



Steve Malaxos
... ready for a
tough game.

THE battle of the little men ... Malaxos versus Mitchell.

The combination of Steve Malaxos and Michael Mitchell was a formidable one in WA football a few years back when they formed Claremont's deadly roving combination.

This Saturday they are deadly enemies — with pride, reputation and four premierships points at stake.

The Eagles come up against a struggling Richmond — and Malaxos, one of the form men among

the high-fliers from the West Coast, knows that it's a danger game.

Richmond might be at the bottom of the VFL premiership table, but on their home ground at the MCG and with the highly-dangerous Mitchell in their line-up, it's not going to be an easy game for the Eagles.

Malaxos says that Richmond are a talented side and Mitchell is the man who could inspire them.

"He's fast, skilful and is almost mercurial on the ball," Malaxos said.

"We're pretty good mates and I've been watching his progress.

by
George Temple

"I just hope he doesn't play too well against us."

A loss by the Eagles could let North Melbourne, Geelong and Footscray open up a gap of up to eight points and with matches against Carlton, the Sydney Swans, Hawthorn and Essendon in coming weeks, it could be almost impossible for the Eagles to bridge.

Eagles coach Ron Alexander realises the importance of this fixture and how much a win in Melbourne could help the confidence of his players.

With players like Mitchell, Maurice Rioli, Trevor Poole, Terry Wallace, Peter Wilson, captain Mark Lee and Dale Weightman, Richmond cannot be taken lightly.

"They'll have to click sooner or later," says Alexander.

"I just hope it's later, not sooner."

Willie Dick breaks from the family tradition

Willie Dick ...
a big improver

PERTH centreman Willie Dick is one of the big improvers in the WAFL this season.

In 1986 he had only six league games after bursting on to the scene a year earlier with some sparkling performances on the half-forward flank.

The "arrival" of Dick this season saw him selected in the initial State squad for the clash with South Australia.

His form has been outstanding and Demons coach Mal Brown — one of the most astute men in the business — is delighted that his recruit is starting to blossom.

The fact that Dick arrived at Perth in 1985 was no accident.

The controversial coach — a friend of the Dick family for nearly 30 years — tried to lure the young tyro to South Fremantle when he coached the Bulldogs.

That bid failed, but a second attempt at Demonland, with the help of Perth president George Spalding, succeeded.

Dick made his debut and the quietly-spoken Aboriginal from the Goomalling club was an instant success.

Brown said yesterday that the Dick family were big names in country football.

"I've known the family since 1958," he said.

"Paddy Dick, the grandfather, played for Northam Railway Unions and then Willie's father, Normie, was an outstanding centre-half-forward with the same side.

"Jimmy, Dougie, Dick, Sid and Diki Dick all played for Koonagorring.

"Dougie was one of the best country footballers I ever saw and in the 1960s he played for Perth in a practice match.

"He played on Sandover Medallist Ray Sorrell (East Fremantle) and did quite a good job to keep him out of the game.

"But Dougie didn't like the travelling and he moved back to the country," Brown said.

But travelling does not appear to bother the newest of the Dick footballers.

He travels from Northam to train twice a week and to play on match days.

"We tried to bring him down to the city, but that seemed to upset his game and this year he has been in great form," Brown said.

Willie Dick's immediate ambition is to help Perth to a premiership. But the big lights of the VFL are also in his sights — **GEORGE TEMPLE.**

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PICK THE WINNERS

THERE were two winners in this week's "Pick the Eagles Score" competition. Shaun Wilson, of Shelley, and M. McAlister, of Balga, correctly forecast that the West Coast Eagles would score 114 points against Fitzroy. Each will receive a double pass to a WAFL fixture and also go into the end-of-season draw for a trip for two to the VFL grand final, courtesy of Australian Airlines.

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

WORDS OF WISDOM

FORMER East Fremantle great Jack Clarke had some words of wisdom for today's coaches and footballers during an interview with fellow champion and now radio 6NR commentator Les Mumme last Saturday. Talking about kicking styles, Clarke was adamant that the drop-kick still had a place in today's football — but no-one was game to have a go at using it. "It's still the best kick in the game and far easier to kick and mark than anything else," he said. "If only someone was game to use it in league football, you would see how good it is." Mumme added his endorsement and said that it was a pleasure to watch East Fremantle skipper Brian Peake train recently, using the drop-kick quite often.

CLARKE'S HOPES

TALKING about Jack Clarke, the former farmer from Jennacubbine who won the 1957 Sandover Medal, his future hopes are now in the political arena. He has been endorsed as the National Party candidate for the strong Labor seat of Fremantle. "I certainly need a big swing," he admitted. But anyone who can survive a decade of derbies in the tough Port football arena and earn four All-Australian blazers can certainly pull off some surprises in the world of politics.

FALCON INQUIRY

WESTSIDE reader R. Tognetti has inquired about the activities of West Perth defenders Colin Barns and Simon Lill, plus utility player David Martin. Falcons development officer Alan White says that Barns and Martin are currently suffering from injuries (Martin with a knee and Barns with a hamstring), but are expected back shortly. Lill has left Leederville and is playing with the University amateurs club.

FAMILY AFFAIR

THERE could come the day when Subiaco's league ranks are swelled by the name Piggott — four brothers, all 6ft4in (190cm) or taller. Darren (22), Gavin (20) and Roger (18) all train with Subiaco, while the youngest, Shane (16), is in the Guildford Grammar School Alcock Cup side. He was also a member of the Subiaco country team for the Teal Cup trials last season. Roger plays in the Subiaco under-19 side, while Darren and Gavin are in the reserves, though Darren has had two runs in the league team this season.

MEMORY BANK

FOOTBALL spectators and critics alike marvel at the coaching ability of Swan Districts and State coach John Todd, who is in the throws of taking Swans from rags to riches for a second time. But this man also has a great memory. After the recent State match against South Australia, Westside Football writer George Temple asked if WA would bounce back. His reply: "You asked me that about Swans once and we did." That was nearly 12 months ago (on our first meeting) as Swans hit rock-bottom.

THANKFUL SERVICE

EAST Perth has established a Quarter Century Club in honour of supporters who have been members for at least 25 successive years. There are 105 members in the club and their first get-together this week saw them enjoy a light supper and watch the league side train.



LOYAL RAY IS A GREAT SERVANT

RAIN, hail or shine, Ray Schofield is still showing his dedication to West Perth. The former champion full-forward and full-back still works as a volunteer trainer for the league side every week after playing 277 games in a distinguished career. Schofield is in fourth spot on the club's list of games played behind Mel Whinnen (371), Bill Dempsey (343) and Alan Watling (284). But each week as he watches the Falcons, he sees courageous rover Les Fong slowly bridge the gap on that position. Fong has now played 275 games and is set to move ahead of Schofield.

WINMAR WOWS THEM

FORMER South Fremantle player Nicky Winmar is still impressing the critics and the fans in Melbourne. Winmar is at St Kilda where they rate his marking, pace, tackling and ability to read the game as among the best in the competition. Former North Melbourne full-forward and champion goalkicker Doug Wade says Winmar has what it takes to become a sensation. "He's destined for stardom," he wrote in a newspaper column.

REA INSPIRES

LEADERSHIP by example is an important tool for any captain. And Perth's Mick Rea, not one of the most fleet-footed players in the WAFL, certainly has this asset. Against East Fremantle last Saturday, Rea often chased an opposing player for 50 or more metres to keep the pressure on and in the marking duels he did his fair share of challenging. Rea has perfected the art of taking a mark while falling backwards and his opponent last week, Colin Waterson, could do little to prevent the big man from taking four such "pearlers".

IN MEMORY

THE changerooms at Subiaco Oval will be dedicated to a life-long servant of the game on July 2. E.D. (Ted) Doherty, a recipient of the National Football League Merit Award, dedicated 65 years of his life to Australian football. He died in 1986, just two days before the Lions won the grand final. The changerooms will be called the "E.C. (Ted) Doherty change-rooms".

GOOD BUY

YOU can get a good buy down at East Fremantle Oval on July 11 when the Sharks hold their annual Dinner Auction. Tickets at \$15 each are still available and apart from a glorious meal, you could pick up a great bargain in the club auction.

TRAVELLING TRUST

SOME of the Claremont "brains trust" went bush last week to have a look around their country zone. Development officer Ross Luckman and general manager Allan Moore were in the party that spent four days in the south.

GOALSCORERS

TODD (Turbo) Breman moved to outright leadership on the WAFL goalkicking table this week with a seven-goal haul against South Fremantle at Subiaco Oval. He now has 52 goals and is ahead of Mick Rea (Perth) on 49 and Clinton Browning (East Fremantle) on 46. However, before last week Breman and Rea would share second place behind West Perth's Paddy Madaffari if reserves games were included. The Falcons rookie has scored 39 league goals, plus eight reserve goals kicked in his two games at the start of the season for a total of 47. Madaffari did not kick a goal last Saturday.

FEATHERS "MATURES"

THAT evergreen veteran Peter Featherby continued his great return to WAFL football last Saturday with another 36 possessions and 12 marks. In his first match back home, Featherby had 35 possessions. Like a good wine, the 35-year-old footballer is getting better with age.

BRENTON RETURNS

LEIGH Brenton made a successful comeback to league football ranks last Saturday with a strong performance against Perth. Brenton dominated on the flanks with 17 possessions, showing much of his old dash. The former State player is back at East Fremantle after a lengthy spell at Swan Districts.

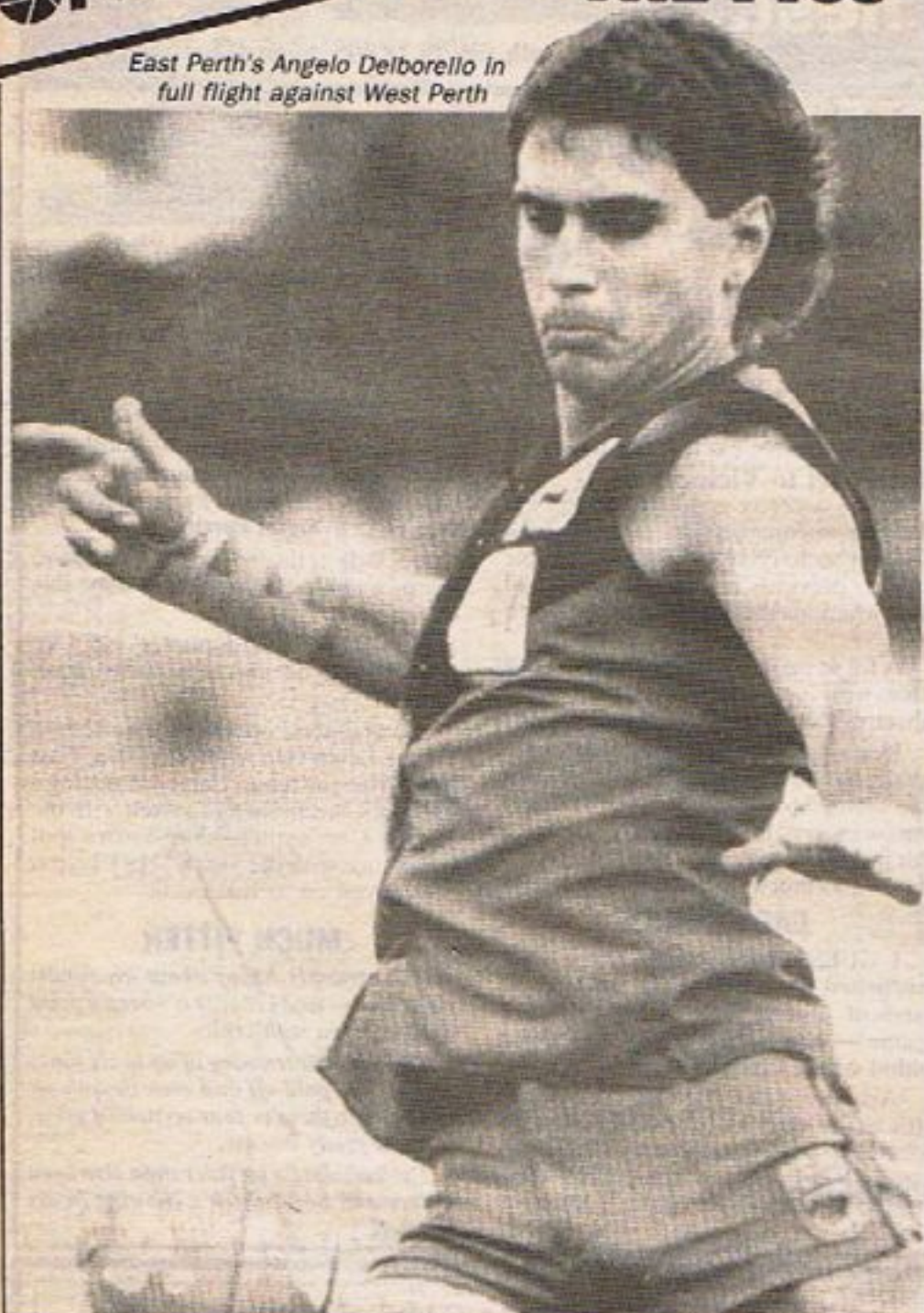
TALE OF WOE

WHEN will South Fremantle's tale of woe end? They have more than 25 players on the injured list and last Saturday coach Stan Magro (as big a man as he is) would have been forgiven for shedding a little tear when his two best performers this season, Scott Watters and Merv Dellar, were carried from the ground.



East Perth's Angelo Delborello in full flight against West Perth

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LOCKYER AND THE LEGEND

THE West Coast Eagles appear to have found a target man at full-forward, allowing captain Ross Glendinning to use his ball distributing ability in other areas of the field. Former East Fremantle full-forward (and sometimes full-back) Andrew Lockyer, kicked three goals last Friday and later said that he felt comfortable in that position. "I played there with the Sharks and Colin Waterson and I used to swap between centre-half-forward and full-forward," he says. "That was great. But with the Eagles, I work with a legend. Having Ross Glendinning there does wonders for your confidence."

BIRTHDAY GAME

STEVE Malaxos celebrated his 26th birthday last Friday and judging by his performance, all the celebrating was being left until after the clash with Fitzroy. Malaxos — rejected by Hawthorn — had 23 kicks and 29 possessions and was one of the men who helped rout the talented 'Roys by 72-points.

BARICH VERSUS BARWICK

WEST Coast Eagles defender Adrian Barich was given the tough assignment of looking after Fitzroy strong-man Doug Barwick last Friday night. And he took care of him in no uncertain terms. Barwick became frustrated from the constant attention he was receiving and after making a few wild and woolly swings in the direction of the utility player, he was dragged from the ground by coach David Parkin. Barich, who took the mark of the night on Barwick's back, said that coach Ron Alexander had given him the task of attending to Barwick. "He said we were similar players. Both stocky and strong and he would be suited to my game. I was happy with the way things went," said Barich.

NO SHOW FOR JACKO

FOOTBALL'S most extraordinary personality, Mark Jackson, quit South Fremantle last week and his chances of resuming his career in the VFL look remote. Noted Victorian football columnist, Doug Wade says Jackson is wasting his time if he's thinking about a VFL comeback. Wade said: "You had your chances and blew them. Four VFL clubs bid you farewell so you can't really argue that you were doing the right thing. How could you possibly expect clubs to put up with the way you carried on so often? Your style is not the way we want or need football marketed."

WELCOME SMILE

CARLTON star Peter Motley is slowly recovering from the horrific injuries he received in a tragic car accident a month ago. Motley is now out of his coma and a smile was brought to his face, first when he saw his close friend and team-mate Craig Bradley and second when he heard that South Australia beat Victoria in the State-of-Origin clash at Football Park.

WEIGHTED WRONGLY

VICTORIAN selector Ron Barassi believes that the Vics lack pace and big men. The outspoken former State coach says that they have the big men, but they are too slow and often out of form. In a recent interview Barassi said WA coach John Todd might have the answer. "Todd says that Victorian players do the wrong weight training. The wrong weights make them big and slow, but the right weights make them big and pacy."

YOUNG BOMBERS

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy is taking steps to ensure that the Bombers do not go the way of his former club Richmond. Sheedy is introducing as much young blood into his league side as possible in an effort to see which players are up to scratch and who are not. Sheedy believes if Richmond had shown a little more foresight they would not be in the situation they are now.

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Tigers follow the Subiaco example

AFTER 12 qualifying games Claremont, under rookie coach Gerard Neesham, are sitting pretty at the top of the premiership table having only lost one game — against West Perth under lights at the WACA Ground.

They are now odds-on to play in the second semi-final and at this stage of the season are justifiably firm premiership favourites.

They have hardly faltered in season 1987, having responded magnificently to coach Neesham, beaten both their major rivals East Fremantle and Subiaco twice, with three of these games having been played away from Claremont Oval.

So there would seem to be little concern, and rightly so, in the Tigers camp that they can look to the remainder of the season with a great deal of confidence and optimism.

CONCERN FOR NEESHAM

But perhaps therein lies the concern for Neesham and the Claremont hierarchy.

It is now a case for them to "play out" the rest of the qualifying fixtures, already assured of a second semi-final berth.

Have they reached peak form too early? They have been relatively injury-free (apart from the loss of David O'Connell) to this stage of the season. Has Neesham played all his aces too early?

Looking back to season 1986, master coach Haydn Bunton was in a similar situation to that now facing Neesham and Claremont.

After the second series of fixtures, Subiaco were virtually unbackable for the flag. Then all of a sudden they seemed to falter at the business end of the season leading up to the finals.

Bunton, secure in the knowledge of a second semi-final appearance, started to experiment with players and positional placing and from all accounts ran his players into the ground at training sessions, to perhaps take the "edge" off them come Saturday.

PACESETTERS

This had the effect of relieving the pressure on Subiaco as the pacesetters of the competition leading up to the finals and also had the pundits and media installing East Fremantle as premiership favourites.

This appeared to be a correct assumption after the Sharks had demolished Subiaco in the second semi-final. But even then, the low-key Bunton still seemed confident and unconcerned about his side's destiny.

History now shows that Subiaco convincingly beat Perth in the preliminary final and then comfortably accounted for East Fremantle to take the 1986 honours.

In hindsight, it seemed to be a "Melbourne Cup" preparation by Bunton. They were trained and timed to the minute for that last game in September against the red-hot favourites.

It will be of interest to see what approach rookie coach Neesham adopts for his Tigers, considering that Claremont generally are a very youthful and inexperienced side.

Players such as Pyke, Owens, Melesso, Kickett, Allan, Urquhart, McKenna, Brayshaw, Lewis, Sutherland, Thompson, Povey and Passera have had very little exposure to the pressure-cooker atmosphere of a finals situation.



This week's guest columnist

Laurie Heal
Former West Perth player and Sunday Times critic.



Gerard Neesham ... A rookie coach.

East Fremantle and Subiaco are both finals-hardened sides that Claremont will have to overcome. Only rarely does a side come from obscurity to win a premiership. Success usually follows a finals apprenticeship.

So even at this halfway mark of the season, Neesham's present physical and mental preparation of his players could be the deciding factor come finals time.

Added to this is the fact that Neesham himself will have to assess his best value to the team.

Although the Tigers have enjoyed tremendous success without Neesham as an integral player to this stage, there seems little doubt he will loom as a key player for them with his previous vast finals experience both with Swan Districts and East Fremantle.

The added pressure of being the only playing coach will weigh heavily on Neesham in his quest for success against either East Fremantle or Subiaco, who will have a psychological advantage in terms of finals experience.

Although Claremont are firmly entrenched at the top of the tree, they appear to have less room for improvement than their major rivals.

So Tigers beware, your superb early season form and apparent dominance is no guarantee for success in the one game that counts.

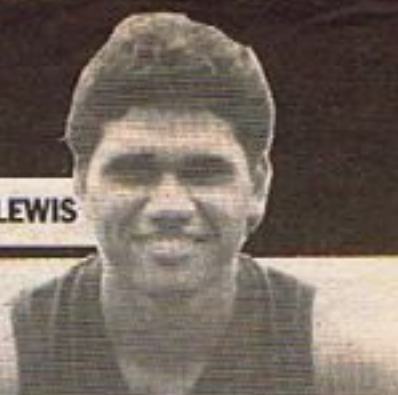
That success may well depend on the strategy adopted now, in the run in to the finals, a strategy that proved so successful for Bunton and Subiaco at this same time in season 1986.

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Fitzroy win a big relief

WELL, now that we can play in the mud, we hope that people will stop using the Melbourne grounds as an excuse for us when we travel to Victoria.

It was a pretty good feeling to beat Fitzroy so convincingly. I really think we had been trying too hard in a couple of our previous matches that we had lost when maybe we were expected to win.

A lot of people were giving us a hard time with our recent form and it was a most welcome return to winning style.

If we had lost on Friday night, we really would have been in trouble. But we seemed to adopt the one-handball, one-kick system and our play became a lot more effective. We had been trying to do too much with the ball before.

EASIER ROLE

I GUESS a few people are a little surprised to see me in the backline at present. But as long as I'm getting a game — and getting a kick — I don't mind where I play.

Actually, I like the half-back-flank. It's easier than half-forward! The ball comes to you more directly when you are at half-back; not like half-forward where you have to create your own chances.

Also, I find that I can play with more consistency in defence. In attack I tend to flash in and out of the play.

But, as I said, anywhere in the Eagles team will do me!

FATHERLY ADVICE

A LOT of football fans obviously remember my father Irwin and he's really enjoying watching the Eagles play now that he is living in Perth.

He still tells me what I've done wrong and how I should have done this or that.

He wasn't a bad player (so I've heard!) and he makes a pretty good critic.

It was a good opening to the season for the Lewis clan with Clayton in East Perth's league team, Cameron getting a game at Claremont and myself with the Eagles. Cam's still holding down a spot in defence with the Tigers, but Clayton has moved on to Kalgoorlie.

MUCH FITTER

I'M certainly happy about my fitness right now — and I realise it's been a point of discussion with critics.

The summer training of up to six times a week has paid off and even though we are down to three or four sessions a week, it's still pretty intense.

I'm certainly a lot fitter than I've been before and hopefully it's showing in my football.

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ROCKY BOAT

STATE coach John Todd was in two minds at Friday's 6PR Football Forum. He didn't know whether to completely let fly at the WACA Ground administrators or bite his tongue. Todd obviously wasn't very happy with the state of the ground for Tuesday's clash with South Australia and he said that someone should take the WACA to task. "Everyone's reluctant to rock the boat," he said. "Whoever set the rules up was way off beam. The WA public is not educated for night footy in winter and I don't think the WACA is suitable." Todd was critical of the build-up for the State clash and said that they were charged \$1600 to train on the ground and even had to pay \$250 for someone to open the gates to let them in.

ROOKIE ROYALS

EAST Perth continue to meander along meaninglessly in the basement department of WA football and their players certainly don't watch videos of themselves in action or listen to radio shows on football. Any video replay would show how indirect the Royals are as they continue to get more than their share of possessions, but waste the football. And if they had listened to 6PR's Percy Johnson last week when he told them to play direct and not backwards, forwards and crossways, then maybe they might win a game. "East Perth have no direction and they're going nowhere right now," said Perc.

HELPING HAND

RADIO 6IX commentator Trevor Sprigg probably didn't mean to put the "mock" on East Perth's Glen Bartlett as he was lining up for the Royals seventh goal at Perth Oval last week. Kicking from just 30-metres out, Sprigg said that Bartlett would need to aim at the right-hand goal post to make best use of the breeze. Bartlett did just that — and hit the post square on! It was one of four posters notched by the Royals on a day when West Perth also had a couple.

SOGGY SALVOS

THE Salvation Army do a terrific job in the community and their slogan, "Thank God for the Salvos" is appropriate and often justified. However, God appeared to forget them last Friday night when the Salvation Army band appeared during the half-time interval of the Eagles-Fitzroy confrontation at the WACA Ground. While they were playing — and quite well, I might add — the heavens opened up and down came the rain at its hardest. To their credit the Salvos did not miss a beat and continued to play regardless.

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footy columnist.



A NASTY PRECEDENT

THE WAFL tribunal certainly made a nasty rod for its own back with the decision last week to defer the hearing of a striking charge against Subiaco's Todd Breman. Reported on Saturday and with an interstate clash on Tuesday night, the League wasted no time in deferring the hearing till Wednesday. The excuse was that Breman had State training on Monday. That could prove to be an embarrassing precedent for football officialdom. The League (or the tribunal) obviously forgot the situation just a season or two back when Kevin Taylor lost his State guernsey because of a report that was heard BEFORE the interstate clash. With football tribunals, justice must not only be done when it comes to reports, but it must be seen to be done. It wasn't in this case, regardless of whether Breman got off with a reprimand or not.



EXCUSE ME! Just what is going on down here that I don't know about. We may never know the answer to this question . . . but then it's a bit hard to tell who the players are, so you can draw your own conclusions!

FOOTY NOBBLE

WATCHING the Eagles and Fitzroy the other night it suddenly occurred to me how you can nobble a football match. Thirteen trainers and runners were on the ground at one time during the first quarter and how easy it would have been for one of those men to spray opposing players in the face with sleeping gas! By the final quarter they would be so drowsy your boys could walk right over them.

MUD PIES

BOYS will be boys and when there is a huge pile of mud, even if it is in the sacred centre square of the WACA Ground, they will dive in and sling a few handfuls around. This is precisely what the boys representing the Eagles and Fitzroy did last Friday night after playing their Little League fixture amidst the wind, rain and mud. I hope their Mums had a whirlpool!!!

MEDIA MUFFS MILES

IT is great to have television coverage of Eagles matches, but the media must learn its place. When Geoff Miles was attempting to play on after the ball had been kicked out of bounds on the full last Friday night, he tripped over a television cable and though he managed to avoid the man on the mark, he kicked the ball to the opposition.

OUT OF BOUNDS

WHILE on out-of-bounds kicks, East Fremantle ruck-rover Stephen Green managed a first for me last Saturday when the Sharks played Perth at East Fremantle Oval. Green kicked the ball into play from the back pocket. He not only went across goal, but his kick went out of bounds on the full in the other pocket.

RACIST COMMENTS

A CONCERNED football listener has complained to the ABC about what she describes as racist comments made about Peter Ware during Swans last two home games. The listener, whose name has been withheld, said she does not know who the commentator was, but one week he described how Ware's teeth shone and stood out against his dark skin and the following week said: "If it was anyone else I would not have recognised who had kicked the goal". The listener says that sort of thing is all right among themselves, but keep it off the air.

BIG REVERSAL

UNDER-19 goal umpires K. Beer-mier and C. Hughes must be avid fans of Subiaco. Both umpires had Subiaco written on their scorecards as winners of their game against South Fremantle when, in fact, the Bulldogs had ran out victors. This error caused some confusion among WAFL officials and would have led to an interesting bungle on the premiership tables. It will be interesting to see where these men in white line up next week.

WILY SHARKS

EAST Fremantle have certainly learnt how to play the game at East Fremantle Oval. The East Fremantle players know how hard it is to get the ball out of defence into the stiff breezes that often sweep down the ground. So when they are kicking with the breeze and the ball goes through for a point, one player will kick the ball over the fence to slow the game down. This allows the defence to settle and does not give the opposing side a chance for a breakaway.

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FOOTBALL FACTS

Compiled by Steve Davies and Trevor Dawson

How they rated 30 years ago

FOOTBALL has changed dramatically over the past 30 years. There have been many changes in the laws of the game. All have been designed to increase its pace.

Some of the MAJOR rules to have been amended in this time include: centre square, two umpire system, interchange reserves and out of bounds on the full.

Let's recall the 1957 season in facts and figures:

Each of the eight clubs used an average of 36 league players in the 21 qualifying matches. The total number who got a league jumper that year was 288.

There were 65 first-year players, with only Wally Stevens, the Subiaco rover from Narrogin playing in all 21 matches.

Claremont called on 44 players, 20 of them making their first league debut. Perth, on the other hand, used only five newcomers. It was a tough year for the Swans trainers. They had plenty of work to do with 28 replacements through injury. West Perth recorded 19 injuries.

Close finishes occurred in 18 matches with each of these having margins of less than 10 points. There was one drawn game between West Perth and South Fremantle, the first for 11 years.

The season's widest margin was the 109 points separating Perth and Subiaco in round 21. On this day Perth recorded the highest score for the season: 24.12 (156).

Subiaco had the distinction of

achieving the season's lowest score of 3.6 (24) against Swans in round 15.

Perth were the most accurate side. They kicked 274 goals, 231 behinds and in only six matches did their behinds exceed their goals. South Fremantle had 13 games in which they kicked more behinds than goals. The top four sides each posted 100 points or more seven times.

South, who finished fifth, won the toss on 13 occasions out of 21. Leaders, East Perth, won the toss only nine times.

Nine field umpires controlled the 84 league matches. Gardner led with 16 appearances. Cliff Fitzpatrick was an impressive newcomer.

Subiaco (620) got the most free kicks. Claremont received 611 and East Fremantle 601. Swans, with 521 frees, received the least.

Eleven players were reported with East Perth having four suspensions. The two teams not incurring the umpires wrath were Perth and Swans.

Subiaco's Don Glass topped the goalkicking list with 83 goals despite his teams 490 scoring shots. This was surpassed by five teams. West Perth having the most shots with 564 and Swans trailing by 461.

League leaders East Perth could get no closer than 10th position in the individual goalkicking tally. Their principal scorer was Kevin McGill with 42 goals.

The lowest winning score was recorded by East Perth with 3.30 (48) when they defeated Swans 5.11 (41) at Perth Oval on 1/6/57. This also set a record for inaccuracy. At one stage in the third quarter East Perth's score was 1.26. They scored 1.15 in the second quarter!

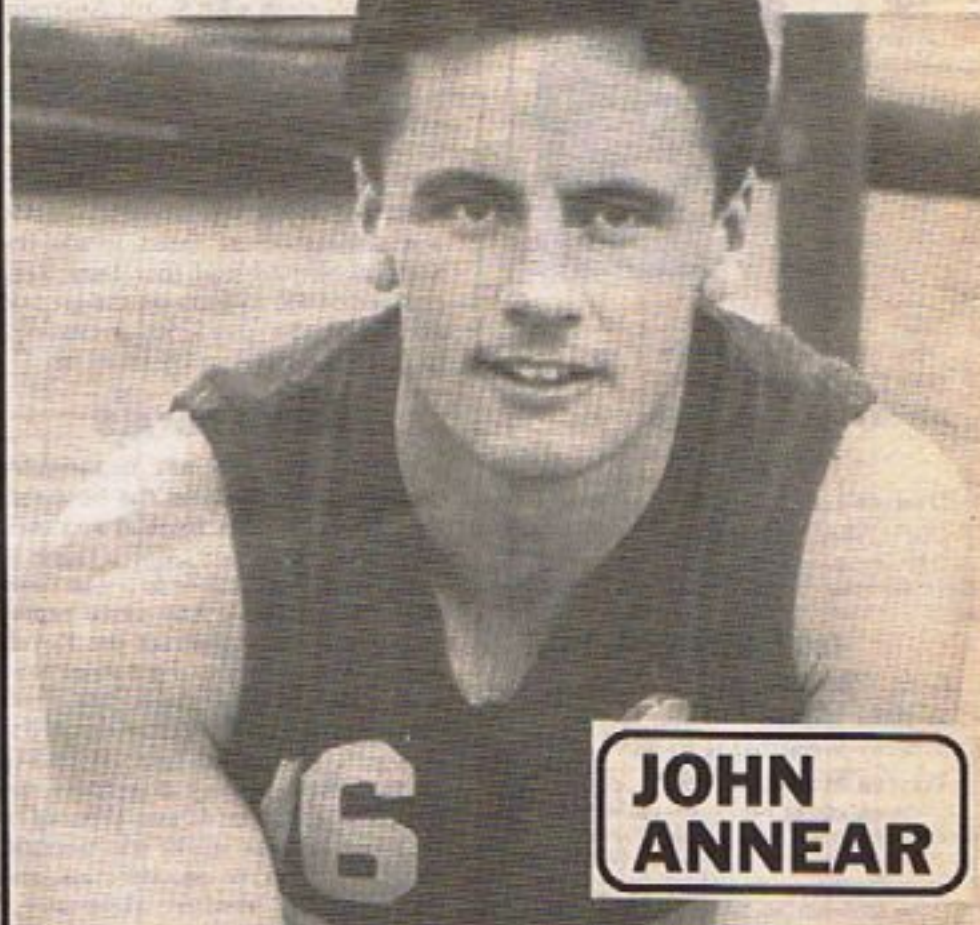
Major award winners in 1957 were: SANDOVER: Jack Clarke (East Fremantle) with 19 votes on a count-back from Graham Farmer (East Perth).

SIMPSON MEDALLISTS were E. Whitten (WA v Victoria) and F. Conway (East Fremantle) in the Grand Final.

CLUB FAIREST AND BEST winners were R. Sorrell (East Fremantle), G. Farmer (East Perth), K. Harper (Perth), B. Foley (West Perth), A. Parentich (South Fremantle), D. Glass (Subiaco), L. Mumme (Claremont) and K. Slater (Swan Districts).

EAGLE PROFILE

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JOHN ANNEAR

FAVOURITE POSITION: Ruck rover or centre

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17/6/60 Norseman

HEIGHT: 181cm WEIGHT: 84kg

RECRUITED FROM: Richmond

FIRST PLAYED: Collingwood

GAMES PLAYED: 108

FOOTBALL HONOURS: 1983 Collingwood — most improved; 1984 Richmond — runner-up fairest and best; 1985 WA State side

MARITAL STATUS: Single

BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two brothers

OCCUPATION: Physiotherapy student

SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Christ Church Grammar

CAR: BMW

FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Golf, triathlon, renovating

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian food, veal

FAVOURITE DRINK: Milkshakes, red wine

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:

Clarence Clements, Van Morrison

FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Adios Huxley

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Esperance, WA

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Jessicas at the Merlin

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Young Ones

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Monty Python movies

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Graham Moss, Stan Magro, Ray Giles

MOST ADMIRE SPORTSMEN:

Marvin Hagler, Scott Tinley

ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Spaghetti as breakfast/lunch

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries in first season in the VFL in 1981 — reconstructive surgery to shoulder

BIGGEST THRILL: First VFL game

NICKNAME: J.A.

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES



Demons have a chance

PERTH could put fresh life into the competition if they can beat Subiaco when they return to the WACA Ground on Saturday.

Defeat would almost certainly end any faint hope the Demons have of snatching a place in the final round.

And it will take a strong effort for them to avoid losing to a Subiaco combination which is gradually building towards their best form.

The Lions are rapidly approaching the form which saw them win the 1986 premiership and those hopes were boosted recently by the return of one of the club's favourite sons, Peter Featherby.

He adds another dimension to Subiaco's midfield play which was previously well-served by Neil Taylor, Glen O'Loughlin, Mick Lee, Greg Carpenter and Ian Dargie.

It is difficult to build a case for Perth, suggesting they can match that talented group as well as form full-forward Todd Breman and exciting centre-half-forward Karl Langdon.

But football teams are capable of almost anything in desperate situations and the Demons are in a tight corner.

Sharks to stop Falcon charge

WEST Perth face one of the toughest tests of their 1987 campaign when they play East Fremantle at Leederville Oval on Saturday.

Every match now becomes extremely important for the Falcons if they are to continue their charge at a place in the final four — and victory against the Sharks could put them into fourth place.

However, they would need to rely on South Fremantle to beat Swan Districts at Fremantle Oval for that to happen.

The Falcons need desperately to continue their winning run, but to beat East Fremantle on Saturday they will need to improve on their effort against East Perth last Saturday.

The Falcons played well enough to win and that was all.



They will find the opposition a bit harder this week. East Fremantle are anxious to return to their impressive early season form and if they are in the correct frame of mind they are a dangerous combination.

The Sharks have a potent attacking division, a skilful and experienced midfield unit and a hard-working defence.

If West Perth are to cause an upset and avoid slipping eight points behind Swan Districts, they will require strong efforts from centre-half-forward Phil Bradmore, ruck-rover John Gastev (provided he is not selected in the Eagles team) and centreman Peter Menaglio.

Swans too good for Bulldogs

SOUTH Fremantle, losers in their last nine matches after winning the opening three games of the season, face a difficult task in breaking their losing sequence when they play Swan Districts at Fremantle Oval this week.

The young Bulldogs have simply re-

Tigers on the march



CLAREMONT have destroyed every team in the competition at some stage this season and there is nothing to suggest they will falter against East Perth at Subiaco Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers have been too good for the likes of Subiaco, East Fremantle and Swan Districts this season and all of those teams have had few problems in disposing of East Perth.

The Royals have lost too many players since last season and are not expected to create too many problems for the Tigers.

Claremont have an efficient defence, brilliant midfield players and the attacking players capable of kicking a large score while East Perth have struggled for goals, waste the ball and have trouble limiting key attacking players in the opposition.

They had problems with both Phil Bradmore and Warren Taylor last week and the situation will not be easier this week against Warren Ralph and Peter Melesso.



ceived too many injuries to beat a team with the final-four aspirations and claims of Swan Districts.

However, it is still a danger game for Swans and one they can ill-afford to lose.

Undoubtedly coach John Todd will impress upon his players the importance of victory against the Bulldogs.

South have more than 20 players on the injured list and that has been a devastating blow for a club which boasts some of the State's most exciting young talent.

Swan Districts appear to have an edge in most facets of the game — particularly experience and potency in attack — and that should ensure they keep at arm's length from fifth team West Perth.

No excuses this time for Eagles

IF the West Coast Eagles can't win in Melbourne on Saturday, they never will. Important factors indicate the Eagles are ready to improve on their poor Melbourne record.

They go into the game after a confidence-boosting performance against Fitzroy at the WACA Ground last Friday night and they meet bottom team Richmond at the MCG — a ground which should suit their running style of football.

And the Eagles have possibly their strongest squad of players available for this game.

Only a handful of players remain on the injured list, Laurie Keene returns after a two-week suspension and in-form defender Michael Brennan should resume after a back problem.

Last Friday's performance was rated by many pundits as the outstanding effort of the Eagles so far this season — eclipsing the Eagles only win in Melbourne (over Hawthorn on April 25).

It was significant last week that the Eagles solved their problems in attack with the input of regular defenders Michael O'Connell, Dean Laidley and Andrew Lockyer.

And those three players, along with captain and centre-half-forward Ross Glendinning, must maintain their good attacking form if the Eagles are to win again on Saturday.

IMPORTANT

The Eagles do not have an impressive record in Melbourne, winning only once in six visits, and it is important for them to break that run of defeats.

After seeing them perform so brilliantly last week, they stand a strong chance to score their second Melbourne success.

But the Eagles must take with them their hard running, direct, no-nonsense style of football.

The presence of Lockyer, O'Connell and Laidley in attack last week relieved some of the mounting pressure from the shoulders of Glendinning, particularly in the aerial battles.

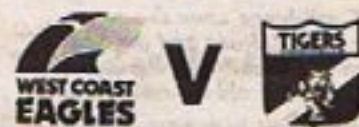
Until last week the Eagles attacking football in the marking duels rested solely on Glendinning's ability. If he could not mark the opposition quickly whipped the ball down to the other end of the ground to create a scoring opportunity.

And the absence of O'Connell, Laidley and Lockyer did nothing to upset the balance of the Eagles defence.

Stand-in full-back Mark Zanotti was in superb touch, Geoff Miles was outstanding at centre-half-back and Adrian Barich and Chris Lewis offered fine support.

The pleasing aspect about the midfield play — apart from the continued brilliance of centreman Steve Malaxos — was the return to form of ruck-rover John Annear and wingman Chris Mainwaring.

Annear worked hard at the base of the packs and consistently drove the



Falcons rover John Gastev... ready for a return to the Eagles.

Eagles in to attack while Mainwaring was comfortably the best man afield with almost 30 kicks which he used to telling effect.

STRUGGLING

Although Richmond are struggling for success, the Eagles can ill-afford to take them lightly.

The Tigers were in good form for the opening-of-the-season match against the Eagles at Subiaco Oval on March 29 and only a brilliant finishing burst gave the Eagles victory.

And Richmond played quite well last week when they narrowly missed victory against Carlton in the wet.

Rover Dale Weightman was in brilliant form and he could combine with former Claremont star Michael Mitchell to cause some problems for the Eagles defence.

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GEORGE TEMPLE	34	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	36	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	33	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	31	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	34	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	35	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
BEN STINGA	33	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	35	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles



LES'S LYRICS

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

Falcons have the incentive

A LOT will hinge upon the game between the Falcons and the Sharks. More than just the West Perth fans will hope they hold their marks.

League officials hope they win to bring the comp alive. To add some interest to the game so W.A. footy can survive.

East's Brian Peake is leading in most voting around the town. And if the Bomber's firing West Perth won't hold them down.

But West Perth have Menaglio though small in stature for sure. There is nothing lacking in courage and he has the skills galore.

So along with other players like Bradmore, Mifka and Bewick. Falcons have means and incentives to give the Sharks the flick.



BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Crows getting a little carried away

NO wonder they call them the cocky Crowies.

If you read the Adelaide papers after South Australia rolled us at the WACA Ground to pick up the Australian championship, you would have thought they had just won World War III.

I can understand their jubilation.

When it comes to Australian titles, the cupboard has been bare for SA.

Since 1911, the Croweaters were able to put only one Australian championship on the shelf before last week. And that was by default.

Kevin Sheedy presented SA with the title by flaunting the interchange rules and losing a match they had won decisively against the Crows.

DUBIOUS

While they are now shouting that they are the best, SA's title last week was again achieved under dubious circumstances.

But when you realise they have had little to crow about over the years, the South Aussies can be excused for beating their chests.

But to claim they have the best foot-

baller in Australia in Chris McDermott and that they would have beaten WA even if true State-of-Origin rules had applied, is going a little too far.

I'm not going to denigrate McDermott. But I can think of two South Aussies I would have ahead of him — Stephen Kernahan and Craig Bradley without even casting an eye on the VFL.

The SA side that scalped us would not have beaten the West Coast Eagles and we have a lot more better players in the VFL than SA.

Sure we were anaemic. But I'd be interested to see SA take 35 of their best players out of their competition and then pick a side to play us.

DECIMATED

It's an unfortunate fact of football life that we have had our playing stocks decimated by the introduction of the Eagles.

So perhaps we shouldn't participate in the Australian championship unless we can draw on our best footballers now in the VFL.

Despite the drop in attendances and interest in the WAFL, football is very much alive and well in this State.

If the Crows want to keep their head in the sand in respect to a national competition, then that is their business.

But whether they like it or not, a truly national competition is not only inevitable, but desirable.

To see the semi-final and occasional grand final-type crowds, the Eagles are drawing here is an indication of the interest being generated in football in this State.

I'm glad the Crows have got a little joy from football by winning the Australian championship. After all, we've had more than our fair share of championship wins in recent years.

Over the years SA have not been much chop when they have played over here. Eight wins in 35 clashes since 1921 is proof of that.

In the meantime, we can get the kind of exhilaration the Crows got last week virtually every time the Eagles play at home.

"The Eagles have had the best media support that any sporting group has ever experienced in Perth." 6PR critic Percy Johnson.

"There are many changes that we are implementing as we learn more about travelling away to play our games." Eagles chief executive Graham Moss on the decision to ban travelling media from the team bus on Victorian trips.

"East Fremantle had got a lot of blokes playing on what they have achieved and not what they should be achieving." Radio 6PR critic Percy Johnson on the Sharks poor form.

"We couldn't fault the surface apart from the small section of mud in the middle." Fitzroy captain Paul Roos after losing to the Eagles at the WACA Ground.

"Players make moves work, not coaches." Eagles coach Ron Alexander after some moves against Fitzroy paid off handsomely.

"You have an obligation not to strike anybody on the head — with an open hand or with a closed fist — whether it is vicious or not." Tribunal chairman Paul Heaney handing out a reprimand to State and Subiaco forward Todd Brennan.

"We have many exciting young players, but instead of nursing them along for a few years, they are rushed into higher grades too quickly." State coach John Todd after SA's win.

"We decided that we would not stand in his way if he wanted to leave to pursue his entertainment career." South Fremantle's managing-director Harold Harper on the club's decision to let Mark Jackson go.

"We will soon be contacting the WAFL clubs with the names of players we would like to recruit for next year. We would like to invite them to training sessions shortly." Eagles chief executive Graham Moss on their 198 recruiting program.

"It would have given Graham Melrose the opportunity to take a tremendous big stick and beat them with it if they had lost another one or two games." Ken Armstrong, on radio 6WF, about East Fremantle's mid-season slump.

"Players pull muscles today that we never knew we had." Former East Fremantle great Jack Clarke on radio 6NR.

"I've enjoyed my football in Adelaide, but my wife and I are keen to return to Perth." Former West Perth player Ross Gibbs, in the South Australian side.

WHAT THEY SAID



"State-of-Origin football is certainly the most desirable way to hold interstate matches." Vincent Yovich, president of the National Football League.

"I never look any further than the next game." Eagles star Steve Malaxos on his football ambitions.

"There are some allegations made by players and I will ask the WAFL to investigate." State coach John Todd on complaints by players about alleged abuse towards them by WA umpire Mike Ball.

"Hopefully, all future interstate matches will be played on a State-of-Origin basis and will be held when the public's appetite is at its sharpest." Daily News sports editor Robbie Burns.

"The ground wasn't prepared too well. We weren't given the chance to train in the mud. All in all, we're not happy with the WACA Ground." State coach John Todd after the loss to South Australia.

"West Perth must have gone home and got on the bamba all week after their win over South Fremantle." Radio 6PR's Bob Cribb on the Falcons poor effort against Claremont.

"As far as we're concerned, Ken Judge has a three year contract with East Fremantle and we expect him to honour that." Sharks president Hans Beyer on the attempt by the Brisbane Bears to lure Judge to Queensland.

"The players worked hard during the week and the one thing we tried to do was ensure that each player knew his role." Eagles coach Ron Alexander after their win over Fitzroy.

"If the football public had the chance to decide whether South Australia should join the VFL or not, the answer would be negative." SA coach Graham Cornes on the expanded VFL.

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Coaches' Association president Ken Armstrong.

Coaches turn out to help the game

THE Australian Football Coaches Association, established in WA in 1984 under the presidency of current Perth coach Mal Brown, achieved a remarkable milestone last week.

Last Wednesday more than 100 senior and junior coaches attended a special seminar as guests of the Eagles at their training session.

Eagles coach Ron Alexander (always keen to help the game) and assistant coach Barry Cable spoke to the coaches and then invited them to view training.

To have this number of coaches at one venue, all sharing ideas and methods to make the game better, was a fantastic sight.

Years ago getting coaches together or to share ideas was almost impossible. Today, coaches of our game realise the benefits they and the game can gain by working together.

They control the future of our game and are to be complimented on their dedication and foresight.

This Association (the first of its kind in Australia) was one of the biggest steps football has made for years.

Our game's future is without doubt in the hands of the coach. The coach is the salesman, the up-front eye-to-eye person who markets the game to the community.

Children, like adults, need to be made aware of the benefits Australian football has to offer. They must be encouraged to participate in a manner suitable to their physical and mental maturity.

Gone are the days of the screaming junior coach who has plenty of enthusiasm, but no knowledge of the damage he is doing to the "selling" of our game.

The Coaches' Association has instigated standards for all coaches to follow. These are based on scientific research and, above all, common sense.

The coach can spark the enthusiasm of a player to develop in our game or "drop out", according to his attitude to his role.

The Association has football personalities of great standing giving up countless hours to make sure our game survives.

Current president Ken Armstrong; former league players and coaches Greg Brehaut, Graham Moss, Barry Beecroft and Alan Walker; Subiaco's football manager Trevor Nisbett, media writer Alan East and country and junior representatives Rod Atherton, Len Cargeeg and Syd Nixon are committee men who have made enormous contributions to the game's future by attending meetings once a month for nearly four years to formulate this great concept.

It has certainly been my pleasure to act as secretary of the Association and I'm sure the game is in good hands.

Footy is alive and well in our North

I RECENTLY visited the North West mining town of Newman as part of a coach education program organised by WAFL coaching coordinator, Dr Brian Douge.

It was a tremendous experience to see and meet the people who work at the "grass roots" level for our great game of Australian football.

The game in Western Australia is under enormous change, with the introduction of the new VFL team the Eagles. Football needs to consolidate its standing within the general community.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



Eagles did the important things

IT was the little things that the West Coast Eagles did last Friday night that impressed — not so much their big runaway score against Fitzroy.

It was certainly the best Eagles performance I have seen, mainly because of the way the team attacked the ball and did the hard things that make good sides great.

The "little things" such as chasing, shepherding, knocking on, blocking and fierce tackling were performed with an almost fanatical approach.

The wet and slippery conditions didn't seem to have any effect on the Eagles desire to win the ball. They were tremendous to watch.

Full credit must go to coach Ron Alexander and his staff for their victory.

They have come under criticism in recent weeks for several losing games, but have worked on the players attitude, to the point where a continuation of last Friday's desperation will see them make the VFL final five in their first season.

The players must firmly establish a belief in themselves and their teammates that the ground conditions in Melbourne can be overcome with a positive attitude and, above all, a fierce desire to win.

Consistency of performance is essential from now on.

The standard displayed to those 12,000 Eagles supporters who braved the wet conditions was magnificent — they must now maintain that level of performance.

The Eagles have some exciting games in the near future against the power teams of the VFL and it will be great to watch their progress.

In every town you meet the hardcore band of workers who spend countless hours organising and administering our game. These people are what our game is all about.

Australian football was developed for the ordinary Australian to enjoy through competition and comradeship.

Country towns epitomise this and are always a pleasure to visit.

Brian Douge's coach education courses are received in the country towns with great enthusiasm.

The course enables all senior and junior coaches to obtain the latest coaching methods and developments.

Coaches, like all other professions, can never stop improving their coaching skills and knowledge. The enjoyment and learning that occurs during these courses has to be seen to be believed.

Douge's personality and organisation is outstanding. His efforts in these towns is re-establishing and further developing Australian football.

Newman football can only take further steps forward from this experience and the game owes a lot to local people like the president, Michael Allen and Anne Maree Teale, who is the enthusiastic and hard-working Junior Council secretary.

Let's give our umpires more power

I AM one of those people who believe that any umpire, referee or judge in charge of any game should be a person of integrity and subtle no-nonsense authority. He doesn't have to be an extroverted, centre-stager, but he does have to be heeded when he is responsible for the conduct of a game.

I have only ever seen one occasion when an Aussie Rules umpire has been given an ovation for his handling of a match. It was back in the days of one umpire. It was an interstate game and when it was over and McMurray was walking toward his exit point the crowd stood and applauded him.

An Aussie Rules umpire is paid pretty good money and is given a job to do, but he is not given any real authority to do it.

Wait until the game goes international and I will bet pounds to peanuts that the first significant reaction to the way we run the game will come about when the Yanks, Poms or whoever decide that our game needs cleaning up. They will then instigate rule changes, more in line with the well-tryed and responsible systems used in their traditional sports and send us back a version of control that has evolved through intelligent and responsible necessity.

I have heard it said that most international viewers are amazed that more players are not badly injured as they throw themselves into the play. If they think it's tough on the participants, I wonder what they'd think of the mayhem in the tribunal and disciplinary areas. We'll be the brunt of more jokes than the Irish.

If you wonder why I'm back on my soap box, then I'll tell you. It is over the deal the Umpires Board handed to Buckley, White and Poole, the umpires downgraded over incidents involving Mark Jackson at Leederville Oval.

REPORTABLE

In my time I have seen at least 20 or more reportable incidents that would have deserved lengthy suspensions. The umpires did not see what happened and, rightly, no action was taken. Umpires cannot be expected to report what they do not see. (Things are usually pretty tough on them when they report what they do see.)

The last time Swan Districts played South Fremantle, Jackson did a lot of pushing and shoving and eventually Ron Buckley reported him. It looked as though he had good enough grounds

for doing so but everyone went up in arms and said that although Jackson was carrying on (as usual), no blows were struck. The charges were thrown out by the tribunal.

Jackson was doing the same thing against West Perth and I suggested to Ron Buckley that maybe he considered a report an absolute waste of time and ignored the idea. He became a bit agitated by the thought and directed my attention to the fact that not only he, but two other umpires had not seen Jackson actually punch Munns. The fact that he may have been pushing and shoving was nothing unusual for him and certainly nothing that required the attention of three umpires.

I played about 400 games of wheelchair basketball and I know for a fact that with only 10 people on the court at any one time, it was possible to get away with things that the referees had no chance of seeing.

If we are going to slate umpires for what they should have seen, then there are going to be a lot of late nights at league headquarters.

What happened to Jackson? Nothing, of course. This is Aussie Rules.

What are Buckley, White and Poole doing about the obvious miscarriage of justice? Nothing, of course. They are

Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN



FROM WHERE I SIT

taking it as all part and parcel of the deal.

What are the other umpires doing on their behalf? Nothing. They seem to think that it is okay to be reprimanded for not taking action over something you don't see.

Where do I sit? I still say that the umpires should have the right to send players off the ground (it is a very efficient method of game control); they should not have to front tribunals to justify their reports; they should be able to penalise players who make up more than two in a two-man fracas and they should have the right to give a shot at goal to a team that has been offended against in cases of time-wasting, physical violence and more than two 15-metre penalties.

It's time Aussie Rules put some faith and responsibility in the hands of men they believe have the integrity to make decisions and not treat them as though they are incapable dolts.



SUNDAY SCENE

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



Kenwick and Fremantle in upset wins

KENWICK and Fremantle provided upsets in the Sunday Football League by defeating Armadale and Mandurah respectively last Sunday.

Kenwick's devastating last quarter of five goals led to a 44-point victory against Armadale.

Captain-coach Peter Ashworth kicked eight goals from full-forward and was well supported by ruck-rover Alan Boundry, who kicked six goals.

Danny Ashworth, Peter MacDonald and Brad Steinboch were solid contributors for the Royals.

Kenwick, with three wins at this stage of the season, must rue the fact that they lost early games against Gosnells and Willetton when they were in a winning position.

This Sunday, Kenwick travel to Balcatta Reserve to play Osborne Park. No doubt the Saints will prove too

strong in this game, but with their reputation as an up-and-coming club on the line, Kenwick will be more than competitive.

CLOSE FINISH

In the closest match of the day, Fremantle were four-point winners over Mandurah at Gil Fraser Reserve.

The loss by Mandurah in this game was a severe dent to the club's hopes of making the five in 1987.

The Magpies were well served by Fred Senior jnr, who kicked seven majors in a good display up forward.

Former Teal Cup youngster Rob Zupanovich was a dominant ruckman, Wayne Delmenico played well at centre-half-back to shut key forward Paul Wilson out of the game and Alex Stewart was a reliable forward.

Mandurah, who play Applecross this Sunday will be desperate to win.

The possible return to the team of boom recruit Graham Jeffery may provide the Southerners with the resources to emerge winners. In forthcoming weeks they play Gosnells (away), Wanneroo (home), Willetton (away) and Kalamunda (home).

THIRD POSITION

Willetton held on to third position on the ladder with a 19-point victory over Gosnells.

The game never reached a high point and Gosnells lacked a necessary spearhead to finish off their forward thrusts.

Graeme Comerford, who was injured, had no influence on the game and perhaps should not have taken his place in the starting line-up.

Willetton now play Wanneroo at home in what should be the game of the round.

Wanneroo have yet to beat Willetton since the inception of the Sunday Football League in 1984 — a fact that Wanneroo coach Ian McCulloch will play very heavily on in the pre-match build-up.



Applecross forward Tony Reeves.

WAFL RESERVES ROUND-UP

with Ben Stinga

Lynch back in action

ONE good point to come out of the South Fremantle v Subiaco reserves game at League headquarters was the impressive form of Bulldog deputy vice-captain, Richard Lynch.

The talented midfielder picked up a bundle of possessions and also kicked two the side's four goals. He appears to have completely recovered from a knee injury that has kept him out of the action for the first half of this season. With South Fremantle's unfortunate run of injuries continuing on the weekend — Merv Dellar (leg) and Scott Watters (concussion) — Lynch could be a possible league inclusion this Saturday.

MIDFIELD TALENT

TALENTED Claremont midfielder Brian Beresford has certainly made the most of his opportunities at reserves level this season. At one stage last year

Beresford was struggling for a game in the Under-19's. However, he was fortunate enough to be a last minute inclusion in the reserves line-up after not making the final 22 in the Under-19's midway through last season and has not put a foot wrong since.

In fact, his hard-working style has been impressive enough for him to be included in the league squad in the last few weeks, though he is yet to make a senior appearance.

CONSISTENT BUCKLEY

TEAL Cup squad member Damon Buckley continues to play consistent football for the Claremont reserves side every week. The former Carine junior stands around the 190cm mark and has been used in a variety of key positions this year. At just 17 years of age, Buckley shows good skills and ability and will no doubt get even better with a few more games under his belt. His most noticeable attributes appear to be his strong marking and enormous kicking which will hold him in good stead when the Teal Cup selectors cut down their squad to 25.

ROUND NINE FIXTURES

(Tips in caps)

SOUTH PERTH v Fremantle at Wyong Oval; MANDURAH v Applecross at Rushton Park, Mandurah; KALAMUNDA v Gosnells at Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie; Willetton v WANNEROO at Willetton Sports Club; ARMADALE v Canning at Gwynne Park, Armadale; OSBORNE PARK v Kenwick at Balcatta Reserve; Kwinana v MADDINGTON at Medina Oval; KELMSCOTT v Thornlie at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott.

FAVOURITES

Osborne Park confirmed their position as favourites for the flag with a convincing 18-point victory over second-placed Maddington.

Maddington, who led comfortably at the half-time break, were overwhelmed in the last half for the second week in a row.

The Saints kicked nine goals to Maddington's four after half-time.

Osborne Park forwards Murray Gomm (five goals), Andrew Komp (two goals) and John McTaggart (three goals) ran riot in the latter stages of the game.

However, utility player Peter O'Connell played well in the first half to be among the club's best players.

Maddington added Mitch Fussell to their line-up after obtaining a clearance from Donybrook.

BIG BOOST

Thornlie, with Doug Simms and Geoff Ironmonger firing up forward, were far too strong for Kwinana at Thornlie Oval.

Ironmonger kicked 14 goals and Simms collected 11 majors in the club's total of 34 goals.

For the statistic-minded, Thornlie kicked 23 goals one behind in the last half.

POOR FORM

Kelmscott turned in a shocking performance to be easily beaten by a well-prepared Wanneroo.

The Bulldogs, although inaccurate, kicked a miserable four goals 18 points.

Wanneroo, with spearhead Steve Finch returning to form with nine goals, finished big winners by kicking 22 goals 14 points.

COUNTRY HELP

INJURY-stricken South Fremantle are looking to the country to solve their desperate playing problems. On Saturday four players from country zones got a run in the reserves side. Rover Brendal Ugle (17), who plays for Railways in the Upper Great Southern competition, Dion (23) and Adrian (22) Pannich, from the Albany district and Russell Thomas (26), a centre-half-back from Kalgoorlie who will make his second appearance this week, are all on weekly permits.

Sunday Football League

	PWL	F	A	%	Pts		
OSBORNE PARK	8	7	1	1067	677	157.60	28
MADDINGTON	8	6	2	916	727	125.99	24
WILLETTON	8	6	2	888	710	125.07	25
WANNEROO	8	5	2	900	583	154.37	22
KALAMUNDA	8	5	3	1053	707	148.93	20
Thornlie	8	5	3	901	822	109.61	20
Canning	8	5	3	747	719	103.89	20
Gosnells	8	4	3	779	607	96.530	18
Mandurah	8	4	4	966	779	124.00	16
Kelmscott	8	4	4	964	927	116.56	16
Armadale	8	4	4	870	840	103.57	16
Kenwick	8	3	5	691	815	84.785	12
S. Perth	8	2	6	745	805	92.546	8
Fremantle	8	2	6	699	1064	65.695	8
Applecross	8	1	7	682	884	77.149	4
Kwinana	8	-	8	486	1588	30.604	-

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TOO STRONG

Kalamunda confirmed their rise over the past weeks with a consistent four quarter display against Applecross.

The Cougars finished up 43-point winners at Melville Reserve.

With Rod Browns, Gary Armstrong and Mick Huntley to return to the team, the Cougars shape up as finals contenders.

Applecross once again showed that the club requires a spearhead to add to their goalkicking prowess.

Some consolation was the form of Tony Reeves in the reserves after returning from injury.

Reeves kicked nine goals and should return to the league team for their clash with Mandurah.

RADIO BROADCAST

Round 9: Sunday, June 28, 1987, commencing 2pm — Mandurah v Applecross at Rushton Park, Mandurah.

UNOFFICIAL MARKET

THE unofficial market for the 1987 premiership: Osborne Park 6/4; Wanneroo, Maddington 4/1; Willetton, Kalamunda, Thornlie 8/1; Mandurah 12/1; Kelmscott 16/1; Canning, Gosnells, Armadale 20/1; Kenwick, South Perth, Fremantle 150/1; Applecross 200/1; Kwinana 330/1.

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Carey keeps rolling along

YOU have to take your hat off to SA's veteran Peter Carey.

With more than 400 league games behind him, his 18th State match was a beauty.

Carey has never been particularly quick, but he generally gets to where the ball is. He typifies the saying: "As you get older, use your head instead of your legs."

At the other end of the scale, Claremont rookie Guy McKenna made an impressive debut though at times his disposal let him down.

I liked the look of the Jarman brothers, especially Andrew in the centre. It's not often you have two brothers in a State team.



Peter Carey ... still starring.

Veteran calls it right

THE poor result, both in terms of attendance and WA's performance, in last week's game against SA will probably signify the end to interstate clashes played under such player restrictions.

The future is definitely with the State-of-Origin concept, as it will be in Adelaide for the Bicentenary carnival early next season.

For many supporters night football at the WACA Ground is obviously not their "cup of tea", especially in the middle of winter.

East Fremantle's legendary ruckman Jack Clarke, the 1957 Sandover Medallist, had some interesting comments on the game.

"I don't think it's made to play at night, it's a day game," was his simple summary.

A date should certainly have been picked to avoid a week when the Eagles were not playing at home, particularly on the Friday of the same week.

It would be interesting to see the crowd-pulling power of the VFL's heavies — Carlton and Essendon — on a week night in July.

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



IAN MILLER

Lions tamed

MY old side, the Fitzroy Lions, have had more downs than ups since their admission to VFL football — and last Friday night was a very low point for them.

It must have been disappointing for dedicated coach David Parkin. I was in their rooms before the game and certainly saw some young faces, but they lack depth and have injuries.

Also, the Lions have not been able to replace superboot Bernie Quinlan and sadly miss their two stars Gary Pert and Micky Conlan.

But they have been down before and no doubt their fighting qualities will see them rise again.

Mr Consistent

ONE of our most consistent performers this year, in all conditions, has been Subiaco's Phil Lamb, who does his job each week without any fuss.

Lamb has developed plenty of confidence and his kicking, marking and general play are an example for all players to follow.

Formerly a successful wingman, he is now a solid half-back and has been with Subiaco through thick and thin. Last year's grand final win was a worthy reward.

Falcons ... or Eagles

TWO of West Perth's players in Sean King and John Gastev have been giving some impressive performances recently with up to 30 possessions a game.

After a slow start to the season, King has gained fitness and confidence and runs all day while Gastev is an opportunist and constantly on his own.

Both must be in line again for a place with the Eagles and, given time, they could settle into regular VFL performers.

But spare a thought for Falcons coach Bruce Monteath if he happens to lose those two players — West Perth's place in the finals could be in jeopardy.

So while Falcons supporters want their pair of ball-getters to play well, perhaps not so well that they will catch the eye of the Eagles.

Big Ivan

I WAS recently speaking to one of South Fremantle's former ruckmen of the '60s in big Ivan Glucina.

He had somewhat of an unorthodox style, probably a little awkward. But he was a real honest, hardworking player with the biggest pair of hands you have ever seen. When those hands went up to mark the ball, it literally disappeared.

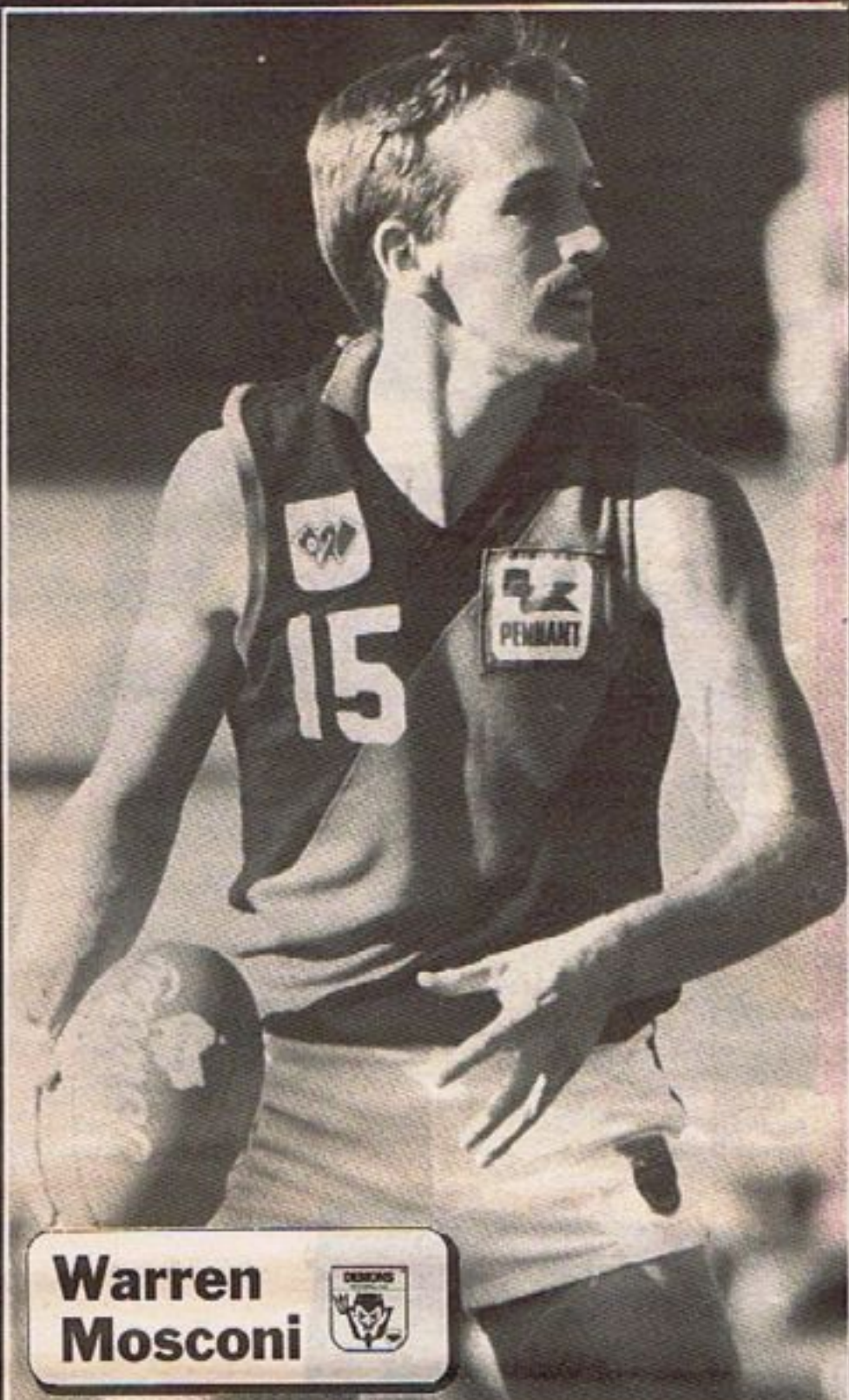
The big fellow played 97 games and is still a regular at Fremantle Oval, even though he also enjoys the Eagles games.

Ivan has a successful air-conditioning and refrigeration business and keeps fit these days by running and playing squash. It wouldn't be worth arguing over the score on the squash court with big Ivan, he'd win hands down!

Short break

I will be missing from the local scene this weekend, with some business in the Eastern States. I may just find time to see the Sydney Swans on Friday night and watch the Eagles beat Richmond on Saturday. It will be interesting to see how the game is run in the two Eastern States capitals.

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Warren Mosconi



PERSONAL DETAILS

Nickname: **Mosco**. Why? Because of my surname.

Date of Birth: **17/8/63**. Place of Birth: **Fremantle**.

Height: **183cm (6ft)**. Weight: **80kg (12st 7lb)**.

Age Started Playing: **Juniors 6, League 17**.

Junior Club: **South Coogee**.

Marital Status: **Married**.

Wife's Name: **Kerrie**.

Residence: **East Fremantle**.

Occupation: **Policeman**. Place of Work: **Fremantle Police Station**.

Other Sporting Interests: **Indoor cricket, running, weights**.

Favourite Position: **Half-back-flank**. First Position: **Back pocket**.

League Debut: **June 5, 1981, vs Subiaco**.

YOUR FAVOURITES:

Actor: **None really**. Drink: **Any soft drink**.

TV Show: **MASH**. Food: **All types**.

Movie: **Rocky moves**.

Music: **Dire Straits, INXS, Australian Crawl**.

Book: **Mainly newspapers**.

Holiday Resort: **Hong Kong**.

Ground: **Fremantle**.

Your Car: **Commodore Station Wagon**. Your Favourite Car: **Not that interested**.

Career Highlights: **State game in 1984 vs South Australia, League debut**.

Worst Moment in Football: **Last game against Subiaco, 1984 (missed the finals)**.

Hard Things in Football: **Training**.

Football Idols: **None**.

Toughest Opponent: **Brian Peake**. Most Respected Opponent: **Brian Peake**.

Most Respected Umpire: **Mick Ball, Trevor Cant (goals)**.

Most Memorable Game: **State game vs South Australia, any losing game**.

Ambitions: **To play in a winning grand final side, to play VFL**.

What do you like about Football: **The competitiveness and winning**.

How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: **Just act natural! Relax**.

Who Influenced Your Career: **Mal Brown, my father**.

Guemsey Number: **6**. Any reason: **No**.

Superstitions: **None**.

Worst Injury: **Dislocated shoulder 1984, missed five weeks**.

Luckiest Break: **When State side went to South Australia in 1982. I played League**.



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8: **Roger Kerr (EF), Steve Goulding (C)**;

Guy McKenna (C), Neil Taylor (S).

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GLENN STEWART (South Fremantle): A long-serving runner at South Fremantle, where he also helps supervise the club's physical fitness preparation.



REG WATSON (Perth): Recently moved into the job at Perth, where he now works as an assistant administration officer. Played league with Claremont.

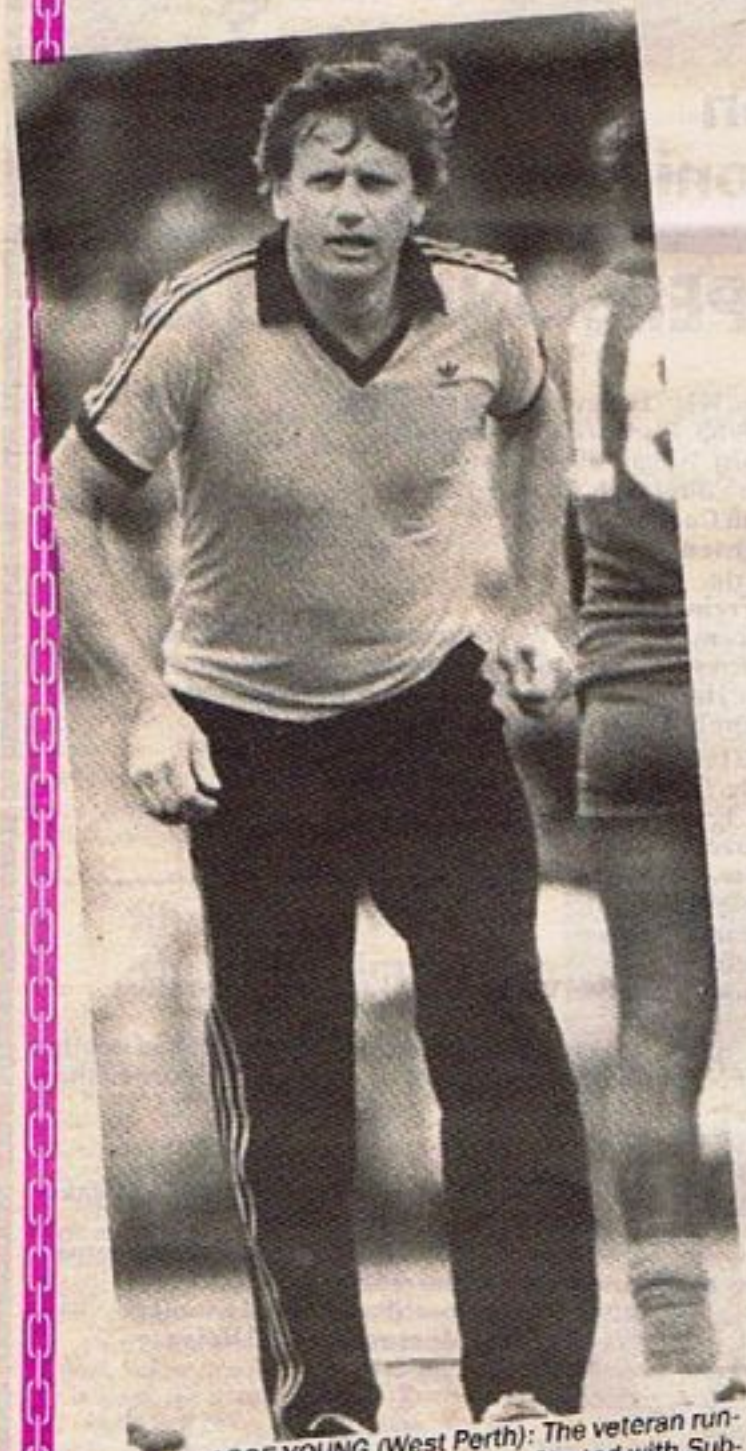
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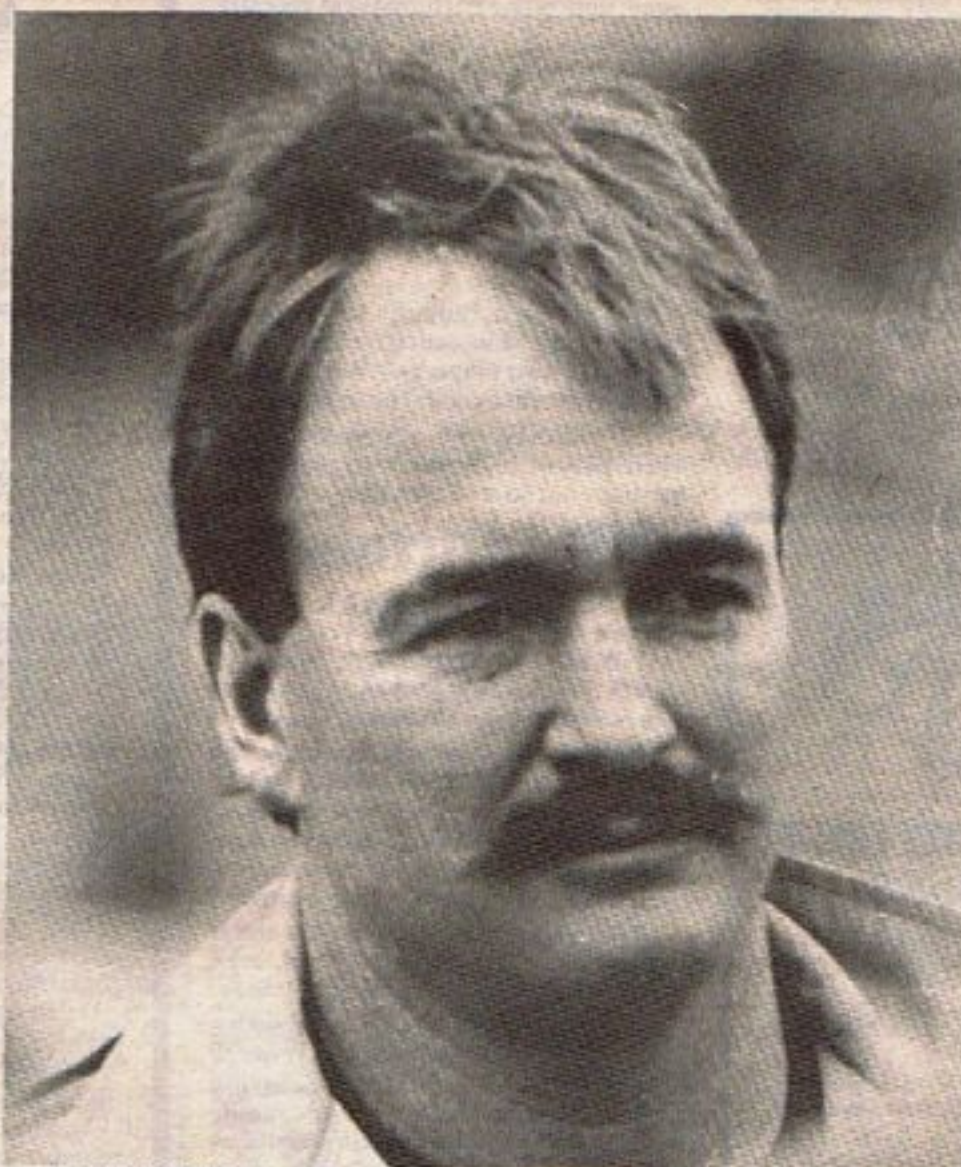
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These are the eight WAFL club runners in action every week in 1987:



GEORGE YOUNG (West Perth): The veteran runner among today's elite group. Started with Subiaco, where he originally played and then switched to West Perth.



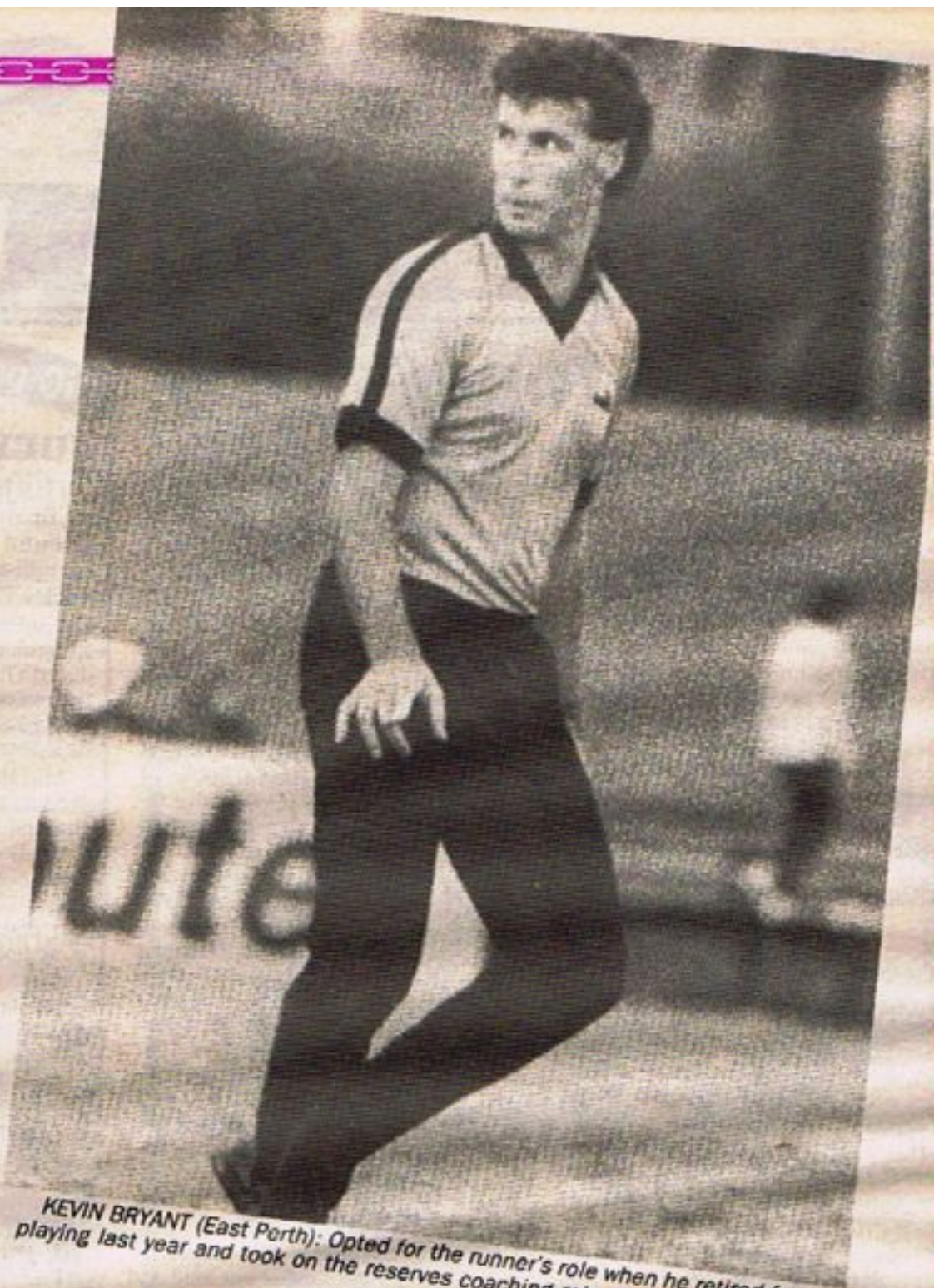
PETER THOMAS (East Fremantle): A former league player at Subiaco and East Fremantle, he has graduated to league runner this year after being a trainer.

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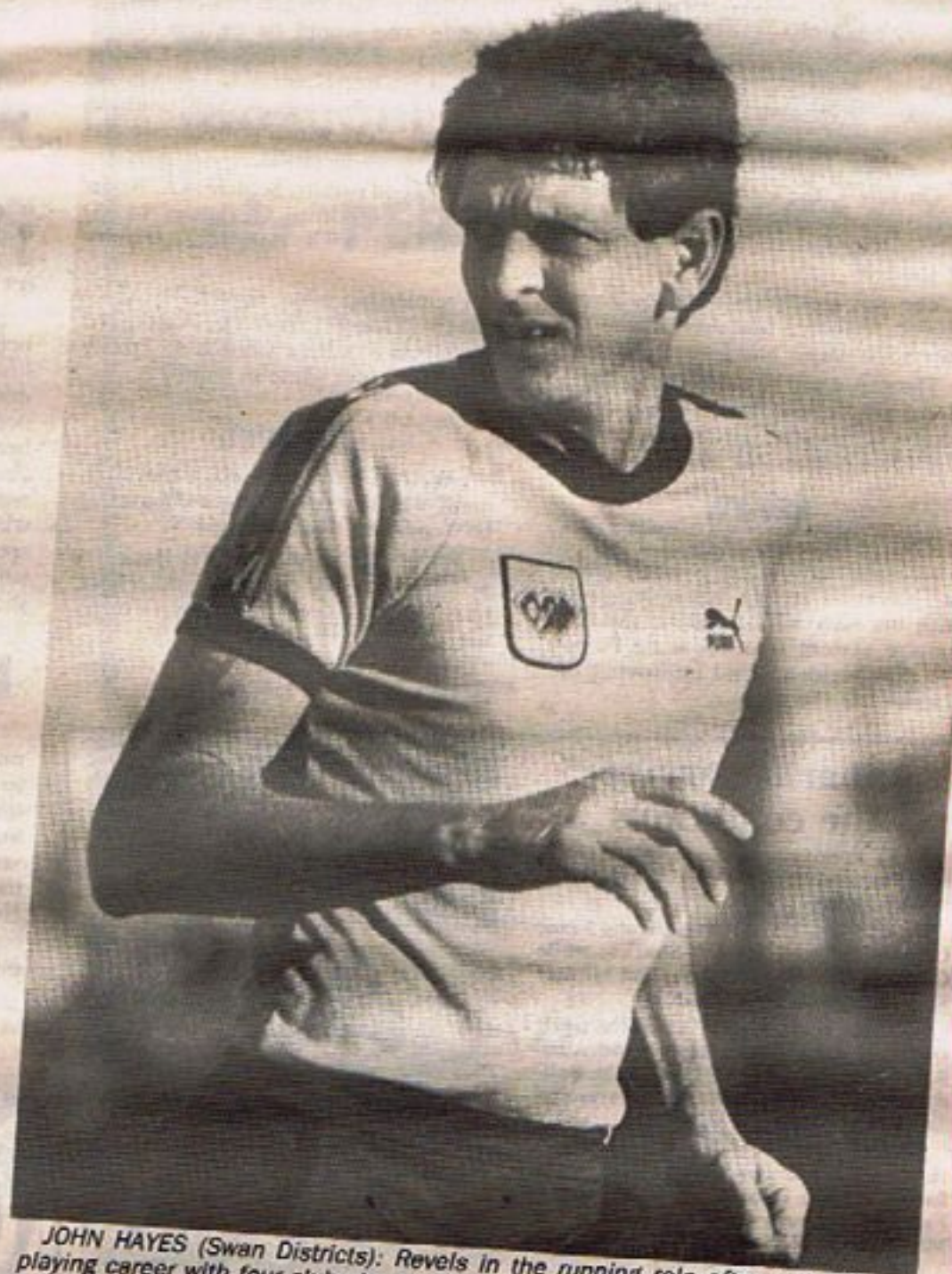
PETER JAMIESON (Claremont): Has been a league runner for several years after a playing career at East Perth and Claremont.



KEVIN BRYANT (East Perth): Opted for the runner's role when he retired from playing last year and took on the reserves coaching role for a season.



CARLO (West Perth): Coach of the club's under-19 side and a former player at West Perth.



JOHN HAYES (Swan Districts): Revels in the running role after a lengthy playing career with four clubs in two States. Also does the running for State coach John Todd in the interstate arena.

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JUNIOR NEWS

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Country teams may get their chance

A MAJOR topic on the next Football Development Trust committee meeting will be a discussion on future football championships.

It has been suggested that inter-district championships be scrapped and replaced by a Statewide competition.

This would allow junior associations throughout the State the opportunity to compete as a whole — instead of a few individual country players being selected to represent their league clubs in conjunction with their suburban junior footballers.

Although this would be a huge task it would certainly give junior country footballers something to strive for.

TIGERS CUP

LAST weekend the top two teams in the Prestige Toyota Tigers Cup met to settle top position.

Despite their inaccurate kicking for goal, Woodlands asserted their supremacy over a gallant Marist side to finish 32 points in front at the final siren.

This puts Woodlands on top by a mere 0.21 per cent.

Results: Woodlands 11.23, Marist 8.9; Karrinyup 24.18, Wembley Downs 6.5; Hawks 18.7, North Beach 9.10; Churchlands-Wembley 20.10, Carine 9.3; Scarborough bye.

Premiership table: Woodlands 32 (239.35%), Marist 32 (239.14%), Karrinyup 28, Hawks 24, Churchlands-Wembley 16, North Beach 16, Carine 8, Wembley Downs 4, Scarborough 0.

60 YEARS YOUNG

On July 4, the Carlisle Junior Football Club will be holding their diamond jubilee dance commemorating 60 years of football.

The club has produced many league players including Mal Atwell, the former State player and league coach.

The dance will be held at the Carlisle Hotel and for bookings and more information, interested parties can contact Mrs Chamberlain 361 7937.

REVIEW

THE Claremont Junior Football Club is currently reviewing the umpiring situation in the 15s competition with the idea of introducing the two-umpire system thus reducing behind the play incidents and improving the standard of the game.

MILESTONES

TWO junior footballers from the Northern Districts Club have earned the distinction of being honoured with having junior life memberships bestowed upon them.

Todd Cherry of Northern Districts 15s (Maroon) and David Snow of Northern Districts 15s (Gold) have recently played their 125th game for their club.

Other footballers who have recently reached milestones in their junior football careers are: Jason Sibly 100 games (Forrestfield), Russell Small 100 games (Canning), Wayne Greaves 50 games (Willagee), David Short 50 games (Canning) and Troy Kish 50 games (Forrestfield).

Geoff and Paul Holly have been joined by their other brother, Greg, and all three have now played 150 games for their club, Dianella.

ALCOCK CUP

SCOTCH College reign supreme! This message was spelled out loud and clear last weekend.

Aquinas and Scotch College met to decide who would be on top of the premiership table but Scotch College turned the encounter into a one-horse race when they more than doubled Aquinas' score with a powerhouse display of team football.

Weekend results: Scotch 14.8, Aquinas 7.3; Guildford Grammar 14.25, Christ Church 9.4; Hale 13.21, Trinity 8.6.

Premiership table: Scotch 24, Aquinas 16*, Hale 16, Wesley 12, Guildford Grammar 8, Christ Church 4, Trinity 0*. (* Denotes game in hand.)

CABARET

SWAN Districts Football Development will be conducting a cabaret at Bassendean Oval on July 4.

The theme of the night is Back To School — so dig out those old school ties and bobby socks and whoop it up to the sounds of the band "2001".

Tickets available at the club — proceeds to Football Development.

Sharks survive the conditions

EAST Fremantle beat a gallant Perth in freezing conditions for last week's Little League fixtures.

Stuart Clarke, Todd Brennan and Jamie Criddle did well for the Sharks, while Christian O'Neill, Mark Loke and Michael Kenrick tried hard for Perth.

Subiaco beat South Fremantle when Danny Holmes, Aaron Tippin and Allan Baker contributed strongly. For the Bulldogs Michael Hodges, Wayne Greaves and Jason Leighton played well.

East Perth, sparked into action by Brad Hart, Adam Ward and Dean Hastic, were too good for a resolute West Perth. The Falcons best were Donald Stina, Darren Mills and David Ward.

Claremont and Swan Districts fought out a tough game with the Tigers eventually winning.

Claremont's best were Jason Perkins, Tom Groves and Dal Lawrence and for Swans, Cameron Rowe, Troy Collier and Andrew McClaren played well.

The following junior sides will represent their league clubs this Saturday: Bullcreek (East Fremantle), Kenwick (Perth), Hilton (South Fremantle), Sorrento (Subiaco),



Dean Mills, representing West Perth in last week's R & I Little League, has the front position over his East Perth opponent.

Morley (East Perth), Collie (West Perth), South Bunbury (Swan Districts), Claremont (Claremont).

CIG presents Trinity survive the wet

THE first of the CIG Shield quarter finals was played at the WACA Ground on Friday night as the curtain-raiser for the West Coast Eagles-Fitzroy game.

Trinity College (East Perth) and Kelmscott Senior High (Perth) produced a fiercely contested game despite the wet conditions, but in the end Trinity proved too good for Kelmscott. The final scores were 7.10 to 3.4.

Mirraboopa, West Perth's champion school, are into the quarter finals for the first time.

Their coach, Ross Luckman, is the new development officer at Claremont, so he will be hoping that his school does not come up against the Claremont zone finalists who are Christ Church.

Christ Church's first hurdle will come later in the month when they tackle the Subiaco zone champions, Craigie.

East Fremantle are still to decide their champion and at this stage Morawa and Gosnells are contenders.

Previous winners of the CIG Shield,

CIG SHIELD UPDATE

Belmont, take on newcomers Bunbury Catholic College at Miami Oval this week to decide who will represent Swan Districts.

South Fremantle have the strong Hamilton Hill Senior High still in action and they play Mandurah this week.

Here are some recent scores:
Christchurch 18.13 d John 23rd 1.0, Newman College 14.7 d City Beach 1.3, Scarborough 18.18 d Hollywood 2.1, Carine 15.13 d John 23rd 3.3, Swanbourne 10.7 d Hollywood 3.4, St Joseph's College 6.4 d Albany 4.6, Scarborough 15.12 d Swanbourne 3.1, Christ Church 12.11 d Carine 6.1, Newman 8.3 d Churchlands 4.6, Albany 10.6 d North Albany 6.9, St Joseph's 9.9 d North Albany 3.2, Christ Church 18.19 d Scarborough 9.2, Kwinana 8.11 d CBC Fremantle 7.4, Craigie 15.10 d Warwick 4.6, Bunbury Catholic College 13.2 d St Joseph's 3.9, Hampton 11.11 d Governor Stirling 3.2, Mirrabooka 9.4 d Merriden 5.5, Trinity 7.10 d Kelmscott 3.4.



W AFL UNDER-19 ROUND-UP

with Ben Stinga

TOP GAME

Swans still working hard

THE Swan Districts under-19 side might be at the foot of the premiership table at the moment, but that doesn't mean the players aren't putting in on the training track and out on the field.

In most games this year, Swans have been in contention for a win, but have lost concentration to falter in the last 30 minutes or so of the game. The side does have ability, though they have been disappointing when the game has been there for the taking and they must work at fighting out matches for the whole four quarters. The side has responded well on the training track and similar concerted efforts on a Saturday should see them improve accordingly.

Learning fast

TALENTED young South Fremantle under-19 player Lance Pickett appears to have benefitted greatly from playing three games in the reserves. The 1985 State schoolboys representative was given a taste of reserves football earlier in the season and acquitted himself well. He now knows what is required at that level and will no doubt get further opportunities.

FANS who braved the wintery conditions at Subiaco Oval last Saturday were treated to a superb game of football by two of the lesser-lights of the competition, Subiaco and South Fremantle. Both sides went into the game with three wins each and, accordingly, played as if their lives depended on it even though only a miracle will get one of them into the final four. The Bulldogs were always in control, but the Lions never gave in, losing by only 13 points, 18.11 to 16.10. The scores indicate the high standard of football exhibited throughout and the combined tally of 34 goals was higher than any of the combined league scores produced on the same afternoon.

WEIGHT WATCHER

SWAN Districts coach Tony Micale has been impressed with the determined efforts of young defender Danny Robertson. The 15-year-old started the season with a slight weight problem but has made a serious effort to get himself into shape. This appears to have paid dividends for Robertson, who is now playing excellent football for the side.

BONUS EFFORT

SOUTH Fremantle big man Todd Grierson continued his good form against Subiaco. Grierson marked strongly in the greasy conditions and used his body with telling effect. He also kicked two goals, which was a bonus in a close game.



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From our Eastern States correspondents



Cheap at twice their price ... (clockwise from left) Ian Herman, Paul Meldrum, Jamie Dunlop, Shane Robertson and Mark Majerczak.

Contrast in Blues line-up

CARLTON are often referred to as the wealthiest club in the VFL. They are a club who will go to any length or expense to sign the best players in the country and it would be difficult to refute that when you look at the calibre of players the Blues have attracted.

Names such as Stephen Kernahan, Craig Bradley, Jon Dorotich, David Rhys-Jones, Justin Madden, Peter Sartori, Ken Hunter, Mark Naley and Bernie Evans. But Carlton does boast several regular senior players who have cost the club very little.

Included in that group are some players who began their senior footballing days as amateurs.

They are Shane Robertson (North Old Boys), Jamie Dunlop (Fawkner), Paul Meldrum (Princes Hill), Mark Majerczak (Fawkner) and Ian Herman (Collegians).

Herman (21) and Majerczak (19) both joined Carlton this season and have already exceeded their initial aspirations of playing league football with some dazzling performances in the league side.

Hafey hits at "snipers"

THE Sydney Swans claim that an "open season" has been declared on match-winners Greg Williams and Gerard Healy, who have made five appearances as witness in striking cases at the VFL tribunal this season.

Williams has appeared three times and Healy twice in the past two weeks and concerned coach Tom Hafey has hit out at "snipers" at rival clubs.

Hafey says that there is a feeling in other clubs that if you can stop Williams and Healy, you can stop the Swans.

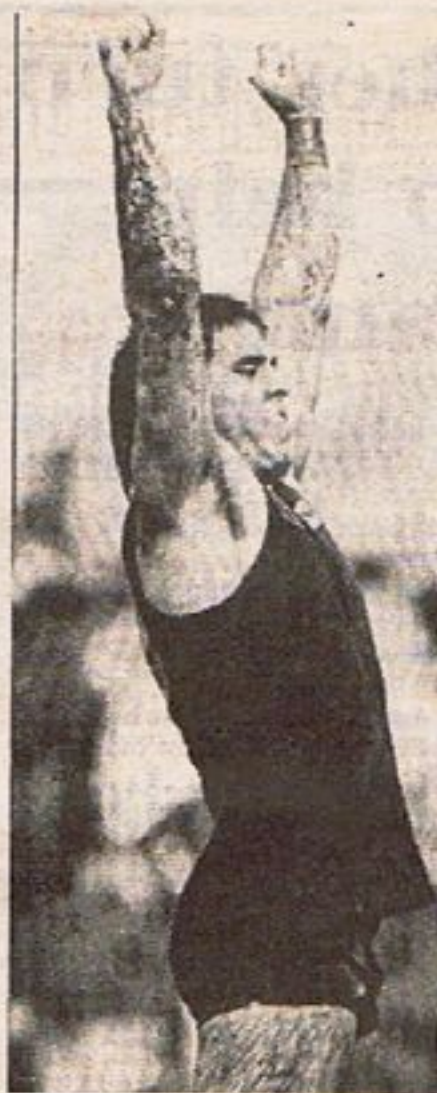
"They've been taking belts around the head all year," Hafey said.

"It just seems to me that they are the targets for some players and not the ball.

"No one is going to mind if the opposition tag both of them in an effort to curb them, so long as they don't infringe the rules.

"But it's not only the tagger who is trying to stop our players; it seems that sometimes there is an open season on Greg and Gerard for any player to de-commission them."

Healy had four stitches above his eye against Melbourne a fortnight ago and the club claims that both players were felled by illegal tackles the week before against the Brisbane Bears.



David Sullivan ... a future star.

Sullivan's new home

THE bitter rivalry between Essendon and Hawthorn was forgotten when the Hawks dumped David Sullivan with the return of Garry Buckenara to the club.

Essendon wasted no time in signing up the 21-year-old Sullivan — a former Hawthorn under-19s skipper.

In his debut against the Brisbane Bears last Saturday, he gathered only a handful of possessions and had difficulty handling Geoff Raines.

But Essendon officials believe he did enough to back up their claim that they have unearthed a future star.

Coach Kevin Sheedy said Sullivan moved well and is a "good goer".

"He had a chance to take a couple of good marks and could have kicked a couple of goals as well," said Sheedy.

Sullivan said he was disappointed when Hawthorn cut him from the list, believing that he had a limited future at the club because of the players the calibre of Curran and Morris.



KICKED OUT

CARLTON captain Wayne "The Dominator" Johnston, taken to hospital after the Blues clash with Richmond last Saturday, is a doubtful starter for the big grand final replay against reigning premiers Hawthorn this week.

Johnston was kicked in the hand by team-mate Mark Naley, who was trying to kick the ball off the ground amidst a pack of players.

With blood streaming from his right hand, Johnston immediately left the ground, the webbing between his fingers badly split.

Club doctors decided the injury was too dirty and serious to clean and stitch in the clubrooms so The Dominator was taken to hospital.



Mandemaker kicks nine

BIG Central District full-forward Rudi Mandemaker continued his good form last weekend when he kicked nine goals in an awesome display of strength.

Many critics were doubting his ability after his two goal effort against Western Australia, but he ended speculation with a top game in a losing side, going down to Woodville.

Woodville, for so long the easy-beats of the SANFL, have finally established themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

Players such as Andrew Taylor at centre-half-forward, rover Kevin Harris, centreman Ron Fuller, captain Max Parker, centre-half-back Andrew Rogers, wingman Darrell Panizza and utility player John Martin typify the new breed.

The Warriors are in second place and barring injury or a dramatic loss of form, the South Aussie battlers should play off in the finals.

"ROCKY" QUILTS

NEVILLE Roberts, the man dubbed "Rocky" during the early part of his career with West Torrens, has hung up his playing boots.

Roberts announced his retirement recently after several inadequate performances.

How WA players performed

	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	18	1	4	1
Earl Spalding	6	2	5	—
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	17	6	1	2
Phil Krakouer	4	3	—	1
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	10	5	2	—
Maurice Rioli	4	1	—	—
Peter Wilson	9	5	3	1
David Palm	11	9	5	—
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	10	5	12	—
Craig Holden	14	4	5	—
BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	9	—	3	1
Mike Richardson	6	3	1	—
CARLTON				
Jon Dorotich	9	2	2	—
Richard Dennis	10	5	5	—
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	6	8	4	—
Brian Taylor	7	1	2	2
Brett Yorgey	11	11	4	—
ESSENDON				
Bill Duckworth	7	2	5	2
FITZROY				
Alan Sidebottom	6	3	2	—
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	14	1	5	2
Phil Cronan	15	1	2	2
Andrew Purser	8	3	5	1
Murray Rance	8	3	4	—

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Carnival should be close affair

THE Elders Pastoral Great Southern Carnival promises a weekend of exciting football on July 4 and 5 with the Upper Great Southern-Southern Districts colts clash providing an excellent curtain-raiser to the senior grand final.

Host league Central Great Southern have appointed former South Fremantle and long-serving carnival player in Howie Ward to coach their carnival side.

Ross Ditchburn, coach for the previous three years, was unavailable due to his commitments as coach of the Westfarmers country side.

Central Great Southern should be a well-balanced side with a nucleus of experienced players including Geoff Hendriks, Dennis Frost, Ross Ditchburn, John Ditchburn, Tom Pearce, Ray Trevaskis and Rod Zilm, all of whom have played league football or been selected in the State country side.

Upper Great Southern will again be coached by Ron Dewson and have included former league players in Lindsay Borthwick, Ken Martin and Noel Bairstow. Other experienced players include Westfarmers carnival representatives in Warren Coucher, Michael Kain and Robert Klastorny.

Upper Great Southern are always the side to beat and after the success last year, must start favourites for this year's carnival.

Newdegate veteran Olys Kowald will coach the Ongerup side and though they have lost country representative Dean Maroni and last year's D-grade championship fairest and best Craig Lee, they still expect to be competitive.

New players include Ross Humphries, from North Albany, and Richard House, who became available when Gnowangerup joined their association.

Senior players expected to do well include Alan Smith, Murray Davis, Paul Hislop and Kim Siviore.

Ongerup have followed their usual policy of including four or five colts in their team and these include Ashly Eades, Karl Spinks and Mark Ogle.

Paul Quarrel, who was a member of the Teal Cup squad, will also be under notice.

Carnival briefs

LOWER South West coach Kevin Fox is confident they have selected a young, new-look side capable of causing an upset against the top combinations.

New players in the squad are Darren Crook, a 16-year-old half-back, Teal Cup player Darren Chaterley, former West Perth player, Ray Masters and Nigel Reeve, who has been cleared back from East Perth.

SOUTH East have selected a confident combination under coach Geoff Mincherton and are keen to improve on their 1986 effort of one loss — to grand finalist Central Great Southern.

Experienced players in Keith Ewen and Brian Kerr are unavailable, but former Swans player Murray Scheer, Victorian Teal Cup squad member Shane Van Tag and newcomer Peter Ashelford are expected to be prominent.

FORMER West Perth and All Australian player Alan Watling has been appointed coach of Southern Districts, with veteran Larry Dwyer as a co-selector.

Southern Districts will include two Westfarmers country representatives in Mick Waugh and Dean Maroni, who was chosen while playing for the Ongerup Association.

After many top club games, Craig Bevan is expected to play in his first carnival. He will be joined by veterans, Neil Daniels and Don Nesbit, while another veteran in Robert Sutton also hopes to be fit for the carnival.

Former Dumbleyung coach, Rod Pigott, will be in the team.



Southern Districts coach Alan Watling (centre) talks to his players.

Elders offer \$3000

THE Elders Pastoral Great Southern Football Carnival holds pride of place among Australian country championships as one of the longest-running events of its kind.

The carnival follows a tradition started in 1922 and has operated in various forms, with breaks for the war years, till its current format.

This year's carnival is a two-day affair with Katanning being the host. It is the first time since 1971 that this format has been used.

The colts competition has provided an ideal opportunity for astute football judges to pick out the up and coming stars and players who were first exposed in that age group include Sandover Medallists Barry Cable and Stephen Michael and seasoned players like Bob Beecroft, Jim and Phil Kraouer, Allen Mycock, Dinny Barron and Harry Riseborough.

Elders Pastoral have supported the carnival strongly in recent years and will provide \$3000 in prizemoney.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1922 Albany	1948 Dumb-L. Grace	1968 UGSNFL
1923 Katanning	1949 Albany	1969 UGSNFL
1924 Katanning	1950 Albany	1970 SDNFL
1925 Albany	1951 Katanning	1971 UGSNFL
1926 Katanning	1952 Albany	1972 UGSNFL
1927 Narrogin	1953 Katanning	1973 Lake Grace-Kulin
1928 Katanning	1954 Wagin	1974 UGSNFL
1929 Katanning	1955 Wagin	1976 CGSNFL
1930 Narrogin	1956 Narrogin	1977 Lake Grace-Kulin
1931 Narrogin	1957 Albany	1978 CGSNFL
1932 Albany	1958 Kattanning	1979 SDNFL
1933 Narrogin	1959 Albany	1980 UGSNFL
1934 Albany	1960 Albany	1981 Lake Grace-Kulin
1935 Tambellup	1961 Albany	1982 SDNFL
1936 Wagin	1962 UGSNFL	1983 UGSNFL
1937 Wagin	1963 UGSNFL	1984 CGSNFL
1938 Wagin	1964 UGSNFL	1985 CGSFL
1939 Wagin	1965 UGSNFL	1986 UGSFL
1946 Dumb-L. Grace	1966 UGSNFL	
1947 Albany	1967 SDNFL	

CARIS MEDAL — PREVIOUS WINNERS

1922 C. Bruce (Albany)	1952 K. Robertson (Kat.)	1970 K. Doncon (UGS)
1923 Unknown	1953 W. Hardacre (Narrogin)	1971 K. Orr (L.G.-K.D.)
1924 Unknown	1954 W. Cagnana (Albany)	1972 R. Page (UGS)
1925 C. Wheeler (Albany)	1955 Wal Staven Narrogin	1973 A. Campbell (CGS)
1926 M. Hayward (Tamb.)	J. Dunn (Mt. B.)	1975 A. Campbell (CGS)
1927 J. Sexton (Mt. B.)	1956 B. Loo (Kat.)	1977 G. Robertson (L.G.-K.)
1928 H. McDonald (Tamb.)	1957 E. Thompson (Albany)	W. Williams (CGS)
1929 C. Sounness (Mt. B.)	1958 R. Richards (Kat.)	R. Reside (Ong.)
1930 H. McDonald (Tamb.)	S. Scraugh (Narrogin)	G. Booth (LSW)
1931 Unknown	1959 M. McGuire (Narrogin)	1978 D. Bell (SDNFL)
1932 W. Hayward (Tamb.)	1960 A. Mycock (Dumb-L.G.)	1979 K. Miller (UGS)
1933 C. Sounness (Mt. B.)	1961 A. Mycock (Dumb-L.G.)	1980 R. Decampo (LSW)
1934 M. Davies (Albany)	1962 H. Williams (CGSL)	1981 N. Woods (Ong.)
1935 J. Anthony (Narrogin)	1963 W. Williams (CGS)	1982 R. Waugh (SDNFL)
1936 C. Sounness (Mt. B.)	S. Rocchi (UGS)	1983 K. Miller (UGS)
1937 H. Davis (Wagin)	W. Keeley (UGS) &	B. Khan (SD)
1938 F. Bessen (Tamb.)	N. Edwards (EGS)	1984 A. Beaver (Ongerup)
1939 W. Casserley (Mt. B.)	1964 R. Bairstow (SGSL)	H. Edwards (CGS)
1940 D. Loo (Mt. B.)	1965 M. Gooding (Dumb-L.G.)	1985 B. Hutcheson (CGSFL)
1941 D. Clancy (Dumb-L.G.)	1966 A. Mycock (Dumb-L.G.)	1986 R. Ditchburn (UGSFL)
1942 M. Stothard (Mt. B.)	1967 W. Tutley (CGS)	
1943 R. Quartermaine (Kat.)	1968 R. Dorn (UGS)	
1944 E. Quartermaine (Kat.)	1969 C. Coles (CGS)	

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FOOTBALL fairytales don't always come true — just ask Bruce Edwards who, at 16, was regarded as the No. 1 schoolboy prospect in the country. In a special report from Melbourne, KEN PIESSE has the story.

Young star still has a challenge

PLAYING for Western Australia at the 1983 Teal Cup carnival, Bruce Edwards won All-Australian distinctions and appeared a "ready-made" Big League star, a centreman with superlative skills.

The success-starved Melbourne hierarchy had issued their orders: "Go and sign the best kid in Australia."

The two State transfer agreement binding rookie players to Perth clubs had temporarily broken down and, in Edwards, the Demons felt they had unearthed a truly outstanding footballer, a young man capable of successfully fueling their future.

The Demons even promised South Fremantle a \$45,000 transfer fee and were happy to offer the elite teenager the security of a three-year contract.

Edwards went to work under the dozen of junior football coaches Ray Jordan.

Four years later, however, he isn't even playing footy.

A succession of hamstring injuries, combined with his work priorities as an apprentice electrical fitter this year, convinced him to take 12 months off.

"I played only three games in 1986," he said. "I tore my hamstring six times."

"I found the hours needed to do my apprenticeship just didn't fit in with football."

"But I'm only 20 and next year my circumstances might be different."

"I'm maintaining some of my fitness with swimming, some gym work and running. If I do decide to have another go, I'll give it 100 per cent commitment."



Bruce Edwards (circled) in the 1983 Teal Cup team.

When Edwards was first approached to sign, he was "thrilled" as he could transfer his apprenticeship studies. So he agreed to move.

"VFL football in '84 was a big thing," he said. "There was no talk of a national league. I thought I might get another chance."

"It was a big decision especially as I hadn't done my HSC (Higher School Certificate). But I felt I couldn't go wrong even if I didn't make it here. I had a job, a place to live and I had my football."

Edwards played for Victoria in the 1984 Teal Cup. His teammates included Carlton's Steve Silvagni and Collingwood's Danny Seow.

"To think I was considered equal to them at the same age and they have made it big," he said.

He's envious. But work comes first.

Edwards wants to qualify as a tradesman before even thinking about playing football again.

He feels that he could already have been a senior-ranked player, but for Melbourne under-19s coach Ray Jordan's preference to keep him in the thirds.

He made Melbourne's senior list last year, but his stop-start program ruined his year and sapped his confidence to such a degree that he called Melbourne administrator Ray Manley and said he wanted time off.

"Melbourne have been very good to me and been very understanding," says Edwards. "They're my club."

He now considers himself "more Victorian than West Australian" having been associated with league football for four years.

"When WA play Victoria in the State-of-Origin matches, I find I'm bar-racking for the Vics," he said.

Manley says that Edwards' case is just one of many instances where young players fail to progress for one reason or another.

"Big money has been spent for little return," Mr Manley said.

"But, in this case, we haven't given up hope of a return."

Carey holds high place

by Alan East

TO have a nickname like "Super" obviously means that you are someone special. To keep it over a 17-year football career confirms that rating.

Such is the case with Peter Carey, the gentle giant from South Australia who has plagued WA sides for more than a decade — and enjoyed doing that just once more at the WACA Ground last week.

Carey's vital statistics tell his own story — 193cm tall, 102kg in weight (some would say, over weight), 33 years of age and with 404 club games and 18 State games. No wonder he's the veteran of South Australian football — and, indeed, Australian football.

In the world of ruckmen in Australia there are two names — Graham Farmer and John Nicholls. Then there are the rest.

Carey has earned his place among "the rest" and it's probably because of Farmer, the great West Australian who conquered the East as well, that Carey became an outstanding servant of the game.

"As a kid we lived at Warrnambool, in Victoria," says Carey.

IDOLISED

"Geelong was our closest VFL team, so I idolised Farmer. I can remember going along when I was about 14 and thinking how great he was."

"But my family moved to Adelaide and from then on I always wanted to be a ruckman — and to play with Glenelg."

Therein lies another story.

How many players in today's football can boast the length of service — without a hiccup — that Carey has given Glenelg.

He's never strayed, not even been tempted seriously by Victorian offers or even bartered with Glenelg officials for higher rates.

"Glenelg have always been good to me," says Super.

"There's been no reason to leave. I actually signed with Melbourne at one stage, but that expired because I wasn't interested in going and though St Kilda then signed me, the same thing happened again."

"Playing in Victoria was no big deal in those days. Maybe it's different now. But I'm not sorry about not going."

PREMIERSHIPS

Staying in Adelaide has helped Carey win two more premierships with his beloved Tigers (1985-86), adding to his 1973 grand final victory. In between, there have been five losing grand finals, so it hasn't all been roses.

Carey's 404 club games (including night pre-season matches) is an Australian record, passing the tallies previously set by WA's Barry Cable and another Tiger, Richmond veteran Kevin Bartlett.

It was way back in 1971 that Carey became the classroom hero at the Seacombe High School at Glenelg. He was called up from the school team to make his Glenelg league debut — and he's never looked back since.

But it's all coming to an end. That long and illustrious career is "99.9 per cent" certain to end this year.

"It would take an awful lot of convincing to entice me back next year," says Carey.

"Especially after winning against WA in Perth, which is something I've never done before as I've missed our previous two wins here."

"And going out with an Australian championship is a great way to finish."

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