches and David Jullian. Best for West Perth were Chris Korunovski, Michael Marraffa and Richard Higgins.

East Fremantle won the 13s title 9.11 to 9.5 against Claremont. The Sharks best were Paul O'Halloran, Paul Coleman and

Marcus Benbow, while Steve Nowicki, Ben Mathews and Glen Firkin were best for the Tigers.

TIGER CUP

THE fight for this year's Tiger Cup in the Claremont district is a five-way contest after eight games. The current ladder is Marist and Hawks 24, North Beach and Wodlands 16, Karrinyup 12, Wembley Downs 4 and Churchlands/Wembley nil.

BELMONT FREEBALL

BELMONT junior football club, affiliated in the Swan Districts council, has run a highly successful freeball clinic for three years and this season is no exception.

Each Saturday morning about 60 girls and boys aged between five and eight years old, play freeball at the club's headquarters, Peet Park in Kewdale. Any youngsters interested in joining in the concept are welcome anytime.

MILESTONES

WEST PERTH: Paul Stephenson — Osborne Park 17s

100 GAMES

SWAN DISTRICTS: Richard Burgess, Ted Picks, Jason Scott, Stephen Dorens (15s), Brendan Corley (12s) — Belmont, Bradley Webster — Redcliffe 15s.

EAST FREMANTLE: Mark Bogansbergers — East Fremantle 15s.

EAST PERTH: Clinton Bardon — Morley Police Boys 13s.

50 GAMES

PERTH: M. Skewes, T. Cargill (13s), L. Bassett (11s) — Canning, M. Keil (13s), R. Valentino (11s) — East Vic Park, B. Miller — Forrestfield 11s, Guillermo Cruz — Manning 13s.

SOUTH SUBURBAN: Bradley Johnson, Jason Floyd, Craig Geary — Huntingdale 11s.

EAST FREMANTLE: Jason Quick — Bullcreek 12s.

EAST PERTH: Graham Paylor — Morley Police Boys 13s.

ROCK & ROLLERS

THE Huntingdale junior football club, affiliated in the South Suburban junior association, will conduct a '50s and '60s rock and roll cabaret at the Richard Rushton Community Centre, Gosnells this Saturday, June 22 at 7.30pm. Tickets, which include supper, are \$15 per double and are available by ringing Sandra on 398 4255.

WIN A FOOTY!

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

This week's question: WHO AM I?

I am in my first season of league football. I played Teal Cup last year. I captained the inaugural CIG Shield premiership team.

I wear a famous veteran's number.

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

Entries close every Tuesday.

The answer to last week's question was George Giannakis. This week's winner is J. Coleman, Manjimup.



MILESTONE MEDALS FOR JUNIORS

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Every junior playing football in the city or the country can share in our Milestone Medallions award.

Any player who reaches the magical figure of 200 games of under-age football — and there have been quite a few since Westside Football launched the milestone scheme — will receive a special gold medallion.

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To be eligible for a milestone reward simply fill in the coupon below and post it off to Westside Football.



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

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Parent's signature.....

Coach (or club official).....

Post to Westside Football 215 Oxford Street, Leederville, 6007.

CIG shield

THE CIG Shield competition — conducted statewide for secondary schools — is at a very interesting stage. All zone champions of the eight league clubs will be decided this week.

The four grand finalists of the competitions first two seasons — Belmont, Balcatta, Christ Church and St Marks — have all been eliminated this year.

Three country schools survive — last year's semi-finalist Northam, Geraldton's John Wilcox and Bunbury.

Balga is West Perth's zone champion after beating Balcatta, Mirrabooka, Lockridge and Servite.

Subiaco's hopes of winning their first CIG Shield lie with Craigie, who defeated Sacred Heart, Greenwood, Girrawheen and Warwick to be zone champion.

Carine and Newman College meet this week to decide Claremont's zone champion, while Mt Lawley and Cecil Andrews do battle for East Perth's title.

John Wilcox, Gosnells and Rossmoyne are the three remaining schools in East Fremantle's zone. Aquinas and Northam play this week to decide Perth's title-holders.

Up-to-date results have not been received from Swan Districts or South Fremantle.

Following are the 1985 progress results

WEST PERTH — Balga 9.12 d Balcatta 6.2; Balga 18.19 d Mirrabooka 5.4; Balcatta 8.9 d Mirrabooka 6.9; Balga 25.12 d Lockridge 3.5; Balga 7.10 d Servite 5.4.

SUBIACO — Craigie 19.11 d Sacred Heart 2.1; Greenwood 12.10 d Girrawheen 10.9; Craigie 7.10 d Greenwood 7.9; Warwick 24.13 d Perth Modern 2.2; Ocean Reef 11.7 d Wanneroo 11.6; Craigie 10.12 d Girrawheen 7.11; Warwick 12.7 d Ocean Reef 6.5; Craigie 9.8 d Warwick 6.6.

CLAREMONT — City Beach 11.14 d Hollywood 3.4; Carine 10.10 d Scarborough 6.9; Carine 16.15 d Churchlands 10.8; Scarborough 17.7 d City Beach 7.3; Newman 25.15 d John 23rd nil; Churchlands 25.14 d Hollywood 2.1; Newman 17.14 d Christ Church 2.1.

EAST PERTH — Morley 16.7 d Hampton 0.2; Mt Lawley 10.7 d St Marks 4.7; Morley 10.3 d John Forrest 6.5; Cecil Andrews 13.10 d Armadale 8.8; Mt Lawley d Morley.

EAST FREMANTLE — Corpus Christie 9.13 d All Saints 7.7; Rossmoyne 15.13 d Corpus Christie 5.9; Lynwood 14.10 d Thornlie 6.5; Willetton 22.13 d Applecross 5.3; Gosnells 12.5 d Willetton 6.7; Gosnells 13.13 d Lynwood 13.9.

PERTH — Aquinas 13.5 d Como 8.8; Kent Street 25.25 d Xavier 2.4; Aquinas 16.15 d Kent Street 3.3; Kewdale 7.7 d Forrestfield 3.6; Aquinas 11.15 d Kewdale 9.5.

YORK CARNIVAL — Northam (P) 15.17 d Beverley (P) nil; Pingelly (SF) 7.2 d Beverley 4.5; Northam 12.4 d Pingelly nil.

MERREDIN OVAL — Mukinbudin (WP) 14.8 d Wyalkatchem (WP) 3.5; Bruce Rock (WP) 7.6 d Wyalkatchem 4.2; Mukinbudin 9.5 d Southern Cross (WP) 2.6; Southern Cross 16.12 d Wyalkatchem 0.2; Southern Cross 8.8 d Bruce Rock 3.4.

COUNTRY GAMES — Kambalda 6.7 d Eastern Goldfields 6.5; Kambalda d Mukinbudin, Northam d Kambalda; Bunbury 13.13 d Bunbury Catholic College 3.3; Collie 9.10 d Manjimup 7.11; Bunbury 16.11 d Mandurah 5.2; Bunbury d Collie.

ALCOCK CUP

LAST Saturday's Alcock Cup competition saw two one-sided games and a very close contest. Aquinas 29.20 thrashed Christ Church 8.10 while Trinity 17.16 easily accounted for Wesley 7.8. Hale and Guildford Grammar fought out a close match with Hale running out winners 9.9 to 6.16.



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MYSTERY PLAYER



EVERY week Burley and Westside Football will give away three double passes to the first correct entries out of the barrel.

OUR WINNERS

Last week's Mystery Player was Darren Bewick. Our winners were — Wendy Wright, Mt. Yokine, D. Ostle, Nollamara, R. West, Geraldton.

Name.....

Address.....

.....code.....

the player is.....

POST your entry (or deliver) to: Burley Competition: Westside Football, 215 Oxford Street, Leederville, 6007 entries close Monday 5pm.



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BY TONY CARR

QUICK RISE FOR COLT

EAST Fremantle's most recent newcomer to league ranks, Stephen Edgar, has made a rapid rise into the top grade.

Edgar, a member of the 1984 Teal Cup team, played all of last season in the colts side and began this season in the junior grade.

After an excellent first series, the talented wingman was promoted to the reserves for three matches and then into the league side for the game against Perth.

Edgar impressed when he came off the interchange bench, adapting to the faster tempo of league football quickly and showing he has a bright future, picking up many possessions in the second half from a wing.

BROTHER'S PATH

MARK Bushell is showing promising signs that he may follow in the footsteps of his older brother, league rover David Bushell.

Bushell took several weeks to adapt to colts football after playing for Applecross in the East Fremantle juniors in 1984.

The skilful ruck-rover has now settled into a consistent player and has learnt the art of self-discipline.

Early in the season Bushell struggled to play four consistent quarters, but now is putting his game together a lot better.

WRONG NAME

IN last week's colts column, it was reported that Swan Districts colts player Adam Shine, was a key forward and a member of the 1984 Teal Cup side.

Shine was not the player we were talking about — it was his team-mate Darren Williams who earned this honour.

We apologise for this typographical error and thank the reader who sent in a letter to pick us up and hope she continues to enjoy reading Westside Football.

REGAN SHINES

YET another Regan is starting to make his mark at East Fremantle — but he is no relation to the famous Regan brothers Con, Michael and Harry.

Carl Regan played for the South Fremantle colts side in 1984, but a lack of opportunities forced the young back-pocket player to look to the Sharks for more chances.

The change of clubs has given Regan a new lease of life and he has been a prominent player in East Fremantle's best player lists in recent weeks.

Regan has been used as a rover and his impressive form could see him gain a promotion to the reserves in the near future.

CLOSE FIGHT

THE decision on Monday night by the tribunal to take four points off Perth and give it to Swan Districts has made the fight for the final four more interesting. Both Perth and Swans are now on 20 points and only a game behind East Fremantle in fourth place. South Fremantle, Claremont and West Perth look likely to qualify for the finals with only fourth place to be decided.



For Gas Welding think CIG Colt 22 and 44.



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The drain takes its toll

FOUR years ago when I arrived in Perth, I was taken to Claremont Oval to watch my first game of WA football — Claremont v South Fremantle.

It was gripping, not so much for the closeness of the scores, but because of the magic of the Krakouer brothers and Maurice Rioli, the class of Stephen Michael and the artistry of Graham Moss.

With this talent around I didn't think I'd miss my beloved Hawthorn or the VFL competition.

But sadly, within the space of four seasons, I've now almost reached the stage when I'd rather stay at home and watch Wide World of Sports than spend \$5.50 going to the footy.

The constant drain of players to the VFL has gradually taken its toll, so much so that the standard locally is now sub-standard.

Proof came last weekend at Subiaco Oval. South Australia showed in every way that our game is procrastinating and that we have very few players who can hold their own at interstate level.

Local players who really don't deserve to grow old telling their children that they once played for their State have now been given such an opportunity. It's not their fault, nor John Todd's, but rather that they were the best of what I consider is a pretty average bunch.

TEMPTATION

South Australian stars have resisted in recent years the temptation to join the VFL. The results are that they not only contribute by their own performances, but they also raise the overall level of football in their State.

West Australians haven't stayed. They have shot through as soon as they were eligible and nobody blames them. The drain has been so dramatic that VFL talent scouts have virtually acknowledged that there's very little talent left.

Only Murray Rance and Jon Dorotich look like heading East next season. Paul Harding will probably go in 1987. The warning to these players is to consider their plans carefully.

Far too many WA players going to the VFL end up playing reserves. Just ask Steve Malaxos, Shane Ellis, Brad Shine, Gary Shaw, Mike Aitken and countless

STEVE PERKIN, a Victorian working with The Western Mail, assesses our football talent.



Maurice Rioli

others how difficult it is to get a senior game in Melbourne.

The real tragedy is that these players dwell in the VFL reserves when they should be back here adding depth and talent to the WAFL. To have 43 West Australians playing in Victoria each weekend is a travesty of justice.

But what do you do? What about leasing? If Shane Ellis isn't picked to play for Essendon's seniors on Saturday, fly him back on the Friday morning to play for East Fremantle. Make it part of the agreement that Essendon picks up the airfares.

Just imagine the renewed interest in next weekend's round of games if Ellis was back in the Sharks defence and Ken Judge roaming their forward line. How much stronger would Claremont be with Malaxos and Shaw and Mike Aitken lining up?

Leasing is not an original thought, but unless something is done to minimise the effect of this constant player drain, the standard of WA football will continue to suffer and West Australians can expect more crushing losses by the Croweaters.

The price of faith

IT IS a very brave move by the WAFL to increase grandstand prices for the game against Victoria. We all know that the West Australian public enjoy watching the Victorians in action. But considering the results of last weekend's State game against SA and the fact that SA have been declared Australian champions for 1985, it is going to take a very parochial West Australian to pay \$20 (midweek) for a seat to watch a game where pride for Western Australia is really all that hinges on the outcome of the game.

HOLIDAY BREAK

THE West Perth players, wives and girlfriends took advantage of the weekend break to spend some time together. We booked into the Atrium in Mandurah and had a very enjoyable weekend. Although not as many players as we would have liked attended the weekend, those who did thought it a great success. Let's hope that the comradeship built up over the weekend can continue on for the rest of the season, both on and off the field.

FICKLE CROWD

JOHN Todd found out on Saturday how fickle football supporters can be. His record as State and All Australian coach meant nothing to a section of the crowd on Saturday when they started heckling Toddy at three-quarter time. I feel for Toddy because it would have been hard to take considering his record. But Toddy, you fell for the trap by letting them get you in and giving them the back to front victory sign as you came off the ground.



With 6IX commentator and West Perth league player JOHN DUCKWORTH



John Todd

CLUB ACTION

WITH the SA State game now behind us (thank goodness) it's back to normal club games this weekend. It should be an interesting round of fixtures, with all eight teams now with a chance of playing in the finals. But even more so because of the fact that many players who didn't perform in the State game are out to salvage some lost pride for their respective clubs.



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

MOTHER BROWN

Aussie "knockers" are a disgrace

AUSTRALIANS are generally regarded as a race of "knockers" and that theory came to the fore again last Saturday when several WA supporters jeered and heckled WA coach John Todd. I was sitting just near the coaches box and a group of young men, who were drinking all day, harassed Todd continually. They were the prime movers in the three-quarter time incident which saw Todd give a two-finger salute to the people in the stand. Those men who stood in the walkway in the stand hurled abuse at Todd during the game and I was extremely disappointed in them. They obviously have short memories because Todd has been one of the major reasons why WA has won the last two Australian Football Championships. I felt ashamed to be a West Australian.

STRONG MOVE

THE NFL should be commended for their decision to take the points from Victoria for their win over SA last month. Victoria flouted with the rules when they used 22 players against SA when the previously agreed number was 21. However, the result of the championship does not matter much because the Victorians will still consider themselves as the champions. I hope that WA and SA clubs continue the hard line towards VFL clubs when it comes to the recruitment of players at the end of this season.



Don Holmes

WRONG PLAYER

IT was amazing to hear radio 6WF refer to Mark Bairstow as Don Holmes throughout last week's interstate game. After speaking to several country people they, too, were amazed as to the identity of the player wearing No. 33. Holmes was listed in the Football Budget as wearing the number, but he was not in the team. Apparently the guernsey Bairstow was listed as wearing — No. 25 — did not fit and that was the reason for the guernsey change. The ABC was inundated with phone calls from people trying to establish the identity of the mystery player. Surely the "experts" on 6WF should be able to tell the difference between Bairstow and Holmes even if the numbers were wrong.

CLUB ACTION

NOW that the State game is over, our domestic competition gets under way again with some extremely important matches. The fight for fourth position, which rests between Claremont, West Perth and South Fremantle, will generate most interest over the next few weeks and it promises to be an enthralling battle.

STATISTICS TELL AN INTERESTING STORY

FOOTBALL statistics are taken by all clubs to give coaches another guide to how players are performing and what are the areas they can improve.

East Fremantle's dominance this season is shown in their stats, as they are clear leaders of the average weekly kicks, marks and handballs.

They average 248.2 kicks a week (with their nearest rival being Subiaco on 220.6), 86.6 marks with bottom side East Perth next best on 75.7 and 114.3 handballs, with the Lions not far behind on 111.6.

It is interesting to note that West Perth have averaged the least amount of kicks (209) yet are placed fourth in handballs with 105.9 per week.

Another interesting fact is that East Perth have averaged more kicks and handballs (220.5 and 94.2) than Swan Districts (215.8 and 93.9).

Claremont and West Perth lead the way with free kicks received with 366 and 364 respectively.

Swan Districts and Perth have given away the most free kicks, with 394 and 371, while Subiaco have only given the opposition 266 kicks.

Surprisingly, East Fremantle have given

away 360 kicks, but have received 356.

Swan Districts are easily the most experienced side with an average of 84.3 games between their players.

East Perth are undoubtedly the most inexperienced side in the competition with an average of 36.3 games per player and South Fremantle are also a young side with 41.1.

The Sharks top the list of average points scored in a match with 151.4 and their nearest rival is South with 118.8.

The Bulldogs have struggled in defence, as shown by being the fourth highest side with points scored against time.

The backlines of East Perth, West Perth and Perth have been under the most pressure this season, while East Fremantle's defence has seen the least action.

Subiaco lead the hit-outs with 445 and Perth are second with 442.

Claremont and East Perth have struggled in the big man duels with 303 and 315 respectively.



Bill Skuirowski . . . one of Swan Districts experienced players.

TEAM	KICKS	MARKS	HAND BALL	DISPOSALS	FREES FOR		FREES AGAINST		GAMES		SCORES		HITOUTS	
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EAST FREMANTLE	248.2	86.6	114.3	362.5	356	32.4	360	32.7	1058	52.9	151.4	85.7	364	33.1
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STH FREM'TLE	214.9	71.8	106.8	321.7	311	28.3	359	32.6	821	41.1	118.8	118.1	394	35.8
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EAST PERTH.	220.5	75.7	94.2	314.7	350	31.8	331	30.1	725	36.3	94.0	127.6	315	28.6
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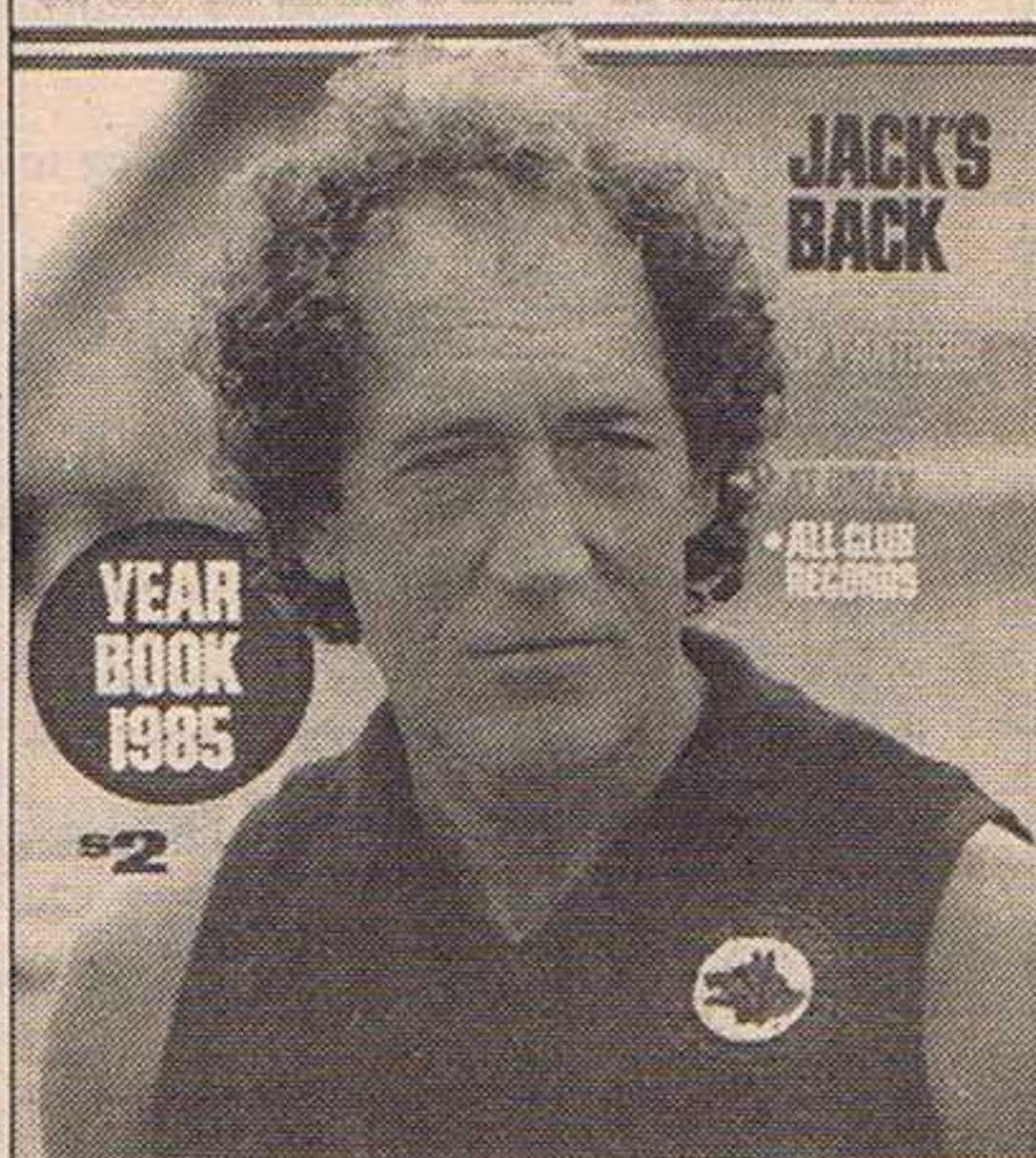
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BULLDGOS BITE BACK

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The Bulldogs' most recent league newcomers, Dean Irving and Michael Pedley, have bright futures, according to Haddow.

"Our smaller players really appreciated having the height of Irving at the hit-outs and Pedley showed his versatility against Claremont, playing in key defensive and attacking roles."

Haddow is naturally happy with his team's four wins this season, but the ease of those wins concerns him.

"All of our winning games have been relatively easy and we haven't won a close game," he said.

"The sign of a good side is to win the close games and I expect several tight finishes before September.

"Our next two matches against Subiaco and Swan Districts are miniature grand finals and will show whether we really are serious final four candidates."

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SUNDAY SCENE

DAILY NEWS football writer KIM HAGDORN looks at the Sunday Football League.

UPSET WINS TO THREE SIDES

UPSET wins last Sunday to Maddington, Osborne Park and Wanneroo has thrown the giant 17-team SFL competition wide open.

Only South Perth, with their convincing 50-point win over Armadale and Willetton, appear certain of a finals berth in August and September.

Willetton easily accounted for the struggling Kwinana and share top spot on points with South Perth.

Maddington produced a workman-like performance to beat arch derby rivals Gosnells 9.11 (65) to 2.16 (28); the Osborne Park Saints produced their best football of the season to down reigning premiers Kalamunda on their own ground and the Roos beat Canning by 24 points at Kingsway Reserve.

Results of last Sunday's matches now effectively mean 11 clubs are in the race to fill the final six places.

South Perth go to their bye this Sunday comfortably placed at the head of the premiership table on percentage from Willetton, who face a solid test on Sunday when they meet Armadale on the rebound at Gwynne Park.

The Demons failed to find any of the running system that has been a feature of the early season form that earned them a glamour team tag.

DOMINATED

Coach Rod Barrett and imports Brian Cook, Ian Scrimshaw and Kevin Cornell were all effective players for the Demons last Sunday, but did not receive competent back-up around the flanks, where South Perth dominated.

South Perth had many fine players including winger Dave Armstrong, big Jeff Murray and veterans Dick Peel and Shane Brennan, who controlled the defensive zone.

Armadale will need an improved performance from big Charlie Tenardi if they are to beat Willetton on Sunday.

The strong-marking forward booted nine goals in a match winning performance against Gosnells two weeks ago, but Peel held Tenardi to just one goal on Sunday, creating all sorts of problems up forward for the Demons.

Osborne Park's great win over Kalamunda keeps their finals hopes alive, but they face a stiff assignment to beat Thornlie at Balcatta Reserve on Sunday.

Thornlie have the depth to offer a serious threat to the home side with the likes of Geoff Ironmonger, Dale Froby and Curtis Clark, who kicked 10 goals against Rockingham on Sunday, all in good form.

An indication of the improved player depth in the Saints camp was that coach Des Hindson and SFL combined side player Ray Colyer started last Sunday's match on the interchange bench.

The Saints have Garry Bradshaw, Gary Hewitt, Brian Dawson, Peter O'Connell and big Greg Murray all in top form and



Alex Hamilton

appear set to continue their winning vein against the Lions.

The Saints must be happy with the first-up performance of young ruckman Brad Elson. He has been on the borderline of league ranks all season and turned in a top game in Geraldton three weeks ago with the combined under-21 team.

Maddington kept their finals prospects alive when they won last Sunday.

Former East Perth and Subiaco rover Alex Hamilton came to terms with the atrocious conditions to turn in a best-on-ground performance for the Bulls and was well supported by Neil Harvey and Lee Jenzen.

Maddington meet the recently-improved Wanneroo at Maddington Reserve, but do not appear strong enough to remain in the finals race with a win over the Roos.

After losing to the Roos last week, Canning face a difficult task rebounding in their encounter with Kalamunda at Wyong Reserve.

Canning are undoubtedly a better side at home, but with the reigning champions desperately in need of a win to confirm their short price for back-to-back flags, they will be hard to beat.

Mandurah are another side clinging to their finals hopes like grim death.

Their hard working win over Kelmscott at home makes their appointment at Mills Park with Kenwick a must for the Seasiders.

Mandurah are in ninth place, one of the many sides locked together on 20 points.

Other fixtures on Sunday are: Kwinana meet Fremantle at Medina Oval, where the Port side should notch their second win of the year and Rockingham play Applecross at Rockingham.

Selections: Fremantle, Kalamunda, Wanneroo, Armadale, Osborne Park, Mandurah, Gosnells and Applecross.

Premiership table: (in order of percentage): South Perth, Willetton 32, Armadale 28, Kalamunda 24, Osborne Park, Canning, Gosnells, Wanneroo, Mandurah 20, Thornlie, Maddington 18, Kelmscott, Applecross 12, Kenwick 8, Fremantle 4, Kwinana, Rockingham 0.

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WORKING WITH THE BEST Mighty Blighty!

WHEN John Todd asked me to be the runner for last Saturday's State game, I was pleased to be involved as it gave me the chance to work with the State's leading coach and observe at close hand his coaching philosophies.

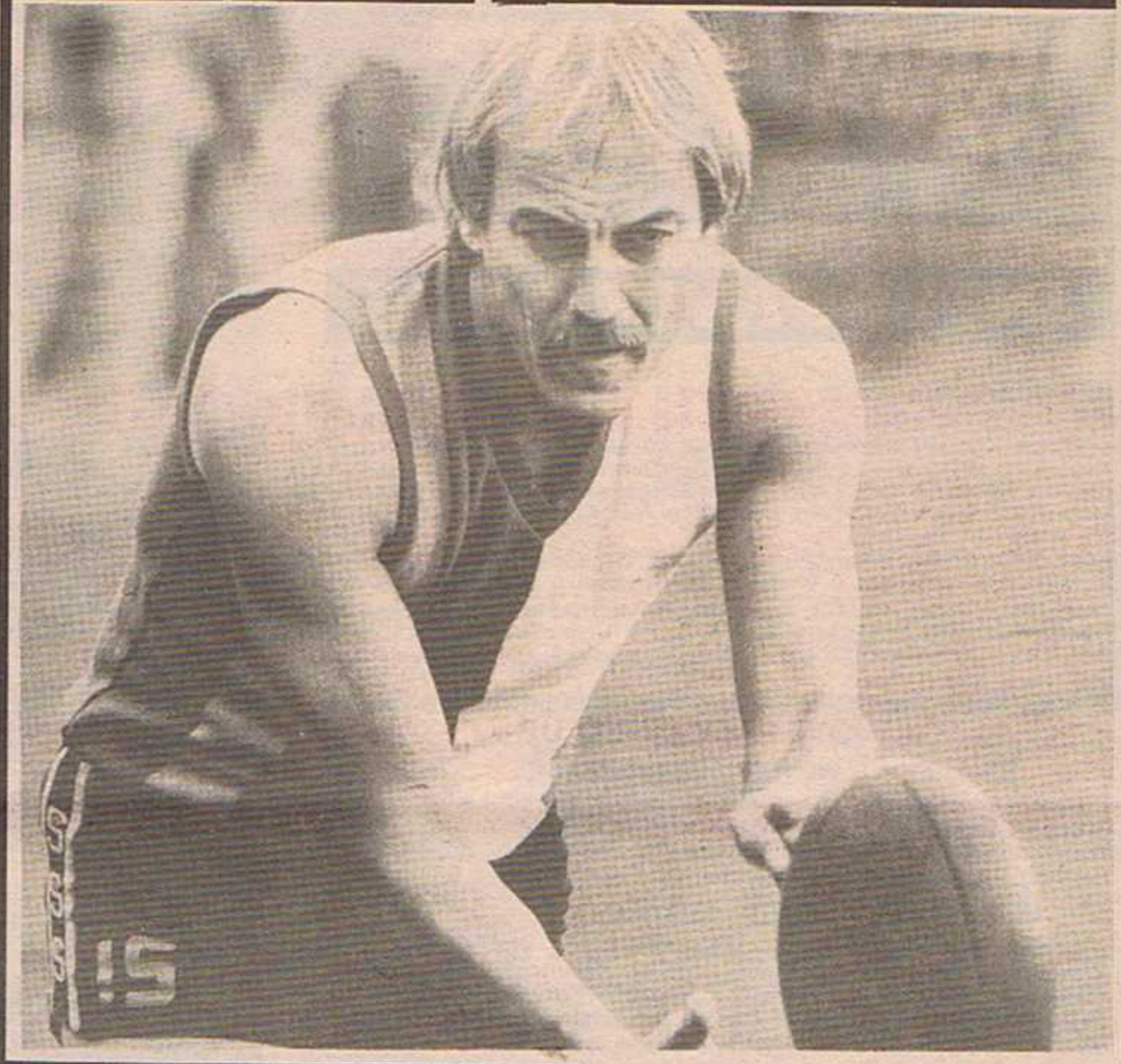
Coaching requires an 'apprenticeship', where you gain experience from other people who have "been there and done that".
Todd's preparation for the State game was as professional as any coach could be, involving everyone in the team and sharing the commitment to win.

His support men from Swan Districts were magnificent, allowing Todd to concentrate on his sole role of coaching.

His team manager, Ron Griffiths, chairman of selectors Bob Manning and Rhys Eders, Perry De Lacy and Brian Dawson are superbly organised and, above all, totally committed to the coach. No matter what coach Todd says, these men show the solidarity necessary to convince the players that there is only one way to be a — committed team.

The greatest threat a coach faces is 'back stabbing' from the people around him. Todd can 'sleep easy' as the men close to him have exceptional character and loyalty.

Having watched and been part of the pre-game preparation, I can assure all football supporters that the players were given the best preparation possible by the best coach. But, as the old saying goes "you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." The team just wasn't good enough.



NOTHING THERE

THE atmosphere in the West Australian rooms before last Saturday's game was very good. There was a quiet, confident mood with good positive talk.

But running out onto the ground with the players, it was as though someone had thrown a "bucket of cold water" over the team, washing away the 'talk'.

Throughout the game there was nothing being said, as if each player was waiting for the other one to start the ball rolling.

Fellow runner Ken Marshall tried in vain to get that "team voice" going, but the talk that did arise was "plastic" — it had no genuine feeling or urgency.

FITTING HONOUR

AT half-time of the State game, WA's successful Teal Cup team ran a lap of honour in front of their home crowd.

The reception for our first Australian teenage champions, was great and that is an honour each member of the team earn and will never forget.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



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What a champ

THE West Australian football public, though disappointed at losing to the Croweaters, were given the honour of seeing one of Australian football's greatest players in his last interstate game — and what a way to go out!

Malcolm Blight, at the age of 35, showed what incredible football skills he has by kicking six goals and taking several of his famous Blight marks.

Scrupulously fair, Blight's on-field efforts and manner makes him one of the greatest ambassadors to the younger generation of how to play sport.

I am sure I speak for all West Australians when I congratulate him for the exhilarating performances he has given us, both in the VFL and as captain of the South Australian team.

COURAGE STORY

LAST Sunday I ran in the Marathon Club's half-marathon, jogging along with Subiaco Football Club administrator, Trevor Nisbett.

I have never run in one of these races before, so the experience was great as people of all shapes, sizes and ages line up at the start for the countdown.

Seeing 1000 people head off on the run is quite exciting, knowing that each person has that unique quality of courage; courage to set a goal and then have the effort to achieve it.

After passing the half-way mark, the course returns along the same route and running back, there were still many people heading to the half-way mark.

Feeling tired and sore, my mind was looking for a reason to slow down until I noticed a man running towards me with a crippled leg. He had bare feet and though his running style was unusual, to say the least, his personal courage was an inspiration to me and I'm sure everyone else.

It just goes to show, you don't have to watch videos or pay big fees to listen to motivational stories. Just open your eyes and look around — stories of courage are there for all to see, any time.

Small world

EVERY Saturday morning before my media commitments with the ABC, I go to the huge Wanneroo Netball Association's grounds at Kingsway Reserve to watch my three daughters play.

It is an unbelievable sight with so many young girls playing netball and the organisation is fantastic, with everything being run to the minute.

Last Saturday, I spotted current Royals coach Greg Brehaut standing on the other side of the court. He informed me that he was watching his daughter play.

When I enquired how she was going, he replied "really good". I then asked which girl, she was. On pointing her out, I realised she was playing in the centre against my daughter!

N.B. Greg's daughter's side won, but watch out next round!!

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