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# Eagles need to take stock for '88

by  
**Ben Stinga**

IT'S mothballs for the West Coast Eagles. That is the sad consequence of the thrashing handed out by a goal-greedy Sydney Swans at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Sunday.

The time has come for the Eagles hierarchy to start planning for 1988 and some aggressive bargaining is a must if the Eagles are to survive in the VFL.

WA might have to take a few lessons from the Vics — break a few rules.

Increasing the Eagles squad to at least 40 must be a priority, whether it be legal or illegal.

For years Victorian clubs have been making their own rules in situations involving player clearances. The Mark Hepburn case is a classic example.

The Eagles have enough skilled players in the camp, but they lack some tough blood and guts; physically fearsome players who can dish out (and receive) a bump or two.

The Eagles currently rely on just two strong footballers in Alex Ishchenko and Ross Glendinning.

Ishchenko was a notable absentee from last Sunday's side while Glendinning, who was obviously not 100 percent right, played little part in the proceedings.

The Eagles failed to put any pressure on the Swans — as evidenced by their lack of tackling.

There just wasn't anywhere near enough man-to-man confrontation — evidenced by the startling fact that our best tacklers were tigerish rover Wally Matera, and utility player Dean Turner, two of the team's smallest men, with three tackles each.

Defenders Michael Brennan, Chris Mainwaring, Geoff Miles and Paul Peos failed to make one effective tackle between them.

Aggressive WA players in the VFL like Bill Duckworth and Wayne Henwood — and even Subiaco's Ian Dargie — could provide the physical presence that has been missing this season.

The Eagles need some tough players who don't mind messing it with the hardened VFL sides.

Apart from the obvious selection limitations that the Eagles 35-man squad imposes, it affects the outlook of the players.

Most of the current players obviously realise that they will be part of the Eagles combination in 1988 and they are not subjected to the same selection pressures that are part and parcel of other VFL clubs.



This is where we're going wrong... Eagles' coach Ron Alexander speaks to wingman Phil Narkle.

## Ralph posts a milestone... and throws out a warning

by  
**George Temple**

CLAREMONT'S deadly full-forward Warren Ralph returned to his best last Saturday to achieve a major milestone in his football career.

When he posted the sixth goal of his 10 for the day, Ralph notched up his 500th goal in WAFL football.

It also signalled a warning to East Fremantle, Subiaco, Swan Districts and West Perth — the clubs in the hunt for the premiership with Claremont — that the league leaders are not about to wilt with the finals just around the corner.

Ralph said he was pleased with his performance.

"It's always great to get among the goals, but I didn't know I had kicked 500," Ralph said this week.

Ralph, who kicked more than 100 goals in successive seasons between 1981 and '83, has been moved around a lot this season, including a spell on the half-back line — but that has not worried him.

"It's helped me rekindle my enthusiasm for football," he says.

"But I'm now confident about staying at full-forward for the remainder of the season.

"Gerard (Neesham) has a good blend of players in the side now and he'll be wanting to settle them into positions with the finals coming up.

"We are confident about winning the grand final and if we keep going the way we are, we shouldn't have too many troubles," he said.

Ralph's goal tallies since graduating straight into Claremont's league side from Floreat Park amateurs have been: 1980 — 85; 1981 — 127; 1982 — 115; 1983 — 128.

He actually kicked 92 goals in his debut year, but five were not included by the WAFL because they were kicked on a day that the State side played in Adelaide.

His 44 this year give him an overall tally in WA of 504, plus he also kicked 72 with Carlton in his three VFL years.

**STATE GAME**

OWING to Westside Football's production deadline being Wednesday morning, a full roundup of this week's interstate clash with Victoria will be published in next week's issue.

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### CLAREMONT

COMING UP: A special reunion for any Claremont player who played in a premiership side in any grade. More details to be given soon.

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### POSTPONED

THE much awaited Players Revue at West Perth was to be held at Leederville Oval last Saturday, but unfortunately it was postponed. More than one of the organisers went down with the "dreaded lurgie" and it is now expected that the show will go on in late August.

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# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

### WHAT A HASSLE!

THE West Coast Eagles couldn't work out what had gone wrong on Sunday when they arrived at the historic Sydney Cricket Ground for their big game. A brief inspection for a training run the previous day had revealed adequate changeroom facilities with a neatly painted West Coast Eagles plate on the door. On their arrival on Sunday imagine the surprise and confusion when they found the rooms occupied by the Fitzroy reserves, who were playing Swans. Someone had goofed up and total chaos reigned as the Eagles had to prepare for the game in totally inadequate facilities. The players actually warmed up in the carpark out behind the stands.

### OLD BUDDIES

THE changerooms hassle aroused the wrath of Eagles coach Ron Alexander and he didn't care who knew that he was angry. But he didn't blame Fitzroy — it wasn't their fault; they were directed to those rooms by the ground manager to allow the umpires to use of the other major changerooms. The muddle provided some light relief when the Fitzroy players came off the ground and many of them renewed acquaintanceships with Alexander, their old team-mate and skipper. Playing in the Lions reserves side were well-known players such as Micky Conlan, Scott Clayton, Jamie Shaw and Craig McGrath.

### BRIGHT SPOT

THERE wasn't much joy for Eagles players at the SCG on Sunday — but hardworking centreman Steve Malaxos had one particularly bright moment. While the Swans were plundering goals, Malaxos' wife Suzanne was chasing gold down in Hobart in the Australian cross-country 15km championship. She took out a national title and a telephone call to the SCG resulted in Eagles runner Peter Gianoli conveying a pleasant message to Malaxos.

### WEDDING BELLS

FORMER East Perth ruckman John Ironmonger was bitterly disappointed at missing the Swans-Eagles game with a calf injury. Ironmonger has been struggling to get back into the Swans senior side after receiving the injury six weeks ago. But he's got no plans to come back to WA, as he no doubt told Royals president Alan Delancy during their after-match chat. Ironmonger will marry Perth girl Donna Smith in December and is looking forward to a few more years in Sydney.

### BIG ENTOURAGE

THE support staff for the West Coast Eagles trip to Sydney was the biggest of the season. Not only did the official team party number 37, but some of the players were allowed to take their wives with them — staying in a different hotel of course. The Eagles added to their normal list by taking extra trainers (they have a Melbourne based group for matches down there) plus the team's growing band of full-time staff. The media contingent (about eight) was matched by Indian Pacific Ltd directors, some WAFL club officials, a scattering of other football VIPs and a handful of businessmen who "just happened" to have some appointments in Sydney this week.



West Perth coach Bruce Monteath is a popular target for autograph hunters and it didn't take long for 10-year-old Paul Goudie and eight-year-old David McGuinness, both of Trigg, to zero in on him. Monteath obliged and Westside Football was there to capture on of these boys' most treasured moments. Though Goudie and McGuinness are West Perth fans, they play for North Beach, which is in Claremont's zone.

### OUT AGAIN

THERE was more pain for South Fremantle coach Stan Magro last Saturday as he watched star midfielder Merv Dellar be carried from the ground. Dellar, in his first game back from a knee injury, fell near their 50 metre line after his battle-scarred leg gave way. Dellar had been performing well up to that time and his 10 possessions in the first quarter were keeping the Bulldogs in the game.

### WALKER TO COACH?

STILL on John Walker. During the 6PR show, the offer was made to him by Swan Districts coach John Todd to take up the assistant coach job at Bas-sendean. Walker did not accept — or decline the offer.

### HUTTON HAPPY

SWAN Districts captain Brent Hutton says he is quite happy to be moved from one position to another by coach John Todd. Hutton, who has played in as many as six different positions in some games this season as Todd attempts to plug gaps or create play, says he likes being where the ball is. "Swans are short of another player like myself who can fill in where necessary. I'm always in the game and that helps me," he said.

### WALKER COMMENTS

FORMER Indian Pacific chief John Walker enjoyed his first chance in three years to talk about football performances when he was a guest at 6PR's Football Forum at the Nookburra Hotel last Friday. Walker talked about the Eagles great win over Carlton and highlighted the fact that the controversial signing of Ross Glendinning was the right decision. Walker said there was a

lot of criticism laid against IPL for recruiting Glendinning from North Melbourne for \$110,000 and then making him captain. "Ross has been a great leader and is in line for his second Brownlow Medal," Walker said.

### YOUNG LIONS

HERE are some names that could be included in a Subiaco league list in the new few years — Mark George, Dean Kemp, Gary Kemp, Keith Adams, Aaron Garrard, Tim Brooks and Russell Duncan. Few people, except maybe Subiaco supporters, would have heard of these names before. But they are, in fact, following in the footsteps of Glen O'Loughlin, Wayne Golding and John Sullivan. Each season, Subiaco gives players from each of their teams in the Goldfields National Football League a chance of playing in the under-19s and reserves. O'Loughlin, Golding and Sullivan made their Subiaco debuts in 1978, '83 and '84 respectively and have since gone on to play league football. George, the Kemps (Railways), Adams (Kambalda), Garrard, Brooks (Kangas), and Duncan (Boulder) all made the trip to Perth this season and Subiaco football manager Trevor Nesbit says they showed a lot of promise and would be asked back in the future.

### EXPERIENCE SHOWS

JOHN Gavranich might not be the best ruckman in the WAFL competition, but his seven years experience should be noted by emerging firebrand John Clarkson. Clarkson was having a tough time with South's Graham Kickett in more ways than one. After one particular incident, Clarkson wanted to have a go at Kickett, but big Gavranich barred his way telling the youngster to cool it.

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## LOST FOR WORDS

WEST Coast Eagles coach Ron Alexander was a shattered man after Sunday's loss to the Swans. "Humiliating" was how he described the Eagles effort during a stern-faced string of media interviews. Alexander was completely at a loss to explain the poor attitude and lack of commitment — features that have plagued the Eagles in at least four of their East Coast excursions.

## STRANGE TWIST

THE statistics from Sunday's game produce some strange conclusions. Right from the first bounce, the Swans appeared too strong in the aerial contests and 25 first quarter marks to 12 confirmed that. But in the next three quarters, the Eagles outmarked the Swans 64 to 41. The Swans 12-goal third quarter orgy was achieved with some magnificent run-on, direct football. Their efficiency was illustrated with the fact they only had 49 kicks (their lowest quarter tally for the game) and 33 handballs (their second lowest quarter) and just seven marks.

## BUSY TIME

THE Australian Airlines people had a busy time last weekend with a number of different groups heading to Sydney to support the Eagles. The airline, strong sponsors of the Eagles, helped a party of 40 Toyota people get to the SCG for the game and WA sales manager Ian Simmonds looked after another party of Perth businessmen.

## ANOTHER CLUB

THERE is another West Coast Eagles club now operating in Melbourne. John Adams, the Eagles man in Victoria, has formed the Quokka Club, which consists of about 50 former WA residents now based in Melbourne who support the Eagles. The meet regularly for lunch and at the Melbourne games and include people such as former Channel 9 newsreader Greg Pearce.

## EARLY PROPAGANDA

THE Sydney media are still coming to grips with Victorian football in their city. The Eagles sent an "advance party" to the coathanger city before Sunday's game in a bid to generate publicity. Eagles chief executive Graham Moss hosted a small media lunch on the Thursday which had about seven radio, TV and newspaper groups represented. Steve Malaxos — probably the Eagles best on Sunday — was flown over earlier to be at the lunch.

## HIGH PROFILE

SYDNEY is very much a social city and football has a high profile in the social scene. Two former well-known Perth football people in Leon Larkin (one-time Subiaco director and State-of-Origin originator) and Allan (Chubby) Stiles (player, coach and commentator) are to the fore in the VIP stakes with a box at the SCG that had mixed loyalties last week. Chubby was the guest speaker at the traditional chairman's luncheon before the match.

## EARLY START

FOOTBALL people do have some tough assignments at times and it's not all fun and fanfare. Eagles chief Graham Moss and ruck-rover Steve Malaxos had a 5am start to their day last Friday when they were guests on the Channel 10 Good Morning Show — along with former WA player Craig Holden, now with the Sydney Swans. Former Perth TV and radio personality Tony Murphy does the weather spot on the show, so Moss presented him with an Eagles supporters badge.

## LOYAL SUPPORTERS

THE willing band of Melbourne youngsters who form the Victorian-based cheer squad showed their loyalty by making the trip up to Sydney for the big game. A number of the group did the 15-hour bus trip overnight, while others drove or caught the train. Australian Airlines helped out with the flying of their big Burswood Resort banner "Let's strive for the five" up to Sydney.

## BEARS ON HOLD

THE Brisbane Bears \$6 million float will be put on hold until next year. Chief executive Ken Murphy said the huge establishment workload in the club's first year had taken priority after deputy chairman and underwriter Christopher Skase had agreed to carry any interim shortfall.

## WIN A TRIP TO THE VFL GRAND FINAL

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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# Don't shoot the coach!

COACH Ron Alexander and his players will come under fire from many quarters if the West Coast Eagles fail to make the VFL finals this year.

But it won't be the fault of the former Great White Shark or his charges — it will be the weak-kneed WA negotiators who agreed to the terms of WA's entry into the VFL who are to blame.

Three agreements on our entry will go down alongside Neville Chamberlain's promise of peace before World War II in history's page of clangers.

Firstly, a side cannot perform when there is only a squad of 35 players — injury and loss of form can't be covered over a season from such a small base.

Then having a restrictive \$1 million salary cap placed over our heads means that it is near-impossible to attract good players back from the East.

Finally having a maximum of five — and later six — players from each WAFL club is disastrous.

The excuses given for agreeing to these restrictions have been lame at best.

The favourite excuse was: "There were only two licenses made available by the VFL and we were competing with Queensland and South Australia for them."

## NOT INTERESTED

But everyone knew the South Australians weren't really interested in giving the Victorians \$4 million and playing in a VFL competition.

As for the six-player restriction from each club: "We didn't want to deplete WAFL sides more than others."

Well so much for that — Claremont and East Fremantle have six and five players respectively in the Eagles squad, yet still fill the top two positions on the WAFL ladder.

Perth and South Fremantle are sixth and seventh on the WAFL ladder and lost only five players between them.

Surely the Eagles could have done with Colin Waterson, Brian Peake, John O'Sullivan, Scott Rowland, Guy McKenna, Derek Kickett and Steven Goulding in their squad.

And losing these players for a few weeks this season would not have seen the Sharks or Tigers going down in games, merely winning less convincingly.

We should have insisted on a 50-man



## This week's guest columnist

TIM NEWHOUSE  
(Western Mail football writer)

squad, taken whom we liked from WAFL clubs, got a \$1.5 million salary cap, no limit on the number of West Australians recruited from VFL clubs and a national draft that doesn't include WA.

If the VFL said no, then fine — we could have waited a year or two until they came cap in hand to us pleading for our inclusion, with two of their clubs on the verge of extinction.

We then could have added our own little touches where the name of the competition was changed to the NFL and players could be recruited by us from VFL clubs, whether they be West Australian or Victorian.

The national draft is the big worry of 1989, but next year's concern is how Guy McKenna and Derek Kickett can fit into the Eagles' squad when there are already six Claremont players in it.

John Annear, Chris Lewis and Steve Malaxos are indispensable, Geoff Miles and Michael O'Connell have been great servants of the Eagles and Peter Davidson, when fit, is a match-winner.

The only answer is to ask two of the eight Claremont players to get a clearance to South Fremantle, Perth or Swan Districts. The transfer fee made payable from the Eagles to the Tigers, and WAFL match-payments — should the cleared player be dropped — again made by the Eagles.

cause I believed this to be in Cable's best interest.

My comments to Ron Alexander were simply that I asked him if the players who had not played a game this season for the Eagles would be the ones relegated, and he elected (correctly so) not to answer with specific names.

My only other comment to Ron was that you can't go through life with everyone liking you because it is my opinion that a person who achieves that status, is one whom you cannot trust, because he or she has never stood up strongly for anything. That is a comment by which I stand.

To say that I am an opponent of the Eagles is rubbish. I have been a critic of some of the decisions in the selection of players and the agreement that only 35 players can be utilised and only four can be replaced this year.

I think the Eagles are becoming WA's football marketing arm, whereas the WAFL has to reduce all forms of overheads and accept the fact that they are there to develop the game at a participation level in schools, country areas and our existing WAFL competition.

The Hood is happy to throw darts, so I hope you have the common courtesy of allowing this response to your comments to reach the public eye.

Malcolm Brown.  
EDITORS'S NOTE: Sorry Malcolm, you are right. The Hood did do you an injustice. Thanks for being an avid reader.

# In the Eagles nest...

With PAUL PEOS

## New sense of responsibility

THE introduction of the West Coast Eagles has opened up an incredible new dimension of football for players like myself.

Even though I still regard myself as a rookie (it's only my second year up from the country) I believe I've got two roles to perform — as do other young players in the Eagles squad.

When we go back to our club teams, we are virtually senior players because of the player drain and it's been one of the more important facets of my football this year.

I certainly enjoy being in the Eagles side, but I also try to fully accept my responsibility when I go back to East Perth.

You have to adopt a different approach back with your club team, but it's still important to do all the little things in football.

Royals coach Gerry McNeill has been great this season, enabling myself (and Glen Bartlett) to slot back into the side and made to feel at home.

I have enjoyed the feeling of being a senior player back with East Perth and that's probably helped my form — and helped me get back into the Eagles.

## INSPIRING

PLAYING on grounds like the MCG and the SCG has been an inspirational aspect to the Eagles this year.

They are awe-inspiring grounds. You go out there knowing that some of Australia's greatest-ever sports people have performed there.

Playing on the MCG was amazing. It's much bigger than you think on television.

The SCG was similar; I've often watched some of my cricketing heroes



like Dennis Lillee or Kim Hughes star out there — and suddenly we're part of it too.

It's just a pity we couldn't play a bit better! But we'll make amends for that, don't worry.

## PROFESSIONALISM

THERE is a lot of professionalism involved with the Eagles and that is something I have enjoyed this season.

Playing in the country, you don't think all that much about life in the VFL. But it's certainly tougher and more demanding than you would expect.

There is always an emphasis on doing things professionally in the Eagles, both on and off the field. You have responsibilities in the social scene and strict rules that must be adhered to.

I believe that this is good, not only for the player, but as personal individuals.

I might still be regarded as a rookie, but I believe the Eagles have helped me mature considerably off the field.

# FOOTBALL FORUM

## YOUR LETTERS

Write to P.O. Box 442, Morley.

Dear Editor,  
Reading last Thursday's (July 16) issue of Westside Football, I take exception to comments written by "The Hood". It was stated that "Eagles opponents Malcolm Brown and Percy Johnson were firing questions at Ron Alexander..."

I point out:-

1. I was an initiator of privately-owned football teams and endeavoured for this to happen to South Fremantle many years ago. This would have committed people to supporting and remaining with our local competition if it had eventuated.
2. In my own right I put my money where my mouth is (which is more than I can say for most members of the media) and purchased four parcels of share and unsecured notes to the value of \$6320.
3. I also purchased four seats for the season at a cost of \$720.
4. I was involved in Barry Cable being appointed assistant to Ron Alexander at a disadvantage to both the

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Ross Fitzgerald (SD) 147\*

Mick Johns (SD) 147\*

Allen Daniels (P) 145\*

\* Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Dwayne Lamb 133 Subiaco, 16 Eagles; Ross Fitzgerald 107 Swan Districts, 40 Perth; Mick Johns 83 Swan Districts, 64 Subiaco. Allen Daniels 103 Claremont, 32 Footscray 8 Perth.

100 GAMES

Mick Rea (P) 97

Greg Carpenter (S) 95\*

\* Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Greg Carpenter 39 Subiaco, 56 East Perth.

50 GAMES

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Tony Papotto (P) 48\*

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Rod Willet (S) 47

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### TOUGH WEEKEND

PITY poor Barry Cable! He had the dubious distinction of seeing two VFL matches last weekend — both of which were terribly one-sided and involved his favourite sides. As an advisor and assistant coach to State coach John Todd, Cable went to Melbourne to watch the Geelong-North Melbourne game. Cables, a former North's player and coach, saw his old side go down by 97 points. He then flew up to Sydney to off-side Eagles coach Ron Alexander — and saw the WA boys go down to Sydney by 130 points. Ironically, back at home Cables' old side Perth had a good win.

### HAPPILY BIASED

SYDNEY only has a couple of recognised Aussie Rules writers — and don't they revel in the glory when the Swans succeed! Michael Cockerill, writing in the Sydney Morning Herald, suggested that Hawthorn and Carlton should beware the Swans. "The two-horse race for the 1987 flag has another dangerous challenger," he said. John Hoggett, the Daily Telegraph described Sunday's game as the "SCG Massacre" and obviously send shivers through the big two.

### DID YOU SAY THAT ...

BEING a fairly sarcastic type who loves to pick people up on what they say (or how they say it) I couldn't resist snipping this one from the Behind the Play column Daryl Timms writes in Melbourne's Sun newspaper. Referring to the controversy over the \$5000 fine on David Rhys-Jones for striking, he alluded to comments from VFL tribunal chief Jack Gaffney, who was critical of the decision handed down by WAS Brian Sierakowski and suggested that striking should result in a suspension. Timms pointed out that a year ago Gaffney insisted that every case should be considered on its merits. And a year ago, Carlton chief Ian Collins called for set penalties for striking. Bet he didn't join that campaign this time!

### NOT WELCOME

YOU can't keep a good man down — and it's hard to beat those Vics when it comes to recruiting. South Australian club Central District were overjoyed at notching up an unexpected win over Glenelg on Saturday and naturally there was some confusion in the rooms after the game. But sparks flew when Brisbane Bears general manager and football recruiter extraordinaire, Shane O'Sullivan, was spotted talking to players in the changerooms. "Get him out," was the instruction to team manager Rick Jarman and club general manager Kris Grant, who will write an official letter of complaint to the VFL.

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## DON'T PANIC



NO, don't panic. . . the Dorotichs haven't won footy pools! That's Jon and Lynn showing off some of the rich pickings such as an XJ6 Jaguar and a mink coat that will be auctioned when Carlton hold their auction banquet. Other prizes include a trip to London with the team; a mounted photograph of David Rhys-Jones, complete with his tribunal record and. . . wait for it, a prize sheep from Malcolm Fraser's stud farm!

### CROWDED BENCH

IT'S pretty hard getting a seat in the West Coast Eagles boundary-line bench these days. The big support staff with the Eagles often poses seating problems and at one stage against the Swans on Sunday, there were 15 people on the bench. They ranged from the two interchange players to trainers, runners, assistant coach Barry Cable and selector Tom Stannage.

### FLYING BOOTS

THERE is no substitute for experience and Perth's Allen "Shorty" Daniels is a past master at taking advantage of every situation. During a fracas in the second quarter, Daniels emerged from the pack carrying the boot of Souths ruckman Gordon Gatti. Football is not gentleman's game and Shorty tossed the boot over the fence.

### CONSIDERATION

WHILE on things going over the fence, how about some supporters getting off their behinds when the ball leaves the field of play and journeys into the watch area. On several occasions this season I've watched field umpires climb over the fence to retrieve the ball. Well, the crowd sizes haven't been big and sometimes it was quicker for the "ump" to do it himself. But last Saturday the ball landed practically next to one supporter and he didn't even move. The boundary umpire had to climb and fence and get it himself so the game could go on. Wake up supporters.

### NO EXCUSES

THE clash between Perth and South Fremantle last Saturday was more entertaining than I was expecting it to be. But late in the second quarter, South Fremantle captain Brad Collard made what I consider was a critical mistake. Collard needlessly bumped into Perth rover Mark Watson, who had taken a mark just inside the 50-metre line. The resulting 15-metre penalty put Watson within safe shooting distance and five minutes later Perth went off the ground at half-time 12 point leaders. Early in the second quarter, Souths established a three goal lead. Perth recovered to win the game. Had that been a four goal lead things may have been different.

### HOW'S THAT?

SWAN Districts runner John Hayes certainly got involved in the atmosphere when Swans played the Sharks at the WACA Ground last Saturday. Hayes was on the ground delivering a message when he saw an infringement by the Sharks Jon Derecourt. The match was at the home of West Australian cricket and Hayes appealed to the umpire. The request was upheld and Swans got a free kick.

### HUTTON POISONED

MY spies tell me that East Fremantle were out to beat Swan Districts last Saturday and to give themselves a little advantage, they took captain Brent Hutton out of the game before it even started. Hutton was a late withdrawal from the Swans side with food poisoning — the result of a "bad" hamburger. Anyway the Swans didn't need "Hunkey" — Kevin Caton did a great job at full-forward scoring seven goals.



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# FOOTBALL FACTS

Compiled by Steve Davies and Trevor Dawson

## Ralph on target — 504 times

WARREN Ralph's sixth goal last week was his 500th for Claremont.

He took his overall tally to 504 goals last week when he kicked 10 goals, a feat he has achieved 11 times for Claremont since making his debut in 1980.

Only six other players have done the same at Claremont.

They are: G. Moloney (5 times); F. Hopkins (3 times); J. Stewart (twice); A. Skinner, H. Gepp and Norm Uncle (once each).

The leading contenders from other clubs are: George Doig (EF) 14 times,

Phil Tierney and Archie Duda (EP) four times, Ron Tucker (P) six times, Bernie Naylor (SF) 17 times, Austin Robertson Jnr (S) 14 times, Mark Olsen (SD) four times and Ted Tyson (WP) 17 times.

Compare this with North Adelaide's Ken Farmer. He kicked double figures 37 times and missed out by one goal in another eighteen games.

Here are his figures: 23 goals once; 16 twice; 15 twice; 14 once; 13 four times; 12 six times; 11 nine times and 10 twelve times.

## The big-scoring winners

LAST week Swan Districts kicked 22.18 (150) to record the highest score for that week's set of fixtures. How does this compare with the highest score in a round 16 match?

The chart below shows the highest score recorded for each round over the years:

Round	Team	Score	Total	Opposition	Ground	Date
1.	Claremont	33.18	216	SF	Clar	31.3.86*
2.	Southern Districts	38.21	249	P	Lath	20.4.81
3.	South Fremantle	31.24	210	SD	Frem	6.5.50
4.	South Fremantle	33.23	221	EP	Pth	23.4.84
5.	Swan Districts	31.16	202	S	Bass	28.4.79
6.	East Fremantle	28.21	189	WP	E Frem	4.5.85
7.	South Fremantle	34.18	222	EP	Frem	11.5.85
8.	West Perth	31.19	205	SF	Leed	20.5.72
9.	South Fremantle	28.19	187	WP	Leed	26.5.79
10.	West Perth	37.17	239	EF	Leed	13.6.81
	West Perth	37.17	239	SF	Leed	6.6.87
11.	South Fremantle	30.18	189	P	Frem	27.6.81
12.	Claremont	32.18	210	P	Lath	12.6.82
13.	Claremont	30.17	197	EF	Clar	11.7.81
14.	East Fremantle	30.12	192	EP	E Frem	4.7.87
15.	Swan Districts	25.22	172	WP	Subi	25.7.81
16.	South Fremantle	35.18	228	S	Frem	8.8.53
17.	Claremont	39.20	254	P	Clar	8.8.81
18.	Claremont	37.19	241	S	Clar	30.7.83
19.	Swan Districts	40.11	251	S	Bass	11.8.79
20.	Claremont	29.30	204	S	Clar	19.8.78
21.	South Fremantle	40.18	258	WP	Frem	5.9.81
22.	Subiaco	26.13	179	P	Subi	19.9.59
23.	Perth	23.16	154	EF	Subi	10.9.77
Pre	Swan Districts	28.13	181	EP	Subi	20.9.80
GF	South Fremantle	23.18	156	SD	Subi	27.9.80

\* under-age: East Perth 41.30 (276) d South Fremantle in round 1, 1944.

The highest score recorded for each ground is also worth looking at. Two ground records were created on the same day in 1979.

Ground	By	Score	Tot v Opp	Date
Bass	SD	40.11	251 v S	11.8.79
Clar	C	39.20	254 v P	8.8.81
E Frem	EP	32.23	215 v WP	11.8.79
Frem	SF	40.18	258 v WP	5.9.81
Lathlain	SD	38.21	249 v P	20.4.81
Leed	WP	37.17	239 v EF	13.6.81
Leed	WP	37.17	239 v SF	6.6.87
Perth	SF	33.23	221 v EP	23.4.84
Subi	S	32.12	204 v P2	6.84
WACA	WP	29.14	188 v P	15.8.53.
* Under-age:				
*Perth	EP	41.30	276 v SF	13.5.44
*WACA	WP	29.20	194 v P	25.7.42.

### FINAL FOUR

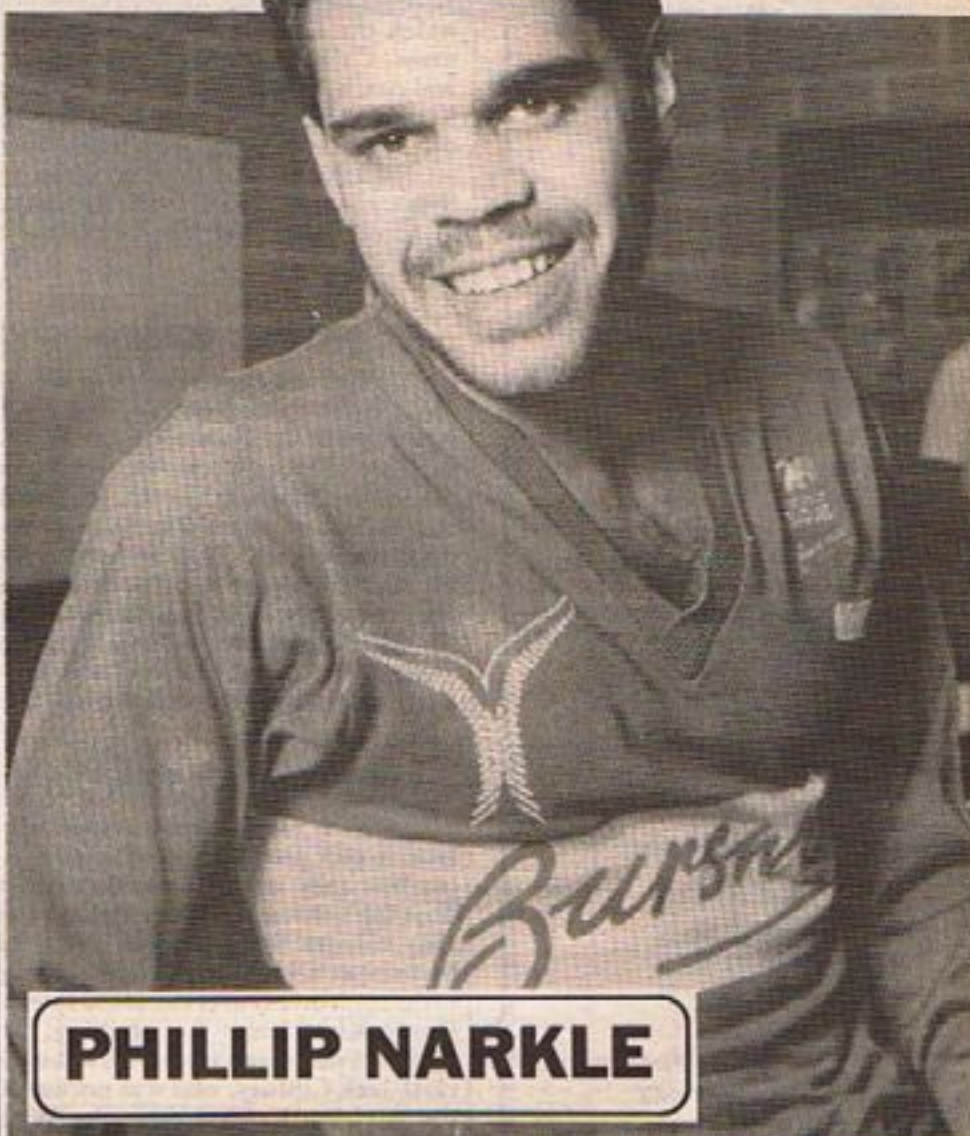
CLAREMONT and Subiaco are certain to make the final four this year.

The last time they were in the finals together was in 1964 and the only other time this has occurred was 28 years earlier in 1936.

Should the final four remain the same as it is now, it will be the first time these four sides have contested the finals in the same year.

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## PHILLIP NARKLE

FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre or wing

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 29/1/61 Boddington

HEIGHT: 175cm WEIGHT: 65kg

RECRUITED FROM: St Kilda

FIRST PLAYED: 1/4/78 vs East Perth

GAMES PLAYED: Swan Districts 120, WA 5, Finals 8, St Kilda 48

FOOTBALL HONOURS: 1981 Swan Districts fairest and best; 1982 Sandover Medal

MARITAL STATUS: Single

BROTHERS/SISTERS: Three

brothers, three sisters

OCCUPATION: Poultry manager

SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Bunbury

CAR: Fairmont

FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Surfing, indoor cricket

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese

FAVOURITE DRINK: Coke, beer

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Pretenders

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Perth

FAVOURITE RESTAURANT: Home

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Cosby Show

FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Toy

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Richard Prior

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Keith Narkle (brother)

MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMAN: Mark Richards

ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Watch cartoons

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the 1982 grand final

NICKNAME: Magle

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## THIS WEEK'S GAMES



# Sharks must find top form now

WITH the tight competition emerging in the top half of the table, second place on the ladder has become vital.

And East Fremantle will need to beat Claremont at Claremont Oval to guarantee themselves to be in that position at the end of this week's round of fixtures.

The Sharks' form has been difficult to follow and they will certainly need to improve on their effort against Swan Districts last Saturday if they expect to top Claremont.

The Tigers have lost only one game this season and were most impressive in beating West Perth by 54 points last Saturday.

They came out of a slump to thrash the Falcons and gave one of their most authoritative displays of the season. It is difficult to imagine East Fremantle im-

proving enough in the space of seven days to beat the Tigers.

Claremont boasts one of the most productive midfield combinations in the WAFL, has a close-knit defence and a powerful attack.

Their attacking football was highlighted by the 10-goal haul from Warren Ralph last Saturday and that is an ominous sign for other final four aspirants.

East Fremantle will have the problem of selecting the player to oppose Ralph.

The Sharks have also been exposed by the pace of a couple of teams and that again looms as a problem against Claremont.

# Big chance for Swans



SWAN Districts can put the final four well and truly beyond doubt if they can beat Subiaco at Bassendean Oval on Saturday.

Swans, courtesy of their big win over East Fremantle last week, have again gained a two-game break over West Perth and victory today would almost certainly put them out of reach.

And it is not beyond the boys from Bassendean to beat the Lions, who did only enough to beat East Perth last Saturday.

Swans gave their best performance for a couple of seasons against East Fremantle last Saturday and the impressive aspect of the victory was that it was achieved without Brent Hutton.

Hopefully Hutton will be fit to take his place this week after recovering from a serious bout of food poisoning.

The performance of Kevin Caton at full-forward was outstanding and he again represents a dangerman for Subiaco.

But Subiaco have some dangermen of their own like Todd Breman, Peter Featherby, Neil and Brian Taylor, Glen O'Loughlin, Mick Lee and Ian Dargie.

Subiaco are sure to place more pressure on the Swan Districts midfield players when moving into attack and that will make life a bit tougher for Caton.

# DANGER GAME FOR FALCONS



WEST Perth face a danger game when they play South Fremantle at Subiaco Oval on Saturday.

After last week's defeat by Claremont, the Falcons could be excused for considering their season has ended — although it is still mathematically possible for them to make the four.

To go into the game against South in that frame of mind would be dangerous

and at 5pm this Saturday their season could be over.

South showed signs of improvement last Saturday and had they received a couple of lucky breaks at crucial stages of the match the result might have been different.

It is strange that when things are not going well for a club the breaks that can decide close games just don't come.

The Bulldogs played a positive brand of team football for three quarters against Perth, but could not finish it off in the last term.

# PLENTY AT STAKE FOR DEMONS



THE only game with no bearing on the top four is the Perth-East Perth game at the WACA Ground, but there is still plenty at stake.

Winning is important to young teams and while victories at this stage of the season can do nothing for their 1987 campaign it can give the confidence a leg-up for next season.

And both clubs have undoubtedly begun their 1988 preparation.

Perth played strongly last Saturday to over-run an enthusiastic South Fremantle combination and two wins in succession would give them a tremendous boost.

And East Perth have shown improved form in the past couple of weeks which must offer them some encouragement for next year.

Perhaps the Royals just lack that little bit of experience required in the midfield region to make them a threat to Perth, but it promises to be an exciting and close contest.

# Lions recovery has astounded

SUBIACO have astounded most football critics to consolidate in 1987 after the loss of almost half of last year's premiership team and are now on the second row of betting to defend their crown.

The reigning champions began their '87 campaign slowly and were in danger of not making the four with just three wins in the first round.

But all that has changed and there is a real chance that the Lions will slip into second place after Saturday's round of fixtures.

Subiaco football manager Trevor Nisbett says that the club plans to keep this resurgence going, not only this year, but in the years to come.

"There is a fair bit of talent in the club at present and we are hoping to produce two or three good players from other ranks each year," Nisbett said.

"We knew at the end of last season that we would lose a lot of key players. But we were confident then that Karl Langdon, John Georgiades and John Sullivan would push for a regular place in the senior side this season.

"We were lucky that skipper Neil Taylor and Phil Lamb stuck with us and the way Clinton Brown and Brian Taylor have played has given us a solid nucleus.

"Mick Lee, the reserves fairest and best in 1986, is having his best year by a street and Greg Wilkinson has been a solid contributor.

"We've also had Glen O'Loughlin for 11 games and the return of Peter Featherby was a real bonus.

"We were already making our push for the four when Peter returned and he has given us more flexibility in attack," he said.

Nisbett said that Subiaco has a large turnover of players and only those with the ability of making the grade are still with the club.

"It must not be forgotten however, that we had to go outside the club for ruckman Shane Cocker and Bret Hutchinson," he said.

"They've been good players for us this season, which is typified by Shane getting selected in the State team that played South Australia."

by George Temple



Glen O'Loughlin... has helped the Lions immensely.

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GEORGE TEMPLE	45	Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Swan Districts	Hawthorn
ROBERT BENNETT	47	Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Subiaco	Hawthorn
GRANT DORRINGTON	45	Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Subiaco	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	42	Perth	East Fremantle	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	43	Perth	East Fremantle	West Perth	Subiaco	Eagles
IAN MILLER	45	Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
BEN STINGA	43	East Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Swan Districts	Hawthorn
MOST FAVOURED	45	Perth	Claremont	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles

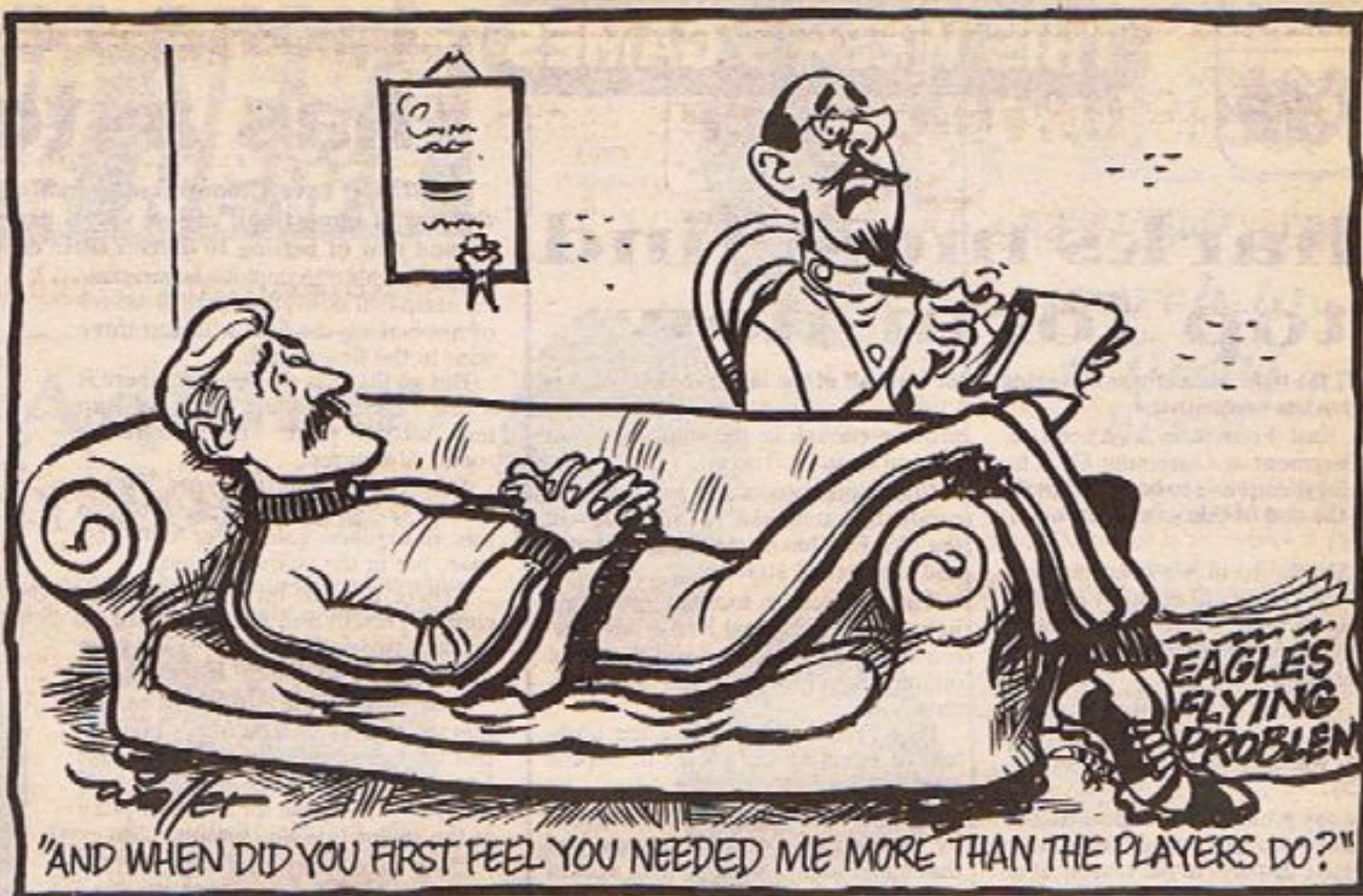


## LES'S LYRICS

ANR commentator and former Claremont and Swan champion LES MURRELL has a different look at football.

### Ralph plays his part

All Claremont fans are happy  
Warren Ralph has hit his straps.  
Ten goals is extra good  
He deserves the cheers and claps.  
When Warren started in Tigerland  
His ability was very apparent.  
Topping the goalkicking list with ease  
He showed how to use his talent.  
Then he left for the VFL.  
And joined the Carlton team.  
But the way he played on Saturday  
He's pleased he's home, it seems.  
There hasn't been much rejoicing  
By our footy fans this season.  
If there's been a big improvement  
Players like Ralph could be the reason.



## BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



### Wrensted faces moment of truth

HAS Murray Wrensted spat out the dummy?

If he has then it's a pity and perhaps shows a lack of character on his part.

Earlier this season Wrensted was in devastating form for the Eagles.

He had shed some of the flab that seemed to slow him down last season and looked set for a great season.

Then all of a sudden he slid into mediocrity, out of the Eagles line-up and into the WAFL.

After he put in a very ordinary game against Essendon I asked Eagles coach Ron Alexander if Wrensted was injured.

Alexander retorted: "There's nothing physically the matter with him."

That indicated there were problems other than fitness.

That he was dumped from the Eagles was not unexpected.

#### FORM

His form was pretty ordinary. Mark Zanotti was also dropped. But he didn't drop his bundle as appears to be the case with Wrensted.

Zanotti's form wasn't too flash when he was recalled to the side for Sunday's game against the Swans. But then he was no orphan.

Wrensted still has a lot to offer WA football. Perhaps he feels stale and needs a rest. If that's the case then he should take a break next year.

But if he's spat the dummy then he needs to come to terms with himself.

He can't blame anyone other than himself for the situation he is now in.

He may feel he has made a scapegoat for the Eagles indifferent form against Essendon.

#### ERRATIC

I don't believe that was the case. I think it could have been the case regarding Zanotti. He just wasn't making the most of his opportunities, mainly through his erratic disposal.

Wrensted did not deserve to hold his place.

Running off to another club may offer a new challenge — but I would have thought that came with the Eagles — but it's not going to solve his problem if it comes down to attitude.

Wrensted is a very exciting player when in full flight.

He's good enough to be one of the Eagles' star players.

I think a lot of West Australians share my view that they would like to see him back in the kind of form that won him a Sandover Medal.

The ball is really in Wrensted's court.

#### NOT SO BAD

DON Haddow doesn't look such a bad coach now.

He was given the flick because South Fremantle weren't performing to expectations.

Yet this season the Bulldogs have gone further down the gurgler.

I suppose it won't be long before the knives are out for Haddow's replacement, Stan Magro.

From the pre-season form shown by South — many tipped them to make the finals because of it — it seemed the club didn't lack talent.

So are the players making coaches look bad?

"Twenty mad-keen university students turned out for Japan's first Australian football team." Peter Wilson writing from Japan in the West Australian.

"If Carlton had beaten the Eagles, we could have gone into Sunday's game complacent." Sydney Swans coach Tom Hafey.

"We are disappointed that the other clubs were not prepared to act in the best interests of football." Subiaco general manager Michael Flanagan on the unavailability of Eagles players for the finals.

"Our obligations under the terms of the agreement was clearly dependent of Sportsplay not breaching it." Channel 7's general manager of programmes, Kevin Campbell.

"I don't think that Noel Carter is interested in the coaching job at Perth." Perth coach Mal Brown.

"Strong rumours indicate that Fitzroy are in dire financial trouble and will not survive into 1988." Kim Haggdon in the Daily News.

"We want to put the record straight with a win over Claremont tomorrow." West Perth coach Bruce Monteath before Saturday's clash with the Tigers.

"Any player who is under an injury cloud is likely to sit out the week, as are guys in the State-of-Origin side." Eagles chief executive Graham Moss on the availability of Eagles players for the July 25 round of WAFL fixtures.

"We are considering a later start to the 1988 domestic season and more Sunday games." WAFL chief executive Peter Cumiskey.

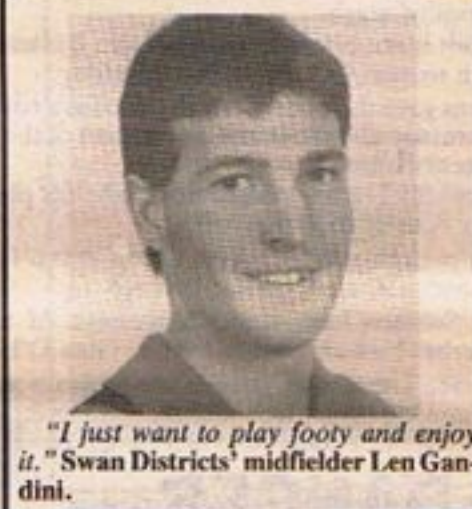
"I really enjoy the freedom of playing in the centre and you can make your own game." East Perth's Gavin Hawkins.

"I wanted to show the WA selectors that they were wrong in leaving me out of the team to play Victoria." St Kilda's Nicky Winmar after a brilliant game against Melbourne.

"Potentially, the biggest loser in the escalated coverage of VFL matches in hotels was Channel 7." Channel 7 football commentator Dennis Cometti.

"You look for players who never question your ideas, never look for excuses for anything." Barry Cable on yesterday's State-of-Origin match.

## WHAT THEY SAID



"I just want to play footy and enjoy it." Swan Districts' midfielder Len Gandini.

"State team needs players who are hungry and reading Wayne's comments indicate he has the desire to perform well. I thought it wise to put him back into the squad." WA coach John Todd on the re-inclusion of Sydney Swans defender Wayne Henwood.

"There must be something personal against Brad by the people who are selecting the WA side." Brisbane Bears general manager, Shane O'Sullivan on the initial exclusion of Brad Hardie from the WA side.

"What more does a bloke have to do to get a game for his State." Dual Tassie Medallist Brad Hardie.

"I'd love to play for Victoria; that's what I've wanted ever since I came to Victoria." Former WA player Phil Krakouer after being left out of the WA side.

"We don't intend to pick Phil Krakouer. I don't think that's in the spirit of State-of-Origin football." Victorian coach Bill Goggin.

"There's a lot of pride at stake here." Victorian selector Ted Whitten.

"We're perhaps looking for a few players who are not as skilful as some of the players we have selected in the past, but are tough and robust." State coach John Todd.

"We were simply brushed aside too easily." Eagles coach Ron Alexander on the Sydney Swans loss.

"We're not a Rolls Royce team by any means." Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton.

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# Swans development has been great to watch

THE development of Swan Districts team play this year has been one of the highlights of the season.

Throughout the year I've been allocated to commentate on so many Swans games that I almost feel qualified to be a part-time selector!

Early on they showed enthusiasm and endeavour; ingredients essential for success that were not in the Swans side of last season.

That team had lost the hunger for competition; too many players were on the way down after the glory years which yielded a hat-trick of premierships.

Coach John Todd has often said that the key ingredient he wants in a player is character — the ability to accept criticism and failure by rebounding to even greater heights.

Individuals without strength of character will never allow a team to grow.

Football is the biggest team game in the world and therefore requires the development of that special individual trait as the base for team success.

Watching the young Swans team grow, both individually and as a team, has been a great experience.

There have been games when they have started well, only to lose at the final siren, while other games have seen them come home strongly after half-time.

Teams need to experience all facets of game performance; the extremely

long time duration requires great physical application and a capacity to concentrate for more than 100 minutes.

These abilities have to be experienced before they can be learnt.

Todd continually works on the individual player; but if he doesn't want to respond, or hasn't the capacity, then he is quickly removed.

The Swans team performed at their best last Saturday.

In a game where they lacked the big names of East Fremantle, they displayed a brand of team excellence that will see them return to the glory years of the early 80s.

Their commitment to chase, block, tackle and destroy the ball when the Sharks had possession, was outstanding. Everyone in the team shares the "load"; no-one shirks or cheats their team-mates.

The Swans team effort has been outstanding this year; they are again about to offer their supporters a new era.

Credit for this can be shared by a strong, dedicated board led by Bill Walker, but in the forefront, coach Todd, who is without a doubt one of the best team builders this State has seen.

## Not much enjoyment

EVERYONE admires the trier, the person who never accepts defeat and strives for his goals no matter what. That would surely apply to the coaches of the bottom sides, South Fremantle and East Perth.

Stan Magro and Gerard McNeill have had few opportunities to relax and enjoy the success that winning brings.

Their teams just aren't good enough at present, but neither coach will stop believing in the side, or working and planning for the future.

Both men realise that coaching is a cut-throat business and with no success comes the ultimate pain to coaches.

No doubt there are elements at both clubs, who have labelled their team's lack of success as an indication that the coaches haven't got the ability.

These club members, who in most cases, never have had the courage to stand up and lead a team of men — don't have any effect upon their team's revival. Getting rid of the coach is not the answer.

Don Haddow and Greg Brehaut were dismissed last year, to satisfy their club's lack of success, but neither team has gone on to achieve the results expected. McNeill and Magro have a common trait all coaches have — refusal to surrender.

Variety like extra training and guest coaches don't give immediate results, but will eventually add to the knowledge of their players and bring about success.

Given time, both coaches are capable of seeing their teams achieve the results they have worked so hard for.

# DORRO'S DIARY

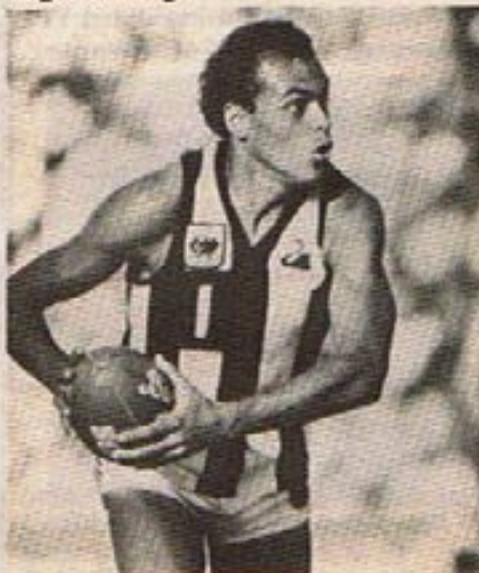
BY GRANT DORRINGTON



## That word attitude

WHAT makes a player switch on one week and be an "also ran" the next? The word used by all coaches is attitude.

Last Saturday Swan Districts utility player Kevin Caton turned in a magnificent display of pace, ball handling and high marking.



Kevin Caton... switched on.

He was "switched on".

His approach to the ball was direct and aggressive for a predominantly skill-orientated player.

When he didn't have the ball his "attitude" was highlighted by his defensive qualities.

Tight defending and great endeavour to chase his opponent, were areas of his

game that set a great team standard and would have no doubt thrilled his coach.

On one occasion Caton chased Sharks utility player Tony Solin for 60-metres before lunging and pulling him off his kick. His effort was inspirational.

Caton and former team-mate Joe Ahmat were rated by John Todd as future champions when they arrived from Darwin.

Todd was obviously judging them by their skill, pace and sheer magic. But neither player has really lived up to this tag, no doubt due to that ever-used key sporting word — attitude.

Caton seems content to be a "could be champion" and doesn't want to take the step, based on hard work and join that small circle of all time greats of our game.

It is perhaps the most disappointing part of coaching when you see a player blessed with so much talent content to be Mr Ordinary.

On-field success is closely linked with off-field organisation. If you don't apply yourself away from the game, you cannot do it regularly on the field.

Caton's performance was electric and something our game needs to attract the supporters back.

Hopefully, he will watch his performance on video replay and decide to apply himself for the remainder of the season.

If he doesn't, he will join the list of extremely talented players who promise so much, but achieve so little.

## Fitzgerald shows how to be a top defender

ROSS Fitzgerald's performance at full-back against East Fremantle was superb. His judgement and coolness under pressure has made him one of the "unsung heroes" of our local WAFL competition.

Fitzgerald is a talented utility player who, after a mediocre stint with Perth, has added a real touch of experience and class to a young and exuberant Swans team.

He lacks physical size and strength to match most full-forwards in a one-out man-to-man tussle, but he has learnt to

use other abilities to overcome his weaknesses.

An incredible ability to read the play and be where the ball is has allowed him to beat all opposing players.

His kicking, though not long, is precise and after he delivers the ball from a point kick in, Fitzgerald runs hard up-field to create the loose man.

Last Saturday he did this to perfection, creating havoc among the lacklustre Sharks forwards.

Fitzgerald is a key part of Swans revival and will continue to set the standards of performance required to take Swans back to their glory years.

# The role of a trainer

IT'S not unfair to say that the most unobtrusive, yet one of the most valuable, roles in a football club is that of a trainer.

They are the people we see sitting around the boundary lines or running onto the ground to assist an injured player. They have a lot of responsibility, one way or another, yet, unless you look for them specifically, you hardly ever notice that they are there.

Because of this I decided to track one of them down and find out something about the trainers in general — where they come from and what they do.

I spoke to David Jones, who is tied up with the Eagles firstly, Swan Districts secondly, and the South Perth Rugby Club when the time is available.

He has had a long association with Aussie Rules and in his early years coached juniors in the Koonga-Valley (Koongamia-Helena Valley) Junior Football Club and won a premiership with their under-15s.

Many people believe that the tenure of a coach should not be all that long, so he left the junior scene, looking for something else further up the scale. He did a First Aid course and started helping the training staff at Swan Districts. He spent more than half of the 1985

season watching and learning and the following year became a full-time trainer. He gained further knowledge when he completed a course conducted by the Australian Sports Medicine Association. It was held over three days and the information that came from it was very worthwhile.

When the Eagles called for support staff Jones was one of 45 applicants and was pleasantly surprised when he was one of the five men chosen.

## STRAPPING

"Trainers are Jacks of all trades," he says. "We seem to do all kinds of jobs, but our main mission is to help prepare the team and look after them when they are playing. Before a game there is strapping to be done and during the match we look after the needs of the footballers. After the game we get the strappings off and attend to the many tasks that need to be completed."

Generally, the Eagles trainers do not accompany the team to Melbourne, apart from the head trainer and his assistant.

The Eagles have recruited some of their own trainers in Melbourne and the VFL has four people on standby to help them in Melbourne. The WAFL

provides a similar service for Victorian teams coming to Perth.

Two of the WA trainers went to Sydney for the Swans game and Dave Jones and Paul James will go to Brisbane when the Eagles play the Bears.

I asked if working with the Eagles was any different to working with Swans or any other local team.

"It is different in as much as they are far more professional in their approach to playing football. They have a different attitude to the people helping them. They seem to appreciate the role we play and the help we give them."

Being a trainer for the Eagles is about as rewarding as it is with any of the other clubs — they might be professional but the pockets of Indian Pacific Ltd aren't deep enough to make a trainers' job a lucrative proposition.

"If we were in it for the money, we wouldn't be there," Jones commented.

Does he feel that the Eagles are improving?

"They must improve as they become a closer-knit unit. You could feel the united front and determination strongly before the Carlton game. They will keep getting better providing they don't sustain a lot of injuries."

As an accredited Level One coach,



Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN

## FROM WHERE I SIT

Jones follows the tactics and theories of most coaches and holds particular store with two sayings he has heard.

"Mal Brown often says that "when you're right, you fight" and John Todd stresses to players that their first reaction with the ball is always the best one.

"There is never time to change your mind when you are in the thick of things and there is a lot of truth in that also."

The football season is a busy time for the trainers and Jones puts three nights a week into the Eagles, when they are in town, Saturday mornings with the Swan Districts under-19s and the afternoons with the South Perth Rugby Club.

To give this many hours to sport requires a lot of family backing and he says this is given freely by his wife Glenyce.

"My wife likes sport as much as I do and is very supportive, as are the children, who are also involved in their own sports."

# KWIK COURIERS INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



## Bears on the recruiting trail

THE Brisbane Bears, struggling in their first season in the expanded VFL competition, will be on the lookout for a wide range of recruits over summer.

The Bears are expected to ask the VFL for another "free" allocation of players from other clubs, but judging on last year's results, they shouldn't expect too much.

The 12 VFL clubs listed three players each who could migrate to the Gold Coast, but the Bears only took eight — with just three of them (Gary Shaw, Chris Waterson and Phil Walsh) playing more than two senior games.

The Bears cannot expect any more favours, especially now with the rapid improvement of the Sydney Swans, and Bears chairman Paul Cronin will have to report to the cheque book.

Of the 28 players that the Bears declined to take, only two — Essendon's Dean Bailey and Pete Kenny — are still with their original club.

Several of the others got the message and quickly found homes at other VFL clubs and Sydney, Melbourne and Geelong are quite happy with their recruiting of Graeme Cordy (Footscray), Doug Koop (North Melbourne) and



Pete Kenny... still with his VFL club.

Graeme Landy (Richmond) respectively.

The Bears have done reasonably well in their first year considering that they were starting from a nil player base and the impressive coaching style of former Hawthorn great Peter Knights will obviously attract more players next season.

## Jacko wows 'em in Brisbane

WHACKO Jacko — football's travelling circus — really turned it on in Brisbane on Sunday.

Mark Jackson turned out for lowly Kedron, bottom of the Queensland Australian Football League without a win, and gave a "bumper" crowd more than their money's worth.

After entertaining WA crowds earlier this season — and kicking goals for South Fremantle — Jacko accepted a \$2500-a-game offer to play for Kedron.

He didn't help the team win — they lost 7.8 (50) to 25.17 (167) to second-placed Windsor-Zillmerl — but he did kick four goals from his four marks and eight kicks. And the umpires gave him two free kicks.

Jacko strutted his stuff as usual, walking around with his shorts down to his knees (yes, he had his jocks on) and waving his guernsey about his head. He put his jumper on inside out at one stage, but he hadn't really done anything to incur the displeasure of the umps.

Kedron's investment in Jacko was repaid with a crowd of 1800 people and gate takings of \$7000 — 10 times the normal.

Jacko showed how flippantly he was taking the game with some quarter-time antics that left the crowd stunned.

After listening to Kedron's coach Ray Stamp provide some words of encouragement, Jacko lumbered over to the opposing team's gathering, shoved through the players and embraced rival coach Wayne Brittain.

A sell-out disco after the match, with Jacko the star attraction, further boosted Kedron's coffers.

### MAGPIES TOPS

THE fact that Collingwood are resting near the bottom of the VFL ladder doesn't seem to worry the fans. The Magpies have topped the VFL's membership tally with some 9500 adult, junior and pensioner members. Collingwood have regained top spot membership from Carlton, the VFL joint leaders on the ladder, even though they are down 10 per cent on last year's figures.

### CASHING IN

WIMBLEDON tennis champion Pat Cash has always been a Hawthorn fan — even to the extent of practicing in a Hawks' jumper at times. He was a guest of Hawthorn last Saturday — after receiving the key to the city of Melbourne the day before — and quite enjoyed the Hawks' big win. But because Cash is now everyone's hero he was also a guest of Collingwood and he had to show a little controlled tact after their thrashing.

## Cowboy gets a reprieve

THINGS haven't been looking too bright when it came to the coaching future of Kevin "Cowboy" Neale — after all, four wins from 14 games wasn't enough to keep him coaching in Adelaide next season.

Like the bad guy in the western movies, Cowboy was certain to be run out of town as soon as the qualifying games were over.

But like the bad guy who suddenly makes good by disposing of the hired gunslinger, Cowboy is now back in favour.

It was his 42nd birthday last week and he was looking well past that age going into the clash with second-placed Glenelg. But at the end of the day he was grinning like a teenager with their 11.10 to 9.4 win.

The fans treated him like the conquering hero and sang "Happy Birthday" as though they really meant it.

The victory was a great celebration for captain Rene van Dommele, who was shouldered from the ground in triumph, celebrating his 200th league game in style just a few weeks after being relegated to the reserves.



### NOT SO CERTAIN

THERE are no certainties in football — even if the general manager announces that there are. Four players named by Essendon general manager Barry Capuano as certainties to join the Bombers in 1988 have all denied the claim. Port Adelaide's Greg Anderson, West Adelaide's Kieran Sporn, Sturt's Andrew Underwood and West Torrens' wingman Andrew Payze have all been shocked by the news. Anderson said he would not be committing himself until the end of this season; Underwood said he would discuss nothing with Essendon until his contract expires with Sturt at the end of the season; Payze said that the announcement was news to him and hadn't heard from Essendon in three months and Sporn is contracted to West until the end of 1988.

### CROWS FOR THE BEARS

THE Brisbane Bears have set their sights on a couple of crack South Australian forwards — Woodville's Andrew Taylor and Central's Rudi Mandemaker. Taylor has developed into an outstanding player since leaving Footscray for the SANFL. Mandemaker could not establish himself in the VFL and since leaving Hawthorn, has been a star in front of goal for Central District.

### DUCKY'S NICKNAME

ESSENDON star Bill Duckworth has a new nickname — 850. If you can figure that one out you are pretty clever. Apparently a DUCK is WORTH \$8.50 and that's how the name stuck. The boys at Windy Hill think that's all Billy is worth too!

### TOUGH DAY

LETHAL Leigh Matthews must still have a soft spot for Hawthorn after 300 games or so with them. But he didn't enjoy seeing them in action last Saturday as the Hawks handed out a record-breaking 125-point thrashing at Matthews' Magpies. The 25.18 (168) to 5.13 (43) thrashing suffered by Collingwood was their worst loss ever to Hawthorn. In fact, if Brian Taylor hadn't goaled at the 26-minute mark of the last term to take the Magpies to five goals, it would have been their lowest score against Hawthorn. Matthews said that Hawthorn seemed to be playing better than last year when they won the premiership. They play with such poise and confidence, they make average players look like champions.

### CARTER'S TRIBUTE

SYDNEY Swans full-back Rod Carter, who completely nullified Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning, had a special reason for playing one of his best games.

His father Wes, a strong Swans supporter, has died a few days earlier and the whole team wore black armbands in sympathy for their custodian.

"I know he would have been proud of my effort today," said Carter, who claimed that his father was his greatest fan.

"It was probably the best win I've been associated with. Every player did something inspirational at times."

Glendinning, obviously far from 100 per cent, only had two kicks against Carter in the first three quarters before moving further upfield in the last term.

## How WA players performed



	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	29	9	10	1 1
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Garry Buckenara	17	7	11	5 1
Paul Harding	8	3	8	— 1
Rod Lester-Smith	8	4	6	— —
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	12	3	8	2 —
Phil Krakouer	8	4	1	— —
Stephen McCann	6	8	2	— 1
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	17	6	3	3 1
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Wayne Henwood	4	4	3	— —
Craig Holden	17	1	6	1 —
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Jon Dorotich	6	4	6	1 —
Richard Dennis	12	7	13	— 1
Ken Hunter	12	2	—	— —
Bradley Shine	6	3	11	— —
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	9	6	5	— —
Brian Taylor	4	3	4	5 2
Brett Yorgy	9	2	8	— 1
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	5	3	3	3 —
Phil Cronan	6	2	2	— —
Andrew Purser	5	2	1	— —
Murray Rance	6	2	6	— —

HIT OUTS: Henwood 8; Purser 6; Dorotich 3; Harding 3.

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## It doesn't seem like 10 years ago...

IT doesn't seem 10 years ago, October, 1977, that sports promoter Leon Larkin's concept of State-of-Origin football got off the ground.

It was a memorable match (for WA that is) and a day that was to revolutionise interstate football.

There have been some great clashes at Subiaco Oval over the years, with the best football talent in Australia on display.

From those original teams of '77, 10 players are still in senior ranks, five from each side.

From the Victorian team we have Robbie Flower, Stephen Icke, Peter Moore, Michael Tuck and Wayne Schimmelbusch (until his recent injury). Out of the WA side, still playing in a variety of places are Ross Glendinning, Ken Hunter, Rob Wiley, Peter Featherby and Stephen Curtis (now in SA).

It's also interesting to note that 11 players have gone on to coach at senior level in Victoria, WA and SA and four as assistant coaches.

Francis Bourke, Don Scott, Kevin Sheedy, Peter Knights, Stan Magro, Ron Alexander, Barry Cable, Bruce Monteath, Graham Moss, Neil Balme and yours truly have all coached league or are still in a coaching job.

In addition, Greg Wells, Ian Nankervis, Max Richardson and Kevin Worthington have had assistant coach roles.



Two State-of-Origin originals... Neil Balme (above) and Kevin Sheedy (below).



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16: Darren Bewick (WP)  
12: Steve Goulding (C), Neil Taylor (S)  
11: Guy McKenna (C)

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## Royals just don't deliver

**EAST Perth have gathered greater momentum and consistency in their football as the season has developed, but their disposal is still the major problem.**

You could not question their persistence, desire, enthusiasm, approach or attitude last Saturday.

But in the first half particularly, you had to question their indirect football.

Coach Gerard McNeill obviously wants his players to play on at all costs. But too many times players handballed to a team-mate in a worse position or kicked short across the ground, when down the middle was the answer.

Subiaco capitalised far too many times from Royals mistakes.

Everytime I see East Perth, the players never have trouble gaining possession, but they can consistently deliver the football up forward.

Grant Campbell battled hard against the odds at full-forward, but centre-half-forward Glen Bartlett didn't do enough.

Maybe it's time for Campbell to go back to centre-half-forward, use his creative play to open up the forward area and give players coming down the ground greater opportunity to direct the ball to a big player in the square.

### COACHES COMMENT

It's an age-old question — does the coach make the player or the player make the coach?

A recent article in a Melbourne newspaper, paying tribute to Alan Jeans on his 500th league game as coach, had this to say: "He is the first to acknowledge that a coach is as good as his players. He does not subscribe to the theory that a coach can turn a bunch of ordinary players into premiership material."

Jeans has often said: "I would rather be a coach of a very good side than be known as a very good coach"

### Hard worker

**EAST Perth haven't had much to smile about this season and it's been a hard toil every week.**

Last week was no exception and one player who really impressed me with his capacity to work hard all day against the odds was Gavin Hawkins.

Hawkins gathered over 30 possessions in the midfield and was one of the few East Perth players to continually use the ball effectively.

Hawkins is a real goer and along with forward-rover Keith Wynne were behind the bulk of the Royals forward moves.

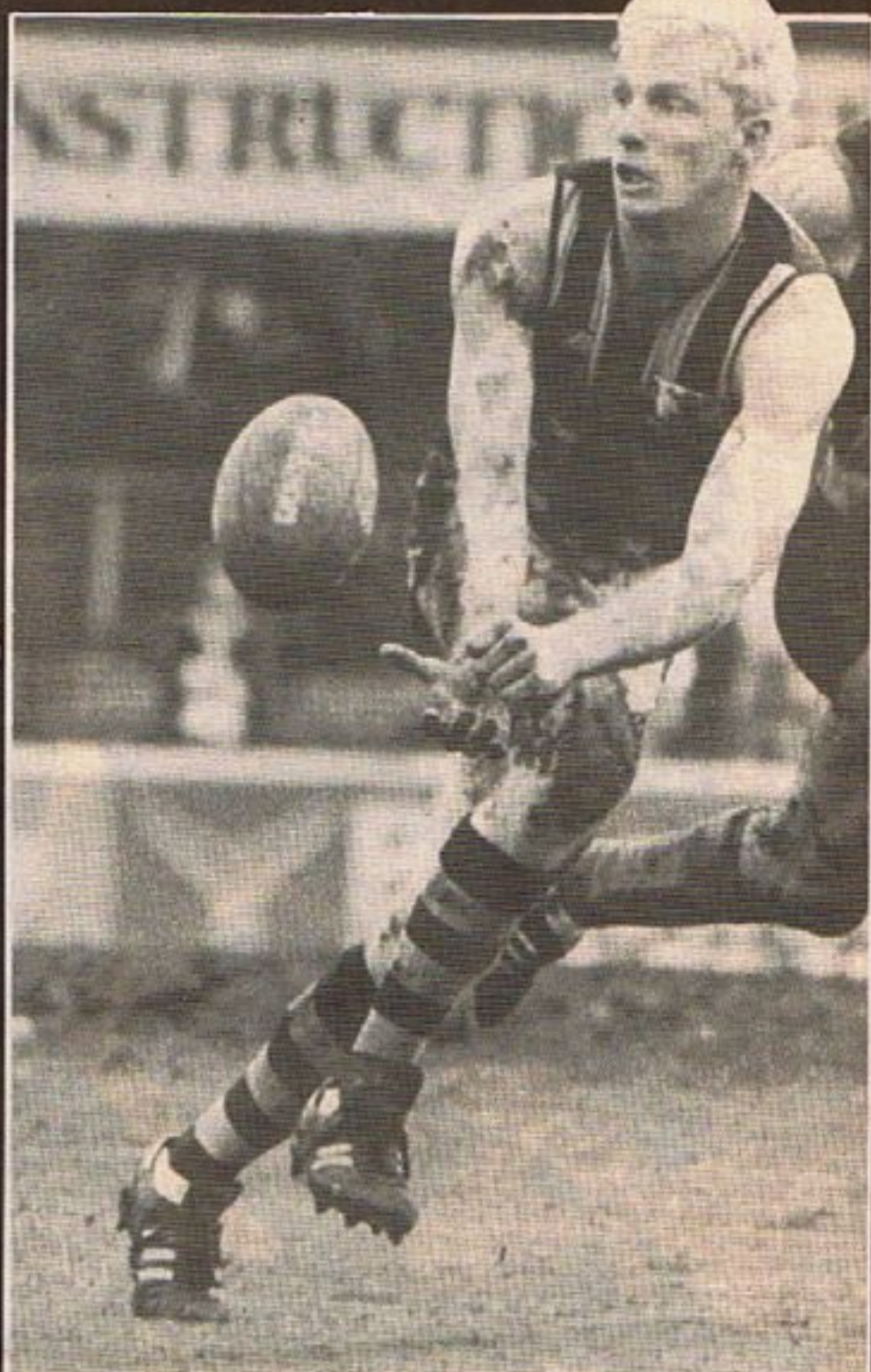
### The pressure goes on

**IN a season when the WAFL has been tipped upside down, it's good to see East Fremantle, Subiaco and Swan Districts battling for second spot with five rounds to go.**

And don't rule out West Perth; they still have hopes of pinching fourth position.

This week's rounds will have a major bearing on second spot and the three bottom sides in Perth, South Fremantle and East Perth have shown enough improvement in the past couple of weeks to still have a say in the composition of the final four.

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**Karl Langdon**

### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Nickname:** Boris Why? Boris Becker.  
**Date of Birth:** 28/3/68. **Place of Birth:** Quairading.  
**Height:** 190cm (6ft 3in). **Weight:** 87kg (13st 10lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** 6.  
**Previous Clubs:** Guildford Grammar School.  
**Junior Club:** Parkerville.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Girlfriend's Name:** Adele  
**Residence:** Wembley.  
**Occupation:** Bank clerk. **Place of Work:** Commonwealth Bank.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Cricket, fishing, beach.  
**Favourite Position:** Half-forward flank. **First Position:** Half-forward flank.  
**League Debut:** 1986 vs Swan Districts.  
**YOUR FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Bill Cosby, Chuck Norris. **Drink:** Bourbon and Coke.  
**TV Show:** Perfect Match. **Food:** Steak and eggs.  
**Music:** Anything.  
**Ground:** Subiaco.  
**Your Car:** Meteor. **Your Favourite Car:** Ferrari.  
**Career Highlights:** 1986 grand final.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** A bad game against East Fremantle.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Sunday morning training.  
**Football Idols:** Malcolm Blight, Peter Bosustow.  
**Toughest Opponent:** Brian Peake. **Most Respected Opponent:** None.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** None.  
**Most Memorable Game:** 1986 grand final.  
**Ambitions:** West Coast Eagles or VFL.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Watch a video of Jeff Fenech's fight.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Dad.  
**Guemsey Number:** 24. **Any reason:** No.  
**Superstitions:** None.  
**Worst Injury:** Sore foot.  
**Luckiest Break:** Playing in the 1986 grand final.

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# Fantastic fla

State-of-Origin football conjures up some exciting moments for West Australian football fans.

It's changed the concept of interstate football since it was accepted by WA and Victoria in 1977.

A glance through our photographic files this week produced some interesting memories...



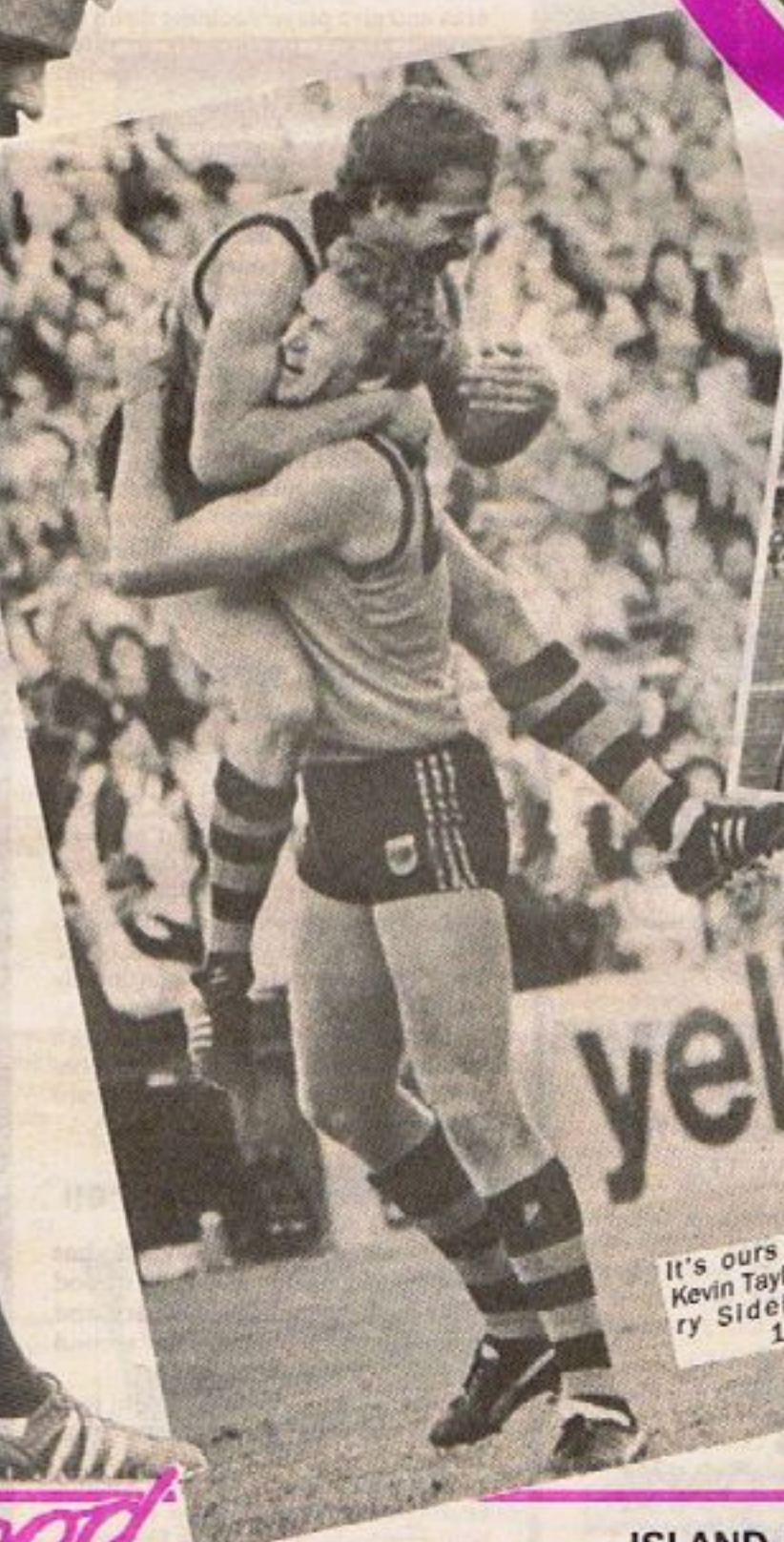
Phil Krakouer about to take possession; Victoria's Bruce Doull eyes him off... and Stephen Michael has them both covered in 1980.

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*I can't believe it's ours. . . Andrew MacNish in 1986.*



*The originals. . . WA's Barry Cable has the ball in his sights as Victoria's Wayne Schimmelbusch can only watch in 1977.*



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*Back in the 1970s. . . that's Rob Wiley waiting for the Graham Moss tap-out with veteran Kevin Bartlett watching on.*



*Teammates sometimes. . . opponents here as Hawthorn pair Rod Lester-Smith (left) and Dermott Brereton clash in 1985.*

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# JUNIOR PAGE

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## Schoolboys start tough build-up

THE West Australian under-16 schoolboys team began their preparation for the September interstate championships with a three-goal win over the Albany Senior High School on Monday.

WA coach Rick Evans said the 10.10 to 7.6 win showed that the boys will once again be competitive in the national championships.

In 1986, WA finished second, which was their best result for a number of years.

"Our boys are picked from Year 10 and below and the Albany team was made up of mostly Year 12s," Evans said.

This Saturday, WA continue their preparation by playing the Claremont development squad at Perth Oval and the following Saturday they play the Guildford Grammar first 18.

"Our biggest test will be against Scotch College, who look like winning the Alcock Cup," says Evans.

"We play them on August 7 as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles-North Melbourne fixture.

"We lacked that sort of competition in our preparation last year and it should be a big help for us this time.

"Our first match (on September 5 at East Fremantle Oval) is against Victoria and they beat us in the grand final last year."

"They will be strong again and will be hard to beat."

The WA side has just completed a week-long multi-sport development camp under the direction of Evans and WAFL director of coaching Brian Douge.

Guest speakers included Football

Development Trust co-ordinator and former East Perth coach Grant Dorrington and national hockey coach Richard Aggiss.

"The boys lived and breathed football," he says.

"They trained hard, developed their football skills and learnt about injuries and how to avoid and treat them."

The carnival includes teams from all States and Territories in Australia and the eight WAFL clubs have agreed to organise billeting within their zones.

Anyone who could assist with billeting is asked to contact their local club.

The WA squad is:

Nathan Buck (St Stephens), Gary Burden (Ocean Reef), Glen Davies (John Curtin), Leight Dunn (Girrawheen), Garry French (Morley), Jason Hadwiger (Armadale), Preston Holland, Glen Jakovich (Hamilton), Craig Hunter (Wanneroo), Darren Keeler (Craigie), Darren Kowal (Narrogin), Brett Milner (Busselton), Wade Montgomerie, Steven O'Reilly (Esperance), Kane Morphet (Willetton), Jason Norrish (Bunbury Grammar), Brad Renton (Kelmiscott), Marcus Seecamp (Roleystone), Richard Sheavyn, Lee Walker (Thornlie), Jonathan Stagg (Wesley), Sean Stanley (Belmont), Jason Sweatman (Leeming), Marco Tassone (Trinity), Frank Woods (York).

### DOUBLE DAY

*WILLAGEE under-14s players Bruce Crofts and Warren Barber are set to play their 100th games this Sunday. Both boys are just 13 years of age and have been playing football since they were six.*

## WAFL UNDER-19 ROUND-UP

### Close fight for leaders

EAST Fremantle, Claremont and East Perth are fighting for a position in the top two on the WAFL under-19 premiership ladder.

Before last Saturday's round of fixtures, Claremont were clear leaders on the under-19 table with 14 wins and one loss for 56 points.

East Perth were in second place with 46 points and East Fremantle were third with 44.

Because of the closeness of the second and third-placed teams, the games East Perth v Subiaco and East Fremantle v Swan Districts took on significant importance.

It was expected that Subiaco would test East Perth particularly with the return of Teal Cup players Steve Rosich, John Cooper, Damien Read and Brett Heady from the Hobart carnival.

However, the Royals proved far too strong for Subiaco, winning by a comfortable 62 points.

At the WACA Ground, Swan Districts appeared to surprise East Fremantle and at one stage it looked as though Swans might win the contest.

However, the Sharks steadied and eventually ran out winners 12.15 (87) to 8.13 (61).

These results see East Perth remain two points clear of East Fremantle. Both sides are desperate to grab a second semi-final berth and the battle will continue in earnest in the next five weeks.

### KICKET NO. 3

ANOTHER Kickett has arrived at Claremont.

Dale Kickett, a nephew of Larry Kickett, has shown above-average ability in the under-19 side which happens to be coached by Larry.

Dale has brilliant skills and looks suited to a midfield role. His reflexes and pace are eye catching and providing he can maintain his good first up performances he should play a part in this years finals.

### ROUGH PATCH

THE West Perth under-19 side may appear to be going through a rough patch particularly when you compare their current form with their early season form.

However there are many reasons which have contributed to this — including the loss of several players to the reserves in recent weeks.

One notable example of this is rover Malcolm Williams who has given some electrifying performances since being promoted to the reserves.

West Perth will be able to drop several talented players back to the under-19s during the finals.

Players such as Jon Timms and Michael Logue should qualify for an under-19 berth and with their newly-acquired experience they should give the side a tremendous boost at the most important time of the season.

CIG presents . . .

## Talent in semi-finals

THE first of the semi-finals in the CIG Shield competition will be played at the South West football headquarters, Hands Oval in Bunbury, this Thursday and it matches giant-killers Bunbury Catholic College and Trinity College.

The match looms as a battle of the centre-half-forwards, with both Bunbury and Trinity rating their respective players — Mark Steele (Bunbury) and Kim Vanderweid — as match-winners.

Steele, a State soccer player until he adopted the Australian game this year, is a high-marking prolific goalscorer utilising his long kick to good effect.

Vanderweid, who wears a helmet, is in the same mould and has played a big part in Trinity's convincing wins over St Marks, Hampton, Mt Lawley and Thornlie.

Other good players for Trinity are Marco Tassone (named in the WA under 16 squad this week), Paul Ganfield, Shane Rowe and captain Damon Charushenko.

Tassone has the job of looking after Steele and if necessary he can be moved to play at centre-half-forward or full-forward.

## CIG SHIELD UPDATE

Rowe is 187cms tall and should dominate the ruck, while Ganfield, operating on a half-forward flank, has a deadly accurate kick toward goal.

Bunbury will look to captain Wayne Symons — a rover with excellent skills — to give them a boost around the packs.

Centreman Ernie Sharpe narrowly missed selection in the State under 16s and could cause pre-match favourites Trinity a few problems.

Being the underdog is nothing new for Bunbury.

They were underdogs against highly fancied Belmont and Mirrabooka Senior High Schools, but over-ran their opposition in the final quarter to record upset victories.

The quarter-final clash with Mirrabooka was a torrid affair and Bunbury had to weather their opponents aggressive style before they could record the 37-point win.



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### Little League

## Swans follow the league

SWAN Districts, led by Daniel Brady, Dale James and Paul Maylor, outclassed East Fremantle at the WACA Ground last Saturday.

Though Garry McMurdoo, Graham O'Dea and Troy Dedruchy tried hard for the Sharks, the Swans were too good.

East Perth's Grant Patterson, Steven Pendleson and Damon Beros combined well, but it was not enough to beat Subiaco at Perth Oval.

Best for the Lions were Matthew Babich, Brendan Hill and Peter Schofield.

Claremont's win over West Perth at Leederville Oval was through the efforts of Ryan Lynn, Trevor Smailes and David Scott.

The Falcons battled gamefully and their best were Lee Spencer, Wayne Armanasco and Michael Currie.

South Fremantle defeated Perth at League headquarters. Their best were Mark Faucett, Troy Watts and Tony Ogden. Perth's best were Tim Stevenson, Lincoln Mead and Luke Leschki.

### TIGER CUP

KARRINYUP moved into second place on the Prestige Toyota Tiger Cup premiership table by beating Woodlands last weekend. Woodlands now slip back into third place on the ladder.

#### RESULTS:

Churchlands-Wembley 24.10 d Wembley Downs 7.10; Marist 16.21 d Carine 5.9; Karrynyup 16.15 d Woodlands 8.11; North Beach 15.12 d Scarborough 9.9; Bye: Hawks.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE: Marist 48, Karrynyup 40, Woodlands 40, Hawks 32, Churchlands-Wembley 24, North Beach 20, Carine 12, Wembley Downs 8, Scarborough 0.

### MILESTONES

100 GAMES: Shane Tomlinson, Forrestfield.

50 GAMES: Phillip Cooley, Collier 12's; Shaun Mayfield, Collier 12's; S Hamilton, East Vic Park 10's; M Heijboer, East Vic Park 10's; Ryan French, Canning Gold 12's; Robert Price, Canning 14's; Gary Hill, Canning 14's; Tony Tracy, Canning 14's; Robin Forrester, Canning 14's; Aaron Bannister, South Perth 10's.

### UPSET WIN

BALGA caused one of the upsets of the season against arch-rivals Westminster Balga in the West Perth Junior Council 17's competition. It was Westminster's first loss for about four seasons. The final scores were Balga 11.9 to Westminster Balga 9.8.

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# SUNDAY SCENE

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



## Sunday Football League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
OSBORNE PK	12	11	1	-	1691	962	175.77	44
WANNEROO	12	9	2	1	1389	796	174.49	38
MADDINGTON	12	9	3	-	1341	1108	121.02	36
CANNING	12	8	4	-	1111	1096	101.36	32
KALAMUNDA	12	7	5	-	1415	1056	133.99	28
Mandurah	12	7	5	-	1438	1150	125.04	28
Armadale	12	7	5	-	1312	1184	110.81	28
Willetton	12	7	5	-	1206	1178	102.37	28
Kelmescott	12	6	6	-	1332	1243	107.16	24
Thornlie	12	6	6	-	1286	1222	105.23	24
Kenwick	12	5	7	-	1092	1210	90.247	20
Gosnells	12	4	7	1	1162	1320	88.030	18
S. Perth	12	4	8	-	1206	1216	92.105	16
Applecross	12	2	10	-	1022	1280	79.843	8
Fremantle	12	2	10	-	999	1536	61.063	8
Kwinana	12	1	11	-	817	2076	39.354	4

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### COUGARS REBOUND

Kalamunda rebounded from their loss against Willetton to easily repeat Kelmescott at Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie.

The Cougars led all day and eventually won by 55 points.

This loss by Kelmescott now finishes their football season for 1987.

Coach Rod Alderton will need to emphasise to this players that with games against Kenwick (home), Mandurah (away), and Canning (home) still to play, the Bulldogs can still help to formulate the final five for 1987.

### HAMSTRING PROBLEMS

Wanneroo full-forward Steve Finch sustained a hamstring injury midway through the second quarter and was forced to leave the ground.

Finch had kicked two goals to that stage and now has kicked 76 goals for the season.

The extent of his injury is now known but he may be a doubtful starter against Armadale this Sunday.

Wanneroo were too strong for South Perth winning by 61 points. John Hathaway kicked four goals for Wanneroo.

### FIXTURES

#### Selections in CAPITALS.

- South Perth v WILLETTON at Wyong Oval  
 Mandurah v KALAMUNDA at Rushton Park, Mandurah  
 Armadale v WANNEROO at Gwynne Park, Armadale  
 OSBORNE PARK v Gosnells at Balcatta Reserve  
 Kwinana v APPLECROSS at Medina Oval  
 THORNLIE v Fremantle at Thornlie Oval  
 MADDINGTON v Canning at Maddington Oval  
 KELMSCOTT v Kenwick at John Dunn Oval, Kelmescott.

### LEAGUE GOALKICKERS

- Steve Finch, Wanneroo — 76  
 Geoff Ironmonger, Thornlie — 58  
 Peter Ashworth, Kenwick — 57  
 Colin Wilkins, Kalamunda — 55  
 Murray Gomm, Osborne Park — 55  
 Mark Bayliss, Gosnells — 41

### FIRST VICTORY

Kwinana recorded their first victory for 1987 with a fighting nine-point win against Fremantle at Gil Fraser reserve.

Brett Little scored four goals for the Knights. Martin Atkins, Tim Cullinane and John Gordon played well for Kwinana while John Abrusci, Steve De Agrela and Jeff Bevan were prominent for Fremantle.

### STRONG FINISH

Armadale came home strongly against Gosnells to finish winners and maintain an outside chance for a finals appearance.

Brian Cook was the Demons' leading goalscorer with four goals.

Mark Bayliss kicked seven goals for the Hawks and with his consistent performances for Gosnells this season he should figure prominently in the club's fairest and best.

### SHORT STAY

TALENTED Claremont midfielder Mark Hann showed that his stay in the reserves will be a very short one with a best on ground performance against West Perth at Leederville Oval. Hann picked up possessions at will and his disposal was also a feature of his game.

## Mandurah overrun meek Willetton

MANDURAH inflicted a 103-point loss on Willetton to knock the Blues out of the rive and leave them no margin for error if Willetton are to qualify for the finals.

Willetton had first use of a five-goal breeze which they failed to capitalise on.

The Blues could only manage one goal from coach Jeff Trott.

Mandurah, however, chose to play football right from the first bounce and scored five goals in the first term.

By half-time the Southerners held a commanding 59-point lead which they increased as the game progressed.

Rover Graham Jeffery kicked six goals. Giant ruckman Greg Poultney made a re-appearance for Mandurah and was among the Southerners' best players.

Willetton who still have to play league leaders Osborne Park in round 15 would appear to have little chance of qualifying for a finals appearance.

### TWO-POINT WIN

Canning fell over the line by two points to end Thornlie's chances for 1987.

The Tigers had to withstand a spirited last quarter effort by Thornlie.

Steve Davis and Tony Watson kicked three goals each for Canning.

Canning coach Tom Mullolly was well satisfied with his team's win but their last quarter fade-out left a lot to be desired.

Canning, with eight wins for the season, will probably need to win two out of their remaining three games to qualify for either fourth or fifth place.

The Tigers take on Maddington (away), Kenwick (home) and Kelmescott (away) to finish their programme. No game will be easy.

### UPSET RESULT

Kenwick provided one of the upsets of 1987 when they easily accounted for third placed Maddington.

The Royals led all day and out scored Maddington in each of the four quarters of the match.

Phil Sorrell kicked five goals for Kenwick. Coach Peter Ashworth and Warren Crooke also contributed three goals each.

Maddington forward Darren Johnston was their main contributor with three goals.

Maddington will have to re-group in order to hold on to either second or third place on the league ladder.



Shaun Valenta, Kelmescott, leaps high over Maddington opponent Darryl Reid.

### BIG WIN

Osborne Park held top spot on the league ladder with an easy win over Applecross.

John McTaggart kicked six goals and he was well-supported by Mark Stevenson and Barry Beecroft with four goals each.

Applecross tried hard all day and at no stage threw in the towel.

Bruce Rowlings, Ray Davies, Greg Hitchen and Steven Vinci were all under notice with solid performances for the Hawks.

## WAFL RESERVES ROUND-UP

### LEBECK IN TOP FORM

IT IS important for players to be able to adapt to many positions.

One player who has shown he has the ability to play in a variety of positions is South Fremantle youngster Damien Lebeck.

Lebeck has played out of a back pocket, at centre-half-forward and even in the ruck this season.

Last Saturday against Perth he gave a good display from centre-half-forward. The former Wagin player is a difficult opponent in the air and is agile on the ground for a big man.

It's these assets which could see him get a league game in the future.

### COURAGE

EXPERIENCED East Fremantle wingman Bill Jones gave a courageous exhibition of attacking football in the reserves side's good win against Swan Districts last Saturday.

Jones went into the game with a heavily-banded right knee and early in the first term he was carried off with what looked to be the same injury.

However, he came back on to the field in the third quarter and despite

with Ben Stinga

not being 100 per cent fit he was able to dominate the game.

He finished with five goals including one which travelled at least 65 metres.

He has only played one league game this season but it should not be long before he is back in the running for a senior berth with the Sharks.

### RECRUITS

EAST Perth have been well served by their interstate recruits this season. Of course there is Wayne Duke and Peter Ivanoff who have been resident West Australians for a number of years.

However, the new recruits Mark Bullock (South Adelaide), Glen Spencer (Darwin), Poncie and Eddie Cubillo (Darwin), Rick Chapman (Adelaide), Cameron Scott (Canberra), Kevin McGuire (North Melbourne) and Garry Batt (VFA) have also done well.

### SIX GOALS

TOBY Jackson put in a strong performance for the Perth reserves side — just when they needed it last Saturday.

South Fremantle had taken the game right up to the Demons up until half-time when they led by 21 points.

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The last nine years have seen country-bred footballers win WA's most prestigious award, the Sandover Medal.

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The last five of these players went on to play VFL football and Narkle, Bairstow and Mitchell were in the WA State-of-Origin squad that took on the Victorians at Subiaco Oval yesterday.

With that sort of pedigree, spectators are guaranteed that the competition will offer top quality football.

This year \$25,000 will be up for grabs in prizemoney and each team will get a pro-rata dividend from the gate takings, relating to their travelling costs.

The A-grade winners receive \$2700 in prizemoney this year, while the runners-up get \$1900.

The bottom team in A-grade wins \$1250 of the \$10,300 allocation.

Prizemoney in B-grade totals \$10,200, with the winners receiving \$1800.

The winners of C-grade get \$1300 of the \$4500 allocation.



Last year's Sandover Medallist Mark Bairstow... another country product.

## PREVIOUS MEDALLISTS

### A-section "Fairest and Best" JOCK COLEMAN TROPHY

- 1965 - C. Davis (Eastern Dist.)
- 1966 - F. Copeman (Eastern Dist.)
- 1967 - G. Spalding (Lower 5th. West)
- 1968 - D. Doyle (Corrigin)
- 1969 - G. Fenner (Avon)
- 1970 - N. Slater (Central Midlands)
- 1971 - R. King (South West)
- 1972 - T. Wade (Great Northern)
- 1973 - T. House (South West)
- 1974 - L. Creven (South West)
- 1975 - M. Kennedy (South West)
- 1976 - B. Crouch (Central Midlands)
- 1977 - L. Baker (South West)
- 1978 - G. Wheeler (Avon)
- 1979 - P. Dawson (South West)
- 1980 - R. Bentley (Great Northern)
- 1981 - M. O'Malley (Eastern Districts)
- 1982 - K. Fancote (Avon)
- 1983 - P. Cook (Eastern Districts)
- 1984 - M. Morris (Avon)
- 1985 - Tom Pearce (Central Great Southern)
- 1986 - John Bellotti (Central Great Southern)

### B-section "Fairest and Best" BUD BYFIELD TROPHY

- 1965 - V. O'Meara (Dampier)
- 1966 - G. Gooding (Dumbleyung-Lake Grace)
- 1967 - R. Ayre (Dampier)
- 1968 - Tie: A. Walling (Hills); S. Nairrie (Central Mid.)
- 1969 - Tie: T. Ward (Dumbleyung-Lake Grace); T. Romaro (Central Mid.)
- 1970 - J. Robinson (Hills)
- 1971 - R. Scott (Southern Districts)
- 1972 - S. Agar (North Midlands)
- 1973 - P. Mincherton (Mortlock)
- 1974 - C. Miller (Cent. Gt. Southern)
- 1975 - A. Kennedy (Goldfields)
- 1976 - M. Slater (Mortlock)
- 1977 - R. Watkins (Cent. Wheatbelt)
- 1978 - M. Smith (Southern District)
- 1979 - K. Hart (Eastern District)
- 1980 - P. Smith (Mortlock)
- 1981 - C. Lewis (Southern District)
- 1982 - R. Lawrence (Central Midlands)
- 1983 - M. King (Mortlock)
- 1984 - L. Dwyer (Southern Districts)
- 1985 - S. Wynn-Taylor (Murray Districts)
- 1986 - Stewart Egan (Goldfields)

### C-section "Fairest and Best" JOHN LUSSICK MEDAL

- 1973 - B. Peters (Fortescue)
- 1974 - J. Skinner (Esperance)
- 1975 - R. Gannaway (Ongerup)
- 1976 - M. Stonay (Ongerup)
- 1977 - P. Anderson (Esperance)
- 1978/
- 1980 - Competition in recess
- 1981 - K. Mead (North Midlands)
- 1982 - F. Fimmano (Central Midlands)
- 1983 - D. O'Byrne (Murray District)
- 1984 - R. West (North Midlands)
- 1985 - P. Hughes (North Midlands)
- 1986 - Craig Lee (Ongerup)

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### A-section WESFARMERS SHIELD

- 1965 - Eastern Districts
- 1966 - Eastern Districts
- 1967 - Eastern Districts
- 1968 - Upper Great Southern
- 1969 - Great Northern
- 1970 - South West
- 1971 - South West
- 1972 - South West
- 1973 - South West
- 1974 - Upper Great Southern
- 1975 - Great Northern
- 1976 - Avon
- 1977 - Avon
- 1978 - South West
- 1979 - South West
- 1980 - South West
- 1981 - South West
- 1982 - South West
- 1983 - South West
- 1984 - South West
- 1985 - South West
- 1986 - South West

### B-section W.A.F.L. TROPHY

- 1965 - Koorda-Wyalkatchem
- 1966 - North Midlands
- 1967 - Dumbleyung-Lake Grace
- 1968 - Central Wheatbelt
- 1969 - Central Midlands
- 1970 - Lower South West
- 1971 - Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1972 - South Suburban Murray
- 1973 - Mortlock
- 1974 - Central Great Southern
- 1975 - Central Midlands
- 1976 - Mortlock
- 1977 - Lake Grace-Kulin
- 1978 - Lower South West
- 1979 - Upper Great Southern
- 1980 - Mortlock
- 1981 - Mortlock
- 1982 - Central Midlands
- 1983 - Central Great Southern
- 1984 - Central Great Southern
- 1985 - Mortlock
- 1986 - Goldfields

### C-section GORDON KILPATRICK SHIELD

- 1973 - Fortescue
- 1974 - Esperance
- 1975 - North Midlands
- 1976 - Ongerup
- 1977 - Murray Districts
- 1978 - No competition
- 1979 - No competition
- 1980 - No competition
- 1981 - Murray Districts
- 1982 - North Midlands
- 1983 - Murray Districts
- 1984 - Lower South West
- 1985 - Lower South West
- 1986 - Ongerup

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# AMATEUR NEWS

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

## Trinity-Aquinas back in form

TRINITY-Aquinas, led by State player John Diviney, returned to form last week even though they fell over the line by just five points against North Fremantle.

Trinity were fighting to survive in the struggle for a position in the finals and the way Diviney, Dave Newman, Brad Calvin and Phil Green played, it was evident that they want to be there.

North Fremantle badly missed Jeff Shea, at centre-half-forward, as their opposition were able to bring the ball out of defence with ease.

Wembley had too much class for University, winning 34 points with Dobbie Callaghan and Peter Falconer displaying all their skills and setting up the win.

University are still struggling to put four quarters together despite their individual player strength which demands a better performance.

The same group of players appeared again as the students best, these being Steinepries, Lill and O'Sullivan.

In one of the best games of the season, Mt Lawley finished full of run but didn't break away from North Beach until the last 10 minutes to eventually run out winners by 27 points.

North Beach were extremely desperate to win this game and keep their chance of fifth spot alive. But the uncompromising Hawks were not going to jeopardise a qualifying final berth and fought just as hard.

There were many good individual performances from both sides. For the Hawks, Leigh Spreyan, Tony Williams, Victor



**A GRADE REPORT**  
by Trevor Schorer

Lowe and Ross Bell player well, while for North Beach Dave Perry, Dave Higgins, Phil Davenport and Gary Tait were in the best.

Nollamara, with Chris White having a field day, demolished a hapless Innaloo by 108 points.

Innaloo appear certain for relegation but with University only a half game ahead of them anything is possible. Fate deals them a hard road home, fronting four genuine final contenders in Mt Lawley, North Beach, Old Wesley and North Fremantle.

Old Wesley continued their excellent form with a crushing 110-point win over Scarborough.

Coach Barrie Quick's good form has been one reason the Old Boys have picked up their game over recent weeks and this was no exception with another polished performance from him.

Quick has moulded his team into a fine unit and has them firing at the right end of the season.

Scarborough are the opposite, starting to fall away badly in form of late and it appears that they will struggle to make the top five.

Mark Williams



Ian Callahan



Guy McNamara



### 150 GAMES

**IAN CALLAHAN:** In his 11th season with Carlisle. Plays mainly at centre-half-back and a former club director of football.

### 150 GAMES

**MARK WILLIAMS:** First player for National Bank (admitted in 1978) to reach this milestone. Awards include Most Consistent 1979, Most Improved 1984, Coaches Award 1986. Club Captain 1984 and 1987, plays mainly at centre-half-back. A member of National's committee since 1984 is also their second life member.

### 100 GAMES

**GARY MCNAMARA (Maylands):** Recruited from Cloverdale juniors in 1982, he won the A-grade colts fairest and best in 1983. A nuggety rover with plenty of skill and composure he is currently having one of his best seasons.



**PETER RUSH**  
reports on the B-grade scene

## MHWP on march to a finals berth

MHWP push towards a finals berth continued with an 11-goal drubbing of third-placed Bayswater in last week's B-grade.

The Mounties ambushed the Blues with a six-goal first quarter and applied relentless pressure for the next two quarters to be set up a 14 goal lead by three-quarter time.

Best players for the Mounties were Steve McClaren, Jeff Dickson, Kim Fare and half-forward Vic Badenko.

Bayswater's loss has now put their spot in the five in jeopardy as they are only a game clear of MHWP.

A young and determined CBC have finally come of age after their 38-point victory over premierships prospects Dianella.

In their second win in a row over teams in the five, CBC led at every change, apart from at the start of the third quarter when the Panthers kicked three straight goals.

Jason Antonovich, Rod Leece and Mark Mitchell were a winning backline, while centreman Lou White wielded a major influence in the midfield.

Mt Lawley snatched third spot back with a strong win over Maylands after an even first half that saw the Hawks three points up.

Damien Whitely was in devastating form and was ably supported by John Baker, Wes Grant and rugged full-back Kevin Copeland.

West Coast had an easy 23-goal victory over Whitfords. Best for the Tigers were Mark Taylor, Rick Hudson, Andrew Tinnings and centreman Peter Howard continued his outstanding form of recent weeks. For Whitfords, Craig Baker, Greg Savage and Peter Salter all contributed.

Collegians Old Scotch had an easy victory over WAIT to hold onto fifth spot.

This week Collegians take on West Coast in a crucial game for the Old Boys, as a loss would let the marauding Mounties into the five.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### I Grade

Bull Creek moved into the five with a win against the more-fancied Mt Lawley by 31 points. RAAF, following their defeat by top side Navy, now drop out of the five into sixth spot. RAAF, with a hard run home playing all the top sides, will find it hard to get back into finals contention.

### G Grade

A very undermanned Nollamara No. 3 came from 10 points down at three-quarter time to defeat Coolbellup by 14 points. The Roos started slowly, however, at the last break coach John Vasher asked his charges to lift their heads and give everything they had in the final 30 minutes. The side responded and welcomed back player Rod Lloyd with a win. Good players for Nollamara were Les Waterson, John Beckett and Graham Porter.

### K Grade

Bottom side Bassendean defeated Applecross by 46 points at Ashfield reserve. Again Applecross, with a bye and hard games ahead of them, will find it difficult to play off in the finals.

### L Grade

Nollamara were at home at Langley Park on Saturday when they defeated 2nd place Cockburn Lakes by 5 points. The Roos needed to win this game to keep their finals hopes alive. Cockburn Lakes were not out of the game at any stage, and the lead changed hands four times in the last quarter. Cockburn Lakes had better players in Smith, Ricci and Fowler while Nollamara were well served by Metreuski, Brownlow and Priold.

### C Grade

Carlisle, playing away at Ferndale Park, defeated Lynwood Ferndale by 14 points. This was an important game for Carlisle as Coolbina Yokinie lost to Bassendean and have now dropped out of the five and Carlisle has moved into finals contention.

### H Grade

Third-placed Army defeated top side Redcliffe by 34 points in the game played at Selby Park. Redcliffe's home ground advantage did not lessen Army's enthusiasm and they did not look in doubt coming into

the last quarter. Army have been the big improvers over the past four or five weeks and will be a threat to all sides in the finals.

### WARNING

Club officials are warned that any club withdrawing any team from the league for the rest of the season will be subject to a \$200 fine for a forfeit of each of the games not played.

As from round 14, Northbridge Alca have withdrawn their D grade Colts side from the competition.

### Last week's results:

**A Grade:** Trinity Aquinas 12.9 d North Fremantle 11.10, Wembley 16.16 d University 11.12, Mt Lawley 16.16 d North Beach 14.7, Nollamara 23.19 d Innaloo 7.7, Old Wesley 20.17 d Scarborough 13.9.

**B Grade:** Collegians OS 21.11 d WAIT 8.11, MHWD 18.9 d Bayswater 7.9, CBC 16.13 d Dianella 10.11, Mt Lawley 23.10 d Maylands 11.8, West Coast 26.11 d Whitfords 3.8.

### This week's games:

**A Grade and A Colts:** Scarborough vs North Fremantle, Perth Oval; Old Wesley vs Nollamara, Leederville Oval; North Beach vs Innaloo, Charles Risley Reserve; Trinity Aquinas vs University, Fremantle Oval; Mt Lawley vs Wembley, Inglewood Oval.

**B Grade and B Colts:** West Coast vs Collegians OS, City Beach Oval; Whitfords vs Mt Lawley, MacDonald Reserve; Dianella vs Maylands, Light St Reserve; Bayswater vs WAIT, Hillcrest Park; MHWP vs CBC, East Fremantle Oval.

### Next week's games:

**A Grade and A Colts:** Round 16, August 1st, North Fremantle vs Nollamara, Gilbert Frazer Reserve; Wembley vs Trinity Aquinas, Bassendean Oval; Scarborough vs University, Lathlain Park; Innaloo vs Mt Lawley, Yulum Park; Old Wesley vs North Beach, Collins Park.

**B Grade and B Colts:** Mt Lawley vs Collegians OS, Inglewood Oval; MHWP vs WAIT, Les Lilleyman Reserve; Bayswater vs West Coast, Hillcrest Park; CBC vs Maylands, Fremantle Oval; Whitford vs Dianella, MacDonald Reserve.

★ Hamersley has had mixed fortunes over recent weeks. Their senior team ('E') have staved off possible relegation with solid performances from captain-coach Joe Sidorow, David Burke, John Healey, Mark Douglas and John Fragomeni. The Hawks reserves ('K') have had big games from Shane Symes, Grant Cooper, Brian Morris and Bob Starcevic — making captain coach Gil Begley's job a little easier.

★ North Beach third senior team ('H') clung on to a morale-boosting one-point win against Wembley to keep their final five chances alive. Big games from captain Peter Sell, Gary Jones and Dean Clatworthy helped their cause.

★ Both Northbridge Alca ('D') Colts and Victoria Park ('H') have withdrawn for the remainder of the season.

★ Mundaring are to be congratulated on the recent opening of their new social club-rooms at Mundaring Oval.

WAAFL executive officer Neil Judge has been impressed with the way the club has fitted into the amateur scene since its admittance this season. The club is now looking to upgrade the surface of the oval with the assistance of the local shire.

★ Navy's ('I' grade) "Robbo" Robinson is on the way to a massive goalscoring tally this season. Already after 13 rounds he has amassed 111 goals after bagging 11 against ANZ Bank and 17 against Mt Lawley No. 4.

## Drama on field

Todd Maldens was in serious trouble in the game played between Nollamara and Applecross at Troy Park.

The Nollamara player was knocked out and swallowed his tongue, but quick thinking by the field umpire and player David Main managed to revive him.

Nollamara Football Club sends special thanks to both the umpire and David for their efforts and avoiding what could have been a tragic situation.

Todd is currently recuperating in hospital from a fractured skull.

### CLUB INFORMATION

PHONE IN SCORES: Club officials are advised that on Saturday, July 11, July 18, July 25 and August 1, ALL amateur scores are to be phoned to 401 2766 (Neil Judge).

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# HARDY'S

EACH week the top performer in the WAFL receives a gift pack from Hardy's Wines — either two bottles from the new Bird Series wines or two bottles of Grand Reserve champagne.

*THIS week's top performer is Subiaco's Andrew MacNish with 16 kicks, 10 marks and 20 handballs for a total of 86 points.*



## Belmont prove too strong

A TOUGH, unrelenting game saw competition leaders Belmont (13.14) beat Tuart Hill (10.10) in the WAFA on Sunday.

For Belmont, Boyd Graham played a strong, robust game at full-back holding Tuart Hill's ace goalkicker Robin Jackamara to only two goals. Mobile players Jim Hunter and Dean Hayden contributed strongly around the ground.

Tuart Hill's consistent centremen Dean Foster was easily their best player

and others to show out were Mark Deeble and Chad Stack.

Mosman Park, who have regained several players from last year's grand final team, outscored Midland in every quarter to run out easy winners, 20.16 to 12.8.

Key forwards Neville Barker (seven goals) and John Litterick (four goals) were focal points in attack, while Tim Shackleton defended strongly.

For Midland, defenders Robin Taylor and Rod Anderson battled manfully but were overrun by the continual pressure.

Manning, thanks mainly to an excellent performance from full forward Kurt Hanault (seven goals) narrowly defeated Cockburn 12.17 to 12.9.

Cockburn led by four goals at three-quarter time, however Manning's superior fitness told in the final quarter and they were able to snatch victory.

Ruckman Mike Ashold played strongly for Manning as did half-forward Harry Dunstall, a brother of Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall.

### WAFA TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	%	Pts
Belmont	11	8	3	1305	923	141.39	32
Manning	11	8	3	1119	941	118.92	32
Mosman Park	11	6	5	1060	1047	101.24	24
Tuart Hill	11	5	6	1221	1302	93.78	20
Midland	11	4	7	1032	1179	87.53	16
Cockburn	11	2	9	836	1235	67.69	8

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The current leader continues to be East Fremantle's Brian Peake, even though he missed last week's game. He has 936 points, with Claremont's Peter Thorne in second spot on 849.

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## The top performers

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

West Australian Football League					Victoria Football League					South Australian National Football League							
SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL	SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL	SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	347	129	101	936	Greg Williams	Sydney Swans	176	42	252	806	Chris McDermott	Glenelg	255	90	228	981
Peter Thorne	Claremont	219	96	171	849	Stephen Malaxos	W.C. Eagles	232	81	140	755	Andrew Jarman	North Adelaide	249	61	232	896
Derek Kickett	Claremont	202	91	176	827	Greg Burns	St Kilda	229	84	137	755	Damien Christensen	West Torrens	277	85	166	864
Mark Blakely	East Perth	296	96	111	806	Jamie Turner	Colliingwood	255	82	127	755	Stephen Rowe	Norwood	229	98	168	859
Joe Santostefano	Perth	210	81	165	783	Paul Roos	Fitzroy	206	112	106	754	Peter Maynard	Glenelg	283	97	102	778
Stephen Goulding	Claremont	238	89	131	767	Gerard Healy	Sydney Swans	249	56	165	747	Steve Richardson	Norwood	226	105	108	757
Guy McKenna	Claremont	137	86	173	741	John Annear	W.C. Eagles	268	71	124	729	David Kernahan	Glenelg	264	85	112	743
Glyn Williams	East Perth	236	86	123	740	Stephen Kernahan	Carlton	199	131	67	726	David Payne	Norwood	231	83	126	732
Sean King	West Perth	238	72	142	738	John Platten	Hawthorn	271	44	61	725	Michael Aish	Norwood	207	88	127	725
Mark Watson	Perth	248	48	168	728	David Glascock	Carlton	231	55	159	714	Darel Hart	North Adelaide	224	61	154	715
Kim Fancote	Perth	238	74	120	700	Russell Morris	Hawthorn	208	92	107	698	Timothy McNeil	Norwood	235	93	99	712
Roger Kerr	East Fremantle	228	65	138	699	Richard Loveridge	Hawthorn	277	40	147	691	David Marshall	Glenelg	216	87	114	705
Phil Bradmore	West Perth	189	89	117	690	Brian Royal	Footscray	300	63	101	691	David Kappler	South Adelaide	274	46	137	686
Darren Bewick	West Perth	269	71	98	678	Matthew Larkin	North Melbourne	220	42	171	688	John Paynter	Sturt	231	43	160	680
Peter Menaglio	West Perth	233	77	104	672	Mark Bairstow	Geelong	233	79	108	686	Scott Lee	Central Districts	246	82	90	672
Paul Mirka	West Perth	208	71	123	667	Scott Molvor	Fitzroy	124	51	202	681	Port Adelaide	155	61	166	670	
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	238	85	86	665	Robert Diplerdomenico	Hawthorn	215	73	123	680	Mervyn Hardington	West Adelaide	248	69	105	663
Tony Beers	Claremont	180	78	125	664	Stephen Reynoldson	Brisbane Bears	126	96	132	678	Andrew Taylor	Woodville	213	100	74	661
Stephen Green	East Fremantle	241	94	66	655	Leon Harris	Fitzroy	205	45	168	676	Peter Bennett	North Adelaide	127	82	140	653
Len Gandini	Swan Districts	205	82	100	651	Terry Daniher	Essendon	185	110	80	675	Clayton Lamb	West Adelaide	183	95	90	648
						Ross Glendinning	W.C. Eagles	191	112	71	669						

## SANDOVER MEDAL GUIDE

THIS weekly Sandover Medal Guide is designed to help the keen football follower keep track of Sandover Medal fancies. Each week we list the major media voting on a 3-2-1 basis, although the Medal is now decided on a 5-4-3-2-1 voting system.

Cut this weekly form guide out and clip it in a file as an easy-to-read indicator as the season marches on. There is space provided under the umpires heading to record their official votes on Sandover Medal night.

JULY 18	West Australian	Daily News	Sunday Times	6IX	GNR	GPR	Westside Football	Umpires
East Perth v Subiaco	Paul Simpson: N. Taylor (S) Wynne (EP) Hawkins (EP)	Ian Miller: Featherby (S) Hawkins N. Taylor	Laurie Heal: Featherby B. Taylor Hawkins	Graham Farmer: Featherby Hawkins MacNish	Ian Miller: Featherby Hawkins N. Taylor	Peter van Helden: Featherby N. Taylor Hawkins	Robert Allen: N. Taylor Featherby Hawkins	Cooper/Tonti
East Fremantle v Swan Districts	David Marsh: Penny (SD) Caton (SD) Old (SD)	Kim Opperman: Caton Penny Fitzgerald (SD)	Rod Lane: Caton Penny Kerr (EP)	Chris Mitsopoulos: Penny Caton Old	Bob Miller: Penny Caton Old	Peter Evans: Gandini (SD) Old Caton	Paul Roberts: Caton Penny Old	Garrett/Buckey
Perth v South Fremantle	Ron McDonald: Watters (SF) Daniels (P) Sumich (SF)	Joe Fanchi: Daniels Sumich Santostefano (P)	Geoff Havercroft: Daniels Sumich Watters	Trevor Sprigg: Daniels Sumich Watters	Joe Fanchi: Daniels Santostefano Sumich	Bob Cribb: Daniels Amoroso Fancote	George Temple: Daniels Sumich Santostefano	Tont/Johnson
West Perth v Claremont	Gary Stocks: Thorne (C) Goulding (C) Ralph (C)	Kim Hagdom: Thorne Goulding Ralph	Bob Massie: Thorne Ralph Goulding	Jim Beam: Kickett (C) Ralph Goulding	Kim Hagdom: Thorne Goulding Ralph	John Watts: Thorne Goulding Ralph	Ben Stings: Thorne Ralph Goulding	O'Reilly/Ball

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# Worsfold — MK II — comes into his own

by Ben Stinga

TWELVE months ago Peter Worsfold was playing under-16 football in the South Fremantle junior council — and watching the progress of older brother John in league ranks.

This year he has graduated into the limelight.

He has become one of the hottest young football properties in Australia, representing South Fremantle at league level and captaining West Australia at the recent Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup carnival in Hobart.

Though WA finished a disappointing third, Worsfold covered himself in glory by earning All Australian selection.

No doubt the money-spinners from the East will be flashing their cheque books around young Worsfold in an attempt to woo him across the border in the near future.

## HAPPY

However, this young Bulldog has a wise head on those broad shoulders and at this stage he is happy to help South Fremantle climb back up the WAFL ladder.

He modestly accepted that he would resume back in the reserves last weekend but is determined to regain and maintain his place in the South Fremantle senior side.

"I'd like to join my brother John in the Eagles squad one day," says Peter.

"John has had a big influence on me. He gives me a bit of encouragement and he cares about the way I'm playing."

Captaining WA last week meant a lot to Peter. But the way the WA side crumbled against Victoria disappointed him immensely.

"I feel that we could have beaten the



Elder brother John (left) has had a big influence on the most recent Worsfold to hit the league scene. . . Peter (above).

Vics," he said. "According to a lot of people, the Victorian side wasn't as good as last year."

"We should have won that game."

Peter is at a loss to explain South Fremantle's poor performances this season.

"We had 27 injuries at one stage," he said. "But that isn't really an excuse. If we knew where we were going wrong, we wouldn't be in the position we are in."

"All the boys are giving 100 per cent to the club and I believe that the younger players can lift the side and when we get a few of the experienced players back from injury I'm sure we'll be more competitive."

Peter does not believe that any of the blame should be thrown on to Stan Magro, who he describes as a top coach.

"He trains us hard, but he has the respect of every player at South," says Peter.

"The players are aware of the great tradition at the club and I know they certainly don't enjoy losing."

So where to now for the 16-year-old Worsfold?

In his two league games, he has shown all the ingredients to be a future champion. However, he realises that he is a long way off and for now he is determined to work hard on improving his game.

"Winning an All Australian guernsey doesn't guarantee success," he said.

"I'm going to have to work hard on manning up on my immediate opponent."

"In my first game against Subiaco, I was playing alongside blokes like Peter Featherby and Neil Taylor, who run hard all day."

"I like to play my own game. But in situations like that, you have to play a more defensive role."

John Worsfold also represented WA at Teal Cup level, back in 1985. But Peter eclipsed John's performance by earning his All Australian selection.

"I suppose I have gone one better than John, haven't I," he quipped.



**Budgie's last word**  
With former East Fremantle and Essendon star  
**TONY BUHAGIAR**

## Wrensted in a dilemma

I CAN'T blame Murray Wrensted for feeling a little frustrated at the way things have turned out lately.

He must be wondering where his football future lies with mounting speculation that he may travel or even join the Brisbane Bears.

Actually, I don't think he has played all that badly this season. The West Australian newspaper football writers agree, as they have him ninth in their award voting.

Yet he seems to have been discarded by the Eagles selectors, who dropped him from the side two weeks ago.



Murray Wrensted. . . His future is uncertain.

At East Fremantle, he cannot now be regarded as a league certainty because the rules relating to qualifying for the WAFL finals will not mean that Wrensted (along with several other top footballers) will not qualify.

Are East Fremantle expected to persevere with him under these circumstances?

Let's hope that this situation can be rectified.

The public deserve to see the best players in action around finals time and the players themselves should be able to represent the club they have been committed to for so long.

## HARDIE WAS SHATTERED

AS a friend of Brad Hardie, I know how much interstate football means to him.

Some players really rise to the occasion when they represent their State and Brad is no exception.

His interstate record is superb — two Tassie Medals, two Simpson Medals and All Australian selection is confirmation of this.

For him not to have been selected in the original WA squad of 32 was unbelievable.

He was shattered when he was left out of the squad and felt that he had been hard done by considering his excellent past performances.

As we now know justice was eventually done and at the time of writing, he was preparing for one of his biggest tests in his career. He deserves his chance to play for WA again.

It's pleasing to see that Brad has answered the doubters who criticised him after some lack-lustre efforts for the Brisbane Bears earlier in the season.

From what I have seen of him lately he appears to be back to his brilliant best, either in attack or defence.

## WELL DONE

A YOUNG mate of mine by the name of Scott Read recently played his 100th game for Lynwood-Ferndale in the East Fremantle Junior Council. Scott plays in the under-12's side and has been playing football since he was six years old. Well done Scott.



Country-bred Sandover Medallists John Ironmonger (left) and Phil Narkle.

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