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BITTER BLOW TO BARICH

Injury puts unexpected star on the sidelines

AUSTRALIAN Rules Football can be a game of fluctuating fortunes and one of its latest victims is West Coast Eagles wingman Adrian Barich.

But Barich vows to overcome his unlucky first VFL game injury and get back into the Eagles 20, hopefully within the next seven weeks.

The 23-year-old Perth recruit was one of the Eagles' best performers in the pre-season practice matches, both home and away, and appeared to be a selection certainty for much of the season.

In the second quarter of the Eagles-Richmond clash at Subiaco Oval on March 29, Barich was forced to leave the ground after two bitter and painful blows to the head.

Bitter because they took him from the ground and painful because the injury — a depressed fracture of the cheekbone — would require surgery to rectify.

This gave West Perth's John Gastev an opportunity to play against Essendon, one he grasped gleefully, and was named one of the best on the ground.

But Barich could only watch his team lose the nail-biting encounter on television; sitting at home in Cannington while 20,000 Victorians watched the Eagles at Windy Hill, Essendon.

TWO MORE WEEKS

He said this week he only wants to miss another two weeks, then play a couple of games with Perth to prove his form and fitness before making it back into the West Coast Eagles line-up.

"It's a big blow for me after playing well and doing all the pre-season work, but that's football," Barich said.

"In the meantime, I've got to keep up my fitness and maintain enthusiasm for when I make my return."

Barich has been one of the quiet achievers in the Eagles summer preparation.

This quiet and unassuming footballer had an outstanding pre-season after virtually being a "late" inclusion in the Eagles squad, almost making up numbers, as it were.

Recruited to the WAFL by Perth, Barich began his footballing days as a 15-year-old in Canberra — but was always destined to be a West Australian player.

Born in Perth, his family moved to the Australian Capital Territory while he was still very young and was enrolled at Marist Brothers School where the main sport was rugby union.

VFL DREAM

A natural athlete, Barich made the school's first XV while he was still in third year at high school, but his dream was to play VFL.

But it was a pipe dream, a hope that every young sportsman thinks about and one that few realise.

In his first season of football the maturing public servant's son made the school's under-17s side and the following year represented the Manuka league team in their grand final win over Ainslie.

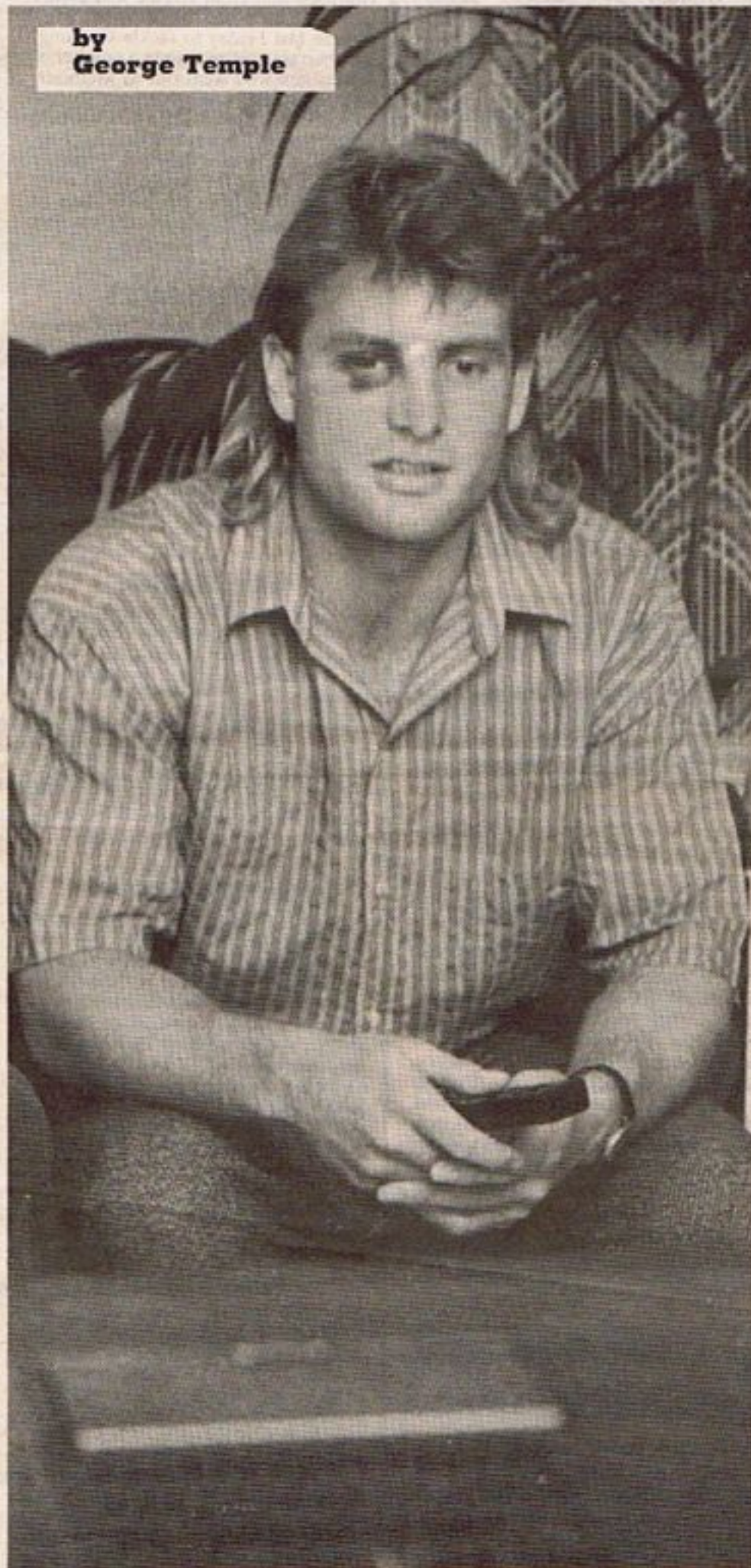
It was at Manuka that Barich received his first encouragement to come West.

"I was playing with former Swans player Ed Blackaby, Robert Maiden and Peter Kenny, all of whom I admired greatly as players.

"They were my first idols in football and they wanted me to sign with Swans.

"I also had talks with Graham Moss at Claremont, but it was Chubby Stiles from Perth who pressed the hardest and eventually signed me.

"Chubby told me that Perth was an emerging team. They had Robert Wiley and Peter Bosustow returning, plus a lot of young players coming through."

by
George Temple

..Adrian Barich...out of action and watching the West Coast Eagles from home.

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Todd puts his case for young Swans

by George Temple

SWAN Districts coach John Todd says people should not get too carried away with his team's thrilling two-point victory over West Perth at Bassendean last Saturday.

Todd said this week that his team still has a lot to learn, but he was pleased for their sake that they proved to themselves that they could win.

"Knowing you can win is important," Todd said.

"It helps your confidence and you learn quicker, but people mustn't expect too much from them too soon.

"The team that won on Saturday is very inexperienced and the win itself was testament to the hard work they put in last year and in pre-season this year.

"From Saturday's 20, 12 players have less than 10 league games to their credit and only four have played more than 100 games.

"So don't expect too much too soon. We are still rebuilding," he said.

This week the young Swans are tipped to be "eaten alive" by premiership favourites East Fremantle.

But the thought of playing the Sharks doesn't bother Todd.

"We will approach the game like any other," he said.

"There's no point about getting up-tight.

"Swans have now won one game and I'm glad for their sake because they've had to battle pretty hard.

"And they'll continue to battle and each time they will get a little better.

"We are planning for the future and the future is these players as far as Swans are concerned."

Top goals

DON'T be put off by claims that the WAFL competition lacks punch this season. WA's premier league boasts some of the finest goalkickers in the game. If it's key forwards you want how do these names grab you? — Warren Ralph (Claremont), Mick Rea (Perth), Mark Jackson (South Fremantle), Todd Breman (Subiaco) and Brent Hutton (Swan Districts). Ralph is a fast leading forward who kicked 100 goals plus in the 1981-82-83 seasons. In 1985 Mick Rea also notched up a ton and both Breman and Hutton have the ability to do likewise. As for the effervescent Mark Jackson, anything is possible.

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

FIGHT FANS

BRISBANE Bears duo Mike Richardson and Brad Hardie had plenty on their mind when they flew into Melbourne last Friday to tackle Geelong. The two stars were among a number of footballers who went out to Melbourne's Sport and Entertainment Centre to see WA's Tony Miller tackle world champion Jeff Fenech. Hardie, particularly, has been a fight fan for many years, learning the pugilistic art from Laurie Flanders in his early days at South Fremantle when boxing was part of their pre-game warm-ups.

FAMILIAR FACES

A NUMBER of familiar faces were in the Eagles rooms before the Essendon game. Former East Fremantle player Mario Turco was in Melbourne on business and made sure that he was at Windy Hill to support the home-team. Radio 6IX took a group of about 100 clients to Melbourne for the game and the party included former Swan Districts star Gary McDonald and Perth player David Pretty.

WA INFLUENCE

THE influx of West Australian players to the South Australian competition this year has been remarkable — and the SA media are giving them plenty of exposure. In the second edition of SA's weekly football newspaper, Football Times, Rod Grijusich has a full page interview (along with a photograph of him surrounded by a host of beautiful girls at work) and Darrell Panizza dominates the back page — in colour and with a very lengthy interview.

SA COMPARISON

TALKING about Darrell Panizza, he has taken up residence with Woodville and has some interesting thoughts on the comparison of football in WA and SA. He says that he doesn't believe there is much difference in the standard in the two States. "I used to think that WA clubs were stronger than in SA, but now that I've been training in Adelaide I don't believe that's so," he says. Dollar suggested that most WA clubs had up to 15 good-quality league players in each side, which SA clubs only had 10 or 12. "But now I don't think there's much difference between top level football anywhere," he said.

BRAD'S BATTLE

BROWNLOW medal champion Brad Hardie has a long, hard battle in front of him to get fit after his pre-season hassle before winning a clearance to the Brisbane Bears. But he's getting plenty of support from Bears coach Peter Knights. Hardie was dragged from the ground against Geelong last Saturday, spending time on the interchange bench. However, this time there was none of the animosity that erupted between Hardie and his former coach, Michael Malthouse at Footscray. "Brad realises he has a long way to go," said Knights. "But we are certain he will prove tremendously valuable to us this season. He has only been training for a few weeks and is not handling the ball as well as he would like."

NEW ROLE

FORMER WA media man Steve Perkin, who writes for The Western Mail, has been appointed sports editor and deputy editor of the Melbourne Sunday Observer. Perkin, now based back in his home town of Melbourne, still writes on the VFL scene for the Mail. The



Rod Grijusich has plenty of female support in South Australia.

Observer — and its counterpart, Sunday Press — devote considerable space to football and Perkin is quite pleased to see that he will be putting a lot of attention on to the West Coast Eagles this season.

BATTERED BUCKY

IT was a stiff and sore Gary Buckenara who limped into Perth Airport on Sunday morning after a sensational return to VFL football with Hawthorn. Bucky had six marks and 17 kicks for his seven-goal return to the seniors after the protracted court wrangle over his future. Obviously lacking match practice, Buckenara would have been feeling a little stiff for a few days after the impressive outing.

NEXT ROUND?

HAS evergreen Garry Sidebottom given up football and taken up prize-fighting? It is rumoured that the big Swan Districts player is on \$500 per game for the black and whites. In last Saturday's match against West Perth, Sidebottom played only three minutes towards the end of the second quarter and in that time he had two fights with full back Noel Mugavin and his only kick went out of bounds on the full. It makes you wonder what will happen if Sidebottom plays at full back on Mark Jackson when Swans clash with South Fremantle.

YOUNG STARS

THOUGH South Australia did not join the expanded VFL football competition this year, they have formed an elite squad of 35 16-18 year old footballers. South Australia are obviously

grooming these young Crowweaters for future State and national competition football.

ANOTHER STAR

NORTH Beach amateurs look like producing another star into league ranks this season. Last year Ian Dargle was a sensation for Subiaco and was more than happy to mix it with the tough men of the opposition sides. Now Claremont have unearthed Andrew Host, who put in a superb display in defence for the Tigers in their resounding 32-point win over Perth. Host is one of three talented players who made their league debuts for Claremont. Julian Urquhart and Brian Sutherland also excelled for the Tigers.

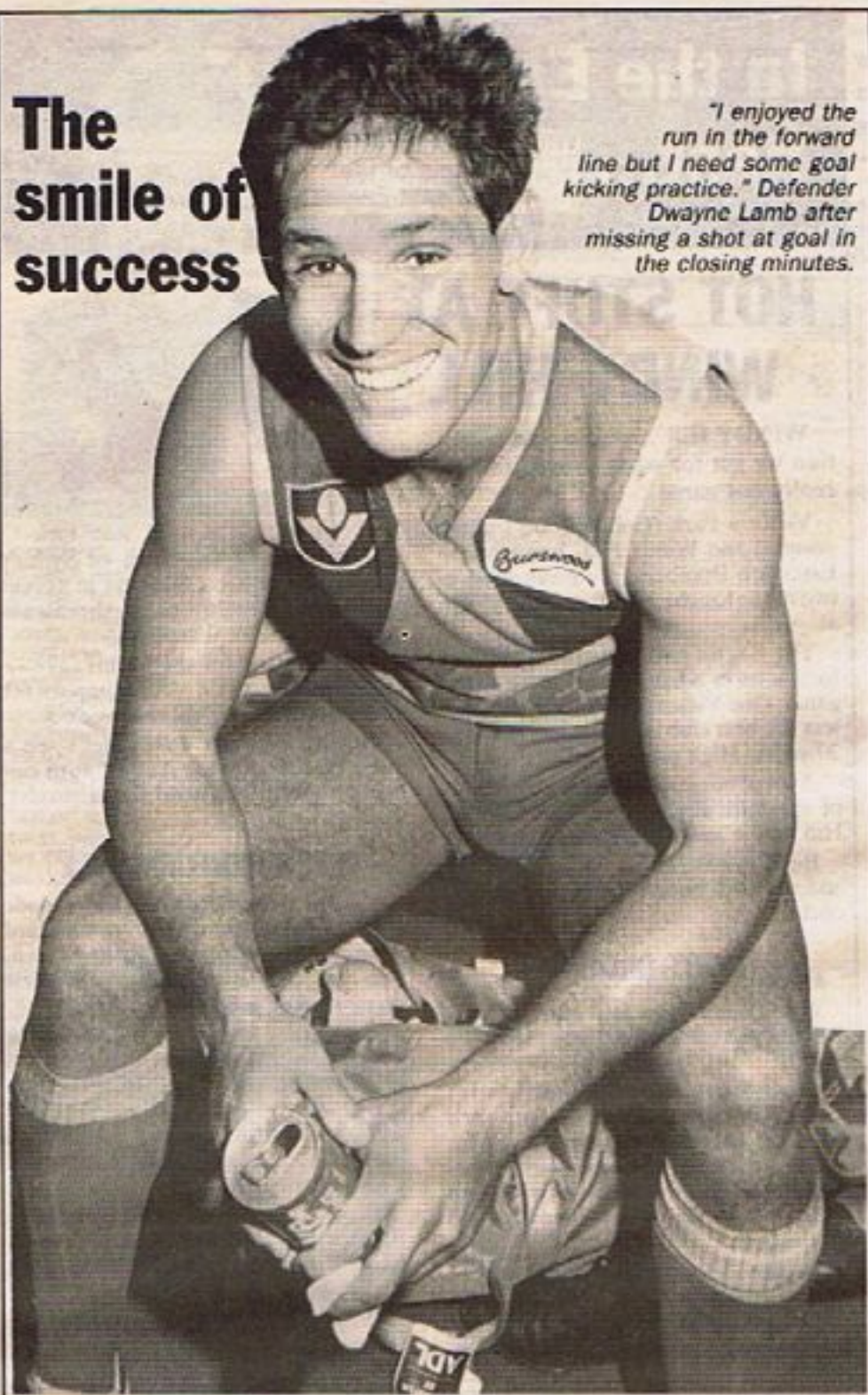
COACHING SWITCH

SWAN Districts have pulled off a small coup. They've attracted former East Perth player Trevor Malcolm down to Bassendean and have even persuaded him to don a black-and-white tracksuit. Malcolm, who coaches in the Swan Junior League, is now assistant coach of the Swan Districts combined team for the under-17 carnival over Easter.

INSIDE SKILLS

FOOTBALL skills can never be practised too much. Swans have just opened a skills gym for their players at the club that enables players to learn the fine points of handballing and kicking without wasting time by going to get the ball, as would be the case outside. This allows individual coaching.

The smile of success



"I enjoyed the run in the forward line but I need some goal kicking practice." Defender Dwayne Lamb after missing a shot at goal in the closing minutes.



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GOOD IMPRESSION

THE West Coast Eagles certainly made a good impression on the Melbourne media with their plucky effort against Essendon. The Eagles didn't get the four premierships points, but they earned respect and admiration from the football media, both radio and print. The TV boys, however, didn't seem that impressed as they heaped praise on the Essendon revival after a year in the doldrums.

GOLDEN START

THE Golden Eagles club has been launched by Indian Pacific Ltd, offering 50 exclusive memberships (at \$6500 each) to be part of the team's major support group. Membership offers numerous activities including special sporting luncheons, tickets to the VFL grand final and other benefits by being attached to the Eagles elite club. The No. 1 membership badge went to prominent real estate man Nigel Satterly — and the other 49 memberships are going to be much sought-after.

AIRLINE HELP

THE involvement of Australian Airlines with the West Coast Eagles is proving to be a good liaison, with the airline offering numerous package deals for supporters to Fly Like An Eagle. But there's more to just flying people across the country. The airline agreed to fly the Eagles run-through banner over for the Essendon game, but when fog closed Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport early on Friday, the banner got diverted to Hobart! Fortunately, the airline's representative on the Bombers trip, Peter Harris, had everything under control and the specially-made run-through was back at Windy Hill in plenty of time for the big game.

ICE PROBLEM

THERE are many little difficulties associated with flying a team of footballers and their support staff backwards and forwards across the country. With the Eagles leaving virtually straight after the game to fly home, the problem of ice packs is one that the average person wouldn't think about. Many of the Eagles players require ice packs to keep their injuries from swelling and Australian Airlines' Peter Harris had to have extra supplies taken on board for the flight home last Saturday.

SUPPORT STAFF

THE Eagles have put together an excellent support staff in Melbourne to make sure everything runs smoothly on Victorian trips. Locals Brian Watt and John Bentick adopt the role of doormen and general organisers when it comes to making sure the Eagles rooms are ready and trainers John Lovelle, Shane Williams and David Hillbrick have been appointed to the Eagles staff. They work in well with Eagles head trainer Bill Sutherland (formerly with Claremont) and his assistant Wayne Davies (of Subiaco) who travel with the team.

FOOTY CONVERTS

AUSTRALIAN Airlines, the official carriers of the West Coast Eagles, took a media party to Melbourne for the Essendon game — and won a few converts to the Australian game. The media men were not necessarily football or even sporting people. They included journalists like George Boylen, editor of the Countryman, Eddie Gunzburg and John Dare, senior sub-editors on The Western Mail and The West Australian, John Brown, an editor with Provincial Publications and Sunday Times news editor Robert Bennett — who does qualify as a football man, having been a senior football writer for many years. The media group were well feted by Australian Airlines and their Melbourne hosts, the Southern Cross Hotel and they enjoyed the Eagles performance considerably.

VIP SUPPORTERS

THE Eagles had a number of VIP supporters on their first official excursion into Melbourne. Offering the players morale support before the match were people like Town and Country WA Building Society managing director Ray Turner, Australian Golf Association president and Bunbury real estate man Jim Barr, prominent publican Geoff Ogden, real estate developer Nigel Satterly and architect and Claremont director Ian Oldfield. In addition, the whole board of directors of Indian Pacific Ltd were there to see how their players would perform.

CROWDED ROOMS

THE Eagles have had more than their share of problems when it comes to training venues and so forth. And their trip to Melbourne last week for the Essendon clash was no exception. They had to share their change rooms with the Geelong reserves (who were playing Essendon in the curtain-raiser) and the little league side — with the blue-and-gold clad little Eagles coming from the Overland Primary School.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE Eagles have had quite an immediate effect on Melbourne media coverage. The Eagles-Essendon battle was accorded the privileged status of being the game-of-the-day with the ABC people selecting the clash as their No. 1 choice. Broadcom had second choice and they opted for the Brisbane Bears-Geelong match — which meant that the traditional Carlton-Collingwood game had to use the back-up No. 3 camera crew. The Eagles game did well on the ABC show The Winners as well. Bombers duo Roger Merrett and David Flood won the mark and goal of the day award — and there were a few good contenders from Eagles players as well, including Darren Bennett's "kilometre high" mark.

EAGLE AWARDS

RADIO 6IX found a novel way to announce their game-of-the-day awards after last week's Essendon game.

They had the captain of the Australian Airlines airbus announce them over the public address system on the return from Melbourne!

Harvey Deegan, who flew to Melbourne to call the game back to Perth on 6IX, had the winners announced as the jet soared across the Nullarbor — just like the Eagles themselves.

The Eagle-of-the-day was judged to be Dwayne Lamb, while the mark of the day and goal of the day went to Darren Bennett and Andrew MacNish respectively.

The awards will not necessarily always go to Eagles players — that was just how the judging panel saw Saturday's game.

With the players and the media flying out of Melbourne two hours after the match finishes, the airlines "stage" seemed to be an ideal platform to announce the awards.

Rookie brigade make their mark

THE first full round of WAFL fixtures were played at the weekend and 21 rookies took the field in a league game for the first time.

Nerves would have played a big part in the performances of these newcomers — both young and old — but most equipped themselves well in their new hurly-burly world.

Players like Ashley Smith (South Fremantle), Peter Hooper (East Perth), Troy Ugle, Mick Grasso (Swan Districts), Stuart Holmes (West Perth), Clint Hunter, Troy Davis (Perth) and Julian Urquhart (Claremont) all had good starts to their league careers and will be hoping to build on that this week.

Match statistics:

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Hit-outs	Goals	Behinds
CLAREMONT						
Andrew Host	8	2	4	-	-	-
Brian Sutherland	7	2	1	-	1	-
Julian Urquhart	15	4	2	-	1	-
Peter Higgins	2	3	1	12	-	-
PERTH:						
Bradley Fox	5	3	2	-	1	-
Clint Hunter	12	2	7	-	-	-
Troy Davis	14	4	9	-	1	2
WEST PERTH:						
Stuart Holmes	9	7	2	-	3	2
SWAN DISTRICTS:						
Geoff Passeri	5	-	2	-	-	1
Troy Ugle	9	2	9	-	-	-
Peter Old	7	1	3	5	1	-
Mick Grasso	10	1	2	-	-	-
EAST PERTH:						
Justin Cook	4	2	4	-	1	-
Shane Evans	1	-	2	-	-	-
Peter Hooper	13	3	2	10	3	1
SOUTH FREMANTLE:						
Kevin Williams	6	3	5	1	-	-
Ashley Smith	13	4	4	-	-	1
SUBIACO:						
Mark Brown	4	3	1	-	1	1
Bernard Sloan	-	-	-	3	-	-
Graham Jones	5	3	3	3	-	-
EAST FREMANTLE:						
Chris Waterman	8	3	1	-	-	-

The man who can be most proud of himself after the weekend is East Perth's Peter Hooper. Hooper kicked 3.1, won 10 hit-outs and had 13 kicks, three marks and two handballs which are match statistics that would have made any veteran footballer happy.

Although East Perth lost, his was a gutsy effort and worthy of recognition.

But Hooper wasn't the rookie to win the most hit outs or have the most kicks.

Peter Higgins of Claremont had 12 hit-outs and his team-mate Julian Urquhart got 15 kicks.

by
George Temple



Troy Davis...a good first up performance.

The man who took the most marks was Stuart Holmes for the Falcons with seven and Troy Davis of Perth and Ugle of Swan Districts each had nine handballs.

The rookies with the most goals were Holmes and Hooper with three each.



LES'S LYRICS

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

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The wicket our cricket made famous
Will begin to feel quite silly
Like the time the poor little Paki
Got kicked in the bottom by Lillee

So now that football's back
At the WACA Ground once more
Plenty of that type of action
Will stir up the ashes I'm sure

In the Eagles nest...

With ROSS GLENDINNING,
captain of the
West Coast Eagles



HOT STUFF AT WINDY HILL

WINDY Hill...what a cold reception we got for what proved to be a really hot game.

Victoria Park (Collingwood's home ground) and Windy Hill, home of the Essendon Bombers, are recognised as two of the toughest VFL grounds to win at.

The Eagles put up a creditable performance in what proved to be a top game. One Victorian media man said it was the best club game he had seen for 20 years. High praise, indeed.

A lot of our guys were very conscious of the difficulty of winning at Windy Hill and it was a daunting prospect.

But I'm sure all our players, young and old, will benefit from that experience.

TIGHT GROUND

A LOT has been said about Windy Hill and why it's a hard ground to win at.

West Australian football writer Geoff Christian summed it up well when he said that it was a much smaller ground than normal ovals and therefore the packs descended on you much quicker — giving you less time to get rid of the ball.

Because it's a small ground and the spectators are so close to the action, a crowd of 20,000 people seems like a 40,000 finals crowd, such is the atmosphere.

It was pleasing to note that none of our players were influenced by the reputations and traditions of Windy Hill and Essendon and we stuck it out till the end.

ONE-SIDED

THE chilling silence when the Eagles kicked a goal or did something spectacular made us all realise how Richmond felt at Subiaco when we made our VFL debut.

It's a tough project to travel across Australia and play in a game where 99 percent of the crowd are against you.

But I don't think it will be that bad for the Sydney Swans when we meet them at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

EVEN PERFORMANCE

EAGLES coach Ron Alexander made a point of mentioning the even standard produced by our players against Essendon and, to a lesser extent, in the first game against Richmond.

It was very hard to pick outstanding players against the Bombers. We had players who performed steadily over four quarters and while we did have some who exerted greater influence in individual quarters, it was generally an even contribution.

It makes for good teamwork when it's so hard to pick best players — and it makes us senior players work that little bit harder!

What we don't want is a situation where the team is reliant on one or two outstanding individuals and our first two games indicate that we have an even spread of people to rely on.

MATURE ROOKIES

ONE of the hardest things for me to come to grips with when the Eagles first started training was getting to know the younger players.

But I'm surprised at how easily it's come together. They are a very mature bunch of blokes, young and old.

I thought initially that we should have had more Victorian players in the side. But I soon realised that this wasn't necessary.

The local content of the team proved outstanding and we have mixed in extremely well.

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SECRET MISSION

EAGLES general manager Graham Moss went to Melbourne a few days early to attend the monthly VFL general managers meeting. So he snuck out to Windy Hill on the Thursday night for a "secret" look at the Essendon boys in full training. Can you imagine the 6ft. 4in Moss — a hero 10 years ago at Essendon — doing anything secretly at Windy Hill?

OVER-REACTION

WHILE realising that our football officials have plenty of problems in the current marriage of the WAFL and the Eagles, I can't help thinking that there has been a knee-jerk reaction to a few immediate problems. The question of the big crowd leaving Subiaco Oval after the Eagles-Richmond game, making the East Perth-West Perth clash something of an anti-climax, needed addressing, that's for sure. So too does the question of what effect the televising of Eagles games back from Melbourne will have on local attendances. But to drop the double-headers after just one week and then delay starting times for Saturday games till the Eagles matches finish is over-reacting. Why not give the system time to settle down before making judgements on just one weekend?



Ron Alexander...rudely interrupted.

TOUGH TALK

THE relationships between Melbourne's television media and the Eagles coach Ron Alexander were a little strained at their Friday coaching run on an open reserve near Carlton's home ground, Princes Park. A TV crew rudely interrupted a private chat Alexander was having with some of his support staff — and the cameraman and reporter were dispatched with some fiery words from big Ron. It was a rather humble TV man who came up to the Eagles boss after training, seeking to bury the hatchet. Graciously, Ron agreed.

BUYING TRIP

WELL-known publican and footy fan, Geoff Ogden, was in the Melbourne party to cheer the Eagles on last week. But he was mixing business with pleasure as he was on the look out to buy a Melbourne tram to bring home to Perth. What for? Well, customers at his magnificently-presented Windsor Hotel, in South Perth, will be the first to know.

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ONE-EYED FAN

WELL-known local football identity Len Fode loves seeing WA players or teams taking on the Victorians. He was a fairly lone voice sitting in one of the stands at Essendon on Saturday — but he wasn't worried about letting everyone know who he was supporting. A former WA colleague and one-time Essendon football great Alex Epis was sitting nearby in the Bombers official area — and Fode continually stirred him — and everyone within ear shot — up as the Eagles pounded the goals. In the end, Fode had to cop the taunts from the Bombers supporters sweet . . . but he showed them that these Eagles won't lie down and die under any circumstances.

KEENE CRITIC

OUTSPOKEN Melbourne critic Ray (Slug) Jordan had some questioning comments about Eagles ruckman Laurie Keene last weekend. He suggested that Keene didn't handle the physical clashes too well and appeared to be worried about getting a knock to the head. Jordan said that Keene's actions in appearing to cover his head with his hands in man-to-man clashes would be a worry for the Eagles.



Slug Jordan

SARCASTIC SLUG

TALKING about Slug Jordan — he's one fairly sarcastic commentator who I'll be looking for when the Eagles make the VFL finals this year! He is renowned for slipping into WA teams and players and last week he suggested that most VFL players would love to shove it up "those West Aussie supporters' noses" when they played in Perth. He was referring to the so-called home town support for the Eagles — but it couldn't be any worse than the one-eyed Essendon fans we had to put up with last week!

ROD'S REFLECTIONS

FORMER Perth and South Fremantle player Rod Grljusich has had some interesting comments to make about his coach at those two clubs — Malcolm Brown. In an interview in SA's weekly football newspaper, Football Times, Grljusich says that playing under Brown was one of the highlights of his career. "He is a real character and taught me a lot about life and football. He is a flamboyant coach who takes the media for a ride, but he really cares about his players."

BIG RON'S ROLE

MELBOURNE media people are a little puzzled about Eagles coach Ron Alexander — they don't quite know what to make of the big fellow. Alexander has always been guarded in his comments to the general media and he throws back some pretty curly answers to after-match questions from the probing media men, always looking for a sensational headline quote. Leading questions like "What did you think of the umpires" generally see Alexander bounce back with a clever reply that leaves the questioner wondering what to say next!

MYSTERY MAN

THAT Mystery man John Gastev makes life difficult for football papers such as ours. Last week we searched high and low to find an up-to-date picture of the talented little rover showing him with a beard. Then the day our paper came out we find that Gastev has shaven his beard off in anticipation of his VFL debut in Melbourne.

RICHO'S PROBLEMS

FORMER Swan Districts player Steve Richardson hasn't settled down too well in his move to South Australia. Richardson is playing with Norwood, who are struggling after an exodus of players and a bad run with injury. Adelaide football writer Gordon Campbell says that Richardson's performance in the pre-season matches indicate a lack of discipline in his game.

MONEY-MAKERS

IT'S interesting to see how the world of commercial radio and television changes the life of people. Take Dennis Cometti for example. Undoubtedly, the nation's leading all-round sports commentator, he has succumbed to the world of commercialisation since joining Channel 7. Even though he started in commercial radio — wasn't he a midnight-to-dawn DJ on 6KY? — he was ABC trained and cultivated. But I heard him doing a radio commercial for a pizza mob the other day, didn't I? And I think he was actually talking to his old adversary, Mal Brown!

SOCCER WOES

WE'RE always hearing about how dangerous footy is and how much safer that rival ball-game, soccer, is. Put your kids into soccer, many mums are told. Well, most of us footy freaks reckon that's rubbish, so it's good to know that soccer people are now having problems with unduly rough play in their senior ranks. South Melbourne coach Brian Garvey says that soccer referees in Victoria are not as tough on unduly rough play as they are in overseas soccer circles. "Elbows are being used too much and unduly rough play can be more dangerous than tackles," he said.

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Clearance battle with a difference

TEN years ago Stan Magro left South Fremantle and headed for Collingwood ... with a clearance battle that would have ironical overtones in today's football.

The wrangle that followed his clearance application was heading for the High Court when someone chickened out.

In the agreement with Collingwood, Magro would withdraw from a Federal Court hearing, leaving the parties to pay their own legal costs.

In view of the disastrous finding in the recent Buckenara/Harding case, one wonders if perhaps the judge would have favoured the WA club in the Magro dispute.

Magro was then leased to Collingwood for one year, but that turned into six before he returned to WA in 1983 to play with East Perth.

TOUGH DECISION

ON the subject of one way traffic in players, it's 10 years ago since Subiaco appointed Carlton's David McKay as assistant coach. There was no clearance for McKay despite a decade of service to Carlton and he was forced to return to Victoria.

ONE FOR WA

TEN years ago, however, we did get a great footballer back from the Vics. ...and with no hassles either. Graham Moss returned after four years at Essendon — and a Brownlow Medal.

There were no problems with the transfer because it was part of the deal when Claremont cleared him in 1973. In his four seasons at Essendon, Moss' Brownlow Medal placings were 1973 second, 1974 tenth, 1975 third, 1976 first.

SWEET REVENGE

NO-one likes losing a grand final, so the losers have six months to think about it and then endeavour to reverse the result the next time they meet. East Fremantle did just that last Sunday, the same way as 13 losers in the last 20 seasons have done. The Sharks, who have appeared in six grand finals in the last 20 years, have won three and lost three, with the three they lost all being reversed in the first clash with their conquerors the next season.

ONE-EYED FANS

WHICH club has the most one-eyed supporters is a question I've often been asked. My answer is that they are all the same, whether you are in the McDonald Stand at Bassendean, the members stand at Perth or Leederville Oval or the reserved areas of the two Fremantle grounds. But for sheer parochialism the Windy Hill mob at Essendon last week won my vote. There has been times at interstate games against Victoria that I've felt a little ashamed of the one-sided barracking and applause, but how enlightening it was watching last Saturday's telecast to find footy followers in Victoria are no better than we in WA.

ROOKIE WINNERS

Two weeks ago I mentioned the six successful rookie coaches and three readers came up with other nominations. But I can't accept them for the following reasons — Jim Conway coached East Fremantle in 1951, before his first-up success with Claremont in 1964; Arthur Oliver was coach at Footscray before coming to West Perth in 1960 and Hassa Mann was in his second year at South Fremantle when they won the flag in 1970. (Mann incidentally is at present coaching Melbourne's under-19 team).

EAGLE PROFILE

Darren Bennett



CLUB: West Coast Eagles
FAVOURITE POSITION: Full forward
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: NSW 9/1/65
HEIGHT: 196cm **WEIGHT:** 92kg
RECRUITED FROM: East Fremantle
FIRST PLAYED: vs Claremont 10/7/82
GAMES PLAYED: East Fremantle 20, finals 4
FOOTBALL HONOURS: WA Teal Cup 1982
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 1 brother, 1 sister
OCCUPATION: Nurseryman
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Applecross High School
CAR: Nissan Vanette
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Fishing, diving, water skiing
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti
FAVOURITE DRINK: Bourbon
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Dire Straits
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Sidney Sheldon

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Northampton, Horrocks Beach
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Rumours Night Club
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Beyond 2000, Moonlight
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Blues Brothers
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Eddie Murphy
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Harry Neesham
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Dennis Lillee, Peter Hudson
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Relax and watch cartoons
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing the 1985 premiership, playing in losing grand finals 1984 and 1986
BIGGEST THRILL: Kicking 10 goals in the second semi-final
NICKNAME: Benno
FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be successful with the West Coast Eagles

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Bucky shows his class

by **Alan East**

THE sensational seven-goal return to VFL ranks by WA's Gary Buckenara confirmed, once again, the sheer skill of the star forward.

Buckenara endured considerable anguish over the summer months as the West Coast Eagles lured him back from Melbourne, making him their No. 1 recruiting target.

When the deal finished up in a messy court-room battle, Buckenara emerged the loser — and he realistically faced facts and opted to return to Hawthorn.

"I didn't want to be out of football, so I had to go back to Hawthorn," said Buckenara after his match-winning return to the Hawks senior side.

"I had only trained with them twice since returning and playing reserves a week earlier.

"I was a little surprised to find myself back in the seniors so soon, but it was great to get among the goals again.

"The players certainly accepted me

back at Hawthorn and there was no animosity at all. They're a top bunch of blokes and I think they understood my position."

Buckenara had a 20-possession performance in the Hawks reserves in the opening round and he picked up 17 kicks, two handballs and six marks against Richmond last week, finishing off with 7.4.

That was his best goal-haul in VFL ranks, matching the seven goals he kicked for WA against Victoria in a State-of-Origin game at Subiaco Oval in 1983.

His first goal came just 90 seconds into the match — when a wild handpass from team-mate John Platten found him in a forward pocket, 20 metres out.

"It was a wobbly old kick, but fortunately it went through," said buckenara.

Buckenara, who was opposed to fellow West Australian Peter Wilson for most of the match, picked up two more goals in the opening term, one late in the third quarter and then three in the final term. Several goals came with Wilson's help — a couple of free kicks and a 15-metre penalty.

Buckenara returned to Perth on Sunday to finalise his moving arrangements back to Melbourne, taking his wife Annette and children back this week. He has been transferred in his employment with Australian Airlines and is set to stay with the Hawks for three more years.

"I wasn't really happy about going back to Hawthorn," he says. "Naturally, I wanted to stay in Perth and play with the Eagles.

"But football is important to me and I've got a few years left, so I had no option but to agree to a three-year contract.

"It's a relief to get all the legal pressure off me and kick a few goals."



THIS WEEK'S GAMES

WACA clash a test for the Falcons

IN pre-season predictions Claremont and West Perth were freely tipped as the likely grand finalists in 1987.

This was a logical assumption. West Perth were likely to have many of their Eagles players available for most of the season and sensible recruiting was expected to see Claremont cover their losses.

West Perth started the season well by beating East Perth, but were disappointing when they lost to Swan Districts last Saturday, while Claremont won impressively against Perth.

The West Perth-Claremont game at the WACA Ground on Friday night looms as a match of importance because West Perth can ill-afford to start the season with two losses and concede a two-game advantage to Claremont at even this early stage of the season.

The game promises to be an outstanding baptism for the return of



league football to the WACA Ground.

Claremont's midfield division — led by Stephen Goulding, Allen Daniels, Joe Ahmat and young rover Brad Mumme — was largely responsible for the Tigers' impressive opening to the season.

And West Perth will need some of their key midfielders to give new captain Peter Menaglio the required assistance.

Menaglio played almost a lone hand against Swan Districts and he will require support from wingman Sean King, rover Gavin Chaplin, utility player Wayne Dayman and youngster Darren Bewick, who returned to his best form against Swans.

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South need a good start



PERTH had intended to celebrate their return to the WACA Ground on May 1 but the WAFL's decision not to go ahead with double-headers at Eagles games at Subiaco Oval means that the celebration will come early.

Perth and South Fremantle were to have played after the Eagles-Sydney Swans game at Subiaco Oval on Sunday but now they will clash at the WACA Ground on Saturday.

And it promises to be an absorbing battle with some of the best young players in the State in action.

South appear to be one of the big improvers in the WAFL and it will be important for them to start the season confidently to boost belief in their own ability.

There is no shortage of talent in the young Bulldogs camp with players like Cliff and Derek Collard, Ashley Smith, Brad McDougall, Scott Watters, John Worsfold and Dean Irving all showing promise.

Perth will again rely on their experienced players like full-forward Mick Rea, rover Robert Wiley, vice-captain Mark Watson and tough utility player Jack Lucas.

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Sharks to keep on the pressure



EAST Fremantle should maintain their top rating when they play Swan Districts at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

The Sharks produced a solid blend of team football to overpower Subiaco last Sunday and they have the talent to remain undefeated after two games.

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ROYALS FACE TOUGH TIME



NO other team in the competition has suffered to the extent of East Perth in regard to player losses during the off-season.

But the Royals have surprised in their opening two games of the season with strong efforts against West Perth and South Fremantle, teams considered likely to reach the finals.

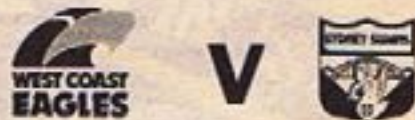
On Saturday they face another challenge when they play a Subiaco team which has also been affected by recent developments in football.

Subiaco have lost the nucleus of their running game, but still have players like Neil Taylor, Phil Lamb, Greg Wilkinson and Mick Lee.

East Perth are a young side and must be given time to develop. They have some exciting prospects within their ranks and, given time, will return as a force in the competition.

It's another big match for Eagles

A RIFT has developed between Melbourne football supporters and those in the rest of the country.



They are keen to see the VFL's newcomers — the West Coast Eagles, Brisbane Bears and, to a lesser extent, the Sydney Swans — fall.

On Sunday however, either the Eagles or Swans must win the clash at Subiaco Oval in a match which promises to produce a sell-out crowd.

The Eagles have won once in two outings, but they were far from disgraced in going down by five points to Essendon at Windy Hill last Saturday and the Swans have been powerful winners in both their matches.

The Eagles have taken the VFL by storm, losing just one match in four against VFL teams. They have won two National Panasonic night matches and opened the season on a winning note against Richmond at Subiaco Oval a fortnight ago.

If the Eagles are to make the final five their performances at home games become important and they can ill-afford to drop matches to teams like the Sydney Swans in Perth.

The Swans have had to fight extremely hard, after tough beginnings, to reach the stage where they are now a power in the VFL and they are desperate to improve on last year's performance when they were bundled out in the first semi-final.

After playing strongly all season it was a disappointing end for them to lose the qualifying final and then the first semi-final.

The Eagles will be without giant ruckman Alex Ishchenko, who was suspended by the VFL tribunal last week, and that is tragic because a clash between Ishchenko and his former teammate John Ironmonger would have been a crowd-pulling event.

The Eagles will probably use Laurie Keene against Ironmonger and that promises to be an absorbing duel.

The Eagles also appear to have the edge in the running department with players like Wally Matera, John Annear, Dwayne Lamb, Mark Zanotti, Phil Narkle and Paul Peos all starting the season in magnificent fashion.

If Michael O'Connell is fit to play he likely to be given the task in minding brilliant Swan full-forward Warwick Capper. To beat the Swans, Capper must be well held.



Phil Narkle...an edge in the running department.

BOMBERS RECRUIT

ESSENDON are already looking forward to 1988 when they plan to have South Australian Magarey medallist Greg Anderson in their line-up. The talented utility player was an impressive winner of SA's top award last year and the Port Adelaide star is keen to switch to the VFL next season. Anderson (on the injured list) was a special guest of the Bombers last Saturday, watching them beat the Eagles while his side were beaten by Glenelg in their Escort Cup pre-season competition.



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ALAN EAST	3	West Perth	East Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	5	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	5	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	4	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	3	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	5	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles
IAN MILLER	5	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles
MARK JACKSON	5	Claremont	East Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Sydney Swans
MOST FAVOURED	5	Claremont	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Perth	Eagles



BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer **ROBERT BENNETT**



Feathers will fly as Eagles swoop

THE Eagles are going to kill the WAFL and the VFL.

I gained that impression after watching the Eagles run Essendon to five points at Windy Hill last Saturday.

Already the local competition is feeling the pinch. It has been shown in poor attendances.

The worst fears for the VFL were realised on Saturday.

The Eagles should have won. That's not a one-eyed view. The Eagles showed they are well and truly up to the standard of the top VFL clubs. Even Lou (The Mouth) Richards was forced to eat humble pie.

He predicted we would get creamed by 42 points. After the game he described us as a State-of-Art team.

We lost the match because some of our players have not yet adapted to the pressure-cooker environment of the VFL.

Essendon were able to kick too many easy goals. Too often one of their small men was left unattended behind the pack and was able to grab the crumbs with no-one between him and the goals.

WEAKNESS

The other weakness was the way we allowed Essendon to bring the ball out of defence so easily by creating a loose man.

But all that will come.

I can understand Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy wanting two WA sides in the competition. It will dissipate the influence of the WA incursion.

Given one side, WA will dominate the competition within a couple of years because of the resources at our disposal.

While it's early days yet the VFL ladder, with the three interstate teams sitting in the top five, could be a premonition of things to come.

It is more than conceivable that the Eagles and Sydney Swans will meet in one of this season's finals.

That will really stir up the Vics.

On Saturday I think the Essendon fans felt they had been invaded by a team from another planet.

While some players were known to them most were not. And it's just not footy in Victoria not knowing who opposition players are.

The Eagles have a tough job ahead of them to qualify for the finals.

The VFL draw has made certain of that.

We'll have our bad days.

OPTIMISTIC

But the optimistic outlook is that whatever we are capable of doing now we will certainly be able to do better as the season progresses.

One Victorian footy scribe remarked, tongue-in-cheek, to Ron Alexander after the game that we had even brought our own weather over.

Some of the Vics want excuses.

For a fledgling team from another State to almost topple one of the VFL's mighty sides on their own turf is an indication that there are tough times ahead.

It was even claimed that the Bombers limped across the line with an injury-depleted team.

Let them make their excuses. They will run out of them in time.

Alexander's only problem now is to ensure that our players realise their potential each week.

On Saturday there were lapses in concentration and it cost us dearly at the end.

We can't afford to relax for five minutes against the top VFL sides let alone for a match. They are so professional and proficient in the way they use the ball.

"This will show the Eagles players what VFL footy is all about." ABC commentator Doug Biggelow — just as an Essendon player was forced to kick out of bounds on the full!

"To Victorians, football is a religion. You follow one club and hate all the others." Peter Evans (a Victorian) talking on 6PR's football show about one-eyed commentators.

"Tell them to let me off so I can fly home — it was nothing." Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko when told that he had been reported against Essendon.

"We expected a tough game and we got it. It was a good contest. It's not easy to play at Windy Hill and we'll get better." Eagles coach Ron Alexander.

"I hope we slaughter them." Eagles general manager Graham Moss talking about the clash with his old VFL club.

"Football is now in a situation where it can take steps to present a better face to adults in the marketplace." Channel 7's Dennis Cometti, writing in The Western Mail about the influence of the Eagles.

"I don't see the Eagles as a threat to the local competition. They are an enormous boost to the football industry in this State." WAFL chairman Roy Annear.

"The only thing certain at the moment is the training nights." Perth coach Mal Brown on the changes for WAFL fixtures.

"There will be too many one-sided games because the matches are too long. The Kresta Cup showed the benefit of shorter games." Swan Districts coach John Todd.

"Once it sorts itself out there will be plenty of interest in the competition." South Fremantle coach Stan Magro on the 1987 WAFL season.

"We have made all the compromises in the negotiations and have not had one concrete offer from Indian Pacific." Subiaco president Michael Carlile on the stalemate in negotiations over the Eagles use of Subiaco Oval as their headquarters.

"Football today is a pretty tough and

WHAT THEY SAID

time-consuming affair and Barry feels that if he can't give the game his total enthusiasm, he is better off retiring before the season starts." Swans coach John Todd on Barry Kimberley's retirement.

"Subiaco have responded strongly to innovative challenges in the last three years and now we have decided to give the club cash up front." A joint statement from Channel 9 and Western Underwriters on a \$330,000 three-year sponsorship deal with the Lions.

"We hope that Subiaco are still prepared to discuss this matter. If not we will look to Perth Oval as an alternative training venue." Eagles chief executive John Walker on the deadlock over the Eagles using Subiaco Oval.

"My club doctor asks me why I'm putting blokes back on the ground with broken legs." Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy on a call for three interchange players because of increasing injuries.

"Normally in that situation I would back myself. I just wish I could have kicked it." Eagles forward Darren Bennett on his missed shot at goal in the closing minutes of the Essendon game.

"Pound for pound, Maurice Rioli is equal to the best footballer I have ever seen." Swans coach John Todd, writing in the Daily News.

"It was tragic that such a magnificent start to the West Coast Eagles season was marred by a decision by the VFL." Eagles chief executive John Walker on the ticket chaos before the Eagles-Richmond game.

"After today Windy Hill should be called Boot Hill because it will be the burial ground of the West Coast Eagles." Victorian commentator Doug Biggelow previewing the Eagles/Essendon game in which he predicted the Bombers would run out winners by 10 goals.

Commentators a disgrace

WATCHING last Saturday's Eagles—Essendon game I could not believe the standard of match television commentary.

When you consider this game was being televised live to a great proportion of Australia, you would think that the best footballers in our game deserve the best commentators.

There were passages of play of over two minutes in length that never had an Eagles player's name mentioned or, for that matter, the correct Essendon player. Several times Essendon players were called who weren't even on the ground; they were sitting on the interchange bench.

The football public is watching the best football our great game can display. Surely we are entitled to a more professional television commentary.

Our state has many outstanding commentators, including the best in Australia — Dennis Cometti. The Eastern States would be doing the game a great service if they used some of the commentary talent the West has to offer.

D(decision)-Day

D-DAY was one of the most important days in the history of World War II. A day when the freedom and life of the Western world hung in the balance.

Last weekend's round of WAFL fixtures was the D-Day for our local competition. Decision day for all supporters.

After a fantastic opening two games by the Eagles, when the whole of the West Australian football public have been "totally hooked" into the new VFL competition, the local WAFL series was on the steps of extinction.

Loss of star players and a general lack of publicity by the media saw our local competition enter its first full round of fixtures on what was to be a historic occasion.

When I arrived at Bassendean Oval I could not believe my eyes. For the first time, in my football life I saw a half empty McDonald stand. No matter where the Swans have been over previous years, the McDonald stand is always full of very vocal, foot-stamping dedicated Swan District supporters.

All the talk was about the Eagles vs Essendon game in progress with the only reference to the local competition being about the ease of parking your car, something that never happens up at Basso.

Well, history now records that the Swans—Falcons game was a thriller, with some very hectic passages of play intermingled with some great battles.

The other games at the weekend were all generally close and showed patches of great skill, a sign of better things to come.

A good crowd at Mandurah saw a very high standard game. These games in the country zones are a must for the future survival of our local competition.

Crowds in the metropolitan area are now decreasing, the move has to be to the country towns where there is still a football-hungry audience.

But the bouquets must go to the 160 players who gave their all. Though many are very inexperienced, their performances last Saturday showed all supporters that '87 will still be a great year for the WAFL.

Future WAFL games will never see the attendances of previous years, but the supporters will still see some great games and the emergence of more top-class footballers during the year.

Well done to all eight teams, your performances last weekend will be remembered as the day football followers made a decision to keep following our 102-year competition.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



Ron Bayens...keen to be an umpire.

WHERE EXPERIENCE DOESN'T COUNT

THE lack of experienced league umpires has long been a problem for the WAFL — but it seems as though they don't want to solve it.

Over the years, many football officials have said that former players should be enticed to take up the whistle. In fact, several Umpires' Coaches have agreed that this could solve the problem.

Recently I discovered that two former league players, both outstanding types of people and suitable for umpir-

ing roles, were left off the WAFL umpires panel after making themselves available.

It seems the reason was that age-old problem of "rookie" umpires having to do their apprenticeship in the country before being eligible for even under-19 games in the city.

Former East Perth utility player and 1972 premiership team member Gary Martin and one-time Subiaco key position player (and a member of their 1973 premiership team) Ron Bayens were both keen to try out for the WAFL umpires' panel.

Both were very good players who had gone through the necessary sweat, disappointments and then rewards to get to the top as a player.

They played under some of the game's best coaches and then after finishing their league careers, continued to play in the country competitions and amateur football.

They are both well respected teachers who have an added ability — that being communication skills.

Gary umpired in the amateur association before deciding to have a go at the WAFL.

When I spoke to them earlier this season, I was particularly pleased with the great enthusiasm they showed about their new challenge.

They were extremely fit, in fact, Gary came second out of the field umpires in a recent 4000-metre stamina test.

It was to my utter disbelief when I heard that both men were left off the



Gary Martin...left off the final panel.

final panel after being told that they would have to go to the bush each week.

It is unbelievable that men who have had so much experience in our great game have to begin at the very bottom. It's not necessary for them to do their apprenticeship alongside other men who have, in some cases, never played the game and definitely never had the top level experiences Gary and Ron have had.

Having watched and coached football at all levels over the past years, including Teal Cup level, I do believe we are starting to produce better umpires. But at the same time if Gary and Ron aren't at least as good as some of the umpires on the panel, then I'm a bad judge.

I know from discussions with the colts coaches that the biggest problem with the new umpires they have at that level is a lack of feeling for the game, something that only comes with experience.

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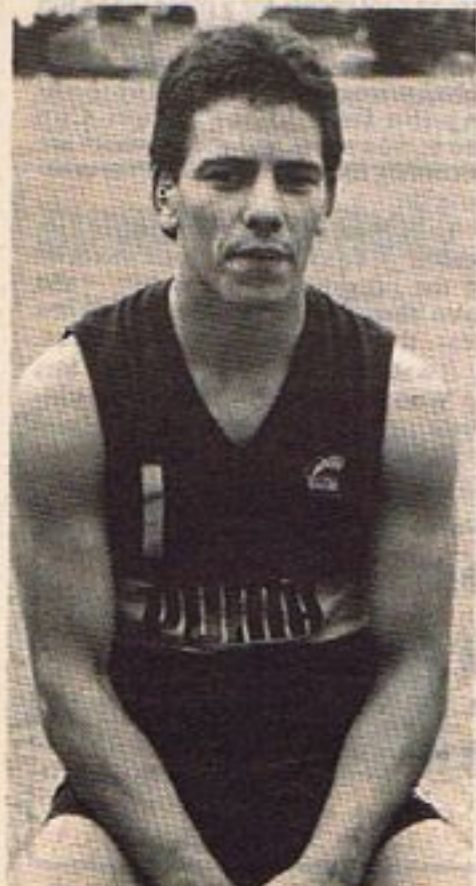
Even if Gary and Ron were given time in the amateurs, with a view to being offered first-hand advice from the umpires' coaches, it would be an incentive to other former players to have a go.

In most professions each applicant is considered individually, taking into account service, background, ability, etc. Certain levels of experience or training will see sections of a course waived for some people.

I, like most football people, believe umpiring is an essential part of our game. They need all the encouragement they can get. But it is about time former players were given encouragement to join the umpiring ranks.

Each season when the umpires are criticised we hear the same old statements thrown up like "lack of experience", "give them a chance to learn". Well, that has gone.

I suppose Gary and Ron will now either retire to the garden or umpire in the Sunday league where they will be welcomed with open arms.



Wally Matera...doing it in style.

Meet the 'Angry Ant' who isn't

WALLY Matera does not know who started calling him Angry Ant — and he believes it is not appropriate.

After talking with him at an Eagles training run, I agree that the title is a misnomer.

Wally is a likeable, unassuming character who smiles easily and might be better named the "Affable Atom".

I had expected a volatile type who might be compared with Steve Marsh or Trizzie Lawrence.

Many people had expected Matera to be dropped from the Eagles line-up when the final selections were made.

But an injury to Robert Wiley gave him a chance to show that height really does not have a lot to do with playing top-grade football.

"I'm not really all that small, about five seven, but I am light," Matera said. "I guess if I had a secret wish it would be for more weight, particularly when I

am trying to crash my way out of the packs."

"In the first place it is preparation for the game. Being small I have to make sure that I am as fit as possible and that I'm toned up for instant reaction," he said.

"On top of this is the ability to concentrate and to make the most of every opportunity that comes my way.

"Then there is the desire to succeed, determination and the love of the game. You only take out what you put in."

Asked about his use of handball, Matera said: "You play each possession according to what the play dictates and you can't have any plans in this regard. You react to the hand that is dealt you each time."

The little rover has had a pretty good run with injuries. He told me that he had hurt a knee during the 1983 season



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

FROM WHERE I SIT

and that was the only time he had been sidelined.

Away from the game Matera gives the impression that he is over-relaxed, but to watch him play he gives all he has all the time and is a fearless competitor.

He is all for the West Coast Eagles, not only as a football team, but for what they stand for.

They are a team made up of the best players available and it is a big kick to be among them.

Matera is earning himself a reputation as a top-class rover in the national scene this year, and whether he likes it or not, I believe he carries the name Angry Ant as a term of respect from both team-mates and opponents alike.

KWIK COURIERS INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Sheedy wants extra interchange player

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy has made another appeal for the VFL to consider introducing three interchange players instead of the current two.

Sheedy's Bombers were reduced to only 17 fit men in Saturday's clash with the Eagles — and he says that the game needs the extra reserve to help overcome injuries.

Sheedy — and fellow VFL coach Leigh Matthews at Collingwood — had to send injured men back into the match as injuries took their toll.

The Bombers survived their neck-and-neck struggle with the Eagles — the lead changed 14 times and scores were equal eight times — despite crippling injuries to Anthony Daniher (broken foot), Mark Thompson (ankle strain) and Anthony Antrobus (hamstring).

"I'll get those three interchange players one day," said Sheedy, who has been advocating for the change for several years.

DETERMINED

"The game is telling us that we need more interchange players — and so is my club doctor, who asks me why I'm putting blokes back on the ground with broken legs."

Sheedy showed how determined he



was about extra interchange players when he coached Victoria against South Australia in an Australian championship match in Adelaide two seasons ago — playing four interchange players and not the normal three in interstate games.

The move cost Victoria the Australian championship as the points Victoria earned for their victory were stripped from them.

Collingwood had to leave two injured players on the ground in their battle with Carlton.

The Magpies left Tony Shaw (broken hand) and Shane Kerrison (hamstring) on the field when forward Dennis Banks was knocked unconscious after colliding with Carlton's Justin Madden and rookie Athas Hrysoulakis badly sprained an ankle.

BALDOCK'S PLEA

ST KILDA coach Darrell Baldock, one of the magicians of football in his heyday as a player, would like to see the old-fashioned drop kick brought back into use.

Baldock feels that the length and accuracy of the drop kick could be used when full backs kick off for example.

Baldock is back in VFL football after a career in his home state of Tasmania, ranging from coaching, racing horses and talking in Parliament.

He has a refreshing approach to the game and likes to remember things as they once were — and the way he would like to see them again.

He forecasts that half-a-dozen Melbourne-based clubs will disappear because of the long-term difficulties facing the game and he's worried that VFL football is devouring more good players than it can produce.

CROWDS DISAPPOINT

CROWDS at two VFL games were disappointing last weekend. The Carlton-Collingwood clash drew only 29,481 people — one of the lowest ever for the battle between these two traditional rivals. And at the MCG, the battle between Richmond and Hawthorn drew only 17,824 people — the lowest on record. Over the past 10 years the average Richmond-Hawthorn clash has been 36,645 and the previous lowest was 20,264 in June, 1986. It was a magnificent day in Melbourne and the attendance at the Eagles-Essendon match out at Windy Hill of 19,959 was the second highest of the round.

GEPP TO STAY IN PERTH

FORMER Subiaco player Tim Gepp still seems to be in football's limbo land.

Gepp will not be going back to Footscray — that's the official word from the Bulldogs football manager Stephen Nash.

Rumours circulated in Melbourne last week that Gepp was back in town to rejoin the Bulldogs after clearance talks between Subiaco and East Fremantle had broken down.

But he was in Melbourne on business and did not reappear at Footscray, according to Nash.

"He left the club on good terms and we wish him all the best if he continues his career in WA," said Nash.



Tim Gepp...in limbo land.

PREMIER INFLUENCE

FITZROY have given their No. 1 ticket to a woman — the first female to be accorded such an honour in VFL football.

Nancy Cain, wife of Victorian Premier John Cain and a devoted Fitzroy supporter, was given the No. 1 ticket at the official luncheon before Fitzroy's 44-point thrashing of St Kilda.

Fitzroy president Leon Wiegard presented Mrs Cain with Lions jumpers for her two grandchildren, a Quit windcheater (they are the club's major sponsor) and an autographed football.

"You can carry this football around the house for a change," said the Fitzroy president.

WATSON BACK

STAR Essendon and Victorian ruck rover Tim Watson is ready to return to league action.

The dashing bomber has been training solidly and was almost included in last week's side to play the Eagles.

He was left out in the end, with the selectors deciding not to risk his knee after a 12-month break from football.

Watson's loss last year was one of the reasons why the Bombers floundered towards the end of the season and his return to the team would help restore Essendon's premiership hopes.

SA clubs face financial trouble

SOUTH Australian clubs, some of whom are annoyed at missing out on the expanded VFL national competition, are facing financial problems.

Only four of the SANFL's 10 teams reported profits last year, with the other six clubs returning a total loss of more than half a million dollars.

The traditionally strong Port Adelaide, who could only manage fourth position, topped the money poll by finishing \$154,422 in front.

The much-improved Woodville returned a club record profit of \$86,218, while Central District (\$64,384) and North Adelaide (\$54,710) also finished in the black.

Premiers Glenelg lost \$39,760, but heading the list of clubs finishing in the red was West Torrens, down \$122,800 on the season.

Other losses reported were Sturt (\$103,272), West Adelaide (\$85,097), Norwood (\$50,773) and South Adelaide (\$18,356).

GLENELG TIPPED

DUAL premiers Glenelg are tipped to take out the hat-trick when the 1987 SANFL season opens this weekend.

The Tigers are 3/1 favourites to maintain their position on the top of SA football, with West Adelaide and Port Adelaide next in the betting at 5/1.

In a wide-open market, North Adelaide are quoted at 10s, Norwood 12s, Woodville 15s, Central District and West Torrens at 20/1, with Sturt and South Adelaide at 50/1.

Glenelg coach Graham Cornes has lost several key players like former



South Fremantle defender Wayne Henwood and Stephen Copping, but the club's depth seems good enough to cover those departures.

BLIGHT'S BOYS

WOODVILLE coach Malcolm Blight is smiling with the SANFL season about to open — he knows that his Warriors will not be the chopping block for '87.

Blight has lifted lowly Woodville from their basement department to be strong contenders for a place in the top five again this year.

Woodville have guaranteed themselves prizemoney of \$25,000 by reaching the final of the Escort Cup pre-season series and the Warriors are becoming the glamour side of the competition.

They won a record 15 games last season — equal to their total victories in the previous four seasons — and even though they finished third last year, their improvement was obvious.

It wasn't all that long ago when a loss to Woodville was considered the ultimate disgrace in the SANFL — and critics were calling for the Warriors to be banished to a second division.

How WA players performed

	KICKS	H/BALLS	MARKS	SCORE
BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	8	2	6	1
Mike Richardson	19	8	12	2
Gary Shaw	8	1	4	1
CARLTON				
Richard Dennis	15	6	6	2
Peter Satorl	7	8	10	2
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	5	4	2	—
Craig Starcevich	21	12	5	6
Brian Taylor	11	6	3	5
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	16	3	6	1
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	4	3	1	2
Phil Cronan	12	4	5	—
Andrew Purser	9	5	2	—
Murray Rance	11	8	3	—
GEELONG				
Mark Balrstow	21	6	8	1
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	20	5	3	7
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	7	3	1	2
Alan Johnson	11	1	5	1
Earl Spalding	6	4	4	—
Steve Turner	8	5	2	—
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Phil Krakouer	6	2	3	2
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	15	5	5	3
Maurice Rioli	8	—	8	—
Peter Wilson	11	3	3	1
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	11	7	6	2
Graig Holden	6	1	12	—
John Ironmonger	6	2	5	—

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IAN MILLER

Bradmore's form a worry for the Falcons

PERSONAL achievements and milestones in a footballer's career are always memorable. But Phil Bradmore couldn't really say he enjoyed his 100th game last week.

His own performance and West Perth's loss would have been pretty unacceptable.

Bradmore's form has been patchy pre-season and coach Bruce Monteath lined him up at centre-half-back in a move designed to get him attacking the ball.

The move didn't work and I guess Bradmore and West Perth would be disappointed. Both key forward positions look unsettled at West Perth, though Steve Sadowski did some good work when at centre-half-forward.

An in-form and confident Bradmore is what West Perth need to finish off their work up forward because they certainly have plenty of good midfielders in form. They were well led last week by captain Peter McNaglio who, I thought, was best on ground.

WORLD CONGRESS

The WAFL's coaching co-ordinator, Dr Brian Douge, left for England last weekend to attend the first world congress on science and football involving all the major football codes — grid iron, soccer, rugby union and league, Gaelic football and Australian football.

The congress is being held in Liverpool and Douge will give the opening address, preparation of which has involved months of work. On completion of the congress Douge will spend time studying major football development programs in England, Germany and Holland.

He will be away for three weeks and will return with a host of information beneficial to the development of our game and the WAFL.

There is no doubt Douge will be in for a "huge" debriefing session from the WAFL directors.

BUCKENARA

I RAN into Gary Buckenara and his wife Annette last Monday as they were doing some last-minute shopping before heading back to Victoria this week to continue permanent residence after six months back home.

Buckenara said that after his interrupted pre-season he was more than happy with his first-up league game with Hawthorn last week.

His return to VFL ranks netted him seven goals as coach Allan Jeans played him out of a forward pocket.

While the Buckenaras expressed a strong desire to remain in Perth, they were pleased to have at least finalised Gary's football future, which will now be at Hawthorn.

Buckenara said the players had readily accepted him back into the fold and coach Jeans was a major influence on his decision to return to Hawthorn. It is disappointing that we will not see Buckenara in an Eagles jumper, but his football skills have not been lost to the VFL.

TIMELY WARNING

TWO weeks ago I predicted that big Alex Ishchenko would have to contain his aggression or pay the penalty. Let's hope his early indiscretion is not too costly for the Eagles — or himself.



Phil Bradmore...a game worth forgetting.

CHRIS LEWIS

RAN into an enthusiastic Chris Lewis last week at the Puma footwear warehouse, where the young Eagles player was picking up some gear from the sponsors. The talented utility player was happy with his form and enjoying the combination of university studies and football, Eagles style.

ASSISTANT'S ROLE

PERTH'S Bryan Cousins has been given the extra task of assistant coach to Noel Carter in the reserves.

When Barry Cable took up his role with the West Coast Eagles, senior Perth coach Mal Brown invited Cousins to take an even more active role in training and sitting on the senior selection panel.

Cousins early-season form has been good, but I know he was disappointed with the league loss and the way the Perth reserves fell away after a good start last Saturday.

All I can say Cuz is that it's not easy being a coach!

TRY BRENNAN

CENTRE-half-forward has been causing a few problems for the Eagles camp, but Michael Brennan showed enough in the last quarter against Essendon to start in that position this week.

Brennan has the ability to read the ball off the boot, a pre-requisite for that difficult attacking position.

He is prepared to move around and create opportunities for players around him and, above all, can stand his ground. At this stage of the season the alternatives are not great, so why not give Brennan a chance.

SWANS TONIC

IT MAY have been an upset victory for football punters by Swans over West Perth on Saturday, but not unexpected at Bassendean Oval by John Todd and his players.

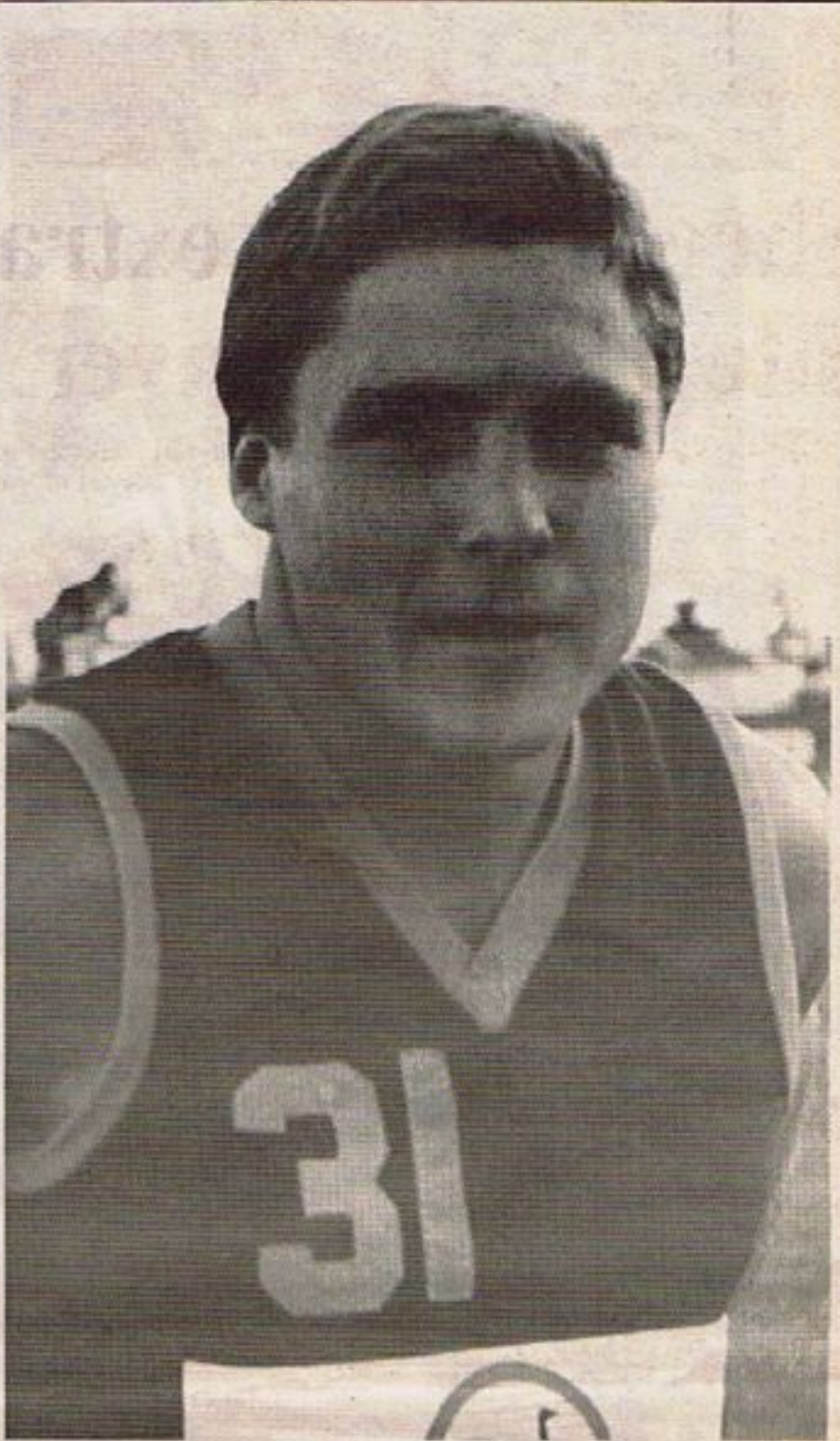
Speaking with a few of the players after the game it proved to be just the "tonic" that is required because for many it was their first taste of victory at league level.

I was impressed with the spirit and character shown by Swans in the second half, especially the last quarter when West Perth applied the pressure.

You could see that the players did not want this game to slip away and the confidence and belief in each others ability will have grown from the victory.

Of course one win doesn't make a season but it was a good start. While big Mick Johns did a excellent job in the ruck, Rex Carlshausen (centre-half-back) and Jim Buckley (full-back) were very impressive defenders, as was young Greg Walker's roving around the ground and his goals.

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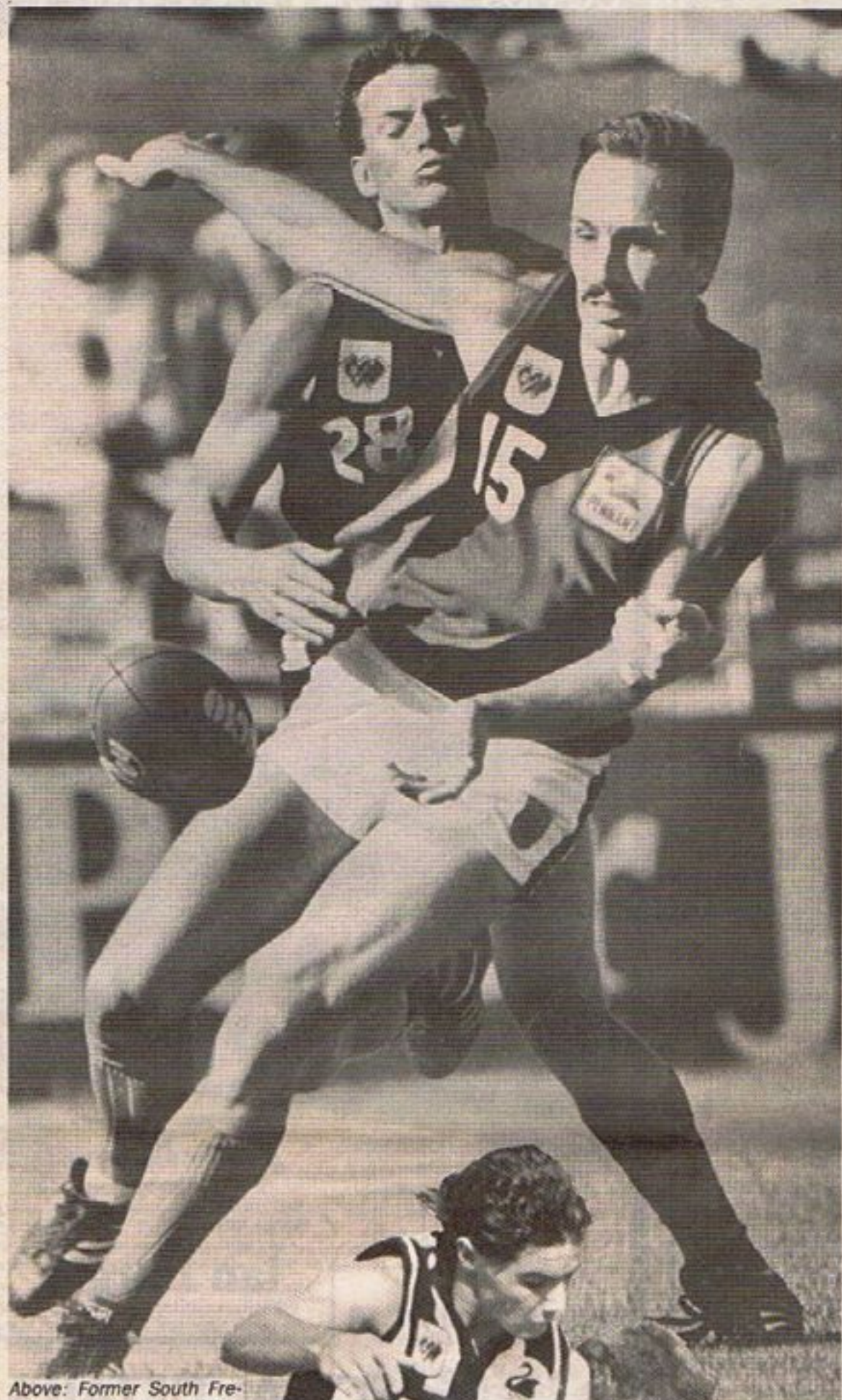
PERSONAL DETAILS

Nickname: Dargs. **Why?** Abbreviation of surname
Date of Birth: 15/11/63. **Place of Birth:** Melbourne.
Height: 170cm (5'10"). **Weight:** 74kg (11st, 7lb). **Age Started Playing:** 9.
Previous Club/s: Sorrento, North Beach and Karrinyup. **Junior Club:** Sorrento.
Marital Status: Single — Kylie.
Residence: Hillarys.
Occupation: Public servant. **Place of Work:** Dept of Social Security.
Other Sporting Interests: Surfing and most other sports.
Favourite Position: Centre. **First Position:** Rover.
League Debut: 1986, East Fremantle.
YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: John Cleese, Mark Jackson. **Drink:** Milkshakes, Coruba rum.
TV Show: The Young Ones. **Food:** Any.
Movie: Terminator. **Music:** Midnight Oil, Angels, Pink Floyd.
Book: Papillon.
Holiday Resort: Kalbarri and Margaret River.
Ground: Subiaco and East Fremantle.
Your Car: XA Falcon. **Your Favourite Car:** Porsche Turbo.
Career Highlights: Playing for Subiaco.
Worst Moment in Football: Being reported first game.
Hard Things in Football: Pre-season, tagging.
Football Idols: Brad Hardie, Maurice Rioli.
Toughest Opponent: Joe Ahmat. **Most Respected Opponent:** None.
Most Respected Umpire: Boundary.
Most Memorable Game: My debut in the first game of last year against East Fremantle and the grand final victory.
Ambitions: To win another premiership with Subiaco.
What do you like about Football: Team spirit.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Relax.
Who Influenced Your Career: Father and Noel Knight.
Guernsey Number: 31. **Any Reason:** No choice.
Superstitions: Number 13.
Worst Injury: Broken wrist and thumb.
Luckiest Break: Going down to Subiaco instead of West Perth.

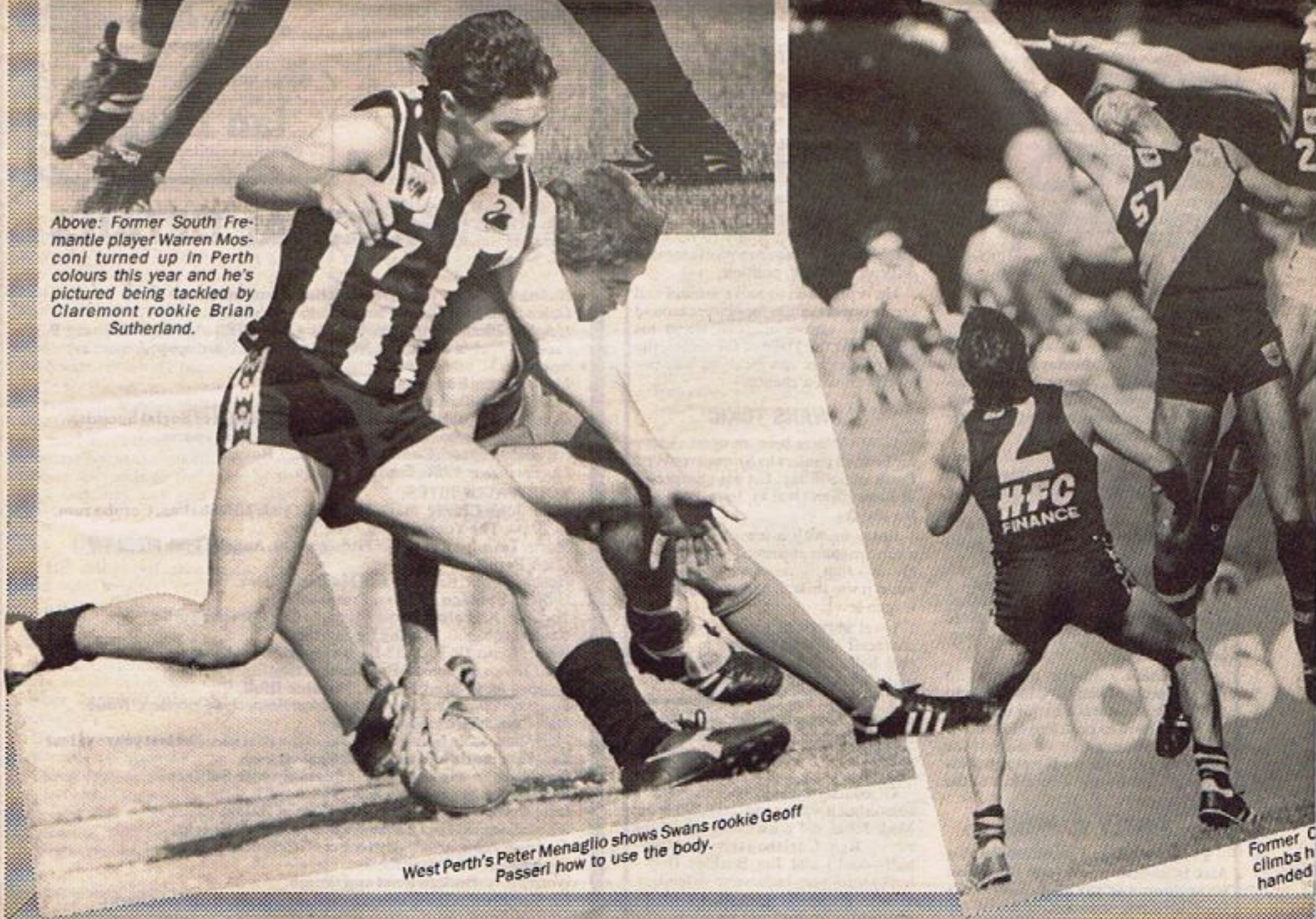
New names and new colours

SEASON No. 102 for the West Australian Football League and like any other year, there are many new faces — and some old faces in new colours.

The new faces are captured in action by the Westside Football photographers this week.



Above: Former South Fremantle player Warren Mosconi turned up in Perth colours this year and he's pictured being tackled by Claremont rookie Brian Sutherland.



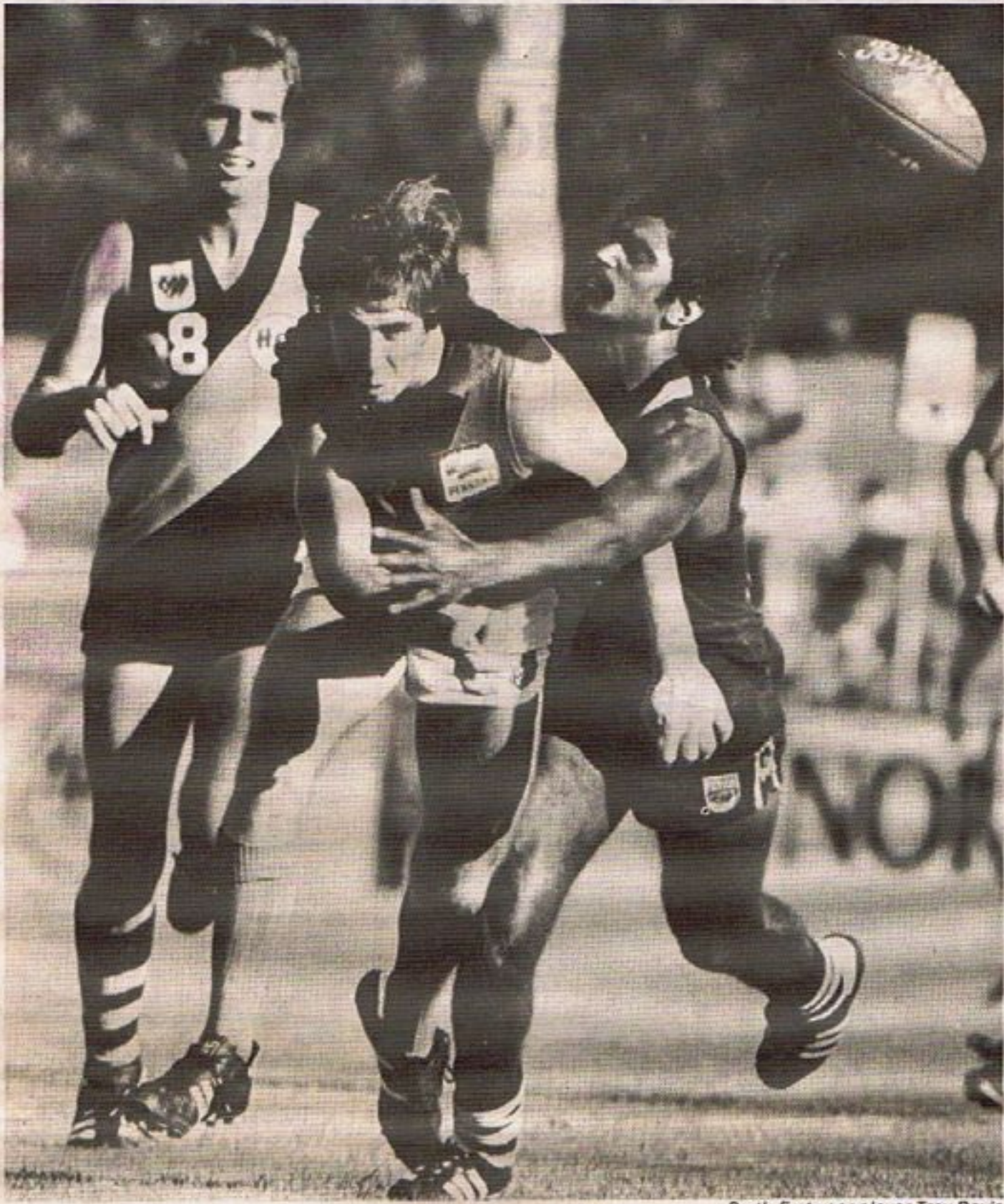
West Perth's Peter Menaglio shows Swans rookie Geoff Passeri how to use the body.

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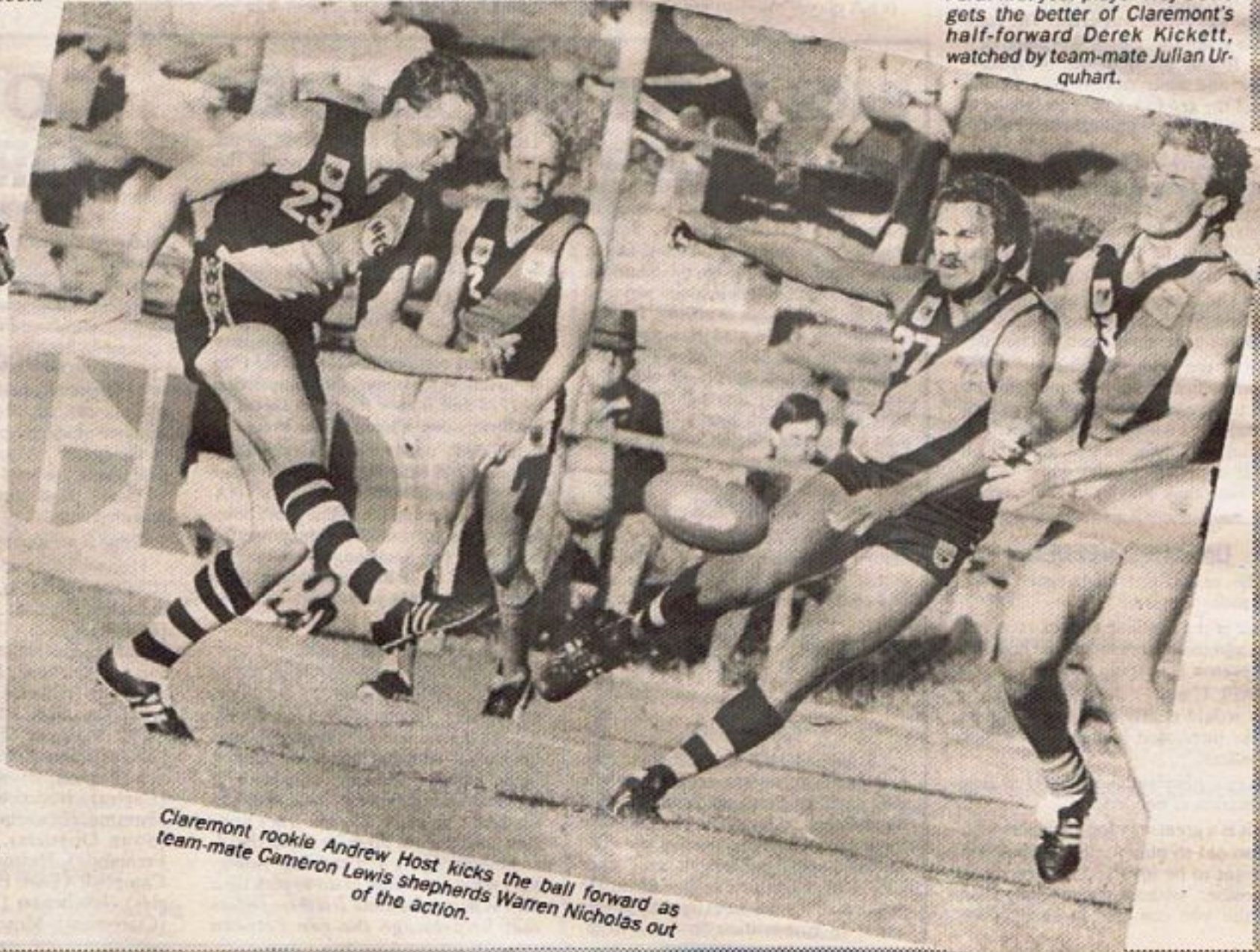
Claremont rookie Stephen Cook.



Perth first year player Troy Davis gets the better of Claremont's half-forward Derek Kickett, watched by team-mate Julian Urquhart.



Perth player Peter Higgins high attempting to grasp a one mark while being pressured by Perth's John Gavranich.



Claremont rookie Andrew Host kicks the ball forward as team-mate Cameron Lewis shepherds Warren Nicholas out of the action.



JUNIOR PAGE



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HILLS SET THE PACE AGAIN

THE Hills Junior Football Association has started the season with another first.

After the introduction of the coloured card send-off rule last year, the association has now introduced its first woman umpire.

Krista Jackson umpired in the under-14s game, Mundaring vs Parker-ville, with a fine first-up display.

She showed who had control of the game and had a good rapport with the players.

In other moves, three new teams from Swan Districts have joined the Hills under-19 competition this year, giving SDFC some ready-made support for their colts team.

CONGRATULATIONS

THOSE who were lucky enough to see the display of free-ball at the Eagles-Richmond game would agree that the exhibition was great. The commentary on the game was also first class. It was great to see the parent support and numerous cameras clicking around the ground. Congratulations to the "little heroes" and all concerned.

EARLY SUPPORT

THE Swan Districts Junior Council is playing its part in helping WA have the strongest and most skilful side available for the WA schoolboys' national football competition.

For the past month aspiring and would-be State representatives from the Swans areas have been in training.

Under the astute coaching of development officer Peter Mahoney and the watchful eye of Ron Jose (40 years of football knowledge), the boys are brushing up on their skills, fitness and mental approach to the game in the hope that they may gain State selection.

UMPIRES NEEDED

THE call is out once again: "We need more umpires!"

That is the familiar answer received when administrators are asked how the 1987 season is shaping up.

WAFU Umpires' Advisor Brian Appleby would dearly like to hear from anyone interested in umpiring junior footballers.

Brian's number is 342 4391 if any information is needed.

This is a great way for teenagers who are too old to play junior football but still want to be involved in some way. Remember, without those young men in white you can kiss football good-night.

SOUTH SUBURBAN

THE South Suburban Junior Football Association would like to welcome two new clubs into their competitions this year. Centrals JFC from the Mundijong-Serpentine districts and East Victoria Park, who will be fielding an under-17s side because the Perth Junior Football Club does not have a competition in that age group.

MORE RULES

CONTINUING our series on rules for junior football to ensure that all boys have the opportunity to become involved without being "crowded out" by the bigger players.

(a) The game shall be started by a ball-up between two centreline players in the centre of the ground.

(b) Players contesting the ball-up should be of approximately equal size.

(c) A player may not grab the ball at

ball-ups and play on. He must knock, palm or punch the ball to a team-mate or open ground and may not play the ball again until it has either been touched by another player or hits the ground (full possession rule).

(d) No more than three players from each team shall be closer to the ball-up than approximately 20 metres.

AFTER A GOAL

Play is restarted as in (a) of the previous rule.

SCRIMMAGE

(a) Where a scrimmage develops the umpire shall stop play, send players back into their positions and call a ball-up between two opponents of approximately equal size, who shall be nominated by the umpire. The selected players need not be the closest or the tallest.

(b) Full possession at the ball-up is not permitted.

PRESTIGE TOYOTA CUP

THIS year the Tigers' Cup has gained a new sponsor. Thanks to Bob Craig, Prestige Toyota is sponsoring the cup for the next three years. Another new team, Carine, has en-

tered the 17s and under competition, taking the number of teams to nine.

Although the team numbers are up, two teams, Scarborough and Wembley Downs, need more players. Anybody interested in playing can contact Lindsay Bistrup, the chairman co-ordinator, on 447 7131.

The opening round of fixtures were played on April 5 at Claremont Oval. Results: Marist 11.7 d Woodlands 7.9 Churchlands-Wembley 7.20 d Carine 9.6, Hawks 8.26 d North Beach 3.8, Karrinyup 16.18 d Wembley Downs 4.7, Scarborough bye.

DISTRICT COLTS

THE South Fremantle district colts now have four teams. They are: Kardinya-Willagee (coaches, Brad Collard (SF league captain) and brother Cliff); Hilton-South Fremantle (coach, Mark Bottrell); Coolbellup (coach, Brett Reading); Cockburn (coach, Tony Santaromata).

Any player who turns 18 this year, or under, and wants to take part in this competition, should contact Mr Noel Edgar on 337 7874 for further information.

BACK TO THE FOOTBALL FIELD

FORMER 1984 State schoolboys representative Sean Jones has finally joined East Fremantle after temporarily dropping out of football to concentrate on a baseball career. Jones, playing as a ruckman-forward in the game against Subiaco on Sunday, showed that his tremendous physical presence will cause problems for opposing sides. He also has good co-ordination and skills for a big man which makes him doubly effective. Jones's decision to return to football must have pleased coach Kerry Coates and East Fremantle officials will be hoping his stay is a long one.

COURAGE

DIMINUTIVE East Fremantle rover Paul Hansen showed on Sunday that if you have the right application and commitment, being small is not a barrier. Hansen displayed amazing courage against much bigger opponents and was an inspiration to his team-mates.

NO FLUKE

CLAREMONT showed that their pre-season form was no fluke in the game against Perth on Saturday. Led by newcomers Ryan Dhue and Steve Southern, the Tigers quickly put paid to any hope the Demons may have had. Claremont are in the fortunate position of having an extremely strong under-18 competition to draw from.

This competition, now known as the Prestige Toyota Cup, is possibly the strongest of its kind in the State. Claremont's under-19 side will be a stumbling block for all sides yet again.

TEAL CUP PLAN

THE WAFU under-19 competition is recognised as an outstanding breeding ground for young footballers. Another important competition is the Teal Cup carnival. WA entered the competition in 1978 and is now the main threat to Victoria's domination of the event.

In 1985, under coach Grant Dorrington, WA beat Victoria and eventually won the title. Unfortunately, WA finished in second place last year, bowing out to an unbelievably powerful Victorian combination. With that in mind, WA will be desperate to win back the cup this year.

TESTING TIME

MANY people do not seem to be aware of the benefits the Teal Cup offers players. Firstly, it gives gifted footballers the chance to compete against opponents with the same outstanding skills, allowing them to compare their football against the best. It also enables the Teal Cup player to experience pressure and forces them to work hard, something many outstanding youngsters have never had to do to pick up a kick in junior football. It is these factors that help bridge the gap between

COLTS CORNER

with BEN STINGA

under-19 country football and league football. The competition also develops comradeship and responsibility, something that comes naturally with touring interstate in a group.

SUCCESS

THE proof of success of Teal Cup players can be seen in the amazing number of league players to come out of the system. After last week's round of fixtures the total was 107, including 14 State players and 12 Eagle representatives.

Here is an example of the talent:

Henwood (Sydney), Starcevic (Collingwood), Harding (East Fremantle), Narkle (Eagles), Taylor (Collingwood), Bennett (Eagles), Lewis (Eagles), Bewick (West Perth), Sartori (Carlton), Hardie (Brisbane), Brennan (Eagles), Rance (Footscray), Dennis (Carlton), Lockyer (Eagles), Malaxos (Eagles), Worsfold (Eagles), Dean (Melbourne), Davidson (Eagles), Brown (Subiaco), Peos (Eagles), Ironmonger (Sydney), B. Mumme (Claremont), G. Walker (Swan Districts), Waterman (East Fremantle), Hutton (Swan Districts), Campbell (East Perth), Mifka (Eagles), Ishchenko (Eagles), McKenna (Claremont), Mosconi (Perth).



SUNDAY SCENE

Bill Wake's weekly round-up of Sunday League matches.



Saints will find it tough in '87



Barry Beecroft...captain/coach of Osborne Park shows his marking style.

OSBORNE Park's defeat by reigning South West premiers Carey Park at Mandurah last Sunday (for the title of Sunday champions) has made the Saints task of chasing consecutive premierships a much more daunting task in 1987.

With the 1987 season bursting into life this Sunday, the Saints will have at least six other clubs pressuring them for premiership honours over the next five months.

The nucleus of last year's premiership team in captain/coach Barry Beecroft, midfielders Justin Kickett, Brian Dawson, Peter O'Connell and Bret Clauson, along with an influx of new recruits and club colts players, should help the Saints maintain their No. 1 status in 1987.

The Armadale Demons have enticed Great Northern and former South Fremantle player Darryl Stokes into their line-up.

Other notable inclusions will be Glen Shuttleworth (Kwinana's fairest and best in 1986), Wayne Rebbechi from the Melbourne Football Club, Carl Regan from East Fremantle and Alex Menzies, also from Kwinana.

Kalamunda, beaten grand finalists in 1986, should again be finals contenders this season. The only notable losses are Steve Gillespie, who has retired, and giant ruckman Kevin Ferguson, who has transferred to Gosnells.

The Cougars still boast quality players in Ric Ellard, Glen O'Rourke, Colin Wilkins and Gary Armstrong. Talented colts players in Wayne Dover and Damien Gordon have been included on the league training list.

Keimscott also shape up as improvers in 1987. Players who will be sporting the blue and white colours this season include Ross Leipold and Phil Latham from Gosnells, who have both represented the league in inter-league games, Dean Hayden, a member of the Wesfarmers country team in 1986, Glynn Dobson and Glenn O'Donnell from South Fremantle and Neil Morgan from Mount Barker.

Wanneroo have appointed Ian McCulloch as coach for 1987 and he will be assisted by Gary "The Flea" Gillespie.

The Kangaroos have probably gained the recruit of the season in West Perth's Heath Soutar.

Soutar, who is only 20 years of age, has played 13 league games for the Falcons since 1985. Along with the experience of John Hayes, Tony Fraser, George Seal and with seasoned players

ROUND ONE GAMES
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987
(with Bill Wake's tips in caps)
SOUTH PERTH v Keimscott at Wyong Oval; MANDURAH v Armadale at Rushton Park, Mandurah; Kalamunda v OSBORNE PARK at Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie; WILLETTON v Kwinana at Barendah Boulevard; WANNEROO v Thornlie at Kingsway, Wanneroo; Gosnells v MADDINGTON at Gosnells Oval; APPECROSS v Kenwick at Melville Reserve; Fremantle v CANNING at Gilfraser Reserve, North Fremantle.

in Steve Finch, Colin Blab and Robbie Steel, Wanneroo should again compete in the final round series.

Maddington, who surprised with their forward showing in 1986, will also be all out to continue on a positive step this season.

However, the loss of their star recruit in Gavin Outridge from Swan Districts, who has sustained a serious knee injury, will jeopardise the Bulls chances of taking a position in the final five.

Maddington, under coach Wayne Riekie, have again concentrated on the recruitment of players from the amateur league. Two interstate players in Steve Bolitho and Craig Harbrow from Mooroopna, Victoria, are expected to gain selection in the opening game against traditional derby rivals Gosnells.

South Perth have completed a comprehensive pre-season training schedule. The Tigers, who this season will share facilities at Wyong Oval, the home of the Canning Football Club, boast some top recruits.

Key Thornlie players in Russell Cooper and Ramon Smith have both joined the Tigers. Former West Perth ruckman Russell Ellen will lead the ruck battery. However, the loss of key centre-line player Paul Collie to Wickham will be difficult to overcome.

BIG IMPROVERS

Mandurah shape up as the biggest improvers in 1987. With the appointment of Peter Betti as coach, the south-erners have opened up access to the South West for recruitment of players.

Bill Lawler has returned from Carey Park, Graham Jeffery will join the club from Harvey-Brunswick, Paul Wilson returns from Subiaco and Peter Shaw (Kwinana), along with Chris Gibbs (Willetton) will don the red and white colours.

The retirement from Swan Districts of rover Barry Kimberley will provide a much-needed boost to Canning's fortunes for 1987.

Kimberley's experience will assist new coach Tom Mullooly in developing the youth at Canning. Brilliant practice match form of youngsters in Peter Wearing and 1986 colts fairest and best winner Marty Shepherd will ensure that Canning will be extremely competitive in 1987.

THE ROYALS

Kenwick, under Peter Ashworth in his second year as coach, have enticed many former players back into the club. Arthur Jago returns from Wanneroo after just one season with the Kangaroos, Tim Costley has come out of retirement, Peter Hughes, Peter McDonald and Alan Hardingham have all returned from the country and former coach and champion footballer Graham Nicholas is tipped to continue his football career.

DOLDRUMS

Gosnells, who have been down the premiership ladder since defeating Mandurah in the 1981 grand final, have been most active in the recruiting stakes.

Mark Bayliss has returned from Harvey Brunswick and South West players in Joe Italiano and Mario Tagaglia have joined the Hawks.

Kevin Ferguson, from Kalamunda, was recruited to boost the ruck division, but due to the recurrence of a back injury, it is doubtful whether Ferguson will play in 1987.

NEW GROUND

Applecross will be playing all their home games at Melville Reserve this season. The club has also appointed a new coach in Graham Cornell.

Big ruckman Ray Davies returns to the club after coaching Mandurah for the past three seasons.

The Hawks have also been boosted by an influx of young players from the East Fremantle colts team.

THORNIE

Thornlie have recruited ruckman Gerard Cameron from Claremont and possibly Wayne Hardie, who is the brother of Brisbane Bears player Brad Hardie.

Kwinana welcome back the Morley brothers from Boddington, in Alan and Tony.

John O'Dwyer, a former New South Wales State player, will coach the Knights.

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COUNTRY ROUNDUP

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South West looks even

THE first round of fixtures in the South West National Football League start this Sunday — and the season promises to be an exciting and unpredictable affair.

Last year's premiers Carey Park play Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup, Collie clash with Busselton, Bunbury meet Harvey-Brunswick, Donnybrook are at home to Mines Rovers and Augusta-Margaret River play South Bunbury.

Donnybrook have a young team and were big improvers at the end of last season.

They are hard to beat at their home ground, but Mines Rovers have former East Perth player Peter Rowe back at the helm as captain-coach, which will be a big lift for the Miners.

Like Donnybrook, Augusta-Margaret River are hard to beat on their home ground and will front up against the Tigers with a team boasting several promising recruits.

South Bunbury, third in last year's

competition, have lost players of the calibre of ruckman Peter Old and ruck-rover Mick Grasso to Swan Districts and rover wingman Ray Ewin and centreman David Anderson, both to East Perth.

Carey Park surprisingly lost only a handful of players during the off-season and are expected to march onto their second successive premiership, starting with a win this weekend over Boyanup.

Though the Cardies are rated as big improvers, they will be no match for the Panthers.

Collie suffered at the hands of other clubs and other competitions during the off-season, losing most of their best players. This is also the case with Busselton, but they now have former Swans high flyer Max George as coach.

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YOUR CLUB IN '87

There's new bite in the bulldogs

THERE is an enthusiastic, vibrant feeling in the Port air this season.

South Fremantle do not boast a team of stars — nor do many WAFL clubs this season — but they can claim to have a young squad that has had previous league football experience.

Many of the young Bulldogs made their league debuts in 1985 and '86. They are not raw recruits, but rookies who have already tasted the task that is ahead of them.

As far as league coaches go, South Fremantle's Stan Magro is also a rookie, one of the four in the WAFL this year. But he too knows what is ahead.

Apart from coaching the South Fremantle reserves team to a premiership last season, Magro was a non-nonsense league footballer who started his career

as a 16-year-old in the Bulldog's red-and-white colours.

Magro knows that young players need help when making that transition into league football and that is why he is putting a lot of emphasis on communication in his coaching.

The former Collingwood star is determined to give his young up-and-comers every possible assistance. He has hopes of producing a tough unit before too many league fixtures have been played.

And if the Kresta Cup can be taken as any yardstick, Magro may be close to that goal.

Souths will be playing off in the consolation final of that competition after wins over Swan Districts and East Fremantle and a loss to Claremont.

In those games the Bulldogs nipped at the heels of their opposition, marked strongly and at times made good use of handball.

But South Fremantle are still an inexperienced team and the loss of rovers Wally Matera and David Hart and midfielder John Worsfold (all to the Eagles) and Sandover Medallist Mark Bairstow has cost Magro many of his good running players.

In their place must step youngsters like the Collard brothers — Brad, Derek and Cliff — Scott Watters, Ashley Flugge, Merv Dellar, David Todd and Brad McDougall.

These players will be needed to compliment South's big ruckmen in Craig Edwards, Peter Dennett, Gordon Gatti, and Dean Irving in the forward line.

There are also other big players in former Teal Cup representative Richard Graham, full forward Allen Jackovich, Dean Nalder and the Sambrailo brothers, Mark and Matt.

And one cannot forget VFL recruit Mark (Mr Entertainment) Jackson who is the most likely candidate for the full-forward role.

Magro is happy to rely on the club's recruiting activities from within their own country areas which have produced so many quality players for the club in years gone by.

His current squad is no exception and as he develops their talents in his own manner the red and whites will slowly start to bite, not like a bulldog, but more like a viper.



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Todd looks to new era for Swans



SWAN DISTRICTS were the riches-to-rags story of 1986

After so many successful seasons, the black and whites bombed out last season to finish as inglorious wooden-spooners.

It was a far cry from the halcyon days of 1982-83-84 when the Bassendean team won back-to-back premierships and '85 when they reached the preliminary final.

John Todd has now gone a full circle since taking over the coaching bench at Bassendean Oval.

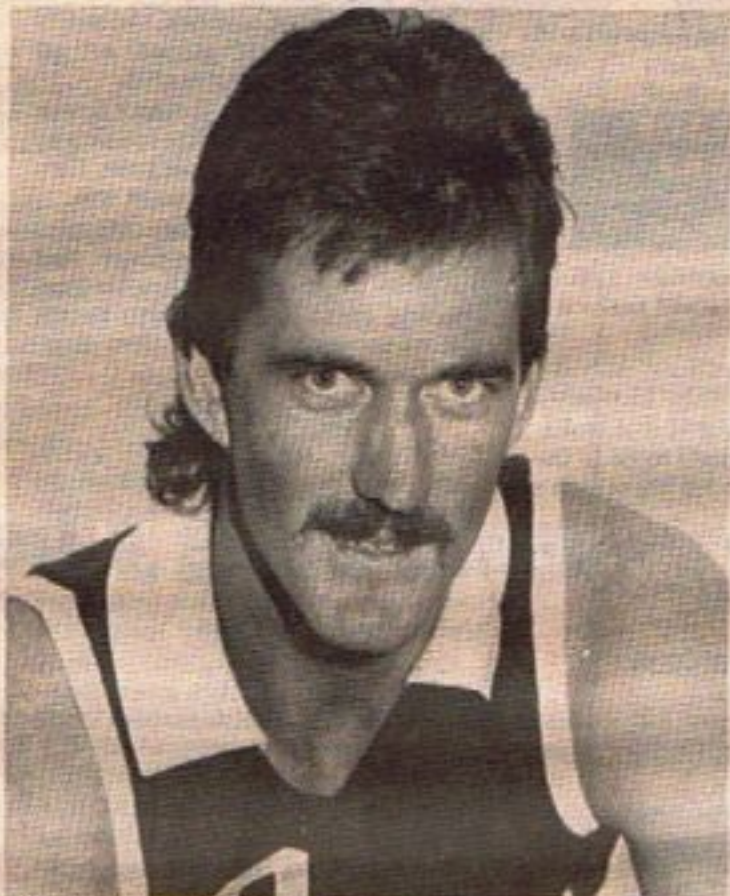
Over six years, Todd built the flagging Swans into the most powerful football combination of the early 1980s and now he must start again.

Another six years ... well, no. The people at Bassendean (Todd included) believe there is enough talent at Bassendean for them to become a potent football side again.

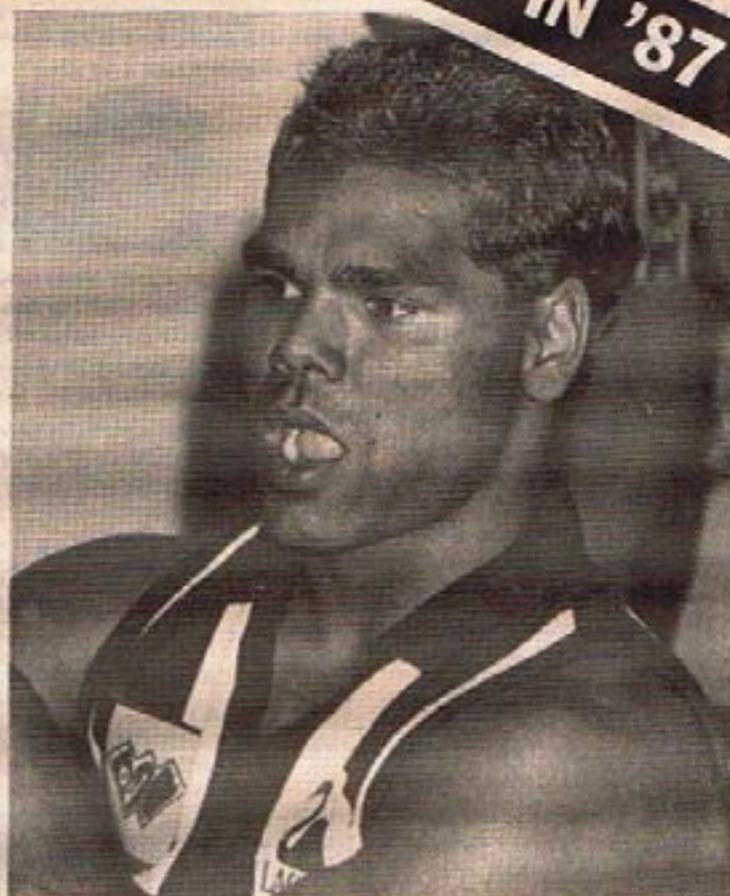
Swan Districts may not be a threat to the premiership ambitions of East Fremantle, Claremont and Subiaco, but upsets could come thick and fast once Toddy's terriers get a few games under their belts.

This is a brave assessment of a team that played like wounded ducks last year but the Bassendean brigade believes there are reasons to be confident.

They say that John Todd, one of Australia's most astute coaches, is still



Jim Buckley...straight from the country into league ranks.



Troy Ugle...possesses a lot of talent.

at the helm and some of the young players, together with Breat Hutton, Ross Fitzgerald, Garry Sidebottom, Bill Skwirowski, Kim Hetherington, Mick Johns and Peter Ware, are developing into a neat unit.

If Gavin Thornton, Jim Buckley, Scott Meadows, Andy Holmes and Greg Walker, Danny Penny, Tony Cope and Shane Renfree all start to fire then Swans might start to string a few victories together. They might not fly, but at least they won't sink.

And watch out for some of the new Swans: like Bob DeGraaf — fairest and best in Swans reserves side last season; Paul Gow — former Teal Cup player straight from high school; Peter Old — dual winner of the Hayward Medal and Wesfarmers All Stars Country representative; and Troy Ugle, who showed excellent promise in the Kresta Cup pre-season matches.

Add to this a fit Mike Smith and occasional appearance from Swans' West Coast Eagles representatives Don Langford and Don Holmes and the scene looks a little fresher for the

black and whites than it did in October last year.

But it all comes back to John Todd and how quickly he can develop this new era of Swan Districts players.



Brent Hutton...captain of the fledgling Swans at 22 years of age.



Andy Holmes...hoping to follow in the footsteps of his namesake Don Holmes.

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Nollamara start with a bang

NOLLAMARA started the season in fine style with a crushing 52-point win over premiership favourites Trinity-Aquinas.

A significant contributor for Nollamara was centreman Neale Fong, who has returned after a two-year stint at West Perth.

Fong, a dual medal winner in amateur football, was continually at the bottom of the packs and running to create a loose man down the ground.

Fong was well supported by Chitty and Hatch, but the win was an overall team effort and would have pleased coach Ric Greaves.

Trinity-Aquinas were not without good performers and Diviney and McGrade continued their excellent form of last season.

RUNAWAY QUARTER

Mt Lawley, after a runaway first quarter, held on to win by 17 points over old rivals Scarborough.

The Hawks had clear winners in Andy Chapman, Mark Wilburne and the evergreen Gerard Kearney.

Scarborough's Paul Clune started his season in fine form with an outstanding display of skill and pace. Clune had good support from Hermans and Asphar.

SURPRISE WIN

University surprised with an excellent exhibition of team play to outstay a dogged Innaloo and win by six points.

Former Claremont player Chris Foulkes was the player of the match and was backed up by Lill, Cane and Malone.

However, Innaloo should not be too disappointed. Their display was full of courage and determination.

BIG WIN

North Beach, under the leadership of Noel Knights, defeated Wembley by 40 points.

However, Knights would not have been happy with the win that could have been a lot bigger but for inaccuracy.

The season is going to be a hard road for Wembley and coach Stan Nowotny.



A GRADE REPORT
by Trevor Schorer

But more contributors like Taylor, Haynes and Faulkner could make it a little more palatable.

In the other match, Old Wesley defeated North Fremantle by 13 points.

The first round revealed that Nollamara are very determined to be in the top three and make up for last season's disaster.

With the return of club champion Neale Fong adding extra bite, they will be a tough combination.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

A-GRADE
Mt Lawley 12.12 d Scarborough 8.19
Nollamara 18.20 d Trinity-Aquinas 12.4
North Beach 16.21 d Wembley 11.11
University 14.10 d Innaloo 13.10
Old Wesley 11.16 d North Fremantle 9.15

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

A-GRADE
Nollamara 4, North Beach 4, Mt Lawley 4, Old Wesley 4, University 4, Innaloo 0, North Fremantle 0, Scarborough 0, Wembley 0, Trinity-Aquinas 0.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

A-GRADE & A COLTS
Nollamara v Scarborough
Old Wesley v University, Collins Oval
Innaloo v Wembley, Yulama Park
North Beach v Trinity-Aquin, Charles Riley Res
Mt Lawley v North Fremantle, Bassendean Oval

B-GRADE & B COLTS

Round No. 2, April 11
West Coast v Mt Lawley, City Beach Oval
Bayswater v Whitford, Hillcrest Park
MIWP v Maylands, Les Lilleyman Reserve
WATT v Dianella, South Oval
CBC v Collegians/Old Scotch, S/Strickland Oval

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

A-GRADE & A COLTS
Bye April 18 — Easter
Nollamara and Scarborough A-Grade will play before the Eagles v Swans game on Sunday, April 12. The game will start at 10am.
The A colts game will be played at the normal time at Des Penman Reserve on Saturday.

Youngsters follow League

RESULTS in the Little League this week were the same as in the major league with wins for Claremont, East Fremantle, Swan Districts and South Fremantle.

The closest encounter, as was the case in the WAFL round of fixtures, was at Bassendean Oval, where Swan Districts ran out winners 3.0 to West Perth's 1.0.

Each team had the same number of scoring shots, but it was the accuracy of Signet's Mark Harris (two goals) and Kim Brown (one goal) that won the day for the black-and-whites.

The West Perth goal was scored by Drago Kovacevic.

Best players: Swans — Matthew Harris, Kim Brown, Andrew Parclay; West Perth — Todd Keely, Anthony Sommerville, Jason Kickett.

In other games, East Fremantle 4.5 d Subiaco 0.0; South Fremantle 7.7 d East Perth 0.0; and Claremont 5.1 d Perth 0.0.

Goals for East Fremantle came from Vandorssen (2), Ben Breheny (1) and Matthew Bryne (1).

Best: Sharks — Vandorssen, Ian Foley, Breheny, Bryne; Lions — Tony Macri, Bradly Hinkley, Shane Bud-doye.

The South Fremantle/East Perth clash was very much a one-sided affair and nothing the Royals could do could stop the relentless Bulldogs.

Vance Davidson scored four goals for the Bulldogs, while Brad Wardrop found the mark twice and David Searly once.

Best: South Fremantle — Davidson, Searly, Wardrop; East Perth — Wayne Coffee, Clint Oldfield, Darren Brooker.

Claremont were almost as convincing in victory as South Fremantle.

The Tigers scored five goals through Nathan Orton (2), Chris Gray (1), Stewart MacPherson (1) and Kim Hutchenson (1).

Best: Claremont — Gray, Orton, Hutchenson, MacPherson; Perth — Brad Raymond, Dean Fitzgerald, Lee Howard.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

• Both J and K grades will commence their season this week. Due to the number of teams they will only play 17 qualifying rounds instead of 18.

• Due to the late withdrawal of several D colts teams, the fixtures have been redrawn. An amended list will be available from the WAAFL office.

• Cockburn Lakes (D), promoted after last season's success, started the season with a seven-goal victory over Brentwood.

• Swan Athletic coach Gary Turkick is one of the longest-serving coaches in amateurs. This year he begins his sixth straight season, the last five as a non-playing coach.

• Talking about coaches, University entire coaching staff (seven) are all recruited from within the club.

• Dary Kernaghan's D North Beach No.2 fell over the line after leading by eight goals at three-quarter time. They scraped home for a two-point win.

• Percy (The Talking Magpie) Smyth, Wembley's A colts coach, had his team running hot with a six-goal opening burst, holding North Beach almost scoreless until the third quarter.

GOOD START

WANNEROO (G) under coach Cliff George gained a one-sided first-up win against a luckless Coolbellup.

Despite the loss of more than half of last season's H grand final team, they seem to have covered their losses well.

Geoff Pottier (10 goals), Danny Deucher (ruck) and ruck rovers Brendon Ding and Gary Klingenbech stood out.

Their D colts had a 24-goal victory over newly-admitted Mundaring. Best for the Roos were Steve Game, Adrian O'Connor, Mark Bicknell and ruckman Shane Smith.

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Some clubs are regular contributors to the page and their clubs and players are being recognised regularly.

MATCH DETAILS

ALL A-Grade clubs are asked to phone Trevor Schorer 272 4910 between 9-10am Sundays to give match details for publication in Westside Football.

Home team officials who fail to telephone in scores this season will pay dearly. In the first round the penalty is \$20, rising to \$30 in the second round and \$50 in all final rounds.

WAAFL secretary Bruce Wainwright 447 3502 must receive all scores by 6.30pm on Saturday.

WITHDRAWALS

GRAYLANDS (F), WAIT No. 3 (J) and WA-CAE (D) colts were last-minute withdrawals for the 1987 season. For Graylands it was a sad end to a club that joined the amateurs in 1975 in the now-defunct Sunday division. Although the Grays never won a premiership they had WAAFL fairest and best winners.

FORFEITS COSTLY

SEVERAL teams failed to field a team last week. In an effort to force clubs to seriously think about their playing strength before nominating teams, the league has imposed a penalty of \$200 per forfeited game.

After three forfeits, the team is withdrawn from the competition and cannot be nominated the following season.

While it may be a financial bonus for the league, its real purpose is to make sure once a team is nominated and graded, then club officials must field that team every week.

MIXED SUCCESS

NEWLY-admitted clubs — Mundaring, Navy, Rockingham and Sawyers Valley — met with mixed success first up.

Mundaring D colts failed to match Wanneroo in a one-sided game. Navy sank their opposition, Lynwood Ferndale No. 2, by the biggest margin of the day (35 goals). Sawyers Valley were no match for the number two team from Trinity-Aquinas.

NEW UMPIRES ADVISOR



NOEL "Tassie" Clements is the newly-appointed WAAFL umpires' advisor.

He started in Tasmania as a boundary umpire in 1971 then changed to central umpiring in 1973 with the Tasmanian Football League (reaching league level in 1977).

Noel moved to WA in 1981 and officiated with the WAFA for two seasons then joined the WAFL in 1984, umpiring colts games. He joined the WAAFL in 1985.

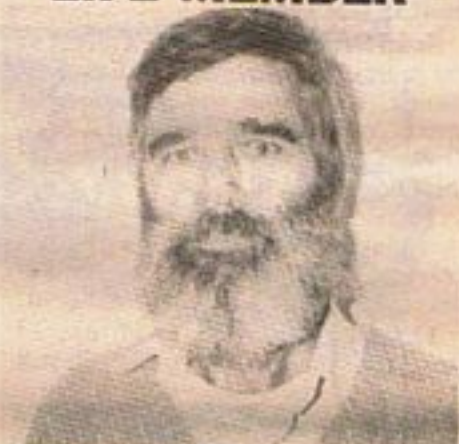
Highlights of his career include umpiring in the two-umpire system with his brother in a Tasmanian FL league game, the 17 grand finals he has umpired, and his involvement in officiating at the 1986 amateur carnival in Adelaide.

Since his appointment, he has retained and recruited a record number of umpires, leading to a surplus, the first time for a number of years.

The former umpires' advisor, highly-respected and regarded Terry Nichols, left the amateurs to take up the role of assistant umpires' advisor in the WAFL.

We wish them both well in their respective appointments.

LIFE MEMBER



NEIL Browne recently elected life member of the WAAFL. Played over 180 games with Old Wesley. Began his involvement with the administration in the amateur in 1974, serving on the grounds committee. 1975: Elected to the WAAFL management committee. 1979: Assistant manager to the amateur State team. 1980: State team manager. Since 1980 has served continuously as a State team selector and its chairman from 1981. Neil has served in many sub-committees including State team, bye-laws, administrative review and State headquarters committees.

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RESERVES ROUND-UP

BURST OF GOALS FOR LIONS

ALTHOUGH Subiaco's league side were disappointing 30-point losers against East Fremantle on Sunday the club can certainly take heart in the performance of their reserve side. In an amazing last 40 minutes, Subiaco kicked 13 goals to the Sharks one. Several players are now putting pressure on members of last week's league side which shows just how much young talent Subiaco has in the ranks this year. They include Michael Mort who was outstanding in the forward line and kicked five goals. Wayne Dawson, a busy midfielder who was unlucky to receive a knee injury pre-season, and Stephen Hooper who worked hard in the ruck all day will also be hoping for a league game soon.

KEY PLAYER

EAGLES key position player Andrew Lockyer made a return to competitive football in the reserves against Subiaco. Using his enormous strength to advantage, Lockyer was prominent in the first half when East Fremantle were playing their best football. With a little bit of match practice Lockyer could well be the man to fill the difficult centre-half-forward position for the Eagles this season.

STRAIGHT KICKING

EIGHTEEN-year-old East Perth forward Shane Stremple has made a fine start to the 1987 season. Stremple, who has now kicked 11 goals in two reserves encounters, was an excellent player in under-19 football last year and also represented WA in Teal Cup football. Originally from Busselton, Stremple has a strong pair of hands and an accurate kick for goal.

He can play at either full-forward, centre-half-forward or have a run on the ball if needed. With only four reserve games to his credit, Stremple may have to persist in the reserves for a while, but in time he should get his chance at league level.

by
Ben Stinga

REWARD TO COME

FORMER Perth and now Subiaco player Clint Roberts has filled the boots of Dwayne Lamb as the important "spare-man-in-defence" role and looks set for a fine season. But last year was a tough one for Roberts, he struggled in league ranks and found himself playing the bulk of the season in the reserves. In typical style, Roberts was an inspiration in last year's reserves finals with his tackling, chasing, smothering and of course using all of his strength to break up and burst through packs. It must have been reassuring for the young players to have an experienced hand like Roberts in their side — not only for his football skills but for the example he sets every time he pulls on the maroon-and-gold guernsey. Reward for his persistence will no doubt come this year with many vacancies opening up in the Lions senior side.

HARD WORKER

ONE player who has had to work hard to earn his chances in senior ranks is West Perth forward Warren Taylor. Taylor's form was impressive in 1986 and he fully deserved the opportunities he received in the Kresta Cup competition. Originally from Subiaco's under-19 side, Taylor is a former All Australian Teal Cup player, an honour received for the outstanding football he played against Australia's top young footballers. One opponent (Tony Lockett, St Kilda) is certainly well known to all football supporters as a player with enormous strength and skill but Taylor still booted four goals in a top display, which shows just how much value "Fish" could be at West Perth this season.

The top performers

Westside Football's round-up of top performers in the WAFL and VFL based on a points system of one point for a kick, two for a handpass and three for a mark.



SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	19	9	13	72
Ross Munns	West Perth	18	9	11	67
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	22	9	9	67
Peter Menaglio	West Perth	19	6	14	65
Mark Blakely	East Perth	19	12	6	65
Joe Sanjosefano	Perth	17	4	17	63
Cliff Collard	South Fremantle	10	7	15	61
Warren Mosconi	Perth	19	7	10	60
Merv Dellar	South Fremantle	12	6	14	58
Lance Kelly	East Perth	15	10	6	57
Grant Campbell	East Perth	16	9	6	55
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	20	8	5	54
Dan Foley	West Perth	12	9	7	53
David Hart	South Fremantle	19	7	6	52
Len Gandini	Perth	19	7	6	52
Sean King	West Perth	13	2	15	49
Stephen Green	East Fremantle	19	6	6	49
Clinton Browning	East Fremantle	16	5	9	49
Tony Beers	Claremont	16	7	6	49
Kim Hetherington	Swan Districts	7	5	13	48



SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Gerard Healy	Sydney Swans	37	13	35	146
Greg Williams	Sydney Swans	29	11	41	144
Michael Pickering	Richmond	23	22	19	127
Craig Starcevich	Collingwood	34	21	13	123
Terry Daniter	Essendon	25	21	17	122
Stewart Loewe	St Kilda	19	22	17	119
Mike Richardson	Brisbane Bears	28	11	25	111
Mark Williams	Brisbane Bears	43	13	14	110
Mark Baird	Geelong	40	14	14	110
David Murphy	Sydney Swans	34	11	21	109
Ken Sheldon	St Kilda	43	16	8	107
Mark Browning	Sydney Swans	43	11	15	106
Jamie Turner	Collingwood	27	13	20	106
Tim Pekin	Fitzroy	15	8	33	105
Geoff Cunningham	St Kilda	19	12	24	103
Leon Baker	Essendon	34	9	20	101
Barry Mitchell	Sydney Swans	31	6	24	97
Russell Morris	Hawthorn	26	14	14	96
Andrew Bees	Geelong	37	5	22	96
Russell Greene	Hawthorn	23	10	21	95

South Australia's details will be published next week when the SANFL fixtures start.



Leading goalkickers

THE TOP 20

Brad McDougall	South Fremantle	6.0	Greg Walker	Swan Districts	3.0
Colin Waterson	East Fremantle	5.2	Brent Hutton	Swan Districts	3.2
Todd Breman	Subiaco	4.3	Michael Rea	Perth	3.3
Mark Jackson	South Fremantle	4.0	Peter Hooper	East Perth	3.1
Neil Lester-Smith	East Fremantle	4.1	Roger Kerr	East Fremantle	3.2
Peter Thorne	Claremont	4.0	Warren Ralph	Claremont	3.0
David O'Connell	Claremont	4.1	Steven Sadowski	West Perth	2.1
Stuart Holmes	West Perth	3.2	Gavin Chaplin	West Perth	2.1
Mark Valli	Subiaco	3.0	Bill Monaghan	Subiaco	2.1
David Hart	South Fremantle	3.3	Graham Kickett	South Fremantle	2.1



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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, although the Medal is now decided on a 5-4-3-2-1 voting system. 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.

APRIL 4	Sunday Times	6IX	6PR	6NR	Daily News	West Australian	Westside Football	Umpires
Claremont v Perth	Peter Poat: Ahmat (C) D. O'Connell (C) Mosconi (P)	Chris Mitsopoulos: O'Connell Mumme (C) McKenna (C)	Peter Van Helden: Ahmat Morton (C) Mount (P)	Tony Buhagiar: Ahmat D. O'Connell Scott (C)	Tony Carr: Ahmat Beers (C) Mosconi	Ken Casellas: Beers D. O'Connell Mosconi	Ben Stinga: Ahmat D. O'Connell Mosconi	Johnson/Cooper
Swan Districts v West Perth	Rod Lane: Menaglio (WP) Johns (SD) Bell (WP)	Trevor Sprigg: Menaglio Bewick (WP) Langford (SD)	John K. Watts: Hetherington (SD) Menaglio Johns	Ian Miller: Menaglio Johns Munns (WP)	Kim Hagdorn: Hutton (SD) Johns Menaglio	Gary Stocks: Menaglio Johns Hetherington	George Temple: Johns Menaglio Hetherington	O'Driscoll/Garrett
Subiaco v East Fremantle	Peter Poat: P. Lamb (S) Wilkinson (S) Waterson (EF)	Phil Mulcahy: N. Taylor (S) Mairwaring (EF) B. Taylor (S)	Bob Hicks: Mairwaring Tunbridge (EF) Waterson	Tony Buhagiar: P. Lamb Kerr (EF) Wilkinson	Robbie Burns: Wilkinson Waterson P. Lamb	Gary Stocks: P. Lamb Wilkinson Waterson	Ben Stinga: P. Lamb Mairwaring Waterson	Bail/Hosking
South Fremantle v East Perth	Ray Wilson: Hart (SF) Campbell (EP) Amorosco (SF)	Jim Beam: Blakely (EP) Campbell Watters (SF)	NOT AVAILABLE	Les Mumme: Hart Amorosco Campbell	Kim Hagdorn: Hart Irving Maskos (SF)	David Marsh: Hart Amorosco Campbell	Alan East: Campbell Hart McDougall (SF)	O'Reilly/Buckey



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HOW THEY PLAYED

WESTSIDE FOOTBALL'S COMPREHENSIVE STATS ROUND-UP

SWAN DISTRICTS

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Michael Johns	5	1	1	1	10	7	8	28	-	-	-	-
Greg Walker	2	8	5	2	17	2	-	-	-	2	2	-
Dan Longford	6	2	7	2	17	2	3	-	1	-	1	-
Kevin Eaton	4	3	2	-	9	2	5	-	1	-	1	1
Geoff Paspari	5	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
Shane Ruffree	5	3	3	4	15	2	2	-	1	-	-	-
Joe Carmack	3	3	6	2	12	5	3	-	3	-	-	-
Ken Carlsson	2	5	4	3	14	5	5	-	1	-	-	-
Kim Betherington	2	3	1	1	7	5	13	-	3	1	-	-
Gary Sidebottom	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Tony Cope	1	-	2	1	4	1	2	1	-	-	1	-
Troy Uble	4	2	-	3	9	2	9	-	2	1	-	-
Gevin Thomson	1	5	2	2	12	2	1	-	1	3	1	-
Peter Old	-	3	3	1	7	1	3	5	1	-	1	-
Peter Ware	2	3	2	3	10	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
Mick Graham	3	5	2	-	10	1	2	-	1	-	-	-
Brent Hutton	2	4	2	4	12	7	1	-	1	1	3	2
Ross Fitzgerald	3	1	2	2	8	4	9	-	-	-	-	1
Andy Wilson	6	5	2	3	16	5	3	1	1	2	2	4
Jim Buckley	3	-	-	2	5	3	2	-	3	1	1	1
TOTAL	60	56	46	38	200	61	79	35	21	12	13	11
FORCED												

WEST PERTH

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Brundan Bell	7	2	7	5	21	-	12	-	-	1	2	-
Craig Wilson	2	-	1	1	4	2	4	12	-	1	-	1
Darren Bewick	3	7	5	2	19	4	4	-	2	1	-	1
Sean King	1	4	4	4	13	2	15	-	1	2	1	2
Brian Perrin	6	4	-	2	12	3	2	-	1	3	-	-
Les Fong	-	7	1	4	12	1	4	-	-	2	1	2
Ross Marcus	3	5	6	4	18	9	11	-	-	1	-	3
Peter Neaglin	5	4	5	5	19	6	14	-	1	3	-	2
Wayne Daymen	1	-	3	1	5	-	5	1	1	-	-	-
Gevin Chaplin	4	5	-	2	11	4	7	-	-	-	2	1
Craig Broder	-	-	2	2	4	-	3	-	1	1	-	1
Steven Kabancki	4	2	6	-	12	2	3	3	1	1	2	1
Phil Bradburn	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Craig Turley	2	3	3	4	12	4	6	-	1	-	1	-
Stuart Holmes	2	1	4	2	9	7	2	-	-	-	3	2
Dan Foley	3	3	3	1	12	9	7	13	-	1	-	-
Neil McEwan	4	2	-	-	6	4	1	-	3	2	-	-
Gevin Miler	1	1	1	2	5	3	13	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Bush-Jones	-	1	2	3	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Hilda	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	51	55	53	45	204	62	119	79	13	21	11	21
FORCED												

SOUTH FREMANTLE

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Dwan Irving	-	1	1	3	5	6	8	18	1	1	-	-
Merv Dellar	2	3	4	3	12	6	14	1	1	1	1	2
Arthur Wilson	1	1	-	2	4	1	8	-	1	1	-	-
Willie Joe	1	3	4	-	8	-	5	-	2	-	-	-
Craig Edwards	2	2	2	1	7	7	7	9	1	2	-	-
David Bart	2	4	3	10	19	7	6	-	-	3	3	-
Brad McDougall	-	2	3	5	10	3	-	-	1	2	6	-
Cliff Colliard	3	3	2	2	10	7	15	-	1	-	-	-
Mark Jackson	1	2	1	1	5	4	4	-	1	2	4	-
John Worsfold	5	4	5	3	17	7	2	1	4	2	-	3
Graham Kickett	4	-	2	3	9	5	1	-	2	1	2	1
Gevin Carter	1	4	2	4	11	3	4	2	2	2	-	-
Scott Watters	2	6	2	5	16	1	3	-	1	2	1	1
Brad Colliard	2	1	4	3	10	4	12	-	3	-	-	1
Peter Durrant	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	-	-	-	-
John McDonald	2	4	1	3	10	4	5	-	3	1	-	-
Kevin Williams	1	2	2	1	6	3	5	1	1	1	-	-
Tony Annesco	4	4	6	1	17	7	3	1	1	3	2	-
Dwan Wilson	3	1	1	1	6	4	3	1	4	1	-	-
Ashley Smith	5	3	2	3	13	4	4	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL	42	51	47	56	196	84	111	79	31	24	19	15
FORCED												

EAST PERTH

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Gevin Boshin	2	4	2	4	12	1	5	-	2	1	1	1
Gevin Bowlett	-	1	2	3	6	3	4	-	-	1	-	-
Peter Wright	2	8	3	2	15	-	5	-	1	-	-	-
Mark Blagely	4	4	4	5	19	2	5	-	2	-	2	1
Lennox Kelly	3	4	3	5	15	10	6	-	-	1	1	1
Russell Sparks	3	4	2	3	12	2	4	-	-	2	-	1
Chris Allen	4	4	2	2	12	2	3	-	-	1	1	-
Grant Campbell	6	4	4	2	16	9	6	1	2	2	-	-
Angelo Deltorello	4	3	3	-	10	2	2	1	2	2	-	1
Glyn Williams	6	2	3	5	16	5	8	-	3	4	1	-
Brad Revill	1	2	2	1	6	3	1	-	1	2	1	2
Justin Cook	2	-	2	-	4	2	4	-	1	2	1	-
Kevin McGuire	2	4	4	3	13	4	7	-	2	3	1	-
Gary Beck	1	1	4	1	7	6	7	11	1	2	2	1
Lucian Baroni	4	2	4	3	13	6	7	-	2	1	-	1
Shane Burns	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Clayton Lewis	3	5	3	5	16	6	5	-	1	2	-	-
David Bain	3	4	2	4	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
Peter Hopper	4	1	5	3	13	3	2	10	2	2	3	1
Darren Best	1	-	-	1	2	1	3	-	2	3	-	-
TOTAL	55	57	54	51	219	82	89	73	24	30	14	14
FORCED												

EAST FREMANTLE

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Ryan Kerr	4	6	3	7	20	2	9	1	2	4	1	2
David Rankin	4	2	1	3	10	1	5	-	-	-	1	-
Ken Payne	3	2	5	2	12	4	5	-	1	1	2	2
Brian Peske	5	2	4	9	20	8	5	1	1	1	-	-
Chris Minnaway	6	4	6	6	22	5	4	-	3	2	-	-
John O'Rullivan	2	2	3	1	8	8	4	-	1	3	-	-
Stephen Green	6	6	3	4	19	6	6	-	3	2	-	1
Clinton Browning	2	6	4	4	16	5	9	1	5	2	2	1
Ray Bennett	3	1	2	1	7	2	7	-	1	-	-	1
Neil Lester-Smith	1	2	6	4	13	3	1	-	5	1	4	1
Colin Waterson	1	2	3	2	8	2	8	5	1	1	5	1
Ken Seymour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shane Kilin	2	1	1	2	6	2	4	-	2	1	-	-
Steve Matthews	-	2	-	-	2	1	7	11	-	1	-	-
David Bushell	3	1	5	2	11	2	12	-	4	-	-	-
Scott Rowland	4	5	2	1	12	5	5	-	3	1	-	-
Geoff Sims	4	1	2	4	11	3	3	1	1	2	-	1
Chris Watson	2	1	4	1	8	3	1	-	2	2	-	-
Geoff Christie	1	2	1	-	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Brad Turnbridge	4	3	2	2	11	7	8	14	1	3	1	3
TOTAL	57	51	57	55	220	72	108	34	32	31	18	21
FORCED												

SUBIACO

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES		GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4					FOR	AG		
Shane Cooker	-	2	-	-	2	2	5	26	1	1	-	-
Neil Taylor	5	6	5	6	22	9	9	-	3	2	-	2
Clint Brown	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Brian Taylor	7	2	8	6	23	2	5	-	4	1	-	-
Mick Lee	3	4	2	3	12	4	7	-	4	3	1	4
Mark Brown	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	-	1	2	1	1
Geoff Carpenter	5	-	3	3	11	1	5	-	2	1	1	-
Glen O'Loughlin	4	5	2	1	12	4	9	-	-	1	-	-
Mark Valli	1	1	4	6	12	5	3	-	5	3	3	-
Bernard Sloan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Phil Lamb	7	2	4	6	19	9	13	-	4	-	1	-
John Georgiades	-	3	4	2	9	4	10	-	1	1	-	3
Bill Houghton	3	3	1	1	8	4	2	3	1	2	2	1
Todd Branan	3	1	1	3	8	6	1	-	-	1	4	3
Bob Millar	1	3	2	-	6	1	2	-	1	1	1	-
Geoff Wilkinson	2	1	-	3	6	4	13	-	2	4	-	-
Jan Dargie	4	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
Kevin Sparks	3	2	4	3	12	4	7	-	1	-	-	-
Clint Roberts	2	2	1	1								

WESTSIDE RATINGS



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WESTSIDE RATINGS is the most unique system of rating the weekly performances in the WAFL — and now also the West Coast Eagles — in local football.

Players are assessed on a rating out of 10 points each week, taking into account whether they are injured (I) or on the interchange bench (r).

THE EAGLES



SUBIACO



V	EP
BREMAN, Todd	5
BROWN, Clint	6
BROWN, Mark	5
CARPENTER, Greg	7
COCKER, Shane	7
DARGIE, Ian	6
GEORGIADIS, John	5
JONES, Graham	6
LAMB, Phil	8
LEE, Mick	7
MONAGHAN, Bill	5
O'LOUGHLIN, Glenn	5
ROBERTS, Clint	5
SLOAN, Bernard	5
SPARKS, Kevan	5
TAYLOR, Brian	6
TAYLOR, Neil	6
VALLI, Mark	5
WILKINSON, Greg	7
WILLET, Rod	5

EAST FREMANTLE



V	S
BROWNING, Clinton	6
BUSHELL, David	7
CHRISTIE, George	6
ELLIS, Shane	6
GREEN, Stephen	6
JUDGE, Ken	5
KERR, Roger	7
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	6
MAINWARING, Chris	5
MATTHEWS, Steve	5
O'SULLIVAN, John	6
PEAKE, Brian	7
RANKIN, David	4
ROWLAND, Scott	5
SEYMOUR, Ken	4
SIMS, Geoff	7
STERRETT, Ray	5
TURNBRIDGE, Brad	4
WATERMAN, Chris	5
WATERSON, Collin	4

PERTH



V	C
COUSINS, Bryan	6
DAVIS, Troy	7
FOX, Bradley	4
GANDINI, Len	7
GAVRANICH, John	5
HIBBINS, Mark	5
HUNTER, Clint	6
LUCAS, Jack	6
MOSCONI, Warren	6
MOUNT, Stephen	5
NEWMAN, Ian	7
NICHOLAS, Warren	5
REA, Michael	5
RYDER, Wayne	6
SANTOSTEFANO, Joe	7
SMITH, Craig	5
VALENTA, Shaun	4
WATSON, Mark	6
WHITTINGTON, Gavin	5
WILEY, Robert	6



Guy McKenna has the ball... but Craig Smith has got McKenna.

EAST PERTH



V	WP	SF	TOT
ALLEN, Chris	—	5	5
BAIN, David	5	5	10
BARONI, Lucio	6	5	10
BARTLETT, Glen	6	—	6
BEST, Darren	5	4	9
BLAKELY, Mark	5	6	11
BOCK, Gary	4	5	9
CAMPBELL, Grant	6	7	13
COOK, Justin	5	4	9
CROPLEY, Howard	4	—	4
DELBORELLO, Angelo	5	5	10
EVANS, Shane	—	2r	2
HOOPER, Peter	4	6	10
HAWKINS, Gavin	—	6	6
HOWLETT	4r	5	9
KEVILL, Brad	—	4	4
KELLY, Lance	5	6	11
LEWIS, Clayton	6	7	13
MCGUIRE, Kevin	5	5	10
SPARKS, Russell	5	6	11
TURNER, Dean	5	—	5
WILLIAMS, Giyn	7	7	14
WING, David	2r	—	2
WRIGHT, Peter	6	6	12

WEST PERTH



V	EP	SD	TOT
BELL, Brendon	5	7	12
BEWICK, Darren	4	7	11
BINDER, Phil	—	3r	3
BRADMORE, Phil	3	2	5
BUSHE-JONES, Matt	3	3	6
CHAPLIN, Gavin	5	5	10
DAYMAN, Wayne	5	4	9
FOLEY, Dan	7	7	14
FONG, Les	4r	5	10
GASTEY, John	6	—	6
HOLMES, Stuart	5	5	10
KING, Sean	7	7	14
MENAGLIO, Peter	6	8	14
MIFKA, Paul	5	3	10
MUGAVIN, Noel	2r	3l	5
MUNNS, Ross	7	7	14
NELSON, Craig	3r	5	8
PERRIN, Brian	5	5	10
SADOWSKI, Steven	4	6	10
TURLEY, Craig	5	6	11
WAKE, Gavin	6	5	11

SOUTH FREMANTLE



V	EP
AMOROSO, Tony	6
CARTER, Gavin	6
COLLARD, Brad	6
COLLARD, Cliff	6
DELLAR, Merv	6
DENNETT, Peter	2r
EDWARDS, Craig	5
HART, David	7
IRVING, Dean	5
JACKSON, Mark	6
KICKETT, Graham	4
MCDUGALL, Brad	6
MACDONALD, John	5
MASKOS, Arthur	3r
ROE, Willie	4
SMITH, Ashley	5
WATTERS, Scott	6
WILLIAMS, Kevin	4
WILSON, Dean	4
WORSFOLD, John	6

CLAREMONT



V	P
AHMAT, Joe	8
BEERS, Tony	8
COOK, Stephen	3
COURT, David	5
DANIELS, Allen	7
GOULDING, Steven	4
HIGGINS, Peter	6
HOST, Andrew	6
KICKETT, Derek	6
LEWIS, Cameron	6
MCKENNA, Guy	6
MORTON, Noel	6
MUMME, Brad	6
O'CONNELL, David	7
RALPH, Warren	5
SCOTT, John	5
SHEPHERD, Cam	5
SUTHERLAND, Brian	6
THORNE, Peter	5
URQUHART, Julian	7

SWAN DISTRICTS



V	WP
BUCKLEY, Jim	3r
CARLSHAUSEN, Rex	6
CATON, Kevin	5
COPE, Tony	3
CORMACK, Joe	5
FITZGERALD, Ross	4
GRASSO, Mick	5
HETHRINGTON, Kim	5
HOLMES, Andy	6
HUTTON, Brent	6
JOHNS, Michael	7
LANGSFORD, Don	6
OLD, Peter	3r
PASSERI, Geoff	4r
RENFREE, Shane	5
SIDEBOTTOM, Garry	1r
THORNTON, Gavin	5
UGLE, Troy	5
WALKER, Greg	7
WARE, Peter	5



Mark Hibbins (Perth) has the front position on Claremont's Cameron Lewis.

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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 13.11, West Perth 11.21
Claremont 17.9, Perth 11.13
Subiaco 14.15, East Frem 18.21
Sth Frem 19.15, East Perth 14.14

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 Perth
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
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
East Frem v East Perth East

JUNE

June 1 Mon 12.15 Eagles v Collingwood Subiaco
3.00 Swan Dist v East Perth Subiaco
5 Fri 6.30 East Frem v Claremont WACA
6 Sat 2.20 Subiaco v Swan Dist Subiaco
West Perth v South Frem Leed
7 Sun 2.20 East Perth v Perth Perth
12 Fri 6.30 Subiaco v East Perth WACA
13 Sat 2.20 Swan Dist v East Frem Subiaco
Claremont v West Perth Claremont
14 Sun 2.20 Sth Frem v Perth Frem
16 Tue 7.00 West Aust v South Aust WACA
19 Fri 5.30 Eagles v Fitzroy WACA
20 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Perth East
East Perth v West Perth Perth
Subiaco v Sth Frem Subiaco
Swan Dist v Claremont Bassendean
26 Fri 6.30 Perth v Subiaco Bassendean
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
10 Fri 5.30 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
Perth v East Frem Subiaco
Sth Frem v Subiaco Frem
West Perth v East Perth Leed
14 Fri 6.30 Claremont v East Perth WACA
15 Sat 2.20 East Frem v West Perth East
Subiaco v Perth Subiaco
Swan Dist v Sth Frem Bass
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 13.14, Melb 7.17 (MCG)
(April 4 — Saturday)
Collingwood 17.8, Carlton 16.18 (P)
Essendon 17.17, Eagles 17.12
Richmond 13.15, Hawthorn 23.17
Fitzroy 23.21, St Kilda 17.13
Geelong 19.17, Bris. Bears 23.12
(April 5 — Sunday)
Swans 27.25, Footscray 11.13

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
(April 12 — Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Syd. Swans

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
(April 20 — Monday)
Collingwood v Richmond (P)
Essendon v Sydney Swans
Footscray v Hawthorn

Round 5 (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
(April 26 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Melbourne

Round 6 (May 1 — Friday)

Sydney Swans v Carlton
(May 2 — Saturday)
Footscray v St. Kilda (P)
Essendon v Geelong
Collingwood v Bris. Bears
Melbourne v Richmond
(May 3 — Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v North Melb.
Fitzroy v Hawthorn (MCG)

Round 7 (May 8 — Friday)

West Coast Eagles v Bris. Bears
(May 9 — Saturday)
Carlton v Geelong (P)
Fitzroy v Essendon
Melbourne v Collingwood
St. Kilda v Richmond
Footscray v North Melbourne
(May 10 — Sunday)
Sydney Swans v Hawthorn

Round 8 (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
(May 17 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Richmond
North Melb. v Carlton (MCG)

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 Fitzroy
Carlton v Bris. Bears
Richmond v Geelong
(May 31 — Sunday)
Sydney Swans v North Melb.

June 1 — Monday

West Coast Eagles v Coll'wood
(Foundation Day — W.A.)

Round 11 (Queen's Birthday)

(June 6 — Saturday)
North Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)
Richmond v West Coast Eagles
St. Kilda v Essendon
(June 7 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Sydney Swans

June 8 — Monday

Geelong v Collingwood
Melbourne v Carlton
Fitzroy v Richmond
(June 12 — Friday)
North Melb v St. Kilda (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

June 15 — 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

June 21 (August 21 — Friday)

Melbourne v West Coast Eagles
(August 22 — Saturday)
Essendon v Carlton (P)
St. Kilda v Collingwood
Fitzroy v Carlton
North Melb. v Richmond (MCG)
(August 23 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Footscray
Sydney Swans v Geelong

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
(July 18 — Saturday)
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 Deonlong
Melbourne v Bris. Bears
(August 2 — Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Hawthorn

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
Geelong v Essendon
(August 9 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Collingwood

Round 20 (August 15 — Sat)

Richmond v St. Kilda (P)
Hawthorn v Sydney Swans
Essendon v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Melbourne
North Melb. v Footscray (MCG)
Geelong v Carlton
(August 16 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v West Coast Eagles

Round 21 (August 21 — Friday)

Melbourne v West Coast Eagles
(August 22 — Saturday)
Essendon v Carlton (P)
St. Kilda v Collingwood
Fitzroy v Carlton
North Melb. v Richmond (MCG)
(August 23 — Sunday)
Bris. Bears v Footscray
Sydney Swans v Geelong

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 20
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
Port v Central Alberton
Sunday, June 28
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
South 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
Sunday, July 5
Port v Norwood Football Park
Torrens v Central (Double header)

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

*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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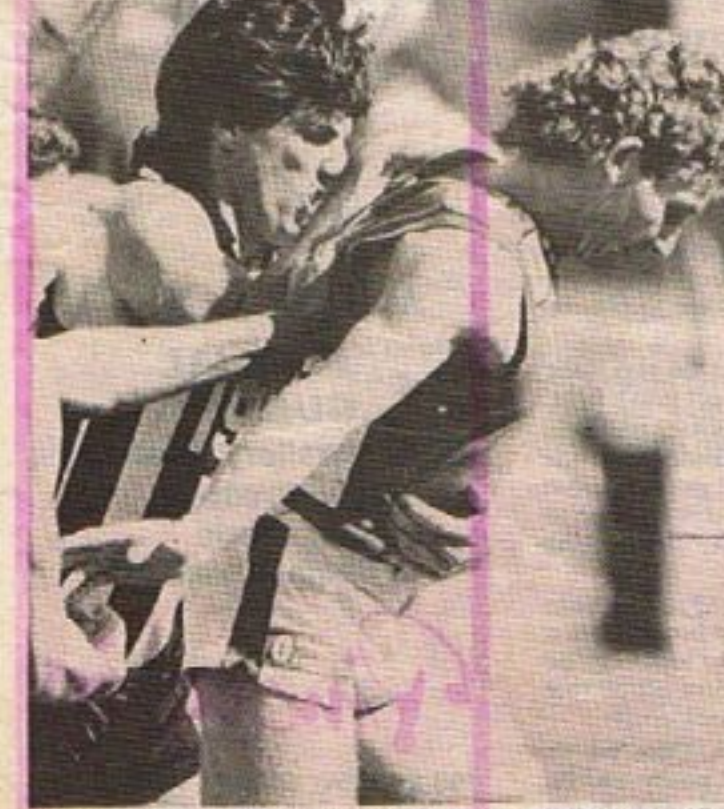
SWAN DISTRICTS	4.7	5.8	9.11	13.11	89
WEST PERTH	2.4	6.9	6.14	11.21	87
GOALS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Hutton, Walker 3, A. Holmes 2, Longford, Old, Thornton, Caton, Cope 1. WEST PERTH: Holmes 3, Sadowski, Chaplin 2, King, Fong, Mirka, Turley 1.					
BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Johns, Walker, A. Holmes, Carlshausen, Ugle, Connack. WEST PERTH: Menaglio, Dell, Foley, King, Munro, Sadowski.					
Played at Bessenden Oval. Umpires Ken O'Driscoll and Trevor Garrett. Attendance: 2500 (approx).					
CLAREMONT	3.2	9.5	14.6	17.9	111
PERTH	4.2	5.3	7.8	11.13	79
GOALS: CLAREMONT: D. O'Connell, Thorne 4, Ralph 3, Ahmat, Urquhart 2, Cook, Kickett 1. PERTH: Rea 3, Ryder 2, Fox, Davis, Whittington, Cousins, Hibbins, Mosconi 1.					
BEST: CLAREMONT: Ahmat, D. O'Connell, McKenna, Kickett, Beers, Thorne. PERTH: Mosconi, Cousins, Mount, Santostefano, Hunter, Gandini.					
Played at Claremont Oval. Umpires David Johnson and Len Cooper. Attendance: 4500 (approx).					
EAST FREMANTLE	3.5	6.13	12.17	18.21	129
SUBIACO	0.6	5.8	8.11	14.15	99
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Waterson 5, Lester Smith 4, Kerr 3, Judge, Browning 2, Tunbridge, Rankin 1. SUBIACO: Brennan 4, Valli 3, Monaghan 2, Lee, Willet, M. Brown, P. Carpenter 1.					
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Waterson, Kerr, Peake, Lester Smith, Tunbridge, Bushell. SUBIACO: P. Lamb, Wilkinson, N. Taylor, Cocker, Lee 5, B. Taylor 6.					
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: M. Ball and Dale Hosking. Attendance: 5000 (approx).					
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1.5	4.7	12.11	19.15	129
EAST PERTH	3.5	6.13	12.17	18.21	129
GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: McDougall 6, Jackson 4, Hart 3, Kickett, Amoroso 2, Dellar, Waters 1. EAST PERTH: Hooper 3, Blakely, Book 2, Hawkins, Kevit, Kelly, Allen, Williams, Cook, McGuire.					
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: D. Hart 1, A. Amoroso 2, C. Collier 3, B. McDougall 4, J. Worsfold 5, G. Carter 6. EAST PERTH: G. Campbell 1, P. Hooper 2, C. Lewis 3, I. Baroni 4, G. Williams 5, C. Allen 6.					
Played at Rushton Park, Manudurah. Umpires: Phil O'Reilly, Ron Buckley. Attendance: 4000 (approx).					

Reserves

CLAREMONT	3.1	5.3	11.7	17.13	115
PERTH	4.4	6.5	6.10	9.12	66
GOALS: CLAREMONT: James 4, Tomizzi 3, Mann, Wilson, Brandenburg 2, Allan 2, Siviour, Clark, Beveridge 1. PERTH: Kelly 2, Papotto, Simms, S. Cable, Clarkson, Edwards, Lathwell, B. Cable 1.					
BEST: CLAREMONT: Tomizzi, James, Hazell, Wilson, Mann, Starke. PERTH: Jackson, Kelly, Hatch, Holden Swann, S. Cable.					
SWAN DISTRICTS	13.16	94			
WEST PERTH	12.7	79			
GOALS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Maguire 3, Cabassi, Smith, Williams 2, Robinson, Papalia, Ogg, Comerford 1. WEST PERTH: Madaffari 6, Holden, Taylor 3.					
BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Maguire, Meadows, Cabassi, Penny, Papalia, Smith. WEST PERTH: Madaffari, Millar, Taylor, Adam, Mumari, Morgan.					
EAST PERTH	4.5	11.11	18.17	26.21	177
SOUTH PERTH	2.2	4.5	6.5	7.8	50
GOALS: EAST PERTH: Strempel 7, Higgins 4, Wing, O'Hurley 3, Ninette 2, Bennett, Wynne, Bertram, Lewis, Kane, Stewart, Duke 1. SOUTH PERTH: Rognetta, Spurr 2, P. Matera, Brindley, Zumach 1.					
BEST: EAST PERTH: Higgins, Bertram, Lewis, Delcasale, Wynne, Strempel. SOUTH PERTH: P. Matera, Brindley, Hutcheson, Watson, Wilcox.					
SUBIACO	3.3	8.7	11.15	22.20	152
EAST FREMANTLE	4.5	10.7	15.9	16.12	108
GOALS: SUBIACO: Mort 5, Sullivan 4, Dawson, Hutchinson 3, Langdon 2, Strinepreiss, Rakich, Rattray, D. Piggott, Rottigni. EAST FREMANTLE: Annandale 5, Read 4, Little 3, Weber 2, Gray, Lockyer.					
BEST: SUBIACO: Dawson, Mort, Rakich, Sullivan, Rattray, Hutchinson. EAST FREMANTLE: Annandale, Read, Amaranti, Gray, Little, Weber.					

Under-19s

WEST PERTH 13.10 (88) d SWAN DISTRICTS 2.5 (17)
GOALS: WEST PERTH: A. Sanzone 4, Jones 3, Munro 2, W. Dickerson, Ivancich, R. Dickerson, P. Sanzone 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Pickett 2.
BEST: WEST PERTH: P. Sanzone, Jones, Munro. SWAN DISTRICTS: Lucas, Lower, Ransom.
CLAREMONT 20.17 (137) d PERTH 6.7 (43)
GOALS: CLAREMONT: Dhue 10, Govan, A. Yarran 3, McGovern 2, Pannell, N. Yarran 1. PERTH: Connor, Bismead, Hill, Bugie, Mills, McDonald 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Dhue, Southern, Govan. PERTH: Ferguson, Tussler, Thomson.
EAST PERTH 13.15 d SOUTH FREMANTLE 11.4
GOALS: EAST PERTH: Edmondson, Wastley, Holbert 3, Softley, Miller, Ninnett, Rusca. SOUTH FREMANTLE: not available.
EAST FREMANTLE 12.10 (82) d SUBIACO 8.13 (61)
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Congleton 6, Hansen, Bateman, Stegg, Regan, Jones, Foley. SUBIACO: Rosich, Money, Morris, Gadone 2.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Jones, Regan, Richter. SUBIACO: Money, Read, Savage.



Swans ruckman Mick Johns puts West Perth's Sean King under pressure.

VFL

ESSENDON	3.4	11.5	13.11	17.17	119
WEST COAST EAGLES	4.3	10.4	14.9	17.12	114
GOALS: ESSENDON: Salmon, A. Daniher, Clark, Ezard, Flood 2, Antrobus, T. Daniher, Clarke, Foulds, Williams, Bailey, Hawker. WEST COAST EAGLES: Holmes 4, Gastev, Bennett 3, MacNish 2, Matera, Narko, Malaxos, Brennan, Zanotti.					
BEST: ESSENDON: T. Daniher, Salmon, Baker, Williams, Merritt, Van Der Haar. WEST COAST EAGLES: Matera, Lamb, Glendinning, Zanotti, Annear, Holmes.					
Played at Windy Hill, Essendon. Umpires: John Russo, Rohan Sawers. Attendance: 19,959.					
FITZROY	9.4	14.8	18.15	23.21	159
ST KILDA	2.2	8.5	11.8	17.13	115
GOALS: FITZROY: Osborne, Barwick 5, Conlan, Keane 3, Stephens 2, Armstrong, Hinch, McIvor, Blakey, Harris. ST KILDA: Lockett 5, Loewe, Owen 3, McConville 2, Kourkounellis, Wommar, Jones, Grant.					
BEST: FITZROY: R. Osborne, Barwick, Rendell, Keane, Lokan, Pekin. ST KILDA: Loewe, Coghlan, Lockett, Owen, Marcou, Sheldon.					
Played at Princes Park. Umpires: R. Sneddon, S. McDonald. Attendance: 11,584.					
CARLTON	1.3	11.8	13.15	16.18	114
COLLINGWOOD	5.1	6.1	10.3	17.5	107
GOALS: CARLTON: Silvagni 4, Johnston 3, Kernahan, Sartori 2, Gleeson, Alkan, Murphy, Alvin, Giacotti 1. COLLINGWOOD: Starcevic 6, Taylor 5, Adams 3, Fielke, Turner, Brown 1.					
BEST: CARLTON: Rhys-Jones, Meldrum, Kernahan, Johnston, Alvin, Silvagni, Bradley. COLLINGWOOD: Starcevic, Turner, Bradbury, Ryan, Gayfer, Fielke, Taylor.					
Played at VFL Park. Umpire: G. Dore. Ross Castle. Attendance: 29,481.					
NORTH MELBOURNE	3.5	6.10	10.12	13.14	92
MELBOURNE	3.4	5.11	6.14	7.17	69
GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: Holt 3, Fairley, P. Krakouer, Schimmelbusch 2, Mossop, Dwyer, Larkin, Law 1. MELBOURNE: Williams 3, Flower, Johnson, Vincy, Bailey.					
BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Holt, Fairley, Steele, Ackerly, Arceri, Schimmelbusch. MELBOURNE: Hughes, Grinter, Vincy, Turner, Connolly, Stretch.					
Played at MCG. Umpires: David Howlett, Gerard Walsh. Attendance: 19,035.					
HAWTHORN	6.4	11.8	16.11	23.17	155
RICHMOND	2.2	6.5	10.10	13.15	93
GOALS: HAWTHORN: Buckenara 7, Dunstaff, Gurnan 3, Morris, Loveridge, Platten 2, Ayres, Dear, Green, Morrissey 1. RICHMOND: Mitchell 3, Smith, Clark, Notting 2, Burton, Palm, Roach, Pickering 1.					
BEST: HAWTHORN: Buckenara, Morris, Ayres, Mow, Langford, Morrissey. RICHMOND: Pickering, Clark, Mitchell, Poole, Thomson, Smith.					
Played at MCG. Umpires: B. Woodhead, Ian Robinson. Attendance: 17,824.					
SYDNEY SWANS	8.2	16.9	22.17	27.25	187
FOOTSCRAY	3.6	8.8	10.10	11.13	79
GOALS: SYDNEY SWANS: Bayes 5, Williams 4, Capper 3, Henwood, Browning, Bolton, Monwood, Wright, Murphy 2, Healy, Roberts, Potter. FOOTSCRAY: Beasley, Atkins, Foster 2, Cousins, Petraglia, Wallis, Royal, Baxter.					
BEST: SYDNEY SWANS: Ironmonger, Williams, Browning, Bayes, Henwood, Murphy. FOOTSCRAY: Kennedy, Atkins, Foster, Royal, Cronan.					
Played at Sydney Cricket Ground. Umpires: P. Howe and P. Carey. Attendance: 15,268.					
BRISBANE BEARS	6.2	9.5	17.11	23.12	150
GEELONG	2.5	9.11	14.14	19.17	131
GOALS: BRISBANE BEARS: Edmond 8, Williams 6, McCarthy 4, Phillips 2, Hardie, Hein, Cox 1. GEELONG: Ablett 8, Turner, Brownless 3, Russell, Troy, Bruns, Dews, Fitzgerald 1.					
BEST: BRISBANE BEARS: Williams, Edmond, Benfield, Fidge, Campbell, Waterson. GEELONG: Ablett, Brownless, Turner, Morgan.					
Played at Kardinia Park, Geelong. Umpires: C. Mitchell, Peter Cameron. Attendance: 14,480.					

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

WEST AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE LADDER

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pct	Pts
CLAREMONT	1	1	0	0	111	79	143.5	4
SOUTH FREM	1	1	0	0	129	98	131.6	4
EAST FREMANTLE	1	1	0	0	129	99	131.3	4
WEST PERTH	2	1	0	1	203	175	116.0	4
Swan Dist	1	1	0	0	89	87	102.3	4
Subiaco	1	0	0	1	99	129	76.1	0
East Perth	2	0	0	2	184	245	75.1	0
Perth	1	0	0	1	79	111	74.2	0

VICTORIAN LADDER

Team	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SYDNEY SWANS	2	-	-	352	153	230.0	8
HAWTHORN	2	-	-	304	297	154.3	8
ESSENDON	2	-	-	240	176	136.4	8
BRISBANE BEARS	2	-	-	287	235	122.1	8
W. COAST EAGLES	1	1	-	247	238	103.8	4
Melbourne	1	1	-	187	181	103.3	4
Fitzroy	1	1	-	248	243	102.1	4
North Melbourne	1	1	-	196	196	100.0	4
Geelong	1	1	-	233	251	92.8	4
Carlton	1	1	-	218	256	85.2	4
St Kilda	-	2	-	216	261	82.8	0
Richmond	-	2	-	212	288	73.6	0
Collingwood	-	2	-	181	279	64.9	0
Footscray	-	2	-	141	308	45.8	0

WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST PERTH	2	2	-	-	274	99	276.76	8
CLAREMONT	1	1	-	-	115	68	174.24	4
SUBIACO	1	1	-	-	152	108	140.74	4
SWAN DISTRICTS	1	1	-	-	94	79	84.04	4
East Fremantle	1	1	-	-	108	152	71.05	-
West Perth	2	2	-	-	128	191	67.01	-
Perth	1	1	-	-	68	115	57.39	-
South Fremantle	1	1	-	-	50	177	28.24	-

WAFL UNDER 19s TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST PERTH	2	2	-	-	144	116	124.13	8
CLAREMONT	1	1	-	-	137	43	318.60	4
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	-	134	68	197.05	4
EAST FREMANTLE	1	1	-	-	82	61	134.42	4
South Fremantle	1	1	-	-	70	93	75.26	-
Subiaco	1	1	-	-	61	82	74.39	-
Perth	1	1	-	-	43	137	31.38	-
Swan Districts	1	1	-	-	17	88	19.31	-

VFL RESERVES PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Team	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
GEELONG	2	-	-	278	154	180.5	8
MELBOURNE	2	-	-	296	202	146.5	8
CARLTON	2	-	-	268	206	130.1	8
SYDNEY	2	-	-	196	178	110.1	8
NORTH MELBOURNE	1	1	-	292	220	132.7	4
Hawthorn	1	1	-	261	201	129.9	4
Footscray	1	1	-	188	187	112.6	4
St Kilda	1	1	-	241	259	93.1	4
Collingwood	-	2	-	167	222	75.2	0
Essendon	-	2	-	132	218	60.6	0
Fitzroy	-	2	-	208	350	59.4	0
Richmond	-	2	-	181	331	54.7	0

VFL RESERVES

SYDNEY 15.24 (114) d FOOTSCRAY 14.19 (103)
GOALS: SYDNEY SWANS: J. Brinkkötter 3, R. Caprioli 3, L. Dakin 2, J. Kerr 2, D. Brown, J. Trkula, C. Elias, M. Lloyd, D. McAsey; FOOTSCRAY: F. Rugolo 3, T. Liberatore 2, R. Tatterson 2, P. Wright, P. Evans, B. Vilcins, J. James, J. Aziz, A. Howlett, R. Groenewegen.
BEST: SYDNEY SWANS: J. Kerr, D. Brown, P. Quirk, G. Cordy, E. Elias, S. Hase; FOOTSCRAY: J. James, T. Liberatore, R. Tatterson, D. Stirling, C. Wright, A. Howlett.
CARLTON 21.14 (140) d COLLINGWOOD 13.14 (92)
GOALS: CARLTON: Ogler 4, McKinnon 3, Miller 3, Buckley 2, Phillips 2, Kellott, Dunlop, Foster, Gallagher, Kennedy, Strauch, Majerczak; COLLINGWOOD: Tuddenham 5, Lockman 2, Doyle, Pritchard, Sutherland, Mannerling, Hille, Keays.
BEST: CARLTON: McKenzie, Gallagher, McKinnon, Buckley, Ogler, Dunlop; COLLINGWOOD: Doyle, Hille, Lockman, Manson, Richardson, Turnbull.
GEELONG 19.19 (133) d ESSENDON 12.7 (79)
GOALS: GEELONG: Lindner 7, Sells 3, Carey 2, Exell 2, McCrabb, Hocking, Williams, R. Scott, Taylor; ESSENDON: Bibby 2, Payne 2, Barnes 2, Elshaug, N. Walsh, Kearne, Considine, Robertson, Newman.
BEST: GEELONG: Carey, Scott, Cameron, Schulze, Hosking, Sells; ESSENDON: Walsh, Keane, Meryweather, Bibby, Kennedy, Considine.
ST KILDA 25.16 (166) d FITZROY 16.18 (114)
GOALS: ST KILDA: A. Manning 6, Tamay 4, Littler 4, Carbone 2, Freeman 2, Gotch 2, Ingletton, Dwyer, Sidebottom, Rice, Page; FITZROY: Carafa 3, Lyon 3, Hinkley 2, Trowella 2, Beale, Cameron, Clayton, Dwyer, Holt, Mitchell.
BEST: ST KILDA: Ford, Freeman, Manning, Collins, Tamay, Gotch; FITZROY: Gale, Lyon, Thomas, Hinkley, Clayton.
HAWTHORN 21.21 (147) d RICHMOND 10.13 (73)
GOALS: HAWTHORN: Bourke 4, Handley 3, Byrne 3, Ellingworth 2, Dickson 2, Pritchard 2, Maginnes, Dalrymple, Anderson, Dear, Symonds, Collins; RICHMOND: Boyes 3, Bower 2, Buttifant 2, Frangalis, McLeod, Geary.
BEST: HAWTHORN: Symonds, Condon, Collins, Dear, Darymple, Handley; RICHMOND: Buttifant, Nixon, Strachan, Frew, Frangalis.

What's on at your club

CLUB NIGHT: Every Thursday night, Members' Bar, announcement of league side 7.30pm, Royals Restaurant open 6pm to 9pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11: Perth Oval, East Perth v Subiaco. Royals Restaurant open noon; trophy presentation 6pm, function hall.

CHALLENGE 11 RAFFLE BOOKS: Members please return as soon as possible.

Fancy dress cabaret, Saturday May 16. Music by the high acclaimed TROUPADORES. For more information contact Swans on 279 1432.

A bus service provided for members and supporters going to the night game against West Perth at the WACA ground leaves Claremont Oval at 5.15pm and returns after the game for trophy presentations and entertainment.

Claremont will provide transport and two nights accommodation in Albany for the game against East Fremantle. This package includes transport by bus to and from Perth; a sightseeing tour of Albany and transport to the game in Mt Barker. The bus leaves Claremont Oval at 9.30am on Saturday morning and returns Monday afternoon. Cost \$95 per person.

For information and bookings phone the club on 384 9200.



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A WARNING
HERE'S some handy advice to No. 37 of East Perth.
Next time you rub my nose in the dirt right in front of the umpire and get away with it, just watch your back.
I've got your number in my little black book.
For your sake I hope you play in the forward line the next time the Royals have the unfortunate experience of clashing with the Bulldogs.

SUPER SOUTHS

SOUTH Fremantle confirmed last Sunday that they will be a good team this year — particularly with me kicking goals for them.

I only booted four, but I set up four others and I reckon that's a fair contribution in the Bulldogs winning tally of 19 goals.

We played damaging footy at Mandurah, especially in the second half after we got our system together.

You must remember that a lot of these South guys haven't played together in a WAFL match before and it took us time to work each other out, to find out which way blokes turn and how they perform under pressure.

We've got some exciting young players and blokes like Brad McDougall, the Collard brothers and David Hart are real snappy little men. I did my best to bring McDougall into the game and he is a real opportunist around the goals.

I'll be turning him into a real good player like I did with Gerard Healy when I was at Melbourne.

I was really proud of the way the boys resisted the East Perth fightback and coach Stan Magro has got us thinking perseverance and dedication even when things look like falling apart.

We have the best mosquito fleet in the business and when they're on fire, no-one will stop us.

I was pleased at the way the team looked for Jacko...I'm their spearhead and Stan wants me to kick goals, so that's what I'll do. But at the same time I love creating goals for my team-mates, so some of the little blokes are going to have a feast feeding off my crumbs when I bust open the big packs.

THE West Coast Eagles should have beaten Essendon last week!

Everyone in the West is paying tribute to their gutsy performance against the classy Bombers.

But that's rubbish! They should have had the guts and determination to go right on with the business and take the four premiership points after almost having the Bombers on the ropes.

They had their chances, but the wheels fell off when they were in full flight.

If they are as good as they reckon, they have to win those tight games. They shouldn't be dropping matches in which they have the winning chances.

Maybe the media is making the Eagles out to be supermen...something that they're not at this stage.

They should have taken the points



Capper and Joanne... marriage plans

KING CAPPER

THE Sydney Swans bring their White Knight, Warrick Capper, into Perth this week to do battle with the Eagles.

One of the Eastern States papers had an article on Capper this week where he said he's prepared to cop five whacks in the head every game — because he'll get five free kicks and five goals.

"I'll love it," says Capper, who has to be one of the most entertaining footballers in the business — like me.

Capper might look a poofta with his white boots and tight shorts, but he's got what it takes to drag people through the turnstiles — and that's what it's all about today.

He'll give the footy fan value for dollar at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

GOOD LUCK, TONY

GOOD luck to one of my boxing mates, Tony (Hit-man) Jones, who is defending his world crown in Perth this Friday.

Tony's a great little fighter and he'll give a good account of himself.

I'll be in his corner when the going gets tough.

CARLTON'S BLUES

CARLTON look as though they have got lazy.

I've felt all along that they have done too much high-priced recruiting and appointing South Australian Stephen Kernahan as captain was a mistake.

The million-dollar team has started off badly and the players don't seem to want to do the hard work anymore. They don't have that fierce desire to succeed.

Kernahan and Co. are the false alarmers of the VFL!

When you start to get a few lazy blokes in a team, it runs through the whole side and everyone sits back and waits for the other bloke to do the work.

They don't have the killer instinct; they've got their money too easily and now it's earning big interest in the bank they're prepared to sit back and take it easy.

Kernahan's not the right guy to be skipper — get someone tougher Carlton or you'll have the Blues all season!

SIDEY'S FUTURE

JOHN Todd, I hope you're not turning Garry Sidebottom, an old sparring partner of a different kind, into a footy fighter!

Sidey had a tough day in his 1987 opening match and spent most of it on the bench after a few good lefts and rights in his brief stint in the battleground.

Toddy, thanks for admitting that I can play good footy, but I hope you don't set Sidey up to have to play on me.

My mum wouldn't let me play if she thought I was going to get into a fight!

But I've got the best boxing trainer in Australia in Laurie Flanders and the work he's giving me will guarantee that no-one in the WAFL will be able to collect that \$5000 bounty for knocking me out this season.

Do the Sidebottoms still run out onto the footy field with their brotleys when one of the boys get into a brawl? Hope not; that used to be very off-putting when you're trying to kick goals.

Don't get me wrong — I like Sidey's style of footy; he's no pansy and he plays it tough and hard like men should play the game.



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