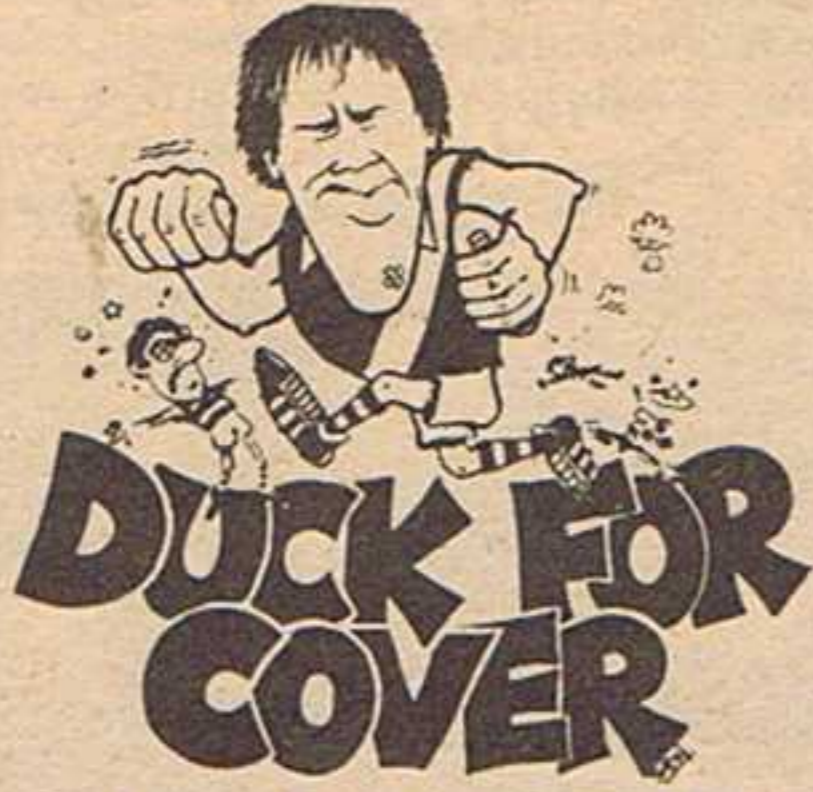


# THEY'RE ALL BACK... INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Eileen Brown has lived and breathed football for most of her life - how could she do anything else with a son like Malcolm. She wants South Fremantle to win the flag this year, but her first column has some praise for an opposition coach...and some criticism.



After making a remarkable comeback to league football last year, John Duckworth assures us that he will remain a columnist only this year. But he still has his West Perth loyalty and his first column examines the Falcons in interesting summer preparation.



Never one to pull punches with his words, Robert Bennett has been a leading football writer for nearly two decades. His sharp criticism has stung many a coach or player and his opening burst is directed to Claremont, who are seeking to climb back into the top four.



WA's most feared columnist has survived a summer of assassination attempts. There are some people who would like to see him "retired" after firing his barbs in their direction. But The Hood is back again...so watch his column to find out what really happens in footy.



Recognised as an outstanding coach of young talent, Grant Dorrington will again be in charge of WA's victorious Teal Cup team. But he knows plenty about senior football also and his first column assesses the prospects of all eight teams...and their coaches.

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# LET'S GET ON WITH THE GAME

**FORGET the national competition — it's time to concentrate on our local football.**

All we have heard during the summer months is speculative talk on the national competition and very little about team prospects for 1986.

It's time to look at what promises to be a close and exciting season...and some of the stars of '86.

There will be nowhere near the 1985 gap between the top sides and those at the foot of the table.

The traditional weekend of Easter football kicks-off the 1986 season, which may well go down in history as the year when an era of football comes to an end with the approach of a national Australian Rules competition.

In fact, national football dominated pre-season discussion to such an extent that the dawning of the local competition has virtually been overshadowed.

During summer, a week seldom went by without some splattering on national football, whether it be on the virtues of such a concept or how the format was to be shaped.

Amid all this speculation, the eight WA league clubs have nonchalantly gone about preparing for the season.

The build up to the first bounce has been devoid of the past speculations involving change of coaches, player disputes and clearance wrangles. Even the drain to the VFL dried up to a large extent.

It has been rare since last September

By Channel 7 commentator  
**PETER ENSEL**



for a name to make headlines. Stephen Michael's retirement aside, football's personalities have remained under cover.

This non-activity may well point to the status quo in WA football being preserved.

Football followers however, can expect a tighter competition because indications are that the two sides which finished at the bottom last season, East Perth and Perth, will improve and win more games this year.

The top four sides from 1985 don't appear to be significantly weakened, although Swan Districts will miss Murray Rance and Jon Fogarty.

This augurs for an even competition with a successful 1986 hinging on South Fremantle and Claremont performing at their best consistently.

The competition, and indeed the public, require closely contested matches and the frequent upset to stimulate staid attendances. Football turnstiles for home and away games

will be subject to the threat of TV exposure.

WA football will receive unprecedented cover on television this season. Channel Seven will provide metropolitan viewers with two hours coverage of football each Saturday afternoon in addition to the comprehensive Sunday round-up.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the coming season is the emergence of an outstanding crop of young players

who are just starting to make their presence felt.

Names like the West Perth pair Darren Bewick and Dean Laidley, Andrew MacNish (Subiaco), Guy McKenna and Tony Begovich (Claremont), Ian Newman and Wayne Ryder (Perth), Craig Starcevic (East Perth), Chris Mainwaring (East Fremantle) and Mark Bairstow (South Fremantle) all possess the potential to go on and become household names.



TWO beauts... Mark Bairstow and Darren Bewick, both set for a big year.

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# WHAT THEY SAID



"Practice matches are ambush material — you get a false sense of security and they shouldn't really be taken into consideration." Perth coach Mal Brown, talking about his team's 1986 prospects.

"The day I joined East Perth, Jack Sheedy lost his pants." Veteran Royals supporter Roy Sweet as part of an ambitious marketing and membership campaign launched by East Perth.

"There is every chance that we will play him in our opening game," East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander talking about the possible return from Victoria of key defender Shane Ellis.

"I guess you could say that I failed in Victoria as I had set myself on playing in a premiership team. But I'm happier back in WA and that's important." Claremont skipper Steve Malaxos, back after a year with Hawthorn.

## Welcome back . . .

WELCOME back...it's football time again and your best team off the field is ready to entertain you for the next 26 weeks.

Footy '86 has been clouded in national league talk, but there is still a local competition to think about and our team of writers are well and truly geared up to bring you the best in facts, figures and opinions.

This is Westside Football's eighth season of publication and we should notch our 200th issue during the year. We hope that you will stay with us right throughout - and even let your friends know about us.

Once again we have received strong support from our advertisers - the people who help pay our bills - and we

hope that you support them, so they can continue to support us.

Westside also opens its columns for all football fans, so if you have an opinion, a gripe or even a pat on the back for someone, then drop us a line. Providing the letter is acceptable, we'll be pleased to give it a run in our Football Forum segment.

Football is an emotional game and we all have our private - and sometimes public - opinions about the teams, the players, the coaches, the commentators...and the opposition.

Let's hope that our line-up of columnists and critics can provide you with plenty of football news and views during the season....and may the best team win. back 668



EAST Fremantle's assistant coach Graham Melrose and Sharks team manager Jim Hurst have some private thoughts on the state of the game.

## BOOTING WITH THE BREEZE

### GOLDFIELDS INVASION

WEST Perth fans will be invading the Goldfields in fine style when the club plays Subiaco at Kalgoorlie on Sunday, June 29. The Falcons have chartered nine luxury coaches to take their supporters to Kalgoorlie, leaving Perth on Friday, June 27. The \$169 fare includes two night's accommodation, the return bus trip, a sightseeing tour, free entry to the Saturday races and the Sunday football and a special function at the Town Hall.

### WHO'S WHO

THE annual Westside Football production Who's Who in West Australian Football has an estimated 5000 snippets of information about the game in WA...and that makes it a pretty important footy "bible". Who's Who is on sale in all newsagencies at just \$2.50 a copy and includes profile details such as date-of-birth, height, weight and games played on more than 400 players. The magazine — with the coloured cover also has reams of statistics and other relevant club-by-club details. Don't miss it.

### BANK'S BACKING

THE Commonwealth Bank will be the sponsors of the 1986 Teal Cup competition. The \$40,000 sponsorship is part of the Bank's junior development program and will also include the Australian Schools championships. The Teal Cup will be held in Adelaide from June 5-11. Ian Nowland, the Bank's general manager in Victoria (formerly from WA) says that the sponsorship is aimed at ensuring that the higher age levels of the junior Australian football sphere are adequately funded.

### FLUSH FALCONS

WEST Perth are enjoying their most successful season ever as far as sponsorship is concerned. Their income from sponsors, big and small, will top \$200,000 and the club's manager, Michael Beros, says that there are 38 individual sponsors this year. Big Rock Toyota continues as West Perth's major sponsor, with Carlton United Breweries (Foster's) their support sponsor. Leederville Oval has taken on a new look with 14 huge advertising signs erected on the bank in the outer. The 5-metre by 3-metre signs will provide enormous exposure for the sponsors.

### ROYAL ROUTINE

EAST Perth will be using more than their handsome footballers to spread the good word about the Royal's revival in '86. Some of the strapping young stars like last year's fairest and best, Brett Stephens will be on the recruiting march around their East Perth business house district next week — accompanied by some lovely young ladies. The Royals are embarking on an ambitious membership drive — highlighted by their lifetime membership for \$300 — and personal calls on businesses in the area is top priority. The players and their attractive companions will be selling East Perth's tradition, Perth Oval's facilities and anything else black-and-blue that the potential club sponsors or supporters might buy.

# EXCITEMENT-PLUS AHEAD OF US

FOOTBALL is taking on a very positive attitude at present and WA Football League is convinced that season 1986 will produce some exciting, high-quality football.

The League is confidently tipping that crowds will start flocking back to the games — and there are many talented young stars about to be unveiled to the public.

Football has really stabilised in WA in the last two years — a tribute to the hard work and dedication from the WAFL's new independent board of directors who were given the task of re-establishing the game's finances, which were sliding downhill, and to produce a refreshed image for the sport.

Many initiatives have been taken over the summer months in our bid to make football a much more family-oriented sporting outing; to make things better for the players — the entertainers — and to help the clubs make their way back to financial security.

The overall financial situation of the eight WAFL clubs at the end of last year saw them finish \$500,000 in front collectively — a big jump from the break-even situation of the year before and the similar-sized deficit of earlier years.

The player-drain to the VFL has been slowed right down to a trickle and we believe that our improved player-relations with Victorian officials and the bulk of the individual clubs has helped stabilise our playing talent in the West.

It was refreshing to see the eight League clubs retain their coaches for 1986 — the first time for 23 years that this situation has applied. It is a sign that

JOHN WALKER, the chief executive of the West Australian Football League, has some positive thoughts about where the game is going in 1986.



the clubs are adopting a more stable approach to their administration and it is a prime objective of the League to develop this style of thinking.

Last year's 100th year of football certainly provided some outstanding highlights and though we will not be having similar types of celebrations this year, there will still be plenty of promotion and lost of activity, particularly during the finals and at the annual interstate clash with the VFL at Subiaco Oval.

### POSITIVE

The League is taking a positive line on the identification of young talent among today's league teams. A lot of star-material emerged last year and even more exciting talent is expected to blossom out of our successful Teal Cup side this year.

Football development is going through some progressive changes with Brian Douge and Ross Davis, two highly-qualified full-time employees of the League, introducing many innovative ideas and pushing the junior side of the game ahead at a rapid rate.

I'm confident that the football public will be back in action as keen and enthusiastic spectators this season.

Strong and positive marketing and promotion by the WAFL last year enabled us to hold the national decline in sporting attendances. Our crowds were down 0.07 percent, an insignificant drop. This year we are confidently looking forward to a five percent increase.

The standard of football in last year's grand final was a brilliant and exciting example of the greatness the game can rise to and the pre-season football — particularly the efforts of Subiaco and East Fremantle against VFL teams — indicates that our weekly fixtures can pick right up from where the 1985 season finished.

The grounds dispute over summer clouded a lot of pre-season activity among the clubs, but that has all been resolved to the high satisfaction of the WAFL. We believe that ground rationalisation is still a high priority and we are quickly approaching some final decisions on the use of the magnificently-redeveloped WACA Ground.

All in all, football is far from dead in the West. Even the VFL and the SANFL acknowledges that we are a vibrant, exciting competition and I'm expecting nearly 40,000 loyal WA fans to prove that this weekend when the 1986 season kicks off.



The Ampol winners from 1985 — tgoop field umpire David Johnson and Ampol Miss Football Quest Winner Geraldine Bush.

# KENTUCK . . . and the return of the footy circus



## WHO WILL DEFECT?

EAST FREMANTLE president Harry Morgan was poker-faced in his address to members after the Sharks-Bombers showdown on March 15.

A wall of silence balked the room when he announced that East Fremantle had accepted an invitation to join the VFL.

Some people took him seriously. Others were stunned while a few realised the tongue-in-cheek approach Mr. Morgan had taken to the vexed question of an expanded VFL competition.

Pundits who believe the competition will be a true national league, live in a fantasy world.

But don't be surprised if the VFL in fact do offer East Fremantle the ultimate invitation.

It would annoy the knickers off John Walker and the WAFL, but what could they do?

I believe the Victorians will not fall for a composite WA team as the Perth-based club in an expanded VFL competition.

The VFL clubs would not contemplate such a move because they would genuinely fear the strength of a combined team from the West.

It makes clear sense for a WA club team to be included.

Apart from Claremont's woeful performance against Carlton, the efforts of WA clubs in recent scratch matches against VFL teams weighed against the

## Vics will take one of our teams

WAFL's argument for a composite team.

West Perth and Swan Districts measured up well against Collingwood and, of course, Subiaco exposed St. Kilda as the donkeys of the VFL this season.

How then could WA expect to field a State team against VFL club teams?

I'd suggest you wouldn't need to be Einstein to work out that the VFL would be outstandingly reluctant to allow a WA State team to take on the likes of St. Kilda and Melbourne each week.

The WAFL, of course, wants a composite team included to retain control of WA's interest in a national league.

If an invitation to a club such as East Fremantle was offered, the WAFL would simply be left in charge of a domestic competition which would have lost some appeal.

Many shots are still to be fired in the battle, but at this stage the WAFL needs to reload the cannon.

## Steve's an early favourite



STEVE MALAXOS . . . Medal favourite again

Steve Malaxos must feel like a bloke who has come in from a darkened room.

After his failure in Melbourne where he managed only nine league games with Hawthorn and copped plenty of flak in the process, Malaxos is back in the limelight where he belongs.

There's never been a player who's moved back from the VFL as a relative failure and started out a year as Sandover Medal favourite.

Though the market is wide open, Malaxos is on the front line of betting at 6/1.

## Guest Columnist

THIS WEEK:

RAY WILSON

Sunday Times sports editor



Presented by **McInerney Ford**

## Davies loses another 'perk'

VIC Park's retiring MLA Ron Davis will be automatically looking over his shoulder when he takes over as WA's Agent General in London later this year.

It appears everywhere Mr Davies goes, Premier Brian Burke follows.

Five years ago Mr Burke ousted Mr Davies as Leader of the Opposition.

And at a breakfast at the Carlisle Hotel before the season, Mr Burke replaced Mr Davies as patron of the Perth Football Club and No. 1 badge holder.

The last person Mr Davies wants to bob up in London is.....guess who?

## QUICK QUIP

At that same breakfast, John K. Watts showed he had lost none of his sparkle since his departure from radio.

During the auction a Perth football jumper was on offer and Wattsie was asked to make a bid.

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# Let's be positive

ONCE again a football season has had a controversial build-up, with political issues clouding the real thing — the game.

A summer of activity has seen all eight WAFL clubs sharpen their player-payment axes; smarten up their local talent scouts and call on their voluntary sources in desperate bids to stay in the financial game.

Football is starting to take on a much healthier financial outlook, but it hasn't been easy. There has been plenty of "bite the bullet" moments in some of the board rooms.

Full tribute must be paid to the WAFL directors who, in the face of some pretty harsh criticism from some club quarters, have wielded a tight axe on club finances.

Let's face it. The clubs were going broke fast with their feverish desire to keep buying players despite the fact that their export market — the VFL — was drying up.

The new independent board of directors, voted in by the club presidents with the lure of solid Government support to bale them out of their financial predicament, put club finances as their No. 1 priority. Some clubs felt that finances were taking preference over football. But that had to be.

The fact is that East Perth have been put back on the straight and narrow; Perth are going through the same stringent restraints and several other clubs have heeded the warning signs.

Once having plugged the holes in the financial bucket, the League directors have turned their attention to the football arena and already they have stirred the hornet's nest with send-off rules, smaller centre squares and so forth.

Naturally, many of these football decisions coming from non-football people will not always win total support. But the fact is that the game needed straightening up in WA and the new board have, at least, tried to do that.

It's time football pulled together a bit more and set about reviving our playing image and not being so negative about everything.

It's easy to be critical and it's even easier to pick holes in new ideas and alternative propositions. Sitting safe with the status quo remaining as it has always been is a sure way not to make any mistakes.

But if you don't try something, you don't achieve anything. Football is a great game. Let's keep it that way and be a bit more positive about our future.

## JK's footy trivia quiz



HERE are some of John K. Watts' football trivia questions to test your sporting knowledge:

1. In what country town did Barry Cable start his football career?
2. Apart from South Fremantle, what other league club did Clive Lewington play for?
3. Who is the longest-serving WAFL club captain?
4. Who is the only West Australian to play in premiership teams in three States?

TURN to the National Scoreboard Page 23 for the answers.

JOHN K. WATTS trivia quiz answers (from page 4) 1. Narrogin. 2. West Perth. 3. Les Fong. 4. JKW ... silly!

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## FOOTBALL FACTS

With DAVE CLEMENT  
WA's top football historian.

# Rare feat by Neesham

TO play in a premiership team seems to be the unanimous ambition of all footballers.

Some of the game's real champions, like Peter Spencer, Garry Sidebottom, Ray Sorrell and Denis Marshall, have never had that magnificent feeling, so this makes the feat of East Fremantle's Gerard Neesham an incredible one.

Last September he became the first league footballer in Western Australia to play in premiership teams with different clubs in successive years - 1984 with Swan Districts and 1985 with East Fremantle.

Barry Cable has a 'share' in this unique situation too. He was a member of North Melbourne's winning team in 1977 and led East Perth to the flag the next year.

A similar happening occurred in the 1959-60 seasons when Don Williams played with Melbourne and then West Perth.

Only twice in the 89-year history of the VFL has a player achieved Neesham's feat; the last in the 1923-24 seasons when Tom Fitzmaurice played with Essendon and Geelong.

Jack Sheedy (1955-56), Steve Marsh (1956-57) and Don Marinko (1960-61) played in successive grand finals with different clubs, but with a one-win, one-loss result.

### TOUGH-MASTER

LAST season I explained how, before the finals system started in 1904, that the team finishing on top were premiers. Peter van Helden was quick to point out that had this system not changed, East Fremantle would have won 30 premierships and not the 26 they have now.

East Perth would have been better off too, with 17 flags instead of 14.

West Perth are the big winners with the change. Though they have headed the premiership table eight times in their 101 years of league football, they have 15 pennants at Leederville Oval.

## BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



# Pity poor old Steve

I DON'T envy Steve Malaxos. The former Sandover Medallist faces a daunting year.

For a start he will be out to prove he is not a football has-been after being dumped by Hawthorn

That will create enormous personal pressure.

But the real pressure will come from what Claremont will expect from him this year; that's what will thrust Malaxos into the hot seat.

Quite obviously the Tigers see him as the player to stop the rut that catapulted them from the finals last year for the first time since 1978.

But while he will have a big impact on Claremont's fortunes — if he

displays his pre-VFL form — the Tigers will need more than one player to rejuvenate them into a finals combination.

There is no shortage of talent at the club.

On paper any team that can boast midfield players of the calibre of Malaxos, Michael Mitchell, Peter Davidson, Darrell Panizza and Peter Thorne should be a finals chance.

There is plenty of confidence in the Claremont camp about their prospects this year, from president Ian Goldie through to coach Graham Moss.

But, quite frankly, I can't see how they can predict they will win the premiership. They'll be battling to make the top four.

Last season Claremont tended to play as individuals, which explains their erratic form.

Unless Moss can bind the team together then the Tigers will again struggle this season

It can be claimed Claremont had trouble getting their act together last season because of the large number of imports from other clubs. Now, with a season under their belt, they should be able to blend together this year

I wonder. There were too many players last season who did not appear interested in doing the hard, but necessary things of football, such as chasing and tackling.

The Tigers have not recovered from losing full forward Warren Ralph. Despite recruiting efforts they simply have not found anyone to fill the gap in attack.

When you consider that Bruce Monteath, despite an indifferent season, got them over the line in a couple of games last year, the Tigers appear to be bare in attack this season.

If they can get their teamwork going and find some consistent goalkickers they could give the finals a shake.

But at this stage I wouldn't hold my breath.

And as for Steve Malaxos. The best of luck mate. It will be onerous enough re-establishing yourself as a star in WA football without being expected to lift the fortunes of a whole club

### WA INFLUENCE

A couple of weeks ago all VFL clubs had to declare a final training list to the league. I counted 39 former WA players on them, including Steve Malaxos and Tim Gepp, both likely to play back in WA and Peter Bosustow, who may not play at all. Carlton, with eight and Footscray (six) have the most locals.

### SAME GROUP

For the second time only in league history, the eight WAFL coaches have all retained their league jobs. This last happened in 1963 when Peter Pianto (Claremont), Bob Johnson (East Fremantle), Jack Sheedy (East Perth), Ern Henfry (Perth), Marty McDonnell (South Fremantle), Dave Cuzens (Subiaco), Arthur Olliver (West Perth) and Haydn Bunton (Swan Districts) kept their jobs from 1962.

However, Subiaco spoilt the record in 1963 when they sacked Cuzens midway through the season and Bob Browning took over.

### FALCON FAVOUR

PRE-SEASON training is probably the pet hate of all footballers. Therefore, I found it interesting to read a story on the man who is credited with putting the hard work into football before the season starts.

It was the coach of Carlton in 1938, one Brighton Diggins, formerly of Subiaco, who put his charges through a rigorous programme of physical exercises before the first game.

As Carlton won the flag that year, his methods were deemed successful and other coaches followed suit. Diggins, by the way, is still the only West Australian to coach a VFL side to a premiership.

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# WESTSIDE WINNERS

... our experts have their pick



**BOB CRIBB**  
PERTH V WEST PERTH  
"FAT CAT" Mal Brown and his Demons will start 1986 with a bang. John Wynne and West Perth are only good at winning practice matches...or tennis.



**FRED WOODS**  
SUBIACO V EAST FREMANTLE  
Subiaco will win this year's premiership. East Fremantle were lucky to win last year and won't be able to repeat that this week.



**ALLAN STILES**  
EAST PERTH V SWAN DISTRICTS  
East Perth will need more than a Royal tour to flush out Swans in the opening round.



**ROD LOHOAR**  
CLAREMONT V SOUTH FREMANTLE  
South Fremantle will have a heap of strife both on and off the field in 1986. Claremont will start them on the way to their worst season ever.

# SUBIACO OUT FOR REVENGE

SUBIACO will be out for grand final revenge when they clash with East Fremantle this Saturday at East Fremantle Oval.

The Lions will find the Sharks a difficult proposition at East Fremantle and may have to wait to the second series to gain revenge.

Both sides have shown flashes of form in the practice matches, but Saturday's game will be a good guide as to who has progressed over the summer months.

The Sharks will miss the versatility of Clinton Browning, but have gained in the experience stakes with the arrival of Tony Buhagiar and Tony Solin at the club...and, of course, the return of key defender Shane Ellis.

They should prove decided acquisitions for the blue and whites with Buhagiar's appetite for hard-work, Solin's aggression across the half-back-line and Ellis's dashing style.

The ruck clash between WA football's premier big men Paul Harding and Phil Scott should bring the best out of these two fine players.

Subiaco will miss the goalkicking prowess of Peter Spencer and much

will depend upon the marking ability of Laurie Keene at full forward.

The Sharks will be hoping for a fit Darren Bennett to spearhead their attack, but they have several other alternatives to goal if the big man fails.

East Fremantle will win a close match in what should prove a bone-crushing contest.

THESE are the radio and television arrangements for this week's football:

### RADIO

SATURDAY — East Fremantle vs Subiaco, East Fremantle Oval. 6PR, 6NR Perth vs West Perth, Lathlain Park. 6WF.

MONDAY — East Perth vs Swan Districts, Perth oval, 6WF, Claremont vs South Fremantle, Claremont Oval. 6PR, 6NR.

### TELEVISION

ABC TV regionals only. Saturday — Perth vs West Perth, Monday — East Perth vs Swan Districts.

## Pacy Falcons too smart



PHIL Scott... a key man for the Lions

WEST Perth's brilliant small man department, which proved too pacy for Perth last season, will create similar havoc on Saturday when these two teams meet at Lathlain Park.

The speed of the Bewick brothers, Corry and Darren, Gavin Chaplin and Peter Menaglio will place enormous pressure on the Demons defence.

Perth will look to veterans Robert Wiley and Bryan Cousins and the under-rated Brett Yorgey to counter these flying Falcons. But the March heat may be too much for their old legs in the second half.

The loss of tough defender Len Gandini will be felt by Perth and they will be looking to stabilise their backline this season.

Brilliant Falcons forward Derek Kickett looms as a dangerman for Perth and he will have to be watched closely with his uncanny ability to kick amazing goals from impossible angles.

At the other end of the ground new Perth vice-captain Mick Rea is capable of displaying his own brand of goalkicking magic.

The 1985 WAFL leading goalkicker has been in ominous form in the practice matches and is certain to give West Perth full back Graeme Comerford plenty of problems.

## Claremont look too strong

CLAREMONT'S superior midfield strength should tip the scales in their favour when they clash with South Fremantle at Claremont Oval on Monday.

The return of Steve Malaxos to the Tigers is a huge bonus and his practice match form suggests he is set for a sensational season.

He lines up against opposing captain Mark Bairstow, in what should prove a fascinating duel between an established champion and an emerging one.

Malaxos looks to have the better support midfield, with Peter Davidson and Peter Thorne capable of 30 possessions a match and Steve Goulding continues to be a livewire around the packs.

The Bulldogs will be looking to the youth of Wally Matera and the experience of Noel Carter to counter the Claremont midfield power.

Both sides have their problems in the key forward positions and the bulk of the scoring will be left to these midfield followers when they are resting in the respective forward lines.

The Tigers will miss the sheer brilliance of Michael Mitchell, but can overcome this absence to open the season on a positive note.

## Royal revival

EAST Perth have shown positive signs during their pre-season buildup and will be a competitive unit when they do battle with Swan Districts at Perth Oval on Monday.

Several of the Royals young players have blossomed into quality footballers in a short space of time and they will make life tough for the experienced Swans line-up.

Peter Sartori is a key to the black and whites this season and will probably be used at centre-half-forward in the absence of the suspended Garry Sidebottom.

Sartori's value to Swans is immense and he will be the key avenue to attack for Swans midfielders.

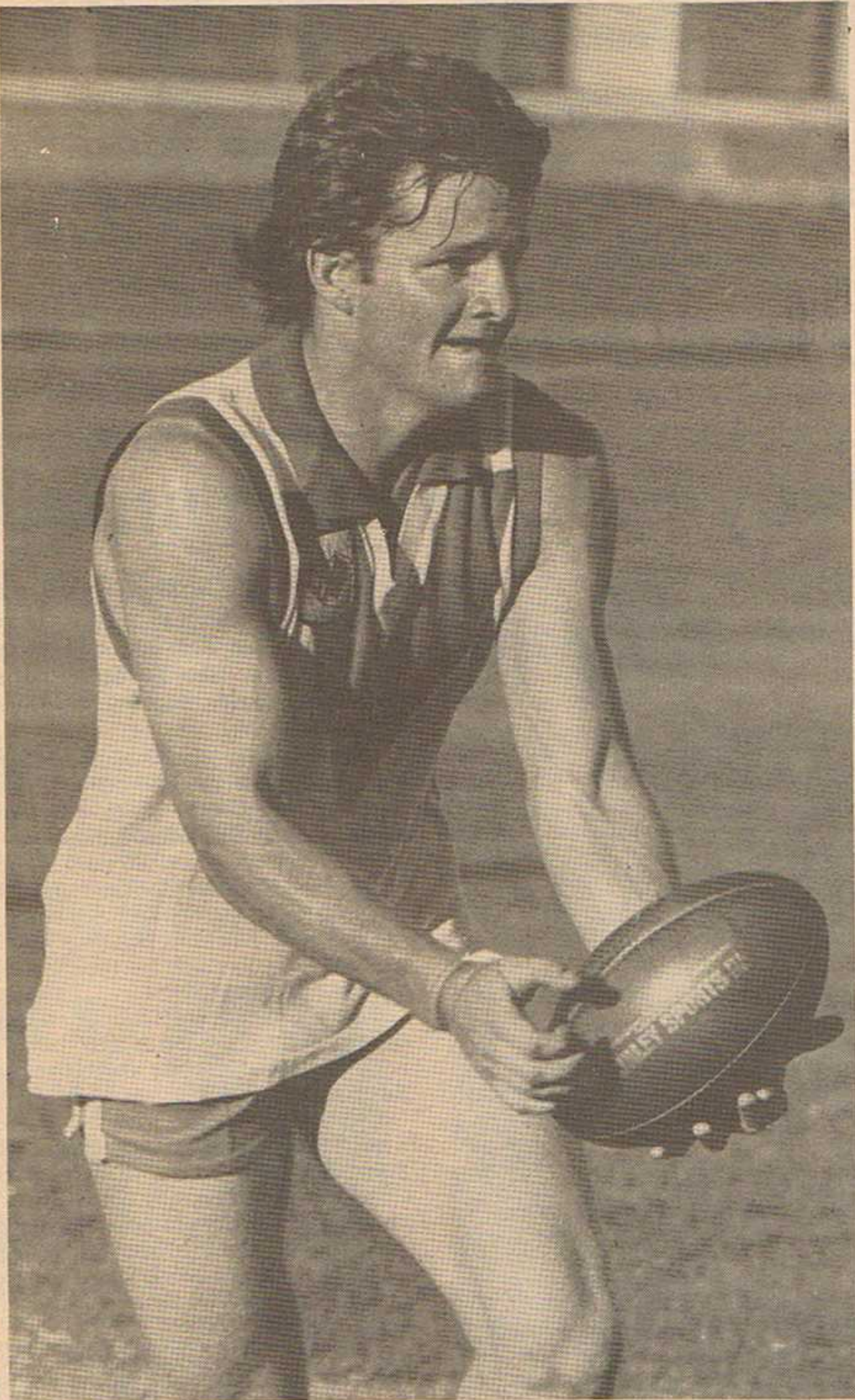
Swans look a little suspect in defence and the class of Grant Campbell, Richard Dennis and Brett Stephens could exploit this weakness.

Swans mobile brigade should have the edge on their East Perth rivals, with Don Langsford, Joe Ahmat and Kevin Taylor all set for fine seasons.

In what should be a close and highly competitive contest, Swans added experience should be enough when the game is there to be won in a desperate last term.

## OUR WRITERS SELECT

	Tally	East Frem. v Subi	Perth v West Pth.	C'mont v S. Frem	E. Perth v Swans
ALAN EAST		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	East Perth
PETER POAT		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
ROBERT BENNETT		East Fremantle	Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
MOTHER BROWN		East Fremantle	Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts
BILL MATHER-BROWN		Subiaco	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
TONY CARR		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
DAVE CLEMENT		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
GRANT DORRINGTON	4	Subiaco	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
JOHN DUCKWORTH		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
PETER ENSEL		Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Perth
IAN MILLER		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
BOB CRIBB		East Fremantle	Perth	Claremont	East Perth
ROD LOHOAR		Subiaco	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
ALLAN STILES		East Fremantle	Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
FRED WOODS		Subiaco	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts
MOST FAVOURED		East Fremantle	West Perth	Claremont	Swan Districts



**MERV  
DELLAR**



**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full Name: Merv Dellar  
 Nickname: "Brent" or snake Why: Few reasons  
 Date of Birth: 13.8.66 Place of Birth: Kalgoorlie  
 Height: 177cm (5.9½) Weight: 81kg (12.9) Age Started Playing: 6  
 Previous Club/s: Guildford Grammar School  
 Junior Club: Norseman Junior Footy Club  
 Marital Status: Single  
 Residence: Thornlie  
 Occupation: Mechanic Place of Work: Cockburn Hire Service  
 Other Sporting Interests: Cricket, Boxing, Golf and most other sports  
 Favourite Position: Centre First Position: Interchange  
 League Debut: 1984 Versus: East Perth

**YOUR FAVOURITES**  
 Actor: Sylvester Stallone Drink: Ice Coffee  
 TV Show: Hill Street Blues/The Winners Food: Potato Paddy's  
 Movie: Rocky III & The Champ Music: Meatloaf/Suzi Quatro  
 Book: Newspapers Holiday Resort: Going home/Goldfields  
 Ground: Perth Oval or East Freo  
 Your Car: Torana SLR Your Favourite Car: Torana SS Hatchback  
 Career Highlights: First League Game  
 Worst Moment in Football: Being reported/losing reserves Grand Final  
 Hard Things in Football: Training after you play bad  
 Football Idols: brother Neil, Doug Hawkins (Footscray)  
 Toughest Opponent: All tough Most Respected Opponent: All great  
 Most Respected Umpire: All do a good job  
 Most Memorable Game: First league game/reserves grand final  
 Ambitions: To be a good footballer and help win a premierships  
 What do you like about Football: Winning, making mates and succeeding  
 How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Dream of playing well and fear of failure  
 Who influenced your career: Don Haddow/Family/George Vugovich  
 Guernsey Number: 3 Any Reason: Brother's number and family Lucky No.  
 Superstitions: Leave buttons on shorts undone  
 Worst Injury: Ankle sprains and broken fingers  
 Luckiest Break: Playing under Don Haddow



**WILLY  
DICK**



**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full Name: William Dick  
 Nickname: None  
 Date of Birth: 16.3.66 Place of Birth: Goomalling  
 Height: 178cm (5.10) Weight: 76kg (12.0) Age Started Playing: 14  
 Previous Club/s: Goomalling Football Club  
 Marital Status: Single  
 Residence: Cloverdale  
 Occupation: Labourer Place of Work: Redfern, Rivervale  
 Other Sporting Interests: Basketball, cricket  
 Favourite Position: Centre First Position: Wing  
 League Debut: 1985 Versus: Subiaco

**YOUR FAVOURITES**  
 Actor: Clint Eastwood Drink: Soft drinks  
 TV Show: Happy Days Food: Chicken  
 Movie: First Blood Music: Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson  
 Book: Comics Holiday Resort: Jurien Bay  
 Ground: Lathlain Park  
 Your Car: None Your Favourite Car: None  
 Career Highlights: Playing my first league game  
 Worst Moment in Football: Losing a game that we should have won  
 Hard Things in Football: Training  
 Football Idols: Stephen Michael, Barry, Cable, Maurice Rioli  
 Toughest Opponent: All Most Respected Opponent: All  
 Most Respected Umpire: None  
 Most Memorable Game: Playing in the second final with Goomalling  
 Ambitions: To play league football consistently in Perth and then go to the VFL  
 What do you like about Football: Making friends  
 How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Listen to the radio and resting  
 Who influenced your career: Family and friends  
 Guernsey Number: 28 Any Reason: No  
 Superstitions: None  
 Worst Injury: Twisted ankle  
 Luckiest Break: Playing league

## MILESTONE MEN

### 50 GAMES

Peter Davidson (C) 49  
 Geoff Miles (C) 49 ★  
 Bryce Forman (EF) 49 ★  
 Bevan Warner (S) 48  
 Steve Leishman (S) 48  
 Larry Kickett (C) 48

★ Denotes that tally includes other games as follows: Geoff Miles 31 Collingwood; Bryce Forman 12 Perth.

### 100 GAMES

Clinton Brown (S) 98  
 Craig Edwards (SF) 95 ★

★ Denotes that tally includes other games as follows: Craig Edwards 73 East Perth.

### 150 GAMES

Kevin Bryant (EP) 147 ★  
 Stephen Green (EF) 146  
 Kevin Taylor (SD) 144 ★

★ Denotes that tally includes other games as follows: Kevin Bryant 57 North Melbourne; Kevin Taylor 112 East Fremantle, 14 South Melbourne; † Fitzroy.

### 200 GAMES

Phil Lamb (S) 182  
 Neil Taylor (S) 182

### 250 GAMES

Rob Wiley (P) 247 ★  
 Tom Mullooly (SD) 244  
 Les Fong (WP) 243

★ Denotes that tally includes other games as follows: Rob Wiley 95 Richmond.

### 300 GAMES

Peter Featherby (S) 295 ★

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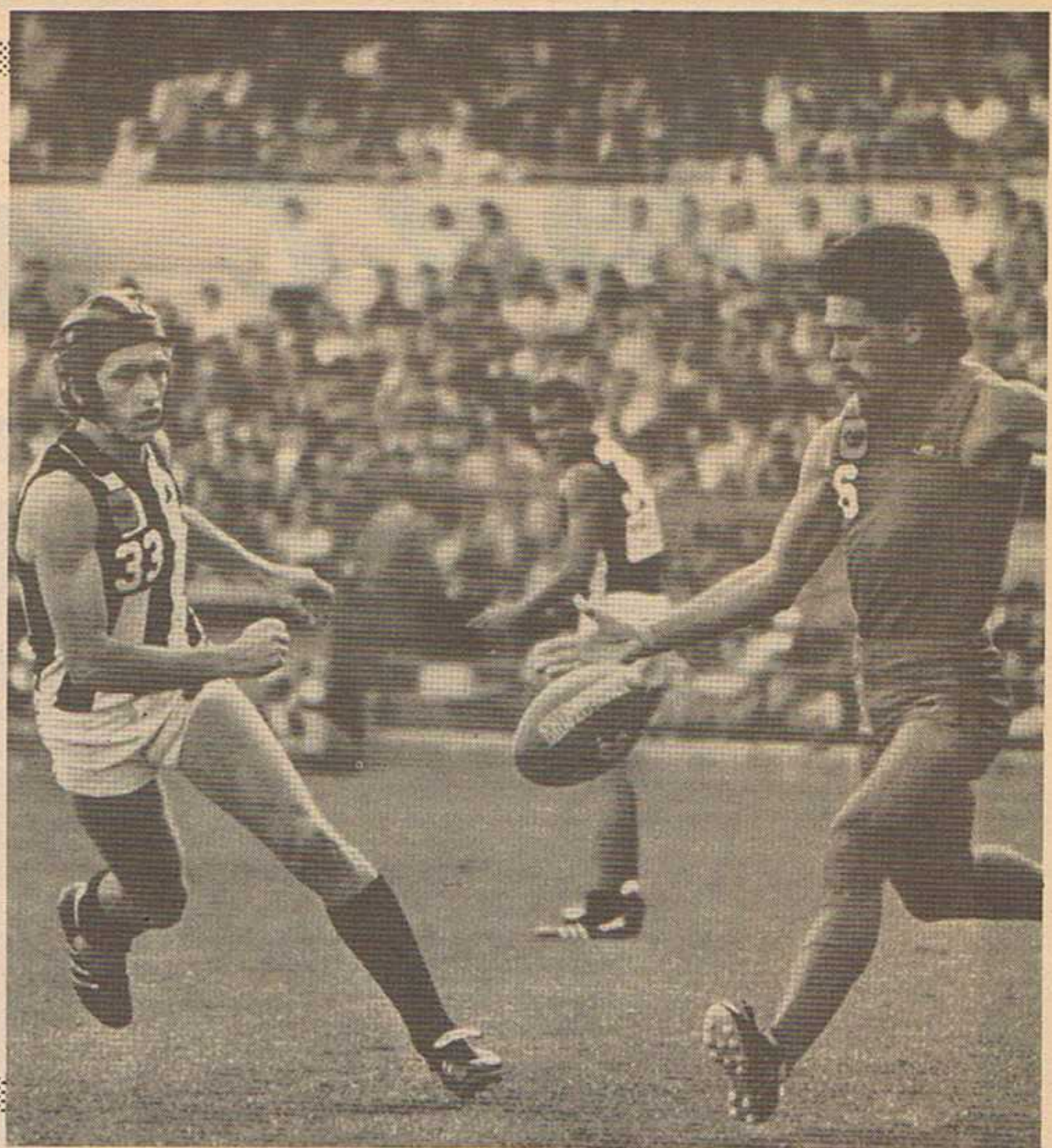


## Les the longest leader

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## RADIO WAR

THE decision by radio 6IX to drop out of football broadcasting was a bitter blow for the WAFL — and thousands of footy fans. I, for one, won't be listening to the "new" 6IX anymore during the daytime if they're not going to give me a four-game football coverage at the weekend. Somewhere along the line these radio stations — and I include 6PM and 6KY in this criticism — forget that people who are interested in football also listen to their station at other times. Good luck to 6PR for sticking with the game that is great for Australia. Pity I can't stand the races, otherwise Howard Sattler and his crew would have me all day. I'll keep tuning into 6WF when those politicians have been turned off — and I guess I might even try to find that other footy station, 6NR, on the dial somewhere...

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### SHIRT-FRONT

THE season hasn't even started and I have to launch an attack on the umpires. In last week's practice match between Swan Districts and Perth, brilliant Swans ruckman-forward Peter Sartori received one of the best shirt-fronts you would ever want to see. Sartori was camped under the ball waiting for it to come down and through charged Stephen Mount. It was a great courageous bump, but the umpires reacted immediately by awarding a free kick. No wonder the physical element is disappearing from our game.

### RON'S DILEMMA

BIG Ron Alexander has made a bigger-than-big decision by deciding to hang up his boots after 15 seasons and 307 club games — but sticking to the decision will be even harder. Alexander, at 35, is starting to feel the pinch in the legs, as all big men do. Carrying 100kgs or more around must have its drawbacks. But he is probably fitter this season than in the last couple of years and the temptation to pull on the No. 2 guernsey again in the case of an emergency will always be at the back of his mind. Fellow coach Graham Moss succumbed to the same temptation once last year — but only once. Maybe the two big men should get together and discuss their mutual problems.

### JUMPIN' JACKO

THE effect that football's Mr Individual had on Canada just makes one wonder about whether we're promoting the game of Aussie Rules correctly. Jacko, out of action for Geelong at present, was sensationally promoted all across Canada and he commanded packed media conferences wherever he went. In his typically outrageous style, he blasted off his fire-bards at one and all and while he didn't exactly portray the bronzed Aussie as a gentleman and a scholar, or give our national game an up-market image, he certainly focused attention on football. It will be interesting to see how Aussie Rules rates on Canadian TV — much better than it rates on American cable TV after Ron Barassi's promotion, I bet.

### TO THE POINT

THE revamped Channel Seven football coverage launched itself into the 1986 season with a bang when they produced a live coverage of the Essendon-East Fremantle game from East Fremantle Oval the other week. The smooth-talking former ABC man Dennis Cometti has recruited some fairly talented football people — with a couple of the old Seven brigade clinging to their football places. One of them, the ever-grinning John Rogers, produced the opening lines for this season's first match when he welcomed viewers to East Fremantle Oval. Without any real rehearsing, he had two distinct "errs" and one quite emphatic "Uhm" in his first sentence. Let's hope he improves as the season progresses.

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 Karl Langdon (S) 18 on 28th  
 Adam Hayes (C) 20 on 28th  
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 ★★ Todd Jenkins (EF) 21 on 31st  
 Richard Caldwell (S) 10 on April 2nd  
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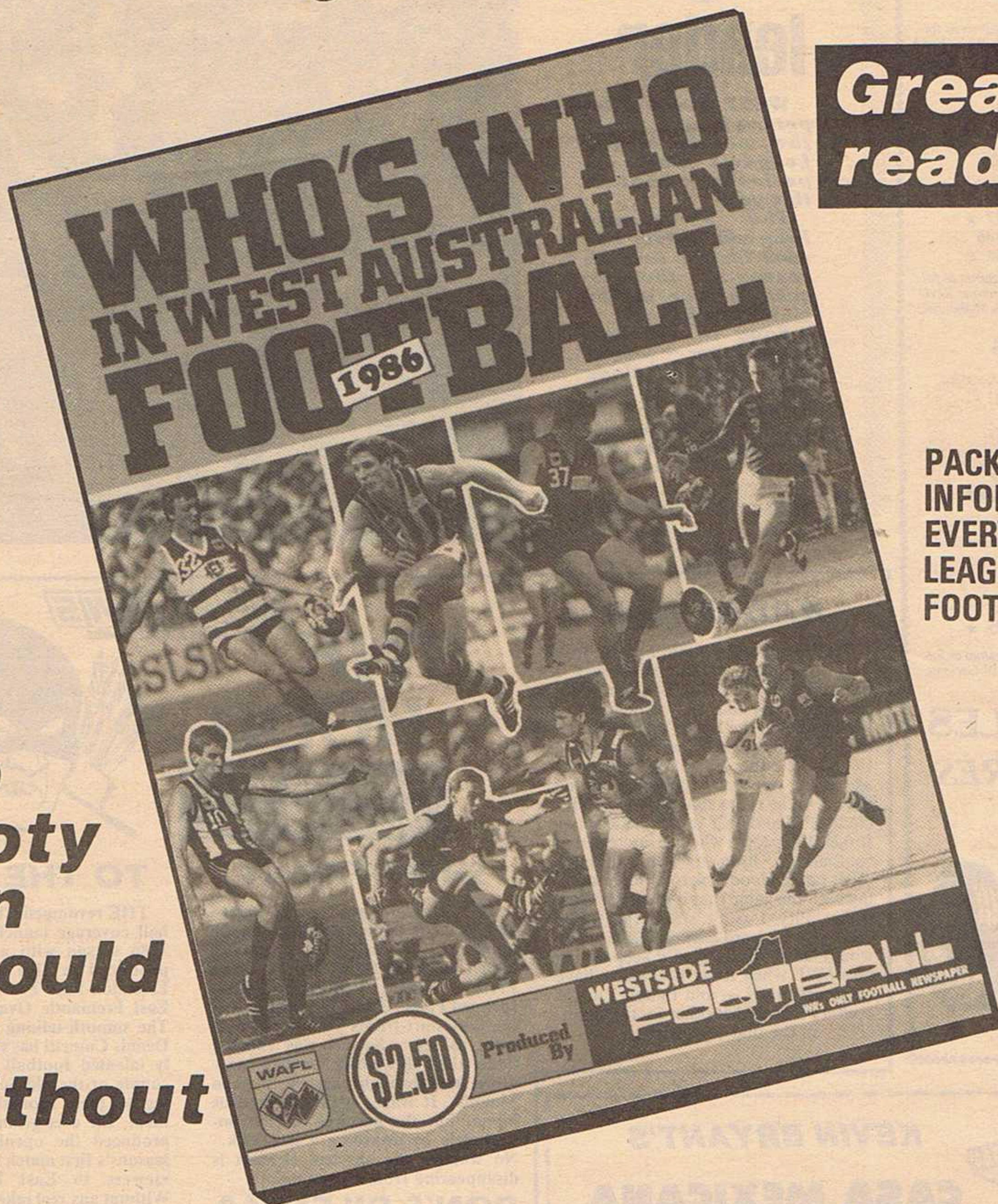


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# Our critics have their say



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

## MOTHER BROWN

### TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN

AS the new season dawns on us it is a fitting time to pay tribute to the women behind the men who determine a club's fortunes for the coming six months. It is the women who wash the dirty shorts, socks and jumpers and who console players who have lost their place in the team or incurred a serious injury. But they get few accolades. They must also put up with the long hours the players spend away from home at training and without their support many players would not be able to entertain us on Saturdays.

### FACILITIES

I HOPE that during the summer months the WAFL took the opportunity to improve facilities at the eight league grounds. Most of the seats at the grounds are splintered and worn and there is a great need for them to be upgraded. Also I hope the league has a good look at the prices for food at the grounds. They were way too high last year and it is difficult to encourage a family to the football because of those two factors.

### WELL DONE RON

IT was with a touch of sadness that I read of Ron Alexander's retirement. Alexander has been a good friend of mine for many years and he was, and will continue to be, a great ambassador for the game. He took as much as he gave out during a career that began with East Perth, continued with VFL club Fitzroy and then wound up at East Fremantle. He is one of the game's gentlemen and I wish him luck as he attempts to coach East Fremantle to back-to-back premierships.

### PROMOTION

ANOTHER aspect I feel the WAFL should investigate is that of giving free passes to juniors who are playing away from home, so they can see a league game in the area where they are playing. The kids games generally finish early on a Saturday afternoon, but soon enough for dad to take them with him. It is then up to the mother to take the youngsters to a game, but if they want to carry on after that and go to a league match the children have to pay to get in. Surely children should be encouraged to see league football.

## Send-off rule not needed

MY first stir for the season is directed at the WAFL for introducing the send off rule into the colts competition.

I have never been a friend of the umpires, but they have my sympathy on this new rule.

The men-in-white have a hard enough job selecting five players for Sandover Medal votes let alone deciding whether a player should be sent off.

This extra pressure on the young umpire panel will be to the detriment of their development and to the game as a whole.

### SQUARE MOVE

WHILE on the WAFL, I am disappointed they didn't introduce the smaller square after it proved a success in the practice matches.

I am an advocate for slowing the game down and re-introducing more body contact.

As a former backman it was a joy to watch the ball come into the opposition's forward line and the defender having more time to react.



With former West Perth, VFL and SANFL star JOHN DUCKWORTH.

### STRONG CLAIMS

I BELIEVE this season's competition will be much closer than 1985, but the final four will be the same.

East Fremantle and Subiaco have lost nothing over the summer months and again are likely second-semi finalists.

The young West Perth side will improve, while Swan Districts' experience will be enough to overcome their player losses.

Claremont look a better side with the inclusion of Steve Malaxos, while South Fremantle will be competitive and improve as the season progresses.

East Perth and Perth will improve and make life difficult for those sides above them.

## The busy WAFL boys

DURING football's customary lay-off period, the most active workers have been the WAFL itself, with all the new rule changes to our game, on the field and in the administration of club's documentation to the league.

★ Firstly the reduction of the centre square proved unnecessary, bringing greater congestion to our game. The decision to revert back to the larger 45m square is a good one at this stage.

★ I have reservations about the send-off rule to be implemented at colts and reserves level. At colts Level I can see value, purely from a discipline factor, but it places undue pressure on umpires to implement such a rule especially if the game is to be stopped for long periods. I certainly think it is unnecessary at league level.

★ The removal of the line across the centre circle is not major, but should assist the shorter ruckman against having to run front on all the time.

★ During the practice games, I believe the League missed the opportunity to experiment with spare footballs behind each goalsquare. The game certainly slows down when it takes time to retrieve a ball from the outer after a point has been scored. Having a spare ball behind the goals would certainly keep the game flowing.

— Finally, off field the new player registration forms and associated data have really kept the WAFL printer extremely busy — I hope it has all been worthwhile.

### MIGHTY BLUES

It is pretty evident why the Carlton Football Club are called the Blues...that's exactly what they gave Claremont, especially in the second half of their pre-season game.

Certainly new coach Robert Walls has Carlton firing on all cylinders, and so he should with the quality of talent and player depth at his disposal.

The competition for a place in the senior 20 is fierce, especially when you consider they left six regular league players from 85 back home in the reserves, plus last year's All-Australian player Peter Motley from S.A.

New recruits John Dorotich, Craig Bradley and Stephen Kernahan have slotted in nicely and it was good to see former S.D. players Brad Shine and Peter Kenny produce good form. The fast and hard running Blues look set for a good season and I'm sure will expect big results from their dollar outlay.

By former WA and VFL star IAN MILLER.



## IAN MILLER

### BATTLING BUZZ

IT SEEMS that the long-running saga of Peter Bosustow's league career — on again, off again, VFL or WAFL — may be over.

This has been a quiet summer for Bosustow and at present he is not required by Perth and his efforts to return to Victoria and Carlton have failed.

He was an interested spectator at the Claremont-Carlton clash; certainly not looking in match condition.

Rumour has it that he will line up in the Sunday Football League competition; a far cry from league football for a player of his talent.

I'll be interested to see just where he finishes up in 1986.

### COACH CONTRAST

I had the pleasure to attend the Coaches' Association seminar conducted by Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy during his visit to Perth last week and he spoke on many areas of our game, but I was interested in his comment that he is and always will be a full time coach, allowing him time to keep a step ahead of the part time opposition. The following night I spoke to Carlton's Robert Walls, a school teacher, who said he couldn't see himself being full time under the current system and was appreciative of the outlet to teach.

### FAMILY TIES

The 1986 season will start with a big turnaround of media personalities and new faces this year, especially in the electronic area of radio and TV. One familiar voice that will not be heard on the Channel 7 replays is that of a pretty close friend of mine, Bob Miller. After 21 year's association with the 6IX/TVW7 group, Bob has hung up the earphones. Well played father — you have earned a break after a consistent four quarter contribution to our game.



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN.

## FROM WHERE I SIT

### No prize for second

IN the world of hard, competitive football, you sometimes wonder how far some people are prepared to go in their efforts to achieve victory.

My experience has been that there is no specified limits and the smart coach never leaves himself open to any skulduggery that might eventuate.

To give you some idea of the "dodges" they will pull, I'd like to tell you about a story told to us in a football lecture that I once attended. The speakers were Norm Smith, the crack Melbourne coach, and his assistant who also had a daunting reputation in his own right, Checker Hughes.

The team that they were involved with had to play another side who had a star half-forward flanker; a player capable of a real goal-getting spree if he cut loose. He caused Norm and Checker some sleepless nights as they dwelt on the problem of trying to stop him.

By some means they learned that this flanker had a sister who was helping to run an S.P. betting shop in a Melbourne suburb; back in the days when it was frowned upon by the law, so she was in real hot water if they raided the place.

This incident was also back in the time when each team was allowed two reserves only and when a player left the ground he was not permitted to return.

As the teams began to take up their positions, the player who was going to oppose the flanker just happened to mention that he had come to the ground down such-and-such a street and all hell was breaking loose as the police swarmed over a betting shop.

The performance must have been something special; in the twinkling of an eye, the panic-stricken flanker headed for players race and, we guess, to his sister's place of operation.

The ruse worked and Smith and Hughes steered their team home without the worries that the flanker might have posed.

If there is a lesson to be learned from this story then I guess it is pretty simple: never be surprised about anything that happens in footy, there are some pretty cagey folk behind the scenes as well as on the playing arena.

Talking of cagey, I was once in the East Fremantle club rooms when the trainers were strapping big Bob Johnson up.

He had more sticking plaster on his right side than you would find in the entire length of Royal Perth Hospital.

You're right, the side he didn't want hit was his left.

### DROP THE DRAW

WHEN scores are level at the end of a match, many contests go into extra time to resolve the situation and I believe that Aussie Rules should do the same.

The most notable tie of recent years was the one between Collingwood and North Melbourne in the 1977 VFL grand final. Both teams drove themselves to exhaustion point to find that when the final siren sounded, the scores were dead even.

The re-play, a week later, was an anti-climax when North Melbourne bolted in.

It might be good for the money-mongers to make an extra dollar, but I don't think the average follower wants his football dished up like a TV soapy that just goes on and on.

I would like to see a tied game played out by changing ends and continuing for five minute segments until there is a winner.

The tension and excitement that would be evident at the end of a dead-heat would continue through the extra time periods required for a result.

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## KWIK COURIERS

# INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



# Star recruit gets sack

CARLTON utility player Frank Marchesani, the 1981 recruit of the year, has been sacked by the Blues.

The former Fitzroy player who transferred to the Blues in 1982 has struggled for consistency during his time at Princess Park.

Marchesani is yet another former star recruit who has been unable to live up to his big early reputation.

He follows St Kilda's Silvio Foschini and Richmond's Phillip Walsh onto the football scrapheap.

Both these players also chased the dollar and changed clubs after brilliant debut seasons, but could not reproduce their first season form.

It will be interesting to see how the VFL's 1985 star first-year player, Stephen Silvagni, of Carlton handles the pressure.

The talented backman already has early season problems with a serious bout of glandular fever.

One thing in the youngster's favour is that he is still at the same club.

## SAINTLY HOPE

ST KILDA, determined to get off the bottom of the VFL ladder this season, have been busily recruiting over the summer months.

The Saints have picked up talented Carlton pair Peter McConville and Warren Jones, plus speedy Bradley Gotch and big Rene Kink has joined his third club.

On the debit side, the Saints have lost Michael Roberts and Max Crow, while 1985 vice-captain Robert Elphinstone is determined to join Richmond.

Coach Graham Gellie is under no illusions about the huge task that confronts him.

But he remains convinced there is a light at the end of the tunnel, a long tunnel at that.

## FEET PROBLEM

A SQUAD of 36 Richmond footballers had their feet assessed recently by running on a treadmill at Punt Road.

Six of the players were told by the operator to make a change to their footwear.

The problems mainly ranged from instability in their heel areas or inflexibility in foot structure.

The purpose of the exercise was to match the players needs with the tunning shoes on the market and therefore eradicate any running problems they might have had.



## FIT WILSON

*THERE is good news for Melbourne supporters in that Brownlow Medallist Brian Wilson is looking a picture of fitness.*

*The rugged utility player has been plagued by injuries in recent seasons and is desperately keen to recapture his Brownlow form.*

*He showed great club loyalty late last season when he rejected some attractive offers from other clubs.*

*Wilson's reasons for ignoring these offers was that he wants to repay the faith the Demons have shown in him over the last few seasons.*

## BACK HOME

SACKED Woodville defender John Parker has returned to league football with VFL club Footscray.

The 22-year-old brother of Woodville captain and former Footscray veteran, Max Parker, has played four trial matches with the Bulldogs since February and has been asked by the Footscray hierarchy to move to Melbourne.

Footscray team manager Stephen Nash said that Parker had shown reasonable form in the club's two internal practice matches against North Melbourne and VFA team Williamstown.

## NEWMAN SWITCH

FORMER champion Geelong ruckman John Newman has switched his allegiances to Footscray.

Newman has taken on the job as the Bulldogs ruck skills coach and will be working out with Andrew Purser, Robert Groenewegen, Emmett Dunne and several metropolitan and country hopefuls.

He has recommended to Purser to study video films of the techniques used by former great Geelong ruckman Graham Farmer.

Before arriving at the Western Oval, Newman has had stints as ruck skills coach at four other clubs — Richmond, Melbourne, Geelong and Essendon.



Silvio Foschini . . . and Stephen Silvagni

# Big fines for criticism

CLUB officials can be fined up to \$2000 if they make detrimental comments about South Australian league football in the media this season.

Already three leading SA football identities have been reported to league commissioner Brian Martin.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes was reported for saying in a newspaper column that footballers receive little financial reward from the Escort Cup; West Torrens coach Paul Weston for describing an Escort Cup match as a trial game and umpiring director Peter Mead for expressing disappointment at another new rule which gives club officials the power to report.

The "gag" rule is an extension of the VFL's dictate which demands that club officials be fined for criticising umpires.

SANFL general manager Leigh Whicker said the rule was introduced to eliminate the occasional unnecessary comment which injures the image of the league.

The football media in SA now face the problem of coaches who were reluctant to talk to the media in the past making no public comments with this new ruling.

## SAFETY FIRST

STATE defender Martin Leslie has been named in Fitzroy's league training list, but is certain to line-up with Port Adelaide this season.

Leslie, who has played 74 games for Port and three State matches, has been kept on Fitzroy's books to prevent rival clubs snatching him should he decide to move to Melbourne next season.



## STAR MATERIAL

NORTH Adelaide is expecting big things this season from star centremen Andrew Jarman.

The 20-year-old midfielder has displayed good form in the Escort Cup series and despite a three week suspension, looks set to continue the form that won him North's fairest and best award last season.

Jarman was one of the many South Australian stars in their memorable thrashing of Western Australia at Subiaco Oval last June.



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# What they said

## October

**"The Sydney Swans should be careful in any dealings over a clearance for Maurice Rioli because they may suddenly discover that he is a South player."** — South Fremantle managing-director Harold Harper on moves by the Swans to sign the Richmond star.

**"Relieved and satisfied. It's been a tough year and I don't think we were ever favourites."** — Glenelg coach Graham Cornes after they had beaten North Adelaide in the SANFL grand final.

**"We believe it is essential for Vincent Yovich to continue as chairman of the WAFL."** — Part of a joint statement from five club presidents.

**"We believe the increases are fair and reasonable."** — Umpires' Association president Ron Buckley on claims for a 4.8 per cent pay rise.

**"I'll just have to weigh up the options, but there is a chance I'll be back at Claremont next season."** — former Tiger star Steve Malaxos.

**"We're excited at the prospect of getting such a match."** — Mandurah's Ross Elliott about a league fixture being staged in the town.

**"The time has come for me to stand down as WAFL chairman and move on in football."** — WAFL chairman of directors Vincent Yovich on his decision to retire and seek the presidency of the National Football League.

**"WA appear set to be part of a national competition."** — WAFL chief executive John Walker on a report by the VFL that one Perth team will be included in their expanded 1987 competition.

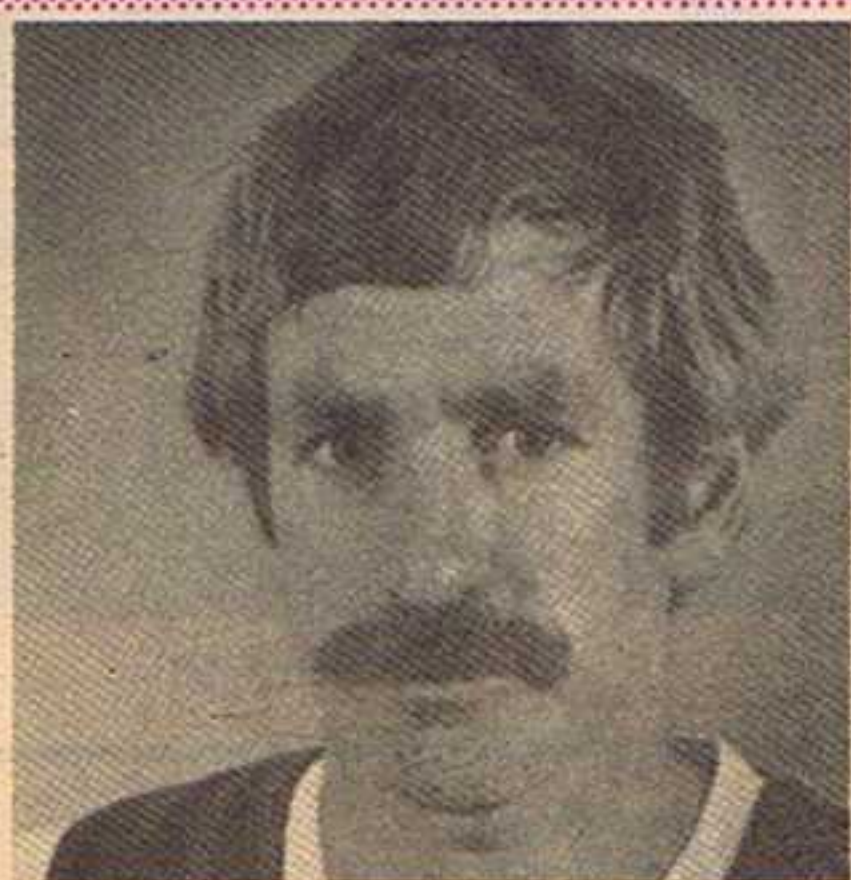
## November

**"I'm looking forward to the challenge, football is set to face many new challenges."** — Roy Annear, on taking over from Vincent Yovich as chairman of the WAFL.

**"Every year people shake their heads in horror at the brawls. But at the end of the season it is all forgotten."** — Scarborough politician Graham Burkett calling for an investigation into violence in sport.

**"This new group will be the most extensive cadet umpire squad that the WAFL has ever had."** — WAFL umpires development officer Brian Appleby on the formation of a squad of 25 young umpires to train over the summer.

**"This is a fight I really want to win."** — Claremont president Wal Maskiell, seeking a sixth two-year term, on the news that car distributor Lew Mutch would challenge him for the post.



**"It will be like the charge of the Light Brigade."** — East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander suggesting that the reduced centre square (from 45 metres to 30 metres) would raise the risk of someone being seriously hurt as players rushed in for centre bounciedowns.

**"The Sydney Swans have shown an interest in Stephen, but nothing official has been done."** — Keith Smith, Stephen Michael's manager, talking of the South Fremantle star's future.

**"Ian Goldie has my complete confidence and that of his fellow directors."** — former Claremont president Wal Maskiell on his resignation and the nomination of committee director Ian Goldie as president.

**"Mr Goldie has my full support. It was in Claremont's best interest not to have a bun fight for the presidency."** — Claremont supporter Lew Mutch on his decision to withdraw from the election and support Ian Goldie.

**"I guess I just wanted to help Perth get up and running again."** — furniture businessman Ken Jackson on his nomination as Perth's president.

**"My year wasn't as bad as critics were saying. So I've got a few points to prove."** — Swan District's star Murray Rance on his planned move to Footscray.

**"There is no reason to believe that the money won't be received."** — WAFL chief executive John Walker on claims that VFL clubs owe three WA clubs \$225,000 in unpaid clearance fees.

**"I'm having a break and assessing the whole situation."** — former Swan Districts player Mike Richardson, whose future at Collingwood seems in doubt.

**"I enjoyed my year with Hawthorn, but nothing fell into place for me on the football field and the idea of staying a second year did not appeal."** — Sandover Medallist Steve Malaxos explaining his decision to return to Claremont.

**"I believe I still have something to offer South Fremantle and football."** — former State and South Fremantle captain Noel Carter, talking about a comeback.

**"My enthusiasm for football is down and I don't know if I have the desire to keep playing."** — Hawthorn's Gary Buckenara.

**"I think I can improve a lot on my form this year."** — WA and Footscray star Brad Hardie, the 1985 Brownlow Medal winner.

## December

**"I want to further my business career as a stock broker — and that means going to Melbourne."** — Swan Districts and State ruck-rover Jon Fogarty.

**"Greg Brehaut's future is secured."** — East Perth's vice-president Laurie Kennedy after a meeting of the new-look board of directors.

**"The WAFL is facing a united front."** — Perth City Council spokesperson Joan Watters on demands that the WAFL sign five-year leases for football ovals.

**"Perth is in deep financial trouble. But I'm confident we can trade out of it."** — New Perth president Ken Jackson on the club's accumulated deficit of \$341,552.

**"We hope to stay at Leederville Oval indefinitely."** — West Perth president Rod Brown on the grounds dispute between the WAFL and the PCC.

**"This was a tough decision to make."** — Subiaco's general manager Michael Flanagan, accepting a similar post with Geelong.

**"I'm ready for a change."** — ABC sports commentator Dennis Cometti on his move to Channel 7.

**"I'm aggressive and I step on toes. I know that. But I believe if people are going the wrong way, then I tell them."** — former East Perth president Mal Atwell on failing to win a seat on the club's board.

**"We are urging all clubs to help us rebuild the junior organisation up from a solid, broad base."** — former Perth champion Barry Cable in his new role as development officer.

**"Ireland will send a touring party of 35, including 24 players."** — WAFL chief executive John Walker on plans to stage a Gaelic football clash under lights at the WACA Ground in October, 1986.

**"It appears that I'll probably need a major operation."** — Perth (and/or Carlton) star Peter Bosustow on an ankle injury. **"But one thing is for sure — I won't play under Mal Brown again."**

**"Alan Bond has never supported the Tigers and it's doubtful if he has even attended a game to see the famous black and yellow in action."** — Richmond and VFL legend Kevin Bartlett criticising the decision to offer Perth magnate Alan Bond presidency of the club in 1987.

## January

**"Players deserve respect because it is they who ultimately decide whether or not the club succeeds or fails."** — New Claremont president Ian Goldie.



**"Maurice Rioli will play league football this year — we're just waiting for offers."** — Rioli's manager Rod Anderson after the South Fremantle star was dumped by his new club, Sydney Swans.

**"I have spoken with the Sydney Swans, but nothing has been finalised and time is running out."** — Subiaco's fairest and best of 1985, Dwayne Lamb, talking about his football future.

**"Alan Bond is a great Australian and is known in the sporting fields throughout the world because of his America's Cup effort."** — Richmond director Andrew Fairley defending the decision to offer the WA businessman the Tigers presidency in 1987.

**"I don't think I could have gone through the intensity of another VFL season with the knee the way it is."** — Former East Fremantle rover Tony Buhagiar on his return home after five years with Essendon and Footscray.

**"The players have the incentive — the 25 fittest on the track will be invited to make a pre-season trip to the Gold Coast."** — Swan Districts football manager Peter Mahoney on the club's new approach to 1986.

**"I'm disappointed that East Perth can't come to an agreement considering the service I have given them over the past five or six years."** — East Perth's Steve Da Rui on his hopes of switching clubs after a pay dispute.

**"Champion players do not necessarily make champion teams."** Bob Pritchard, of the Sydney Swans management company Power Play talking about the club's dumping of star recruit Maurice Rioli after he failed to attend the official start to pre-season training.

**"We offered him more than he got last season."** — East Perth general manager Alex Wilson.

**"Give a busy man a job and it will get done."** WA magnate Alan Bond on his decision to accept the presidency of the Richmond Football Club in 1987.

**"Personal reasons will prevent me from taking up the general manager's job at Geelong."** — Subiaco's GM Michael Flanagan, announcing that he will remain with the Lions.

**"He's had two poor seasons and it seems to be a mental block which is preventing him from taking up the challenge."** — South Fremantle coach Don Haddow on Stephen Michael's plan to retire.

**"I knew we had them as soon as we hit the front."** — former West Perth player Don Bonson who helped the Northern Territory beat VFL premiers Essendon in an exhibition match in Darwin.

**"I still want to play in Melbourne, but right now I don't know where it will be."** — VFL star Maurice Rioli in the middle of confusion about his playing future.

**"Those who knew him realise what courage was all about. His greatest attribute was his giant heart."** — Swan Districts' triple Sandover Medallist and club president Bill Walker paying tribute to former club great, ruckman Cyril Litterick, who died of cancer, aged 49.

**"I have finished as a player, but I will remain at Claremont as coach of the colts side."** — champion ruck-rover Bruce Monteath, announcing his retirement at the age of 30 and after 264 league games in WA and Victoria.

**"We would not have submitted this suggestion unless we thought it was in the best interest of football overall."** — WAFL champion Roy Annear on plans to introduce the send-off rule in 1986.

**"It is simply not needed. In fact, it is a ridiculous suggestion."** — Mal Brown on the send-off rule proposition.

## February

**"He has signed with us again and is back on the training track."** — East Perth general manager Alex Wilson on Steve Da Rui's return to the fold.

**"We are gearing up for a national competition."** — West Perth executive director Graeme Pleydell on the club's decision to play practice matches on Friday afternoons.



**"I can't see it having the effect the WAFL is seeking. The send-off rule can create even more violence through its effect on spectators."** — Swan Districts coach John Todd on the send-off rule proposal.

# d over summer

"I may be a pessimistic person, but I really don't think I'm capable of playing. I started training simply to rekindle my links with the club." — East Fremantle rover Tony Buhagiar, back home from Victoria, on his future playing prospects.

"We are not prepared to play Carlton unless it costs us no money." — Claremont's general manager Allan Moore on the proposed pre-season clash with the VFL club.

"Geelong said they wanted my style of player to help replace the three players they have lost to the Sydney Swans." — Former Swan Districts and WA ruck-rover Jon Fogarty, who has moved to Victoria.

"South Fremantle owe me the difference between what I received at Perth and what they were going to pay me for the 1985 season." — Controversial Chris Stasinowsky on plans to sue South Fremantle after his sacking from the club last year.

"The Victorians are gung-ho about going national next year." — WAFL chairman Roy Annear on plans to unite with South Australia to work out a common policy to tackle the VFL's national competition plans.

"I suppose it's like when someone turns 18, he has to leave home," — Former Hawthorn veteran Leigh Matthews, in Perth in his new role as assistant coach of Collingwood.



"This rule is a step in the right direction. The League's market research shows that the public is strongly in support of a send-off rule." — Former champion Swan Districts ruckman Keith Slater, the WAFL's football director.

"I've played my guts out for the club. I love the club and cannot see any reason for being sacked." — Former Subiaco defender Tim Gepp on his sacking from Richmond's senior list.

"Obviously, it will take him a few days to sort it all out." — Subiaco football manager Trevor Nisbett talking about the prospect of enticing former club skipper Tim Gepp back to Perth after his sacking by VFL club Richmond.

"The standards Farmer, Foley, Whinnen and Dempsey set in football are hard to find today." — West Perth coach John Wynne on a club decision to have the names of those four greats on the back of official Falcons T-shirts.

"Finance is not the reason for my decision. I think my future is limited at East Perth." — Royals utility player Greg Carpenter on his decision to move to Subiaco.

"We know it's been going on, but it's difficult to prove." — WAFL football affairs manager Peter Evans talking about the previous poaching rules that have been dropped because of their difficulty to enforce.

"We definitely want Ross to play with us, but only if he is going to be fit." — Swan Districts football manager Peter Mahoney on moves to drop negotiations for a clearance from Perth for former Swan Districts player Ross Fitzgerald, who has injured his back playing cricket.



"One of our umpires is going to be lynched." — Former top WAFL umpire and recent Umpires Coach, Ross Capes, on the WAFL news that the send-off rule will be introduced in the reserves and the colts in 1986.

"I was a bit worried, at first. I didn't know if it was insured." — Subiaco star Dwayne Lamb, who crashed his new Nissan (the spoils of his Channel 7 player-of-the-year award) just days after taking possession of it.

"Tiger supporters must be shaking their heads in disbelief." — Richmond and VFL legend Kevin Bartlett criticising the decision to offer Perth magnate Alan Bond presidency of the club in 1987.

"The clubs spoke strongly against the rule." — Swan Districts president Bill Walker on the send-off rule being introduced.

"This news means that 1986 will be West Perth's most successful year in terms of sponsorship." — Falcons president Rod Brown on the news that Big Rock Toyota would continue as major club sponsors.

"He is one of the best-ever players and would have a dynamic effect on our football this season." — South Fremantle managing-director Harold Harper after court action against Maurice Rioli was settled and the Bulldogs launched a campaign to secure his services.

"That document places in serious jeopardy the existing country zoning scheme." — South West NFL president Bernie Cunningham protesting about new player regulations adopted by the WAFL.

"We will seek advice on these fines," — Sydney Swans owner Dr Geoff Edelman after the club was fined \$20,000 for poaching Richmond's Maurice Rioli — who was later dropped by the Swans.

## March

"There is always a chance I'll come home; my wife is a Perth girl and we're expecting a baby next month." — Former Subiaco defender skipper Tim Gepp on his possible future.

"Essendon wanted an answer by 2 o'clock and there simply wasn't enough time to consider their offer, so we rejected it." — Rod Anderson, the solicitor acting for Maurice Rioli.

"I suppose I'm sick and tired of being the bunny and getting criticised for speaking my mind." — Swan Districts coach John Todd explaining why he will not be making too many public comments on football this year.

"I must admit I'm intrigued to hear of Essendon's interest in Maurice." — Solicitor Rod Anderson, handling the football future of champion centremen Maurice Rioli.

"I desperately want to play in a premiership team and I owe Subiaco something for taking me on last year when I was under a cloud with injury." — Dual Sandover Medallist Peter Spencer talking about another summer fightback to recover from injury, this time a badly weakened right thigh and knee.

"It's probably too late to save the match now." — Claremont president Ian Goldie on last-minute problems with Carlton over the cost of staging their pre-season practice match in Perth.

"Somewhere along the line we have lost sight of things in football. We have been going down the wrong track." — West Perth coach John Wynne explaining some of his old-fashioned ideas.

"For a while it looked as though we would have to call the match off." — Claremont president John Goldie after last-minute negotiations enabled their practice match against Carlton to go ahead.

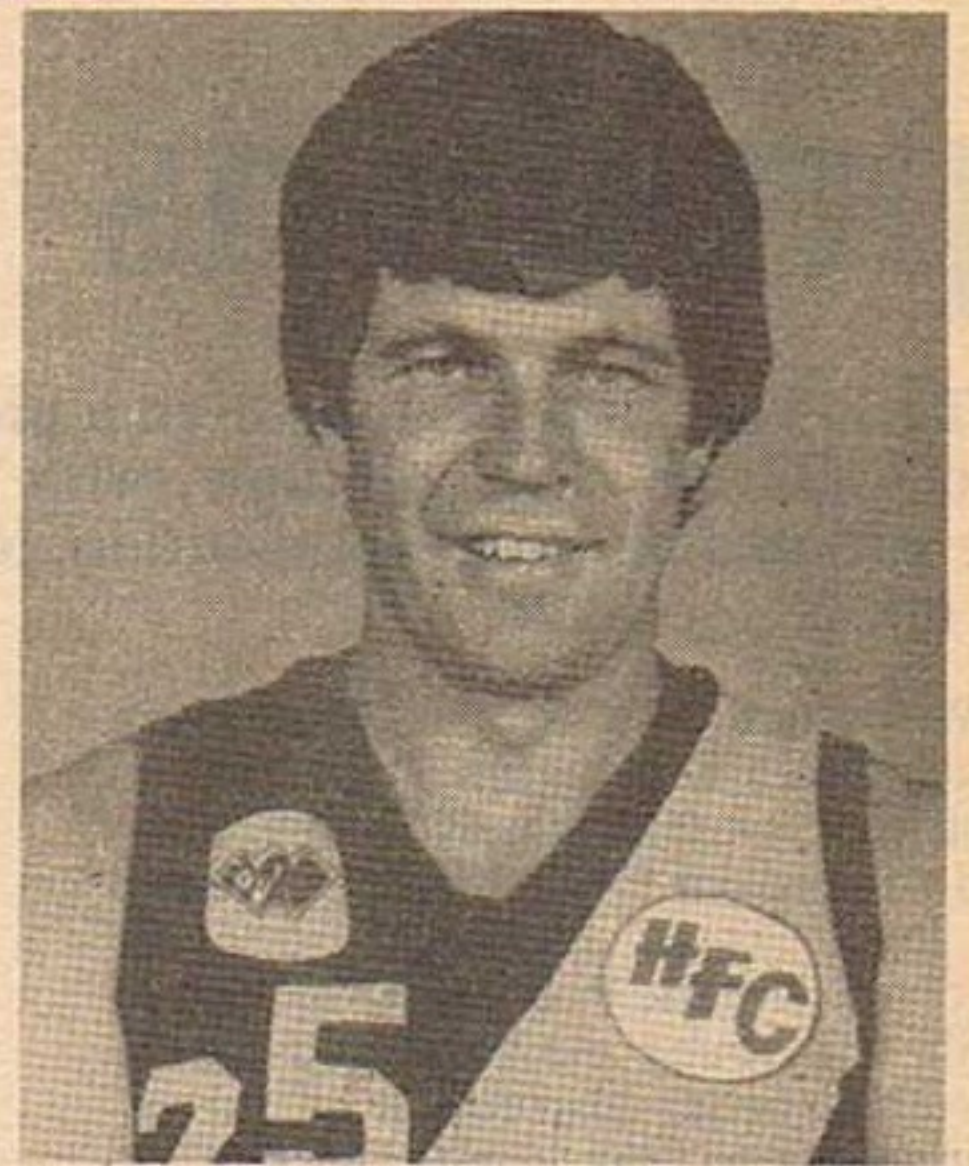
"It's important that the WAFL and SANFL are united on the subject of a national competition." — SA president Max Basheer expressing disappointment that WA couldn't reach agreement on a united front.

"We cleared Paul Vasoli to Swans in good faith, believing that we had a bona fide deal." — South Fremantle managing-director, Harold Harper, talking about an alleged agreement to swap Vasoli for South Bunbury Teal Cup star Brad McDougall.

"A major priority for the WAFL is to preserve a healthy and viable WA competition on and off the field." — WAFL chief executive John Walker issuing a policy statement on the League's desires to make the national competition an extension of WA's interest, not an alternative.

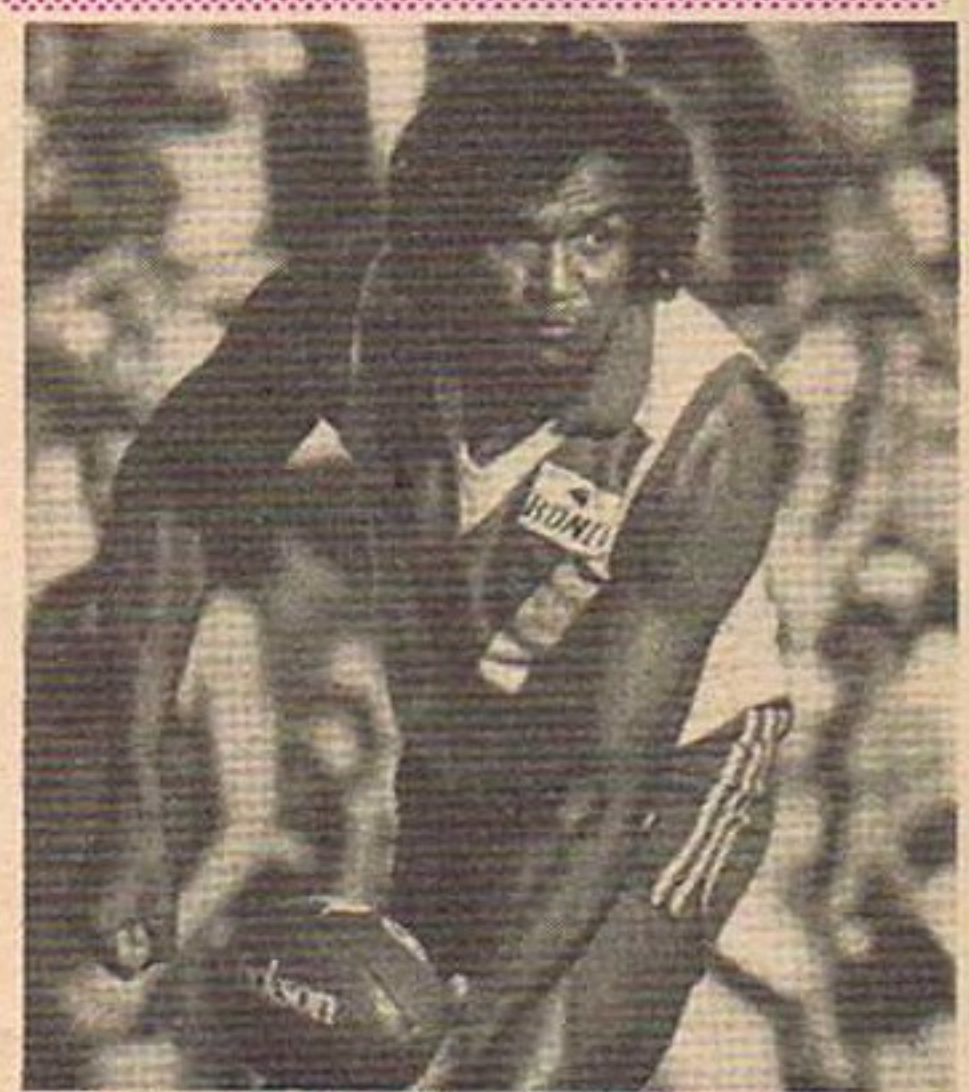
"There is no agreement between the clubs over McDougall's clearance and South's move to clear Vasoli was a bid to make out that there was an agreement." — Swans president Bill Walker on the dispute.

"WA has had the luxury for a long time of all four matches being broadcast. 6IX has had a change of format." — WAFL chief executive John Walker announcing that radio 6IX had pulled out of football broadcasting.



"I suppose if we lost the first few games, I would start to feel more pressure." — Claremont coach Graham Moss conceding that he has been facing some criticism on his re-appointment for a 10th term.

"I got bogged down. My priorities were wrong. I wasn't getting involved with individuals as much as I should." — South Fremantle coach Don Had-dow talking about some of the mistakes he made in his first year of coaching.



"He says that he cannot develop sufficient motivation to continue in league football at a level satisfactory to him." — South Fremantle managing director Harold Harper announcing the retirement of former club and State captain and dual Sandover Medallist, Stephen Michael, after 243 games, the first 210 consecutive.



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## The Right Stuff!



# South Fremantle

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## More Teal Cup products at South

THE Teal Cup has long been a productive breeding ground for SA and Victorian clubs and now, with WA placing greater emphasis on the national under-17 competition, local products are coming through to senior football.

With men like former East Perth coach Grant Dorrington, former Swan Districts champion Stan Nowotny, Subiaco colts coach Eddie Pitter and former Perth rover Chris Mitsopolous involved with the WA Teal Cup team in 1985, the young players could hardly have had better instruction on the requirements to play league football.

Dorrington has coached the Teal Cup team for the last two years and his energetic approach last season saw WA take the title for the first time when they beat Victoria in the grand final at Leederville Oval.

Two of the stars of that victory were South Fremantle colts players **SCOTT WATTERS** and **JOHN WORSFOLD** — and both players are now ready to make their mark on league football.

Watters appears to be a ready-made league footballer.



Mark Sambraio

He was one of the few bright lights in a poor pre-season built-up by South Fremantle.

He immediately adjusted to the tempo of senior competition and impressed with his mature approach.

Watters seems to have time to deliver the ball and that is always a sign of a player with the potential to adapt to the highest level of football.

Watters can play in the centre, as a ruck-rover or on a half-forward flank, where his accurate disposal reaps the benefits of his side's mid-field work.

Worsfold, on the other hand, is a hard working ruck-rover or centreman, who helps to bring players like Watters into the game.

He can often be found at the base of the pack feeding the ball out.

He is held in high regard at South Fremantle as it should not be long before he demonstrates to the WA football public exactly why the Bulldogs rate him as one of the best local products seen at Fremantle Oval in a long time.

Last year South Fremantle coaxed a young farmer from Lake Grace to Perth to try his hand at league football. In a brilliant season that player — Mark Bairstow — won every rookie-of-the-year award around and played State football.

Now the Bulldogs hope that Bairstow's older brother **NOEL BAIRSTOW** will have a similar impact.

Noel is a bustling type of defender and, like younger brother Mark, will initially travel to Perth every week to train with South Fremantle.

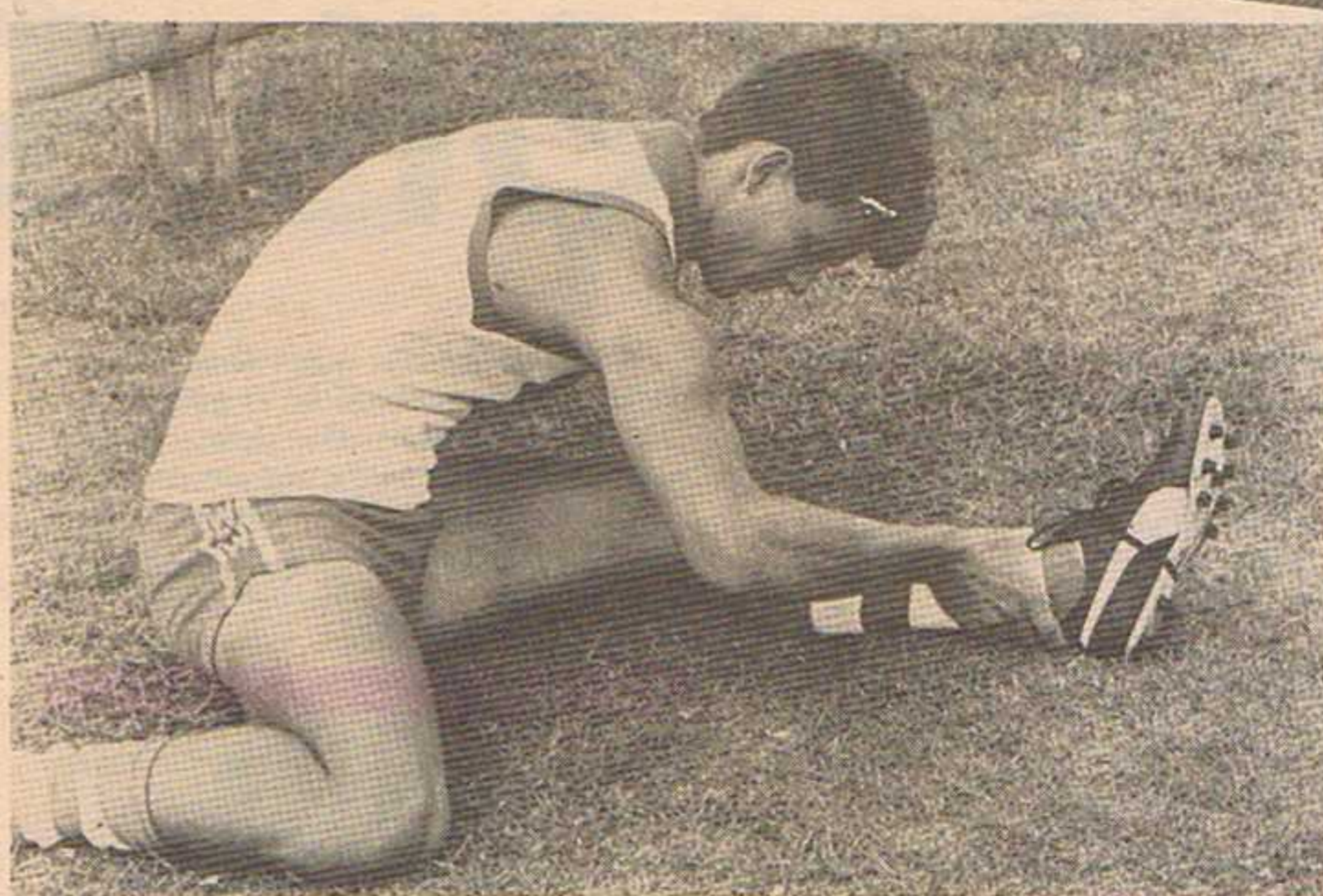
This is Noel's second crack at league football, having been enticed to Claremont Oval a couple of seasons ago. However, he did not succeed and returned to his country town.

Mark's brilliant start to his career has encouraged Noel and he has the ability to fit into the Bulldogs line-up.

There are many country players at league clubs in the city and former Katanning Wanderers star **BARRY HUTCHESON** is looking to make his mark with the Bulldogs this season.

Hutcheson resisted offers to move to Perth for several seasons, but the departure of Jon Dorotich to VFL glamour side Carlton was enough to convince him to try his luck in the big time.

The strong marking centre-half-forward could see an opening with



Scot Watters

Dorotich's move and he should go straight from country football to the South Fremantle league team.

He has good skills on both sides of his body and his aerial ability should thrill local football enthusiasts.

Probably the most publicised pre-season move was that of former South Bunbury star **BRAD McDUGALL**.

That was a little surprising considering he has not played league football. McDougall required a clearance from Swan Districts, the club who sent him back to the country last season, when he had his initial crack at league football.

But a look at McDougall's skill in pre-season matches was enough for people to understand why South were so keen to secure him.

The former All-Australian Teal Cup star looks a ready-made senior player. He should fit in nicely to the South Fremantle side on a half-forward flank.

South Fremantle have had no lack of talent in the past few seasons, but they have not produced the results expected from their star-studded line-up.

It will now be up to Don Haddow to attempt to reverse that trend.

He could not do it in his first season as a league coach, but he says he has learned a great deal from his initial year in the hot-seat and is confident that the Bulldogs will improve.

Obviously senior, players like Wally Matera, Craig Edwards, David Hart, Noel Carter, Warren Mosconi, Nicky Winmar and Willie Roe will have a large bearing on exactly how well the Bulldogs perform in 1986.



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# Wynne sticks to local talent

WEST Perth coach John Wynne has adopted an unorthodox approach to his task at Leederville Oval.

And that does not stop with his attitude to pre-season training. It also includes recruiting.

He is a firm believer in promoting local talent into the senior side and for that reason the Falcons have again largely limited their recruiting campaign to the country area.

Until the revision of country zoning last year, West Perth were heavily disadvantaged, so when they were given Collie as part of their new area it came as no surprise that Wynne immediately enticed former Collie full-back GERARD GRAHAM to play with the Falcons.

But had Wynne not been coaching the Falcons, Graham would almost certainly still be in the coal mining town.

Another of Wynne's philosophies is that a player's work commitments must come before his football.

And Graham has a job in the mines — one that pay extremely well and it would be a big sacrifice if he had to resign and move to Perth.

Wynne has allowed Graham to travel to Perth for training on Friday nights and that is the only time he demands that the well-built defender trains with his new teammates.

Wynne wasted no time giving Graham his first trial in senior football in the big pre-season practice match against Collingwood at Collie in March.

Unfortunately, Graham suffered a leg injury early in that match and he did not have the opportunity to show his style. However, with the shortage of key players at Leederville, he is sure to be given further chances.

The only exception to the West Perth theory of recruiting from within their city and country zones was in the signing of former Claremont defender COLIN BARNES.

The talented centre-half-back could manage only four games in the Claremont senior team last year to take his career total to 46. But he showed that he deserved more opportunities by winning the reserves fairest and best award at Claremont.

Barnes had shown a great deal of promise at Claremont in the early days of his career, but he has failed to live up to those expectations.

Like Graham, however, he was recruited because of the shortage of key players at Leederville and the change of clubs could revitalise his football.

Another local product who looks destined to break into league football this season is fair-haired wingman SEAN KING.

The biggest problem most players face in senior ranks is the ability to get the ball. King has that talent, but he needs to improve his disposal.

Wynne places great emphasis on accurate kicking and handpassing, so if King wants to earn a regular place in the West Perth league side, he will need to work hard on that aspect of his game.

However, he works hard at the base of the packs and feeds the ball out to players running past.

King won West Perth's reserves fairest and best award last year and he only needs to develop a little further to become a regular league player.

Unfortunately for him, he will have strong opposition for a place in West Perth's midfield.

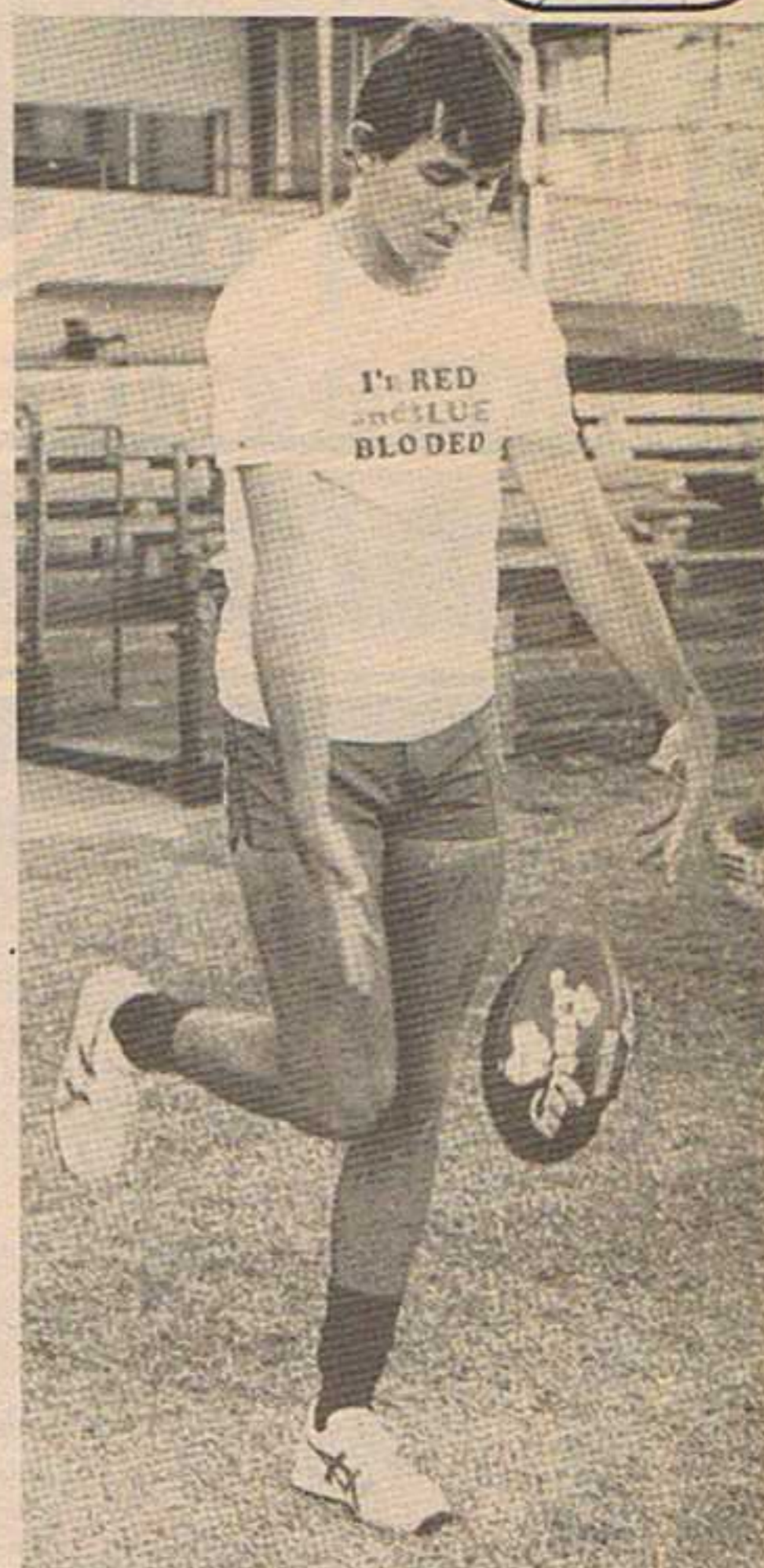
A club that boasts talent like rovers Corry Bewick and Les Fong, centreliners George Michalczyk, Darren Bewick, Peter Murnane, Paul Mifka and Dean Warwick and ruck-rovers Peter Menaglio and Gavin Chaplin means that it is difficult for newcomers to force their way into the line-up.

And that midfield unit, along with the talents of defender Dean Laidley and centre-half-forward Phil Bradmore was responsible for West Perth finishing fourth last year.

Those players again hold the key to the destiny of West Perth in 1986.

Wynne realises that pace around the ground is the side's biggest asset and he needs those players at their peak if West Perth are to exploit weaknesses in opposition teams.

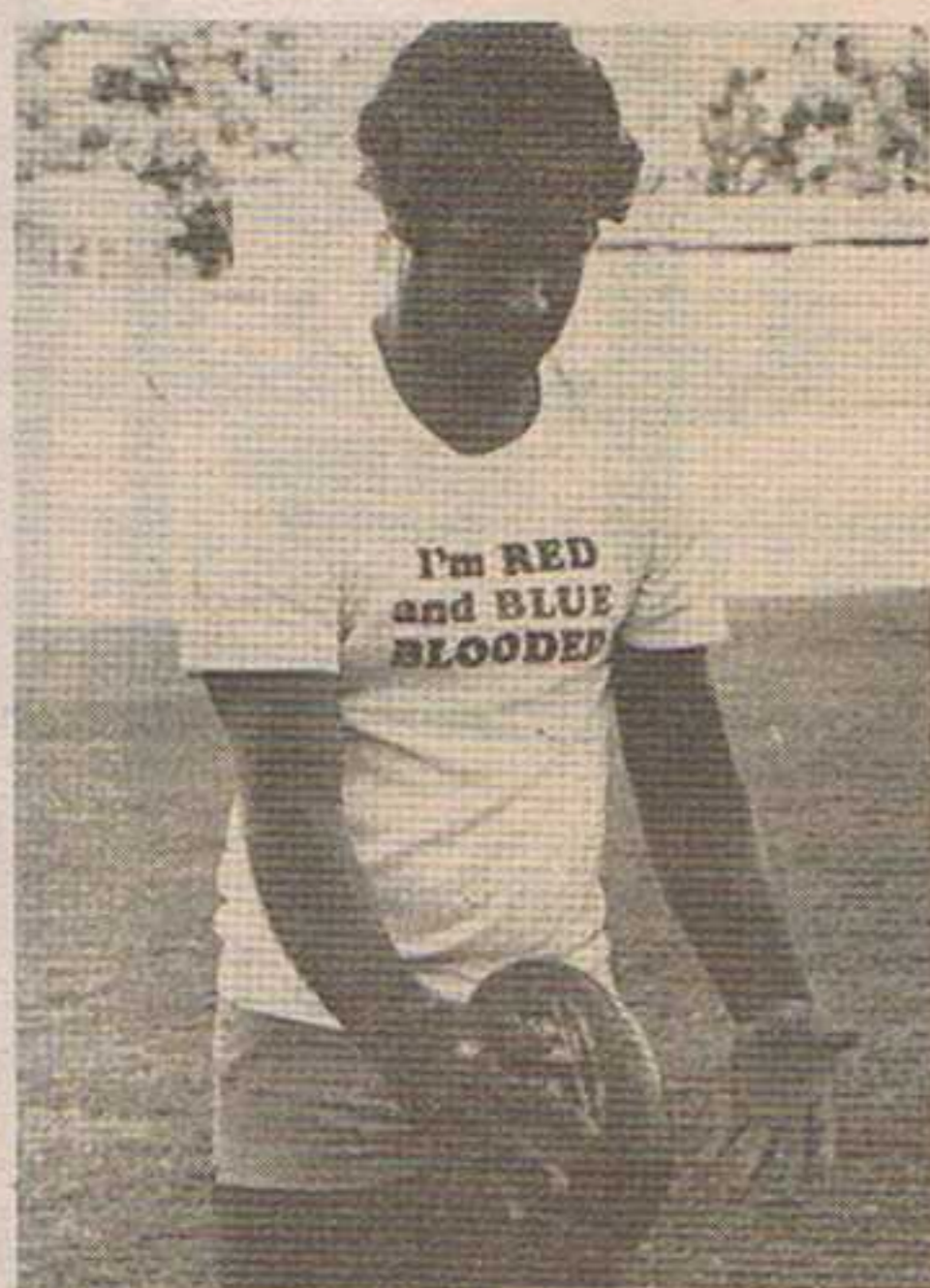
West Perth must again rate as final four contenders, particularly as they beat last year's premiers East Fremantle in two of their qualifying round meetings last year.



Greg Evans



Dan Foley



Alf Nelson



Brad Gwilliam

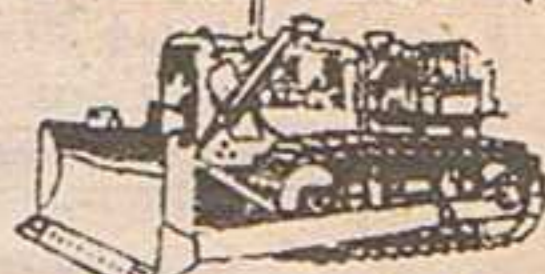
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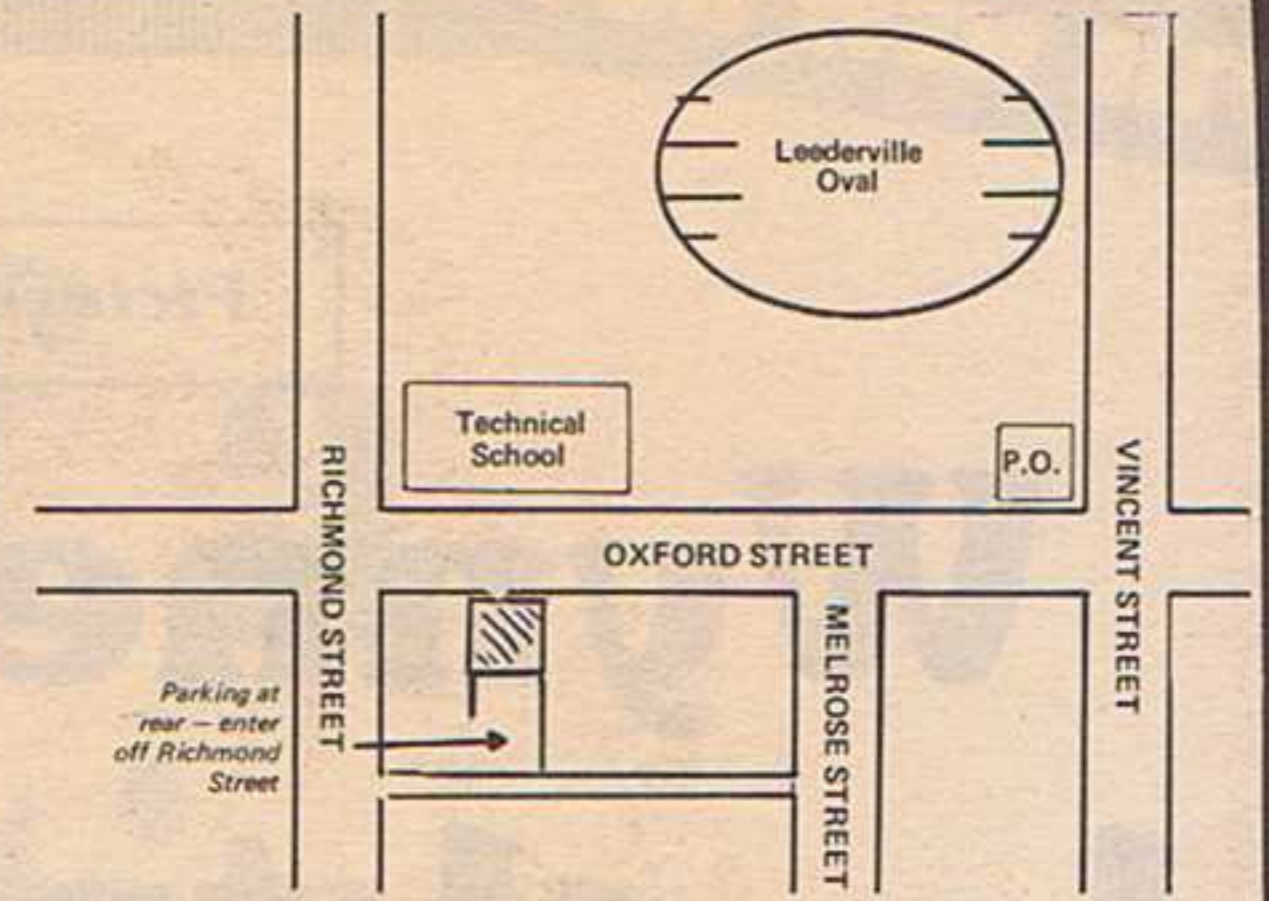
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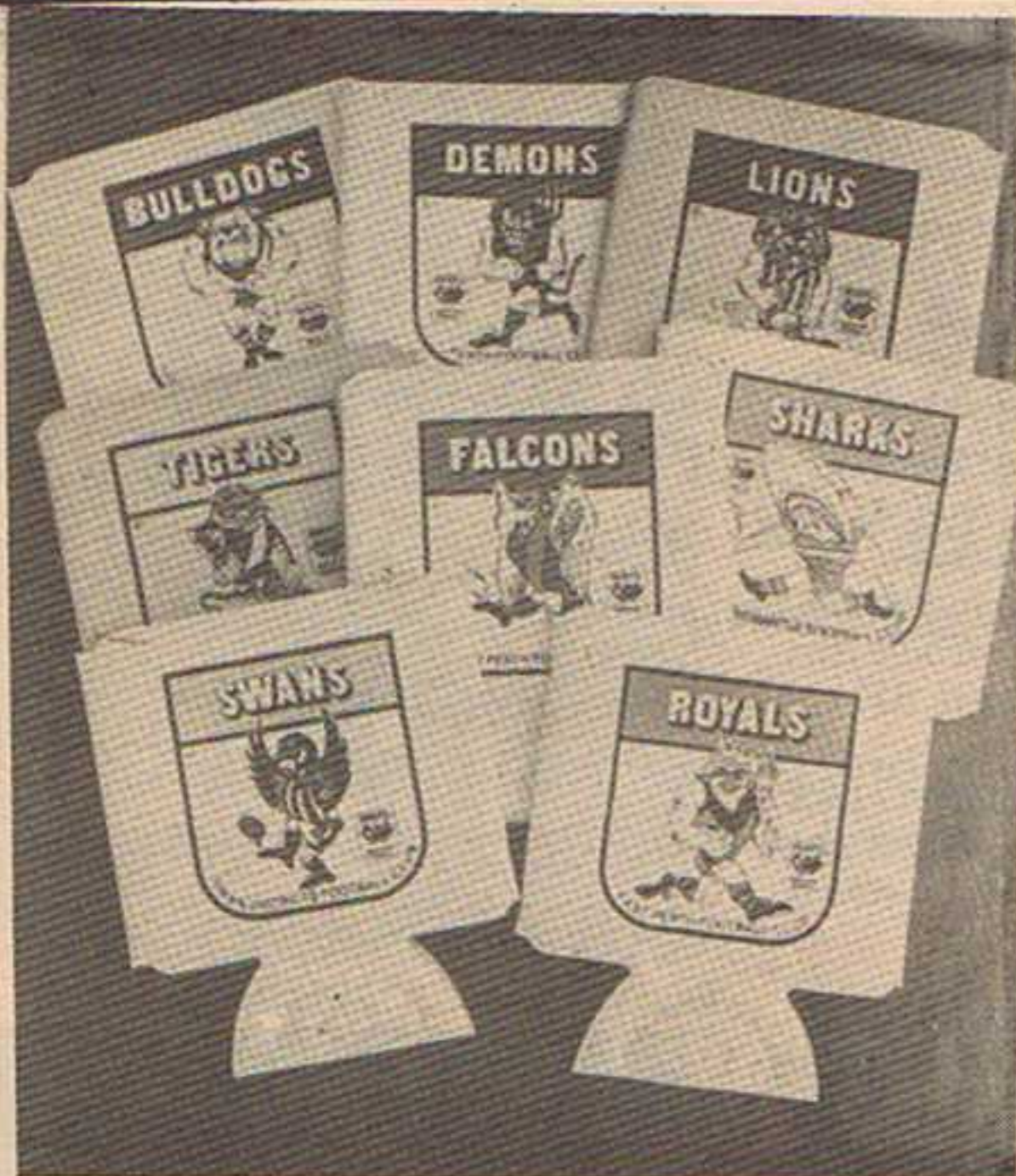
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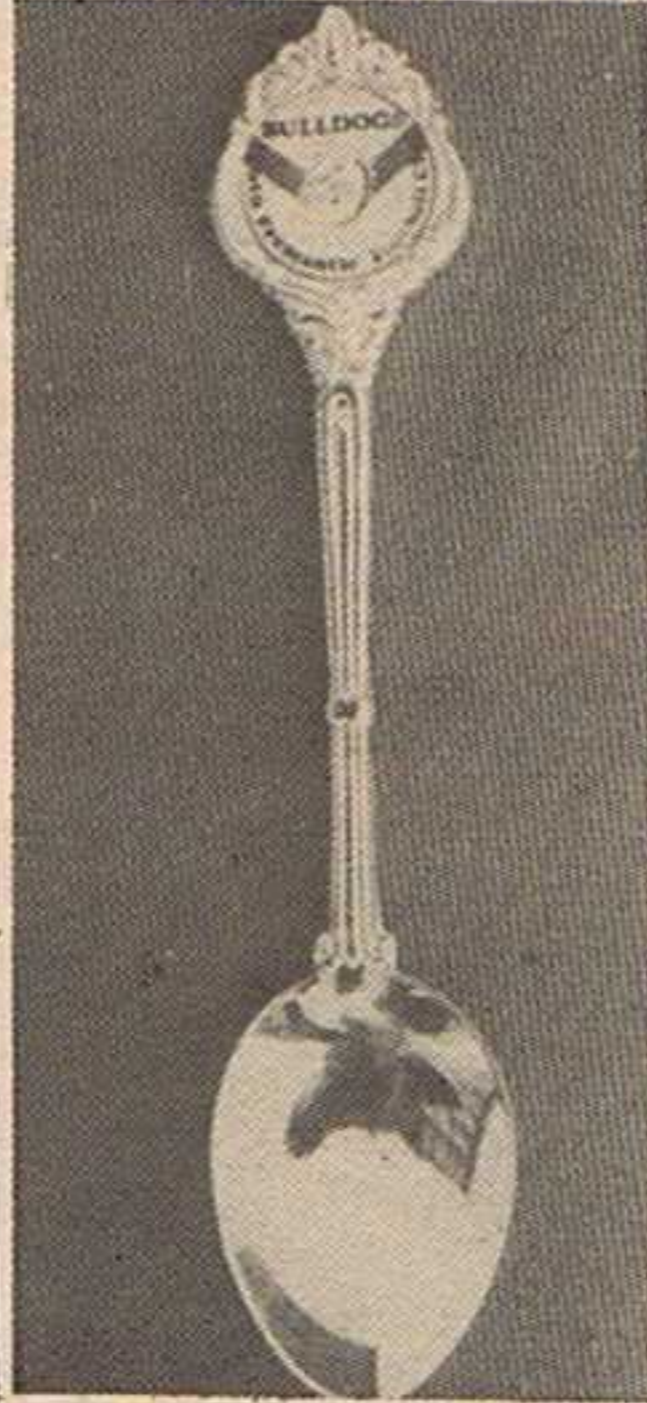
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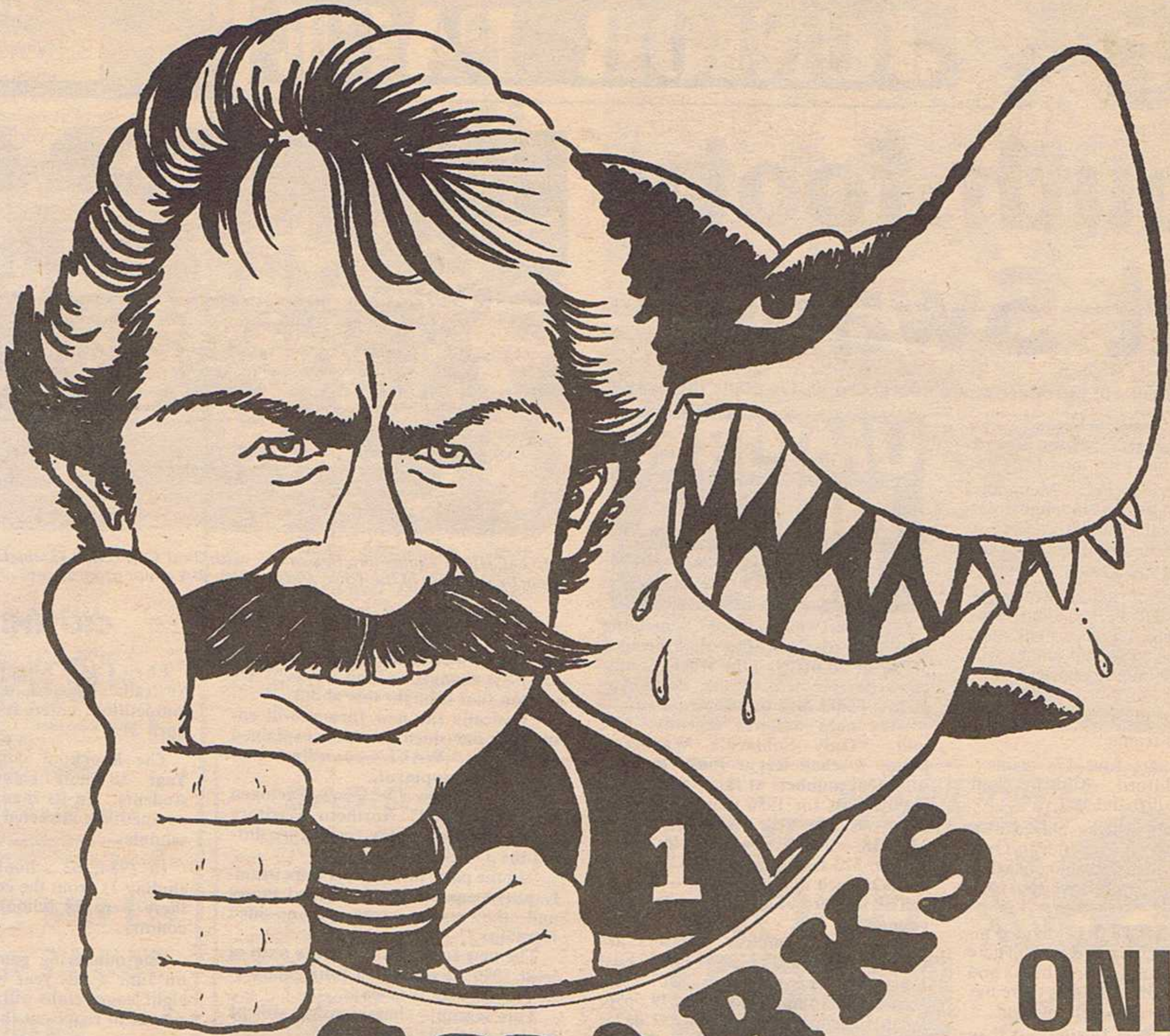
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 Juniors news should be posted to Gary at 6 Byfield Road, Parkerville 6553 or phoned through on 295 4525.



# Youth footy at Swans

SWAN Districts will introduce a new concept to its 17s grade this season.

It's called Youth Football and though it's for players between 15 and 17 years old, it has been modified.

Football manager Peter Mahoney, who has had junior development roles previously at Swans, Subiaco and East Perth, says the concept offers more incentives for that age group.

"Because most of that age group are students, there will be less time commitment," he said. "Training will only be one hour per week and games will run over four 15-minute quarters, with no time-on."

Mahoney said older age groups are battling to field teams.

"In recent years four 17s teams - Ashfield, Guildford, Midvale and Midland - have disbanded."

Youth Football will be played in a 45-metre corridor at Bassendean Oval on Sundays, with each team consisting of 11 players and up to four interchange.

The playing arena will be divided into three segments, like Freeball. There will be three forwards, three backs and five midfielders. At all times there has to be three players in each segment.

Goals scored from further out than 45 metres will gain three points. One point is credited for goals scored within 45 metres.

The ball will be kicked in when it goes out of bounds and the send-off rule will apply.

## STATE SCHOOLBOYS

The WA State schoolboys side will be selected by a thorough process this year - as was the case last year when selection became open to all schools.

Schools will nominate players by May 2. Then each league club will form a squad to represent them at the 15s State championships at Perth Oval on June 1 and 2.

Friday, May 23 is the selection trial day for country players, when teams play at Subiaco Oval in a country championship.

On Sunday, June 8 the squad will play against a colts side at Subiaco Oval and then the final list of 25 players will be announced.

From June 29 - July 4 the squad will attend a multi-sport development live-in camp at Penrhos College, Como.

This year the State schoolboys championships will be played for the 55th time. The series will be held in Adelaide from August 7-17.

Because of the heavy selection commitment to the squad, a 15s competition in the WAFL inter-district carnival was scrapped last season.

## QUESTIONAIRES

The WAFL sent every football club a questionnaire during the off-season to find out basically what junior football clubs need to run more efficiently.

The WAFL wanted a good response to form a general consensus. Unfortunately the response was only 40%.

## UMPIRES NEED A BOOST

IF you're willing to put something back into football other than being a player or an official, the WAFL's umpire's development officer, Brian Appleby, would love to hear from you.

"We need umpires urgently," he said, "Only Subiaco's Wanneroo junior football league looks to have sufficient numbers at this stage."

Payments for 1986 umpires will be: \$13 - 9s, 10s: \$15 - 11s, 12s; \$17 - 13s; \$18 - 14s; \$20 each umpire or \$24 - 15s; \$23 each umpire or \$27 - 16s and \$25 each umpire or \$30 - 17s.

The fees are uniform in each junior council.

This year's umpires' advisors are Claremont Bob Lee 384 1242; East Fremantle Max Freeman 330 5341; East Perth John Marrapodi 279 5696; Perth Graeme Chamberlain 337 4671; South Fremantle Ron Capes 095 27 6829; Subiaco-Wanneroo Con Sherwood 344 5485; Swan Districts Dale Donnes 279 3724; West Perth Graeme Leckie 342 2092; South Suburban Steve Hills 298 5951 and Bruce Warrington 229 7324 (Hills Association).

Brian Appleby may be contacted on 342 4391 for further information.

Chamberlain, Hills and Warrington are in their first term as umpires' advisors.

Subiaco's Wanneroo is the only panel with the desired number of umpires. Fifty people turned up at their first training session.

"The sponsorship of Hospital Benefit Fund has helped immensely," said one umpire.

HBF sponsor the Subiaco-Wanneroo, Claremont and East Fremantle umpires panels with track suits and gear.



COACHING clinics like this one - with Teal Cup coach Grant Dorrington - will again be a feature of the Town and Country WA junior programme.

## TEAL CUP

THE format of the Caltex Teal Cup has been changed - and it was WA's motion that brought this about.

"Basically the new format will ensure less one-sided games," explained Ross Davys, WAFL's co-ordinator of football development.

"It will allow the lesser-developed teams like ACT, Northern Territory and Tasmania to play each other during the 17s championship."

"In the past, these teams were usually pitted against the developed States and the results were a one-sided formality."

The new format will operate until at least 1990. It will entail four games to be played over four days.

This season's championship will be held in Adelaide from June 5-11. Next year it will be played in Tasmania from July 8-13 to coincide with the school holidays.

WA won the prestigious cup for the first time last year.

## HANDBALL

THE Elastoplast handball competition is to be held on a slightly different basis this year.

Each junior council will run heats to determine winners in their 10s, 12s and 14s and then the councils will be pitted against each other.

Heats will still be run in shopping centres, where juniors will be invited to take part.

Last year's winner really threw a spanner in the works - he was a soccer player.

# Junior football now uniform in all States

JUNIOR football has become totally uniform nationally. The NFL Junior Council has adopted four concepts to run in each State from this season.

The concepts are Aussie Footy for 7 to 8-year-olds (freeball in WA), Aussie Footy for 9s & 10s (modified rules), Aussie Footy for 11s and 12s and standard rules for 13s and over.

The NLFJC spent 12 hours, over two days, at a conference in Melbourne earlier this month and finally agreed on total uniformity.

"It's been a major breakthrough," says the WAFL's co-ordinator of football development, Ross Davis. "Each state needed to become uniform and

modify standard laws to keep juniors in our game."

The rules for freeball, modified rules and Aussie Footy have had few changes. But one particular rule, which comes under the heading 'Spirit of the Game', is interesting.

It compels all players to shake hands after each game. This will apply in all concepts. The 'ritual' of shaking hands on a football field seems to have petered out over recent years.

## CIG SHIELD

The CIG Shield, probably Australia's fastest growing football competition, enters its fourth year on April 21.

The knockout competition is for Year 10 and below high school students. In its inaugural season the competition attracted 48 metropolitan schools.

In 1984, 62 schools competed, including 11 from the country. Last year there were 75 schools - 15 from the country.

The qualifying games will wind up on June 3 this year when each of the eight league clubs will have a champion school to represent them.

The quarter finals - C v SF, S v WP, EP v SD and P v EF - will be played on June 9. The semi finals are set for June 16 and the grand final is scheduled for Tuesday July 8 as a curtain-raiser to the WA v VFL State-of-Origin game.

The WAFL has increased its travel costs sponsorship for country schools to \$2500.

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Entries close every Tuesday.



# AMATEUR NEWS AMATEUR NEWS AMATEUR NEWS

Presented by **sunny Citrus**  
the taste of sportsmen

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

## Carlisle's big year

CARLISLE will celebrate their 25th year of active participation in amateur ranks this season.

All past players and officials are invited to a sundowner re-union at the Carlisle Hotel on Friday April 4 at 5pm.

This function is a prelude to a number of planned shows throughout the year.

## FULL COVER

THE full page Westside Football amateur news round-up will start in earnest from the April 10 issue.

## Back for the eighth season

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For the first time in a number of seasons, there are no new clubs admitted to amateur ranks. However, several clubs have increased their team numbers, while there has been an amalgamation of clubs and some are fielding fewer teams.

A total of 160 teams from 55 clubs compete in 12 senior and few colts (under 20) grades.

In our 64th year we look forward to emulating on successes from previous seasons.

Follow our progress through the regular page in Westside Football.

## LEAGUE CONTACT

ALL inquiries and comments regarding joining or contacting any of the clubs in the WAAFL can be made to league headquarters on 382 1293 Monday to Friday 10am till 4pm.

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## APRIL 12 START

THE WAAFL season starts on Saturday, April 12 (the weekend after Easter). Home and away games finish on August 16.

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



Barry Cable

## Colts get a new name



Bruce Monteath

THE 1986 season kicks off this weekend with the competition bearing a new name.

The title colts which replaced the "thirds" in 1972, will now be known as the WAFL under-19's.

Also new are coaching staff at three clubs.

Former champion rover Barry Cable has taken over the reins from Allan Stiles at Perth.

Cable has had a busy pre-season with over 100 young hopefuls trying at Lathlain Park.

Bruce Monteath, who hung up his boots in 1985 after a career spanning 14 years and three league clubs, replaces John Hayes at Claremont.

Monteath is impressed with the enthusiasm shown by his charges and is determined to maintain the high standard set last year when they were runners-up to South Fremantle.

Down at South Fremantle, Ron Bowe will attempt to emulate Brian Ciccosto's premierships winning performance and continue the Bulldogs trend that has produced many senior footballers from the colts marks.

Swan Districts coach Tony Micale capped off a successful pre-season by taking his boys to Moore River for a weekend of activities aimed at developing team spirit.

Subiaco coach Eddie Pitter, also went out-of-town, taking to the bush with his squad to the popular Nanga Brook camping spot near Dwellingup where the young Lions found themselves sleeping under the stars.

The boys were required, with minimal food and utensils, to provide their own meals, team up for a canoeing trip and engage in survival skills, which Pitter believes are great character builders.

As Pitter said: "Players need not only football skills and physical strength, but also a strong mental capacity if they are to survive in senior ranks".

West Perth had a less physically orientated pre-season this year, with coach Jim Di Carlo following the John Wynne policy of a skills build-up.

The young Falcons travelled to Bruce Rock for the club's annual clash against a combined Eastern Districts under-21 side.

Di Carlo was pleased with their performance as they acquitted themselves well against their older and physically stronger opponents and ran out winners 17.9 to 14.17.

Another pleasing aspect of the Bruce Rock game was the good form shown by several country boys.

Di Carlo singled out Mark Fagam a likely prospect for the centre half-forward berth.

The Great Northern Football League, which has provided East Fremantle with several members of the current league squad, has several more stars coming up.

Sharks coach Ron Wilcox was impressed with the initiative shown by 190cm ruckman Clinton Wolf, who arrived unheralded at East Fremantle from the Chapman Valley club.

Wolf had arranged his own accommodation and a job as an apprentice plumber before showing up at East Fremantle for a crack at the under-19 squad.



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## COLTS CORNER

By LUKE MORFESSE



## LES'S LYRICS

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

## It's that time again

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TO show their colours bravely  
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*THOUGH the stands have been deserted  
The whole hot summer long.  
OUR heroes have not been idle  
They've been striving on and on.*

*THE sweat and grind of training  
The workouts in the gym.  
HAS all the biceps bulging  
Now thoughts are here to win.*

*THE Sharks are reigning premiers  
And rightly so I say  
BUT seven other coaches  
Look forward to their day.*

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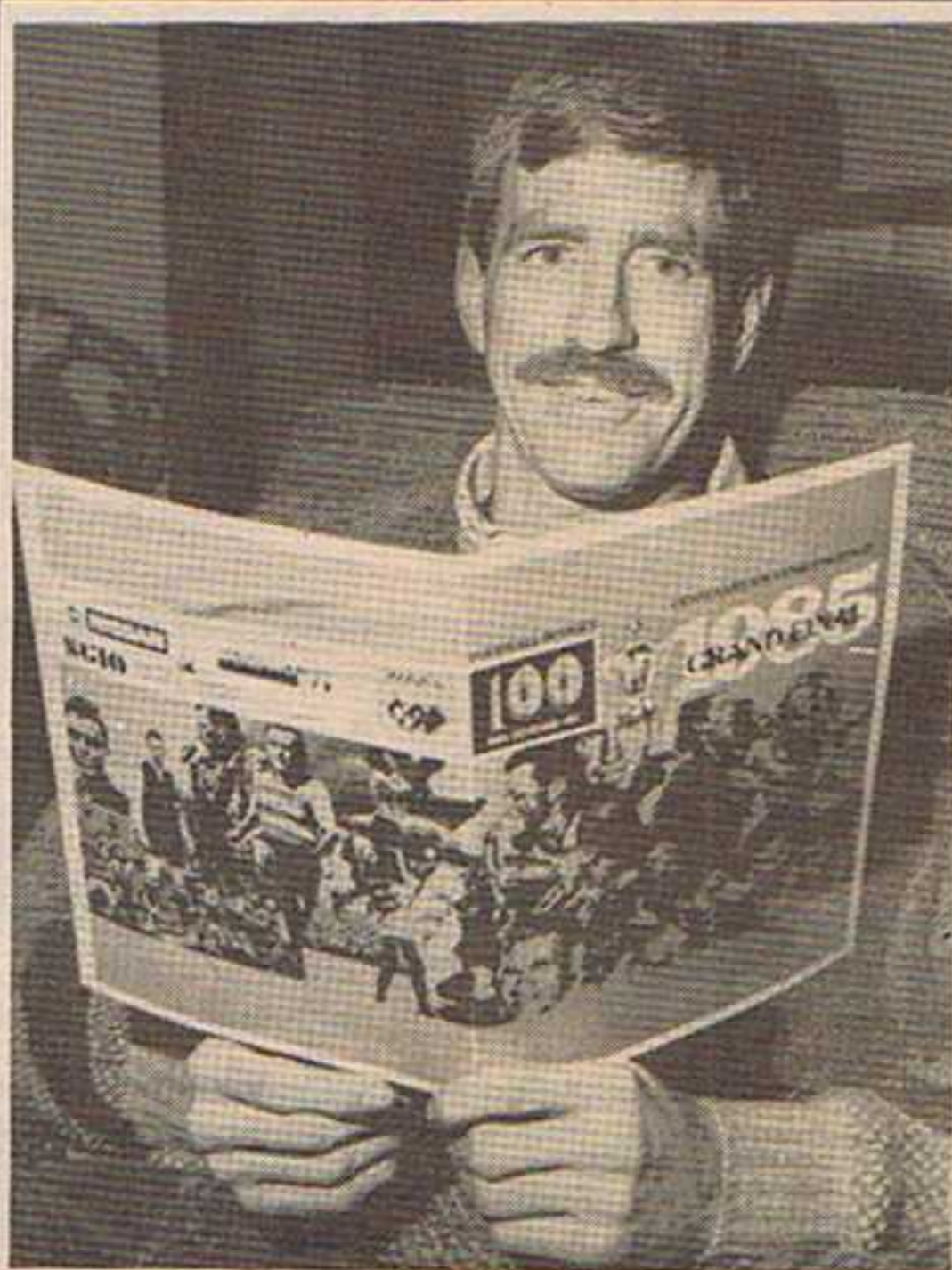
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# DOZEN LEAGUES AT CONFERENCE

**TWENTY-five people, from 12 leagues, attended the second annual country administration conference at Subiaco Oval earlier this month.**

The function, which ran for seven hours, was organised by Herb Ende — in conjunction with the WAFL — who would be pleased with its success.

One participant said the group discussions organised by Mr Ende "were thoroughly fulfilling."

WAFL Chief Executive John Walker addressed the gathering on the league's commitment to country football. He

was followed by Peter Evans, in charge of WAFL's football affairs, who spoke on player rules and regulations.

Other speakers were WAFL coaching co-ordinator Brian Douge (on coaching accreditation), WAFL country umpires' advisor Peter Pustkuchen, country league president Bud Byfield, Great Northern League president Dennis Pearce and Eastern Districts League secretary Kevin Duffy.

## THE MIGHTY DO FALL . . .

*WA has regained the State-of-Origin crown according to Ravensthorpe farmer Brad Clarke.*

*Clarke, and seven of his Ravensthorpe Tigers' teammates, were members of the WA side that beat Victoria in mid-January this year.*

*The rivalry between the two States was as intense as the 45-degree temperature which prevailed on the day of the 'big match'.*

*The showdown was on an old World War II airstrip on an aptly-named Mystery Island. The two sides, made up of Fairstar passengers on a 10-day South Pacific cruise, comprised of 28 players, plus 10 interchange.*

*As the umpire bounced the Burley, war was declared again.*

*Clarke said there wasn't room for the faint-hearted.*

*"Everyone was dinkum. Four blokes were injured. One Victorian had stitches to his face and another copped a dislocated shoulder," he said.*

*The four 15 minute quarters took their toll, but in the end, WA proved superior over the once-almighty Vics.*

*"We won 5.4 to 2.4" said Clarke, who booted two goals to be the game's highest scorer.*

*"Boy, did we lap up our win. Before the game there were loud-mouthed Victorians everywhere, after the game they were nowhere to be seen."*

## EXTENSIONS EXPECTED

BUNBURY Football Club is expected to extend its clubrooms within the next 18 months.

Stage one of the project should cost around \$60,000.

Building committee president George Dawson says the club is encouraging supporters to contribute to the project by buying a \$100 debenture.

Each debenture holder could expect a refund within seven years.

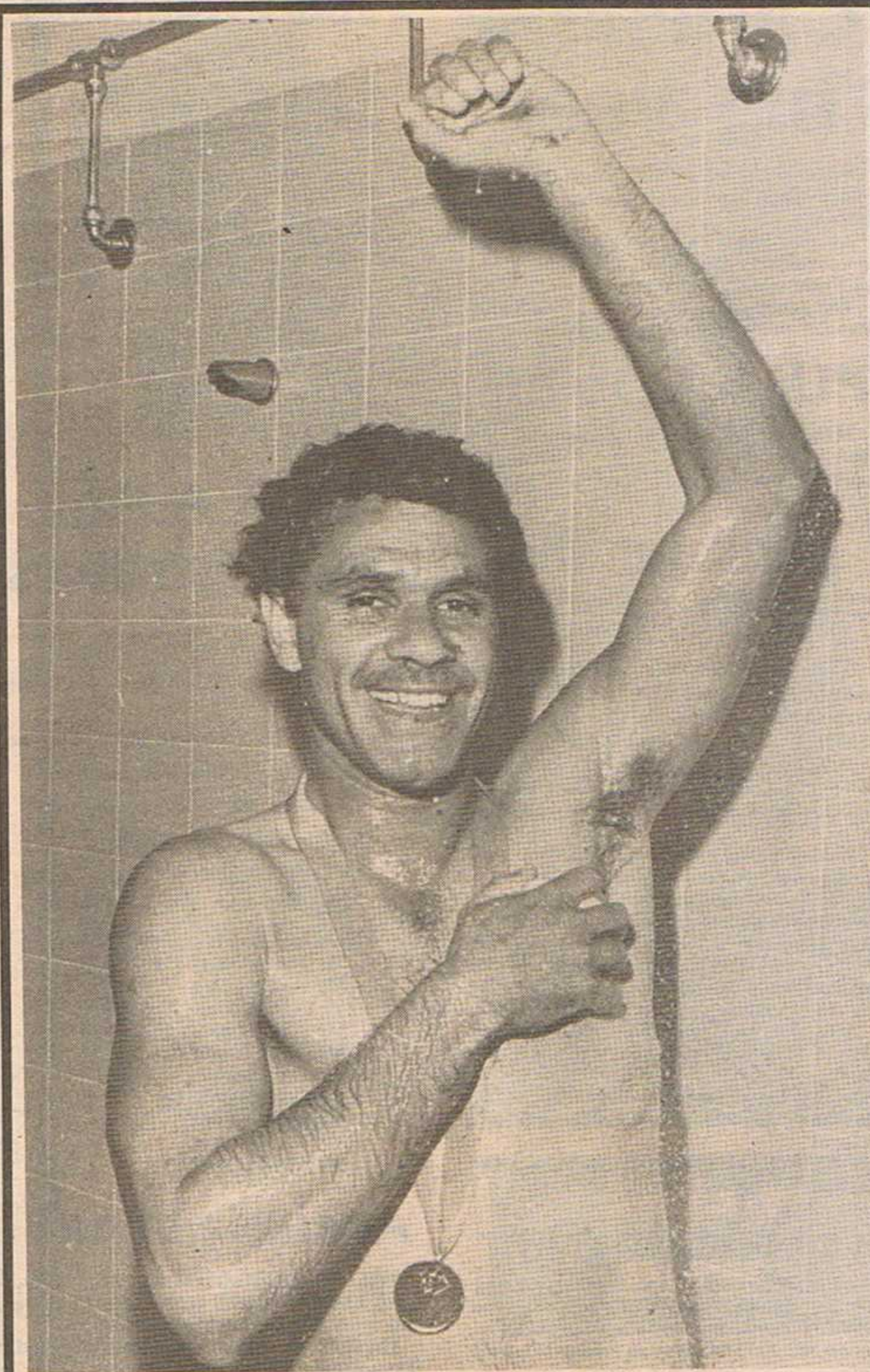
## Eaton's new job



FORMER Perth and Claremont league footballer Terry Eaton has been appointed coach of Harvey Towns in the Murray Districts League.

Eaton played 12 league games with Perth and seven with Claremont. He won the Prendergast medal — the WAFL reserves fairest and best — in 1974 and '75 while at Perth.

He also played for Canning in the old South Suburban-Murray League.



KEITH Narkle . . . a bonus for Bunbury

## Narkle back at Bunbury

AFTER finishing second last in the South-West last season, it seems Bunbury have little to enthuse about. But now they are bursting to go in '86. Why? Because their prodigal son has returned.

Keith Narkle, a member of their 1970 premiership, is back and so is Alf Shiosaki, who had a break from football last season.

Coach Bob Garman, in his second year at the club, will not make rash promises, but believes his team will be more competitive this season.

Garman said that Narkle's experience and leadership would help the young players.

Narkle (33) is assistant coach. He feels he still has plenty of football left in him — Kevin Bartlett played until he was 38.

After leaving Bunbury, Narkle went on to play 254 league games for Swans. He was their reigning fairest and best

when told by coach John Todd that his worth was as an interchange player only.

He played only three league games in 1985, but made headlines when he played a game with Hills Association side Mount Helena. He was suspended for two years for playing without a clearance, but the suspension was subsequently lifted.

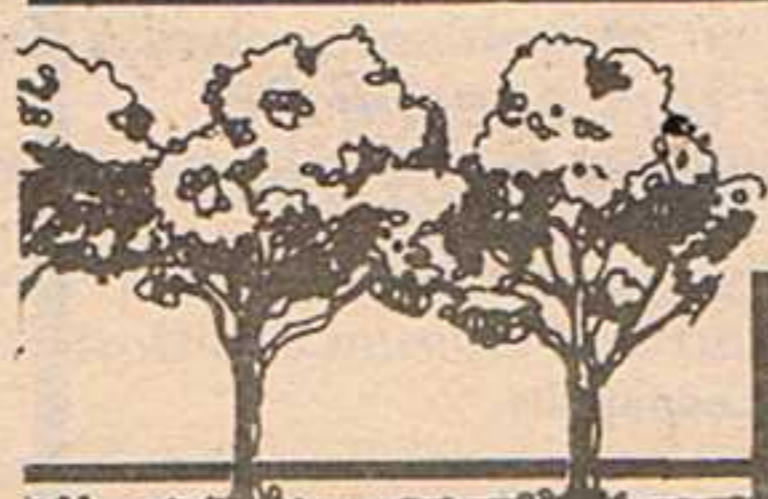
Ironically, Narkle says that his hardest opponent in 15 years of league football was another former South-West player in dual Sandover Medallist Phil Kelly, who hails from Busselton.

Shiosaki, who played 10 league games with East Fremantle, will help bolster the young Bulldogs.

Former Brookton wingman Peter Chittleborough and Pemberton player Mel Kaart are two other acquisitions. On the debit side, Bob Garman has hung up his boots.



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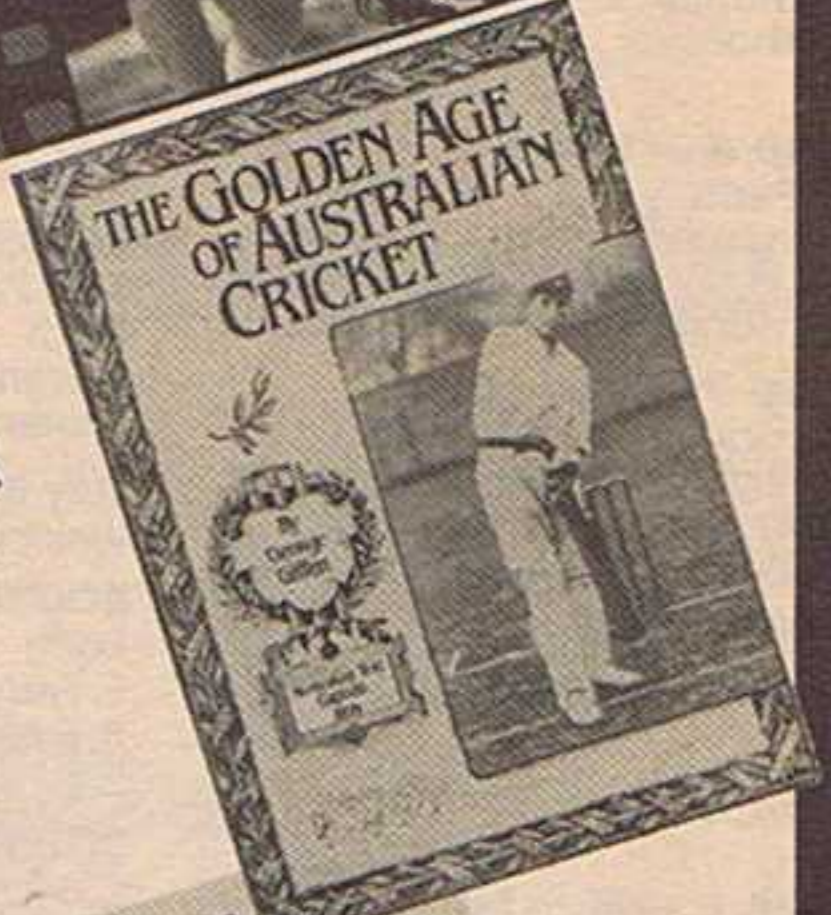
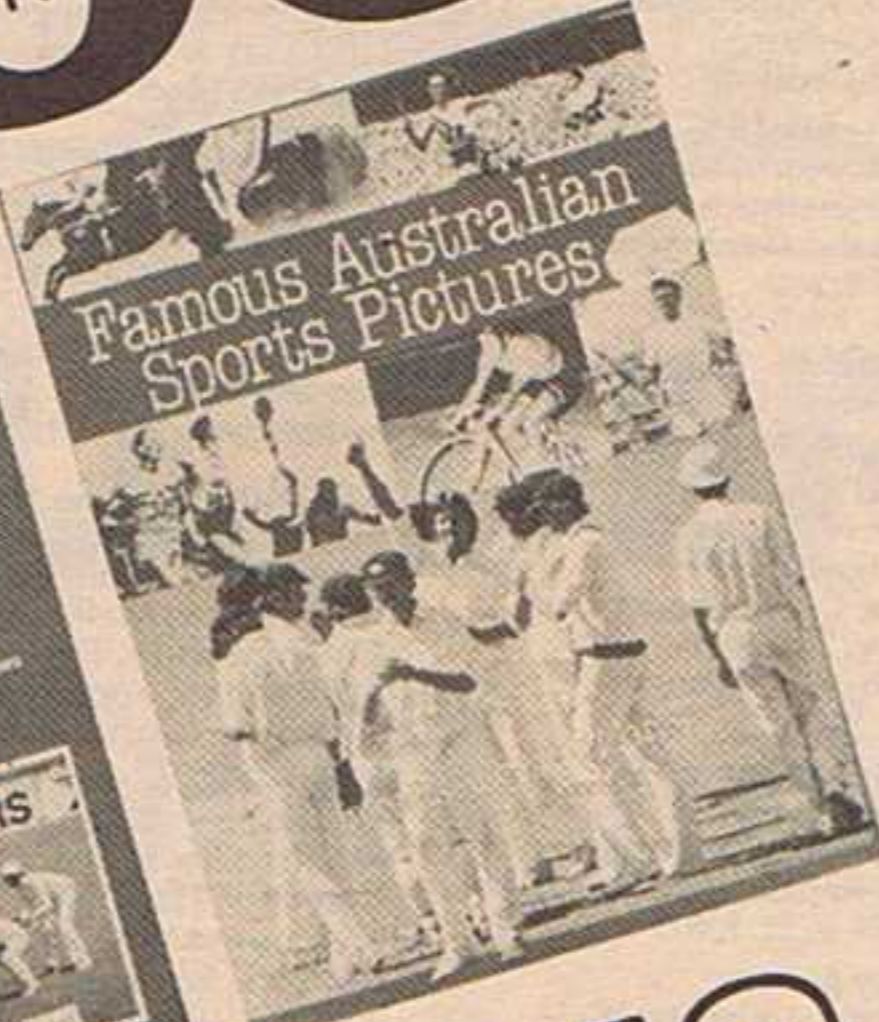
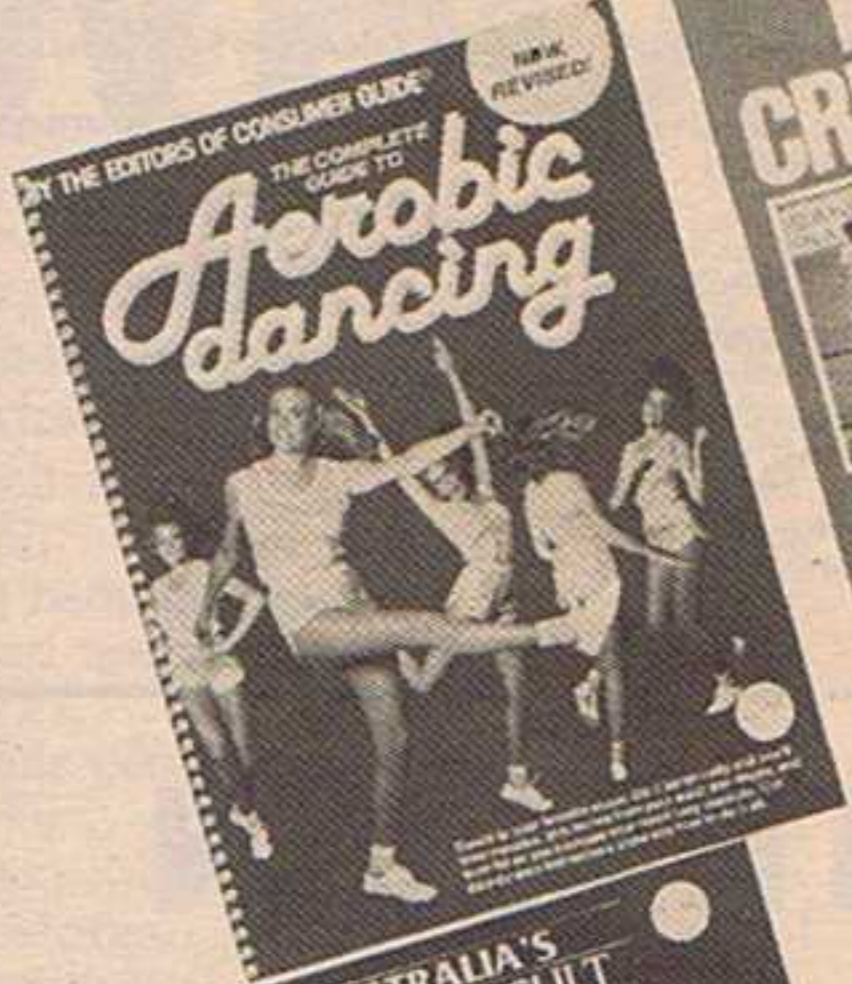
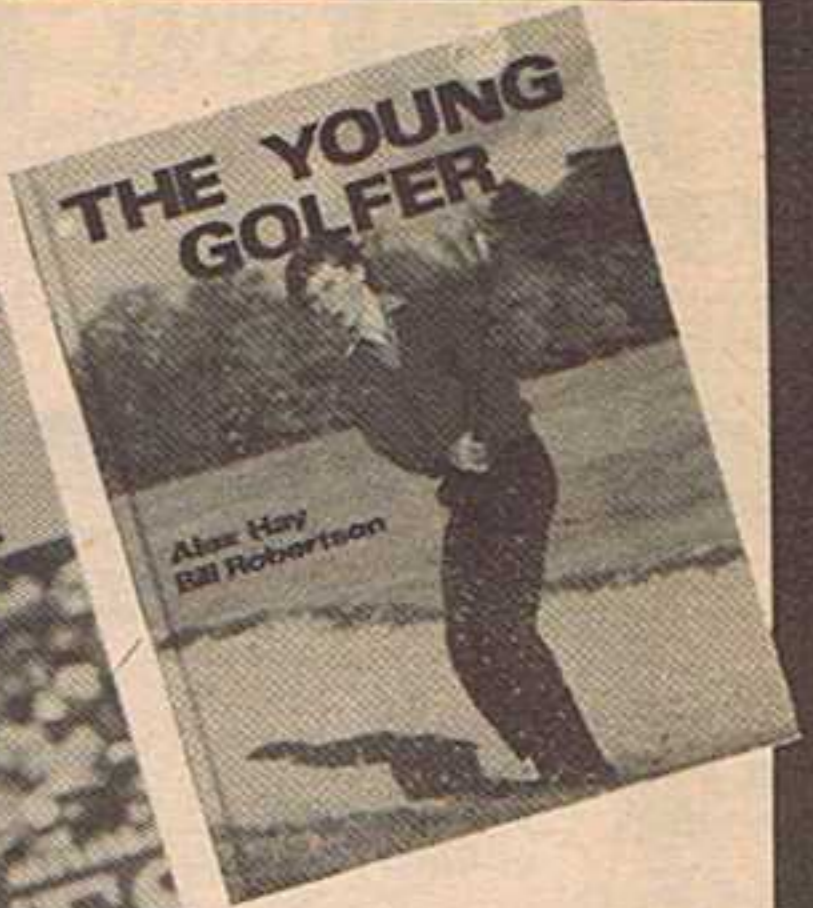
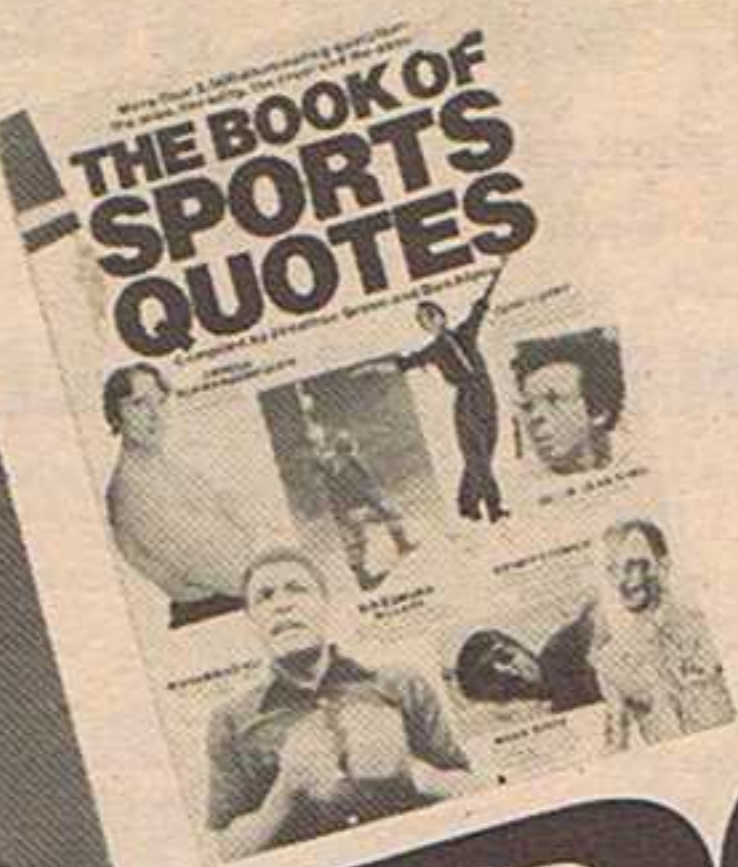
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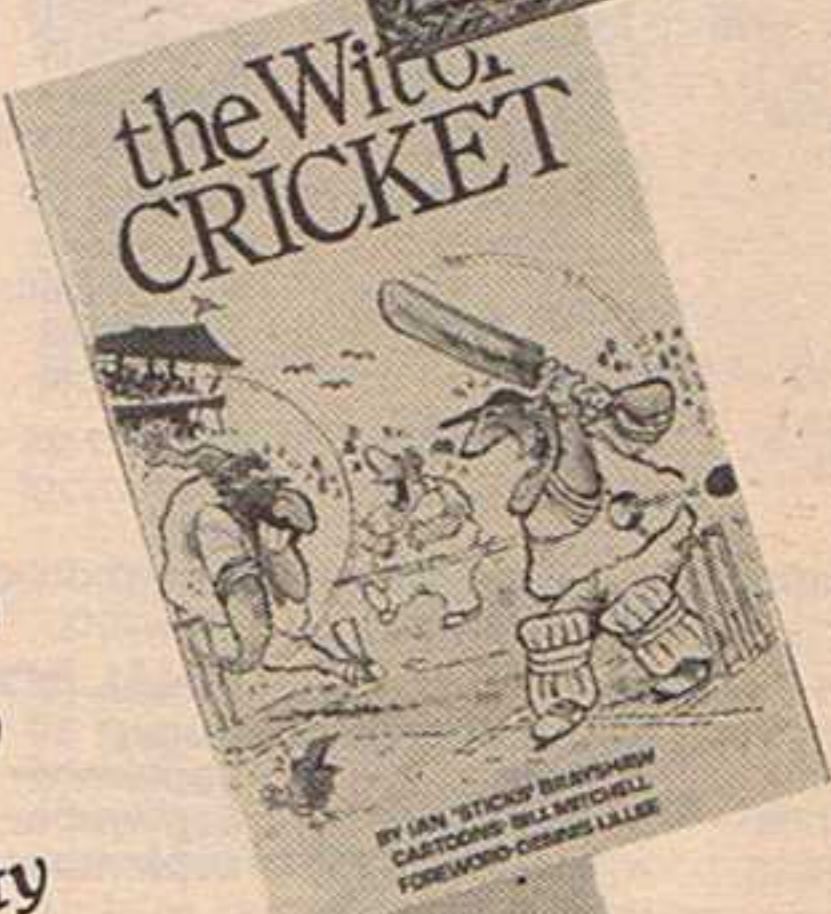
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# NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

## 1985 GRAND FINAL DETAILS

**WAFL**



### WA LEAGUE

EAST FREMANTLE	3.1	9.7	12.9	15.12	102
SUBIACO	7.4	8.7	11.12	14.13	97

**SCORERS:** EAST FREMANTLE: Browning 6.2; Wrensted 3.1; Wilson 2.0; Kerr 1.1; Alexander, Neesham, Peake 1.0; Lockyer 0.4; Solin, Rankin, Turco, Jones 0.1. SUBIACO: Sells 2.3; Keene 2.2; Spencer, Scott, Mort 2.0; Dean 1.5; N. Taylor 1.1; P. Lamb, B. Taylor 1.0; Featherby 0.1; forced 0.1.

**BEST:** EAST FREMANTLE: C. Browning, P. Harding, C. Waterson, M. Wrensted, G. Christie, G. Neesham. SUBIACO: W. Dean, B. Taylor, P. Scott, D. Lamb, P. Featherby, G. O'Loughlin.

**UMPIRES:** D. Johnson, P. O'Reilly. East Fremantle won toss and kicked to western end. Free-kicks: EAST FREMANTLE: 6, 6, 4, 5 — 21; out-of-bounds 7; 15m 1. SUBIACO: 9, 5, 8, 10 — 32; out-of-bounds 4; 15m 4. Played at Subiaco Oval, attendance 42,657.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

**EAST FREMANTLE:** Backs: Christie, Waterson, Hoult. Half-backs: Wake, Forman, Green. Centre: Rankin, Solin, Mainwaring. Half-forwards: Wilson, Lockyer, Peake. Full-forwards: Alexander, Browning, Turco. Ruck: Harding, Neesham, Wrensted. Interchange: Kerr, Jones.

**SUBIACO:** Backs: B. Taylor, Crutchfield, Brown. Half-backs: Sparks, Zanotti, Wilkinson. Centre: P. Lamb, Featherby, MacNish. Half-forwards: Sells, Dean, Spencer. Full-forwards: N. Taylor, Keene, Mort. Ruck: Scott, O'Loughlin, D. Lamb. Interchange: Roberts, Warner.

### WA RESERVES

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	4.6	10.8	12.13	19.13	127
SWAN DISTRICTS	3.5	6.7	9.9	12.14	86

**GOALS:** SOUTH FREMANTLE: Dellar 3; D. Collard 3; Arnold 3; Sumich 3; Dunn 2; Little 2; MacDonald 1; Sambraio 1; Hardie 1; SWAN DISTRICTS: Hodyl 5; Marshall 3; Cormack 2; Johnson 1; Outridge 1.

**BEST — SOUTH FREMANTLE:** Hardie, D. Collard, Mount, Sumich, Dunn, MacDonald. **SWAN DISTRICTS:** Hodyl, Cormack, Marshall, Smith, Johnson, Cope.

### WA COLTS

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3.0	9.1	12.5	14.5	89
CLAREMONT	4.3	7.7	9.12	12.14	86

**GOALS:** SOUTH FREMANTLE: Watters 3; Sofield 3; Jakovich 3; Worsford 2; Todd 1; McGuinness 1; Taylor 1; CLAREMONT: Ventouras 6; Lewis 4; Knight 1; Beveridge 1.

**BEST — SOUTH FREMANTLE:** Petkovich, Watters, Todd, Worsford, CLAREMONT: Lewis, Cook, McKenna, Host.

**VFL**



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
ESSENDON	6.4	11.9	15.11	26.14	170
HAWTHORN	5.1	9.3	11.5	14.8	92

**GOALS:** ESSENDON: Salmon 6; Merrett 5; Harvey 4; Watson 3; Baker, Ezard, Williams 2; Thompson, Duckworth. HAWTHORN: Brereton 8; Matthews, McCarthy, Loveridge, Judge, Lester-Smith, DiPierdomenico.

**BEST — ESSENDON:** Madden, Salmon, Baker, Thompson, Clarke, Weston, Merrett. **HAWTHORN:** Brereton, O'Halloran, Morris, Lester-Smith, Wallace, McCarthy. **ATTENDANCE:** 100,042. At the MCG.

**SANFL**



	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Pts
GLENELG	2.5	9.7	14.10	21.15	141
NORTH ADELAIDE	4.4	7.7	9.10	12.12	84

**GOALKICKERS:** GLENELG: S. Kernahan 7; Gartin 4; Copping 3; McGuinness 2; Symonds, McDermott, Hall, Henwood, Maynard.

**NORTH ADELAIDE:** Robertson, Parsons, Brearley, Sanders, Hart 2; Antrobus, Tiller. **Best players — GLENELG:** McGuinness, S. Kernahan, Copping, Marshall, Maynard, McDermott. **NORTH ADELAIDE:** J. Riley, S. Riley, Armfield, Phillips, Antrobus, Hart.

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## LOOKING INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL

### DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



## PROPHETS OF DOOM

OVER the summer months I have been concerned by the continual "prophecies of doom" about where football is going.

I cannot believe that so much negative knocking of our game can come from the mouths of people who are supposed to be leaders.

National football has caused strong dissension among the game's "power men" and unfortunately the battle has been brought out into the football world.

I'm sure this indecision will lead to all clubs finding sponsorship harder to attract. Business people won't invest money when they don't know where the game is going.

There can only be one direction and

that is forward — joining a national football series is essential.

If the WAFL doesn't go national, then without doubt, one club from the local competition will abandon the other clubs in search of their own "egos".

With the remote possibility that all local clubs can be trusted not to join, then they would be decimated by the rush from VFL clubs to take our players for a national league.

Throughout the history of any game, there comes a time for the leaders to "bite the bullet" and make strong decisions based on the facts.

Now is the time for the WAFL board to do such a thing - silence the critics and join the VFL's plan.

WITH the start of season '86 just days away, the football critics are looking into their crystal balls before deciding where each of the eight league teams will finish.

Well, my crystal ball has indicated a number of interesting factors.

Season '86 will be very close with the destiny of all teams, once again being controlled by injuries.

Injuries to key players will make or break the bottom six teams while the Lions and Sharks have the capacity to cover from more injured players than the rest.



**First — Subiaco**

THE Lions should win the premiership for season '86.

After putting up a magnificent display of team-committed football in last year's finals and going so close in the grand final, the taste of success should be very strong.

Coach Haydn Bunton has recruited some unknown players from other clubs but these will provide added depth and competition to keep all Lions on the right winning track.

The return of Tim Gepp would add experience and strength to the Lions defence and he would certainly become one of the best 'taggers' in the WAFL.

Phil Scott's presence on the ball along with Laurie Keene at full-forward will create many winning opportunities for a club that deserves the ultimate success — the premiership.



**Second — East Frem.**

THE Sharks have great talent, but will need to maintain an even tougher level of competitiveness if they want back-to-back premierships.

I was impressed with their efforts against Essendon and know that coach Ron Alexander now expects more leadership from all players since his retirement. They have a group of key experienced players in Peake, Neesham, Turco, Green and Buhagiar, but they are getting older and suffer from injuries.

The return of Darren Bennett will provide them with a full-forward capable of kicking 100 goals; in fact, his fitness could lead them to a premiership repeat.



**Third — West Perth**

THE Falcons are the danger team to the top two. They have the quickest, most skillful mobile division in the league and with Phil Bradmore at centre-half-forward and a fit Dan Foley at centre-half-back they will be knocking on the door for a place in this year's grand final.

They have a healthy blend of experience and young talent, featuring two of the most exciting players in the league — Darren Bewick and Dean Laidley.

Coach John Wynne will continue his quiet approach, but will expect a tougher attitude from his players in the games that count.



**Fourth — Swan Dist.**

THE Swans will suffer from the loss of senior players, but have the strength to consolidate their football and remain in the four.

They have a group of highly skilled mobile players who, with the right attitude, will cause all sides in the competition problems.

Players like Caton, Ahmat, Holmes, Taylor, Penny and Kimberley should give the Swans enough mobility to win more than they lose. A fit Satori could be the difference between success and failure.



HAYDN Bunton ... should be his year of triumph.



**Fifth — East Perth**

THE Royals will be the big improver this season.

They have a number of very talented youngsters who are ready to accept responsibility for the climb off the bottom of the ladder.

The Royals have had major off-field hassles, but have injected some young, talented men to their Board of Directors who will assist in regaining the confidence of the players.

Coach Greg Brehaut is into his fourth year and has great support from former Royals in Ian McCulloch and Alex Hamilton. Brehaut is under pressure, but I believe he has the character to lift the Royals.



**Sixth — Perth**

THE Demons will make progress this season, after the hassles of 1985.

Coach Mal Brown has had the Demons on a tough summer programme and there is no doubt they look super-fit. They have the State's leading goal-scorer; the leading rover; a promising ruck battery and, if Allan Montgomery can hold down centre-half-back, a capable defence.

The Demons have been starved of success since the "Armstrong era" and it's about time they started to climb the ladder.



**Seventh — Claremont**

THE Tigers will finish seventh due to similar problems to the Bulldogs.

The club has had a tremendous run of success due to the strong guidelines set by Wally Maskiell and coach Graham Moss. At the end of any era the "bleeding" of new players has to occur. Claremont have some outstanding local juniors, but still persist in buying Eastern States recruits, players whose history records do not show the commitment to a club when required. Moss will need to draw upon all his experience to maintain the Tigers as a competitive force.



**Eighth — South Frem.**

THE Bulldogs will take the wooden spoon for season '86. They are in a transitional stage, with the loss of senior players, but at the same time have an abundance of very talented youngsters.

These youngsters are not yet ready to take the Bulldogs up the ladder; they are doing their football apprenticeship, learning what is required at the top level of our game.

Stephen Michael's retirement will be a big loss. It will take a season for other players to provide the agility, strength and skill he gave South.

## Town & Country W.A. Junior Football Coaching Clinics

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**Carine Open Space**, Cnr. Beach & Oakely Roads, Carine. Tuesday, April 1. 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

**Robinson Reserve**, Osborne Park. Tuesday, April 1. 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

**Bassendean Oval**. Wednesday, April 2. 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

**John Dunn Memorial Park**, Kelmscott. Thursday, April 3. 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

**Willetton Reserve**, Cnr. Malindi St. & Apsley Rd, Willetton. Friday, April 4. 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

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