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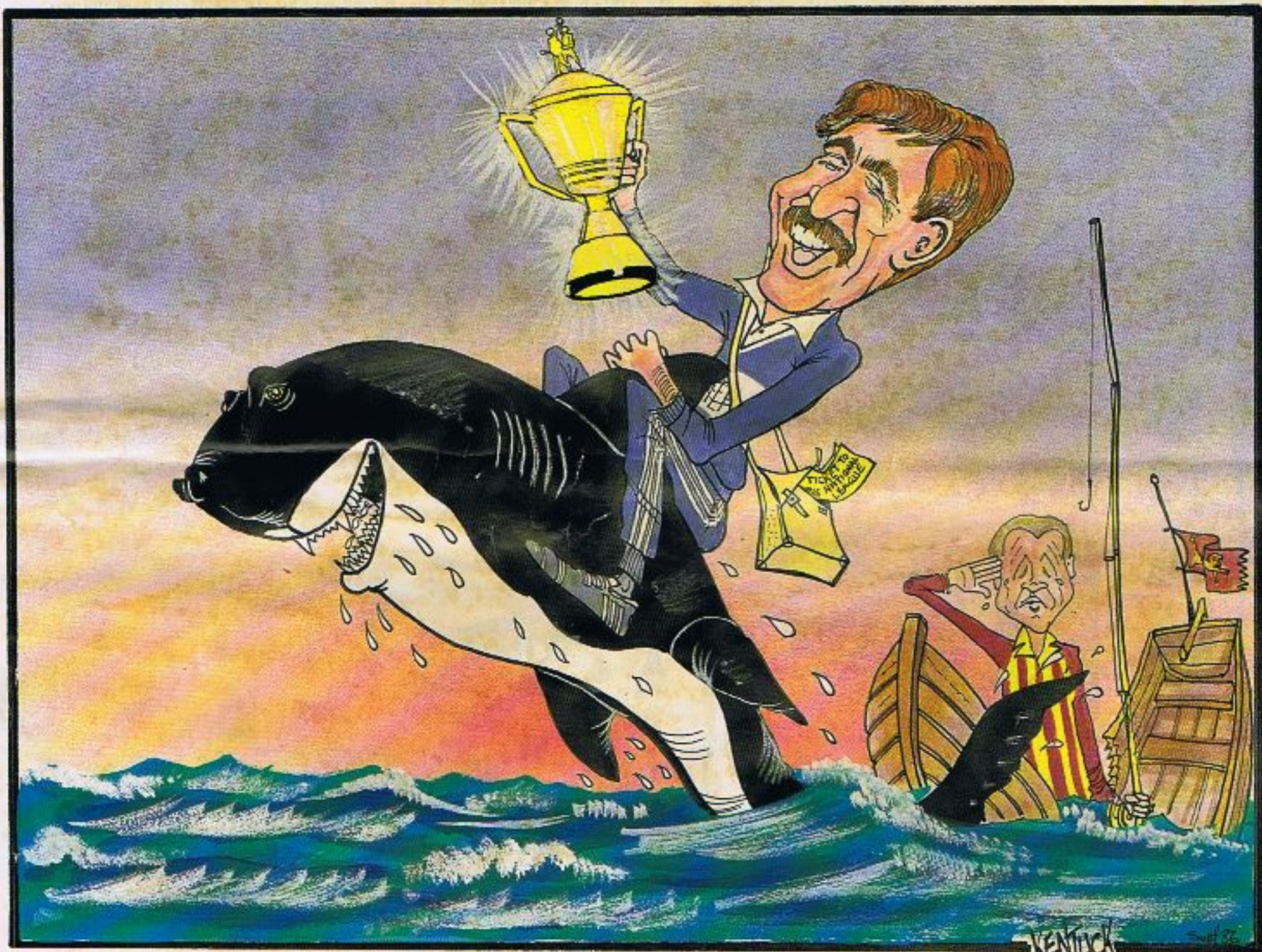


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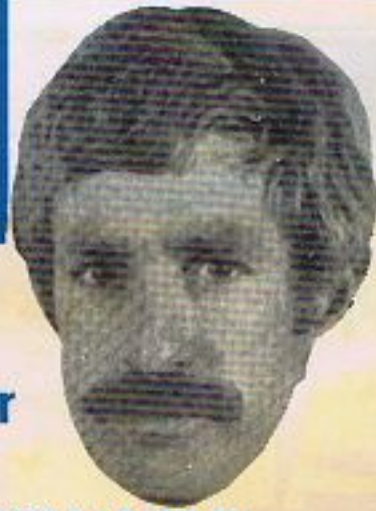
IT'S East Fremantle's flag — just. That's the verdict of the Westside Football panel of media experts. They have gone for the Sharks 8-7 to repeat their 1985 grand final victory over Subiaco and notch their 27th premiership in an illustrious history. Such a victory would give Sharks coach Ron Alexander yet

another triumph in a year that has seen him achieve interstate glory as coach of WA, winning the Australian championship. But his coaching foe this Saturday is one the game's little masters in Haydn Bunton ... and though our cartoonist Tony Kentuck sees Bunton going down gallantly as Alexander and his Sharks ride high, it's sure to be an outstanding grand final contest.

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Ron Alexander

SHARKS

EAST Fremantle have developed an awesome side this year, producing an even blend of teamwork in the latter half of the season that has defied all challengers.

After losing to Subiaco in the opening game grand final replay, the Sharks showed that they were still a force to be reckoned with in their next four wins. They produced some indifferent performances in the middle part of the year, winning games without being impressive and losing two in a row for only the second time in two years.

But then they turned up for the run home and with all their key mobile players like Brian Peake, Gerard Neesham, Stephen Green, David Bushell, David Rankin and Chris Mainwaring running into top form, the team machine clicked into top gear.

The bonuses for the Sharks were the form of big men Andrew Lockyer (at full back) and Darren Bennett (at full-forward) and with strong support from No 1 ruckman Paul Harding and versatile Colin Waterson, they proved unstoppable.

This East Fremantle team looks stronger, if anything, on last year's winning combination.

EAST FREMANTLE

PREMIERS				
1900	1908	1918	1931	1957
1902	1909	1925	1933	1965
1903	1910	1928	1937	1974
1904	1911	1929	1943	1979
1906	1914	1930	1945	1985



BACK ROW — George Christie, Russell Jones, Glen Hoult, Shane Ellis, John O'Sullivan, Robert Solin, Gavin Wake, Gerard Neesham, Chris Mainwaring. THIRD ROW — Bill Jones, Ken Seymour, Steve Matthews, Paul Harding, Darren Bennett, Brad Tunbridge, Colin Waterson, Bryce Forman, Andrew Lockyer. SECOND ROW — Stephen Edgar, David Rankin, Peter Wilson, Brian Peake, Ron Alexander (coach), Murray Wrensted, Tony Buhaglar, David Bushell, Mark Amaranti. FRONT ROW — Tony Solin, Scott Rowland, Stephen Green, Michael Brennan.



SHARKS

Last premiership side — 1985

<i>Backs</i>		
George Christie	Colin Waterson	Glenn Hoult
<i>Half-backs</i>		
Gavin Wake	Bryce Forman	Stephen Green
<i>Centres</i>		
David Rankin	Rob Solin	Chris Mainwaring
<i>Half-forwards</i>		
Peter Wilson	Andrew Lockyer	Brian Peake
<i>Forwards</i>		
Ron Alexander	Clinton Browning	Mario Turco
<i>Ruck</i>		
Paul Harding	Gerard Neesham	Murray Wrensted
<i>Interchange: Roger Kerr, Billy Jones</i>		
<i>Coach: Ron Alexander</i>		

Brian Peake

WHEN Ron Alexander decided to hang up his football boots this season after 307 games — and a premiership as East Fremantle coach — the Sharks didn't have to look far for the next captain.

Veteran Brian Peake had led East Fremantle magnificently in 1979, 1980 and part-way through '81 before finally accepting an invitation to play in the VFL.

His leadership in 1979 saw East Fremantle snare the premiership and it was his on-field performances that enabled coach Bradley Smith to implement his policies via the strong and forceful footballer.

When he returned to WA last year to play under Alexander, he immediately slotted back into the camp and gave his captain-coach all the support required to win a flag.

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TWO VIEWPOINTS ON THE FLAG

Former East Fremantle player **TREVOR SPRIGG** looks at the Sharks



DURING my time at East Fremantle, the members and supporters felt cheated if their team did not make the final four.

I can recall that the 1967 side had the dubious distinction of being only the fourth team in the history of the club to miss the finals.

After some more unsuccessful seasons in the late 1960s and during the '70s, supporters had become conditioned to not expecting their "divine" rights of finals participation.

In fact, Old Easts, as they were then known, were regarded as the enigma of the competition, as they finished in the bottom half of the ladder in the seasons succeeding their premierships in 1974 and 1979.

On each occasion, significant player losses did not occur, so the reason comes back to the over-worn football cliché "attitude".

Similar signs were evident this season when one recalls that the Sharks were struggling mid-season, so much so, that they were easily defeated at home by an under-manned Claremont.

With hindsight, there is no doubt that the happenings of July 8 against Victoria were the turning point for the Sharks. The magnificent performance of their favourite son, Brian Peake, was the catalyst that sparked them to eight successive victories.

Only a foolhardy man would tip against them this Saturday.

It has been significant, however, that the hardcore members have again started to expect finals appearances in the last few years. It is this arrogance and the proud record of the club that sets it apart from other WAFL clubs and makes a final-round victory against them all the more satisfying.

Though supporters may treat their opposition with arrogance, that is certainly not the case with the players.

The Sharks had a massive build-up to the second semi-final with training on Saturday morning, watching the first semi-final and then a "camp" at Clontarf.

Australian hockey coach, Richard Aggiss, was a guest speaker, but the real value of such gatherings is the camaraderie it develops.



Ron Alexander ... he's ready to win again.

THE TRADITION RETURNS

Again, I cast my mind back to 1979 when I was assistant coach of East Fremantle under Brad Smith.

Old Easts finished the home and away games in third place with a somewhat suspect team and coach.

After the last game against Perth, the players were herded onto a bus in pouring rain and taken to a camp at Point Peron. Veteran East Perth player, Ian Thomson, recruited only a few weeks previously, proved to be the rallying point and the team went on to win the premiership after defeating the Royals by just two points in the first Semi-Final.

This week, the Sharks have been somewhat low-key with a media ban in operation since last Sunday.

However, Football Manager, Jim Hurst, rapidly emerging as a superb off-field strategist, has endeavoured to equate "normal" conditions as much as possible.

Subi's method is suspect

DESPITE Subiaco's impressive win in last week's preliminary final, their team method is still not conducive to winning pressure games like a grand final.

A team that sometimes uses three or four handballs when one would do, will always be susceptible to bigger and stronger teams.

Unfortunately, Perth did not maintain enough pressure on the player in possession of the ball last week and on too many occasions, two or three players chased one, allowing the loose man to be created.

Subiaco thrive under these conditions but it was significant that the Lions looked ordinary on the few occasions that the Demons got to close quarters.

This was in stark contrast to the second semi final when East Fremantle manned up magnificently and obviously Sharks coach Ron Alexander will again use those tactics.

It was surprising that Perth coach Mal Brown allowed Subiaco defender Clinton Brown to rebound consistently; a repetition of the tactics the Sharks used with Chris Mainwaring in the second semi.

Perhaps Brown should have endeavoured to man-up on his namesake as the Lions defence was also able to congest Mick Rea's activity.

Though it was not compulsory, most players watched the preliminary final to gauge their likely opponent's strengths and weaknesses.

Normal training runs on Monday and Wednesday nights, will be followed by a short half-hour session on grand final eve. A team meeting follows during which the players drink Coca Cola and nibble cheese biscuits.

"It is the same routine we have followed for two years," claims Hurst. "The players would not have it any other way."

Saturday's program involves reporting to the ground at 1pm, followed by a team meeting, personal preparation, individual and "line" briefing by coach Ron Alexander, team warm-up and then final coaches addresses.

With such professional planning, it is no wonder the Sharks will be ready to win their 27th premiership, this weekend.

Assuming that the pressure is on the men with the ball in Saturday's grand final, Subiaco will face problems in attack as players like Warren Dean seem reluctant to lead up the ground to meet the ball.

Dean and most of the Subiaco attacking division have got used to back-leading to receive the pass after the loose man has been created; a style typical of Haydn Bunton's coaching.

But it is reliant on a dominant midfield.

East Fremantle's method of one or two handpasses and a long kick to position proved irresistible in the second semi, especially with Darren Bennett's excellent form. Bunton will have to pay close attention to Bennett, which may leave the way for someone like Brian Peake to roam free and indulge in a goal orgy.

In trying to make some sort of case for the Lions, the improved form of ruckman Phil Scott and wingman Andrew MacNish would be heartening factors. But in Paul Harding, the Sharks have a resolute hard-working player who always does his share around the ground.

In each of the finals so far, the victorious coach has easily won the tactical battles and speculation is riding high this week about who has an ace up his sleeve — Alexander or Bunton.

Westside's **TONY CARR** looks at the Lions



Bunton plans his revenge

SUBIACO can revenge last season's grand final loss — if Haydn Bunton's past coaching history is a guide.

Bunton faced a similar predicament 25 years ago when, as the Swan Districts captain-coach, he was preparing his side for a grand final clash with East Perth.

Premiership odds as long as 20-1 were available about the Swans after they were humiliated by the Royals in the second semi-final to the tune of 48 points.

Like this season, Bunton got his team back into a winning frame of mind the following week in the preliminary final when his team beat Subiaco by 16 points.

But playing the powerful East Perth combination in the grand final was going to be a different proposition.

Bunton and his team overcame those tremendous odds and went on to record an upset 24-point victory.

This underdog tag is hanging heavily around Bunton's neck, but the little coaching maestro is at his best when the odds are stacked against him.

The vastly improved performance by the Lions last Saturday is a positive sign that things will be a lot tougher for the Sharks on Saturday.

Bunton is fully aware that Darren Bennett must be contained if his side is to have any chance.

He cleverly used Michael Crutchfield and Clinton Brown in tandem to restrict Mick Rea's goalkicking potential in the preliminary final and is certain to use similar tactics on dangerous Bennett.

The Lions forward-line looks better balanced with Laurie Keene spending most of the game near the goalsquare allowing Todd Breman the freedom of using his speed to lead up the ground.

The Sharks will be forced to place the versatile Colin Waterson or Andrew Lockyer on Keene, which takes away an alternative up forward.

The Lions forwards led by Breman, Warren Dean and Stephen Sells showed positive signs last Saturday that they had regained confidence and will put the Sharks defence under more pressure in the grand final.

The inclusion of the 1985 grand final Simpson Medallist Brian Taylor and a better balanced Subiaco side should make this the most competitive match after a very one-sided finals series so far.

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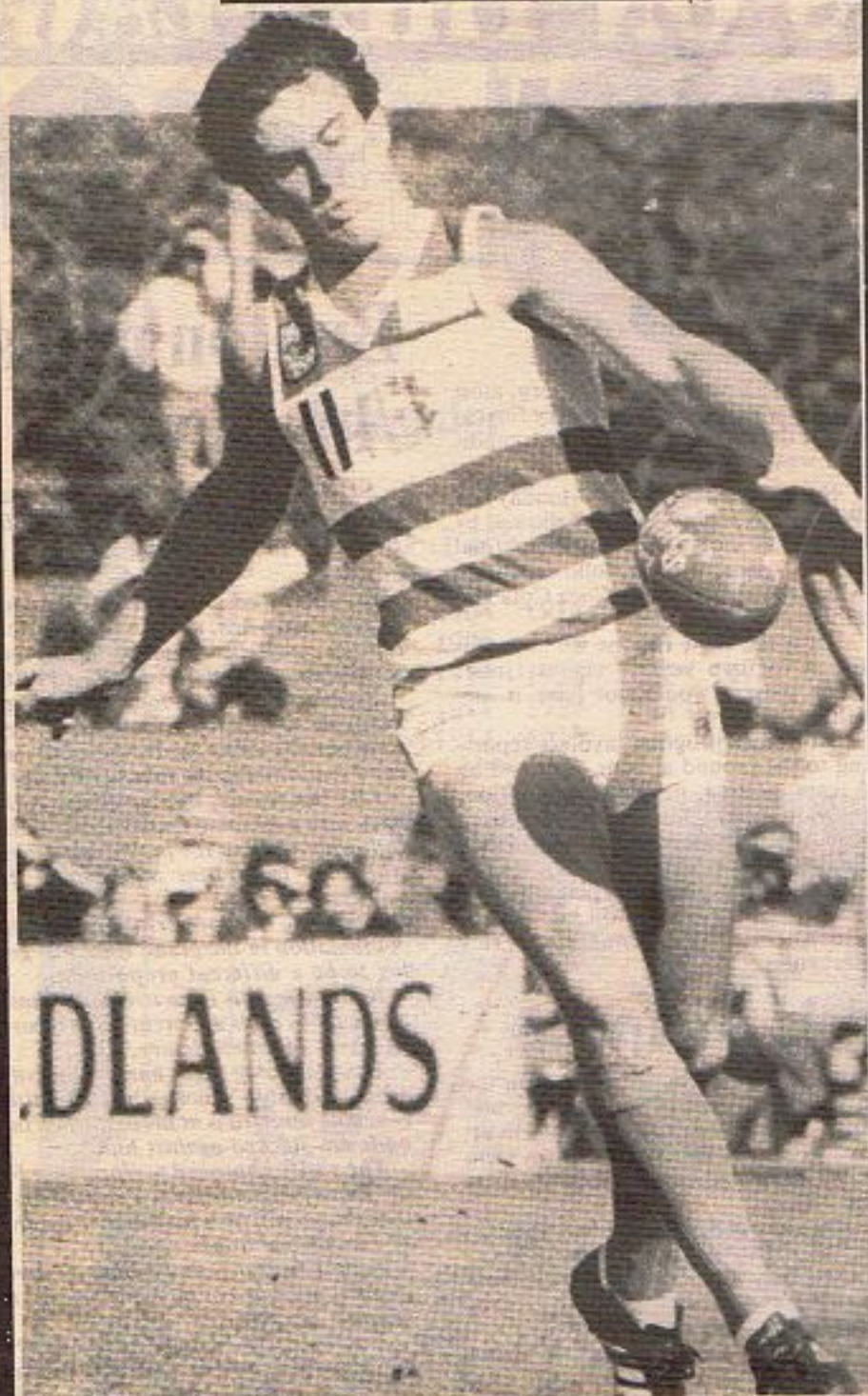
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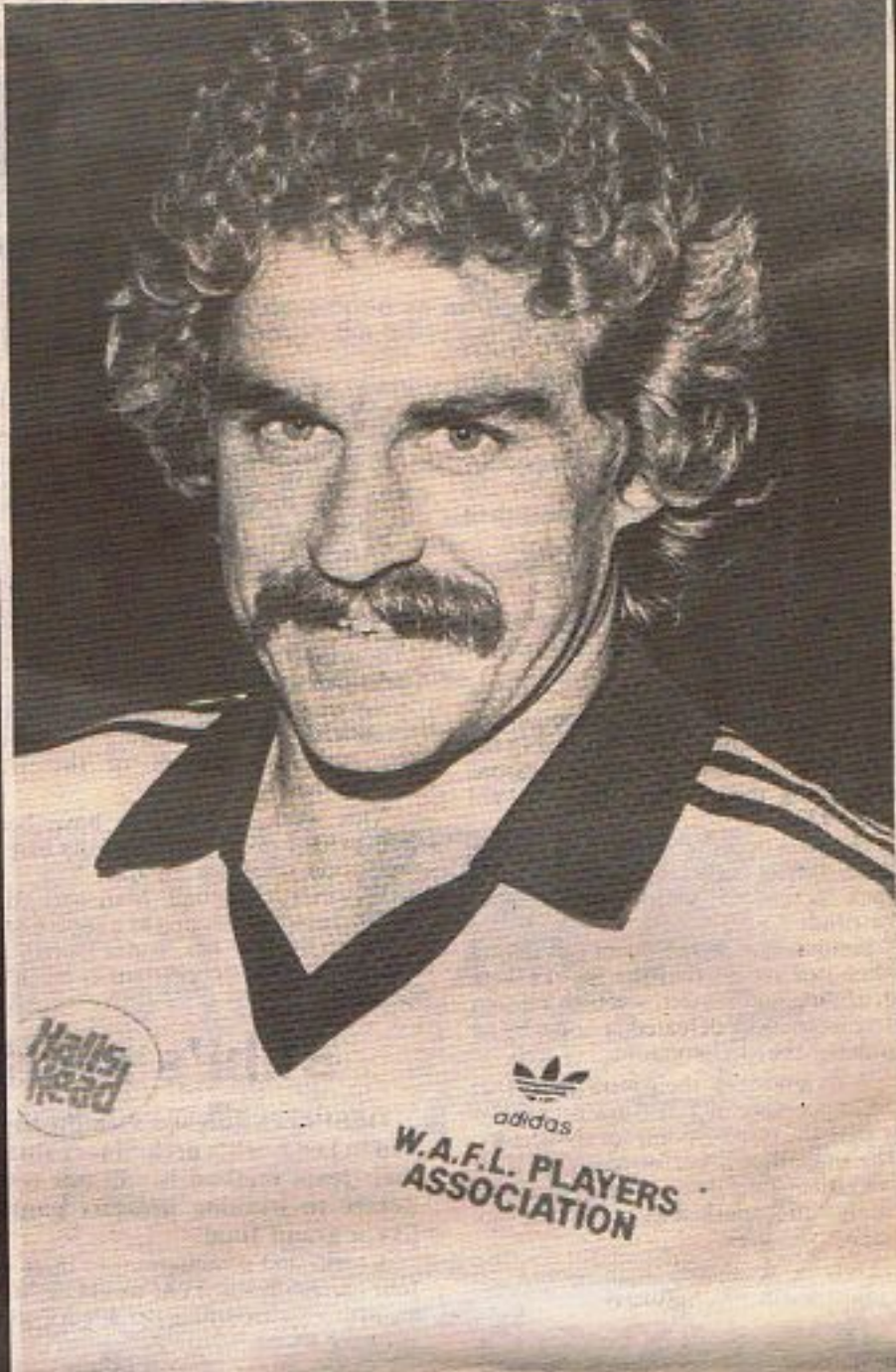
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O'SULLIVAN**

 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full Name: John O'Sullivan
Nickname: Sulley **Why:** Surname
Date of Birth: 24.4.65 **Place of Birth:** Perth
Height: 185cm (6'1") **Weight:** 82kg (12st 13lb)
Age Started Playing: 7
Previous Club: Rossmoyne
Junior Club: Rossmoyne
Marital Status: Single
Residence: Shelley
Occupation: Salesman **Place of Work:** Multi-Pak
Other Sporting Interests: Indoor Cricket
Favourite Position: Centre-Half-Back **First Position:** Half-Back-Flank
Current Position: In the backline somewhere
League Debut: 1984 **Versus:** East Perth

YOUR FAVOURITES:

Actor: Clint Eastwood **Drink:** Squash
TV Show: Winners **Food:** Roast
Movie: Rocky Series **Music:** Modern
Book: T-kill **Holiday resort:** Mandurah
Ground: Subiaco
Your Car: Falcon
Career Highlights: Making my league debut and being part of the Grand Final Squad.
Worst Moment in Football: Being injured for the first half of 1984
Hard Things in Football: Pre-season training when most people are enjoying themselves
Football Idols: Ross Glendinning
Toughest Opponent: All hard **Most Respected Opponent:** Respect them all
Most Respected Umpire: Mike Ball
Most Memorable Game: First league game
Ambitions: To be part of a Premiership Side
What do you like about Football: Winning and the comradeship
Guernsey Number: 42 **Any Reason:** The number I was issued with
Superstitions: None
Worst Injury: Cartilage
Luckiest Break: Making my debut in the last game of the '84 season



**NEIL
TAYLOR**

 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Full Name: Neil Taylor
Nickname: Tails **Why?** Surname
Date of Birth: 10.4.57 **Place of Birth:** Cottesloe
Height: 173cm (5'8") **Weight:** 75kg (11st 11lb) **Age Started Playing:**
Juniors (10) League (18)
Previous Club/s: Woodlands Junior Football Club
Junior Club: As Above
Marital Status: Married **Wife's Name:** Peta
Children's Names (if any): Natalie (3), Jacqui (1)
Residence: Duncraig
Occupation: School Teacher **Place of Work:** Belmont Senior High School
Other Sporting Interests: Jogging
Favourite Position: Rover **First Position:** Rover
League Debut: 1975 **Versus:** South Fremantle

YOUR FAVOURITES:

Actor: Rodney Dangerfield **Drink:** Swan Premium Lager
TV Show: The Winners **Food:** Seafood
Movie: Caddyshack **Music:** All (classical to rock 'n' roll)
Book: Kane and Abel **Holiday Resort:** Hawaii
Ground: Subiaco Oval
Your Car: Gemini **Your Favourite Car:** Porsche 911
Career Highlights: 1st game, playing in 1985 grand final
Worst Moment in Football: Losing 1985 Grand Final
Hard Things in Football: Being consistent
Football Idols: Barry Cable, Denis Marshall, Ross Smith
Most Respected Opponent: Jim and Phil Krakouer
Most Respected Umpire: All
Most Memorable Game: 1985 Grand Final
Ambitions: To play in a Premiership team at Subiaco
What do you like about Football: The game itself, comradeship, being a part of a team
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: By thinking about the job ahead
Who Influenced Your Career: Brian Douge, Ken Armstrong, Haydn Bunton
Guernsey Number: 2
Superstitions: Nil
Worst Injury: Broken wrist (1985)

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GRAND FINAL — East Fremantle v Subiaco

East Fremantle will win the 1986 premiership by a minimum of eight goals. PS. I have sacked my ghost writer who picked Perth last week.

The big Sharks will turn out to be gummy sharks as the Lions roar with success.

The Sharks will strike hard and fast and devour the inconsistent Lions.

East Fremantle have been the better team over the last round, but with my support the Lions will win.

Lions back in business

THE battle for the 1986 premiership flag is back in the melting pot.

Subiaco's strong recovery against Perth in last week's preliminary final gives the Lions supporters renewed hope in their clash with East Fremantle this week.

Despite their 50-point loss to the Sharks in the second semi-final two weeks ago, the Lions bounced back impressively enough last week to suggest that they could have learned their lesson.

The form reversal against Perth, on a high after firstly making the finals for the first time in eight years and then comfortably cruising through to the preliminary final, was achieved with the same ingredients that East Fremantle's win a week earlier was — physical courage.

PRESSURE

The Sharks had put Subiaco under enormous physical pressure in a tight first half before running out easy winners.

Last week Perth obviously adopted the same tactics, but this time Subiaco showed resistance with many of their players committing their bodies in unhealthy encounters.

Then, after half-time, the frustrated and inexperienced Demons gave in and gradually saw the game slip away from them as Subiaco failed to surrender.

Much of that physical presence came from Phil Scott, the injury-troubled ruckman who took on the Perth big men and triumphed. Now he has to face the same challenge against East Fremantle's Paul Harding.

In addition, the Lions defence was revitalised with Mark Zanotti playing on confidence; Clinton Brown feeling more at home against a little man and Michael Crutchfield wearing his awesome opponent, Mick Rea, like a second skin.

That return to defensive form by Crutchfield will give him the task of watching 10-goal record holder Darren Bennett in this week's clash.

FOOTY'S FORM GUIDE

HOW THEY GOT TO THE GRAND FINAL
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East Fremantle

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Alan East's

PREVIEW

A look at this week's grand final.

... but Sharks still look too tough

Dwayne Lamb and Neil Taylor, two of Subiaco's vital middle-of-the-ground men, virtually swapped roles with Lamb following Robert Wiley into attack and Taylor doing the mopping up behind the centre.

That midfield drive gave forwards like Todd Breman and Stephen Sells those

extra opportunities and Breman, particularly, had his Saturdays reversed.

A week earlier he posted 2.5 on a day that goals were often presented to him. Last week, the figures were around the other way as he kicked 5.3 to give them a much-needed spearhead. Sells chipped in with five goals also.

The big query will be just how hard East Fremantle's veterans Brian Peake and Gerard Neesham can work this week after virtually taking a back seat in the second semi.

They are key midfield creators and will certainly lift to make sure that the Sharks machine operates at full throttle.

The Sharks defence looks tougher, meaner and more efficient than Perth's and opportunities will be restricted.

Add that to their midfield ascendancy — with or without Murray Wrensted — and the East Fremantle forwards will have many more opportunities than did Perth's attackers.

BIG MEN

While Harding virtually plays a lone hand in the East Fremantle ruck, the Sharks have enough big-men alternatives in Bennett, Colin Waterson, Andrew Lockyer and Michael Brennan to keep the pressure on Subiaco pair Scott and Laurie Keene.

Keene will obviously start in attack and the way East Fremantle handle him initially could have a bearing on the outcome.

But the Sharks look too powerful and though Subiaco will obviously benefit by their morale-boosting win over Perth, this is a different story.

OUR EXPERTS SELECT

	Final Tally	East Fremantle v Subiaco
ALAN EAST	57	East Fremantle
THE HOOD	47	Subiaco
ROBERT BENNETT	63	Subiaco
MOTHER BROWN	57	East Fremantle
BILL MATHER-BROWN	56	East Fremantle
TONY CARR	61	Subiaco
DAVE CLEMENT	62	East Fremantle
GRANT DORRINGTON	60	Subiaco
JOHN DUCKWORTH	56	East Fremantle
MARION SIMPSON	58	Subiaco
IAN MILLER	62	East Fremantle
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Bulldogs have Royal battle in store

SOUTH Fremantle are ready to retain the Prime reserves premiership this Saturday — but East Perth are just as determined to prevent that.

Royals came through a hard preliminary final against Subiaco and have the combination to dethrone the Bulldogs.

East Perth have not beaten the port side this season — losing by 21, seven and 10 points in their three encounters.

But they have gathered ample momentum to win their first title since 1983.

South Fremantle have been top 'dogs' all year and will start favourites.

Coach Stan Magro has a group of players with plenty of league experience among them.

Players like Merv Dellar, Michael Pedley, Barry Hutcheson, Brad McDougall, Scott Watters, Geoff Sims, Stephen Rowe, Peter Dunnett, Arthur Maskos, Matt Sambraio and the Collard trio — Cliff, Derek and Brad — are expected to take the Bulldogs to the Prime honour.

TWO SEASONS

Magro has only coached for two seasons and, on both occasions, has led his side to a grand final. Last year his Wagin team won the Upper Great Southern Football League premiership.

If South Fremantle win this week's game, Magro will strengthen his chance of becoming their league coach — a job he is after.

His rival coach is Kevin Bryant who, like Magro, played in Victoria and has plenty of experience. But Bryant has only coached 15 games — since replacing Ian McCulloch in May — and needs full support from his key players this week.

Players like Tony Papotto, Paul Higgins, Angelo Del Borrello, David Wing, Dean Winning, Alby Smith, Tom Williams and Peter Ivanoff add up to many headaches for South Fremantle if they play to their potential.

Last week's stirring win never had the influence expected from these East Perth players. Instead, teammates Gavin Howlett, Jeff Dennis, Kevin McGuire, Howard Cropley, Mark Blakely and Shane Cocker all rose to the occasion.

But they come up against a group with immense finals experience. South Fremantle have played in the last three Prime reserves grand finals and won the past four colts premierships.

Regardless of the record, if the Bulldog bark is worse than the bite, South Fremantle will have a Royal battle to retain their crown.



Claremont under-19 coach Bruce Monteath addresses his players with an attentive Graham Moss in the background.



East Perth reserves coach Kevin Bryant emphasizes a point to his players during last Saturday's preliminary final.

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By GREG SIMPSON

TIGERS BOUNCE BACK STRONGLY

CLAREMONT won the right to play East Fremantle in the under-19s grand final when they overpowered South Fremantle in last week's preliminary final.

A nine goal first-half set up the Tigers win as they held the Bulldogs to only two goals. Claremont booted another 10 goals after half-time to run out easy winners 19.13 to 9.6.

South lined up with Shane Eramiha on the half-forward flank and wingman Joe Piromalli in a forward pocket. Both moves failed as Claremont dominated the centre bounces and opportunities were rare for South forwards.

Claremont's tag on Ashley Flugge, a proven goal kicker in finals, worked well and he spent part of the third quarter on the bench.

Souths coach Ron Bowe put rover Peter Brindley in the centre after half time and the speedster didn't let him down.

Brindley sparked Souths revival, but Bruce Monteath assigned a close-checking player to run with Brindley and the move allowed Claremont to settle and run away from South.

TOUGH GRAND FINAL ASSURED

EAST Fremantle and Claremont will meet on Saturday in a grand final that offers everything in Aussie Rules.

The Sharks are an aggressive hard-hitting side while Claremont are a skilled mobile team who move the ball quickly.

East Fremantle would have watched Claremont's win over South Fremantle last week and will no doubt be planning to counter some of the Tigers free-wheelers.

Only four points separated the teams in the second semi-final with East Fremantle the victors.

The loss rocked Claremont, who beat South Fremantle easily last week to earn another crack at East Fremantle.

All the ingredients are there for a great game.

Both coaches know the requirements for success and patrons who arrive early at Subiaco Oval on Saturday will witness a top encounter.

TOP SMOTHER

WHEN 19-year-old Todd Beveridge threw his body at a boot to make a magnificent smother, Claremont players ran from everywhere to show their appreciation of his courage.

Beveridge, however, was unconscious and revealed later that he couldn't remember the event.

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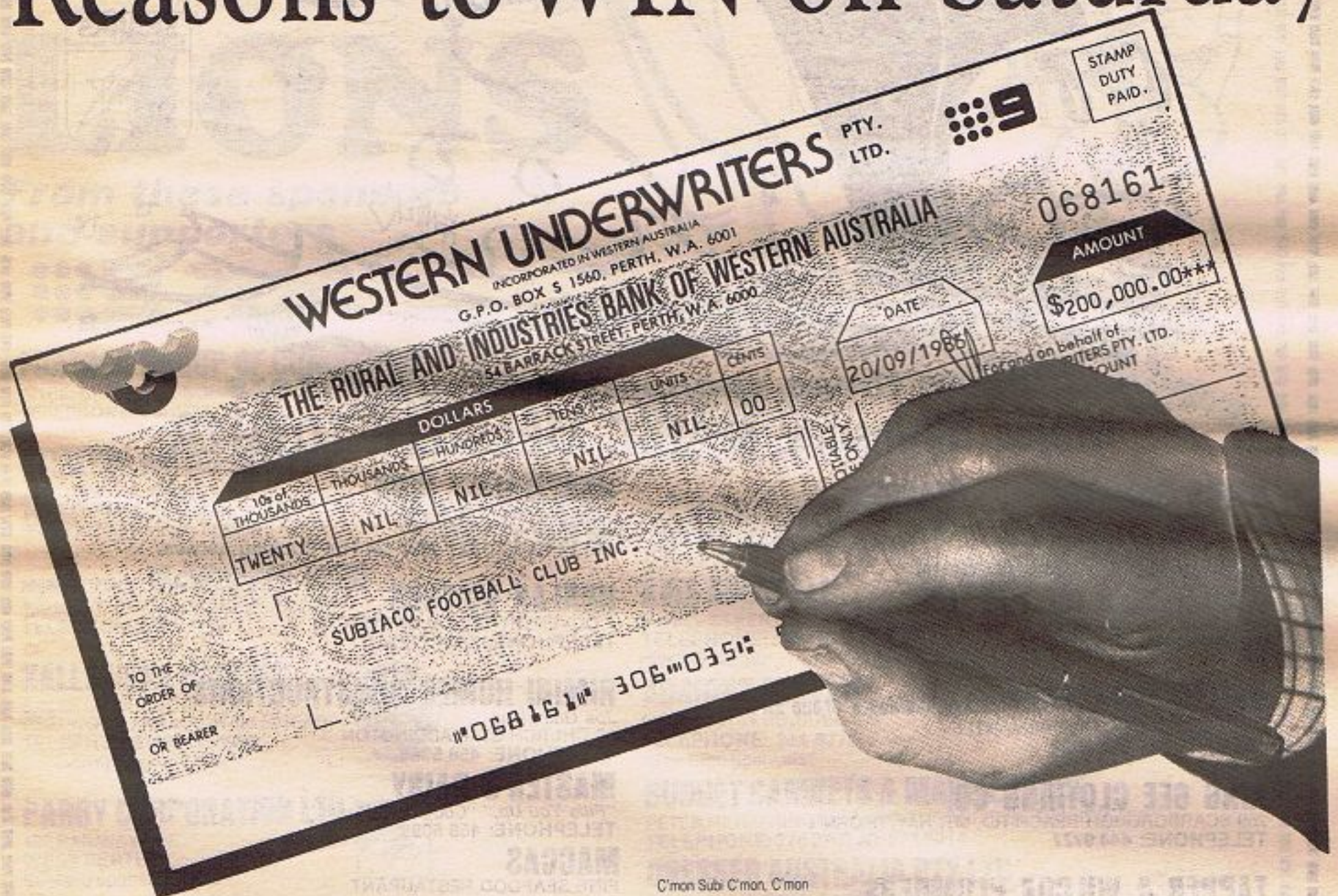
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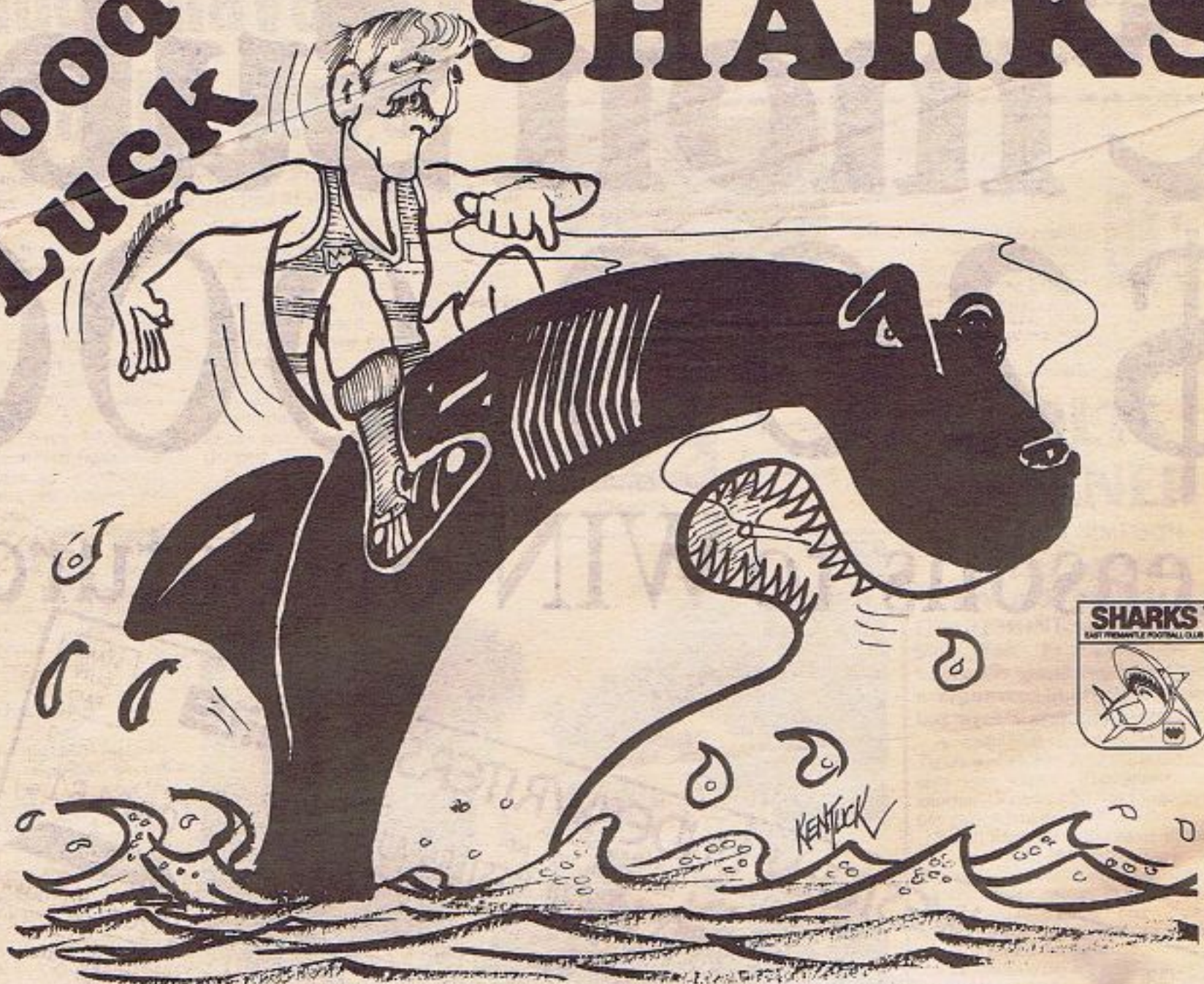
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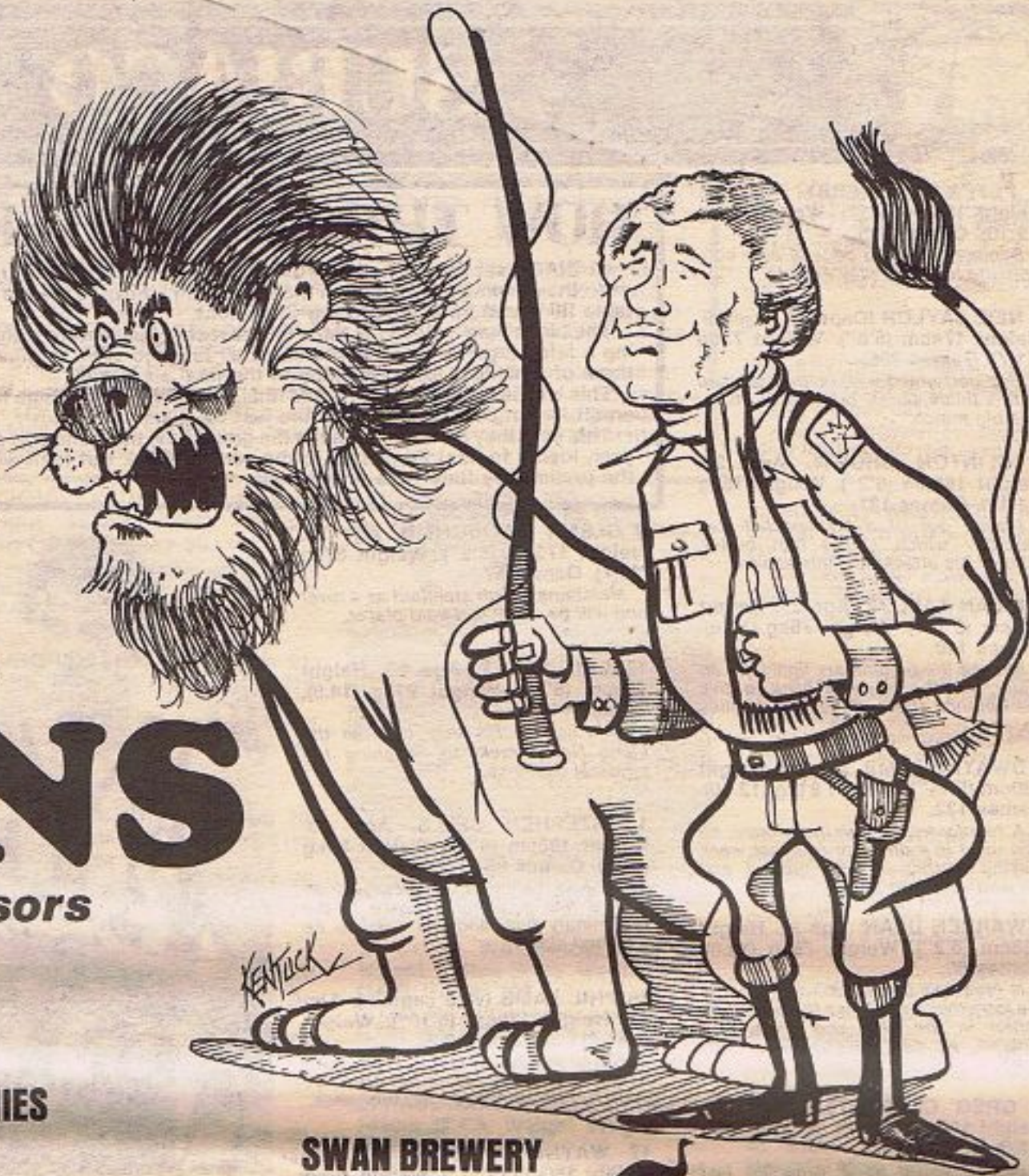
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SUBIACO



1 PETER FEATHERBY. Age 34. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 81kg (12.10). Games 315.

Subiaco's elusive general who controls the mid-field play expertly.

2 NEIL TAYLOR (Captain). Age 29. Height 174cm (5'8"). Weight 73kg (11.7). Games 205.

Has performed well below standard in this finals series, but should lift for this big match.

3 CLINTON BROWN. Age 24. Height 188cm (6'2"). Weight 75kg (11.11). Games 121.

Played out of a back-pocket last Saturday which suited him better, utilised his attacking skills as well.

4 BRIAN TAYLOR. Age 25. Height 177cm (5'10"). Weight 70kg (11.0). Games 110.

Missed the preliminary final with an injury, but should come back to give the defence the springboard it relies on.

5 DWAYNE LAMB. Age 24. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 81kg (12.10). Games 132.

A regular loose man in defence, he was used in a different role last week playing further up the ground and showed excellent touch.

7 WARREN DEAN. Age 22. Height 188cm (6'2"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 80.

Is gradually fighting his way back to the form that made him a top performer earlier in the year and could find himself at centre-half-forward this week.

8 GREG CARPENTER. Age 24. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 79.

Played better as a wingman last Saturday but still under a cloud as far as his effectiveness is concerned for this game.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

SUBIACO set the early standard of football by beating East Fremantle in the opening game, though the Lions didn't move to the top of the table till round three, displacing Claremont.

The Lions then headed the table for the rest of the season, withstanding a late surge by East Fremantle. They finished with 17 wins, with three of their four losses coming in the final six games.

This will be Subiaco's 12th grand final, with five premierships to their credit — but only one (1973) in the last 62 years.

This year they have had to reach the grand final the same way as last year, losing to East Fremantle in the second semi. But then winning the preliminary final for a return bout.

9 GLENN O'LOUGHLIN. Age 27. Height 175cm (5'9"). Weight 67kg (10.7). Games 57.

Maintains a high standard as a rover and will be a key mid-field player.

12 PHIL SCOTT. Age 25. Height 193cm (6'4"). Weight 91kg (14.5). Games 71.

Returned to his very best as the Lions No. 1 ruckman, relishing the physical challenge.

14 STEPHEN SELLS. Age 23. Height 188cm (6'2"). Weight 80kg (12.8). Games 56.

Showed that he can be a danger man with a five goal performance in the preliminary final and will need to be watched closely.

16 PHIL LAMB (vice captain). Age 28. Height 179cm (5'10"). Weight 71kg (11.3). Games 205.

Played well out of defence last week filling in for Brian Taylor but could be used further up the ground this week.

17 WAYNE DAWSON. Age 20. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 79kg (12.6). Games 25.

A strong utility player whose reserves form could see him under consideration for the grand final team.



Laurie Keene ... back in attack.

18 ANDREW MacNISH. Age 21. Height 175cm (5'9"). Weight 75kg (11.11). Games 46.

A superb performance mid-field where his creativity set up most of Subiaco's attacks.

19 JOHN GEORGIADIS. Age 20. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 79kg (12.6). Games 15.

Showed more confidence in the preliminary final at half-forward and will be better for the experience.

21 TODD BREMAN. Age 21. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 76kg (11.10). Games 27.

Played strongly at full-forward last week and his five-goal effort will give him a better grounding for this week's game.

23 MICHAEL CRUTCHFIELD. Age 24. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 80kg (12.7). Games 50.

Superb at full-back against big Mick Rea and that should earn him the role of minding Darren Bennett.

25 LAURIE KEENE. Age 25. Height 200cm (6'7"). Weight 92kg (14.7). Games 116.

Relished the return to the forward line as Phil Scott took over the ruck work and should be seen in that role again this week.

26 ROD WILLET. Age 21. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 75kg (11.11). Games 32.

Filled in admirably as an interchange and offers versatility in defence this week.

27 MARK ZANOTTI. Age 22. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 55.

An outstanding defender in the preliminary final who played with enormous dash and confidence to set up many attacks.

29 GREG WILKINSON. Age 25. Height 190cm (6'3"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 86.

Has obviously disappointed coach Haydn Bunton with his defensive work and his place in the team could be in jeopardy.

31 IAN DARGIE. Age 22. Height 179cm (5'10"). Weight 72kg (11.5). Games 15.

Gave the team a much needed touch of aggression last week playing on a wing.

36 CLINT ROBERTS. Age 28. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 86kg (13.7). Games 135.

Been a top player in the reserves in the last two weeks and must come under consideration this week.



Another goal ... Andrew MacNish and Neil Taylor.



Clinton Brown ... a new role in defence.

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2 TONY BUHAGIAR. Age 31. Height 166cm (5'6"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 244.

An experienced rover who should play an important part in this big game.

3 CHRIS MAINWARING. Age 20. Height 179cm (5'11"). Weight 70kg (11.0). Games 44.

Proved to be an elusive loose man in defence in the second semi but will probably find himself in a different role this week.

4 DAVID RANKIN. Age 26. Height 171cm (5'8"). Weight 73kg (11.7). Games 106.

A solid big-game performer on a wing and will be in his element in this game.

6 GERARD NEESHAM (vice captain). Age 31. Height 179cm (5'10"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 184

Played a low key role in the second semi, but will be far more influential mid-field this week.

7 BRIAN PEAKE (Captain). Age 32. Height 177cm (5'10"). Weight 86kg (13.8). Games 302.

Was also fairly quiet in the second semi, but will exert his influence and experience in a forward pocket in the big game.

8 BILL JONES. Age 23. Height 179cm (5'11"). Weight 70kg (11.7). Games 61.

Struggling to make the final team, but will be in the squad and could be a handy back-up player.

10 TONY SOLIN. Age 29. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 130.

One half of the mean machine duo across the half-back line where he teams effectively with twin brother Robert.

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HOW THEY GOT THERE

EAST Fremantle are playing in their 52nd grand final this week — with the impressive record of 26 wins, a 50 per cent success rate.

This year they were the first team to reach the grand final — by beating Subiaco in the second semi-final — but the Sharks didn't head the WAFL premiership table at any stage of the season.

They were in third place to open the season up, but then consolidated in second spot, despite pressure from Claremont and then Perth.

The Sharks finished with seven straight qualifying wins to give them a tally of 16 for the season, finishing one game and a bare percentage margin behind Subiaco.

11 JOHN O'SULLIVAN. Age 21. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 30.

Emerging as a reliable and capable defender who plays an unobtrusive role in this defence.

12 MICHAEL BRENNAN. Age 21. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 73.

Is now becoming an accomplished defender capable of doing his job well this week.

14 STEPHEN GREEN. Age 29. Height 172cm (5'8"). Weight 81kg (12.11). Games 164.

A top performer in the second semi playing as a ruck rover with a tagging role.

16 GLEN HOULT. Age 26. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 47.

Has come back into this team at just the right time and offers tremendous versatility as an aggressive player.

18 NEIL LESTER-SMITH. Age 22. Height 180cm (5'11"). Weight 71kg (11.3). Games 25.

A handy back-up player but unlikely to make the team.

19 PETER WILSON. Age 22. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 80kg (12.7). Games 93.

Looms as the real danger man; a big game performer who runs hard and contests fiercely in attack.



Gerard Neesham ... midfield leader.



Darren Bennett ... matchwinner.

20 COLIN WATERSON. Age 27. Height 193cm (6'4"). Weight 89kg (14.0). Games 106.

Was down in the second semi, but is a big and versatile key player in this match.

21 PAUL HARDING. Age 22. Height 193cm (6'4"). Weight 92kg (14.7). Games 93.

The key ruckman as far as East Fremantle is concerned and he will be looking to assert his authority over Phil Scott and Laurie Keene.

22 GAVIN WAKE. Age 22. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 80kg (12.8). Games 37.

A handy half-back who will probably miss the team.

23 ROBERT SOLIN. Age 29. Height 183cm (6'0"). Weight 76kg (12.0). Games 75.

The other half of the mean machine and a capable big-game performer.

24 SHANE ELLIS. Age 26. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 83kg (13.1). Games 110.

Has played with success on a wing but is capable of filling any role in defence as well.

25 DARREN BENNETT. Age 21. Height 196cm (6'5"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 21.

Match winner in the second semi-final with a record breaking 10 goals at full forward and a real danger man.

29 DAVID BUSHELL. Age 23. Height 177cm (5'10"). Weight 70kg (11.0). Games 22.

A fiery and aggressive rover, but his inexperience could go against him this week.

30 BRYCE FORMAN. Age 25. Height 191cm (6'3"). Weight 77kg (12.2). Games 62.

A handy defender but struggling to force his way into this team.

32 MURRAY WRENSTED. Age 22. Height 174cm (5'8"). Weight 85kg (13.5). Games 84.

Has been under a cloud with injury, missing the second semi, but seems likely to come back into the side.

34 SCOTT ROWLAND. Age 22. Height 185cm (6'1"). Weight 82kg (13.0). Games 29.

Has worked his way into this team and his form has been good enough to keep him in this side.

40 GEORGE CHRISTIE. Age 24. Height 176cm (5'9"). Weight 73kg (11.9). Games 73.

The team's best defender in the second semi playing out of the back pocket with a lot of attacking dash.

45 ANDREW LOCKYER. Age 21. Height 190cm (6'3"). Weight 89kg (14.0). Games 43.

Has slotted in nicely as the Sharks new full-back offering tremendous height and strength.

48 BRAD TUNBRIDGE. Age 22. Height 193cm (6'4"). Weight 93kg (14.7). Games 4.

A big back-up ruckman but unlikely to be in the team.

Best Wishes to the Sharks



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WESTSIDE COMMENT

Unwanted move

ONCE again the "amateur" side of football raised its unwanted head just when we are all trying to be professional about where the game is going.

The hardy annual of "media bans" being placed on players by those teams in the grand final has been successfully nipped in the bud by the WAFL — but only after a meeting instigated by the media.

Last week East Fremantle, the reigning premiers and a club with a high public profile as a result of their 1985 premiership success, sent out a written message to all media saying that players were "off-limits" in the week of the grand final.

Subiaco confirmed that the same ruling would apply at their camp if they overcame the Perth hurdle.

These "bans" were reported in a commercial television news item, with suitable quotes from club officials. In simple terms, the clubs were saying that the media weren't welcome to speak to players in the five days or so leading up to the biggest game of the year.

Those bans don't necessarily mean much to the media men who work at their trade seven days a week. They have home telephone numbers anyway; they know what players are prepared to indulge in footy chit-chat and they have enough credibility and respectability to get around any such "ban".

But nevertheless, the public proclamation by the two clubs of such a ban reflects on the integrity of all genuine football media people; those people who keep the game at the forefront all year round; not just grand final week.

At the same time as the media ban was being confirmed by Subiaco, the club was urgently telephoning various media people asking them to turn up, at short notice, to a function aimed at giving their major sponsors some last-minute exposure in case the Lions went out of the finals action in the preliminary final.

And at the same time that both clubs were warning that players wouldn't be all that accessible next week, the WAFL — unaware of such "bans" — was sending out a press release to all media seeking co-operation for a whole series of public-oriented events in their Grand Final Week celebrations.

With the WAFL — and East Fremantle, in particular — very keen to get involved in an expanded VFL competition next season, it's time some local club officials learn what helps make the VFL such an attractive proposition. It's called media exposure.

In Melbourne, Grand Final Week is a fantastic collection of activities, with players and coaches involved in the big game featuring everywhere and anywhere in the lead up to that MCG extravaganza.

Radio 6PR, who put more into local football than most media in terms of their day-to-day footy commitment, summed up the situation last Friday in a Sports Comment by their sporting director, Peter Sweeney, a former football journalist who has been around town for a long while.

He suggested that the clubs were out of order; that they were prepared to use the media up when it came to promoting social functions and other minor events, but close the door to them when it really counted.

And he suggested that there would be a few screams if the media suddenly decided to ignore the grand final build-up and concentrate on something else.

Those same sentiments were expressed quite freely in the Press Box at Subiaco Oval last Saturday before the preliminary final. In fact, the feeling was so strong that the WAFL chief executive John Walker and their football affairs co-ordinator, Peter Evans, were invited to an after-match meeting to discuss the issue.

JK's footy trivia quiz



QUESTIONS

1. Who are the two men on top of the club games played honour board among the WA clubs?
2. Who else has played 300 club games in WA only?
3. Football had two other 300 game players earlier this season, but it included VFL games. Who were they?
4. Who was the WA player to notch 300 club games outside the State this season?
5. Who did he play with in WA?

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Mr Walker pointed out that his discussions with club officials led him to believe that the "ban" wasn't really a ban. Media men could still make contact with players if they went through the right sources.

If that's the case, why did the clubs bother to publicly inform the media that there was a "ban"?

Mr Walker did agree to take the issue up with the clubs and hopefully, the whole matter will now be swept under the carpet.

Let's hope that next year, the clubs don't become so self-centred and sensitive. They should be reminded that next year no-one might want to write about the WAFL grand final.



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FINALS A WASHOUT

THE 1986 finals have been a washout as far as exciting finishes go.

The first semi-final was won by 73 points, the second semi by 50 points and the preliminary final by 71 points.

This makes this year's final series the most one-sided on record with a combined winning total of 194 points.

In 1959, the first three finals were won by 186 points.

FOR many years I have credited Steve Marsh with playing in the most grand finals — a total of 11.

Now, thanks to my research team of Trevor Dawson and Steve Davies, it has been discovered that Archie Strang senior, of East Fremantle, played in 13.

Strang is Sir Ross Hutchinson's father-in-law.

BENNETT'S BURST

By respected
veteran football
writer ROBERT BENNETT



Pity the poor Medal losers

SPARE a thought for Laurie Keene.

While Steve Malaxos and Brian Taylor had reason to be disappointed with the Sandover Medal result on Monday night, Keene had every reason to be shattered.

As has been the case so often in the past, he had been made a raging favourite to win.

Even if you don't give yourself a big chance, the fact that everyone is shouting your name from the rooftops has to start to give a player some expectations.

Most people tuned into the medal count believing Keene was home and hosed.

It will be interesting to see the psychological effect it has on him in the grand final. It would be easy for Keene to drop his bundle after such a disappointment.

I doubt he will do that. From what I've heard, he has great character.

If anything, he will go out on Saturday with a point to prove.

And what of Malaxos and Taylor? If he had not been injured, Malaxos would probably have won the Medal.

IMPACT

It shows just how big an impact he had on the football scene this season and, in particular, Claremont. He was a clear leader in the Medal voting when he was forced out of football with a knee injury.

It was no coincidence that Claremont fell apart at the same time.

Taylor must have felt like the jockey on the leader in the Melbourne Cup. He appeared to have the Medal shot to pieces only to be pipped on the post.

Despite the agony, for most, the ecstasy of Mark Bairstow's win was clearly evident.

I doubt if there has been a more popular winner.

The standing ovation given to him by those in attendance at the Medal count was a clear indication of the high regard most people have of Bairstow as a player and person.

Like Bill Walker, he has had to make some big sacrifices.

The family farm has had to take a back seat and the onus put on others so he could play football.

There must have been times during the season when South Fremantle were struggling when Bairstow wondered



Laurie Keene

whether he should abort the season and pitch in on the farm.

TALENTED

The person I particularly feel sorry for is Rob Wiley.

Without doubt, Wiley has been one of the most talented footballers produced in WA. He may have seen his last chance of a Sandover Medal disappear on Monday night.

He was the sentimental favourite. He should have won at least one Sandover medal during his WA career.

Unfortunately for Wiley, umpires have shown a reluctance to award him votes in matches.

It is a good argument for a panel awarding votes in the Sandover Medal. As is the case in the Simpson Medal, umpires could be included.

But then we've had so many changes in the Sandover Medal format in recent years, perhaps we should leave things as they are.

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Roos shows his Medal style

OUTSTANDING Fitzroy centre-half-back Paul Roos showed in last Sunday's first-semi-final against the Sydney Swans why he is the hot favourite for this year's Brownlow Medal.

The dashing, long-kicking defender repelled many Swans attacks and was a major instigator of the Lions brilliant last-quarter fightback.

Roos ability to combine with his Lions and Victorian teammate Gary Perty has been a feature of the VFL this season.

Roos is high in his praise for his fellow defender.

"It really helps when you have got blokes like Perty backing you up so well," Roos said.

"He's a top player and gives you confidence to play an attacking game."

And what does Roos think of his chances in the Brownlow?

"I haven't really been conscious about the medal, but I guess I must be a chance," he said.

Roos has capped a magnificent sea-

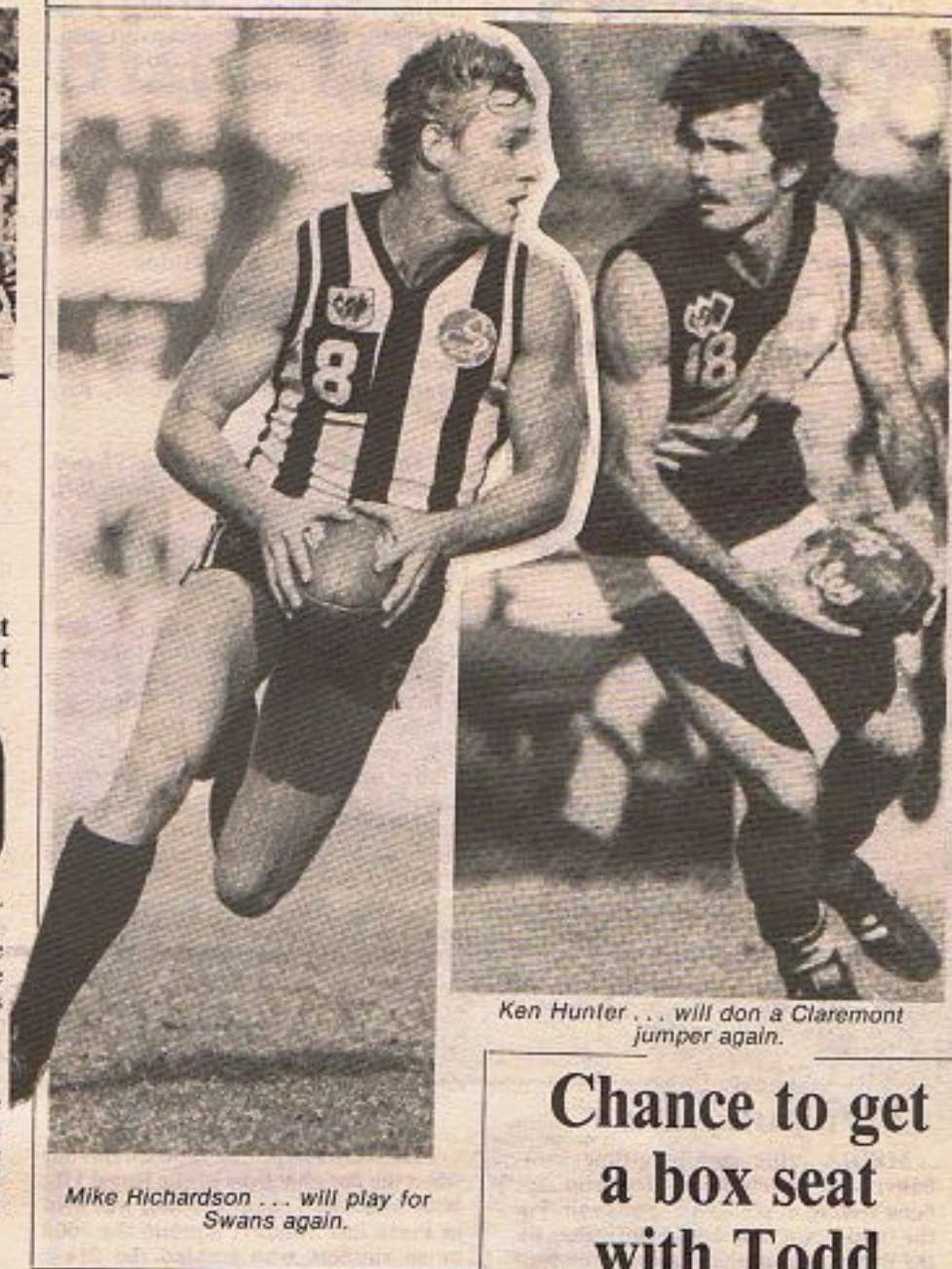


son by winning many of the major VFL media awards.

One of these awards included Inside Football's player-of-the-year, which he won by five votes from Sydney Swans centreman Greg Williams.

VOO-DOO TOUCH?

GEELONG, Richmond, Melbourne and St Kilda all have something in common — apart from occupying the bottom four rungs respectively. All have had Mark Jackson play for them. There could be a message in that.



Ken Hunter... will don a Claremont jumper again.

Mike Richardson... will play for Swans again.

Chance to get a box seat with Todd

SWAN Districts are giving one of their members the chance to sit next to coach John Todd at the Swans-Claremont game-of-the-decade at Subiaco Oval on October 4.

The lucky person has to select the same 25 players, from a squad of 36, as Todd picks for the game — which is a salute to Todd recently-resigned coach Graham Moss, both who have been at their clubs for 10 years.

There are two other incentives offered by Swans.

The winner will also receive an autographed football signed by the team and two free tickets to Todd's 'roast and toast' evening to be held at Swans clubrooms the evening of the big game.

On the same football bill will be the WAFL premiers versus the VFL premiers.

Special guests at Todd's 'roast' will be Mal Brown, Gary Carvolth, King Billy Coke Bottle, John K. Watts, Haydn Bunton, Bob Cribb, Keith Slater, Frank Sparrow and the all-Australian Gaelic team.

Following is the training squad from which the team will be selected. Entry forms are available at Swans club.

TRAINING SQUAD

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| Joe Ahmat | Graham Melrose |
| Leon Baker | Tom Mullooly |
| Simon Beasley | Keith Narkle |
| Ron Boucher | Phil Narkle |
| Ed Blackaby | Gerard Neesham |
| Gordon Casey | Stan Nowotny |
| Kevin Caton | Murray Rance |
| Alan Cransberg | Michael Richardson |
| Ross Fitzgerald | Peter Sartori |
| Jon Fogarty | Allan Sidebottom |
| Steve Gillespie | Garry Sidebottom |
| Craig Holden | Mike Smith (Sur) |
| Don Holmes | Tony Solin |
| Brent Hutton | Bill Skwirowski |
| Mick Johns | Brad Shine |
| Peter Kenny | Ian Williams |
| Barry Kimberley | Kevin Taylor |
| Don Langsford | Peter Ware |

Woodville survive first acid test

WOODVILLE survived their first big test in the finals when they beat Norwood 21.14 to 14.13 in the SANFL elimination game on Sunday.

Glenelg won the right to play North Adelaide in the second semi-final when they easily accounted for Port Adelaide — 18.10 to 9.17 — in the qualifying final on Saturday.

The Tigers will challenge the Roosters this Saturday and on Sunday Port meet the Warriors in the first semi-final.

The combatants of both games have an even record this season.

North beat Glenelg by 24 points on May 19 and the Tigers reversed that to a seven-point win on July 26.

Port trounced Woodville by 11 goals on May 31 and on August 9 the Warriors finished with a goal to spare.

Glenelg are reigning premiers and the 1985 runner up were Norths, who last won a flag in 1972.

Port's last title was in 1981 and Woodville, who joined the SANFL in 1964, have yet to win one.

The best they have fared was in 1979 when they lost the elimination final. So this is their most successful season in history.

OLDEST MEMBER

SA's oldest living Magarey Medallist, Norwood's 'Wacka' Scott, has reached another milestone. He turned 87 last week.

MEDAL CHANGE

THE Magarey Medal is made from an unique mould this season. Unlike the usual round shape, it features SA's Jubilee 150 logo.



ANDERSON'S MEDAL

PORT Adelaide and SA centreman Greg Anderson has won the 1986 Magarey Medal. He polled 25 votes to beat West Torrens rover Andrew Payze (20) and North Adelaide wingman Matthew Campbell, who finished with 18.

TOP SPORTSMAN

FORMER Central District forward Wilbur Wilson has been named SA Aboriginal Sportsman of the Year. He was recognised for his achievement in football and his job, as consultant for the Department of Recreation and Sport.

DAVIES AGAIN

SOUTH Adelaide have re-appointed coach Rick Davies for another year. The former Sturt champion replaced VFL's Don Scott as coach early last season.

NORWOOD SURVIVE

NORWOOD scraped in to the final-five this season and kept a long record intact — they have not missed a finals since 1971. Things looked bad midway through the season when they lost six games on end.

Big day at Subi

THREE will be plenty of action at Subiaco Oval this Saturday — and it won't all be refined to football grand finals.

The under-19s and reserves grand finals have been brought ahead in their starting time to allow for an expanded pre-league match display.

The under-19s grand final between East Fremantle and Claremont will start at 8.55am and will be followed by the on-ground presentation of the premiership flag.

The reserves premiership battle between South Fremantle and East Perth starts at 11.10am and the Prime Reserves Cup and individual Prime medallions for all members of the winning team will be presented after the match.

At 1.45pm the East Fremantle-Subiaco league match will be preceded by an attractive line-up of pipe and brass bands, dancing girls — and a special America's Cup parade.

The various yachting syndicates will parade around the ground and there will also be two mini 12-metre yachts on display — with a special surprise being unveiled on the arena.

Perth rock violinist Tyrone Coates, of the band Flash Harry, will lead the singing of Advance Australia Fair (the words will be published in the Grand Final Football Budget) and the coin tossing will be a joint effort between rival America's Cup syndicate chiefs Alan Bond and Kevin Parry.

At half-time in the league grand final a relay race with a difference will be staged. Various sports such as football, squash, rugby, cricket and so forth will be represented in the Emu Export Lager relay, with \$500 in prizemoney.

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WHAT THEY SAID

A round-up of some of this week's football comments

"We will be getting the best of both worlds keeping our base in Melbourne and playing away games in Brisbane, with a live telecast to Victoria." Richmond's president-elect Alan Bond on plans for Richmond to be based part-time in Brisbane.

"I think it's a scheme to milk money and players from Queensland." QAFL general manager, Ken Murphy, on Richmond's plans.

"The Bond proposal fell short of any full-time commitment to establishing a team in Brisbane." WA businessman Alistair Norwood on giving the VFL a seven-day deadline to answer their proposal about establishing a team in Queensland.

"I'm a bit more mature now; I'm playing more footy and I think I can handle the pressure." Subiaco's Laurie Keene, favourite for the Sandover Medal, before this week's count.

"The delays are now causing us enormous problems. It means we can't do anything about setting the team up." WAFL chief executive John Walker on VFL delays about the admittance of a WA team to their competition.

"We just don't think 1987 is the right time to expand our competition; we need to have a good look at what it all means." Hawthorn president Ron Cook.

"They don't realise that most Victorian footy followers are happy with their teams at present and don't want a WA or SA team in their competition." A caller to a Melbourne radio station.

"If they want to know why this show is one-sided against Perth, I'll tell them. It's diabolical that no-one from Perth is represented here today." Bob Cribb on radio 6PR's Football Forum.

"It must be remembered that Claremont were the most vulnerable team in the competition when Perth beat them in the first semi-final." Geoff Christian talking on radio 6NR about Perth's prospects in the preliminary final.



"We have a few different ideas now for next week." Subiaco coach Haydn Bunting after their win over Perth.

"To kick 10 goals in a final is a great effort. If he does it again in the grand final I'll be happy to sit back in a pocket and watch." East Fremantle skipper Brian Peake on the second semi-final effort of Darren Bennett.

"I think it would be good for Perth if Mal Brown stayed on as coach. He's a great identity." Perth player Brett Yorgey.

"The clean out has started in the wrong place. It's not Don Haddow's fault; there's a lot of stale blood among the administration." Bob Maumill on Channel 7 about South Fremantle's decision to sack coach Don Haddow.

"Greg Wilkinson tends to centre himself and not watch which way his player is going." Subiaco coach Haydn Bunting answering a question about Greg Wilkinson's being taken off.

"The League is going in boots and all to promote the grand final and the clubs in the game are doing their best to prevent that." Radio 6NR's Tim Flynn.

"We want our players to be kept out of the limelight and concentrate on the game." Subiaco football manager Trevor Nisbett on a media ban imposed before leading up to the grand final.

"There goes the siren to end what was a grizzly and ugly quarter." 6WF commentator Ian Brayshaw after the third term between Subiaco and Perth.

"We saw the good, the bad and the ugly in that term." Ken Armstrong, also on 6WF.

"Subiaco showed that they are a top side. They were humiliated the week before, but bounced back in strong style. They didn't let us get a run on." Perth coach Mal Brown.

BOOTING WITH THE BREEZE

PROUD PERCY

MEDIA critic and long-time footballer and coach Percy Johnson has been feeling as pleased as punch during the finals. Not only has his influence on the Perth big men this season borne fruit with the Demons finishing third, but he's also seen one of his very special proteges in East Fremantle's Darren Bennett really make the grade. Johnson is one of the game's outstanding football judges and though his team coaching efforts have never been rewarded, his football influence on young players is enormous.

LOYAL LION

ONE loyal Subiaco supporter made sure that he had his holidays all lined up for this year's finals series. Radio 6PR race caller Stuart Shenton normally spends his Saturdays out at the track having to be satisfied hearing John K. Watts and Co call the Lions' victories. But with their imminent appearance in the finals, Shenton timed his annual holidays so he could be at Subiaco in September. Shenton and his wife Debbie (daughter of long-time club sponsor and worker Bev Burnham) were guests of the club for last week's preliminary final — and they will be there nice and early this week.



LES'S LYRICS

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

Bairstow the popular hero

The air was quite electric,
As the final votes were counted.
There were four still left in it,
And the tension really mounted.
Suddenly it was all over,
Souths Mark Bairstow had won.
And what a worthy winner,
Is the Bulldogs favourite son.
When Souths made him captain,
He took it in his stride.
Now he's won a Sandover,
Which he can accept with pride.
One can't help but ponder,
On the quality of his story.
Two years in league football,
And already so much glory.
Congratulations and best wishes,
For a long successful career.
Keep on playing as you do,
And fans will continue to cheer.

RUNNING ON

THERE was a strong football flavour when the national final of the Royal Life Half-Marathon championship was held in Perth last Sunday. Among the 1000 or so runners who tackled the 21km journey around the Bridges and down to Crawley and back were coaches Gerard McNeill and Don Haddow, former players Paul Mountain and Peter Steward, Daily News sports editor Robbie Burns and former umpire John Devine. Each of these runners acquitted themselves very well in the gruelling run.

GENERATION GAP

FOOTBALLERS of different generations were united at the Football Media Guild's annual presentation dinner last week. The Guild's patron, Sir Ross Hutchinson — one-time champion player and coach — was celebrating his 72nd birthday and had the pleasure of presenting the footballer-of-the-future trophy to Subiaco's Andrew MacNish, about to celebrate his 21st birthday. "I wish I were in his shoes," was the comment by Sir Ross as he wished MacNish all the best for the finals and his future. The Media Guild's footballer-of-the-year trophy went to Subiaco's Laurie Keene, who became the first winner of the media's footballer-of-the-future (1981) to go on and win the major award in subsequent years.

HUGE MEDAL WIN

GIDGEGANNUP centremen Peter White had a huge win in the Hills Football Association voting this season. He polled 37 votes to beat Wayne McShane (Sawyers Valley/Chidlow) and Glen Robinson (Mundaring) on 20.

ARMED FORCES

THE WA Police Department will play their first official football game for 25 years on Wednesday, October 1. They will meet the Combined Services (Army, Air Force and Navy) at 2.30pm at Karrakatta Oval and the social game line-up will include some well-known footballers.

Gavin Carter, Warren Mosconi, Clinton Brown, John Georgiades, Craig Turley and Tony Fraser are 1986 league players who will wear Police navy blue and white colours. Admission is free and interested people are welcome. The last time the Police played in an official capacity two great names in their side were Con Regan and Harry Riseborough.

BACK HOME

DUAL Sandover Medallist Peter Spencer may have missed half the WAFL season, but he certainly was not out of the action. For the last seven weeks of the WAFB season he coached first-year club Manning, who missed out on the finals. Spencer started his career at the Manning Junior Football Club.

PRIME PLAYERS

THREE clubs produced the Prime Computers player-of-the-round awards this season. The first series was won by promising Perth rover Steven Lally, the second series winner was South Fremantle's Matt Sambraio and West Perth ruckman, Michael Stockley, was presented a Medal (by Andy Jenkins of Prime Computers) on Channel Seven's World of Football last Sunday. The three winners each received a medal and \$250 from Prime Computers.

POOR RESPONSE

FOOTY fans who claim that the WAFL doesn't ever put anything special on for the paying public have only themselves to blame for two functions being cancelled this week. The People's Day luncheon featuring the Emu Export Superstars was called off owing to a poor response, as has the Saturday morning grand final breakfast due to be held at the Subiaco Football Club. Both events would have been sell-outs in Melbourne in the excitement of grand final week and it just goes to show that the fickle WA public still need a lot of education about how to help jazz up the biggest week of the season.

RALPH UNWANTED

REPORTS from Victoria indicate former Claremont full-forward Warren Ralph has been told by Carlton his future is at another club. Ralph, who played in this year's qualifying final, has struggled to obtain regular league games since joining the Blues in 1984.

HIGH PRAISE

THE Noranda Junior Football Club, in East Perth territory, came in for some high praise from their local Member of Parliament recently — the Minister for Sport, Keith Wilson. Attending the club's annual presentation night on Sunday, Mr Wilson commended Noranda for adopting the official NFL policy of substituting team participation trophies for all players in the 9s and 10s age group in preference to fairest and best awards. "This is not due to be officially adopted till next year, but it is good to see junior clubs taking up the new idea now," he said.

SHAW UNSURE

FORMER Claremont rover Gary Shaw is not sure where he will play in 1987, but reports indicate he will join West Adelaide. If he does it will be his fourth league club. He started his career in Queensland and played for the WAFL Tigers in 1981 and 1982. In a 43-game stint with Claremont, he was runner up to Phil Narkle for the 1982 Sandover Medal and he played in Claremont's 1981 premiership side.

EMOTIONAL NIGHT

LAST Sunday proved to be an emotional night for Brother Tom Pickett, the sports master at St Mark's College in Bedford. East Perth Football Club director Bill Forrest, presented him with a gold watch, a plaque and an invitation to this week's Sandover Medal count at the junior football club's annual wind-up. Brother Tom has coached juniors for 23 years, including the last 14 at St Marks. Sixteen of his former students have made league football, some of whom attended the presentation. Brother Tom is so popular for his deeds in the East Perth district that some opposing clubs awarded him mementos at the function. And the students of St Marks have raised the money to send him to the VFL grand final next week. The wind-up will be the last for Brother Tom at St Marks, as he will transfer to a new college in Karratha next year.

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Superules vets aim to improve

ASK any footballer 35 years or older who the Australian champions are and they will tell you not WA — as yet.

But WA players hope to confirm that when Perth host the Emu Export national Superules championship from October 5 to October 11.

WA have been runners-up every season since 1983, when the annual carnival was inaugurated.

WA will have two sides. The No1 team is coached by former Claremont

player Brian Thompson and the second side has former Swan Districts full-back, Joe Lawson, at the helm.

Other competing teams will be Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the ACT.

An expected 300 players will contest this year's carnival.

Many of them are heavier, a lot slower in pace and reflex to what they once were but all retain their individual style of play.

Some of the former greats who will play this year include Mel Whinnen, Laurie Richardson, Norm Knell, Bradley Smith, Ron Bayens, Laurie Watson, Peter van Helden, Gary Gibellini, Greg Brehaut, John O'Neil and Lawson (WA); Kevin Morris, George Bisett, Peter 'Crackers' Keenan, John Murphy and Brownlow Medallists Kevin Murray and Peter Bedford (Victoria), Tasmanian captain-coach Peter Hudson and South Australia's John Cahill and Graeme Molloy, the 1969 Tassie Medallist.

Former West Perth player Tony Dragun will play for the Northern Territory.

Superules is a modified form of football and some of the modifications are:

- Games are four by 15-minute quarters; there are six interchange players; a drop kick goal registers nine points and the send-off rule operates.

WA has five Superules teams — Northern Districts, Vic Park, Fremantle, University and Bunbury.

Tasmania won the 1983 and 1985 carnivals; the Northern Territory were victorious in 1984 and WA were runners-up each time.

This year WA want to go one better and playing at home may be their tonic for success.



Joe Lawson... captain-coach of one of WA teams.



Tasmanian captain-coach Peter Hudson directs traffic at training.

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Field umpires Neville Buckingham (left) and Len Cooper ponder their votes.

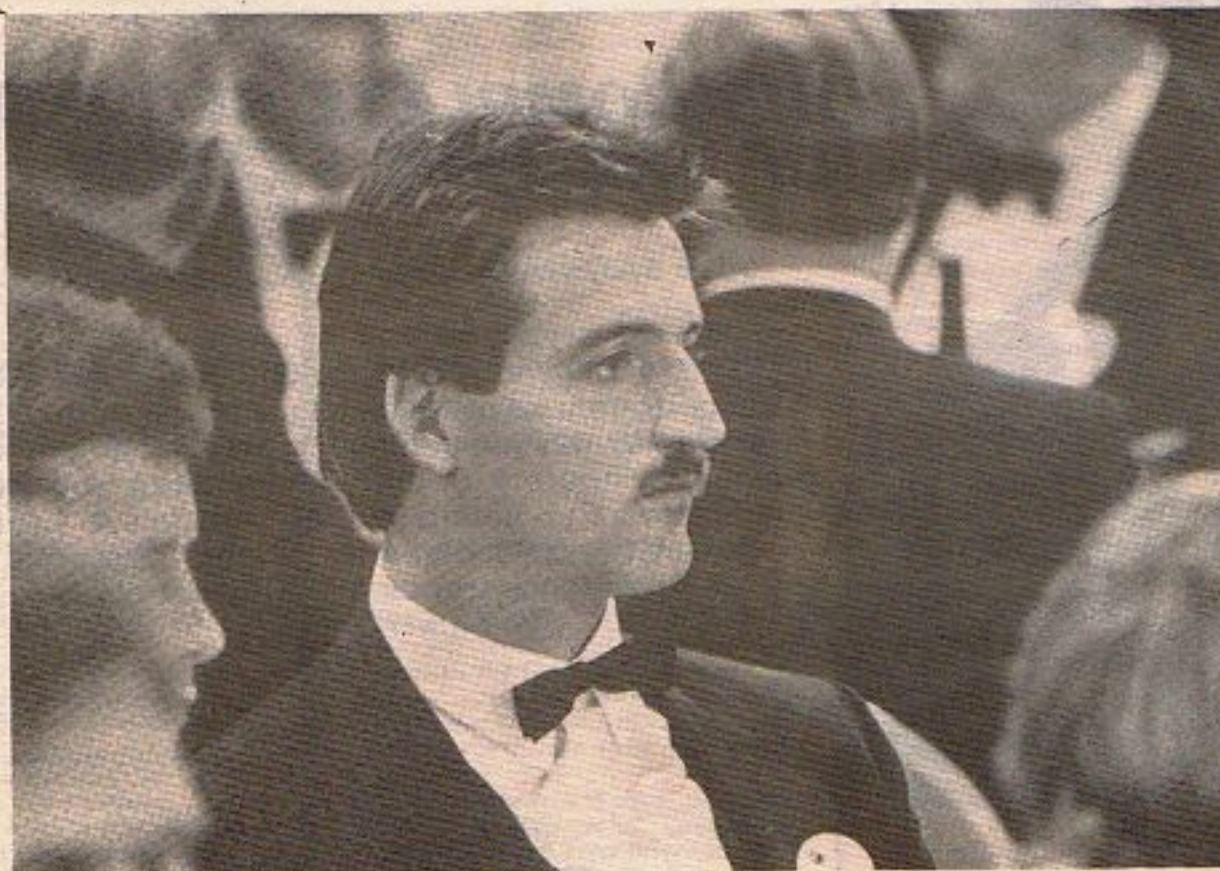
IT'S the night of nights, the glamour of football's prestigious Sandover Medal presentation at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel.

The Channel Seven cameras beamed the exciting 1986 Sandover Medal count live around the State — and the atmosphere in the Golden Ballroom was just as tense.

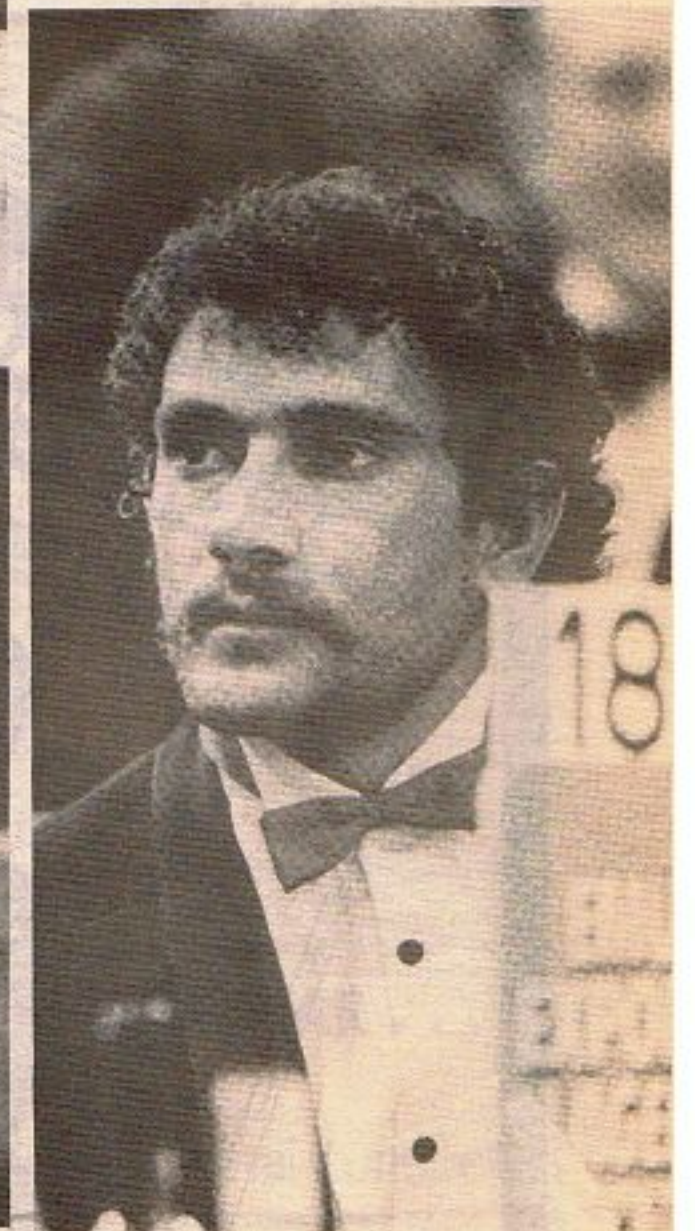
Photographer RICHIE HANN captured these pictures ...



Subiaco pair Laurie Keene (left) and Neil Taylor have contrasting feelings.



It's a stern-looking Paul Harding . . . wondering what may have been



Michael Mitchell looks a little serious as he contemplates his tally.

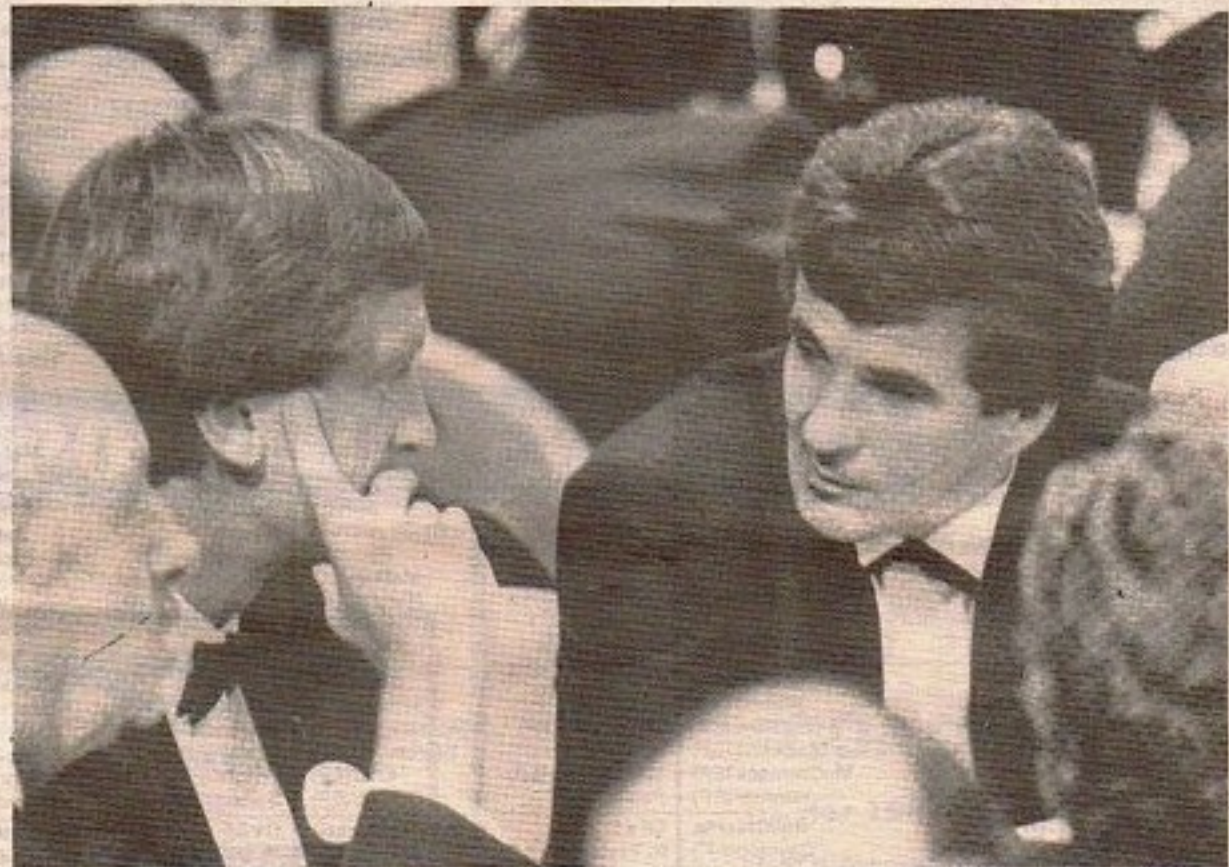
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Wiley watching his progress again . . . for another year.



Mr Robin Sandover presents Mark Bairstow with his 1986 Sandover Medal.



Field umpire Mike Ball (right) has a quiet tip for Umpires Board member John Dimmer.



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Former East Perth Sandover Medallist Graham (Polly) Farmer and Ted (Square) Kil-murray were among the special guests.



SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE



Each week during the 1986 season our Sandover Medal Guide has provided a survey of the best players on the ground, taking votes from seven radio, television and newspaper media. The players on the left of each column represent that combined media aggregate with the actual umpires votes on the right.

ROUND 1	MARCH 29/31	ROUND 5	APRIL 25/26	ROUND 9	MAY 24	ROUND 13	JUNE 21	ROUND 17	JULY 26
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WP v EF Peake (EF) Neesham (EF) Mifka (WP) Fong (WP) Warwick (WP)	Vernon/Johnson Neesham (EF) Mifka (WP) Bradmore (WP) Harding (EF) Buhagiar (EF)	P v EP Watson (P) Moir (P) Santostefano (P) Yorgey (P) Barich (P)	Ball/Hearne Peos (EP) Watson (P) Yorgey (P) Barich (P) Giannakis (EP)	SD v P Wiley (P) Spalding (P) Montgomery (P) Sartori (SD) Newman (P)	Vernon/Buckey Wiley (P) Sartori (SD) Spalding (P) Grijusich (P) Santostefano (P)	SD v SF Sartori (SD) Langford (SD) Meadows (SD) I. Williams (SD) Fitzgerald (SD)	O'Driscoll/Buckingham Sartori (SD) Thornston (SD) Richardson (SD) Hetherington (SD) Worsfold (SF)	EF v EP Lockyer (EF) Wrensted (EF) Ellis (EF) Dennis (EP) Peos (EP)	Johnson/Rees Ellis (EF) Green (EF) Ishchenko (EP) Bartlett (EP) Mainwaring (EF)
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ROUND 21	AUGUST 23
C v EF	Johnson/O'Reilly
Bennett (EF)	Bennett (EF)
Harding (EF)	Lewis (C)
Lewis (C)	Ellis (EF)
D. Kickett (C)	O'Sullivan (EF)
O'Sullivan (EF)	Waterson (EF)
P v EP	Bali/Cooper
Bain (EP)	Ishchenko (EP)
Ishchenko (EP)	Bain (EP)
Peos (EP)	Hawkins (EP)
Otway (EP)	Otway (EP)
Bartlett (EP)	Peos (EP)
SF v SD	Garrett/O'Driscoll
Bairstow (SF)	Bairstow (SF)
Matera (SF)	Matera (SF)
D. Collard (SF)	Mosconi (SF)
Worsfold (SF)	D. Collard (SF)
Dennett (SF)	Cormack (SD)
S v WP	Buckey/Vernon
Breman (S)	Breman (S)
Featherby (S)	Dargie (S)
Laidley (WP)	Featherby (S)
Keene (S)	Keene (S)
P. Lamb (S)	Crutchfield (S)

PROUD OCCASION

MARK Bairstow was obviously the proudest man at the Sandover Medal night, but his former coach, Don Haddow was just as proud. Bairstow acknowledged on television that Haddow was the person responsible for enticing him away from his family's Lake Grace farm. Haddow was behind Bairstow obtaining a truck driver's job in Perth and also a coaching development role at South Fremantle. Haddow felt Bairstow needed to commit more time to succeed in football in 1986 and he was proven right.

'BUNNY' KEENE

CHANNEL Seven must have put the 'mock' on Sandover Medal favourite Laurie Keene. The Subiaco ruckman was used as the 'bunny' when the television station showed its audience the procedure for presenting the votes. Using Keene as an example, his name was accompanied by an asterisk, which meant would indicate a suspended player being ineligible to win the award. Keene ended up equal-fourth, further down the polling than most wise football judges predicted.

MAKING SURE

BEFORE the final votes were called out by the WAFL's chief John Walker, Sandover Medallist Mark Bairstow refused to be congratulated. He wanted to make sure the Medal was his and waited till the very last name was read out before accepting the hand-shakes.

VOTE ROBBERS

A general consensus at the Sandover Medal count was why should ineligible players be allowed to gain votes after a suspension? Critics believe if a player cannot win the medal, there is no use him being given votes. After all, he is robbing votes from someone who may have a chance.

DOUBLE TAKE

MURRAY Wrensted and Mark Bairstow have something in common, apart from being the past two Sandover Medallists and players from ports teams. Both won WA's highest individual football award in their second season after coming from country towns.



The Medal Men — (from left) Grant Robson (Subiaco), Medallists Medal, Mark Bairstow (South Fremantle, Sandover Medal) and Mick Lee (Subiaco, Prendergast Medal).

THE TOP VOTE-GETTERS

BAIRSTOW Mark (South Fremantle).....	5 5 5 4 4 4 3 3 3 2 1	39
TAYLOR Brian (Subiaco).....	5 5 4 4 4 4 3 3 3 1	36
HARDING Paul (East Fremantle).....	5 5 4 4 4 4 3 2 1 1 1	34
KEENE Laurie (Subiaco).....	5 5 5 4 4 3 3 2 1	32
WILEY Rob (Perth).....	5 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 3	32
WILSON Peter (East Fremantle).....	5 5 4 4 3 3 3 2 1	30
PEAKE Brian (East Fremantle).....	5 5 5 5 4 2 1	27
MALAXOS Steve (Claremont).....	5 5 4 4 4 3 2	27
SARTORI Peter (Swan Districts).....	5 5 5 5 4 1	25
FEATHERBY Peter (Subiaco).....	5 5 5 4 3 2 1	25

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Steve Malaxos (C) 149*
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200 GAMES

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COACHING BATTLE

RIVAL coaches Gerard McNeill (East Perth) and Don Haddow (South Fremantle) had plenty to battle over during the season — not the least being their respective futures and the wooden spoon. And they were doing battle again last Sunday, even though Haddow doesn't now have a league coaching job, while McNeill has got the nod for the next three years. This time they were lining up against each other in the \$200,000 Australian final of the Royal Life Half-Marathon championship being run around the river. Haddow just got across the line ahead of McNeill, with both coaches showing superb fitness levels — something that some of their players could copy.

BIT LATE

THE WA Football League spend a fair bit of money promoting the game, especially at finals time. But someone out at Channel Seven pressed the wrong button the other night and turned the clock back a week. On the regular Friday night weather presented by the WAFL, the accompanying commercial was plugging the "great second semi-final battle between Subiaco and East Fremantle". We knew that East Fremantle had won that one; what we wanted to know was who was going to win the preliminary final the next day between Subi and Perth!

CAREFUL WORDS

PERTH coach Malcolm Brown was certainly careful with his words when pressed by the media about the umpires after Saturday's preliminary final. Showing a reluctance to confirm what everyone had seen, he suggested that they were only as good as the standard of football the fans have seen this year. Then, as an after-thought, he chucked in a throw-away line: "And as good as the administrators".

SUCKED IN

COACHES across the land continually preach the folly of retaliation; warning their players that it is generally the player who fights back who gets reported. Such was the lesson to be learnt by Perth's John Gavranich last week. An incident between him and lanky Lion Laurie Keene saw the big Perth ruckman face the tribunal on a striking charge. It came about after he obviously lost his cool resulting from an incident just a minute or so earlier deep in the pocket when he was on the receiving end.

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FIELD umpire Ken O'Driscoll tells Perth runner Gary Gibellini where to go — off the ground. Gibellini had been reported for disputing a decision when he was given his marching orders.

MELROSE MOVE?

SWAN Districts coach John Todd has not vacated his position yet, but there is a strong rumour that former player Graham Melrose will fill it when it becomes available. Melrose a former Swans captain, is at his original club, East Fremantle as reserves coach.

LUCKLESS LARRY

RECENTLY-retired player Larry Kickett has a coaching record which probably would not get him in a league job around town. It was reported in Westside Football last week how he coached the Roos at Canning Vale prison to a losing grand final. On Sunday he was asked to help out Fortescue team Tigers, who were the top side all year. Larry did his best coaching the Tigers, but it was not good enough. They lost the grand final.

FULLY INVOLVED

GARY Gibellini was involved in Saturday's match in more ways than one. The Perth runner was reported for disputing an umpire's decision, but must have felt for both teams as in 1982 he coached the Subiaco reserves. And the team who waited for the winner of the Subiaco-Perth clash was East Fremantle, where he started his playing career.

EVICTED

SUBIACO'S past players were to have held their annual dinner and presentation of the 1986 Newton-Screaigh award at their headquarters on October 4, but have been "evicted" for the event. Because of the forthcoming WAFL-VFL premiers clash at Subiaco Oval on that day, the Lions will hold the function at the East Perth Football Club.

AS EXPECTED

SUBIACO defender Mark Zanotti was best-on-ground on Saturday and must have felt he was in for a good game when he received the job of tagging Chris Stasinowsky. Back in 1984, when Stasinowsky was at South Fremantle, the Bulldogs met Subiaco in the reserves grand final and the fiery redhead was given a football lesson — by Mark Zanotti. Since then the Lion invariably cops the job of tagging Stasinowsky.

REVERSE EFFECT

THERE has been plenty of animosity between West Perth and East Fremantle in recent years and the thought of Gerard Neesham being the Falcons next coach would not cross many minds. But the bad feeling could be beneficial to West Perth if the move came about. Neesham is an aggressive competitor and to have him on your side at Leederville Oval could have a reverse effect, especially when they meet East Fremantle.

QUICK EXIT

PERTH coach Mal Brown sent his Subiaco rival scurrying for cover at Subiaco Oval last Friday. On the eve of their preliminary final clash, Brown surprisingly snuck his Demons into League headquarters for a light training run. Lions coach Hayden Bunton had decided to give two of his key players — Dwayne Lamb and Phil Scott — a fitness test. But when he sent the pair out onto the ground he couldn't believe his eyes with the Perth camp training as if they owned the place. Bunton and the two players made a hasty exit to a nearby oval in Wembley for the fitness test. "We should have gone to Lathlain Park," quipped Bunton.



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MOTHER BROWN

Clubs need the media

I COULDN'T believe my ears when I was listening to John Hunt's Sports Talk programme on 6PR last Thursday. Sporting director Peter Sweeney read out a couple of letters from the East Fremantle and Subiaco Football Clubs announcing that a media ban would be imposed, stopping the media from talking to any of the players. It's amazing that these clubs could adopt that sort of attitude in the lead-up to the grand final. The public is starved of information and if the clubs impose such a ban, it would be ridiculous. The media needs the clubs and the clubs need the media. But under that situation it becomes one-way traffic. I was pleased to see that the League stepped in and lifted the ban.

FRED'S RIGHT

TALKING about 6PR, I heard their panel show last Saturday morning when Fred Woods said that we should revert back to the one-umpire system. He added to that by saying the standard of umpiring was at an all-time low. That would be the first time I have agreed with Fred and his feelings were substantiated, particularly in the first half of the preliminary final. The standard of umpiring led to players becoming frustrated and contributed to the number of reports heard by the WAFL tribunal this week.

BOB'S WRONG

BOB Cribb criticised Perth for not being represented on the 6PR football panel last Saturday morning. But he jumped in without checking his information. No one from Perth was invited to join the panel. Bob has just been overseas on holiday and perhaps that's where he got his information from.

NO INCENTIVE

I WAS disturbed to see a picture in *The West Australian* last week of Subiaco's Andrew MacNish with the \$200,000 cash incentive they will get for winning the grand final. I think football is sinking to a low level if players have to be fired up by a cash incentive before they produce their best. Maybe the idea of the picture was to give the sponsors some mileage, but I don't think that projects a good image for football. What has happened to good, old fashioned club loyalty where players want to win for the club they are representing?

WELCOME BACK

WATCHING Channel 7's World of Football programme last Sunday I was pleased to see Don Haddow make a return visit and thought he conducted himself well. I was sad to see Don get the sack from South Fremantle. I thought he had put in a lot of work with the youngsters at the club and started to get the rewards at the end of the season.

Sandover was a great night

THE Sandover Medal coverage was the best I've seen and the winner was a worthwhile one.

But Robert Wiley must keep wondering what he has to do to win a Medal. When Wiley plays against West Perth he always puts in a great game and it is bewildering why he is out of favour with the umpires, though this season he did poll better.

Mark Bairstow is a tremendous guy and a champion footballer. After only 40 games he has done things some players do not achieve in a lifetime. He was the unanimous choice of football followers as the best first-year-player last season and came third in the Sandover count. This year is his second season and while most players suffer the second-year-blues, Bairstow has gone from strength to strength. He is South Fremantle's 1986 captain and WA's newest Sandover Medallist.

GOOD IDEA

THE WAFL's idea of televising the grand final is a good one. It will be fabulous for people who cannot make the game, especially those in hospital. Hopefully, it will not rob the game of supporters. The first three finals this year have not only been one-sided games, but have had extremely poor attendances. It is essential that the WAFL receives the best of both worlds — a bumper crowd at the game and still keep the television viewers happy. It seems that TVW Channel Seven has

BAIRSTOW'S MEDAL FOOTBALL fans should take their hats off to Mark Bairstow on his Sandover Medal victory.

There was certainly plenty of opposition right to the finish in what should be the last Sandover count before national football.

Bairstow has proved in his first two seasons of league football that he is a player of class, strong, aggressive and skilful.

He dispelled the theory that players in losing sides don't get top votes — if you are good enough, you will be recognised.

Bairstow is yet another product of country football; experience that obviously proves beneficial for youngsters to succeed at league level, mentally and physically.

While Bairstow can reflect on a magnificent season and bath in his Medal victory, he will be under just as much mental strain over the next few weeks deciding his future — Victoria or the WA national team.

That decision will not be easy for the Lake Grace farmer, but the result will enable him to buy a few more acres!

RESPONSIBILITY

IT WAS quite evident that all Subiaco players showed greater responsibility to the task last week — they needed to after the previous week — and the leader by example was ruckman Phil Scott.

Scott was great. His aggression and total commitment against a spirited Perth ruck set up many Subiaco moves and Scott's dominance allowed Laurie Keene to spend more time up forward, where he will need to be firing for Subiaco this week.

Keene up forward and Warren Dean, who needs to work harder, will play vital roles because centre-half-forward is a trouble spot for the Lions.

While Subiaco were convincing last week, the pressure applied by the reigning premiers will be much more fierce.

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I wonder who will have that little bit extra on Saturday that could make the difference at a crucial stage?



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Top weekend up North

WEST Perth player Brendon Bell and I flew to Dampier last weekend to watch the Dampier Sharks take on Karratha Cardinals in the North Pilbara grand final.

The atmosphere and hospitality was magnificent. Unfortunately the game was a bit of a let-down as the Sharks had an off day and Cardinals rose to the occasion.

But the trip was well worth it and I enjoyed being a runner for the Sharks, who are coached by former West Perth teammate Lyndsay McGuinness.

In his team was former WAFL players Glen McGuinness, Oral McGuire and Troy Bogaards.

Former Claremont player Sam Sadlier was injured and did not play and former Essendon player, Brad Phillips, played for the Sharks.

By former WA and VFL star

IAN MILLER

IMPRESSION

IT could almost have been the MCG and not Subiaco Oval last Saturday. Within six rows sat representatives of Fitzroy, Essendon and Melbourne Football Clubs gearing up for another assault on our better players — and there will be no shortage of free trips next week to the VFL grand final for the contenders.

Because our depth of young talent has been eroded in recent seasons to add depth to Victorian clubs, many of the name players being sought after have had their abilities inflated. They really haven't had time to put the score on the board and will struggle in the VFL or with the WAFL national team.

PRESSURE QUARTER

THE third quarter in football is commonly referred to as the premiership quarter, the vital quarter where the game is most likely won or lost.

Subiaco's 10-goal burst last week left Perth completely floundering. Subiaco showed a complete turnaround in their football, especially their disciplined approach, plus less pressure applied to them by Perth gave out-of-form players added confidence to attack.

Certainly Subiaco deserve the right to play East Fremantle, but they will require still greater control and physical commitment to get the flag than last week.

Full credit to Perth for playing in the preliminary final. Unfortunately too few were left to carry the work load last week, especially up forward. But the club can be pleased to finish in third position, knowing that five other sides trailed them.

CHANGES

ASSUMING that we will have national football on our doorstep next season, there is going to be an exciting, but radical change for football followers.

That adjustment, plus at least four or five new league coaches, makes for a new era.

Above all, it is important that our game is better and continues to develop and involve young players in a competitive spirit.



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

FROM WHERE I SIT

Let's get back into the schools

WHEN I hear how the numbers of junior footballers are dropping off (to an alarming degree) I am not all that surprised.

Things will continue to decline while the game stays out of the schools.

The reasons are not that the game isn't popular anymore, or as some people might like to tell you, because it is not international. Simply it's because clubs do not have the access to talent that the schools should have.

It can't be argued that the fall-off is because boys have gone over to soccer, basketball, rugby or some other sport. The reason is that State schools generally do not rate sport as a high priority in their curriculum and solid competition is pretty much frowned upon.

The CIG Shield, the schools knockout competition leading up to a final before the Victoria — WA game at Subiaco Oval, is the only serious stuff played by the high schools under the State Education Department.

NO FINALS

Private schools have had the Alcock Cup going for years, but the system does not have a "finals" series and the champions are the team who wins the most games during the year. This eliminates finals pressure and certainly the gathering of supporters in numbers.

The Catholic schools do run competitions within their own organisation, with final round played.

What other schools do is a mystery, but I suppose they play some football on occasions.

The demise of football in the schools is strange because you would think that the sporting side of the education system would be behind the national game.

I'm a firm believer that the game should be played in the schools, so I made inquiries as to why there were no big competitions.

MAIN REASONS

I got the impression that there were four main reasons:—

1. There has been little rapport between the WAFL and the Education Department. They blame each other for lack of co-operation and communication.

2. Many physical education teachers aren't keen on Aussie Rules. Though they are prepared to take an interest during school hours, they are not interested in coaching outside that time. They don't want to involve outside coaches to pull on a school team.

3. WAFL back the CIG Shield, but don't seem to have done a lot towards encouraging clubs to integrate with schools. That would seem the logical way to go.

4. Junior football clubs, controlled by district councils, are run by empire-builders concerned more with their little kingdoms than the over-all benefits of a school competition.

If the junior councils fostered the idea that they could operate more significantly from within a school, instead of away from them, they would find that the numbers of boys available would be greater.

The one hope on the horizon at present comes in the form of Peter Tannock, who was a ruckman with East Perth. He has investigated and compiled a report, and if its recommendations are followed, there is every chance that the schools will compete during 1987. It seems probable that some of the games will be pipe openers to national league fixtures.



SUNDAY SCENE

Kim Hagdorn's weekly round-up of Sunday League matches.

Saints star under a cloud

FORMER East Perth forward John McTaggart will have a fitness test on Saturday morning that could decide the 1986 premiership fate of Osborne Park.

McTaggart, a star in the Saints' qualifying final two weeks ago against Thornlie when he booted seven goals, has battled a hamstring injury for the past three months.

He trained solidly with the Saints this week, but coach Barry Beecroft is not likely to risk the talented forward if he is not fully fit.

McTaggart is a key to Osborne Park's hopes of taking the premiership crown away from Kalamunda.

The Cougars have stormed their way to outright supremacy in Sunday football over the past two years and are not about to relinquish that title without a fight.

Sunday will see the conclusion of a monumental battle between the two undisputed leaders of Sunday football in 1986.

The previous three encounters between the Cougars and Saints have been decided by less than a kick in the dying stages of the match.

They tied in a finals match on August 17 and Kalamunda won the replay a week later by one point then the Saints held on to win by just four points in the second semi-final two weeks ago.

Beecroft proved the difference between his side winning and losing at their last encounter.

The talented big man moved into the ruck mid-way through the final quarter after being a focal point in attack at centre half forward.

INSPIRATION

His timely marking and hard-running around the ground has been an inspiration to the Saints all season.

The anticipated return of McTaggart will allow even greater flexibility in the Saints' cause on Sunday.

Kalamunda will again bank heavily on the herculean service they receive from powerfully-built ruckman Kevin Ferguson, who carried the Cougars ruck against South Perth's Jeff Murray and Barrie Quick last week.

Ferguson confronts an in-form Saints big man division with big Andrew Bownes adding solid support to Beecroft.

Bownes and Ferguson can be expected to ruck all day in what is sure to be a feature of the encounter.

The amount of possession and protection the two big men can offer their running players at bounce-downs and throw-ins could prove a factor in the outcome of the clash.

Both sides have pacy running divisions that deliver the ball competently into their forward zones.

The Saints are sure to utilise the vast football experience of former Hawthorn and Subiaco star Brian Douge, who heads an impressive mid-field band for the Saints.

Former Perth follower Peter O'Connell, Brian Dawson, Mark Stephenson, Robbie Mulder, Gary Hewitt, Justin Kickett and Brett Clausen (celebrating his 100th league game for the Saints) will have vital mid-field roles to play.

There is a host of skill and pace in that band.

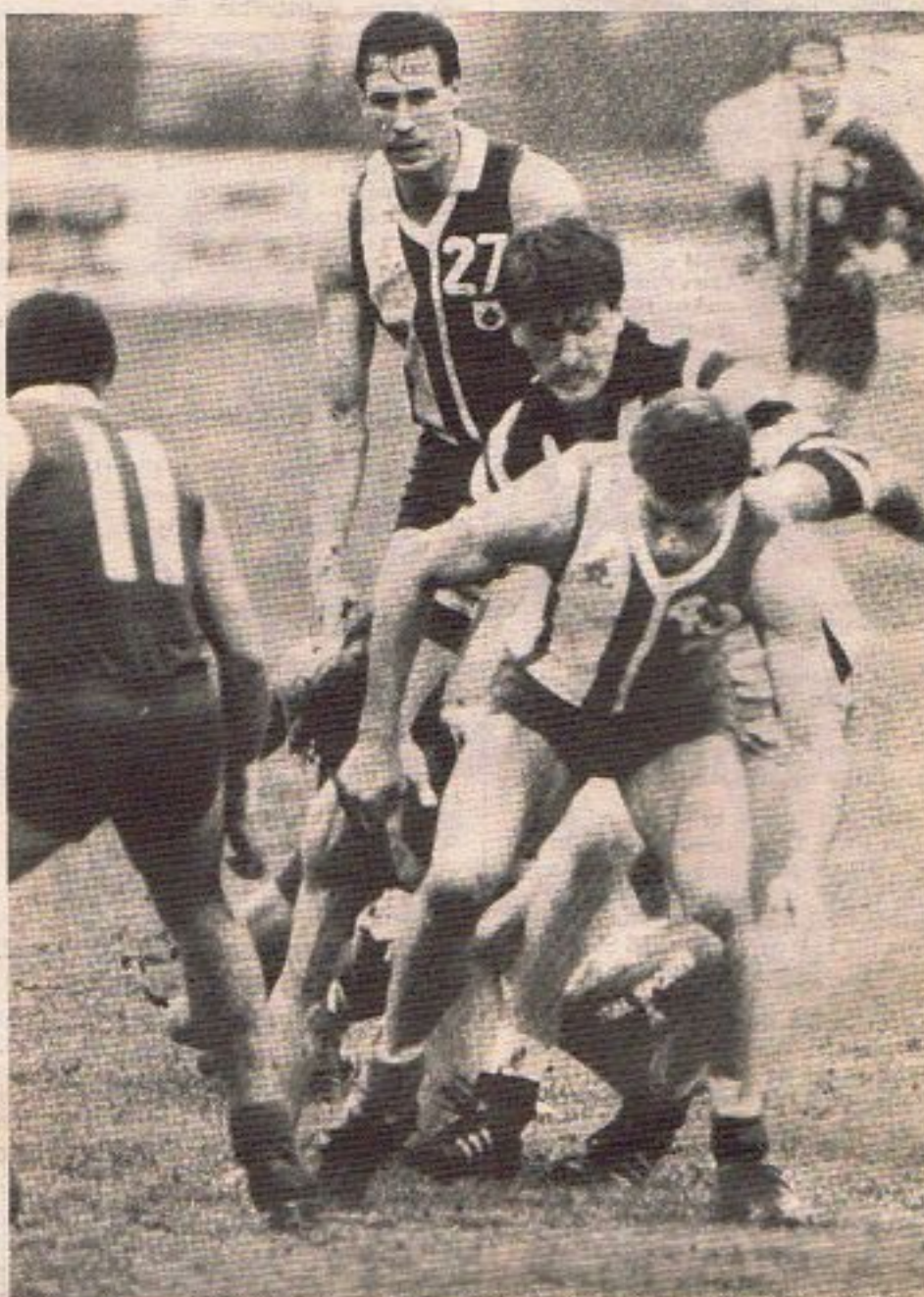
SPEEDY GROUP

However, the Cougars can match anything the Saints throw their way in the challenge for ascendancy in the pace department.

Ric Ellard made his mark in Sunday ranks as a gutsy centreman. But the Cougars' tactic in the current finals series of using the tigerish Ellard as a ruck-rover has paid handsome dividends and has allowed close checking defender Glen O'Rourke the freedom to run on the ball and through the centre.

The Cougars are likely to hand the tough assignment of matching skills with Beecroft to Jeff Ronan, who has

SFL GRAND



Barry Beecroft (27) and John McTaggart (43) ... key players for Osborne Park.

spent the bulk of the season at full-forward.

The rangy left-footer has been converted into a defender in the finals in another of the many moves Cougars coach Rod Brown has swung in an effort to gain maximum value from his staff.

Another confident move has been with 1985 SFL leading goalkicker, Colin Wilkins back to a more full-time role up forward.

Wilkins has been playing as a follower, but last Sunday operated from a forward pocket where he booted five goals.

Four of those goals came from a 15 minute burst in the second quarter which ultimately played a big hand in Kalamunda's entry to their third successive grand final.

BONUS

In the pace department, Kalamunda will rely heavily on Ellard, Mike Smith, Graham and Peter Webb, rovers Andy Jack and Mick Huntley, Peter Bird (if he recovers from an injured shoulder)

and former Perth speedster Harry Mumford.

Mumford, in his first season with the Cougars after being shut-out at Lathlain Park earlier this winter, should prove a big bonus to the reigning premiers.

His versatility and experience will be valuable to Brown's tactics on the day.

And the ever-reliable presence of strongmen Steve Gillespie and Gary Armstrong will be crucial to Kalamunda's chances of a hat-trick of flags to hang at Ray Owen Reserve.

Gillespie has filled a variety of roles for Kalamunda from full-forward, forward-pocket and half-forward to full-back, the position where he made 201 league appearances for Swan Districts.

And Armstrong has defied all odds to play in this finals series after a recurrence of a serious knee injury threatened to end his career two months ago.

Armstrong's marking and long, accurate kicking could be a crucial factor in Kalamunda's premiership aspirations.

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FINAL SPECIAL

Beecroft does well first-up

IT took a lot of fast talking from an ambitious Osborne Park hierarchy to win the coaching services of former Claremont and Sydney Swans star Barry Beecroft for 1986.

Beecroft retired from league football at the end of last season after 183 league games with the Tigers and the Swans. But he had no intentions of coaching.

However, the Saints' management was relentless in their quest.

"I had quite a few phone calls from club officials during the summer, but didn't give much serious thought to their early offerings," Beecroft said this week.

"Then in February the urge to play again came back and the Osborne Park offer started to look good."

Beecroft joined the Saints and took with him a player who has proven to be an outstanding success in Sunday ranks.

Murray Gomm had battled the odds at Claremont for two seasons without breaking into the senior side, but he was quick to accept an invitation to join his former Claremont clubmate at Balcatta Reserve.

The outstanding success of Gomm on the Saints' half-forward line has

enabled Beecroft to adopt a Claremont-style pattern of play that has been a hallmark to their success formula in season '86.

"I guess it is fair to say we are a bit like Claremont," he says.

"After just the one year of coaching it is logical to assume I'd follow some of the better formulas learned in league footy.

"We do play a little like Claremont when their game is successful. They run the ball and that's how we play our best football too."

Beecroft has carried an enormous burden of responsibility during his first year of Sunday football.

After overcoming constant injury worries that plagued his early-season form, the strong-marking big man has been the instigator of their mid-field play.

Beecroft has become the "Mr Fix-it" of the Saints line-up.

He prefers to play at centre-half-forward, but when the chips are down he has taken responsibility of running in the ruck and the odd turn in defence.

Beecroft has the experience and credentials to competently fit into a defensive role. In 1979 he represented WA at full-back against South Australia at Subiaco Oval.

Sunday will be Osborne Park's first grand-final appearance since they lost the 1983 WAFU premiership to Wanneroo.

Beecroft's presence, and that of experienced campaigner Brian Douge who was a member of Hawthorn's 1976 premiership side, is a real bonus to the Saint shoppes of winning their first flag since 1977, when they beat old rivals Wanneroo by five points.



Graham Webb (Kalamunda) congratulates Gary Armstrong after kicking a goal for the Cougars.

The 1986 Superstars earn their places

THE Emu Export Superstars for 1986 have been announced in conjunction with the WAFL.

The players were selected on this season's form and in their usual playing positions.

The coach is East Fremantle's Ron Alexander and the captain is his club leader, Brian Peake. Perth's Robert Wiley is vice captain.

The Sharks have five players in the 20. Subiaco and Claremont have four, Perth three, West Perth two and South Fremantle and Swan Districts one each.

East Perth have no representative. Following is the side:

BACKS: George Christie (EF) Clinton Brown (S) Geoff Miles (C)

HALF-BACKS: Dean Laidley (WP), Allan Montgomery (P), Michael O'Connell (C)

CENTRES: Peter Davidson (C), Peter Featherby (S), Andrew MacNish (S)

HALF-FORWARDS: Peter Wilson (EF), Peter Sartori (SD), Brian Peake (EF)

FORWARDS: Paul Harding (EF), Mick Rea (P), Corry Bewick (WP)

RUCK — Laurie Keene (S), Mark Bairstow (SF)

ROVER — Robert Wiley (P)

Interchange — Colin Waterson (EF), Steve Malaxos (C).

Top coaches are named

THE Australian Football Coaches Association has announced their second annual coaches-of-the-year award winners.

Ron Alexander won the vote as best senior coach for his performance with club side East Fremantle and the WA team.

Former East Perth player Eddie Pitter is one of three top junior coaches. Pitter was recognised for his contribution to the WA Teal Cup side and the East Perth and Subiaco colts teams.

Terry Cross and Geoff Lind, both of the Whitfords Junior Football Club, are the other junior coaches to be honoured by the association.

Cross has coached juniors since 1974 and is a Level One accredited coach. He was awarded life membership at Whitfords in 1980.

Lind has coached juniors for three years and also has Level One accreditation and topped the 1986 class of Level Two graduates.

The four coaches will receive a mounted certificate from the Association.

BROWN HAD A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW



Rod Brown... has had plenty to smile about.

WHEN Rod Brown took on the coaching job at Kalamunda this year, he knew he had a tough act to follow.

The Cougars had won two successive premierships under the guidance of former Swan Districts champion Steve Gillespie.

"I knew it would be difficult taking over from Steve, but the nucleus of a good side was there even though we had lost three or four top players from last year's team," Brown said this week after winning a tough preliminary final against South Perth.

"But we recruited well and the guys have been fantastic support to me all year. Being at the club last year also helped me settle into the coaching."

Brown was an integral part of Kalamunda's premiership side last year after retiring from league football at the end of 1984.

Grand final day in September, 1985 was a rewarding day for Brown.

He had made a total of 196 league appearances with Swans, Subiaco and South Australian club Woodville, but never in a title winning side.

"Last year was fulfilling, but nothing like what it could be as a premiership coach," he admits.

"I certainly didn't regret leaving Subi the very year they made the finals for the first time for so long."

Brown will surely turn his attentions to Subiaco Oval on Saturday for the WAFL grand final even if only briefly. His mind this week is sure to be on how he intends lifting his club to their third successive premiership.

That cause received an enormous boost six weeks ago when Gillespie emerged from retirement to assist the Cougars claim for what would undoubtedly be a coveted hat-trick.

But is there any conflict of interest between the former and present coach?

"Certainly not," Brown says quickly.

"Steve has been a tremendous boost to me and the entire side.

"We discuss most things, particularly the preparation for these finals and it has given us a dual coaching party."

Gillespie played 201 league games for Swans and, like Brown, retired before the black and whites' 1982, 83 and 84 premierships.

Brown and Gillespie are a formidable leadership duo in the Cougars camp and will be hard to beat on Sunday.

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

Junior history challenge

JUNIOR football plays an important part in the development of the great Australian game — the moves are being made to record some of the more historic moments.

Westside Football's junior football writer, Gary Bartholomeusz, is compiling a history of junior football in WA — and all clubs and junior councils are required to assist.

All councils have been contacted with a request to provide individual history reports from the clubs, plus a complete run-down on council affairs such as fairest and best winners and premierships.

The deadline is this week's grand final and as yet many clubs have failed to produce their historical contributions.

The book is being supported by the WAFL and is admired at being a comprehensive report on how the game has developed over the years.

Clubs or councils who still have information to collect should do so quickly.

— ALAN EAST, EDITOR

TIGER COUNT

TWO 1985 Claremont Junior Council medallists repeated their feat this season.

Karrinyup's Alex Yarran, who won the 14s last season, beat teammate Jason Hastie 27 to 26 in the 15s count.

Neil Holliday (Karrinyup), who was last year's 13s victor, won the 14s voting with 20 from Carine's Brendan King and City Beach/Floreat's Michael Hutton, who tied on 19.

Gary Hodge, of Carine, won the 13s, 23 to 19, from Christopher Headland, of Marist

UNIQUE AWARD

THE South Fremantle District colts have a unique annual award.

Their 'Umpire of the Year' is voted on by the captain and vice captain of each team after every game and has worked well, says administrator Phil Farmer.

This year's winner is Darryl Stewart and last year's inaugural winner was Ray Cross.

Handball titles are well spread



Mark Gale

THE annual Elastoplast handball competition grand final saw the three winners come from widely-spread parts of the metropolitan area.

The 14s title went to Sacha Popmarkov, of Bedford; the 12s to Kim Horton, of West Swan and the 10s to Mark Gale, of Dalkeith.

A hotly-contested grand final at the Mirrabooka shopping centre saw finalists from suburban shopping centres battle it out for nearly \$1000 in prizes and trophies — including footballs and Elastoplast first-aid kits for the team or school.

Popmarkov (14), a ruck-rover, won his age division with some excellent handballing with both hands, beating Howard Styles (14) of Dalkeith-Nedlands.

Horton, a 12-year-old winger with Upper Swan, beat Francis Flynn (12), of Parkwood, who plays with the Riverton Football Club.

Flynn's younger brother Paul (10) was also runner-up in the 10s age group to Gale, a ruckman with the Dalkeith-Nedlands team.

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SWANS AWARDS

THREE players tied for Swan Districts Junior Council's 13s fairest and best.

They were Bowen Summerton (Belmont), Tim Morgan (Mazenod) and Fred Haynes (Swan View) who each polled 14 votes. Runner-up Laurie Torney (Cloverdale) polled 13.

The 12s medal was won by Swan View's Paul Arvino, who won the 11s last year. Runner-up was Bradley Matson (Ashfield), 25 to 24.

Joseph Gangemi, of Mazenod, won the 14s with 21 votes from Shane Rossen, who started at Swan View but finished with Belmont, with 16. Shane won the 13s in 1985.

Cloverdale's Jonathan Ninnette polled 18 votes to win the 16s from Mazenod-duo Dean Capobianco and Adrian Conti, both on 15.

CARNARVON AWARDS

THE Carnarvon-Gascoyne Junior Football Association recently held their trophy presentations and following are the winners.

11s — FARMERS: Dean McGregory (fairest and best), Shaun Capewell (runner up), Andrew McKennay (hardest trier). HAWKS: Laurence Bellotti (F&B), Denver Roberts (RU), Joel Mallard (HT). TIGERS: Mitch Loan (F&B), Gary Bellotti (RU), Troy Cook (HT). BOMBERS: Charlie Snowball (F&B), Anthony Dooler (RU), Troy Graham (HT).

15s — BOMBERS: Allan Eagan (F&B), Damien Battle (RU), Ross Crowe (HT). SAINTS: Mark Faithful (F&B), Rodney Bellotti (RU), Ken Capewell (HT). FALCONS: Leo Ryan (F&B), Ted Godden (RU), Ryan Leahy (HT).

Three players reached their 100-game milestone this season and 11 made 50 games. They are (100 games) Arnold Park, Michael Oakley and Jimmy Morgan and (50 games) Joel Mallard, Laurence Bellotti, Shaun Capewell, Fabian Cook, Leo Ryan, Robert Kinsella, Tommy Quartermaine, Denver Roberts, Mitch Loan, Todd Hutton and Steven Wear.

RAMBLING ON...

RAMBLERS easily won the Carnarvon-Gascoyne Junior Football Association grand final on Sunday when they beat Warriors 19.15 to 9.4.

Paul Mandock kicked seven goals for the victors and the best player afield was Captain Steve Scott of Ramblers, who also won the Association voting this season.

Association runner-up was Andy Lee, of Warriors and the leading goalscorer was Ramblers Barry Schultz.

ONGERUP MEDAL

THE medal for the fairest and best player in the Ongerup Junior Football Association has been won by Craig Davies, of Borden.

Davies scored 29 votes to beat J. Maher (Kent) on 27 and Brendan O'Neil, of Ongerup, on 23.



The winning South Fremantle team with the R&I Little League shield.

Fitting climax to season

THE R & I Little League grand final on Saturday was a fitting climax to what has been a great season.

South Fremantle had a thrilling 1.2 to 1.0 victory over a very determined Claremont side.

The game could have gone either way and in the final minute the Tigers locked the ball in their forward line, but were unable to score another goal.

The players of both sides were a credit to their coaches, clubs and themselves.

The best three in each side were Brendon Feddema, Steven Satour and John Pivac (Bulldogs) and Paul Jeffery,

Jeffery Xanthis and Jeremy Blake (Tigers).

The goalscorer was Kurt Shepherd.

All players received a trophy and the Bulldogs were presented with the R & I Shield by Andrew Gordon, the chief executive officer of the R & I Bank.

East Fremantle won the Caltex trophy for being the top qualifier this season and Swan Districts won the TVW Channel Seven shield for fielding the most players — 419.

AUSTRALS TITLE

DESPITE inaccuracy at goals, Katanning Australs won the 15s grand final of the Central Great Southern Junior Football Council by six points.

They beat Katanning Saints 10.14 to 11.2.

Mark Pinney (Saints) was best-on-ground.

The 13s premiership went to Tambellup, who beat St Pats 8.14 to 2.6.

The losers had Mathew Kibblewhite as best afield.

St Pats had sweet revenge in the 11s to win the round-robin carnival. They beat Cardinals and Kojonup and had Pep Zottola as the player-of-the-carnival.

Marlon John, of Astrals, won the junior council 15s fairest and best from Saint Mark Pinney. The 13s award was won by Russell Williams, of Tambellup, over Campbell Clifton of Kojonup.

MILESTONE TRIO

THREE 12s players — Jason Hooton, Trevor Harvey and Jason Ford — have reached their 50th game milestone for Warabro Junior Football Club (in the South Fremantle Junior Council).

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RAY GETS HIS TROPHY



Ray Durrant (right) examines the trophy he won 33 years ago, as Colin Jamieson, assistant manager of Ray's team looks on.
Story and photo courtesy of MIDLAND REPORTER.

TIME has not forgotten former amateur footballer Ray Durrant.

Thirty-three years ago Ray was selected from the Midland amateur football side to play in the 1953 West Australian amateur football series in Adelaide.

After three top-class performances Ray was judged best player for WA in the series.

But he was not presented with his trophy. Instead, the trophy was retained for presentation at a local function that never materialised.

After the recent death of long-serving WAAFA secretary, Gra Grosvenor,

records and trophies were examined and it was realised that Ray's trophy had not been presented.

So last week, 33 years after Ray was named best player Colin Jamieson, assistant team manager of Ray's team, made the presentation at Midland Oval — the home of many exciting matches for Ray and Colin.

"In the 40s and 50s the Midland club was a force in the Amateur Association, winning three premierships," he said.

"Some members of the carnival team from Midland were Kevin Neterway, Bob Gartrell and Newell Jamieson."

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

A GRADE

Mt Lawley	7-3	10-7	11-10	14-17
Trinity-Aquinas	5-4	9-5	10-7	12-9

GOALS: Mt Lawley: V. Lowe & A. Chapman 3; R. Walker 2; D. Raven; G. Kearney, P. Lynch, W. Hardeman & A. Williams 1 each. TRINITY AQUINAS: M. Collins 4; T. Power 2; T. Doney, T. McGrade, C. Ehlers & R. Joyce 1 each.

BEST: Mt Lawley: Neil Carroll (best on ground); L. Sprlyan; G. Horton; V. Lowe. TRINITY-AQUINAS: P. Kavanagh; G. Steinepreis; G. McGrade.

'A' COLTS

University	4-4	6-5	8-8	12-10
Trinity-Aquinas	1-1	4-4	4-7	8-9

'B' GRADE

North Fremantle	3-5	3-10	7-10	11-11
West Coast	1-5	2-8	4-12	6-12

BEST: NORTH FREMANTLE: M. McKinnon; McCashney, D. Herrington. WEST COAST: Hudson.

'B' COLTS

WEST COAST 13.10 & MAYLANDS 5.7

'C' GRADE

Whitfords	5-6	5-8	9-12	13-14
Swan Athletic	1-0	5-7	9-8	12-13

'C' COLTS

Morley	4-2	5-4	8-7	13-13
University No. 2	0-2	2-4	3-4	3-4

'D' GRADE

Nollamara	2-1	6-3	11-5	18-12
Applecross	2-2	5-7	9-9	14-10

'D' COLTS

Redcliffe	4-1	6-6	9-8	14-11
WACAE	3-2	5-6	10-7	11-8

'E' GRADE

Cockburn Lakes	7-5	11-12	20-15	26-18
Victoria Park	3-2	5-4	6-8	10-11

BEST: COCKBURN LAKES: G. Truscott (11 goals); M. Doyle; M. Ford, P. Juhren, K. Pausin. VICTORIA PARK: N. Clarke.

'F' GRADE

University 14.13 & Mt Lawley 8.5

'G' GRADE

Innaloo 15.20 & Coolbellup

'H' GRADE

Dianella 17.14 & Wanneroo 14.13. Best Players: Wanneroo S. Ukich, Greg O'Dea, G. Pottier

'I' GRADE

E. Fremantle	3-3	6-9	10-17	16-19
West Coast	2-1	4-2	7-4	15-6

BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: R. Madaffari, P. Bedford (4 goals), Greg Howard, D. Camporeale.

'J' GRADE

North Fremantle	3-5	5-9	6-11	12-14
Redcliffe	1-2	5-4	12-9	12-11

'K' GRADE

Innaloo 16.9 & University 13.21

'L' GRADE

Riverton	4-3	7-5	11-8	13-11
Mirrabooka	2-2	7-4	7-6	10-10

BEST: RIVERTON: G. Ennor, G. Troy, S. Roach (7 goals). MIRRABOOKA: G. Benton, S. Conway, T. Christofides.

Mt Lawley take out the flag

MT LAWLEY Hawks beat Trinity-Aquinas by 20 points in the most exciting A-grade grand final for years.

The Hawks led by 11 points after a tough opening 30 minutes which saw rugged skirmishes, fast and exciting skills by both sides and many players exerting an influence.

The Hawks had Sprlyan, Lowe, Bell and Brumpton dominating while big ruckman Jeremy McGrade, in his 200th game, was feeding star rover Mark Collins and centreman Phil Kavanagh who capitalised with devastating effect for the Boomers.

The second quarter saw teams trying to upset each other with physical clashes right through.

Neither side showed any signs of cracking and big performances were registered by Sprlyan again, pacy centreman Ross Bell and Geoff Horton for the Hawks. Wingman Greg Steinepreis came alive, Peter Elhers was solid in defence while McGrade continued his solid performance.

At half-time the Hawks led by eight points with the contest very even and likely to go either way.

Following the break both half-back lines were rock-like in defence and despite some incredible passages of football only one goal was registered for each team.

Many players were excellent in this term and half-backs Horton, Sprlyan and Brady for the Hawks and McGrade, Elhers and Joyce for the Boomers shone out.

The last quarter had all players giving everything until the Hawks scored a goal at about the 12-minute mark.

This signalled the start of a roll for Mt Lawley as their running players in Bell, Kearney, Walker and Berry were running riot. They were well supported by forwards Hardman, Lowe and Raven, who gave them positive leads and goals to seal the issue.

The Boomers never gave up until the final siren and coach Max Stewart can be proud of his side in their first A-grade grand final.

Mt Lawley coach Ralph Needham has now taken his side to four grand finals in as many years with three premierships to their credit — a truly magnificent performance from him.

Mt Lawley rover Neil Carroll won the Barney Giles Medal for the best and fairest.

Quarter by quarter scores:
Mount Lawley 7.3 10.7 11.10 14.17 101
Trinity-Aquinas 5.4 9.5 10.7 12.9 81
Best Players — Mt Lawley: L. Sprlyan, G. Horton, N. Carroll, R. Bell, R. Walker; Trinity-Aquinas: G. Steinepreis, J. McGrade, T. Doney, P. Elhers, P. Kavanagh.

HIGHLIGHTS

★ Redcliffe seniors lost only one game during the season for the second year in a row...but it was the same one, the grand final. This year they led by six goals at three-quarter-time.

★ Whitfords C-grade once again started well in the first quarter to down minor premiers Swan Athletic and record their first major pennant.

★ East Fremantle (I-grade) and Riverton (L-grade) both won their inaugural amateur flags. Only Mirrabooka, Army, Graylands and Victoria Park have yet to win a flag.

★ Cockburn Lakes and West Coast B-colts won their third premierships in a row. Only five clubs have achieved three or more senior premierships in a row — the last being University A-colts in 1974-77.

★ North Fremantle (B and J grades), Innaloo (G and K grades) and University (A-colts and F-grades) won dual flags while Trinity-Aquinas (A-grade and A-colts) and West Coast (B and I grades) failed to win the big ones.

A GRADE REPORT

by Trevor Schorer



NEIL CARROLL (Mt Lawley) winner of the B.J. Giles Medal for the best and fairest in the A-grade grand final.

MAGPIES EARN RISE TO TOP GRADE

PETER RUSH

reports on the B-grade scene

NORTH Fremantle took out the B-grade premiership when they wore down West Coast in the last quarter and ran away with the grand final by 35 points.

For most of the game the tight defensive units of both sides kept the scores low.

The standard suffered from the aggressive defensive nature as North's half-time lead of 3.10 to 2.12 showed.

It wasn't until early in the third quarter that the Magpies forward line gained the ascendancy, with three quick goals opening up a 22-point lead.

That was to prove too much for the Tigers to bridge, though two goals late in the quarter to explosive West Coast full-forward Mark Taylor got them within 10 points at three-quarter time.

Mark Stanton had been a tower of strength in the backline and was moved to the half-forward line in the last quarter to add some much-needed bite to the Tigers forward line.

It was then that volatile Maggie full-forward Chris Webster broke away and kicked three goals (as he did in the second semi) to reduce West Coast to bridesmaids for the second year running.

Ric Bevan gave West Coast plenty of drive mid-field and his duel with Jones was a highlight of the game.

McKinnon recovered from the heavy knock he received in the second semi to put in an outstanding game.

Drew Herrington was back to his best form while in the backline and Looby, Sayers, Linden and Ferraz were impassable for the Magpies.

Other contributors for the Tigers were ruckman Ric Hudson and Bernie Willet.

North's premiership gives them the A-grade status they missed out on after winning the 1984 premiership.

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Carey Park cause a major upset

CAREY Park gave premiership favourites South Bunbury a jolt when they whipped them 25.14 to 13.9 in the South-West National Football League second semi-final on Sunday.

It was their first win over South Bunbury since 1982.

The gloom did not stop there for the Tigers as their captain-coach Peter Hodyl was reported for striking.

If he is suspended, it will severely dent the chances of the reigning premiers holding their title.

Hodyl has been one of the top Tigers all year, being their highest goalscorer and kicking another four against the Panthers, while full-forward Craig Cahill scored five.

The major goalscorers for the winners were forward pocket Graeme Carlson with five. Captain Shaun O'Callaghan and rover Mark Skehan both kicked four.

Carey Park's best were Skehan, defenders Bill Lawler and Michael Lane and wingman O'Callaghan.

Centreman David Anderson, wingman Andy Glendinning and veteran ruckman Peter Old were the Tigers best.

BOIL-OVER

The first semi-final also produced a boil-over.

Collie and Harvey-Brunswick were both inaccurate, but the Collie Saints advanced to the preliminary final, winning 14.20 to 12.16.

Collie centre-half-forward Darren O'Brien scored seven goals and Paddy Madaffari and Mark Bayliss both scored four for the Lions.

Saints ruck-rover Ron Crabbe was in scintillating form and ably supported by centre-liners Peter Slater, Alan Michael and O'Brien.

Rovers Dean Rakich and Graeme Jeffrey were best for the losers, along with centreman Steve Leishman.

The preliminary final will be played at Hands Oval this Sunday — which is a good omen for a wounded South Bunbury.

GARDNER. . . AGAIN

NEWMAN Football League's Jim Gardner is becoming one of country football's most decorated players.

The Centrals centreman this season won his second NFL fairest and best.

In five years in the North-West mining town he has been runner up twice (1982 and 1984) and was third last season.

In that time he has won his club's top award each year.

In 1980, the former Mundaring player also won the fairest and best in the Hills Football Association and in 1974 (15s) and 1975 (16s) won the top award in the Hills Junior Football Association.

This season he beat Peter Gregory, of Saints, for the NFL award.

The win capped off a magnificent year for Gardner, who also captained the first Newman side to win the annual Pilbara Championship.

They have not lost on their home ground since 1983 and will meet Collie at 2.30pm.

Last Sunday, Mines Rovers 11.10 defeated Donnybrook 6.10 in the reserves first semi-final and South Bunbury 10.11 beat Harvey-Brunswick 3.6 in the second semi-final.

Harvey-Brunswick face the Miners at noon on Sunday in the reserves.

The colts first semi went to South Bunbury, who thumped Carey Park 13.16 to 2.8.

The Tigers will meet Harvey-Brunswick, who beat Bunbury 10.12 to 8.9 in the second semi, at 10am on Sunday in the preliminary final.

SEVEN BANNED FOR LIFE IN THE GOLDFIELDS

THE Kalgoorlie Mines Rovers Football Club has banned seven players for life — and the Goldfields National Football League have endorsed the ban within the league.

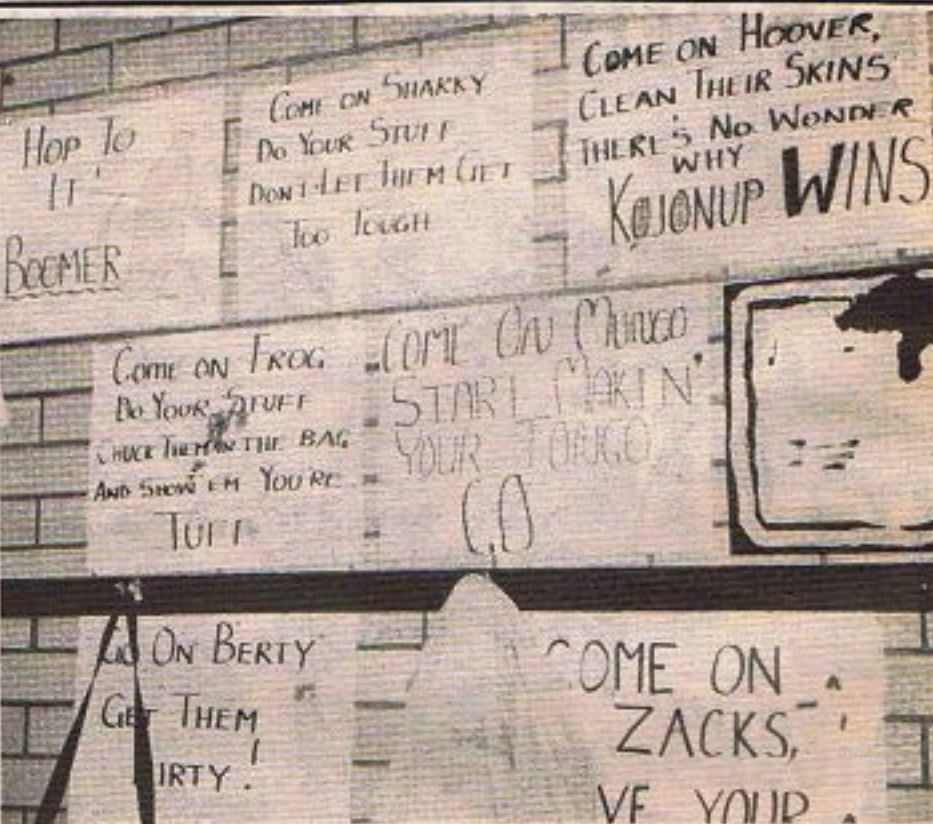
Reserves players Richard Prendergast, Ray O'Malley, Henry Corrie, Frank Hodges, Stephen Haines, Brian Litchfield and Ronald Roseaveare are angry at the action.

"We feel hard done by," says Prendergast. "And there are many people who feel the same. Our crime was drinking alcohol, swearing and being too rowdy at games."

GNFL president Doug Krepp said that the players were also disorderly on the field.

Prendergast said that neither Mines Rovers nor the GNFL met with the players to discuss the bans.

"The first we knew about it was when we read it in the local paper," he remarked. "Since then we have each received a letter from Mines Rovers."



The Kojonup Primary School year 5's posters made up for the grand final.

CGSFL PREMIERSHIP

KATANNING Wanderers retained the Central Great Southern Football League premiership with a strong victory over Kojonup at Kojonup on Sunday.

The Tigers won 17.12 to 14.12. They led by three goals at the first change, but an inept second quarter saw them lose their lead. Kojonup held them goal-less and were 14 points up at half-time.

After half-time, Wanderers outclassed their rivals and had a five-goal lead at the last change. Though Kojonup fought the game out, they could not overcome the Tigers good third quarter.

The Wilson brothers, Alan and Ric, played superbly for the victors and were supported by followers Rodney Zilm and Geoff Hendriks.

Maggies best were captain Rohan Bigwood, vice captain Rob Marinoni and full-forward Maurice Owens.

The win produced Wanderers sixth premiership. Allan Campbell has coached them to back-to-back flags.

The result was reversed in the reserves when Kojonup played a good second half to beat Wanderers 9.11 to 4.7.

Best were Max Reid, Neville Parker, Grahame Batty (Kojonup) and Joe Marino, Rob Sangalli and former South Fremantle player Adrian Edwards (Wanderers).

Wanderers started the day well with a fighting 9.8 to 7.8 win over Katanning Saints in a superb colts game.

Best Tigers were Darren Jones, Dean Austin, Darren Ashby and Michael Desantis.

Robert Davies, Robert Dickinson, Brendon Hendry and Bradley Ireland were top Saints.

DOMINANT DEMONS

NUKARNI Demons had an outstanding season, culminating in the Eastern Districts Football League premiership.

They won an unprecedented 13 games in a row to beat Burracoppin by four points — 9.6 to 8.8 — in the grand final at Bruce Rock on Sunday.

The Demons won the flag after scraping into fifth spot. They beat strong sides Kondinin, Kulin and Hyden-Karlgarin on their way to the grand final.

Coach Kevin Cameron, in his second year, superbly led his side to their first title since 1968. The Demons also won a hat-trick of premierships from 1961 to 1963.

Burracoppin won their sole premiership in 1981 and were victors in the reserves as well that year.

GIBSON SUPREME

GIBSON won their seventh premiership in eight years by beating Ports 23.25 to 16.13 in the South-East Football League grand final on Sunday.

The Tigers led by a solitary point at three-quarter-time and exerted their strength in the final term.

Full-forward Dave Gaunt was in sparkling form and kicked 10 goals. He was among the best for Tigers, alongside Dave Scheer, Kim Sparks and captain-coach Keith Ewen.

Gibson were unbackable favourites, so Ports can take some pride from the first three quarters.

Their best were Richard Kerr, Glen Kane, Andrew Bockman and John Newnham.

Gibson also won the reserves pennant, but in a closer battle. They beat Esperance 10.10 to 8.12.

Gibson's Jamie Leeson and Terry Rose, of Esperance, were best afield.

AT LAST

NARROGIN Towns fulfilled their aim of playing in their first Upper Great Southern Football League grand final for 26 years when they easily beat Boddington, 20.17 to 12.9, in the preliminary final on Sunday.

Boddington led by three goals at the first change but were held scoreless when the Lions kicked 9.5 in the second quarter.

Towns full-forward Tony Taylor kicked four goals and top teammates were ruckman Lindsay Bothwick, half-forward-flanker Neil Clancy, centreman Kim Drage, utility Graham Broad and 17-year-old wingman Mark Edgley.

Full-back Shane Wienman, forward Murray Smart and captain-coach Tony Morley were best for the Eagles.

Towns, coached by former WAFL player John McGuire, will meet Williams in Sunday's grand final at Clayton Road Oval (Narrogin) at 2.30 pm.

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The Kojonup girls can certainly lay claim to being the best dressed cheer squad in football. Unfortunately their league team lost to Katanning Wanderers by 18 points in the Central Great Southern grand final.

RAGS-TO-RICHES PATH BY TIGERS

BOULDER City completed a rags-to-riches story in the Goldfields National Football League when they beat Kalgoorlie Kangaroos 20.16 to 12.7 in the grand final on Sunday.

First-year coach Garry Jones took the Tigers from a win-less position last season to premiers.

The man-of-the-match (winner of the Chris Fyson Medal) was Tiger ruckman Dan Hurley who reportably played the game of his life.

Rover Vic Bertola and key-forward Richard Dickhart, though suffering from a leg injury, played top games also.

Dickhart kicked seven goals.

Also among the best for Boulder City was duel Sandover Medallist Stephen Michael who, by his presence, lifted his team to the ultimate.

Best for the Kangaroos were captain-coach Ashley Tidy, vice captain Ron O'Loughlin and Lance Littlewood.

The win gave the Tigers their first flag since 1983.

The reserves premiership was won by Mines Rovers over Railways and Kambalda, who trailed by eight goals at half-time, beat Boulder City in the colts.

COUTTS' MEDAL

KALGOORLIE ruck-rover Wes Coutts has won the 1986 Dillon Medal as the fairest and best player in the Goldfields National Football League. The former East Perth player polled 29 votes, 10 votes more than Russell Thomas, last year's winner, of Railways on 19. The reserves medallist is Ian Holman of Boulder City.

COUNTRY

GOLDFIELDS — Grand final: Boulder 20.16 b Kalgoorlie 12.7. Reserves: Mines 11.13 b Railways 9.12. Colts: Kambalda 13.6 b Boulder 9.11.

CENTRAL GT SOUTHERN — Grand final: Wanderers 17.12 b Kojonup 14.12.

UPPER GT SOUTHERN — Preliminary final: Towns 20.17 b Boddington 12.9.

FORTESCUE — Grand final: Towns 18.19 b Tigers 16.16.

MURRAY DIST — Grand final: Pinjarra 15.11 b Centrals 13.13.

AVON — Preliminary final: Cunderdin 13.4 b Brookton 4.8.

SOUTHERN DIST — 2nd semi-final: Railways 16.14 b Royals 11.10.

SOUTH-WEST — 1st semi-final: Colliie 14.20 b Harvey-Brunswick 12.16.

2nd semi-final: Carey Park 25.14 b South Bunbury 13.9.

ONGERUP: Jerramungup 16.25 b Newdegate 6.8. Juniors: Ongerup 7.7 b Jerramungup 4.4.

NORTH PILBARA — Grand final: Karratha Cardinals 15.10 b Dampier 7.14.

MORTLOCK — Grand final — League: Calingiri 15.14 b Gingin 9.6.

A reserve: Toodyay 10.15 b Gingin 9.4.

Colts: Wongan 8.11 b Toodyay 7.7.

GT NORTHERN — 2nd semi-final: Railways 15.9 b Brigades 7.5.

EASTERN DIST — Grand final: Nukarni 9.6 b Burracoppin 8.8.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS — Grand final: Moora Warriors 17.9 b Dalwilinu 5.5.

NORTH MIDLANDS — Grand final — League: Coorow-Latham 11.13 b Carnamah 7.12.

Reserves: Dongara 14.12 b Morawa 3.2.

SOUTH-EAST — Grand final: Gibson 23.25 b Ports 16.13.

Cougars halt Gingin's run

CALINGIRI Cougars won their third premiership in four years when they beat Gingin 15.14 to 9.6 in the Mortlock National Football League grand final at Goomalling on Sunday.

The win stopped a strong finals run by the Eagles, who after thrashing Wyalkatchem and Dowerin, gave them a good chance of winning their first flag.

The Cougars set up their win in the first quarter when they out-scored their rivals, despite kicking against a strong breeze.

Murray and Colin King kicked their goals for the winners and Gingin centreman Gary Schmidt scored four.

Rival centreman Shane King, ruck-rover Bevan King and centre-half-forward Brad Sinclair the victors best. Eagles top trio were Schmidt, ruckman Graham Taylor and defender Guy Lawrence.

Toodyay won the reserves 10.15 to 9.4 against Gingin and the colts went to Wongan Hills, who beat Toodyay 8.11 to 7.7.

Railways too strong

ALBANY Railways were too strong for Albany Royals in the Southern Districts second semi-final on Sunday and won 16.14 to 11.10.

Railways best were Alan Matson, Kim Mayfield and Peter Braimbridge.

John Corson, a 41-year-old ruckman, put in a tireless effort and was Royals' best, with Michael Waugh and Mick Colbung.

Railways also beat Royals 8.6 to 5.2 in the reserves and North Albany won the colts, 10.14 to 8.12, over Royals.

This Sunday, in the preliminary finals at Centennial Oval (Albany), the colts will be between Royals and Railways at 10.30am, the reserves sees Royals play North Albany at 12.15pm and at 2.20pm, in the league, Royals face North Mt Barker.

DENMARK REVIVAL

THE rekindling of the Denmark Football Club in the Southern Districts Football League seems imminent after a meeting in the town last week. Forty people attended and made a pledge to field a team in 1987. The club folded last season.

TOYOTA ALIVE

ALBANY Toyota continued their support to the Southern Districts Football League when they presented a \$3000 cheque at a special meeting last week.

Albany Toyota director, David McLean, handed the cheque over to SDFL president Alan Hamilton.

Also present were Claremont players Steve Goulding, representing Toyota Australia and Steve Malaxos.

McLean announced Albany Toyota's player-of-the-year award, which went to former South Fremantle player Larry Dwyer, now an Albany Royals member. He is a past runner-up for the award.

He received a cheque for \$300. The award is voted on by SDFL directors and the media.

Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Life membership to Pillage

UPPER Great Southern Football League secretary John Pillage was rewarded with life membership at the league's annual dinner in Narrogin on Wednesday.

Pillage (41), of Narrogin, has been league secretary for 17 years.

For seven of those years, he has also been a selector.

He has also umpired and been a radio commentator for the league.

For three years he has been secretary of the Great Southern Country Football Council as well.

Pillage, who became the youngest life member of the league, played and coached the disbanded Wagin Federals at the start of his career.

He has also been involved in basketball since 1964 and is a life member of the Narrogin International Rules Basketball Association.

CARDINALS CROWN

KARRATHA Cardinals were the quiet achievers in the North Pilbara Football League and came from third spot to win the premiership, 15.10 to 7.14, against Dampier Sharks at Dampier on Sunday.

Cardinals, coached by former Perth player Geoff Nitschke, had an outstanding finals series.

Nitschke played a fine game at centre-half-forward, as did centre-half-back Geoff Peet and centreman Russell Gregory.

Best Sharks were Troy Bogaards, another former Perth player, wingman Don Watts and full-forward Russell Grant.

HISTORICAL WIN

PINJARRA created Murray Districts Football League history on Sunday by winning the first hat-trick of premierships.

Their league victory was over Mundijong Centrals when they scored six goals to one in the last term to finish 15.11 to 13.13.

Bill Doy (Pinjarra) and Frank Nanup were best for their sides.

Pinjarra's reserves win of 13.10 to 8.17 was also over Centrals and their colts defeated Harvey Towns, 10.16 to 2.6.



Greg Kelly ... missed grand final.

OUT OF LUCK

THE season has ended on an unlucky note for WAFL country umpire Greg Kelly.

He was destined to control last Sunday's Central Wheatbelt grand final, after a good performance in the league's preliminary final.

Unfortunately, he tore a calf muscle during the game and was forced to stand out last weekend.

His place was taken by Geoff Ferguson — which saw a touch of irony.

Ferguson officiated in the Beacon-Mukinbudin grand final at Bencubbin which saw the clock turned back. In 1963 his father umpired the same teams on the same ground in the grand final.

WYATT WINS

IAN Wyatt, of Moora Rovers, has won the 1986 John Lussick Medal as the fairest and best player in the Central Midlands Football League. He polled 21 votes to beat Bindi-Miling's Ian White by one.

Coke Junior personality of the week

RON Tester's love for football has become complicated — especially this season.

He is attached to three clubs — East Fremantle, Subiaco and Claremont — who all made this year's finals.

He has supported the Sharks, is a life member of the Subiaco Junior Council and has been a delegate and on the fixture committee of the Claremont Junior Council for four years.

His choice for this season's premiership was a difficult one, but he hopes it is Subiaco's turn.

Ron (48) has only played one season of football — with Carlisle when he was 18.

His involvement began in 1969 when his eldest son Gary joined the Karrinyup Junior Football Club, at the time part of the Subiaco Junior Council.

Since 1971, Ron has been either manager, propertyman, delegate or committeeman at the club. He has been their president for five years and is a life member.

His other three sons — Ian, Craig and Scott — played all their junior football at Karrinyup, like Gary.

Craig currently plays full-back for Claremont colts and Scott is a Tigers Cup player.

Ron and wife Margaret also have two daughters, Kerryn and Natalie.

Through Ron's interest at Karrinyup, where his family has lived for 25 years, he became involved in the now-defunct Subiaco Junior council.

He has continued his work on the new Subiaco's Wanneroo Junior League and has been their Little League manager for four years.



RON TESTER

Oddly, in his time in junior football he has never coached. "I believe I am better at organising than indicating," he said.

Ron, a self-employed package and paper supplier, says he would like to become involved in senior football in the future.

His love for sport is not limited to football.

Two decades ago he helped form the Hammersley Little Athletics Centre, where he has also received life membership.

Ron, who grew up in Kalgoorlie and Rivervale, is a social golfer but "unfortunately I do not find the time to play during winter," he remarked.

He also enjoys gardening and reading books.

Whether it be East Fremantle, Subiaco or Claremont, surely they have benefitted in some way by Ron Tester.

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National Fixtures and Results



WEST AUSTRALIAN

Home teams mentioned first
(S) denotes match at Subiaco Oval

ROUND 1 — March 29
E. Frem. 12.11 v Subiaco 18.9
Perth 13.15 v JW. Perth 13.15

March 31
Claremont 33.18 v S. Frem 10.9
E. Perth 22.12 v S. Dist 21.20

ROUND 2 — April 5
S. Districts 17.12 v Claremont 22.12
West Perth 17.17 v E. Frem 18.17
Subiaco 28.20 v East Perth 11.7

April 6
S. Fremantle 15.19 Perth 18.13
(Mandurah)

ROUND 3 — April 12
Claremont 20.17 v East Perth 21.14
S. Districts 14.16 v E. Frem 26.18
Subiaco 26.21 v Perth 16.14
S. Fre 22.17 v West Perth 20.10

ROUND 4 — April 19
Perth 20.8 v Claremont 14.12
E. Perth 20.13 v E. Frem 24.5
Subiaco 26.13 v S. Frem 18.21
W. Perth 20.16 v S. Dist 15.12

ROUND 5 — April 25
E. Perth 15.18 v W. Perth 14.17 (S)

April 26
E. Frem 27.15 v S. Frem 16.21
Claremont 18.17 v Subiaco 9.16
Perth 22.8 v Swan Dist 21.13

ROUND 6 — May 3
West Perth 17.6 v Subiaco 25.20
Claremont 21.4 v E. Frem. 12.11
Perth 18.17 v East Perth 15.12
S. Frem. 10.9 v Swan Dist. 25.15

ROUND 7 — May 10
E. Frem. 26.18 v Perth 12.9
East Perth 15.18 v S. Frem 17.25
Swan Dist. 16.10 v Subiaco 16.13
West Perth 20.11 v Claremont 19.14

ROUND 8 — May 17
Subiaco 21.11 v E. Frem 16.18
East Perth 19.11 v Perth 14.17
S. Frem 9.12 v Claremont 25.17
Swan Dist 23.21 v East Perth 12.12

ROUND 9 — May 24
Claremont 16.32 v Swan Dist. 9.10
E. Frem 21.20 v West Perth 10.18
East Perth 10.18 v Subiaco 23.15
Perth 23.15 v S. Frem 15.14

May 27
SA 12.16, WA 18.19

ROUND 10 — May 31
West Perth 22.18 v East Perth 14.13
Swan Dist 15.15 v Perth 21.18

June 2
S. Frem 8.10 v E. Frem 23.14
Subiaco 14.16 v Claremont 7.20

ROUND 11 — June 7
East Perth 15.13 v E. Frem 24.19
Claremont 23.13 v Perth 14.16
S. Frem 12.9 v Subiaco 25.14
Swan Dist 19.13 v West Perth 20.16

ROUND 12 — June 14
East Perth 11.13 v Claremont 19.11
E. Frem 21.15 v Swan Dist 14.13
Perth 15.13 v Subiaco 19.12
West Perth 17.14 v S. Frem 16.14

ROUND 13 — June 21
Claremont 13.26 v West Perth 16.13
Perth 19.10 v East Fremantle 12.14
S. Frem. 15.16 v East Perth 14.17
Subiaco 27.18 v Swan Dist. 12.8

ROUND 14 — June 28
East Fremantle 12.18 v Claremont 16.18
East Perth 17.14 v Perth 20.14
Swan Dist 16.20 v S. Frem 12.13

June 29
Subiaco 14.15 v West Perth 7.11
(Kalgoorlie)

ROUND 15 — July 5
Perth 20.18 v West Perth 6.15
East Perth 17.20 v Swan Dist 13.8

July 8
WA 21.11 v Vic 26.14

ROUND 15 — July 12
East Frem 17.13 v Subiaco 14.18
Claremont 16.12 v S. Frem 12.17

ROUND 16 — July 19
Swan Dist 17.9 v Claremont 16.11
West Perth 9.13 v E. Frem 15.17
Subiaco 13.22 v East Perth 12.8
S. Frem 23.15 v Perth 19.10

ROUND 17 — July 26
East Perth 14.12 v West Perth 11.8
Perth 20.18 v Swan Dist 20.14
E. Frem 29.21 v S. Frem 9.5
Claremont 13.10 v Subiaco 16.18

ROUND 18 — August 2
Perth 22.20 v Claremont 16.11
E. Frem 21.16 v East Perth 17.11
S. Frem 17.13 v Subiaco 15.15
West Perth 22.16 v Swan Dist 15.15

ROUND 19 — August 9
Claremont 14.10 v East Perth 22.11
East Perth 13.16 v E. Frem 26.14
Subiaco 11.18 v Perth 21.10
S. Frem 24.18 v West Perth 16.11

ROUND 20 — August 16
West Perth 18.14 v Claremont 12.11
E. Frem 24.16 v Perth 7.10
East Perth 21.18 v S. Frem 13.8
Subiaco 23.22 v Swan Dist 12.14

ROUND 21 — August 23
Claremont 13.11 v E. Frem. 27.14
Perth 16.15 v East Perth 21.21
S. Frem. 21.16 v Swan Dist. 12.12
Subiaco 27.17 v West Perth 12.9

FINAL ROUND
August 30 — 1st Semi
Perth 24.18 d Claremont 13.11
September 6 — 2nd Semi
Subiaco 12.11 v E. Fremantle 20.13
September 13 — Preliminary
Subiaco 16.12 v Perth 15.7
September 20 — Grand Final



VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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ROUND 1 — March 29-31
Collingwood 10.8 v Esson. 19.19
Rich. 19.14 v Melb. 20.10
Geelong 31.18 v Fitzroy 16.16
Hawth. 17.11 v Carl. 11.11
Footb. 14.23 v St. Kilda 12.18

Sunday, March 30
Swans 20.6 v North Melb. 15.11

ROUND 2 — April 5
Fitzroy 10.19 v Footb. 10.9
North Melb. 16.12 v Hawth. 17.9
Carl. 17.12 v Rich. 15.5
Essen. 21.22 v Geelong 7.9
Melb. 21.10 v St. Kilda 16.12

Sunday, April 6
Swans 19.20 v Collingwood 15.10

ROUND 3 — April 12
Footb. 11.15 v Essen. 13.11
Geelong 15.15 v Swans 19.18
Hawth. 22.22 v Rich. 15.9
North Melb. 17.10 v Collingwood 9.15
St. Kilda 10.9 v Carl. 24.13
Fitzroy 14.20 v Melb. 13.10

ROUND 4 — April 19
Rich. 17.11 v North Melb. 14.12
St. Kilda 17.14 v Hawth. 19.14
Collingwood 20.16 v Geelong 13.13
Carl. 22.24 v Fitzroy 10.15
Essen. 27.8 v Melb. 17.6

Sunday, April 20
Swans 20.22 v Footb. 9.12

ROUND 5 — April 25-26
Carl. 10.11 v Essen. 8.7
Melb. 14.17 v Swans 16.14
Fitzroy 13.26 v Hawth. 13.12
Footb. 10.20 v Collingwood 10.13
Rich. 20.15 v St. Kilda 11.18
North Melb. 24.10 v Geelong 14.8

ROUND 6 — May 3
Fitzroy 18.13 v Rich. 17.20
Hawth. 19.12 v Essen. 15.12
Melb. 11.17 v Collingwood 17.19
Geelong 16.14 v Footb. 13.13
North Melb. 19.25 v St. Kilda 15.13

Sunday, May 4
Swans 18.12 v Carl. 13.20

ROUND 7 — May 10
Geelong 12.17 v Melb. 7.16
Hawth. 18.25 v Swans 15.30
Collingwood 9.15 v Carl. 16.33
Rich. 18.9 v Essen 21.29
Footb. 14.11 v North Melb. 10.17
Fitz 12.15 v St. Kilda 10.14

ROUND 8 — May 17
Collingwood 8.11 v Hawth. 15.14
Carl. 20.14 v Geelong 16.9
Essen 22.14 v St. Kilda 12.12
Melb 20.12 v Footb. 11.14
Fitz 14.13 v North Melb. 18.12
Sunday May 18
Swans 16.15 v Rich. 16.16

ROUND 9 — May 24
North Melb 12.11 v Melb 6.12
St. Kilda 5.8 v Swans 6.11
Geelong 12.14 v Hawth 19.3
Rich 11.10 v Collingwood 16.16
Footb 7.6 v Carl 4.12
Fitz 18.7 v Essen 10.10

ROUND 10 — May 31
Collingwood 19.19 v St. Kilda 14.7
Hawth 11.13 v Footb 16.12
Geelong 19.12 v Rich 16.14
Melb 6.13 v Carl 25.15
North Melb 21.11 v Essen 18.11

Sunday, June 1
Swans 18.18 v Fitz 14.17

ROUND 11 — June 7-9
St. Kilda 13.10 v Geelong 19.12
Hawth 21.39 v Melb 9.6
Collingwood 18.14 v Fitz 11.12
Rich 15.7 v Footb 12.8
Essen 9.4 v Swans 10.18
Carl 22.30 v North Melb 9.10

ROUND 12 — June 14
Essen 13.16 v Collingwood 18.12
North Melb 14.11 v Swans 13.13
Carl 16.14 v Hawth 19.19
Melb 17.23 v Rich 7.8
Fitz 22.13 v Geelong 11.11
St. Kilda 10.15 v Footb 24.10

ROUND 13 — June 21
Rich 11.7 v Carl 10.18
Collingwood 14.11 v Swans 14.12
Hawth 21.26 v North Melb 13.14
Geelong 11.11 v Essen 12.17
St. Kilda 15.11 v Melb 7.7
Footb 22.11 v Fitz 8.7

ROUND 14 — June 28
Melb 17.13 v Fitz 11.5
Rich 11.6 v Hawthorn 26.19
Collingwood 24.19 v St. Kilda 9.14
Essen 8.8 v Footb 12.13
Carl 24.19 v St. Kilda 11.10

Sunday, June 29
Swans 17.31 v Geelong 13.13

ROUND 15 — July 5
Hawth 8.11 v St. Kilda 5.8
Footb 11.4 v Swans 12.14
Geelong 8.10 v Collingwood 19.15
North Melbourne 13.8 v Richmond 16.16
Fitz 8.11 v Carl 7.11
Melb 8.12 v Essen 27.20

ROUND 16 — July 12
Geelong 16.16 v St. Kilda 13.7
Melbourne 6.14 v Hawth 17.15
North Melb 18.14 v Carl 22.17

Sunday, July 13
Swans 24.16 v Essen 15.13

Saturday, July 19
Fitz 12.15 v Collingwood 20.12
Footb 17.20 v Rich 14.11

ROUND 17 — July 20
Essen 15.15 v Carl 11.16

Saturday, July 26
Geelong 19.9 v North Melb 22.90
Hawth 6.9 v Fitz 14.12
Collingwood 11.10 v Footb 9.11
St. Kilda 20.9 v Rich 7.12
Swan 29.15 v Melb 9.11

ROUND 18 — August 2
Footb 11.13 v Geelong 10.16
Carl 15.14 v Swans 12.15
Essen 21.11 v Hawth 6.14
Collingwood 13.14 v Melb 16.9
Rich 11.9 v Fitz 13.16
St. Kilda 13.12 v North Melb 19.13

Round 19 — August 9
Essen 21.16 v Rich 11.0
Melb 18.19 v Geelong 17.18
Fitz 24.16 v St. Kilda 11.4
North Melb 20.20 v Footb 10.23

Sunday, August 10
Carl 21.10 v Collingwood 12.15
Swans 10.13 v Hawth 27.9

ROUND 20 — August 16
North Melb 14.9 v Fitz 9.7
Rich 14.12 v Swans 21.18
Hawth 20.24 v Collingwood 10.12
Geelong 16.12 v Carlton 10.19
St. Kilda 6.12 v Essen 11.16
Footb 19.14 v Melb 10.11

ROUND 21 — August 23
Carlton 23.13 v Footb. 10.12
Hawthorn 35.15 v Geelong 13.12
Collingwood 23.18 v Rich. 8.7
Essen 8.13 v Fitz 16.12
Melb. 28.14 v North Melb. 14.13

Sunday — August 24
Swans 20.20 v St. Kilda 16.15

ROUND 22 — August 30
St. Kilda 11.7 v Collingwood 18.17
Fitz 9.19 v Swans 8.13
Footb 7.14 v Hawthorn 19.11
Rich 15.14 v Geelong 20.16
Carlton 20.19 v Melb 6.17

ELIMINATION FINAL
Fitzroy 8.10 v Essendon 8.9

QUALIFYING FINAL
Carlton 18.12 v Sydney Swans 15.14

Second Semi Final — September 13
Hawthorn 13.6 v Carlton 16.16

First Semi Final — September 14
Sydney Swans 13.11 v Fitzroy 13.11

FINALS to be played
at VFL Park on Saturdays,
September 13 and 20 and
at MCG on Sundays,
September 14
and Saturday 27.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

* Denotes home game.

ROUND 1
Saturday, March 29
Port 17.9 v Sturt 12.12
Central 12.9 v South 21.12
North 20.13 v West 12.14

Monday, March 31
Torrens 14.13 v Woodville 15.17
Norwood 16.7 v Glenelg 20.22

ROUND 2
Saturday, April 5
South 12.9 v West 24.11
Sturt 15.19 v Norwood 18.15
Glenelg 19.5 v Port 18.21
Torrens 16.14 v North 11.11
Woodville 15.11 v Central 22.12

ROUND 3
Saturday, April 12
Torrens 11.16 v Glenelg 22.16
Norwood 18.10 v South 13.7
Port 22.14 v Central 19.9
West 14.10 v Sturt 21.14
North 25.13 v Woodville 12.10

ROUND 4
Saturday, April 19
Port 13.12 v Norwood 21.33
North 25.21 v Central 13.13
Glenelg 20.15 v Sturt 24.12
Torrens 9.17 v West 21.12
Woodville 25.11 v South 21.9

ROUND 5
Friday, April 25
West 16.12 v Central 8.7
Sturt 6.12 v North 12.15
(Day/night double header)
South 13.7 v Port 6.12

Saturday, April 26
Woodville 19.17 v Glenelg 17.11
Norwood 22.14 v Torrens 15.12

ROUND 6
Saturday, May 3
South 13.11 v North 19.16
Sturt 25.16 v Woodville 16.12
Central 15.14 v Glenelg 14.10
Port 9.19 v Torrens 16.10
West 20.8 v Norwood 18.5

ROUND 7
Saturday, May 10
West 19.16 v Port 22.12

INTERSTATE GAME
Tuesday, May 13
South Aust 10.17 v Victoria 17.13

ROUND 7
Saturday, May 17
Sturt 12.17 v South 7.10
Woodville 15.15 v Norwood 19.18

Monday, May 19
Central 17.16 v Torrens 11.14
Glenelg 13.8 v North 14.26

ROUND 8
Saturday, May 24
Norwood 16.12 v Central 20.30
Sturt 18.14 v Torrens 15.8
Glenelg 25.19 v South 8.9
West 19.15 v Woodville 5.17
North 19.14 v Port 14.12

INTERSTATE GAME
Tuesday, May 27
SA 12.16, WA 18.19

ROUND 9
Saturday, May 31
Woodville 8.12 v Port 18.18
South 27.11 v Torrens 12.11
Central 20.11 v Sturt 13.8
West 20.15 v Glenelg 10.13
North 7.15 v Norwood 14.16

ROUND 10
Saturday, June 7
Central 12.13 drew South 12.13
West 16.20 v North 20.20
Norwood 14.9 v Glenelg 15.15
Torrens 17.12 v Woodville 12.18

Monday, June 9
Port Ad 15.13 v Sturt 16.14

ROUND 11
Saturday, June 14
Woodville 27.20 v Central 11.15
Sturt 8.16 v Norwood 23.17
North 18.10 v Torrens 12.14
Port 12.31 v Glenelg 15.14
West 22.9 v South 21.13

ROUND 12
Saturday, June 21
Sturt 18.20 v West 14.13
Port 13.16 v Central 13.11
South 12.16 v Norwood 15.7
Glenelg 29.19 v Torrens 10.10
Woodville 13.18 v North 12.21

ROUND 13
Saturday, June 28
Woodville 23.12 v South 17.11
West 15.18 v Torrens 17.11
Sturt 31.9 v Glenelg 13.15
Norwood 22.21 v Port 13.9
North 21.23 v Central 9.14

ROUND 14
Saturday, July 5
North 23.17 v Sturt 8.38
Central 24.14 v West 18.36
Glenelg 17.10 v Woodville 11.7
Port 16.12 v South 9.11
Torrens 9.16 v Norwood 12.10

ROUND 15
Saturday, July 12
Torrens 11.17 v Port 16.15
South 18.12 v North 21.15
Glenelg 7.12 v Central 8.13
Norwood 7.9 v West 13.15
Woodville 17.11 v Sturt 12.10

ROUND 16
Saturday, July 19
Norwood 14.12 v Woodville 18.7
South 22.9 v Sturt 9.12
Port 23.13 v West 17.11

Saturday, July 26
Central 15.11 v Torrens 9.11
North 17.14 v Glenelg 19.9

ROUND 17
Saturday, August 2
South 9.11 v Glenelg 10.7
West 11.12 v Woodville 14.17
Central 15.15 v Norwood 9.4
Port 8.10 v North 7.8
Torrens 7.18 v Sturt 7.9

ROUND 18
Saturday, August 9
Glenelg 13.23 v West 10.8
Sturt 16.14 v Central 19.12
Norwood 18.3 v North 20.18
Torrens 27.7 v South 6.20
Woodville 14.11 v Sturt 11.13

ROUND 19
Saturday, August 16
Central 15.9 v South 13.14
Sturt 4.8 v Port 10.12
Glenelg 15.11 v Norwood 8.7
West 8.6 v North 8.13
Woodville 17.13 v Torrens 10.4

ROUND 20
Saturday, August 23
Port 14.12 v Glenelg 12.4
South 7.12 v West 5.7
Central 10.8 v Woodville 13.10
Norwood 8.6 v Sturt 7.13
North 13.11 v Torrens 8.10

ROUND 21
Saturday, August 30
North 14.13 v Woodville 18.7
South 5.11 v Norwood 15.37
Sturt 16.13 v West 15.13
Central 10.15 v Port 34.11
Torrens 13.14 v Glenelg 13.8

ROUND 22
Saturday, September 6
North 23.18 v Central 15.11
Glenelg 20.20 v Sturt 7.6
South 20.16 v Woodville 19.9
Port 18.10 v Norwood 22.15
West 19.15 v Torrens 8.12

FINALS
Qualifying Saturday, September 13
Elimination Sunday, September 14
Woodville 21.14 v Norwood 14.13
Second Semi Saturday, September 20
First Semi Sunday, September 21
Preliminary Saturday, September 27
Grand Final Saturday, October 4

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WAFL



SUBIACO	4.5	10.6	20.8	26.12	168
PERTH	3.1	5.5	9.6	15.7	97

SCORERS: SUBIACO: Brennan 5.3; Doan 5.2; Keene, Sells 4.1; Georgiades, MacNish 2.2; Scott, N. Taylor 2.0; Featherby 0.1. PERTH: Rea, Stasinowsky 4.0; Yongey 2.1; Willey 2.0; Fancote 1.2; Spalding 1.1; Ryder 1.0; Cousins, Watson 0.1; 1 point forced.

FREE KICKS: — SUBIACO: 14, 10, 10, 4 — 38. Out of bounds: 2, 15 metres 4. PERTH: 3, 4, 9, 1 — 17; out-of-bounds 6; 15 metres 8.

Umpires: Phil O'Reilly and K O'Driscoll. Subiaco won toss and kicked to eastern end.

WA RESERVES

EAST PERTH	6.3	9.6	13.12	21.20	146
SUBIACO	3.3	7.5	14.13	15.18	108

GOALS: EAST PERTH: Wing 5, Smith 4, Howlett, Del Bonello, Papotto 2, Higgins, Cook, Winning, Bock, Cocker, T Williams. SUBIACO: Gray 4, S Monaghan 3, W Monaghan, Langdon 2, Western Rakich, Valli, Golding. BEST: EAST PERTH: J Dennis, Cocker, Howlett, Winning, Cropley, McGuire. SUBIACO: Roberts, Gray, Langdon, S Monaghan, Dawson, Greenwood.

VFL



SECOND SEMI-FINAL

CARLTON	4.4	7.9	10.12	16.16	112
HAWTHORN	4.1	7.1	10.4	13.6	84

SCORERS: CARLTON: Evans 5, MacLure Johnston 3, Kernahan, Murphy 2, Bradley. HAWTHORN: Curran 5, Buckenara 2, Judge, Dear, Loveridge, Brereton, Platten, Dipierdomeno.

BEST: CARLTON: Kernahan, Johnston, Rhys-Jones, Murphy, Evans, Molloy, Glascock. HAWTHORN: Langford, Curran, Loveridge, Ayres, Wallace Dear.

Attendance: 62,315 at VFL Park.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

FITZROY	4.4	6.8	8.14	13.16	94
SYDNEY SWANS	3.2	8.5	11.8	13.11	89

SCORERS: FITZROY: Conlan 4, Quinlan 3, Osborne 2, B Harris, McIvor, McGrath, Lokan. SYDNEY SWANS: Morwood 4, Capper, Bolton, Danther, Bayes 2, Wright.

BEST: FITZROY: Lokan, Roos, Conlan, Clayton, Pekin, Rendell. SYDNEY SWANS: Neagle, Williams, Morwood, Bayes, Toohy, Browning.

Attendance: 65,763 at MCG.

SANFL



Saturday QUALIFYING FINAL

GLENELG	5.3	8.3	12.6	18.10	118
PORT ADELAIDE	1.4	6.12	7.14	9.17	71

SCORERS: GLENELG: Maynard 3, Seebohm, Copping, Gartoa, Hall, Symonds 2, Kruse, Marshall, A Stringer, Henwood, Kidney. PORT ADELAIDE: R Smith 2, Russell, Harrison, G-Boyd, R Boyd, O'Brien, D Smith, Harris.

BEST: GLENELG: Duthy, Copping, Maynard, A Stringer, Marshall, Hall, Kruse. PORT ADELAIDE: Clifford, R Boyd, Leslie, Curtis, Johnston, Harris.

Sunday ELIMINATION FINAL

WOODVILLE	7.4	10.9	13.12	21.14	140
NORWOOD	3.5	5.8	12.9	14.13	97

SCORERS: WOODVILLE: Nichols 5, Templeton, Jolly, Taylor 3, Fuller, Harris 2, Sewer, Martin, Schwarz 1. NORWOOD: Roberts 7, G Thomas, Hall 2, Aish, Payne, K Thomas 1.

BEST: WOODVILLE: Taylor, Nichols, Sewer, Fantasia, Martin, Harris, Templeton. NORWOOD: Roberts, Taylor, G Thomas, Scanlon, Gallagher, Aish.



PREMIERSHIP tables

TOWN AND COUNTRY WA — LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SUBIACO	21	17	4	—	2811	2004	140.26	68
EAST FREMANTLE	21	16	5	—	2917	2092	139.43	64
PERTH	21	12	8	1	2506	2537	98.77	50
CLAREMONT	21	10	11	—	2507	2270	110.44	40
West Perth	21	9	11	1	2243	2529	88.69	38
East Perth	21	7	14	—	2311	2653	87.10	28
South Fremantle	21	7	14	—	2185	2916	74.93	26
Swan Districts	21	5	16	—	2318	2797	82.87	20

PRIME RESERVES TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	21	17	2	2	2710	2167	125.05	72
SUBIACO	21	14	7	—	2498	2064	121.02	56
EAST PERTH	21	13	8	—	2841	2188	129.25	52
SWAN DISTRICTS	21	11	10	—	2279	2258	100.93	44
Claremont	21	10	11	—	2254	2217	101.66	40
East Fremantle	21	8	12	1	2358	2488	94.77	34
Perth	21	5	15	1	2121	2871	73.87	22
West Perth	21	4	17	—	2025	2823	71.73	16

WAFL COLTS TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	19	2	—	1980	1180	167.79	76
EAST FREMANTLE	21	13	8	—	1626	1390	116.97	52
EAST PERTH	21	12	8	1	1647	1593	103.38	50
SOUTH FREMANTLE	21	12	9	—	1655	1535	107.81	48
Subiaco	21	10	10	1	1554	1439	107.99	42
Perth	21	7	13	1	1565	1708	91.62	30
Swan Districts	21	5	16	—	1368	1970	69.44	20
West Perth	21	4	16	1	1353	1923	70.35	18

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE

	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
NORTH ADELAIDE	16	—	6	2557	1960	56.61	32
GLENELG	13	—	9	2438	2040	54.42	26
PORT ADEL	13	—	9	2232	2164	50.77	26
WOODVILLE	13	—	9	2377	2430	49.45	26
NORWOOD	12	—	10	2342	2124	52.18	24
Cent Dist.	11	1	10	2199	2386	47.98	23
West Adel.	9	—	13	2387	2251	51.26	18
Sturt	9	—	13	2032	2351	46.36	18
South Adelaide	7	1	14	2194	2335	48.44	15
West Torrens	6	—	16	1810	2540	41.81	12

VICTORIAN LADDER

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
HAWTHORN	22	18	4	2698	1907	141.5	72
SYDNEY SWANS	22	16	6	2471	2087	118.4	64
CARLTON	22	15	7	2566	1809	141.8	60
FITZROY	22	13	9	2068	2083	100.2	52
ESSENDON	22	12	10	2379	1978	120.3	48
Collingwood	22	12	10	2261	2070	109.2	48
North Melbourne	22	12	10	2324	2356	98.6	48
Footscray	22	11	11	1963	2010	97.7	44
Geelong	22	7	15	2133	2499	82.1	28
Richmond	22	7	15	2151	2745	78.4	28
Melbourne	22	7	15	2003	2573	74.9	28
St Kilda	22	2	20	1846	2566	71.9	8

WAFL COLTS

CLAREMONT 19.13 (127) b S FREM 9.6 (60)
SCORERS — CLAREMONT: O'Neill 4, McGovern 3, Hazell, Sutherland, Cernoch 2, Beveridge, Buckley, Hill, Lewis, Pyke, Yarran.
SOUTH FREMANTLE: Tognolini 3, Grjusich 2, Perejmbida, Graham, Brindley, Watson.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Team effort. SOUTH FREMANTLE: McDonald, Perejmbida, Wilcox.

VFL RESERVES

HAWTHORN 17.24 (128) d MELBOURNE 12.12 (84)
SCORERS: HAWTHORN: Handley 5, Byrne 3, Eade, Jencke, Anderson 2, Maginness, Collins, P Dear. MELBOURNE: Williams 3, Bailey, Fidge 2, F. Dugolo, Dickson, Allday, Ryan Sizer.
BEST: HAWTHORN: Ellingworth, Abbott, Jencke, P. Dear, Handley, Paton. MELBOURNE: Williams, Sizer, Bailey, Allday.
CARLTON 19.18 (132) d FOOTSCRAY 13.10 (88)
SCORERS: CARLTON: Ralph 4, Ashman 3, Sheldon, Kourkoumelis, Rohde, Ogler 2, Gleeson, Burke 1, Aitken, Gallagher. FOOTSCRAY: Sewell 3, Dunne, Ford 2, Groeneweg, Somerville, N Cordy, Maloney, Hitch, Tatterson.
BEST: CARLTON: Gleeson 1, Aitken, Kennedy, Gallagher, Sheldon, Rohde. FOOTSCRAY: D Baxter, Eppelstun, Ford, Somerville, Hitch
Umpires: P. Saville, B. Sheehan.

VFA

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Div. 1: Frankston 12.17 (89) b Williamstown 17.7 (133).
DIV 2: Sunshine 16.16 (118) b Port Adelaide 9.17 (71).

NEW SOUTH WALES SFL

PRELIMINARY FINALS FIRST GRADE
Campbelltown 13.23 (101) b Pennant Hills 10.10 (70).
RESERVE GRADE
St George 13.11 (89) b Campbelltown 6.6 (42).

CANBERRA

PRELIMINARY FINAL
TUGGERANONG 17.15 (117) b AINSLIE 9.13 (67).
SCORERS — TUGGERANONG: Jones 5, Turner 3, Loo, Best 2, Symes, Barber, Block, Hollis, Muir. AINSLIE: Rogers, Miller 2, Killo, Smith, Tutt, Bishop, Endall, Gibson. BEST: TUGGERANONG: Jones, Muir, Hughes, Virtue, Turner. AINSLIE: Cook, Bishop, Smith, Hamilton, Rogers.

GAFL

COORPAROO 12.16 (88) b SOUTHPORT 11.12 (78)
SCORERS — COORPAROO: Jones, L Millar, Colenso, Norris 2, McMullen, Wilson, O'Neill, Hutchison. SOUTHPORT: Surman 3, Middlemiss 2, Frawley, Carlisle, B Thompson, Dempsey, van Wyk, Taylor. BEST COORPAROO: McMullen (best-on-ground), Page, K O'Keefe, Gibson, Becker, Ross, Pyne, K Millar. SOUTHPORT: Guy, Frawley, Surman, Carlisle, Dempsey, Girard.

TANFL TASMANIA

TFL STATEWIDE: NFTA
PRELIMINARY FINAL
Longford 17.15 (117) b Launceston 14.12 (96).

TFL STATE LEAGUE
PRELIMINARY FINAL
Glenorchy 18.16 (126) b Clarence 12.12 (84)

NWFL
PRELIMINARY FINAL
Ulverstone 14.3 (87) b Latrobe 6.12 (48).

WABA

2nd semi-final — League: Mosman Park 10.23 (Cross, Egan, Price) b Cockburn 7.14. RESERVES: Mosman Park 11.12 (Dell'Osio, Spencer, Daniels) b Cockburn 8.7 (Cook, Northan, Jerovich).



SUNDAY LEAGUE
Preliminary final: Kalamunda 10.10 (Ellard, G O'Rourke, Williams) b South Perth 9.12 (Diver, Nelson, Liddelow).
RESERVES: Maddington 8.16 (Robertson, Olan, Oakley) b Wanneroo 6.12 (Jansen, Brown, McKellar).
COLTS: Willetton 10.4 b Keimscott 7.3.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Mel Whinnen (371), Bill Dempsey (343). 2. Jack Sheedy (332) and Bill Walker (305). 3. Peter Featherby, Brian Peake. 4. Steve Curtis (Port Adelaide). 5. East Perth.

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DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



STAN THE MAN FOR THE JOB

SIDES who haven't made the finals are now talking about who will be their new coaches.

Football clubs never stop talking; something is always happening to keep supporters guessing.

The Bulldogs have had more than their share of adverse criticism over the past season and seem to still be causing great conjecture by sacking Don Haddow and looking for a satisfactory replacement to lift them back up the ladder.

The talk suggests it is a two-way battle between current reserves coach Stan Magro and Football Administrator Brian Ciccotosto.

Having had the chance to meet Magro in Melbourne several years ago when I wanted an experienced player for the Royals, I developed a friendship with a person who reached great heights as a player, but also was one of the game's most sincere team men.

Former Collingwood coach Tom Hafey indicated that Magro was the most important player in his team. The reason given was his great team loyalty and commitment.

Magro has had a great football life so far and the experience gained by him must make him an excellent coach.

The young Bulldogs need a man who not only has the knowledge, but more importantly, the character to teach them.



Stan Magro the South Fremantle player... could he be the next coach?

Magro fits that criteria perfectly! He also has the respect of the players through his tough, no-nonsense approach to coaching.

SATURDAY'S FAREWELL

SOME STARS IN FINAL GAME

EAST Fremantle and Subiaco supporters will be watching some of their stars in club colours for the last time this week.

With the advent of the National competition and the continual poaching from the VFL, a big proportion of Saturday's players won't be at those clubs next season.

The Sharks can expect to lose Peter Wilson, Paul Harding, Darren Bennett, Brian Peake, Michael Brennan, Colin Waterson, Murray Wrensted and Andrew Lockyer; along with Gerard Neesham to coach another club.

The Lions will see Laurie Keene, Warren Dean, Andrew MacNish, Phil Scott and a future star defender in Mark Zanotti leave their ranks.

With the probability of Tony Buhagiar retiring, Saturday's game could see the departure of 15 players; an unbelievable exodus.

It is no good crying over spilt milk. But the average dedicated football supporter must wonder where the game is going as they have seen their team decimated every season — so here it goes again!

With the loss of these players, it could be said that these two teams could struggle in season 1987. They have worked hard to produce top-class footballers who will now move onto greater heights and leave the loyal supporters to watch for the birth of another outstanding junior — something that our State seems to do every year.

THANK YOU

AS this is the last time the Westside Football paper will be produced for 1986, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a vote of thanks to the following.

- The publisher for producing this football paper. The game needs a football paper to cover all the different competitions, not just the WAFL. It is appreciated by all football people.
- To all players for their dedicated efforts throughout the season.
- To the coaches, league through to juniors; there would be no game without you.
- To all other football people — media, administrators, umpires and club workers. While in battle there is intense rivalry between clubs; that's what makes the game great.
- Finally to the people who support our game every week, rain, hail or sunshine. You are the backbone of the game — your money makes the game.

I'm already looking forward to season '87.

DISAPPOINTING

THE finals series this year has been disappointing to say the least.

One-sided clashes with no pressure have turned a lot of fans away from the games.

People love competition and will pay to see close games. Watching the final series has been, in most cases, a waste of money.

It is disappointing when you consider the number of outstanding young players we have in the West.

It goes to show the lack of depth in our own competition.

The difference between the top two teams and the rest has been the worst for years. The continual drain of players to the East has seen teams that normally would have experienced players to set the standards of performance not there, and therefore the competition, as a week-by-week spectacle, died early in season 86.

The good news, I believe will occur this Saturday — grand final day.

Contrary to public opinion, I don't believe there is as big a difference between the Sharks and Lions as the second semi-final showed.

The game score so far in '86 is two all. Most of these games have been top-class, fiercely fought contests.

Saturday will see a return to the finals of 85 when these two teams were superb.

The Lions have had to do it the hard way after being the best all year. Add to this their loss in the 1985 grand final and everything is in place for a great game.

Enormous pressure will be on second semi star Darren Bennett to perform again. If he can be shut out, the ball game squares up quickly.

With Phil Scott back to his best and the tall frame of Laurie Keene up forward, anything can happen.

Perhaps out of all the players Keene is the one who can swing the game the Lions way.

He has the capabilities of kicking a big score, no matter who they play on him.

Complacency is the Sharks biggest danger. They have been listening to the media, friends and workmates saying that the flag is theirs — it's only a formality.

But as coach Ron Alexander only knows too well — anything can happen in football.

EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL

OVER the past few weeks I have been involved in an advisory capacity with B-grade amateur football team North Fremantle.

North Fremantle, one of the oldest clubs in our State, were extremely keen to win the B-grade premiership and move into A-grade next year.

Coached by former Shark Brian Needle, who has done a great job, and controlled off-field by one of Premier Brian Burke's special advisors in President Baden Pratt, this club is really going places.

They have taken over control of their oval and facilities along with arranging some great sponsorship for '87.

It confirms that a club's success depends on the people running it. Last Saturday they beat West Coast, coached by former Royal utility player Kevin McGinnity, in what was a tough game between two good teams.

The amateur competition is one of the best football organisations outside the WAFL. There are some excellent players who, if they wanted to apply themselves, could play league football.

They also have many hundreds of players who are just not good enough for the top levels, but love the game and get great enjoyment out of being part of a team each Saturday.

Football talk often tends to concentrate wholly on the WAFL and forgets the contribution other competitions make to our great game.

North Fremantle were a pleasure to be involved with and have now earned the right to have a Fremantle team in A-grade amateurs.

There should never be a Fremantle side out of A-grade as the Port has such a great history to offer the amateur competition.

Congratulations to all those amateur teams who won their ultimate goals — the premiership last Saturday.

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LIONS



**Haydn
Bunton**

SUBIACO suffered the agony of a grand final defeat last season and that sour taste has lived with them all year.

They opened up 1986 with revenge over East Fremantle, a feat they repeated again mid-season just to confirm their improvement. With only one loss in the first two rounds of 14 games, the Lions were consolidating their team work and their strength.

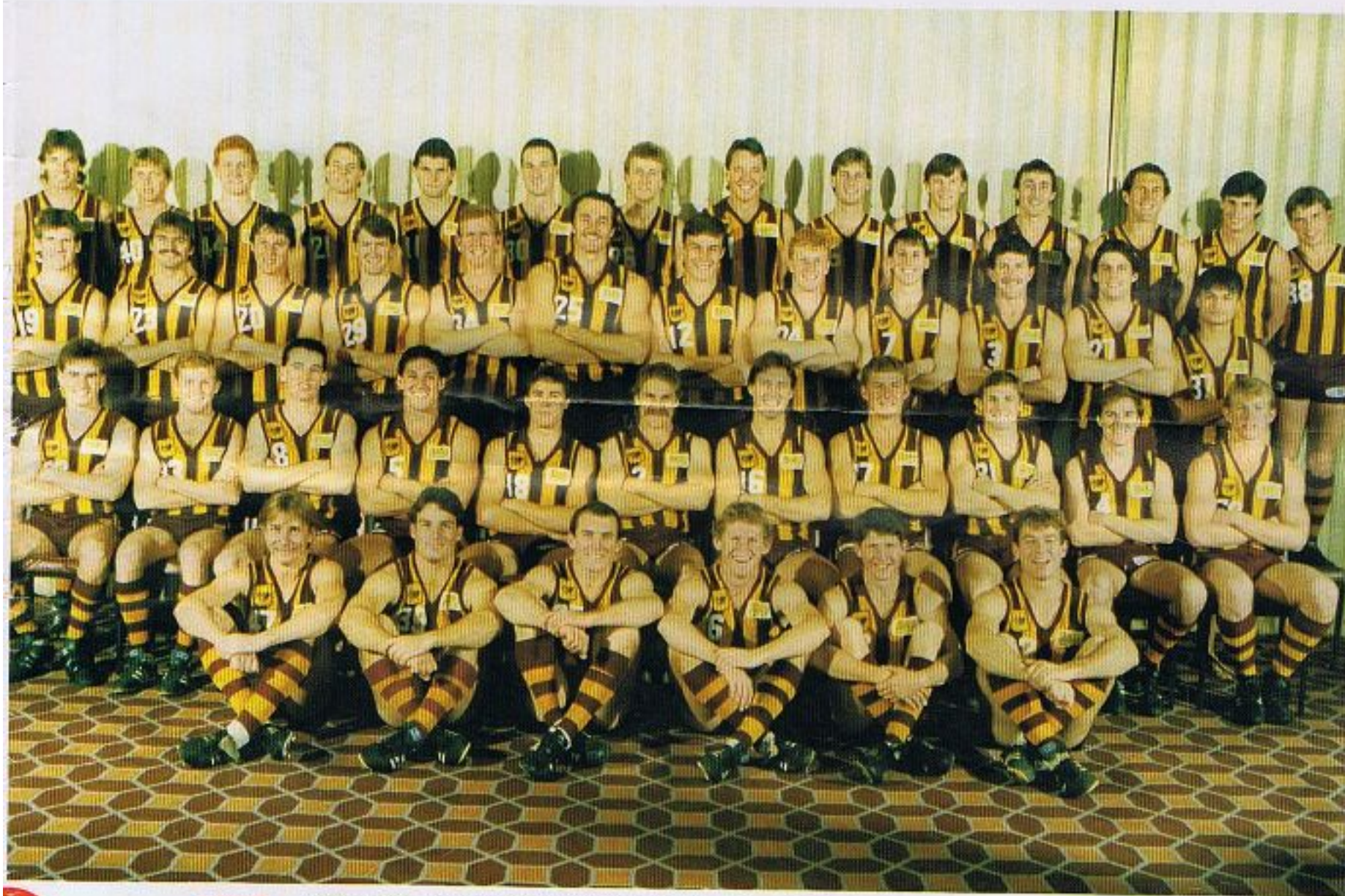
Their path to a second successive grand-final — something they last achieved in 1924-25-26 — became a rocky one in the final series as coach Haydn Bunton toughened them up on the track.

Their morale was shattered by the ruthless East Fremantle team in the second semi-final. But they rebounded with a similar exhibition of physical football, ample aggression and tons of hard-running play to snuff out the Perth revival.

Subiaco are certain to adopt a far more determined approach to this week's game and while the scent of the \$200,000 bonus incentive from Western Underwriters and Channel 9 should not affect their thoughts, it will certainly be an added attraction for a victory.

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BACK ROW — Wayne Golding, Stephen Monaghan, Darren Mundy, Todd Breman, Michael Mori, Bevan Warner, Rod Willett, Peter Featherby, Roger Steinepries, Nick Greenwood, Stephen Sells, Clinton Roberts, John Sullivan, Jim Corbett. **THIRD ROW** — John Georgiades, Michael Crutchfield, Bill Monaghan, Greg Wilkinson, Brad Gray, Laurie Keene, Phil Scott, Karl Langdon, Warren Dean, Clinton Brown, Mark Zanotti, Alex Rattray. **SECOND ROW** — Darren Nicholas, Ian Rakich, Greg Carpenter, Dwayne Lamb, Andrew MacNish, Neil Taylor, Phil Lamb, Wayne Dawson, Ian Dargle, Brian Taylor, Tony Fullgrabe. **FRONT ROW** — Ashley Parker, Mark Valli, Kevan Sparks, Mick Lee, Glenn O'Loughlin, John Western.

Neil Taylor

Accolades have come thick and fast for Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor in the past few years — a far cry from the days when the Lions were down and almost out.

The former Woodlands junior suffered many lean years at Subiaco, but has emerged in the last two seasons as a key player in their league machine.

He took over the captaincy in 1982 and after helping keep the players together during their year of turmoil in '83, he was just the man new coach Haydn Bunton wanted on side in 1984.

This season, Taylor reached his 200-game milestone, sharing the day of glory with long-time team-mate Phil Lamb. Throughout Bunton's rebuilding program at Subiaco, Taylor has learned to adapt and his courageous performances as a rover stamp him as a real team man.

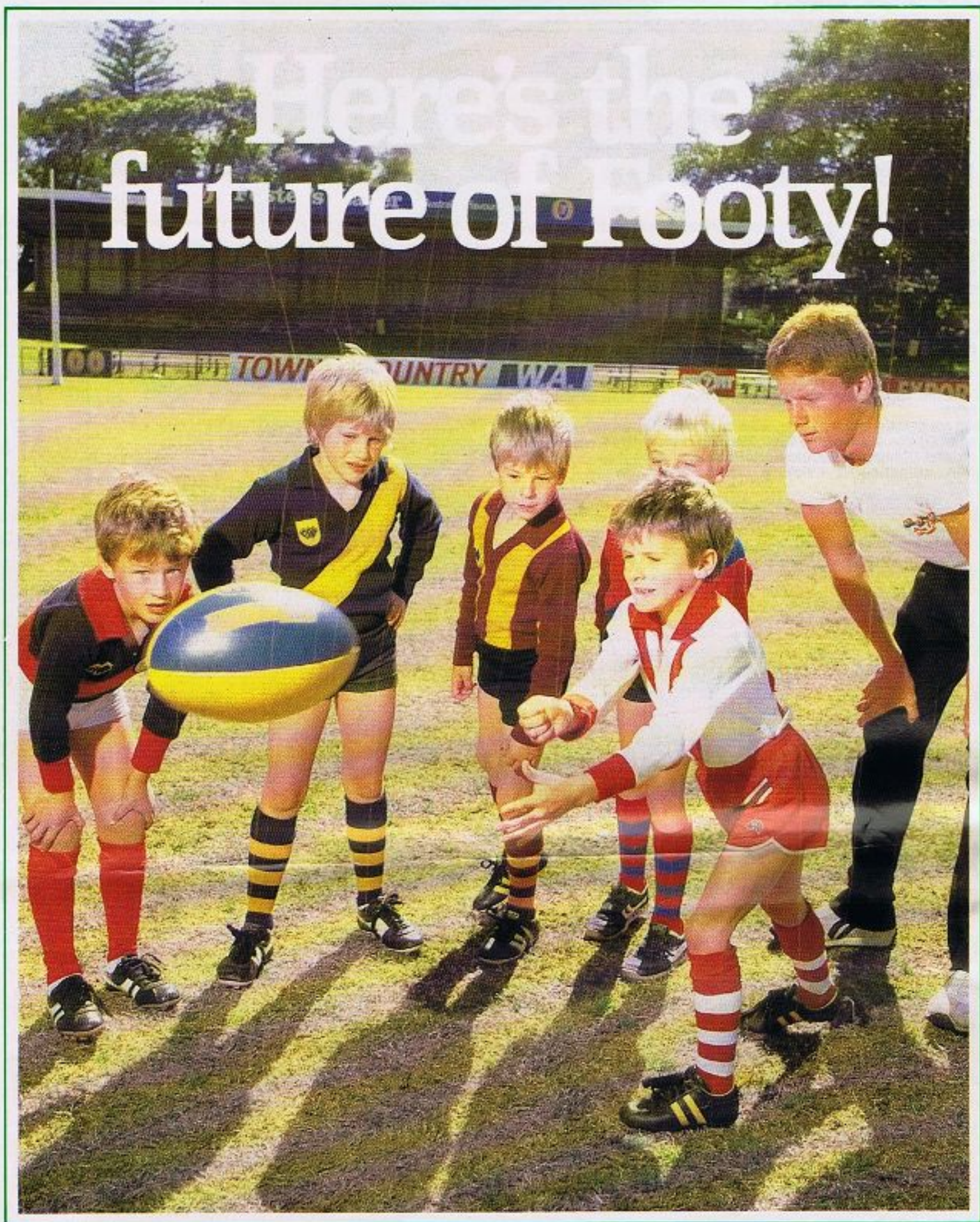
Last premiership side — 1973

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Gary Crouch	<i>Half-backs:</i> Dennis Blair	Barry Paterson
Dick Manning	<i>Centres:</i> Peter Featherby	John Dimmer
Neil Randall	<i>Half-forwards:</i> Brian Sierakowski	Mick Malone
Ron Bayens	<i>Forwards:</i> Austin Robertson	Keith Watt
Mike Fitzpatrick	<i>Ruck:</i> Peter Burton	Ross Smith
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