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**LAMB UNDER  
PRESSURE**

BY TONY CARR

**ARE media awards placing too much pressure on star Subiaco midfielder Dwayne Lamb?**

The consistent Lions performer has dominated most media awards this season, but seems to be faltering at the last hurdle.

After an outstanding first and second series, Lamb has struggled to maintain this high standard in the final series of qualifying matches.

Constant media speculation on the Sandover Medal has placed extra pressure on the talented ballgetter.

"The awards have been on the back of my mind," Lamb admitted.

"People I come in contact with are constantly reminding me of these awards."

Outstanding football by Subiaco in the last series — and closer attention from opponents — has reduced Lamb's influence on the game.

"I have been staying outside the centre square at bouncedowns in recent matches and have not been in the play as much," Lamb said.

"The side has been performing so well, especially in third quarters, that I have had very little to do.

"I have been tagged by opposition players since midway through the season and this has been a new experience for me."

Two players who have been in Lamb's position before — Peter Spencer and Robert Wiley — believe that simply treating each game the same each week helps relieve the pressure.

Spencer, a team-mate of Lamb, believes the Subiaco star has the ideal temperament.

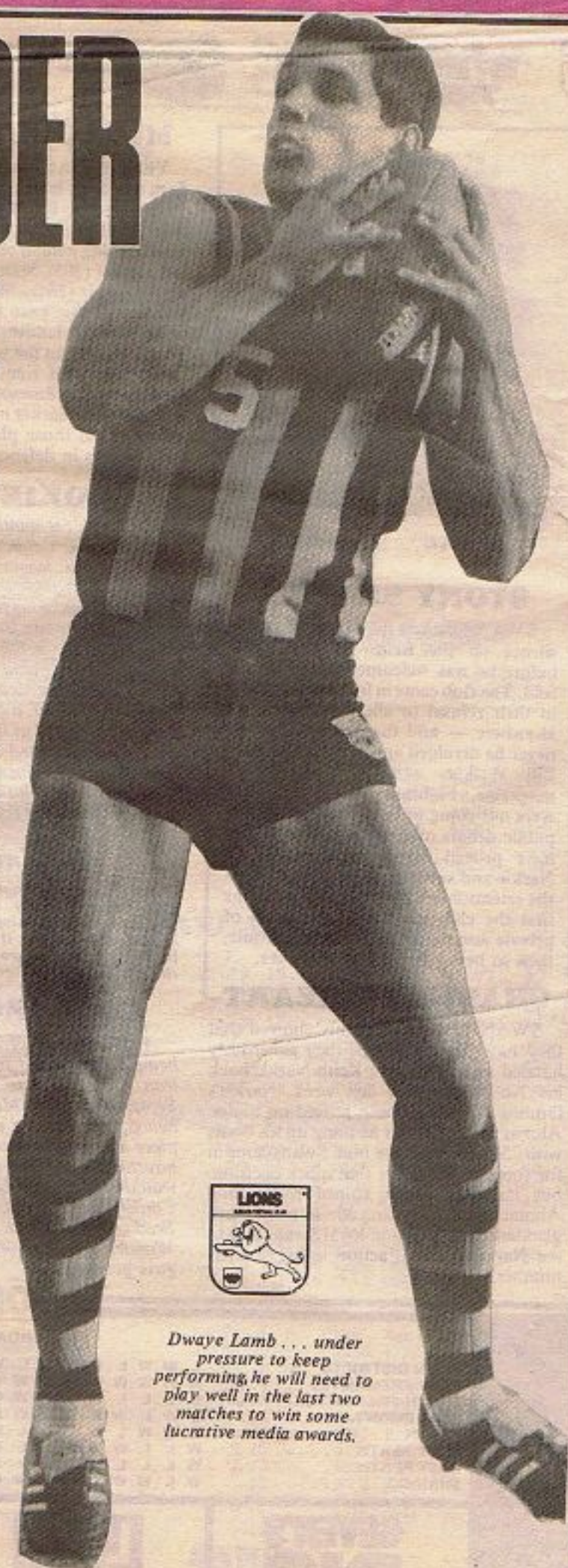
"Dwayne is the type of player who uses pressure to his advantage," Spencer said.

"This is just an extra motivational tool for him and he is showing no signs of extra strain.

"I believe Dwayne will win the Sandover Medal by a good margin."

Wiley believes the best way to handle the pressure is to play naturally and don't think about the awards.

"If you win awards it is a bonus, but a premiership is number one priority."



*Dwayne Lamb... under pressure to keep performing, he will need to play well in the last two matches to win some lucrative media awards.*

**JUNIOR  
FOOTY  
ON THE  
SLIDE**

By GARY BARTHOLOMEUSZ

IT'S official — junior football in the metropolitan area is on the decline.

This distressing news comes after a season littered with player and spectator violence in junior football and amateur ranks.

It was interesting to hear two football panel shows last weekend talk about player decline in junior football.

On 6PR's Footy Forum, Percy Johnson suggested that there was a big drop in junior footballers over the past 10 years. On 6WF, panel chairman Dennis Cometti and WAFL's coaching co-ordinator, Brian Douge, talked about the many juniors changing to other sports.

The official records of each junior council confirm that there has been a noticeable decline in junior footballers over the past five seasons.

Following are the statistics for the last five years.

Year	Clubs	Teams	Estimated Players
1981	118	821	20,525
1982	119	821	20,525
1983	119	783	19,575
1984	118	767	19,175
1985	116	721	18,025

The number of teams has always been multiplied by 25 to gain an estimated number of players.

WAFL football affairs manager Peter Evans said that the league was well aware of the decline in numbers.

"We have taken positive steps to arrest this decline," Evans said.

"Brian Douge has been appointed coaching co-ordinator this year and his job is to educate junior coaches, players and their parents.

"Violence in football has been steadily creeping in and hopefully, by 1988, all junior coaches will be put through a Level One accreditation course.

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**DEMON REUNION**

THE Perth Football Club is holding an inaugural reunion dinner in the Merlin Hotel's Grand Ballroom on Tuesday, August 20 at 7p.m. Players from the Demons 1955, '66, '67, '68, '76 and '77 premiership sides will be present at this gala occasion. A panel will operate during the night, chaired by ABC commentator Dennis Cometti. Former club greats Merv McIntosh, Barry Cable, Nugget Hilsz, Ern Henfry and NFL president Dr Allen Aylett will appear on the panel during the evening. Peter Bowler will represent the WAFL in one of his last duties before finishing up at the League in early September.

**MORNING AFTER**

SUBIACO coach Hayden Bunton gave his players no respite after their great win over Swan Districts last Saturday. Many of the Lions players attended the 21st birthday party of young defender Mark Zanotti on Saturday night. A good time was had by all, but the same could not be said about Sunday morning training the next day. It was the hardest and longest Sunday training the players have had all season — and Zanotti, especially, did not enjoy it.

**AUSSIE FOOTY**

THE National Football League's Aussie Footy scheme is being launched in Perth next week. The Rossmoyne Primary School is the venue on Thursday, August 22 for the launch of the new concept. Aussie Footy is designed for primary school children to prepare themselves for future graduation into under-age football. The NFL and the Federal Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism have combined to launch the national programme.

**GRAND FINAL ACTION**

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Keith Narkle... back at Swans.

**STONY SILENCE**

SWAN Districts maintained a strong silence on the Keith Narkle dispute before he was welcomed back into the fold. The club came in for some criticism in their refusal to allow Narkle to go elsewhere — and the real reasons will never be divulged apparently. President Bill Walker, writing in the club's magazine, Fighting Swan, says they were not going to become involved in a public debate over the issue as it would have proved highly embarrassing to Narkle and subsequently to the club. "If the retention of that information means that the club must bear the brunt of private and public criticism for a while, then so be it," he said to members.

**CHANGE OF HEART**

SWAN Districts certainly showed that they have feelings when they generously handed former skipper Keith Narkle back his No. 9 guernsey last week. Narkle's famous No. 9 had been passed on to Joe Ahmat the week after he hung up his boots with 254 games behind him. Swans came in for some criticism for that quick decision, but last week they atoned by putting Ahmat back into No. 30. It must have gladdened the hearts of loyal Swans fans to see Narkle back in action in his familiar number.

**MULLOOLY'S SPOT**

VETERAN Swan Districts defender Tom Mullooly has moved into fourth place on the all-time list of games played at the club. Mullooly now has 241 games to his credit, sitting behind current club president Bill Walker (305), Stan Nowotny (277) and Keith Narkle (254). Mullooly's good form and fitness this year has enabled him to move up the ladder, passing four great Swans players on the way. The 31-year-old has stepped past Ken Bagley (232), Tony Nesbit and Joe Lawson (his uncle) on 235 and now Tim Barker on 239. Interesting to note that all those players spent a lot of their careers in defence as well.

**ROOKIE'S DAY**

SOUTH Fremantle rookie forward Allen Jackovich didn't really have a day to remember his league debut with. After graduating through the colts and reserves this year to make his first senior appearance against Claremont, Jackovich had trouble getting into the action. He had a kickless first and third quarters and by three-quarter time he was goal-less at full-forward. However, a great soccer goal — kicking at the ball as it was in mid-air — in the last term posted South's 10th for the game. That gave him added confidence and he quickly kicked his team's 11th and 13th to finish with three goals in his first outing.

**QUICK THINKER**

Quick thinking by East Perth physical fitness man Bruce Sinclair saved several Royals players from serious injury last Saturday. One of the poles holding the cheer squad banner broke, but Sinclair grabbed it before it fell on the players.

**GRID IRON BOYS**

A NUMBER of VFL footballers are being sounded out for the inaugural grid iron competition to be held in NSW in September. Mark Maclure is one big man being fitted out for a uniform to take his place as a Thunderbolt or a Cowboy in the novelty series. Other VFL heavyweights would certainly be Leigh Matthews, Mick Conlan, Bertie Dipierdomenico and WA's Brad Hardie and Ross Glendinning. Wonder whether some of our WA tough guys get an invite?

**"FARE" DEAL!**

FOOTBALL clubs love to upstage each other and in Victoria the traditional weekly battle ground is the pre-match luncheon, where menus, speeches and VIPs are the propaganda measuring scale. Hawthorn caused some temporary consternation last week when they entertained a select group of Collingwood VIPs — with a table of fare that the roughest bushies would turn their nose up at. Enamel plates, newsprint for table cloths, coffee tins for vases; plastic knives and forks — plus cold meat pies, soggy fish-n-chips in newspaper and cold hot dogs. But fortunately the guests got wind of the second course — crayfish!

**Elastoplast**

**HANDBALL COMPETITION**

THE Elastoplast handball competition for 1985 is nearing completion at suburban shopping centres. The Elastoplast team will be at the Morley City shopping centre this Thursday (at 7pm) for the final set of heats. The final will be held at Mirrabooka on Thursday, August 22 and will be televised for replay in Channel 7's World of Sport show the following Sunday. Heat winners at each centre take home a football, an Elastoplast T-shirt, a special trophy, a beach towel and an Elastoplast first-aid kit. All contestants receive free gifts of APD Samboy chips, Milky Bars, Milo Bars, Sunrise fruit juice, Taurina Spa, Lifesavers and other give-aways. Three recent winners of the Elastoplast handball competition have been Troy Dennis, 11 of Karrinyup, Brett Donnelly, 12, or Orelia and Darren Marques, 8 of Thornlie. They all go through to the final after winning heats at the Karrinyup, Phoenix Park and Thornlie shopping centres. The runners-up at those venues also qualifying for the final — James Grout, 11, of North Beach, Craig Rickards, 12 of Southwell, Darren Kidd, 11 of Thornlie and Brett Chamberlain, 10 of Banjup, who tied for second.

**FORM GUIDE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1985

SWAN DISTRICTS	L	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	v. South Fremantle at Bassendean
EAST FREMANTLE	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	v. West Perth at East Fremantle
SOUTH FREMANTLE	L	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. Swans at Bassendean
CLAREMONT	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. Perth at Claremont
PERTH	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. Claremont at Claremont
WEST PERTH	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. East Frem. at East Fremantle
EAST PERTH	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. Subiaco at Perth Oval
SUBIACO	W	L	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	v. East Perth at Perth Oval

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COMMENT

# Media bashing

ONCE again the media is under attack for the problems besetting football.

State and Swan Districts coach John Todd produced another vocal outburst on radio 6IX last week, denigrating the media for its lack of promotion of players and a host of other faults in relation to the coverage of the game.

Todd, a member of the media himself by virtue of his radio work and, last year, a newspaper columnist, was — and still is — given high-quality treatment by the media when it comes to discussing champions of the past and present and coaches, bygone or not.

Last Saturday night Todd's club president, Bill Walker — a man also continually honoured by the media, both as a player and now an administrator — publicly abused the media; this time over the fines that had been imposed on clubs for late arrivals on the ground and late resumptions after the quarter-time and three-quarter time breaks.

Walker accused the media of blowing the whole fines thing out of proportion and threw some criticism of the Football League into his speech to members as well. He suggested that the League was incompetent and silly over their handling of the fines situation.

Now, it's all very well for prominent people like Todd and Walker to have their say, particularly when they are addressing a room full of drinkers whom they know are on their side.

Media bashing is the simplest form of getting yourself out of a corner or off the hook. Politicians have perfected the art.

But maybe a couple of points should be made in retaliation.

Walker, for example, must have been unaware that the fines situation was handled at League level by Peter Evans, his former general manager at Swans and a man that Walker rated very highly.

Does that mean Evans, now the League's football affairs manager, has become "incompetent and silly" since switching camps?

All the media did in the fines issue was report the facts, as disclosed by the League.

Todd, likewise, admits that he seldom reads newspapers. Yet he continually tells his 6IX Friday football panel show listeners that the media don't promote young players; don't talk about forthcoming man-to-man clashes and don't attend training to find out what is going on.

If he doesn't read newspapers, then he obviously didn't notice that our morning press, The West Australian, carried a back page story about a player every day in the week leading up to his recent criticism. In fact, one day the entire back page was devoted to football.

Add Westside Football's weekly effort; four pages a week in The Western Mail; the same in both Sunday's, plus the Daily News and it all adds up.

Media people cannot make the man-to-man judgements that was once part of football build-up simply because coaches (and Todd is one) have adopted their now traditional ducks-and-drakes approach with team selections.

Football fans — remember those people who pay \$5.50 a week to watch the game? — don't place any faith in team placings today; a sad fact and one simply brought about through coach irresponsibility.

Maybe Todd's radio previews should be more about the game he has been allocated and not criticism of other people.

And as for going to training; maybe Todd has forgotten that there is hardly a media man in this town who hasn't felt his vicious tongue-lashings in the safe confines of the Swans dressing room at some stage in their career.

Why should media men, who basically have a deep love of the game, put themselves in a situation where they are publicly and verbally humiliated?

Pleasing everybody in the football world is hard enough as it is.



# MY VIEW

By former Claremont ruck star and now 6NR commentator John O'Connell.

# Defenders deserve more credit



Clinton Browning



Michael Crutchfield

... Efforts often overlooked

I want to talk about backmen.

I believe that we in the media seldom give due credit to efforts put in by 48 players every week who work their heart out to ensure that 48 opposition players don't get kicks.

We analyse the stats each week and conclude (not necessarily incorrectly, or course) that because Joe Bloggs obtains 40 possessions he must be included in the best players, often disregarding what he did with those possessions.

We seldom give equal deference to a defender who reduces the same Joe Bloggs to a mediocre performance. Instead, we say poor old Joe is having a bad day.

The exception occurs if the defender has been given a specific tagging role.

We all recognise the great influence that Bill Skwirowski has wielded as a tagger (Jim Krakouer will testify to this) and in a recent game, Subiaco's Glen O'Loughlin succeeded in negating the influence of Michael Mitchell by clinging to him like a barnacle.

I recall a great tagging duel between John Evans of Claremont and Malcolm Brown, when the latter was captain coach of East Perth in 1972.

Brown was totally frustrated and somewhat annoyed at the attention given to him by Evans, to the total detriment of his game and that of his team.

But it is not that kind of defensive work to which I refer.

I am talking about the everyday, dour defensive play expected of every backman.

Many of them do it every Saturday — we don't see it — if we do, we seldom give them top votes.

The exception are players like Clinton Browning (the best in WA and one of the best in Australia), Murray Rance at his top, Tony Solin, Len Gandini, Michael Christian or Dean Laidley in recent weeks.

Have a look through the "The West Australian" and see how many photos of backmen there are among the 12 best players each week. But who was the last backman to win a Sandover Medal? A Simpson Medal? Or a Brownlow?

A young player with aspirations of winning these accolades would be well advised to insist on playing as a mobile player, a centreliner or a forward.

There are exceptions of course, and it is a tribute to players like my old friend the late great Bernie Smith, who was the first back pocket player to win a Brownlow Medal in a star studded Geelong premiership side in 1951 and Fred Goldsworth, who won the Brownlow as full-back for South Melbourne in 1955.

I recently saw the Subiaco backline put in a superb game against South Fremantle.

Clint Roberts had some trouble with Jon Dorotich earlier in the game, but went on to play a tough game

on a half-back-flank. Mark Zanotti succeeded in completely nullifying Dorotich, Michael Crutchfield confined Paul Arnold to an ordinary game; Brian Taylor kept the rovers and ruck-rovers goal-less and Kevan Sparks and Greg Wilkinson gave a perfect example of hard-working, unglamorous tenacity.

Yet their efforts were given only slight recognition by the pundits that day.

Zanotti cannot be over emphasised, Dorotich had opened up in devastating form, kicking four goals in the first quarter. Yet, after quarter time, he could manage only six kicks and one goal.

Crutchfield confined Arnold (who had booted 14 goals in the previous two weeks) to a meagre three kicks.

I'll wager that neither player gets votes in the Sandover Medal for those performances.

And what about Geoff Miles, of Claremont? His efforts as an efficient spoiler and defender have not been properly noted by the media. Every week, he is given a specific job as a "minder". Most weeks he succeeds with his high leaping, spoiling and busting methods. And it's not mugs he is put up against either — Garry Sidebottom, Laurie Keene, Ron Alexander and Phil Bradmore to name a few.

Miles has proved himself to be among the best defenders in WA. Yet his efforts, although acknowledged are seldom rewarded, even at club level.

East Fremantle has easily the best defensive record of all clubs in the WA competition in 1985. Yet, Browning aside (and he's spent some time in the forward line anyway), no defender is featuring in any awards. Although we sometimes talk about the performances of Bryce Forman, Gavin Wake, Michael Brennan, Glen Hoult or George Christie, we do not put our votes where our mouths are!

Claremont were the champion defensive side in 1984 with 2168 points against. They had an appalling score "for", surpassing only the bottom side Perth (by 40 points). Six of their defenders featured in the Sandover Medal voting. Larry Kickett polled four votes and his five defensive team-mates managed a grand total of seven votes between them!

Unless a system is devised giving a heading for degree of difficulty or umpires and critics re-appraise their voting methods, I guess backmen will have to continue to play second fiddle to their more recognised team-mates.

But for today at least, I say well done defenders.

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ALAN EAST	51	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth	Swan Districts
PETER POAT	50	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts
DAVE CLEMENT	48	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
GRANT DORRINGTON	47	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
ALLAN STILES	38	Perth	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
JOHN DUCKWORTH	43	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts
IAN MILLER	48	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
ROBERT BENNETT	50	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
PETER VAN HELDEN	55	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
MOTHER BROWN	52	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts
MOST FAVOURED	50	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Swan Districts

**PERTH WILL FIND IT HARD**

CLAREMONT'S recent football has been highlighted by great desire and desperation and this attitude will be evident against Perth this Saturday.

The Tigers cannot afford to drop this game, with the chance that West Perth could upset the Sharks at East Fremantle.

Claremont rover Michael Mitchell was back to his brilliant best last Saturday and he will prove a handful for the Demons.

Other Tigers runners — Peter Thorne, Darrell Panizza and Peter Davidson — have been the chief instigators of Claremont's improved form in recent matches.

Perth will again look to hard-working midfielders Robert Wiley and Mark Watson to show the way — but the Demons will not beat the Tigers unless these players are supported for the full four quarters.

The Claremont defence is a hard-working unit and the Perth forwards will have their work cut out penetrating this Tigers strength.

Perth forward Mick Rea needs only 11 goals to register 100 for the season. His height and great strength will make life difficult for the player Claremont opt to play on him.

**Sharks can't give Falcons a start**

EAST Fremantle have a habit of playing well against West Perth at East Fremantle Oval and will again prove too good for the Falcons at home.

This is the pick of the matches this round and the Sharks will be keen to get back to their early-season form.

They cannot afford to give the Falcons a start like they gave Perth last week.

West Perth are a confidence side who can destroy sides when they get a run on.

The Falcons pace worried the Sharks last time these two sides met and is West Perth's best chance of causing an upset.

Pacy players like Corry Bewick, Gavin Chaplin, Peter Murnane and Peter Menaglio are combining well and are notable goalkickers.

The duel between consistent West Perth



Bradmore

Browning

centre-half-forward Phil Bradmore and Clinton Browning will be a highlight of the match.

Bradmore will worry Browning with the

BY TONY CARR

way he moves around and he is the key to West Perth's forward line.

Sharks key forwards Colin Waterson and Andrew Lockyer will trouble the West Perth defence with their height and should kick a winning score.

The clash in the centre between Murray Wrensted and George Michalczuk will be crucial with both players adept at getting the ball away at centre bounces.

**TV — RADIO COVER**

6PR — Swan Districts v South Fremantle, at Bassendean Oval. 6NR — East Fremantle v West Perth, at East Fremantle Oval. 6WF — Claremont v Perth, at Claremont Oval. 6IX — East Perth v Subiaco, at Perth Oval.

**TELEVISION**

ABC regionals only — East Fremantle v West Perth.

**SWANS NEED A BIG WIN**

THE chance to make certain of their place in the first semi-final is all the incentive Swan Districts need to beat South Fremantle at home this Saturday.

There is still a chance that Swans may not qualify for the finals if they lose both their last two qualifying matches.

The black-and-whites have lost confidence in recent matches and a big morale-boosting win over South is a necessity so close to the finals.

Swans will be looking for big efforts from captain Don Langsford and experienced forward Garry Sidebottom to lead the black-and-whites back on to the premiership track.

Mick Johns continues to carry the

Swans ruck and he will appreciate the support from outstanding youngster Peter Sartori.

The Bulldogs best chance of victory is if form mobile players Wally Matera, Mark Bairstow and David Hart can win the midfield battles.

Like Sidebottom is for Swans, Jon Dorotich is a key to the South forward line and a big effort from this brilliant forward would give South an excellent opportunity of upsetting the disjointed black-and-whites.

**ROYALS TO TEST LIONS**

SUBIACO cannot afford to take East Perth lightly on Saturday with the young Royals still playing with tremendous spirit.

East Perth are keen to avoid the wooden spoon and will give the rampaging Lions a very good workout.

Subiaco have hit their top form at the right time and are getting great drive from veterans Neil Taylor and Peter Featherby, who are eagerly awaiting the finals.

Laurie Keene is in ominous form and poses a big threat to the Royals defence.

Keene's rucking partner Phil Scott is the most consistent big-man in the WAFL and his work around the ground is proving an inspiration.

East Perth will look to hard-working mobile players Steve Da Rui, George Giannakis and Glyn Williams to give forwards Brett Stephens and Grant Campbell a chance to kick a winning score.

Two consistent Lions players Dwayne Lamb and Peter Spencer have been tagged closely in recent matches and are likely to receive the same attention this Saturday.

Subiaco's experience will be the telling factor in this match, but the exuberant Royals will make certain it is a competitive contest.

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## BIG BROTHER WATCHES

UMPIRE controversy is fairly quiet at present, which is a welcome change. But the men-in-white have certainly been in the hot seat in the last few seasons — more so than ever, it seems. One wonders whether the system of having umpires observers reporting on the field umpires is a good one or not. It is easy to sit in the reasonably comfortable confines of the press box and make notes on the errors of the whistle blowers. Football tactics always look so simple up there. But when you are down on the ground, in the midst of the hurly-burly action, decisions aren't always that simple to make. To be a field umpire in this day and age, blowing the whistle knowing that every breath is being monitored by a man in the grandstand, doesn't help the up and coming umpires. The reason why former umpires like Fred Woods, Ray Montgomery and Ross Capes were able to become credible long-serving umpires was that they could develop their own style and personality. Now, with another person passing judgement on the umpires' activities, that individuality is going out of the game.

### SHOW STOPPER

UMPIRE Ron Buckey is no male chauvinist it seems. He was in control of the game at Fremantle Oval last Saturday, but wasn't game to interfere with the South Fremantle cheer squad girls as they went through their dance routine at the half-time break. The girls had gone over their time — or maybe both teams were back ready for action on time, for a change — and were dancing away to the music over the public address system as the players stood around waiting. Buckey put the pigskin between his feet and patiently waited a couple of minutes for the item to finish. It was quite humorous, but, really, it should not have been allowed to happen.

### SCORE CHECK

UMPIRES again — this time goal umpires come under our critical eye. One important part of their job is to compare scores when they meet in the middle of the ground at the end of each quarter. The two long-coated men march up the middle, confer on their scores and make sure the scoreboard is correct. If it is not, they generally saunter over to the scoreboard and make some type of hand signal to attract the attendants' attention and remedy the error. But why then, at the end of the game, do the goal umpires walk off and not worry about the scoreboard? Surely if they consider it important enough to have the scores correct at the three changes, then it's even more important to have them right at the end of the match!



### NUMBER, PLEASE!

YOU'RE in trouble, mate! That's the message for Perth bigman Shane Bogunovich as field umpires Mike Ball and Greg Sinclair both reach for their pocket books to jot down his number. Bogunovich was reported for striking East Fremantle's Brian Peake in this instance, but the charges were dismissed. However, a charge by Ball that he struck Sharks rover Chris Mainwaring was upheld and he was suspended for two weeks.

### SECRET SERVICE

TALKING about umpires, there seems to be a secret service system operating in relation to our league men at present. For the last couple of weeks the eight league field umpires have not been published in our morning press; as has been the tradition for years. On asking why the men-in-white were being kept secret, the answer was that they were being given too much exposure! One minute they are on TV; the next they are totally anonymous! The other disappointing point is that we had the case recently of a first-year umpire earning selection for his first league game. But because the Umpires' Board (or whoever) ruled that the names not be printed, no-one knew about this youngster (Grant Vernon) having his big day. Surely this secret agency stuff is now going too far.

### TODD SPEECHLESS

SWAN Districts coach John Todd stirred the hornets nest when he refused to talk to his players at the three-quarter time break against Subiaco last week. Todd was obviously disappointed with their performance and he simply walked over to the group, spoke to skipper Don Langford and walked away. Langford had the customary three-quarter time speech-making to do — and then Swans bounced out and kicked a couple of quick goals in the final stanza. As radio comedian John K Watts commented: "Maybe they'll appoint Langford as coach."

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# BENNETT'S BURST

By chief Sunday Times and Australian Football writer ROBERT BENNETT.



## BUNTON EARNS THE ACCOLADES

HAYDN Bunton has really been the quiet achiever in the WAFL this year.

Irrespective of who wins the premiership, Bunton would have to be the season's most successful coach.

A prominent football identity suggested to me during the season that Bunton was living on the reputation he established 20 years ago at Swan Districts.

No doubt he was of the opinion that the Lions would again get the staggers after looking set to promise so much early in the season.

Well they are there and it's no fluke.

Subiaco look set after a barren 10 years to have a fruitful period in the top four — and it can all be attributed to Bunton.

Subiaco, obviously frustrated at their dismal run since last making the finals in 1974, have been impatient with their coaches, so much so, they have sacked several mid-season.

Bunton is the kind of coach who believes in action rather than words.

Try and get a coaches comment out of him after a game and he is almost shy in his response, suggesting you talk to the players instead of him.

His whole attitude makes him one of the nice guys of WA football.

As a coach, he has great strength to the point where he has made some tough decisions with players during the season.

Discipline is something he demands and makes sure he gets and it is paying dividends.

It seems rather incongruous that Bunton's new success appears to have started where it last ended — at Bassendean Oval.

On Saturday, I believe we saw a young up and coming champion use muscles against the current title holder.

Many believe that Subiaco's only premiership in the past 60 years (1973) was attributed to Bunton when he last coached the Lions.

They won the premiership the year after he ended his last coaching stint with them.

Certainly his strength appears to be moulding young players.

Subiaco have been the dunces of WA football for too long. Their success this season has breathed new life into the WAFL and I believe a lot of people will be right behind them in the finals.

What has most impressed me about the Lions has been the maturity of some of their players; they have not been overawed by the situation.

Saturday was a classic example. Most clubs would have found it daunting going to Bassendean to play Swans in such a vital



Haydn Bunton... proving successful.

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showdown. And when Swans got a run-on just before half-time, it probably would have been the end for most rivals.

Not so Subiaco; their players thrived in the heat of the moment and it is probably because Bunton has instilled confidence in them.

They know they are a good side and they play accordingly.

In fact, they are very much in the same situation Swan Districts were when Bunton took them into the 1961 grand final.

On that occasion East Perth — as East Fremantle now are — were considered virtually unbeatable for the premiership.

It will be interesting to see if Bunton can get the same result with his exuberant young Lions.

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## AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL FACTS

Jack Sheedy fell unconscious, after a heavy collision at Brisbane in 1950, into a pool of water. His plight was noticed and Jack was probably the first man saved from drowning at a football Carnival.

"Digger" Thomas won Australia wide fame for his prodigious deeds in the centre for East Perth and Western Australia. He also kicked eleven goals against Queensland in the 1914 Carnival — possibly WA's first ever double figure tally.

John Turnbull scored goals with his first two kicks in the 1961 Carnival against Tasmania.

Victoria v. South Australia in the 1921 Carnival at Fremantle Oval produced a gate of \$2442 — the first ever in WA.

Arthur Howson (Claremont's first Carnival player) was WA's first triple representative: sailing — runner-up in 16ft Skiff Australian Championship at Brisbane in 1925; swimming — 1925-26-27; and 1927 A.N.F.C. Carnival at Melbourne.

W.J. "Nipper" Truscott: five Football Carnivals, State wicket-keeper, and interstate bowls.

The best ever goal scoring by a rover in Carnival Football was at Brisbane in 1961 by Allen "Micky" Aylett, one of the VFL all time greats. Mick steered 8.5 through against South Australia.

Frank Jenkins (South Fremantle 1937) and Ross Kelly (West Perth 1958) both made Carnival teams in their first year of League Football.

W. "Billy" Mayman played for WA 1914, South Australia 1921 and captained Tasmania in 1924, at the first Hobart Carnival. Bill played senior football for twenty-two years and is credited with 315 league games and twenty-two carnival and interstate games.

Tom Outridge, Jack "Fat" McDiarmid, Jack Sheedy and Jack Clarke and Keith Slater were all selected in four carnivals for WA.

"Barney" and Jack Sheedy, Don (Snr.) and Don (Jnr.) Marinko, Val and Frank Sparrow, Charlie and George Doig, George "Sharkey" and Barry White, are all father and son combinations to play carnival football for Western Australia.

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# Big Ramsay hasn't given up

THE forgotten big man of WA football, Ramsay Bogunovich, is certain to make a comeback to the big-time in 1986.

The 200cm (6ft. 7in) giant is keen to play at full-forward for West Perth until he can regain confidence to ruck again.

The injury-prone big man is keen to play football again — but he has no intentions of becoming a cripple.

Two serious knee injuries have restricted Bogunovich to only 16 league games since joining the Falcons in 1983 — under a high priced deal.

A rich knee re-construction early in the 1983 season kept the high leaping giant on the sidelines for the rest of that year.

"I put too much strain on my other knee when I made a comeback last season," Bogunovich recalled.

"The extra pressure was too much for my left knee and I ruptured a medial ligament."

Before this second major setback, Bogunovich was beginning to show the potential that Geelong saw in him as a schoolboy.

His enormous height and strength at the hit outs was giving the Falcons the ascendancy they had lacked.

### OPERATIONS

After an operation on the knee, it was put in a cast and a splint was inserted.

"I got quite a shock when the cast was removed," Bogunovich said.

"My leg had degenerated so badly that it looked like a piece of spaghetti hanging down."

The slow rehabilitation program followed shortly after, with Bogunovich determined to play football again.

"West Perth have paid for me to attend a health club since January," he said.

"I have been doing special exercises to build up my leg, which includes swimming and bicycle riding.

"I work out for two hours each day and the knee is almost back to full strength."

"I could have resumed playing last Saturday, but have decided not to risk a breakdown this season, so I can do a full pre-season over the summer."

Bogunovich has stayed away from the club, preferring to go camping on weekends.

"Dean Campbell has also taken a year off football because of knee trouble and we both go surfing every Saturday morning," Bogunovich said.

"I've deliberately stayed away from the club, because I was becoming very frustrated watching from the sidelines."

"The club has given me tremendous support and I hope to repay this with some good football in 1986."



Ramsay Bogunovich

### ONE UP, ONE DOWN

WHILE crowds are falling at VFL matches, club memberships are rising. Low attendances continued last week when only 24,125 fans attended the Collingwood-Richmond game, the lowest crowd to see the two giants clash since 1946. Costs are being blamed as a reason — with \$7 admission being seen as a stumbling block for some families. But taking out club memberships at prices around \$40 helps reduce that cost to \$4.40. A comparison of membership figures shows a total rise of adults, pensioners, students and junior members from 95,368 to 99,863. These are the club membership figures, with 1984 totals in brackets:

Carlton	13,317 (12,678)
Collingwood	16,857 (16,226)
Essendon	11,376 (10,178)
Fitzroy	6,909 (7,959)
Footscray	8,030 (6,418)
Geelong	7,718 (7,763)
Hawthorn	7,713 (7,661)
Melbourne	5,801 (6,116)
Nth. Melbourne	6,520 (5,963)
Richmond	7,137 (6,748)
St Kilda	5,708 (4,919)
Sydney Swans	2,777 (2,739)

## MILESTONE MEN

### 300 GAMES

Peter Featherby (S) 290 \*  
\* Tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Peter Featherby 42 Footscray, 93 Geelong

### 250 GAMES

Robert Wiley (P) 245 \*  
Stephen Michael (SF) 242  
Tom Mullooly (SD) 241  
\* Tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Robert Wiley 93 Richmond

### 200 GAMES

### 150 GAMES

Lindsay Kanther (P) 148 \*  
Kevin Bryant (EP) 147 \*  
\* Tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Lindsay Kanther 136 Claremont; Kevin Bryant 57 North Melbourne

### 100 GAMES

Clinton Brown (S) 95  
Craig Edwards (SF) 94 \*  
\* Tally includes games with other clubs as follows: Craig Edwards 73 East Perth

### 50 GAMES

Richard Dennis (EP) 49  
Willie Roe (SF) 49  
Lance Kelly (EP) 49  
Geoff Miles (C) 48 \*  
Brian Perrin (WP) 47 \*  
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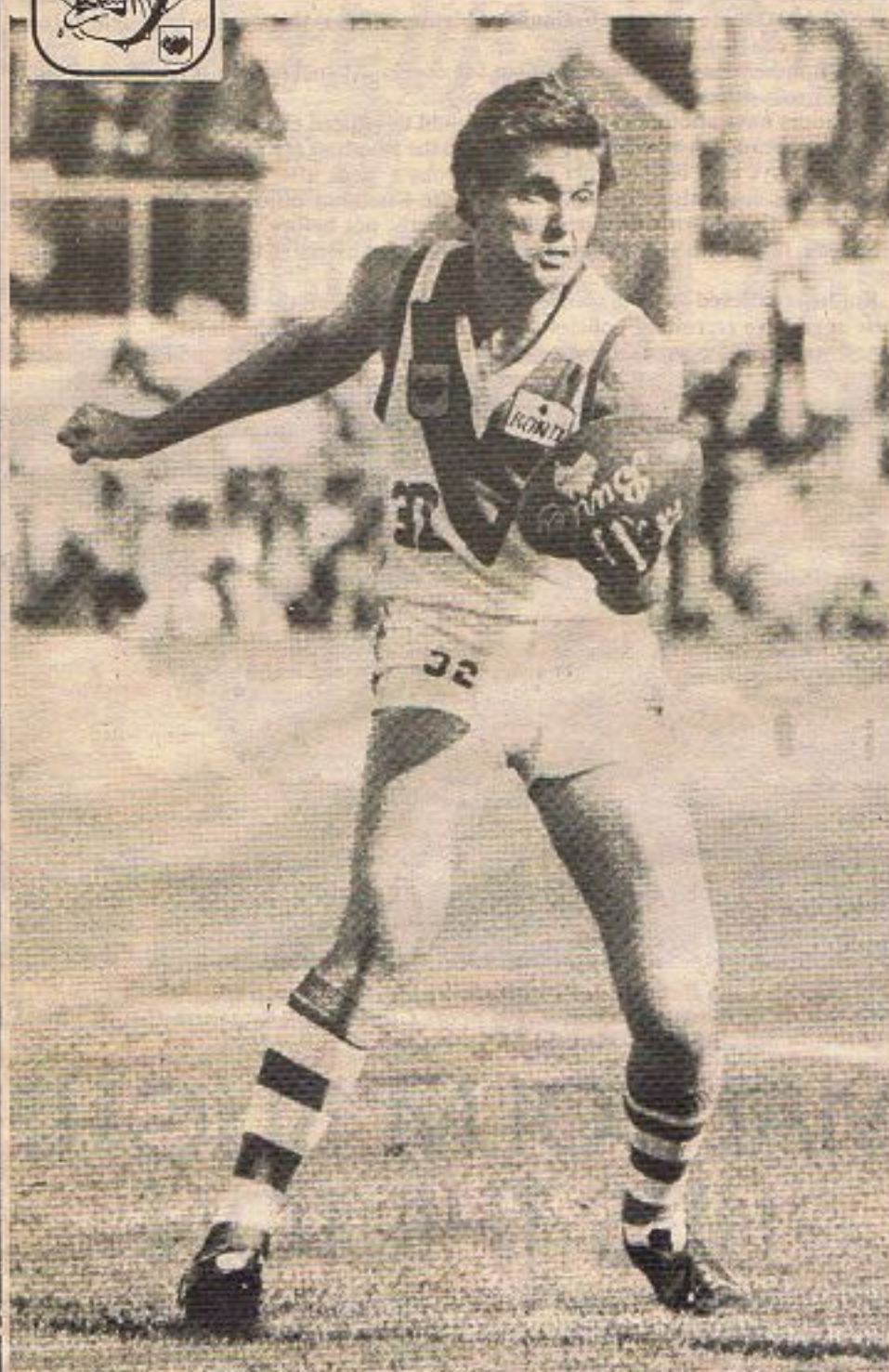
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BRYAN Cousins and John Todd You're both champions true. THE whole footy fraternity Stands and salutes you two.



**SOUTH** Fremantle rookie Geoff Sims has earned the title of Mr Versatile for the Bulldogs this season.

Sims has proven to be an excellent first-year player for South, playing in a variety of positions.

He has played in all key forward and defensive positions, plus on the half-forward and half-back flanks.

South coach Don Haddow has shown confidence in this talented 20-year-old, by testing his adaptability during the course of a game.

Sims has shown himself to have a fine temperament for a player with little experience.

## Geoff Sims

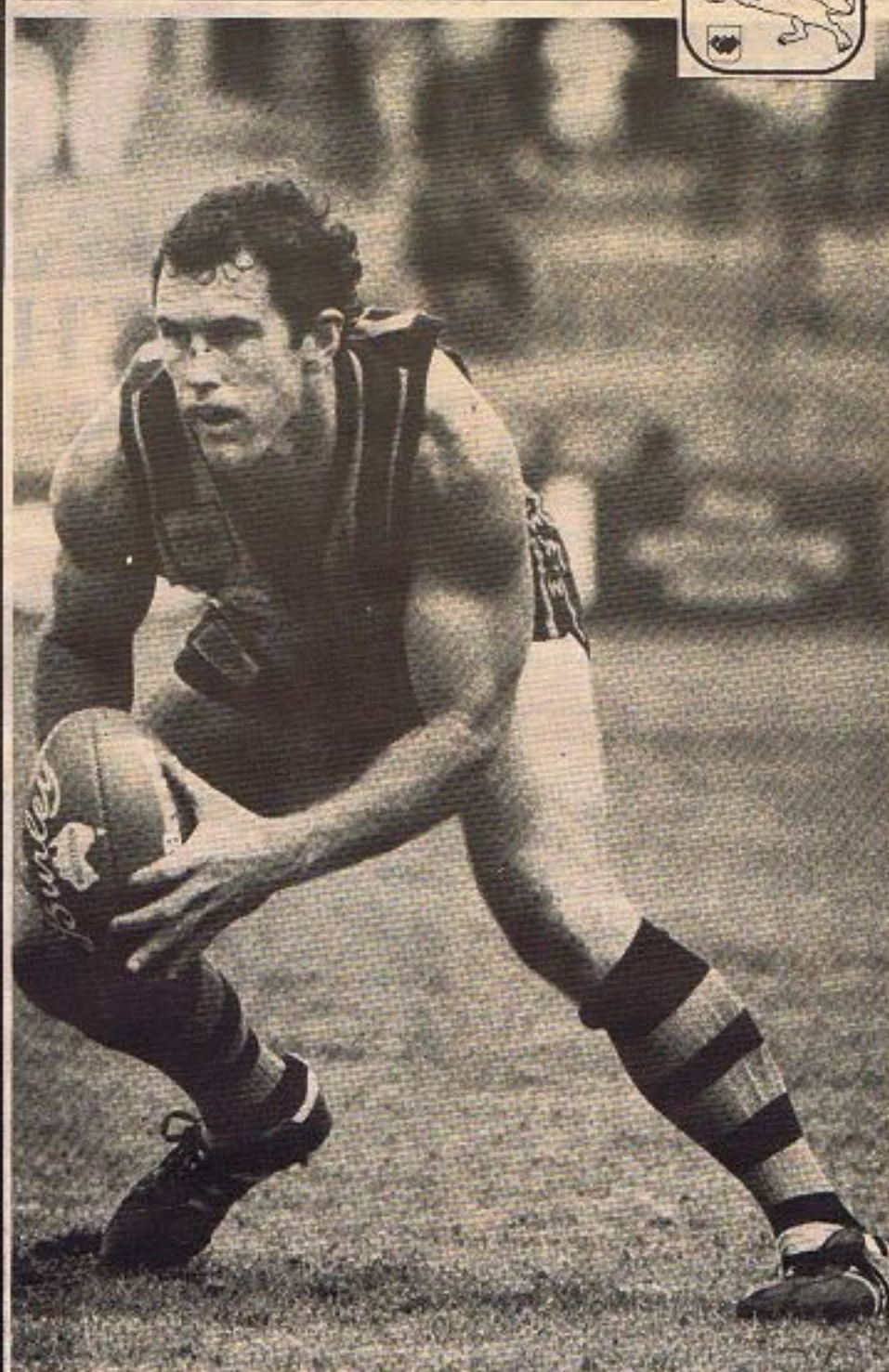
With the probable loss of Jon Dorotich to Carlton next year, Sims is a perfect replacement at centre-half-forward.

Wherever South decide to play Sims, there is no doubt he has a bright future with the red and whites.



## PERSONAL DETAILS

**Full name:** Geoffrey Ross Sims  
**Date of birth:** 15/5/65 **Place of birth:** Narrogin  
**Height:** 183cm (6.0) **Weight:** 84kg (13.4)  
**Age started playing:** 19 **Previous clubs:** Wesley/Wickepin  
**Junior club:** Wickepin  
**Marital status:** Single **Residence:** Bentley  
**Occupation:** Clerk **Place of work:** Jack Dyson's  
**Other sporting interests:** Basketball, Water skiing  
**Favourite position:** Centre-half-back **First position:** Centre-half-back  
**League debut:** 1985, 13th April **Versus:** Perth  
**YOUR FAVOURITES —**  
**Actor:** Charles Bronson **Drink:** Harvey Wallbanger  
**TV Show:** Minder **Food:** Chicken  
**Movie:** Chariots of Fire **Music:** Cat Stevens  
**Holiday resort:** Albany  
**Ground:** Fremantle  
**Your car:** Escort **Your favourite car:** Jaguar XJS  
**Career highlights:** League debut  
**Worst moment in football:** Missing out on selection for reserves grand final  
**Hard things in football:** Pre-season  
**Football idols:** Noel Carter, Stephen Michael  
**Toughest opponent:** Peter Bosustow **Most respected opponent:** Bruce Monteath  
**Most respected umpire:** Frank Lendich  
**Most memorable game:** My first derby  
**Ambitions:** Play State football  
**What do you like about football:** The challenge  
**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** Be by myself  
**Who influenced your career:** Ric Gloede  
**Guernsey number:** 32 **Any reason:** No  
**Superstitions:** Doing things in routine  
**Worst injury:** Haven't had one  
**Luckiest break:** Being selected for debut at 8.00am Saturday morning when a player fell sick



**A CHANGE** of club has given Subiaco defender Clinton Roberts a new lease of life in league football.

The 27-year-old physical education teacher had struggled for league recognition at Perth this season and after 116 games with the club, he was told that his services were no longer required.

This dismissal has been a blessing in disguise for Roberts, as he has slotted in well in the Lions line-up and looks to have consolidated his place for the finals.

"I can understand why Subiaco are having success with the tremendous spirit at the club," Roberts said.

"There is a sense of desperation as we near the finals and a

## Clinton Roberts

determination not to waste our good work.

"We are a very close-knit unit, with the emphasis on playing as a team."

Roberts believes that the enthusiasm of many of the young players will ensure the Lions are competitive in the finals.



## PERSONAL DETAILS

**Full name:** Clinton Roberts  
**Nickname:** Ted **Why?** Had it since primary school  
**Date of birth:** 13/6/58  
**Height:** 183cm (6.0) **Weight:** 86kg (13.7)  
**Age started playing:** 14 **Previous club:** Perth **Junior club:** Canning  
**Marital status:** Married **Wife's name:** Sandra **Children:** Nil  
**Residence:** Mount Hawthorn  
**Occupation:** Teacher **Place of work:** St Marks College  
**Other sporting interests:** Tennis, basketball  
**Favourite position:** Half-back-flank **First position:** Half-forward-flank  
**League debut:** 1973 **Versus:** Swan **Districts**  
**YOUR FAVOURITES —**  
**Actor:** John Cleese **Drink:** Milk  
**TV show:** Monty Python's Flying Circus **Food:** Spaghetti  
**Movie:** The Deer Hunter **Music:** Dire Straits, Eric Clapton  
**Book:** Monty Python's Big Red Book **Holiday resort:** Rottneest  
**Ground:** Subiaco  
**Your car:** Volkswagon Beetle **Your favourite car:** Porsche  
**Career highlights:** Debut, 1978 grand final, 100 games  
**Worst moment in football:** Losing 1978 grand final  
**Hard things in football:** Sunday morning training  
**Football idols:** Bruce Doull, Leigh Matthews  
**Toughest opponent:** Brian Peake **Most respected opponent:** Bryan Cousins  
**Most respected umpire:** Ross Capes  
**Most memorable game:** 100th game versus East Perth 1983  
**Ambitions:** Win a premiership with Subiaco, play 150 games  
**What do you like about football:** Enjoyment of playing, people you meet  
**How do you mentally prepare for a game:** Relax on Saturday mornings, think about my game  
**Who influenced your career:** My father and Ken Armstrong  
**Guernsey number:** 36 **Superstitions:** Nil  
**Worst injury:** Hamstring in 1981, missed 10 games  
**Luckiest break:** Moving to Subiaco

# KWIK COURIERS

## INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



# FITZROY COACH HITS AT UMPHS

FITZROY coach Robert Walls threw caution to the wind when he publicly criticised league umpires last week for being inconsistent.

He put himself and his club in line for a hefty fine when he vented his feelings on field umpires John Russo and Ian Robinson at three-quarter-time in the match against Footscray.

Fitzroy officials have supported Walls in his stand and would "back him all the way".

The two field umpires are expected to make a report on the incident and lodge it with the VFL — but that is what Fitzroy want, so that the matter of inconsistency can be brought up at official level.

"I asked the umpires about the way full-forwards are treated," said Walls after the game.

"Week in and week out I see what happens to Bernie Quinlan; he never gets any support from the umpires.

"All I ask is that they be consistent with their interpretations."

A similar incident happened at VFL Park where Geelong coach Tom Hafey went out and spoke to the umpires briefly at three-quarter time. He apparently questioned the allocation of free kicks.



But after the match, field umpire Kevin Smith, who was celebrating his 300th game, said that the incident did not need to be reported.

## PARKIN PUTS BAN ON AGE

CARLTON coach David Parkin has banned the Age newspaper, in Melbourne, from attending his post-match press conferences. The conflict between the Blues camp and the State's most prestigious newspaper results from a story last Saturday claiming that Carlton were trying to sign Fitzroy champion Paul Roos. "Any newspaper that writes lies about Carlton will get the same treatment," said an angry Parkin. The story was written by the paper's chief football writer, Ron Carter, but strenuously denied by Parkin and Carlton officialdom "I don't know how people can write things like that," said Parkin. He apologised to other reporters at the press conference, but said that all papers would be treated the same way if they wrote things that were not true.

## PLAYING SAFE

HAWTHORN coach Allan Jeans was playing safe with veteran star forward Peter Knights last Saturday. The 33-year-old blonde sensation gave the Collingwood defence the run-around for three quarters, featuring in some brilliant passages of play, taking six marks and posting three goals from his 12 kicks. Despite the heavy conditions, Knights was in his liveliest form. But, obviously not wanting to tempt fate with the injury-plagued star, Jeans sat Knights on the bench in the final quarter as the Hawks finished strongly for a 32-point win. "They were highly dangerous conditions for Knights, so I took him off as a precaution," said Jeans.

## DEMON WOES

STRUGGLING Melbourne are about to be embroiled in a bitter end to the season. Despite notching their first win for three months last week (at the expense of wooden-spooners St Kilda) the rumours still abound at Melbourne. The latest story to cause waves of speculation is that three leading players in Brian Wilson, Alan Johnson and Gerard Healy could be elsewhere next season. Johnson is considering offers to return to his WA club, Perth, while Wilson and Healy are being wooed by rival VFL clubs. Injuries have crippled the Demons this year, so much so that coach Ron Barassi has failed to provide any match-winning sparkle and he, too, will bow out at the end of this season.

# SHEEDY'S FUTURE

ESSENDON are expected to finalise a big-money deal this week to clinch the future services of coach Kevin Sheedy.

The Bombers have a long-term plan for continued success and it revolves around Sheedy's role as a coach.

Rumours have abounded that Sheedy could be enticed elsewhere to coach, but this Essendon package deal will see him stay with the Bombers at a reported \$75,000 a year.

Sheedy says that his contract expires about a week after the grand final and his solicitor was currently in negotiation with the Essendon officials.

"I'll be sitting down with them after the finals, not before", said Sheedy.

Sheedy, in his fifth year at Essendon, says he is not prepared to commit himself long-term.

But he is believed to have sought an under-taking from the club that they continue their aggressive recruiting policies and go after every available player.



FITZROY coach Robert Walls addresses players (from left) Paul Roos, Gary Pert, Doug Barwick, Graeme Osborne and Scott Clayton. Walls was unhappy with the umpiring in his side's match against Footscray last Saturday.

# MALCOLM BLIGHT HITS THE TON

THE battling Woodville Warriors, fighting desperately to avoid the wooden spoon, pulled off an upset win over Norwood last week to help their case.

At the same time they celebrated coach Malcolm Blight's 100th goal for the season.

The Woodville genius reached the ton in the final quarter of the 53-point upset slaughter of second-placed Norwood.

It was the seventh of his eight goals for the game and was greeted by a swarm of loyal spectators who flooded on to the ground.

"It was a nice feeling to kick 100 goals," says Blight. "But the win over Norwood was more important."

Blight, 35, has had an outstanding season himself, captaining South Australia and now kicking 100 goals. But, unfortunately, Woodville have struggled and his main target now is to get them off the bottom for the first time in six years.

## LEADERS SLUMP

LEAGUE leaders North Adelaide lost their fourth consecutive game last week — but are in no danger of losing top spot. North went down to Glenelg (fourth) by 23 points, keeping Glenelg's hopes of a second semi-final berth alive. Giant-killers South Adelaide continued their revival with a comfortable 29-point win over Central District, denting their hopes of a finals spot. Sturt, sitting third and also chasing a second semi game, went down to West Adelaide by 55 points in another upset. Port Adelaide became the fifth lower-order side to topple a higher team last week when they beat West Torrens by 110 points.

## TRIBUNAL QUERY

SOUTH Australia's tribunal system is under review. A special sub-committee has been appointed after continual criticism of the tribunal's inconsistency with penalties. The sub-committee comprises SANFL president Max Basheer and the commissioner for country football, Kevin Duggan, QC.



## WEST ANGRY

WEST Adelaide are angry about an injury to star full-forward Roger Luders, whose jaw was broken in two places during the game against North Adelaide. They have sent a letter of protest to the SANFL. Luders collided with North defender Stephen Riley midway through the third quarter. West general manager Doug Thomas said television film of the incident proved "Luders had taken five steps from the time he took the mark to the time he collided with Riley."

## CHANGE REJECTED

SA coaches have rejected a suggestion by the National Football League to get rid of the "professional" 15-metre penalty. An NFL sub-committee had proposed that the 15-metre penalty be abolished in favour of giving the infringed side a shot for goals.

## DAVIES REAPPOINTED

SOUTH Adelaide coach Rick Davies has been reappointed for another two years. South president, David Seymour-Smith, made the announcement after last Saturday's match.

## WILLIAMS SACKED

WEST Adelaide have sacked defender Craig Williams. The club's management committee unanimously agreed to support the decision of coach John Cahill.

# WA PLAYER ROUND-UP

	Kicks	H/balls	Marks	Score
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Wayne Blackwell	19	19	11	2.3
Ken Hunter	14	4	7	
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Mike Richardson	11	7	6	0.3
Brian Taylor	8	3	4	1.3
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	18	9	3	2.0
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Dean Turner	21	4	3	
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	4	2		3.0
Andrew Purser	3	1	3	
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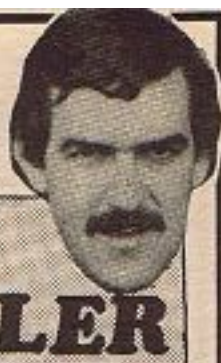
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### PAY CEILING TO BRING CHANGES

WITH the WAFL about to impose a player-payment salary cap on clubs for 1986, we can expect dramatic cuts in payments and contracts virtually reading: "To be paid on performance". Clubs can no longer afford to guarantee payments unless the goods are produced. This will be the same for injury payments; they will be cut back accordingly. Football is in the entertainment business, with the players, of course, the entertainers. If you don't perform to satisfactory standards, then don't expect the rewards. It will be an interesting period of transition for both players and football.

### TOUGH TIME

SOUTH Fremantle coach Don Haddow must be going through a tough time, not only with the fortunes of his team, but the club administration. At this stage, with just two rounds to go, the administration have not given any indication — publicly — as to whether Haddow's one-year term will be extended. South have some very good young talent and I deny any coach to set goals and achieve instant success in one season in such a situation. Haddow, of course, readily accepted the initial terms of one-year, but now must be hoping for a positive decision from the club for an extension.

### UNLUCKY RESULT

IT would have been a fitting result on Saturday if Perth had taken the points from East Fremantle because of milestones achieved by two of their best players, Bryan Cousins (200th game) and Rob Wiley (150th game). It was good to see the players respond with a strong team performance. It is an achievement well deserving of two skilful and dedicated players who have always approached the game in a truly professional manner.



Robert Wiley

Bryan Cousins

### DORO'S TASK

IT IS likely that key forward Jon Dorotich will be seen wearing the navy blue Carlton colours next year — unfortunately for Souths. He has proved to be one of the league's outstanding footballers and when he "fires" so do South. Last Saturday his impact on the game was effectively minimised by his opponent Geoff Miles. But at different times in the game he displayed great strength, with some classic marks. I felt he could have done more last week, drifting in and out of the game when he wanted. He needs to play four quarters of football and certainly in Victoria, he will be under pressure to do so.

### BIG AUCTION

THE Claremont Football Club held its annual "Banquet Auction" last Monday when 450 people packed the social rooms. With a goal of raising \$100,000 this year, auction co-ordinator Peter Anderson and his staff are to be congratulated on their end result of \$90,000. Auctioneer John O'Brien made light work of a heavy goods list and the funds will go primarily to junior development of the Claremont Football Club. Interesting to note that Victorian clubs Collingwood and North Melbourne achieved around \$60,000.



CLAREMONT captain Noel Morton is perfectly balanced as he looks downfield with South Fremantle centre-half-forward Jon Dorotich ready to pounce. Morton is returning to his best form after missing five matches this season with injury problems.



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## FOOTBALL FACTS

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# STATS POINT TO BUNTON

IN A tavern down Bunbury way there is an argument raging about the most kicks credited to a player in a game.

One Keith Stafford has a few bucks on Haydn Bunton and has written to Peter Bowler to adjudicate.

Bowler wants me to settle the bet, so here goes. It was 23 years ago when a record crowd of 14,755 crammed into Bassendean Oval to see South Fremantle do battle with the locals. Swans doubled the visitor's score 21.22 to 10.10 and in this game Bunton was reputed to have kicked the ball an incredible 88 times.

The Football Registrar of 1962 had this to say: "In a fantastic roving performance, the Swans captain-coach gave one of the greatest displays of his career".

A statistician said after the match that Bunton had 54 kicks in the first half! Another said he had 88 for the game. Many Swans supporters insisted he had more than 100.

Personally, I doubt the accuracy of those statistics. I think they would have come from supporters in the back row of the McDonald Stand.

About four years ago the club statistician at Geelong credited Peter Featherby with 43 kicks — and that I can believe.

### GOAL KICKER

A COUPLE of East Fremantle fans were not happy with the way Mick Rea scored his goals last week. Their memory doesn't go back to the 1960's when big Bob Johnson used to pit his acting ability against the men in white!

Talking about Mick Rea — did you notice the coincidences: Form WA player Simon Beasley leads the VFL list with 89 goals and former VFL player Mick Rea heads the WAFL list with 89 goals.

### FORFEITS RARE

FORFEITS in football are very rare these days. Therefore it was interesting to see where Launceston, in the Northern Tasmanian league, won the four points in two recent games without the ball being bounced.

While most football clubs see extra sponsorship, this is about too much sponsorship. Launceston accepted a deal with a Melbourne brewer, while the NTFA is sponsored by a local brewer. So other clubs were prepared to forfeit to Launceston. Had they gone on with the ban, there would have been no finals.

Though forfeits were common in the first 30 years of football in WA it was 70 years ago when this happened last. In 1915, through lack of players, North Fremantle was forced to forfeit five of their last six games and never again competed at league level.

In 1904, Richmond forfeited the premiership in the VFA to North Melbourne rather than play under an umpire they claimed would give them a 'fair go'. A few years before that, in South Australia, Port Adelaide refused to play in a semi-final for a similar reason and forfeited their chance of going premiers. In 1891, Fremantle forfeited their last three games and the premiership.

### RARE FEAT

SUBIACO completed a rare hat-trick of wins last week. It was the third time in the last 50 years that they have won two games at Bassendean in the one year — the other years were 1960 and 1968.

## Whistle Stop



Grant Vernon . . . made his league debut last Saturday.

## QUICK RISE FOR VERNON

GRANT Vernon, who made his league debut as a field umpire last Saturday, has had one of the most meteoric rises in football history.

Just a year ago he was umpiring under-17s in the East Fremantle junior council.

He joined the panel this year, starting off in colts and rapidly earning promotion to reserves and then league.

At the age of 20, he is probably the youngest field umpire in WA history.

He graduated from East Fremantle's junior council under the guidance of Max Freeman and worked on a special pre-season program organised by the WAFL Umpires Development Officer, Brian Appleby.

### JUNIOR ROLE

THE end of the season has arrived for the junior councils, with the grand finals being played over the next two weekends. This time of the year is not only important for clubs, but also for umpires as it is the culmination of a year's work for those chosen to officiate in grand finals. To all who are given the task of controlling a grand final, congratulations. To those who missed out, do not be disheartened — attend on the day and give support to your fellow umpires.

### CADET SQUAD

PROMISING young umpires who have performed capably throughout 1985 will shortly be receiving an invitation from WAFL Umpires Development Officer, Brian Appleby, to take in a cadet squad training program. These umpires will undergo educational sessions, skills technique training and fitness development in preparation for the 1986 season.

### LAW EXPLAINED

SPECTATORS, officials and media personnel often misinterpret the "area of protection" regulation. A player who is awarded a mark or free kick is afforded protection of a semi-circular area of 10 metres radius behind and each side of the mark. The protected area is measured from the mark, not the player taking his kick. A player may go back a distance of more than 10 metres behind this mark, but the area of protection does not apply until he has moved into the 10 metre radius area. No other player, team-mate or opponent, is permitted within this area while the player with the ball is attempting to bring the ball into play over his mark either by kicking or handball.

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### LIONS LOOK GOOD FOR THE FUTURE

SUBIACO have had a disappointing season in the colts, but 1986 promises to be a bright year in the junior grade for the Lions.

Subiaco have had nine 15 and 16-year-olds playing regularly in the colts side.

Five of these youngsters played their junior football for the Warwick club, which is proving an excellent breeding club for the Lions.

The five are Dean Golisano, Paul Cox, Gareme Garnaut, Stephen Hazell and Steven Hooper.

Golisano has played 15 games on a half-back-flank, Cox and Hazell have shown promise as utility players and Garnaut and Hooper are two emerging ruckmen.

Of the other four youngsters, two came from the Subiaco Junior Council and two attend Guildford Grammar.

Bradley Cope is a promising utility player from Whitfords, while Aaron Hunter is a tall wingman from the Wanneroo Club with tremendous marking ability.

James Money and Karl Langdon have starred for Guildford in the Alcock Cup competition this season.

Money is a boarder at the school and lives at North Dandalup, while Langdon is captain of the school first 18 and rates with Scotch's Brad Mumme and Christchurch's Chris Lewis as one of the most outstanding players in the Alcock Cup.

#### FIRST UP

STEVEN Wasley has become the first player from the Noranda Junior Football Club to earn selection with the East Perth colts side since the club was formed in 1979.

Wasley, 16, a tall, gangly ruckman, has shown promise in Noranda's 17s side and was invited over to Perth Oval to sit on the interchange bench.

Noranda, East Perth's only growth potential club in their district, are due to be rezoned to West Perth in 1987.

#### SWANS BONUS

THE Swan Districts colts side has been bolstered by two late arrivals this season.

Peter Cabassi and Craig Turner have shown they have futures at Bassendean Oval after impressing in the last few matches.

Cabassi is studying for his TAE and decided to concentrate on his studies before trying his luck at Swans.

The strongly built rover has impressed Swans reserves coach Ed Blackaby with his speed and skills, which is a good sign for 1986.

Turner had to sit out of football for a month to be eligible to play for Swans, because he was not residentially bound to the club.

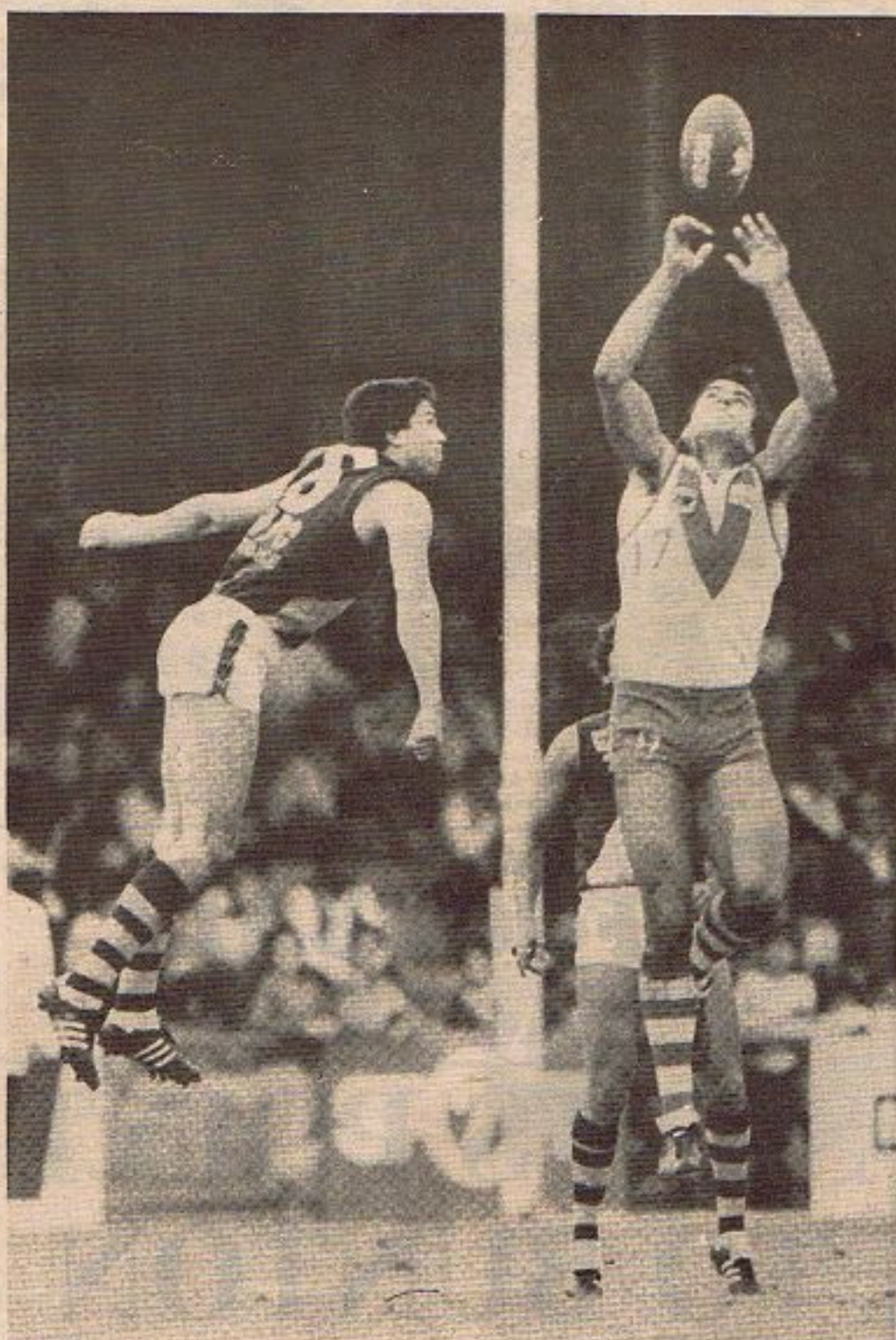
Coach Tony Micale was impressed with his training commitment during this absence and the former State schoolboy representative has shown ability playing on a wing.



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## FOOTBALL BULLET

*SOUTH Fremantle centre-half-forward Jon Dorotich is poised to take this mark despite the late attempt to spoil by Tigers defender Geoff Miles. Dorotich has had an outstanding season, which has been interrupted with injuries. A broken jaw caused him to miss the State match against South Australia and an ankle injury forced him out of the WA team against Victoria last month. Dorotich is almost certain to join Carlton next season and it will be interesting to see how successful he is in the VFL.*

## ROOKIE ROYALS

THE East Perth side that took the field last Saturday must surely have been one of the most inexperienced ever in WA football.

Missing from the side was captain Kevin Bryant, vice-captain Wayne Otway and deputy vice-captain Michael Christian; all sidelined with injury.

Grant Campbell took on the responsibility of team leader and made a good return to form.

Bryant, like Otway, will not play again this season, with his groin injury not responding to treatment.

The 20 players who took the field had an average age of 21 years and had played an average of 36 games.

#### KEENE BLUES

SWAN Districts coach John Todd must have Laurie Keene nightmares after last Saturday's clash with Subiaco.

For the second time this season the giant forward kicked a big tally of goals against Swans and the black and whites don't seem to have an answer to his marking ability.

Keene is looming as a key for the Lions in the finals, but he will have to play with more consistency.

If Swans are to win another flag, they must find a way to control Keene.

#### TIRED STORY

THE Peter Bosustow saga has flared up again — and I'm tired of reading about him!

I believe Buzz has said far too much since coming back to Perth two seasons ago. His football has been less than satisfactory and that's all there is to it.



With SIX commentator and  
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JOHN DUCKWORTH

#### DASHING DUO

EAST Perth's little wingman David Bain continues to amaze me each time I see him play.

For a player so small and lacking in weight, he displays more courage than most players many kilograms heavier.

Last Saturday he had an absorbing duel with West Perth champion Peter Menaglio and was not overawed by his opponent's reputation.

Bain inspired his team-mates with his determined football in the third quarter, being one of Royals chief instigators in their second-half revival.

#### MILESTONE MEN

I TAKE my hat off to two all-time great Perth players — Robert Wiley and Bryan Cousins, who reached their 150 and 200 game milestones for the Demons last Saturday.

I've been a long-time admirer of these two champions and congratulate them on their fine achievement.

I hope for the sake of Perth and WA football, Wiley and Cousins continue playing for several more seasons.

Cousins is the closer of the two to retiring and I'm sure he would prove a natural at coaching.



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## MOTHER BROWN

### SORRY TO SEE YOU GO, PETER

IT was disappointing to read recently that former WAFL general manager Peter Bowler was leaving football administration to become managing secretary of the Gosnells Golf Club. Mr Bowler started with the WAFL in 1971 and I have known him since 1972. He has always been professional in his dealings with the media and I have found him to be a gentleman. People like Mr Bowler are hard to find and he has done a tremendous amount for football in this State. With him resigning and leaving the WAFL before the end of the season, football is the loser and golf is the big winner.

#### UMPS ARE DOWN

THE umpiring standards this season have reached the lowest ebb for many seasons and I think something needs to be done before the finals. They have generally been inconsistent all year and their "ticky ticky touch wood" decisions are frustrating members and supporters — and not only those who are one-eyed! In my opinion, the level of umpiring has contributed to some low attendances at the football this year. Although I realise the figures are up on last year, I believe there could have been an even bigger jump had it not been for the poor umpiring standards.

#### WRONG NUMBER

ONE of my main beefs all season has been the incorrect guernsey listings in the Football Budget — and again last Saturday the Budget was inaccurate. This problem has irritated football followers throughout the season and still nothing has been done about the problem. It is something that has to be solved before the 1986 season and must certainly be eradicated before the finals.

#### RIP-OFF

A WOMAN at Fremantle Oval on Saturday bought a cup of coffee from one of the take-away stalls, but she wanted a spare empty cup. She was prepared to pay 10 or 15 cents for the empty cup, but was told by the person serving that she would need to hand over the full amount of 70 cents, whether there was coffee in the cup or not! I thought that was disgusting. Perhaps the WAFL should have a look at the people granted licences to handle the catering in future.

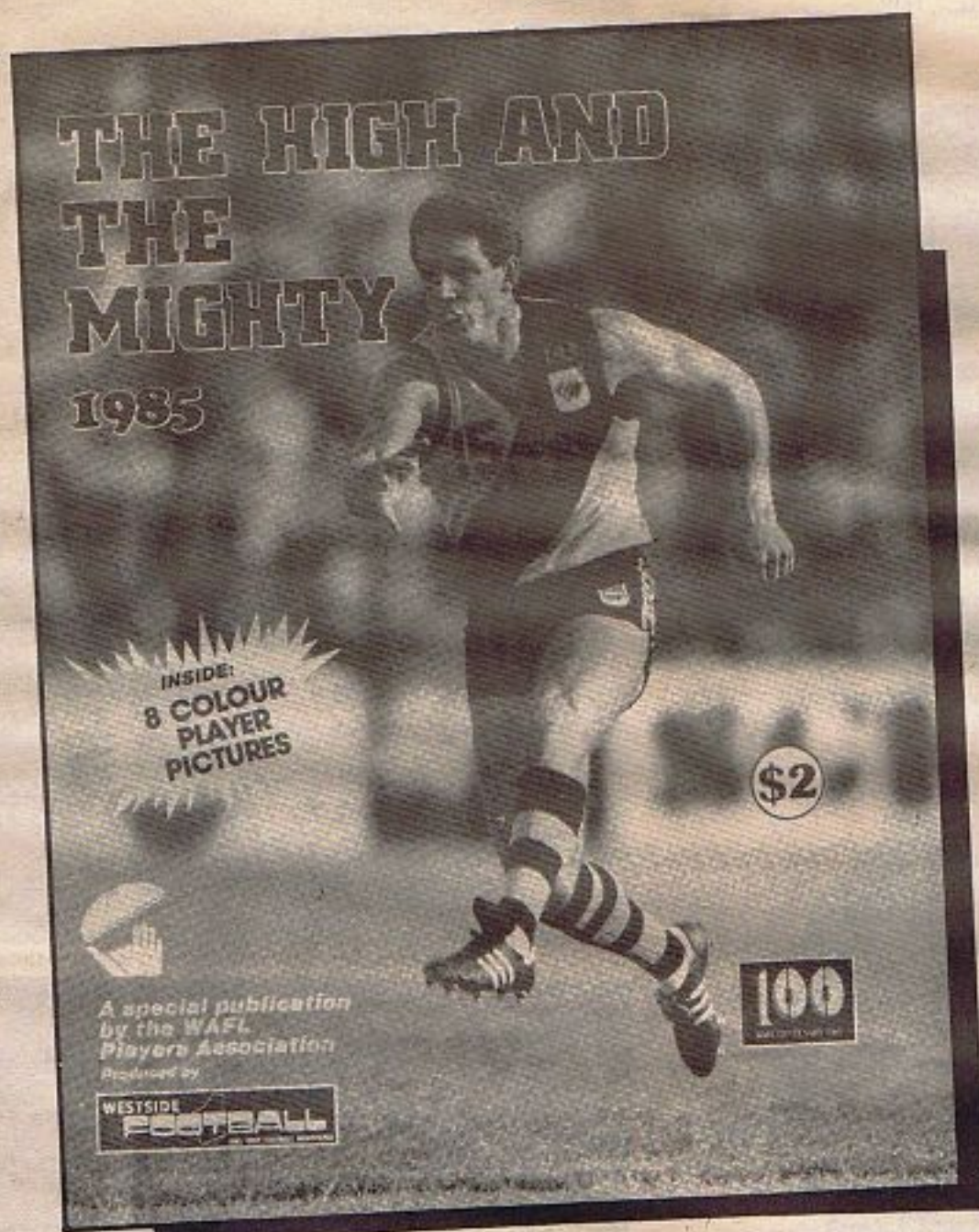
#### HOT HEADED

TWO of the real hot-heads of the VFL scene are St Kilda's Robert Mace and Melbourne's Darryl Cox. Whenever they are in action, fireworks are exploding. So what happens when they line up on each other — the continual explosions at Moorabbin last week were the result. The two clashed repeatedly and had to be dragged apart many times by the umpires. Cox was taken from the ground after one particular heated encounter. But the final outcome was that Mace was the Saints best player, while Cox, who went into the ruck in the final term, was instrumental in Melbourne's nine point win.

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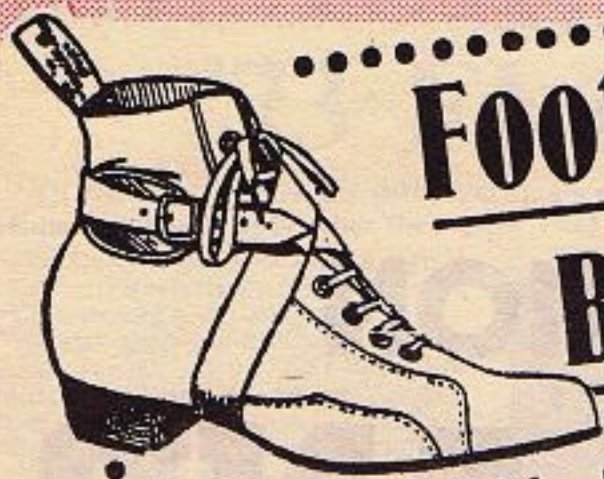


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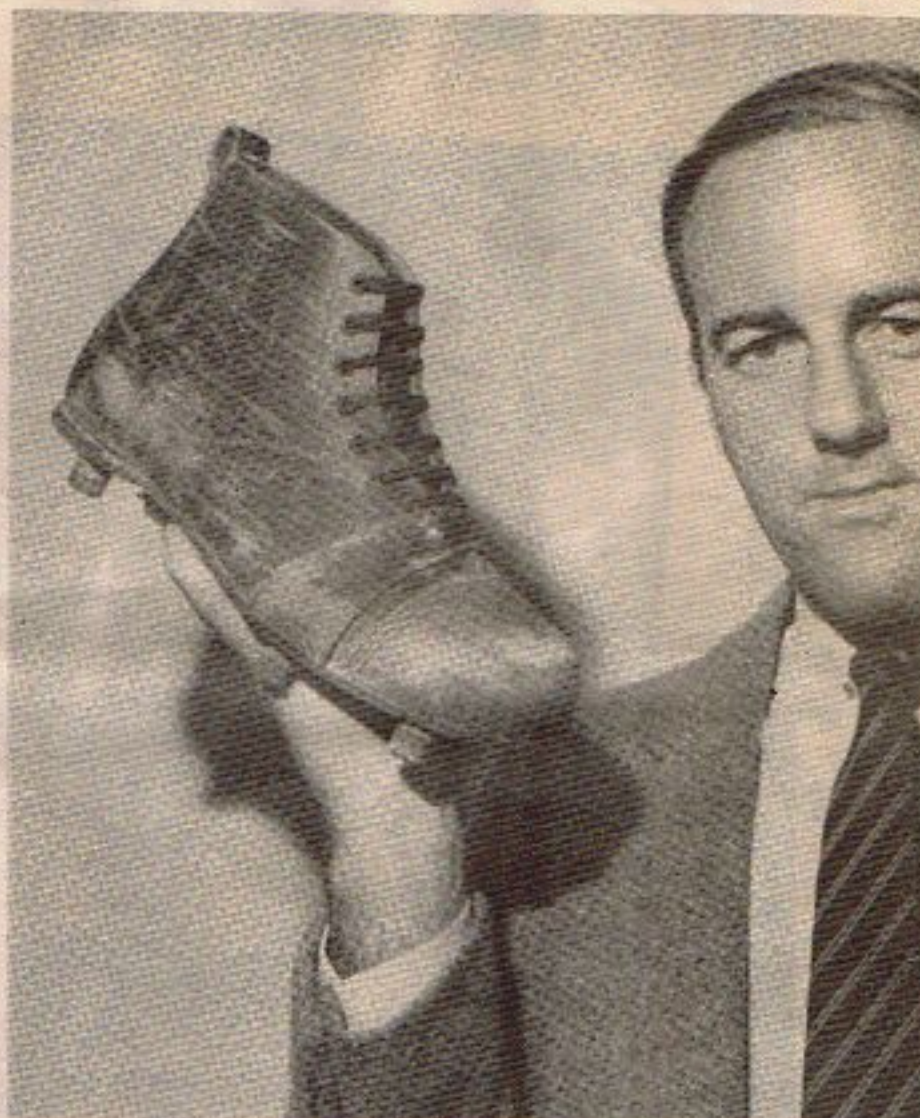
A typical boot that many players wore in 1912. The boot is very similar to what is used by workers on a construction site today.



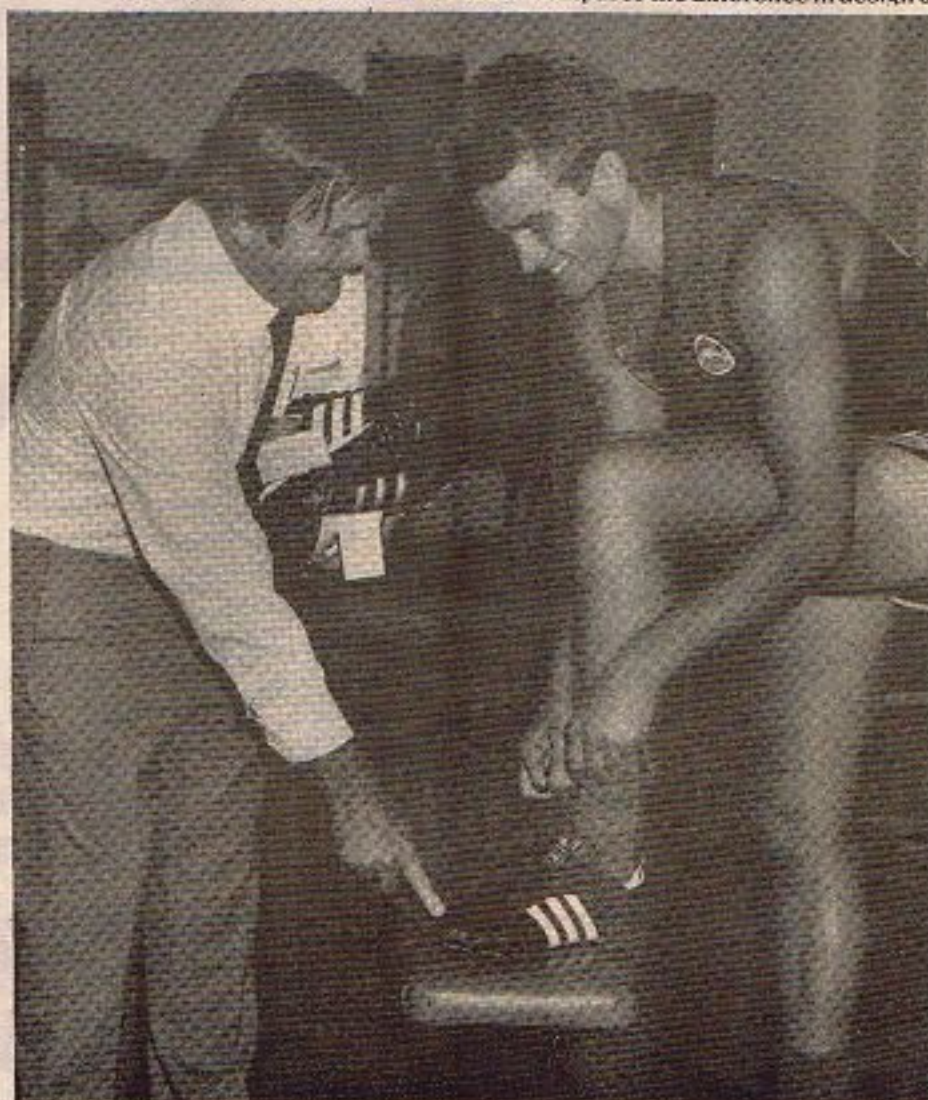
A boot used by former Victorian great Ted Whitten during his career. The boot was used for many seasons by Whitten, as the condition of the boot in the picture illustrates.



One of the early Adidas boots worn by former Fitzroy and East Perth champion Kevin Murray.



Adidas representative Paul Moore compares the difference in design o



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# MEMORIES OF '73 FLAG

AS Subiaco prepare for their first finals campaign since 1974, many Lions fans would remember their great 1973 premiership side.

The Lions finished the season strongly in 1972 under coach Haydn Bunton and were on the verge of a successful era.

Subiaco appointed St Kilda rover Ross Smith (winner of the 1967 Brownlow Medal) as captain-coach to replace Bunton, who decided to go back to Adelaide.

The decision of Bunton to leave Subiaco was strange, as he had formed a promising young Subiaco side into a very competitive unit.

Young players such as Mike Fitzpatrick, Peter Featherby, Dennis Blair and Keith Watt were developing into excellent footballers.

Smith had experienced campaigners Colin Williams, Austin Robertson and Brian Sierakowski to support him to guide his emerging champions.

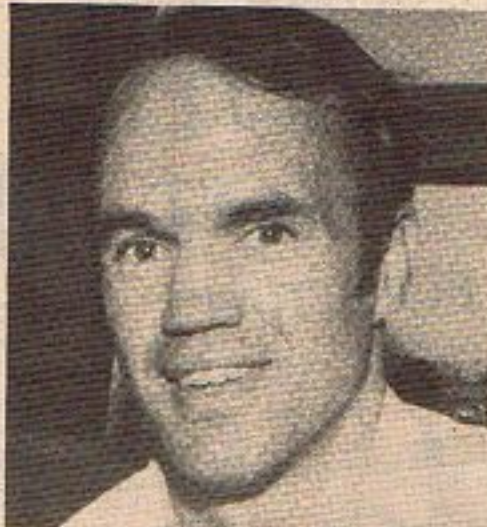
Subiaco went into the 1973 final round having lowered their colours to West Perth in their three qualifying round clashes that season.

West Perth again proved to be their masters in the second semi-final, but their hopes were boosted when star West Perth full-forward Phil Smith injured his knee late in the last quarter of that match.

The league's leading goal-kicker was ruled unfit for the grand final, which set the scene for a closely fought match.

After an even first half, Subiaco took control brilliantly led by Ross Smith, who put in an inspiring performance as a rover.

Blair played superbly at centre-half-back and was a worthy winner of the Simpson Medal.



Ross Smith . . . coach in 1973.

Blair was supported strongly in defence by veteran full-back Colin Williams, who holds the games record at Subiaco with 252.

Subiaco were too good for West Perth at the centre bouncings, with outstanding ruckman Fitzpatrick a dominant player all season, winning the Lions fairest and best award and finishing third in the Sandover Medal.

Centreman Featherby also had an outstanding season, finishing runner-up to Barry Cable in the Sandover Medal and combining superbly with Fitzpatrick at the hit outs.

Fitzpatrick, Featherby and Blair were to prove themselves champions in the VFL in later years.

### MATCH WINNER

Smith's roving partner, Watt, was a brilliant match-winner with four goals in the low-scoring grand final.

Watt was something of an enigma in WA football, when his sensational career ended as quickly as it had started.

Champion Subiaco full-forward Robertson had headed the WAFL goalkicking list eight times before 1973, during years when Subiaco had little success.

It was ironical in a premiership season that he managed only 70 goals and finished equal third in the goalkicking.

He also had a quiet day in the grand final, kicking only one goal. But there is no doubt he was one of the greatest spearheads produced in WA.



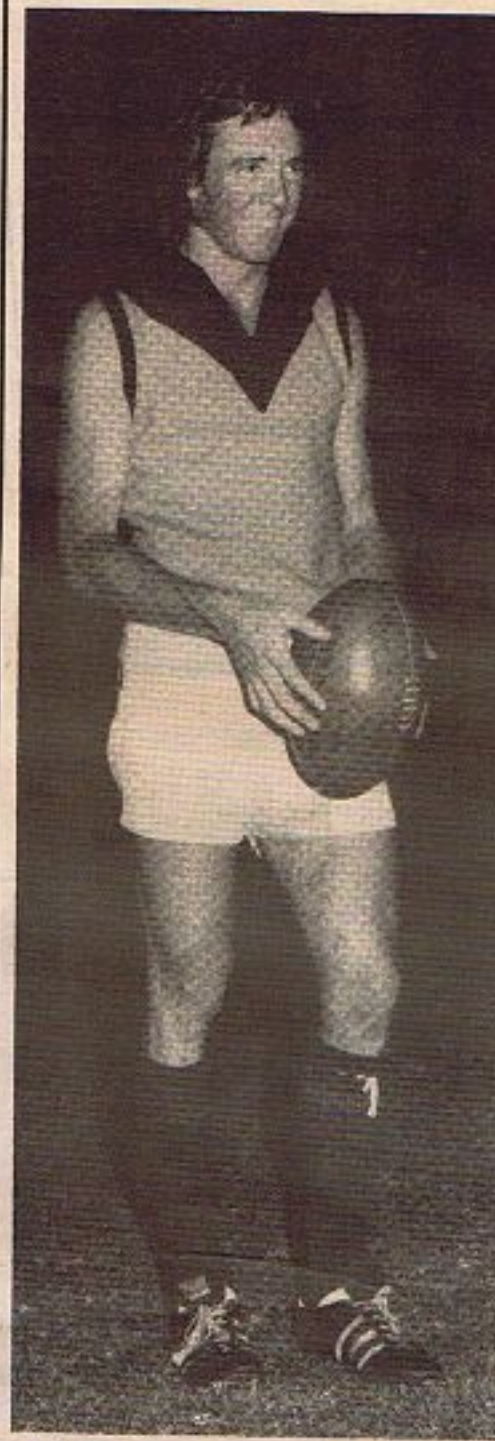
Austin Robertson . . . ace goalkicker.



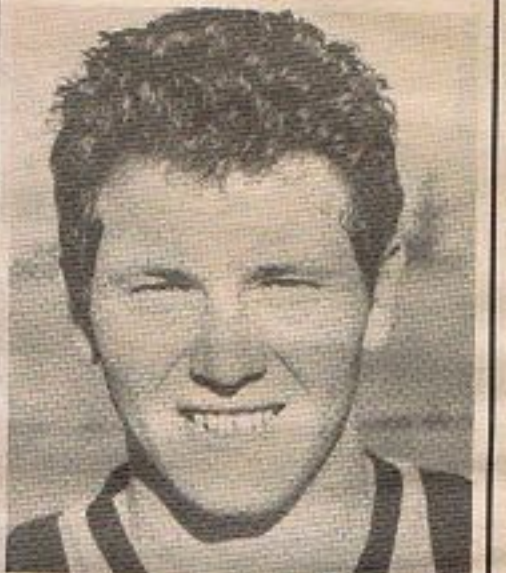
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Three men who have made a name for themselves playing in the centre for the Lions. Left: Peter Featherby, the current centreman, as he looked in 1976. Above: The late Cam Blakemore. Below: Gary Buckenara, now with Hawthorn.



## Centre stars at Subiaco

APART from Peter Featherby, Subiaco have had two other outstanding centreman in the past 20 years.

The late Cam Blakemore, who played for Subiaco for 10 seasons between 1963 and 1972 and Gary Buckenara, who played 61 games with the Lions before joining Hawthorn in 1982, were fine centreman.

Blakemore was a highly-skilled centreman with superb balance, who worked very hard midfield to gain many possessions.

He had many memorable contests with West Perth's Mel Whinnen and these two players delighted football supporters with their uncanny ability and fair approach to the game.

Blakemore won the second of three fairest and best awards in 1969 and finished third to Mal Brown in the Sandover Medal.

Blakemore died tragically in 1977 from cancer and his 175 games with the Lions will always be remembered by those supporters lucky enough to see him play.

Buckenara was one of the most naturally talented players ever to wear the maroon and gold guernsey.

He thrilled Subiaco fans during his short stint at the club with his high-marking and classy ball getting ability.

His tremendous long-kicking brought him many goals from enormous distances and his contributions at State level displayed his big game temperament.

Since joining the Hawks in 1982 Buckenara has been selected in two All Australian teams and proved himself a player of rare ability in the tough VFL arena — despite a shattering knee injury.



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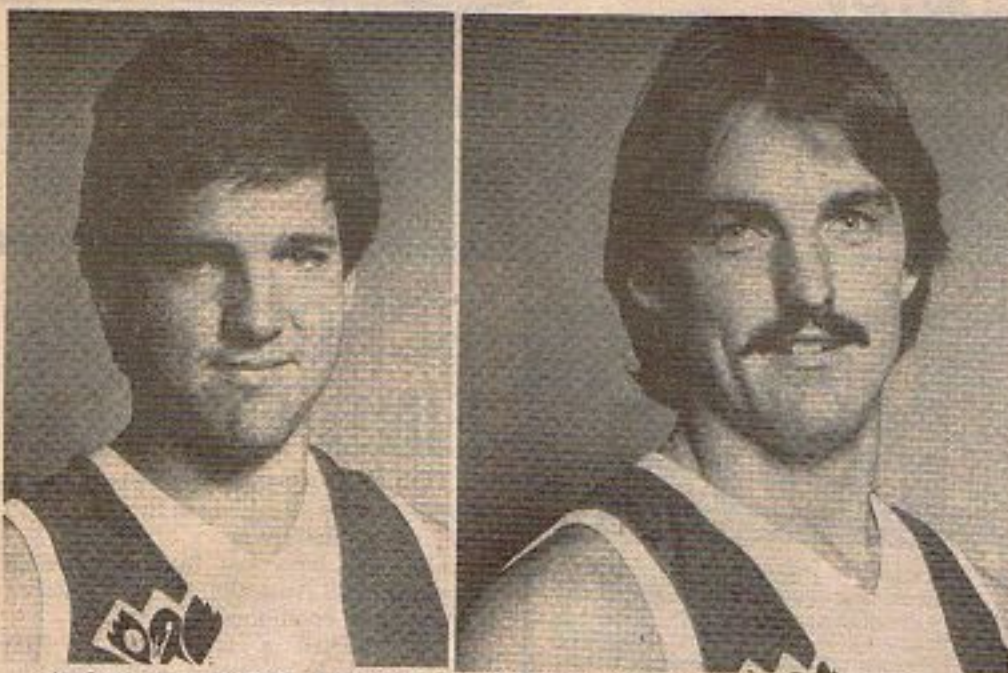
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Andrew Purser (left) and Rod Lester-Smith (right) were young stars in East Fremantle's 1979 premiership triumph. Both players have now made names for themselves in the VFL. Purser is the No. 1 ruckman for Footscray and one of the best in Melbourne football, while Lester-Smith is proving to be one of Hawthorn's most consistent defenders.

# '79 TEAM HAD MANY STARS

THE East Fremantle 1979 premiership side was one of the all-time great club teams.

Established champions Brian Peake and Doug Green led a side with several players destined for big things in the VFL.

Young players of the calibre of Andrew Purser, Rod Lester-Smith, Jim Sewell, Ken Judge, Tony Buhagiar and Kevin Taylor helped make this a very talented combination.

New coach Brad Smith played the game tough as a player at East Perth and he instilled this into the East Fremantle players.

The blue and whites had finished sixth the previous season, but were set to strike with the dramatic development of their young stars.

East Fremantle won the premiership the hard way, coming from the first semi-final.

In that first final, the Sharks just beat an unlucky East Perth by only two points and were by no means premiership favourites. They were more convincing in the

preliminary final, beating minor premiers Claremont by 27 points.

The stage was set for a typically tough derby grand final and the public were not disappointed.

East Fremantle proved the tougher side on the day, running away with the game in the last quarter after South had led by four points at three-quarter time.

Rover Kevin Taylor was the worthy Simpson Medallist, kicking 7.3.

The brilliant Taylor had a goal tally of 102 for the season and became the first rover to kick a century of goals.

Another former East Fremantle rover Jim Conway, held the record for a rover with 76, scored in the 1951 season.

Taylor has proven himself a notable big-game player, consistently performing well in interstate football.

## INJURY PROBLEMS

Surprisingly, he failed at two attempts in the VFL, with Fitzroy and the Sydney Swans. But injury problems were strong reasons for his lack of success.

Purser, Lester-Smith, Sewell, Judge and Buhagiar have all had success in Melbourne football.

Purser and Lester-Smith have been outstanding players for their respective sides this season, while Sewell, Judge and Buhagiar have proven themselves players of quality over several seasons.

Two other players from the 1979 team, Stephen Green and Mario Turco, are still key players at East Fremantle in 1985.

Green continues to pick up many kicks in midfield as he did in 1979 and Turco has lost none of his blistering pace, which saw him combine so well with Taylor and Buhagiar as a three-way roving combination.

Turco was another East Fremantle player enticed to the VFL after his 1979 success. But, like Taylor, he struggled to come to terms with the extra pressure of the best league in Australia.



DOUG Green proved himself an outstanding backman and inspiring leader. He captained East Fremantle for four seasons and WA in 1976-77-78. He led WA to a memorably victory in Adelaide in 1977, upsetting SA's Centenary celebrations.

## Green was a natural leader

FOR all East Fremantle supporters it was a tragedy when one of their favourite sons, Doug Green, retired after the club's 1979 premiership triumph.

Green was only 28 and had several top seasons left in him.

The tie of the family farm at Trayning was his reason for retiring, but a burning ambition to play in the VFL enticed him out of retirement in 1980.

Under-prepared and with no match practice, he went straight into the South Melbourne senior side and adjusted quickly to the tempo of VFL football.

He played seven games with South Melbourne in the latter half of 1980 and then hung his boots up for good after that season.

Green rates as one of the great centre-half-backs produced in WA football.

He had a tremendous ability to back his judgement, which gave his fellow defenders enormous confidence.

Green was a superb mark, who began many attacking moves with his long raking kicks.

He was always one of the first picked for his 13 State matches and his coolness under pressure in interstate football made him an ideal choice as State captain.

Green's consistency at East Fremantle was proven by his one club fairest and best award and six runner-up trophies in 10 seasons of league football.



Jim Conway... former great East Fremantle rover.

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# SUNDAY SCENE

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

## KALAMUNDA LOOK FAR TOO STRONG

KALAMUNDA are set to collect back-to-back premierships.

The Cougars demonstrated in awesome style with a runaway 124-point victory over Willetton last Sunday, that they are in peak form for the start of the 1985 finals series this week.

And it will be Willetton again on Sunday who feel the might of the reigning premiers in the first of what could be four encounters in six weeks between the two clubs.

However, before Willetton can approach Kalamunda with any confidence, they must find an answer to the strength, team-work and overall system that was a hallmark of the Cougars' big win last Sunday.

With big Gary Armstrong and Colin Wilkins kicking 20 goals between them the Cougars went on a goal-kicking rampage for which Willetton had no answer.

The psychological boost Kalamunda gained last Sunday should prove an enormous barrier for the Blues to counter.

Armstrong, with 11 and Wilkins (nine goals) were match-winners up forward for the Cougars and should again prove difficult obstacles for the Willetton defence.

Rugged defender Glen O'Rourke was a capable opponent for Willetton coach Jeff Trott and the Blues persistence of using Glen Mitchell on the ball, limited his opportunity of heading the league's goal-kicking list.

That honour went to Wilkins who finished with 98. Mitchell finished the year with 90 after booting only one major last Sunday.

The return of hard-working ruckman Robert Peopies and follower Keith Sheppard will bolster Willetton's potential. Both players were absent from last week's clash through injury.

It was Kalamunda's complete dominance on the ball and around the packs with big Kevin Ferguson and Mark Buscome in superb form, that cut Willetton to pieces.

On the other hand, the Cougars were at full strength, though coach Steve Gillespie is sure to be tempted to start on the interchange bench.

### ELIMINATION

The cut-throat elimination final at Maddington Reserve should prove a classic encounter.

Thornlie and Osborne Park have both found their best form at the right end of the season and predicting a result is extremely difficult.

For the first time in 10 weeks, the Saints were at full strength last Sunday for their 113-point drubbing of Fremantle.

And the good news for the Saints is that all players will again be available, which is bad news for Thornlie.

Former Hawthorn and Subiaco star Brian Douge and former Perth follower Peter O'Connell form a formidable ruck-roving duo, with excellent support from half-backs Kim Bevan and Len Smith, and tigerish centreman Brian Dawson.

Another bonus to the Saints' claims to remain in the finals contest is the form of key forwards John McTaggart and Greg



Keith Sheppard Gary Armstrong

Murray and ruckman Andrew Bownes. McTaggart and Murray booted eight goals each last week and have been good performers all year.

Their WAFL experiences should be invaluable to Osborne Park's chances of success in this finals campaign.

Thornlie's trump card appears to be the form of centre-half-forward Ray Sterrett and defender Curtis Clarke. Both have dominated their respective positions in recent weeks and carry an enormous load into Sunday's encounter.

Few defenders have been able to contain Sterrett this year and Sunday should be no exception.

South Perth have run into problems at the wrong time of the season.

### PROBLEMS

Poor form and injuries have plagued their finals build-up and could cause further problems for the Tigers in their qualifying final against Armadale at John Dunn Oval in Kelmscott on Sunday.

Ruckman Jeff Murray, winger Dave Armstrong, Laurie Liddelow and Tony Taylor have battled hard in recent weeks to keep the Tigers in touch with Willetton and Thornlie respectively, but have lacked support.

Armadale has finalised their finals preparation with four solid performances since losing the Osborne Park (at home) on July 14.

Mid-fielder Dave Nelson made a superb return to playing duties against Thornlie last week after being sidelined for five weeks with a shoulder injury.

His clash in the centre with former East Perth player Ian Scrimshaw will be a highlight of what should be a close contest.

Scrimshaw has taken over the centre since coach Rod Barrett broke his collarbone and was ruled out for the rest of 1985.

The Demons have the goal-kicking prowess to upset the Tigers.

Former South Fremantle star Kevin Cornell, at centre-half-forward and big Charlie Tenardi in a forward pocket, could be problems to Gary Kingston and Dick Peel respectively.

With Ken Pryer leading the Demons defence and Craig Smith in brilliant form on his half-back-flank, Armadale have the potential to cause the first upset of the five week finals series.

SELECTIONS: Kalamunda, South Perth, Thornlie.

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# HOW THEY PERFORMED

## Statistical Roundup

A progressive season tally of the top 20 players in the categories of kicks, marks, hit outs, handballs and disposals.

KICKS			DISPOSALS		
PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Peter Davidson	Claremont	383	Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	589
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	385	Wally Matera	Sth. Fremantle	552
Wally Matera	Sth. Fremantle	355	Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	551
Robert Wiley	Perth	340	Robert Wiley	Perth	498
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	338	Peter Davidson	Claremont	495
Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	337	Michael Mitchell	Claremont	491
Chris Mainwaring	East Fremantle	328	Mark Watson	Perth	452
Dean Laidley	West Perth	317	Les Fong	West Perth	449
Darrell Panizza	Claremont	315	Chris Mainwaring	East Fremantle	447
Steven Goulding	Claremont	305	Mark Bairstow	Sth. Fremantle	436
Barry Kimberley	Swan Districts	305	Brian Peake	East Fremantle	434
Peter Menaallo	East Fremantle	305	Phil Bradmore	West Perth	431
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	300	Gerard Neesham	East Fremantle	430
Mark Bairstow	Sth. Fremantle	295	Peter Menaallo	West Perth	426
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	293	Dean Laidley	West Perth	420
Don Langsford	Swan Districts	291	Len Gandini	Perth	403
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	287	Don Langsford	Swan Districts	400
Peter Featherby	Subiaco	286	Neil Taylor	Subiaco	399
Bryan Cousins	Perth	279	Peter Featherby	Subiaco	397
Les Fong	West Perth	278	Peter Thorne	Claremont	394

MARKS			HANDBALLS		
PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Phil Bradmore	West Perth	157	Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	224
Jon Dorotich	Sth. Fremantle	132	Murray Wrensted	East Fremantle	214
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	131	Mark Watson	Perth	203
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	106	Wally Matera	Sth. Fremantle	197
Mick Rea	Perth	106	Michael Mitchell	Claremont	191
Brett Stephens	East Perth	105	Gerard Neesham	East Fremantle	174
Andrew Lockyer	East Fremantle	103	Brandon Bell	West Perth	173
Grant Campbell	East Perth	101	Les Fong	West Perth	171
Richard Dennis	East Perth	100	Phil Bradmore	West Perth	165
Steven Goulding	Claremont	99	Kim Rogers	West Perth	157
David O'Connell	Claremont	99	Robert Wiley	Perth	156
Colin Waterson	East Fremantle	98	Glen O'Loughlin	Subiaco	151
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	98	Paul Vasoli	Sth. Fremantle	150
Peter Menaallo	West Perth	98	Peter Spencer	Subiaco	147
Dean Laidley	West Perth	98	Mark Bairstow	Sth. Fremantle	141
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	95	Peter Thorne	Claremont	136
Michael Christian	East Perth	92	David Morgan	East Perth	129
Len Gandini	Perth	92	Len Gandini	Perth	128
Peter Wilson	East Fremantle	90	Peter Wilson	East Fremantle	127
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	89	Brad Collard	Sth. Fremantle	127

### HIT OUTS

PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL	PLAYER	CLUB	TOTAL
Phil Scott	Subiaco	475	Craig Edwards	South Fremantle	157
Paul Harding	East Fremantle	387	Mark Stephens	West Perth	157
Michael Johns	Swan Districts	376	Berry Beecroft	Claremont	152
Shane Bogunovich	Perth	338	Stephen Michael	South Fremantle	139
Kim Rogers	West Perth	336	Craig Starcevic	East Perth	128
Laurie Keene	Subiaco	236	Paul Ross	Subiaco	102
Shane Cocker	East Perth	234	Jon Dorotich	South Fremantle	95
David O'Connell	Claremont	229	Peter Hardman	South Fremantle	94
Ron Alexander	East Fremantle	199	Gary Sidebottom	Swan Districts	84
Ian Newman	Perth	190	Craig Nelson	West Perth	83

## Top performers from around the nation

This tally board gives individual kick, mark and handball totals for the leading players in each of the major football States. Points are allocated on a basis of 1 for a kick, 2 for a handpass and 3 for a mark to evaluate a player's consistency.

Each week, the player polling the highest tally of points under this system wins a dinner for two at Isabella's Restaurant, which is part of the Chateau Commodore Hotel in Hay Street, Perth.

This week's winner:

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PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Dwayne Lamb	Subiaco	365	98	224	1107
Phil Bradmore	W. Perth	266	157	165	1067
Wally Matera	Sth. Frem.	355	89	197	1016
Murray Wrensted	E. Frem.	337	79	214	1002
Michael Mitchell	Claremont	300	89	191	949
Robert Wiley	Perth	340	71	156	855
Lee Fong	W. Perth	278	80	171	860
Gerard Neesham	E. Frem.	256	85	174	859
Brian Peake	E. Frem.	338	106	96	848
Peter Davidson	Claremont	383	80	112	847
Peter Menaallo	W. Perth	305	98	121	841
Chris Mainwaring	E. Frem.	328	89	119	833
Clinton Browning	E. Frem.	253	131	85	816
Dean Laidley	W. Perth	317	98	103	811
Len Gandini	Perth	275	92	128	807
Mark Bairstow	Sth. Frem.	295	73	141	796
Peter Wilson	E. Frem.	255	90	127	779
Mark Watson	Perth	249	37	203	766
Jon Dorotich	Sth. Frem.	190	132	81	748
Peter Featherby	Subiaco	286	80	111	748



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Greg Williams	Geelong	239	69	331	1108
Paul Morwood	St. Kilda	307	134	160	1029
Steven Wallis	F'scray	361	138	119	1013
Tony Shaw	Col'wood	288	94	197	964
Paul Roos	Fitzroy	279	130	129	927
Doug Hawkins	F'scray	264	127	121	887
John Anear	Richmond	238	81	193	867
Mike Richardson	Col'wood	233	105	141	830
Tim Watson	Essendon	280	79	146	809
Dale Weightman	Richmond	222	63	199	809



PLAYER	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	TOTAL
Stephen Kernahan	Glenelg	259	199	143	1142
Des Herbert	W. Adel.	341	153	163	1128
Chris McDermott	Glenelg	266	80	265	1036
Andrew Jarman	Nth. Adel.	324	78	226	1010
Peter Motley	Sturt	286	151	121	981
Michael Aish	Norwood	282	99	192	963
Grantley Fielke	W. Adel.	360	107	111	903
John Paynter	Sturt	291	73	177	864
John Platten	C. Dist.	331	69	146	830
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Aug 10	Sunday Times	Sunday Independent	Weekend News	Channel 7	BIX	6PR	6NR	West Australian	Umpires
Perth v E. Frem.	Rob Bennett: Wiley (P) Neesham (EF) Peake (EF)	Trevor Sprigg: Peake Rea (P) Wiley	Tony Robertson: Rankin (EF) Wiley S. Green (EF)			Peter van Helden: Rankin Wiley Rea	Les Mumme: Peake Wilson (EF)	Tim Gossage: Newman (P) Rankin Wiley	Ball/Sinclair
S. Dist. v Subiaco	Bob Massie: N. Taylor (S) Featherby (S) Scott (S)	Peter Poat: Scott Featherby N. Taylor	Robbie Burns: Keene Crutchfield (S) N. Taylor			John McGuire: Roberts (S) Scott N. Taylor	Allan Stiles: Scott N. Taylor Keene (S)	Geoff Christian: N. Taylor Crutchfield Keene	O'Driscoll/O'Reilly
E. Perth v W. Perth	Laurie Heal: Bradmore (WP) Laidley (WP) G. Williams (EP)	Tony Carr: Bradmore Laidley G. Williams	Kim Hagdorn: Laidley Da Rui (EP) Bradmore			Mick Malone: Laidley Bradmore G. Williams	Joe Fanchi: Bradmore G. Williams Laidley	Gary Stocks: Bradmore G. Williams Bain (EP)	Johnson/Vernon
S. Frem. v Cl'mont	Rod Lane: Mitchell (C) Kickett (C) Panizza (C)	John Kelly: Mitchell Panizza Edwards (SF)	Mike Thomson: Mitchell Thorne (C) Panizza			Oscar Howard: Mitchell Matera (SF) Panizza	Bill Valli: Mitchell Panizza Thorne	Ken Casillas: Thorne Panizza Mitchell	Buckey/Buckingham

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# LET'S TRY THE SEND-OFF RULE



ONE of the greatest problems facing Australian Football is the deteriorating respect for the men in white — the umpire.

Having travelled to many parts of the State as a guest coach this season, there are ever-increasing signs of total disregard for the umpire.

Abusive coaches, denegrating the umpire in front of young players, has become the accepted norm. Part of the coaches role seems to be the right to abuse the umpire.

Many coaches and media critics blame the type of person who umpires. While this has some foundation, the "correct" umpire personality will never enter the oval until the position of umpire is given more credibility.

As a coach who used to express concern reasonably forcefully towards umpires, I can understand the pressure coaches are under and the problems a bad decision leads to. But, in retrospect, this still didn't give me the right to abuse or denigrate the men in white.

The more I watch the game, the more I believe there is a need for the "send-off" rule to be used. Umpires, whether you like them or not, are essential; without them you have no game.

Every junior council should discuss and then instigate the "send-off" rule. It should be part of the education of young players.

It would be great to see this rule applied to all WAFL Colts matches in 1986. Young players copy the standards set by

the senior players. It is the responsibility of every genuine coach to protect our great game and don't let it fall into disrepute by protecting the undisciplined individual, who, for no more than his own personal ego, wants to destroy the game's image.

Critics say that there are too many rules and too much power given to umpires. But in a society that rejects any form of authority, the only loser is the game.

I have also heard claims that eliminating the brawls, free-foralls, king hits, etc. is making the players soft. The age-old coaching saying, that the hardest thing in a game is "to get the ball", should be developed as the correct hardness Australian Football must have. Only cowards king-hit.

## CHANGES

As society changes, it is essential for our game to keep up. It is no good sitting back and using the old cliché "it wasn't like this in our day" or "you change the game's character".

Whether you like it or not, football is now a very big business and to my knowledge there are no managing directors who allow their staff to do what they like or say what they want to, as these actions affect the business.

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## DORRO'S DIARY

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## HANDLE WITH CARE

READING the comments of Claremont coach Graham Moss in last week's Westside Football, outlining his plans for the next two years and naming some outstanding juniors, he mentioned that Teal Cup player Chris Lewis had another year to play at Christchurch.

Having coached Lewis for the last two Teal Cup carnivals, I have been able to compare his ability to the best young players in Australia.

In the 1984 Teal Cup carnival in Sydney, he played on outstanding Sydney Swans player Mark Bays and held his own, remembering that Lewis was just 15 years of age.

In this year's carnival, the Victorians tagged Lewis, as he was one of the outstanding players. Though the 'tagger' did a reasonable job, Lewis still kicked 4.6 and contributed to WA's great win.

Lewis is ready to play league football. He must be extended both physically in his training and mentally.

Claremont cannot afford to allow this young player to remain in the college competition where he can do what he likes, developing bad habits.

This opens up the old wound of who has first right for the boy to play with. But the final decision must be based on what is right for the boy, taking his future into account.

Lewis has the potential to be a great player. He has proved his ability as an apprentice and must now take on the next challenge — league football.

I have no doubts that he will become a top-line league player in the near future.

## MOSS GETS HIS JUST REWARD

IT was great to read where Tigers coach Graham Moss has been re-appointed as senior coach for a further two years, bringing his total coaching period to 11 years at Claremont.

This is incredible when you consider the length of time most coaches obtain in modern day football, where success is judged by premierships won. In Moss' record he has won only one flag out of nine, so it could be said he isn't that successful.

I disagree that premierships prove a coach successful or not. The Tigers have been in the four for most of Moss' term and have been a competitive team, giving good value to their members.

Loss of top players to the VFL makes it

hard for coaches in the West to obtain the maximum value for effort from their coaching.

The Tigers have an outstanding crop of juniors at present and will be looking to Moss to mould them into another successful unit.

The announcement of Moss as coach has had the effect of stimulating the players to a more committed approach over recent weeks and could be the big reason for the Tigers making the four.

Strong decisions have the habit of eliminating the 'back stabbing' that goes on behind every coach. The answer is spelt out to all players very clearly.

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