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KING CAPPER!

HE's probably the most sensational footballer in the nation... Sydney Swans high-flier Warwick Capper showed WA fans his true style with a 12-mark, five-goal display at Subiaco Oval last Sunday...and the fans loved it.

Capper was besieged by autograph hunters after the match and his glamorous style has certainly captured the attention of the VFL arena.



STICK UP FOR OUR EAGLES RIGHTS!

IT'S time the West Coast Eagles told the Victorians a thing or two....

Right now, the Eagles are the most potentially exciting crowd-pullers in Australian football. And the VFL have crucified them.

The unfair draw manipulated by the VFL to put the glamour Eagles under early-season pressure has had the desired effect.

After the thrashing handed out by Essendon in this week's National Panasonic night series (a hangover from the VFL's pre-season competition), the Eagles face the almost impossible task of salvaging their 1987 premiership hopes.

by **George Temple**

How can they now be expected to tackle VFL giants Carlton and Hawthorn in successive weeks, travelling across Australia each time and facing the might of the VFL in Melbourne each time.

The Eagles have proved their drawing-power — more than \$250,000 in gate receipts at Subiaco Oval last Sunday confirmed that — so it's time the VFL were told a few home truths.

Football is now a national game — as the dynamic Sydney Swans are also pleased to confirm — and the

VFL has to accept the responsibility to make the competition fair.

Eagles general manager Graham Moss will call for a change in organisation before next year's season starts.

"The VFL pre-season series must be completed before the premiership points battle gets under way," said Moss, in the middle of a week of travelling across the Nullarbor.

"The players are coping with the travelling remarkably well. But to fit in a match hanging over from the pre-season series in between two tough VFL games is difficult."

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It's time to fine coaches

by
John Warren
National Director
of Coaching

THE situation involving time wasting in the VFL has become farcical.

However, if football authorities are prepared to get "fair dinkum" and place the blame — and any subsequent penalty — squarely at the feet of the real villains, the saga will very quickly come to a satisfactory conclusion.

The real villains, of course, are the coaches.

They are the ones who are issuing the instructions which are now perpetrating one of the game's greatest visual blights.

The football public has been treated to the spectacle of the tribunal either dismissing most charges or, in the case of "proven" misdemeanors, imposing suspensions and fines on players or on clubs.

SOLUTION

Well, here is an easy solution and I'm giving it away for nothing? Fine the coaches.

They are the ones who have spawned this monster — just as they are the ones who instigate every manoeuvre which ends up making our game less visually attractive.

If the tribunal fined a couple of coaches \$2000 — and insisted that the coach actually paid the fine instead of ransoming his club — the practice of time wasting in the form of throwing down players after marks or free kicks have been awarded would cease forthwith.

There is no nerve as vulnerable as the hip pocket!

PERSONAL STUPIDITY

In the instances where players cause time wasting by personal stupidity such as booting the ball away, the cure can also be a hefty fine on them.

A couple of weeks of real attirtion in this area — backed by the tribunal would see the problem disappear never to return.

Throwing a player down after he has marked or been awarded a free kick is a visual aberration with nothing whatsoever to commend it.

Having in excess of 20 players adjacent to a ball-up is creating congestion and is unattractive.

Instructing players to pay no heed to field positions is against the stated theory of the game — and in spite of what coaches may say in justification of creating an obvious shambles — the fact is that spectators (those poor, semi-forgotten supporters of our game) do not like whole acres of the football oval to be uninhabited.

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

NEW ROLE

THERE have been considerable changes in the radio football world this season. Westside Football columnist Ian Miller is one person who has emerged in a new job. He has taken over the boundary-line role handled by Allan (Chubby) Stiles in recent years, interviewing coaches and other people right down on the ground before the first bounce. Miller might not adopt the high-profile extrovert stance that Chubby did, particularly with his resplendent dress right out of the movies he used to promote through City Theatres. But Serge does the job just as well. As for Chubby, he's taken off to Sydney to work for Kevin Parry ... and his only footy taste will be via the Swans and TV.

FOND MEMORIES

FORMER Perth coach Ken Armstrong was a particularly interested ABC commentator when Perth returned to the WACA Ground last Saturday to play South Fremantle in an official WAFL game. The last match played for premiership points at the WACA Ground was on September 6, 1958, Perth's final home game there before moving to Lathlain Park. Armstrong recalled the game — but not with pleasant memories as the Redlegs, as they were known then, went down to the Cardinals (as today's Falcons were known then) by 21 points. "Our move to Lathlain Park heralded a new era," recalled Armstrong, who was later to coach Perth to two premierships. "Let's hope this move back to the WACA Ground ushers in another new era."

UNUSUAL GOAL

LAST week's round of WAFL fixtures produced a number of unusual goals, including a few miraculous soccered goals. Gary Bock and Karl Langdon got a couple at Perth Oval, but the freak goal of the round must be credited to East Fremantle's Colin Waterson — though he had little to do with it. Swan Districts Danny Penny punched the ball away in a goal-front scrimmage — but it landed on Waterson's boot and skidded through for the Sharks seventh major.

FARMER'S FEELING

CHAMPION ruckman Graham (Polly) Farmer was quite critical of an umpiring decision in last week's Swans-Eagles game that went against Dwayne Lamb. The tough half-back had fired out a great handpass in the middle of the ground, but was penalised by one of the visiting Victorian umpires, who indicated that the Eagles player had thrown the ball. Farmer, who revolutionised the art of handball in his magnificent career that encompassed WA and Victoria, said that it was "an extremely fast handpass that the umpired missed". He suggested that a TV replay would confirm that Lamb had produced a top handball, not worthy of a free kick.

SWAN SONG

IT was a great day for the Sydney Swans at Subiaco Oval on Sunday. Not only did they defeat the West Coast Eagles, but they inflicted the second defeat by a VFL team on the "pretenders" from the West. Though the Swans have been part of that competition for many years (formerly South Melbourne) they have always been looked down upon by the parochial Victorian football fans as an out of town team. But when it comes to playing the West Australians, the Victorians adopted their NSW neighbours as their own and sang their praises.



Gavin Thornton...one of the emerging players at Swans.

IN MEMORIAL

THE East Fremantle Football Club has lost two of its long-time stalwarts. Both Jon Vincent, a former long-standing club executive, and Don Kitson, an underage and reserves player and son of former club president W.H. (Bill) Kitson, have died.

COACHING CAPERS

MANY supporters in the outer like to fancy themselves as potential coaches, but they are often puzzled about tactics employed by the men who control top teams. Such was the case with last Sunday's Eagles-Swans game. Swans coach Tom Hafey, one of the most astute men in the business, took big ruckman John Ironmonger off the ground in the second quarter and kept him chaffing at the bit till almost the end of the third term. But then he performed like a starved lion, destroying the Eagles at the centre bounce-downs and justifying his claim that he was a much-improved ruckman since leaving East Perth. Hafey says that the move was premeditated — obviously to keep Ironmonger in reserve for the last quarter. By contrast, Eagles coach Ron Alexander took injury-troubled wingman Peter Davidson off in the second quarter — supposedly to rest his legs — and the Swans immediately got on top midfield and turned a 17-point deficit into a three-point half-time lead.

TOUGH WEEK

"I CAN handle it fine." That was the simple tongue-in-cheek comment from Eagles coach Ron Alexander when he was quizzed at the after-match press conference about the tough three-games-in-six-days program facing the Eagles this week. Alexander, in a tough and obviously not-too-happy mood, wasn't giving away any ammunition to his critics when questions were fired about the program facing the Eagles players. "It's certainly not satisfactory to play Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday," he said. But he didn't admit that it would be tough on his players.

SHARK PROMISE

EAST Fremantle have vowed to atone for their surprise loss at the hands of Subiaco in last year's WAFL grand final and to help them along the way they have coined a new phrase. It is "27 in '87". And the way the blue and whites have started the 1987 season they will take a lot of stopping when the finals come around.

EXCITING TIMES

MUCH has been said and written about the situation that Swan Districts coach John Todd finds himself in this season. Swans were at the bottom when Todd went there a decade ago and — three premierships later — the wheel has turned a full circle. Todd is determined to help revive the black-and-whites and he promises plenty more outstanding players in the near future. "There's some enormous potential at Swans," says Todd. "In a year or two we will produce some you will see some outstanding players emerge."

AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES CONTEST WINNERS

GEORGE Grech, of Hamilton Hill, knows his football — and his estimate of the West Coast Eagles score against the Sydney Swans was spot-on last week.

In the Australian Airlines Pick the Score competition, George forecast that the Eagles would score 97 points — which they did.

George wins a double pass to a WAFL fixture — and his name goes into the end-of-season barrel which could win him a trip for two, flying Australian Airlines, to the VFL grand final.

The competition is run by Westside Football and the Football Budget and consolation prizes of a pass to a WAFL game go to Maree de Giambattista, of Morley, Scott Adams, of Kelmscott, and Mr L. Symington, of Mandurah, who all said the Eagles score would be 96 points — one off the mark.

A BOON

EAST Perth's move to de-license their upstairs clubrooms will prove popular with Royals supporters and opposition followers alike.

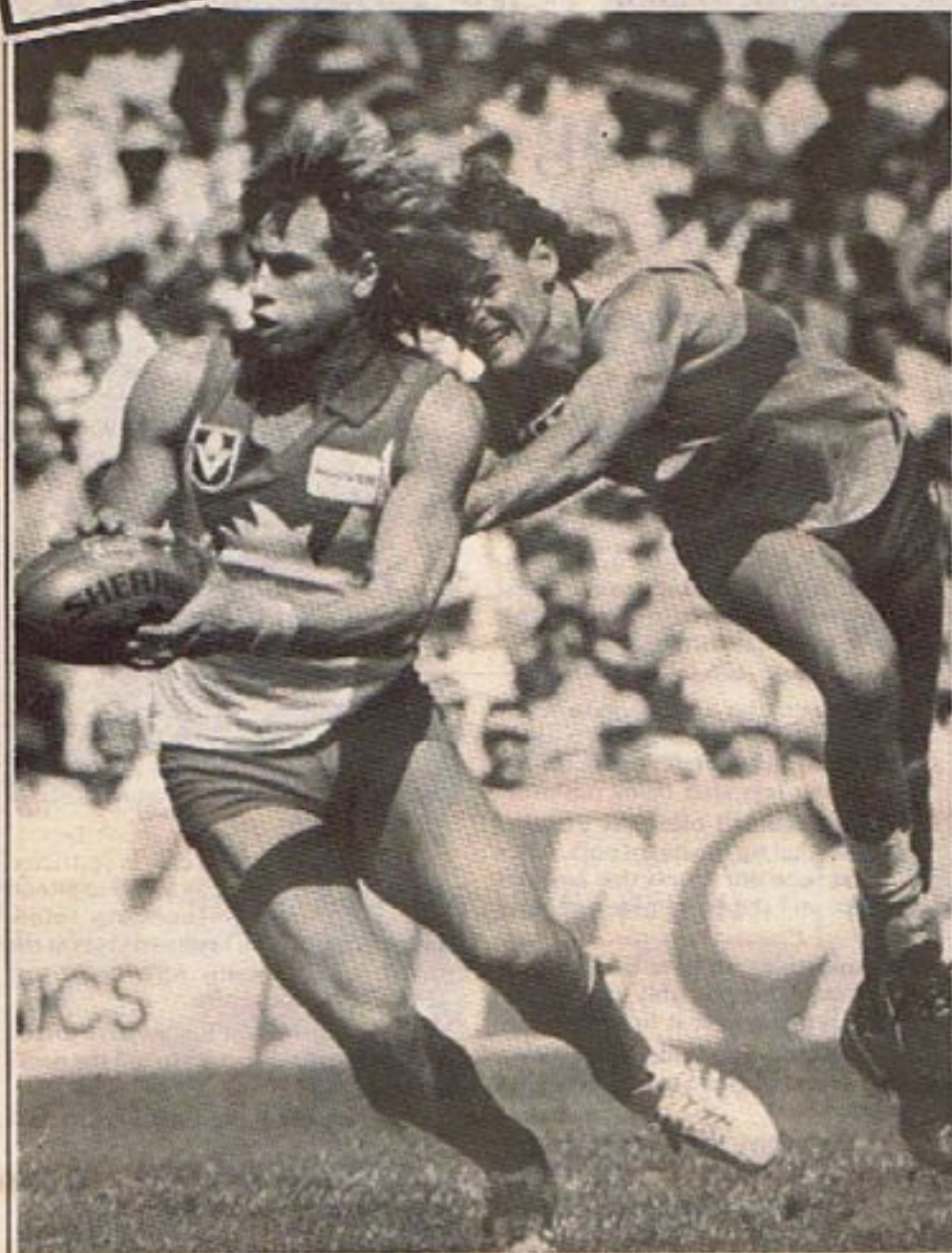
The move allows visitors to take advantage of the social area without having to be a club member — or be signed in by a member.

The area concerned is the main social hall where trophy presentations are carried out, the dining room and the cocktail bar area.

The de-licensed area has been leased to official WAFL caterers Embassy Caterers and is available to the general public for any special function.



PICK OF THE PICS



Warwick Capper has the front spot on Michael O'Connell.

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WINDFALL

THE Sydney Swans certainly benefitted when captain Dennis Carroll called correctly at the toss of the coin. He elected to kick to the western end, towards the three-tier stand with the aid of a strong breeze. That gave the Swans three quarters with the wind behind their kicks as the breeze traditionally changes ends at Subiaco Oval — as centreman Greg Williams queried at the after-match press conference. No-one could really suggest that the wind cost the Eagles the game, but it certainly gave the Swans a nice psychological advantage in the run home with the breeze behind them.

SUBTLE SWANS

THE Sydney Swans displayed their new-look guernseys to the West Australian public on Sunday. At first glance they didn't look all that different. But then you noticed a white gap in the red vee on the front of their jumpers. Closer inspection revealed that the Opera House shape was cut out of the red vee. Very subtle.

TOP STUFF

A LOT of hard work goes unnoticed in football matches and even though the Swans stormed home to beat the Eagles last Sunday, the local boys deserved a few honourable mentions. There were many outstanding incidents involving plays-of-the-day, but two stood out. We all saw that magnificent pick-up on the run just inside the boundary line by Chris Lewis (in front of the grandstand) which resulted in a goal. But who remembers two great shepherds, one by Chris Mainwaring which allowed Michael O'Connell to clear the ball out of defence and two others by Peter Davidson and Phil Narkle, which hurt them severely as they opened the way for team-mates to make a clean getaway with the ball. The Mainwaring shepherd resulted in the little fellow being involved in fisticuffs with Swans full forward Warwick Capper — not a pleasant experience.

TOP PERFORMERS

TWO of the Eagles major sponsors, the Burswood Resort and Casino and Australian Airlines, have best-player awards after each Eagles match. Last week's winners against the Sydney Swans were Ian Roberts and Ross Glendinning. For the record, Roberts played out of a back pocket for the Swans and had nine kicks, two marks and nine handballs in a typical close-checking defensive game, while Glendinning, playing at centre-half-back, kept the Eagles defence together with 16 kicks, 12 marks and 10 handpasses.

STATS TELL

TALKING about match statistics, several Sydney Swans players had outstanding stats against the Eagles. Centreman Greg Williams — the top possession-getter in the VFL last season (sharing the Brownlow Medal as well) had an incredible 23 effective handpasses, plus his four marks and 10 kicks and the unobtrusive Gerard Healy had 17 kicks and 16 handpasses. Little rover Barry Mitchell had 19 kicks and 12 handpasses to add to their tally.

TOP TUSSLE

WHO won the battle between Swans glamour full-forward Warwick Capper, the VFL's leading goalkicker, and Eagles full-back Michael O'Connell? That is certainly a hard question to answer even though Capper added five goals to his tally. Three of those goals were kicked after O'Connell had been shifted off him in the last quarter. But, in all fairness, the blonde bombshell should have kicked two or three more before three-quarter time anyway. For the record, Capper took 12 marks to produce his 5.3, while O'Connell had seven marks as his opponent.

SPONSOR RIVALS

IN case you are wondering why Eagles runner Peter Gianoli wears an Adidas tracksuit top when he's on official duties with the Puma-sponsored Eagles, here's the answer. Adidas are an official sponsor of the VFL, having their name attached to all team runners. But in WA, the Puma organisation won the rights to provide all football gear (shorts, boots, etc) to the West Coast Eagles. So he wears an Adidas top — and runs in Puma boots!

NUMBERS GAME

IF you've got eyes like a hawk and know your WAFL football then the number allocations in the Eagles squad would hold few surprises.

Twenty of the 35 players are wearing their 1986 WAFL club numbers.

They include Wally Matera (1), Rob Wiley (2), Chris Mainwaring (3), Dwayne Lamb (5), Geoff Miles (6), Steve Malaxos (8), Glen O'Loughlin (9), Peter Davidson (11), Phil Scott (12), Andrew MacNish (18), Paul Peos (20), Michael O'Connell (22), Laurie Keene (25), Mark Zanotti (27), John Gastev (30), Murray Wrenstead (32), Don Holmes (33), Dean Warwick (35), Paul Mifka (37) and Andrew Lockyer (45).

WIN A TRIP TO THE VFL GRAND FINAL

PICK THE EAGLES SCORE COMPETITION



YOU can win a trip to the 1987 VFL grand final (and maybe see the Eagles play) courtesy of the Football Budget, Westside Football and Australian Airlines.

Australian Airlines, the official carriers of the West Coast Eagles, are offering a trip for two people to this year's VFL grand final at the MCG on Saturday, September 26.

Simply nominate the total points score that the West Coast Eagles will kick in the following game.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

EAGLES v HAWTHORN

Write your name and address and your Eagles points total on the back of an envelope and post to: Eagles Score, Football Budget, Westside Football, 101 Catherine Street, Morley 6062

Each week the first two correct entries out of the barrel will receive a double pass to a WAFL fixture and all correct entries will be eligible for the end-of-season draw for a trip to Australia's greatest sporting event. Entries close every Friday.

Fly like the Eagles

You can send in as many entries as you like, but there is only ONE prize of a trip for two to the grand final.

The entertainment business

EVEN today, as we head to the 1990s, many advertising agencies, business entrepreneurs and sporting administrators do not seriously address sports marketing.

The marketing of sport today requires a great deal of research, a thorough knowledge of not only your product, but all competitive products.

The major competition does not come from other sports but from a wide range of leisure activities.

Football these days is not a sport, rather a business of entertaining.

Sports administrators must come to grips with this, look for the advantages in our great game and learn to effectively communicate with the public.

For many years, sporting administrators in Australia have not marketed their sport. They have existed at an "amateur basis", with cutbacks in expenditure to stay financial. But as sport has become more professional, costs have increased, community attitudes have changed, attendances have fallen and sporting organisations have found themselves in increasing financial difficulties.

ADVANTAGES

Sports marketing, with regard to football, is to define the advantages that football has over other forms of entertainment and to promote these benefits to the public.

It is essential to continually re-assess the community attitudes to football, pick up changes as they occur and anticipate future requirements of the public.

Professional sport, including football, has brought with it an extensive interwoven network of media coverage, including direct broadcast satellite networks operating on a national and international scale.

Attitudes are changing and the public are demanding a much higher standard of entertainment and football must be continually changing and improving to meet these demands.

The requirements of sponsors, both national and international, are also changing and are more demanding.

The rules that worked in the past no longer apply and more planned, aggressive and dynamic marketing is necessary.

Private ownership of football teams has arrived in Australia. The entrepreneurs who support this form of sports promotion have largely based their ideas on counterparts in the United States, where private ownership and sports marketing is a huge business.

First in Australia was the Sydney Swans, an ailing Sydney club with a \$2 million debt, poor attendances and declining media support.

DIFFERENCE

After having failed for four years, why did they succeed in 1986?

The difference was sports marketing. Powerplay, the marketing company who had already successfully marketed cricket, skins golf and the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide, put together a well-researched and planned marketing package supported by club owner Dr Geoff Edelsten.

The initial estimates of \$1 million blew to \$6 million, but they achieved their target and had acquired the first licence for a major sporting team in Australia.

That historic achievement saw a dramatic turn towards true professionalism in Australian Rules.

The West Coast Eagles were carefully planned, established, marketed and promoted by professional businessmen and entrepreneurs who had a love for football.

The desire to succeed by John Walker, who had the ability to foresee



This week's guest columnist

Former Claremont star and now Radio 6IX commentator
WAYNE HARVEY

the magnitude and possibilities of such a sporting concept. Peter Fogarty, Bill Mitchell and Richard Colless ensured the success of the Eagles.

Because of the excellent marketing programme and support received from business houses and the public, the Eagles will succeed and become more successful each year.

The Brisbane Bears have had a similarly successful launch under the guidance of their executive director, actor Paul Cronin.

Who knows what is coming next? Perhaps the Carnivorous Crows from South Australia, the Tasmanian Tigers, the Canberra Cowboys or the Territory Tarantulas. Maybe we may even see the likes of the famous Greenbay Packers, Dallas Cowboys or Chicago Bears playing Aussie Rules. Then we would really see some entertainment!

There is no doubt football in Australia is breaking the dawn on a new horizon with private ownership, corporate and marketing expertise, public shareholding and a move towards American-style presentation involving extensive use of the media.

You may remember the Eagles held a major media launch to detail their campaign.

There, they earned the understanding and respect of the media which is extremely important.

AFRAIDE

Many sporting administrators have been afraid of the media, afraid to involve or fully inform them. They should take the opposite view and make use of the media to professionally market and promote football and their club in particular.

The media looks to football as a source of news and stories, while football looks to the media for coverage and promotion. The media cannot promote without information and assistance. Both have a mutual interest and a strong working relationship must exist and be continually fostered.

Live television coverage, in my view, does not hurt. If people are properly conditioned to football, they will attend, regardless of TV, because of the atmosphere, excitement, emotion and entertainment.

TV offers administrators the opportunity to not only entertain but to explain and educate the public, dramatically increasing the support for football and hence creating a much greater general interest and a much larger potential "live" audience.

There must be no more excuses for falling attendances, we must put on large entertainment spectacles with bands, marching girls, mass gymnastic displays, athletic displays, singers, entertainers, gifts and give-aways.

The key to sports marketing is to give the public what they want, providing specially-tailored sponsorship packages and communicating the whole scene effectively.

In the Eagles nest...

...with wingman
PETER DAVIDSON

Shocking last quarter

WE didn't have to be told we had turned in a shocking 30 minutes of football — but we were anyway.

Coach Ron Alexander wasn't impressed. Big Ron said it was the worst quarter we had played since the West Coast Eagles was formed.

And nobody could dispute that.

At three quarter time we had a better than even money of beating the Sydney Swans. Half an hour later our tails were between our legs after being run over.

We just couldn't offer any excuses, least of all that we ran out of puff. After all, it has been our fitness that has won us games and the reason for our early success.

It's something we have been praised for and everyone probably expected us to keep running in that final term.

Sydney are a good side. They play a similar brand of game to us, relying on runners.

Unfortunately, they had more run than we did.

THIGH WORRIES

INJURIES have been getting to me. The latest is a troublesome thigh and though hopeful, I'll be lucky to be available for selection this week.

Even though I am reluctant to take it easy, rest seems the only cure.

It would be great to be running around Princes Park against Carlton on Easter Saturday but it may be just a dream.

On Monday night, Chris Lewis and myself returned to Claremont.

Whenever the West Coast Eagles have a mid-week fixture in Melbourne, the remaining squad members train with their WAFL club.

GOLDEN CHANCE

A SELECT group of individuals and companies will become members of the Golden Eagles club.



The Golden Eagles club is restricted to 50 members who pay \$6500 to attend gala luncheons on Thursdays before home games, have reserved seats at the matches, mix socially with the players and receive souvenirs.

Eight West Coast Eagles have joined Indian Pacific directors to sell the packages.

Mark Zanotti and myself are working with Bill Mitchell.

Hopefully, they will all be sold within a fortnight. Then I will be on the lookout for work as a sales representative.

SLIPPERY

THERE is plenty of talk about how the Melbourne grounds will be our biggest hurdle this year.

Maybe the talk is being overdone. I played in our night win over Fitzroy and though slippery, the surface was good.

Sure, it will be harder in the middle of winter but both sides have to play in the same conditions.

PROMOTIONS

DEAN Laidley and myself are spending today in Albany as part of a promotion for footwear retailer Betts and Betts.

Last night, there was one at Karrinyup and appearances for our sponsors are a regular feature.

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QUICK REACTION

SWAN Districts coach John Todd is no slouch when it comes to "squaring up" with people. When Eagles general manager Graham Moss admitted on radio 6PR that the team would use players for this week's National Panasonic semi-final match who had not played against the Swans, Todd was right in with a quick barb. "Using a second side," was something like his reaction. And naturally so, when you remember that it wasn't so many years back that Todd and his Swan Districts club were banned from the NFL's national pre-season series because he took his reserves side to Melbourne in protest at a series of date changes.

TODD'S BARB

TALKING about the unpredictable Swans coach, he doesn't spare reputations or status when he wants to fire off barbs on any of his favourite topics. He recently handed out a verbal blast to Trevor Sprigg, a marketing and promotions executive with the Swan Brewery Company — a fairly prominent sponsor of Swan Districts. Todd apparently wanted to let Spring know how he felt about the media right now — and why there were so many "incompetent" media men in this town.

CRIBB'S LATEST

FOOTBALL's most controversial critic, Robert J. Cribb of radio 6PR fame, is at it again. He's never short of an outrageous or unbelievable idea and on 6PR's football panel show last week he suggested that the WAFL should cut their teams from eight to four — to help the competition survive. "With the Eagles and the VFL taking our top players, the other eight clubs just don't have enough good-quality players to attract the public," he says. "Four teams would at least bring the good players together in competitive teams."

SHARKS DECORUM

THE East Fremantle reserves are a fairly reserved lot, so it seems. Fans at East Fremantle Oval couldn't work out why the Sharks reserves side stayed out on the ground after their clash with Subiaco. Apparently the "Sharkettes" were getting changed in the reserves room — and the boys felt a bit bashful about it!

PLAY ON

WEST Coast Eagles players have to adapt to a whole new tempo of football — and the first goal kicked by the Sydney Swans last week was a classic example. The field umpire — either Peter Cameron or Ian Robinson, they were both bad — called a free kick in the scrimmage on the Swans half-forward line.



WEST Perth gambled — and lost — when they included talented forward Dan Foley in the team for last Friday's night match against Claremont. He was suffering from a badly-damaged heel and started on the bench before coach Bruce Monteath decided to test out the injury. But he lasted just a few minutes and now faces a long lay-off to recover from the injury.

ward line. But while the Eagles players sorted themselves out, the ump called play on as a smart Swan scooped the ball up and headed goalwards. As our guys stood around Swans rover Steve Wright brought up his team's first major.

WORD CHOICE

FOOTBALL commentators often have to rush the words out of their mouth and one wonders whether radio 6NR caller Les Mumme really meant what he said during his call of Sunday's Eagles-Swans clash. During a fairly hectic passage of play which involved a few fisticuffs on the Swans half-forward line, Les said that it was "just a little squeamish". He obviously meant a little skirmish (a slight fight) as he referred to a brawl between some desperate Eagles and some plucky Swans. But in view of what happened in the final term, maybe his "squeamish" (having a stomach that is easily turned) was more to the point!

SOFT HEARTED

VFL umpire Peter Cameron either has a soft heart or we umpire to different rules in the West. When Swans full-forward Warwick Capper tried to deliberately trip (or kick, depending on the outcome) Eagles rival Michael O'Connell in the third quarter, he was left off with just a talking to. Cameron saw no need to award a free kick as the Eagles were clearing the hall any-

way, but he did run up to Capper and gave him a talking to. But in our rules, any player who deliberately lashes out with his foot to stop an opponent, deserves more than a brief talking to.

TIGERS PUZZLE

IN this time of football uncertainty — when fans don't really know whether to support the Eagles or their original club — one would have thought that the WAFL clubs would have been desperate for all the publicity they could get. After all, you don't have to be a genius to work out that the Eagles are capturing the media limelight. Therefore, it puzzles us to discover that Claremont — a high profile club in recent years and one that commands a big dollar in sponsorship — have suddenly imposed restrictions on the media. Apparently the media are only allowed into Tigerland on certain days; they have to make appointments to interview players and then it's on approval only and they virtually have a curfew on who they can talk to and when. One would have thought it would have been totally in reverse....

MEDIA MUDDLE

A FEW of my media mates had some embarrassing moments after the Eagles-Swans game last Sunday. Despite the loss (rather humiliating in the last term, wasn't it?) they still wanted to get into the Eagles rooms after the match to talk to players and sample the atmosphere. They weren't just going to forget about our WA heroes. As they queued up outside the rooms — along with the usual gathering of dedicated youngsters — they were told "no media yet", but they had to stand by and watch small children belonging to directors, relatives, (and sons) of staff members and a few other "hangers on" allowed into the rooms while they were forced to wait in the corridors. No wonder they walked away in disgust.

LAST CHANCE

SWAN Districts rover Joe Cormack isn't impressing coach John Todd, so it seems. Todd said on radio last week that Cormack was on his last chance after a fairly ordinary opening to the season. The talented rover from Harvey went close to earning selection in the original West Coast Eagles squad of 35 — and now he's on the verge of being dropped from the Swans senior side. Todd said that he believed Cormack had the character to fight back from his current form slump. Let's hope so, he is a talented youngster.

LOYALTY TOUCH

CAN'T say that football funnyman John K. Watts doesn't have a sense of loyalty to his old Perth side. As the Royals were getting thrashed by Subiaco last Saturday — something completely foreign in Watt's days at Perth Oval — the 6PR commentator quipped: "I've got a good mind to go out and find a telephone box and change into my old East Perth gear".

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AND HENWOOD MAKES FIVE

FORMER South Fremantle player Wayne Henwood joins a select group to have played league football in the three mainland States.

Henwood, who is now with the Sydney Swans after playing with South Australian team Glenelg, is the fifth player to have played in three States. (so my statistics say)

Remember Brian Roberts? "The Whale" played with South Adelaide, East Fremantle and Richmond while Ralph Rogerson lined up for North Adelaide, East Perth and Fitzroy while Ian Brewer, whose two late goals won Claremont the 1964 premiership, had previously pulled on the boots at Collingwood and Norwood.

The latest to achieve the feat was our own John Duckworth, who stripped for Fitzroy and Central District besides West Perth.

And I suppose the John K. Watts fans will be on my back. Wattsie made his name with East Perth, Geelong and Hobart.

WELCOME CHANGE

SOUTH Fremantle should welcome Perth's decision to play their home games at the WACA more than the other six clubs.

The Bulldogs have the worst record of the seven visitors to Lathlain Park but last Saturday relished a change of venue to register their biggest away win over the Demons in 36 years.

Their 76 point victory eclipsed a 56



Wayne Henwood... as a Bulldog point winning margin over Perth in May, 1974. In 1951, Souths beat the Demons by 94 points at the WACA.

SIX STRAIGHT

SUBIACO captain Neil Taylor, now in his sixth season as senior leader, is the longest running captain of the Lions.

Charlie Tyson, who skippered the club between 1956 and 1960, previously held the honour.

W. "Nipper" Truscott (East Fremantle 1916-1922), Bill Walker (Swan Districts 1969-1975), Graham Moss (Claremont 1977-1983) and Les Fong (West Perth 1980-1986) captained their clubs for seven successive seasons.

While Taylor has been at the helm at Subiaco for six seasons, South Fremantle has had no fewer than seven skip-pers during this time.

Noel Carter, Stephen Michael, Brad Hardie, Carter and Michael again, Mark Bairstow and Brad Collard have led the Bulldogs during this period.

DID YOU KNOW?

I WONDER how many people who go to Bassendean Oval realise that the famous wooden building, the McDonald's stand, is named after a former South Fremantle player.

Long the bastion of parochial black and whifers, the stand is named in honour of Swan Districts first president Dick McDonald. Mr. McDonald, who also served as a chairman of the Bassendean Road Board, played with the Bulldogs in the 1920's.



LES'S LYRICS

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

*League football in the country is only fair it seems
As many of their players
have joined the city teams.*

*When the Tigers travel south
to meet the Sharks this week
The crowd will all support them
though some may cheer for Peake.*

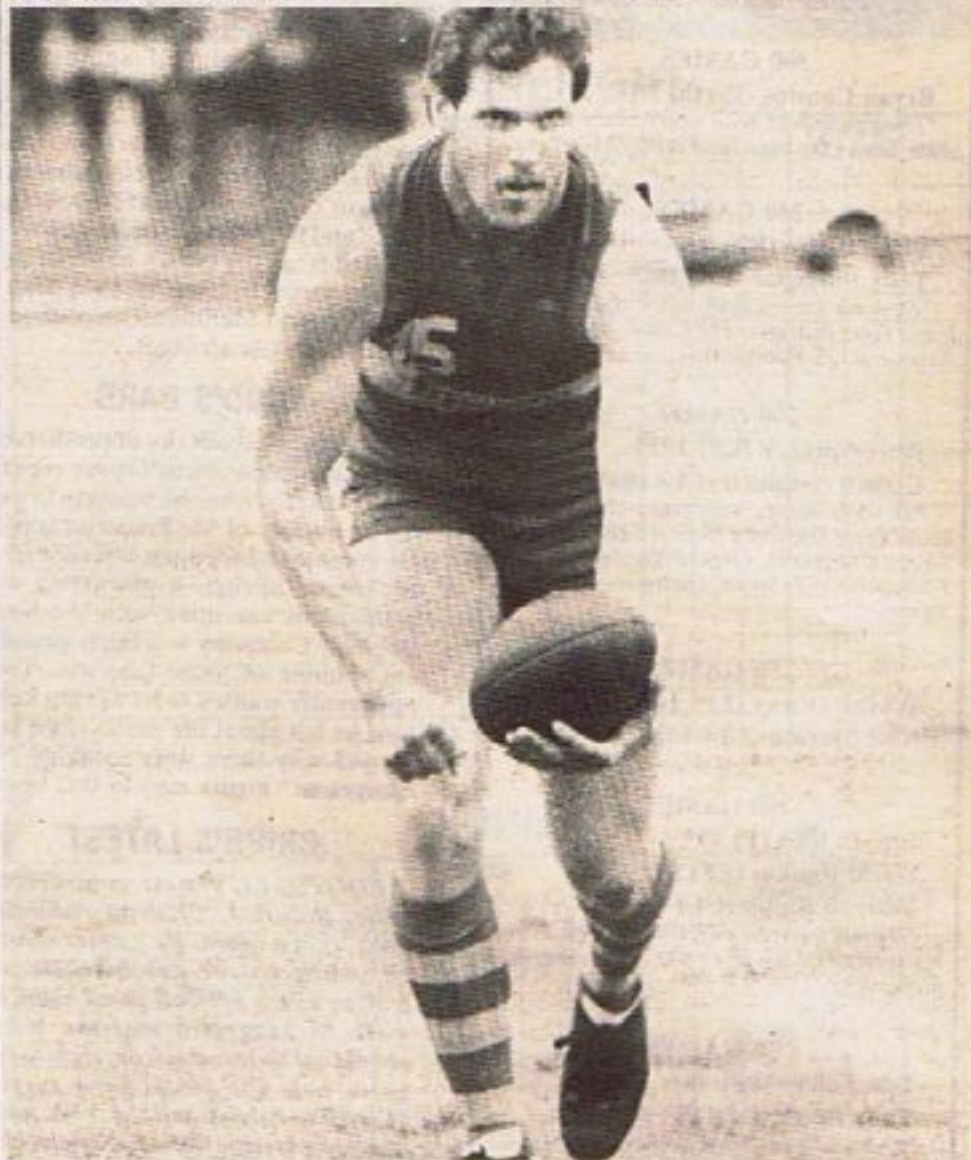
*For many great players have come
from Albany and Mt Barker way
To don the blue and gold guernsey
and with the Tigers, they stay.*

*John Lewis and Noel Morton
have captained Claremont with pride
And we all remember the Krakouers
adding sparkle to our side.*

*Shorty Daniels and Dollar Panizza
were two others who made good
So city folk all owe a debt
and repay it, yes they should.*

EAGLE PROFILE

ANDREW LOCKYER



CLUB: West Coast Eagles
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre-half-forward
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Carnarvon 7/7/65
HEIGHT: 190cm **WEIGHT:** 95kg
RECRUITED FROM: East Fremantle
FIRST PLAYED: vs East Perth 25/8/84
GAMES PLAYED: East Fremantle 45, finals 4
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Teal Cup All Australian 1982, 1985 Premiership side
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 1 brother, 1 sister
OCCUPATION: Nurseryman
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Northampton and Geraldton high schools
CAR: Commodore
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Sleeping
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
FAVOURITE DRINK: Scotch and Coke

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Mental As Anything
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Sidney Sheldon
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Northampton
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Clouds Night Club
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Cosby Show
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Blues Brothers
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father, brother and John Lewis
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Dennis Lillee
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Relax and think of the opponent I am going to play on
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: '86 grand final loss
BIGGEST THRILL: '85 grand final win
NICKNAME: Locks or Jaws
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FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be successful with the Eagles

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League training is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening. Colts are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Full bar facilities available.

Buses for Claremont's Friday night game at the WACA next week depart from Claremont Oval at 5.15pm and 5.30pm.

SOUTH FREMANTLE

May 9: Fun for all ages dancing to the fabulous Troupadores. Tickets \$16 double or \$10 single.

See the West Coast Eagles live on the big screen while enjoying your meal at the club.

Bingo every Thursday night. Eyes down 8pm. Top prizes and top fun.

SUBIACO

The club will be closed from the close of trading on Thursday (April 16) until Tuesday morning (April 21). There will be no presentations after the match against Swans on Monday.

Best value in town — \$30 membership to the Subiaco Football Club. No membership, no entry to club facilities.

Office hours for home games are noon to 3pm.

EAST PERTH

CLUB NIGHT: Every Thursday night. Members' Bar. Announcement of League side 7.30pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18: WACA Ground. East Perth vs Perth. Trophy presentations 6.30pm back at the Members' Bar.

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SWAN DISTRICTS

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Battle of two improvers

THE battle of the big improvers will be staged at Fremantle Oval this Saturday when West Perth travel to the Port to play South Fremantle.

Both sides are full of confidence after impressive starts to the season and go into the match with equally strong claims for victory — boasting classy mobile divisions who rely on a regular ruck dominance.

The clash between the fast emerging Dean Irving and the in-form Falcons pair Dan Foley and Craig Nelson will be the deciding factor in the match.

The aggressive Irving has stamped himself as a future champion with some inspiring early form, but he faces his biggest test of the year against the Falcons pair.

West Perth have a good blend of youth and experience with captain Peter Mengalio in excellent form, receiv-



ing solid support from the brilliant Darren Bewick and Brendan Bell.

South will counter with hard-working little men John Worsfold, David Hart and Scott Watters.

Mark Jackson will be a dangerman for the West Perth defence and the experienced Noel Mugavin will have the unenviable job of marking this enigmatic player.

The return to form of West Perth centre-half-forward Phil Bradmore is an ominous sign for South and he is likely to be opposed by Willie Roe, who is best equipped to play on the mobile Falcons key forward.

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Desperate time for two sides

DESPERATION will be the key word for both Perth and East Perth when they clash at the WACA Ground this Saturday.

Both sides performed abysmally last weekend and will need to improve dramatically if they are to be serious final-four contenders.

The Royals failed to show the true grit that has been a hallmark of their football in recent seasons when they capitulated meekly to Subiaco.

Perth completely lacked system against South Fremantle and need special efforts from experienced players Mark Watson, Mick Rea and Warren Mosconi if they are to win the vital four points.

East Perth continue to rely on Grant Campbell and Glen Bartlett, who were tireless workers against the Lions. But they need greater support.

East Perth are likely to select the experienced Wayne Duke from the reserves in an attempt to counter the dominance of Perth giant Ian Newman.

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Sharks are keen to stay unbeaten

EAST Fremantle are set to make it three consecutive victories when they clash with a depleted Claremont in a historical game at Mt Barker on Sunday.

The Tigers will miss the skill and marking ability of David O'Connell, who is out for eight weeks with a broken collarbone.

Without O'Connell, Claremont sad-

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Subiaco back in business



SUBIACO are back as a force and should prove too classy for the young, enthusiastic Swan Districts side when they clash at Bassendean Oval on Monday.

Lions coach Haydn Bunton has got his team playing the type of team football that was a feature of their premiership winning season last year.

The experience of the Taylor brothers, Neil and Brian and Phil Lamb has helped overcome the huge drain of players to the VFL this season.

Greg Wilkinson is almost back to his best form at centre-half-back and Greg Carpenter continues to pick up many possessions.

Swans will look to talented youngsters Troy Ugle, Joe Cormack and Greg Walker to inspire some of the senior players who have struggled to play to their true potential this season.

Swans may have an advantage in the ruck with Mick Johns and Jim Buckley in good form and much will depend on Shane Cocker, who is likely to return from injury this week to add badly needed experience to the Lions ruck.



ly lack height against a defence which is the tallest in the WAFL.

Tall youngsters John O'Sullivan and Ken Seymour have settled in nicely in the key defensive positions and will place pressure on the Tigers forwards.

The duel between O'Sullivan and Warren Ralph will be a highlight, with the Tigers goalsneak still to find his goalkicking form after an indifferent start to the season.

Promising youngsters Julian Urquhart (Claremont) and the Sharks Chris Waterman are likely to line-up on each other on one wing which will be a highlight for the big crowd expected for this country match.

Sharks key forwards Clinton Browning and Colin Waterson loom as potential match-winners after impressive displays against Swan Districts last Saturday.

Claremont's lack of height will be fully tested in this area, with Tony Beers and John Scott likely to oppose this pair.

Eagles face million-dollar Blues threat

THE West Coast Eagles face yet another testing game when they clash with the million-dollar team Carlton in the unfriendly environment of Princes Park this Saturday.

The Blues showed something of their true ability in the second half against Footscray last Saturday when they blitzed the hapless Bulldogs.



This is an ominous sign for the Eagles, who surrendered meekly to the Sydney Swans last Sunday at Subiaco Oval and will need to concentrate for the full 120 minutes if they are to record their second VFL victory.

Some Eagles players will have genuine excuses for leg weariness on Saturday after having to front up for their third game in the space of six days.

This is a tough programme for the fittest of athletes and a victory will be thoroughly deserved.

The towering presence of Justin Madden will be the first major hurdle for the Eagles to overcome.

The blue and golds will welcome back the strength and youthful exuberance of outstanding young ruckman Alex Ishchenko, after missing the Swans match on suspension.

Ishchenko may struggle against the enormous height of Madden and Laurie Keene may be given another chance to prove himself.

Keene's form has been mediocre, but he is the player best suited to oppose Madden at the hit-outs and around the ground.

Expatriate West Australian Peter Sartori will be keen to play a big game for Carlton in the forward-line and his height could also prove difficult for the Eagles defence to overcome.

The duel between opposing captains Ross Glendinning and Steve Kernahan will be a huge crowd-pleaser with both men in rare form respectively at centre-half-back and centre-half-forward.

The Eagles problems at centre-half-forward will be exposed again in the form of big, tough Carlton centre-half-back Jon Dorotich.

The Murray Wrensted-Craig Bradley duel in the centre will be a classic contest with both young men possessing huge appetites for hard work.

Wrensted was disappointing against the Swans and will be out to prove he is one of the best midfielders in the VFL, with his uncanny skills and ability to win the hard ball in the packs.

The Eagles need a special effort from full forward Darren Bennett, who must start holding his marks if he is going to be the big success story in the VFL that was predicted pre-season.



Jon Dorotich...in the opposition.

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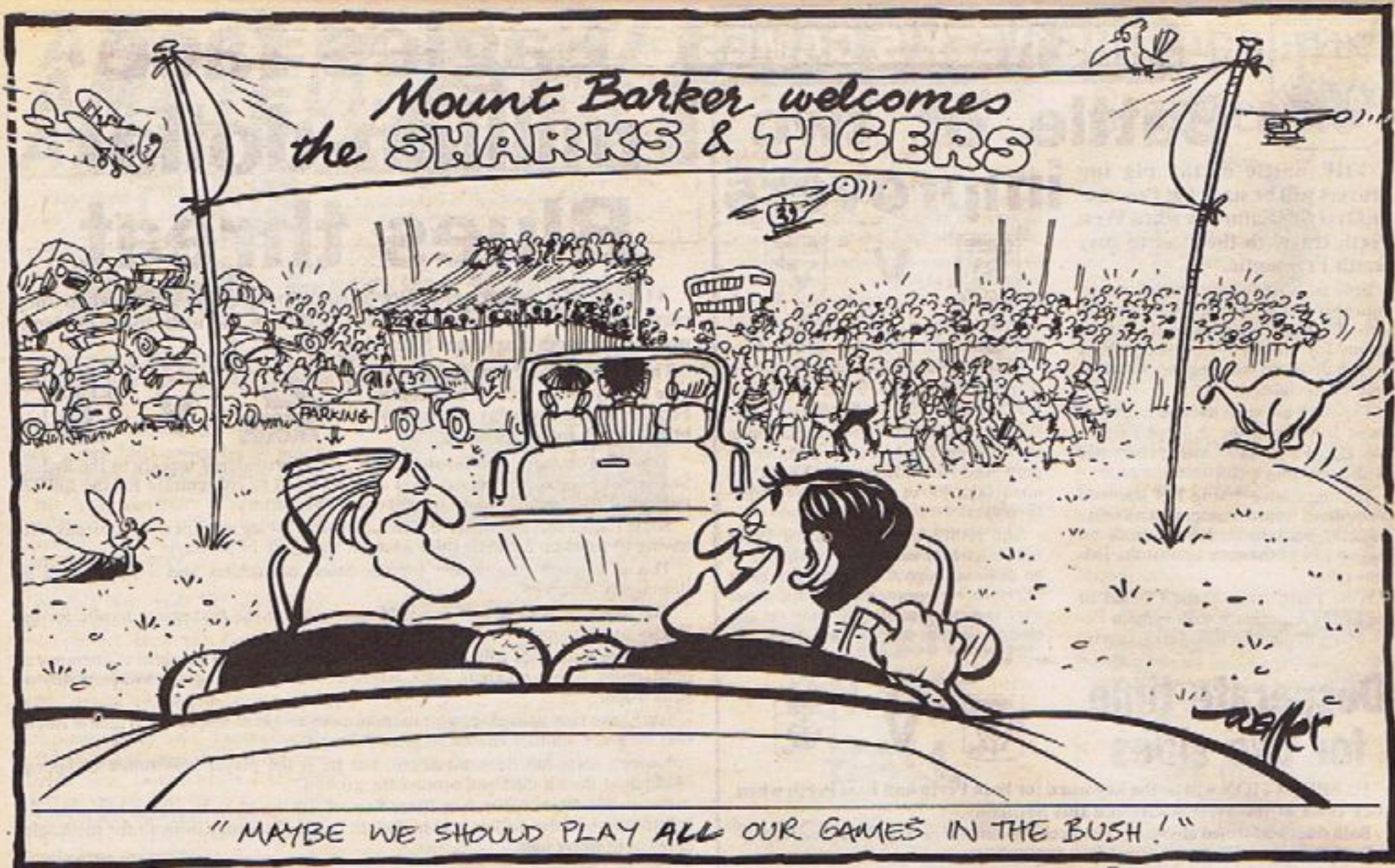
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GEORGE TEMPLE	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Carlton
ROBERT BENNETT	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Carlton
GRANT DORRINGTON	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Carlton
IAN MILLER	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Carlton
MARK JACKSON	5 South Fremantle	East Perth	Claremont	Subiaco	Carlton
MOST FAVOURED	5 South Fremantle	Perth	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Carlton



"MAYBE WE SHOULD PLAY ALL OUR GAMES IN THE BUSH!"

BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Bleak outlook for Eagles

THE West Coast Eagles are in danger of becoming the team that never was.

In each of their three VFL premiership matches they have shown they have the potential to play a big part in the finals in their initial year.

But they have only got four premiership points on the board and they probably won't achieve any more until they meet North Melbourne in Perth on May 3.

At this stage with matches against Carlton and Hawthorn to come next at Princes Park, the Eagles will probably have only one win from their first five matches.

We knew they would be in for a tough initiation. The VFL draw guaranteed that.

Yet we could easily have been undefeated at this stage.

CONCENTRATION

The team has lapsed badly in concentration in each of the three games so far.

The Eagles were lucky to get out of the match against Richmond.

They matched Essendon and the Sydney Swans in the other two games.

The final score against the Swans was not a true indication of the respective ability of the two sides.

The Eagles had them struggling at three-quarter time, but inexplicably stopped as though shot in the last quarter.

If you stop running then you lose the game. It's as simple as that.

That is coach Ron Alexander's biggest problem at the moment. The Eagles tend to play like a WAFL team. In our competition players tend to go to sleep or have a breather for patches at a

time.

You can't do that in the VFL as they have found.

VFL teams just don't relax.

The Eagles biggest failing is their lack of application when it comes to chasing and marking opponents.

Against Essendon they allowed the ball to be taken out of the Bombers defence too easily by not marking opponents.

Against the Swans on Sunday they simply did not cover the loose men.

Until the Eagles learn to concentrate for 120 minutes each week they will not realise their full potential. It's disappointing to see a team put itself in a winning position only to squander the premiership points through slack play.

PROBLEM

There is another problem in the team — Laurie Keene. He has become a liability instead of an asset.

Whether he's lost confidence or is hearing footsteps only he knows. But he's dropping very easy marks far too often.

Against the Swans he allowed the opposition to capitalise on a couple of those mistakes at crucial times and they kicked goals.

Perhaps he should do a stint with Subiaco to get his touch back.

A parallel could be drawn with test cricketer David Boon.

He lost all touch and was relegated to his State side (Tasmania) to regain form ... and he did that in no uncertain manner in the Sharjah Cup one-day tournament.

"I rather fancy him as a footballer, actually. He's a pretty handy type." Channel 7 commentator Eric Sarich on Geoff Miles.

"The players may face the indignity of going to get the ball themselves." Channel 7's Dennis Cometti commenting on the poor crowd at the WACA ground game between Claremont and West Perth.

"I've enjoyed every game of it." Garry Sidebottom, sidelined with a suspension, talking about his long and colourful career.

"Commentators must be able to give their personal opinions, describe what is going on, but also analyse what is happening. Commentators generally are not biased; it's usually in the ear of the listener." ABC sports supervisor and veteran commentator, George Grljusich.

"Key players are not much use to the team next week if they get suspended." Eagles coach Ron Alexander on Alex Ishchenko's absence from the Eagles side.

"It's a thrill to be asked to coach the State team. But I'm disappointed that Haydn Bunton decided to turn the opportunity down. He deserved the job." Swan Districts coach John Todd on his State coaching appointment.

"The VFL has agreed to meet the cost of additional ticket-selling booths, which will be located adjacent to the turnstiles." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey on plans to ease congestion at Eagles Subiaco Oval games.

"You are football trail-blazers. All West Australians are proud of what you have achieved." Premier Brian Burke to the Eagles players during a visit to training.

"I want to enjoy my last few seasons of football." South Fremantle star Benny Vigona on his decision to retire and play country football in NSW.

The season has its share of frustration; but that brings challenge and it's important to sustain both levels of the game." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey on the changing fixtures.

WHAT THEY SAID

John Todd



"By the time you hear this on Saturday we will all know the result and Claremont would have won by a convincing margin — five goals." Swans coach John Todd previewing the West Perth-Claremont game on radio 6PR on Friday — which West Perth won by 11 points.

"The West Coast Eagles underestimated Brian Peake when they overlooked him." Swans coach John Todd, writing in the Daily News.

"We expect and respect the other side and are always confident, irrespective of the opposition." Sydney Swans coach Tom Hafey.

"I confess to all of WA. I go out of my way to antagonise WA listeners. I take great delight in aggravating them." ABC television commentator Dick Mason, tongue-in-cheek we suspect, defending his allegations of biased commentary.

It was a real learning experience playing against Roger Merrett. He's a player who competes all the time." Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko after being suspended for striking Merrett, the Essendon ruckman.

South Australia are a parochial lot; they hate the Vics. They made a mistake by not going into the VFL and they'll be there next year." Sydney Swans and former South Fremantle big man, Wayne Henwood.

Ryder's radar runs riot



Wayne Ryder...a touch of magic.

WAYNE Ryder has a built-in "goal radar system", which gives him an ability to kick goals with nonchalant ease.

The Ryder magic was at its best last Saturday and one of his shots will win the goal of the year award.

Ryder kicks with either foot, creating headaches for opposing defenders who have to guess which way he will turn.

Ryder's skills are a pleasure to watch and he excited the hardy few who braved chilling winds to witness the return of the Demons to the WACA.

Wayne must now take more responsibility upon his shoulders and move further up field to help an inexperienced Demon mobile division.

I know coach Mal Brown thinks Ryder hasn't the stamina to run all day but with controlled use he may be the magician the Demons need in the centre.

At present, the Demons have little "flair" there and they must try something or else find season 1987 long and arduous with many more "beltings" in store.

In contrast, the Bulldogs have plenty going for them and are doing many of the little things that make a good side.

They run to praise a mate for a job well done and launch their bodies fearlessly into packs. It was great to see this from a side who has been down and out in recent seasons.

The season is only young and there is a lot of football to be played. But take it from me, there are signs in the air, an excitement that develops around committed and skillful footballers.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



There's something in the air!

SOUTH Fremantle was extremely impressive in the way they totally destroyed Perth.

The Bulldogs have enormous marking and ruck strength in Dean Irving and Craig Edwards and a very skilful group of smaller men led by captain Brad Collard.

John Worsfold, Scott Watters and Tony Amoroso have plenty of potential and the capacity to "first grab" the ball and use it with precise skill with either hand or foot.

Their rock like defence has tremendous attacking run led by John MacDonald, Dean Wilson, Willie Roe, Cliff Collard, the veteran Gavin Carter and the "human tank" Arthur Maskos. Attack is born in the defensive zone and great teams are built around these players.

Up forward, Mark Jackson not only kicks goals but his huge frame retards backmen with the ball "spilling", where running forwards in Brad MacDougall and Graham Kickett are ready to make the kill as they did so effectively last weekend.



Tony Amoroso...part of Souths revival.

Taking all the above statements into account, the key ingredient essential for a great team, I believe, is total commitment by every player to assist with the "little things" of our game — shepherding, punching, blocking and tackling.

Bennett not in top gear

LAST season fellow Channel 7 critic Percy Johnson said that Darren Bennett was the best player he had seen.

Even though I hadn't seen Bennett then I thought it a big statement.

After watching Bennett in several games I realised what Percy had seen in him — pace, an enormous leap, a prodigious kick and great agility for a player so tall.

His record breaking second semi-final performance proved conclusively how much talent this young player has.

And once he was selected for the West Coast Eagles, big things were expected from the big fellow.

Sure, it is early days but I have been extremely dissatisfied at his applica-

tion and general lack of endeavour.

He had been given the key forward spot and in a team that has done a lot of attacking must learn to do more.

Bennett's tremendous leap seems to have caused him problems and he appears reluctant to fly for the ball.

It's essential Bennett work on his ground level play, developing the ability to set up for those around him.

Knock ons, tap overs and better use of his huge body are areas he must develop if the Eagles are to get the best from him.

I believe Bennett has become too predicatable and has to vary his game.

On Sunday, there were at least nine times the ball went into his hands and bounced out again. They are chances he and the Eagles cannot afford to lose.

ROYALS 'BLOW OUT'

EAST PERTH'S performance against Subiaco was disgraceful ... and that report comes to me from many loyal Royals.

They had gone to the match believing the side had the potential to beat the Lions, or at least fully extend them.

I thought it was the best balanced side the Royals had fielded this season and was shocked to see them "blow out".

The Royals have lost some outstanding young players but Saturday's result showed that something went completely wrong at Lotuns.

Gerry McNeill is an extremely dedicated and capable coach, who is aided by unending enthusiasm for his role. I know he would have been shattered by the performance of his team. It wouldn't have been anything to do with skills but the act that the players he believed had the character to "never say die" threw in the towel. In other words, they quit trying.

The Royals have become the poor relations of the WAFL in recent years, a title the club has never liked or accepted.

McNeill puts his life on the line each week as coach. I only hope the players learn from his "desire to succeed" and start competing for 100 minutes.

The competition deserves better. Individuals and clubs cannot reproduce showings like that again in season '87.

Darren needs to train under physical pressure all week. He looks great running free but because of his talent and size will rarely get the chance to go uncontested.

Hard, physical man to man contests are a must or Bennett will be playing with the Sharks again.

I believe Darren Bennett must be given the opportunity to play in other positions, particularly in defence. There is no reason why Bennett can't be a sensational key defender and this would allow coach Ron Alexander to use his key position players at both ends of the ground.

Bennett is a potential super star but unless he is taught how to work hard with aggression he will continue to struggle.

We need a Mr Showbiz

IT is all very well to form a squad of girls, deck them out resplendently and have them jump about as their team comes onto the ground. However, the idea has not had the support it deserves.

In the time I've been a follower of Aussie Rules, there have been many willing youngsters doing their best to emulate the American idea of colourful, entertaining and morale building spectacles. But our efforts have been pretty dismal.

This is not the fault of the girls; rather the administrators who see the whole exercise as something that is expected, but is of no real importance. Their short-sightedness robs the football public of something which could not only be spectacular, but lend a lot of entertainment value to the paying customers.

Perhaps it is time someone pointed out to the people running the show that a sizeable percentage of football followers aren't hollow headed yobos who

reel through the turnstiles like punch-drunk fighters. The horizons of the average person stretch beyond the fences of a ground and we have the capacity to appreciate well-groomed, highly-trained personnel doing something to lift the overall show.

Football, generally, needs a person who knows how to stage manage at the very highest level. A Cecil B. De Mille-type character who gets paid according to the show he puts on. I wouldn't like to see football upstaged but I certainly would like to see it presented a lot better.

I don't know who is responsible for the Eaglettes, but to this point the only troupe who have caught the eye of the public are the Bluebirds from Carlton.

Everyone seems to know about them.

If they perform with their team at the WACA on July 10, then I would hope, from a West Aussie point of view, that they don't come up with a routine that makes our kids look like a mob of fair

dinkum scrubbers. It would be better the other way round and I'm sure we have people on tap who could see to it.

To extend this, why doesn't the WAFL or Indian Pacific, the controllers of the Eagles, see if they can organise a band to back the Eaglettes when they do a routine during the breaks.

I reckon something like a Dixie Jazz combination would go well.

Through television, Aussie Rules is beamed around the world and millions of people are becoming aware of it. Many of the same people have been exposed to the American sporting razzamatazz that is tied up with basketball, baseball and gridiron and though I would like them to make comparisons between our game and theirs, I wouldn't really like them to do the same thing when it comes to the intermissions.

If you happen to be one of those people who says: "Who wants to be like the Yanks?" then I happen to agree with you. I don't want us to follow



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

FROM WHERE I SIT

them. What I want is for the Australian game to not only be spectacular but to beam across the world the type of back-up which is a credit to those concerned.

On the other hand, if we can't do something that we're all going to get behind, let us do nothing because that is better than the embarrassment that goes with a slipshod, slapped together aping of something else.

Football, so they tell us, is becoming more and more professional. If I am to believe that, then I want to see the entire thing upgraded to a point that will enthral the fans from the moment they walk through the gates until they leave.

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From our Eastern States correspondents



Leigh blasts young Magpies

COLLINGWOOD coach Leigh Matthews believes it is time his team of youngsters accepted their responsibility and became men.

Matthews cast this verbal assault on his players after they were given a football lesson by reigning VFL premiers Hawthorn at Princes Park at the weekend.

Hawthorn won 20.25 to 10.8.

Matthews said after the 77-point hiding that his players were not prepared to fight when the chips are down.

"The ability to hang in there in adversity is a good way to judge a player's character and we have too many players failing on that score," he said.

Matthews said he felt humiliated and embarrassed by the result because, in



his opinion, the Hawks didn't try once they established an early break.

YOUNG SIDE

"I know it's a young side, but you can't treat them with kid gloves because there are no allowances if you are 17 years old. They have to become men quickly," he said.

In the meantime, Collingwood Football Club has reacted swiftly to the likelihood of a South Australian team gaining admission to the VFL-based competition next season.

Collingwood have retained two of South Australia's current stars, Greg Phillips and Bruce Abernethy, on their "retired list", thus guarding against them playing against the Magpies in the future.

Both players left Collingwood at the start of this year but would almost be certainly included in a composite Adelaide side.

Under these circumstances, to get them the "new" club would have to negotiate with the black and whites and on today's values Abernethy and Phillips could net Collingwood \$200,000.

Phillips is said to be one of the top centre-half-backs in the country, while Abernethy proved his worth in his last two years in the VFL.

Dennis makes his mark

FORMER East Perth player Richard Dennis is a big hit with Carlton fans.

Dennis has had only two games with the Blues and already there are plenty of spectators showing respect for his skills.

Recruited from the Royals this year, Dennis kicked two goals in Carlton's first win over Footscray at Western Oval in two years.

INTERRUPT

He has had to overcome a serious injury — a torn thigh muscle — which seriously interrupted his pre-season training.

This left him in the reserves for the opening fixture where he managed to kick six goals which put him in line for the game against Collingwood.

It was a promising senior debut in the VFL and he is clearly one of the Blues' most dangerous players.

Dennis, who will be 21 on July 21, had 71 games with East Perth before he made the move East.

SAINTLY SMILES



Sweet victory! St Kilda coach Darrell Baldock celebrates his first win as coach with Alan Sidebottom, left, and Alex Marcou, right.

CHANGE OF COLOURS FOR 14 CLUBS?

FOOTBALL followers may think that they need to adjust their sets when some VFL games are televised west.

The reason is that some teams may not be wearing their traditional colours.

The VFL general managers are considering a proposal to allow the West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears to wear an alternative jumper against teams whose jumpers clash.

If this proposal gets the nod, it is then likely that all VFL clubs may be required to have a second set of jumpers in 1988.

And all in the name of television.

Problems of colour clashes first arose in the opening league fixture between the West Coast Eagles and Richmond. People at the game and watching on television complained that the colours were too similar, especially from behind, where yellow is the dominant colour.

VFL executive commissioner Mt Alan Schwab says there is now a general concern about the similarity between some club jumpers, adding that both the Bears and the Eagles have already nominated their alternative colours.

Move farcical, claims Dog president

VFL club Footscray are being tipped as the next club to be moved interstate, a suggestion that club president Dr Tony Capes claims as farcical.

In a prepared statement issued over the weekend, Dr Capes claimed that the Victorian premier, Mr Cain, and the VFL commissioners had pledged State Government backing to stop the club from being "forcibly or voluntarily" relocated in South Australia next season.

He said the club would produce a trade turn-around of about \$700,000 this season and is committed to a long-term base in the Western suburbs.

SUPPORT

"We feel it farcical any suggestions that the relocation or the continued future of Footscray as we know it is under the slightest threat," he said.

"Footscray have support at the highest level and I believe it is a case of the people in South Australia seeing who is on the bottom run of the ladder and thinking we are ripe for relocation or a takeover.

"Irrespective of our on-field performances, all the VFL Task Force reports and commission meetings have indicated that Footscray will remain at their present home," he said.

How WA players performed

	KICKS	H/BALLS	MARKS	SCORE
BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	11	3	4	1 4
Mike Richardson	16	3	7	1 2
CARLTON				
Jon Dorotich	10	6	6	— 1
Richard Dennis	10	7	6	2 1
Peter Sartori	6	1	5	3 —
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	4	5	—	—
Craig Starcevich	7	2	3	—
Brian Taylor	6	2	4	3 2
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	19	6	6	2 —
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	6	1	5	3 2
Phil Cronan	11	6	4	—
Andrew Purser	5	—	2	—
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	19	13	4	— 1
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	12	1	1	1 2
Alan Johnson	12	4	1	1 1
Earl Spalding	4	7	2	— 1
Steve Turner	1	1	1	—
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Phil Krakouer	7	6	4	1 1
Stephen McCann	8	3	7	3 3
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	11	8	6	1 2
Peter Wilson	10	3	3	— 1
ST KILDA				
Alan Sidebottom	5	7	5	—
Nicky Winmar	15	3	6	3 1
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Herwood	8	1	5	—
Craig Holden	9	2	7	—
John Ironmonger	4	3	8	—

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IAN MILLER

He's down but far from out

DON'T write off big Garry Sidebottom. Big "Sidey" still maintains his love and enthusiasm for the game that has won him a reputation here and in Victoria.

I learnt that after an interesting yarn with him at half-time during the East Fremantle-Swan Districts match.

Garry expressed frustration at being injured following an interrupted 1986 through suspension.

Swan Districts is a young side calling out for a fit, experienced Sidebottom. Coach John Todd has laid it on the line and "Sidey" has been around long enough to know he is under pressure to perform and to produce the goods consistently.

He has always maintained an aggressive, no frills approach to his football, which at times has cost him. I hope "Sidey" is back into the action soon because Swans, WAFL and football generally still requires his football skills in '87.

SOUTH IMPROVE

THE good, early form of South Fremantle can be attributed to several things.

Firstly, the experience gained by the younger players last year is starting to bear fruit. Dean Irving is well coordinated and versatile and appears to be a ruckman of the future while Eagles signing John Worsfold is a player full of skills.

Brad McDougall, John MacDonald and the Collard brothers, Cliff and Brad, are setting a high standard.

The experienced Willie Roe has shown a new lease of life on the half-back line and Craig Edwards is doing well at half forward and if these two stay free of injury it will greatly assist the Bulldogs.

Finally, the Bulldogs are producing Stan Magro type aggression and determination and the message of the coach appears as if it is being heeded.

The season is only two games old but the young pups are showing plenty of bite. Oh, and my fellow columnist "Jacko" is firing at full-forward.

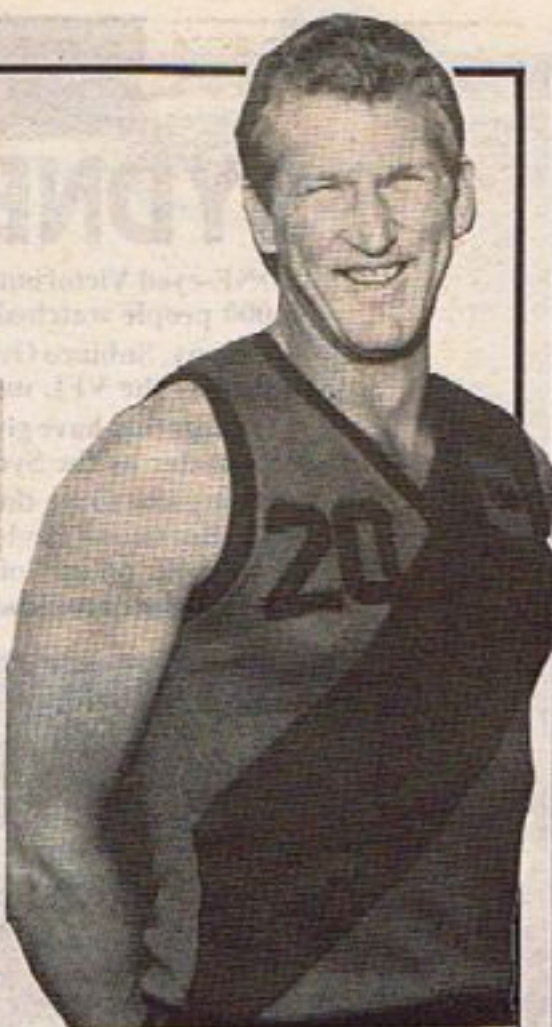


Cliff Collard

DUAL TALENT

WEST Perth's Craig Turley has started the season in fine style, proving to be a most consistent defender. He has teamed well with Gavin Wake to not only be a stumbling block for opposing forwards but a springboard of attack.

Against Claremont, he was one of the best afield. It seems his "dash" and style is not just limited to the football field because last week he was one of five models in a well choreographed showing of the new Adidas summer range of clothing at a Perth night club.



Garry Sidebottom

WATERMAN — SKILL

YOUNG East Fremantle player Chris Waterman is showing his class after just two games. On Saturday he was one of the best afield, firstly in defence and then on the wing.

He has excellent ball getting ability, balance and good disposal. He has been fortunate to begin his career with experienced players, which will give him great confidence and assistance. And, with East Fremantle poised to be consistent winners, all is going well.

Besides Waterman, youngsters Paul Turnbridge and Steve Matthews will also put their stamp on this powerful Sharks unit.

GREG WILLIAMS

THE Eagles had many opportunities in the second and third quarters of Sunday's clash with the Sydney Swans to put a winning score on the board.

The untimely defeat has now put them in the hot seat after the Swans went away with a professional brand of football.

Hard running, precision hand passing and efficient forward work were the keys. And the icing on the cake was centreman Greg Williams.

Well covered by Murray Wrensted for three terms, the joint Brownlow Medallist showed all his class, persistence and skill in a 16 possession final quarter which rallied the Swans.

Williams cannot be called brilliant or spectacular but he keeps getting the ball. He would be the first selected by coach Tom Hafey.

OLD DEMON

I WAS speaking with former Perth premiership ruckman of the 1960's Barry Chittleborough during the week.

Chittleborough combined with Pat Astone, Mal Atwell, Bob Page and Barry Cable to form one of the best mobile divisions around.

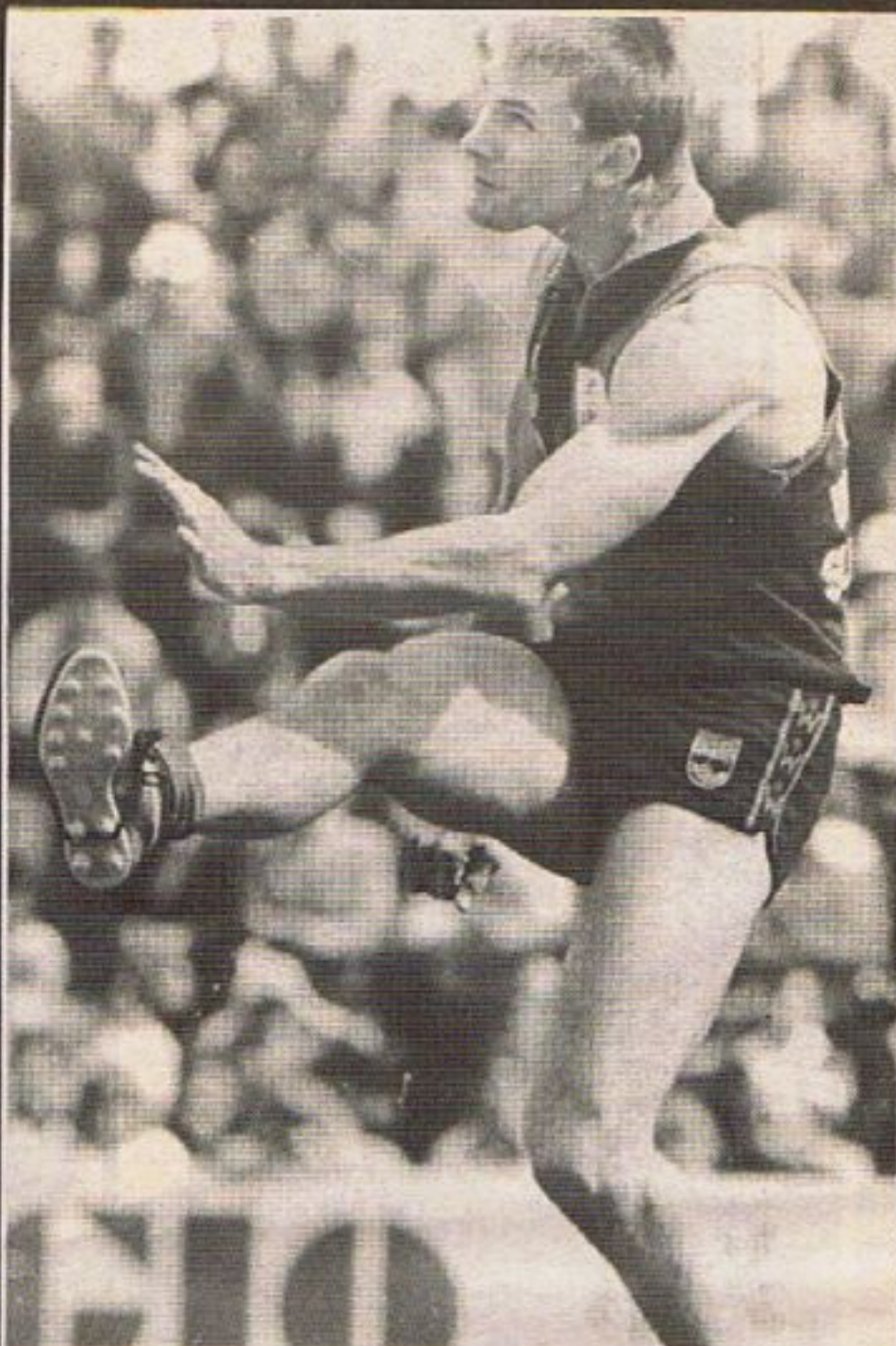
A sprightly 42 years, the big fellow from Brookton has returned to the playing arena.

He still has the enthusiasm and sufficient fitness and feels his experience will benefit the young players at Brookton. Keep it going "Chitto".

IRISH HAYES

THERE is no doubt about John "Irish" Hayes. Prior to the Swan Districts/East Fremantle clash, "Irish", Swans runner and selector, was seen limping. He informed me he had accidentally dropped a table on his foot, bursting a blood vessel. When I suggested he looked in doubt for the game, he snapped: "She's not a problem, Serge. I will just strap it". "Irish" shrugged off the pain and performed yet again.

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Ray Holden

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nickname: Dore or FJ. **Why?** Because of surname (Commodore).
Date of Birth: 3/9/59. **Place of Birth:** Subiaco.
Height: 190cm (6'2"). **Weight:** 87kg (13st, 11lb). **Age Started Playing:** Juniors 9, League 19.
Previous Club/s: West Perth, Melbourne. **Junior Club:** Tuart Hill.
Marital Status: Married — Janeale.
Residence: Wembley Downs.
Occupation: Fireman. **Place of Work:** Perth Fire Station.
Other Sporting Interests: Basketball, tennis, squash, golf.
Favourite Position: Centre-half-back. **First Position:** Back pocket.
League Debut: 1979, West Perth.

YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: Burt Reynolds. **Drink:** Banana milk shake, scotch and coke.
TV Show: Hey, Hey, It's Saturday Night. **Food:** Pasta.
Movie: Man From Snowy River. **Music:** Modern.
Holiday Resort: Thundelarra Station, Coffs Harbour.
Ground: Leederville Oval.
Your Car: Volvo 242 GT. **Your Favourite Car:** Porsche Carrera.
Career Highlights: First league game, playing State.
Worst Moment in Football: Sitting on the bench for a whole league game.
Hard Things in Football: Training, losing.
Football Idols: Bill Dempsey.
Toughest Opponent: David Rhys-Jones. **Most Respected Opponent:** Stephen Michael.
Most Respected Umpire: Ross Capes.
Most Memorable Game: July 1982 Stage game against South Australia.
Ambitions: Play 200 league games, be in a premiership side and to play in State sides.
What do you like about Football: Winning and the friends you make.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Relax and think about the good things I have done and hard things still to be done.
Who Influenced Your Career: Father.
Guemsey Number: 18. **Any Reason:** None.
Superstitions: None.
Worst Injury: Torn ligaments in ankle 1978.
Luckiest Break: Injury to Tom Mullooly allowing me to obtain State selection in 1982.

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SYDNEY STEALS T

ONE-eyed Victorians claimed it could never happen. But it did. 36,000 people watched it live and several million saw it on telev

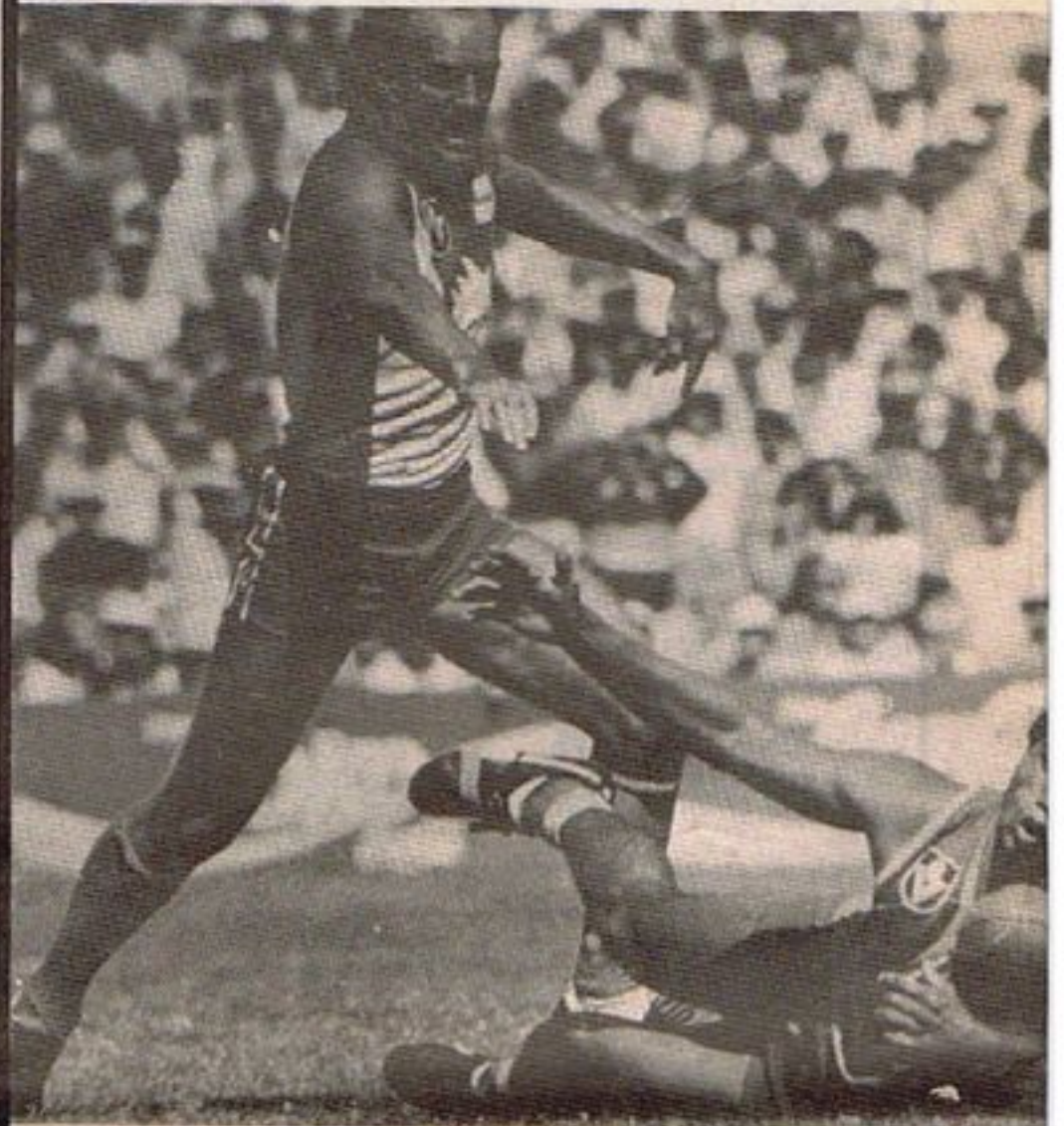
A sunny, Subiaco Oval was the venue for sporting history on Sun clashed in the VFL match of the round — outside of Melbourne

The legs that have given the West Coast Eagles such a good start last quarter as the Sydney Swans finished powerfully.

Some came to see the legs of footballers worker overtime — whi lovely Burswood Eaglettes. But all came to be part of history a action, both on and off the field.



■ All eyes are on the ball with Eagles pair Steve Malaxos and John Gastev attempting to mark, while Wayne Henwood (Swans) and Phil Scott wait down.



■ Eagles forward Chris Lewis takes a falling mark.



■ Don Holmes and Mark Browning about to clash during last Sunday's game.



■ Big John Ironmonger crashes into the back of Eagles ruck rover John Annear with Sydney's Greg Williams looking on.



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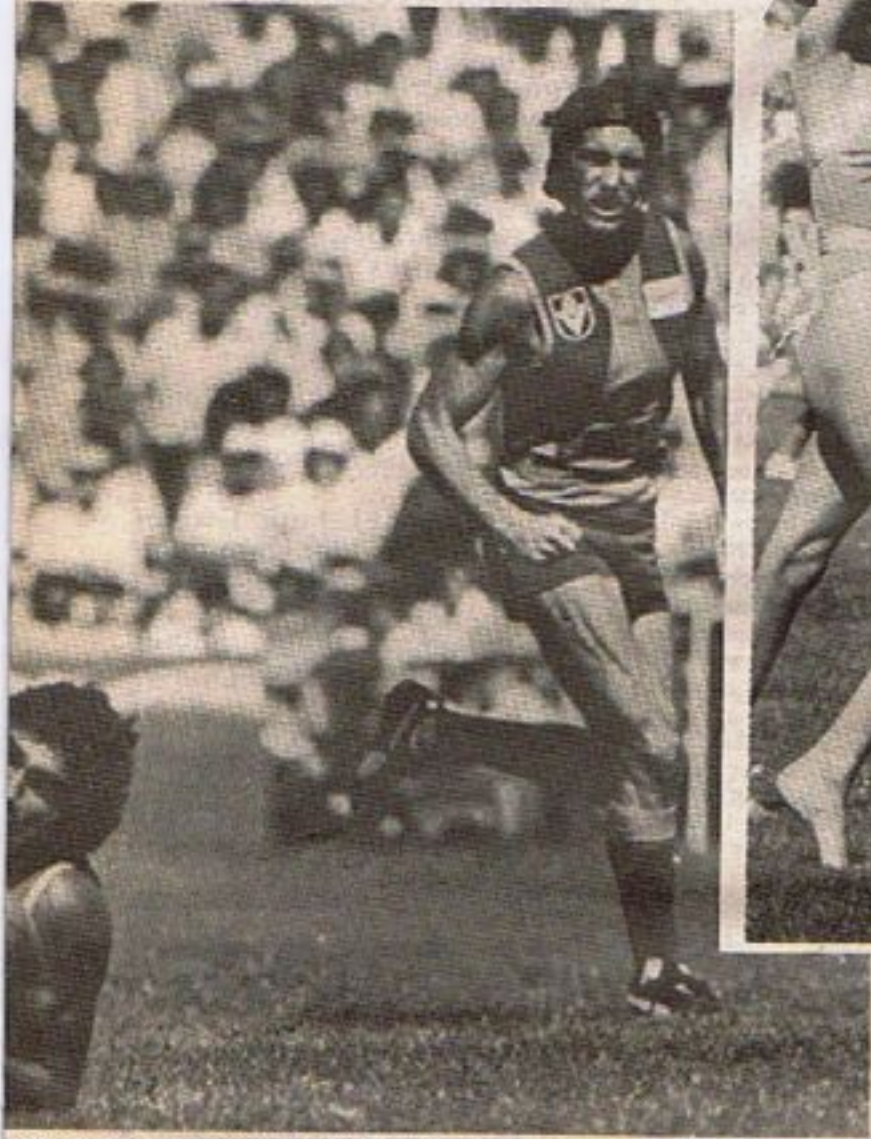
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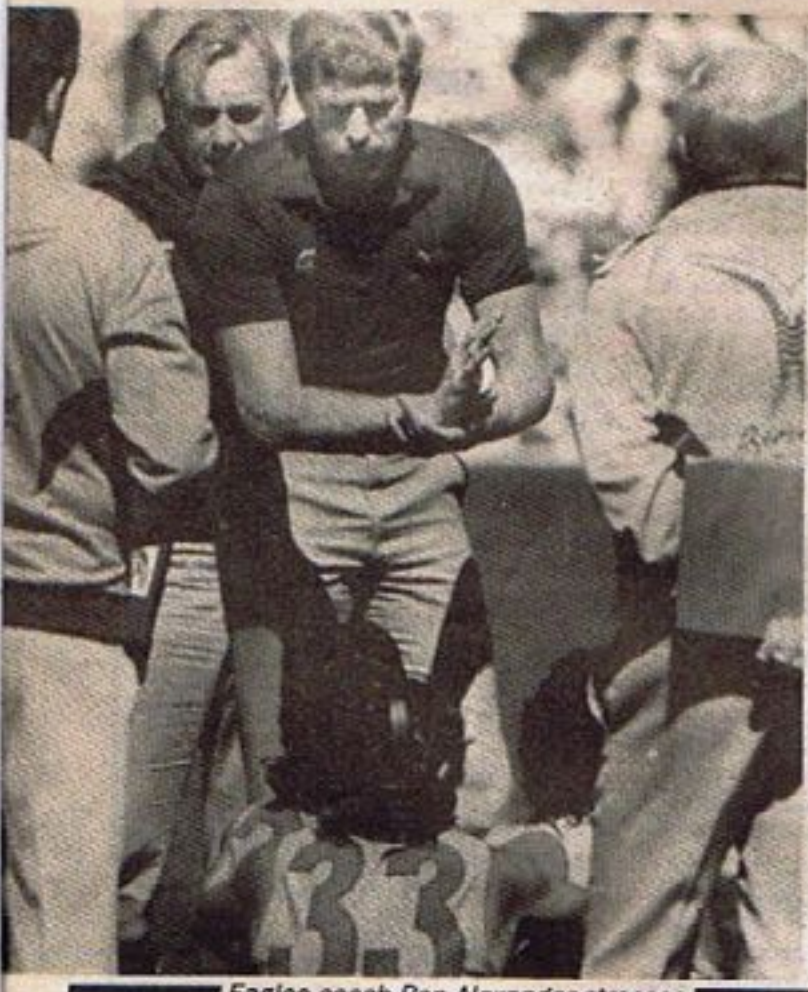
Barry Cable and Paul Peos look concerned at what is happening out in the middle.



with Sydney defender Mark Browning ready to pounce.



Sydney coach Tom Hafey ... still looking very fit.



Eagles coach Ron Alexander stresses a point to his players at three-quarter time.



Murray Wrenstead ... eyes on the ball.

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JUNIOR NEWS

JUNIOR news should be posted to Gary Knewstubb at 20 Devon Road, Bassendean 6054, or phoned through on 779 1874.

New rules bring some problems

THE introduction of new rules for the under-12s competition has brought mixed feelings.

The main changes are:

- No premierships points.
- No publication of premierships ladders.
- No final series.
- No publication of match results.
- Names of players may be published for encouragement purposes only.
- Special carnival days may be held at times during the season.
- Participation, effort and skill achievement awards to be the only individual awards given by the club or competition.

These changes have been introduced as part of the National Football League policy for junior football and the WAFL is adhering to the NFL decision.

Unfortunately, with age group rule changes, the interpretation can easily be altered by individual junior football bodies.

Should a junior football council decide their age groupings shall include the age of the child, e.g. 12s and under, this allows that competition to be run on normal football rules guidelines.

If another junior football council decides to run an under-12s competition, then those players are governed by Aussie footy.

WA adheres to the under-12s rules while Victoria plays 12s and under.

The Football Record featured a half-page write-up on Little League scores, best players and goal kickers last week. The Record also published the Little League ladder, complete with percentages.

Because this competition is for 12s and under, not under-12s, the format used in Victoria is correct. Our Little Leaguers should be able to play to normal football rules and have the same opportunities as their Victorian counterparts.

EASY WINS

LAST Sunday proved to be a day of mis-matches when the four winning teams put on powerhouse displays in the Prestige Toyota. Results: Woodlands 20.19 d Hawks 12.8, Maris 24.18 d Wembley Downs 6.9, Karrinyup 23.25 d North Beach 0.3, Churchlands/Wembley 34.21 d Scarborough 2.2, Carine bye.

Premiership table: Karrinyup 8, Churchlands 8, Wembley 8, Maris 8, Woodlands 4, Hawks 4. Easter weekend is a general bye for all clubs.

HISTORIC MATCH

LAST Friday night saw the first Little League game played under lights at the WACA. After putting on such a fine display of skills, the two teams, Osborne Park (West Perth) and Karrinyup (Claremont) received a standing ovation.

WELCOME BACK

THE Perth Junior Football Club Council has welcomed the return of Mr Jon Ashley as secretary. Mr Ashley has been enticed out of "retirement" to take up the position he held some years previously. Mr Ashley can be contacted on 361 6159. The PJFC has also appointed Mr Alan Collings as their freeball co-ordinator.

KICK-OFF DAY

THREE junior councils started their 1987 fixtures last weekend. East Fremantle fielded 74 teams with ages ranging from 9s to 17s and Subiaco/Wanneroo had 112 teams.

South Suburban fielded 82 teams. Most of the clubs have freeball teams.

MORE RULES

AUSSIE footy rules include:

TACKLING: Players cannot hold an opponent with their hands; knock the ball out of an opponent's hands or push the player in the side.

BUMPING: A restrained (delivered with limited force) side bump is permitted. Bumping must be at all times fair and within the rules. A player having been bumped must dispose of the ball by kicking or handballing or a free kick will be awarded against him, no running on is allowed.

BARGING: When the umpire considers that a player who has had a reasonable opportunity to dispose of the ball chooses to barge, fend off or chop past opponents, a free kick shall be awarded to the nearest opponent.

STEALING: A player may attempt to snatch or steal the ball from another player but in the event of the attempt being unsuccessful and the player in possession maintaining possession, he shall receive a free kick.

Big win for young Sharks

ONE goal each from Peter Dennison, Eddie Holts, Anthony Wallis-Harrison and Chris Elsbury enabled East Fremantle to score a convincing win over Swan Districts in a Little League Match at East Fremantle Oval.

With strong performances from Daniel Rossi and Chris Bolton, the Sharks won by 26 points — 4.3 to 0.1.

Like their league team, the Perth Little League side could not chalk up a first up win on the WACA ground.

The final score was South Fremantle 3.1 (19) to Perth's 1.1 (7).

In the game at Perth Oval, East Perth were three point winners over an inaccurate Subiaco.

The Royals two scoring shots produced one goal — by Clint Anderson — while the Lions had four scoring shots for four points.

The open WAFL Little League match was played on the Friday night between West Perth and Claremont at the WACA under lights.

This was an enthralling game that resulted in a draw. Both teams scored 3.1 (19).

On Sunday, teams from the Perth Junior Football Council and the South Fremantle Junior Football Council took to the field representing VFL clubs the West Coast Eagles and the Sydney Swans respectively.

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HARD WORKER

Subiaco's Jason Savage is a rugged, no-nonsense player who marks and spoils well. These important attributes are backed up by a desire to work hard and do the unglamorous things that are important in football. With Subiaco fielding such a young under-19 side this season, Savage has a steady influence that is invaluable.

HOME AGAIN

MAKING the transition from one club to another can be a difficult experience but for West Perth defender Kevin Burns, it seems he was destined to be a Falcon. Burns represented West Perth in combined junior football and it wasn't until 1983 when the zones changed that he became a Subiaco player. In 1984/85 Burns played for the Lions under-19 side, mainly in the last line of defence.

In that time, he was selected in the preliminary Teal Cup squad of 30 players. He was one of five players who were omitted when the squad cut to 25. After overcoming the initial disappointment of missing the team Burns settled down and played solid football for the remainder of the season. In 1985 Burns struggled for form and the following year switched to the Falcons. This is his final year of under-19 football.

Following are the leading goalkickers:

Ryan Dhue (C) 13, Mathew Congleton (EF) 7, Justin Jones (WP) 7, John Edmondson (EP) 5, Murray Hulbert (EP) 5, Tony Lynn (SF) 5, Wayne Dickerson (WP) 5, Alec Yarran (C) 5.

DURING the half-time break in the under-19 game between Subiaco and East Perth it was obvious that quite a few of the supporters in the grandstand at Perth Oval were regulars — people frequently seen in "Royal" territory.

Braving the biting cold, these loyal football fans — some armed with rugs and flasks of tea and coffee — cheerfully encouraged the young colts players.

This type of dedication and whole-hearted support is apparent at all the clubs. Hopefully this type of fanatical support will continue. Well done to those people.

COUNTRY BONUS

EAST Fremantle are fortunate to have such a strong country zone producing players like Wrensted, Tunbridge and Malnwarding. Now the Sharks appear to have found another country player capable of playing league football in the future. David Rower a gifted left-footer from Moora who looks to have excellent pace and skills. One of his main attributes is that he delivers the ball effectively upfield, setting up the play to the advantage of his side. With those natural talents, Rowe has a very good chance to play in a higher grade this season.

GOOD CLASHES

THIS weekend will provide some good games of under-19 football. Two of the games (West Perth v South Fremantle and East Fremantle v Claremont) promise to be excellent clashes. The West Perth-South Fremantle game at Fremantle Oval takes on considerable importance after the Bulldogs big win over Perth and West Perth's outstanding performance to defeat the highly-rated Claremont side. In the other game, the undefeated Sharks meet Claremont on the rebound.



SUNDAY SCENE

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



Jeff Trott... great comeback with Willetton.



Saints show top form

OSBORNE Park have justified their position as favourites for the title in 1987 by soundly beating Kalamunda at Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie.

But for Kalamunda kicking eight goals in the final term, the winning margin would have been much greater than the 47 points.

The Saints were well served by half-forward-flanker Murray Gomm who kicked seven goals with solid support coming from Steve Garcia with four goals.

For Kalamunda, captain Gary Armstrong was their major goalkicker with five goals.

Armstrong is in line for a session with the league's protests and disputes board along with Osborne Park's Len Smith for striking each other.

WOODEN SPOONERS

Kwinana, after one game, have all but notched their name on the wooden spoon for 1987.

They travelled to Burrendah Reserve and were thrashed by the home team, Willetton, by a margin of 159 points.

Former East Fremantle player Jeff Trott, who retired from Willetton with a knee injury and did not play in 1986, made an auspicious comeback.

Trott booted 11 goals before leaving the ground in the last quarter.

Kwinana, who lost players en masse prior to the commencement of the season, will need to re-group to shake off the wooden-spooner's tag.

KIERNAN TWINS

Maddington's Kiernan twins, Adam and Aaren, had a field day against Gosnells.

The brothers kicked six goals each and were responsible for at least another four goals.

The Bulls' winning margin was 80 points and they will cause other teams plenty of problems.

However, the Bulls star player, Graham Hewson, was dragged from the ground and may be a doubtful starter for Maddington for the remainder of 1987.

Gosnells were more than competitive for three quarters against Maddington but a last-quarter fade-out must be disappointing for coach Trevor Williams.

Williams, ranked as one of the best players in Sunday football, will need to settle his team down by playing players in their right positions before the team can expect to win matches.

BAD START

South Perth's move to Wyong Oval, Bentley, on a share basis with the Canning club got off to a bad start when Kelmscott defeated the Tigers by 42 points.

South Perth had not kicked a goal up to half-time and their score of 10 behinds was a poor result for effort.

However, they were more competitive in the final half. The league's leading goalkicker in 1986, Gareth Stewart, bagged five goals.

Former West Perth star Brian Adamson, who is in his second season as coach of South Perth, played his first game for the Tigers.

Kelmscott had many fine contributors in what was a good opening for the club for 1987.

FIRST WIN

New non-playing coach Tom Mullolly started the season off with a first-up win for Canning over Fremantle at Gil Fraser Reserve.

Mullolly had put his new club through a vigorous pre-season and the result was a first-up victory.

Former Osborne Park player Kim Rich was adjudged best afield with a brilliant display.

Rich was well supported by ruckman/forward David Rhodes, who kicked six goals for Canning.

For Fremantle it is back to the drawing board. Captain-coach Wayne Delmicio still has Phil Clucas, Alex Stewart, Jeff Bevan and Vernon Ford to come into the line-up.

Fremantle meet Kelmscott in round two at John Dunne Oval, Kelmscott.

A loss in that game will make it difficult for Fremantle to make the final five in 1987.

Thornlie, well beaten at three-quarter time, surged home to take the four premier-ship points against Wanneroo.

The Lions added 6.5 in the final quarter and held Wanneroo down to two points to win by a mere five points.

Veteran ruckman Geoff Ironmonger contributed six goals for the Lions.

Wanneroo travel to Maddington Reserve in round two in what should be an enthralling encounter.

EASYBEATS

Kenwick, who were one of the easybeats in 1986, left no doubt that they will be more than competitive in 1987.

The Royals led Applecross all day in their clash at Melville Reserve.

Former league representative Tim Costley made a welcome re-appearance at the club and capped off a lively display at full forward with seven goals.

Danny Ashworth was brilliant in the centre and Arthur Jago gave a typical hard-running display.

Applecross will need to lift their rating in the forthcoming weeks and new coach Graham Cornell will be looking for marked improvement.

DISASTER

Mandurah's first-up performance against Armadale was nothing short of a disaster.

RESERVES ROUND-UP

NEARLY THERE

by Ben Stinga

ONE Perth player who has come close to making his league debut is wingman Andrew Young. He is from the Beverly area and played a few games with the Demons under-19 side last year on permit. His performances were impressive and already this year he has been given an opportunity to show his worth in senior football in the Kresta Cup pre-season competition. His form in two reserves games has been excellent and Young looks capable of going one better than just being named as an emergency player.

AMARANTI'S BID

FORMER Medallists Medal winner Mark Amaranti showed that he is not far away from forcing his way into the East Fremantle league side after a fine performance in the reserves against Swan Districts. Amaranti is a hardworking, tough midfielder and with his solid build he is not afraid to tackle and contest for the ball. Amaranti followed up his Medallists Medal win in 1985 with a top first-up season in the reserves, finishing as runner up in the fairest and best and making his league debut in the process.

Though he has only played two league games, Amaranti certainly looks to have the ability to add to that tally and become a good senior player with the Sharks in the years to come.

NEW RECRUITS

WEST Perth have made a point of picking up quite a few former under-19 and reserve grade players from other clubs this season.

This has had a strengthening effect on the club's depth with players like Warren Taylor, Shane O'Neill and Matt Busho-Jones putting pressure on the established performers.

Another player to move to West Perth this season is Claremont under-19 youngster Tim Adam, who has settled in nicely on the half-back-line in the reserves, using his strong marking and prodigious kicking to good effect.

Recruiting unknown players may cause concern among some fans. But West Perth have picked up young players with solid reputations in the minor grades.

It's this type of recruiting that benefits not only the player concerned, but the club as well.

WAITING GAME

REPORTS usually come at the worst possible times. For Subiaco's Tony Fullgrabe, Saturday's incident may cost him dearly. Fullgrabe has been in excellent form over the last two seasons and his selection in the league training list came as no surprise to those at Subiaco. Now his ambitions to play senior football may have to wait for a little while.

Here are some of the leading goalkickers:

Shane Stremple (EP) 11, Paddy Maddaffari (WP) 8, Frank Rognetta (SF) 7, Brad Read (EF) 6, Peter Cabassi (SD) 6, Peter James (C) 6.

The Southerners' scratch match form had been brilliant with victories against Harvey-Brunswick, Wanneroo and Kelmscott.

However, in round one the Southerners were completely over-run by a well-disciplined Armadale team.

Armadale ran out easy winners by 71 points, kicking 19 goals eight behinds to Mandurah's seven goals nine behinds.

Due to the Easter break the league has programmed a bye for all teams with round two resuming on Sunday, April 26.

LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	W	L	For	Agst	%	Total
WILLETTON	1	0	216	57	378.94	4
ARMADALE	1	0	122	51	239.21	4
MADDINGTON	1	0	162	82	197.56	4
KENWICK	1	0	129	71	181.69	4
CANNING	1	0	107	64	167.18	4
Kelmscott	1	0	106	64	165.62	4
Osborne Park	1	0	124	77	161.03	4
Thornlie	1	0	83	78	106.41	4
Wanneroo	0	1	78	83	93.975	0
Kalamunda	0	1	77	124	62.096	0
South Perth	0	1	64	106	60.377	0
Fremantle	0	1	64	107	59.813	0
Applecross	0	1	71	129	55.038	0
Gosnells	0	1	82	162	50.617	0
Mandurah	0	1	51	122	41.803	0
Kwinana	0	1	57	216	26.388	0

In brief...

China may see our football

AUSTRALIAN Rules football is seeking to break new ground in mainland China.

Moves to sell televised VFL football to the Chinese was revealed by the new managing director of Powerplay International, Jim McKay, this week.

McKay will oversee the expansion of Powerplay's sports marketing and television activities which now have footholds in Europe, the US, Canada and Mexico.

Already VFL football is being seen in countries such as Spain and Britain and now it is hoped the national series can be launched in Peking.

DANGEROUS TRIO

WATCH out for East Fremantle trio Rod Lester-Smith, Clinton Browning and Ken Judge this season. After the Sharks 13 point victory over Swan Districts at East Fremantle Oval last weekend they all remarked: "I could have kicked straighter". As it was the trio kicked 11.6 between them. Swans can be thankful.

COUNTRY TALENT

ANY suggestions that East Fremantle might run out of talented players in the future should be treated guardedly. The captain of the country Shark Pack is an All Australian schoolboy player. His name is Glen Fletcher and has enough potential to play league football when he gets a few more years of maturity behind him.

BIRTHDAY WISH

Jim Hurst, team manager for the West Coast Eagles, celebrates his 50th birthday on April 16 and he will trade all his presents for an Eagles win on Saturday, April 18, against VFL giants Carlton. Good one, Jim. Keep up the good work.

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YOUR CLUB IN '87

Demons face tough time ahead



Clint Hunter

THE advent of Australia's national football league put the cat among the pigeons this year, significantly reducing the number of quality players at WAFL clubs.

Some Perth clubs have lost up to 10 regular players but one of the hardest hit was Perth.

In 1986, the Demons recovered some of their former prestige, finishing third. This was their best effort since 1978, when runner-up to East Perth.

But the expanded VFL competition may have curtailed, or at least slowed, the resurgence of the mighty Demons.

Perth reached the 1986 preliminary final, losing to the eventual premiers, Subiaco.

Bigger things were tipped for 1987. This could still be the case, but the job for Mal Brown and his men has taken on mountainous proportions.

Perth's playing staff was severely depleted with rover/skipper Robert Wiley and wingman Adrian Barich joining the West Coast Eagles, Earl Spalding and Brett Yorgey moving to other VFL clubs and Rod Grljusich, Steven Lally and Chris Stasinowski moving to South Australia.

NOT BARE

The cupboard is not bare for controversial coach Brown as veteran Bryan Cousins, new captain and the

State's leading goalkicker in 1985-86 Mick Rea, rover Mark Watson and key position players Stephen Mount, Ray Holden and Allan Montgomery lead the player strength.

On the plus side hard-working rover Tony Popotto from East Perth, wingman Robbie Gray from Swans, Warren Mosconi from South Fremantle and Len Gandini from Melbourne have been recruited.

Brown admits that 1987 will be a "devil of a year" for the Demons, but he is excited at the number of young players that could make league ranks this season.

At the head of his list are Troy Davis, Clinton Hunter, Bradley Fox, John Clarkson, Barry Cable jnr and Toby Jackson.

Davis is a tenacious rover who gained promotion from the under 19s to the reserves last season and has gone one better this season.

Against Claremont in the opening fixture he had 23 possessions, including 14 kicks and nine hand passes.

Hunter, runner-up in the reserves fairest and best last season, was voted one of the best on ground in that match, having used his 19 possessions to great effect.

Fox, a 17-year-old player, has a less impressive debut than his team-mates — but will improve.

SUPPORT

Jackson is a solidly built ruckman who should offer great support for the club's number one follower in Ian Newman.

Cable jnr performed well in the under 19s last season as did Clarkson in the reserves. Brown says both will be given opportunities as will Grant Hatch, Shane Cable, Brad Edwards and Steve Cummings.

Other youngsters to figure prominently should be the already "blooded" Wayne Ryder, Mark Hibbins and Rod Bogaards.

Though Bogaards recently underwent a cartilage operation, he should return to the league side shortly.

There is no doubt Perth will give the final four a strong nudge. They are a capable team with strong midfielders in Joe Santostefano, Kim Fancote, Willy Dick and Cousins all good contributors.

Whether Perth's revival continues, we will find out in due course.



Brad Fox



John Clarkson



Troy Davis



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Tigers have a new teacher

YOUR CLUB IN '87



CLAREMONT has a new "mentor" for the first time in 11 years.

Unflappable midfielder Gerard Neesham has replaced former Brownlow Medallist Graham Moss, now the general manager of the West Coast Eagles.

Neesham is an aggressive on-field thinker who is using the same approach in his coaching methods.

For many years, Claremont have been one of the most talented teams in the WAFL competition. However, this strong combination has usually dipped out when the finals come around.

This season the Tigers are again hungry and ready to eat any club that stands between them and the ultimate prize — a premiership.

Like any coach, Neesham's role is an important one. But his is doubly so.

The 32-year-old utility player is an invaluable cog in Claremont's on-field performances, both as a midfielder and as captain-coach.

Gone is the powerful centreline of Darrell Panizza (now in South Australia) and the West Coast Eagles pair of Steve Malaxos and Peter Davidson.

The Eagles also recruited defender Michael O'Connell and talented forward Chris Lewis from the Tigers.

RECRUITS

But clever recruiting has seen Neesham come from East Fremantle,

Joe Ahmat from Swan Districts, Warren Ralph back from Carlton and Allen Daniels home from Footscray.

In addition, youngsters Julien Urquhart, Brian Sutherland, Peter Higgins and Andrews Host have shown they have the necessary skill to become part of a Claremont premiership bid.

Add Tim Adam, Brian Beresford, Todd Beveridge, Paul Hazell, Peter Mansell, Peter Melesso, Len Yarran, Andrew Kinross and Kempton Cowan and Claremont are in with a better chance than most this season.

Urquhart, Sutherland, Higgins and Host played in Claremont's opening league fixture against Perth with mixed results.

Higgins, with 12 hit outs, was the most dominant, while Host managed



Brian Sutherland ... kicked a goal in his first game.

eight kicks, two marks and four handballs.

Both Sutherland and Urquhart kicked a goal with Urquhart having 21 possessions, including 15 kicks.

A number of these "unblooded" Claremont players are extremely versatile and can play at either end of the ground.



Peter Higgins ... dominant ruckman.



Andrew Host ... looking for a regular league berth.



Peter Melesso ... a recruit with seven VFL games under his belt.



Julien Urquhart ... 21 possessions on his debut.

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AMATEUR NEWS

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

North Fremantle upset Mt. Lawley

NORTH Fremantle defeated a lack-lustre Mt Lawley by 20 points in last week's main A-grade game.

North showed more desire than Mt Lawley, who were lacking in most departments and will have to improve dramatically if they are to remain a force.

North's best were Gill, Robertson and Moody, while Mt Lawley had few good players. However, Gerard Kearney, Brad Dunn and the fearless Nick Formica did their best.

Nollamara continued their sizzling form of last week with a strong 109-point victory over Scarborough.

A dominant ruck division of Lee-Roystoning, Derek Little and Alex Murray set up the big win, bringing other players like Darryl White, Russell Henry, Greg Dower and Phil Beatty into the game.

Nollamara kicked 11 goals in the third quarter and followed with seven in the last. Six of these were kicked by damaging forward Ed Scattis.

Scarborough had some contribution from Subiaco recruit Ian Putt in the ruck, Warwick Gates (centre) and Darryl Connell, who roved tirelessly throughout the game.

Trinity-Aquinas notched their first win of the season by nine points over North Beach in a tough game.

Both half backlines were very solid with the play bouncing back and forward between these two lines most of the day.

North Beach failed to utilise their share of the breeze and if it wasn't for rover Dave Perry, Dave Higgins and



A GRADE REPORT
by Trevor Schorer

Lance Marwood at centre half-back, they would have been beaten by more.

Trinity-Aquinas had some excellent football displayed by McGrade, Collins and Joyce, all dominating players.

Old Wesley ran out victors by 15 points over University and are looking forward to a big season in 1987.

The game was even until three-quarter-time and had the breeze in the last quarter.

But Kerryn Hobbs took charge in the ruck and with Reg Luttrell roving brilliantly and wingman Greg Higham dominating, old Wesley took charge.

Hobbs and Luttrell appear to have a mortgage on State representation if they can continue with the form they have shown in the first two rounds.

In the closest game of the day, Wembley got up by two points over a luckless Innaloo.

Good players for Innaloo were Nemes, Rippendale and State player Craig Kettlewell, who is always dangerous whether in the centre or up forward.



PETER RUSH
reports on the B-grade scene

WEST Coast's 12-goal drubbing of Mt Lawley showed they will again be the front-runners this season.

This follows their first-round victory over CBC and despite the loss of coach Kevin McGinnity who has returned to coach Bayswater, the Tigers will be very hard to beat.

Terry Holtzman has taken over the coach's job at Dianella and seems to have moulded them into a tougher and more consistent unit.

The Panthers victories over MHWP and WAIT bear testament to that.

WAIT started the season evenly and will again give the top sides something to think about despite the loss of last year's association medal winner Matt McKnee and his brother Paul who are trying their luck at West Perth.

Big improvers this year are Bayswater, who with Kevin McGinnity back coaching, have recruited well.

The most notable recruit has been the signing of last year's C grade medal winner John Morris from Bassendean.

Big wins over Maylands and Whitfords leave the Blues undefeated and a threat to the competitors.

Collegians Old Scotch also remain undefeated after big wins over Whitfords and CBC and look likely to improve on last year's dismal season which almost saw them in C grade.

MHWP's well-organised running game always worries sides and they should be a force again this year.

CBC, coming down from A grade, will have to improve a lot to make any impression in B grade while Whitfords are finding the jump up to B grade, after winning last year's C grade grand final, a big task.

STATE COLTS TRAINING

TRAINING for the State colts clashes will commence 5.30pm on Wednesday, April 22, at McGillivray Oval, Graylands.

All colts coaches are asked to cooperate by sending their top players to training.

State colts coach Alan Langer can be contacted on 409 1144 (work).

Ralph Needham appointed State coach

THE WAAFL have appointed Ralph Needham as 1987 State coach after a career spanning close to 20 years in this competition.

Needham played 211 games for Mt Lawley, most of those as a tough centre-half-back, playing in the Hawks first A-grade grand final win in 1979.

Needham started as a coach in colts in 1971 and has coached eight sides for the Hawks, four of those in A-grade from 1983 to 1986.

In the last four years, Needham has come under the spotlight, taking a team who missed the finals in 1982 to four grand finals in a row, winning three.

Needham has no magic formula for success, but believes that hard work by everybody as a team is the correct path to winning.

He has proven to be an astute judge of players ability to fit into his mould.

Needham's judgement was shown when he took youngster Phil Warren



from the club's G-grade in 1985 and built him up to finally see him selected in the State side in 1986.

Without doubt, the appointment of Needham is a move in the right direction at a time WA has not had the success they deserve.

WANNEROO ON THE BALL

WANNEROO, since their admittance to the amateurs in 1985, are quickly becoming a respected, successful club.

The Roos have three successful teams this season.

Last week they scored well against the breeze to win a physical game against near neighbours Ocean Ridge.

Under notice were Danny Deutscher, Brett Frankland, Mark (Emu) Broun and Simon Ukich.

Their reserves (L grade) were more consistent with Alan Jones, Doug Bush, Peter Weir and Troy Atkinson doing best against Coolbellup No. 2.

Their colts had their second successive win with reliable Steve Game supported by Paul Maudock, Shane Chasity and Brent Reid, who all used the breeze to their advantage.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Both University No. 2 (coached by Steve Annen) and Morley are off to flying starts in C grade. Applecross' Numbats are off to a slow start and are yet to open their account. This must be causing concern to veteran club coach Peter Jones.

- Northbridge AICA continue to impress in D grade. Newly-appointed coach Phil Hayes (ex-Morley) has things going well, supported by a wealth of new recruits including Silvio Cinquina, Bob Talevski, Dennis Johnstone, Clinton McGhie, Domenic Gileno and Nick Fucile.

- Whitford Reserves (F) have yet to find their feet while West Coast No. 2 will be hard to toss this season with Ross Mead in contro.

- Muresk already appear to be the strong team in G, while CBS No. 2 opened their account at the expense of Maylands No. 2.

- North Beach outgunned Army (H) in the last quarter. Redcliffe appear too strong for this grade with successive 20-goal scores. Bassendean No. 2, with Garry Lovelock coaching, appear to be their strongest threat.



ASSISTANT UMPIRES' ADVISOR

DENNIS Miller, the assistant umpires' advisor, served nine seasons with the WAAFL to become one of their most experienced umpires.

His total of 14 years' umpiring included four seasons with the WAFL, the Perth juniors and Sunday Football League.

Dennis umpired seven amateur grand finals and was in charge of the WAAFL vs VAFA clash in 1980.

His wealth of experience should be of great assistance to the big umpires panel.

COUNCIL MEETING

CLUB officials and delegates are reminded that the next council meeting of all clubs will be held in early May (date to be notified). Any clubs with agenda items please contact the league office.

LIFE MEMBER



DOUG Frame, another recently-elected life member of the WAAFL, has had a 15-year association with the amateurs.

From 1973 to 1975, he served as club delegate; 1975-76 permits committee member. From 1976 till 1983, then from 1985, was elected to the WAAFL Management Committee; 1980 State amateur team assistant manager; 1981 State team manager vs South Australia and Victoria; 1982 manager of Perth carnival team.

Doug, who has assisted with all State teams since 1979, served as State selector 1980-83. Since 1983 he has been responsible for all final rounds gates and staff and has served on various sub-committees including public relations, State team and investigative.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

A-Grade

North Fremantle 13.12 d Mt Lawley 10.10, Nollamara 26.12 d Scarborough 8.11, Old Wesley 10.10 d University 8.7, Wembley 7.14 d Innaloo 7.12, Trinity-Aquinas 14.14 d North Beach 14.5.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

A-Grade

Nollamara 8, Old Wesley 8, North Beach 4, Mt Lawley 4, University 4, North Fremantle 4, Wembley 4, Trinity-Aquinas 4, Innaloo 0, Scarborough 0.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Bye April 18 all grades.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

A-Grade & A-Colts

Round 3, April 25, 1987: University vs North Fremantle, McGillivray Oval No. 1; Mt Lawley vs Nollamara, Bassendean Oval; Scarborough vs North Beach, Millington Reserve; Trinity-Aquinas vs Innaloo, Lathlain Park; Wembley vs Old Wesley, Henderson Park.

B-Grade

Round 3, April 25, 1987: Collegians Old Scotch vs Bayswater, Dalkeith Oval; CBS vs Mt Lawley, East Fremantle Oval; Dianella vs West Coast, Light Street Reserve No. 1; Maylands vs WAIT, Gibney Reserve; Whitford vs MHWP, MacDonald Reserve.

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EIGHT-GOAL BURST SINKS LAKE GRACE

LES Reynolds celebrated his return to the Towns league team in the Upper Great Southern Football League at the weekend with an eight-goal burst to sink Lake Grace.

It was Reynolds' first game for the 1986 premiers since the third game of last season, and his goals, plus four from Reg Stack and strong performances from Keith Dullard and Graham Broad, enabled Towns to score 18.10 (118) to Lake Grace's 13.8 (86).

Best for Lake Grace were Kim Baker and Ken Kirk while captain-coach Noel Bairstow and Craig Reynolds each contributed three goals.

Wickepin, who recruited heavily for this season, expected to be final-five contenders this year. But they will have to lift their rating if they are to achieve that aim.

Wickepin were confronted by 1986 losing grand finalists, Williams, who are determined to atone for that shock loss at the hands of Towns and the first team to suffer their wrath was Wickepin.

PRESSURE

With five goals from Stephen Shultz and four-quarter contributions from Coucher cousins Glen and Garry, Williams piled on the pressure to score 17.15 (117) while their opponents could only reply with 9.9 (63).

Best players for Wickepin were Murray Cook and Gerald Ugle.

In other games, Railways 26.17 (173) were convincing winners over West Arthur 10.14 (74) and Boddington 17.8 (110) defeated an inaccurate Pingelly 12.22 (94).

Railways, who narrowly missed the cut for the finals in 1986, are hungry for success this season and their performance against West Arthur was typical of their bold approach to football in 1987.

Railways' Kevin Timms, with six goals, was one of the best players on the ground and was ably supported by Gary Amaduri and Shane Faber, who scored four goals.

For West Arthur, Malcolm Perry and Malcolm Steady were the stars of the day, with Trevor Shepherd and Ray Speck each contributing with two six-pointers.

Pingelly will long remember last Saturday if they fail to make the finals in 1987.

With 12 goals and 22 behinds, their poor kicking let them down while Boddington were rarely off the mark.

The best sharp-shooters for Boddington were Craig Sherry and Bill Stevens with three goals each.



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Revenge in first match

DALWALLINU, the 1986 losing grand finalists, reversed the tables on last year's premiers, Warriors, with a convincing 36-point win in the opening fixture of the Central Midlands League at the weekend.

After travelling to the Warriors' home ground in Moora, Dalwallinu produced a startling brand of four-quarter football to win 17.22 (122) to 12.16 (88).

The main contributors for the Dalwallinu side were Allan Knight, Gary Cail and Don Williamson who all scored four goals. For the Warriors,

Graham Burnett and Frank Warrior each scored three goals.

Dandaragan overwhelmed Watheroo by 184 points after a 10-goal burst from Peter John, who outscored the opposing team by himself.

The final result was Dandaragan 36.28 (244) to Watheroo 9.6 (60).

In the other fixture of the day, Moora Rovers travelled to Miling and in a close encounter defeated Bindi-Miling 17.19 (121) to 15.13 (103).

The main scorer for the Rovers was Ian Wyatt with seven goals while Graham Ralph kicked four goals for Bindi-Miling.

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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.

WAFL					Victoria Football League					South Australian National Football League							
SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL	SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL	SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Grant Campbell	East Perth	36	20	10	126	Greg Williams	Sydney Swans	39	15	64	212	Russell Shields	Central Districts	31	18	9	103
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	37	17	18	124	Gerard Healy	Sydney Swans	34	15	51	201	Chris McDermott	Glenclyde	19	10	14	77
Merv Dellar	South Fremantle	34	13	23	119	Michael Pickering	Richmond	40	31	28	189	Peter Bennett	North Adelaide	17	11	13	76
Ross Munns	West Perth	34	14	20	116	Paul Roos	Fitzroy	46	24	30	178	Damien Christensen	West Torrens	25	12	7	75
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	48	14	11	112	Terry Daniher	Essendon	42	31	20	170	Stephen Rowe	Norwood	20	9	13	73
Glenn O'Loughlin	Subiaco	31	8	26	107	Mark Bairstow	Geelong	56	18	29	170	Garry McIntosh	Norwood	16	3	20	65
John Worsfold	South Fremantle	38	12	16	106	Jamie Turner	Collingwood	46	19	31	165	Stephen Anderson	Central Districts	22	9	8	66
Mark Watson	Perth	34	8	24	106	Russell Greene	Hawthorn	41	18	31	157	Michael O'Brien	Port Adelaide	15	8	12	63
Peter Menaglio	West Perth	36	9	21	105	Stewart Loewe	St Kilda	25	29	21	104	Michael Aish	Norwood	16	10	8	62
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	33	12	18	105	Alex Marcou	St Kilda	45	10	39	103	Stephen Lally	Central Districts	24	10	4	62
Joe Santostefano	Perth	31	6	26	191	David Murphy	Sydney Swans	47	17	27	152	Ron Fuller	Woodville	18	7	11	61
Tony Amoroso	South Fremantle	39	17	4	98	Barry Mitchell	Sydney Swans	50	10	36	152	David Payne	Norwood	12	9	11	61
Brad Tunbridge	East Fremantle	21	17	13	98	Mike Richardson	Brisbane Bears	44	14	32	150	Darren Smith	Port Adelaide	15	13	3	60
Brad Collard	South Fremantle	26	5	27	95	Leon Baker	Essendon	56	14	26	150	Gregory Anderson	Port Adelaide	11	3	19	58
Craig Edwards	South Fremantle	20	15	13	91	Craig Starcevic	Collingwood	43	20	10	148	Andrew Taylor	Woodville	13	10	7	57
Lance Kelly	East Perth	24	11	17	91	Ross Glendinning	West Coast Eagles	45	24	15	147	Darren Jarman	North Adelaide	22	7	7	57
Scott Rowland	East Fremantle	30	15	8	91	Leon Harris	Fitzroy	44	8	38	144	Ron Taylor	West Torrens	16	7	9	55
Stephen Green	East Fremantle	43	10	9	91	Grog Healy	Melbourne	34	15	22	143	Central Districts	15	6	11	55	
John Georgiades	Subiaco	19	9	22	90	Paul Couch	Geelong	54	17	19	143	Central Districts	14	9	7	55	
Craig Turley	West Perth	26	9	18	89	Warrick Copper	Sydney Swans	34	26	10	142	South Adelaide	15	7	9	54	

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.

Cut this weekly form guide out and clip it in a file as an

easy-to-read indicator as the season marches on. There is space provided under the umpires heading to record their official votes on Sandover Medal night.

DATE	West Australian	Daily News	Sunday Times	GPR	6IX	GNR	Westside Football	Umpires
APRIL 10	Gary Stocks: D. Bewick (WP) Nelson (WP) Goulding (C)	Kim Hagdorn: Turley (WP) Bewick D. Kickett (C)	Peter Poat: Nelson Bewick Turley	Percy Johnson: Bewick Wake (WP) McKenna (C)	Chris Mitsopoulos: Nelson Menaglio D. Bewick	Geoff Christian: Bewick Nelson Goulding	Ben Stinga: Bewick Nelson Menaglio	O'Reilly/Vernon
APRIL 11	David Marsh: Lee (S) O'Loughlin (S) Carpenter (S)	Kim Hagdorn: Carpenter Langdon (S) MacNish (S)	Bob Masiel: MacNish Carpenter Campbell (EP)	John Watts: Willet (S) Carpenter Langdon	Chris Mitsopoulos: O'Loughlin Carpenter Lee	Kim Hagdorn: Carpenter Langdon Willet	Alan East: Carpenter Willet O'Loughlin	Garrett/O'Driscoll
East Fremantle v Swan Districts	Ken Casillas: Peake (EF) Green (EF) Rowland (EF)	Tony Carr: Browning (EF) Peake Tunbridge (EF)	Rod Lane: Browning Waterman (EF) Ware (SD)	Bob Cribb: Peake Browning Tunbridge	Phil Mulcahy: Rowlands Peake Green	Ion Miller: Rowland Waterman Tunbridge	George Temple: Green Peake Ware	Cooper/Johnson
Perth v South Fremantle	Gary Stocks: Amoroso (SF) Worsfold (SF) Hart (SF)	Robbie Burns: Amoroso Hart Worsfold	Peter Poat: Amoroso Watson (P) Worsfold	Peter van Heiden: Edwards (SF) Worsfold B. Collard (SF)	Graham Farmer: Watson Dellar Worsfold	Rod Lohar: Dellar Edwards Roe	Bob Miller: Amoroso Hart B. Collard	Hosking/Ball

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WEST AUSTRALIAN

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MARCH

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

APRIL

April 4 Sat 2.20 Swan Dist 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 16.12, Claremont 14.13
11 Sat 2.20 East Perth 10.9, Subiaco 27.19
East Frem 23.17, Swan Dist 11.16
Perth 11.9, South Frem 22.19
Eagles 14.13, Syd Swans 18.16

12 Sun
18 Sat 2.20 Sth Frem v West Perth Frem
Perth v East Perth WACA
19 Sun 2.20 Claremont v East Frem Mt. B
20 Mon 2.20 Swan Dist v Subiaco Bassendean
24 Fri 6.30 Subiaco v Claremont WACA
25 Sat 2.20 East Perth v Swan Dist Perth
26 Sun 2.20 West Perth v Perth Leed
27 Mon 2.20 Sth Frem v East Frem Frem

MAY

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

16 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Subiaco East
East Perth v Sth Frem Perth
Perth v Claremont WACA
17 Sun 2.20 West Perth v Swan Dist Collie
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 WACA
27 Sat 2.20 East Perth v Claremont Subiaco
West Perth v East Frem Frem
28 Sun 2.20 Sth Frem v Swan Dist Frem

JULY

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

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

AUGUST

Aug 1 Sat 2.20 East Frem v Sth Frem East
East Perth v Swan Dist Perth
West Perth v Perth Leed
Subiaco v Claremont Subiaco
2 Sun 12.15 Eagles v Hawthorn Subiaco
7 Fri 5.30 Eagles v North Melb WACA
8 Sat 2.20 Claremont v Swan Dist Claremont
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, Brs. Bears (MCG)

Round 2 (April 3 - Friday)
North Melb 13.14, Melb 7.17 (MCG)

Round 3 (April 11 - Saturday)
Fitzroy 20.9, Nth Melb 7.13
Hawthorn 20.25, Collingwood 10.8
Richmond 18.18, Essendon 12.12
Footscray 8.10, Carlton 18.18
Geelong 18.20, Melbourne 13.16
St Kilda 21.7, Brs. Bears 11.17

Round 4 (April 18 - Saturday)
Geelong v North Melbourne
Melbourne v St Kilda
Carlton v West Coast Eagles
Bris. Bears v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Richmond (P)
Essendon v Sydney Swans
Footscray v Hawthorn

Round 5 (April 24 - Friday)
North Melb v St. Kilda (MCG)

Round 6 (May 1 - Friday)
Sydney Swans v Carlton

Round 7 (May 8 - Friday)
West Coast Eagles v Brs. Bears

Round 8 (May 15 - Friday)
Sydney Swans v Fitzroy

Round 9 (May 22 - Friday)
Richmond v North Melbourne

Round 10 (May 30 - Saturday)
Hawthorn v St. Kilda (P)
Essendon v Melbourne
Footscray v Fitzroy
Carlton v Brs. Bears
Richmond v Geelong

Round 11 (Queen's Birthday)
June 6 - Saturday
North Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)
Footscray v West Coast Eagles
St. Kilda v Essendon

Round 12 (June 12 - Friday)
North Melb v Essendon (MCG)

Round 13 (June 19 - Friday)
West Coast Eagles v North Melb (P)

Round 14 (June 26 - Friday)
Sydney Swans v Collingwood

Round 15 (July 3 - Friday)
West Coast Eagles v Essendon

Round 16 (July 10 - Friday)
Richmond v North Melbourne

Round 17 (July 17 - Saturday)
Hawthorn v Footscray (P)
Collingwood v Fitzroy
Carlton v St. Kilda
Melbourne v Sydney Swans
Geelong v West Coast Eagles
Richmond v Fitzroy
Richmond v Sydney Swans
Geelong v West Coast Eagles
Bris. Bears v Hawthorn

Round 18 (August 7 - Friday)
West Coast Eagles v Nth. Melb

Round 19 (August 14 - Saturday)
Hawthorn v Fitzroy (P)
Carlton v Sydney Swans
Richmond v Melbourne
St. Kilda v Footscray (MCG)
Geelong v Carlton

Round 20 (August 21 - Saturday)
Richmond v St. Kilda (P)
Hawthorn v Sydney Swans
Essendon v Fitzroy
Collingwood v Melbourne
North Melb. v Footscray (MCG)
Geelong v Carlton

Round 21 (August 28 - Saturday)
Bris. Bears v West Coast Eagles

Round 22 (August 29 - Sat)
Carlton v North Melbourne (P)
Footscray v Melbourne
Geelong v Hawthorn
Fitzroy v Sydney Swans
Richmond v Brs. Bears

Round 23 (August 30 - Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v St. Kilda
Essendon v Collingwood (MCG)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

* Denotes home game.

ROUND 1

Saturday, April 11
Port 21.20, Sturt 11.12
Central 24.12, N. Adel 9.15
Norwood 18.13, Glen. 15.9
Torrens 18.21, S. Adel 14.5
W. Adel 16.17, Wille 22.21

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 18
*Sturt v Norwood
Woodville v Central
North v South
Monday, April 20
Torrens v West
Port v Glenelg (Double header)

ROUND 3

Saturday, April 25
Torrens v Woodville
Norwood v North
Sturt v South
Central v Port
Glenelg v West

ROUND 4

Saturday, May 2
*Glenelg v Sturt
South v West
Port v Norwood
Torrens v Central
Woodville v North

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 9
Woodville v Glenelg
South v Central
Norwood v West
Torrens v Sturt
North v Port

ROUND 6

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

ROUND 7

Saturday, May 23
Port v South
Sturt v North
Central v West
Glenelg v Torrens
Norwood v Woodville

INTERSTATE GAME

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

ROUND 8

Saturday, May 30
*Central v Norwood
South v Woodville
Port v Torrens
West v Sturt
North v Glenelg

INTERSTATE GAME

Tuesday, June 16
South Aust. v WA

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 6
*Woodville v Port
Torrens v Norwood
Monday, June 8
Central v Sturt
North v West (Double header)

ROUND 10

Saturday, June 13
*Norwood v Glenelg
South v Torrens
Central v Sturt
Woodville v West
North v Central

ROUND 11

Saturday, June 20
South v North
Sturt v Norwood
Central v Woodville
Glenelg v Port
West v Torrens

ROUND 12

Saturday, June 27
*Torrens v Woodville
South v Sturt
Norwood v North
Port v Central
West v Glenelg

ROUND 13

Saturday, July 4
Woodville v North
South v West
Glenelg v Sturt
Sunday, July 5
Port v Norwood
Torrens v Central (Double header)

ROUND 14

Saturday, July 11
South v Central
Sturt v Torrens
Glenelg v Woodville
Port v North
West v Norwood

ROUND 15

Saturday, July 18
*West v Port
Sturt v Woodville
Central v Glenelg
Norwood v South
North v Torrens

ROUND 16

Saturday, July 25
*North v Sturt
South v Port
Torrens v Glenelg
West v Central
Woodville v Norwood

ROUND 17

Saturday, August 1
Sturt v West
North v Glenelg
Norwood v Central
Torrens v Port
Woodville v South

ROUND 18

Saturday, August 8
*South v Glenelg
Torrens v Norwood
Central v Sturt
Port v Woodville
North v West

ROUND 19

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

ROUND 20

Saturday, August 22
Central v Woodville
South v North
Norwood v Sturt
Torrens v West

ROUND 21

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

ROUND 22

Saturday, September 5
West v South
Port v Norwood (Double header)
Sturt v Glenelg
Central v Torrens
North v Woodville

FINALS

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

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FIRST FREE

OPPOSITION coaches and some sections of the media are claiming that I am a protected man. That's right, they have the cheek to say I am receiving an easy time from the men in white. Rubbish. That free kick at Mandurah against East Perth was the first free I've had in seven years. You cannot convince me that is being looked after.

SURPRISE VISIT

MY good friend and ex-coach Tom Hafey was in the Souths rooms before I went out and destroyed Perth.

Tommy said he had come in to renew our friendship and wish me the best for 1987. I believe he was trying to poach me. If Warwick Capper is on the outer with a form loss or is injured, I know Tommy would love to have me kicking goals.

Two of my former Geelong teammates, Greg Williams and David Bolton, also popped in to say "hi". And they reckon I am the unfriendliest footballer in the country. Poppycock.

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JACKO

Eagles need to get tougher

THE West Coast Eagles lack toughness ... and unless they develop it quickly are in for some more humiliating defeats.

The Sydney Swans showed up deficiencies in the final quarter. Just imagine what one or two of the meaner and more established VFL clubs are going to do.

Too many boys in the West Coast jumpers went missing in that vital 30 minutes when the real pressure was applied. Not only couldn't they handle it but they weren't there.

In these early weeks, with motivation driving them and assisted by better weather and dry grounds, the Eagles will do all right. But when it gets cold and wet in Melbourne as it always does in winter, then the going will be tough.

Ball skills are a priority now and this ability wins games. But on heavier grounds it is not as important and this is when the physical prowess of a side comes into the fore.

Yes, I'll be in WA side

IT WOULD be a silly person who believes I won't be in front of the big sticks at the WACA on June 16 wearing a WA guernsey.

I've got to be odds-on to be the State full-forward for the interstate clash with South Australia.

Let us look at the facts. My pre-season form couldn't be faulted and I

have carried on with the good work in the real contests.

You West Aussies should remember that this is the State I am bound to. After all, this is where I played my first senior match.

Jacko in a Sandgroper jumper. The move would be a good one and thoroughly deserved. My only concern would be for those Croweaters as no-one would want to play at full back.

JUST A TIP...

DENNIS "Handsome Boy" Cometti. You take my bad taste award of the week.

You've got to be the worst-dressed bloke in the media with that garb you call clothing and the hairstyle.

Look Dennis I know you are a Beatles fan ... but you will have to stop trying to look like one.

HERE'S TO A REAL CHAMPION

TONY JONES ... you bloody bewdy mate. Now the whole world — and particularly Victoria's Wilf Gentzen — know why you deserve to be the WBC super lightweight champ.

After toying with Gentzen, you've given him one of those punches that has rightfully earned you the title of "The K.O. Kid".

You really are the "hit man" of Australian boxing.

Like you, Jacko is a member of the "Flanders Flurry" stable. And the big hitting wasn't just left to the boys in the ring at the Perth Function Centre last Friday.

Jacko was calling the shots, and more importantly the punches, for Channel Seven and 10, the ABC and Sky Channel.

Fists were flying everywhere. Great fight Tony ... and a great call Jacko.

BULLDOG POWER

JACKO and his band of "Magnificent Mosquitoes". That's what the crowd is calling. Sure, all the little blokes look up to me and I have to be the chief goal scorer (I find that pretty easy) but down at South we will give every defence headaches. What with the Colard brothers, Hart, Amoroso and McDougall, we have a potent attack. Actually, we're starting to look unbeatable.



Mal Brown...stuck for words.

SILENT MAL

RARELY, if at all, has Malcolm Gregory Brown been stuck for a word.

But it happened at the WACA on Saturday. It was surprising the lack of noise coming from Brownie's area. Usually he is full of it but not this time. Maybe he is maturing and finally realising that I am the boss and that I have his measure.

PANEL STARS

WHO else but yours truly is going to be the special attraction at an R-rated sportsman's night at South Fremantle on Tuesday, May 19.

Malcolm Brown (I seem to have heard the name somewhere before), Warren Ralph and Cal Bruton (that great basketballer who is about to lead the Perth Wildcats to success) are also on the panel.

It's a tanner for a seat, ladies are welcome and a top show is promised. Give the people at South Fremantle a ring and book a table.

WATCH IT, RAY

I'M going to be kind enough and give you a warning Ray Holden. If you wish to get game and hit me in the back of the head when the umpire is not looking then alright.

Just be prepared to be eating vitaminised roasts for the next three months. Okay?

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