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WEST Australian football is riddled with a "spy network" that is helping undermine the VFL challenge of the West Coast Eagles.

VFL clubs, concerned about the potential power of the Eagles and hungry for information about their player-strength, have established valuable contact in WA football ranks.

The Victorians don't want any "foreigners" succeeding in their sacred competition and the powerful clubs have been spending enormous time and effort to carefully analyse our Eagles players.

Telephone calls across the Nullarbor

by **Grant Dorrington**

have increased dramatically as the VFL brains trust in Victoria search for every snippet of information on the Eagles.

Several prominent WA football people are part of the elaborate spy network established in the West and they have answered such sensitive questions as:

- Are certain Eagles suspect to physical strength?
- Do some players dislike close attention?
- Will they commit their bodies totally in the tough going?

• What is their stamina under pressure like?

These type of questions can only be answered in the tough, physical arena of the VFL.

Skill and pace were the key to the Eagles early-season success. But when that was mixed in with the enormous physical pressure applied by Essendon, the Sydney Swans and then Carlton, the side looked different.

The character and make-up of all the Eagles is being severely tested in the current situation of tough draws and constant flying across Australia.

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**DERBY DATE
FOR DUO****Sharks stars ready
to fire in Port**

EAST Fremantle's two bonus recruits of 1987 — Ken Judge and Clinton Browning — are geared up to re-live the excitement of a Fremantle Derby on Monday.

The Anzac Day long weekend will see traditional Port rivals East Fremantle and South Fremantle clash at Fremantle Oval in what should signal a public return to WAFL club football.

The Sharks were a depleted team this season with the club's top talent being enticed to the West Coast Eagles — but the timely return of Judge and Browning from Hawthorn was just the bonus that rookie coach Graham Melrose needed.

Though the stars had vastly contrasting VFL careers, they are now united in their determination to win a premiership for East Fremantle — and that means disposing of their rival Port team this long weekend.

Both Judge and Browning have had good starts to 1987.

But despite their own personal efforts they couldn't lift their side in the dying moments against Claremont at Mt Barker last weekend.

RIVAL DEFENDERS

Browning has kicked nine goals from centre-half-forward in three games this season, while Judge's guile and ability to out-think an opponent has caused no end of trouble for rival defenders.

Judge joined Hawthorn in 1983 and made 72 league appearances, kicking 158 goals.

Browning could not gain a league place in the powerful Hawks line-up last season even though he was a key player in the Sharks premiership side a year earlier. His only appearance for Hawthorn was in a night game and after that it was all reserves for the versatile key position player.

East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose says the two are excellent additions to his league side.

"After losing 10 regular players from last year's team their return is really the tonic we needed," Melrose said.

"One loss was Peter Wilson and Ken has filled his position magnificently, while Clinton has tidied up a area that would have been very vulnerable for us."

Judge and Browning are keenly looking forward to the derby clash.

"Derbies are always like a grand final and it should be a most exciting game," said Judge.

Browning is pleased about being back in East Fremantle colours.

"The team is really enthusiastic both on and off the field," he said.



East Fremantle's returning heroes Ken Judge (left) with son Beau (4) and Clinton Browning ... looking forward to Monday's Derby.

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Who needs an extra interchange?

by
John Warren
National Director
of Coaching

THAT hardy annual has surfaced again — should there be an additional interchange player?

National coaching committee member and current Fitzroy coach David Parkin promoted the idea last year and Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy is currently pushing the barrow — supported by Ron Barassi.

I don't believe there should be any additional interchange players in senior football for the following reasons:

- An extra player would obviously add costs to club finances.
- Some players would spend less time actually playing, leading to player dissatisfaction and spectator criticism.
- Coaches, particularly those of a volatile or dramatic turn of mind, would make the interchanging of players into a veritable precession, thus adding even more to the present on-field shambles relating to players in correct field positions.
- The risk of injury to frequently interchanged players would be marginally higher.
- Extra club costs would be incurred for transports, meals, accommodation, uniforms, equipment, medical supplies and treatment and insurance.
- Except for gridiron football, which has a whole team interchange of offence to defence, our Australian game has the most number of participants of any football code.
- Availability of an extra player would advantage clubs with depth. It could be argued that through good management and recruiting, they deserve such an advantage. However, I believe as a general rule the interest of so-called "lower" clubs must be protected.

IMPORTANCE

What a pity football followers, and particularly the media, so drastically downgrade the importance made by teams which finish near the bottom of competition ladders.

There is a general lack of recognition regarding the enormous contribution made by these lower order clubs. They are just as important as the premiers.

Imaginative coaches and their selection committees have plenty of options available with two interchange players. And there is one thing you can bet on — grant an extra interchange player and it will be only a short time before they will want an increase to 22!

The same applies in the moves for the appointment of four goal umpires. Who will arbitrate when they inevitably disagree? Appoint an extra one to enable a majority decision?

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

ROYAL RESOLUTION

EAST Perth big man Gary Bock made a promise to members — those loyal few who returned to Perth Oval after their WACA Ground thrashing from Perth — last Saturday. He said that he would never be late for training again — confirmation that Bock and four team-mates had been dropped to the reserves for disciplinary reasons. Along with David Bain, Butch Baroni, Gavin Hawkins and Keith Wynne, Bock was relegated for missing the start of the early-morning training session called for the Sunday after their thrashing by Subiaco. The five players performed well in the winning Royals reserves, who were undefeated after four matches. "If we could all get the look in our eyes that those reserves have got, we would be doing a lot better," said Bock.

PRE-GAME WORK

PERTH and East Perth showed how demanding football is these days. Even before their clash at the WACA Ground last Saturday they had to indulge in some ball training. Both teams were out on the ground five minutes early and went through some basic handball routines — Perth in the goal square and the Royals in the centre square. It's a sign of the times that teams not only have a strenuous physical warm-up, but also time handling the ball. The build-up in the Demons room before the game was so frenetic that there didn't seem much need to open the doors, such was the enthusiasm of the players.

NEW VOICE

THE vastly-expanded football season has provided many more opportunities for media people to adopt new roles. One new voice to grace the air waves is that of Sunday Times sports editor, Ray Wilson. He accompanies the West Coast Eagles for their Saturday Victorian games and has joined the world of radio as well. Last Saturday he made his debut at the Carlton-Eagles game, joining commentator Wayne Harvey as a special comments man.

FAMILY AFFAIR

WHILE on the world of radio, one wonders whether 6NR have established something of a first. With veteran television caller Bob Miller coming out of retirement and joining son Ian on the 6NR team, do they become the first father-and-son radio team in the West? They have already established some interesting father-and-son achievements, what with both coaching Perth — and both being "replaced" before their contracts officially expired.

GREAT RETURN

YOU have to admire the perseverance and modesty of Peter Spencer, one of the game's great achievers. The dual Sandover Medallist has had more than his share of injuries and setbacks, especially in the way he has been treated by a number of clubs. But football is his love and he has no intention of quitting before he has sated his own appetite. His return to East Perth this season was treated with some scepticism, especially in view of his susceptibility to concussion — and his ageing legs. But his magnificent display against Perth — 21 kicks, 6 marks and 9 handballs — earned him the team's top trophy. In his normal humble manner, Spencer had thanks for other people at the presentation. "I'm very happy to



Mike Smith ... knee problems again.

have the opportunity to come back and play with East Perth," he said. "I must thank Gerard McNeill and the players who have given me this chance. But now we have a lot of hard work ahead of us."

DOUBLE TROUBLE

IT was like a double R-rated movie — all the horror and destruction you could imagine. That's how the East Perth defenders must have felt during Saturday's slaughter by the Perth Demons. The Double Rs — Wayne Ryder and Mick Rea — were in a goal-hungry mood with 13 between them and Perth's 13th major was a classic example of their combination. Ryder was running goalwards with an open paddock, but he suddenly switched direction and handballed to Rea. The defenders were thrown completely, but even more so when Rea handballed back over his head to the still-running Ryder, who posted the easy goal at the second opportunity.

FIRE ALARM

PERTH key-position Alan Montgomery has had another setback in his plans to line up for the Demons this season. Montgomery has joined the fire brigade and was destined to miss the early games because of a special training course he was under-taking. That has now been extended because the talented defender suffered a broken bone in a hand during the course.

MAGICAL MAC

SOUTH Fremantle's Brad McDougall is a magician on the football field. The 20-year-old forward was one of the Bulldogs' big scorers against West Perth last weekend, putting six between the goal posts. McDougall also scored four behinds in his 10 scoring shots. However, the statisticians only marked the youngster down for nine kicks. He is indeed a clever player!

ON TARGET

ON the subject of accurate kicking, South Fremantle's Mark Jackson and West Perth's Warren Taylor and Paddy Maddaffari also showed they were no slouches in the scoring department. Jackson, who failed to get a kick in the first quarter (he gave away four free kicks) had scored nine goals (six successive) by early in the third quarter from only 11 kicks. In the fourth quarter his battery ran down as he failed to get another kick. Taylor, in his first league game, was at full-forward and kicked 6.5 from 11 kicks while team-mate Maddaffari scored 7.1 from nine kicks.

OFF TARGET

SOUTH Fremantle's David Hart (best on ground against West Perth) was the unlucky player when it came to shooting for goal. Hart, who roved magnificently, kicked 4.7. That sounds like poor shooting but many of his shots were from the pocket area and three hit the post.

POOR RECORD

SWAN Districts have established a record in WAFL football that should not go unrecorded — even though they might not agree. Anyone who wonders why Swans lost to the Sharks only needs to look at the match statistics. Swans had a mere 168 kicks for the game, which is the lowest by a WAFL team. The previous mark of 179 was set by Subiaco in 1983.

BAD JOURNEY

WEST Perth continued their horror run at Fremantle Oval last Saturday. The Falcons haven't beaten the Bulldogs on the Fremantle ground for 12 years. At least they will get another chance this year during the final round.

FLU PROBLEMS

SWAN Districts, winners over 1986 premiers Subiaco by 10 points on Monday, should have steamrolled their opposition by a larger margin. Spells of inaccurate kicking cost them many goals and kept it a close game. But Swans had some excuses — three players were suffering from the flu. Captain Brent Hutton, ruckman forward/defender Jim Buckley and midfielder Kim Hetherington all had the dreaded bug, but put in above-average performances to lift their under-rated team to victory.

NEW ROLE

SWAN Districts defender Jim Buckley has been given a new role at Bassen-dean. Coach John Todd experimented with Buckley in the forward line against East Fremantle with some success and against Subiaco on Monday his strength and marking ability proved an asset. However, big Jim says he prefers defence despite being one of his team's better players against the reigning premiers.

VIDEO TAPES

THE National Football League of Australia has manuals and video tapes that are a must for all clubs. The manuals cost \$13 and cover such aspects as coaching, administration, umpiring and trainers. The half hour video tapes (VHS) include an entire six tape series on senior coaching and there are others on umpiring, entertainment and junior coaching. If your club is interested contact the WAFL.

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HIGH-FLIER

EAGLES general manager Graham Moss must dread every trip to Melbourne — especially just after the game has finished. It's in those 10 minutes that he hears the news from the umpires' room which means that he has to spend the night in Melbourne instead of flying home with the team straight after the game. Moss acts as the players' advocate for reports that are heard first thing on Sunday morning and so far he has had a tribunal appointment after each of the Eagles visits to Victoria. Moss was a high-flier in this 300 games-plus as a ruckman in WA and Victoria — but it's doubtful if he ever imagined how much flying was involved with the Eagles job.

TOUGH, BUT TRUE

BEING a parochial West Australian commentating on the Carlton thrashing of the Eagles last Saturday must have been a tough job. Radio 6IX had Wayne Harvey calling the game, with Sunday Times sports editor Ray Wilson making his debut as a radio comments man. He tried to be impartial, but as he said in the last quarter: "This is not a beating, it's a hiding and that siren will certainly be a relief for the Eagles."

WELCOME RECEPTION

THE West Coast Eagles saw a familiar, but unexpected, face at the Tullamarine Airport when they arrived in Melbourne last Friday. Some thought that their troublesome centre-half-forward position might have been solved when they saw talented former East Perth player Craig Starcevic in the welcoming party. But, alas, he was only there to meet his parents, flying over from Perth to see him perform in his new colours at Collingwood.

FRIENDLY RIVALS

EVEN though the Eagles are now in the opposition ranks when it comes to the VFL, there is still plenty of friendship among West Australian players. Two former WA players who dropped into the team's Carlton motel to say hello last weekend were Maurice Rioli and Warren Dean.

PAINFUL BLOW

EAGLES wingman Phil Narkle was in agony after suffering a devastating elbow injury against Carlton. Though the injury occurred in the first term, Narkle played into the second quarter with it strapped up, before realising that it was worse than he first thought. He came off 10 minutes into the second term and by the end of the match he had to have assistance to ease his No. 7 guernsey off over his head.

PLEASANT CHANGE

IT has taken the Eagles five trips over to Melbourne in the last month before they finally saw the inside of Princes Park — right across the road from their hotel. The Eagles have been forced to train on an adjoining park, but last Saturday they were at last allowed into the hallowed ground. They had a pleasant surprise awaiting them — the changeroom facilities were first class.

TOUGH CHALLENGE

ROOKIE Eagle John Worsfold had a tough first-up challenge when he made his VFL debut last Saturday. He had to line up on former South Australian Peter Motley — no mean task. Frank Brew, the caretaker at Carlton's home ground, Princes Park, said that Motley was the strongest player in the team, based on work done in the plush gymnasium by the professional Blues.

LUCKY KEENE

LAURIE Keene breathed a sigh of relief when he copped a reprimand at the VFL tribunal on Sunday after the forgettable thrashing by Carlton. Former tough Footscray ruckman John Schultz was tribunal chairman for the hearing and VFL reports indicate that he's a tough customer off the field also. But Keene's "slapping" report was so trivial that Schultz had no hesitation in issuing a reprimand.

TOUGH TASK

SURELY it's football's toughest task — interviewing losing coaches after important matches. Peter Gee, the host of the ABC show The Winners, had the task of tackling a glum Eagles coach, Ron Alexander — and didn't he struggle through the tough question-and-hardly-any-answers segment? As Gee said: "I was unlucky enough to be first cab off the rank when it came to the after-match press versus Alexander situation." Alexander's cryptic answer to one of Gee's questions was: "Perhaps you should be the coach."

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It's time for the Eagles to start!

WILL someone please tell the West Coast Eagles that the 1987 football season has started and that the cocktail party time, with their associated back-slapping, publicity-seeking and ego-pandering is over.

The trouble with the Eagles is that they believe their own publicity. As a result, they are making fools of themselves and their supporters — the football public of Western Australia.

They tell me the Eagles have their own tavern where they celebrate victories and hand out trophies. If I owned that venue I would be holding bingo nights for pensioners in preference.

The Burswood Resort and Casino are major sponsors of the Eagles and right now they must feel just like the last two-up player to spin five ones in a row ... SICK.

Ron Alexander made a guest appearance on that popular ABC TV show "The Winners" last Sunday night and gave David Hill fresh reason to axe the show.

Ron obviously does not like the heat in the VFL kitchen. But that's hardly reason to make the rest of us choke on our Easter eggs.

Saturday afternoon is turning most WA footy followers into demented masochists.

DOMESTICITY

There was a time when you could forget the cares of the office on Saturday and escape from the houndings of domesticity.

It was great to meet your mates down at the football club and it did not matter whether you barracked for the Falcons or the Swans, the Lions or the Sharks — Saturday was a day to get rid of those inhibitions.

As Saturday approaches this week I bet most football supporters are REALLY looking forward to the live telecast of the Hawthorn game ... all those that haven't smashed their sets or unplugged their antennae.

It was bad enough during the summer watching Alan Border versus the Poms, but this is genicidal.

John Walker, the Eagles big boss, has to share the blame for this early-season debacle.

Walker fled the WAFL offices at Subiaco Oval in the dead of night, leaving only a photocopy machine and a picture of Peter Bowler on his office wall.

The photocopy machine was used to print this year's WAFL fixtures, which I still haven't got, and the picture of Peter Bowler reminded everybody of

This week's guest columnist



BOB CRIBB
Controversial Radio
6PR critic

the days when we had a football competition.

Meanwhile, from his plush office in Kings Park Road, Walker has been turning several well-known reserves players into overnight millionaires.

No wonder the Eagles can't concentrate on the football — most of them are bigger in property now than Alan Bond or Laurie Connell.

Nobody in their right mind would have given the VFL a cheque for \$4 million without studying the fine print, so why all the wailing now when it's realised that we have bitten off more than we can chew.

The Eagles have nobody to blame but themselves. They have to regroup now and start backing each other up on the football field.

Last Saturday they looked for all the world like a bunch of ball-hungry individuals.

Alexander must instill team spirit and State pride, otherwise this will be the most unenjoyable, unbearable football season EVER.

P.S. If John Walker has any Eagles money left, he would be well advised to send two or three of his current squad on an overseas trip. It's been done before and Brian Peake, Colin Waterson, Ken Judge, Willie Roe, Noel Morton, Brian Taylor, Mark Jackson, Bryan Cousins, Peter Menaglio, Les Fong, Darren Bewick and Mick Rea are just a few willing to donate towards a going-away present!

6PR roams far and wide

RADIO 6PR salesmen must all own helicopters. At the start of the football season Mal Brown told 6PR he would not go on their football show because he could not afford the time off work to travel to far out hotels on Friday afternoons.

In fact, we all told 6PR that it would help if the venues were close to the city. It was agreed that the salesmen would only sell the show to metropolitan hotels.

So far we have been to Mandurah and Willagee for the first two shows and Safety Bay and High Wycombe are definite bookings.

All that — plus Percy Johnson and John Todd as well!

BUSY BOY

JOHN K. Watts is really enjoying himself at the football this year. Friday night, Saturday, Sunday and Monday makes JK a busy boy. Last weekend the FAI Car Owners' Mutual scoreboard got 234 mentions on 6PR. It's not really Watsy — it's a pre-recorded message.

FALCONS FOR ME

I WANT to make it official — my tip for this year's premiership is West Perth.

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DWAYNE LAMB



It was certainly a tough week

WHAT a gruelling six days of football we had last week!

But I can assure fans of the West Coast Eagles that our enthusiasm and spirit hasn't been dampened by what was obviously a tough week.

I was one of the players who actually played in the whole three matches — and my legs told the story on Sunday and Monday this week. I was feeling a bit stiff and sore and coming home with Australian Airlines after Saturday's game I was quite pleased when the beautiful hostesses took notice of my "Do not disturb" sign!

Seriously though, we all agree with coach Ron Alexander that National Panasonic games shouldn't be held after the season has started. The fact that we copped top VFL clubs early in the season is something we knew was going to be tough. But we'll bounce back ... just watch us.

GOOD GROUND

THE players generally agreed that Princes Park was a good ground to play on

Even though it is almost circular in shape, the atmosphere is great, with the fans right in close.

The Carlton fans were no more (or less) one-eyed than the Bombers boys at Windy Hill. You can still hear some of the abuse, but you turn off after a while.

We certainly don't agree with the critics who are suggesting that the Eagles are having trouble coping with the grounds in Melbourne. VFL Park is similar to Subiaco Oval and while other smaller grounds such as Princes Park are certainly different, I believe we are adapting well.

FAMILIAR FACES

IT was good to catch up with former Subiaco team-mates Warren Dean and Michael Crutchfield on recent trips to Melbourne.

Even though they are in opposition camps now, they still have soft spots for WA footy and Dean, particularly, is watching the Eagles progress with interest.

He was saying that he was quite happy with his introduction to VFL footy with Melbourne, but wasn't all that pleased with his form at full-forward in the early games. He lined up on a wing last week and seemed happier with his game.

Those WA people who know Crutchy will be interested to hear that he has bought himself a home — if you can call it that!

Apparently it's a ramshackle place down along Princes Highway near Geelong (who he's playing with) and it's his current project to restore it to something liveable!

TOUGH GAME

WE are expecting a real tough game against Hawthorn this week — and the reception will not be a pleasant one.

We all remember how hard the Hawks worked to try and keep the Eagles out of the VFL — and then, of course, two of our "recruits" in Gary Buckenara and Paul Harding were thwarted from joining us after legal action by Hawthorn.

The Hawthorn camp has made no secret of the fact that they resent WA competing in their competition — so it will really be on this week.

One thing is for certain — after the beatings we've had last week, the Eagles will be in an angry mood.

NEW ROLE

AUSTRALIAN Airlines are a major supporter of the Eagles and I'm pleased to report that I'll be joining their team in a sales consultant role next week.

While I've enjoyed my years in the media, via The Western Mail, I'm certainly looking forward to working in the airline industry as my wife is also in that area.

My role with Australian Airlines will involve commercial sales and package tours for supporters of the Eagles. So if you are considering joining us on a trip to one of our Eastern States battles, then give me a call at Australian Airlines.

What's on at your club



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NOT SO LOYAL

SWAN Districts coach John Todd, who has bred new-found loyalty and tradition in his years at Bassendean, had some sympathetic words for East Perth on Radio 6PR last Saturday — and some criticism for former Royals rover Tony Papotto. Todd said that Papotto had no right to walk out on the Royals after giving them very little. "The grass is seldom greener on the other side," said Todd. "Players like Papotto should learn to develop themselves at their home club before moving elsewhere."

POOR MEMORIES

WHOEVER does the little scripts that come up on the Channel 7 telecasts of Eagles matches from Melbourne has a poor memory. When Eagles ruck-rover Steve Malaxos came up on the screen with one of his many kicks against Carlton, he was described as having been "recruited from Hawthorn". Now that Malaxos is playing the type of football that Hawthorn didn't let him produce, the Vics want to claim him back again!

OBJECTIONS

TALKING about Channel 7, not everyone out there in football land loves their expanded telecasts of the game. A caller to the 6WF sports show last Saturday felt that it was about time Channel 7 and the WAFL got together to cover football properly. "If they can't do it better than at present, then they should get out and let the ABC do it," said the unbiased caller!

HOT WORK

EVEN umpires have weak moments! Saturday was a reasonably warm day for footy and boundary umpire Steve Walker was no different to the players as the hard-running produced a heavy thirst. Today's players seem to be constantly receiving drinks attention from the runners and Walker, patrolling the grandstand boundary at the WACA Ground, intercepted a Royals runner to grab a drink during a lull in play.

WORRIED MILLER

FELLOW Westside columnist Ian Miller was a worried man as he previewed the Perth-East Perth game on Radio 6NR. Looking at the Royals line-up, he speculated on the return to action of big man Wayne Duke — a team-mate of Miller's back in their successful 1978 grand final victory. Miller said he wasn't sure how well he would like to see Duke perform — "they might ask me to make a comeback next" was his concern.

TOUGH TIME

THE critics spare no mercy when football teams are down and almost out — as the luckless Royals seem to

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footy columnist.



OFF TARGET

"THAT was red hot," — such was the "red hot" quote from 6PR's John K. Watts as he called the Swan Districts-Subiaco game from the press box on Monday. Wattsie was referring to a goal kicked by Swans Kevin Caton at the end of the second quarter which many observers thought didn't go anywhere near the target. However, the man who waves the flags said it was okay and Caton scored the second of his four goals.

CHANGE OF MIND

SOME people in the media seem to have a dollar each way. My fellow-writer in Westside Football, Alan East, is no exception. You may also notice that I've been dropped from the tipster's column on page seven while other people retained in that role can't seem to make up their mind. In Westside last week our esteemed editor said that Claremont would beat East Fremantle and the Eagles would be too good for Carlton. However, speaking live on Radio 6PR on Saturday, East deserted both sides, opting for their opponents.

FACTS WRONG

IT'S not all that fashionable to shoot barbs at fellow media people and organisations and it does get me into hot water at times. But I can't resist having a crack at the West Australian reporter who was critical of the Football Budget in Monday's paper, referring to players not being listed in the league team. His reference to Mark O'Hurley (East Perth) playing in the wrong guernsey number showed how much attention the reporter was paying to the game. His complaint said: "O'Hurley wore No. 36 even though he was listed as 44." Anyone who was at the game would have seen the Royals defender wearing No. 44 (but was listed as 36)!

EXPLANATION

WHILE on that point of guernsey numbers in the Football Budget, it's not always possible to provide a complete list, so my inquiries at the WAFL indicate. Last weekend, for example, a holiday on Friday meant that the Budget had to be printed on Thursday so you, the fans, would have one available at the weekend. This meant that team lists had to be provided by Wednesday night — and some teams weren't selected till Thursday, or even Saturday.

BIASED

THERE'S a time and a place to be biased and in the press box during a tight match is definitely not the time or place, especially when you are a time-keeper. One of the officials (he remains nameless, but he wouldn't have been happy with the West Perth-South Fremantle result) persisted with loud complaints about decisions made by the two umpires. Though he wasn't keeping the time officially (he was training an assistant) he should have been keeping a carefull eye on his progress rather than the progress of Messrs O'Driscoll and Garrett.



West Perth "general" Bruce Monteath (centre) and his two lieutenants Lloyd Christopher (left) and Greg Simpson observe the action at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

be. Radio 6NR commentator Rod Lo-hoar (a dedicated Subiaco fan who must have forgotten their bad days) gave East Perth no chance of victory as he joined in the pre-game preview of last week's matches. "I'll be surprised if East Perth win a game of marbles this year," was his quip.

UNPREDICTABLE

BEING predictable is certainly something that Perth coach Malcolm Brown is not. And apparently being unpredictable is a trait that he likes to see in his footballers. Talking about his current crop of Demons, Brown said that the club lacked players who were unpredictable. He has always shown a liking for the mercurial and enigmatic types such as Chris Stasi-nowsky — and that type of player obviously fits in with Brown's own rather unpredictable behavioural pattern. "Our players are all a bit robotic," said Brown.

TOUGH CUSTOMER

PERTH full-forward and skipper Mick Rea is more than just a spear-head. The way he uses his body gives the Demons a handy advantage when it comes to busting packs open. A classic example came at the WACA Ground on Saturday when Mark Hibbins posted Perth's 12th goal. He had fired in a long shot from half-forward and Rea, observing the ball heading towards the big goalmouth pack, simply backed his 105kg frame into the players, scattering them like bowling alley pins and allowing the ball to clear the goal-line.

NEW NAME

MY Melbourne spy tells me that the cynical Victorian critics have come up with a new nickname for the West Coast Eagles — the Weagles. Those Vics just can't stop trying to stick it up us!

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James Waddell (West Perth), 21 on April 25.
Grant Hawkes (Swan Dist.), 21 on April 26.
Scott Robinson (Swan Dist.), 21 on April 26.

Craig Nelson (West Perth), 24 on April 26.
Ian Jansen (West Perth), 21 on April 27.
Tim Adam (Claremont), 20 on April 27.
Barry Cable (Perth), 19 on April 28.
Grant Povey (Claremont), 20 on April 29.
Troy Davis (Perth), 18 on May 1.
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TV, Eagles sink WAFL

YOU don't have to be too clever to see the impact live telecasts of VFL games and Eaglemania have had on WAFL attendances this season.

Only 10,000 spectators went to the four matches over three days of the Easter weekend and one wonders if the crowds will come back again. Just look at the attendance figures for round two in 1969:

West Perth v East Perth at Leederville, 17,414

South Fremantle v East Fremantle at Fremantle, 11,235

Subiaco v Claremont at Subiaco, 10,083

and Perth v Swan Districts at Lathlain, 10,098

There was just as many at the smallest crowd drawing game 18 years ago as there was at the complete fixture just gone. There are several other instances where one round drew 48,000 spectators, a total that may never be equalled again.

GOAL GETTERS

ST. KILDA spearhead Tony Lockett kicked 12 goals out of his team's total of 14 on Saturday. Not bad, to say the least! How about this for a comparison in WA club football.

On September 3, 1921, Perth forward Alan Evans kicked 13 of his team's 14 goals against East Fremantle.

In more recent times, that will make those of 1948 vintage feel good. Claremont's Jack Stewart booted 11 majors from his side's 14 against Swan Districts.

In 1940, North Adelaide's goal kicking machine and Australian record holder Ken Farmer kicked 9.6 out of his team's 9.10 in a game against Glenelg.

A VFA player, Stan Sykes from Prahan, scored all his side's goals, 12, against North Melbourne back in 1907.

WASTE OF TIME?

TIME wasting by unnecessary tackling and holding on has resulted in more charges than other offences in the VFL this year.

However, field umpires aren't getting the support of the tribunal with all cases being dismissed.

Here's one charge that really did stick in 1934. East Fremantle's Billy James was reported for unduly holding on to Mick Cronin after he had taken a mark. Proven guilty, James was suspended for one playing date.

SUBI FOR TEA?

SUBIACO have only beaten Claremont nine times in their 30 games in the last 10 years.

On Friday night, the Lions have the chance to reach a milestone, their 100th win over the Tigers (present tally reads Subiaco 99; Claremont 81 wins).

LONGEST NAME

HAWTHORN'S Robert Dipierdomenico, last year's joint Brownlow Medal winner with the Sydney Swans' Greg Williams, has the longest surname in Australian football.

I found four former league players with a 14-letter surname in the WAFL. How's this one? — Rochester Devenish-Mearns, who played in Subiaco's 1973 premiership team and his brother Brett, also Ian Shortland-Jones played for the Lions. Another long name player was Perth's Barry Chittleborough, who was a member of their 1967-68 premiership teams.



EAGLE PROFILE

CHRIS MAINWARING



CLUB: West Coast Eagles
FAVOURITE POSITION: Rover
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Geraldton 27/12/65
HEIGHT: 179cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg
RECRUITED FROM: Rovers Geraldton and East Fremantle
FIRST PLAYED: vs Swan Districts 30/3/85
GAMES PLAYED: East Fremantle 46, finals 5
FOOTBALL HONOURS: J.J. Clune Medal Geraldton 1984, East Fremantle's 1985 premiership side
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 2 brothers, 1 sister
OCCUPATION: Investment and financial consultant
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: St Joseph's Primary, Allendale Primary, Geraldton High School
CAR: Commodore
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Surfing, tennis
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken, seafood, health foods
FAVOURITE DRINK: Jack Daniels bourbon or Bundy
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Jimmy Barnes, INXS, Angels

FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Robert Ludlum, Wilbur Smith
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Abrolhos Islands
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Capri Restaurant
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Young Ones
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Animal House, Beverly Hills Cops, Crocodile Dundee
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: John Bellushi, Eddie Murphy, Charles Bronson
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Neal Robinson and my mother
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Wayne Bartholomew (surfing)
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Relax and try to do the same thing each week
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1986 grand final
BIGGEST THRILL: First game; winning 1985 grand final
NICKNAME: Mainy
FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco Oval
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be successful and play for as long as possible

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Annear confident on future

by **Alan East**

WAFL chairman Roy Annear believes that football is getting greater exposure in Western Australia now than ever before — and it's thanks to the West Coast Eagles.

Mr Annear has highlighted some of the problems facing the game as the integration of the Eagles and the WAFL competition goes through some teething troubles.

But he has expressed confidence in local football, both from a financial point of view and future attendances.

At a special sponsor's luncheon last week, Mr Annear — the former president of South Fremantle and one of the major behind-the-scenes movers for WA's entry into the expanded VFL competition — said that the game was in a healthy state.

"The WAFL will receive a record \$800,000 in sponsorship this year," he said. "And when you recall that just three years ago the eight WAFL clubs were \$2 million in debt and today they face the prospect of finishing in the black, that's a fairly remarkable turnaround."

"The game is getting greater exposure than ever before, thanks to the Eagles and I don't see any threat to future WAFL sponsorship because that exposure will always rub off on football."

Mr Annear said that the major prob-

lem facing the WAFL was to get people back watching club games.

The League was aware of the fact that attendances would drop off with the Eagles playing at home — or coming into our lounge rooms via television.

But the WAFL had budgetted for a drop-off in attendances and if they could claw their way back to an average attendance of around 5500 for club games, the League would be happy.

"To draw an average in excess of 30,000 people to the Eagles first two home games was much higher than we had anticipated," said Mr Annear.

"We are confident that the public will continue to support the Eagles and we now have to address the problem of winning fans back to club games."



THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Night battle will answer questions



THE form of Claremont and Subiaco has been difficult to follow and their clash on Friday night at the WACA Ground will answer some questions.

Both clubs will be desperate for victory, particularly Subiaco who were surprise losers to Swan Districts last Monday.

Though Claremont beat East Fremantle at Mt Barker last Sunday, their last quarter fade-out was concerning as they scrambled to a six-point win.

It has been part of Haydn Bunton's coaching philosophy to start seasons

quickly and it is uncharacteristic for the Lions to be slow away.

However, they might need to be content with one victory in four outings because the Tigers looked good against East Fremantle.

Claremont's defensive football was a highlight with Guy McKenna, Derek Kickett, Tony Beers and Cam Lewis in brilliant form.

Those players will again need to be at their best if they are to prevent a talented Subiaco attacking division from kicking a winning score.

David Court and Peter Higgins will take on Shane Cocker, who was in good form for Subiaco last week and that clash will be a highlight.

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Royals need more resistance



EAST Perth, the only team without a victory, face another solid test when they play Swan Districts at Perth Oval on Saturday.

The Royals have made a disappointing start to the season, even when their heavy players losses over the summer are taken into account and coach Gerard McNeill will seek greater resistance.

Swans, one of league football's young combinations, dealt a blow to West Perth in the first game of the season and then repeated the dose against Subiaco last Monday.

Swans have an even blend of youth and experience and have the edge in talent required to give them a start to the season even they probably did not expect.

Players like Brent Hutton, Kevin Caton, Greg Walker, Gavin Thornton, Troy Ugle and Bill Skwirowski must be nullified if East Perth are to open their account.

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Old Derby spirit returns



THE tradition of Fremantle derbies has died in recent years, but it is certain to be revived when South and East Fremantle clash at Fremantle Oval on Monday.

The two teams are looming as powers in the 1987 WAFL competition with new Bulldogs coach Stan Magro pro-

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PERTH BACK IN FAVOUR



PERTH gave a convincing display against East Perth last Saturday, but face a stiff test when they play West Perth at Leederville Oval on Sunday.

The Demons were disappointing losers to South Fremantle and Claremont before restoring some faith by crushing East Perth.

But while that win was convincing, West Perth are a different proposition, particularly at Leederville Oval.

The Falcons were far from disgraced losing to South Fremantle last Saturday, producing a free-flowing, run-on style of football.

The key to West Perth is their mid-field unit which boasts players of the calibre of Peter Menaglio, Darren Bewick, Les Fong, Gavin Chaplin, Peter Murnane and Wayne Dayman.

But good news for Perth was the return to goalkicking power of Wayne Ryder and Mick Rea.

ducing a young side playing a positive brand of team football.

A bumper crowd is expected at Fremantle Oval and they should not be disappointed with the stand of football produced.

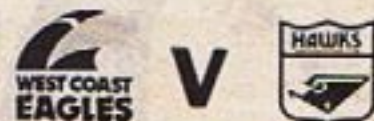
East Fremantle boast some of the most experienced players remaining in the local competition and it will be a case of that experience tackling the youth and enthusiasm of the Bulldogs.

Young players like Ashley Smith, Scott Watters, Ashley Flugge, who made his league debut last Saturday, and Cliff Collard have shown they have the ability to succeed in league football.

East Fremantle will look to their experienced players, led by Brian Peake, Colin Waterson, Clinton Browning, Stephen Green and Tony Solin to lead them to victory.

Feathers to fly in bird battle

SATURDAY, April 25 was always going to be the appropriate date for an appointment between VFL giants Hawthorn and newcomers, the West Coast Eagles.



Make no mistake. This Anzac Day showdown will be bloody and bruised. In other words, feathers will fly in this "Battle of the Birds".

Hawthorn fuelled the flames in what is the so called "off season".

Firstly, they worked overtime to block an expanded league in Australian sport's most cut-throat competition.

Secondly, they demanded the Eagles accompany them to the court to sort out a few "in-house" matters that had got out of hand.

The Brown and Golds lost the first fight but then won the second, both long and dirty affairs.

Now, 40 men come face to face to gain the real advantage, on the field.

Gary Buckenara and Paul Harding have long waited for this day. But they will wear, according to many except a couple of Supreme Court judges, the wrong colours.

Both desperately wanted to play football and that's why they went back on earlier threats of standing out of the game when rulings went against their plans.

It will be interesting to see just how

Hawthorn minded Buckenara and more so debut maker Harding are when the real rough stuff starts.

After all, they trained with the newly born West Coast Eagles for months and months.

Hawthorn are hard to beat any day. Footscray gave their wings a short back and sides last Monday, a result that will make them harder to conquer this week.

Not even new Princes Park co-tenant Fitzroy know their home ground as well as the West Coast Eagles do.

It is their Melbourne base for training and players lay their head on the pillows just 100 metres from the Robert Heatley stand.

This encounter has churned and churned in Ron Alexander's insides for a long time.

He didn't figure on the Eagles dropping three of their first four games and knows they must win at any cost.

Who knows, he could even strip and take the field.

This will be more hard hitting than a world title fight and in between, there will be some spectacular football.

Hawks and Eagles are birds of prey... or should that be prey?



Laurie Keene ... welcome return to form.



LES'S LYRICS

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

Derby Day

It's Derby Day at Freo
Next Monday afternoon
And for all Fremantle fans
It cannot come too soon

With Bulldogs still unbeaten
And Sharks the next in line
The winner of this game
Will finish feeling fine

The clash will be a beauty
For Melrose's boys are tough
But Magro has a team
Who like to play it rough

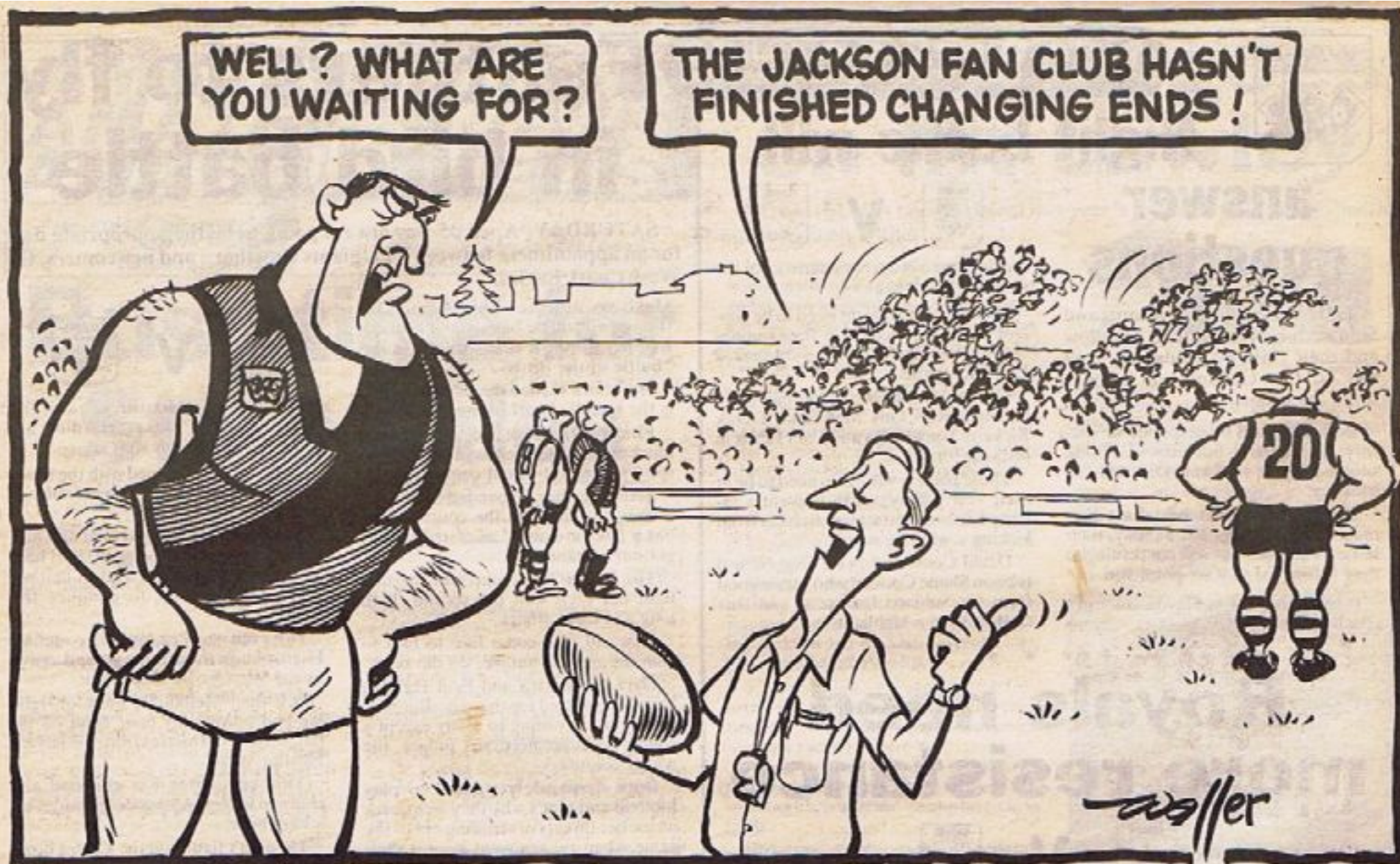
Sharks have Clinton Browning
To show their side the way
But Souths have mighty Jacko
Who more than earns his pay

It doesn't really matter
Who has shined or starred
For when it's a Freo derby
They play with no holds barred



OUR EXPERTS SELECT

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Subi. v Claremont	E. Perth v Swans	W. Perth v Perth	S. Frem. v E. Frem	Eagles v Hawthorn
ALAN EAST	7	Claremont	East Perth	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn
GEORGE TEMPLE	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn
ROBERT BENNETT	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn
GRANT DORRINGTON	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn
BILL MATHER-BROWN	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn
IAN MILLER	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	South Fremantle	Hawthorn
MARK JACKSON	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	South Fremantle	Hawthorn
MOST FAVOURED	7	Claremont	Swans	West Perth	East Fremantle	Hawthorn



BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Swans come in from the cold

HOW times have changed! Only a year ago it would have been anathema to a Swan Districts supporter if you suggested the side could not make the finals.

Yet, if the club manages to achieve that this season, most supporters will be ecstatic.

That's how much the wheel of fortune has changed for Swans, arguably WA's most successful club in the 1980s.

Their win against Subiaco on Monday would have surprised many, but just as they were able to scrape home against West Perth, Swans are showing that this year will not only be one of rebuilding, but also one that could see them highly competitive.

The pressure has really been taken off coach John Todd.

Only a couple of seasons ago he was riding high after taking Swans to a hat-trick of premierships and making his mark on the interstate and Gaelic football scenes.

But, just like Swans, Todd was brought back to earth with something of a jolt. He found that when the VFL expanded, there was no place for him as a coach.

To his credit, Todd could easily have tossed it in at Swans, feeling that he had nothing more to achieve.

However, Swans demise was so sudden, mainly through the loss of players, that they now find themselves in the same kind of situation as when Todd took over more than a decade ago — hovering near the bottom of the premiership ladder.

The two wins by Swans this sea-

son would have given the young players a lot of confidence and certainly a big lift.

For Todd, it means that there is no pressure on him to get the side into the finals or a premiership.

It should enable him to go about the business of rebuilding and also give supporters the unusual situation of hoping, rather than expecting, that the side will make the finals.

It's early days yet. Swans have always been hard to beat at home, so their true test will come when they venture away from Bassen-dean Oval.

But for a side most critics had written off as a wooden spoon rather than a finals contender, Swans have shown that they still have the kind of fight in them to have a productive season.

EAGLES FOCUS

THE early success of the Eagles took a lot of attention away from the local competition, which has been reflected in attendances.

However, the way they have performed in recent weeks, the possibility that they have tough times ahead of them and the closeness of local games means that the WAFL, which has been starved of publicity in the spotlight of the expanded VFL, may again grab the football public's attention.

Irrespective of how the Eagles go, the WAFL looks set for a very close and even competition.

"They have to lift their game and learn what pressure is all about." John K. Watts talking on Radio 6PR about the West Coast Eagles.

"Claremont unearthed an exciting prospect in centreman Ben Allan as they swept to a convincing 38-point victory over Perth in the final of the Kresta Cup at the WACA Ground last night." Ken Casellas, writing in The West Australian.

"It's ludicrous to expect a side to play a match on Sunday, fly to Melbourne for a Tuesday night game and then fly back again for a Saturday game." Eagles chief executive John Walker on WA objections to the National Panasonic final being played after the VFL season had started.

"Simon now realises he is not a spokesman for the Footscray Football Club. All statements on official matters must come from a club official." Footscray chief executive Denis Galimberti on Beasley's call for a merger of the club with another VFL team.

"I wanted to play; she wanted to watch me play and the only simple way after examining all the options was with Hawthorn" East Fremantle and frustrated Eagles player Paul Harding on his decision to join Hawthorn after losing his court case.

"The stand we made was on behalf and for the good of the Eagles and WA football. We gave Paul all the support we could." Eagles general manager Graham Moss on Harding's decision.

"I expect to cop plenty of flak from them; but I won't retaliate in any way that gets me reported." Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko before his return match with Essendon.

"The people who put WA football into this situation have to be accountable for the blame. Who had the charter to do this? It's going too fast." Radio 6PR critic Bob Cribb on the national football move.

"I feel sorry for East Perth. They have had to rebuild their club about six times in the last four years." Swans coach John Todd on East Perth's player problems.



"There's no loyalty in football anymore. The clubs quit on players just as quick as the players quit clubs." Percy Johnson on 6PR.

"I don't think the Eagles management would have liked a postponement in the National Panasonic semi-final to Wednesday — that would have brought it a day closer to the Carlton game." George Grljusich on Radio 6WF.

"Even if the Eagles were to offer us half a million dollars for Harding, we would reject it. We have plenty in the bank; we want Paul to play with us." Hawthorn football chief Alan Joyce.

"I guess the Victorian handicapper would be happy tonight. It was just too big a contract." Eagles coach Ron Alexander after Essendon's 108-point thrashing in the mid-week National Panasonic game.

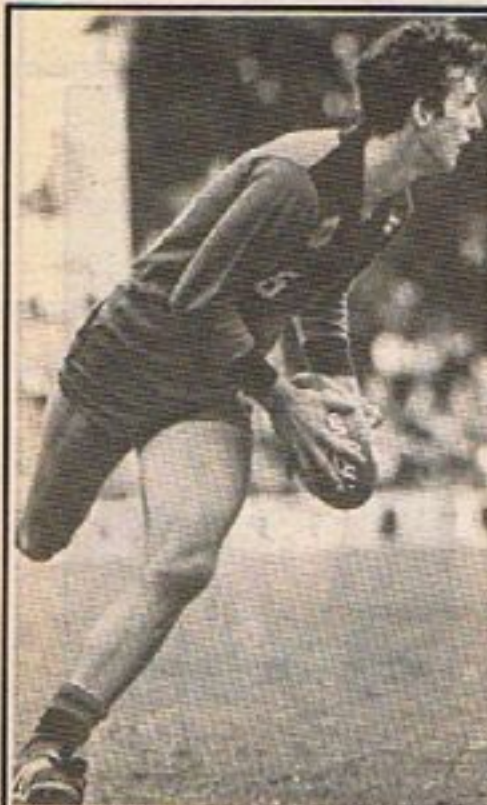
"When he first came down I thought he was a bit weird, but he's done all the hard work and he's deadly serious about kicking goals." South Fremantle's Craig Edwards on the influence of Mark Jackson.

"The media are slow learners; last week we had 12 or 13 players unavailable from last year's side." Perth coach Mel Brown hitting at critics who were expecting too much from his Demons.

"It's a sign of confidence in the WAFL competition when our five major sponsors contribute a record \$800,000." WAFL chairman Roy Annear.

"I don't want to moan and groan because we got beaten badly. We've got to cop it." Eagles coach Ron Alexander after the Carlton debacle.

"Both sides should be commended on a great game of football." South Fremantle coach Stan Magro after their two-point win over West Perth.



Richard Dennis in action when he was a Royal.

RICHARD THE GREAT?

HOW can someone play reserves football in the WAFL one season and then be a star in the VFL the next?

That is the question many East Perth supporters are asking after watching Richard Dennis play so well for Carlton.

Richard has always had great talent, being one of the best youngsters to come out of the Royals under age squad of talented local juniors.

Over the past four years Richard's performances have been ordinary to say the least. Why?

I believe he never was faced with the challenge to perform under pressure! He lost interest and the capacity to believe in himself — something that makes a player doomed for failure!

Richard is the type of player who needs challenges — he loves responsibility given to him the right way.

Royals supporters have seen him at his brilliant best for a quarter or half a game but never over a period of games.

No doubt the big time of the VFL has given Richard the motivation he needed. At present, he is a star in an extremely talented team. Only time will tell whether he has the capacity to keep performing at the highest level week after week.

I am a Richard Dennis follower. I believe he will become another West Aussie star.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



Time to shut up and perform

IT has been disappointing to read of the complaints the West Coast Eagles are making about the rules governing their licence in the VFL competition.

It seems strange that the complaints have only started since the Eagles have started losing.

These rules of control have been the same since the Eagles joined the VFL in October.

During pre-season games, the Eagles obtained rave reviews of just how good they were, with VFL clubs calling for the introduction of a second West Australian side to make sure the Eagles didn't dominate the competition.

I clearly remember the Eagles administrators who represented this State's entry into the VFL being challenged by some local club presidents, media and various football identities about the apparent ease with which they seemed to accept the terms from the VFL.

It was evident in discussions over an expanded VFL competition that entering conditions were going to be extremely "one-sided" against us.

Yet after knowing this, the Eagles hierarchy couldn't join quick enough.

It proves that while they have sound business principles, members of the Eagles hierarchy don't possess an on-field knowledge of the game. This is now evident to all football people Australia-wide.

"How much on-field advice was sought from locals when entry conditions were being discussed?" and "was the main aim primarily to get into the VFL then look at the rules relating to on field happenings?" are just two questions that should be answered.

Whatever the reasons, the general public are viewing it as a case of "shutting the gate after the horse has bolted".

Nothing is worse than sporting teams continually throwing up excuses (and claiming they aren't excuses) about poor performances.

The football world knows that 35 players isn't a large number for a football season, but that's the rules.

For goodness sake, stop complaining and start working to overcome the main problem . . . a lack of competitive hardness in our squad. It is evident that most in the squad haven't learnt to play under the fierce pressure of the VFL.

The remedy to poor performance starts on the training track. Forget about the natural running and ball skills because these segments of our game are equal to that of any club. What we don't have, and it will take time to learn, is "mental hardness". Training has to be the breeding ground.

Darren Bennett and Murray Wrensted, two players who have been rated champions over past years, typify the lack of "hardness" the Eagles have. They are being expected to perform at a level above their experience. They have to be taught how to succeed at this new level on the training track under fierce physical pressure.

Stand up and cop it on the chin, remain quiet, close ranks and, above all, increase the workload at training and respect will be finally gained.

TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

LAST week I went "home" for the first time in five years . . . and found the hospitality the same as it always has been.

The "home" I am referring to is the East Perth Football Club. Coach Gerard McNeill had asked me to train and address the players.

It was great to see Pat Watson, an institution at Perth Oval, at the door of the property room and after stealing a few sacred chewies and giving him a mouthful (as all the old-timers do) it was off to meet Gerry and his coaching panel.

The coaching room still has a sign which reads "The Team" on the wall. This was put up in 1978, the year the Royals won one of the best grand finals in years.

It returned nostalgic memories of former greats Graham "Polly" Farmer and Barry Cable and recalled the countless hours we had spent discussing problems, strategies, team placements and the like.

The Royals may lack depth in experience and skill but training was most enthusiastic and I became totally involved as I have done for 18 years. It felt as if it was only yesterday that I was last in the middle of this ground.

After training, I addressed the players on what East Perth meant to me.

Hopefully, it was as meaningful for them as it was for me.

REA THE RIPPER

PERTH skipper Mick Rea makes an enormous contribution to our great game and has to be admired.

This huge-framed man has experienced football's lowest ebbs, including being given "his marching orders".

But now he is enjoying the fruits of success, being the State's leading goalkicker and a club captain.

Mick has learnt to do the best with the ability he has. Not fast or nimble, he has great ball reading ability and tremendous strength in the man-to-man encounters.

His desire to help his team-mates stands out, making him one of football's most respected players.

I get enormous enjoyment watching him play and I only hope more football followers continue to support our local games by watching players similar to Mick Rea every Saturday afternoon.

He is a monument to the game. A man who should be a great example to other players wishing to know what it requires to get to the top in league football — hard work, commitment and a total belief in your own ability.

TODDY 'CLOCKS ON'

JOHN Todd has suggested games should be reduced to four 20-minute quarters so as to obtain more close finishes.

Despite most of the Easter split round fixtures being great games I believe Toddy's suggestion has a great deal of merit.

All clubs, no matter how strong they are this year, must aim to keep the WAFL competition alive. Any suggestion to promote the local competition should be thoroughly investigated.

I hope club jealousies don't stop new ideas to be tried before a decision is made.

It is essential league coaches meet shortly to discuss the early part of 1987 and make suggestions and changes to the WAFL directors.

Toddy's time reduction for quarters is an excellent idea — why not give it a go?

GOOD LUCK, TODDY

ONE of the better bits of news to emerge this year is that the WAFL has made John Todd coach of the 1987 State teams.

He is the best of the seasoned coaches to this time available for this job and, as I wrote in Westside last year, should not have been overlooked for the Eagles coaching role. This was my personal preference at the time and I can't deny that Ron Alexander has done well and I hope things continue to go his way.

Todd has refused to be drawn into any discussion which might be misconstrued or lead to unpleasant comparisons. He has genuinely pushed for a harmonious relationship with all who might be involved in the organisation of this year's State team and that means a close relationship with Alexander because the Eagles will undoubtedly be big contributors.

How many Eagles will fly with the State team will be of great interest and as Todd says, will give a few boys the chance to show that perhaps they

should have been chosen for the Eagles line-up.

Before the State-of-Origin game last year, I saw Toddy in the grandstand at Subiaco and I asked him if he would have been playing Geoff Miles and Colin Waterson, who I considered were Victorians. He indicated that he wasn't in favour of it then — so I hope he stays with that view this year.

It is not that I want to overlook good footballers, but the State-of-Origin concept was brought in, not only to level things out, but to pit the best true-blue West Aussies against the best of the bonafide Victorians.

If we make little exceptions here and there, it won't be long before interstate football will be back where the Vics would like to have it — the best of their own, plus the best of what they can buy.

That system had them dominating the game nationally for years.

If Victoria want people like Waterson or Miles, they are welcome to choose them. But their pride would not let them reach out over the borders.

To stay within the meaning of State-of-Origin, then we should be just as determined to comply with the concept — ours against theirs.

State-of-Origin football should be just that. No ring-ins.

Toddy might well be governed by conditions set down by the Vics. "We will have to see what develops," is his comment.

As things stand, it is within the rules for WA to bring home 20 players from Victoria and if a further 20 West Aussies were still over there, the Vics could put them in Victorian jumpers and send them over here to play us.

Unlikely, but still within the rules.

Toddy has something going for him this year that our previous State coaches did not have. Most positions should be filled by players who compete in the VFL every week — representing WA will be nothing new to an Eagle.

If Brad Hardie hits top gear, you would have to bring him home along with the likes of Gary Buckenara.



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

FROM WHERE I SIT

Craig Starcevich, Peter Sartori and Andrew Purser. But the intriguing aspect might be the inclusion of Paul Harding.

If Todd and his selectors decided to use Harding then he would be eligible, whether Hawthorn liked it or not. He may be tied to them by contract, but he is a West Australian under State-of-Origin rules. The fact that he hasn't played this year would be a selection gamble, but it wouldn't be outside the rules.

Sifting through the players who could wear black and gold this year is going to be a tough job but the WAFL have picked the right man.

Toddy should have a lot of support from the WA public and I, for one, wish him well.

KWIK COURIERS INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Krakouer magic blasts Geelong

THE dazzling duo from WA, the incredible Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, rampaged at the weekend to lead North Melbourne to a stunning nine-point victory over Geelong.

The Krakouers tore the Cats to shreds at Kardinia Park, kicking seven goals between them and leaving Geelong coach John Devine dumbfounded.

Like so many others before him, Devine could not find a way to stop the Krakouer onslaught.

"No-one can put them out for the full game," said the Cats coach, who was critical of his side's poor kicking.

"We had enough shots to win. Our kicking for goal was atrocious," Devine said. "They can't kick for goal under pressure. Five goals, seven points in an end-to-end last quarter is not good enough."



Geelong, leading by 14 points at one stage in the second quarter, were forced on the defensive as the Krakouers came alive and started to dominate their forward line.

Their ability to support and find each other in a passage of play was astounding, if not uncanny.

Phil Krakouer especially was devastating, weaving his way through holes

SCHIMMA HOGS THE LIMELIGHT

NORTH Melbourne's Wayne Schimmelbusch was celebrating his 300th game of league football at the weekend and he wasn't going to let his opponent, Geelong dynamo Gary Ablett, share any of the limelight.

In fact, Ablett, one of the most highly regarded forwards in the game, managed only three goals, which satisfied the 34-year-old North Melbourne captain.

Schimma, who had the honour of being congratulated for his milestone on the rival Geelong banner before the game, was satisfied with his performance — the finest individual contest of the day.

"Gary Ablett is a tough player to play against," Schimmelbusch said. "You've got to play in front all day to have a chance."

"I guess I did all right."



Wayne Schimmelbusch

CABLE'S HOPE!

BARRY Cable is to pull his boots on again!

That was Cable's tongue-in-cheek statement to a Melbourne newspaper at the weekend commenting on the fact that the West Coast Eagles were struggling to field a competitive side because of injuries.

Cable said: "If things get any worse, I may have to pull the boots on again myself."

Last Saturday the Eagles lost to Carlton 29.17 (191) to 15.14 (104) — leading coach Ron Alexander to approach the VFL to have the club's playing list increased from 35 to 40 players.

Alexander has already expressed concern about how injuries are causing problems and last Saturday watched as both captain Ross Glendinning and star wingman Phil Narkle were helped from the ground with serious injuries.

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Baldock hits at his Saints

IT was a bitterly disappointed Darrel Baldock who flew out of Melbourne last Saturday night for Tasmania.

Baldock's St Kilda were soundly beaten by Melbourne at the MCG after being surprising 50-point winners over the Brisbane Bears the previous week.

Baldock said that his players accepted defeat too easy.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Baldock said. "They've fallen right back into that old defeatist psyche and, until it disappears, we are going nowhere."

"It's a matter of hot and cold for the 1987 Saints."

"They thought that the Geelong one-point loss was good enough, they were thrashed by Fitzroy, then they

beat the Bears and now they are thrashed by a middle-of-the-road team like Melbourne.

"Our problem is attitude. The players have deceived the club and themselves."

"Last week they pledged their commitment and performed like a team and now they have completely turned around and seemingly wasted everyone's time — mine especially."

"I can't understand what it takes to motivate them."

"We had a full-forward putting on the greatest individual performances I've ever seen (Tony Lockett with 12 goals) yet the rest of them remained unmoved."

"It is really frustrating to get beat, but I'm annoyed by the way we were beaten — it was real feather-duster stuff."

"It wasn't as though we were beaten by a superior side. Melbourne are okay, but they're not that great," he said.

... and now the Nomads

FIRST there were the Sydney Swans, then the Brisbane Bears and the West Coast Eagles ... all new names for the football hungry Victorian public to get used to.

And here's another one — the Western Nomads.

That is the name being suggested for a merger between Fitzroy and Footscray, which has been mooted to save the troubled Footscray club.

Former Footscray director Bill Molyneaux, who backed the merger call by Bulldog full-forward and Melbourne stockbroker Simon Beasley a fortnight ago, said it is the only possible answer to save the club from extinction.

Molyneaux, whose role as director in 1983 was to prevent the club from being shunted interstate or onto the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, said Footscray was at crisis stage.

"Beasley's proposal has to be looked at as a viable alternative," he said.

"For the first time ever I believe the existence of the club is threatened and its money management has reached a dangerous stage."

"Costs are far outweighing income."

Molyneaux said Fitzroy was an ideal club for a merger.

They were a nomadic club, but still very competitive and growing in stability.

If Footscray are to survive, they had to get new management and go into a public forum of discussion.

How WA players performed

	KICKS	H/BALLS	MARKS	SCORE
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	24	14	7	3 2
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	7	2	3	1 0
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	12	3	3	1 —
Earl Spalding	3	1	2	1 —
Steve Turner	10	6	2	— —
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	8	2	5	3 1
Phil Krakouer	11	4	3	4 2
Stephen McCann	3	2	3	— —
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	11	4	4	3 1
Maurice Rioli	12	2	10	1 —
Peter Wilson	9	8	7	2 2
ST. KILDA				
Alan Sidebottom	3	2	4	— —
Nicky Winmar	14	3	4	— 2
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	10	4	1	— —
Craig Holden	9	2	7	— —
John Ironmonger	3	8	13	— —
CARLTON				
Richard Dennis	12	3	10	1 3
Peter Sartori	5	2	6	1 1
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	2	3	4	— —
Craig Starcevich	15	7	3	2 4
Brian Taylor	6	4	6	6 —
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	19	2	6	— —
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	9	8	2	3 4
Phil Cronan	9	2	4	— 1
Andrew Purser	6	3	1	— —
Murray Rance	10	5	6	— 1

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IAN MILLER



MAGIC MIKE

IT was a good return to league football by Swans' Mike Smith last Monday, after a three-year absence.

He displayed flashes of his skill with excellent disposal from the centre, setting up many attacking moves. He was a steady influence in midfield until injured during the fourth term.

Having been frustrated with injury in the past three seasons, I hope the gods smile upon Smith and his current injury is only a minor setback because he is a class player.

McNeill move was correct

EAST Perth coach Gerard McNeill was criticised for dropping five of his league players for disciplinary reasons last week... but I believe his actions were correct.

The five players arrived late for a compulsory 7am team meeting after the Royals were thrashed by Subiaco.

Sure, he could have imposed fines but that wouldn't have been sufficient.

It was important that McNeill's position on discipline and the attitude required to succeed be established with

his players. It proved a costly exercise on Saturday as the Royals were undermanned.

However, that was for just one game. What McNeill is working on is a much longer term aim.

Those promoted had the chance to prove themselves.

If you are part of a team, you must have commitment, regardless of whether you win, lose or draw. East Perth are going to be in for a tough year, but without any team discipline and direction you may as well forget about success.

GAVIN SHINES

ANOTHER Demon country recruit who is also emerging in his fourth season is Gavin Whittington.

Moved from defence to a wing on Saturday, he was in top form and his pace, strength and tear-away play set up many attacking moves.

Whittington has always had pace and strength but often this was lost because he would try and do too much and get caught with the ball. He has improved his recovery and football vision, areas which were deficient in his game and his disposal on Saturday was top class.

BLINDED BY SUCCESS

THERE is no doubt that the Kresta Cup pre-season competition was a success. Unfortunately, the final should have been played prior to the WAFL season. The series was a winner and I'm sure it will be bigger and better next year.

Full credit to the organisers and Claremont and Perth for a competitive grand final.

It was a game where newcomers proved their talents and I was impressed with Toby Jackson, Troy Davis, Steve Cummings and Greg Swann for the Demons, all of whom did well on Saturday against East Perth. For Claremont, Brian Sutherland, Peter Jones, Ben Allan, Sam Yarran and Julian Urquhart, members of the 1986 under/19 premierships side caught the eye.

ACTIVE HARDING

INTERESTING comment from East Fremantle's Paul Harding that he couldn't stand out of football any longer.

Having experienced similar football clearance wrangles, I can appreciate his decision and, of course, Hawthorn knew sooner or later Harding would break. Hawthorn's gain with both Harding and Gary Buckenara has proved to be an expensive loss for the Eagles in player and dollar terms.

It should be an interesting President's luncheon before the Hawks and the Eagles do battle this Saturday.

READY TO FIRE

I CAN recall some years ago that Swans coach John Todd stated that Brent Hutton was a player with great natural talents and ability but would need time to develop.

Under Todd's guidance, and some inconsistent form over the years, I now believe we will see a consistent year of league football from this talented player.

Having seen Swans their three games, Hutton has come to terms with the added responsibility of captaincy.

Last Monday he was in superb touch at full-back, not only shutting Subiaco's Todd Breman out of the game but his coolness in a crisis and experience in defence proved invaluable.

Team balance is vital and will vary, depending upon the opposition, but Hutton the defender led the way on Monday.

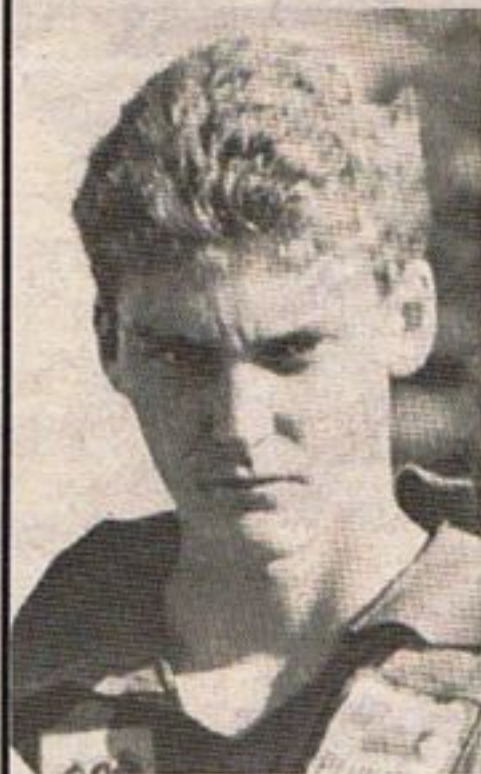
NEWMAN FIRES

THE Kresta Cup final also was a turning point for players sadly out of touch, including Demon Ian Newman.

The big ruckman struggled for consistency in early games and wasn't doing enough around the ground.

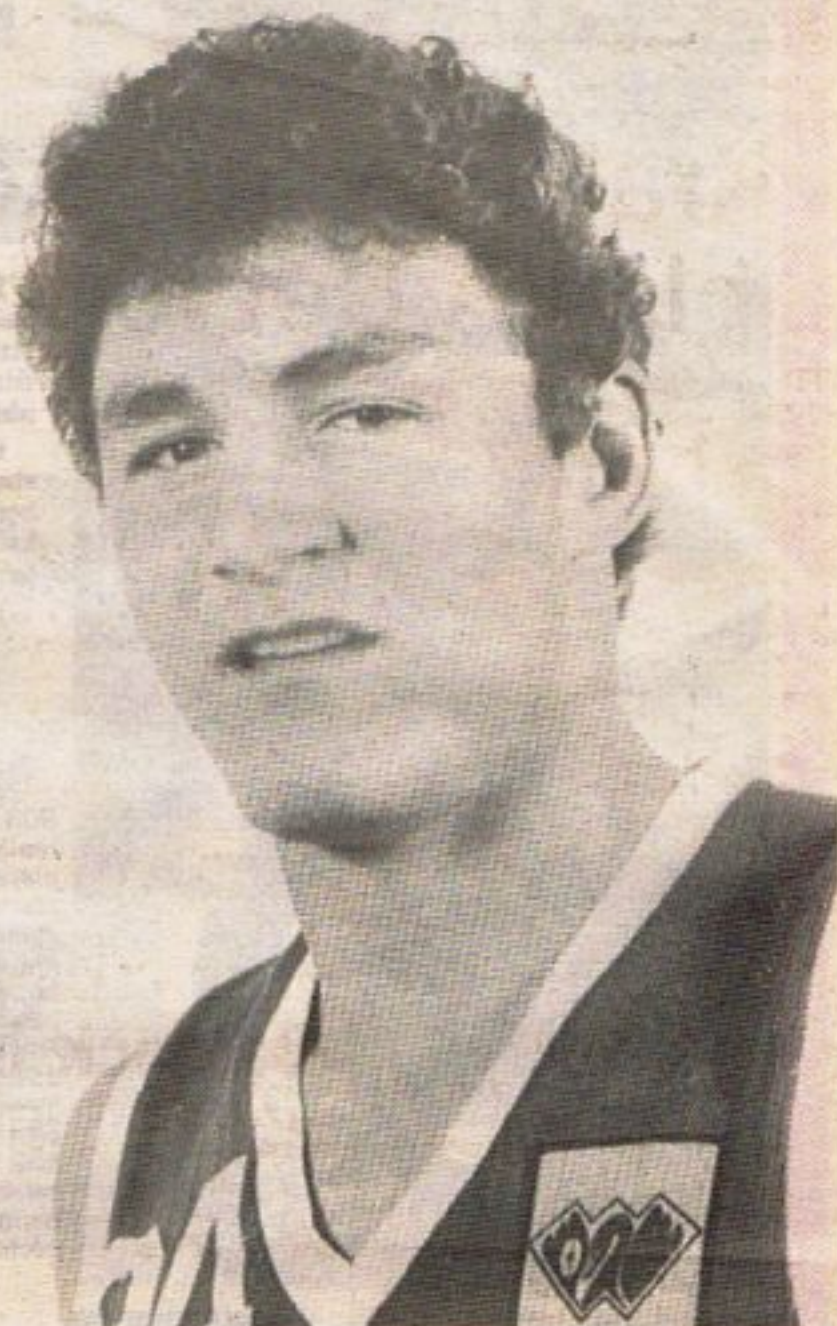
He did well in the Kresta Cup and was best afield against East Perth, dominating the ruck and marking well around the ground. Newman is a key player for the Demons. He is now in his fourth season of league football, and even though he is still learning his trade, it is time he put a stronger stamp on his football.

I'm sure coach Mal Brown would still like to see a little more physical and mental toughness in Newman's game. When John Gavranich returns from injury, Perth will have a most formidable ruck combination.



Ian Newman ... back in form.

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Brad Tunbridge

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: Brad Tunbridge.
Nickname: Tunny. Why? Name.
Date of Birth: 26/07/64. **Place of Birth:** Geraldton.
Height: 198cm (6'6"). **Weight:** 100kg (15st, 10lb). **Age Started Playing:** 13.
Previous Club/s: Cunderdin, Mullewa. **Junior Club:** Mullewa.
Marital Status: Single.
Residence: Palmyra.
Occupation: Courier. **Place of Work:** Bill Young.
Other Sporting Interests: Basketball, swimming — anything.
Favourite Position: Ruck. **First Position:** Centre-half-back.
League Debut: 1986, Swan Districts.
YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: Warwick Capper. **Drink:** Beer.
TV Show: Hill St. Blues. **Food:** Chops.
Movie: Mad Max. **Music:** Any.
Book: —
Holiday Resort: On the farm.
Ground: Subiaco Oval.
Your Car: Commodore. **Your Favourite Car:** Commodore.
Career Highlights: WA-SA country game.
Worst Moment in Football: Losing country grand final.
Hard Things in Football: Talking.
Football Idols: Warwick Capper.
Toughest Opponent: No-one. **Most Respected Opponent:** None.
Most Respected Umpire: None.
Most Memorable Game: Practice match with Subiaco — playing Laurie Keene.
Ambitions: Play a full season.
What do you like about Football: It's a team game.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Relax.
Who Influenced Your Career: Parents.
Guernsey Number: 48. **Any Reason:** None.
Superstitions: Don't shave before a game.
Worst Injury: Hamstring.
Luckiest Break: Playing league football.

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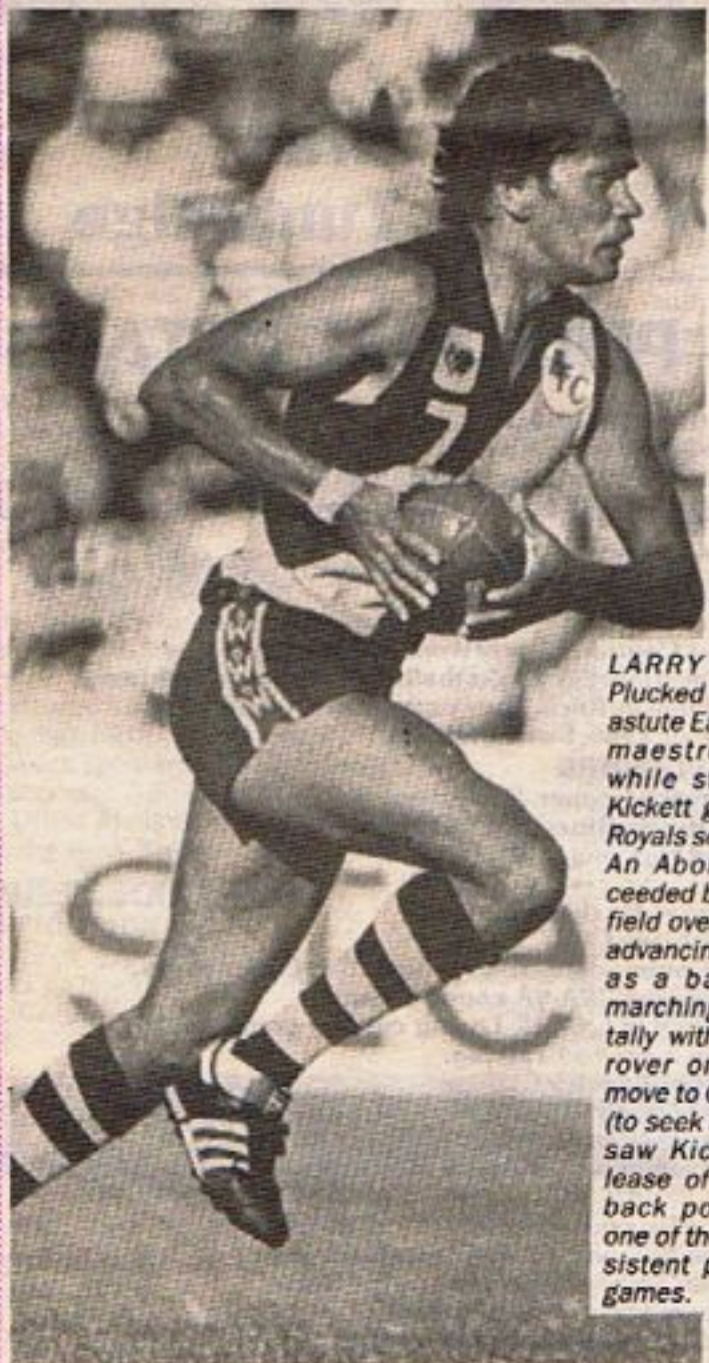
Farewell 'Feat and friends

SUMMER — that unnecessary break between football seasons — generally sees the end of some outstanding careers. It is time for reflection as veterans decide that enough is enough and hang up those boots while the going is good.

Each year Westside Football pays tribute to those stars who no longer grace the playing fields. The number of retired footballers this season is less than usual, but there is still a handy line-up of talent missing from our eight WAFL clubs.

Here is our 1987 tribute to the stars who have left us

ROB SOLIN (29): WA football fans never really saw the best of this tough utility player. Like his twin brother, Tony, Rob started with South Fremantle but didn't make the grade there at his first attempt. It was some years down the track before he resurfaced at East Perth where he played 42 games before a switch to East Fremantle saw him play in the Sharks 1985 premiership side, notching 35 more games. In 1986 he was joined at East Fremantle by Tony, playing alongside his brother for the first time in their senior careers. Rob has now moved to Karratha for coaching-employment prospects.



LARRY KICKETT (33): Plucked from Northam by astute East Perth recruiting maestro Hec Stempel while still a schoolboy, Kickett graduated into the Royals senior side in 1974. An Aboriginal, he succeeded both on and off the field over the next decade, advancing his employment as a bank officer and marching to a 158-game tally with the Royals as a rover or half-forward. A move to Claremont in 1983 (to seek a fresh challenge) saw Kickett and a new lease of life playing in a back pocket, becoming one of the Tigers most consistent players in his 69 games.



PETER FEATHERBY (35): The grand old man of football ('86 style) has finally retired to greener pastures, hanging up his boots after 316 games in WA and Victoria. He made his league debut with Subiaco in 1970 and ended his career in last year's premiership team — his 181st game with Subiaco. In between, the ruck-rover had two stints in the VFL — playing 42 games with Footscray and 93 with Geelong. Featherby was the only player to feature in Subiaco's two modern-era premierships, 1973 and 1986.

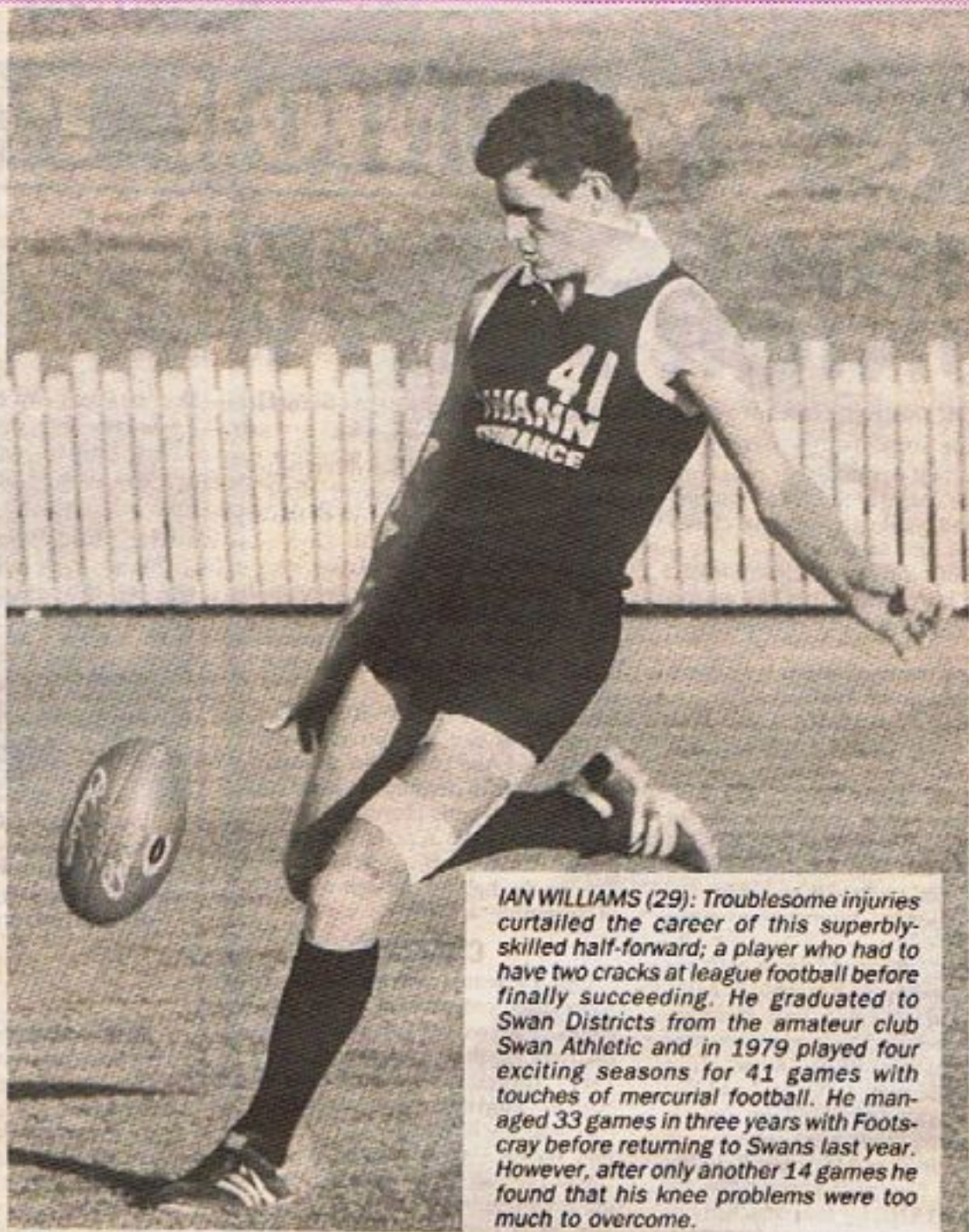


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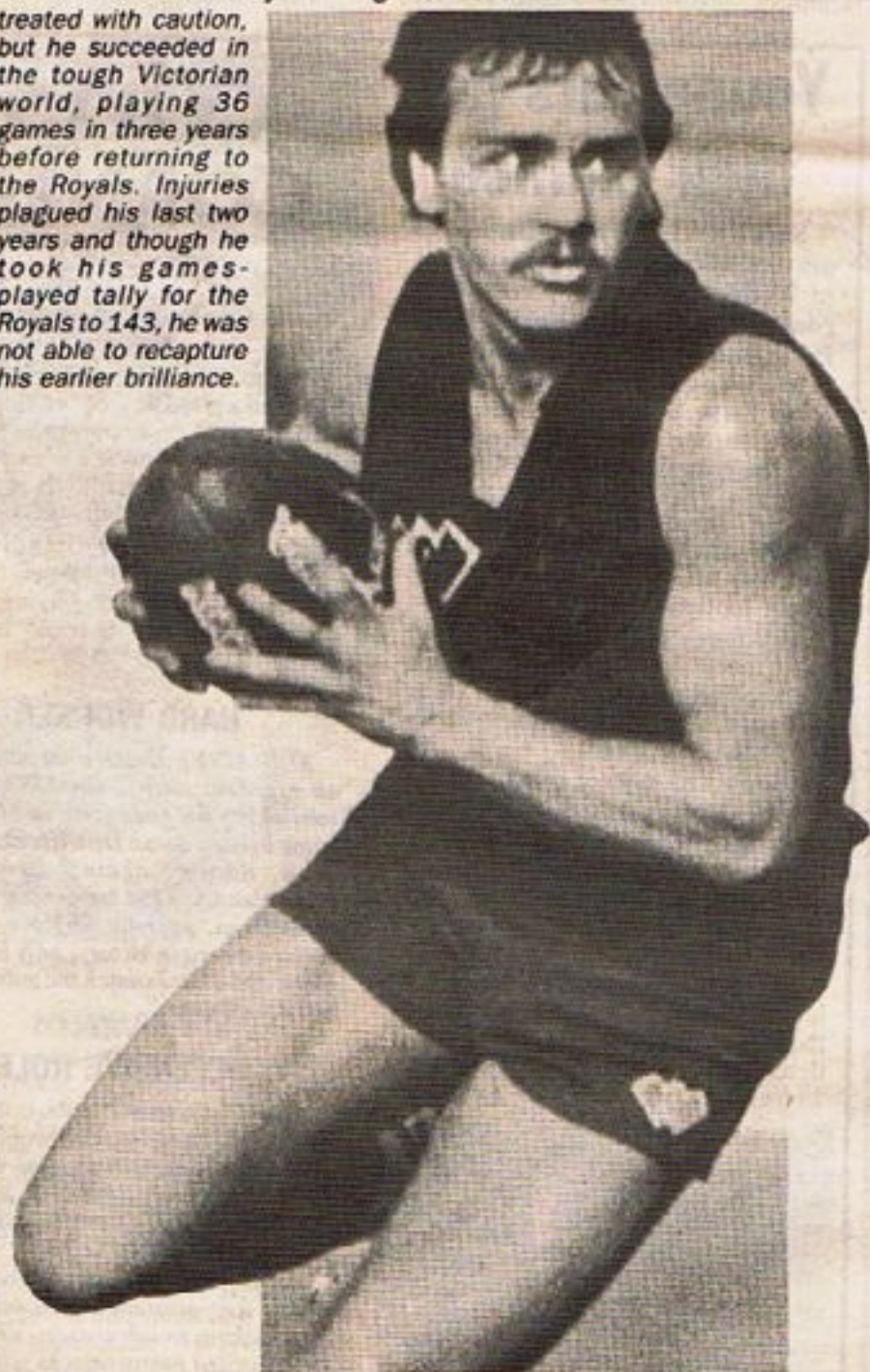
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BENNY VIGONA (28): There was an air of magic about Benny Vigona, one of the talented band of Aborigines to wear the Bulldogs colours in recent years. He came to South Fremantle via Darwin — a prolific breeding ground for the Bulldogs — and made his debut as a skilful half-forward in 1977. He played 165 games in 10 years, "retiring" several times, but then being enticed to have another season. This time he has moved off to country pastures in NSW and his magical goalkicking and ball-handling skills will be missed.

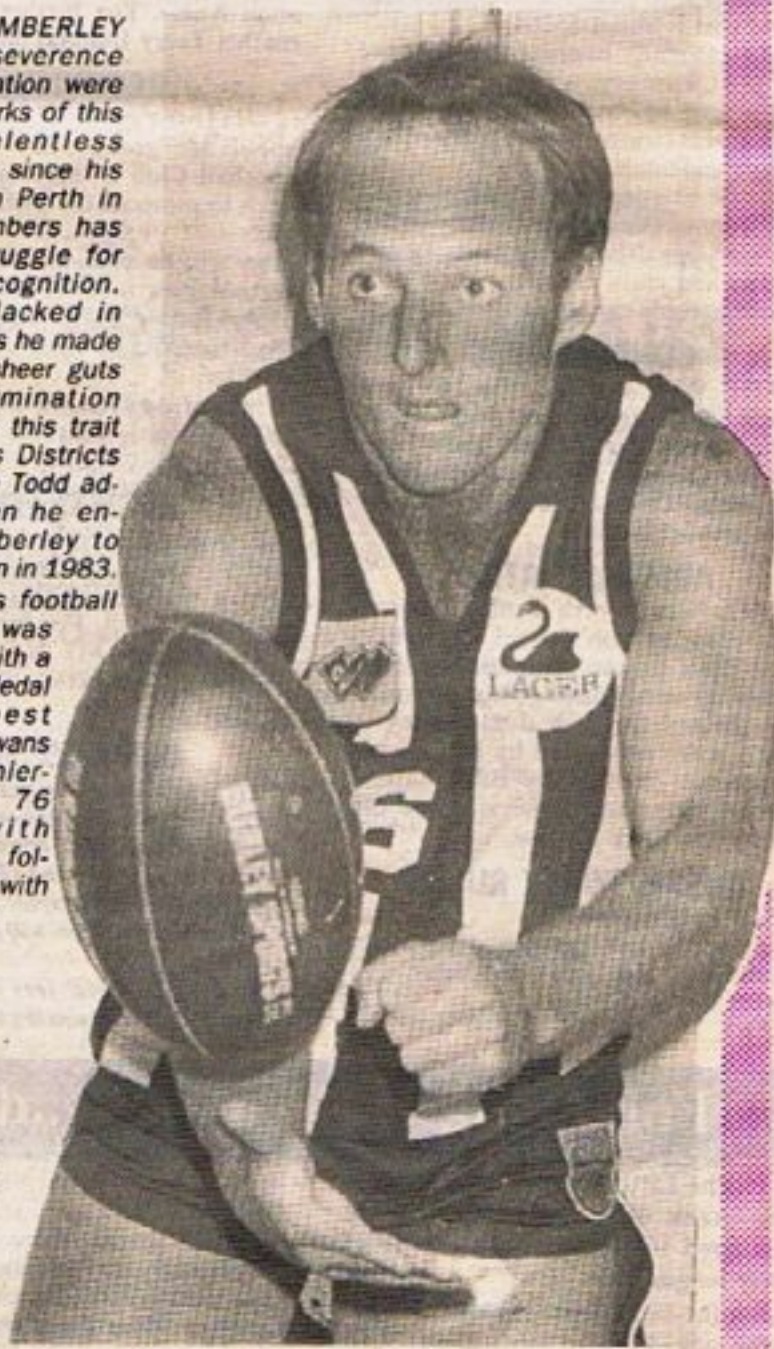


IAN WILLIAMS (29): Troublesome injuries curtailed the career of this superbly-skilled half-forward; a player who had to have two cracks at league football before finally succeeding. He graduated to Swan Districts from the amateur club Swan Athletic and in 1979 played four exciting seasons for 41 games with touches of mercurial football. He managed 33 games in three years with Footscray before returning to Swans last year. However, after only another 14 games he found that his knee problems were too much to overcome.

WAYNE OTWAY (30): Small and determined, tough and tenacious — all apt descriptions for one of the smallest men to play the game. He arrived at East Perth by mistake in 1976 (he was residentially bound to Swan Districts) and played six seasons, blossoming as a rover. His decision to join VFL giants Essendon was treated with caution, but he succeeded in the tough Victorian world, playing 36 games in three years before returning to the Royals. Injuries plagued his last two years and though he took his games-played tally for the Royals to 143, he was not able to recapture his earlier brilliance.



BARRY KIMBERLEY (28): Perseverance and dedication were the hallmarks of this tough, relentless rover. Ever since his debut with Perth in 1979, Kimbers has had to struggle for league recognition. What he lacked in roving skills he made up for in sheer guts and determination and it was this trait that Swans Districts coach John Todd admired when he enticed Kimberley to Bassendean in 1983. Kimberley's football character was rewarded with a Simpson Medal for the best player in Swans 1984 premiership. His 76 games with Perth were followed by 82 with Swans.



HOME OF THE EAGLES



JUNIOR news should be posted to Gary Knowlton at 20 Devon Road, Bassendean 6034, or phoned through on 279 1874.

HIGH COST OF JUNIOR FOOTY

JUNIOR football clubs are in urgent need of financial help — and it's about time some funds were generated from outside sources.

Major football development programs spend a great deal of money promoting football and conducting various clinics for coaches and umpires.

This type of promotion helps football, but doesn't stem the cost of playing the game for the parents of willing participants.

Little or no money finds its way down to the actual junior football clubs.

Have you ever considered just how much it really costs to run a junior football club?

A prominent sports store, local shire and chemist were approached as to various costs of relevant items needed to equip a club with four teams, ages ranging from under-10 to under-16s and the following figures were revealed.

Footballs — estimated on four balls per team for training plus six match balls, \$1167; four sets football jumpers \$306-\$420 per set, depending on size; sets of numbers 1-20 \$53.80 set; four goal umpires' coats \$100; goal padding \$290 for eight; tracksuit tops for reserves (18 required) \$360; whistles for boundary umpires \$15; plastic domes for training (essential extra) \$106 for 40; gear bags \$168 for four; first aid kits \$40 upwards each; umpires' fees \$500 approx; shire rates, these vary between \$240 and \$600 per ground per season. Total cost is about \$5264.

Add to this any honorariums that are paid, stationery, ground marking equipment and materials, canteen requirements (fridge, stove, etc) and any other incidentals.

It's little wonder that the parents feel the brunt of the cost, especially in this day and age where many are unemployed and clubs carry these children whose parents cannot afford the fees.

CONDOLENCES

THE West Perth Junior Council would like to express their deepest sympathy to Mr Bert Dewar, their Little League manager for the past 20 years. Mr Dewar's wife recently passed away after a short illness.

ADMINISTRATION

THE West Perth Junior Council have come up with a novel way to help fund their junior competitions. The following teams have gained sponsorship through three local businesses. The 13s are sponsored by Dan Lucev Concretes; the 15s by Bill Souter's Disco Direct Mailing Service and the 17s by Big Rock Toyota.

AUSSIE FOOTY RULES

SHEPHERDING

A player is not permitted to push, shoulder or block an opponent not in possession of the ball.

MARK

Following the league leaders

IN the Little League competition this week only South Fremantle managed to follow the example of their league side.

Souths beat an enthusiastic West Perth side, while in other games East Perth proved too good for Perth and Subiaco downed Swan Districts.

There was no match between East Fremantle and Claremont because the league fixture was played at Mt Barker.

Best players for South Fremantle were Malcolm McPetridge, Peter Smith and Mark Calthard and the best contributors for the Falcons were Brian

Any player catching a ball directly from the kick of another player shall be awarded a mark irrespective of the distance travelled by the ball.

BOUNCING THE BALL

A player in possession may bounce the ball only once. He must then dispose of it by hand or foot and may not touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player.

KICKING OFF THE GROUND

A player is not permitted to deliberately kick the ball of the ground. These rules are designed to instil confidence in the young players so they may play without the fear of getting their hands "kicked off", worrying about kicking the ball far enough or the fear of dropping "a sitter".

COACHES

COLTS teams playing in the Hills Association competition are in capable hands. The coaches appointed by Swan Districts Football Club are:

Terry Douglas, former North Melbourne Football Club associate — coaching the Bulldogs; Bob Wilkie — coaching the Hawks; David Lindsay from Subiaco — coaching the Magpies.

The Swan Districts colts teams would welcome any footballers interested in representing them in their Hills Association teams. For further information contact Terry Douglas on 271 5983.

RECRUITING

WITH the continual drop-off in the upper age groups, the Perth Junior Football Club is undertaking positive steps to promote the game in their districts.

They will be placing eye-catching advertisements in their suburban newspapers stating where their junior clubs are situated and other relevant information.

Contact secretary Jon Ashley, 361 6159 for any details regarding the club.

REGISTRATION

THE South Fremantle colts competition for 18s and under footballers will hold a registration day on May 3 at Fremantle Oval. For further information contact Mr Noel Edgar on 337 7874. The first set of fixtures start on May 10.

UMPIRES' FEES

THE following figures are payments for umpires for the 1987 season. The fees are uniform in each council. 9s and 10s \$13, 11s and 12s \$15, 13s \$17, 14s \$18, 15s each umpire \$20 or \$24, 16s \$25 each umpire or \$30, 17s \$27 each umpire or \$33.

Boundary umpires' fees are determined by each junior council governing body.

Russo, David Farrell and Steven Dickerson.

For the Royals, there were none better than Steven Pandalton, Grant Patterson and Tony Leach. Among the Demons some devilish performances came from Brendon Shuts, Troy Martin and Daniel Philips.

Subiaco had their first win of the year and though Swans defenders Scott Baker, Chris Mason and Matthew Hiam put up stout resistance, the Lions, led by Michael Hassey, Ray Leaman and Brian Farrell, were far too strong.



The Subiaco Little League team ... first win in 1987: (left to right) standing — Troy Leaman, Michael Szezesny, Scott Thomson, John Nicolaou, Shaun Nottle, David Webster, Trent Woodyard, Ernie Richardson, Julian Rotham, Todd Smith. Squatting: — Troy Billich, Garry Duncanson, Brian Farrell, Paul Gouch, Tim Hatswell, Travis Heaney and Michael Hussey. Coaches — Roger Leaman (left) and Phil Billich.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

THE following is the list of behind-the-scenes workers for the Hills Junior Football Association and the South Suburban Junior Football Association.

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Youngsters get their chance

SEVERAL former Under-19 players were given an opportunity in Wednesday night's Kresta Cup consolation final between West Perth and South Fremantle.

Ruck-rover Mark McAllister, rover Steve Munro and centreman Paul Sanzone acquitted themselves well for West Perth, while South Fremantle's Peter Worsfold, Ashley Flugge, James Perejimbida, Peter Brindley and Shane Eramiha showed that they also have bright futures in senior football.

McAllister is a stylish left-footer from the Balga juniors who capped off his fine performance with three goals and should make his league debut in the near future.

Munro, the current captain of the Under-19 side, is a prolific kick-getter and played mainly in the forward pocket on Wednesday night.

Sanzone was in brilliant touch, particularly in the first half and he certainly looks to be a player of class.

Worsfold looks well-equipped for league football. Smaller in stature than his brother John, he has the same determination and courage and at just 17 years of age, looks an excellent

COLTS CORNER

with BEN STINGA

chance for Teal Cup selection this year.

Flugge is a small rover with tons of pace and a good degree of skill. These qualities were on display in Saturday's game between South Fremantle and West Perth, when Flugge made an excellent league debut.

Perejimbida and Brindley are ruck-rover types. Brindley is a talent all-round sportsman, having represented Western Australia in State under-19 cricket.

HARD WORKER

SUBIACO'S Damien Read has had an excellent start to the 1987 season, continuing his good form in Monday's game against Swan Districts at Bassendean. Battling against tremendous odds, Read worked tremendously hard throughout, pushing Subiaco to what seemed a certain victory, only to see the black and whites snatch the points in the last 15 minutes.

DEFENSIVE ROLE

TIGHT defensive work is a must in hectic last quarters and Swans defenders David Armstrong and Lyndsay Burnett certainly provided plenty of that in the last 25 minutes against Subiaco at Bassendean Oval.

Armstrong, playing on half-back-flank, was outstanding, spoiling well and kicking to advantage, while Burnett repelled many attacks with timely marks.

At the other end of the ground, Esperance youngster Craig Treleven was dominating for Swans, playing his first game of the season.

He kicked some unbelievable goals under pressure and definitely looms as a player of the future.



Peter Brindley...handy type.



SUNDAY SCENE

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



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	62.095	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

Tough task for Wanneroo

WANNEROO face a moment of truth to take on the home team this weekend.

The Kangaroos went down to Thornlie by five points in round one and new coach Ian McCulloch will be desperate to get four premiership points.

But Maddington boast a competent forward line which has the ability to kick a score of more than 20 goals each Sunday.

The clash of Maddington's Jon ("Stretch") Hearn against Wanneroo's Neil Roach will have a big bearing on the outcome of this game.

At the other end of the ground, Steve Finch of Wanneroo will clash with John Begg.

ARMADALE meet South Perth in what will be a crisis game for South Perth.

The Armadale Demons were impressive in their opening fixture when they easily accounted for Mandurah.

New recruits in Darryl Stokes, Glen Shuttleworth and Wayne Rebbeck acquitted themselves well and Demons coach, Rod Barrett, will be looking for two wins in a row.

GROUND PROBLEMS

OSBORNE Park return to Balcatta Reserve to play their first home game for 1987.

However, due to an error by the local council the club will have to wait possibly the whole of the 1987 season before they can play on the number one ground.

With the help of the Stirling City Council, arrangements have been made to use the baseball oval for home games.

Mandurah will play the reigning premiers in what should be an interesting clash.

CHAMPION RETURNS

KWINANA will meet 1986 runners-up Kalamunda at Medina Oval. Kalamunda will welcome the return of champion centremen Ric Ellard and it would appear that this fixture will be a percentage-booster for the Cougars.

The Kwinana Knights were thrashed by Willetton by 25 goals in round one and it is difficult to see them matching the Cougars.

TROTT THE DANGER

WILLETTON'S coach Jeff Trott looms as the dangerman for Thornlie in their clash at Thornlie Oval.

Trott, along with Ray Pickersgill, contributed 17 goals of the Blues scores in round one.

Willetton boast many young players in Ashton George, Paul Kujawski, Andrew Fee and Steve Perejimbida.

RECORD INTACT

CANNING, first-up victors over Fremantle for new coach Tom Mullolly, will also be keen to keep their record intact when they meet Applecross in what should be a close encounter.

Canning still have veteran Alan Wheelock and half-back Peter Drew to line-up in 1987. Both players have been under an injury cloud.

A key player in this game for Canning is ruckman/forward David Rhodes who was in top form in the opening round.

Young players in Peter Wearing and 1986 fairest-and-best Marty Shepherd were also in good touch.

Applecross have been labelled as being unfit. But the nucleus of a talented team is there. The Hawks have welcomed back Mark Harding and obtained a transfer for Martyn Burton from Thornlie.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

FORMER Perth and Subiaco player Peter Ashworth, who is in his second season as coach of Kenwick, will be hoping for a repeat performance of his charges when they meet Gosnells at Mills Park.

The Royals will obviously not be the chopping block they have been in past seasons. The return of Arthur Jago from Wanneroo, Tim Costley (out of retirement) and the scintillating form of Danny Ashworth should see Kenwick notch up another win for 1987.

SECOND VICTORY

KELMSCOTT should bring up their second win for 1987 when they meet Fremantle at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott.

Bulldogs coach Rodney Alderton will not allow his players to become complacent in this game.

Alex Stewart, Phil Clucas and Jeff Bevan could all make their first appearances for Fremantle this weekend.

Kelmscott have few selection worries. However clearances are still required for Dean Hayden and Mark Spillsbury.

ROUND TWO FIXTURES

KELMSCOTT v Fremantle at John Dunn, Kelmscott. OSBORNE PARK v Mandurah at Balcatta Reserve. KENWICK v Gosnells at Mills Park. THORN-LIE v Willetton at Thornlie Oval. CANNING v Applecross at Wyong Oval. KWINANA v KALAMUNDA at Medina Oval. MADDINGTON v Wanneroo at Maddington Recreation Ground. ARMADALE v South Perth at Gwynne Park, Armadale.



Kenwick captain-coach Peter Ashworth ... under pressure from two Osborne Park opponents.

Whistle Stop



NEW NAMES

THERE are a number of new umpires emerging on the scene this year.

Already the league ranks have seen Dale Hosking make his debut as a field umpire, handling the whistle well in the opening three games. And Bob Davis has made his debut in league ranks as a goal umpire.

Joining the panel down in the under-19s grade as field umpires are three emerging prospects — Simon Henderson (originally) from South Australia, Peter Repper and Geoff Pritchard, from junior council ranks.

BUCKEY AND BALL IN TOP JOBS

FIELD umpires Ron Buckey and Mike Ball hold the two senior positions in the WAFL Umpires' Association for 1987.

Buckey, the senior umpire on the WAFL panel with 227 league games to his credit, is in his third year as president, while Ball, the 1986 umpire-of-the-year and with 179 games behind him, goes into his second year as vice-president.

Field umpire Len Cooper takes on the secretary's role for the first year, while boundary umpire Mike Power is in his first season as treasurer.

TOP FACILITIES

THE umpires have returned to the WACA Ground for their weekly training sessions — with the facilities much improved on their previous tenancy there a couple of years back.

The major improvements carried out at the home of cricket — and now football's new home again — has meant much better facilities for the umpires.

The changerooms have been upgraded and the oval itself is in first-class condition.

MORE NEEDED

THE WAFL umpires panel is badly in need of some extra numbers.

At present there are just 52 field umpires and 28 boundary and goal umpires.

With weekly WAFL requirements amounting to 24 umpires in each category — plus country appointments on Sundays — there are not too many left over.



Ron Buckey ... Umpires Association president.

any — plus country appointments on Sundays — there are not too many left over.

Anyone interested in pursuing a career in umpiring is invited to join their weekly training sessions at the WACA Ground on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

DEPARTURES

THE Umpires Association has farewelled three prominent field umpires over the summer.

Brian Hearne (81 games), Ross Graffin (32 games) and Colin Shawcross (22 games) have all retired for various personal reasons.

The loss of such talent is regretted as the depth of field umpires can never be too deep. However, the Association thanks that trio for their service and hopes to see them around in football circles.

All told, the umpires panel has lost 24 members from last season — their biggest drop-off in many years.

COMING UP...

THE Umpires Association's mid-season ball will be held at Wembley Lodge in June. Watch out for tickets.

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YOUR CLUB IN '87

Falcons have professional approach

A look at the WAFL clubs off-field line-up in 1987.



Jeff Pond ... bar manager.



Michael Beros ... full-time manager.

IN football, premierships are the name of the game. But football in the 1980s is more than a sport — it is becoming big business.

It is a business that involves a squad of superbly-fit athletes and a team of marketing and administration staff.

The team at West Perth is headed by Brian Atkinson (chairman), Graeme Pleydell (chief executive), Michael Beros (manager) and Alan White (development officer).

Add two full-time bar staff (Jeff Pond and Brian Skates) and receptionist Sandy Power, plus a host of coaches, physiotherapists, doctors, property men and others and you have the Falcons off-field team.

This is what it takes to get 20 highly-skilled footballers onto the oval each match day at WAFL level.

To do this for an entire season West Perth needs a turnaround of about \$700,000.

This is a lot of money language and a task the people in Falcon territory approach in a business-like manner, without forgetting the one main essential element — the players and supporters.

Player welfare is one thing, but the heart of a club is their supporters.

ACTIVITIES

And at West Perth official members and unofficial supporters take part in a mountain of activities that help them reach their financial commitments.

Apart from the Wespools — a jackpot tipping competition that embraces WAFL and VFL games — the club has functions such as a spaghetti night (May 2) and a luxury weekend at the Lord Forrest Hotel (May 15).

Such functions are the job of Michael Beros, who also looks after sponsors.

Sponsorship at West Perth in 1987 will amount to more than \$250,000 and incorporates Mountway Hyundai, Carlton and United Breweries, Liquid Air and Big Rock Toyota.

Membership is the other big fundraiser at WAFL clubs and West Perth look set to raise \$100,000 in this manner by attracting supporters with deals that will offer them many benefits.

To achieve all of this, a football team is needed and the stronger the team

then usually the bigger the membership.

To keep a team at the top takes coaches and good players.

RECRUITS

But where do the players come from? They don't just arrive on the scene.

At West Perth it is the job of Pleydell and White who, with the help of talent scouts, advise selectors about players coming through the junior ranks and country zones.

It is also White's job to develop the junior talent and assist players to find accommodation and employment when they come to Perth.

At the moment West Perth have 112 footballers training at Leederville Oval, which is a huge responsibility for Pleydell.

Pleydell believes that communication is what makes a professional club such as his go around.

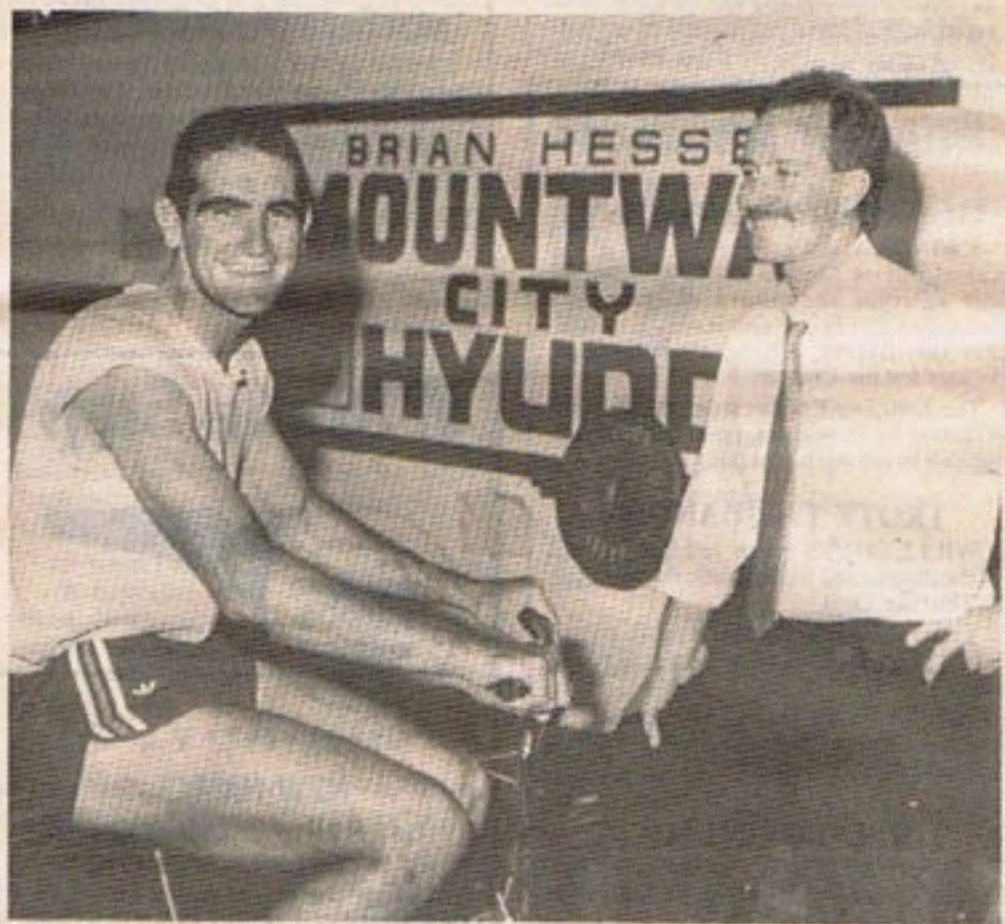
His role involves numerous duties that range from taxation matters to player contracts and recruiting.



Sandy Power ... West Perth receptionist.

It is a seven-day-a-week job that incorporates league teams, reserves, colts, juniors and Sunday teams.

He also gets enquiries about fixtures and ticketing arrangements.



Phil Bradmore shares a joke with development officer Alan White.



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Sponsors spend big in S-W

THE South West National Football League boasts record sponsorship of more than \$15,000 for 1987.

Sponsorship in arena signs on the grounds total \$5,500 and the biggest single sponsor for the season is the Devaugh Building Contractors who have contributed \$4000.

Devaugh are providing \$3000 for the team that wins the premiership and have guaranteed a further \$1000 for the South West's version of the WAFL's Peter Jackson Super Score.

The League's longest supporting sponsor, Humes Concrete, has doubled its sponsorship to \$2000.

The money will be given to the competition's fairest and best player as voted on a 4-3-2-1 basis by journalists on local newspapers.

The sponsor for the leading goalkicker award is National Mutual (\$1000) and dual sponsorships of \$500 each from Toms Tyres and the South West College will go to the colts' minor premiers and the colts' fairest and best player.

A further \$400 in sponsorship has been secured from South West Freight Lines, who are sponsoring a Future Star award for the best league player who is under 20 years of age during the football season.

Peters WA Ltd is supporting the SWNFL with \$1500 in cash sponsorship to the combined Wesfarmers carnival team.

President of the SWNFL, Mr John Silcock, said this week that he was extremely gratified by the support of the competition from local business houses.

"With the decline in sponsorship dollars available around the place, it is terrific to see these people and their businesses get behind us and give us all the help they can," Mr Silcock said.

"There is also non-financial sponsorship from Swan Districts with the Swan Shield for the most successful club, the Boans-Hayward Medal for the fairest and best player in the umpires' eyes, the Times Medal for the reserves and the Collie Mail medal for the colts.

With this sort of support we should have a most successful season," he said.

Top sides look good in S-W

A SPLIT round in the SWNFL saw 1986 premiers Carey Park and former premiers South Bunbury go to the top of the league premiers table.

The Panthers had a 20-point win over an improving Busselton side, while the Bulldogs took to Donnybrook, winning by a massive 74-points.

Though Peter Francis for Busselton scored seven goals, his team could not match the running ability of the defending premiers.

Glen Dehring, former Teal Cup player Steve Bazzo and Gary Coyle all scored three goals, while Steve Willis, captain Sean O'Callaghan and Coyle

were among the best players on the ground in their team's 21.18 to 17.22 victory.

For Busselton, Francis, Chris Maiolo and David Farre were all outstanding.

In the second clash, Peter Hodyl and Danny Platts were the main instigators in their team's convincing victory with Geoff Boyd scoring five goals and former Subiaco player Steve Leishman chipping in with two for Donnybrook.

Confidence vote

A VOTE of confidence was shown in last year's committee at the Country Football League annual general meeting last week.

There were a total of 13 nominations, but all committee members were returned except Ken Leech from the Eastern Districts League who retired.

His position was filled by Kevin Duffy, also of Eastern Districts.

Committee members are Bud Byfield (Avon), Jock Beattie (Upper Great Southern), John Luffick (Central Midlands), Dennis Pearce (Great Northern), Dick Smith (Mortlock), Ken Baxter (Avon) and Clem Bray (Central Great Southern).

Office bearers will be elected at the committee's first meeting on May 8.

At the same meeting, the country championships executive committee was also elected. The members on that include the Country League committee plus Jock Coleman (Avon), Harry Reeves (Southern Districts), George Warren (Upper Great Southern) and Jim Molloy (North Midlands).

CARNIVAL BID

THE North Pilbara Football League is planning its first invasion of the Wesfarmers country championships.

The new-look league will nominate a team for the B-grade championships in Perth later this year — under the coaching of former Claremont and Swan Districts man, Ray Browning.

The North Pilbara has a seven-team competition based on the amalgamation of the old De Grey Association and the West Pilbara League.

Teams from Hedland, Karratha, Dampier and Wickham compete in the league.

BARKER BRIEFS

ALBANY BOYCOTT

THE allocation of Sunday's WAFL match to Mt Barker created some ill-feeling between football followers in that town and the neighbouring port centre of Albany.

Many Albany people boycotted the match because they thought it should have been played in the larger town. This was despite the fact that both towns make up the major part of Southern Districts Football League and administration of that body are drawn from both centres.

While the Mt Barker based organising committee, headed by well-known football identity Harry Reeves, was confident that 6,000 people would see the match, there was a disappointing crowd of 2,700.

CALLERS HAPPY

AT an after-match presentation function, 6IX football commentator Harvey Deegan received roars of approval when he congratulated the organisers for the standard of broadcast facilities.

He said they were better than those provided for Perth stations at most of the VFL grounds. Both 6IX and 6WF shared the grounds two-tiered broadcast and racing judges box.

TOP VENUE

FACILITIES at Frost Park were excellent. The football oval is part of a complete sporting complex which encompasses hockey fields, a race track, pony club facilities, a cricket arena and agricultural showgrounds. The football oval was upgraded two years ago when many thousands of tons of filling was moved in by voluntary labour to raise the level of one side of the ground by two-metres.

PLANE LATE

THE match organisers had some anxious moments on Sunday morning when the aircraft conveying the two teams to Albany left Perth 1½ hours late.

However, schedules for both teams, which include bus tours of Albany were cut short and there were no delays in the programme.

SPECIAL BANK

ONE of the many ground improvements made especially for the match was the construction of a huge gravel embankment. Costing \$11,000 it was capable of accommodating a big crowd at an elevated level. But because it obstructs the view of part of the race course, it will be bulldozed before next summer's racing season.

GUESSING GAME

TIGERS coach Gerrard Neesham kept fans guessing before Sunday's match.

There was speculation that he would make a surprise debut with Claremont. Even 30 minutes before the game he told a radio commentator that he hadn't decided if he or youngster Peter James would be in the side.

BIG EFFORT

The community of Mt Barker did their utmost to ensure success of the match. The local shire council joined with the town's three service clubs and several sporting bodies to underwrite the gate.

PERTH SOFTIES

LOCAL footballers were labelling their WAFL counterparts as "softies" after both Claremont and East Fremantle club officials made a request for a cricket pitch in the centre of Frost Oval to be covered with sand. The wicket is a cement-based astro turf strip, which is always left exposed for local games.



Coaches Alan Watling (South Districts) — above — and Ross Ditchburn (Central Great Southern) convey their feelings at three-quarter time in the curtain-raiser to Sunday's WAFL game at Mt. Barker.



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

Busy time for State sides

PLAYERS chosen to represent WA in the amateurs seniors and colts teams this season will be in for a very busy time.

The re-introduction of a combined colts team should create an impact in the competition which has been lacking for several seasons.

This year the colts team will play two tough matches. The first is against a combined Sunday Football League colts team at Subiaco Oval, on Sunday, May 24 at 10am.

This game is a curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Melbourne VFL fixture and is expected to be played in front of a large crowd. Colts rarely play a match in front of any supporters, so this is an ideal opportunity to show the standard of the colts competition to a wider range of football followers who never see an amateur game.

One week later, on May 31, the colts will again feature in a curtain-raiser against the Great Northern League colts at Geraldton. The senior WAAFL team will also play the GNFL in the following game, which is expected to be played before a large parochial Geraldton crowd.

TARGET

This fixture could hopefully develop into an annual event which would be good for the competition with a target for players to aim for each season.

Colts coach Alan Langer, formerly of Trinity-Aquinas, is being assisted in selection by three colts coaches in Bruce Robertson (Uni A's), Martin Burgess (Dianella B's) and Brad Dunn (Mt Lawley A's), plus Kim Ardagh (Innaloo) and Milton Sanders (MHWP) as manager and assistant.

The success of the combined colts team relies heavily on the full co-operation from all colts coaches, from A to D, to inform Langer of any promising players emerging in the competition. If this is achieved, the colts should get the support and recognition they deserve.

The senior WA amateurs team will also have a busy program under the guidance of newly-appointed State coach Ralph Needham. His success as a former Mt Lawley coach is well-known in amateur circles and he will be assisted by selectors Ray Snell, Stephen Smeath, Alan Griffiths and Rod Cronan.

They will be selecting players with a future, bearing in mind that there will be a carnival played in Launceston in 1988.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES A-GRADE AND A-COLTS

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

B-GRADE AND B-COLTS

Collegians O.S. vs Bayswater at Dalkeith Oval; CBC vs Mt Lawley at East Fremantle Oval; Dianella vs West Coast at Light Street No. 1; Maylands vs WAIT at Gibney Reserve; Whitford vs MHWP at McDonald Reserve.

NEXT WEEK'S GAME A-GRADE AND A-COLTS

Round 4 (May 2): Scarborough vs Innaloo at Perth Oval; North Beach vs Nollamara at Leederville Oval; North Fremantle vs Wembley at Gilbert Fraser Reserve; Old Wesley vs Trinity-Aquinas at East Fremantle Oval; University vs Mt Lawley at Bassendean Oval.

B-GRADE AND B-COLTS

West Coast vs Maylands at City Beach Oval; Mt Lawley vs Dianella at Inglewood Oval; MHWP vs Coll/Old Scotch at Les Lilleyman Reserve; WAIT vs Whitford at South Oval; Bayswater vs CBC at Hillcrest Park.

by Don Baker
State team manager.

The first senior match will be played against the Country All-Stars at Hands Oval, Bunbury, on Sunday, May 17. This match promises to be a tough, closely fought one as each team has had success in previous encounters.

The last time these teams met at Bunbury the country team won by a solitary point. Supporters from amateur clubs would be most welcome in this game.

TALENT

The second senior game is at Geraldton on May 31 against the Great Northern League and could be a strong encounter as the GNFL bristles with talent.

Players selected in these two games will be under scrutiny for selection to represent WA in the interstate clash against South Australia.

The match will be played on June 20 at Leederville Oval and is a bye for all grades except J, K and L grade. It has been suggested that a match from one of these grades could be transferred to become the curtain-raiser to the State game.

South Australia always play a tough, hard, close-checking style of football and their coach, "Sleepy" Anear, who played in the last game against WA at Leederville, knows his side will have to play top football to win.

Organised matches like these benefit the players, raise the standard of football in general and club level in particular, but it must be remembered that football is no value without solid support and co-operation which brings success to amateur football.



PETER RUSH

reports on the B-grade scene

A REPLAY of last year's preliminary final looms as this week's match of the day in B-grade.

West Coast and Dianella have both started with convincing wins and look set to be the season trendsetters. The Panthers play a similar aggressive game to last year's premiers, North Fremantle, who exposed many weaknesses in West Coast's make-up in last year's finals.

This consistent physical aggression, plus the advantage of playing at the tricky Light Street Oval, should give Dianella the edge it needs to defeat the Tigers and take top spot.

The other two undefeated sides in the competition, Collegians-O/S and Bayswater clash at Dalkeith Oval. Both sides have had the best start to a season since the early 1980s when both clubs played leading roles in amateur football, though in different grades.

Collegians and Old Scotch were leading clubs in A-grade with Old Scotch being the only club to win the A-grade flag in its first year in 1981 after taking out the B-grade flag in 1980.

The merger of these two clubs saw a steady decline which now seems to have been arrested.

Bayswater played in the 1982 and 1984 B-grade grand finals, winning the 1982 flag.

Maylands 80th has started slowly with consecutive losses. New coach Ossie Dikolli, at 21 one of the youngest coaches in amateur football, has been faced with the loss of many veterans through retirement and has a young side at his disposal for the clash with WAIT, the Tigers are the form team in this encounter.

Mt Hawthorn should be too good for Whitfords, while the loser of the CBC versus Mt Lawley game will get bottom spot.

Pressure goes on Mt Lawley

NOLLAMARA should defeat last year's premiers, Mt Lawley, without too much bother.

Mt Lawley were undermanned this season with the loss of seven key players and severe injuries to key recruits who are now unlikely to line up this season.

On the other side, Nollamara are firing and are still not at full strength.

Former State player Chris White, still in lower grades finding form after a late start to the season because of baseball commitments, will add more strength and stability to the top side.

BIG TASK

North Fremantle take on University at McGillivray Oval — always an unenviable task for any side.

North's coach Brian Needle will be looking to his runners like Drew Herrington to combat University's following division led by State players John Love and Mark Paganin.

Scarborough, struggling to find form, will be desperate to record their first win over North Beach who have a win-loss record of one each.

North appear logical winners with players like Dave Perry, Lance Marwood and a few of the young brigade in form.

However, the Scarborough side always bound back well after defeats and will look for big games from Paul Clune, Warwick Gates and a few of their senior players to lift them out of the doldrums.

Old Wesley, with two wins to their credit, will have the edge over Wemb-



A GRADE REPORT
by Trevor Schorer

ley — but not without a lot of hard work.

Wembley looked good in a tough clash with Innaloo last game and will give nothing away in a tight situation.

Old Wesley will have to gain an early break if they are to make sure of a win.

Trinity-Aquinas look to have too many big guns for Innaloo and will win due to their dominance in the ruck led by Jeremy McGrade.



MILESTONE

100 games: Joe Scutti joined Hellenic 1980. Member of 1984 J premiers team. Runner-up to club fairest and best C grade 1986.

Clubs still hope for Eagles date

AMATEUR clubs still want to play a game before a West Coast Eagles match in Perth.

This is despite a late decision to call off a match between Nollamara and Scarborough before the Sydney Swans clash at Subiaco.

The A-grade match was put back to its original venue when the West Coast Eagles wanted their half-time entertainment groups to practise before the big game.

Both clubs went to the trouble and expense of getting extra sponsorship and curtailing their usual Saturday functions.

Then were asked to start their game at the conclusion of the West Coast game — but declined because it would have been a backward step.

They believed there would have been a mass exodus, leaving only a handful of spectators at the ground (as in the recent WAFL game after the West Coast-Richmond game).

The WAAFL apologises to both clubs and amateur supporters for the change — but it was out of their hands.

Amateur football has provided two players to the W.C. Eagles — Sean King and John Gastev were former MHWP players.

APOLOGY

THE WAAFL management apologises to the Ocean Ridge F.C. for their club's details omission in the 1987 Fixture book due to a printer's error. All club officials should take note (cut out this copy and place in your fixture book) as you may have to contact the Ocean Ridge club at some time during the season:

OCEAN RIDGE: Colours: Royal blue and white, blue and white striped socks, blue shorts with white stripes. Grade: G and K. Contact: Chris Lever (secretary), 29 Britannia Way, Craigie. Telephone 402 1282 (home), 355 0854 (work). Ground: Heathridge Park, Ocean Reef Road, Heathridge.

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WAFL RESERVES ROUND-UP

Jackson earns senior status

THE emergence of Perth ruckman Toby Jackson has been a great fillip for the Demons this season.

Jackson spent 1986 in the Under-19 and reserve competitions, but has matured greatly this year and looks to be ready for regular league appearances. Jackson's strong marking and agile ground work was revealed in Wednesday night's Kresta Cup final and had he kicked accurately, he could have finished up with four or five goals.

LITTLE MEN

SOUTH Fremantle boast one of the best bands of little men in the WAFL. One of the lesser lights waiting for an opportunity in league ranks is diminutive rover Frank Rognetta, a tigerish player, dangerous around the goals. If he can continue his strong form in the reserves, he will no doubt come under consideration for a league berth in the not too distant future.

YOUNG RESERVES

YOUNGSTERS Phillip Clancy and Craig Ranson have been honoured with reserves selection at the tender age of 16. Both players represented Western Australia at State schoolboys level in 1986 and bright futures look a distinct possibility for this talented duo.

DYNAMIC DANNY

SWAN Districts midfielder Danny Penny gave a dynamic display of hard running football against Subiaco on Monday. Penny's outstanding contribution was a major factor in Swans second-half destruction of the Lions.

It's no secret that Penny is one of the most gifted young players in the WAFL, but it is time for him to become a more consistent player and establish himself permanently in the league side.

CLEARED

IN last week's edition of Westside, mention was made of the untimely report of Subiaco's Tony Fullgrabe. Fortunately for Fullgrabe the tribunal found him not guilty and the tough Subiaco defender can now continue working his way towards senior selection.

by Ben Stinga



Danny Penny...dynamic.

Swans lose a stalwart

SWAN Districts supporters this week are mourning the loss of Bob Bryant, a highly-regarded life member of the club.

Bryant, a Gallipoli veteran, passed away last Wednesday and the players wore black armbands in a mark of respect on Monday.

A talented footballer before the First World War — which virtually ended his playing days — his love of the game never waned. In the mid-1920s he joined Claremont as a trainer and then moved to the Swans camp for their formation.

It was Bryant who kept Swans together in 1942 when the club was dropped from the WAFL competition. Through his work, they were re-admitted a year later.

He was a committeeman, time keeper and assistant secretary during his long association with Swans as well as being a willing worker at the Bassendean Bowling Club and patron of the Bassendean Junior Football Club.

For his services to football, Bryant was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the then Australian Football Council.

RICHMOND JOB

RICHMOND don't seem to be in any hurry to find a new club president in the wake of Alan Bond's unexpected resignation on the eve of the season opening. Acting president Bill Durham said that it could be a week, a month — or three months. "We don't want it to go on too long," he said.

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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
Glenn O'Loughlin	Subiaco	47	20	48	199	Mark Bairstow	Geelong	84	32	37	254	Damien Christensen	West Torrens	44	18	25	148
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	59	21	31	184	Gerard Healy	Sydney Swans	72	19	62	253	Michael Aish	Norwood	31	19	27	142
Peter Menaglio	West Perth	50	16	33	164	Michael Pickering	Richmond	54	43	33	249	Chris McDermott	Glenelg	35	13	33	140
Merv Dellar	South Fremantle	53	15	33	184	Greg Williams	Sydney Swans	42	15	76	239	David Payne	Norwood	37	18	22	135
Mark Watson	Perth	52	13	36	163	Terry Daniher	Essendon	58	39	25	225	Gregory Anderson	Port Adelaide	33	10	32	127
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	78	18	15	162	Paul Roos	Fitzroy	61	29	36	220	Garry McIntosh	Norwood	38	6	40	126
Ross Munns	West Perth	52	17	29	161	Jamie Turner	Collingwood	64	22	41	212	Stephen Curtis	Port Adelaide	27	12	29	121
Grant Campbell	East Perth	46	24	21	160	Russell Greene	Hawthorn	62	22	40	208	Stephen Connolly	Norwood	39	18	13	119
Sean King	West Perth	37	14	37	153	Francis Coghlan	St. Kilda	56	24	35	198	Jamie Thomas	Central District	28	18	18	118
Wake Gavin	West Perth	32	12	41	150	Alex Maroou	St. Kilda	52	12	52	192	Alan Stringer	Glenelg	29	12	26	117
Stephen Green	East Fremantle	61	17	18	148	David Murphy	Sydney Swans	55	20	38	191	Ron Fuller	Woodville	34	12	23	116
Craig Turley	West Perth	35	14	34	145	Craig Starcevic	Collingwood	58	32	18	190	Chris Stasinowsky	South Adelaide	26	16	21	116
Mark Blakely	East Perth	48	23	14	145	John Annear	W. C. Eagles	66	16	37	188	Russell Johnston	Port Adelaide	14	21	19	115
Joe Santostefano	Perth	44	12	32	144	Mike Richardson	Bears	57	18	37	187	Darren Smith	Port Adelaide	30	22	8	112
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	49	15	23	140	Leon Baker	Essendon	75	16	32	187	Steve Richardson	Norwood	40	13	16	111
David Hart	South Fremantle	65	15	14	138	Mark Williams	Bears	73	21	25	186	Peter Bennett	North Adelaide	24	15	21	111
John Georgiades	Subiaco	31	14	30	133	Phillip Walsh	Bears	57	20	33	183	Peter Winter	West Adelaide	26	18	14	108
Tony Amoroso	South Fremantle	51	19	12	132	Greg Healy	Melbourne	68	18	29	180	Darren Jarman	North Adelaide	41	9	18	104
Michael Rea	Perth	26	24	17	132	Barry Mitchell	Sydney Swans	64	11	40	177	Andrew Taylor	Woodville	27	16	14	103
Roger Kerr	East Fremantle	46	13	22	129	Stewart Loewe	St. Kilda	28	33	25	177	Timothy Ginever	Port Adelaide	46	9	15	103

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	Match	Daily News	Sunday Times	6PR	6IX	6NR	Westside Football	Umpires	
APRIL 19	West Australian								
	Perth v East Perth	David Marsh: Newman (P) Watson (P) Newman (P)	Tony Carr: Whittington (P) Fancote (P)	Bob Massie: Newman Spencer (EP) Holden (P)	Peter van Helden: Ryder Newman Watson	Chris Mitsopoulos: Newman Fancote	Bob Miller: Newman Whittington Watson	Alan East: Ryder Newman Spencer	Johnson/Cooper
	Sth Fremantle v West Perth	Ken Casellas: Hart (SF) Dellar (SF) Wake (WP)	Robbie Burns: Watters (SF) Dellar	Rod Lane: D. Bewick (WP) Dellar	John Watts: Hart Taylor (WP) Jackson (SF)	Graham Farmer: Jackson Menaglio (WP)	Rod Lohoor: Jackson Sadowski (WP)	George Temple: Hart Dellar D. Bewick	O'Driscoll/Garrett
APRIL 20	Claremont v East Fremantle	Gary Stocks: D. Kickett (C) Peake (EF) Matthews (EF)	John Dennis: Kickett Kerr (EF) Peake	Peter Poot: Kickett Peake Matthews	NO VOTES	Phil Mulcahy: Peake Lewis (C) Matthews	Joe Fanchi: Kickett Peake Cam. Lewis	Gary Bartholomeusz: D. Kickett Peake Matthews	Ball/Hosking
APRIL 21	Swan Districts v Subiaco	David Marsh: Caton (SD) Hutton (SD) Cocker (S)	Tony Carr: Hutton Caton O'Loughlin	Trevor Jenkins: Caton Cocker Hutton	John Watts: Caton Ugile (SD) Cocker	Wayne Harvey: B. Taylor (S) Caton P. Lamb (S)	Tim Flynn: Cocker Hutton Caton	Ben Stinga: Caton B. Taylor Ware	O'Reilly/Vernon

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That's right, Jacko has a show at Pinocchio's Nightclub.

It has been going six weeks and the crowd has doubled in that time. (Does that mean I should demand double the loot?)

You are certain to have a ball there. And you will also realise that M.J. is not just a pretty face and accurate goal-shooter.

Guys, get hold of your girls and come along to Pinocchio's after yet another Souths win.

Actually, the first six Jacko subscribers to read this column and ring Pinocchio's will collect a free pass for the night of their choice.

FOR all you folk who claim I don't like the West Coast Eagles, you're right.

"Jacko" is the founder and number one ticket-holder of the West Coast Eagles Hater club, which is growing in numbers.

Many West Australians are disillusioned football fans and are joining my organisation.

We at the WCEHC are enjoying the Eagles losing run, which is certain to continue at Princes Park this week.

Anzac Day there will resemble the battlefield at Gallipoli with Hawthorn set to inflict more serious injury to the battle scarred Eagles.

Folks, someone has done you know what in the Eagles nest.

The tale of woe of the West Coast wonders is no surprise to me.

It can all be traced back to when Graham Moss and Co. went about selecting the Eagles squad.

They now realise they have made some dreadful mistakes and want to be allowed to expand their squad.

Another blue was with the coach.

Honestly, Ron Alexander couldn't train a pig to be dirty.

He is out of touch with the modern day VFL game.

Until, the Eagles learn to shake off their bad habit of WA football of stopping and propping and until they get four or five continuously running players, they will fail to live up to all the hype and publicity that surrounded their birth.

That's welcome news for me and my WCEHC members.

Speaking words of wisdom

THESE words of wisdom are coming to you from New Zealand.

Jacko is spending a few days in Kiwi country sorting out their political problems and the like.

Already, the All Blacks have heard I'm in town and want me to play in a rebel rugby union series.

The New Zealand Cricket Council is negotiating regarding a few Test appearances next season and Prime Mi-

nister Robin Long Hee (sure that's not how it is spelt but it sounds something like that) is seeking advice in regards to cricket balls and grubbers.

Just for you readers, the real reason for my stay here.

They want me to captain-coach the New Zealand football side that will enter the ever expanding VFL competition soon.

More about my visit next edition. Until then, be good.



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It's Jacko! ... surrounded by some of his many adoring fans.

Free footy fever

SO many West Aussies seem bewildered at why this State is having a public holiday next Monday.

Anzac Day is on Saturday but the WA Government has ruled that we should down tools next Monday.

The real reason is to give all those who work Saturdays or are otherwise engaged the opportunity to see a real footballer in action.

In their wisdom, the WAFL and Burkie's Boys have taken full advantage of the Anzac Day weekend.

And what an appropriate occasion for a Derby. On Monday, the Bulldogs and the Sharks clash head-on at Fremantle Oval.

Sharks are reported to like deep water. Well, I can guarantee you that these Sharks won't be too keen on the depth or temperature on Monday.

Jacko and his young pups are ready for a battle, a war. Be warned East Fremantle, you are going to cop it.

The unfortunate part is that you'll have no time to recover before starting the working week on the Tuesday.

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