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# DOUBLE TROUBLE

## *Tigers skipper has a dual role to play*

CLAREMONT'S ability to survive crisis points will win them the 1987 premiership.

That's the confident prediction of the man behind the Tigers miracle-worker Gerard Neesham — the rookie coach's brother, Harry.

Claremont have already achieved two of their season's objectives and Harry Neesham believes that the third target will be attained in two weeks time.

Before that, of course, the Tigers have to win this weekend's second semi-final against reigning premiers Subiaco and then win the Big One on Saturday, September 19.

Harry Neesham, assistant coach to his brother, says that Gerard's value to the side is two-fold — and both should help achieve a premiership.

"The secret is his method of coaching," says Harry, who filled in as coach of the Neesham's original club, East Fremantle, for part of 1970.

"He has a great attitude with young players. Confidence is 80 per cent of the game and rather than admonishing youngsters openly, he takes them to one side.

"Players at Claremont realise that Gerry doesn't pick a player on his name — he even played himself on the interchange bench when returning from injury.

"You've really got to earn your place in the team."

Neesham said that Gerry's presence on the field virtually gives Claremont an extra man.

"He is there when a crisis is happening and as coach, he can tell the players precisely what he wants done," says Neesham. "And as a player himself, he can control and direct the game to Claremont's advantage.

"Throughout the year we have been setting goals for the team. The first was to make the four, the next to make the second semi-final — and the third is to win the grand final.

"Some people say that Claremont are light on for finals experience. Gerard makes up a lot for that by himself.

"He played in two premierships under John Todd, one under Ron Alexander and is a former State player in both football and water polo.

"Gerard is a real bonus to the team and I think that any switch of play that Haydn Bunton (Subiaco coach) pulls, Claremont will be well equipped to counter.

"Claremont have greater flexibility in their line — up and we should account for Subiaco," he added.

The nickname Little General has plenty of relevance for Gerard Neesham in 1987.

One of the cleverest football thinkers of the 1970s and '80s, Neesham has been the brains behind Claremont's domination of the WAFL competition this season.

As captain-coach he has moulded the talented young Tigers into a fast, uncompromising team of winners and is quietly confident of achieving the double in 1987.

Claremont were undefeated to win the \$100,000 Kresta Blinds Cup pre-season carnival and were defeated only once (plus a draw) in the 21 WAFL preliminary games.

The Tigers appear to have a mortgage on the premiership, but finals rounds have sunk many good sides before and the minor premiers aren't celebrating yet.

They still have Subiaco to overcome and the Lions have been their biggest rivals this season.

Claremont forced a draw at their May 30 meeting when forward Peter Melesso scored a point after the siren and their August 1 confrontation was almost as close with the Tigers taking the match by four points.

Harry Neesham believes that few other coaches could have achieved this success in their first year.



Gerard Neesham. . . the secrets to his coaching are revealed.

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## Malaxos second in VFL table

THE barn-storming finish to the season by Eagles star Steve Malaxos reaped him plenty of rewards — and only just failed to see him top the VFL table for possessions.

Malaxos finished the season with 316 kicks, 107 marks and 216 handballs for a points tally of 1069 — just two behind Fitzroy key-position player Paul Roos.

Malaxos has been around the top eight or 10 players in the VFL all season with his possession-gathering and his strong finish was confirmed with his rise to second spot.

His tally of 316 kicks was bettered in the Eagles camp only by ruck-rover John Annear, who had 335.

The top 35 possession getters in the VFL featured three other Eagles players — Annear in fifth spot with 335 kicks, 90 marks and 175 handballs; Dwayne Lamb in 26th position with 244, 90 and 173 and skipper Ross Glen-dinning 33rd with 241, 136 and 94.

There were two other West Australians in the top 35 — Mike Richardson (Brisbane Bears) and Geelong's Birstow.

The Richardsons brought up a double with twin brother Steve featuring prominently in the South Australian list with 330 kicks, 146 marks and 151 handballs for Norwood, putting him in fourth spot.

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# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

## MARIA MEETS FOOTBALL HEROES

CUSTOMERS at the Betts & Betts Karrinyup store could have been excused for thinking that radio personality John K. Watts and West Coast Eagles star Dwayne Lamb had turned their talents to shoe fitting recently.

The two football personalities were at the store to present Maria Ashburner, of Nollamara, with \$500 worth of shoes.

Maria won the shoes in the Betts & Betts/West Coast Eagles Footprint of the Month Competition.

### IDENTIFY

Her entry was the first correct to correctly identify Lamb as the mystery Eagles footprint owner for July.

Maria, a mother of one, entered the monthly competition at the Betts & Betts Dog Swamp store after buying a handbag.

"I'm just so delighted," she said. "I've never won anything in my life and the shoes will certainly come in handy for myself and the family."



John K. Watts (left), Dwayne Lamb and competition winner Maria Ashburner at the Betts & Betts Karrinyup store.

### WINNING WEEKEND

WEST Coast Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko should have put a bet on the trifecta at Subiaco Oval last weekend. Ishchenko watched the East Perth under 19s and reserves sides win their first semi-final matches at League Headquarters on Saturday and was a key member of the Eagles victory over St Kilda at the same venue the next day. Ishchenko said that he enjoyed watching the two matches, adding it was good to see East Perth win.

### GREAT CONTESTS

WHAT keenly contested matches the under-19 and reserves and semi-finals were last Saturday! At three-quarter time in both games, it appeared that East Perth were finished for 1987 — but that was not the case. In the under 19s, East Perth scored 3.2 in the final term, keeping West Perth scoreless to turn a nine-point deficit into an 11-point win. The Royals reserves staged an even bigger comeback. Trailing by five goals at the final charge, East Perth had a nine-goal last quarter to win by two points.

### TOP EFFORT

SWAN Districts reserves player Pinta Maguire scored 5.2 in his side's loss to East Perth. Maguire's effort on the half-forward flank was inspirational and it was only when he left the ground injured minutes into the final quarter that the Royals fought back. With about five minutes of the time remaining, he re-entered the game, but the Bunbury recruit was unable to stop East Perth's roll. Swans lost 17.20 to the Royals 18.16.

### FIT RICH

FORMER West Australian player Mike Richardson was looking suntanned and fit when he arrived at Subiaco Oval to see his old side Swan Districts do battle in the first semi-final. The talented half-forward had helped the Brisbane Bears avoid the wooden spoon by beating Richmond on Friday night and immediately flew home for a holiday. He was well satisfied with his season in Brisbane, being one of the few VFL players to feature in all 22 home-and-away games and finishing as the Bears second highest possession-getter, behind Phillip Walsh.

### RADIO ACTION

WHILE some radio stations have called it a day now that the Eagles are no longer in the 1987 race for the VFL premiership, Radio 6IX will still be calling the action live. This weekend Harvey Deegan and Bruce Duperouzel will provide a description of the elimination and qualifying finals. Broadcasting will cease when the WAFL second semi-final begins — but frequent VFL scores will be fed into the WAFL coverage.

### UNLUCKY ROOKIE

HOW unlucky is Swan Districts rookie Andy Holmes? The talented young rover suffered a late-season setback with an unusual broken thumb injury. With his right thumb in plaster, he kept training and convinced coach John Todd to gamble with him in the first semi-final. But then, with the game drawing to an unhappy conclusion for Swans, he broke his left wrist and now faces a few months of rehabilitation. Holmes is such a plucky young player, it's certain that he'll bounce back next year.

### LOOKING AHEAD

SWAN Districts utility player Shane Renfree was one of the many disappointed people in the Swans changeroom after last Saturday's loss to East Fremantle. Renfree, who has been a most consistent player this season, said that losing hurts, but thinks the Swans will be back even stronger next year. "We've got a lot of young players and we should develop even more as a team next year," he says.

### HOT SEAT

SWANS coach John Todd certainly didn't miss what was possibly his last chance to take a pot-shot at his favourite hate — the media — last Saturday. At the after-match press conference, Todd criticised the media and told Daily News sports editor Robbie Burns that his Friday preview of the pending clash showed that he knew nothing about football. Burns played more than 50 league games for Subiaco — and has been Todd's "ghost writer" in the Daily News for years!

### EASY KICKING

EAST Fremantle centre-half-forward Colin Waterson showed last Saturday how easy it is to kick goals once the pressure is off. Waterson kicked 4.5 in the semi-final, with most of those points coming from relatively simple set shots early on. After the final siren went, he kicked a goal from 30 metres out with his right foot (he's left footed) while a horde of spectators were running all over the ground.

### TOUGH CUSTOMER

RADIO 6PR's Percy Johnson had cause last week to recall the football feats of one Basil Campbell, the former South Fremantle granite rock. Johnson coached Campbell at South in 1977 and said that he was a genuine tough guy. "Players at the other clubs held him in awe," said Percy. "When I coached at West Perth I was surprised at how the players talked about him." Wouldn't the West Coast Eagles love to have a Basil Campbell-type in their team list?

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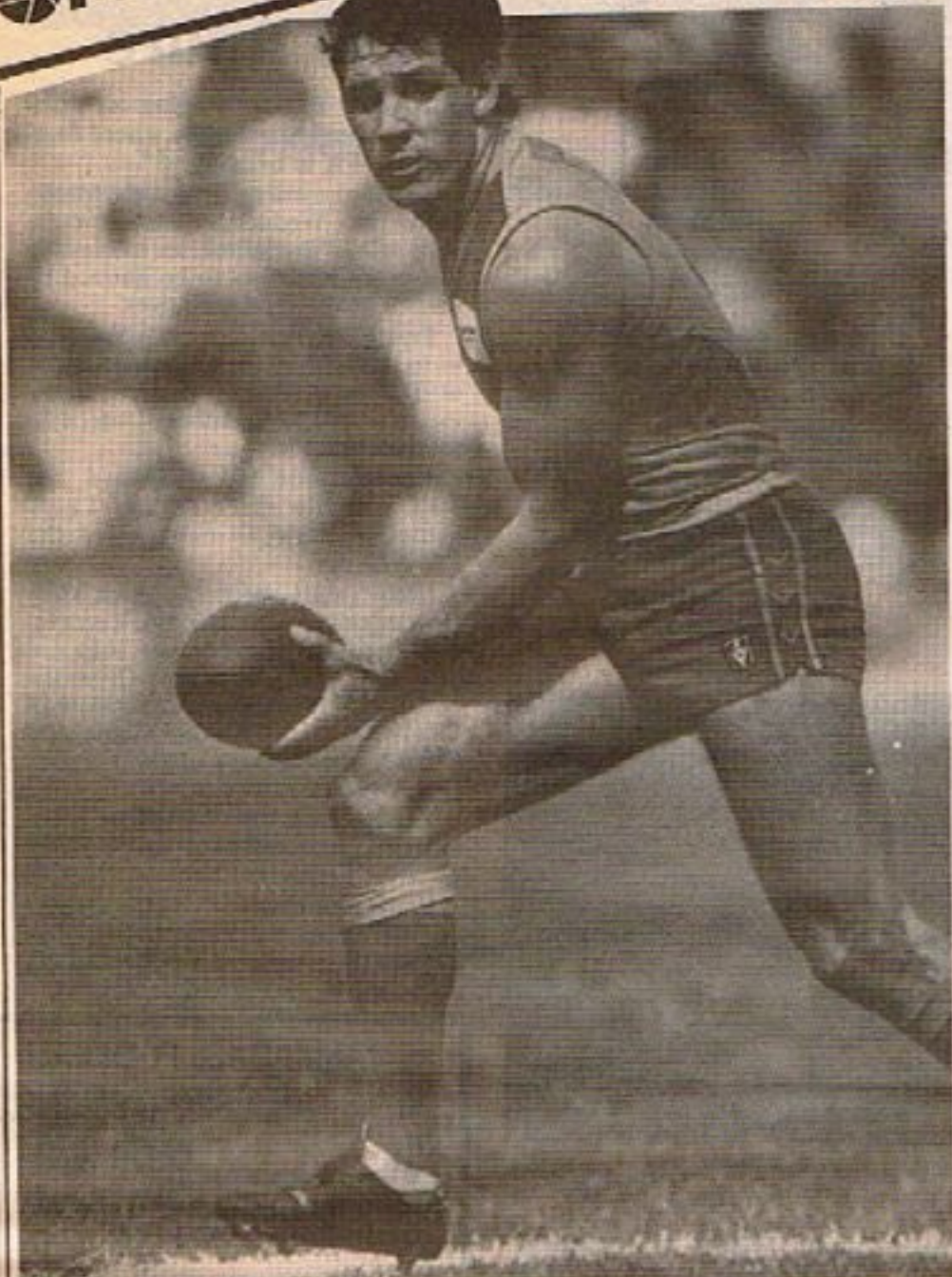
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Eagles star Dwayne Lamb was one of the team's leading handballers this season and here he fires out one of his 16 against St Kilda.

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### STEVE'S THE TOP EAGLE

HARD-working Eagles centreman Steve Malaxos capped a magnificent season by winning the two major local media awards for the team's footballer-of-the-year. The West Australian carried the Burswood Resort/Australian Airlines \$10,000 award which saw Malaxos finish on 57 votes, 12 clear of Ross Glendinning. Farmer Medal, sponsored by Adidas, saw Malaxos clinch the \$5000 with his best-on-ground effort against St Kilda. He finished with 46 votes, nine ahead of Glendinning.

### MIGHTY PERFORMANCE

TALKING about Steve Malaxos, his effort against St Kilda was a super one — as the statistics confirm. His quarter-by-quarter kick tallies were 6,7,6,7 and his handball tally went 6,4,4,2. Add to that his nine marks and two goals and it is easy to see why he looked absolutely worn out at the end of the game. Other big performers on the stats chart were Andrew MacNish (22 kicks, 11 marks and eight handballs), Chris Mainwaring (18, 10 and seven) and Dwayne Lamb (17,7, 16).

### HOLIDAY LOOMING FOR STEVE

EAGLES awards winner Steve Malaxos collected cash instead of the customary trips that seem to accompany most media awards these days. But he'll be using the cash to take a holiday — he's off to Monte Carlo in November to see his wife Suzanne contest the world cross-country championships. Suzanne put Steve into a good frame of mind for Sunday's clash with St Kilda by winning the national 8km cross-country title on Saturday.

### LATE RALLIES HELP SAINTS

THE period towards the end of a quarter is a crucial time in any league match and the West Coast Eagles let the pressures off St Kilda twice in that period last Sunday. In the opening term, the Saints kicked their first goal at the 24-minute mark and posted two more before the siren. The same thing happened in the second quarter when the Saints posted their first score for the term at the 21-minute mark (a goal) and then snapped up three more before the siren.

### TOP EFFORT BY SKIPPER

EAGLES captain Ross Glendinning has had to perform many tough tasks for his side this season, taking on difficult assignments that often see him in a nullifying role rather than an attacking situation. With several major awards up for grabs, Glendinning was obviously in a less-favoured situation to attract votes than his major rival, Steve Malaxos, when he was given the task of cutting the VFL's leading goalkicker, Tony Lockett, out of the match. Full credit must go to Glendinning for his effort, even though Lockett kicked five goals. The Saints star got his first from a lucky soccer in the goal square when it seemed as though Glendinning had beaten him for the mark; his second and third came from relayed free kicks up the ground and his fourth and fifth came at the end of the game when the pressure had gone out of the contest.

### PLAY OF THE DAY

THERE were some excellent passages of play from the revitalised Eagles on Sunday, but none better than the one that produced the team's 17th goal. It all started with a courageous smother off a St Kilda boot in defence by rover Robert Wiley. A Steve Malaxos tackle; a snappy Dwayne Lamb handpass and a sure kick for goal by Adrian Barich finished off the team play. It also sparked Barich into a goal-kicking mood. After an outstanding game on the wing, he then posted three more goals in the last term to finish with four.

### MERRETT'S MILESTONE

ESSENDON big man Roger Merrett, regarded as one of the best pound-for-pound players in the VFL, reached his 150th game last Sunday when they clashed with Collingwood. Despite Merrett's outstanding talent, he was, in fact, a late developer. Now aged 27, he was recruited from country town Kaniva in 1978 and though he made his league debut the same year, it wasn't till 1983 that he became a league regular. He was Essendon's reserves fairest and best in 1979 and again in 1981 and in 1982 he won the Gardiner Medal as the fairest and best player in the reserves grade.

### COACH'S PLOY

WEST Coast Eagles boss Ron Alexander proved what a wily thinker he could be during the Eagles recent stay at the Tullebudgera camp in Queensland. Alexander wanted a seat in front of the television set so he told his players that football manager Russell Cox had hamburgers for them. The Eagles wandered off to find a bewildered Cox — while the coach settled down for an evening's TV.

## Glendinning heads WA stars

West Coast Eagles captain Ross Glendinning is the best priced West Australian on the Darwin bookmakers market for the 1987 Brownlow Medal.

Glendinning is on the fourth row of betting with North Melbourne's Matthew Larkin at 10/1.

Hawthorn rover John Platten has firmed at 2/1, ahead of St Kilda full-forward Tony Lockett (6/1) and Footscray's Tony McGuinness and Fitzroy's Paul Roos (8/1).

The second best priced West Australian is Geelong's Mark Bairstow (16/1), followed by Eagle Chris Mainwaring (33/1) and Brisbane Bear Brad Hardie (50/1).

The full market: 2/1 John Platten; 6/1 Tony Lockett; 8/1 Tony McGuinness, Paul Roos; 10/1 Matthew Larkin, Ross Glendinning; 12/1 Greg Williams; 14/1 Brian Wilson, Stephen Kernahan; 16/1 Mark Bairstow, Brian Royal; 20/1 Dermott Brereton, Gerard Healy, Nicky Winmar, Jamie Turner, Peter Foster; 33/1 Mark Mickan, Chris Mainwaring; 50/1 Brad Hardie, Craig Bradley, Russell Morris, Steven Stretch, Chris Langford, Geoff Raines, Terry Daniher, Andrew Bews; 75/1 Dale Weightman.

• Prices available from Darwin bookmaker Brian Clark. Brownlow odds from Darwin Racecourse.



# BATTLE OF THE BEST

ONE is called the "Little General" — the other the "Little Master".

Gerard Neesham and Haydn Bunton are two individuals in the somewhat homogenous world of Australian football.

Both are extremely private men and have enjoyed success in business and sport.

A few months ago I spoke to Gerry before a match at Bassendean.

He was sitting quietly with defender Peter Owens having a chat — or so I thought.

"Hi Bucky, long time no see — can you spare a minute?" I asked.

A very polite Neesham focused those piercing eyes on me and apologised. "I'm pretty busy doing some coaching right now Paul, sorry."

Football writer Gary Stocks tells of the time he tried to get Neesham one Sunday afternoon — normally a quiet time — only to find he had driven beyond the Kalamunda hills to spend an hour with Noel Morton who had been injured a few weeks previously.

Erratic and brilliant West Perth player Derek Kickett just couldn't get it together at Leederville under former coach John Wynne.

But this year, under Neesham's guidance at Claremont, the acrobatic Kickett has swept all before him.

Ask why the difference and he will reply simply: "I like the coach."

## JIGSAW

Neesham has been like a missing piece from the jigsaw puzzle for the Tigers this year.

When they have faltered on the field, it was Neesham who invariably pulled them back together with his own efforts on the ground.

But mostly he has not needed to do too much on-field work himself.

Neesham is 32, married with children, he likes beer, Jackson Browne, Jimmy Buffet, Darwin, playing the guitar and winning. In four of the past five years, he has played in winning WAFL grand final teams.

People tend to like him. He has sincerity and wit which just attracts converts.

In 1981 he was teaching at Clontarf Boys Home. The school's administrator Brother Brian Clearly, said: "He was interested in kids, patient and shows them a lot of care. He is good for the children and often does things off his own bat, and in his own time, to help them."

He is talented with people, which is the secret of why he is an excellent coach — even though he has never coached, at any level, before 1987.

## "OLD BOY"

His opponent over the next few weeks will be Haydn Bunton — the "old boy" of the team with more than 570 senior coaching games to his credit in South Australia and WA.

## Two private men fight for victory



Haydn Bunton... the 'old boy' of the team.

Bunton literally is football history — his father was a legend and he has trod the same path.

Yet he abhors talking about himself. Very few journalists have ever written much about Bunton the man.

At Subiaco he shuns the razzamatazz, hardly ever returning to the clubrooms after games. He likes horses, loves winning and has no time for show ponies.

He is idolised at Subiaco, where he has a mandate to coach well into the 1990s if he wants to stay there that long.

"He's without a doubt the best coach I've played under," says rugged utility Kevan ("Aussie Battler") Sparks — a Lion for the past three years.

"His whole coaching philosophy is for the team, the individual is nothing," says AB.

"That's why someone like Alex Rattray does so well, and a Peter Spencer had trouble fitting in.

"Peter played as an individual, and generally as the star of the side.

"Alex is just one cog in the Subiaco machine, just like all of us.

"He doesn't care too much for a player's reputation. He sticks with his own assessment, and will play you on your form — I like that."

In 1959 Bunton lived for six weeks with world famous running coach Percy Cerutti in Portsea, Victoria.

In that period he lived on a diet of nuts, raisins and sultanas mixed with wheatgerm, and charged all over monster sandhills with Herb Elliott, who was then preparing for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Bunton no longer lives exclusively on nuts and sultanas, but he has never forgotten the benefits of sandhills. They play an important part in his pre-season coaching even now. He tends to train his men hard over short, sharp and physically exhausting terrain, rather than pounding out endless miles on a track.

## LION'S DEN

What is curious about Bunton is his love affair with the Lion's den — especially after such success came his way at Bassendean from 1961-3.

Not only did they win three successive premierships, but Bunton won the Sandover Medal in 1962.

Perhaps it is his father's influence, after all HB snr won his three Sandover's playing for the Maroons (as they were then) in the late 30s and early 40s.

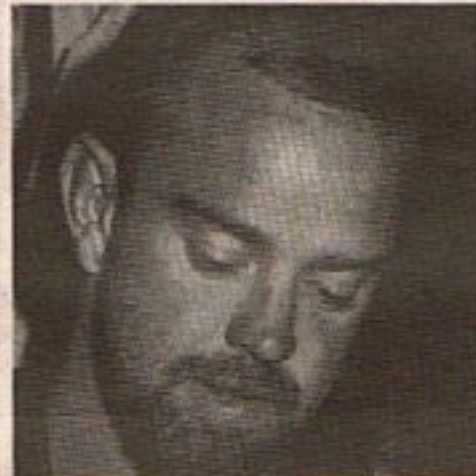
And perhaps the pain of Ross Smith leading the team he had moulded, to the 1973 premiership the year after he had departed has left its mark.

This has been a superb year for Subiaco. They won the flag last year, but they lost Dwayne Lamb, Phil Scott, Laurie Keene, Andrew MacNish,



## This week's guest columnist

By PAUL SIMPSON  
football writer for the  
West Australian



Gerard Neesham... the missing piece in the jigsaw puzzle.

Mark Zanotti, Warren Dean, Stephen Sells and Michael Crutchfield in the meantime.

And yet the Lions are just as strong now as they were at this time last season.

The result should be close when the "Little Master" meets the "Little General" on Saturday.

Claremont could do well to remember Subiaco's penchant for toppling "invincible" teams in a grand final.

They did it to East Fremantle last season, and to West Perth in 1973 — and Bunton wants another victory in two weeks.

## Panel show looks at the future

RADIO 6PR is staging an open forum panel to examine where football in WA is heading.

The forum will be held at the Merlin Hotel next Wednesday and the radio station has assembled an interesting line-up of panellists to be quizzed by invited media representatives.

Flying into Perth for the panel show — to be replayed the following Sunday at 10.30am leading up to a VFL finals match — will be a number of interstate football officials.

They include Mike Sheahan, the VFL's media director and Leigh Whicker, general manager of the SANFL.

Local guests will be Graham Moss (Eagles chief executive), Bill Kerr (Indian Pacific chief executive), Roy Annear and Peter Cummiskey (from the WAFL), Vincent Yovich, president of the National Football League and Brian Cook, director of the Football Development Trust.

Eagles coach Ron Alexander is unavailable and assistant coach Barry Cable will represent him.

Radio 6PR have enlisted the support of different media people to fire questions at the panel and members of the public will be invited to the luncheon.

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Cam Shepherd (P) 149\*

\* Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Ross Fitzgerald 109 Swan Districts, Cam Shepherd 106 Perth, 43 Claremont.

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## WRENSTED'S FUTURE

THE future of Murray Wrensted has been a sensitive topic in recent weeks with the star centreman being dropped from the Eagles and left out of East Fremantle's league team. After some early reluctance to keep Wrensted out of the media limelight, the Eagles finally allowed him to appear on 6PR's Football Forum last week. He indicated that he hadn't spoken to any other VFL clubs and was hopeful of getting back into the Eagles team next year. Wrensted enters hospital shortly to have an operation on his troublesome shoulder, a problem that has obviously contributed to his slide in form in the last half of the season. "I hope I'm with the Eagles next season," said Wrensted.

## UNDER PRESSURE

TALKING about the ABC's George Grljusich, he's been under fire lately for some of his harsh criticism of umpires, so much so that the VFL Umpires Association wanted to tape record his commentaries. Well, if George was being taped it didn't bother him last Sunday. In fact, he kept sending little messages to VFL Umpires Coach Bill Dellar. "If you're listening Bill, I hope you get around to having a look at a video of this game," was a comment for hard-hitting Grljusich. "There have been about 30 bounceds in the first half, but not one free kick under the new scrimmage rule. If it's a rule it should be enforced."

## MELROSE'S MUDDLE

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose didn't win too many friends in football circles with his deception over who was in the Sharks team for last week's first semi-final. The Sharks ran 23 players out onto the ground before the clash with Swan Districts and they all went through the warm-up — including skipper Brian Peake, who was the man in the limelight. Even when the 18 players took up their positions, and five headed for the interchange bench, no-one knew exactly which two were playing and which three weren't. Melrose didn't achieve anything with his deception and, in fact, could be liable for a fine as the ruse is a breach of WAFL rules. It seems as though Melrose has learned his lesson well under his former East Fremantle coach, John Todd — his rival last week. It was Todd, the coach, who pulled a similar stunt with East Fremantle, skippered by Melrose, back in 1974. The paying public deserves better treatment.

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jooty columnist.



## BUTTON-PUSHING

THANK goodness for the old manual scoreboard at Subiaco Oval! Much has been said about the marvels of electronics, but even with three or four pairs of fingers doing the button-pushing last Saturday, they still got the scores wrong on the electrical board. At one stage East Fremantle had been credited with one of Swans few goals and the score stayed that way for five minutes or so — much to the annoyance of commentators.

## UNBELIEVEABLE!

COLOURFUL 6WF commentator George Grljusich couldn't believe it when St Kilda defender Peter McConville got away with a blatant throw last Sunday. "Unbelievable," he said — not once, but four times as McConville slung out a one-handed rugby-type throw that was not picked up by the umpire, who was out of position. Everyone in the grandstands saw it and George's comment was: "Some of these fellows need a magnifying glass."

## TODD'S CAREER

THE coaching career of Swan Districts maestro John Todd was a hot topic of conversation at the weekend after Swans bowed out of the finals. Todd has been linked with VFL wooden-spooners Richmond and has often said that only Richmond or Collingwood would appeal as coaching prospects because of their great tradition. An interesting aspect of Todd's future is that comments made to the local media were extracted at after-match questioning last week — but have been appearing frequently in Melbourne newspapers over the last month.

## PERCY OUTPOINTED?

WAS fast-talking 6PR commentator Percy Johnson talked out of a seat on the station's panel at half-time last Saturday? Johnson is probably their most authoritative commentator and was expected to be part of the half-time summary. But in the musical chairs operations, he missed out — and so did 6PR listeners.

## WHAT ABOUT US?

I HAVE a question for TV station Channel Seven. Why weren't the marks in the first semi-final included in your "mark-of-the-day" contest on the Sports Centre Seven shown on Sunday morning? All the marks shown were from the one VFL match between Melbourne and Footscray. There were a lot of good marks in the WA first semi, particularly the one taken by Swans rookie Paul Gow over Clinton Browning. That, in my opinion, was the mark of the day.

## OLD FASHIONED

SWAN Districts coach John Todd is one of the old-fashioned breed and he doesn't have a lot of time for today's "academics." When asked why he thought Darrel Baldock was having success reviving St Kilda, Todd said it was because he didn't have a lot of academics around him. "The players aren't being saturated with all that stuff that academics pour out," said Todd.



The expressions of Swan Districts defender Mick Grasso says it all. Swans lost when most critics expected them to over-run pre-season premiership favourites East Fremantle.

## UGLY AFTERNOON

THE third-quarter brawl involving all 36 players in the East Perth/Swan Districts reserves first semi-final last Saturday marred an excellent game. Swans had taken control of the match and tensions rose as East Perth players became frustrated. Players ran from all parts of the ground to lend assistance to fighting team-mates and it took the umpires five minutes to sort the mess out. Five minutes later it was all on again. Reported were: Rex Carlshausen (Swan Districts), Glen Spencer, Bruce Stewart, Stephen Dirou, Keith Wynne and Michael Kemp (East Perth).

## ATTENDANCES DROP

THE bottom line in attendances at WAFL qualifying round matches produced a disappointing tally — a 50 percent drop in the year of the Eagle. A total of 312,000 people attended the home-and-away games — an average of 3714 per game. By comparison, the West Coast Eagles attracted 292,300 to their 12 games in Perth — an average of 24,358 a game. The combined total of football spectators in 1987 will be around 604,300 — still down on last year's total qualifying-round attendance of 624,000. So where did those 20,000 or so spectators go to?

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# FOOTBALL FACTS

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## Rare clash for semi-final teams

**THIS** week the spotlight turns to Subiaco and Claremont, the Cinderella sides as far as finals go, clashing for only the second time.

Their only previous finals clash was the 1964 first semi-final, with the Tigers being coached for the first time by Jim Conway and the Lions in their first year under Keith Slater.

A very wet day saw the Tigers sash their way to victory by 12 points — and headed for their first premiership in 24 years.

The Tigers were represented by:

Ian Aitken, John Grieve, John Rogers, Ian Fisher, John Fairbrass, Ian Braysahw, Mike Smart, Dale Edwards, Brian Fairclough, Kevin Clune, Ian Brewer, Lorne Cook, John Parkinson, Wayne Harvey, John McIntosh, Allen Mycock, John Dethridge, Geoff Wilson. Reserves: Brian Ham, Ollie Hardy.

The Subiaco team was:

Ross Godden, Brian Sarre, Mike Pethick, Noel Flinn, Colin Williams, Colin Hill, Wally Martin, Cam Blakemore, Reg Firth, Robbie Burns, Laurie Kettlewell, Kevin Merifield, John Sarre, Austin Robertson, Peter Fancote, Keith Slater, Dennis Barron, Reg Hampson. Reserves: Phil Farrell, Trev Williams.

At least six of those players will definitely be watching this Saturday's clash — Slater, Burns, Harvey, Braysahw and Rogers are involved in the football media and McIntosh is Claremont's chairman of selectors.

Incidentally, another current media man and fellow Westside contributor Les Mumme wasn't in that team, but he was fit and available to play his role in the subsequent grand final victory.

**CLAREMONT'S** effort in reaching the second semi-final in all three grades is a praiseworthy one.

In the 13 years of just having three grades, only East Fremantle, in 1977, have qualified all three teams for the second semi.

However, for a club performance East Perth's effort in 1966 and 1967 gets the prize.

In the days of a fourths competition, the Royals had all their teams in the second semi-finals.

In 1967, they pulled off a hat-trick of premierships — but the one they wanted most was the one they missed...the league.

### UMPS RECORD

**ONE** of our regular readers down Mandurah way, Danny Hillen, reckons his mob got a raw deal from an umpire recently.

He wants to know if the 55 free kicks the man in white gave the other mob was a record.

In the WAFL, I found four games where one side received more than 50 frees. In 1980 Subiaco got 50 against Claremont, 1981 East Perth 50 against Swans, 1979 Perth 51 versus East Fremantle and in 1974 West Perth got 52 frees against Claremont.

However, when it comes to free kicks, I guess this one takes some beating.

On April 27, 1929, South Melbourne received 88 frees to their opponents 70, the umpires name — Divine.

### TODD RECORD!

**I'VE** got a record for John Todd this week, but it's one he didn't want.

Last Saturday Todd became the first league coach in WA history to lose 200 games. Still, if you spread them over 19 seasons it doesn't sound that bad!

### COINCIDENCE

**WAS** it just coincidence that Peter Spencer retired after having played his 185th game with East Perth?

That's the same tally his father Jim reached with the Royals — an amazing situation.

Peter, his father and his grandfather have all had life membership bestowed on them. Frank Edwards was East Perth's fourth life member back in 1918.

## Todd must grab his opportunity

**IF** the opportunity knocks in the next month for John Todd to take the helm of a VFL club, he must grab it with both hands.

Todd has achieved all he can in the WAFL — four premierships in his stints at South Fremantle, East Fremantle and, for the past 11 years, at Swan Districts.

Add to that his outstanding interstate record and there's little left for him in WA.

Swans would be reluctant to let him go, but they wouldn't stand in his way.

The opportunity may not arise, of course, but there are still doubts over coaching appointments at Richmond (where the job is Kevin Bartlett's if he wants it), Geelong, Fitzroy and even St Kilda with the question of Darrel Baldock's health.

There is no doubt that Todd would prefer to coach a VFL team out of Perth, but that chance may never arise.

Todd's style, approach, method and ability to discipline players, plus his record, must be attractive to VFL clubs.

It will be interesting to see if Todd does get a concrete offer to coach in the VFL — and if he accepts the challenge.

## Tough time for Brad

**SPARE** a thought for Claremont rover Brad Mumme this week.

After injuring his knee against Perth in round 7 and requiring a total knee reconstruction in only his second season of football, he faces a tough rehabilitation program.

But he also had to watch Claremont win each week and now see them line up in the second semi-final as grand final favourites.

While it is tough for Mumme, wishing he was out there, he will be pleased to see a Tigers flag. The good news is that his knee is responding to treatment and the surgery has proved successful.

Mumme still has a long way to go, but hopefully we'll see him back in action before the end of next season.

### WILEY TURNS IT ON

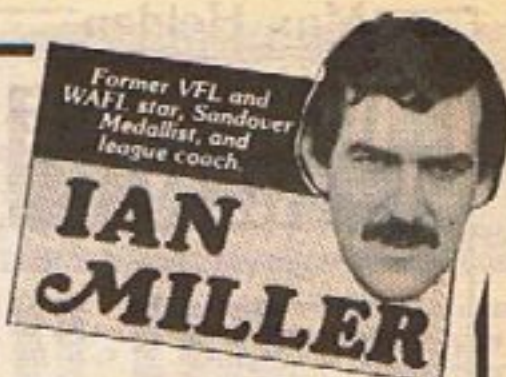
**THE** only way a footballer can beat the critics and prove them wrong is by producing the goods on the field.

Certainly that's what Eagles rover Rob Wiley did on Sunday after copping plenty of criticism over the last month.

Admittedly, St Kilda weren't strong opposition and the Eagles all played well, but you still have to be good enough to get the ball — and get it often as Wiley did.

No-one worked harder than Wiley pre-season and when he broke down in January, all his preparation fell away.

A few critics have nicknamed Wiley 'fossil', which is a little unkind. But the 'fossil' showed that with some good lubrication, the machine still works efficiently.



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

## IAN MILLER

### WATERMAN TOPS

**EAST** Fremantle's outstanding first-year player Chris Waterman came through the acid test last week — finals football.

The game might not have risen to any great heights, but it still was a finals contest and Waterman showed the way from the middle of the ground.

The skilful left-footer has clever ball handling, excellent disposal, reads the play well and has a nice turn of speed.

Waterman's influence on the game was significant and his performance warranted his best-on-ground rating.

He will need to sustain that approach if the Sharks are to make it through to the grand final.

Swan Districts rookies Troy Ugle and Mick Grasso also performed well in their first finals game.

This week Claremont have three more of the best first year players in Ben Allan, Don Pyke and Brian Sutherland tasting the finals experience.

It will be interesting to see how they come up under the finals pressure.

### Well deserved

**STEVE** Malaxos has scooped the pool in newspaper awards for the West Coast Eagles and deservedly so.

He has had an outstanding season in consistency of performance — winning or losing.

His hard-working style and preparedness to commit his body over four quarters has been tremendous. He would be the first to agree he lacks a turn of speed and the opponent who runs quick and hard into the forward line troubles him.

But Malaxos isn't far behind and usually gets the return ball back from defence.

While Malaxos was strong in commitment, it was his disposal both by foot and hand that was so effective and set up many Eagles moves.

When you consider that Malaxos had a serious knee injury from mid-way through last year, his return to VFL ranks has been enormous.

Malaxos will enjoy the personal rewards coming his way, but knowing the character of the man, he would prefer to be playing at the MCG this weekend as part of a successful Eagles team.

### EXPERIENCE TELLS

**EAST** Fremantle's finals experience and team football finally told on a gallant Swan Districts last Saturday.

The Sharks form in recent weeks has been rather lack-lustre, but they produced it when it counted and had contributions from all players; something lacking in weeks gone by.

Young players Lance Durack (fourth game) and Bevan Gray (third game) were impressive; as was the disciplined game from "minder" Tim Gepp, who cut Kevin Caton out of business, similar to what he did to Claremont's Derek Kickett in the last round.

This week's clash between Claremont and Subiaco should be a ripper with both sides keen to move straight into the grand final and bypass East Fremantle.

When you consider that the previous two encounters saw Claremont win one by four points and the other drawn, it should be a line-ball decision.

Claremont's form and football this year make them favourites, but maybe Subiaco's finals experience could tell.

And Subiaco will not be keen to meet East Fremantle, who have beaten them seven out of the last eight encounters, including all three this season.

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## LES'S LYRICS

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

### Toddy has done his bit

The first semi final is over  
And Melly's men have won  
But the Swans weren't disgraced  
They showed plenty of dash and run

A word of praise for Toddy  
He's served Swans well all through  
If he ventures to the VFL  
He'll do his best there too

Swans probably wish he'd stay  
For the very obvious reason  
He took them from the bottom  
To fourth spot this season

When no-one else was ready  
To coach this year's State side  
He rallied to the cause  
And did the job with pride

So though he won't be there  
That Saturday in September  
He's done his bit for footy  
And there's lots we'll remember



## BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



# Sandover Medal needs a change

IT'S time the fairest component in the Sandover Medal was scrapped.

It belongs to the Marquis of Queensberry notion of boxing and gentlemen's rule that used to apply to cricket and tennis.

They have become anachronisms in the fierce competition of professional sport.

I'm not advocating the toleration of bad sportsmanship or cheating. But there are rules in all sports that should be sufficient to punish anyone who breaks them.

A suspension should be sufficient punishment for someone in contention for the Sandover Medal.

For a start, it deprives them of matches in which to gain votes.

It seems a travesty of justice that a player of Derek Kickett's ability should be an onlooker rather than a participant when Sandover Medal votes are counted on Monday week.

It has become par for the course for players of lesser ability to resort to negative tactics to try and harness and frustrate skilled players.

It is asking a lot for a player who is constantly harassed, often by unfair tactics, to continually keep his cool.

Too often the first act on a football

field goes undetected while the retaliation is seen by umpires.

The Sandover Medal should stand for the best player, as are most other awards.

They don't take reports or penalties into consideration.

They seek to reward the player they consider to be the best footballer over the year.

And that's the way it should be with the Sandover Medal.

## Fans like the Eagles

THE season may be over for the West Coast Eagles, but there is no escaping the fact that they have had a big impact on football in this State.

Traditionalists will moan that they have destroyed the local competition.

That's rubbish.

People want to see football at the top level.

Last weekend was ample proof of that. Though there was nothing riding on the result of the Eagles-St Kilda game and it was something of an anticlimax as the VFL qualifying rounds for most had finished the previous day, it still drew a bigger crowd than the WAFL first semi-final.

It was unfortunate that the Eagles were unable to come to grips with the Melbourne conditions.

There is little doubt they are in the top five teams in the VFL.

In fact, if the finals were played on Subiaco Oval, they would be at short odds to play off in the grand final.

It's very easy to knock a new concept, but like it or lump it, a national competition is here to stay.

The Eagles can only get better.

Hopefully, they will be able to strengthen their squad next year with experienced VFL players.

On their performance this season the Eagles can look to a bright future in the VFL.

And they can look to continued strong support from WA footy fans.

"Apart from family reasons, I've just found it that little bit harder getting up for games each week this season. The injuries just took longer to get over." East Perth veteran Peter Spencer on his retirement.

"We believe that \$60,000 is the appropriate penalty." VFL chief commissioner Ross Oakley on the poaching fine imposed on the West Coast Eagles over Paul Harding and Gary Buckenara.

"I've got no regrets about my decision to return home; it's been an exciting season with the Eagles and we'll get better next year." Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning.

"I admire the man (Graham Melrose) immensely. But I won't be doing him any favours this week. When I'm old and dodderly it'll be time to reminisce." Swan Districts coach John Todd on his first semi-final coaching rival — East Fremantle's Graham Melrose.

"I hope to play league football for another couple of years." East Fremantle skipper Brian Peake.

"We budgeted on 15,000 and that's what we got. It's all we could expect with the Eagles playing on Sunday." WAFL chief executive Peter Cumiskey on the 14,872 first semi-final attendance.

"We have finally shaken off the complacency that has bugged us for a few weeks." East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose on the Sharks victory.

"Obviously Melly did his homework and it paid off." Swan Districts coach John Todd on tactical moves that helped the Sharks to victory.

"The memory of Peter Spencer wiping the tears from his eyes will be indelibly printed in the minds of people at the game for many years." Gary Stocks, writing in The West Australian.

"It will take some careful manipulation by the Eagles to beat the VFL restrictions to recruit more than four players." Kim Hagdorn, writing in the Daily News.

"The results of the year are nothing that I'm proud of, but it's something I have to live with." South Fremantle coach Stan Magro after the Bulldogs finished last.

"We want the players to have an input in planning for 1988." South Fremantle managing director Harold Harper.

## WHAT THEY SAID



"Robert Wiley should quit as a player after the Eagles game against St Kilda — and whack in an application to coach Perth." John Todd, writing in the Daily News.

"Murray Rance will make \$100,000 or so out of football and his job this season and he's not worth that much for the Eagles to recruit him; no-one should cost the Eagles that much." Swan Districts coach John Todd.

"There is too much pressure on umpires to report players; that's not what the game was invented for." Graham Farmer on radio 6IX.

"Inefficiency, inaccuracy and sheer ineptness." Geoff Christian on radio 6NR when Swan Districts Kim Hetherington missed an easy shot for goal.

"We think that fine is fair in the circumstances and we'll pay it." Eagles chief Graham Moss.

"I am happy that the tribunal has seen fit to reduce my sentence." Claremont's Steve Goulding on his four-week sentence for kicking being reduced a week.

"I would like to see the privilege given to Claremont over Goulding be extended to East Fremantle over Rowland." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer seeking a tribunal review of Scott Rowland's two-week suspension.

"But I heard nothing from them (the Eagles) and, in contrast, St Kilda showed great interest in me." St Kilda and former South Fremantle wingman Nicky Winmar on why he didn't join the Eagles.

"I was fit to play. But now I just have to get fitter and back in form and I plan to be with the Eagles next year." Dropped East Fremantle and Eagles star Murray Wrensted.

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## Previous winning margins point to semi thriller

IN three matches between Claremont and Subiaco this season the total winning margin has been only 19 points, and that could be an accurate indication as to how the teams will fare in this week's second semi-final at Subiaco Oval.

In the fourth round of the season Claremont were winners in a night game at the WACA Ground by 15 points, their next clash (at Claremont Oval on May 30) was drawn and Claremont won their last encounter by four points at Subiaco Oval on August 1.

If the average winning margin of just a little more than goal is sustained this week it should be one of the most exciting final-round matches in recent history.

Claremont and Subiaco have emerged as the most complete teams in the WAFL this year and, as the previous scorelines indicate, they are evenly matched.

Both camps boast some exciting young talent as well as a healthy blend of experience.

At Claremont some outstanding players have graduated this season with



Don Pyke... a Tigers rookie.

centreman Ben Allan, half-forward Brian Sutherland and rover Don Pyke leading the way.

### TALENT

Mix their midfield talents with the emergence this season of Derek Kickett as the most exciting player in the competition and the experience of Gerard Neesham, Peter Thorne, Steve Goulding, Warren Ralph and David O'Connell and talent oozes in the Claremont camp.

Subiaco have seen Todd Breman develop into a reliable avenue to goal, Karl Langdon has become a live-wire across half-forward and Bret Hutchinson helps off-set their midfield losses after last year's grand final.

Alex Rattray has slotted neatly into a defensive role and that has been one of the key factors in their 1987 campaign.

The return of Peter Featherby mid-season and the continued presence of Neil Taylor, Brian Taylor, Glen O'Loughlin, Greg Carpenter and Ian Dargie has seen them maintain a high level of midfield talent.

One of the most important aspects of Subiaco's play has been that they have been able to mould a defensive unit capable of holding the best attacking systems the opposition can throw at them.

Rattray has combined solidly with Phil Lamb, Brian Taylor, Greg Wilkinson and Clinton Brown to eliminate



Alex Rattray... much improved.

some of the opposition's most gifted players.

If they can again do that on Saturday then they have strong prospects of making an immediate entry into the grand final and give them a chance at back-to-back premierships.

That is something the Lions have not been able to achieve since the 1912-13 double.

### DOMINATE

However, before they can hope to progress to the grand final, it should be remembered that Claremont lost only one game this season and they have shown the capacity to completely dominate the opposition.

Gerard Neesham has them playing an impressive style of football and they should be able to stand up to the rigours of a final round match.

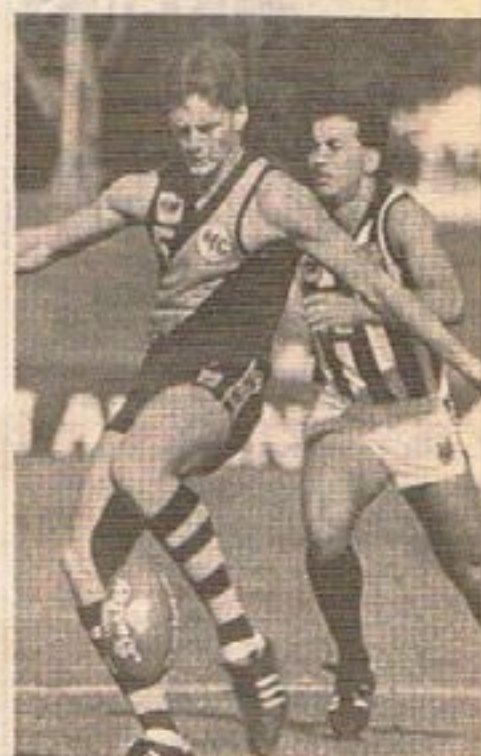
Much has been said about Claremont not being put under pressure for much of the season, but one reason for that is the other teams have not been good enough to get close enough to apply pressure.

Claremont will remember their last final-round match when they bowed out gloriously in last year's first semi-final against Perth, and they will be keen to atone for that defeat.

The Tigers will rely on their hard band of midfield runners to establish victory and place continued pressure on their Subiaco counterparts.

Something in Claremont's favour is that their midfield "legs" are younger than Subiaco's and they should continue to generate drive late in the game.

It is just a question of how well some of those young players adapt to their first final round match.



Guy McKenna... cool in Defence.

## EXPERTS SELECT

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# FOCUS ON THE WAFL FINALS



Thanks — says East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose to forward Scott Annandale after the Sharks triumphant win.

## Melrose the quiet one

GRAHAM Melrose has always been something of a quiet achiever — and last Saturday was no exception.

Even in his Sandover Medal premiership-winning days at East Fremantle (1974) and a decade later at Swan Districts (when it was a Simpson Medal with his premiership) he was far from talkative.

Last Saturday he faced his first after-match press conference in the Media Room after his Sharks had eliminated Swan Districts from the finals — and he showed that he had some astute coaching traits.

Melrose had used two key players in important roles and both moves paid off — Tim Gepp was used to completely cut Kevin Caton out of the game and defender Bryce Forman was converted into a wingman to curb the influence of tall Swans winger Kim Hetherington.

"Gepp has always been an excellent negotiator and he did the job well," said Melrose. "And Forman was able to

compete with Hetherington's height on a wing."

Melrose also had praise for former South Fremantle player Geoff Sims, who switched clubs at the start of the season.

"He lacked confidence," said Melrose. "That was a legacy of his days at South Fremantle. But we worked on different aspects of his game and I'm more than happy with him."

## Claremont the favourites

### UNDER-19s — Tigers v Sharks

CLAREMONT go into the under-19 second semi-final with a similar year of achievement to their league side — 19 wins, one loss and a draw.

For this reason they must start favourites, but the Tigers know full well that finals are different.

East Fremantle slipped into second place in the last game of the season when they beat East Perth, who were also vying for a second semi-final berth.

The Sharks finished with four losses, one draw and 16 wins from the qualifying rounds.

Their hopes of winning this game will depend largely on the performances given by their key forwards, Sean Jones and Matthew Congleton.

Jones is very tall and strong for an 18-year-old and his size alone makes him a difficult player to contain.

Congleton represented West Australia at the Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup carnival, earning All Australian selection. He has the ability to lead quickly and can take strong marks in packs.

Tony McIntosh will be given the task of minding Jones and tight defender Wes Hall should be used against Congleton.

Hall is not a classical-looking player, but his determination and fighting qualities make him an invaluable member of the side.

Claremont have their fair share of talented forwards as well.

### GOALSCORER

Big full-forward Ryan Dhue is the leading goalscorer in the under-19 competition this season with 53.

He is big and strong and provided the weather stays fine, he will be a threat to the East Fremantle backs.

East Fremantle wingmen Matthew Bateman and Glen Ahola are exciting young players and loom as likely opponents for Dale Kickett (nephew of Larry) and Robert Malone (a former State schoolboys representative). Malone was unlucky to miss the WA Teal Cup squad this season.

The ruck duels will have a bearing on this game, particularly with East Fremantle who will look to Clinton Wolf for a winning edge.

Claremont could be without John Brearley, but Scott Robins and former Christchurch captain Peter Dowling are capable of handling the ruck duties.

### RESERVES — Sharks v Tigers

#### by Ben Stinga

His immediate opponent, Eric Cooper, has equally brilliant skills. He has come to the city from Geraldton with a big reputation and the pressure of finals football will be a test for him.

East Fremantle have a potent forward division, led by Michael Broadbridge and Brad Read.

Read finished second on the goal-kicking list with 44, while Broadbridge ended the season in third place with 43.

Solidly-built Claremont full-back Kempton Cowan is the man to mark Read. He has the defensive qualities needed to shut out a player of Read's ability.

Damon Buckley, an All Australian Teal Cup representative this year, should play at centre-half-back on Broadbridge, also a former All Australian Teal Cup player.

Both players are highly regarded by their respective clubs and this duel looms as one of the highlights of the game.

## Sharks will be strengthened

CLAREMONT go into Saturday's reserves second semi-final against East Fremantle as favourites — but the Sharks have several members of last week's winning league side available to play and cannot be taken lightly.

Ruck-rover Geoff Sims, rover Scott Annandale and utility player Lance Durack are available and their presence in the side will greatly improve the Sharks' chances.

Sims was in tremendous form in the league first semi-final against Swan Districts last week and the Tigers may use the hard-working Michael Pollock against him.

Annandale's blistering speed and massive kick will cause problems for the Claremont defence. It will be interesting to see if they use a tagger against him.

They may choose to allow their talented midfielders such as Carlo Passera, Brian Beresford and Lenny Yarran to run free, in preference to a tagging role.

Yarran has been in good form in the centre throughout the season and there seems no reason for him to be used in a defensive capacity.

He is an elusive and skilful player who has the ability to score goals as well.

## Todd has six weeks to decide his future

by  
Alan East

THE coaching future of Swan Districts and State team coach John Todd will be a hot topic for speculation for the next six weeks.

Todd is being strongly linked with the coaching role at Richmond, particularly since the VFL Tigers coach Tony Jewell resigned before last Friday's wooden- spoon battle with the Brisbane Bears.

Swans are keen to retain Todd's services even though he has been at Bassendean for 11 seasons and he has given them an undertaking to make a firm decision on next year by October 15.

Todd was quizzed at the after-match press conference last Saturday about his future and indicated that a VFL job would be attractive.

"I believe I have served my apprenticeship in WA and I think I do have something to offer at a higher level," he said.

"But it's very difficult to get into Victoria to coach. I'd like to be invited to coach at a higher level, but whether that opportunity will come along or not is debatable, for various reasons."

"It's too early to say now where I'll end up next year."

Todd also dropped a few hints at the 6PR Football Forum show that Richmond was in his mind.

### RANCE

Talking about the future of former Swans star Murray Rance, who is tipped to be an Eagles recruiting target, Todd said: "He might even end up at Richmond."

Despite Todd's uncertain future at Bassendean, he was full of praise for his young side after their first semi-final loss to his previous club, East Fremantle.

"They'll get through," he said of the young Swans team.

"They are a good bunch of guys who need experience."

When asked how they compared with the group of local players Todd developed at Bassendean in the early 1980s, he suggested that they needed more experience before any such comparisons could be made.

"But they've got plenty of promise," he added.

"They will be wiser and more experienced after that final, which was the first for many of the players."

"I'm more than happy with this year, but they will need to improve 20 per cent for next year."

In the meantime, all Todd would say about where he was going was: "I'm off to the trots tonight."



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# Brown's last chapter about to start

MALCOLM Brown will never be able to quit football — it's in his blood and he needs the game as much as the game needs him.

Brown has indicated that he has had enough in the coaching world and is looking forward to retiring from the on-field role he has been involved with for over two decades.

My association with Brown began as a player in the late 1960s.

He was one of the game's most talented players; a huge physical frame, great natural skill and a brain that would rate favourably with any computer.

To play with him was an enormous experience. You never knew what would happen next. His football creativity was amazing; always working out ways of winning.

Brownie continually kept the opposition (and his own team-mates) guessing — and that applied right up till his last coaching days.

Brown reached the highest levels as a player; winning a Sandover Medal and being appointed All-Australian captain.

But his weaknesses were his self-discipline when it came to hard physical training and the inability to avoid on-field scraps.

Brown had no love for hard, long running and would avoid it whenever possible. Short sprints were his expertise, with few team-mates able to beat him over 50 metres.

If Brown had possessed that extra capacity for hard work, he would have been capable of joining football's all-time greats such as Barry Cable and Graham Farmer, such was his talent.

There have been few players who could change the course of a game as quickly as Brown. His capacity to do the unbelievable was, in itself, unbelievable.

When Brown moved into coaching his natural flair and creativity quickly made him into a top coach. Always prepared to create, change and innovate,



Mal Brown... always controversial.

he was probably 20 years before his time.

Regular clashes with authority continued to make Brown and East Perth the most sought-after club by the media. Everywhere Brownie went, the media followed, knowing there would be a story. He became the "Pied Piper" of the West Australian media.

There's probably never been a person in football with the capacity to manipulate the media to the extent Brown has.

His deeds on and off the field were becoming legend; people either loved or hated him; there was no in between.

Two seasons as his runner allowed me to experience first-hand how his football genius worked.

Some of his expressions and messages that I carried out to our players, opposition players, umpires, police, officials and administrators would go down in football's funniest moments.

Coaching against him when I was at East Perth and he was with South Fremantle, was a great thrill; every encounter was an enormous challenge.

Brown has been, without doubt, the most controversial person football in the West has seen. Though I've had my good moments with Brown, I haven't always agreed with everything he says and does. But no-one has contributed to so many areas of the game as he has.

The final chapter of his football story is yet to unfold.

## DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



### Stinger has to stay

It was disappointing to read where Perth full-forward and captain Mick "Stinger" Rea is thinking about hanging up his boots.

Stinger is one of the WAFL's real characters; a player who has resurrected his career and achieved the ultimate target for a full-forward — kicking 100 goals in a season.

Stinger attracts people to the game. His huge frame working to its maximum for his team is a sight worth watching.

Those juggling marks as he falls to the ground added a spectacle all football followers admired.

Our game needs characters who epitomise what guts and character can do for anyone who wants to climb the heights of football success.

At a time when our local game is under pressure to sink or swim, it is essential players like Rea be retained.

His leadership and endeavour in a Demons team rebuilding program has been magnificent.

For a player who isn't a natural athlete when it comes to running, Rea's chasing and endeavours to trap the ball are inspirational.

There's no doubt that the young players at Perth have learnt a great deal from Rea's attitude and love of the game. They need him desperately in season '88.

Whoever the new Demons coach is, his first job must be to talk Rea into staying for another season.

Don't go Stinger, we need you!

### Picking the right junior coach

WHAT makes a good junior coach is a question I'm often asked in my travels around the football world.

The answer can be fairly complex, stating areas such as personality, humour, control, love of the game and so on.

There is no doubt all these attributes are important. But generally they are not the criteria on which people judge good coaches — unfortunately winning premierships has often been the sole judgment.

Winning premierships only benefits the ego of the coach and can destroy the young players by the pressure applied to obtain such targets.

At a junior club the other night, I asked the administrators how they judged the winner of their award for the best coach of the season.

The answer was simple, but effective — it went to the coach who increased the number of youngsters in his team

during the season.

In other words, if a coach started with 22 young players and finished the season with 30, then he would be nominated for the Coach of the Year Award.

The aim of that club is simple — get more youngsters playing our game.

This concept is essential at a time when many junior clubs don't have enough players to fill a team, or clubs have to promote players from lower grades to make up a team.

The coach is generally the person who attracts the players. If his philosophy is built around the needs of the young players, then they will attend training and enjoy their football.

If players don't train and the numbers drop off, then the coach has to look at what he is offering in his selling of the game.

## Dorro's our man!

**BECAUSE I generally tag along at the back of the pack, it's to be expected that I would miss one of the most enterprising and far-sighted appointments of the year.**

I'm talking about the decision to appoint Grant Dorrington to the position of senior co-ordinator for the Football Development Trust.

I'm a bit of a Dorrington fan and have had the opinion for some time that he is the best coach, without portfolio, in WA. Why hasn't he been snapped by by some club is beyond me.

Like Brian Douge, who I had the pleasure of talking to earlier this year, Dorro just oozes football. He literally eats, sleeps and drinks it and there wouldn't be a better man to work the intricacies and diplomatic stratagems required to get Aussie Rules back into the schools.

Dorro has a couple of major pluses going for him. The first is that he has been employed by the Education Department as a senior officer

with the swimming branch and, therefore, has a feeling for the way they think at "the seat of learning".

The second is that he is wildly enthusiastic for the task ahead and this will have a lot of effect on the people he will talk to in an endeavour to get the show on the road.

Next year, we should see a competition that will pit school against school and this will pave the way for cheer squads and supporters.

The takeover will be a gradual process, with the first competition being in the under 17s age group. Which schools will take part is yet to be finalised, but you can bet that top sides from the CIG Shield would like more chances against other sides who might have beaten them this year.

One good idea being tossed around is that boys in the age group who have left school, would still be allowed to play. This would allow youngsters who might be forced to start their working lives early, to

still stay in touch with their schools and represent them on the football field.

As summer months pass, I'm sure there will be great excitement building up to the first major schools competition.

If Dorrington's infectious enthusiasm rubs off, the kids are going to experience a long summer as they wait for the first bounce of the ball for 1988.

#### BAD AFFAIR

**THE whole Goulding-Hetherington episode was badly handled — there's no two ways around that.**

In the first place, television has been around for about 30 years, but has not played a major part in the indictment of players to any degree.

The umpires, to my knowledge, have never presented film to substantiate their charges and I can't recall a player facing the tribunal because someone saw something that he thought required disciplinary action.

Because of these points, the plays



Wheelchair sports critic **BILL MATHER-BROWN**

**FROM WHERE I SIT**

have never been concerned about the presence of TV cameras at a game and they have gone along merrily whacking each other in the knowledge that unless the umpires got them, they were pretty much in the clear.

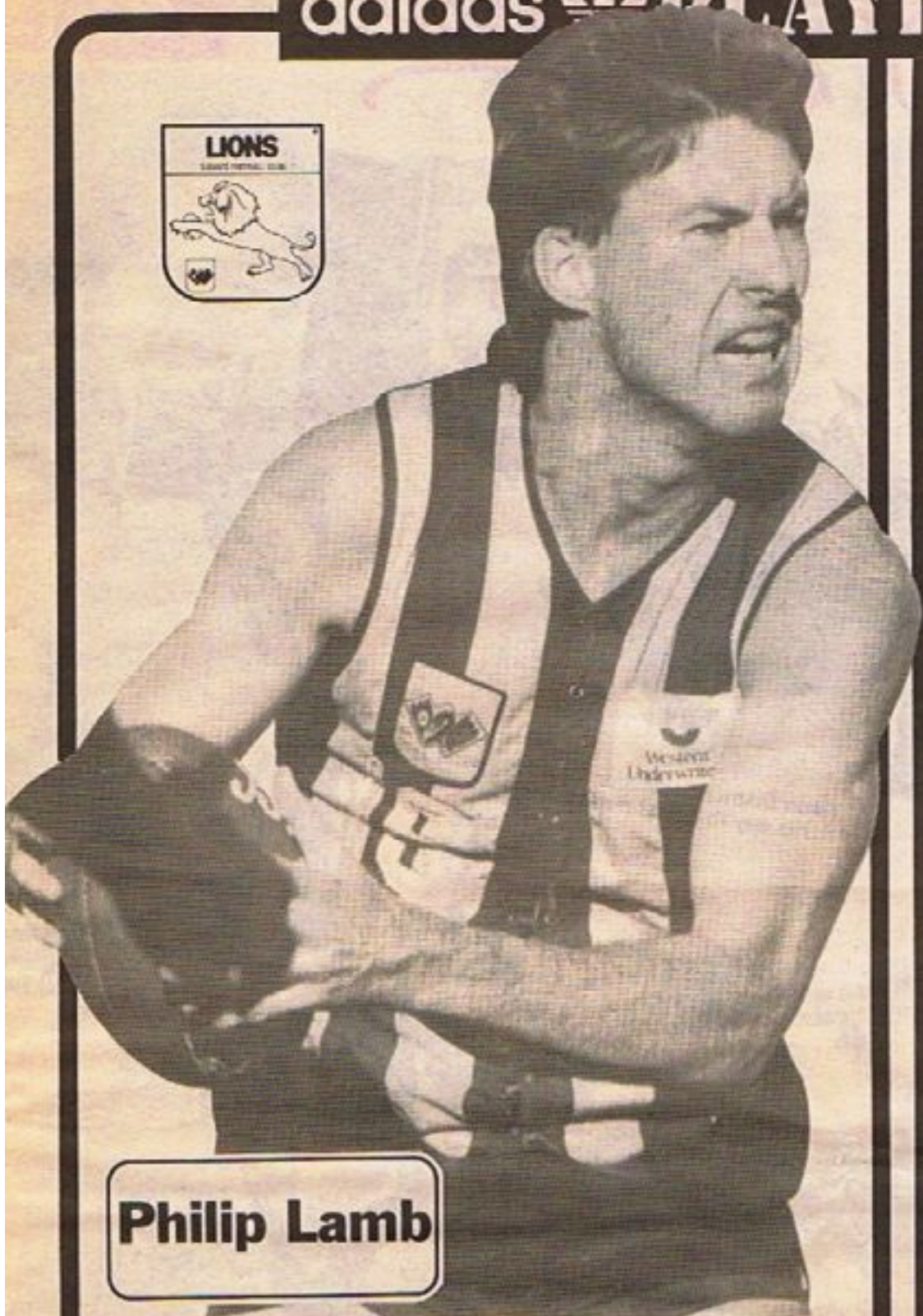
Goulding cannot be excused for kicking, but the fact is that the umpires didn't charge him.

Hetherington was stiff. I could pull out yards of TV film showing the kind of incident that he got charged with.

Both players should have received no more than a severe reprimand as the evidence against them came from a hitherto unimplemented source.

At the same time, the Waffle should have issued a public statement which would notify all parties that from a particular date onward, anything that was reprehensible and picked up by the cameras at any time, would be used as evidence for the tribunals to act upon.

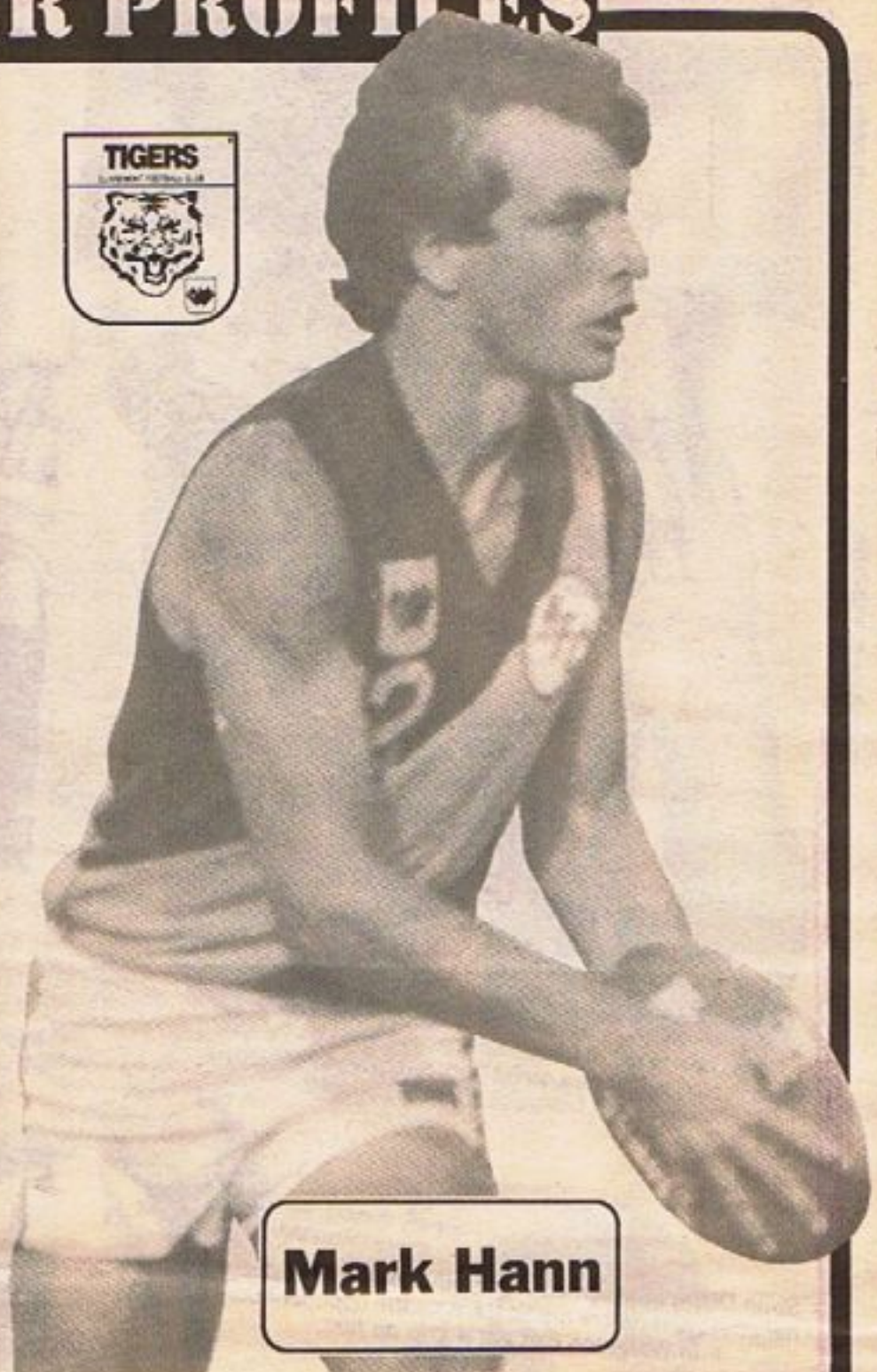




**Philip Lamb**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Nickname:** Sid.  
**Why:** Long story.  
**Date of Birth:** 7/2/58. **Place of Birth:** Perth.  
**Height:** 177cm (5ft 10in). **Weight:** 80kg (12st 8lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** 8.  
**Junior Club:** Scarborough, Marist College.  
**Marital Status:** Married (Julie).  
**Children:** Rebecca (3), Stephanie (4 months).  
**Residence:** Wembley  
**Occupation:** Finance broker.  
**Place of work:** Ledge Leasing Pty Ltd.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Golf, Tennis, Beaching.  
**Favourite Position:** On the ball.  
**First Position:** Centre.  
**League Debut:** 1976 vs. East Fremantle.  
**YOUR FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Paul Newman. **Drink:** Beer.  
**TV Show:** Deveson Documentaries.  
**Food:** Fish.  
**Movie:** Beverley Hills Cop.  
**Music:** Variety.  
**Book:** Fastest Man Alive.  
**Holiday Resort:** Overseas.  
**Ground:** Subiaco Oval.  
**Your Car:** Toyota Ceca.  
**Your Favourite Car:** Porsche.  
**Career Highlights:** 1986 grand final victory.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Losing the 1985 grand final.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Getting over injuries.  
**Toughest Opponent:** Maurice Rioli.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Maurice Rioli.  
**Most Memorable Game:** Winning the 1986 grand final.  
**Ambitions:** To win the grand final in 1987.  
**What do you like about Football:** Comradeship and the challenge.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Light jog and a stroll on Saturday.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Father.  
**Guernsey Number:** 16.  
**Any Reason:** One given to me.  
**Worst Injury:** Two groin operations.  
**Luckiest Break:** Picked to play first game in 1976.

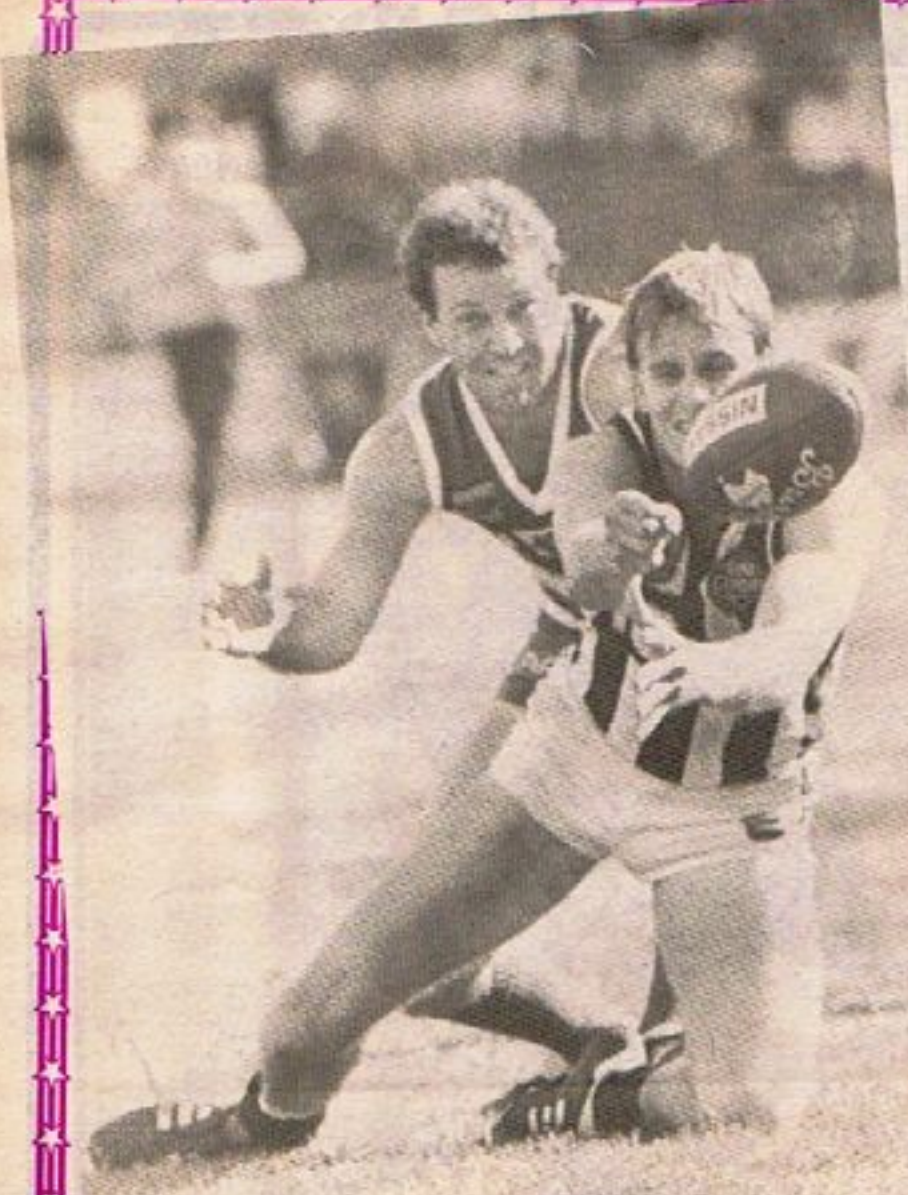


**Mark Hann**

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

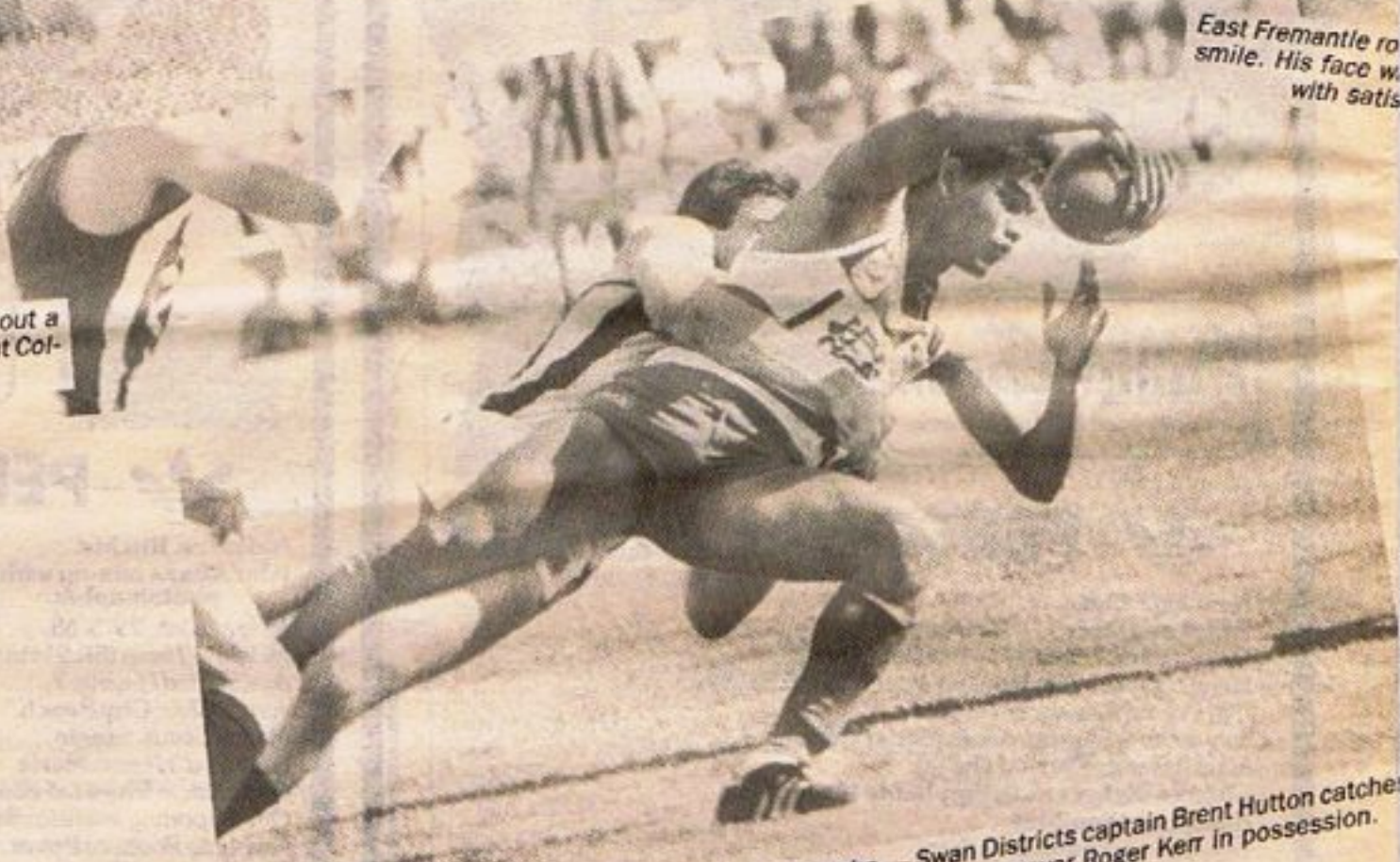
**Nickname:** Ritchie.  
**Why:** After a mix-up with my namesake Ritchie Hann, the photographer.  
**Date of Birth:** 29/5/63.  
**Height:** 176cm (5ft 9½in). **Weight:** 70kg (11st).  
**Age Started Playing:** 7.  
**Junior Club:** City Beach.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Girlfriend's Name:** Marie  
**Occupation:** Physical education teacher.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Surfing, tennis, absailing, cricket.  
**Favourite Position:** Rover.  
**First Position:** Wing.  
**League Debut:** 1982 vs. Swan Districts.  
**YOUR FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** George Segal. **Drink:** Bourbon.  
**TV Show:** Fawltly Towers.  
**Food:** Seafood.  
**Movie:** One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.  
**Music:** All music.  
**Book:** Dune.  
**Holiday Resort:** Kalbarri.  
**Ground:** Claremont.  
**Your Car:** HK 1968.  
**Your Favourite Car:** HK 1968.  
**Career Highlights:** First game, Sterling Cup v Collingwood.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** An ankle injury in 1983 ended the season.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Following up after delivering the ball.  
**Football Idols:** Phil Narkle, Graham Moss.  
**Toughest Opponent:** David Glascott.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Phil Narkle.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** David Ross.  
**Most Memorable Game:** First game.  
**Ambitions:** Be a key player with Claremont; win a grand final.  
**What do you like about Football:** Comradeship, winning, becoming part of a successful team.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Mental pictures, visualisation, relaxation exercises.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Brearly Hollingsworth, Lloyd Christopher.  
**Guernsey Number:** 32.  
**Any Reason:** None.  
**Worst Injury:** Ankle injury.  
**Luckiest Break:** First game where Gerald Betts was injured and I came onto a wing.





Swan Districts defender Ross Fitzgerald is helped on his way to hospital after badly hurting his back.

Swan Districts wingman Kim Hetherington fires out a handball, just before his East Fremantle opponent Colin Waterson can get a grip on him.



East Fremantle rover Roger Kerr smiles. His face was lit up with satisfaction.

Gotcha — Swan Districts captain Brent Hutton catches East Fremantle rover Roger Kerr in possession.



Neil Lester-Smith was a big contributor for the Sharks cause, raising havoc in the forward line and kicking 5.1.

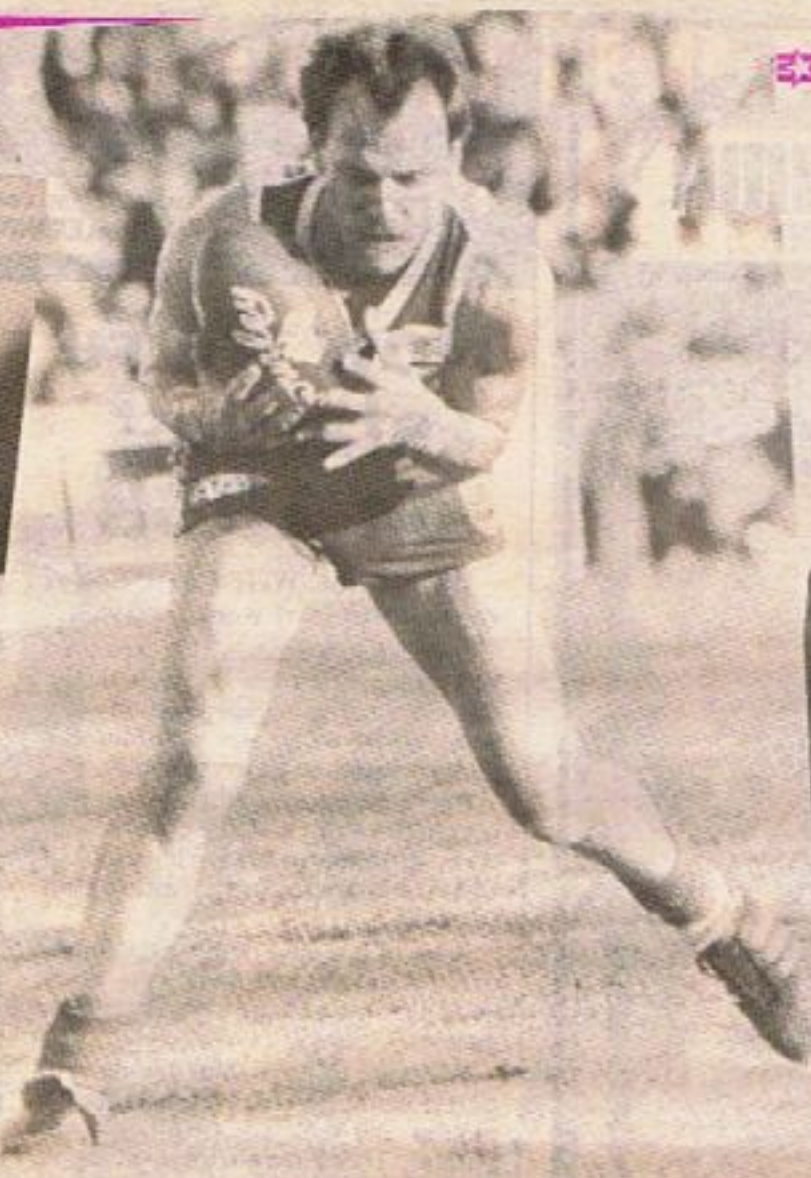


The pain of losing is written on the faces of Swan Districts Brent Hutton (left) and Greg Walker. Hutton was one of Swans best, while Walker failed to make the Swans 20 because of injury problems.





Ever Roger Kerr could not contain this joy as he literally beams from ear to ear in the aftermath of a job well done.



East Fremantle full-forward Clinton Browning might not look too safe on his legs, but those hands rarely miss a chest mark and this one was no exception.

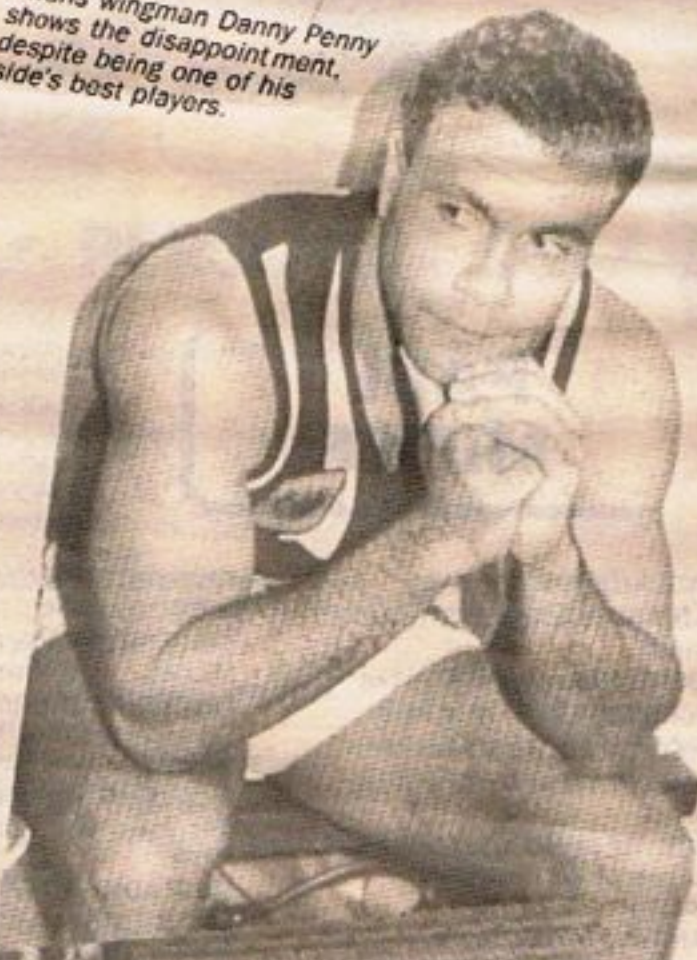


Swan Districts centre-half-forward Peter Old would have gladly swapped the \$50 he won for his part in last Saturday's first semi-final for a win.



The Swanettes give a cheer for the mighty black and whites.

Swans wingman Danny Penny shows the disappointment, despite being one of his side's best players.



# SUPER SEMI

THE 1987 finals series got under way at Subiaco Oval last Saturday with nearly 15,000 people watching East Fremantle eliminate Swan Districts.

The Sharks, early favourites for the flag before a late season fade-out, were too strong from the outset for Swans, who can lay claim to being the most improved side in season '87 — and defying the critics with their fourth-placing.

Photographers CHRIS STUCKEY and GEORGE TEMPLE were at the big game to record the action...

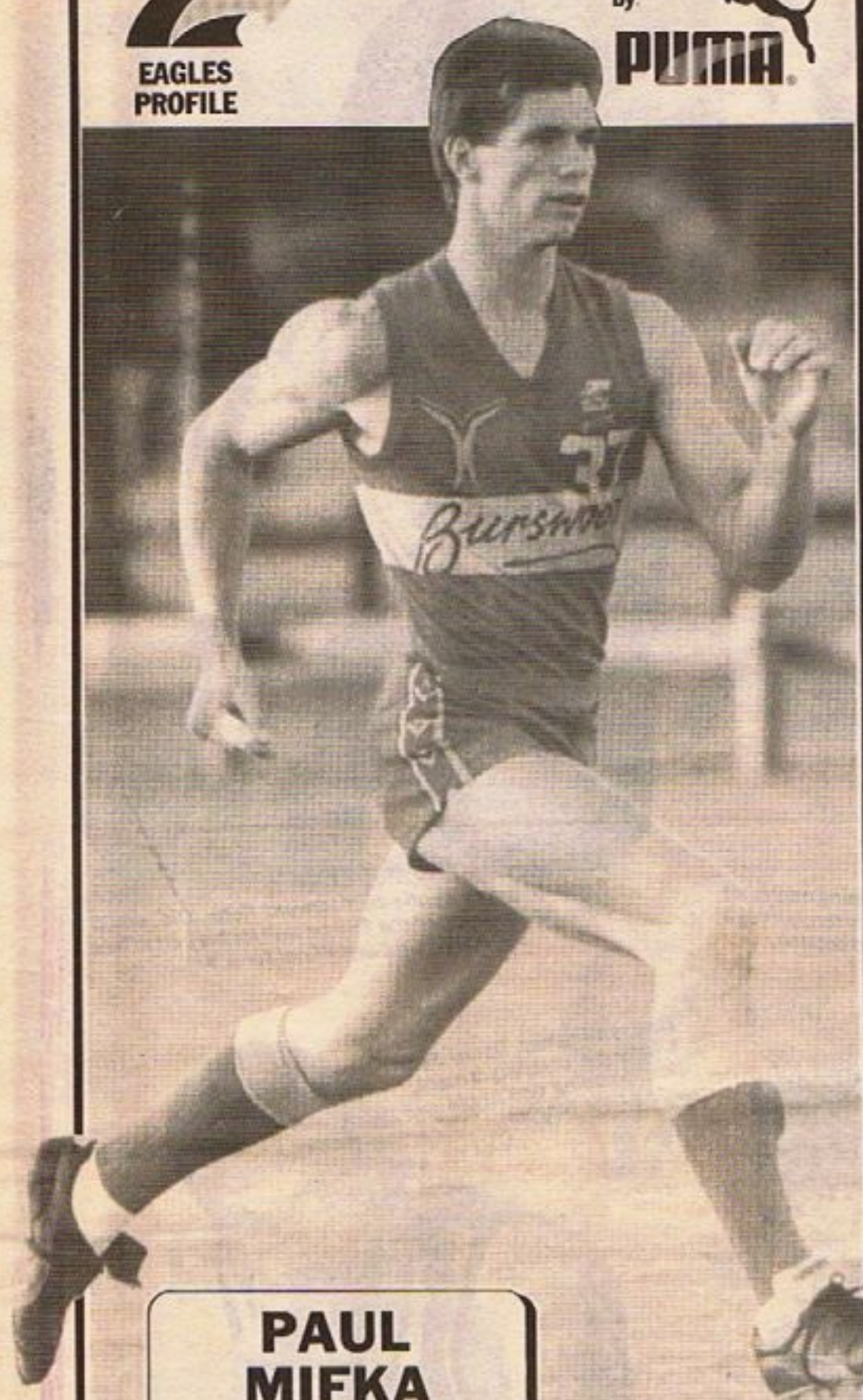
The Sharkettes — East Fremantle's troupe of lovely dancers — strut their stuff at the first semi-final.



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**RECRUITED FROM:** West Perth  
**FIRST PLAYED:** 31/3/84 vs Perth  
**GAMES PLAYED:** West Perth 78, finals 1  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1984 best first year player, Media Guild Footballer of the Future  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**BROTHERS/SISTERS:** Two sisters  
**OCCUPATION:** Police constable  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Balcatta SHS  
**CAR:** Toyota Corolla  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Indoor football, beach, tennis  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Chinese, Italian  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Lemonade  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Police, Bryan Adams, U2  
**FAVOURITE AUTHOR:** Sidney Sheldon  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:** Mandurah  
**FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT:** Observation City

**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Miami Vice, The Cosby Show  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Rocky movies, Michael J. Fox movies  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Sylvester Stallone, Michael J. Fox, Richard Gere  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Dennis Cometti, Clinton Farmer, Tom James  
**MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMAN:** Alan Border, Pat Cash, Bruce Doull, Australia IV crew  
**ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH:** Relax by watching a Rocky movie, eating spaghetti or baked beans for breakfast  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing to Swan Districts in first semi-final in 1985; not being able to go to SA for State game in 1986  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** First game; selection in Eagles  
**NICKNAME:** Mif  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** Leederville, Subiaco  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** Help the Eagles to win a premiership

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# In the Eagles nest...

with Eagles coach **RON ALEXANDER**



## Now we're starting on 1988

**WELL,** the West Coast Eagles are ready to start work for 1988.

Our debut season in the expanded VFL competition has ended with the side finishing in eighth position — a good effort when you consider the problems we had to overcome.

But we have learnt a lot from our first year in the VFL, and like every coach, I'll be sitting down and having a look at what is needed for us to improve next year.

A lot of our guys performed strongly over the season and there were many good points to emerge from our performances.

We hope to have some strong support from the WAFL over the next few months and their co-operation is important. There are obviously going to be some adjustments to our squad and we hope that these can be done smoothly and without any drama.

WA football will be the better for it.

### TRADITION

**THE** West Coast Eagles have changed football tradition this year — and we realise that this hasn't been easy for a lot of people to accept.

Changing something that we've had for 100 years takes some doing. But the entry of the Eagles to the VFL arena has opened up a whole new dimension for local football supporters.

We've obviously attracted new people to football; people who want to identify with an elite sporting team and people probably without any previous club affiliation.

I'm sure that the WAFL will continue to be an excellent and viable competition, providing opportunities for many youngsters to emerge into league ranks — and hopefully graduate to the Eagles.

The current finals series will certainly produce some high-class football and naturally we'll be watching the players with added interest.

### SUPPORT

**WE** have been pleased with the general support for the Eagles this year.

Sure, there has been some criticism and negative comments from certain quarters, particularly in relation to the Eagles and the WAFL competition.

But most people have been positive and in what has been a difficult year, we have realised that there are many problems to be faced and solved, both for the Eagles and the local competition.

There have been some frustrating moments and I regard our loss to North Melbourne at the WACA Ground as our worst game.

We lost a couple of close games, particularly in Melbourne, but that North Melbourne match was our low point. I felt that we were soft for that game.

We have learned a lot about players in this first year and we know what's required — a lot of hard work.

### TRAVELLING

**OBVIOUSLY** the constant travelling across Australia has been a major factor to come to grips with in our first year.

The Victorian teams coming to Perth have found it equally difficult, but naturally we will be reviewing our own arrangements.

Maybe we will travel over Thursday evenings next season to give us a little more time in Melbourne.

Becoming used to the crowds in Melbourne was a problem.

They are naturally going to be one-sided and Victorian teams coming to Perth face that problem as well.

But our players simply have to get used to playing in front of one-sided crowds.

## Eagles find an elite home base

**THE \$22 million Superdrome,** home of WA's elite sports people, is the new football headquarters for the West Coast Eagles.

The newly-built State Sports Centre at Graylands boasts some of the world's most modern facilities and has been designed to cater for the Olympic sports.

The Eagles will move there as from November 1 and will have their own administration centre, changerooms and conference areas.

They will share the weights training centre, the aquatic facilities, sports science laboratory and the basketball stadium with other sports.

One of the playing fields alongside the Superdrome (adjacent to McGillivray Oval) will belong to the Eagles.

The Eagles have survived their first year in the expanded VFL competition without a genuine home base.

They did their pre-season training at Aquinas College and then moved

to the WA College of Advanced Education Mt Lawley's campus for training nights.

"It was vital that we provided the players with a headquarters that exudes a professional sporting environment and a sense of belonging," said Eagles chief executive Graham Moss.

The fully-lit oval and other essential facilities such as changerooms, medical rooms and a meeting room will all be available for pre-season training.

Plans are underway to also develop an adjacent oval that can be simulated for Melbourne-type training surfaces.

The Superdrome is already home for Perth's national basketball team, the Wildcats and venue for the State's top swimmers and divers.

The newly-formed Football Development Trust is housed at the Superdrome, along with the WA Institute of Sport and the WA Sports Federation. It will also be the venue for WA's planned Sports Museum and the Hall of Champions.



# KWIK COURIERS INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



## Close call for final placings

A THRILLER writer could not have penned the scenario which concluded the preliminary round of VFL football last weekend.

In four fixtures last Saturday, there were final positions at stake and in all cases fortunes see-sawed in thrill-a-minute action as the teams — Carlton, Hawthorn, Sydney, North Melbourne, Melbourne and Footscray — staged the most breath-taking prelude seen in years.

At Western Oval, Footscray and Melbourne demonstrated that both had definite intentions of keeping a date with the MCG on September 24.

In the end it was the Demons who triumphed and they may yet give Robbie Flower the greatest retirement present possible — a premiership.

In 16 seasons with Melbourne, Flower has not played in a finals series. In fact no Demon team has contested the finals in 23 years.

But a win did not guarantee Melbourne success. They had to rely on Hawthorn to topple Geelong at Kardinia Park.

That seemed unlikely with the defending premiers trailing all day; but a goal by full-forward Jason Dunstall in the 31st minute of the fourth quarter saw the Hawks home by three points.

Carlton got home by a slightly bigger margin against fourth-placed North Melbourne at VFL Park — four points. The winning goal well kicked by Blues captain Stephen Kernahan in the dying minutes.

This left the North Melbourne players stunned but the Carlton players and supporters in raptures — they had won the minor premiership.

Sydney performed a conjuring trick at Princes Park, beating struggling Fitzroy by eight points after trailing by 40 points in the time on period of the third term.

Giant ruckman John Ironmonger engineered the last quarter recovery with an excellent demonstration of big-man strength.

Swans supporters had also hoped to see their blond-haired pin-up boy Warwick Capper become the second player to reach the 100-goal milestone in the VFL this season.

He failed by just one and will have to wait another two weeks to crack the ton as the Swans earned the right for a week's rest and a double chance at the premiership.

## PARKIN MAY STAND DOWN

ONE of the most respected coaches in the VFL, David Parkin of Fitzroy, may be lost to the game next season after indicating last Saturday that he may quit as Lions boss.

Parkin is acknowledged as a modern-day premiership coaching genius and his retirement would end a 27-year involvement with game both as a player and coach.

Parkin said last Saturday that he has not yet made a decision but would give Fitzroy an answer quickly.

Parkin described this season as his worst since his career began in 1961.

He said Fitzroy had asked him to be coach again in 1988 — but he was not sure that he wanted the job.

"The players, officials and support-

ters are lovely people and the players especially are an excellent bunch of guys," Parkin said.

"But the club is like a 1960s club trying to compete in the 1980s.

"We have a lack of resources to compete with the big guns and that makes it hard."

Parkin said that modern-day football could be passing him by and suggested one of his options would be to take 12 months away from the game to recharge his batteries.

Parkin started his coaching career in 1977 and a year later helped win the premiership for Glenferrie.

He switched to Carlton in 1981, immediately winning back-to-back flags.

## Flower shows how it's done

MOTIVATION and determination can remove the toughest of obstacles.

Melbourne proved this when they recovered from a four-goal deficit early in the third quarter to rebound against Footscray at Western Oval last Saturday.

It appeared that Footscray had the match won until veteran Demon captain Robbie Flower shouted: "Don't do it for me ... let's just do it so we can be part of it next Saturday."

With that came an amazing turn around as Flower burst into action, twice getting away from his younger minder Greg Eppelstun to score much-needed goals.

Eppelstun had kept Flower to three kicks in the first half.

Flower also took a series of spectacular marks which inspired his teammates and brought the 31,000 strong crowd to their feet with gasps of adoration.

Flower had obviously decided that August 29, 1987, was too early to end his long-running VFL career and was going to make sure he made at least one appearance in the finals before hanging his boots up for the final time.

In what was virtually an elimination final, Melbourne were victors by 15 points and will make their first final's appearance since 1964.

But the joys that were so keenly expressed last Saturday could be premature and shortlived as the Demons must face the prospect of playing in this Saturday's elimination final undermanned.

Ruckman Steven O'Dwyer and defender Rod Grinter have been sus-



Melbourne star Robert Flower flies over team-mate Steve Turner and Footscray's Rick Kennedy.

ended and star forward Garry Lyon broke a leg in the first quarter last Saturday.

Earl Spalding and Dean Chiron had striking charges from last Saturday's encounter dismissed by the VFL tribunal.

## How WA players performed

	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
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BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	19	7	7	7 1
Mike Richardson	18	6	7	3 1
Ken Judge	11	3	3	2 1

CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	7	2	2	—
Jon Dorotich	6	5	4	—
Richard Dennis	7	1	3	— 1
Ken Hunter	12	8	6	1 1
Peter Sartori	12	7	7	5 3

COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	9	5	11	—
Craig Starcevic	13	5	5	4 3

ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	22	8	7	1 2

FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	8	7	1	1 3
Phil Cronan	12	—	4	—
Andrew Purser	8	6	10	—

GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	24	6	8	1 3

HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	13	2	9	3 2
Rod Lester-Smith	4	2	2	1 —

MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	19	8	4	2 2
Earl Spalding	9	3	2	—
Steve Turner	4	1	2	—

NORTH MELBOURNE				
Mark Hepburn	12	3	4	2 —
Jim Krakouer	21	3	4	— 1
Phil Krakouer	15	4	3	4 1
Stephen McCann	5	1	2	1 —

RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	13	4	10	3 2
Maurice Rioli	13	2	5	—
David Palm	12	4	1	— 1

ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	19	8	4	3 3

SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Herwood	4	3	1	—
Craig Holden	6	3	3	—
John Ironmonger	1	2	11	—

HIT-OUTS: John Ironmonger 32; Andrew Purser 10; Steve Turner 8; Earl Spalding 2.



## Geelong in trouble off the field

THE situation at Geelong is not a pretty one.

In fact if a cat was as sick as Geelong, the vet would put it down.

Not only have the Geelong Cats bowed out of the action for 1987, but internal squabbles threaten to undermine the tentative stability of the club.

The future of coach John Devine is uncertain and an extraordinary general meeting has been called at which the entire committee could be sacked.

A petition calling for the extraordinary general meeting was served on the club the night before the do-or-die confrontation with defending premiers Hawthorn which could not have helped the player's cause.

The extraordinary meeting must be held during the next two weeks and will be chaired by deposed president Dr Kevin Threlfall.

The meeting will decide if the board should be reduced from 12 to nine members and if all positions should be declared vacant.

Dr Threlfall was deposed by a 6-5 vote one month ago and replaced by Geelong business man Wayne Bannon.

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## Last kick puts Wagin out of finals

IN the closest finish possible the last kick of the season decided the composition of the final five in the Upper Great Southern League on Sunday.

With only three seconds to play umpire Don Jensen, who had handled the game excellently, paid a free kick to Railways.

The resultant kick after the siren from point-blank range, scored only a behind, but enabled Railways (14.16) to force a draw with the unlucky Wagin (14.16), who tumbled out of the five as a result.

For the victors Ron Adams (three goals) and Tim Hughes were best, while for Wagin Brett Bilston, Paul Shepherd (four goals) and Michael Spooner (four goals) battled manfully.

The gloom of the Wagin supporters was matched by the glee of the Wickiepin followers who saw their team recover from a 16-point, three-quarter time deficit to beat Boddington 14.9 to 11.15 and scrape into the five at Wagin's expense.

Forward Tom Reidy (six goals) was a strong contributor, along with Kim Melvin (four goals) and full-back Gerald Ugle.

Former West Perth ruckman Brett Buktenica was best for Boddington, while Terry Norrish and Craig Sherry (three goals) also played well.

Williams (15.16) were too classy for wooden spooners Lake Grace (9.12) for whom the consistent Noel Bairstow and Craig Reynolds performed best.

Wingman Peter Darroch and ruckman Dennis Cowcher were best for Williams and half-forward Steven Gillett chipped in with five goals.

Pingelly, led by full-forward Albert Humphries (eight goals) thrashed a disappointing West Arthur 29.17 to 14.2.

Others to perform well for Pingelly were Donald Turvey and half-forwards Rodney Williams (six goals) and David Hornsby (four goals). For West Arthur, Peter Tilbrook (four goals) and Trevor King (three goals) were best.

Les Reynolds (Towns) easily won the Jack Johnson Trophy for the leading goalkicker with 113 from David Kain (Williams) on 69.

## Mullewa hand out thrashings

MULLEWA kept top secret spot on the Great Northern table when they gave an awesome display of power football to beat bottom side Towns by 251 points.

Mullewa kicked 41.27 while keeping the lowly Towns to just 3.4 (22).

In what was a one-sided round, fourth placed Chapman Valley kicked 22.19 (151) to beat Rovers 11.8 (72).

Railways warmed up for the finals with a resounding 20.19 (139) to 7.6 (42) win over Northampton.

### BENCUBBIN IN

BENCUBBIN went straight into the central Wheatbelt grand final with a hard-fought 18-point win over Mukinbudin.

It was a similar story for Mukinbudin in the reserves when they were once again out-pointed, this time by Southern Cross.

## Mines snatch finals berth

A THRILLING climax to the 1987 South-West League qualifying rounds saw Mines Rovers snatch fifth spot from Augusta-Margaret River when they beat that side by three points in an excellent game on Sunday.

Augusta-Margaret River led for most of the game and squandered a 34-point lead mid-way through the third quarter. Mines rover Michael Barret kicked the winning goal 28 minutes into the final quarter.

Captain-coach Peter Rowe led his side by example and was ably backed up by Dean Rakich and Michael Cockie, who each kicked five goals.

For the unlucky AMR centre-half-back Brad Kevill was outstanding and others to play well were ruckman Gary Ryan and Gary Smith, while Scott Marks kicked four goals after being switched from full-back to full-forward at half-time.

Carey Park (17.13) were upset again by Collie (23.17) and these two sides will meet again in the qualifying round this week.

Collie full-forward Ken Haywood (10 goals) continued his excellent form while centreliners Peter Slater and Alan Michael also did well.

Rover Mark Skehan, ruckman Leigh Wright and veteran Graeme Carlson led the way for Carey Park.

Bunbury (24.20) warmed up for their finals appearances with a hollow win over a disappointing Busselton (10.5).

Once again Grant Hawkes with 42 possessions and four goals, was the best player on the ground.

Neville Jetta (five goals) was prominent, as was centreman Kim Gibbs and rover Ric Dawson.

Centreman David Far was best for Busselton, while Peter Kelleher, in a variety of positions and Michael Kryger also played well.

In a scrappy game, Harvey-Brunswick (12.17) fell over the line against Donnybrook (12.11) to finish the season on a winning note.

Rovers Barry Kimberley and Anthony White played strongly and were kept supplied with opportunities by ruckman "Topper" Morris.

For Donnybrook, Robbie Kane and Darren Atherton tried valiantly all day.

South Bunbury got into gear in the last quarter when they piled on 11 goals against the hapless Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup, winning 23.28 to 6.7.

Captain Peter Hodyl led by example and young Teal Cup representative Greg Jones confirmed his undoubted promise. Others to play well were Vic Peos and defender Ian Cahill.

For the Cardinals only Ian McInnes and Neil Carroll were worthy of mention.

The finals this week are as follows: Elimination final: Bunbury v Mines Rovers; Qualifying round: Collie v Carey Park.

## KATS MAKE THE GRAND FINAL

THE Karratha Kats have earned a replay with the Karratha Falcons in the grand final of the North Pilbara league.

The Kats, well beaten by the Falcons in the second semi-final, bounced back with a 17.13 to 10.11 over Port Hedland Rovers in Sunday's preliminary final.

Major goalscorers for the Kats were Blake (six) and Morrison (five), while Little kicked three for Rovers.

Best players were Waldrop, Lewis and Hodgson for Karratha and Crole, Reid and Hockey for Rovers.

Rovers won the reserves preliminary final 12.5 to Karratha Falcons 2.10 and will meet Karratha in the grand final.

Karratha also play in the colts grand final, meeting Finucane Island, who beat Wickham in the preliminary final, 13.15 to 5.8.

## Country premiers tables

### South West League

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
S. Bunbury	13	5	-	2337	1744	134.0	52
Collie	12	5	1	2217	1630	136.1	50
Carey Park	12	6	-	2628	1762	149.1	48
Bunbury	12	6	-	2041	1547	131.9	48
Mines Rovers	10	7	1	2221	1826	121.6	42
Aug-Marg R.	10	8	-	1826	1822	112.5	40
Harvey-Brns	7	11	-	1761	1902	92.5	28
Busselton	6	12	-	1711	2210	77.4	24
Donnybrook	6	12	-	1458	2029	71.8	24
Boy-Capel-Dard	-	18	-	1158	2086	37.5	-

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### Upper Great Southern

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
TOWNS	15	13	3	-	1940	1390	139	52
RAILWAYS	15	10	5	1	1696	1605	106	42
WILLIAMS	15	10	6	-	1756	1318	133	40
PINGELLY	15	9	7	-	1818	1561	116	36
WICKIEPIN	15	9	7	-	1469	1541	95	36
Wagin	15	8	7	1	1495	1541	97	34
Boddington	15	7	9	-	1550	1536	101	28
W. Arthur	15	3	13	-	1334	2239	59	12
Lake Grace	15	2	14	-	1340	1669	80	8

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### Great Northern

	P	W	L	F	A	%	Pts	
MULLEWA	18	16	2	-	2659	1168	236	64
RAILWAYS	18	15	3	-	2186	1310	167	60
BRIGADES	18	12	6	-	2000	1433	139	48
CHAPMAN VAL	18	9	9	-	1808	1818	99	36
Rovers	18	6	12	-	1518	2126	71	24
Northampton	18	3	15	-	1357	2224	61	12
Towns	18	2	16	-	1115	2684	41	8

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## HAT-TRICK FOR ALBANY

ALL three Albany clubs reached grand finals of the Southern Districts Football League on Sunday.

Royals made it in the league, Railways the reserves and North Albany the colts after the second semi-finals at Centennial Oval.

Royals extended their winning sequence to 16 in 1987 when they comfortably beat reigning premiers Railways 17.10 (112) to 11.10 (76).

Acc SDFL goalscorer Tim Hunter was in devastating form for the Lions and booted eight goals at full-forward on top Tiger defender Colin Pearson.

Graeme Penter was in magnificent touch in the centre for Royals and his captain Michael Waugh created havoc mid-field all day.

Best for Railways were Doug Rowe, Dean Maroni and John Fairman.

Railways, who went down by two points to North Albany a month ago, proved too strong in the return bout and won the reserves 14.7 (91) to 5.6 (36).

Michael Nairn, who was critically injured in a car accident hours after the game, kicked four goals for the winners. He was best for the Tigers, alongside Robert Morley and Wayne Fletcher.

Best Kangas were Mark Slattery, Brad Hitchcock and Michael Mustey.

North Albany were awesome in the colts and kept Royals goal-less until 10 minutes into the last quarter to win 17.16 (118) to 2.7 (19).

### TRIO

Eddie Inman scored four goals for the Kangas and their best were Jason Cordon, Geoff Oreo and Dale Thompson. Andrew Johnson, Todd Anderson and Graham Turner were the Lions' top trio.

This Sunday at Tigerland, Railways will find the fast-improving North Albany a big threat in the league premiership final. North Albany will play Royals in the reserves and Royals face Railways in the colts.



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# SUNDAY SCENE

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



## Saints on target for premiership

OSBORNE Park were big winners over arch-rivals Wanneroo and are now in line for back-to-back premierships.

The Saints completely outclassed Wanneroo to end up easy winners by 96 points.

The victory was set up by an overall team effort with the winning margin being the greatest between the two clubs since joining the league in 1984.

Osborne Park had no less than 12 individual goalscorers with champion forward Murray Gomm leading the way with four goals.

It was extremely difficult to single out good players for the Saints because every player contributed.

However, Rover Mark Stevenson, defenders Kim Bevan and Andrew Komp and wingman Brett Clauson were all four-quarter contributors.

### LAST CHANCE

WANNEROO will now play Maddington in the preliminary final in a last-ditch effort to qualify for a grand final appearance.

Both teams have yet to play at the capacity that their supporters know they can.

Wanneroo have many injured players.

Leading goalkicker Steve Finch sustained an ankle injury against Maddington in the qualifying final, David Wing has hamstring problems, rover Mark Bonomelli injured his shoulder in the game last Sunday and Tom Floyd, Tim Collins, Joe Zampogna may not play against this year.

The retirement by big forward John Hathaway could not have come at a worse time for coach Ian McCulloch.

### EASY WIN

MADDINGTON ended Canning's hopes of a grand final appearance in 1987 with an easy victory in the first semi-final at Kingsway, Wanneroo.

The Bulls — although inaccurate — finished easy winners by 79 points.

Maddington's key forwards in John Begg and Paul Tolan had a major influence on the game.

Defender Peter McKell, centreman Kim Lambkin and mid-season recruit Mitch Fussell were good players for the Bulls.

Canning can be well satisfied with their fourth spot in 1987.

Under coach Tom Mullooly new life has been breathed into the club and obviously further improvement can be expected in 1988.

## FAIREST AND BEST AWARD

THE counting of votes for the fairest and best player in Sunday football will be held on Thursday, September 3.

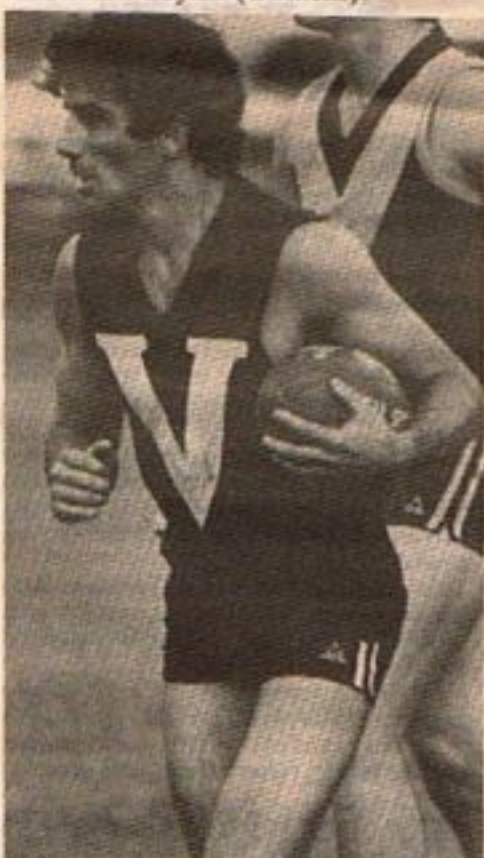
Many fine players have been the recipient of the Dr Bowden Medal in the past seasons.

In recent years the list is as follows:

- 1973: Cam Blakemore (Kalamunda).
- 1974: Barry Stockden (Maddington).
- 1975: Don Rintoul (Mandurah).
- 1976: Gary Greer (Armada).
- 1977: Peter Smith (Armada).
- 1978: Steve Goodall (Canning).
- 1979: Bruce Tschirpig (Kelmscott).
- 1980: Tony Micale (Kwinana).
- 1981: Gary Martin (Gosnells).
- 1982: Wayne Loxley (Rockingham).
- 1983: Brian Cook (Rockingham).
- 1984: Ric Ellard (Kalamunda).
- 1985: Rod Barrett (Armada).
- 1986: Doug Gibb (Willetton).

This season however has belong to Canning ruckman Tony Watson and his name should be added to the above list at the conclusion of voting.

Other contenders will be Mark Bonomelli (Wanneroo), John Begg (Maddington), Murray Gomm (Osborne Park), Glenn O'Donnell (Kelmscott) and Mark Bayliss (Gosnells).



Wanneroo rover Mark Bonomelli.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES Preliminary Final

9.45am — Colts: Gosnells v South Perth.  
11.45am — Reserves: Osborne Park v Applecross.  
2.15pm — League: Maddington v Wanneroo.

### First Semi-Finals

#### LEAGUE

MADDINGTON 2.7 4.13 10.15 20.21 (141)  
CANNING 1.2 3.2 7.9 8.14(62)  
GOALS: MADDINGTON: Begg 4, Tolan 3, Allen, Adam Kiernan, White, Wilson 2, Harrison, Hewson, Lambkin, Reid, Smith, one each. CANNING: Vosbergen 2, Hunter, Wheelock, Rhodes, Davs, Shephard, Hartson, one each.  
BEST: MADDINGTON: Peter McKell, Kim Lambkin, Mitch Fussell. CANNING: Jeremy Shephard, Ron Hunter, Alan Wheelock.

#### RESERVES

APPLECROSS 5.5 10.7 17.11 20.14 (134)  
WANNEROO 1.3 3.8 5.8 7.15 (57)  
GOALS: APPLECROSS: Hienley 8, Sorrell 4, Terpsie 3, Beard, Lewis 2, Shimmson 1. WANNEROO: Cornell 3, Curtis, McKellar, Poole, Seal, one each.  
BEST: APPLECROSS: G. Beard, W. Henley, G. Towill. WANNEROO: P. Rogers, S. Brown, G. Meek.

#### COLTS

SOUTHPERTH 3.2 4.5 8.8 11.11 (77)  
WANNEROO 3.3 4.7 6.13 7.16 (58)  
GOALS: SOUTHPERTH: Ogilvie 5, Mitter, Reid 2, M. Stokes, Davs, one each. WANNEROO: Chapman, Hill 2, Alabach, Hunter, Gray, one each.  
BEST: SOUTHPERTH: Joe Davies, Cameron Dunn, Ric Ogilvie. WANNEROO: Steve Lines, Todd Campbell, Ian Chater.

### Second Semi-Finals

#### LEAGUE

OSBORNE PARK 5.5 9.9 14.12 21.15 (141)  
WANNEROO 2.3 4.6 6.9 6.9 (45)  
GOALS: OSBORNE PARK: Gomm 4, McTaggart, Woods 3, Beecroft, Glendinning, Bownes 2, Bradshaw, O'Connell, Clauson, Stevenson, Mulder one each. WANNEROO: M. Stampalia 3, Taylor, Wing, Fullgrabe, one each.  
BEST: OSBORNE PARK: K. Bevan, N. Stevenson, A. Kemp. WANNEROO: T. Fraser, M. Roach, M. Stampalia.

#### RESERVES

MADDINGTON 0.2 3.5 10.5 12.9 (81)  
OSBORNE PARK 2.7 6.11 8.13 10.14 (74)  
GOALS: MADDINGTON: C. Patience 4, Potente 3, Colquhoun, Olsen, Cushing, King, Bolitho, one each. OSBORNE PARK: Acott, Priolo 3, Lim 2, J. Stampalia, Miro, one each.  
BEST: MADDINGTON: C. Robertson, M. Potente, C. Olsen. OSBORNE PARK: J. Stampalia, D. Mont, S. Hartzer.

#### COLTS

WILLETTON 5.1 9.1 13.7 19.9 (123)  
GOSNELLS 2.3 5.6 8.6 12.9 (81)  
GOALS: WILLETTON: Heam 4, McGilbray, Thompson, Woolfitt, Wilson, J. Walsh 2, Calan, Pitman, Sheriff, M. Walsh, Williams, one each. GOSNELLS: Freedy, Eaglestone 3, Strickland 2, DeGroot, Nettle, Slob, Taylor, one each.  
BEST: WILLETTON: D. Pitman, D. McGilbray, C. Brown. GOSNELLS: K. Tapley, D. Freedy, P. Bilich.

## Belmont after Wafa flag

EARLY season pacesetters Belmont returned to form at the right time when they convincingly beat minor premiers Manning 21.21 to 12.11 in the second semi-final of the Wafa on Sunday.

After a tough clash between these two sides in the last qualifying game, three Belmont players were suspended by the tribunal and same was expected to be a tough encounter.

However, Belmont attacked the ball from the outset and quickly ran to a handy lead, which they were able to increase at every change.

Ruckman Andrew Walker (six goals) and Dean Hayden (three goals), who rested at full-forward, provided countless opportunities for their smaller players midfield and proved reliable spearheads in attack.

Others to perform strongly for Belmont were half-back Danny Carroll, centreman Nicky Abraham, who picked up many kicks all over the ground, as did rover Leo Woods, who also bagged six majors.

Manning, who had many players below their peak, were best served by full-back Bob Pynenburg. At the other end of the ground Kurt Hanault (seven goals) tried valiantly, as did Peter Duncan.

Mosman Park, anxious to earn the right to defend their 1986 title, now meet Manning who will need to improve if they are to reach the grand final.

The reserves result saw Mosman Park (13.16) beat Tuart Hill (8.13).

## JUNIOR NEWS

## Finals in Subiaco

THE Subiaco Wanneroo Junior Football League held their grand finals last weekend at Kingsway Oval and Subiaco Oval.

More than 2000 people witnessed the excellent standard of football.

Results were:

Maroon Division — Trophy House Award: 13s Kingsley 8.4 d Warwick Gold 7.9 (Faircut and Best J. Bennett - Kingsley). Wanneroo F.C. Award: 14s Warwick 9.6 d Sorrento - Duncraig 7.11 (C. Needham - Sorrento - Duncraig). Subiaco Past Players and Officials Award: 15s Whitford Lions 9.7 d Wanneroo 7.6 (J. Quinn - Schofield - Wanneroo). Trophy House Award: 17s Warwick Black 20.28 d Koondoola 5.2 (S. Edgell - Koondoola).

Gold Division — Trophy House Award: 13s Girrawheen 9.15 d Warwick 6.8 (D. Cooley - Girrawheen). Subiaco Golds Award: 14s Warwick White 16.17 d Koondoola 3.8 (G. Bell - Warwick White). Arthur Helliwell Award: 15s Whitford Tigers 9.8 d Northern Districts Blue 9.4 (F. Aquino - Whitford Tigers). 17s Warwick Red 19.11 d Whitford Lions 6.7 (N. Spilker - Warwick Red).

Association Medal winners were:

Maroon Division — 13s Ben Zoccoli (Girrawheen) 29, Rodney Degreet (Warwick) 20; 14s Scott Morgan (Koondoola) 25, Peter Marvelli (Warwick) 17; 15s David Sandercroft (Northern Districts) 15, defeated Darren Keeler (Whitford) on a countback, 15; 17s Stephen Lester (Koondoola) 10, Steven Johnson (Warwick) 9.

Maroon Division — 13s Lyndon Cox (Whitford) 21, John Langer (Warwick) 20; 14s Brendon Collard (Whitford) 18, Scott Mountford (Warwick) 17; 15s Gary Burden (Ocean Ridge) 30, Craig Hunter (Wanneroo) 16; 17s Aaron Zampogna (Warwick) 17, Paul Mairdock (Wanneroo) 12.

## Flag goes to Noranda

NORANDA have won the premiership in the 15s Black competition in the East Perth Council.

Noranda (14.10) beat East Perth-Highgate (5.8). The best player in the match was Noranda's Jarrod Malland, who was runner-up for the council's fairest and best award.

Results of East Perth semi-finals were: (first semi-finals mentioned first):

13s: Dianella 9.4 beat East Perth-Highgate 5.8; Morley Police and Citizens Youth Club 12.10 beat Noranda 8.5.

15s Blue: Mt Lawley 15.11 beat Morley Police and Citizens Youth Club 12.12; Bayswater-Morley 12.10 beat St Marks 10.8.

17s: Swanleigh 20.19 beat East Perth-Highgate 16.12; Bayswater-Morley 12.16 beat St Marks 9.13.

## Little League winners

THE winners in last week's round of R&I Little League fixtures were West Perth, Claremont, South Fremantle and Swan Districts.

The matches were played at half-time in the reserves first semi-final and again during the league interval.

Jason Trigwell, Ashley Blurton, and Matthew Poli were West Perth's best in their victory over East Perth.

For the Royals, Joseph White, Sean Blanchutt and Glen Head worked hard.

Claremont beat Subiaco due to fine performances from Tim White, Luke Collins and Ben Smith. For the Lions, none tried harder than Troy Woods, Dean Wilson and Gavin James.

South Fremantle were too strong for East Fremantle and their best players were Vance Davidson, Richard Swar and Cade Graham. Good contributors for the Sharks were Heath McGay, Daniel Rossi and Ben Barker.

Bradley Anderson, Michael Boisvert and Patrick Corney led Swan Districts to victory over Perth despite the efforts of young Demons, Andrew Squires, Matthew Foster and Clayton Corney.

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## MT LAWLEY MARCH INTO GRAND FINAL

MT. Lawley marched into this season's A-grade grand final with a solid 34-point win over Nollamara last Saturday.

The game had all the aspects of finals football — strong marking, hard physical clashes and excellent teamwork producing many top passages of play.

The Hawks had most players in good form, but none better than Ross Bell, Wayne Hardman, Paul Rowe and Anthony McAleer.

For Nollamara, Chris White, Russell Henry and Rick Smith all played well.

In the first semi-final Old Wesley clearly outpointed Scarborough by a mammoth 64 points.

Old Wesley showed that they are obviously still a major threat for the premiership, while Scarborough slipped back to their inconsistent form, which is difficult to accept considering their playing strength.

### BLAME

The Old Boys were well served by consistent performers Marty Jackson, Peter Collins and Watson and for Scarborough Major, Lawrence and Putt could not be blamed for their team's defeat.

This week's preliminary final between Nollamara and Old Wesley should be a tight tussle.

The game could go either way as both sides have now won one clash each



### A GRADE REPORT

by Trevor Schorer

during the season and both have the players to lift their sides.

The result could well be decided in the ruck battles between Kerryn Hobbs and Lee Roystoning. Whoever gets the upper hand can help their side to victory.

Tagging will also play a big part in this game as tags are expected to be placed on Nollamara's Ed Bencic and Chris White while Old Wesley's Bryn Chute and Marty Jackson could come under close scrutiny.

Nollamara will be looking for big things from full-forward Colin Northcott and Old Wesley will expect the same from their full forward in Ken Pride. Both can turn a match around off their own boot.

Coaching tactics will also play a major role and could well be the difference between the sides as they both appear to be fairly evenly matched on the field.

### THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

- Preliminary Final**  
**A-GRADE**  
 Nollamara vs Old Wesley, Perth Oval.  
**B-GRADE**  
 West Coast vs Bayswater, Leederville Oval.  
**C-GRADE**  
 Swan Athletic vs Carlisle, Lathlain Park.  
**D-GRADE**  
 WACAF vs Northbridge, Bassendean Oval.  
**E-GRADE**  
 R&I Bank vs University, East Fremantle Oval.  
**F-GRADE**  
 West Coast vs Sawyers Valley, Inglewood Oval.  
**G-GRADE**  
 Nollamara vs Wanneroo, Kingsway Oval.  
**H-GRADE**  
 Swanbourne vs Girrawheen, Fremantle Oval.  
**I-GRADE**  
 West Coast vs Mt Lawley, McOthray Oval No. 1.  
**J-GRADE**  
 Swan Athletic vs Riverton, Melville Reserve.  
**K-GRADE**  
 Hamersley vs Whitfords, Charles Riseley Reserve.  
**L-GRADE**  
 West Coast vs Redcliffe, Gil Frazer Oval.  
**A COLTS**  
 Trinity Aquinas vs Mt Lawley, Perth Oval.  
**B COLTS**  
 MIIWP vs Collegians O.S., Leederville Oval.  
**C COLTS**  
 Morley vs Wembley, Inglewood Oval.  
**Grand Final**  
**D COLTS**  
 Forrestfield vs Rockingham, Gil Frazer Oval.



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

## Mt Lawley in grand final

MT LAWLEY stormed into the B-grade grand final with an easy 10-goal victory over West Coast.

The Hawks victory was a result of hard-running and the failure of West Coast to stand up to finals pressure.

Greg Pearson ran hard and long to set up many forward attacks and Peter Morton was another prime mover for the Hawks.

Darryl Cox provided a focal point in attack. John Baker gathered many kicks, while Greg Quain and Nick Formica were strong in the backline.

Bayswater fought back to snatch victory by eight points against Dianella after trailing by three goals at three-quarter time.

Neville Payne marked strongly in the backline and combined with Rod Lockett to continually run the ball out of defence.

Dave Mueller gave another superb display of big-man strength and other contributors for the Blues were John Lawrence, Scott Roland and Darren Dene, who had the job on Panthers dangerman Terry Holtzman.

This week's West Coast and Bayswater clash should be a close affair.

Kevin McGinnity's knowledge of the Tigers should be a huge bonus for the Blues, as no-one could know more about West Coasts failing to handle finals pressure than McGinnity, as he was at the helm of the Tigers for their last two grand final defeats.



DAVID PERRY (North Beach) A-grade fairest and best winner with PAUL HURST (CBC) who won the B-grade award.

## Perry wins another honour

NORTH Beach's Dave ("DP") Perry became one of the hottest properties in amateur football after winning the WAAFL 'A' Grade fairest and best medal.

The current WA State Football captain has cleaned up nearly all the major awards in amateur football in the past two seasons. Since moving from Subiaco to the North Beach Club he has achieved selection in the 1986 Adelaide carnival team, was best on ground against Tasmania (Laurie Tetley Award), Dolphin award winner (best all round performance at a carnival — playing ability plus leadership qualities), Grosvenor medal winner (fairest and best WA player in carnival), selected in 1986 All Australian team.

This season was adjudged (by South Australia) as best WA player against SA and selected in 1988 squad for the Bicentenary Carnival.

North Beach continue to have an outstanding record (fifth player in eight years) in 'A' grade fairest and best awards. Last year one of their players (Garry Denis) was successful.

Innaloo's versatile Craig Kettlewell can be considered unlucky being runner-up for the second successive season.

The Fairest and Best Presentation Night attended by nearly 400 amateur players and supporters was highlighted with guest speaker Dennis Cometti.

In a unique situation two brothers from the same club won fairest and best medals in different grades in the same season. Kevin ('C' Grade) and Glen ('K' Grade) Andrews are from the Coolbinia-Yokine Club.

Vern Hudson (Brentwood 'D' Grade) won his second successive fairest and best award.

### FAIREST AND BEST WINNERS

- A-GRADE:** Dave Perry (North Beach) 23; runner-up Craig Kettlewell (Innaloo) 17.  
**B-GRADE:** Paul Hurst (CBC) 24.  
**C-GRADE:** Kevin Anderson (Coolbinia-Yokine) 19.  
**D-GRADE:** Vern Hudson (Brentwood) 18.  
**E-GRADE:** Shaun Mulvey (St Norberts) 22.  
**F-GRADE:** Richard Murphy (John 23rd) 13.  
**G-GRADE:** Tony Major (Coolbellup) 20.  
**H-GRADE:** Alan Ryniker (Redcliffe) 19.  
**I-GRADE:** Wayne Mason (Navy) 18.  
**J-GRADE:** Danny Mulligan (Trinity-Aquinas) 25.  
**K-GRADE:** Glen Andrews (Coolbinia-Yokine) 16.  
**L-GRADE:** Alan Godfrey (Rockingham) 20.  
**A COLTS:** Michael Spadonuda (North Fremantle) 18.  
**B COLTS:** Paul Carlson (Maylands) 20.  
**C COLTS:** Tim Klawen (Morley) 14.  
**D COLTS:** Roger Woods (Forrestfield) 16.

## FINALS HIGHLIGHTS

• CBC ('B' Colts) are in line to bring a premiership to one of amateur's oldest clubs. Although a foundation member of the WAAFL (1929) they have only won three pennants. Their win over high-flying minor premiers MHWP was led by ruckman Nigel Rodgers.

• Riverton ('J') beat traditional rivals Mirrabooka and kept their chances alive for their second successive premiership. Mark Adams, Steve Joncour, and Arthur Fielder will have to reproduce top form again this week if they are to roll Swan Athletic.

• Wembley 'A' Colts failed once again, losing their second final round game after a top qualifying series. Craig Dawson, Michael Rowney, and Daryl Smoje all tried in vain to lift the Magpies.

• Trinity-Aquinas (F) coach Bob Hansson will be seeking his first premiership success in two week's time. Ruckman Lindsay McDonald, Don Parnell (R/R) and Paul Sims helped down West Coast last week.

• Girrawheen (H) stormed home against Bassendean No. 2 in the last quarter with their big name players, Green, Shane Moore and Dackea in form.

• 'C' Grade Carlisle continue to push their opposition aside and are only one game away from the grand final. Albert Bropho, Laurie Sutherland and Terry Dunley were prominent all day while chunky veteran Ken Finch chipped in with handy goals.

• Wanneroo 'D' Colts season ended at the hands of rookie club Rockingham. The Roos were best served by Brent Reid, John Dawson, Colin Alexander and Adrian O'Connor.

• The Roos senior team 'G' led by Danny Deutscher, Steve Ellis, Jeff Pottier and Simon Vkich outplayed Dianella No. 2 and now advance to the Preliminary Final.

• West Coast had four teams in action last weekend, with all teams going down.

• All newly-admitted clubs — Navy, Rockingham, Sawyers Valley and Mundaring — are still with a big chance for their first WAAFL pennants.

• 'D' Grade accurate kicking in the first half set up a good win for Northbridge AICA over Brentwood and put them into

the Preliminary Final this week. Northbridge had kicked an impressive 8.2 to half-time to lead by 27 points. While Brentwood came back in the third quarter they could not sustain the effort and Northbridge ran out winners by 25 points. Better players for Northbridge included Clinton McGee, Leo Tarulli and Glen Black with six goals.

### Second Semi-Final

A-GRADE	
Mt Lawley	7.5 10.7 12.10 16.18
Nollamara	3.5 6.9 9.10 11.14
B-GRADE	
Mt Lawley	6.4 13.7 15.12 20.15
West Coast	2.2 7.5 9.7 11.9
F-GRADE	
Trinity-Aquinas No. 2	5.4 8.10 10.16 15.20
West Coast No. 2	4.3 8.6 12.10 13.13
A COLTS	
University	3.2 10.6 14.8 20.14
Trinity-Aquinas	1.3 1.5 3.8 4.8
B COLTS	
CBC	4.1 7.4 10.9 15.12
MIIWP	4.2 5.5 9.8 9.8
C COLTS	
University No. 2	2.4 4.7 10.9 17.11
Morley	1.4 2.3 4.9 5.10

### OTHER SCORES

First Semi-Final	
C-GRADE	
Carlisle	3.1 9.6 11.9 18.18
Bassendean	5.3 7.4 14.11 17.13
E-GRADE	
University No. 3	1.1 3.1 9.2 14.2
Bull Creek	1.6 6.6 7.8 11.10
G-GRADE	
Wanneroo	5.1 11.7 16.11 18.11
Dianella No. 2	0.1 3.1 4.5 8.7
H-GRADE	
Girrawheen	3.2 5.6 9.12 16.14
Bassendean No. 2	4.2 6.3 9.6 10.8
J-GRADE	
Riverton	4.2 11.3 17.5 24.7
Mirrabooka	2.2 6.5 6.6 9.8
L-GRADE	
Redcliffe 17.14 d Rockingham 9.12	
A COLTS	
Mt Lawley	3.0 4.1 7.3 12.8
Wembley	2.3 4.6 7.0 9.10
B COLTS	
Collegians O.S.	1.1 3.6 7.12 12.13
WAT	3.3 6.8 10.9 11.12
Preliminary Final	
D COLTS	
Rockingham	2.4 8.7 10.7 17.8
Wanneroo	3.2 5.1 10.6 12.9
I-GRADE	
Mt Lawley	6.3 13.7 16.8 19.10
Murdoch	3.0 7.3 8.5 11.9

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## Wilcox has long association

EAST Fremantle reserves coach Ron Wilcox has had a long association with the club, going back to the 1960s when he played in the thirds side. He progressed to reserves and then to the league team, playing 24 games.

A shoulder injury prevented him from continuing his career as a player, but he maintained his involvement with the game as coach of Canning from 1970 to 1974.

He then took over the reins at Applecross, before going back to Canning in 1976, staying there until 1980.

In 1982 he rejoined East Fremantle as under-19 coach, the highlight being last year's grand final appearance against Claremont.

The Sharks lost that game, but Wilcox is determined to make up for that against Claremont in this week's reserves semi-final.

He is a firm believer in team discipline and says that team players rather than individuals is what he is looking for in his side.

"I've been stressing the importance of team work to all the players, even senior players like Murray Wrensted, Andrew Lockyer and Darren Bennett, who have played a few games for us when not selected for Eagles matches," Wilcox says.

"The response from all the players has been excellent.

"I'd rather have a player who is committed to the team, than one who goes all out for a best-on-ground performance at the expense of the other players."

Wilcox is happy to be assisting league coach Graham Melrose and maintains that he has no ambition to coach at a higher level.



Ron Wilcox... stresses the importance of team work.



Kerry Coates... has a vast amount of coaching experience.

## MARRIAGE LEADS TO COACHING

SHARKS under-19 coach Kerry Coates has progressed from being the team's runner last year to coach this year.

He has a vast amount of playing and coaching experience behind him and obviously the young Sharks have benefitted from this.

Coates' playing career began in the mid-1960s with Launceston in Tasmania.

It was there that he met his wife, a daughter of Frank Clarke, who was vice-president of East Fremantle at the time.

Coates played in the 1974 East Fremantle premiership side on a half-back flank under John Todd. In 1976 he returned to Tasmania, playing this time with Devonport, but moved back to WA in 1979 and accepted the reserves coaching role at South Perth, in the Sunday League.

In 1981, he took over as senior coach up until 1984, when he made a comeback for Canning under former South Fremantle player Wayne Delmenico.

Coates has found success in his first season of coaching at under-19 level.

East Fremantle finished second on the under-19 premiership table and this week they play Claremont in the second semi-final.

## MELROSE HAPPY WITH SHARKS

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose is happy with the progress of his team in season 1987.

Melrose says that his players have responded to a task that has never been levelled at them before in their football careers.

"At the start of the year we had a big hole in the side with 10 players joining VFL ranks," Melrose said.

"We assessed the situation closely and decided that if we could win four games a round, the Sharks would contest the finals.

"The first round surprised the hell out of me. I never expected to win six games — this is what put us on the road to the finals.

"Though we had less success in the following two rounds, I was satisfied. We showed in pressure games like the one against West Perth recently that when our backs are against the wall, we can fight on to win the game."

### WINGMAN

Melrose has been especially happy with ruckmen Steve Matthews and Brad Tunbridge, wingman Chris Waterman and utility player Jon Derecourt.

"Steve and Brad have virtually carried the ruck for us all season and have done well despite their inexperience," he said.

"Chris has performed brilliantly on the wing and as a centreman last Saturday was best-afield in the first semi-final.

"Jon has been in and out of the side, but has played well when given specific and sometimes difficult tasks to do."

The Sharks coach was asked to tip who he would be playing in the preliminary final and he quipped: "I hope they both lose."

He added that Claremont should win. "They've done it pretty well this season — it's hard to tip against them," he said.

Melrose selects his team on Wednesdays with the assistance of selectors Ron Wilcox (reserves coach) and Bob Becu (former East Fremantle ruckman).

"I give injured players until Friday night to prove their fitness," he said. "I also like to look at borderline players a second time."

## Schoolboys side ready to face Victoria

WEST Australian schoolboys coach Ric Evans believes that the side has a good chance of beating Victoria in the first round of the Commonwealth Bank national championships at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

Evans is pleased with the attitude of his players and says that if they can keep the pressure on Victoria, they have an excellent chance of causing an upset.

Victoria are favourites to retain their title, with South Australia and WA their biggest threats. WA have not won the national championship since 1971.

The WA team will be captained by Kane Morphett, of Willetton Senior High School. Vice-captain is Glen Davies (John Curtin) and deputy vice captain is Brad Renton (Kelmescott).

### The WA squad is:

**Nathan Buck** — St Stephens: A tall ruckman who palms the ball well.

**Gary Burden** — Ocean Reef: A nuggety rover who plays with a lot of courage.

**Glen Davies** — John Curtin: A skilled running centreman who delivers the ball well.

**Leigh Dunn** — Girrawheen: A hard-working utility player who can carry out difficult tasks.

**Garry French** — Morley: Full-back, who spoils well; his kicking is also a feature.

**Jason Hadwiger** — Armadale: Utility player who uses his strength and pace effectively.

**Preston Holland** — Hamilton: Big key position player with excellent skills.

**Craig Hunter** — Wanneroo: Can be used as a rover or wingman, is very mobile and has excellent skills.

**Glen Jalovich** — Hamilton: Strong key position player with the capacity to kick goals in the forward area.

**Darren Keeler** — Craigie: A determined back-pocket player who can deliver the ball accurately upfield.

**Darren Kowal** — Narrogin: A quick rover, but can be used as a wingman.

**Brett Milner** — Busselton: Close checking half-back with a long left foot kick.

**Wade Montgomerie** — Esperance: Skilled full-forward with the ability to kick effectively with either foot.

**Kane Morphett** — Willetton: Strong-marking and long kicking ruck-rover.

**Jason Norrish** — Bunbury: Determined, hard-working rover.

**Stephen O'Reilly** — Esperance: Can be used at centre-half-forward or in the ruck. Is well balanced for his size.

**Brad Renton** — Kelmescott: Strong, close checking centre-half-back.

**Marcus Seecamp** — Roleystone: High-marking forward.

**Richard Sheavyn** — Thornlie: A speedy utility player.

**Jonathon Stagg** — Wesley College: An elusive rover who can be used on a wing. Reads the play well.

**Sean Stanley** — Belmont: Strong-marking mobile utility player.

**Jason Sweetman** — Leeming: An elusive wingman.

**Marcus Tassone** — Trinity College: Strong straight through type of half-back.

**Lee Walker** — Thornlie: Hard-working ruckman.

**Frank Woods** — York: A skilled rover.

Saturday's fixtures are: East Fremantle Oval — 9.15am WA v Victoria; 11am Northern Territory v Queensland. Fremantle Oval — 9am Tasmania v ACT; 10.45am South Australia v New South Wales.

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	KICKS				YEAR	MARKS	HANDBALL	FREES FOR	FREES AGST	HIT OUTS	GOALS	BIDS								
	1	2	3	4																
John ANNEAR	6	3	5	14	335	4	90	10	175	2	53	1	31	—	—	—	20	2	16	
Adrian BARICH	3	1	4	9	157	5	51	8	72	1	13	—	25	—	1	4	11	—	8	
Glen BARTLETT	—	—	—	—	13	—	8	—	15	—	8	—	7	—	5	—	—	—	—	
Darren BENNETT	—	—	—	—	24	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	3	—	7	—	5	
Michael BRENNAN	2	3	2	2	9	192	5	52	4	49	1	26	2	26	1	2	1	1	5	
Peter DAVIDSON	—	—	—	—	12	—	4	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
John GASTBY	—	4	6	4	14	130	6	49	8	79	2	23	1	23	1	1	—	16	1	13
Ross GLENDINNING	3	3	—	4	10	241	8	136	7	94	2	34	—	35	—	20	—	38	—	25
David HART	1	—	—	—	1	203	—	59	1	63	—	14	—	23	—	—	—	23	—	12
Don HOLMES	—	—	—	—	130	—	42	—	70	—	19	—	24	—	—	—	—	29	—	13
Alex ICHCHENKO	1	2	2	—	5	100	7	97	3	71	2	35	3	26	29	222	1	9	—	8
Laurie KIDON	—	—	—	—	151	—	69	—	69	—	32	—	41	—	242	—	25	—	16	
Dean LATILEY	3	3	3	3	12	118	6	37	5	24	3	23	2	19	—	1	—	2	—	5
Deayne JAMB	6	4	4	3	17	244	7	90	16	173	3	35	2	28	—	—	—	3	—	6
Chris LEWIS	5	—	5	4	14	227	6	91	4	68	1	20	2	36	—	—	7	29	2	20
Andrew LOCKYER	3	—	1	2	6	106	2	55	4	32	1	17	2	21	7	22	1	17	2	21
Andrew MacNISH	4	5	7	5	22	155	11	67	8	60	1	11	1	20	—	—	5	20	4	16
Chris MAINWARING	2	6	4	6	18	308	10	114	7	73	—	42	2	38	—	—	—	6	—	6
Steve MALAXOS	6	7	6	7	26	316	9	107	22	216	2	33	—	15	—	—	2	9	—	10
Wally MATHER	—	—	—	—	104	—	13	—	76	—	12	—	20	—	—	—	—	15	—	12
Paul MIFKA	1	2	1	1	5	5	5	5	9	9	1	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Geoff MILKE	2	3	1	2	8	157	4	66	2	54	2	34	1	22	—	3	—	1	—	4
Phil NABBLE	—	—	—	—	97	—	27	—	46	—	19	—	6	—	—	—	—	8	—	10
Michael O'CONNELL	—	—	—	—	83	—	41	—	43	—	22	—	16	—	1	—	—	5	—	4
Glenn O'LOUGHLIN	—	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paul PROG	—	—	—	—	68	—	24	—	20	—	12	—	7	—	1	—	—	2	—	5
Phil SCOTT	—	—	—	—	51	—	25	—	35	—	12	—	12	—	47	—	4	—	3	
Dean TURNER	—	—	—	—	173	—	43	—	76	—	30	—	26	—	1	—	—	7	—	3
Robert WILEY	4	4	5	6	19	229	3	65	5	61	1	23	2	27	—	2	3	24	2	30
John WISGFOLD	2	3	1	4	10	87	4	29	4	42	3	14	1	6	—	—	—	1	—	—
Murray WRENGYED	—	—	—	—	206	—	48	—	135	—	29	—	19	—	1	—	—	5	—	5
Mark ZANOTTI	—	—	2	2	226	—	45	2	62	—	33	—	28	—	1	—	—	1	1	4
Sean KING	5	5	—	3	13	13	4	4	8	8	1	1	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
TOTALS	60	58	57	67	242	4667	106	1673	137	2084	29	683	26	638	38	576	26	344	27	286

## WAFL First semi-final

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	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES FOR	AG	GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4								
Bruce EBER	5	7	5	2	19	2	3	—	1	2	2	4
Tim GEPF	1	1	1	2	11	7	3	—	3	3	—	—
David HANLIN	3	5	3	5	22	5	—	—	2	2	—	—
Jon HERRICK	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
John O'SULLIVAN	2	1	2	—	5	2	3	—	—	—	—	—
Stephen OSMAN	—	—	4	4	10	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
Clifford BROWNING	1	2	3	4	10	4	4	—	1	2	2	2
Ray STOKRETT	4	4	1	8	17	9	14	—	1	2	1	1
Neil LOSTER-SMITH	3	3	2	1	9	6	—	—	1	2	5	1
Colin WATERSON	3	2	5	3	13	7	2	4	—	1	2	4
Steve GRAY	—	2	2	1	5	8	3	5	—	1	—	—
Shawn PATER	3	2	—	5	10	6	9	—	—	1	—	1
David BISHOP	2	2	3	1	8	5	2	—	—	1	1	1
Steve PUNNAR	5	2	4	1	12	9	6	—	2	2	—	—
Scott ANNAMALLE	2	2	—	4	8	1	—	—	2	1	1	3
Geoff SIMS	3	1	2	5	11	5	—	—	1	1	3	1
Chris WATERMAN	8	7	3	7	25	6	11	—	3	1	—	—
George CHRISTIE	9	1	2	4	22	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Brad YONKING	—	1	2	2	6	4	5	17	—	2	—	—
Lance HOBACK	1	2	—	1	4	6	7	3	—	1	1	—
TOTAL FORCED	52	51	49	44	218	88	128	79	23	29	15	24

	KICKS				TOTAL	M	H/B	HO	FREES FOR	AG	GLS	BHS
	1	2	3	4								
Mike JUNG	4	—	—	—	4	2	2	13	—	2	1	—
Andy BOLLES	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	2	1	1
Don LANGFORD	3	4	3	5	15	3	2	—	—	1	3	—
Jon COONACK	6	1	4	4	15	6	10	—	—	1	1	—
Peter GAO	3	4	3	1	11	3	6	8	1	—	—	—
Bruce EYDON	2	3	2	1	8	7	4	1	1	—	—	—
Peter WARE	—	3	—	4	7	4	3	—	—	1	1	—
Troy MOSE	6	2	3	4	15	8	5	—	—	—	1	2
Paul COO	—	1	—	1	2	1	4	—	—	1	—	—
Mike CRAGG	1	5	3	1	10	3	4	—	—	1	1	—
Bill ROBINSON	4	3	1	2	10	2	2	—	—	4	2	—
Sam GARDNER	5	4	1	4	14	4	4	—	—	1	1	2
Kevin THORNTON	2	2	4	—	8	5	4	—	—	—	1	—
Jim ROCKLEY	1	—	1	—	2	1	1	19	1	1	—	—
Kevin GROW	1	2	3	1	7	4	1	—	—	1	2	1
Shane KERRICK	2	2	3	3	10	4	5	—	—	2	1	—
Darryl PERRY	4	2	3	1	10	7	7	—	—	1	2	—
Ross FITZGERALD	4	3	1	—	8	1	1	—	—	2	—	—
Geoff PARRELL	—	1	2	9	12	3	4	—	—	2	—	—
Kim BETHUNELOW	4	2	1	1	8	4	5	—	—	2	1	—
TOTAL FORCED	52	49	43	44	184	79	79	18	24	22	11	16

## The top performers

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



West Australian Football League

NAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Peter Thorne	Claremont	314	138	234	1196
Brian Peake	East Fremantle	390	145	113	1051
Glyn Williams	East Perth	292	114	207	1048
Sean King	West Perth	325	97	185	986
Mark Blakely	East Perth	368	120	128	984
Joe Santostefano	Perth	268	99	208	981
Mark Watson	Perth	324	68	212	952
Phil Bradmore	West Perth	250	125	163	951
Roger Kerr	East Fremantle	298	86	179	914
Stephen Goulding	Claremont	284	105	155	909
Phil Lamb	Subiaco	316	120	116	908
Peter Menaglio	West Perth	308	100	147	902
Derek Kickett	Claremont	224	96	193	898
Kim Fancote	Perth	312	95	150	897
Guy McKenna	Claremont	167	102	210	893
Tony Beers	Claremont	234	97	172	869
Len Gardini	Swan Districts	271	109	131	860
Neil Taylor	Subiaco	358	94	101	840
Carm Shepherd	Claremont	327	102	103	839
Craig Edwards	South Fremantle	187	125	138	838



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SURNAME	CLUB	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALL	TOTAL
Paul Roos	Fitzroy	300	169	132	1071
Stephen Malaxos	W.C. Eagles	316	107	216	1069
Greg Burns	St Kilda	304	111	202	1041
Greg Williams	Sydney Swans	230	53	309	1007
John Annear	W.C. Eagles	335	90	175	955
David Glascock	Carlton	298	77	212	953
Stephen Kernahan	Carlton	258	170	88	944
John Platten	Hawthorn	353	59	202	934
Mark Balfrost	Geelong	336	100	149	934
Jamie Turner	Collingwood	312	102	153	924
Brian Wilson	Melbourne	276	96	176	916
Matthew Larkin	North Melbourne	284	57	229	913
Russell Morris	Hawthorn	269	128	130	913
Phillip Walsh	Brisbane Bears	291	94	169	911
Leon Harris	Fitzroy	258	63	227	901
Andrew Bews	Geelong	289	74	193	897
Mike Richardson	Brisbane Bears	266	94	173	894
Brian Royal	Footscray	381	81	134	







# National Fixtures and Results



## WEST AUSTRALIAN

Home teams mentioned first  
(S) denotes match at Subiaco Oval

### MARCH

Mar 29 Sun Eagles 20.13, Richmond 16.23 Subi.  
W. Perth 16.20, E. Perth 12.14 Subi.

### APRIL

April 4 Sat Swan Dist 13.11, W. Perth 11.21 Bass.  
Claremont 17.9, Perth 11.13 Claremont  
5 Sun Subi. 14.15, East Frem 18.21 Subi.  
S. Frem 19.15, E. Perth 14.14 Mandurah  
10 Fri W. Perth 16.12, Claremont 14.13 WACA  
11 Sat E. Perth 10.9, Subi. 27.19 Perth  
E. Frem. 23.17, Swan Dist. 11.16 E. Frem.  
12 Sun Perth 11.9, S. Frem. 22.19 WACA  
Eagles 14.13, Syd. Swans 18.16 Subi.  
18 Sat S. Frem. 20.18, W. Perth 20.16 Frem.  
Perth 22.21, E. Perth 10.17 WACA  
19 Sun Claremont 12.14, E. Frem. 11.14 Mt. Barker  
20 Mon Swan Dist. 13.20, Subi. 13.10 Bass.  
24 Fri Subiaco 12.16, Claremont 15.13 WACA  
25 Sat Perth 15.11, Swan Dist. 19.20 Perth  
26 Sun W. Perth 14.14, Perth 20.16 Leed.  
27 Mon S. Frem. 16.8, E. Frem. 16.13 Frem.

### MAY

May 1 Fri Perth 11.15, E. Frem. 17.22 WACA  
2 Sat S. Frem. 14.13, Subiaco 25.15 Perth  
Claremont 22.26, S. Dist. 8.11 Claremont  
3 Sun Eagles 24.18, N. Melb. 13.10 Subiaco  
May 8 Fri Eagles 10.21, Brisbane 8.14 WACA  
9 Sat Claremont 18.21, E. Perth 6.9 Claremont  
E. Frem. 14.11, W. Perth 4.11 E. Frem.  
Subiaco 17.13, Perth 12.10 Subiaco  
Swan Dist. 7.12, S. Frem. 6.8 Bass.

May 16 Sat E. Frem. 26.5, Subiaco 14.15 E. Frem.  
E. Perth 21.13, S. Frem. 18.14 Perth  
Leed.  
W. Perth 19.19, S. Dist. 12.20 WACA  
Perth 10.11, Claremont 23.20 Frem.  
May 23 Sat S. Frem. 14.11, Claremont 25.18 Frem.  
Swan Dist 20.18, Perth 16.15 Bass.  
W. Perth 17.8, Subiaco 24.16 Leed.  
E. Perth 10.10, E. Frem. 26.18 Perth  
May 24 Sun Eagles 20.15, Melbourne 18.11 Subiaco  
May 30 Sun Claremont 11.23, Subiaco 13.11 Clare.  
E. Frem. 22.22, S. Frem. 17.11 E. Frem.  
S. Dist. 15.15, E. Perth 10.15 Subi.  
Perth 12.22, W. Perth 15.20 WACA

### JUNE

June 1 Mon Eagles 19.23, Collwood 11.14 Subi.  
6 Sat Subiaco 14.15, Swan Dist. 10.18 Subiaco  
E. Frem. 10.14, Claremont 13.13 E. Frem.  
North Melb. 23.18, Fitzroy 19.9 (MCG) Leed.  
Perth 37.17, S. Frem. 4.5 Perth  
E. Perth 16.9, Perth 16.10 Perth  
June 13 Sat Swan Dist. 22.12, E. Frem. 16.13 Bass.  
Subiaco 19.16, E. Perth 9.5 Subiaco  
Claremont 22.15, W. Perth 7.9 Clare.  
S. Frem. 14.16, Perth 24.16 Frem.  
West Aust. 9.9, S. Aust. 18.16  
June 16 19 Fri Eagles 16.18, Fitzroy 5.12 WACA  
20 Sat E. Frem. 15.13, Perth 4.8 E. Frem.  
E. Perth 8.19, W. Perth 16.18 Perth  
Subiaco 23.11, S. Frem. 11.10 Subi.  
S. Dist. 7.15, Claremont 10.19 Bass.  
E. Perth 10.9, Claremont 26.20 Subi.  
W. Perth 19.14, E. Frem. 12.9 Leed.  
S. Frem. 17.11, Swan Dist. 19.30 Frem.  
Perth 9.8, Subiaco 18.24 WACA

### JULY

July 3 Fri Eagles 18.10, Essendon 21.20 WACA  
4 Sat Claremont 21.20, S. Frem. 20.14 Clare.  
E. Frem. 30.12, E. Perth 17.10 E. Frem.  
Perth 12.13, S. Dist. 15.25 WACA  
Subiaco 20.12, W. Perth 13.11 Subi.  
10 Fri Eagles 15.17, Carlton 15.14 WACA

11 Sat Claremont 13.23, Perth 13.9 Clare.  
S. Frem. 14.11, E. Perth 19.15 Frem.  
Subiaco 13.11, E. Frem 20.18 E. Frem.  
Swan Dist. 15.16, W. Perth 16.17 Bass.  
18 Sat Perth 20.17, S. Frem. 16.13 Subi.  
E. Perth 13.9, Subiaco 16.14 Perth  
W. Perth 11.11, Claremont 20.11 Leed.  
E. Frem. 15.15, S. Dist. 22.18 WACA  
22 Wed West Aust. 13.14, Vic. 16.20 Subi.  
25 Sat Claremont 25.8, E. Frem. 17.10 Clare.  
S. Frem. 10.13, W. Perth 13.7 Subi.  
S. Dist. 12.17, Subiaco 15.16 Bass.  
Perth 17.11, E. Perth 23.14 WACA

### AUGUST

1 Sat E. Frem. 24.13, S. Frem. 18.8 E. Frem.  
E. Perth 17.19, S. Dist. 25.16 Perth  
W. Perth 15.13, Perth 10.13 Leed.  
Subiaco 14.7, Claremont 14.11 Subi.  
2 Sun Eagles 17.13, Hawthorn 17.12 Subi.  
7 Fri Eagles 15.19, N. Melb. 18.12 WACA  
8 Sat Claremont 15.18, Swan Dist. 12.16 Clare.  
Perth 15.17, East Frem 16.9 Subi.  
S. Frem. 14.11, Subiaco 14.13 Frem.  
W. Perth 21.15, E. Perth 18.8 Leed.  
15 Sat E. Frem. 23.15, W. Perth 12.15 E. Frem.  
Subiaco 19.13, Perth 10.8 Subi.  
S. Dist. 20.22, S. Frem. 18.14 Bass.  
Clare. 33.28, E. Perth 8.9 WACA  
22 Sat E. Perth 17.17, E. Frem. 12.7 Perth  
W. Perth 10.14, Subiaco 22.13 Leed.  
Perth 17.9, S. Dist. 20.19 WACA  
S. Frem. 12.12, Clare. 22.13 Frem.  
FIRST SEMI-FINAL

### SEPTEMBER

29 Sat E. Frem. 19.24, S. Dist. 11.16 Subi.  
30 Sun Sun Eagles 26.19, St Kilda 13.9 Subi.

## VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Round 1 (March 27 — Friday)  
North Melb 15.14, Bns. Bears (MCG)

(March 28 — Saturday)  
Footscray 9.8, Essendon 19.7 (P)  
Carlton 18.14, Hawthorn 22.17  
Collingwood 11.8, Swans 25.15  
Melbourne 19.14, Fitzroy 12.17  
St Kilda 15.11, Geelong 14.15

(March 29 — Sunday)  
Eagles 20.13, Richmond 16.23

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

(April 4 — Saturday)  
Collingwood 17.8, Carlton 18.18 (P)  
Essendon 17.17, Eagles 17.12  
Richmond 13.15, Hawthorn 23.17  
Fitzroy 23.21, St Kilda 17.13  
Geelong 19.17, Bns. Bears 23.12

(April 5 — Sunday)  
Swans 27.25, Footscray 11.13

Round 3 (April 11 — Saturday)  
Fitzroy 20.9, Nth Melb. 7.13  
Hawthorn 20.23, Collingwood 10.8  
Richmond 19.16, Essendon 12.12  
Footscray 5.10, Carlton 18.19  
Geelong 18.20, Melbourne 13.16  
St Kilda 21.17, Bns. Bears 11.17

(April 12 — Sunday)  
Eagles 14.13, Swans 18.16

Round 4 (Easter)  
(April 18 — Saturday)  
Geelong 18.19, Nth Melb. 19.22  
Melb. 21.13, St Kilda 14.8  
Carlton 29.17, Eagles 18.14

(April 19 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 16.18, Fitzroy 20.9

(April 20 — Monday)  
Collingwood 16.14, Richmond 18.10  
Essendon 17.11, Swans 9.12  
Footscray 14.12, Hawthorn 7.13

Round 5 (April 24 — Friday)  
Nth Melb. 18.19, St Kilda 16.14

(April 25 — Saturday)  
Carlton 27.14, Essendon 9.8  
Hawthorn 13.14, Eagles 15.14  
Collingwood 14.5, Footscray 12.13  
Geelong 29.10, Fitzroy 17.7  
Richmond 19.12, Swans 21.20

(April 26 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 12.14, Melb. 12.9

Round 6 (May 1 — Friday)  
Swans 13.16, Carlton 12.15

(May 2 — Saturday)  
Footscray 11.12, St Kilda 4.10  
Essendon 14.12, Geelong 13.18  
Collingwood 16.9, Bns. Bears 8.10  
Melbourne 16.14, Richmond 9.15

(May 3 — Sunday)  
Eagles 24.18, N. Melb. 13.10  
Fitzroy 15.14, Hawthorn 16.17 (MCG)

Round 7 (May 8 — Friday)  
Eagles 10.21, Brisbane 8.14

(May 9 — Saturday)  
Carlton 22.18, Geelong 14.10  
Fitzroy 20.9, Essendon 21.8  
N. Melbourne 19.8, Footscray 13.10  
Melbourne 18.18, Collingwood 12.8  
St Kilda 21.11, Richmond 17.12

(May 10 — Sunday)  
Sydney 18.14, Hawthorn 17.12

Round 8 (May 15 — Friday)  
Swans 13.9, Fitzroy 10.20

(May 16 — Saturday)  
Collingwood 10.8, Essendon 14.10  
Hawthorn 17.10, Geelong 10.8  
Melbourne 11.15, Footscray 15.15  
St Kilda 14.13, Eagles 6.13

(May 17 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 22.12, Richmond 15.19  
North Melb. 10.11, Carlton 18.15

Round 9 (May 22 — Friday)  
Richmond 13.16, North Melb. 17.26

(May 23 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn 25.15, Essendon 7.9  
Collingwood 15.15, St Kilda 15.9  
Footscray 14.19, Bns. Bears 10.11  
Carlton 12.20, Fitzroy 9.10

(May 24 — Sunday)  
Eagles 20.15, Melbourne 18.11  
Geelong 15.14, Sydney 11.13

May 27 — (Wednesday)  
"State-of-Origin" Match  
Sth. Aust. 15.13, Vic. 11.15 (Adel.)

Round 10 (May 30 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn 23.15, St Kilda 15.8 (P)  
Essendon 11.14, Melbourne 15.12  
Footscray 10.19, Fitzroy 7.4  
Carlton 27.22, Bns. Bears 12.9  
Richmond 14.13, Geelong 18.10

(June 1 — Monday)  
Eagles 19.23, Collingwood 11.4  
(Foundation Day — W.A.)

Round 11 (Queen's Birthday)  
(June 6 — Saturday)  
Nth. Melb. 14.7, Hawthorn 17.11 (P)  
Footscray 18.13, Eagles 14.9  
St Kilda 16.10, Essendon 18.13

(June 7 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 9.10, Sydney 19.23

(June 8 — Monday)  
Geelong 17.13, Collingwood 17.8  
Melbourne 13.12, Carlton 21.9  
Fitzroy 18.15, Richmond 22.17

Round 12 (June 12 — Friday)  
Nth. Melb. 15.10, Essendon 9.10 (MCG)

(June 13 — Saturday)  
Richmond 11.8, Footscray 21.18  
Collingwood 15.16, Fitzroy 11.14  
Carlton 12.26, St Kilda 14.12  
Melbourne 11.10, Sydney 17.10  
Geelong 13.13, Eagles 12.13

(June 14 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 11.4, Hawthorn 24.21

Round 13 (June 19 — Friday)  
Eagles 16.18, Fitzroy 5.12

(June 20 — Saturday)  
Collingwood 7.6, N. Melbourne 10.12  
Hawthorn 6.8, Melbourne 9.9  
Essendon 9.10, Bns. Bears 2.9  
Footscray 13.11, Geelong 8.2  
Richmond 4.3, Carlton 6.7

(June 21 — Sunday)  
Sydney 20.14, St Kilda 11.9

Round 14 (June 26 — Friday)  
Sydney 14.16, Collingwood 10.14

(June 27 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn 12.8, Carlton 12.7  
Essendon 7.10, Footscray 9.10  
Richmond 9.19, Eagles 6.15  
Geelong 12.20, St Kilda 3.9  
Fitzroy 11.18, Melbourne 4.10

(June 28 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 17.11, N. Melb. 23.13

Round 15 (June 3 — Friday)  
Eagles 19.10, Essendon 21.20

(July 4 — Saturday)  
Footscray 10.13, Sydney 18.10 (P)  
Hawthorn 19.20, Richmond 11.11  
Melbourne 16.20, N. Melbourne 18.18  
St Kilda 20.14, Fitzroy 15.10

(July 5 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 18.11, Geelong 10.18  
Carlton 20.18, Collingwood 15.22 (MCG)

Round 16/17 (July 10 — Friday)  
Eagles 15.17, Carlton 15.14

(July 11 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn 25.12, Footscray 9.11  
North Melb. 23.18, Fitzroy 19.9 (MCG)  
Essendon 21.11, Richmond 12.11  
Carlton 12.20, Fitzroy 9.10

(July 12 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 14.9, St Kilda 18.13

(July 13 — Saturday)  
St Kilda 18.6, Melbourne 9.14 (P)  
N. Melb. 11.13, Geelong 27.14 (MCG)  
Collingwood 5.13, Hawthorn 25.18  
Carlton 20.13, Footscray 12.6

(July 14 — Sunday)  
Sydney 30.21, Eagles 10.11

July 22 — (Wednesday)  
"State-of-Origin" Match  
WA 13.14, Vic. 16.20

Round 18/17 (July 25 — Saturday)  
Melbourne 18.5, Geelong 11.11  
Richmond 18.20, Collingwood 14.5  
Fitzroy 17.29, Bns. Bears 16.10

(July 26 — Sunday)  
Sydney 30.21, Essendon 11.7

ROUND 18 (July 31 — Friday)  
Sydney 13.12, Richmond 15.17

(August 1 — Saturday)  
Essendon 10.9, Carlton 10.10 (P)  
Footscray 9.11, Collingwood 8.6  
St Kilda 18.18, N. Melb. 11.15  
Fitzroy 20.9, Geelong 12.15  
Melbourne 22.12, Bns. Bears 14.15

(August 2 — Sunday)  
Eagles 17.13, Hawthorn 17.12

ROUND 19 (August 7 — Friday)  
Eagles 18.19, N. Melb. 18.12

(August 8 — Saturday)  
Hawthorn 26.9, Fitzroy 16.9  
Carlton 17.21, Sydney 8.7  
Richmond 15.10, Melbourne 17.17  
St Kilda 18.14, Footscray 15.11  
Geelong 12.20, Essendon 9.11

(August 9 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 11.11, Collingwood 14.16

ROUND 20 (August 15 — Saturday)  
Richmond 19.19, St Kilda 8.3  
Hawthorn 20.22, Sydney 18.7  
Essendon 20.7, Fitzroy 11.20  
Collingwood 8.11, Melbourne 15.24  
N. Melb. 18.17, Footscray 18.17  
Geelong 13.10, Carlton 24.12

(August 16 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 18.11, Eagles 21.14

ROUND 21 (August 21 — Friday)  
Melbourne 19.21, Eagles 10.8

(August 22 — Saturday)  
Essendon 9.10, Hawthorn 17.12  
St Kilda 18.17, Collingwood 8.10  
Fitzroy 12.12, Carlton 17.22

(August 23 — Sunday)  
Bns. Bears 10.11, Footscray 22.21  
Sydney 18.14, Geelong 18.23

ROUND 22 (August 28 — Saturday)  
Carlton 20.9, N. Melb. 19.11  
Footscray 10.8, Melbourne 19.11  
Geelong 17.21, Hawthorn 19.21  
Fitzroy 20.13, Sydney 20.21  
Richmond 17.11, Bns. Bears 26.13

(August 30 — Sunday)  
Eagles 26.19, St Kilda 13.9  
Essendon 21.13, Collingwood 23.6

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

\* Denotes home game.

ROUND 1  
Saturday, April 11  
Port 21.26, Start 11.12 Football Pk  
Central 24.12, N. Adel. 8.15 Elizabeth  
Norwood 18.13, Glen. 15.9 Norwood  
Torrens 18.21, S. Adel. 14.5 Thornburton  
W. Adel. 16.17, W. Adel. 22.21 Richmond

ROUND 2  
Saturday, April 18  
Start 16.14, Nor. 32.19 Football Pk  
W. Adel. 14.12, Central 18.11 W. Adel.  
N. Adel. 21.20, S. Adel. 9.9 Prospect

Monday, April 20  
Torrens 17.23, W. Adel. 18.21 Foot Pk  
Port 28.16, Glen. 15.11 (Doble header)

ROUND 3  
Saturday, April 25  
Torrens 14.20, W. Adel. 16.13 Football Pk  
Nor. 18.13, N. Adel. 16.13 (Doble header)  
Start 21.20, S. Adel. 11.19 Adel.  
Central 17.12, P. Adel. 15.13 Eliz.  
Glen. 30.21, W. Adel. 17.16 Glen.

ROUND 4  
Saturday, May 2  
Geelong 16.15, Start 14.8 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 18.12, W. Adel. 14.18 Adel.  
Port 11.12, Norwood 13.6 Alberton  
Torrens 16.18, Central 18.11 Thead.  
W. Adel. 12.8, N. Adel. 17.21 W. Adel.

ROUND 5  
Saturday, May 9  
W. Adel. 17.17, Geelong 14.11 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 26.11, Cent. 19.5 Adel.  
W. Adel. 16.16, Nor. 17.11 Nor.  
Torrens 14.9, Start 13.10 Thead.  
Port 18.10, N. Adel. 14.17 Prosp.

ROUND 6  
Saturday, May 16  
Nor. 18.14, S. Adel. 16.10 Football Pk  
West 13.25, Port 12.9 Rich.  
W. Adel. 12.20, Start 11.15 W. Adel.

Monday, May 18  
N. Adel. 14.13, Torrens 12.9 Football Pk  
Glen. 14.14, Cent. 18.12 (doble hdr)

ROUND 7  
Saturday, May 23  
Port 14.18, S. Adel. 15.4 Football Pk  
Start 14.12, N. Adel. 20.22 Adel.  
Cent. 15.12, W. Adel. 24.12 Eliz.  
Glen. 18.14, Torrens 14.9 Glen.  
Nor. 17.17, W. Adel. 14.9 Nor.

INTERSTATE GAME  
Wednesday, May 27, 8p.m.  
S. Aust. 12.13, Vic. 11.15 Football Pk.

ROUND 8  
Saturday, May 30  
Cent. 12.17, Nor. 21.8 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 18.18, W. Adel. 15.25 Adel.  
Port 14.15, Torrens 8.7 Alberton  
W. Adel. 13.19, Start 8.14 Rich.  
N. Adel. 22.8, Glen. 9.11 Prospect

ROUND 9  
Saturday, June 6  
W. Adel. 21.15, Port 13.9 Football Pk  
Glen. 14.25, S. Adel. 12.19 Glen.  
Torrens 15.6, Nor. 11.22 Thead.

Monday, June 8  
Cent. 15.8, Start 22.17 Football Pk  
N. Adel. 22.19, W. Adel. 21.5 (d. hdr)

ROUND 10  
Saturday, June 13  
Nor. 8.18, Glen. 12.14 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 16.18, Torrens 24.17 Adel.  
Port 16.13, Start 13.8 Alberton  
W. Adel. 23.11, W. Adel. 23.14 W. Adel.  
N. Adel. 16.28, Cent. 19.11 Prosp.

INTERSTATE GAME  
Tuesday, June 16  
S. Aust. 18.16, WA 9.9 WACA, Perth

ROUND 11  
Saturday, June 20  
S. Adel. 14.14, N. Adel. 18.12 Football Pk  
Start 16.18, Nor. 23.12 Adel.  
Cent. 19.14, W. Adel. 20.14 Nor.  
Glen. 27.15, P. Adel. 11.14 Glen.  
W. Adel. 28.13, Torrens 4.15 Rich.

ROUND 12  
Saturday, June 27  
Torrens 15.7, W. Adel. 14.14 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 11.14, Start 11.13 Adel.  
Nor. 9.11, N. Adel. 19.16 Nor.  
P. Adel. 17.12, Cent. 14.5 Alberton  
Sunday, June 28  
W. Adel. 16.14, Glen. 26.20 Adel.

ROUND 13  
Saturday, July 4  
W. Adel. 13.7, N. Adel. 23.18 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 15.18, W. Adel. 19.21 Adel.  
Glen. 24.19, Start 12.9 Glen.

Sunday, July 5  
P. Adel. 13.12, Nor. 25.22 Football Pk  
Torrens 24.15, Cent. 12.17 (d. hdr)

ROUND 14  
Saturday, July 11  
S. Adel. 17.10, Cent. 12.17 Football Pk  
Start 15.8, Torrens 18.19 Adel.  
Glen. 27.12, W. Adel. 15.10 Glen.  
P. Adel. 19.12, N. Adel. 11.10 Alberton  
W. Adel. 18.13, Nor. 23.24 Rich.

ROUND 15  
Saturday, July 18  
W. Adel. 9.18, P. Adel. 18.9 Football Pk  
Start 8.8, W. Adel. 8.16 Adel.  
Cent. 11.10, Glen. 9.4 Eliz.  
Nor. 18.8, S. Adel. 6.1 Nor.  
N. Adel. 9.18, Tor. 5.7 Prosp.

ROUND 16  
Saturday, July 25  
N. Adel. 13.5, Start 9.10 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 4.7, P. Adel. 13.10 Adel.  
Torrens 6.7, Glen. 9.4 Thead.  
W. Adel. 9.18, Cent. 7.13 Rich.  
W. Adel. 13.18, Nor. 12.6 W. Adel.

ROUND 17  
Saturday, August 1  
Start 20.6, W. Adel. 15.10 Football Pk  
N. Adel. 8.5, Glen. 11.13 Adel.  
Norwood 21.28, C. Dist. 8.10 Nor.  
Torrens 18.15, P. Adel. 15.11 Thead.  
W. Adel. 19.8, S. Adel. 8.8 W. Adel.

ROUND 18  
Saturday, August 8  
S. Adel. 16.8, Glen. 12.20 Football Pk  
Torrens 13.8, Nor. 19.21 Adel.  
Cent. 21.10, Start 8.7 Eliz.  
P. Adel. 18.18, W. Adel. 9.11 Alberton  
N. Adel. 17.14, W. Adel. 15.15 Pros.

ROUND 19  
Saturday, August 15  
S. Adel. 11.11, Torrens 28.11 Football Pk  
Start 20.19, P. Adel. 23.17 Adel.  
Glen. 13.14, North 14.13 Geelong

Sunday, August 16  
N. Adel. 22.20, Cent. 14.13 Football Pk  
W. Adel. 12.16, W. Adel. 16.18 (d. hdr)

ROUND 20  
Saturday, August 22  
Cent. 15.15, W. Adel. 13.15 Football Pk  
S. Adel. 3.6, North 22.25 Adel.  
Nor. 17.11, Start 11.12 Nor.  
P. Adel. 13.12, Glen. 9.19 Alber.  
Torrens 15.26, W. Adel. 16.12 Thead.

ROUND 21  
Saturday, August 29  
P. Adel. 24.26, Start 9.13 Football Pk  
W. Adel. 14.15, Glen. 19.22 Richmond  
W. Adel. 13.15, Torrens 16.16 W. Adel.

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## WAFL



### FIRST SEMI-FINALS

EAST FREMANTLE	2.4	8.9	12.17	19.24	138
SWAN DISTRICTS	3.7	4.12	9.15	11.16	82

GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 5, Waterson 4, Sims 3, Kerr 2, Browning 2, Annandale 1, Sterrett 1, Bushell 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Ugle 2, Caton 2, Hutton 2, Gandini 1, A. Holmes 1, Old 1, Cormack 1, Gow 1.  
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Waterman, Gepp, O'Sullivan, Sterrett, Lester-Smith, Kerr. SWAN DISTRICTS: Cormack, Ugle, Penny, Langford, Renfree, Skwirowski.  
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Mike Ball, David Johnson. Swan Districts won the toss and kicked to the eastern end. Attendance 14,872.

### WAFL RESERVES

EAST PERTH	4.6	9.12	9.14	18.16	124
SWAN DISTRICTS	2.2	8.6	14.16	17.20	122

GOALS: EAST PERTH: Cransberg 5, Cook 4, Chalmers 3, Bertram 3, Cartier 2, Wynne 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Maguire 5, Quinlivan 3, O'Donohue 2, Williams 1, Papalia, Stevens, Glass 1, Thomas 1.  
BEST: EAST PERTH: Chalmers, Bertram, Wynne, Cook, Chapman, Cubilio. SWAN DISTRICTS: Maguire, Paplia, Carishausen, Amonini, O'Donohue, Stevens.

### WAFL UNDER-19s

EAST PERTH	1.1	5.4	6.6	8.8	56
WEST PERTH	3.1	5.1	7.3	7.3	45

GOALS: EAST PERTH: Walker 3, Hulbert 2, Edmondson, Ninyett 1, Maroni 1. WEST PERTH: P. Sanzone, Perry, A. Sanzone, Jones, R. Dickerson 1.  
BEST: EAST PERTH: Starcevic, Clape, Walker. WEST PERTH: Logue, Williams, Perry.

## VFL



EAGLES	9.5	12.9	19.14	26.19	175
ST KILDA	3.1	7.2	8.5	13.9	87

GOALS: EAGLES: Lewis 7, MacNish 5, Barich 4, Wilky 3, Malaxos 2, King 2, Brennan 1, Ishchenko 1, Lockyer 1. ST KILDA: Lockett 5, Winmar 3, Grant 2, Gotch 2, Burns 1.  
BEST: EAGLES: Malaxos, Glendinning, Barich, Mainwaring, MacNish, Wilky. ST KILDA: McConville, Burns, Kourkoumelis, Frawley, Winmar, Burke.  
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Gary Forster, Mike Sneddon. Attendance 17,300.

SWANS	6.5	10.10	16.14	20.21	141
FITZROY	4.4	12.6	18.11	20.13	113

GOALS: SYDNEY SWANS: Mitchell 4, Capper 4, Scott 3, Coleman 3, Byrne 2, Williams 1, Bayes 1, Thrupp 1, Hawke 1. FITZROY: Hinkley 5, Conlan 3, Armstrong 3, Osborne 2, Roos 1, Thornton 1, Gale 1, Kappler 1, Pekin 1, Knight 1, Bolzon 1.  
BEST: SYDNEY SWANS: Ironmonger, Williams, Mitchell, Coleman, Thrupp, Cordy. FITZROY: Hinkley, Knight, Pekin, Roos, Pert, Armstrong.  
Played at Princes Park. Umpires Dennis Rich, Peter Carey. Attendance 11,636.

CARLTON	3.5	5.6	15.8	20.9	129
NORTH MELBOURNE	3.3	8.4	13.6	19.11	125

GOALS: CARLTON: Kernahan 6, Sartori 5, Evans 3, Johnston 2, Bradley 2, Hunter, Glascock 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: P. Krakouer 4, Larkin, Hepburn, Clarkson, Love 2, Holt, Mossop, McCann, McDonald, Harris, German, Spargo 1.  
BEST: CARLTON: Kernahan, Evans, Bradley, Madden, Johnston, Sartori. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer, P. Krakouer, Clarkson, Steele, Ackerly, Spargo.  
Played at VFL Park. Umpires Peter Cameron, David Howlett. Attendance 30,444.

HAWTHORN	3.2	6.6	11.9	19.12	128
GEELONG	2.6	6.12	13.15	17.21	123

GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 5, Buckenara 3, Mew 2, Russo 2, Kennedy 2, Lester-Smith 1, DiPierdomenico, Tuck, Brereton, Platten 1. GEELONG: Turner 4, Lindner 2, Couch 2, Brownless 2, Stoneham 2, Christensen, Cameron, Landy, Hocking, Bairstow.  
BEST: HAWTHORN: Morris, Dunstall, Kennedy, Russo, Platten, G. Dear. GEELONG: Bews, Bos, Bairstow, Turner, Flanigan, Landy.  
Played at Kardinia Park. Umpires Ian Robinson, Ian Clayton. Attendance 26,888.

MELBOURNE	4.0	5.4	8.7	12.11	83
FOOTSCRAY	4.2	6.4	9.7	10.8	68

GOALS: MELBOURNE: Flower 3, Wilson 2, Dean 2, Stretch 1, Lyon 1, Williams 1, Jackson 1, Slynies 1. FOOTSCRAY: Foster 2, MacPherson 2, Kolyiuk 2, Williams 1, Beasley 1, Royal 1, McGuiness 1.  
BEST: MELBOURNE: Dean, Newport, Wright, Flower, Bailey, Lovett, Yeats. FOOTSCRAY: Royal, Foster, Wallis, Purser, McGuiness, Kennedy.  
Played at the Western Oval. Umpires Gavin Dore, Rohan Sawers. Attendance 31,249.

#### FRIDAY AUGUST 28

BRISBANE BEARS	6.3	12.7	19.10	26.13	169
RICHMOND	4.3	7.8	11.10	17.11	113

GOALS: BRISBANE BEARS: Hardie 7, Edmond 4, Richardson 3, Raines, Bernie, Harris, Judge 2, Carlson, Micken, Fidge, Banfield. RICHMOND: Mitchell, Egan, James 3, Roach 2, Lee, Burton, Weightman, Poole, Bower, Nixon.  
BEST: BRISBANE BEARS: Hardie, Micken, Raines, Carlson, Richardson, Campbell. RICHMOND: Mitchell, Egan, Rioli, James, Manton.  
Played at the MCG. Umpires John Ruzson, Brian Woodhead. Attendance 12,079.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 30

COLLINGWOOD	4.3	12.3	17.6	21.13	139
ESSENDON	7.3	12.6	17.11	21.13	139

GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Orval 4, Starcevic 4, Dalcos 4, Ryan 3, Morwood 2, Millane 2, Tuddenham 2, Doyle 1, McKeown 1. ESSENDON: T. Daniher 5, Thompson 4, Hawker 4, Considine 2, Baker 1, Williams, Van Der Haar, Madden, Watson, Keane.  
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Ryan, Fellowes, Tuddenham, Orval, Starcevic, Dalcos. ESSENDON: Thompson, T. Daniher, Foulds, Watson, Hawker, Considine.  
Played at the MCG. Umpires Ross Castle, Shane Harris. Attendance 28,887.

## VFL

## RESERVES

ST KILDA 25.15 (165) d RICHMOND 23.11 (149)
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GOALS: ST KILDA: Devonport 7, Gardner 5, Dwyer 3, Manning, Page 2, Ingleton, Ford, Gladman, Temay, Littler, Carbone. RICHMOND: G. Bayes 9, Ryan, Frangalios 3, Pastore, Rohan, Bourke 2, Bower, Buttifant, Weightman, C. Bayes.  
BEST: ST KILDA: Jobling, Ford, Manning, Ingleton, Littler, Baird. RICHMOND: Pastore, Pim, Ryan, G. Bayes, Strachan.

CARLTON 14.17 (101) d NORTH MELBOURNE 15.10 (100)
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GOALS: CARLTON: Ogler 3, Murphy 3, Edwards 3, Majerczak 2, Williams, Butts, O'Sullivan. NORTH MELBOURNE: Cockatoo 4, Saggors 2, Ross 2, Lisle, Allison, McCarthy, Jonas, Crocker, Holmes, Buckley.  
BEST: CARLTON: Shine, Murphy, Dean, Butts, Herman, Rohde. NORTH MELBOURNE: Buckley, Lisle, Allison, Pasmore, Cockatoo, Crocker.

FOOTSCRAY 18.13 (121) d MELBOURNE 10.10 (70)
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GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Collins 5, Range 3, Groenewegen 2, C. Wright 2, Geary, Atkins, James, Athorn, Liberatore, P. Wright. MELBOURNE: Eishold 3, Richards 2, Lamb 2, Kol, Campbell, Lovett.  
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Atkins, Collins, Rance, Irvine, Liberatore, Vincins. MELBOURNE: Peck, Allardice, Lovett, Eishold, Kiley, Lamb.

GEELONG 15.14 (104) d HAWTHORN 12.18 (90)
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GOALS: GEELONG: D. Gills 3, Bright 3, Sells 2, Scott 2, Hobbs 2, Fitzgerald, Hamilton, G. Cameron. HAWTHORN: Dickson 3, Bourke 3, Morrissey 2, Symonds, Greene, Dowling, Teal.  
BEST: GEELONG: Card, Smith, Scott, Troy, Cleave, McMaster. HAWTHORN: Anderson, Wittman, Morrissey, Abbot.

FITZROY 22.18 (150) d SYDNEY 17.22 (124)
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GOALS: FITZROY: Barwick 5, Barafa 3, Lokan 3, Thorpe 3, Wynd 2, Philbey 2, Dwyer, Lyon, Handley, Zerafa. SYDNEY: Dakin 5, Higgins 2, B. Hawke 2, Winter 2, O'Donohue 2, Huse, Kerr, Brown, Phillips.  
BEST: FITZROY: Carafa, Wynd, McLean, Osborne, Handley, O'Dowd. SYDNEY: O'Donohue, Higgins, McAsey, Brinkkötter, Lloyd, Cordy.

### ACT — COSTAIN PREMIERSHIP FIRST SEMI-FINAL

AINSLIE	3.3	4.9	9.15	11.17	83
TUGGERANONG	8.1	9.3	10.6	12.7	79

GOALS: AINSLIE-TUTT 3, Walters 2, Smith, Miller, Richardson, Marshall, Bishop, Muir. TUGGERANONG: Trafford 4, Kickett 2, Bowman 2, Muir 2, Ferguson 1, Healy 1.  
BEST: AINSLIE-RICHARDSON, Wingate, Bishop, Miller, Marshall, Killier. TUGGERANONG: Trafford, Virtue, Greaves, Muir, Healy, Ferguson.

### NTFL ELIMINATION FINAL

EAST DEVONPORT	5.5	9.7	18.9	25.15	165
BURNIE	1.1	5.5	7.11	11.12	78

GOALS: EAST DEVONPORT: Williams 18, Apps 3, Hite, O'Brien 2, McCoy, Goss 1. BURNIE: Walker 4, Grey 3, Johnstone 2, Munro, Cox 1.  
BEST: EAST DEVONPORT: Williams, Honeybun, Goss, Wright. BURNIE: Johnstone, Russell, Walker, Munro.

#### QUALIFYING FINALS

SMITHTON	2.1	9.4	12.8	14.11	96
WYNARD	4.5	5.7	8.9	9.6	260

GOALS: Smithton, Carty, Newman, Triffitt, G. Coombe 2, S. Coombe, O'Halloran, Smith, McMullen, Ward, Korpshoek 1. WYNARD: Johnstone 5, Russell, Neal, Griffin 1.  
BEST: Smithton, Ward, Carty, Galpin, G. Coombe, Wynyard, Cox, Gardham, Flint, Johnstone.

### VFA FIRST SEMI-FINAL

WILLIAMSTOWN	0.2	4.7	9.11	19.15	129
FRANKSTON	6.9	9.10	13.12	14.14	98

## SANFL



WEST TORRENS	3.4	4.8	12.12	16.16	112
WOODVILLE	6.3	8.6	11.9	13.15	93

GOALS: WEST TORRENS: K. Taylor 4, Hanna 3, Edmonds 2, Dietrich 2, Fotia 2, C. Lindsay, Hodson, Weston. WOODVILLE: Nichols 5, Williams 2, Harris 2, A. Taylor, Hughes, Panizza, Toome.  
BEST: WEST TORRENS: Payze, Hanna, K. Taylor, Weston, Foote, Robson, Fotia. WOODVILLE: Panizza, A. Taylor, Rogers, McDonald, Nichols, O'Dwyer.

PORT ADELAIDE	4.3	12.8	20.14	24.20	164
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2.4	5.5	6.9	9.13	67

GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Borlase 5, D. Smith 4, Ginever 3, Obst 3, Johnston 2, Hynes 2, Dalkin, Abernethy, Curtis, R. Smith, Tylor. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Graham 3, Anderson 2, Buckley, Girdham, Robertson, Mandemaker.  
BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Anderson, Ginever, Abernethy, D. Smith, Obst, Delaney, Flacchi. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Lee, Bubner, Graham, Robertson, Krieg, Flintoff.

GLENELG	3.3	9.9	16.16	19.22	136
WEST ADELAIDE	4.5	9.8	10.10	14.15	99

GOALS: GLENELG: Seebohm 6, Woodlands 6, Hall 3, Maynard 2, Marshall, Hewett. WEST ADELAIDE: Malcolm 3, Lamb 2, Goss 2, Woodhall 2, Grosser 2, Herbert 2, Shaw.  
BEST: GLENELG: Carey, Hall, Marshall, McDermott, Seebohm, Maynard, Woodlands. WEST ADELAIDE: Lamb, Herbert, Burgess, Gross, Sporn.

STURT	4.3	8.11	15.11	22.14	146
SOUTH ADELAIDE	6.2	8.2	12.2	16.5	101

GOALS: STURT: Downs, Paynter 5, Dilema, Moscheni, Field 2, Kitchie, Reynolds, Whittlesea, McGowan, Ey, Viney 2. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Butler 5, Forster 2, Dickinson, Eddy, Hampel, Fairclough, Pitman, Kappler, Brockhurst, Baker, Stoeckel 1.  
BEST: STURT: Whittlesea, Paynter, Reynolds, McGowan, Downs. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Stoeckel, Butler, Christie, Foster, Brockhurst.

NORTH ADELAIDE	2.2	9.6	16.10	17.16	118
NORWOOD	6.3	7.8	9.11	11.12	78

GOALS: NORTH ADELAIDE: Roberts 5, Hart, Parsons, Sims 3, Burton 2. NORWOOD: Kelly 4, Payne 2, Balme, McIntosh, McNeil, Taylor, Ducker 1.  
BEST: NORTH ADELAIDE: Carlaw, Redden, Parsons, Taylor, Roberts. NORWOOD: Rowe, Richardson, McIntosh, Taylor, Hall.

### TASMANIA — TFL SEMI-FINALS

CLARENCE	7.4	11.8	16.10	18.13	121
HOBART	4.2	9.6	14.11	17.15	117

GOALS: CLARENCE: Adams, Picken 4, Price, Rogers 2, Williams, Jones, Williams, Jones, Williamson, Noye, Kremerskothen 1. HOBART: W. Fox 6, Hudson, G. Fox 3, O'Halloran 2, Hoyer, Wade, Marchant 1.  
BEST: CLARENCE: Picken, Jones, Price, Williamson. HOBART: W. Fox, Wade, G. Fox, Marchant.

NORTH HOBART	6.1	12.8	18.9	23.14	152
GLENORCHY	7.4	8.6	14.12	16.15	111

GOALS: NORTH HOBART: Hardman, McQueen 5, Plain 3, Christensen, Perry, Elmer, Davies, Maple, Collidge 1. GLENORCHY: Klug 7, Millhouse 3, Pearce 3, Lockley, Dunne, Schade, Ling 1.  
BEST: NORTH HOBART: Elmer, Plain, McQueen, Moore. GLENORCHY: Klug, Webster, Fletcher, Dunne.

HILLS: Swan Valley 22.15 b Mount Helena 8.9 (Best players: R. Rathjen, Deek, W. Maiden); Wundowie 23.19 b Gidgegannup 10.7 (Best Wundowie: S. Cook).

### NSW — STATE LEAGUE SECOND SEMI-FINAL

ST GEORGE	3.1	8.3	12.7	21.12	130
EAST SYDNEY	1.8	5.10	8.10	9.15	67

GOALS: ST GEORGE: A. Quinn 3, C. Ansell 3, B. Howard 3, L. Brain 3, M. Lawrence 2, D. Condon 2, A. Milligan 2, D. Scott 2, B. Brooks. EAST SYDNEY: C. Macasey 3, A. Mapleston 2, D. Skuta 2, W. Dunn, R. Shadforth.  
BEST: ST GEORGE: A. Quinn, D. Condon, C. Ansell, A. Milligan. EAST SYDNEY: D. Skuta, A. Bell, I. Martin, E. Corvino.

# HOW THEY STAND

### WAFL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	19	1	1	2692	1695	158.82	78
SIABIACO	21	14	6	1	2491	1948	127.87	58
EAST FREMANTLE	21	13	8	-	2599	2090	124.35	52
SWAN DISTRICTS	21	13	8	-	2269	2223	102.06	52
West Perth	21	11	10	-	2244	2250	99.73	44
Perth	21	6	15	-	2023	1473	81.80	24
East Perth	21	4	17	-	1954	2891	67.58	16
South Fremantle	21	3	18	-	2127	2829	75.18	12

### WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	21	16	5	-	2839	1975	143.75	64
CLAREMONT	21	15	6	1	2240	1820	123.08	62
EAST PERTH	21	14	6	1	2520	1788	140.94	58
SWAN DISTRICTS	21	12	9	-	2348	1971	119.13	48
Perth	21	10	11	-	2084	2265	92.01	40
Subiaco	21	8	13	-	1909	2079	91.82	32
South Fremantle	21	6	15	-	1666	2500	66.64	24
West Perth	21	2	19	-	1589	2797	56.81	8

### WAFL UNDER 19s TABLE

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	19	1	1	1989	980	207.18	78
EAST PERTH	21	15	5	1	1600	1119	142.98	62
EAST FREMANTLE	21	16	4	1	1858	1268	146.52	66
WEST PERTH	21	12	9	-	1421	1203	118.12	48
South Fremantle	21	8	13	-	1400	1568	89.28	32
Subiaco	21	5	16	-	1259	1585	79.43	20
Perth	21	4	16	1	1059	1928	54.92	18
Swan Districts	21	3	18	-	1081	1936	55.83	12

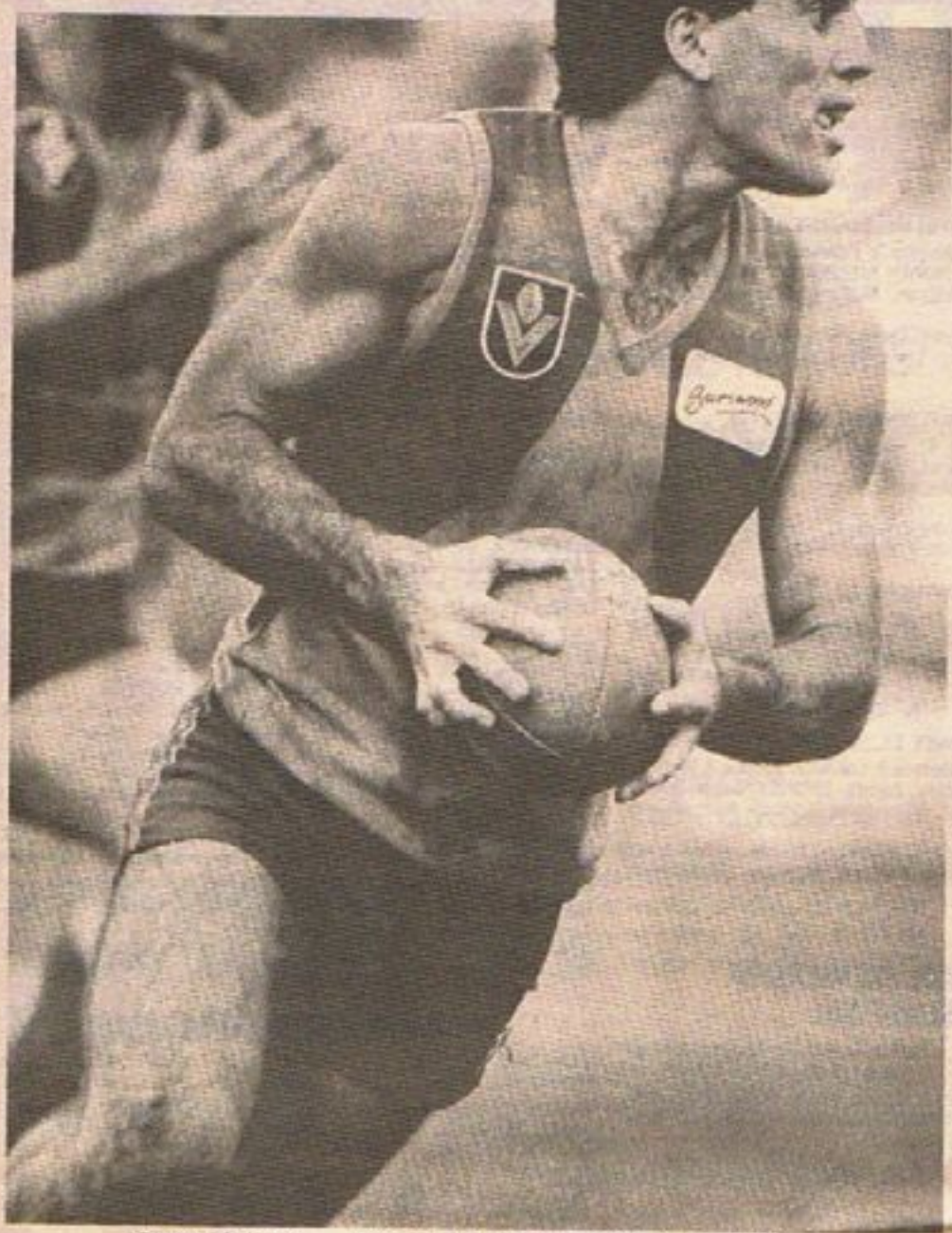
### VFL PREMIERSHIP LADDER

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CARLTON	22	18	4	-	2599	1883	138.0	72
HAWTHORN	22	17	5	-	2781	1891	147.1	68
SYDNEY SWANS	22	15	7	-	2846	2197	129.5	60
N. MELBOURNE	22	13	8	1	2402	2417	99.4	54
MELBOURNE	22	12	10	-	2189	2026	108.0	48
Geelong	22	11	10	1	2355	2348	100.3	46
Footscray	22	11	10	1	1959	2046	95.7	46
W.C. Eagles	22	11	11	-	2386	2438		



# Malaxos proves his point

by  
**George Temple**



Steve Malaxos. . . One of the Eagles best players in 1987.

WEST Coast Eagles centreman Steve Malaxos was one of the most determined Eagles players on the pre-season training track.

In his own mind he had a point to prove — he knew he was good enough to play VFL football and was going to show Hawthorn that he was worth more than just nine games in 1985.

Malaxos says that his ambition was to be a regular player in the Eagles line-up and to maintain a high level a consistency.

That he did, playing in 21 of the 22 preliminary-round matches and being constantly named in the best players list. He missed that one game through injury.

This effort was rewarding — he is an outside chance for the 1987 Brownlow Medal and has already scooped all the major media awards in Perth.

Malaxos has won the \$10,000 Burswood Resort-Australian Airlines award in the *The West Australian* and the \$5000 Adidas Farmer Medal in the *Daily News*.

He also finished on top of Westside Football's ratings (each player is rated on a score of one to 10 in every match) with a total of 130, finishing ahead of Dwayne Lamb (123), John Annear (122) and Ross Glendinning (118).

"I think I exceeded my ambition and I'm really satisfied with the effort by myself and the other players," Malaxos said.

## POSSESSIONS

"I think I played my best game last Sunday against St Kilda (he had 48 possessions), but the one against Fitzroy at the WACA Ground was great as well."

The Eagles won both of those matches in convincing fashion, proving that, with time, they will be a major power in the VFL competition.

Malaxos said that the most enjoyable games were against minor premiers Carlton and defending champions Hawthorn.

"The first night game against Footscray at VFL Park was also a highlight," he said.

"Up until then we didn't know how good we were and that result showed us that we could match it with the Eastern States clubs.

"The wins over Hawthorn and Carlton were fantastic.

"We all worked hard for each other and the atmosphere afterwards was incomparable."

Malaxos says that the Eagles should do a lot better next season. He suggests that more key-position players are needed to provide depth in the squad.

In the meantime, the former All Australian captain says that he might take a holiday and spend some of his recent windfall.

"The taxman will get some of the money, but I think I will take a holiday in Monte Carlo," he said.

His wife Suzanne will represent Australia at the world 15km road championships in Monte Carlo in November. She won the Australian title last month and last Saturday added the Australian 8km cross-country title to her growing list of achievements.



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

# Goulding deserves his let off

THE WAFL made the right decision by reducing Stephen Goulding's sentence from four weeks to three, enabling him to play in this season's finals.

If Claremont win this Saturday's second semi-final, Goulding will now be able to play in the grand final. If they lose, he is eligible for the preliminary final.

It would have been a crime to rob such a fine player of the opportunity of representing his club in the most important games of the year after an outstanding season.

Some people may say two wrongs don't make a right, but in this case, the only decent option has been taken. Perhaps the WAFL tribunal realised their error in suspending him simply on the evidence of a television replay.

## GOOD TIMING

EAST Fremantle have come up with their best combination at the right time of the year.

Coach Graham Melrose made some outstanding moves last Saturday, with Chris Waterman superb in the centre and as a ruck-rover after spending most of the season on a wing.

Bryce Forman who made a name for himself as a defender, played one of his best games against State wingman Kim Hetherington, cutting him right out of the game and picking up a bundle of possessions himself.

Tim Gepp showed what a fine tagger he is against a potential match-winner in Kevin Caton and Colin Waterson added some badly needed goalkicking power to the forward line.

The Sharks still have Brian Peake waiting on the sidelines and maybe he could be at full-forward or in a forward pocket alongside Clinton Browning.

## LAST LAUGH

STEVE Malaxos has certainly proved the critics wrong.

They said that Malaxos wasn't good enough. Buy he has certainly had the last laugh.

Malaxos has had a great season and was a deserving winner of the West Australian and Daily News awards.

Congratulations to his wife too. Suzanne will represent Australia at the world 15km road title last month and the 8km cross country title last weekend.

The two stars hardly ever train together — they rarely get the chance to.

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