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# FOOTY MAGIC!

**THE football magicians are back — and how!**

For years, the most magical footballers in Australia have come from the Aboriginal race and the expanded 1987 season, with the West Coast Eagles competing in the VFL, will be no exception.

What a pleasure it was to watch Maurice Rioli, Michael Mitchell and Phil Narkle at their most blistering best at Subiaco Oval last Sunday — even if they were in opposing camps.

Regardless of what you think about the Eagles and their involvement in a VFL competition — and there are plenty of problems (see page 9) — the fact that the nation's most skilful and exciting players can be seen regularly by West Australian football fans is a major bonus.

**ELECTRIC**

The sheer magic and skill of these players is electric and every time they go near the ball, sensations course through your veins in anticipation of something brilliant happening.

Some of their hand movements and body manoeuvres have to be seen to be believed. It is a talent that very few players, as good as they are, will ever possess.

To reach this level of performance the age-old saying "perfect practice makes perfect" should apply. But it doesn't.

That's not to say that these players don't train hard, it's just that nature has seen fit to give these people a gift that we cannot hope to emulate through practice, try as we might.

**BRILLIANCE**

In my time in football I don't believe I've ever seen more brilliance or more football skill in anyone that can match some of our Aboriginals — or, as in Rioli's case — Thursday Islanders.

My early idols, Graham Farmer and Barry Cable, two of the game's all-time greats, with a touch of Aboriginal ancestry, could do things with the ball no-one else could.

**Rioli and Co.**  
**are just so**  
**magnificent**

by  
Grant  
Dorrington

Andrew MacNish ... the ice helps cool things down a little.

Then came the Krakouer brothers, Jimmy and Phil, and Stephen Michael and just emerging now is Chris Lewis.

Ball skills and a sixth sense that seems to be like a hidden radar make them a cut above the rest. To watch these master craftsmen

perform on the field of battle, as was witnessed by more than 30,000 spectators at Subiaco Oval last Sunday, is a sheer delight.

It's something the new national competition can offer football lovers every weekend.

**Vic. umps**  
**get tough**  
**on rough**  
**play**

AUSTRALIAN Rules football, regarded as the roughest and toughest field game in the world, is going to get its mean image toned down this season.

That is the message from VFL Umpires' director Bill Dellar, who says that umpires will take swift action against players who use unduly rough tactics or waste time.

Already the crackdown has been spelt out to eight players who were reported in the first round of VFL fixtures at the weekend.

Brisbane Bears centreman Geoff Raines and North Melbourne rover Jimmy Krakouer have both been suspended for two games by the VFL tribunal over incidents in the Bears/Kangaroos clash last Friday night.

Fitzroy's Michael Conlan, charged with slinging Melbourne's Steven Stretch to the ground after he took a mark at the MCG on Saturday, was found guilty, but not suspended.

Instead, the tribunal imposed a \$2000 fine on Fitzroy. It did not penalise Conlan because players had only been informed on the new 'unduly rough play' rule on the morning of the game.

**DISMISSED**

In other cases, time-wasting charges against Brisbane's Bernie Harris and North's John Holt and charges of unduly rough play against Melbourne forward Darren Williams and Carlton winger David Rhys-Jones were all dismissed.

Hawthorn rover Richard Loveridge escaped with a reprimand after pleading guilty to making an insulting gesture to an umpire.

Dellar said this week that the swift action from umpires proves their determination to answer criticism that football was getting out of hand and players weren't being protected.

West Coast Eagles coach Ron Alexander has described the VFL game as akin to rugby and even Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews — one of the toughest men in the game — raised the same issue at a pre-season coaches meeting.

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**EAGLES IN 1987**  
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# Subi get sponsorship boost again

by George Temple

REIGNING premiers Subiaco have scored a \$330,000 sponsorship deal with Western Underwriters and Channel Nine.

This is the third year the sponsors have contributed to the club.

Western Underwriters' general manager, Ian Brown, and Vaughan Gentle, general manager of Channel Nine, unveiled the deal this week, saying that the sponsorship would be cash up front in preference to incentive payments, as was the case in the last two years.

"We have seen Subiaco respond to innovative challenges, culminating in the club receiving a total of \$300,000 in incentive payments, including \$200,000 for winning the 1986 grand final," the two men said.

"In addition to the cash up front, there will be incentive payments for final round appearances.

"We believe that by adopting this policy, the club will have a firm basis on which to plan for the next three years."

Subiaco president Michael Carlile said that the club was delighted with the sponsorship deal.

"We are in the process of rebuilding and the cash sponsorship will really help the redevelopment program," Mr Carlile said.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

There's a lot of praise for the Eagles  
And all of it truly well earned  
They certainly showed the poor Tigers  
They still have a lot to be learned

The Eagle swooped and conquered  
The Tigers fell as their prey  
But footy's not quite the same  
In the West I fear to say

Our local clubs must suffer  
As now we know the fate  
On those double-header days  
The VFL take all the gate  
They even barred our WA boys  
Who were billed to play at three  
They weren't allowed inside the fence  
Well, not if they wanted in free

We're right behind the Eagles  
We love to see them soar  
When they beat the Victorian teams  
We'll still cheer and roar

But let's remember our home teams  
There's still plenty of talent on show  
And the tradition of our clubs  
Must be built on — not let go

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# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

## PROGRAM PUZZLE

FOOTBALL patrons were mystified about the program they purchased at Sunday's game. For the record, the program on sale was the official VFL Record, published in Melbourne by the VFL. Each week the VFL produces one basic program with the centre spread and four other pages devoted to each individual match. The program for the Eagles-Richmond game was actually flown into Perth on the Saturday. The Record will feature articles and photographs about Eagles players as a matter of course during the season. The WAFL's Football Budget will again be on sale at all local games (except when the Eagles play) and will return in fine style this weekend.

## BOOT TROUBLE

DASHING defender Paul Peos was having a lot of trouble with his right kicking boot in the opening quarter of Sunday's game. Apart from not being able to get away from the ball (nine kicks in the term) he kept losing his right boot. The reason was simple. He was using some new padding inside the boots, which were also new. The padding lifted his foot up a little too high and the boot wouldn't fit on properly. He changed boots at quarter time — but then only had four more kicks for the game!

## NOT OVER-AWED

PROMISING young Swan Districts rover Greg Walker is the football image of his illustrious father, Bill — right down to guernsey No. 29. Greg certainly isn't over-awed by his father's reputation — three Sandover Medals and 306 games is something to live up to

## Sing along with the Eagles

For years they took the best of us  
And claimed them for their own  
But now we've got them back again  
Our Eagles have come home.

We're the Eagles — West Coast  
Eagles  
And we're here to show you why  
We're the big birds, King of the big  
game  
We're the Eagles, we're flying high.

For years we learned their lessons  
And we learned them very well  
Now we've added West Coast magic  
And we'll give you merry hell.

We're the Eagles — West Coast  
Eagles  
And we're here to show you why  
We're the big birds, King of the big  
game  
We're the Eagles, we're flying high.

So watch out all you know-alls  
All you wise men from the East  
You'll get more than just a footy  
game  
You'll get a West Coast Eagles Feast.

We're the Eagles — West Coast  
Eagles  
And we're here to show you why  
We're the big birds, King of the big  
game  
We're the Eagles, we're flying high.

— and he doesn't think he has put pressure on himself by adopting dad's old number. "That was John Todd's idea and I'm not worried," says the young bank officer who believes that the Swans will be much more competitive than most critics think this year. "We are going to enjoy being the underdog for a change," he says.

## WILEY'S WOES

YOU had to feel sorry for Eagles rover Robert Wiley, the former skipper of Perth and one-time Richmond premiership player. Wiley was so keen over summer with the Eagles that he overstrained a calf muscle and had to watch the opening game against his old club from the sidelines. He would have loved to cap his return to the VFL arena against the Tigers ... but there's plenty more games ahead.

## DAVO'S DILEMMA

EAGLES wingman Peter Davidson must be wondering just when things will go right for him. He continually seems to run into injury problems, either on the eve of big matches or early into the game. After a few weeks of pre-season injury frustration, he earned his place in the opening Eagles side — and was clean bowled by a Richmond Tiger early in the first quarter and spent the rest of the game recovering from the heavy knock.

## TRIBUNAL LINE-UP

FORMER WAFL football affairs manager Peter Evans (now general manager of the WA Baseball League) still has an involvement with the game. He has been appointed secretary to the special VFL tribunal that will sit in

Perth and hear cases arising out of Friday night or Sunday games. The tribunal consists of former Subiaco and St Kilda star Brian Sierakowski (chairman), former Claremont president Wal Maskiell, former leading goal umpire Don McComish and Perth lawyer Terry O'Conner. Reports arising from Friday night games in Perth will be heard at 9am on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon reports will be heard at 6pm that day.

## READY TO FLY

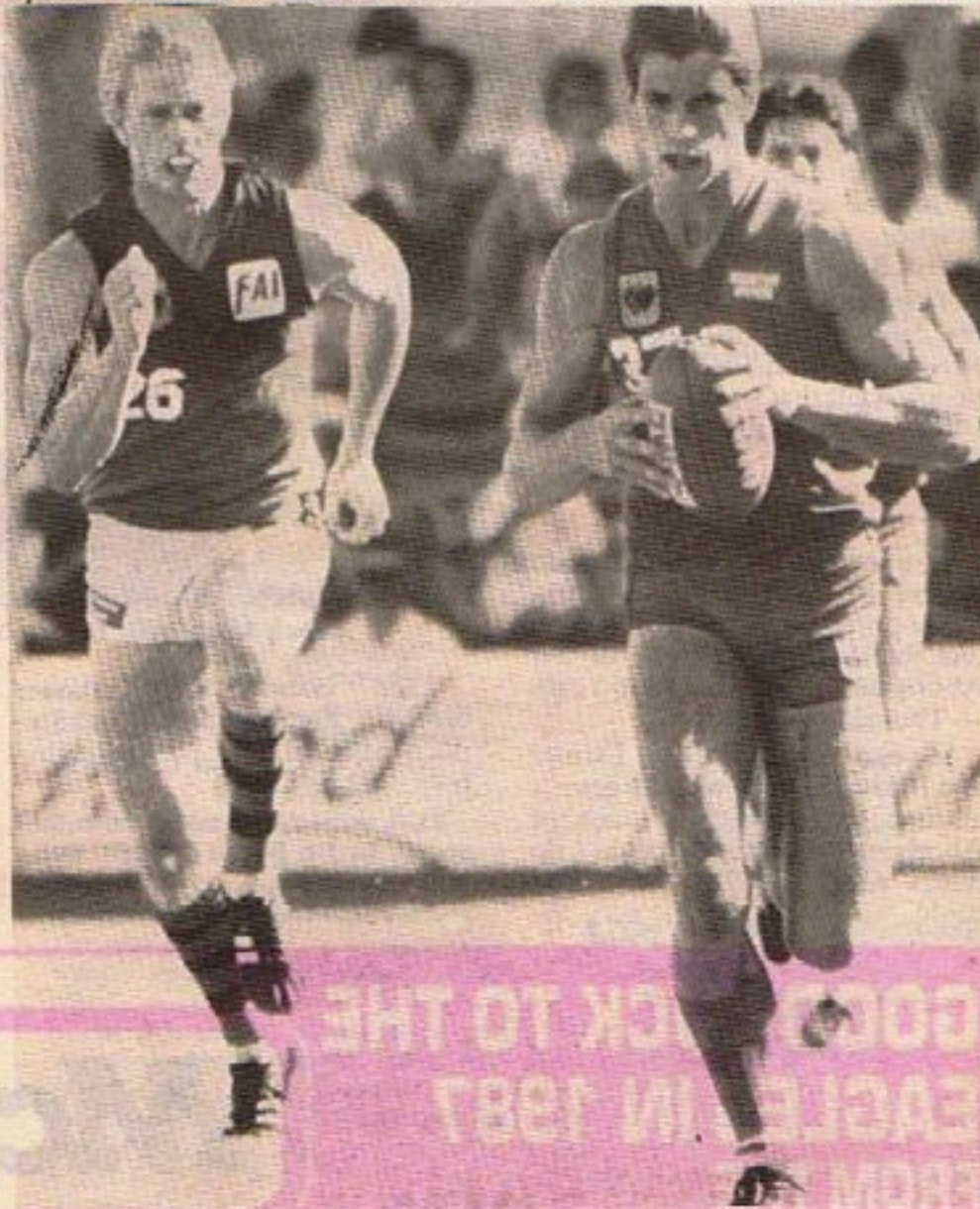
SWAN Districts, the football club in downtown Bassendean with a penchant for winning premierships three times on the trot (1961-62-63 and 1982-83-84), says its critics are quite wrong about 1988.

The Black-and-Whites were surprisingly wooden spooners in '86 and many people have already written them off for this season.

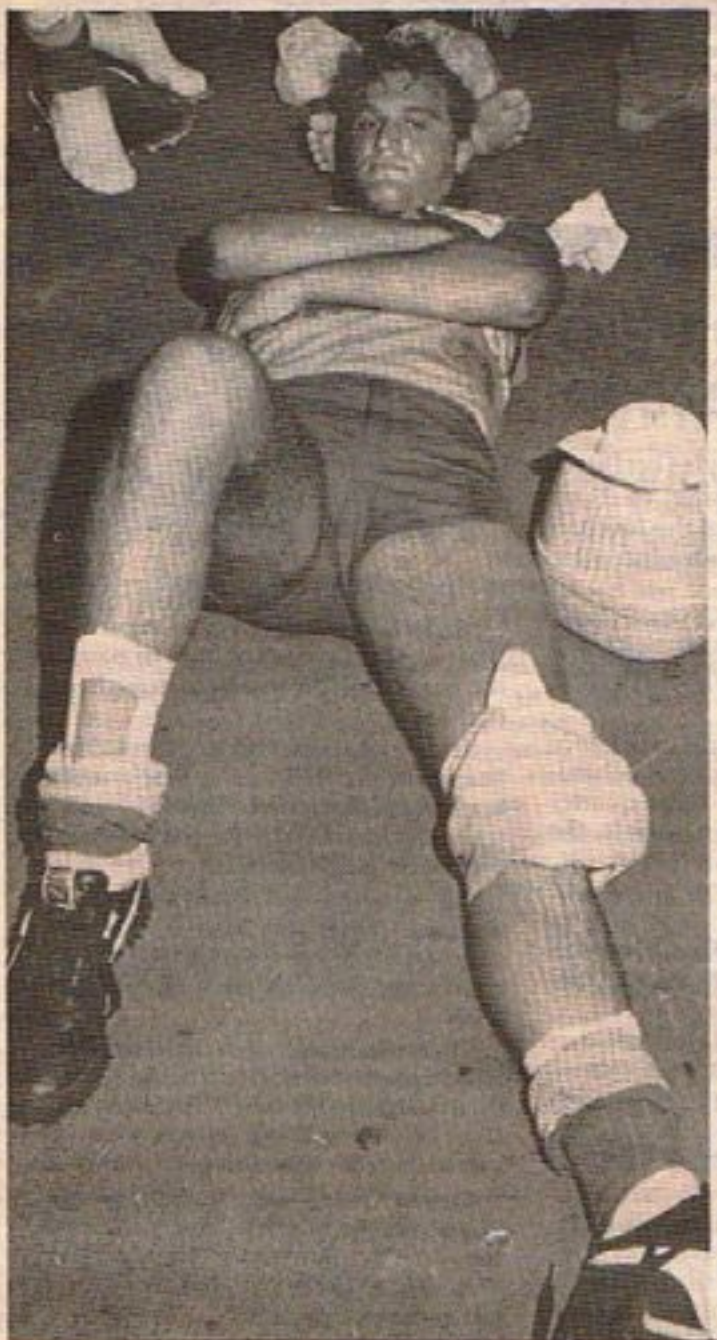
But wiley coach, John Todd says his cygnets from 1986 will fly this year and rival the Swans 1979 team. This was Swans comeback year from the doldrums where they didn't quite make the four but won 11 games, including a 58 point win over second-placed South Fremantle in the final fixture.

## CHEERS WANTED

WITH falling crowd attendances predicted for WAFL matches in 1987 Swan Districts intends to make sure there's someone out there shouting for them. The club wants to organise a cheer squad to 'squark' for the team, wave the flag and raise the banner. After a dismal 1986 the club is hoping for a comeback this year, but if that doesn't happen at least the spectators can watch the spectacle of the cheerers.



Speedy West Perth utility player Paul Mifka is set to bounce the ball as he breaks away from his East Perth opponent David Wing in last Sunday's opening match of the WAFL season.



## Paul was all puffed out!

YOUNG West Coast Eagles defender Paul Peos had every reason to feel exhausted after his side had beaten Richmond by 14 points at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

The highly-talented half-back flanker started brilliantly against the Tigers, but fatigue got the better of him in the second-half after a sensational first two quarters.

The 19-year-old student played like a veteran in his debut in the VFL and impressed football followers with the cool, methodical way he played his football.

Peos had nine kicks in a blistering first term and turned back many Richmond attacks.

## COSTLY CRITICISM

RENOWNED ABC commentator Drew Morphet was flown to Perth to be the special guest for the Eagles dinner. As host of the popular Sunday night show *The Winners*, Morphet is well-known to most West Australian football followers. But his outspoken criticism of the ABC when they decided to drop the show has cost him dearly. Even though the WA segment has been revived by the ABC, Morphet will be calling football on radio this year — not TV. However, WA fans will still have him as their close ally — he'll call all the Eagles games live back to Perth on 6WF, regardless of which game the Melbourne ABC covers.



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# The Australian game

## EAGLES TRIBUTE

MANY of WA's top business, professional and commercial people were at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel for the official Eagles VFL debut dinner. Richard Colless, chairman of the Eagles public company, Indian Pacific Ltd, paid tribute to many people who had brought the project to fruition — but particularly to the players. "Some of them took us on blind faith," he said. "We didn't really even have a team when they committed themselves to our project. There were some who succumbed to the Victorian dollar, but those who stuck with us deserve all the praise."

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

HERE are some of the more off-the-cuff remarks from the victorious Eagles after the win:

"I just tried too hard in the first half." — Darren Bennett.

"Everyone puts the Vics on a pedestal; but they can collapse like anyone under pressure." — Don Holmes.

"I'm stuffed." — Paul Peos.

"I think many of us were too hyped up." — Murray Wrensted.

"I didn't play too well." — Alex Ishchenko.

"I feel okay." — Peter Davidson.

"We needed someone to take a big grab and give us a lift." — Ross Glendinning.

## THE HARD WAY

LANKY ruckman-forward Laurie Keene gave the impression that he wanted to do things the hard way against Richmond. Two of the three goals he kicked were certainly done the hard way when an easy option had presented itself. His second goal came under some acute pressure after he had fumbled an easy opportunity when Andrew MacNish set him up with a pass into the open. His third also came after he ducked and dived into trouble and had to bounce it through from about 50-metres out.

## FLOAT PRAISE

DENNIS Horgan, chief of the Barrack House Group, one of Australia's biggest private companies, was a guest speaker at the Eagles dinner. Admitting that his football knowledge was limited, he spoke about the impact the Eagles and Indian Pacific Ltd would have on the West Australian community, particularly the business world. Mr Horgan said the IPL public company float was one of the most innovative floats he had ever seen available to the public.

## HISTORY-MAKERS

FOR the record — Phil Narkle had the first official kick for the West Coast Eagles in the VFL, a free kick in the back pocket which he passed to Paul Peos. Lanky ruckman Laurie Keane posted the first Eagles goal two minutes and 24 seconds into the opening term with a magnificent shot from wide out on the boundary line.

## MIGHTY MALAXOS

A LOT of Victorians will take notice of Steve Malaxos this year — much more than they did in his brief visit to Melbourne in 1985. Malaxos will prove why he is such a valuable team player and the magnificent shepherd he produced to allow little rover Wally Matera to kick the Eagles' third goal in the opening quarter showed why he is a key player.

## COMEBACK KID?

TALKING about comebacks, has anyone thought about the possibility of Eagles coach Ron Alexander playing football this year? Not with the Eagles, of course. But why not with East Fremantle? Alexander has done most of the tough pre-season work with his Eagles and is probably fitter than he was in the last couple of years as captain-coach of the Sharks. There's no doubt that he couldn't stand at full-forward and grab a few big marks and bag a few handy haul of goals for the Sharks.

## BATTLE-GROUND

THE West Coast Eagles dressing room after Sunday's historic win was a real-life battle ground. Hardly a player was free of an ice-pack, strapping or other visible signs of warfare such as blood or bruising. Ice packs were everywhere; some players even had two. But they were all accompanied by smiles.

## STATS SCOOP

ANOTHER familiar face now attached to the Eagles on their Melbourne trips is former Perth statistician, Richard Camm. As a youngster, Camm would take all the stats of Demons players and later became the club's official stats man. He is now studying at a Melbourne college and was recruited by the Eagles to sit on the coach's bench for Victorian games.



Smiles all round ... Laurie Keene and Alex Ishchenko.

# Beware of an Eagles hiccup

SOONER or later the Eagles will meet some turbulence. Sooner or later they will lose a game.

But to date the performance of the West Coast Eagles on the field has been sufficiently effective.

But there is just one little point among all those last-half goals that should be remembered. So far the Eagles have played sides generally regarded in the Eastern States as having Buckley's chance of making the finals.

Footscray are scrappers, Fitzroy have been paralysed through injury and Richmond are still rebuilding.

So let's not get carried away.

Sure, the Eagles deserve the accolades they have received, but the euphoria needs to be placed in the correct pigeon-hole.

I would be tempted to put all those superlatives on the back burner until we see how the Eagles fare with Essendon (this week), Sydney Swans (April 12), Carlton (April 18) and Hawthorn (April 25).

If we can win two of those next four games, then come back and see me.

## BRAVE PUNTER

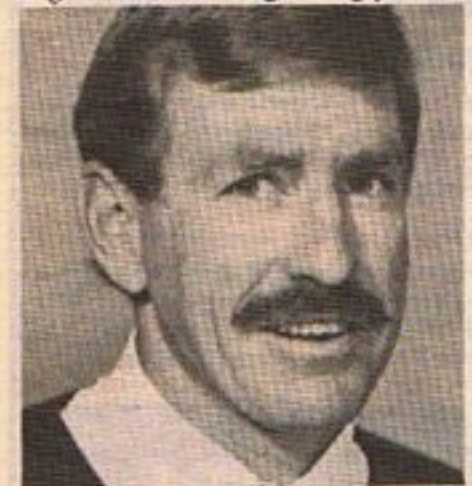
It would be a brave Eagle punter, indeed, who would wager on the boys from Perth beating Hawthorn at Princes Park on April 25; a match suitably billed for Anzac Day.

I regard the game against Sydney at Subiaco Oval on April 12 as equally hard to win.

The Sydney Swans have a similar team to the Eagles ... lots of runners and the option to go high because of the marking skills of Warwick Capper.

Essendon and Carlton seem more likely to prey to the Eagles if they are to win two of the next four.

While the on-field exploits of the Eagles have been glowingly docu-



Ron Alexander ... totally professional.



## This week's guest columnist

RAY WILSON  
Sunday Times  
Sports Editor

mented, it's the off-field style of the team and its management which has impressed.

There hasn't been a feather unturned in making the Eagles the most professional football team in Australia.

And that's most obvious in the air where special carbo-hydrate and protein fodder is served exclusively to the high-flying sportsmen.

There's not a cup of tea or coffee in sight, but plenty of baked beans, poached eggs and special cereals.

In the changerooms, there's not a crumpled Foster's or Swan can to be seen.

It's all about projecting a healthy, positive and well-mannered image. The all-Australian boys. And that's not such a bad thing, either.

After the Fitzroy night match, the players were allowed a few short drinks at the Travelodge (mind you some of that was top-shelf stuff) before turning in.

The Eagles have come a long way in a short time and the machine putting it all together has been pushed along by an enthusiastic public.

From this week, though, I advise all Eagles fans — plus those just practising while they are winning — to be prepared for a hiccup.

Be prepared to support the Eagles over the entire season and not just while they look pretty.

The hard part is to come over the next month, before the quality of the opposition drops off a shade.

## In the Eagles nest...

With ROSS GLENDINNING,  
captain of the  
West Coast Eagles



## Dramatic start to our season

THE West Coast Eagles certainly had a dramatic opening to their VFL competition — and the football public in WA were the absolute winners.

We enjoyed the thrilling victory over Richmond, who are always a tough side to beat no matter where they are on the ladder.

It was a nerve-racking experience having to come from 33 points behind, but I felt confident at three-quarter time that we could get back into the game.

Everyone needed a lift in the last term and I was pleased to be able to grab a couple of marks when I went to centre-half-forward and help get the team momentum going again.

We had our share of the ball, but didn't make good use of it. I felt that we had the legs to go on with the game in the last quarter and in the end we capitalised on our opportunities, whereas Richmond didn't.

The game had tremendous atmosphere, almost like a State match. It probably wasn't as physical as some VFL games that I've played in, but there was plenty of pace.

## PUBLICITY PRESSURE

A LOT of people have been asking just how much pressure the Eagles have had on them over the last few months. The answer is easy — heaps.

Wherever we went on our first trip to Melbourne meant that the media were with us. At times you felt that a camera would poke out between your weeties and your mouth at breakfast!

But basically the publicity has all been good; very positive from WA especially and fairly complimentary from the Victorian media.

The Eagles need the support of the WA public, not only with home-game support, but also with the public float of the company which is an important part of the whole Indian Pacific Ltd venture.

While the media coverage is good now, let's hope that our players can handle the exposure when they are under pressure — after a loss, for example.

## RECRUITING AGENTS

MAKING the decision to return to West Australian football and be part of the inaugural Eagles team wasn't all that hard.

After eight years with North Melbourne in the VFL, I felt that a move back to Perth would be timely — and I was most impressed with the organisation of the Eagles officials.

The attitude and determination of Richard Colless and John Walker was so professional and I didn't need a lot of convincing that they were on the right track.

Their whole philosophy reminded me a little of the North Melbourne revival in the late 1970s when Allen Aylett, David Robb and Ron Joseph were involved in team rebuilding.

Messrs Colless and Walker had nothing tangible to offer players like myself — they didn't even have a team licence at that stage — but it wasn't a pie-in-the-sky project.

They are a totally professional organisation.

## NOW FOR ESSENDON

WELL, we've got our first VFL match behind us and four vital premiership points on the board ... and now we're ready for Essendon.

Make no mistake, this VFL competition is going to be tough and Essendon will be no pushover. We beat them in a practice match at Subiaco, but you can totally disregard that. Not only were they well under-manned, but practice match form generally can be misleading.

Hawthorn, Carlton and the Bombers are the obvious dangers this season. Geelong and Melbourne could be big improvers, but they don't have the depth to match the big three.

I'm tipping that we'll finish in the top four — which leaves fifth spot up for grabs. I feel that the Sydney Swans could be slipping and maybe it will be Collingwood who could bob up.

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Max Heiden  
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## MILESTONE MEN

### 300 GAMES

Bryan Cousins (Perth) 291\*

\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Bryan Cousins 219 Perth, 72 Geelong.

### 250 GAMES

Brian Peake (EF) 237

Tony Buhagiar (EF) 245\*

\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Tony Buhagiar 137 East Fremantle, 83 Essendon, 25 Footscray.

### 200 GAMES

Peter Spencer (EP) 192\*

Gerard Neesham (CL) 185\*

\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Peter Spencer 169 East Perth, 21 Subiaco, 2 Claremont. Gerard Neesham 79 East Fremantle, 97 Swan Districts, 9 Sydney Swans.

### 150 GAMES

Wayne Otway (EP) 143

Noel Morton (CL) 141

### 100 GAMES

Phil Bradmore (WP) 99

Ray Holden (P) 98\*

David Rankin (EF) 97

Warran Ralph (CL) 96

\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Ray Holden 16 Perth, 79 West Perth, 3 Melbourne.

### 50 GAMES

John Gavranich (P) 49\*

Bryce Forman (EF) 49

Dan Foley (WP) 47\*

Tony Beers (CL) 46\*

\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: John Gavranich 40 Perth, 9 West Perth; Tony Beers 41 Claremont, 5 Collingwood; Dan Foley 39 West Perth, 7 Richmond.

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## LONG QUEUES

OUR football officials were obviously expecting a rush of problems on the opening day of official VFL/WAFL action last Sunday. What with all the last-minute problems encountered with television coverage, clearance wrangles, ground arrangements and so forth, no problem would be too big to cope with. Except thousands of people queued up outside the ground as the ball was bounced. Local officials were aware that the VFL ground arrangements of purchasing a ticket first before entering the turnstiles would cause chaos simply because West Aussie footy fans aren't used to that procedure. No-one can say that the VFL weren't warned about the problem likely to happen. But with the VFL hierarchy adamant that their procedure would be followed to the letter, why didn't the local officials find more ticket-selling avenues — even to the extent of having people walking up and down the queue taking money and then letting people flood in through the turnstiles?

## INTEGRATE WHAT

THE question of Indian Pacific Ltd and the WAFL developing an "integrated" system of football marketing and management this season was certainly an ambitious project. There were going to be many problems and one can only hope everyone will be patient. But why let the little things slip by? Take the Program of Events schedule sent out to the media on Friday before Sunday's big day at Subiaco Oval. It listed what was happening and when, starting from gates open at 9am to a 3pm or thereabouts press conference with coaches and media. It didn't bother to list the other "important" event on at Subiaco Oval — the opening of the WAFL season between West Perth and East Perth!

## PERCY'S POINT

TALKING about that WAFL game, veteran football personality Percy Johnson isn't backward at putting his fairly vocal point forward. Percy's never really been a fan of the expanded VFL scheme and in the radio 6PR show on Saturday morning, after previewing the Eagles-Richmond game, he said "and now we look at the most important part of the afternoon, the West Perth-East Perth clash".

## PASS PUZZLE

PERCY Johnson also put in a plug last week for some of the bygone champs of football — former players who possessed a life pass issued by the WAFL for their efforts in playing 150 league games. Because the Eagles match was, in fact, a VFL fixture and not a WAFL fixture, then the holders

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## THE HOOD

WA's most feared  
footy columnist.



Part of the huge crowd who queued — some patiently — last Sunday before the West Coast Eagles versus Richmond game at Subiaco Oval. Thousands of fans got into the ground late — and many others went home in disgust.

of these passes couldn't use them if they wanted to see the big game. Percy said it was a slap in the face for these former players, but now that we have "graduated" into the ranks of the VFL, we have to expect a lot of changes.

## LITTLE WHO?

NATURALLY this column will devote much of its attention to the Eagles and all that; after all, it's the biggest thing to happen in WA footy for a long time. There were plenty of unanswered questions after Sunday's fantastic effort — but not all of them applied to the main game. Who, for example, were the "little leaguers" in action at half-time in the Eagles-Richmond match? The Eagles guys looked absolutely great in their blue-and-gold and the Richmond (or Tigers, maybe) outfits also looked impressive. But who were they? I'll have to tune into our junior pages to find the answer.

## WIND-LESS

THE construction of the big advertising wings on either side of the electronic scoreboard at Subiaco Oval has robbed football fans of a helpful aid in determining how the game is progressing. The windsock now seems to be protected and doesn't really give an accurate indication of how strong the breeze is. Last Sunday, with a strong gale blowing directly down the ground at the start (did you notice how hard it was to kick goals into the wind?) the windsock was virtually lifeless.

## ATMOSPHERE-LESS

SUNDAY'S game lacked atmosphere at different times despite the huge crowd. Maybe it was because the fans, a collection of supporters from all WAFL clubs, didn't really know who to scream for. After all, it wasn't a State team, was it? And we weren't booing the traditional Big Vee. It was all so confusing for a while — till the last term when the Eagles got up and running and then the vocal chords got working.

## POSITION PLOY

FOOTBALL critics across the nation could be excused if they gave up trying to place teams in their right pos-

itions before the game in today's keep-it-close-to-your-chest style of football politics. The teams listed for the Eagles and Richmond in the VFL Record (admittedly named on Thursday night) bore no resemblance to the actual line-ups. Only a couple of obvious players like Mark Lee heading the Richmond ruck, rovers Wally Matera (Eagles) and Michael Mitchell (Richmond) in the forward pocket, Eagles wingman Peter Davidson and half-back Paul Peos and Mr Magic (centreman Maurice Rioli) started where they were nominated. But keep trying fellows, we need some sort of guide as to where people should play.

## GOOD MAIL

THE Western Mail newspaper had a special feature on the VFL season last week and one section had tongue-in-cheek comments from their writers about what they would like to see happen in 1987. Rookie writer Tim Newhouse said he would like to see Carlton wingman David Rhys-Jones avoid the tribunal. His wish lasted less than a week — the controversial Blue was among players reported in the opening round — but he got off.

## WELL DONE WEST

TALKING about newspapers, didn't our morning press, The West Australian, get right behind the Eagles opening game in fine style? Congratulations to chief football writer (and doyen of untold years) Geoff Christian and former Westside Football No. 1 writer Gary Stocks (plus all the other helpers) for producing a magnificent 12-page wrap-around telling everyone in WA about the Eagles.

## SUNSHINE DEMON

HERE'S one more on the Swans. If the club is superstitious, then they may have already seen the good omen that came their way last Friday night when the Brisbane Bears, the team most critics say will improve St Kilda's ranking in the VFL to second bottom for '87, beat highly-rated North Melbourne. The Perth wooden-spooners for '86 did their pre-season training in Queensland so the club must be hoping some of that luck for the Sunshine State will rub off on to them.

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## Will Perth succeed at the WACA?

PERTH going back to the WACA Ground...a good move or not?

Only time will tell.

But for 69 years, Perth — or the Redlegs as they were then — won only two premierships with the cricket ground as their home.

The move to Lathlain Park produced five premierships in 28 years.

Like all other teams, the Demons enjoyed a home ground advantage at the WACA and out of the last 100 games they played there, they won 65.

There is only two instances of a team scoring one goal in a game in postwar football and they are both at the cricket ground.

In 1945 Perth 17-33 walloped Claremont 1-3 and in 1956 on a water-logged ground, Perth 10-12 beat East Perth 1-4. On that day the Royals only goal came from a soccer kick, by Ted Kilmurray, which actually floated through late in the game.

### NEWCOMERS

THERE didn't seem to be too many new faces in last week's opening WAFL game in view of Eagles and VFL recruiting.

But in Melbourne, Collingwood tried out 11 new players — even though they did describe Royals pair Michael Christian (82 games) and Craig Starcevic (37 games) as new players.

The most new players used in the opening round in WAFL was back in

1916 when World War I took its toll on football.

West Perth played 13 new boys in the first game against Midland Junction. One of them, Pat Rodriguez, went on to become a leading goalkicker and the president of the league.

Midland won the game 12-16 to 0-10, which was the last time a team failed to score a goal in the senior WA competition.

Fifty years later, 1966, West Perth played nine new players in their opening game against Claremont, but the result this time favoured the Falcons.

### MORE GAMES

*LOOKING at the programme for the Eagles this year — 22 qualifying games, plus finals, plus maybe four games in the National Panasonic competition, plus practice matches — I'm reminded of the late 50s and early 60s.*

*In those days the most respected football writer, Austin Robertson, who played VFL and WA football, advocated a shorter season. The Vics were then playing 18 home and away games and WA 21. So what is happening now — they get longer and longer.*

### BAD OMEN

IT was 62 years ago when the VFL admitted three new teams to their competition — and they finished in the bottom three positions on the premiership ladder.

North Melbourne won five games, Footscray four and Hawthorn were wooden-spooners with three wins.

Of the three, Footscray recorded the highest score of the newcomers (15.10) — so that gives the Brisbane Bears a record first-up effort with their 137 points against North Melbourne.

### WELCOME OKE

*FOOTBALL players, supporters and the media should welcome John O'Connell to the post of football affairs manager at the WAFL. I don't know of anyone more qualified to take up this post. Another former Claremont player in Ian Brayshaw now holds a similar position with the WA Cricket Association.*

## EAGLE PROFILE

# Wally Matera



**NAME:** Wally Matera  
**CLUB:** West Coast Eagles  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Rover  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 9.9.63  
**HEIGHT:** 170cm **WEIGHT:** 64kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** Wagin and South Fremantle  
**FIRST PLAYED:** Vs East Fremantle  
**GAMES PLAYED:** South Fremantle 79, Finals 2  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1985 Fairest and best, South Fremantle. 1986 Runner-up fairest and best, South Fremantle  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**BROTHERS/SISTERS:** 6 brothers, 1 sister  
**OCCUPATION:** Plant operator  
**SCHOOL ATTENDED:** Wagin  
**CAR:** Ford X.D.  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Golf and beach  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Chinese

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Beer  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Dire Straits  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:** Capel, South West  
**FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT:** Fremantle  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** News and Murder She Wrote  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Raiders Of The Lost Ark  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Clint Eastwood  
**MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN:** Pat Cash  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing the finals in 1983  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning South Fremantle's fairest and best  
**NICKNAME:** Wally  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** Fremantle Oval  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play VFL

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## It's a new ball game

"WHAT footy game?" I said into the phone. "This weekend? Well, I suppose it'll pass a Sunday afternoon."

Thus, our introduction to Australian Rules, courtesy of Westside Football. As migrants of a couple of months, my husband and I were told we had to go to a game — at least once.

In Scotland, I'd gone to a dog fight before a soccer match (less violent for a start). But I'd seen the footy film "The Club" and reckoned all the body contact was contained in the field.

Even if it became a bit of a yawn, I thought, and I couldn't puzzle out the throw-ins, bounce balls, points and goals, at least it could be interesting watching 30-odd bronzed, butch Aussies sweating it out in the afternoon heat.

How wrong I was! Ten minutes into the first quarter and I was shrieking (in strong Scottish accent) for the Eagles.

Admittedly, there were a few quizzical glances from the supporters around

by  
**Sally Storie**



me as yells of "Cummoan the Eagles, gitint them!" were directed at the heroic team.

As a complete know-nothing, I found the atmosphere tremendous. American-style razzmatazz to set the scene, the Eagles own song blaring from the speakers, families having a happy day out.

"A shade more civilised than football in Edinburgh," I commented at one stage, sipping an icy beer from the esky in our box.

Scottish football support is an almost exclusively male domain. Only women of steely disposition would attempt to infiltrate the scene. Enjoyment? That doesn't really come into it. But there is usually the chance of a good fight on the way home from the match.

No, this is altogether a different ball game. And the Eagles couldn't have staged a more thrilling cliff-hanger for our initiation.

Yes, I admit it, we were heard to say after the third quarter: "Well, they tried anyway." I don't know what they were told in the next break, but very soon, they were "our lads" again. (It's amazing how fickle an itinerant supporter can be).

The next half hour is, by now, history. A glorious display of grit, goal after goal provoking crescendos of cheering, as the Eagles cruised to victory, the hapless Richmond disintegrating under the pressure.

It was a hoarse and emotionally-drained Scots couple who left the ground — definite converts to Aussie Rules. Book us our seats for the next home match!

Okay, so I'm no expert — yet. But one thing I know for sure, the Eagles deserved to win. Never mind the footy — they had the nicest legs.



## THIS WEEK'S GAMES

# Grand final teams have skill

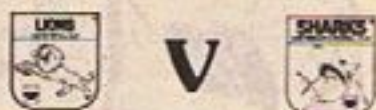
THE traditional grand final rematch to open the season will have some extra bite on Sunday with both East Fremantle and Subiaco determined to prove they are not spent forces in the WAFL competition.

Even with the formation of the West Coast Eagles, both sides still boast some great players.

The Sharks have the talents of captain Brian Peake, Colin Waterson, Shane Ellis and David Rankin — all men with VFL experience — to call on.

They have also been bolstered by the return of Ken Judge and Clinton Browning from Hawthorn.

Subiaco can expect more than half the side that took out the 1986 grand final to return to the hallowed Subiaco turf on Sunday and, importantly, will still have Hadyn Bunton at the coaching helm.



Both sides disappointed in the Kresta Cup, but were depleted by injuries. Graham Melrose and assistant coach Ron Wilcox were both at East Fremantle last year and tasted the pain of a grand final defeat — a harsh blow that can only be softened by a premiership in the following season.

Fiery rover David Bushell is sure to come of age this season, with the added responsibility of leading the roving division, while Ken Seymour and Brad Tunbridge will display their considerable, but untapped talents of last season.

Nobody really knows how Sunday's combatants have been affected by their player losses — the game at Subiaco Oval will go a long way toward telling us.

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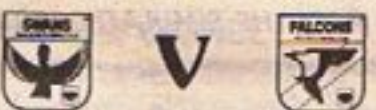
## Monteath holds trump cards

BRUCE Monteath versus John Todd — it's the classic coaching confrontation that will be served up at Bassendean Oval on Saturday.

Monteath, the pupil, will take on John Todd, the master, with Monteath holding the trump cards.

West Perth had their first taste of league football last week in their impressive win over East Perth, whereas Swans have only had the Kresta Cup games to hone their talents.

The Falcons are also likely to be blessed with the return of more Eagles, but Todd has one of league football's



most significant home-ground advantages and the disappointments of last year to fire up his players.

West Perth will look to Peter Menaglio and Les Fong for experience, while Swans will rely heavily on Eagles squad member Don Langford.

Swans showed a great deal of promise in the Kresta Cup — and Todd will be hoping that promise will be turned into four premiership points. But Monteath and his men have different ideas.

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## Tigers out to end long losing run

CLAREMONT will be hoping — and expecting — to end a seven-game losing streak on Saturday.

The Tigers, who take on Perth at home, last chalked up a league victory on July 12, 1986, when they beat South Fremantle by 13 points.

The clash is sure to be a torrid affair with the sides being guided by two of the game's tough men — Gerard Neesham and Mal Brown.

Both sides have classy full-forwards to convert possession into goals on the board. Warren Ralph topped the goalkicking from 1981 to 1983 before leaving Claremont for Carlton, while Mick Rea has headed the tally for the past two seasons.

Another player to make the trip from Carlton to Claremont, ruckman Peter Higgins, is sure to provide one of WA's best ruckmen of last year, Ian Newman, with a stern test.

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## Royals out for revenge

SOUTH Fremantle travelled to Mandurah in the second week of last season — and were beaten by Perth. This year only their opponents differ.

East Perth will be on the rebound after last week's loss to West Perth and will be hoping the country air gives them a much-needed pick-me-up on Sunday.

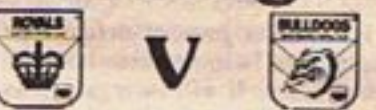
Coaches Stan Magro and Gerard McNeill — both in their first full season of league coaching — know the importance of the country clash.

Magro will want to kick off the season in fine style, while McNeill will be hoping to get the East Perth machine back on the rails.

Ruck-rover Glyn Williams played superbly in a losing side last week and the Royals will be relying on him to provide their drive out of the centre.

South Fremantle look a revitalised side this season with the return of Mark Jackson from four VFL clubs and the blossoming of ruckman Dean Irving.

Mandurah will again provide a great



setting for a game of football and victory in the country could well provide the springboard for an assault on the four.

# Now we're ready for Windy Hill

WHEN a WA composite team was accepted into the expanded VFL competition for 1987, football officialdom could not have hoped for a better start to its campaign than what happened at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

The team became known as the West Coast Eagles and in four tests against VFL clubs they have come up trumps.

First there was the National Panasonic night pre-season match against Footscray, then there was a powerful practice match victory over Essendon, followed by another National Panasonic Cup win over Fitzroy.

That laid a solid foundation for the Eagles opening VFL match against Richmond at Subiaco Oval last Sunday — and the Eagles soared again. But, as in their two night games, they again had to rely on a blistering last quarter finish.

The Eagles have captured the imagination of the WA football public, with almost 30,000 people turning out for their opening game.

For years WA fans have complained bitterly about heavy losses to the VFL, but now our players have the opportunity to play in the strongest competition in the country — and Perth fans can see them on local soil.

This Saturday the Eagles face one of the biggest challenges since their inception — a tough Essendon side at Windy Hill. If they can overcome that hurdle then they are well on their way to success.

And that would earn them even greater support in the West.

West Australians are proud of their football heritage and nothing has ever been quite as pleasing as beating the Vics.

In recent years WA has enjoyed success in interstate matches, but now we have the opportunity to inflict defeat upon the Victorians almost every week.

The success of the Eagles has also generated a great deal of financial backing — the most lucrative offered by the Burswood Island Resort Casino.

Burswood have sponsored the Eagles for \$1 million over the next two years with an additional \$500,000 incentive to win the premiership first-up — a quest which is not impossible.

Many VFL club teams find the trip to Windy Hill a fruitless one — so the Eagles' task of winning at the home of Essendon is daunting.

The Eagles may have whipped the Bombers in a pre-season game at Subiaco Oval, but this time one of Victoria's most prized possessions — four premiership points — is up for grabs.

Essendon disappointed last year, just scraping into the five and then



Michael Brennan ... key defender.

dipping out in the elimination final. But they showed they were back to their best last week with a 59-point demolition of Footscray.

Coach Kevin Sheedy will be desperate to snuff out the challenge from the West, that is promising to be as dangerous as those of Princes Park tenants Hawthorn and Carlton.

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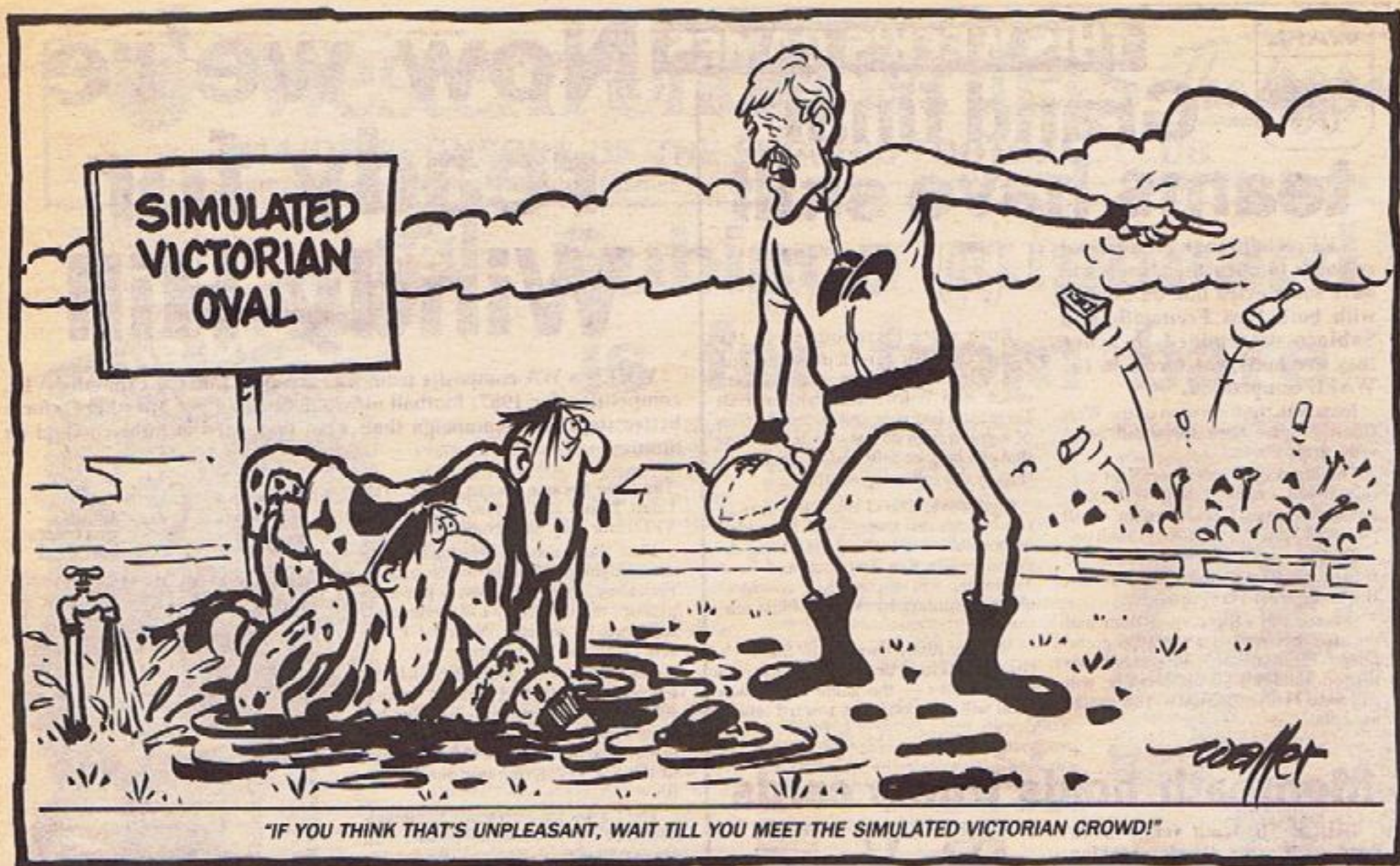
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GEORGE TEMPLE	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon
ROBERT BENNETT	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon
GRANT DORRINGTON	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	East Perth	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon
IAN MILLER	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon
MARK JACKSON	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon
MOST FAVOURED	1	Claremont	East Fremantle	West Perth	South Fremantle	Essendon



"IF YOU THINK THAT'S UNPLEASANT, WAIT TILL YOU MEET THE SIMULATED VICTORIAN CROWD!"

## BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



# Umpiring needs to be reviewed

BACK in the dim, dark past I was covering a match at Fremantle Oval. The umpire was Ray Montgomery, who was in the twilight of his career.

He had trouble keeping up with the game and I suggested in my match review that if the league was going to persist with a 42-year-old umpire, then they should buy him a bike to keep up with the game. (Montgomery was to respond. "If you buy me a bike, I'll buy you a poison pen.")

Since then I have made it a policy not to criticise umpires.

But after watching the West Coast Eagles-Richmond encounter, I believe a word on the umpiring is necessary.

Eagles coach Ron Alexander was obviously unhappy with some of the things that transpired during the match.

### EVASIVE

Understandably, he bit his tongue when questioned on the subject at the post-match media conference.

From the crowd reaction it would appear many of the 30,000-odd people who were at the match believed the Victorian umpires gave the West Aussie team a raw deal.

I don't believe that was necessarily the case. But I do believe that Aussie Rules football is going to be the big loser if that kind of umpiring persists.

You only have to analyse the number of free kicks given during the match to realise what I'm talking about. Only 30 were given for the whole match — and there were only three in the last quarter.

It's all right to let the game flow and it seems that the VFL umpires have been instructed to do that at all costs.

But what about the rules?

If someone gets grabbed by the ankle, is tackled around the neck or blatantly shoved in the back, then they should be penalised.

This didn't happen on Sunday.

### RUGBY FASHION

In fact, at times the game resembled rugby. Players were allowed to keep the ball moving in rugby fashion.

I've no objection to that. But I do object to the rules being flagrantly ignored.

If that is going to be the case, then the rules should be changed.

It's one thing for the VFL to instruct their umpires on how they should control the game; but it's quite another thing that the football public should be ignored.

It's no wonder people scream and hurl abuse at umpires when they see them totally ignoring blatant infringements, as was the case on Sunday.

### ADMINISTER

Umpires should administer the laws, not be put in the situation of making arbitrary decisions.

That's when you get accusations of bias.

Some VFL critics have accused Alexander of squealing.

But he's no slouch. He'll respond to the current umpiring just as he did with the mauling tactics adopted to retard players who have taken a mark.

But it comes down to the point — do we want Aussie Rules or rugby?

## Timely Bonus for Sharks

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose must be pleased to have a player of the class of Clinton Browning return to the club — an unexpected, but timely bonus.

Browning's experience will add further depth to the Sharks formidable line up.

But his decision would not have come easily.

He has had to swallow one 'heap' of pride to come back after failing to make the grade with VFL premiers Hawthorn.

Browning spent all last season languishing in the Hawthorn reserves — with opportunities at league level deserting him.

Regardless of that disappointment, Browning has been exposed to Melbourne football and will be better for the experience. But there is no future in playing reserves football in Melbourne when he has a league future back in the WAFL, with the chance to represent the State again.

### HISTORIC WIN

FROM the jaws of defeat came the Eagles first win in their historic VFL debut game. It will be a game that will live in the players memories — just like that first State of Origin game, which I'm sure all my team-mates remember as much as I do.

There were some great individual performances from players on both sides.

Maurice Rioli was outstanding, always saving his best for Subiaco Oval and Wally Matera's four-quarter effort wasn't far behind.

The big effort put in by Steve Malaxos was under-rated by many. He was superb in getting the 'hard' ball out when it counted. Malaxos was obviously pleased to be back in the VFL with another opportunity to show his worth.

But now comes the Melbourne invitation this weekend — Essendon's Windy Hill, somewhat different to Subiaco Oval and 30,000-plus biased fans. What a challenge and an experience.

I just hope that in the flight over coach Ron Alexander and his selectors

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



## IAN MILLER

can find a centre-half-forward because it was a trouble-spot last week before Ross Glendinning was moved there in the final term.

### BALANCE OF POWER

THERE is no doubt that the performances of some teams this season will depend on the availability of Eagles players. The addition of two or three experienced and skilled players could make that difference between victory or defeat.

Last Sunday was a case in point as West Perth, under new coach Bruce Monteath proved too strong for East Perth with a very good team performance. Two of the best players on ground were John Gastev and Sean King, who dominated midfield.

West Perth have the capacity to win without their Eagles players, but against an inexperienced East Perth that extra skill put the icing on the cake.

### ROYALS FIGHT ON

THE player-loss at most clubs has been well publicised this season, but one cannot help feel for East Perth after watching them on Sunday.

At the end of season '86 they were definite final four contenders this year. But how can you replace players like Craig Starcevic, Michael Christian, Alex Ishchenko, Glenn Bartlett, Paul Peos, Steve Da Rui and Richard Dennis?

The Royals lack experience, but from what I saw last week it is not total despair. There was some very encouraging signs with young players like Howard Cropley, Peter Hooper, Justin Cook and Clayton Lewis all impressing first up.

Skilled players like Glynn Williams, Grant Campbell, David Bain and Darren Best gained plenty of possessions, but will need to improve dramatically on disposal and conversion up forward.

The missed opportunities in front of goal in the first quarter proved very costly.



## Changing fortunes

ISN'T it easy to be wrong in our great game of Australian football?

Listening to different radio commentaries at last Sunday's Eagles game produced some amazing summaries at half-time and then at the three-quarter time break.

No-one gave the Eagles a chance when they went into the three-quarter time break 33 points behind ... and rightly so.

Their third term left a lot to be desired when it came to commitment.

Comments such as "the lead the Tigers have is a winning one" — "no way can the Tigers lose this game, they are playing too well," came forth from the experts.

Ten minutes after the break, the experts were having to eat humble pie and find a way to explain what they really meant.

Being one of the so-called experts myself, it just goes to show that our great game is never won till the final siren.

No-one knows what will happen next, so I suppose the old saying of "sit on the fence" is the best to follow if you don't want to make a prediction.

Thank goodness our experts do have a go and make comments about how they feel the game will proceed. It makes great listening and creates talk among the football world.

Football needs to be kept in the mind of all supporters so that our game continues to grow.

So experts, keep up the good work — your thoughts create a thousand conversations.

## DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



### BEST OF LUCK, GREG

AFTER coaching the Teal Cup team for the past three years, I believed it was time for a change.

I thoroughly enjoyed those years in a competition that is the best showpiece of junior football our game has to offer.

To work with outstanding young players is an experience as many coaches as possible should be given.

I had the privilege of coaching players of the calibre of Craig Starcevich, Guy McKenna, Danny Penny, Paul Peos, Chris Lewis, John Worsfold, Scott Watters, Chris Waterman, Peter Sumich, Brad Mumme, Richard Graham and so on. The list of talented young men is unbelievably long, a credit to the magnificent junior development system we have in the West.

To have also been the coach of WA's first Australian junior champions in 1985 will long remain one of my football highlights.

The young men in that team were not only greatly talented, but tremendous people with real personal character; players who I will always admire and respect.

The Teal Cup has great standing in our State's football calendar and must have the continued support of all league clubs to allow it to maintain its credibility.

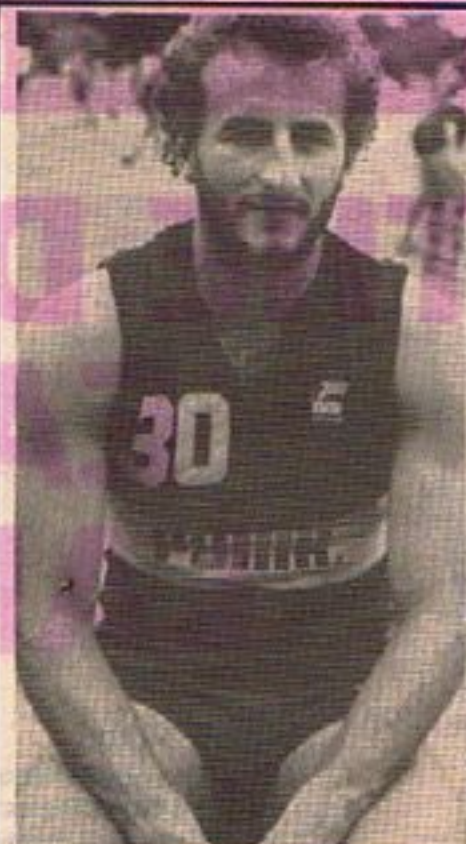
I was pleased to hear that Greg Brehaut has been appointed Teal Cup coach for 1987.

I know Greg considers it an honour and has already developed a program to win the cup back.

He has the first ingredient, good men around him. Selectors Stan Nowotny and Chris Mitsopolous are solid football men who have contributed an enormous amount. Added to them is John Duckworth, who I believe will be of great assistance.

Though I'm not officially involved, I'm still a keen follower of this competition and have offered to help in any way possible to bring back the cup to the best junior football State in Australia — Western Australia.

Best of luck, Greg.



John Gastev ... determined.

### "KEEP AT IT JOHN"

WHEN a youngster named Gastevich began playing in the reserves competition several years ago, I couldn't help but notice his commitment to hard work on the football field.

He always ran hard and never surrendered.

The next thing I noticed was a program spelling error when I read John Gastev. But after checking with the Falcons, I was told John had changed his name.

This didn't change his desire to succeed and he began to be a regular league player with West Perth.

Gastev has made unspectacular, steady progress in the football world and was rewarded for his efforts by being selected in the Eagles squad.

Against Essendon in the pre-season match he had to wait till half-time to get his chance. What a great second half he had.

His performance was outstanding enough to convince the football world that Gastev can play at the highest level.

It was no doubt disappointing for him to miss the opening fixture against Richmond and then have to front for the Falcons as 30,000 people left the ground.

But again Gastev's football credibility grew with a winning performance against the Royals.

He never stopped working at the drop of the ball and finished his work off by kicking three goals.

The character of Gastev (who I have never met) will continue to show through as he earns his regular game, the hard way, with the Eagles.

Keep at it John, you deserve the rewards the game can offer — through hard work and commitment.

# Don't humiliate our lifeblood

CONGRATULATIONS to all players in the East Perth versus West Perth game last Sunday — your performance first-up for season '87 was a great indication that the WAFL season will continue to see worthwhile games.

It was an extremely hard act to follow after such a marvellous game as the Eagles versus Richmond.

The analogy would be having a local rock band perform their best songs after a Dire Straits or Billy Joel concert.

How can the local league hope to match the previous game? No way whatsoever. In fact, it only works in reverse, it downgrades the WAFL game.

The league must take action immediately and change all future double-header fixtures that involve the Eagles.

The commentators calling the Royals-Falcons game kept referring to the magnificent earlier match and did a great job trying to keep the listening football world believing this game was as great.

This is hard for people to do and the only loser is our local fixtures.

Imagine the feeling of the players in the WAFL game as 30,000 supporters leave the ground all walking on "cloud nine" after seeing a magnificent battle between the Eagles and Tigers.

Watching 30,000 backs walking away doesn't do the players' ego much good

and only destroys our local competition.

The WAFL fixtures have been going for 100 years and now, more than ever, needs careful attention and decision-making.

Alright, we have tried the double-header with the VFL. It didn't work. Let's go for more night games and leave the WAFL to show its goods on its own.

The local competition has some first-class young players and some emerging names to show off this year. Don't humiliate a competition that has been the lifeblood of Australian football in the West.

## Wheelchair jockeys cop it again

ACCESS to Subiaco Oval for those of us who get around in wheelchairs is through a door at the back of the main grandstand, up in a lift to the first floor and then around to the bays which are marked for our use.

In 1986 things went smoothly and we had no problems. The WAFL got behind us and sorted things out to a degree where we have what might be considered some of the best viewing positions in Australia.

I arrived at the Eagles match and went to the usual door to be met by the very pleasant lass who was the door keeper. She told me that she could not take money or sell me a ticket. I would have to go back to join a queue and once I had purchased a ticket I could then enter the stand.

My mate Kevin Cunningham was sitting with this lass and he said that he had just asked a boy to get a ticket for him. The boy was away doing his best when I arrived.

But no-one at the windows had heard of any pension concessions and they shovelled him from one window to another before he finally gave up.

I wasn't in the best frame of mind when I pushed out the door, past three or four "Rocky Bay" kids in their electric wheelchairs and headed for the queue.

There were lines of people who seemed to be going nowhere at a slow pace.

Fortunately for me I came across a familiar face not far back from a window and I asked him to get me a ticket.

My ticket said that I had a seat in the stand. That was handy because I didn't need one. I was already seated. This meant that if 20 wheelchairs were in their bays there would be 20 empty seats somewhere.

It was time for some kind of action so I went looking for the WAFL's chief executive, Peter Cumiskey, and explained the situation to him. He went off to see what he could do.

A few years ago we played a wheelchair series in Melbourne and some of us went along to a Carlton-Collingwood game and as far as I can recall the Vic's made no provision for their disabled at all.

Things may have changed and if it has I would like to know what provisions have been made at places like the M.C.G. or Waverley.

At this point I want to make one thing clear. We do not want to get in free if every one else is paying. All we are asking for is a fair go. No more, no less.

I want to make the following points on behalf of the doorkeeper.

- She needs:
1. A proper ticket box to operate from. This might allow her to handle money, if required, more efficiently and with a degree of safety.
  2. A list of prices for disabled entry should be on display so that we have some idea of costs. People like myself who are working should be charged



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

### FROM WHERE I SIT

whatever is deemed a fair thing considering we bring our own chairs.

3. Where attendants are needed to help, such as in the case of the Rocky Bay kids, some concession should be given to a limited number of people.

4. If a ticket box can't be set up, then a special season's pass should be available at an appropriate cost on the production of a doctor's certificate.

And I would just like to comment on the loud-mouthed yahoo in the chair who took his frustrations out on our door keeper.

She doesn't make the rules — she just does her job. Abuse that girl again and we'll let you know what peer pressure is all about. You give us a bad name.

# THE DAY EAGLES LANE

### WHAT a day!

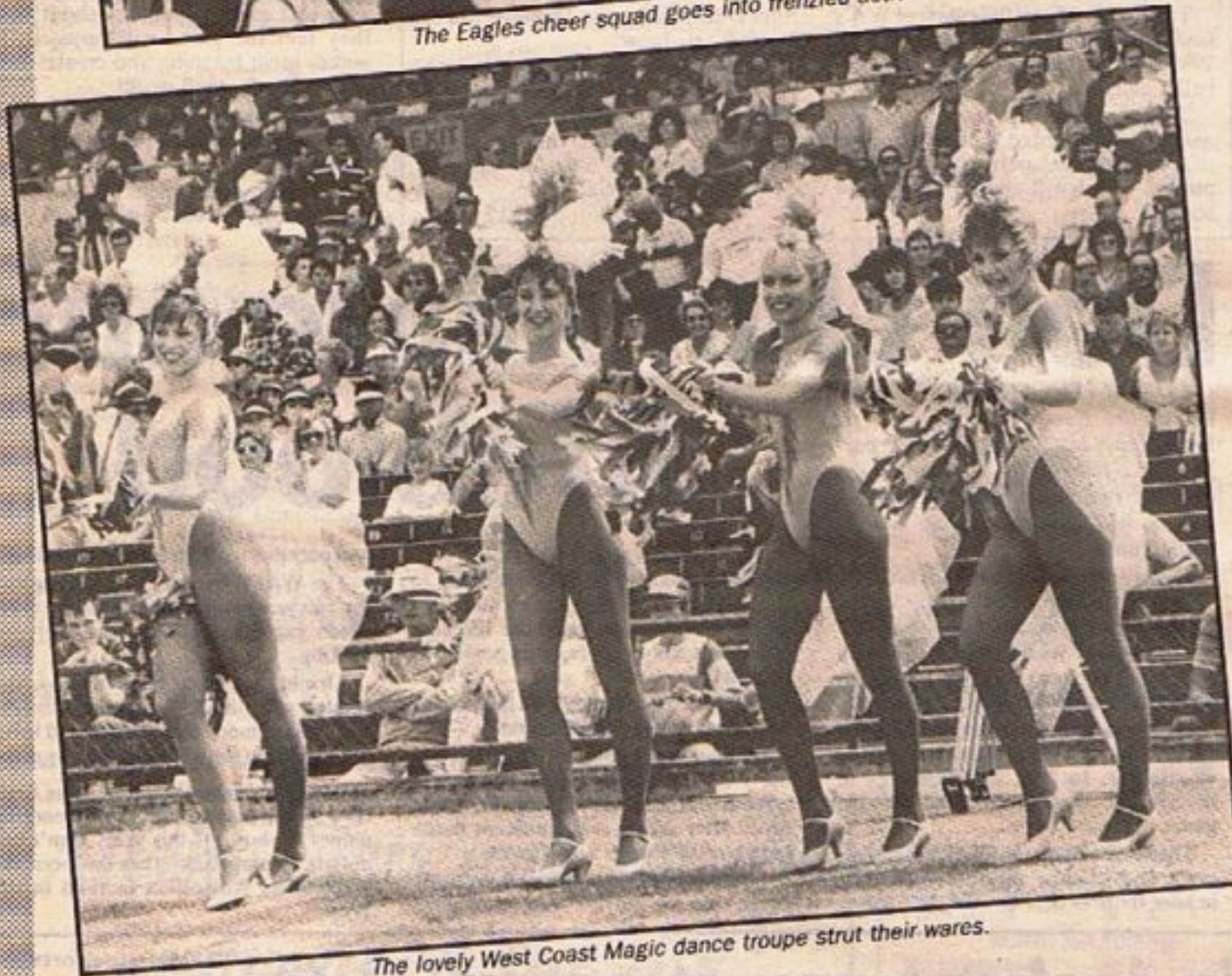
A script writer could not have present day the West Coast Eagles entered th

A tough, relentless first half with onl surge by Richmond to take a stranglho And then that miraculous fightback by points.

A magnificent day all round — and o sphere before, during and after the bi



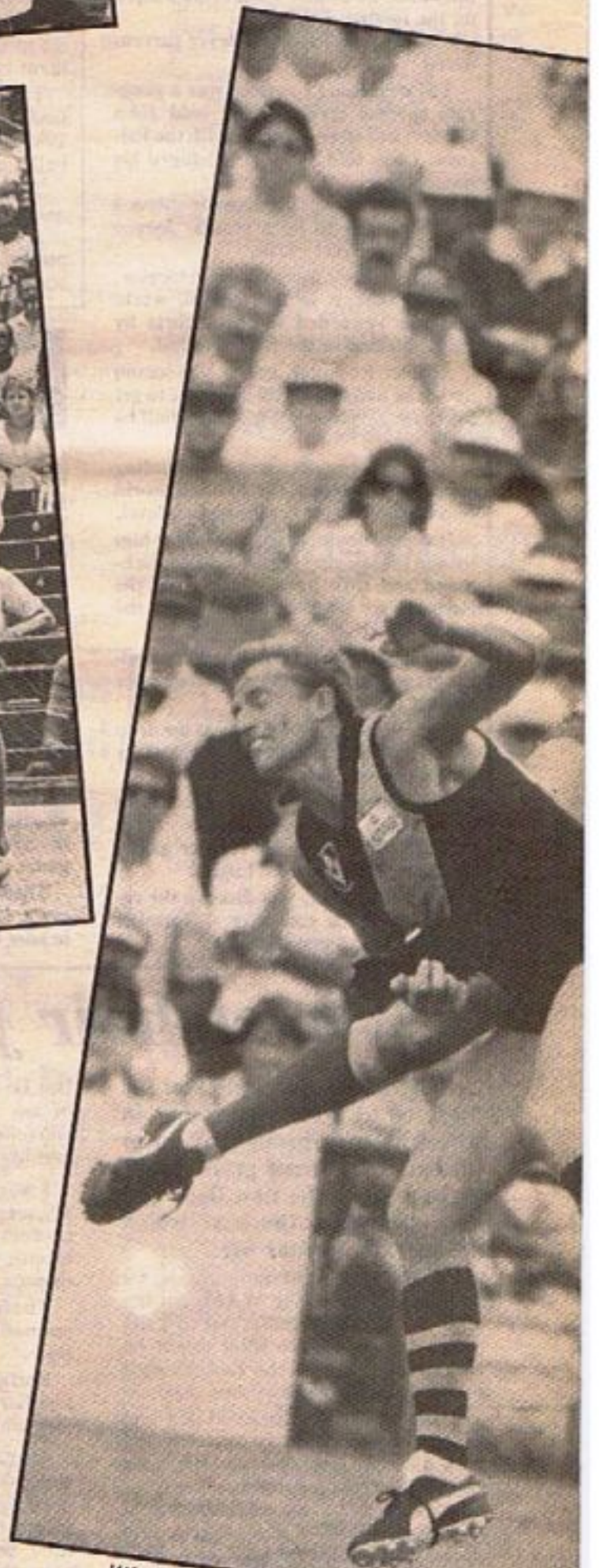
The Eagles cheer squad goes into frenzied action.



The lovely West Coast Magic dance troupe strut their wares.



Tough times ... Adrian Barich had a one-eyed view of the game after suffering a fractured cheekbone.



WA skipper Ross Glendinning soars over a Richmond to start another Eagles thrust.

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ld on the game and lead by 33 points.  
the Eagles to see them home by 14

ur photographers captured the atmo-  
g game.



Tired ... but we're feeling terrific. (Back, from left) Wally Matara, Darren Bennett, Steve Malaxos, Dean Laidley, Laurie Keene and Alex Ishchenko; (front) Murray Wrensted, Ross Glendinning and Paul Peos.



Go for it ... so says Ron Alexander at three-quarter time.



Richmond were not disgraced ... nor were they not represented as their cheer squad also flew to Perth.



nd defender



Rookies Chris Lewis and Andrew MacNish leave the ground ... tired and beset by fans, with the scoreboard telling the story.

## WHAT THEY SAID

"The players I have spoken to want to be involved in the VFL. If they can't do it in Adelaide, they'll go elsewhere to do it." SA rover Tony McGuinness after his VFL debut with Footscray.

"Clubs cannot afford to have highly-paid players in the reserves. The salary cap has seen to that." Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans on the lack of depth in VFL clubs today.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people outside the ground will not see the start of this historic game." Football writer and commentator Geoff Christian.

"The old fella can still play footy." ABC commentator George Grljusich after Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning had sparked a last-term fightback.

"I think we'll do alright." Eagles rookie Chris Lewis on the eve of the big game.

"I know it's probably a conceited point of view, but we should win. I know every player will give an excellent account of themselves." Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning before the opening game.

"It's a real slap in the face for people who supported the WAFL over many years." Radio 6PR critic Percy Johnson complaining that former players holding life membership passes for reach 150 games were unable to use them for the VFL fixture.

"We are bitterly disappointed with the WAFL's complete lack of courtesy. The lack of information concerned us greatly." West Perth chief executive Graeme Pleydell on the opening of the season.

"There have been some problems and we are anxious to solve them." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey.

"Wilson is playing like a real Tiger." Radio 6WF caller Trevor Jenkins as Richmond's Peter Wilson lost his cool.

"The breeze is worth two or three goals — providing you've got the football." Graham Farmer on 6IX.

"Everything was just great at three-quarter-time. I just wish the players would stop setting themselves such a hard last-quarter task." Eagles coach Ron Alexander after the last-quarter fight-back.

"They're a mob of supermen." Richmond coach Tony Jewell.

"It's a different ball game to playing in the night matches. There's lots more pressure." Eagles wingman Phil Narkle.

"This is about as close as I'll ever get to the foot action — and the girls." Radio 6IX's Jim Beam boundary-side before the Eagles ran out onto Subiaco Oval.

"Success in football comes with winning matches. No amount of up-market promotion will compensate for on-field failure." Daily News sports editor Robbie Burns on the Eagles' responsibility.

"This type of football is here to stay. It won't be long before we've got a second side in the VFL." Graham Farmer on the Eagles in the VFL.

"Gary's held in high regard by everyone at Hawthorn — the players and myself. We welcome him back." Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans.

"I was certain our guys were as good man for man." Brisbane Bears coach Peter Knights after their win over North Melbourne.

"We should be thirsting for champagne football when the big games start. Instead, we have had a sip or two of Summer Wine." Western Mail sports editor Len Findlay calling for a more positive start to the football season.

"I'd like to see the Eagles win the VFL flag and then get beaten by a combined WAFL side." Channel 7's Dennis Cometti writing tongue-in-cheek in The Western Mail.

"It was a dream, a long-range plan because we could see that the outlook for the local competition was not good." Indian Pacific chairman Richard Colless on the eve of the Eagles VFL debut.

"I'm very impressed with the Eagles. The commitment, dedication and pride simply reeks from the players." Burswood Casino chief Ed Posey on the eve of the big game.

## KWIK COURIERS INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents

# Grim warning from a critic

BROWNLOW medallist Neil Roberts says that football has lost some of its "soul" and he is concerned that the health of the game is not what it should be.

Writing in Victoria's Sunday Press newspaper, Roberts said that football was not as virile as it was 20 years ago though players tackle better, run faster, kick as far and jump as high as they ever did.

"Two major things are wrong — the sport has been taken from the common man and the players haven't got the depth of feeling they once had," he said.

"I believe football has lost some of its soul — it has been dehumanised.

### SPACEWALK

"We also stand a real chance, with this national spacewalk we are going on, that the game will fall apart in Melbourne and more teams will vanish down the gurgler."

Roberts says the dollar is the boogie man because money bends minds.

"Now we have a national league and commercialisation. Frankly I have my doubts whether sponsorship will continue to support the game.

"Big sponsors have already pulled out, others are getting harder to find. The expenses of running a simple game have grown out of hand.

"Footballers will have to realise that they must put more in if they are to take so much out of the game.

"Here we have the VFL, a great

commodity, dressing up as a national showpiece," Roberts said.

This is where the former Brownlow medallist raises his most heartbreaking fears.

He questions how much the supporter will get out of the game now?; Will he/she take their children to follow the game like a religion and will the supporter even leave the lounge room with so much television coverage.

"Some commentators are saying nationalisation is the greatest thing to happen to the game."

"But a large slice of Melbourne, including officials of leading clubs and some coaches, warned that the parent State was too sick for expansion.

"We've had a sick, uneven competition before but I don't think the health of football has ever been more precarious — and all in the name of progress.

## Cool Capper clouts Collingwood

WRITTEN off for all money in 1987, the Sydney Swans, led by a nine-goal burst from the high-leaping full forward Warwick Capper, blitzed the Collingwood Magpies at Victoria Park last Sunday.

For any Collingwood supporter, the game was over after 22 minutes when the Swans led by 33 points and at half-time were 14.10 to the Pies 3.3

And it was Capper who made the black and whites turn a deeper shade of red as he piled on his goals and inflicted an embarrassing defeat.

The Swans won by 91 points, 25.14 (164) to Collingwood's 11.8 (74) — their biggest winning margin over them.

Seven of Capper's goals came from marks, three of them brilliant, and he even managed a snap goal with his left foot to rub salt into the already deep wounds.

And each time he scored, the Swan with a lion's mane of hair gestured wildly to the crowd and when it looked certain he would equal the 10-goal club record for his club against Collingwood by Bob Pratt, Capper was taken from the ground.

Sydney coach Tom Hafey said: "We took him from the ground because we can't afford the boy getting hurt."

But it wasn't only Capper that shot the Magpies down. The Swans out-gunned the Pies in all areas of the ground.

Through players like wingmen David Murphy, David Bolton, captain Dennis Carroll, half-back flanker Mark Browning, former South Fremantle and Glenelg player Wayne Henwood and, of course, Capper, the Swans had too much speed, strength and skill and hence possessions for Collingwood.

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# WHO'S WHO IN WEST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL 1987

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## How WA players performed

	KICKS	H/BALLS	MARKS	SCORE
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Warren Dean	7	3	5	2-2
Alan Johnson	18	1	3	2-3
Earl Spalding	14	4	2	1-0
Steve Turner	8	1	4	—
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	12	5	7	2-0
Stephen McCann	7	4	1	—
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	13	3	2	1-1
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Michael Mitchell	—	—	—	3-1
Maurice Rioli	—	—	—	2-2
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Wayne Henwood	5	1	2	1-1
Phil Holden	3	7	1	—
John Ironmonger	5	2	4	—
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	6	2	3	—
Craig Starcevic	13	8	9	3-0
Brian Taylor	6	2	3	2-1
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	17	16	6	1-2
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	5	—	3	2-3
Phil Cronan	4	6	2	—
Andrew Purser	6	3	3	—
Murray Rance	10	2	1	—
<b>GEE LONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	18	5	8	0-3
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
Brad Hardie	7	3	2	2-3
Mike Richardson	12	14	3	0-1
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Brad Shine	14	5	1	—
Peter Sartori	5	4	3	1-0

# RESERVES ROUND-UP

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

DURING the pre-season competition, football supporters have had the chance to witness first hand the double headers that will be in operation this season.

While I'm sure this idea has merit, I'm also quite convinced that a lot of supporters would like to see their own reserves side in action rather than watch two "enemy" clubs fight it out. I hope for football's sake that the reserves and under-19 competitions will not be pushed into the background — after all that is where most of our league stars come from.

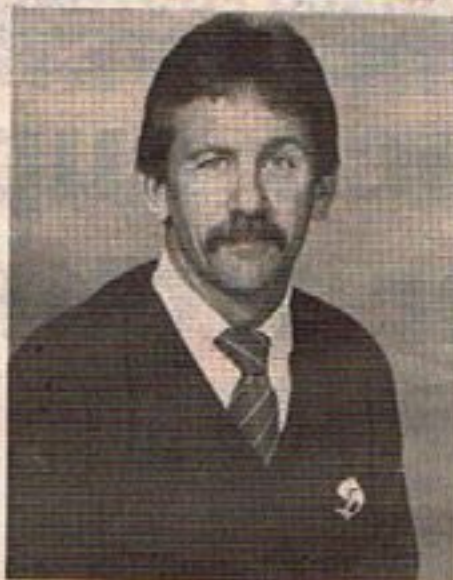
## PATIENCE PAYS OFF

ONE player that appears to have developed since last season is East Perth's Gavin Howlett. Howlett was handed the important centre role in pre-season matches and has relished the added responsibility. Before this season Howlett struggled to make regular league appearances since joining East Perth from Donnybrook. But with heavy player losses at Perth Oval this season, Howlett's patience and persistence have could finally pay off.

## MISSING PLAYERS

ANOTHER club to suffer from severe player losses is Subiaco. As many as 10 members from last year's grand final side will be missing this year. The Lions will be looking to their young players for big efforts in 1987. Former Teal Cup player Stephen Hazel looks capable of being part of Subiaco's surge to stay at the top. Hazel is a solidly-built centreman/ruck-rover blessed with pace, fine skills and an excellent kick which suggests that with the right attitude and plenty of commitment he could be a fine player for the club in years to come.

by  
**Ben Stinga**



Ron Wilcox ... a Sharks stalwart.

## LOYAL COACH

EAST Fremantle reserves coach Ron Wilcox is proving to be a real stalwart down in Sharks territory. After playing with East Fremantle, he moved to the South Suburban league as a coach before returning to the club as colts coach. Now he is Graham Melrose's right-hand man, with the responsibility of coaching the reserves side this season.

## TAKING A CHANCE

FORMER Mt Lawley amateur star Justin Cook showed that there are benefits in playing a season in the reserves before finally going on to play senior football. Cook has a fine season of reserves football in 1986. Many East Perth fans considered him unlucky not to crack a league match. Last Sunday Cook grabbed the opportunity to play league football — showing that he has the height and mobility to cause problems for opposing sides. He is also able to bring smaller players into the game with his intelligent and unselfish play.

# adidas PLAYER PROFILES



**Full Name:** John Scott.  
**Nickname:** Scotty. **Why? Surname.**  
**Date of Birth:** 10/9/60. **Place of Birth:** Subiaco.  
**Height:** 183cm (6ft). **Weight:** 78kg (12st, 4lb). **Age Started Playing:** 8.  
**Previous Club/s:** East Perth. **Junior Club:** East Perth, Highgate.  
**Marital Status:** Married — Leonie.  
**Residence:** —  
**Occupation:** Clerk. **Place of Work:** —  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Cricket, ball sports.  
**Favourite Position:** Full-forward. **First Position:** Back-pocket.  
**League Debut:** 1980. **Versus:** Claremont.  
**YOUR FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Clint Eastwood. **Drink:** FM milk.  
**TV Show:** Hill St Blues. **Food:** Steak.  
**Movie:** Dirty Harry. **Music:** Pop.  
**Book:** — **Holiday Resort:** —  
**Ground:** Subiaco Oval.  
**Your Car:** Falcon. **Your Favourite Car:** Falcon.  
**Career Highlights:** Kicking 11 goals.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** —  
**Hard Things in Football:** Everything.  
**Football Idols:** —  
**Toughest Opponent:** The next. **Most Respected Opponent:** All.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** All.  
**Most Memorable Game:** First.  
**Ambitions:** Keep playing football.  
**What do you like about Football:** Everything.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** —  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Myself.  
**Guemsey Number:** 24. **Any Reason:** —  
**Superstitions:** Nil.  
**Worst Injury:** Broken ankle.  
**Luckiest Break:** Playing league football.



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# SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE



THIS weekly Sandover Medal Guide is designed to help the keen football follower keep track of Sandover Medal fancies. Each week we list the major media voting on a 3-2-1 basis. Though the medal is now decided on a 5-4-3-2-1 voting system, many media organisations have opted to stay with the old best-three-on-the-ground voting. Cut this weekly form guide out and clip it in a file as an easy-to-read indicator as the season marches on. There is space provided under the umpires heading to record their official votes on Sandover Medal night.

Mr Robin Sandover presents last year's Sandover Medal to South Fremantle captain Mark Bairstow.



MARCH 29	Sunday Times	6IX	6PR	6NR	Daily News	West Australian	Westside Football	Umpires
West Perth v East Perth	Ray Wilson Gastev (WP) Williams (EP) Foley (WP)	Phil Mulcahy Foley King (WP) Campbell (EP)	J.K. Watts Foley King Campbell	Les Mumme Williams Gastev Foley	Tony Carr Gastev Williams Foley	Gary Stocks Williams Gastev Foley	Alan East Gastev King Williams	Ball/Vernon



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**YOUR CLUB IN '87**

## Subiaco cupboard is far from bare



Stephen Hooper ... impressive in under-19s last season.

THE rags-to-riches story is complete and the embarrassing years at Subiaco Oval — when the 1986 premiers were labouring at the foot of the league table — seem far away.

But bathing in that glory won't win premierships, as Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton knows only too well.

In 1985, Bunton's Lions came close to the impossible, reaching the grand final but losing to East Fremantle. Bunton vowed to seek revenge and men like Laurie Keene, Phil Scott, Glen O'Loughlin, Dwayne Lamb, Andrew MacNish, and Mark Zanotti fulfilled their long-harboured potential to become stars and guide Subiaco to their sixth premiership.

These players have gone to the VFL with the West Coast Eagles and also departed are Stephen Sells, Michael Crutchfield, and Warren Dean and the evergreen Peter Featherby.

Those 10 vacancies will open up the way for many unknowns keen to make their first appearance in a WAFL league match.

Subiaco officials appear well pleased with their recruits, particularly East Perth ruckman Shane Cocker.

Cocker played 54 league games with the Royals after making his debut in 1981 and is the most experienced of Subiaco's ruckmen with Keene and Scott on Eagles duties.

The ruck is a little inexperienced, with Stephen Hooper, an impressive under-19s player and Peter Torpy, a Teal Cup product.

Bernie Sloan, from Carlton, has the ability to play in the forward line and was a winner of his club's under-19 fairest and best award two seasons ago. Graham Jones played one league game with the Sydney Swans and looms as the man for the back pocket in place of Lamb.

Subiaco has had a junior development program in operation as part of its revival plan and this year, in the absence of the 'stars', it could pay real dividends.

Richard Caldwell, Bill Monaghan, Grant Robson, the Piggott brothers, Darren and Gavin (from Dalwallinu), Rod McDougall (Bunbury) and Darren Nicholas from Kalgoorlie all have the potential to play league this season.

Robson goes straight into the league squad from the colts after winning the Medallists medal as the under-19s fairest and best player last year. He is a good performer on the half-back flank. Langdon played three games for the Lions in '86 on the half-forward line and both Piggotts are more than 6.4 (193cm) in height and can be used on the ball, at centre-half-forward, full forward or at the other end of the ground at full back.

Subiaco has made 1987 a rebuilding year for players to become accustomed to the pace of league football and the playing style of coach Bunton. But they issue this warning: "We'll be competitive when it counts. Look out for us when the finals come around."



Mark Brown ... a recruit from Bunbury

And with players as experienced as captain Neil Taylor, Clinton Brown, Phil Lamb, Clinton Roberts, Kevan Sparks, Brian Tylor, Bevan Warner, Michael Mort, Greg Wilkinson and Rod Willett to mould these rookies into league regulars, the Lions could again have the last roar.



(Left to right): John McElwee, Rod McDougall and Graham Jones all have a chance of playing league foot ball this season.

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# Sharks have power in all departments

**YOUR CLUB IN '87**

EAST Fremantle have been a power in WAFL football in the mid-1980s — but 1987 sees the club lose a whole school of players to the West Coast Eagles, plus coach Ron Alexander.

It could be said that the Sharks have been fished out. But into the fold comes a new coach ready to rebuild the Port team for the 1990s.

Former East Fremantle and Swan Districts captain Graham Melrose, undaunted by the exodus of quality players from the club, is keen to bring on young recruits and develop them into a strong playing unit.

Stars like Peter Wilson, Murray Wrensted, Paul Harding, Gerard Neesham, Darren Bennett, Andrew Lockyer, Chris Mainwaring and Michael Brennan might be gone. But there is plenty of talent remaining such as Brian Peake, George Christie, Shane Ellis, Stephen Green, David Rankin, Colin Waterson and Tony Solin, who will be the nucleus of the Melrose plan.

Melrose has always believed in giving players time to develop and that is why he has no plans of chasing a premiership in his first year — but his players may have other ideas.

The feeling in the Shark camp is one of quiet confidence, with the punters putting East Fremantle on the second line of betting for the premiership.

With the return of Ken Judge and Clinton Browning from Hawthorn and Leigh Brenton from Swan Districts, there is no shortage of experience.

This will help newcomers like Scott Annandale, Jon Derecourt, Chris Waterman, Colin Lamb, Bevan Gray, Robert Weber, Peter Kiely and Wayne Nanup develop in good company.

They are all first-year rookies who will be fighting for league positions alongside players like Mark Amaranti, Guy Baxter, Ray Sterrett, Stephen Edgar, Todd Jenkins, Steve Matthews and Brad Tunbridge — all wanting to cement their place in the seniors.

East Fremantle have ample big men and to support their efforts, the small-man brigade should potentially be the most talented in the competition.

Annandale and Gavin Miller will join David Bushell and Roger Kerr and all have pace around the packs.

Annandale comes straight into the

league squad after being runner-up for the club's under-19 fairest and best award, despite playing only 10 games, and Miller comes into contention after a consistent season in the reserves.

Derecourt represented WA in the 1985 Teal Cup competition and is considered a real chance this season. He possesses a long kick and can mark well.

Gary is yet another talented East Fremantle recruit from the Geraldton district and, like Derecourt, is a strong candidate for a role in defence.

Melrose has a host of utility players at his disposal, one of the most exciting of whom is Wayne Nannup who can play as ruck rover, in the midfield or across the half-forward line.



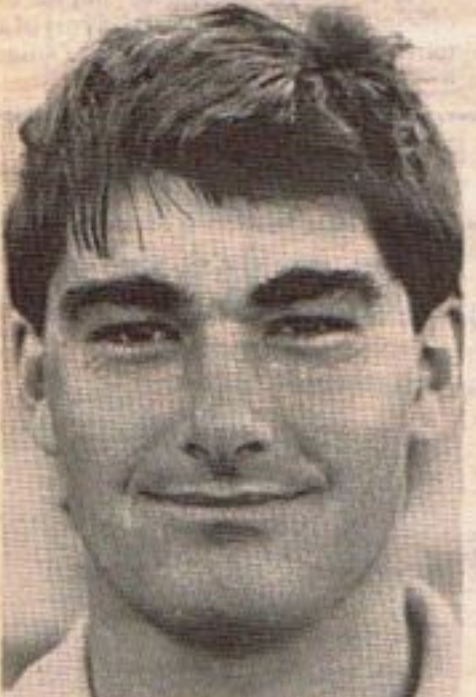
Michael Broadbridge



John Derecourt



Luke Ware



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## Learn the right rules

DURING the next few months the Westside Football junior page will be publishing various rules and reasons for the changes in junior football.

This week we deal with team rules. They include:

- The team shall consist of up to a maximum of 15 players who take the ground at any one time and any number of reserves.

- There shall be no rucks or rovers.
- Interchange of players may take place at any time.

- Interchange players must play at least half of the match for which they are reserves.

- Players shall be rotated on the playing ground every quarter to experience the role of a forward, centre and backline player.

- Players may be replaced due to injury at any time. However, players replaced due to serious injury should not take any further part in the game.

- Where difficulty occurs fielding full numbers both coaches and team managers must agree to assist to equate player numbers.

- Excess players should be given to the opposition team if they are unable to field the required numbers. (The spirit of the game is to give all available players a game of football.)

Modified rules for children (10 years and under) prevents domination by a minority at the expense of the majority.

The bigger and more skilful player is not allowed to dominate the game.

Equal participation and opportunity is the objective for this age group.

### COUNTRY COURSES

THE WAFL and Australian Football Coaches' Association will be conducting Level 1 coaching courses throughout the State.

The courses will be held in four country centres and two city centres.

Dates and venues include:  
Northam, April 24, (contact Julia Fitts (096) 22 2321).

Port Hedland, April 25, (local Junior Council).

Carnamah, April 25, (Jim Molloy (099) 71 6062).

Murray Districts (Mandurah), May 24, (Peter Lamb (095) 35 7577).

Perth, April 5, (Mick Moylan 362 4499).

The courses are open to all coaches of all age groups and level of ability.

### HIGH PRAISE

FORMER top Victorian umpire Bill Dellar was in Perth recently and commented on the structure of Junior Councils in WA.

He was full of praise and believed that WA led the way in organisation of its juniors.

He was heard to say: "Victoria has nothing like this."

Top praise, indeed, from a man who should know!

### RULE CHANGE

A RADICAL change in the 15-metre rule which does not allow the infringing player to stand on the mark should be a blessing to both umpires and coaches. This change should help reduce incidents which could end in altercations and will allow the game to flow more freely, making the umpire's job easier.

### INSURANCE

IF YOU are seeking injury insurance for your club, team or members, the Insurance Exchange of Australia is offering a comprehensive insurance policy. For further details contact Dick Zamea on 325 2977 in business hours.

### \$170,000 CENTRE

WITH a lot of hard work and determination, the Swan View Junior Football Club will have the finest clubrooms one could imagine.

The \$170,000 clubrooms were made possible after approaches to local MP Mr Gavan Troy.

### CALL FOR HELP

ONE of the strongest junior clubs in the Swan Districts Junior Council is in need of help.

The Bassendean Junior Football Club requires a coach for their 9s and under side. Also, players are required in all age groups — particularly for the 16s and under team.

For further information telephone Bob Harcourt on 279 6252.

### DOUBLE-HEADER FIRST UP

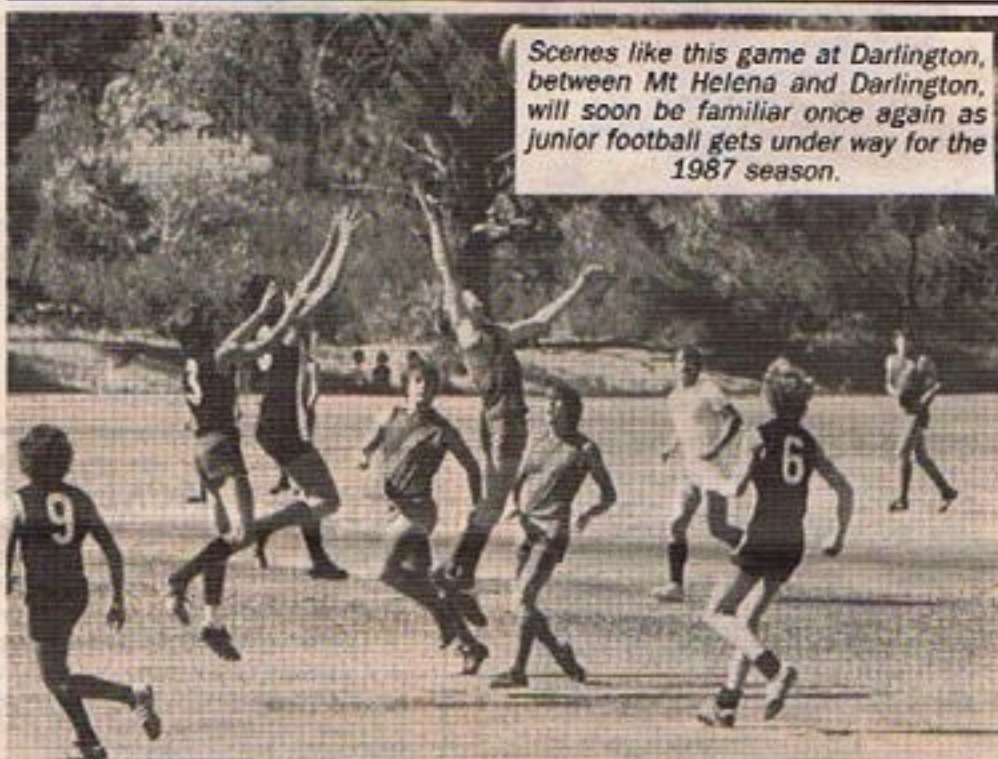
DID you notice the Little League players during half-time of the West Coast Eagles game against Richmond?

Yes, you are right! They were fitted out in the appropriate club colours.

Thanks to Elastoplast (Vic), the VFL Little League sponsors, our local boys have the opportunity to represent VFL clubs.

This week, North Innaloo represented West Coast Eagles and Bayswater-Morley represented Richmond.

These two clubs went on to represent West Perth and East Perth respectively in the WAFL Little League competition.



Scenes like this game at Darlington, between Mt Helena and Darlington, will soon be familiar once again as junior football gets under way for the 1987 season.

## THRILLER TO START SEASON

### A THRILLER

LAST Saturday's first official under-19 game between East Perth and West Perth proved to be a thriller, with less than a kick separating both sides at the finish. The game highlighted the fact that the standard of colts football will remain as high as ever, providing many outstanding clashes in the season ahead.

### LEADING LION

ALL football sides rely on certain players for leadership qualities. Subiaco's Rick Toovey, with a season of under-19s behind him, will be one of the players Subiaco will be looking to in this year's competition. Toovey, a former Marist junior, plays mainly as a ruck-rover or on a wing and shows good skills matched with a cool head under pressure. If pre-season form is any indication, Rick is in for a fine season of football.

### CITY MOVE

LAST year's Teal Cup squad was full of very talented players — and one of the many players that impressed was Goldfields youngster Tony Shaw. This year Shaw has made the decision to move to the city to continue his study

commitments and his football career for Subiaco. A light weight problem has hampered his build-up so far, but Shaw will soon be displaying those unique skills associated with Aboriginal footballers.

### RUNNING ON

WHEN you think of West Perth footballers over recent years, several pacy and skilful running players come to mind like Peter Menaglio, Les Fong, Paul Miika and Peter Murnane. The Falcons look like continuing that tradition with Paul Sanzone. A member of last year's Teal Cup squad, Sanzone is a well-balanced midfielder or defender who delivers the ball with precision. In 1986, Sanzone's efforts were rewarded with promotion to reserves on two occasions and if he can continue that sort of form further opportunities will come his way in 1987.

### EIGHT SIDES

WITH the 1987 under-19 season just about in full swing, speculation on just who will be the sides to beat, mounts. Having seen the eight sides only briefly under real match conditions, I have to admit to being impressed with all teams, although I must say East Perth, in parti-

## SKIPPER SHOWS THE WAY

YOU can't do better than lead by example and St Kilda's new captain, 23-year-old Danny Frawley, did everything right in his team's clash with Geelong at the weekend.

It was Frawley's job to "sit on" the Cats champion forward Gary Ablett, who is being compared to the great forwards in the game. But you wouldn't have thought so had you seen him on Saturday.

Ablett returned the miserable match statistics of eight kicks and two marks for 2.2.

Post-match the captain said modestly, he thought he did a reasonable job, but was bitterly disappointed that his side went down by one point after leading by 33 points at half-time.

### CUP DOUBLE

FORMER Teal Cup footballers Stephen Kernahan and Justin Madden have been appointed captain and vice-captain of VFL club Carlton.

Carlton considers themselves a serious finals contender in 1987, but will need to improve on last week's performance against Hawthorn if that is to be the case.

### CLOKE'S MILESTONE

COLLINGWOOD vice-captain David Cloke clocked up his 250th VFL appearance last Sunday.

Playing in his 15th season, Cloke started the match against Sydney Swans at centre half-forward and was later moved into the ruck to combat the brilliance of John Ironmonger and Glen Coleman.

After the match Cloke, 32, said that age didn't worry him and his only disappointment of the day was losing.

### YOUNG UMP

TWENTY-one-year-old Adrian Taylor made his VFL debut in the match between Melbourne and Fitzroy at the MCG on Saturday.

Which team did he play for? He didn't. Taylor went quietly about his job as a goal umpire, while on the field, Melbourne were thrashing the 'Roys by 39 points.

He is the youngest goal umpire to officiate at a VFL match and is part of a move by umpires' director Bill Dellar to inject youth into umpiring.

## COLTS CORNER

with BEN STINGA



Tony Shaw... moved to the city to continue studies and improve his football at Subiaco.

cular, were outstanding in the game against Subiaco pre-season. South Fremantle, Claremont and East Fremantle should continue to be strong, while Subiaco look to have one of their best combinations for a few years. Good luck to all sides in '87.



# The Magpies are off to tour Ireland

THE strong North Fremantle amateur football club are planning their own trip to Ireland for a series of Gaelic football matches.

September 1988 is the date set for the tour and plans announced this week by president Baden Pratt indicate that the progressive-thinking Magpies will have a strong team on board their flight.

An Australian Gaelic Rules team is due to go to Ireland this year to reciprocate the Irish tour in Australia last year.

Then in 1988, as part of Australia's Bicentenary celebrations, the Irish national side will play in Melbourne in October.

The North Fremantle visit to Ireland will be a build-up before the Irish tour departs and the WA club will play against a number of local teams including County Derry who are planning a private tour to Perth this year.

"This will be the first official tour of Ireland by a club side," said Pratt.

"We plan to take about 100 people and we'll be away for three weeks.

## FUND-RAISING

The club has already started an ambitious fund-raising program and are hoping to keep costs down to about \$500 per head.

They will use the Australian football

for the first time in an Australia-Irish clash during their tour — and that will give coach Brian Needle, a former East Fremantle league player, a big bonus in tackling the tough Gaelic teams.

North Fremantle won last year's B-grade premiership to earn promotion to A-grade and they have their sights set on taking out the top crown in amateur football as a prelude to their overseas jaunt.

## State teams will be busy

THE WAAFL has a busy program with their State teams this year.

Under the control of newly-appointed Rolf Needham, the former Mt Lawley 'A' grade premiership coach, a series of inter-league and interstate games are to be held in the first half of the season.

A representative team will play the Country All Stars at Collie on May 17.

On May 24, a WAAFL colts representative team will meet a similar combination from the Sunday League. This game will be played before a West Coast Eagles clash.

On May 31, two amateur teams (one senior and one colts) will play against a team represent the strong Geraldton-based league at Geraldton. It is the first time for many seasons that an amateur representative team will play in Geraldton.

A WAAFL colts team will be selected, the first for more than a decade.

Traditional amateur interstate rivals South Australia will meet a WA State amateur team on June 20 in Perth at a venue yet to be announced.

More details of all games will be announced in future issues of Westside Football.

## Pressure on early wins

THE 65th season of amateur football starts this week.

With promotion, relegation and newly admitted teams in grades, interest with the results in the first few weeks of the season will be intense.

Early wins are vital with ten teams competing in each grade.

In past seasons the teams grabbing premiership points in the first part of first round have often scrambled over the line to gain a finals place at the business end of the year.

More than 5000 players will take part in amateur games during the 1987 season — clearly making the WAAFL the biggest single football body in the State.

## THINK-TANK CONFERENCE

A UNIQUE conference of all affiliated State amateur bodies was held in Perth in the last weekend of February.

The four-day think-tank was conducted by Brian Cook (manager Football Development Trust) and Basil Worner (senior consultant Department for Sport).

Amateur representatives from Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and WA discussed the many and varied aspects of amateur football in their home States.

The future direction of amateurism in football was enhanced with exhaustive debate that has now laid down the guidelines that should enable all amateur bodies to more than compete with other footballers outside the main State bodies.

All participants from the WA Amateur Football League management committee gained a greater insight into the workings of the various interstate amateur football bodies.

This should help in the better running and future direction of local amateur football competition.

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES A-GRADE & A COLTS

Mt Lawley v Scarborough, Perth Oval  
Trinity/Aquinas v Nollamara, E. Fremantle Oval  
Wembley v North Beach, Leederville Oval  
University v Innaloo, Lathlain Park  
N. Fremantle v Old Wesley, Gilbert Fraser Res

### B-GRADE & B COLTS

West Coast v CBC, City Beach Oval  
WAIT v Mt Lawley, South Oval  
MHWP v Dianella, Les Lilleyman Res  
Maylands v Bayswater, Haig Park  
Collegians/Old Scotch v Whitford, Dalkeith Ov

### NEXT WEEK'S GAMES A-GRADE & A COLTS

Nollamara v Scarborough, Des Penman Res No 1  
Old Wesley v University, Collins Oval  
Innaloo v Wembley, Yuluma Park  
North Beach v Trinity/Aquin, Charles Riley Res  
Mt Lawley v North Fremantle, Bassendale Oval  
BYE 18th APRIL — EASTER

### HEAVY PENALTIES

CLUB officials, players and supporters are reminded that Rule 15.3 will be strictly enforced if any club act prejudicial to the Amateur Football League — and this includes consuming alcohol at any ground other than the designated area.

Clubs are warned that no alcohol should be consumed along the boundary lines of grounds.

Clubs are responsible for their supporters and their behaviour. In past seasons clubs have openly flouted the law in regards to drinking outside licenced areas. Penalties of up to \$1000 will be imposed on clubs.

### NEW SYSTEM

THE WAAFL is taking a radical step this year in respect to the shortage of umpires in their two lowest grades.

In attempting to alleviate this shortage of umpires both K and L grade are formed with eleven teams thus creating a bye for one team each week.

The team with the bye has the responsibility of supplying the umpiring for the five matches on the day in the other grade, i.e. the 'K' team with the bye will umpire 'L' grade and vice-versa.

Other sports who have the same problem as the WAAFL in the lack of umpires have been successful with this method and there is no reason why the amateur league should not be also.

All players in both K and L grade are asked to be tolerant and co-operative as the success of the new system will only benefit all players and teams in the long run.

### GRADINGS FOR 1987

**A GRADE & A COLTS**  
Mt Lawley, Scarborough, Trinity-Aquinas, Nollamara, North Beach, Wembley, University, Innaloo, Old Wesley, North Fremantle.

**B GRADE & B COLTS**  
West Coast, CBC, Mt Lawley, Dianella, MHWP, WAIT, Maylands, Bayswater, Collegians/Old Scotch, Whitford.

**C GRADE**  
Swan Athletic, Bassendale, Carlisle, Lywood-Ferndale, Morley, Melville, University, Coolbinia/Yokine, Applecross, Nollamara.

**C COLTS**  
Morley, Bassendale, University, Carlisle, Applecross, Swan Athletic, Lywood-Ferndale, Coolbinia/Yokine, Melville, Wembley.

**D GRADE**  
Northbridge AICA, Wembley, Hellenic, Brentwood, W.A.C.A.E., Scarborough, Forrestfield, North Beach, Rockingham, Cockburn Lakes.

**D COLTS**  
Redcliffe, W.A.C.A.E., Forrestfield, Wanneroo, Northbridge AICA, University, Rockingham, Mandaring.

**E GRADE**  
Old Wesley, Victoria Park, Bullcreek, R & I Bank, St Norberts, National Bank, Hamersley, University, Mt Lawley, Mandaring.

**F GRADE**  
Collegians/Old Scotch, West Coast, John XXIII, Trinity-Aquinas, Whitford, North Fremantle, MHWP, Innaloo, Graylands, Seaways Valley.

**G GRADE**  
Maylands, Bayswater, Coolbellup, Murrisk, CBC, WAIT, Dianella, Wanneroo, Nollamara, Ocean Ridge.

**H GRADE**  
Carlisle, Wembley, Gurrabweca, Bassendale, Army, North Beach, Redcliffe, Victoria Park, East Fremantle, Swanbourne-Nollamara.

**I GRADE**  
ANZ Bank, West Coast, Morley, Mt Lawley, Murdoch University, Bullcreek, RAAF, North Fremantle, Navy, Lywood-Ferndale.

**J GRADE**  
Hellenic, Dianella, Swan Athletic, Trinity-Aquinas, WAIT, Mayabooska, Riverton, Innaloo, Scarborough, Forrestfield.

**K GRADE**  
Applecross, University, Hamersley, Bassendale, Ocean Ridge, Melville, Collegians/Old Scotch, Bayswater, Whitford, W.A.C.A.E., Coolbinia/Yokine.

**L GRADE**  
Carlisle, MHWP, Wanneroo, Redcliffe, Coolbellup, West Coast, Nollamara, Bullcreek, Rockingham, Cockburn Lakes, Riverton.

**AMATEUR NEWS**  
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Presented by **Citrus**  A round-up of news from the West West Australian Amateur Football League.

## North Fremantle return to A-grade

**NORTH Fremantle return to A-grade status and loom as a major force in the 1987 season.**

Solid recruiting by Norths have seen them sign Wayne Cormack and Graham Carter from East Fremantle.

Another bonus is the return to the city by former Teal Cup player Cam Knatton, who played in the Great Northern League last season.

North have also retained Brian Needle as coach and he has enlisted the aid of the experienced Tony Buhagiar to help in the pre-season build-up.

University have appointed stalwart Murray Reid coach — but the recent move has been a problem as far as recruiting goes.

University should gain depth from their highly successful colts side but this may not be enough in what will be a highly-competitive season.

### PLAYER-LOSS

Last season's premiers, Mt Lawley, also have their share of problems, losing Dirou, Lynch, Williams and Brumpton — four key players — last season.

One big plus for the Hawks has been the signing of strongman Mick Fuller, an experienced campaigner in finals football.

Noel Knights will be hoping he can take his young North Beach Tigers a step closer to the premiership after a solid fifth last season.

A big loss for the Tigers is last season's league medal winner, Gary Dennis, who is overseas. The Tigers have numerous recruits from country clubs, but all are unknown in this competition.

Old Wesley, under the guidance of ruckman Barrie Quick, could improve, but the club appears to be concentrating on rebuilding through their colts.

### NOLLA'S STATUS

Nollamara are in a similar situation as Old Wesley in that there is a little movement in or out of playing strength.

A big loss to amateur football is round full forward Colin Northcott, who has retired after more than 400 senior games. They have also lost last season's coach Colin Tincknell, who has been replaced by former State amateur Ric Greaves.

Phil Haughan has Innaloo as fit as any coach could hope for and with the return of ruckman Barry McGuire and the recruiting of several Victorians, they could improve on their seventh in '86.

The big news in amateur football has been the appointment of former Swan Districts veteran Stan Nowotny as coach of Wembley.

Rumours are rife in regards to the playing strength of Wembley, as they are not giving any secrets away until the season opens.

However, three players are off overseas and Wratten, Ryan and Greg Metcalf are big losses.

Chris Conn (Thornlie), Ian Moore (Woolongong) and Wayne McNeil (Subiaco) are three players who Scarborough will be relying on to replace Mitch Fussell and Brendan McFaul who have left.


Trinity-Aquinas, under Max Stewart, hope to go one step further this season and win this season's pennant.

Recruiting has seen a few big players training with the Old Boys, but information, as always, is not easy to pry from this club's rooms.

The finish of the season could see the premiership table shaped something like this: Trinity-Aquinas, North Fremantle, Scarborough, Mt Lawley, Nollamara, North Beach, Innaloo, Wembley, University, Old Wesley.

My tip for the A-grade fairest and best medal is Grant Callaghan, of Wembley, and the leading goalkicker could be Craig Kettlewell from Innaloo.

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## WEST AUSTRALIAN

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### MARCH

Mar 29 Sun 12.15 Eagles 20.13, Richmond 16.23  
3.00 West Perth 16.20, East Perth 12.14

### APRIL

April 4 Sat 2.20 Swan Dist v West Perth Bassendean  
Claremont v Perth Claremont  
5 Sun 2.20 Subiaco v East Frem Claremont  
Sth Frem v East Perth Mandurah  
10 Fri 6.30 West Perth v Claremont WACA  
11 Sat 2.20 East Perth v Subiaco Perth  
East Frem v Swan Dist East  
12 Sun 12.15 Eagles v Syd Swans Subiaco  
3.00 Perth v South Frem Subiaco  
18 Sat 2.20 Sth Frem v West Perth Frem  
Perth v East Perth WACA  
19 Sun 2.20 Claremont v East Frem Mt. B  
20 Mon 2.20 Swan Dist v Subiaco Bassendean  
24 Fri 6.30 Subiaco v Claremont WACA  
25 Sat 2.20 East Perth v Swan Dist Perth  
26 Sun 2.20 West Perth v Perth Leed  
27 Mon 2.20 Sth Frem v East Frem Frem

### MAY

May 1 Fri 6.30 Perth v East Frem WACA  
2 Sat 2.20 Sth Frem v Subiaco Frem  
3 Sun 12.15 Eagles v North Melb Subiaco  
3.00 Claremont v Swan Dist Subiaco  
8 Fri 5.30 Eagles v Brisbane WACA  
9 Sat 2.20 Claremont v East Perth Claremont  
2.20 East Frem v West Perth East  
Subiaco v Perth Subiaco  
Swan Dist v South Frem Bassendean

16 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Subiaco East  
East Perth v Sth Frem Perth  
7.30 Perth v Claremont WACA  
17 Sun 2.20 West Perth v Swan Dist Collie  
23 Sat 2.20 Sth Frem v Claremont Frem  
Swan Dist v Perth Bassendean  
West Perth v Subiaco Leed  
24 Sun 12.15 Eagles v Melbourne Subiaco  
3.00 East Perth v East Frem Subiaco  
29 Fri 6.30 Perth v West Perth WACA  
30 Sat 2.20 Claremont v Subiaco Claremont  
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### JUNE

June 1 Mon 12.15 Eagles v Collingwood Subiaco  
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19 Fri 5.30 Eagles v Fitzroy WACA  
20 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Perth East  
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Subiaco v Sth Frem Subiaco  
Swan Dist v Claremont Bassendean  
26 Fri 6.30 Perth v Subiaco WACA  
27 Sat 2.20 East Perth v Claremont Subiaco  
West Perth v East Frem Frem  
28 Sun 2.20 Sth Frem v Swan Dist Frem

### JULY

July 3 Fri 5.30 Eagles v Essendon WACA  
4 Sat 2.20 Claremont v Sth Frem Claremont  
East Frem v East Perth East  
Perth v Swan Dist WACA  
Subiaco v West Perth Subiaco  
Eagles v Carlton WACA

11 Sat 2.20 Claremont v Perth Claremont  
Sth Frem v East Perth Frem  
Subiaco v East Frem Subiaco  
Swan Dist v West Perth Bass  
17 Fri 6.30 East Frem v Swan Dist WACA  
18 Sat 2.20 Perth v Sth Frem Subiaco  
East Perth v Subiaco Perth  
West Perth v Claremont Leed  
22 Wed 1.45 West Aust v Victoria Subiaco  
24 Fri 6.30 Perth v East Perth WACA  
25 Sat 2.20 Claremont v East Frem Claremont  
Sth Frem v West Perth Subiaco  
Swan Dist v Subiaco Bass

### AUGUST

Aug 1 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Sth Frem East  
East Perth v Swan Dist Perth  
West Perth v Perth Leed  
Subiaco v Claremont Subiaco  
2 Sun 12.15 Eagles v Hawthorn Subiaco  
7 Fri 5.30 Eagles v North Melb WACA  
8 Sat 2.20 Claremont v Swan Dist Claremont  
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21 Fri 6.30 Sth Frem v Claremont WACA  
22 Sat 2.20 East Perth v East Frem Perth  
West Perth v Subiaco Leed  
Perth v Swan Dist WACA  
29 Sat 2.20 FIRST SEMI-FINAL Subiaco  
30 Sun 12.15 Eagles v St Kilda Subiaco

### SEPTEMBER

Sept 5 Sat 2.20 SECOND SEMI-FINAL Subiaco  
12 Sat 2.20 PRELIMINARY FINAL Subiaco  
19 Sat 2.20 GRAND FINAL Subiaco  
26 Sat VFL GRAND FINAL MCG

## VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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### Round 1 (March 27 — Friday)

North Melb 15.14, Bris. Bears (MCG)  
(March 28 — Saturday)  
Footscray 9.8, Essendon 19.7 (P)  
Carlton 15.14, Hawthorn 22.17  
Collingwood 11.8, Swans 25.15  
Melbourne 19.14, Fitzroy 12.17  
St Kilda 15.11, Geelong 14.18  
(March 29 — Sunday)  
Eagles 20.13, Richmond 16.23

### Round 2 (April 3 — Friday)

North Melb v Melbourne (MCG)  
(April 4 — Saturday)  
Collingwood v Carlton (P)  
Essendon v West Coast Eagles  
Richmond v Hawthorn  
Fitzroy v St Kilda  
Geelong v Bris. Bears  
(April 5 — Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Footscray

### Round 3 (April 11 — Saturday)

Fitzroy v North Melbourne (P)  
Hawthorn v Collingwood  
Richmond v Essendon  
Footscray v Carlton  
Geelong v Melbourne  
St Kilda v Bris. Bears

### Round 4 — (Easter)

(April 18 — Saturday)  
Geelong v North Melbourne  
Melbourne v St Kilda  
Carlton v West Coast Eagles  
(April 19 — Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v Fitzroy

### Round 5 (April 24 — Friday)

Collingwood v Richmond (P)  
Essendon v Sydney Swans  
Footscray v Hawthorn

### Round 6 (April 24 — Friday)

North Melb. v St Kilda (MCG)  
(April 25 — Saturday)  
Carlton v Essendon (P)  
Hawthorn v West Coast Eagles  
Collingwood v Footscray  
Geelong v Fitzroy  
Richmond v Sydney Swans

### Round 7 (May 1 — Friday)

Bris. Bears v Melbourne  
Sydney Swans v Carlton  
(May 2 — Saturday)  
Footscray v St Kilda (P)  
Essendon v Geelong  
Collingwood v Bris. Bears  
Melbourne v Richmond

### Round 8 (May 3 — Sunday)

West Coast Eagles v North Melb  
Fitzroy v Hawthorn (MCG)  
(May 7 — Friday)  
West Coast Eagles v Bris. Bears

### Round 9 — (Saturday)

Carlton v Geelong (P)  
Fitzroy v Essendon  
Melbourne v Collingwood  
St Kilda v Richmond  
Footscray v North Melbourne

### Round 10 (May 10 — Sunday)

Sydney Swans v Hawthorn  
(May 15 — Friday)  
Sydney Swans v Fitzroy  
(May 16 — Saturday)  
Collingwood v Essendon (P)  
Hawthorn v Geelong  
Melbourne v Footscray  
St Kilda v West Coast Eagles

### Round 11 (May 17 — Sunday)

Bris. Bears v Richmond  
North Melb. v Carlton (MCG)  
(May 22 — Friday)  
Richmond v North Melbourne  
(May 23 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Essendon (P)  
Footscray v Melbourne  
Collingwood v North Melb. (P)  
Essendon v Brisbane  
Footscray v Geelong  
Richmond v Carlton  
(June 21 — Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v St Kilda

### Round 9 (May 22 — Friday)

Richmond v North Melbourne  
(May 23 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Essendon (P)  
Collingwood v St Kilda  
Footscray v Bris. Bears  
Carlton v Fitzroy  
(May 24 — Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Melbourne  
Geelong v Sydney Swans

### May 27 — (Wednesday)

"State of Origin" Match  
Sth. Aust v Victoria (Adelaide)

### Round 10 (May 30 — Saturday)

Hawthorn v St Kilda (P)  
Essendon v Melbourne  
Footscray v Bris. Bears  
Carlton v Geelong  
Richmond v Geelong

### Round 11 (Queen's Birthday)

(June 6 — Saturday)  
North Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)  
Footscray v West Coast Eagles  
St Kilda v Essendon

### Round 12 (June 12 — Friday)

North Melb. v Essendon (MCG)  
(June 13 — Saturday)  
Richmond v Footscray (P)  
Collingwood v Fitzroy  
Carlton v St Kilda  
Melbourne v Sydney Swans  
Geelong v West Coast Eagles  
(June 14 — Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v Hawthorn

### Round 13 (June 19 — Friday)

West Coast Eagles v Fitzroy  
(June 20 — Saturday)  
Collingwood v North Melb. (P)  
Hawthorn v Melbourne  
Essendon v Bris. Bears  
Footscray v Geelong  
Richmond v Carlton  
(June 21 — Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v St Kilda

### Round 14 (June 26 — Friday)

Sydney Swans v Collingwood  
(June 27 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Carlton (P)  
Essendon v Footscray  
Richmond v West Coast Eagles  
Geelong v St Kilda  
Fitzroy v Melbourne  
(June 28 — Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v North Melbourne

### Round 15 (July 3 — Friday)

West Coast Eagles v Essendon  
(July 4 — Saturday)  
Footscray v Sydney Swans (P)  
Hawthorn v Richmond  
Melbourne v North Melbourne  
St Kilda v Fitzroy  
(July 5 — Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v Geelong  
Carlton v Collingwood (MCG)

### Rounds 16/17 (July 10 — Fri)

West Coast Eagles v Carlton  
(July 11 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Footscray  
North Melb. v Fitzroy (MCG)  
Essendon v Richmond  
(July 12 — Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v St Kilda

### Round 18 (July 25 — Sat)

St Kilda v Melbourne (P)  
North Melb. v Geelong (MCG)  
Collingwood v Hawthorn  
Carlton v Footscray  
(July 19 — Sunday)  
Syd Swans v W. Coast Eagles

### July 22 — (Wednesday)

"State of Origin" Match  
W.A. v Victoria (Perth)

### Rounds 18/17 (July 25 — Sat)

Melbourne v Geelong (P)  
Richmond v Collingwood  
Fitzroy v Bris. Bears  
(July 26 — Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Essendon

### Round 18 (July 31 — Friday)

Sydney Swans v Richmond  
(August 1 — Saturday)  
Essendon v Carlton (P)  
Footscray v Collingwood  
St Kilda v North Melbourne  
Fitzroy v Geelong  
Melbourne v Bris. Bears

### Round 19 (August 7 — Friday)

West Coast Eagles v Nth. Melb.  
(August 8 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Fitzroy (P)  
Carlton v Sydney Swans  
Richmond v Melbourne  
St Kilda v Footscray  
Geelong v Essendon

### Round 20 (August 15 — Sat)

Richmond v St Kilda (P)  
Hawthorn v Sydney Swans  
Essendon v Fitzroy  
Collingwood v Melbourne  
St Kilda v Footscray  
Geelong v Essendon

### Round 21 (August 21 — Friday)

Melbourne v West Coast Eagles  
(August 22 — Saturday)  
Essendon v Hawthorn (P)  
St Kilda v Collingwood  
Fitzroy v Carlton  
North Melb. v Richmond (MCG)

### Round 22 (August 29 — Sat)

Carlton v North Melbourne (P)  
Footscray v Melbourne  
Geelong v Hawthorn  
Fitzroy v Sydney Swans  
Richmond v Bris. Bears  
(August 30 — Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v St Kilda  
Essendon v Collingwood (MCG)

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

\* Denotes home game.

### ROUND 1

Saturday, April 11  
\*Port v Sturt ..... Football Park  
Central v North ..... Elizabeth  
Norwood v Glenelg ..... Norwood  
Torrens v South ..... Thebarton  
West v Woodville ..... Richmond

### ROUND 2

Saturday, April 18  
\*Sturt v Norwood ..... Football Park  
Woodville v Central ..... Woodville  
North v South ..... Prospect  
Monday, April 26  
Torrens v West ..... Football Park  
Port v Glenelg ..... (Double header)

### ROUND 3

Saturday, April 25  
Torrens v Woodville ..... Football Park  
Norwood v North ..... (Double header)  
Sturt v South ..... Adelaide  
Central v Port ..... Elizabeth  
Glenelg v West ..... Glenelg

### ROUND 4

Saturday, May 2  
\*Glenelg v Sturt ..... Football Park  
South v West ..... Adelaide  
Port v Norwood ..... Alberton  
Torrens v Central ..... Thebarton  
Woodville v North ..... Woodville

### ROUND 5

Saturday, May 9  
Woodville v Glenelg ..... Football Park  
South v Central ..... Adelaide  
Norwood v West ..... Norwood  
Torrens v Sturt ..... Thebarton  
North v Port ..... Prospect

### ROUND 6

Saturday, May 16  
Norwood v South ..... Football Park  
West v Port ..... Richmond  
Woodville v Sturt ..... Woodville  
Monday, May 18  
North v Torrens ..... Football Park  
Glenelg v Central ..... (Double header)

### ROUND 7

Saturday, May 23  
Port v South ..... Football Park  
Sturt v North ..... Adelaide  
Central v West ..... Elizabeth  
Glenelg v Torrens ..... Glenelg  
Norwood v Woodville ..... Norwood

### INTERSTATE GAME

Wednesday, May 27, 8 p.m.  
South Aust. v Victoria ..... Football Park

### ROUND 8

Saturday, May 30  
\*Central v Norwood ..... Football Park  
Carlton v Woodville ..... Adelaide  
Port v Torrens ..... Alberton  
West v Sturt ..... Richmond  
North v Glenelg ..... Prospect

### INTERSTATE GAME

Tuesday, June 16  
South Aust. v WA ..... WACA, Perth

### ROUND 9

Saturday, June 6  
\*Woodville v Port ..... Football Park  
Glenelg v South ..... Glenelg  
Torrens v Norwood ..... Thebarton  
Monday, June 8  
Central v Sturt ..... Football Park  
North v West ..... (Double header)

### ROUND 10

Saturday, June 13  
\*Norwood v Glenelg ..... Football Park  
South v Torrens ..... Adelaide  
Port v Sturt ..... Alberton  
Woodville v West ..... Woodville  
North v Central ..... Prospect

### ROUND 11

Saturday, June 20  
South v North ..... Football Park  
Sturt v Norwood ..... Adelaide  
Central v Woodville ..... Elizabeth  
Glenelg v Port ..... Glenelg  
West v Torrens ..... Richmond

### ROUND 12

Saturday, June 27  
\*Torrens v Woodville ..... Football Park  
South v Sturt ..... Adelaide  
Norwood v North ..... Norwood  
Port v Central ..... Alberton  
Sunday, June 28  
West v Glenelg ..... Adelaide

### ROUND 13

Saturday, July 4  
Woodville v North ..... Football Park  
South v West ..... Adelaide  
Glenelg v Sturt ..... Glenelg  
West v Torrens ..... Richmond

### ROUND 14

Saturday, July 11  
South v Central ..... Football Park  
Sturt v Torrens ..... Adelaide  
Glenelg v Woodville ..... Glenelg  
Port v North ..... Alberton  
West v Norwood ..... Richmond

### ROUND 15

Saturday, July 18  
\*West v Port ..... Football Park  
Sturt v Woodville ..... Adelaide  
Central v Glenelg ..... Elizabeth  
Norwood v South ..... Norwood  
North v Torrens ..... Prospect

### ROUND 16

Saturday, July 25  
\*North v Sturt ..... Football Park  
South v Port ..... Adelaide  
Torrens v Glenelg ..... Thebarton  
West v Central ..... Richmond  
Woodville v Norwood ..... Woodville

### ROUND 17

Saturday, August 1  
Sturt v West ..... Football Park  
North v Glenelg ..... Adelaide  
Norwood v Central ..... Norwood  
Torrens v Port ..... Thebarton  
Woodville v South ..... Woodville

### ROUND 18

Saturday, August 8  
\*South v Glenelg ..... Football Park  
Torrens v Norwood ..... Adelaide  
Central v Sturt ..... Elizabeth  
Port v Woodville ..... Alberton  
North v West ..... Prospect

### ROUND 19

Saturday, August 15  
South v Torrens ..... Football Park  
Sturt v Port ..... Adelaide  
Glenelg v Norwood ..... Glenelg  
Sunday, August 16  
North v Central ..... Football Park  
Woodville v West ..... (Double header)

### ROUND 20

Saturday, August 22  
Central v Woodville ..... Football Park  
South v North ..... Adelaide  
Norwood v Sturt ..... Norwood  
Port v Glenelg ..... Alberton  
Torrens v West ..... Thebarton

### ROUND 21

Saturday, August 29  
Port v Central ..... Football Park  
West v Glenelg ..... Richmond  
Woodville v Torrens ..... Woodville  
Sunday, August 30  
Sturt v South ..... Football Park  
Norwood v North ..... (Double header)

### ROUND 22

Saturday, September 5  
West v South ..... Football Park  
Port v Norwood ..... (Double header)  
Sturt v Glenelg ..... Adelaide  
Central v Torrens ..... Elizabeth  
North v Woodville ..... Prospect

### FINALS

Qualifying ..... Saturday, Sept. 12  
Elimination ..... Sunday, Sept. 13  
Second Semi ..... Saturday, Sept. 19  
First Semi ..... Saturday, Sept. 20  
Preliminary ..... Sunday, Sept. 27  
Grand Final ..... Saturday, Oct. 3

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VFL



SUNDAY, MARCH 29

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

BRISBANE BEARS	4.6	10.11	15.17	19.23	(137)
NORTH MELB	3.5	6.9	10.13	15.14	(104)

GOALS — Brisbane: Phillips 5, Edmond 3, Williams 2, Hardie 2, Harris 2, Hein 2, McCarthy, Campbell, O'Keefe. North Melbourne: J. Krakouer 2, Larkin 2, Schimmelbusch 2, Harris 2, Crocker 2, Holt, Mossop, Smith, Arden, Stevenson.

BEST — Brisbane: Phillips, Roberts, Edmond, Dickson, Williams, Campbell, Fidge. North Melbourne: Schimmelbusch, Arden, Crocker, Steele, Larkin.

Played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Crowd: 14,096.

Umpires: Michael Sneddon, Bryan Sheehan.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

MELBOURNE	8.6	12.10	14.12	19.14	(128)
FITZROY	2.1	7.4	10.13	12.17	(89)

GOALS — Melbourne: Flower 3, Williams 3, Moore 3, Johnston 2, Dean 2, Battistoni 2, Campbell, Turner, Bayley, Healy, Fitzroy: Barwick 5, Keane 2, Stephens 2, Harris 2, Pekin.

BEST — Melbourne: Johnston, Connolly, Stetch, Wilson, Flower, Bayley, Fitzroy: Barwick, Keane, Harris, Kappler, Lokin, Rendell.

Played at the MCG. Crowd: 18,012.

Umpires: C. Mitchell, P. Carey.

HAWTHORN	5.4	10.9	18.12	22.17	(149)
CARLTON	4.7	5.8	9.11	15.14	(104)

GOALS — Hawthorn: Dunstall 6, Platten 4, Kennedy 3, DiPierdomenico 2, Tuck 2, Curran 2, Russo, Breton, Greene, Carlton: Kemahan 4, Silvagni 3, Murphy 2, Motley, Evans, Naley, Sartori, Glascock, Madden.

BEST — Hawthorn: Curran, Platten, Schwab, Dunstall, Kennedy, Tuck. Carlton: Shine, Alvin, Rhode, Silvagni.

Played at Princes Park. Crowd: 20,192.

Umpires: Peter Cameron, I. Russo.

ESSENDON	2.1	7.3	13.6	19.7	(121)
FOOTSCRAY	3.3	6.3	7.4	9.8	(62)

GOALS — Essendon: Ezard 7, Clarke 2, Merrett 2, Bailey 2, Baker, A. Daniher, Elsaug, Francis, Spencer, Hawker. Footscray: McGuinness 3, Beasley 2, Royal 2, Cousins, Macpherson.

BEST — Essendon: T. Daniher, A. Daniher, Hawker, Winton, Ezard, Foulds, Merrett. Footscray: Wallis, McGuinness, Macpherson, Purser, Liberatore, Royal.

Played at VFL Park. Crowd: 22,550.

Umpires: Ian Robinson and G. Walsh.

SYDNEY	5.5	14.10	20.11	25.15	(165)
COLLINGWOOD	0.2	3.3	5.6	11.8	(74)

GOALS — Swans: Capper 9, Mitchell 3, Wright 2, Bolton 2, Healy 2, Bayes, Roberts, Williams, T. Morwood, Neagle, Henwood, Murphy, Collingwood: Starcovich 3, Banks 2, Taylor 2, Sew, Lockman, Bradbury, Manson.

BEST — Swans: Capper, Williams, Healy, Wright, Browning, Murphy, Mitchell. Collingwood: A. Shaw, Starcovich, Bradbury, Crosca, Brown, Cloke.

Played at Victoria Park. Crowd: 17,129.

Umpires: Rohan Sowers and D. Howlett.

GEELONG	3.4	4.12	10.16	14.18	(102)
ST KILDA	2.2	11.3	13.7	15.11	(101)

GOALS — Geelong: Turner 3, Ablett 2, Brownless 2, Couch 2, Christensen, Aldridge, Bews, Bright, Drum. St Kilda: Loewe 3, Owen 3, Lockett 2, Sheldon 2, Taylor 2, Burns, Marcou, Winner.

Played at Moorabbin. Crowd: 15,867.

Umpires: P. Howe and G. Doere.

WEST COAST	3.5	8.8	11.9	20.13	(133)
RICHMOND	5.7	8.12	15.18	16.23	(119)

GOALS — Eagles: Matera 4, Keane 3, MacNish 3, Holmes 2, Narkle 2, Wrensted, Laidley, Glendinning, Bennett, Ishchenko. Richmond: Mitchell 3, Czerkaski 3, Peart 3, Rioli 2, Eustice, Egan, Clark, Pickering, Thomson.

BEST — Eagles: Narkle, Wrensted, Glendinning, MacNish, Milcs, Brennan. Richmond: Rioli, Lee, Poole, Eustice, Czerkaski, Thomson.

Played at Subiaco Oval. Crowd: 30,000.

Umpires: Shane McDonald, Ross Castle.

## Premiership table

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
SYDNEY	1	—	—	165	74	223.0	4
ESSENDON	1	—	—	121	62	195.2	4
MELBOURNE	1	—	—	128	89	143.8	4
HAWTHORN	1	—	—	149	104	143.3	4
BRISBANE	1	—	—	137	104	131.7	4
West Coast	1	—	—	133	119	111.7	4
Geelong	1	—	—	102	101	101.0	4
St Kilda	—	1	—	101	102	99.0	0
Richmond	—	1	—	119	133	89.5	0
North Melbourne	—	1	—	104	137	75.9	0
Fitzroy	—	1	—	89	128	69.5	0
Carlton	—	1	—	104	149	68.0	0
Footscray	—	1	—	62	121	51.2	0
Collingwood	—	1	—	74	165	44.8	0

WAFL



WEST PERTH	4.1	11.7	12.13	16.20	(116)
EAST PERTH	2.8	6.8	9.11	12.14	(86)

GOALS — West Perth: Gastev 3.4, King 2.3, Holmes 2.2, Foley 2.1, Munns 2.0, Bewick 1.3, Chaplin 1.2, Sadowski 1.1, Milka 1.0, Bradmore 1.0, Monaglio 0.2, Fong 0.1, Dayman 0.1. East Perth: Bartlett 2.1, Bain 2.1, Del Borello 2.0, Hooper 1.2, Kelly 1.1, Cropley 1.1, Cook 1.1, Wing 1.0, Baroni 1.0, Blakely 0.2, Williams 0.2, Bock 0.1, Howlett 0.1. 1 point forced.

Played at Subiaco Oval. Crowd: 27,500.

Umpires: Mike Ball, Grant Vernon.

LEAGUE RESERVES					
EAST PERTH	6.3	10.5	11.10	14.13	(97)
WEST PERTH	1.2	2.2	5.3	7.7	(49)

GOALS — East Perth: not available. West Perth: McGuire 2, Maddaffri 2, Stockley, Collinge, Zelesco.

BEST — East Perth: Kevill, Maughan, Evans, Delcasale. West Perth: Murnane, Hasler, Collinge, McGuire.

UNDER 19s					
EAST PERTH	1.2	2.6	3.7	7.9	(51)
WEST PERTH	1.4	1.6	3.9	6.10	(46)

GOALS — East Perth: Haskett, Miller, Sofly, Edmondson, Hubert, Ninette. West Perth: W. Dickerson 2, R. Dickerson, Munro, Spina, Jones.

BEST — East Perth: Haskett, Clate, Maroni. West Perth: McAlister, Burns, Munro.

## VFL RESERVES

FOOTSCRAY 12.13 (85) d ESSENDON 7.11 (53)
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GOALS — Footscray: Athorn 2, Wright 2, Gordon 2, Rugolo, Stirling, Tatterson, Aziz, Greeneweg, Tourpe, Essendon: Daniher 2, Kennedy 2, Keane, Walsh, Edwards.

BEST — Footscray: Evans, Wright, Athorn, Stirling, Chirn, Atkins, Essendon: Kennedy, Keane, Somerville, Conti, Bibby, Deakin.

CARLTON 18.20 (128) d HAWTHORN 16.18 (114)
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GOALS — Carlton: Dennis 5, Buckley 4, Bassett 3, Advi 2, Majerczak 2, Dunlop Phillips, Hawthorn: Sullivan 3, Dickson 3, Collins 2, Morrissey 2, Gordon 2, Buckenara, Pritchard, Dalrymple, R. Smith.

BEST — Carlton: Gleeson, Dennis, Advi, Foster, Bassette, Buckley, Hawthorn: McGuinness, Morrissey, Dear, Collins, Buckenara.

SYDNEY SWANS 10.22 (82) d COLLINGWOOD 10.15 (75)
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GOALS — Sydney Swans: Molloy 2, Caprioli 2, Thrupp 2, Dalin, Kerr, Brown, Tikura, Collingwood: Pritchard 2, Ryan 2, Fellows 2, Edwards 2, Murrewing, McMillan.

BEST — Sydney Swans: Thrupp, Howe, Smith, Molloy, Dalin. Collingwood: Keys, Riconico, Way, Gioury, Pritchard, Fellows.

MELBOURNE 26.16 (184) d FITZROY 14.10 (94)
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GOALS — Melbourne: Conder 9, Wright 3, Einhold 3, Jackson 2, Fidge 3, Jarrott 2, Koop, Alardice, Kei, Lawrence, Smith, Fitzroy: Treweila 2, Adams 2, Casp's 2, Taylor, Cameron, G. Osborne, Hinkley, Smith, Mitchell, Gale, Wynd.

BEST — Melbourne: Rugolo, Jackson, Symes, Kier, Payne, Fitzroy: Strooper, Treweila, Hinkley, G. Osborne, Adams.

NORTH MELBOURNE 26.28 (184) d RICHMOND 17.6 (108)
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GOALS — North Melbourne: Bryce 6, Demetriou 4, Cagier 3, Allison 2, McCrae 2, M. O'Donoghue 2, Clarkson 2, Farley, Spargo, Vidovic, Richmond: Bayes 6, Frangales 3, Nichols 2, Berbow, Gowler, Laffy, Burke, Geary, Free.

BEST — North Melbourne: Demetriou, Allison, Cagier, McCrae, Spargo, Clarkson, Richmond: Laffy, Nichols, Nixon, McKellar, Berbow.

GEELONG 22.13 (145) d ST KILDA 11.9 (75)
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GOALS — Geelong: Lindner 8, Exall 3, Troy 3, Scott 3, G. Hocking, Seis, Wilcombe, Carey, St Kilda: McConville 3, Crebbin 2, Dwyer 2, Jeffrey, Jobling, Statters, Temy.

BEST — Geelong: G. Hocking, Stoneham, Troy, Lindner, Williams, Scott, St Kilda: Crebbin, Ford, Green, Peter-Budge, Jobling.

## VFL RESERVES PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	F	A	%	Pts	
MELBOURNE	1	—	—	184	94	195.7	4
GEELONG	1	—	—	145	75	193.3	4
N MELBOURNE	1	—	—	184	108	170.4	4
FOOTSCRAY	1	—	—	85	53	160.4	4
Carlton	1	—	—	128	114	112.3	4
Sydney	1	—	—	82	75	109.3	4
Collingwood	—	1	—	75	82	91.5	0
Hawthorn	—	1	—	114	128	89.1	0
Essendon	—	1	—	53	85	62.4	0
Richmond	—	1	—	108	184	58.7	0
St Kilda	—	1	—	75	145	51.7	0
Fitzroy	—	1	—	94	184	51.1	0

# S-W clubs lose players to city

THE WAFL is not the only football competition being depleted of its stars — the South West National Football League has lost a considerable number of players to Perth clubs this year.

Some clubs have lost up to half a team, which has put a totally different complexion on the league this season.

But it is not only players who have changed in the off-season.

There are six new coaches in the 10-team league — four of whom are former WAFL footballers.

Former East Fremantle Sandover Medallist David Hollens will coach Harvey-Brunswick, Mines Rovers have got Peter Rowe back from East Perth, Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup have another Royal in John Leyendekkers and Busselton have appointed Max George, of Swan Districts fame.

Existing coaches such as South Bunbury's Peter Hodyl (Swans), Bunbury's Bob Garman (East Fremantle) and Augusta-Margaret River's John Hill (West Perth) also have WAFL exposure.

Donnybrook's coach is Owen Miller and Collie's is Michael Murray.

Though most of the top clubs from 1986 have lost their best players, this doesn't apply at Carey Park — the winners of last year's premiership.

The Panthers have escaped with minimal losses and are favourites to retain their title as No. 1 club.

Donnybrook, who finished in the lower half of the ladder last year, are tipped to be this year's big improvers

and, to a lesser extent, so are Augusta-Margaret River and Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

All three clubs went in for big recruiting campaigns during the off-season and will be pressing for a finals slot.

South Bunbury, Bunbury and Harvey Brunswick, all finalists last year, will struggle to reproduce that form because of player losses.

## CAREY PARK REUNION

CAREY Park, the South West premiers last season, are holding a reunion of former premiership players.

The Panthers won premierships in 1963 and '73 as Carey Park and earlier as Pastimes in 1938, '46 and '47.

The Premiers Dinner will be held at the Oval Room at the Carey Park Football Club on Saturday, April 11. Pre-dinner drinks will be served at 5.30pm followed by the dinner and dance.

Sunday will see Carey Park play Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup in a home game fixture to open the 1987 SWNFL season.

All players and officials from those premiership teams are invited to the reunion. Players living as far away as Exmouth and Sydney have indicated their intention to return to Bunbury and renew old acquaintances.



# Wesfarmers COUNTRY ROUNDUP

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## PANTHERS PREPARE

CAREY Park, the reigning premiers in the South West League, will feature in the curtain-raiser for next Sunday's WAFL game at Mandurah.

South Fremantle — whose zone is Mandurah — will play host to East Perth in their second successive appearance in the coastal town and the day promises to be a big one for local football.

Carey Park will play strong Sunday Football League side Osborne Park — and some big names will be in action.

Carey Park are led by captain-coach Leigh Wright, one of the most promi-

nent players in the SWNFL for many seasons, and have other strong players such as Shaun O'Callaghan, Mark Skehan, Terry Bruce, Kurnut Thorne and Michael Dye.

One new recruit for the Park is Colin Tincknell, who has played and coached successfully in the WA Amateurs competition and with an employment appointment in Bunbury, he looks a good acquisition.

Former Claremont and WA player Barry Beecroft is captain-coach of Osborne Park and is well supported by players like Kim Dellacqua, Andrew Glendinning, Peter O'Connell, Andrew Bownes and Brian Dawson.

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It would be a sensation as a curtain-raiser to some grid-iron games.

I hope the people who are planning the future of football realise that the kids are dropping off at a rate quicker than the dollars out of Alan Bond's America's Cup pocket.

The modern-thinkers are those promoters who have a total emphasis on entertainment. It's no good reflecting on past glories about how great the game used to be.

It's action, sensation and reaction that the public want now. That's one thing last week's Eagles game proved — the crowd loved the tough physical encounters in the first quarter (gee, that Peter Wilson is a hot-head, isn't he?) and the last quarter fight back.

## COUNTRY TOUR

THE Jacko roadshow has just done a country tour down South which really packed them in.

I've got fans all over the place; people who enjoy the Jacko show and they came out in force at towns like Albany and Wagin.

I had Nick the Noise, one of the country's up-and-coming comedians with me, along with Mr Razor Back, our top MC.

There's plenty more Jacko humour available round this town now and SPORTSHOW are looking after me. You can contact them through this newspaper.

## Don't step on my toes!

I'VE got a warning for anyone who treats me unfairly this year — watch out.

If anyone steps on my toes or gets out of line when I'm playing around them, just watch out.

I've been treated unfairly by a lot of people in football and I'm out to make up for that.

The people who are behind the goals at South games this year will have two choices — enjoy my antics, my goalkicking and my entertainment ... or keep their mouths closed. Don't try bagging me, boys, because I'll fight back.

And watch this column — I'll be using this exclusive position on the back page of Westside Football to bag anyone who steps on my toes.

## Tougher now

HERE'S a little bit of humble pie — but not much!

The Eagles certainly turned on the power with their last quarter onslaught against Richmond and all praise to the boys in the blue-and-gold.

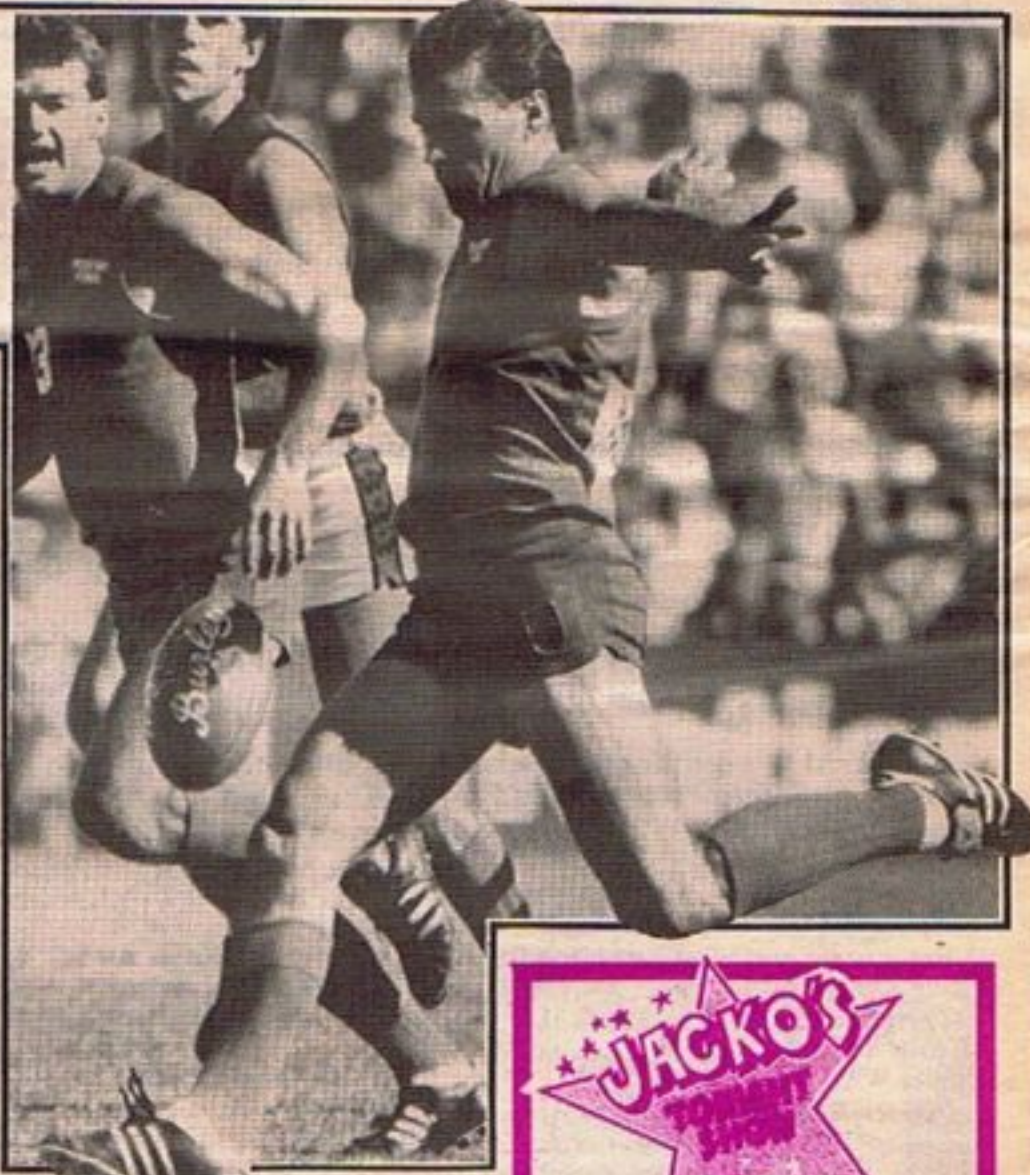
Richmond folded like a punctured balloon in the last term and it was a runaway Eagles team that got the train back on the rails and steamrollered their rivals.

Let's see if the same thing happens when they make their Victorian debut this week, with thousands of Essendon fans screaming obscenities at them, throwing, spitting, fighting ... and whatever.

Those Bombers fans out at Windy Hill don't take too kindly to visitors — especially people from out of town. And especially some high-fliers who just happened to knock them off in a practice match.

## FALCON IN FULL FLIGHT

Wayne Dayman looms as a bonus player for West Perth this year after dropping out of the league scene last season. He put in an outstanding game against East Perth last Sunday.



## GLASS CAGES

I WANT to have a shot at all those VIP people who watched Sunday's game from the glass cage boxes.

Footy has become too sponsor-conscious; too much emphasis is placed on keeping the big, important people happy.

You are forgetting about Joe Blow, the man with \$7.50 in his hand who wants to pay his way through the turnstiles.

I'm told that more attention was placed on organising car bays, luncheon facilities and comfortable seats for a few hundred VIPs at the opening Eagles game than was devoted to the needs of 30,000 footy fans.

And don't forget the players! Quite a few WAFL clubs were overlooked in the planning for the Eagles game — and that's the selfish VFL that I told you about last week. Watch them.

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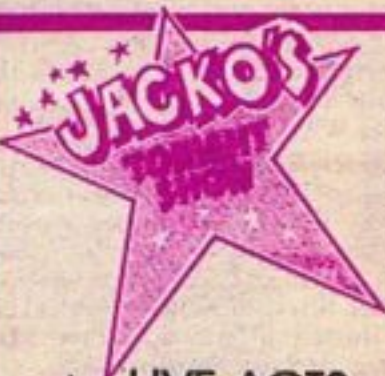
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