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MEDAL MANIA**Peake battles
hoodoo in
the Sandover**

INJURIES and suspensions have thrown this year's Sandover Medal count wide open.

Claremont's Stephen Goulding and Derek Kickett will both poll heavily, but are out of contention because of suspensions.

East Fremantle captain Brian Peake missed three games late in the season, but will still be favourite for the Medal.

However, umpires rarely vote in accordance with the media as demonstrated in 1985 when Dwayne Lamb scooped the bulk of the media awards, but could finish only fourth in the Medal count.

Last year Laurie Keene was the odds-on favourite but the umpires voted for Mark Bairstow.

With Goulding and Kickett out of the race, Claremont's best chance appears to be with rover Peter Thorne, who finished the season in tremendous form.

Mark Watson has had an outstanding season for Perth and has already won the Sheraton Perth Hotel Footballer of the Year award in conjunction with the Football Budget and finished on top in the Westside Ratings.

by
Ben Stinga

Subiaco rover/defender Brian Taylor is a proven vote-getter, finishing runner-up to Mark Bairstow last year and he should figure prominently in this year's count.

Peter Featherby will poll heavily in his 11 games and had he played a full season, he almost certainly would have been a serious contender for this award.

South Fremantle centremen Scott Watters looks to be the only Bulldogs player with a hope of winning the Medal.

But history suggests players from losing sides find it hard to get enough votes to win and Watters may have to be content with picking up minor votes.

Swan Districts have many players who appear destined to finish just behind the top vote-getters.

Captain Brent Hutton, rover Andy Holmes, ruckman Mick Johns, defender Mick Grasso and utility player Kevin Caton will all poll well, but not enough to win the Medal.

Grant Campbell returned to his best form for East Perth this season in the unfamiliar centre-half-back position and he should poll strongly early in the count.



Brian Peake
... will he
confirm the
media
opinion?

... and the media agree

THE football media seem convinced that East Fremantle veteran Brian Peake will win his second Sandover Medal on Monday night.

Peake has already scooped most of the individual media awards and he is an odds-on favourite to top the poll when the votes are counted at the Sheraton-Perth Hotel on Monday.

The weekly Sandover Medal best-on-ground voting guide, as recorded in Westside Football each week, confirms Peake's favouritism.

A consensus of opinion from the seven media surveyed each week during the 21 home-and-away rounds has Peake winning by a handsome margin.

Adopting the same 5-4-3-2-1 voting system as the field umpires do, Peake finished with 52 votes — 14 ahead of Claremont's Derek Kick-

ett, who is ineligible to win because of his suspension.

Consistent Perth rover Mark Watson is next on 36, one ahead of another ineligible player in Tigers star Steve Goulding, who has also been suspended.

West Perth wingman Darren Bewick polled a surprising 34, while popular Subiaco trio Neil Taylor, Brian Taylor and Peter Featherby were well back on 27, 25 and 24 respectively.

Swan Districts rookie Troy Ugle did remarkably well with 25 votes.

Claremont's Peter Thorne, another popular tip, received 23 votes in the media survey, while East Perth's Peter Spencer polled well for 22, two ahead of Grant Campbell.

East Fremantle's next best to Peake was rover Roger Kerr on 22, while Scott Watters was South Fremantle's top performer with 20.

Subiaco's hope

SUBIACO are relying on history to repeat itself in a forlorn hope to defend their 1986 premiership.

The Lions were thrashed by the contenders for their crown, Claremont, last Saturday and this Saturday they face the star-studded East Fremantle.

The hungry Sharks beat Subiaco in every home-and-away fixture this season and want to atone for their grand final loss last season.

Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton, the cunning maestro who lifted the Lions from the same situation in 1986, is confident of victory.

Bunton says that his Lions could not possibly play that badly two weeks running.

"Every week is a different game," Bunton says.

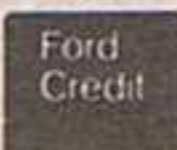
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Mosman go into WAFA grand final

REIGNING champions Mosman Park earned the right to defend their WAFA title when they beat an unlucky Manning by five points, 13.14 to 12.15 in a hard-fought encounter on Sunday.

In a game which was close throughout, a determined Manning led by three goals, at three-quarter time however, four quick goals from Mosman early in the last quarter gave them a narrow lead, which they held onto despite their opponent's determination.

Rover Eric Cross played a steady consistent game for the victors, while half-forward Barry Haydinger (four goals) was a reliable avenue of attack. Captain-coach Bob Argoon dominated the ruck and led his side by example.

For Manning, centre-half-forward Bob Pynenburg continued his recent good form, while full-forward Kurt Hanauld (four goals) battled manfully, as did rover Jason Dunstall.

The stage is now set for a replay of last year's grand final and Belmont are favoured, particularly if the weather is fine.

The reserves preliminary final resulted in a victory for Midland (18.6) over Tuart Hill (15.10).

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

NOT HIS DAY

SUBIACO could do nothing right in last Saturday's second semi-final. No matter how much they tried, the run of the play was always against them. A classic example was the shot by full-forward Todd Breman. The ball bounced practically on the goal line and then took a sharp turn to the right and hit the goal post.

BULLSEYE RALPH

CLAREMONT full-forward Warren Ralph certainly made the most of his opponents last Saturday. Ralph had 12 shots to register 10.1 and equal the year-old record for the most goals kicked in a finals fixture, joining East Fremantle full-forward Darren Bennett. Ralph kicked his side's first, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th, 12th and 15th goals. He could have scored their 20th and established a record with the final kick of the game, but missed, bringing up his first point.

COOPER DOES WELL

EAST Fremantle reserves centreman Eric Cooper was best-on-ground in the Prime Reserves second-semi-final against Claremont last Saturday. Cooper consistently got the ball out of the middle, which was the Tigers undoing.

TRIFECTA

WITH East Fremantle contesting the league preliminary final and Claremont the under 19 and reserves preliminary finals, there is a real possibility that either Claremont or East Fremantle could chalk up a trifecta of premierships in 1987. The Sharks are already through to the reserves and under 19 grand finals, as are Claremont in the league.

EAGLES WINNER

JIM Feehan, of Gidgegannup, is the winner of the Football Budget/Westside Football Australian Airlines trip for two to the VFL grand final. Feehan was one of the many correct entries in the Pick the Eagles score competition but his was the first drawn from the barrel. Feehan will travel courtesy of Australian Airlines and stay at the Southern Cross Hotel with his partner.

EARLY ADVICE

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham revealed a little bit of the policy that has made him such a popular coach with the Tigers this year when he was talking about team selection after Saturday's win. He said that he wouldn't keep the players in suspense up till the grand final as he felt they were entitled to know beforehand who was playing and who wasn't. "I never liked being kept in the lurch till just before the game," he said. "I always liked time to prepare myself a bit and the players will know well beforehand who's in the team."

CHANGING GAME

WHILE with Gerard Neesham, he was on the ball after Saturday's match when he pointed out a fault in today's umpiring that we've often complained about. "Today's football doesn't reward the good tackler," he said. "I thought we tackled well today, but we didn't get the rewards. At one stage in the last quarter there were four good tackles put on Subiaco players by our blokes, but none were paid." Neesham is echoing a complaint that former Perth coach Mal Brown has had for years — that umpires are trying to umpire the hard tackler out of the game.

SPECIAL GUEST

PERTH swimmer Shelley Taylor will do a lap of honour before the start of Saturday's preliminary final between Subiaco and East Fremantle at League headquarters. Last month Taylor became the first swimmer to win the 46km marathon race around Manhattan Island twice in its 80-year history. She set a record of 7 hours 24 minutes 54 seconds — breaking the previous mark by 51 seconds. She beat 39 other competitors.

WE WERE RIGHT!

THE decision to officially amend the goals tally of Subiaco full-forward Todd Breman confirms the accuracy of Westside Football's statistics team.

From Round Four till the end of the qualifying games, the Westside tally of goals for Breman was one higher than the goalkicking table in *The West Australian* — regarded by the WAFL as the official keeper of goals.

The discrepancy was narrowed down to a goal credited to Karl Langdon instead of his Lions team-mate Breman in a WACA Ground clash with Claremont on April 24.

Westside stuck with their statistician's tally, but as the final qualifying game approached — with Breman in a race to reach the century — the discrepancy was brought to Subiaco's attention.

Subiaco's tally agreed with *The West Australian*, so to avoid confusion approaching the final match, Westside joined the majority decision.

However, further inquiries since then revealed that Langdon hadn't kicked a goal that day and when that was confirmed with Langdon last week by Lions football manager, Trevor Nisbett, Breman's final tally was amended to 101 for the season.

It would certainly have been an interesting situation if Breman had finished the season on 99 — not 100, as he did.

The issue raises, once again, the need for the WAFL to determine an official means of recording goalkickers and not rely on media people or statisticians some 200-metres away.

It's not the first time that goalkicking records have been amended — but it is the first time that the League's official goalkicker's table has had a change after the season finished.

ROOKIE'S DAY

WILL Subiaco's Damian Read make his league debut this Saturday in the preliminary final? Read, a rover with cat-like reflexes, has been pressing for league selection recently and at the after-match press conference, coach Haydn Bunton said he would come into consideration.

EAGLES AT DOGS

WITH the football season over for the West Coast Eagles, it's time for some of the players to catch up on other sports. This Saturday players including Ross Glendinning, Alex Ishchenko, Paul Peos, Chris Mainwaring, Michael Brennan and Mark Zanotti will be guests of the WA Greyhound Racing Association. They will attend the greyhound meeting at Cannington Central and patrons will be able to win an autographic football or an Eagles jumper by going along.



PILBARA JOURNEY

RADIO 6PR sporting personality Pat Love is proving to be a popular football commentator in the North Pilbara League.

Each Sunday, Love flies from Perth to the Pilbara to call the league finals. The broadcast goes to all parts of the Pilbara.

Love, a former Port Hedland footballer, called football for more than seven years in the region before moving to Perth in 1985.

ROYALS NIGHT

EAST Perth will hold their trophy presentations at Perth Oval on Saturday, October 3, starting at 7pm. All their fairest and best awards for the three grades will be presented on the same night.

GOOD COCKER

SUBIACO can thank ruckman Shane (Joe) Cocker for a great effort last Saturday, otherwise the 70-point margin between them and Claremont would have been greater. Cocker worked tirelessly in the ruck against alternating opponents Peter Higgins and David O'Connell. He won 18 hit outs, had 20 possessions and took five marks. He also kicked 1.1 during the final quarter, while he was supposedly resting in the forward area with Bill Monaghan taking over at the centre bouncerdowns.

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DAVO HASN'T GIVEN UP

WEST Coast Eagles fans might have been forgiven for forgetting Peter Davidson after his injury-enforced absence, but the dashing wingman hasn't forgotten his Eagles aspirations. The former Claremont star is recuperating at his Collie home after an operation to repair a fracture in the instep of his left foot — a delicate operation that required the insertion of two small screws. Davidson has been plagued by injuries during his career and this latest one curtailed a frustrating Eagles season that saw him only line up in the blue-and-gold twice during the VFL season. He plans to tackle pre-season training a little differently this summer, concentrating on swimming, weights and ball skills, with not so much heavy pounding into his fragile legs.

MEDIA SUPPORT

THE establishment of the West Coast Eagles certainly attracted plenty of media coverage this season — and plenty of media awards. The two major cash awards of \$10,000 and \$5000 came from The West Australian (via sponsors Burswood Resort and Australian Airlines) and the Daily News (helped by Adidas) respectively. Both went to Steve Malaxos. The Football Media Guild expanded its list of awards to include their Eagles-of-the-year (Ross Glendinning) and a Rookie Eagle (Chris Mainwaring), both awards sponsored by newspapers — The Western Mail and Westside Football respectively.

OUT AGAIN

HAWTHORN'S decision to recruit Paul Harding cost Rod Lester-Smith his place in the side last Saturday. The story goes like this. Hawthorn win court battle to secure Harding which blows the salary cap. Exit Michael Byrne to Sydney to keep salaries within the limits. But it was Byrne who forced Allan Jeans to drop Lester-Smith. Byrne was in a forward pocket so the taller Paul Abbott was called up to counter him. Abbott played well and Lester-Smith could miss yet another chance to play in a premiership team. Last year he was ruled unfit to play.

DRAFT REDUCTION?

GENERAL managers have recommended to the VFL that the number of draft choices for VFL clubs on November 11 be reduced from the present seven to five. They think that if 13 clubs pick seven players (a total of 91) very few players will be left for this 1989 draft.

TUCK TO CONTINUE

HAWTHORN captain Michael Tuck (34) says that he may play another year of league football. The veteran of 335 league games with the Hawks made his 28th finals appearance last Saturday and finished the game with 17 kicks.

KEENE'S SUMMER TARGET

WEST Coast Eagles ruckman Laurie Keene, who is first emergency for the Australian Gaelic Football team to tour America and Ireland this year, plans to improve his golf handicap over the summer months. According to reliable sources, Laurie's handicap at present are the clubs themselves — and he has been advised to stick with football! But the big man plans to take lessons from team-mate Mark Zanotti, who is pretty handy with irons and woods.

MILES BONUS FOR EAGLES

A BIG contingent of West Coast Eagles invaded Kalgoorlie last weekend to indulge in the hectic Goldfields racing round. But most of the players had to wait till they got back to Perth on Sunday before backing a winner. A trip to the Burswood Casino (their major sponsors) saw defender Geoff Miles at his consistent best at the two-up. He threw 11 successive heads and the Eagles players cleaned up backing their team-mate.

GLENDINNING OUT

WEST Coast Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning will not captain the Australian team on their Gaelic Football tour to Ireland later this year. He has withdrawn from the side to allow some nagging injuries to recover. The Australian squad is Bruce Abernethy, Greg Anderson (Port Adelaide), Bruce Lindsay (West Torrens), Andrew Bews (Geelong), Peter Bubner (Central Districts), Matthew Campbell (Brisbane Bears), Danny Frawley, Tony Lockett (St Kilda), Peter Foster, Tony McGuinness, Brian Royal (Footscray), Ross Gibbs (Glenelg), Chris Lewis, Chris Mainwaring, Steve Malaxos (West Coast Eagles), Darel Hart, Andrew Jarman (North Adelaide), Michael Mitchell (Richmond), Richard Osborne, Gary Pert, Paul Roos (Fitzroy), David Pearce (Glenorchy), Jim Stynes, Sean Wight (Melbourne), Andrew Rogers (Woodville), Tony Wynd (Queanbeyan), Emergencies: Laurie Keene (West Coast Eagles), Bruce Lindner (Geelong), Scott Salisbury (Glenelg), Jamie Turner (Collingwood), Phillip Walsh (Brisbane Bears).

DIPPER GETS KNOTTED

ROBUST Hawthorn wingman and 1986 Brownlow Medal winner Robert DiPierdomenico was left with a dry throat and almost speechless in the middle of Glenferrie Oval. Dipper had got himself a lace-up jumper and needed Jeans' permission to wear it. He found the Hawthorn legend on the oval talking to reserves coach Des Meagher. Inquired the Dipper: "Jeansy, I got this new lace-up jumper from Adelaide and I was wondering if I could wear it this Saturday." "I don't know. You'll have to ask Des," replied Jeans, before running off and leaving both Meagher and Dipper stunned.

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Consistency needed by the Eagles

AS the post mortems on the first season of the West Coast Eagles continue to dominate front-bar talk and lounge-room chatter, the life-and-death decisions of 1988 are just beginning to be made.

The recruiting moves by the Eagles for 1988 may decide whether the West Coasters soar or sink next year.

The delicate decisions confronting coach Ron Alexander and his off-field team hinge around bringing back expatriates, signing up proven WAFL players and taking a punt on a couple of rookies.

Eagles chief executive Graham Moss would like to see a blend of the three options.



Chris Lewis ... a success story.

If two Eagles are forced to retire for a season because of medical reasons, the club can sign six new players.

And Moss would like to have one, or possibly two, former West Australians from Melbourne back in Perth next year with the Eagles, a couple of local players who are successful in WAFL ranks right now and perhaps a rookie or two for the future.

The toughest of all the options is isolating the tyros who the Eagles want to sit on as the nest-eggs for the future.

Players such as Karl Langdon, Peter Sumich, Troy Ugle and Joe Cormack have undoubted ability and the Eagles would like them all. But they can't have them all.

So it's crystal ball time for Alexander and Moss, who are loathe to allow too many starts of the future to become available for the draft at the end of 1988.

Imagine not signing Langdon and then seeing him shine, say with Collingwood, in 1989 or 1990.

After some blunders leading up to the debut season by the Eagles, this summer's recruiting is absolutely vital.

And next season those recruiting moves may be linked with a policy by the Eagles to adopt more of a horses-for-courses approach to their football.

This year the team has been severely restricted because of the numbers in the squad and the numbers of injuries.

This week's guest columnist



RAY WILSON
Sunday Times
Sports Editor

In years to come — and next year is as good a time to start as any — the Eagles could have a central core of 15 to 16 players with specialists making up the numbers depending on whether the games are played in Perth or Melbourne.

When the games are played in Perth, the remaining four or five players could be footballers who struggle under Melbourne conditions, but are stars in Perth.

Players such as Don Holmes fit this category and Andrew MacNish may be another.

STRUGGLE

Look at the number of Victorians with big reputations who struggle on the grassy expanses of Subiaco Oval, where the ball doesn't skid true to the player.

Then, for the Melbourne games, players such as Glen Bartlett should be given stronger consideration.

When the Eagles have a squad as expansive as other VFL clubs, this may be accepted procedure.

We will always have some players weaned on WA conditions who will never come to grips with the Melbourne conditions.

Why not have those types of players available exclusively for WA games?



Karl Langdon ... possible recruit.

Next year shapes up tougher than the debut season when the Eagles rode on the euphoria of public support. . . at least in Perth.

The second year blues is a malady which has plagued some of WA's best footballers.

And there's no guarantee it won't permeate the make-up of the Eagles who performed very well — and very badly, in 1987.

To break even is a fine result in the first year of any business operation, but the Eagles must finish in the black in 1988 to continue the momentum.

Steve Malaxos summed it up when he collected the Burswood Island-Australian Airlines award.

The diligent centreman was delighted at his return to VFL ranks, moreso because of his consistent season than anything else.

While many of his teammates ran hot and cold, Malaxos maintained a steady temperature through the year.

Players such as Chris Mainwaring, David Hart and Chris Lewis all showed they have the ability and temperament to succeed at the highest level.

UMPS MUST PLAY THE GAME — FARMER

CHAMPION West Australian ruckman Graham "Polly" Farmer wants umpires to have a football background before being accepted onto the WAFL panel.

Farmer believes that umpires should have played the game at least into their teenage years.

"Then they would appreciate that the game is not as simple as it looks," Farmer said this week.

The former East Perth, Geelong and West Perth coach and player who is now a comments man on radio 6IX, says that umpiring is not what it used to be.

Farmer says that the spirit of the game is to keep the ball in motion. But today's game keeps getting stopped for silly infringements, while the blatant free kicks often go unchecked.

"I realise that if umpires followed the book, they would be out there until it's dark, but it seems to me that they miss a lot of frees," he said.

"I've seen numerous instances this season where a player is pushed in the back as he kicks the ball and is not awarded a free kick.

"Because the ball goes into the control of the other umpires, nothing happens, so the game goes on."

The controversial Mal Brown, whose confrontations with umpires are legendary, says the problem with umpiring standards rests with the Umpires Board.

by
George Temple

"We should get away from having former umpires on the Umpires Board," Brown said.

"We need people who are less sensitive, more worldly and can teach umpires the 'manly' side of the game.

"Some one else could teach them the technical side and between the two of them they would come up with better umpires."

Brown says that there are more reports issued today than there ever were in his day.

TRIBUNAL

"And they're for such minor things," he said. "They are so trivial that the tribunal dismisses the charge with a reprimand.

"Going back many weeks, the charges against Derek Kickett (Claremont) and Noel Carter (Perth reserves coach) and the resulting penalties were ridiculous.

"So they swore a bit and in the heat of the moment called the umpire a threatening name.

"In my day plenty of us threatened the umpire every game! But they would tell us where to go and that was the end of it.

"Today's WAFL competition isn't played at the same tempo as it used to be, so it's time to do away with the second umpire.

"The game isn't really that fast, so one umpire would suffice and there would be a lot less confusion," Brown said.



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Ball was presented with \$500 worth of Ampol petrol while Shimon and Dalby each won \$250 worth of Ampol petrol.

The Umpires Association presented awards to:

Most improved field umpire — Trevor Garrett; most improved boundary umpire — Bernard Roberts; most promising boundary umpire — Tigie Bergensen; most improved goal umpire — Rob Davis; most promising goal umpire — Graham Rothnie; most dedicated umpire — Craig Curtis; courage award — Reg Salis.

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Gerard Neesham (C) 195*
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FUTURE PLANNING

THE Tigers are certainly planning for the future — judging on the size of the girls in their cheer squad at last week's semi. They had three or four young ladies who are probably not yet in their teen years. Give them a few more years practice and they'll rival anything the West Coast Eagles can dish up!

SLOW COACH

TALKING about Claremont, that sponsor's banner they erect during the three-quarter time address is meant to attract the attention of the crowd. Well, last week the crowd certainly was captured by the sign — or rather, by the slow coach struggling to erect it by himself! He was late arriving on the scene and by the time he manhandled it into place, unrolled it, ran backwards and forwards by himself trying to do two jobs and got it up, three-quarter time was nearly over!

TOO CONFIDENT

FOOTBALL commentators love to keep up with the play and, where possible, anticipate what's going to happen. Radio 6NR caller Les Mumme did just that last during last week's second semi — but it backfired in one case. As Subiaco's Michael Mort marked the ball in the goal square and went back for his shot from dead in front, Les anticipated the action for his listeners: "Mort lines up for the kick and comes in and puts it straight through the middle — no he's missed it, goodness gracious me!" What else could you say!

NO EXCUSES

HOW does a coach try to find excuses for his team when they are thrashed, as Subiaco were last week? Sensible coaches like Haydn Bunton don't look for excuses or try to find scapegoats (such as the media, or some coaches do) when disaster days like that strike. Bunton is a positive coach who looks ahead, but when asked what went wrong, he had to say something. "It was one of those real bad days. The sun was too bright, perhaps."

WHO WAS COACH?

AFTER watching Subiaco's inept performance last Saturday, when they consistently played like little league players (across the ground), I ask if Haydn Bunton coached them or someone else did last week. Subiaco had almost as many possessions as the Tigers (312 to 337) but didn't go anywhere with their play. Bunton does not teach teams to do that. I suggest that Subiaco get him back at the helm this week.

THE HOOD

WA's most feared footy columnist.



THE footy was so bad for Subiaco in the second semi-final against Claremont last Saturday that Lions full-back Clinton Brown looks as though he's opted for something a little less strenuous. Brown appears ready to make a dash, soccer style, dribbling the ball at his feet.

BETTER FACILITIES

IN a year of on-field gloom, South Fremantle officials must be congratulated for their efforts in improving the standard of the media box at Fremantle Oval which can now be called comfortable. Before, it was rated as one of the worst in the competition.

FLYNN'S MEMORIES

RADIO 6NR commentator Tim Flynn, dropped by Channel Seven two years ago, cannot get away from the "seven" feeling. His new telephone number at Flynn Sattler Communications is 227 9777.

KICKING KICKS

A FEW weeks ago I raised the question of the kicking in danger rule — suggesting that it had gone out of the game. But it appears to be a finals rule only, because in both the first and second semi-finals, umpires have awarded free kicks under that rule. This week an umpire (I'm not sure if it was Phil O'Reilly or Grant Vernon) ruled against Claremont's Grant Povey for putting the slipper in.

THANKS, SEVEN

THE Hood column is certainly read in high places. Channel Seven's producer of Sport Centre Seven, Rick Bryndzej, wasted no time in answering a query I posted last week about the Mark of the Day and why the first semi-final effort from Paul Gow wasn't considered. The reason why that mark wasn't included is that the guidelines for the award, determined pre-season, would be that they featured in home-and-away games telecast by Sport Seven and, as that was a finals match, it wasn't eligible. I guess if the Victorian-produced ABC show, The Winners, had those guidelines, then we should follow suit. Thanks, Seven.

CAREFUL, KARL

KARL Langdon, you deserve a 'cook'. It's a good thing last week's match didn't depend on you. I'm not commenting on your game as a whole, but rather the way you tried to play on when you were over the boundary line. You must be on the ground to play on you know!

ZONING'S FUTURE

ONE wonders whether West Perth are on the right track when they talk about dropping the existing zoning areas, both country and metropolitan. In view of the legal challenge and the rule-bending that goes on nowadays, it's certainly a red tape that we could do without. The current situation where Eagles players could drop back from the VFL commitments to WAFL ranks raises the question of why can't WAFL players go backwards and forwards to their country teams or their suburban sides if they're not wanted for the league team. That would further add to the case for dropping the reserves and elevating the under-19s in status.

FLASHBACK

JUST happened to be reading some old files this week and saw an article from last November regarding the Eagles. It quoted former Eagles heavy John Walker as saying that Perth would field two VFL sides within five years. Things must have changed since then because Messrs Walker and Co. at Indian Pacific and the people at the WAFL have been quite emphatic that WA wouldn't have a second team for "at least five years" because of the licence restriction.

NO SURPRISES

THE fact that Claremont defender Grant Povey was penalised would not have surprised coach Gerard Neesham. Neesham said that Claremont have had more free kicks given against them than they have received all season. Last Saturday that was also the case. Subiaco had 33 free kicks, while Claremont got only 16. I'm not making a case for evening up free kick tallies, but Neesham believes the Tigers are being hard done by.



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Neesham heading for select group

GERARD Neesham is certainly the man of the moment and is well on the way to a premiership in his first year of league coaching.

If he is successful Neesham will join 11 other coaches who have won a first-up premiership in the past 70 years.

They were Brad Smith (East Fremantle 1979), Barry Cable (East Perth 1978), Graham Campbell (West Perth 1975), Ross Smith (Subiaco 1973), Mal Atwell (Perth 1966), Steve Marsh (East Fremantle 1957), Clive Lewington (South Fremantle 1950), Jack Cashman (West Perth 1932), Jerry Dolan (East Fremantle 1931), Barney Sheedy (East Fremantle 1930) and 'Nipper' Truscott (East Fremantle 1925).

Neesham already goes into the record books with his 19 wins and one draw for Claremont in the qualifying games.

The previous best coaching record by a rookie coach is shared by two Victorian imports — Verdun Howell (Claremont, 1972) and Peter O'Donohou (West Perth, 1953) who had 18 qualifying wins.

Other top-class first-up performances include Dereck Chadwick at East Perth (17) and Mal Atwell (16).

Another record for Neesham is the prospect of playing in his fourth premiership side in five years. Neesham was a member of the Swan Districts

winning team in 1983/84 and East Fremantle's in 1985 — and I'm sure that has never been accomplished anywhere before in Australia.

BROTHERLY COACHES

THERE there have been numerous occasions when brothers have played league football — but how often do we find brothers who have coached league football?

In 1970 Neesham's brother Harry took over as coach of East Fremantle after the dismissal of Eric Sarich.

I know of two other cases — at South Fremantle when Neil Lewington had that team in 1945 and brother Clive took over in 1950 and at East Fremantle when the Doigs (George in 1940 and Charlie in 1954) were coaches.

HOW TIMES CHANGE

SUBIACO and East Fremantle have met only once before in a preliminary final — and that was in 1959.

The Lions were the first-semi winners by a record margin of 129 points over Perth. This week they are the second worst semi-final losers.

In 1959 Subiaco beat East Fremantle by 34 points to make their first grand final appearance since 1935 — only to lose to East Perth.

Coaches of the two sides that day were Tom Everett (East Fremantle) and Charlie Tyson (Subiaco).

RECORD FAVOURS SHARKS

EAST Fremantle have always had the wood (statistically) on Subiaco. At their last meeting on July 11 they won their 200th game against the Lions.

That was the first time a club had reached that number of wins against another club. Subiaco have won only 66 matches against the Sharks.

The Sharks were not beaten by Subiaco for 10 years and strung 28 wins straight between 1901 and 1911.

East Fremantle might start favourites this week but the records favour the second-semi loser. Of the 56 preliminary finals played the first-semi winner been successful only 20 times.

Spalding, Dean make their mark

WHEN Warren Dean (Subiaco) and Earl Spalding (Perth) signed to play with VFL club Melbourne for season 1987, many thought they had selected the wrong club.

But how the fortunes of football can change.

Both are now part of the first Melbourne side to play in the finals since 1963 and have already tasted finals success.

Both made significant contributions to Melbourne's win in the elimination final over North Melbourne last Sunday and it must have been an awesome feeling, knowing that 90 percent of the 72,000 fans at the MCG were supporting Melbourne.

Dean and Spalding signed for healthy contracts and slipped through a pretty open Eagles net without much effort.

Dean was probably not considered as a key forward and Spalding's inconsistency may have been a drawback as far as the Eagles were concerned.

But both have been used in a variety of roles at Melbourne — Dean on a wing, half-forward flank or centre-half-forward and Spalding at centre-half-forward, but with most success at centre-half-back.

Their ability to take a big mark and kick over long distances last week made one think that maybe the Eagles net should have been a little closer knit?

Tiger Klemm makes it

THE lyrics for the Swan beer advert "They said he'd never make it" ring true for Claremont's Darren Klemm.

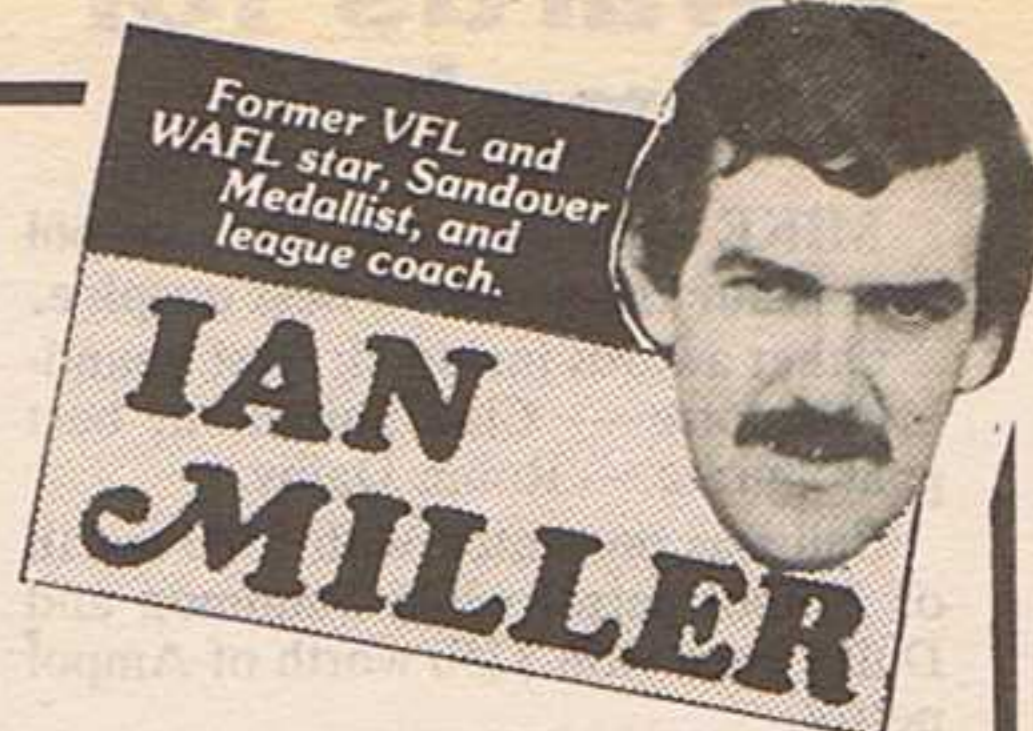
There haven't been doubts about Klemm's ability to play; simply when he would play because of constant injury problems.

Those injuries are behind him now as he has forced his way back into the league side and his football and team contribution has gained momentum each week, culminating in a top performance last Saturday.

His aggressive play, determination and hard tackling kept constant pressure not only on his immediate opponent, Ian Dargie, but on the whole Subiaco defence as they tried to run the ball forward.

Klemm takes a strong overhead mark for his size and created plenty of space on his wing.

His performance earns him automatic selection for a grand final appearance — just reward for considerable persistence and hard work.



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IAN MILLER

Memorable milestone

MANY players put in an ordinary game — or see their team lose — on a big day such as a personal milestone.

But that wasn't the case on either count for Claremont's Cam Shepherd last week when he celebrated his 150th game in winning style.

He was a solid performer in Claremont's victory, earning the chance to play in his first grand final.

Shepherd has been good value for Claremont over the past two seasons and forms part of that experienced brigade of Gerard Neesham, Steve Goulding, Peter Thorne, John Scott, Warren Ralph and Derek Kickett, who constantly provide the know-how out on the field.

Shepherd was a fairest and best winner at Perth in 1983 and played 107 games with the Demons. He went to Claremont with some good form which he hopes to produce on the big day to be part of a premiership team.

Sharks-Tigers possible showdown

ALL the talk after the home-and-away fixtures was on the magnificent effort by Claremont's three sides, who lost just seven games between them for the year.

But little behind them was East Fremantle, whose under-19s and reserves sides beat the Tigers last week to earn grand final berths.

With the Sharks good league first semi form against Swan Districts and Subiaco's shocker last week, they look likely to join the other grades in what would be a showdown between the two clubs across all the three grades.

At this stage that looks a likely prospect, though East Perth's under-19 and reserves sides and Subiaco's league team may have other ideas.

Perth flavour

THE line-up of contenders for the Perth coaching position has a common denominator, with a couple of exceptions.

Apart from Ken Judge and Allen Daniels, all the candidates have had a strong playing affiliation with the Demons.

Ken Armstrong, Bryan Cousins, Robert Wiley, Greg Brehaut and Steve Turner are all outstanding Perth-bred footballers and Gary Gibellini was a top performer for the Demons after switching from East Fremantle.

There is a strong feeling at the club that with Mal Brown retiring, now is the time to go back to a former Demon as coach.

Perth finished well down the list this season in what has been not only a traumatic year for the WAFL, but also for the Demons because of the move back to the WACA Ground.

Long-term it probably has merit, but this season's lack of on-field success and lack of facilities and identity at the WACA has caused problems.

The appointment of a former player, regardless of who it may be, is seen as a way to bring back member support.

That may be true, but the first job is to bring about success on the field. The young Demons side requires three or four experienced and quality recruits and the new coach must be a good communicator.

There is plenty of football knowledge and experience among the applicants and it will be a difficult task for the administration to make the right decision.

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Ralph shows the way

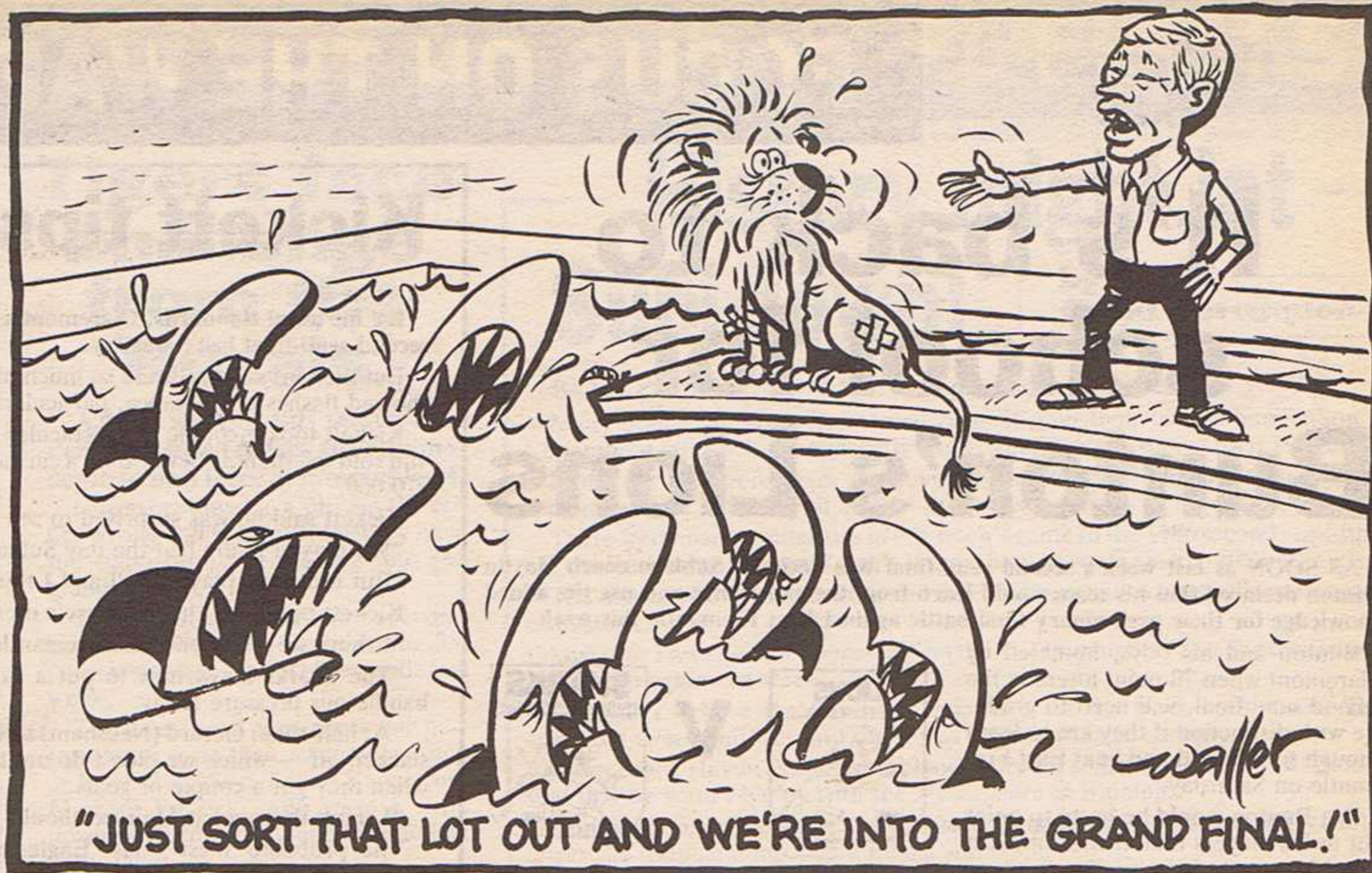
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They'll have a mighty task ahead
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There's no two ways about it
Claremont look the part
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BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Ralph finds form when it matters

HAS Gerard Neesham been kidding with Warren Ralph?
Against Subiaco, Ralph produced the Claremont form that saw him top the century in goals three years in succession before joining Carlton.

Two of those efforts — 120 goals in 1981 and 123 goals in 1983 — had been bettered only once (by Austin Robertson in 1968) since 1953.

It was that kind of form that made many believe Ralph would be a big success in the VFL.

If Simon Beasley could make it why not Ralph?

At times Ralph showed he had the ability to be a top full-forward with Carlton, but things didn't work out for him.

Earlier this season, I said in this column that Ralph could be the difference in Claremont winning a premiership.

His 10-goal effort on Saturday indicated that this could be the case.

So why has it taken Ralph so long to hit his straps?

He issued a warning in the last round that he could pose big problems in the finals when he twice got a bag of goals — 10.1 against West Perth and 9.9 against East Perth. But Neesham has tended to use him as a spare-parts player this season — in defence, of centre-half-forward and the ruck.

Ralph himself admitted that his form hadn't been so great.

But I wonder if he had been left at full-forward all season, whether that form would have quickly returned.

Ralph has to be a better equipped full-forward now than when he last played in WA. He had three year's experience in the hurly-burly of the VFL. And, to be quite honest, the class of full-back in WA is not up to VFL standard.

I doubt that Ralph will be contained in the grand final. He is such a good lead, can take a strong mark and can kick over long distances that whoever plays on him will be led a merry dance.

As long as Claremont feed him and, more importantly, he kicks accurately, Ralph is going to be a big headache to the team the Tigers play in the grand final.

And what a great position to be in. If Ralph doesn't get you then Derek Kickett probably will. Toss in Peter Melesso and David O'Connell and the Tigers are very potent in the marking department up forward.

But back to Ralph. I wonder whether Neesham was content to let him potter along with the team up to the finals.

After all, Neesham knew very early in the piece that the Tigers would be there.

Neesham has also been quite content to play second fiddle in the team. His (and Ralph's) performance in the finals has put the icing on the cake for the Tigers when it really matters.

Unfortunately for the WAFL, it has been presented with a pretty one-sided competition when it least needed it.

There has been a clear difference between virtually every team in the competition this season. Very rarely did a team beat the one above it on the premiership ladder when they met.

With only two games to go, it will be interesting to see whether that changes.

In the past, Claremont have tended to stumble in the finals. On current form it seems unlikely that will happen this year.

"Gerry likes to win; it's in his nature. But 19 wins in a row is putting a lot of pressure on." Swan Districts coach John Todd on Gerard Neesham's second semi-final challenge.

"To be discarded for the final two games when we were fighting for a place in the five obviously indicates somebody has doubts about me." Former WA player Murray Rance on suggestions that he might quit Footscray.

"We were written off by most critics following our player losses to the Eagles, but our return to power is a credit to our young players." Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor.

"The new headquarters will provide the players with an excellent training environment and give us the permanent home we were unable to develop this year." Eagles chief Graham Moss on the team's move to the Superdome at Graylands.

"The only football I am interested in at this time of the year is East Fremantle's finals programme." Sharks defender Tim Gepp on reports that the Brisbane Bears want to sign him for next season.

"What happens in qualifying rounds really goes by the board when it comes to finals." Geoff Christian on radio 6WF.

"There are still plenty of familiar faces." Subiaco veteran Peter Featherby on the Lions team chasing back-to-back flags.

"We are happy with the way Ron handled the team and at no stage have we considered replacing him. He has a three-year contract and will be at the helm next year." Eagles chief Graham Moss on coach Ron Alexander's future.

"He is an outstanding coach, but we will be playing Subiaco and 20 players out on the field and I think our chances of winning are very good." Claremont coach Gerard Neesham on his Subiaco rival Haydn Bunton.

"That's a handy goal for Subiaco; 14 more handy goals and they could be in for a chance." Graham Farmer, on 6IX in the last quarter as Claremont stormed to victory.

"Today's behind us; there's no point looking back all week or everyone will get more miserable. We'll regroup and next week's a different game." Lions coach Haydn Bunton after their loss to Claremont.

"The WAFL should take a firm stand on the team selections following the ploy used by East Fremantle for the first semi-final." Geoff Christian, writing in The West Australian on East Fremantle's deception over Brian Peake's inclusion in the first semi-final team.

"I need the break to recuperate and get rid of any nagging injuries." Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning, pulling out of the Australian team (of which he was captain) to tour America and Ireland.

WHAT THEY SAID



"If a form-four floated my way from North Melbourne, I'd love to sign it." Claremont star Guy McKenna suggesting that he wasn't that desperate to join the Eagles.

"I think I was too tensed up with that final kick and tried too hard." Claremont 10-goal kicker Warren Ralph on missing his after-siren shot that would have given him a finals record.

"Claremont beware, we're out for revenge." Subiaco's lion-hearted ruckman Shane Cocker after the second semi defeat.

"I can't see any logical reason for persevering with the zoning as it is structured at the moment." West Perth chief executive Graeme Pleydell on his club's bid to have city and country zoning scrapped.

"It annoys me when one of our guys gets hit and I'm usually off the chair when it happens." Eagles coach Ron Alexander.

"I've always had an interest in coaching and when there was a chance to coach and I play, I jumped at it." Perth player Allen Daniels on his reasons for applying for the Demons coaching job.

"I suppose it sounds like a real cliché, but it's the team that counts tomorrow." Claremont's Cam Shepherd on his 150th league game in the second semi-final.

"I don't call them boots; I reckon they're more like slippers." Radio 6IX commentator Neil Garland as Claremont's Grant Povey kicked his "football" boot off during the second semi.

"Steve sometimes helps hang out the washing, but he hates doing it. He says we should get a maid." Suzanne Malaxos, wife of Eagles awards winner Steve, on life in their sporting household.

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It's back to school for Bunton's Lions

AS SOON as last week's second semi-final was decided, Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton declared that his team would learn from the experience and use the added knowledge for their preliminary final battle against East Fremantle this week.

Bunton and his boys, humbled by Claremont when 70-point losers in the second semi-final, will need to graduate with distinction if they are to learn enough to rebound and beat East Fremantle on Saturday.

But Bunton would be hasty to point out to his players that at this time last year they were in a similar predicament.

They responded to a 50-point loss to East Fremantle in the second semi-final by beating Perth by 71 points in the preliminary final and then won their first premiership since 1973 when they upset the Sharks by 69 points in the grand final.

To beat East Fremantle this Saturday the Lions would need to quickly reverse the form — or rather the lack of it — they revealed last Saturday.

One thing in their favour is that it would be impossible for them to play that badly again.

TOUCH

They simply had too many players struggling to find their best touch.

East Fremantle were not impressive winners over Swan Districts in the first semi-final, but winning would give them a badly-needed confidence injection.

And the return of Brian Peake enhances their prospects, whether he plays in the centre or is used in attack where his marking power could cause problems for the Subiaco defence.

Perhaps the player best suited to minding Peake is Rod Willet, who was able to nullify Claremont dangerman Derek Kickett to good effect last Saturday.

East Fremantle again had problems during the week with fitness to key players.

Young centreman Chris Waterman, the star performer in the first semi-



final, were all unable to train at the required level.

Waterman and Forman suffered from influenza and Kerr had a groin injury.

The effect of those ailments could have a large bearing on the East Fremantle performance on Saturday.

FAVOURITES

The Sharks were able to beat Subiaco in their three qualifying matches and that should ensure they start this game as favourites.

East Fremantle boast a strong band of running players and are a physically strong side. That is where they could provide some problems for Subiaco.

The Sharks have several tall, athletic and mobile players they can switch around in the key positions, but Bunton is limited in the moves he can make down the middle of the ground.

For Subiaco to win they will need their midfield unit, the group most responsible for their late climb to second position on the premiership table, to be at their best.

Captain Neil Taylor, wingmen Greg Carpenter and Ian Dargie, rover-defender Brian Taylor and, to a lesser extent, Peter Featherby, were all down on form last Saturday.

Peake, Waterman, Kerr, key position players Clinton Browning and ruck-rover Ray Sterrett represent the key to East Fremantle's chances of making their fourth successive grand final appearance.

Kickett tips the Sharks

BY his usual standards, Claremont's Derek Kickett had an off-day during the second semi-final last Saturday.

But then his standards are so much higher than most other players and he still showed flashes of brilliance, particularly operating as a loose man in defence.

Kickett took a couple of spectacular marks — one sensational one-hander — and sold the dummy better than a car salesman could offer a Ferrari sports car at \$10,000.

Kickett said he was surprised to see Claremont win so convincingly.

"We played really bad the day Subiaco drew with us," Kickett said.

"But today we played well and I think they will struggle next week."

Kickett predicted that Melrose's men would overcome the Lions.

"I think we will meet East Fremantle in the grand final," he said.

"The Sharks know how to put a side under pressure and Subiaco couldn't handle our pressure today."

"At half-time, Gerard (Neesham) told us to keep going for our shots and not to slacken off — which we didn't do until the last 10 minutes of the final quarter, when they got a couple of goals."

"I think that's what Melrose should say to East Fremantle — go for it."

The probable West Coast Eagles recruit said that he doesn't mind who Claremont meet in the final — just so long as we win it."

YEAR OFF HELPS LEWIS



Cameron Lewis... Aiming for a league premiership with Claremont.

CLAREMONT back-pocket player Cameron Lewis has been one of the WAFL success stories of 1987.

Lewis made his WAFL debut with Claremont in 1980, but after several attempts to establish himself in the league side, he went to the Sunday League last year and many people had written him off.

But Lewis returned in 1987 — and the year off was probably the best decision he has made in his life.

"It helped me settle down and with support from Gerard (Neesham) this year, things have gone really well for me," Lewis said.

"I always wanted to be a regular league player and the challenge was still there."

Lewis is now after a trifecta. He narrowly missed one on the Melbourne races last weekend, but has no intentions of losing his football trifecta.

"I've won two grand finals with the 'Monts," he said.

"I've won one with the colts and one in the reserves and a league grand final victory would be great."

Now 25 years of age, Lewis puts himself in football's middle-age category.

"I'm now a spring chicken and as long as I can maintain my form and continue to contribute positively to the team, I will keep playing league football," Lewis said.

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**RESERVES —
Tigers v Royals**



Royals dangerman Rod Lewis.

Tigers face challenge from the Royals

AT the start of this season East Perth appeared to lack the required depth to be a force at reserves level.

However, they have proved the critics wrong and this Saturday they have the opportunity of moving into the grand final.

They face a talented Claremont combination, who were disappointing 35-point losers against East Fremantle last week.

The Tigers need more consistent performances from their midfielders such as Brian Beresford, Lenny Yarran and Michael Pollock, who were a little down on form after quarter time last Saturday.

East Perth are well endowed with talented running players.

The basis of their tremendous first semi-final win was built around these players, particularly wingmen Michael Chalmers and Eddie Cubillo and rover Dean Bertram.

It was Bertram who kicked the ball into the waiting arms of match-winner Justin Cook — who converted to give East Perth the lead at the 30-minute mark of the last quarter.

Cook, along with Peter Cransberg and Shane Stempel, form one of the most dangerous attacks in reserves football.

Claremont's regular full-back, Kempton Cowan, pulled a hamstring during last week's game and coach John Dimmer will be forced to improvise, possibly with ruckmen Mal Thompson and Rob Fitzgerald, or perhaps regular half-forward Paul Hazell may be handed this unenviable task.

Hazell is a similar style of player to Cransberg and his delivery of the ball from full-back could be put to good use.

Talented East Perth rookies Rod Lewis and Mark Cartier will be expected to play a leading role on Saturday. Cartier and Lewis surprisingly began the first semi-final on the interchange bench.

They were both introduced into the game fairly early and their presence was felt immediately.

East Perth coach Peter Ivanoff is sure to start both players in the 18 this week.

It will be interesting to see if Ivanoff includes himself in the East Perth line up, after missing the first semi-final. His leadership qualities have been used to good effect this season and his finals experience would surely benefit the young Royals.

History might let Subi down!

by **Grant Dorrington**

BEWARE Subiaco — history might not repeat itself this year.

Many Subiaco supporters seemed content with their team's humiliation by Claremont last week — apparently feeling that they can repeat their 1986 effort.

Last year the Lions were destroyed by a well-drilled East Fremantle, but rebounded and atoned with a great premiership win.

There were many similarities in last week's game to the 1986 second semi-final; not the least being Warren Ralph's 10-goal haul to equal Darren Bennett's effort.

The Sharks also dominated the mid-field last year with a total eclipse across the centreline.

Last year I watched the Lions train on the Tuesday night before the second semi and did so again last week.

I couldn't believe the 'lay back' approach on the track both times. They appeared over-confident and there was a sense of false security.

Lions coach Haydn Bunton must have detected something also last week as he said that he wasn't happy with the atmosphere at training.

Bunton is one of the game's most astute thinkers and has the capacity to lift or lower the training atmosphere by his approach.

I'm sure he would have liked to have won last week, but he won't be disappointed with having to do it the hard way again. The Sharks will be favourites and that is the way Bunton seems to like it.

This week's attention to detail and urgency in the Lions team will be back to the level required to earn a place in their third consecutive grand final.

The risk the players take is listening to the media and their supporters telling them that this happened last year and history will repeat itself.

This may prove correct, but a 100 per cent improvement in commitment is the only sure way of having a chance to win back-to-back premierships.

Royals are confident up against Tigers

CLAREMONT, shock losers against East Fremantle last week, meet a confident East Perth, in Saturday's under-19 preliminary final.

The Royals beat a persistent West Perth by 11 points in the first semi-final and they will be eager to upset the talented Claremont side on Saturday.

In complete contrast, Claremont must be a little worried about their immediate prospects after an embarrassing 94-point loss to East Fremantle in the second semi-final.

Many of their key players were down on form and a dramatic reversal is needed if they are to topple East Perth.

Big full-forward Ryan Dhue will be expected to play a leading role. He is the competition's leading goalscorer with 53, but he was held goal-less against East Fremantle.

Roaming forwards Dale Kickett and Alec Yarran must also contribute strongly. Kickett performed solidly last week, kicking two goals, however, Yarran was rarely sighted.

Claremont ruckmen Ross Dunkeld, Scott Robins and Peter Dowling are

UNDER-19s — Tigers v Royals

faced with the unenviable task of curbing the East Perth ruck trio of Troy Starcevic, Stephen Wasley and possibly Clint Walker.

Starcevic and the gangling Wasley were in brilliant form against West Perth two weeks ago and they loom as dangermen once again.

East Perth will rely on Eric Maroni, John Edmondson, Peter Miller, Murray Hulbert and Aaron Harwood to give them midfield ascendancy against the formidable Claremont small brigade led by rovers Nicky Yarran and Paul Pannell.

They will be supported by centremen Steven Southern, who was one of the Tigers few bright lights against East Fremantle last week, wingman Rob Malone and utility player Craig Slarke.

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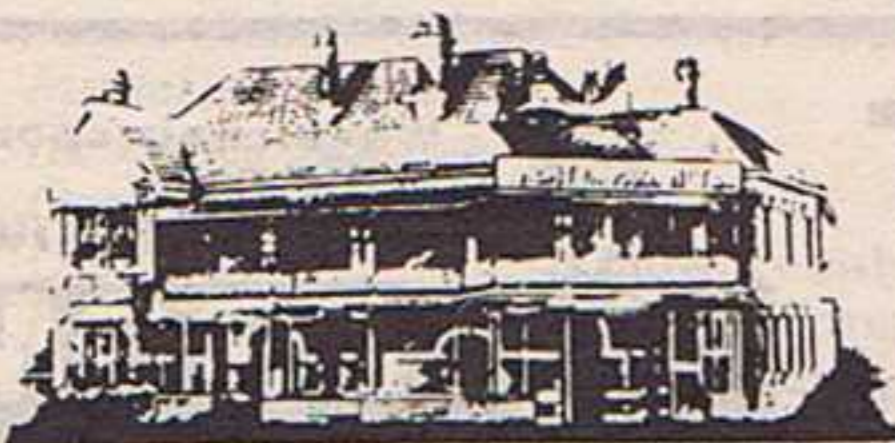
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WESTERN Australia has produced some of Australian football's greatest players — the State seems to be a breeding ground for top class youngsters.

The first game of the Commonwealth Bank Australian schoolboy championships last Saturday, between WA and Victoria, confirmed the amazing depth of our junior talent.

The young West Aussies played an outstanding game to beat the Victorians by four goals.

Their skills and run was exceptional, with the key being their commitment to doing the spectacular things; the difference between mediocrity and greatness.

Smothering, fierce tackling and a unyielding determination to get the hard ball made them a very complete football team.

To beat Victoria, the reigning champions with three times the number of players to choose from, is a great boost for WA.

It doesn't seem to matter how many

players leave this State, there's always someone to replace them.

The football education of the young WA players took another turn on Sunday, a day after their great victory, when they were comprehensively thrashed by a far stronger and more committed Queensland team.

Young players must learn to face the highs and lows that mental attitude can bring in sport.

Sunday was a classic example of the players believing that they had won the carnival the day before.

To earn the ranking of best in Australia, the players must learn that skills are comparatively equal among all the States. The difference is their attitude to the game and this can vary from day to day.

There's no doubt that many of these schoolboy stars will play league football in the near future and the WAFL competition will strengthen as a result of this carnival.

The WA boys have the opportunity to win the Australian title for the first time in a decade; so give them your support this week.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



A great night — be there

THE Australian Football Coaches Association (WA) Inc has continued to grow as a professional group representing coaches at all levels.

In fact, the AFCA is now the biggest association of coaches in the West, something that Australian football can be proud of.

The coach is the key to our game and must be given all the support possible with coach education techniques.

On Wednesday, October 14 at the Graylands Superdrome, the Association will hold its annual general meet-

ing when the prestigious Coach of the Year awards will be made.

The State's coaching co-ordinator, Dr Brian Douge, will be the guest speaker, talking on his visit to the United Kingdom when he represented Australian football at a world sports conference.

Dr Douge had the opportunity to travel with the famous Liverpool soccer team and observe how and why they are the best in England.

He is an outstanding speaker and the night will be an important occasion for all football coaches — plus it gives them all a chance to inspect the magnificent facilities at the Superdrome — now the headquarters of the West Coast Eagles as well.

Tigers are a super machine

THE 1987 Claremont league team would have to be one of the most cohesive teams I have seen in the WAFL.

Considering the loss of players to VFL ranks this year and the fact that a big proportion of this Tigers team are only young, they rate highly as an excellent team combination.

Their '87 record of one loss is exceptional and after seeing them five times this year, there's no doubt that they are the hardest-working Claremont team I've seen.

Their capacity to run both ways is outstanding.

Defence is a key part of modern day football, when most players are more concerned about attacking or running free.

PRESSURE

The capacity of the Tigers to apply maximum pressure to the opposition is equal to their skilful use of the ball when they are in attack.

One-grab ball handlers are the key to the modern day running game. They don't make mistakes when the ball is in their possession and therefore they don't give the opposition the opportunity to 'counter attack'.

Claremont's precision hand and foot disposal last Saturday was superb.

Their mobile division's skill level is of the highest order.

Young forward ruck-rover Brian Sutherland is one of their best examples of a one-grab player who delivers the ball with precision. His ability to find a team mate ranks closely with that of his coach Gerard Neesham.

TIME

Neesham always seems to have 'time' when he gets possession, which makes his midfield presence so damaging and Sutherland has similar traits.

Add to the outstanding mobile division, the ball skills of the Tigers defence and it's easy to see why this team rates highly.

Grant Povey, Tony Beers, Guy McKenna and Cam Lewis are defenders of class, with great checking capacity, along with superb run and ball delivery skill.

Watching the Tigers demolish Subiaco last Saturday was disappointing for Lions supporters — and the football followers the game is trying to attract back. But for fans who enjoy seeing the game played at its best — the Tigers performance was superb.



Tony Beers (left) and Guy McKenna ... Defenders of class.

A WORD WITH DARREN BENNETT

AT the first semi-final I had the opportunity to ask Darren Bennett how his prospects looked for the future — and it's not bright.

The champion Old Easts and Eagles full-forward said that he would be out of football for at least all of next season, as he faces a complete reconstruction job on his injured knee.

Indications are that the medical necessity should overcome the problem and, hopefully, he will be back in the game at the start of 1989.

Bennett is an exciting player to watch in full flight, and I for one, hope he will come back and find some of his true form.

The Eagles could sure do with him when he is at his top and the injury he sustained might be a legitimate excuse for the team's failure to make the final five.

After all, it has been obvious that the team lacked a spearhead and this can be very detrimental in a tough competition.

His inability to take the field next year poses some pointed questions for the VFL. Bennett has no intention of retiring, but he will be sidelined for at



Darren Bennett ... matchwinner.

least 12 months and his place should be allowed to be filled, even if he has no intention of giving football away permanently.

The Eagles will no doubt point this out to the VFL and their Commissioners will have to make a ruling on it.

Commonsense says that Bennett is a legitimate injury problem, but the Vics

are not noted for either their commonsense or their tendency towards "a fair thing".

We will have to watch and see what happens.

A BIG BASH!

I RANG Peter Cummiskey, the Waffle's big boss, and put it to him that we should have a football jamboree straight after the grand final.

The moment the final siren has gone, the cups and medals presented, we should have a big public party to celebrate the end of the year.

I would like to see bands set up on the four corners of the ground and merry-making and the like take place so that the public could be part of a big celebration.

Peter wasn't altogether against what I had to say, but pointed out that the lighting at the Subiaco Oval was not good enough for any activity to go on after the sun went down.

He also thought that many of the football crowd, particularly the administrators, had just about had enough football by the time the final siren had sounded. They probably wouldn't want more on their plate.



Wheelchair sports critic **BILL MATHER-BROWN**

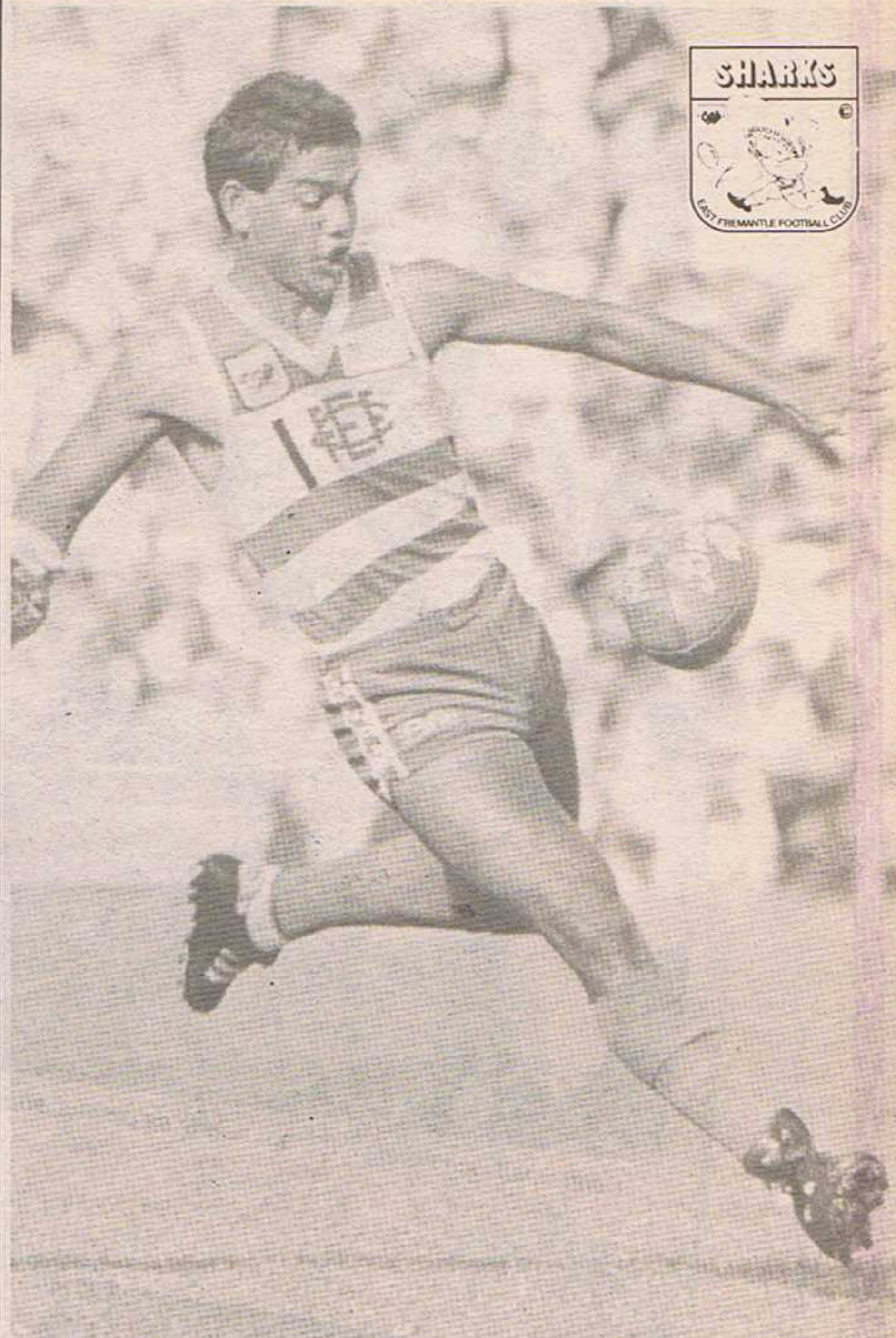
FROM WHERE I SIT

Another point was that after the game, the winners and losers generally retired to their home grounds to celebrate or commiserate and they wouldn't want to hang about at Subi for too long.

I reckon that a couple of hours of dancing with some good entertainment would cap the year off to a point where even the players of both sides would stick around and have themselves a ball with members of the public.

The reason this idea came to me was because of the size of the crowd who waited to meet the Eagles players after the St Kilda games.

People seemed to be waiting for something more to happen and the gesture by the Eagles to come back out and sign autographs was certainly appreciated.



 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

William Monaghan

Nickname: Monas.
Why: Surname.
Date of Birth: 28/8/68.
Height: 188cm (6ft 2in). **Weight:** 75kg (12st 3lb).
Previous Clubs: Mandurah.
Junior Club: Elizabeth, South Australia.
Marital Status: Single.
Residence: Karawara
Occupation: Student.
Other Sporting Interests: Golf, Tennis.
Favourite Position: Centre-half-forward.
First Position: Centre-half-forward.
League Debut: 1986 vs East Fremantle.
YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: Alf. **Drink:** Bourbon.
TV Show: Alf.
Food: Roast.
Movie: Midnight Express.
Holiday Resort: Hawaii.
Your Car: Don't own one.
Your Favourite Car: Any car will do.
Career Highlights: League debut.
Worst Moment in Football: Second semi-final vs Claremont last week.
Hard Things in Football: Sunday morning training.
Football Idols: Malcolm Blight, Peter Featherby.
Toughest Opponent: Michael Brennan.
Most Respected Opponent: All.
Most Respected Umpire: All.
Most Memorable Game: League debut vs East Fremantle.
Ambitions: To win this year's flag.
What do you like about Football: Comradeship.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Watch cartoons, relax.
Who Influenced Your Career: My father, various people at Subiaco.
Guernsey Number: 20.
Worst Injury: Nothing serious yet.
Luckiest Break: Moving up from Mandurah last year.

 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Roger Kerr

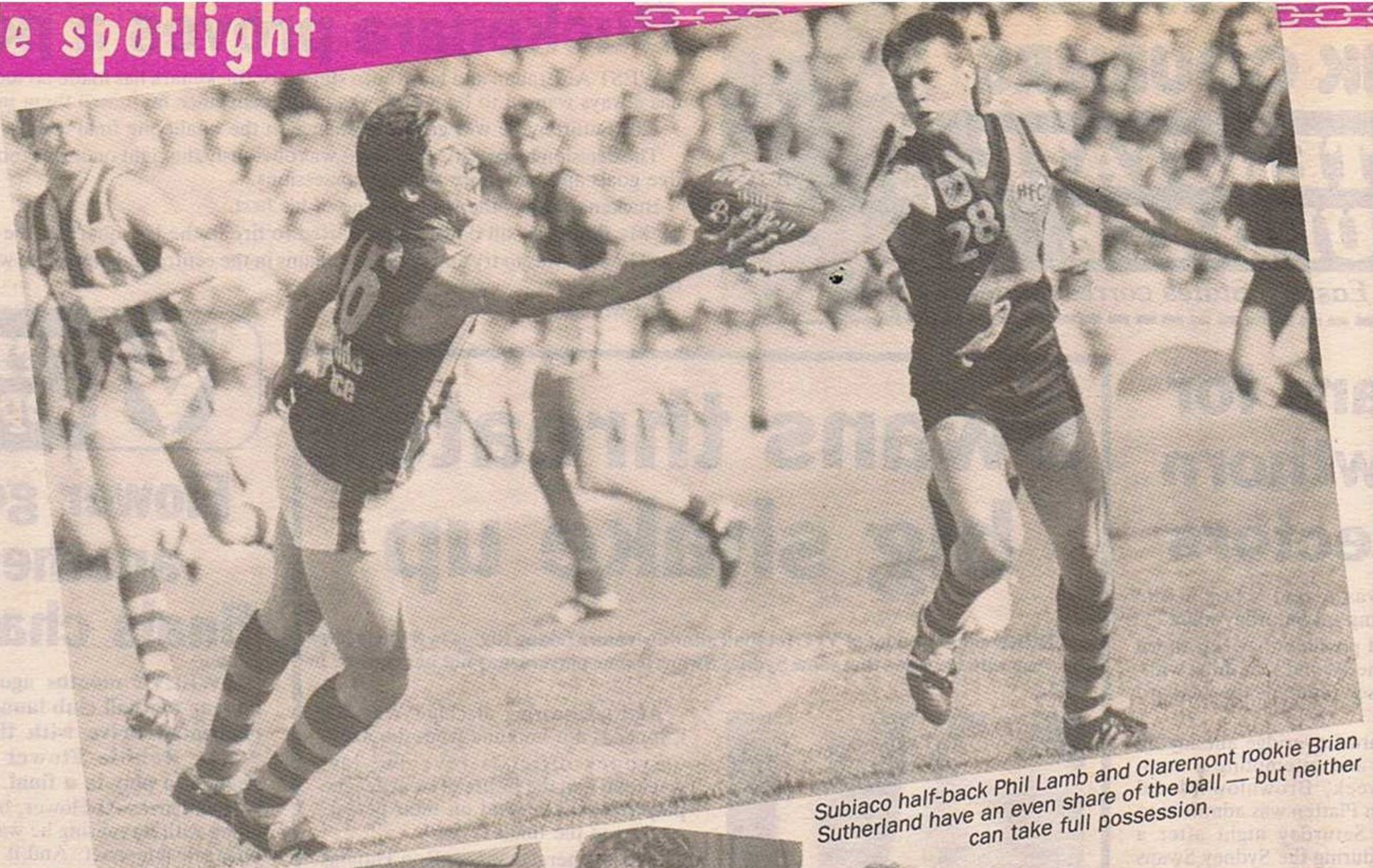
Date of Birth: 18/12/60. **Place of Birth:** Perth.
Height: 175cm (5ft 9in). **Weight:** 70kg (11st).
Age Started Playing: 20.
Junior Club: East Fremantle Junior FC.
Marital Status: Married. **Wife's Name:** Roxanne.
Children: 2. **Daniel** (4), **Levi** (2).
Residence: Melville.
Occupation: Linesman.
Place of Work: Telecom.
Other Sporting Interests: Cricket.
Favourite Position: Rover.
First Position: Rover.
League Debut: 1980 vs West Perth.
YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: Charles Bronson. **Drink:** Scotch and Coke.
TV Show: Winners.
Food: Currie and Rice.
Movie: Street Fighter.
Music: Boots Randolph.
Book: Wizard of Oz.
Holiday Resort: Anywhere
Ground: East Fremantle Oval.
Your Car: Holden Commodore.
Your Favourite Car: Commodore.
Career Highlights: 1985 Grand Final.
Worst Moment in Football: Injuries.
Hard Things in Football: Winning finals.
Toughest Opponent: All the same.
Most Memorable Game: The 1985 Grand Final.
Ambitions: Win this year's grand final.
What do you like about Football: Winning.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Concentrate on the game and relax.
Who Influenced Your Career: Myself.
Guernsey Number: 1.
Any Reason: Smallest size.



Centreman Ben Allan ... It's not nearly as painful after a win.



Claremont rover Don Pyke ... well satisfied with his first final round appearance.



Subiaco half-back Phil Lamb and Claremont rookie Brian Sutherland have an even share of the ball — but neither can take full possession.

THAT FINALS FEELING



Ecstatic Tigers ... (left to right) Cam Lewis, Mark Hann and Joe Ahmat after last Saturday's big win.



Veterans, Peter Featherby (left) and Gerard Neesham ... still playing good football at finals level.



Let's play this game out to the end ... Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton.

THE finals campaign swung into the second week — and unveiled the Claremont Tigers as a ruthless, methodical team machine.

They ground Subiaco into the dust at League headquarters — and Gerard Neesham's team marched straight into the 1987 grand final.

Our photographers, GEORGE TEMPLE and CHRIS STUCKEY, were there to capture the action and the atmosphere.



A sprawling Brian Sutherland gets a handpass away, despite the pressure being applied by Phil Lamb and Clinton Brown.

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INTERSTATE UPDATE

From our Eastern States correspondents



Scare for Hawthorn selectors

THERE was a real scare in the Hawthorn camp on Saturday night.

It appeared possible that Hawthorn may go into the second semi-final without a recognised premiers-ship-standard rover.

With Richard Loveridge already on the sidelines and attempting a comeback this week, Brownlow Medal favourite John Platten was admitted to hospital last Saturday night after a heavy knock during the Sydney Swans clash.

But Platten has been given the all-clear by doctors to play in Saturday's second semi-final against minor premiers Carlton.

The long-haired rover suffered a knock when he and team-mate Gary Ayres collided in the first quarter of the Swans game.

HOSPITAL

Platten told officials he did not feel well during the game and after the Hawks 99-point win.

He was taken to the same hospital where his wife had been admitted with a broken ankle.

Hawthorn football manager Allan Joyce said: "We decided to take him to hospital as a precaution and left him there overnight."

"Doctors examined him in the morning and he is okay. He did not suffer concussion and will play against Carlton."

In the meantime the speedy Loveridge will undergo a fitness test on Friday to determine his availability for the second semi-final.

Loveridge strained a medial capsule in his knee against Essendon in the second last round.

He says the swelling has gone down and hopes to train at full pace.

Hawk test

HAWTHORN players may not know it yet, but 10 of them are about to be recruited for a 200km run around Port Phillip Bay.

The club has decided to enter a team in the January Charity Bicentennial 200km Team Run from Melbourne, via Queenscliff, across the Heads to Portsea and finishing back in Melbourne.

The Hawks must raise \$5000 for their entry fee, part of which will go to the Doxa Youth Welfare Foundation.

The club can select another charity to assist and as a result of the cot death of North Melbourne coach John Kennedy's baby son, the Hawks have chosen the Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation.

Buckenara proves a point

WEST Australian and Hawthorn star Gary Buckenara has made no secret that he has always wanted to be the Hawks centreman since he joined them in 1982.

Last Saturday he was given his chance in the qualifying final against Sydney.

The decision by coach Allan Jeans was obviously the right one. Buckenara kicked five goals and had more than 25 possessions.

Buckenara rates the game as one of his best.

"My fitness is still down and I started to tire in the last quarter," he said.

"The plan was to try and negate Williams in the centre and make him worry about me."

"It worked."

Swans threaten big shake up

THERE could be a lot of VFL football administrators taking flights to Sydney later this year with the news that some Sydney Swans league players may not be required in 1988.



Warwick Capper ... 100 goals up.

And goallscoring machine Warwick Capper is not immune from the axe.

Sydney officials revealed last weekend that the future of some league players could depend on their performances in the finals series.

Swans general manager Ron Thomas said the Swans lost two matches in the finals last year and they do not want that repeated in 1988.

"If we decide to add new, young players to the list, we have to decide whether those we bring in are any better than our present players," Thomas said.

SCRUTINISED

Capper is one of several Swans players who have been informed by the club that their performances are being closely scrutinised.

And after last Saturday's defeat at the hands of Hawthorn, a couple of those under the microscope would have to be fearing that next week's first semi-final will be their last chance.

Their contracts could be heavily sliced, or worse they could face expulsion from the club.

And Capper is apparently far from happy about the arrangement and negotiations with the Swans star are at a stalemate.

Thomas said there have not been any official talks with Capper.

"We have discussed next year only on round terms," he said.

"And it's not just Warwick, there are other players."

But on Saturday's game, Capper need not worry too much about 1988.

HAMSTRING

He scored four of the Swans eight goals and took a high flying mark that many observers rated as the best they had ever seen before he was forced from the field with a pulled hamstring.

Capper was fairly philosophical about his mixed fortunes last Saturday.

"It was good to get the 100 goals out of the way," he said.

"I am hoping to fight back this week, but it is not looking too good."

Lions win \$20,000

DAVID Parkin got immediate results for Fitzroy after his decision to remain as coach — the Lions beat Collingwood in a \$20,000 challenge-match at Manuka Oval, Canberra, last Satur-

day. Fitzroy set up the victory in the third quarter by kicking 8.3 to 3.3 and led 16.11 (107) to 10.7 (67) at the last change.



Flower gets another finals chance

TWELVE months ago the Melbourne football club launched a recruitment drive with the theme: "Give Robbie Flower one last chance to play in a final."

It embarrassed Flower, but he went along with it realising he was his club's only saleable asset. And it worked.

Three of the better players in Sunday's 118-point elimination final massacre over North Melbourne were West Australians Earl Spalding and Warren Dean and South Australian Todd Viney who were probably paid with money raised in that drive.

Flower's influence in Melbourne's powerful win was at many levels.

He scored five straight goals, took two inspiring fingertip marks and worked hard across the forward line making room for other players to enter the game.

There also was his talking. In fact he never shut up. He ran through the banner talking. He ran a pre-match "lap of honour" talking and at three-quarter time he was still talking.

DON'T LET UP

Flower said later: "I said to the boys: 'To play in the finals it's going to take four quarters to win any more finals, so don't let up.'"

It was Melbourne's first final in 23 years, Flower's first in a 15-year, 272 club-game record career.

It was an elimination final record 118-point margin win and was Melbourne's seventh win in a row.

How WA players performed



	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	21	10	1	5 1
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	13	9	2	3 4
Earl Spalding	13	4	5	— —
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Mark Hepburn	7	3	3	1 1
Phil Krakouer	15	10	4	2 2
Stephen McCann	12	5	3	— 1
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	5	—	5	— —
John Ironmonger	1	3	5	— —

HIT-OUTS: Ironmonger 11; Spalding, McCann 2.

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Carlton are ready for ruthless Hawks

CARLTON and Hawthorn will renew their high-standard rivalry when they meet in Saturday's second semi-final at VFL Park.

The Princes Park co-tenants have contested many memorable games over the years and this promises to be no exception.

The Blues will be well rested and no doubt a little worried after watching Hawthorn demolish an inept Sydney Swans last week.

Once again they will rely heavily on their expensive interstate recruits like centre-half-forward Stephen Kernahan, midfielder Craig Bradley, ruckman-forward Peter Sartori, who finally struck good form in the latter part of the season and former South Fremantle player Jon Dorotich.

Kernahan has been particularly destructive in the forward line where his strong marking and long kicking is sure to give Hawthorn problems.

Hawthorn's regular centre-half-back Chris Mew is in doubt with a leg injury, though they have an accurate replacement in Rod Lester-Smith if needed.

Hawthorn forwards Dermott Brereton, Russell Morris, Jason Dunstall and Peter Curran are danger players if given opportunities and the Carlton midfield must pay special attention to players like John Platten, Michael



Tuck, Gary Buckenara, Peter Russo, Peter Schwab, Robert DiPierdomenico and young Andrew Collins, who came into the side when regular rover Richard Loveridge was declared unfit last week.

These players have the ability to win many possessions and their disposal into the forward line makes life easy for the Hawthorn goal kickers.

Carlton will require some dogged football from tight-checking players such as Shane Robertson, Tom Alvin and Peter Dean and some creative ruck play from Justin Madden.

With Kernahan and Sartori holding down permanent roles in the forward line a big responsibility falls onto Madden.

He has been a little down on form in recent weeks and must lift against the youthful Hawthorn combination of Greg Dear and Paul Abbott.

Swans face problems in Melbourne

THE Sydney Swans dismal 99-point loss to Hawthorn in last Saturday's qualifying final has once again cast a doubt over their ability to win big games in Melbourne.

The Swans, an awesome combination in the Harbour City, seem to be easily unsettled by the conditions and the lack of vocal support in Melbourne.

This is unlikely to change when they play Melbourne at the MCG in Sunday's first semi-final.

The Demons go into the game as sentimental favourites and a huge proportion of the crowd will be right behind them.

Melbourne will be eager to continue where they left off against North Melbourne, not only for their veteran captain, Robert Flower, who had been deprived of a finals appearance until last week, but also to make up for the 23 years they have been out of the five.

Sydney have the edge in class and experience with players such as Mark Browning on a half-back-flank, half-forward Tony Morwood, ruck-rover Gerard Healy, rover Steve Wright and



midfielders Merv Neagle, Greg Williams and David Bolton.

These running players have given opposition sides so much trouble this year and Melbourne will be hoping for good performances from their taggers like Brett Bailey, Graeme Yeats and Doug Koop.

Bailey may be given the difficult task of minding Sydney centreman Greg Williams, Yeats should play on David Bolton or Merv Neagle (if fit) and Koop may slot into the back pocket in place of the suspended Dean Chiron.

The Demons possess one of the most potent half-forward lines in the VFL, with Warren Dean at centre-half-forward, former Sturt player Todd Viney on one flank and the brilliant Flower on the other.

All three were in good form against North Melbourne last week and once again they loom ominously for the Swans defence.

Much of the Swans' hopes hinge on high-flying full-forward Warwick Capper, who has a strained groin and is in doubt.

If Capper plays, Melbourne will hope Danny Hughes can contain him and the Demons chances will improve dramatically.

Beasley ponders

FOOTSCRAY sharp-shooter Simon Beasley has not decided whether to play next year and perhaps reach a 500-goal milestone in his VFL career.

He has scored 478 goals in the VFL, averaging 3.78 per match.

"One thing I will be doing is keeping in shape over summer," Beasley said.

"I won't be having a complete let-up from training."

This suggests that he will have another year of mixing a successful stockbroking career and football.

Like most spearheads, Beasley is self-critical and says the one bad game he played this season was against Colingwood at Western Oval when a howling gale disrupted his judgment.

"I do find that I play better at this time of year when the weather is improving, but the grounds are still on the soft side," he said.

"I am having a little trouble with my back and I enjoyed scoring those 10 goals a week ago."

That was against the Brisbane Bears and was the fifth time he has kicked 10 in the VFL.

He has kicked 11 once and 12 goals three times against Geelong, Richmond and Melbourne.

Beasley's record in 1987 was 72.44 — a long way behind the league's leading goalkicker, St Kilda's Tony Lockett with 117.53.

The Bulldogs full-forward is full of praise for Lockett.

"He's a fantastic young player — he's so strong, aggressive and adaptable," he said.

"I think I might be a little quicker than Tony but he's deceiving and I doubt if anyone stands his ground better for a mark."



EAGLES PROFILE

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SEAN KING

FAVOURITE POSITION: Wing or Centre
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 28/6/64 Albury, NSW
HEIGHT: 181cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg
RECRUITED FROM: West Perth
FIRST PLAYED: 1986
GAMES PLAYED: West Perth 33, Eagles 1
FOOTBALL HONOURS: State Amateurs side in 1986
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two brothers, one sister
OCCUPATION: Clerk
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Newman High
CAR: Subaru Wagon
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Cricket
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:

Midnight Oil
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Lee Falk
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Bali
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Rumours
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Miami Vice, The Cosby Show
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: David Whitehead, John Wynne
MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMAN: Dennis Lillee
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Sleep
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injured knee '86 — out for 7 games
BIGGEST THRILL: Selection in West Coast Eagles squad
NICKNAME: Kingsley
FAVOURITE GROUND: Leederville
FOOTBALL AMBITION: Win a VFL grand final

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Pingelly win it in the first term

WINNING the toss probably cost Wickepin the chance of winning last Sunday's elimination final in the Upper Great Southern League.

After electing to kick against the wind, Wickepin trailed by 44 points at quarter-time — and they never recovered from the Pingelly onslaught, losing 23.12 to 15.7.

Pingelly veteran Kerin Ugle celebrated his 300th game with a strong performance while Albert Humphries (eight goals) dominated the forward line.

Centreman Russell Lathwell was a strong contributor, with David Stone playing his best game of the season. Other good performers for Pingelly were Ron Maguire (three goals) and Brad Goodlett.

For Wickepin, half-forward Gary Prater and full-forward Tom Reidy (seven goals) made the most of limited opportunities, while Andrew Snow never gave in.

The qualifying final saw Williams (20.17) run out comfortable winners against Railways (15.15) after establishing a handy 29-point margin at quarter time.

For the victors, Peter Darroch, Michael Kain and Steven Gillett were strong contributors, while Warren Cowcher, despite a heavy dose of the flu, played well and ended with five goals.

Railways back pocket player Wayne Ewen defended strongly and teamed well with full-back Darryl Ugle and ruckman Kevin Timms was best of the rest.

The thirds competition saw an unusual situation when West Arthur forfeited their qualifying final to Wickiepin. Williams won the elimination final against Pingelly 11.8 to 9.5.

Lake Grace (12.2) narrowly beat Boddington (11.14) in the seconds qualifying final with Towns (11.9) accounting for Railways (2.11) in the other final.

This week's fixtures see Pingelly opposed to Railways in the first semi-final with the second semi-final between Towns and Williams.

BRIGADES SOLID

BRIGADES (17.19) played solid football to win a berth in the Great Northern League preliminary final in two weeks time after a 49-point win over Chapman Valley (10.12).

In the reserves preliminary final, Mullewa 10.6 beat Railways 7.11.

BEACON SHINE

BEACON won the right to meet Bencubbin in the Central Wheatbelt grand final with a 17.11 to 12.16 win over Mukinbudin in the preliminary final.

In the reserves, Bencubbin (14.15) outpointed Mukinbudin (5.5) to win a grand final showdown against Southern Cross.

Carey Park in thrilling win

A THRILLING South West qualifying final — considered to be the best finals game played in the SWNFL in the past 10 years — saw Carey Park snatch a three point victory over Collie, 14.16 to 14.13.

Respective full-forwards Kernutt Thorne and Ken Hayward, with five and six goals, were both reliable avenues of attack.

Both sides had opportunities to win the game during the final quarter, but Collie, who led by two goals at three-quarter time, were the unlucky team who trailed at the final siren.

For the victors, half-backs Mal Cooke and Glen Coyle were best and others to show out were ruck-rover Graeme Carlson and full-back Terry Bruce, who took many timely marks, especially in the torrid last quarter.

In a game in which defenders dominated, best players for Collie were Neil Jackson and Greg O'Brien.

Peter Slater, in the centre, was also a strong contributor, as was ruck-rover Brendan Retzlaff until injured — a vital blow to Collie's hopes of victory.

The elimination final was also a high-standard game with Bunbury (14.19) who led by seven points at three quarter time, eventually running out winners against Mines Rovers 14.19 to 11.14.

Wingman Rob Richards was best for Bunbury, ably assisted by Steve Beaton and Kim Gibbs, who has an appointment with the tribunal on Wednesday night.

Hayward Medallist Grant Hawkes,

despite being closely checked all day, still exerted a big influence on the game.

For the losers, captain-coach Peter Rowe led his team by example, while centre-liners Gary King and Mark Antonovich continually drove their side into attack. Ruck-rover Paul Moyses was the best of the rest.

The outcome of this week's second semi-final between Carey Park and South Bunbury may well hinge on the result of the tribunal meeting at which full-forward Kernutt Thorne and rover Mark Skehan both face striking charges.

Carey Park will start favourites if these two players are available, but it is doubtful if they could beat South Bunbury without them.

The first semi-final between Bunbury and Collie is also expected to be a close game, with Collie favoured to advance to preliminary final.

MEDAL WIN

BUNBURY ruck rover Grant Hawkes won the Hayward Medal with 25 votes from South Bunbury captain-coach Peter Hodyl (22 votes) and Kevin Smith, of Augusta-Margaret River, with 19.

North Albany earn grand final berth

NORTH Albany upset Railways, the Southern Districts premiers in the past two seasons, in Sunday's preliminary final to gain a grand final berth against unbeaten Royals this week.

The Kangas came from six points down at three-quarter time to beat the home side by 19 points — 12.15 (87) to 8.20 (68).

Railways' inaccurate kicking didn't help and their chances were severely dented pre-match when ace goalkicker Ray Barker withdrew because of an injury. Barker had kicked six goals in each of the three games against North Albany this season.

Chris Retallack and Murray Wynne scored three goals each for the victors and Kim Mayfield and Damon Lukins two each for the Tigers.

Best were Peter Jarzabeck, Graham Minter, Brett Hunt (North Albany) and Colin Hopkins, Doug Rowe and John Fairman (Railways).

Doug Rowe won the Kleemann Medal for the League's fairest and best player when he polled 14 votes to beat South Barker's Russell Jones and Royals' Dion Paunich, both on 11.

David Palfrey (Railways) won his second consecutive reserves medal —

the first player to do so — and North Barker's Glen Burton won the colts award.

Royals 17.11 (113) defeated North Albany 13.13 (91) in the reserves preliminary final. Paul Hunter, Ken Kelly and Eddy Bandy were best for the Lions while Mark Parsons, Peter Stoer and Mark Slattery played well for North Albany.

The colts went to Railways, who beat Royals 14.13 (97) to 9.6 (60).

Tigers full-forward Ian Pope kicked six goals and Damian O'Meara four. Ian Beeck scored four for Royals.

Railways' best were Damon Lukins, Robert Swift and Dave Compton, while best for Royals were Damian Luscombe, Steven Herbert and Mark Feld.

The grand finals will be held at Centennial Oval this Sunday.

North Albany play Railways in the colts at 10.15am, Railways face Royals in the reserves at 12.10pm and Royals do battle with North Albany at 2.20pm in the league.

Medal to Wyatt again

ROVERS captain-coach Ian (Bobby) Wyatt has won the John Lussick Medal for the second successive year in the Central Midlands League.

He was a clear winner with 21 votes, from John Williamson (Dalwallinu) on 14.

Robert Dann, of Dandaragan, polled 19 votes, but was ineligible because of a suspension during the season.

In the reserves, Greg Reilly (Warriors) was the winner of the John Clancy Memorial Medal, polling 10 votes to defeat M. Holland (Rovers) on a countback.

In the Colts the Bill Scott Medal was won by Kim Farmer, of New Norcia College and the Des Seymour Little League Medal went to Brad Girando, of Watheroo.

There will be four preliminary finals played in Moora this Sunday, with mothballs for the losers.

Following is the programme: 10.30am Kearney v Warriors; 12.30pm Warriors v Bindi Miling (Reserves) and Rovers v Bindi Miling (Little League).

The league starts at 2.30pm between Dandaragan and Bindi Miling.

Falcons take Pilbara flag

THE Karratha Falcons, brilliantly led by best-on-ground Shane Gidgup, won the Emu Export North Pilbara grand final by downing the Karratha Kats last weekend.

Gidgup, playing in the centre, won the Eric Pratt Medal for his display which saw the Falcons win 17.21 (123) to 15.9 (99).

The Kats, coached by former East Perth and East Fremantle player Robert Solin, led by two points at quarter time and four points at half-time.

But the Falcons came back strongly and nosed in front by three points at the third change.

They finished the stronger, with a six-goal term to run out 24-point winners.

The Ansett WA reserves flag went to the Kats with a 15.9 to 7.6 win over Port Hedland Rovers and the colts crown was won by Finucane Island with a 10.5 to 7.12 win against Karratha.

League details:
 FALCONS 4.3 6.13 11.17 17.21 123
 KATS 4.5 8.5 12.8 15.9 99
 GOALS — FALCONS: Rowe, Mulvey, Kimberley, Nitshke 3; Sparks 2; Vangent, O'Hurley, Gidgup. KATS: Blake 4; Morrison, Cahill 3; Bovell 2; Sinclair, Spencer, Solin.
 BEST — FALCONS: Gidgup, Mellican, Jackson, Osborne, Kimberley, Sparks. KATS: Hodgson, Morrison, Solin, Ford, Cahill, Braybrook.

NUKARNI CRUISE

NUKARNI had a convincing nine-goal win over Merredin 16.9 to 7.9 to reach the Eastern Districts grand final. Burracoppin had a solid 46-point win over Hyden-Kalgardin in the reserves preliminary final.

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SUNDAY SCENE

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



Ten-year drought breaks for Bulls

MADDINGTON cemented a place in the grand final of the Sunday Football league for the first time since 1977 when they defeated Wanneroo by 58 points at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott.

A dominant centreline of Rod Harrison, Kim Lambkin and Graham Hewson and a good spread of goalkicking players saw the Bulls establish a half-time lead of 39 points.

Maddington did not allow Wanneroo into the game and apart from a spirited third quarter Maddington held sway until the final siren.

Wanneroo were well served in the third term by ruck rover Noel Mugavin, wingman Jay Dellavanzo and rover Mark Bonomelli.

Players who were hardly sighted up until half-time in Peter Rogers, Colin Blab and Paul Taylor all lifted in this term.

Maddington welcomed back Aaren Kiernan who started on the interchange bench.

PROBLEMS

Kiernan had been suffering from hamstring problems after being a dominant forward for the Bulls earlier in the season.

Even without match fitness Kiernan obtained ten possessions late in the game and appeared to pull up well at the final siren.

Coach Wayne Riekie will have all of his players available for selection except Andrew Kinross and Maddington can look forward to taking the game right up to the fancied Osborne Park.

REIGNING premiers Osborne Park who suffered only one loss throughout

GRAND FINALS at Gosnells Oval

9.45am — Colts: Willetton v Gosnells
11.45am — Reserves:
Maddington v Applecross
2.15pm — League:
Osborne Park v Maddington



Clint Roberts ... in fine form.

1987 will go into the grand final as favourites.

The Saints should be able to use their height advantage around the ground.

It is likely that ruckmen Andrew Bownes, Barry Beecroft and Len Smith will be a big advantage.

Competent forwards in John McTaggart, Murray Gomm and smaller players in Robbie Mulder, Mark Stevenson and Darryl Woods should ensure the Saints kick enough goals to win the game.

McTaggart is one of the most skilful forwards in the competition and can be used at both key forward positions.

Former Subiaco player Clinton Roberts has held down the centre-half-back position in fine style since joining Osborne Park and would be the best WAFL player to join the competition in 1987.

Coach Barry Beecroft can see only complacency by his players stopping the club from achieving back-to-back premierships.

Maddington's previous record against Osborne Park has been good and there has not been much between the two teams in their previous encounters.

Supporters of the Sunday Football will be hoping that there is not much in the grand final result either.

LEAGUE PREMIERS SINCE 1960

(Trial Year — S.S.M.F.L.)
1960 Mandurah d Pinjarra
1961 Canning d Armadale
1962 Kelmscott d Gosnells
1963 Gosnells d Mandurah
1964 Gosnells d Canning
1965 Canning d Maddington (after drawn game)
1966 Maddington d Victoria Park
1967 Victoria Park d Maddington
1968 Victoria Park d Gosnells
1969 Belmont Vic Park d Mandurah
1970 Gosnells d Belmont Vic Park
1971 Maddington d Mandurah
1972 Mandurah d Kenwick
1973 Gosnells d Maddington
1974 Maddington d Kelmscott
1975 Maddington d Gosnells
1976 Maddington d Kelmscott
1977 Gosnells d Maddington
1978 Gosnells d Kalamunda
1979 Kelmscott d Canning
1980 Canning d Mandurah
1981 Gosnells d Mandurah
1982 Rockingham d Canning
1983 Kenwick d Kelmscott S.F.L. (Inc.)
1984 Kalam 5.18 (108) d Wann 11.10 (76)
1985 Kalam 21.15 (141) d Willett 11.10 (76)
1986 Osb Pk 16.15 (111) d Kalam 11.6 (72)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

League
MADDINGTON 2.5 9.10 12.17 17.25 (127)
WANNEROO 2.5 3.7 8.15 9.15 (69)
GOALS: MADDINGTON: Adam Kiernan 4, Smith, Harrison 3, Allen, Begg, Hewson 2, Aaren Kiernan 1.
WANNEROO: Dellavanzo 3, Rogers 2, Finch, Blab, Mugavin, Fullgrave 1 each.
BEST: MADDINGTON: Graham Hewson, Paul White, Ken Allen. WANNEROO: Colin Blab, Mark Bonomelli, Russell Ellen.

Reserves
APPLECROSS 4.7 11.10 16.17 21.17 (143)
OSBORNEPARK 1.3 2.7 5.10 10.15 (75)
GOALS: APPLECROSS: Henley 4, Terspis 4, Lewis 3, Beard, Smythe 2, Bushell, Bilton, Varney, Robertson, Shimon, Sorrell 1 each. OSBORNE PARK: Acott, Cattrall, Cullen, Kidner, Lamb, Lim, Mirco, Snow, Stevenson, Tubb 1 each.
BEST: APPLECROSS: Greg Terspis, Mark Lewis, Rhys Ensor. OSBORNE PARK: John Stampalia, David Munt, Noel De Munch.
Colts
GOSNELLS 2.3 6.4 10.7 15.11 (101)
SOUTHPERTH 4.2 7.5 9.7 9.8 (71)
GOALS: GOSNELLS: Preedy 6, Thorpe 4, Degroot 2, Dominish, Eaglestone, Willis 1 each. SOUTH PERTH: Ogilvie 5, Bird, Dymock, Reid, Stokes 1 each.
BEST: GOSNELLS: Paul Degroot, Darren Preedy, Kiernan Tapley. SOUTH PERTH: Cameron Dunn, Joe Davies, Adrian Litterick.

Clubs in race for Watson

CANNING ruckman Tony Watson has become one of the most sought-after players outside the WAFL — and not just because he won the Sunday Football League's Bowden Medal during the week.

Watson has developed into a player of league ability under Tigers coach Tom Mullooly and it's little wonder that several WAFL clubs — including East Perth, Claremont and Subiaco — have been looking closely at him for next season.

Watson polled 18 votes to win the Dr Bowden Medal.

Runner-up on a bountyback was Wanneroo rover Mark Bonomelli with 15 votes.

Kenwick youngster Brad Steinbock finished in third place also with 15 votes. Steinbock is a product of the Kenwick juniors and had an exceptional season for the Royals.



Dr Bowden medal winner Tony Watson.

Leading vote-getters

Tony Watson, Canning	18 votes
Mark Bonomelli, Wanneroo	15 votes
Brad Steinbock, Kenwick	15 votes
Chris McMahon, Mandurah	14 votes
Alan Wheelock, Canning	14 votes
Glen Shuttleworth, Armadale	13 votes
Alan Boundry, Kenwick	12 votes
Ray Davies, Applecross	12 votes
John Begg, Maddington	12 votes
Gerald Cameron, Thornlie	12 votes

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JUNIOR NEWS

Little league winners

THE winners in last Saturday's round of the R and I Little League competition were Perth, Swan Districts, West Perth and Subiaco.

Perth, through Alan Lidster and Bradley Wright, dominated East Fremantle with Aaron Hunter, Quinton White and Jason McPherson also contributing to the win.

Best for the Sharks were Ben Wynne, Riley Marling, Robin Hean, Adam Lear and Justin McMillen.

South Fremantle took the game up to Swan Districts in an exciting match.

Swans were led by M. Scafone, S. Moiler, C. Milosz, S. Keys and R. Harken, while the best players for the Bulldogs were Shane Spry, Damian Gaspar, Danny Conroy and Richard Swar.

JUBILANT

West Perth were jubilant after their close win over Claremont and their best were Mark Blakey, Brady Reckie, Dean Trovarello, Troy Aitchison and Steven Caifano. For Claremont, Mark Russell, Brendon Tas, Shaun Geddes, Jeremey Malaxos and Stewart MacPherson did well.

Shay Hicks and Scott Gooch were Subiaco's best when they best East Perth. It was a good game with other contributions coming from Chris Diviney, Jarrad Hubble and Sam McFarlane.

East Perth were led by Mark Allen, Ricky Pratley, Anthony Bewick, Joseph White and Michael Morsellas.



Grand finals at Perth Oval

NORANDA, St Marks and Swanleigh won through to their respective grand finals with comfortable wins in the preliminary finals at Perth Oval in last Sunday's East Perth Junior Council matches.

Noranda 13s (11.8) beat Dianella (2.5) and will play Morley PCYC; St Marks 15s Blue (20.9) beat Mt Lawley/Inglewood (7.8) and meet Bayswater/Morley and Swanleigh (15.13) beat St Marks (11.10) to challenge Bayswater-Morley.

The grand finals will be played at Perth Oval at 10.30am, noon and 2pm.



West Coast Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko was a very big guest at the Noranda freeball training session recently. Ishchenko, who was a product of the East Perth Junior Council, spoke to the boys about marking, handballing and kicking skills. He also took part in a parents versus children match, which was declared a draw!

Woodlands take the Tiger Cup

A THRILLING end to the Prestige Toyota Tiger Cup season saw Woodlands 11.8 (74) beat Karrinyup 10.10 (70) in the grand final at Claremont Oval last Saturday.

Karrinyup led for most of the game and at one stage in the second quarter held a 15-point lead over Woodlands.

However, Woodlands showed great fighting qualities to come back in the last term.

The best players for Woodlands were James Newman, Kyle Manchester and Jeremy Holmes. Jason Seragusana, Jason Hastie and Grant Williams did their best to keep Karrinyup in front.

The Tigers Cup trophy night was held recently at Claremont Oval. Details of this event will be published next week.

WA still in with a chance

WEST Australia must beat South Australia in the Commonwealth Bank Australian schoolboy championships today (Thursday) to stay in the hunt for the national title — their first since 1971.

WA share the lead with four wins from five games with South Australia and Victoria.

On Tuesday, WA (22.16) crushed Tasmania (8.4).

Other results: Victoria 12.3 beat Queensland 10.12; SA 19.8 beat ACT 2.1; NSW 11.16 beat NT 7.4.

Thursday's fixtures: SA v WA; TAS v VIC; NSW v QLD.

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SDvWP Menaglio (WP) Johns (SD) Hetherington (SD) Bewick (WP) Hutton (SD)	O'Driscoll/Garrett
SvEF P. Lamb (S) Wilkinson (S) Mainwaring (EF) N. Taylor (S) Kerr (EF)	Bali/Hosking
SFvEP Hart (SF) Campbell (EP) Amoroso (SF) Blakely (EP) Irving (SF)	O'Reilly/Buckey
ROUND 2 WPvC D. Bewick (WP) Nelson (WP) Turley (WP) D. Kickett (C) McKenna (C)	APRIL 10-11-12 O'Reilly/Vernon
EPvS Carpenter (S) O'Loughlin (S) Willett (S) Campbell (EP) Lee (S)	Garrett/O'Driscoll
EFvSD Peake (EF) Browning (EF) Rowland (EP) Ware (SD) Green (EF)	Cooper/Johnson
PvSF Amoroso (EF) Worsfold (SF) Watson (P) Edwards (SF) Hart (SF)	Hosking/Bali
ROUND 3 PvEP Newman (P) Ryder (P) Watson (P) Fancote (P) Whittington (P)	APRIL 18-19-20 Johnson/Cooper
SFvWP Hart (SF) Dellar (SF) D. Bewick (WP) Watters (SF) Wake (WP)	O'Driscoll/Garrett
CvEF D. Kickett (C) Peake (EF) Matthews (EF) Kerr (EF) Cam Lewis (C)	Bali/Hosking
SDvS Caton (SD) Hutton (SD) B. Taylor (S) Cocker (S) Ugle (SD)	O'Reilly/Vernon
ROUND 4 SVC Sutherland (C) N. Taylor (S) D. Kickett (C) B. Taylor (S) Thorne (C)	APRIL 24-26-27 Cooper/Garrett
EPvSD Grasso (SD) Hetherington (SD) Hutton (SD) Campbell (EP) Allen (EP)	Hosking/O'Driscoll
PvWP Menaglio (WP) Watson (P) Fancote (WP) Newman (P) Gandini (P)	Bali/O'Reilly
SFvEF O'Sullivan (EF) Dellar (SF) Peake (EF) Kerr (EF) Tunbridge (EF)	Johnson/Vernon

ROUND 5 WPvEP Gastev (WP) Williams (EP) Foley (WP) Campbell (EP) King (WP)	MARCH 29 (Played out of season order) Bali/Vernon
ROUND 5 PvEP Kerr (EF) Peake (EF) Rowland (EF) Barich (P) Fancote (P)	MAY 1-2 Johnson/Garrett
SFvS N. Taylor (S) Willett (S) O'Loughlin (S) Watters (SF) C. Brown (S)	Bali/O'Reilly
CvSD Morton (C) D. Kickett (C) Ahmat (C) Johns (SD) Renfree (SD)	O'Driscoll/Vernon
ROUND 6 CvEP D. Kickett (C) Campbell (EP) Allan (C) Begovich (C) Blakely (EP)	MAY 9 Johnson/Garrett
SDvSF Renfree (SD) Grasso (SD) C. Collard (SF) Watters (SF) Old (SD)	Cooper/Buckey
SvP O'Loughlin (S) Langdon (S) Dargie (S) Cousins (P) Watson (P)	Vernon/Bali
EFvWP Peake (EF) T. Solin (EF) Fong (WP) Forman (EF) King (WP)	O'Reilly/O'Driscoll
EPvSF Spencer (EP) Watters (EF) Peos (EP) Matera (SF) Williams (EP)	O'Reilly/O'Driscoll
EFvS Browning (EF) Peake (EF) Green (EF) N. Taylor (S) B. Taylor (S)	Garrett/Johnson
WPvSD D. Bewick (WP) Johns (SD) Wake (SD) Laidley (WP) Bradmore (WP)	Bali/Vernon
CvP Shepherd (C) Morton (C) Goulding (C) Fancote (P) Thorne (C)	Buckey/Cooper
ROUND 8 SFvC Goulding (C) Kickett (C) Beers (C) Watters (SF) Shepherd (SF)	MAY 23 Vernon/Bali
SvWP N. Taylor (S) MacNish (S) B. Taylor (S) Bremann (S) Brown (S)	Johnson/O'Driscoll
EPvEF Peake (EF) Brown (EF) Green (EF) Spencer (EP) Solin (EF)	Cooper/Buckey
SDvP Gandini (SD) A. Holmes (SD) Santostefano (P) Watson (P) Grasso (SD)	O'Reilly/Garrett

ROUND 9 PvWP Dick (P) Bewick (WP) Mifka (WP) Menaglio (WP) King (WP)	MAY 30 Cooper/Vernon
SDvEP Langford (SD) Spencer (EP) Johns (SD) Blakely (EP) Skirowski (SD)	O'Driscoll/Johnson
CvS Bremann (S) Goulding (C) Hann (C) Hutchinson (S) N. Taylor (S)	Buckey/Bali
EFvSF Peake (EF) Kerr (EF) Tunbridge (EF) Waterman (EF) Edwards (SF)	Garrett/O'Reilly
ROUND 10 EPvP Fancote (P) Watson (P) Spencer (EP) Allen (EP) Mosconi (P)	JUNE 6 O'Reilly/Garrett
EFvC Goulding (C) Kickett (C) Peake (EF) Morton (C) Ahmat (C)	Johnson/O'Driscoll
WPvSF Bewick (WP) Bradmore (WP) Madaffari (WP) King (WP) Mifka (WP)	Buckey/Bali
SvSD O'Loughlin (S) P. Lamb (S) Wilkinson (S) B. Taylor (S) Grasso (SD)	Cooper/Buckingham
ROUND 11 SFvP Montgomery (P) Daniels (P) Watson (P) Dellar (SF) Santostefano (P)	JUNE 13 Cooper/Buckingham
SvEP Cocker (S) P. Lamb (S) Featherby (S) Langdon (S) Campbell (EF)	O'Driscoll/Tonti
CvWP McKenna (C) Goulding (C) Allan (C) Bradmore (WP) Pyke (C)	Garrett/O'Reilly
SDvEF Ugle (SD) A. Holmes (SD) De Graaf (SD) Skirowski (SD) Ware (SD)	Hosking/Hylton (SA)
ROUND 12 SDvC Shepherd (C) Goulding (C) McKenna (C) Urquhart (C) Ugle (SD)	JUNE 20 O'Driscoll/Tonti
EPvWP Gastev (WP) Bradmore (WP) Spencer (EP) King (WP) Del Borello (EP)	Johnson/Cooper
EFvP Ellis (EF) Peake (EF) Kerr (EP) Mosconi (P) Santostefano (P)	Buckey/O'Reilly
SvSF Lee (S) N. Taylor (S) Bremann (S) P. Lamb (S) Featherby (S)	Bali/Garrett

ROUND 13 EPvC Goulding (C) Shepherd (C) Lewis (C) Ralph (C) Neesham (C)	JUNE 27 Bali/Garrett
SFvSD Renfree (SD) Gandini (SD) B. Collard (SF) Cormack (SD) Langford (SD)	Buckey/O'Reilly
WPvEP Bewick (WP) King (WP) Bradmore (WP) Mifka (WP) W. Taylor (WP)	O'Driscoll/Tonti
PvS Georgiades (S) Lee (S) Featherby (S) Brown (S) N. Taylor (S)	Cooper/Johnson
ROUND 14 SvWP Scott (S) Georgiades (S) Gastev (WP) Bell (WP) Dargie (S)	JULY 4 Garrett/O'Reilly
EFvEP Peake (EF) Rankin (EF) Sterrett (EF) Lester-Smith (EF) Bain (EP)	Cooper/Lee
PvSD Ugle (SD) Watson (P) Hutton (SD) Newman (P) Davis (P)	Bali/O'Driscoll
CvSF Thorne (C) Kickett (C) Hann (C) Neesham (C) Sumich (SF)	Johnson/Tonti
ROUND 15 SvEF Rankin (EF) Kerr (EF) Wilkinson (S) Featherby (S) Sterrett (EF)	JULY 11 O'Driscoll/Bali
SFvEP Hawkins (EP) Campbell (EP) Sumich (SF) Bain (EP) Blakely (EP)	Garrett/O'Reilly
SDvWP Bewick (WP) Nelson (WP) Cormack (SD) Hutton (SD) Ugle (SD)	Tonti/Johnson
CvP Kickett (C) Watson (P) McKenna (C) Ahmat (C) Fancote (P)	Buckey/Cooper
ROUND 16 EPvS Featherby (S) Hawkins (EP) N. Taylor (S) B. Taylor (S) Wynne (EP)	JULY 18 Cooper/Tonti
EFvSD Caton (SD) Penny (SD) Old (SD) Gandini (SD) Kerr (EF)	Buckey/Garrett
PvSF Daniels (P) Sumich (SF) Watters (SF) Santostefano (P) Amoroso (SF)	O'Driscoll/Johnson
WPvC Thorne (C) Goulding (C) Ralph (C) Kickett (C) Allan (C)	O'Reilly/Bali
ROUND 17 CvEF Thorne (C) Lewis (C) Neesham (C) D. O'Connell (C) Melesso (C)	JULY 25 Johnson/O'Driscoll
PvEP Williams (EP) Watson (P) Hawkins (EP) Gavranich (P) Bennett (EP)	Lee/Buckey
SFvWP Nelson (WP) Munns (WP) Turley (WP) Edwards (SF) Hasler (WP)	Tonti/Garrett
SDvS Wilkinson (S) Cocker (S) Cormack (SD) MacNish (S) Featherby (S)	Bali/O'Reilly

<h2>YOUR TV GUIDE</h2>	
THIS is how the media saw season 1987. Each week Westside Football has published best-on-ground votes cast by The West Australian, Daily News, Sunday Times, 6IX, 6PR, 6NR and ourselves as a guide to this year's Sandover Medal count.	
Keep this guide beside your television set on Monday night when the count will be televised live on Channel Seven and compare the media's interpretation of the best players with the officiating umpires.	
ROUND 18 EPvSD Caton (SD) Cormack (SD) Ugle (SD) Bain (EP) Delborello (EP)	AUGUST 1 Rees/Johnson
SvC Beers (C) B. Taylor (S) McKenna (C) Cocker (S) Goulding (C)	Vernon/Tonti
EFvSF Browning (EF) Bushell (EF) Sumich (SF) Sterrett (EP) Ellis (EF)	Lee/O'Reilly
WPvP Nelson (WP) Bradmore (WP) Mosconi (P) Gavranich (P) King (WP)	Bali/O'Driscoll
ROUND 19 CvSD Goulding (C) Povey (C) Thorne (C) Buckley (SD) Cormack (SD)	AUGUST 8 O'Reilly/Garrett
WPvEP Nelson (WP) Delborello (EP) Menaglio (WP) Bell (WP) Warner (EP)	Tonti/Vernon
SFvS B. Taylor (S) Featherby (S) Amoroso (SF) P. Lamb (S) C. Brown (S)	O'Driscoll/Bali
PvEF Sterrett (EF) Watson (P) Gavranich (P) Cousins (P) Christie (EF)	Johnson/Rees
ROUND 20 EPvWP Mifka (WP) Tunbridge (EF) Peake (EF) Sterrett (EF) Bushell (EF)	AUGUST 15 Garrett/Vernon
CvEP Shepherd (C) Thorne (C) Pyke (C) Owens (C) Ralph (C)	Cooper/Rees
SDvSF Ugle (SD) C. Collard (SF) Johns (SD) Edwards (SF) Cormack (SD)	O'Driscoll/Tonti
SvP Wilkinson (S) Langdon (S) O'Loughlin (S) Cousins (P) Cocker (S)	Johnson/Bali
ROUND 21 SvWP Featherby (S) Bremann (S) B. Taylor (S) Cocker (S) Wilkinson (S)	AUGUST 22 O'Reilly/O'Driscoll
EPvEF Spencer (EP) Gianakkis (EP) Bartlett (EP) Christie (EF) Campbell (EP)	Bali/Johnson
CvSF Watters (SF) Klemm (C) Edwards (SF) Thorne (C) C. Collard (SF)	Tonti/Rees
SDvP Caton (SD) Ugle (SD) Rea (P) Thornton (SD) Grasso (SD)	Vernon/Garrett

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Taylor still waits on Eagles call

by Ben Stinga



Subiaco back pocket specialist Brian Taylor ... a key player in this week's preliminary final.

WEST Coast Eagles chief executive Graham Moss may have done Subiaco a huge favour by not continuing talks with dashing back pocket player Brian Taylor earlier this year.

Moss and Taylor had a preliminary discussion when the initial Eagles squad was being formed.

"We met at WAFL headquarters and my possible inclusion in the squad was discussed," Taylor said.

"I made the point that I would like to talk things over with the principal at the Ladies Methodist College, where I am employed.

"I simply wanted to discuss the possibility of taking time off.

"Mossie assured me that he would get back to me, but that was the last thing I heard from the powers to be from the Eagles."

If a choice had to be made between the Eagles and his job, Taylor would naturally take his job. But there is every chance he would be allowed to take time if it was just a matter of discussing the situation between the three parties.

"For the time being, I'm wrapped to be part of the Lions success," he said.

"If we can win the flag this year it will be only the second time in history that Subiaco have won back-to-back premierships.

Taylor faces a major test when he lines up against the potent East Fremantle running division in Saturday's preliminary final.

Taylor is set to play out of a back pocket, with the occasional run on the ball. It is more than likely that he will be opposed to free-running players such as Roger Kerr, Stephen Green and David Bushell.

Taylor believes that running players in any side are a threat, but only when they have things their own way and are given space to run into.

"We won't be tagging as much this week," he said.

"East Fremantle rely on big key position players, but we do have the mobile players to match them. We have an edge in experience, with 12 players from last year's premiership side still available for selection and this will be a big advantage for us.

"The players who have come into the side this year have made great contributions.

"John Georgiades, Mick Lee and Alex Rattray were at Subiaco last season, but did not play in the grand final.

"Shane Cocker has walked into the club and done a top job and so has Bret Hutchinson, who has been used in a variety of positions.

"It's those new players who are setting the example for enthusiasm and it's rubbing off onto the more experienced members of the side."

Taylor has been in tremendous form this season and must come into calculations for the Sandover Medal, particularly with Stephen Goulding and Derek Kickett out of the running through suspension.

Brian Peake has missed three games recently and this puts Taylor right into contention.

Injuries cost Taylor the Medal in 1986.

"I haven't had time to think about my Sandover Medal hopes," he said.

"I was more concerned about Subiaco getting into second sport. That was really torrid towards the end of the season.

"We knew we had to get into the second semi to have a realistic chance of winning the premiership and it was just a matter of lifting our game a notch.

"We probably haven't been as consistent this year, but when we play to our potential, we are every bit as dangerous as last season."

Subiaco have probably the best defensive unit in WAFL football and Taylor believes stability is the main reason for this.

"We still have Phil Lamb playing great football on a half-back flank, Clinton Brown does a top job every week at full-back and Greg Wilinson is as reliable as ever," he said.



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

Eagles need to pressure the VFL

THE West Coast Eagles hierarchy cannot shirk the issue any longer — it is time for them to stand up and be counted.

They must act now and tackle VFL commission over the player restrictions imposed under the original agreement.

To date the Eagles bosses have stood back and copped everything sweet.

But now, more than ever, they must realise that the restrictions will not work. They must do something about it, or face another season with an undermanned squad.

My sources tell me that the Eagles want to axe injured players Darren Bennett, Dean Warwick and Peter Davidson, the evergreen Robert Wiley (who wants to coach Perth) and Don Langford, whose only appearance in an Eagles jumper was during the National Panasonic semi-final.

None of these players will want to be retired — they all have football left in them. There has also been talk that Murray Wrensted wants to move elsewhere.

That's six changes already and there would be more, but under the rules, unless players are retired, there can only be four alterations to the original 35 man squad.

So the time has definitely arrived for some tough talking.

Video tells the story

ARE we going to believe the camera or not?

A month ago, Claremont ruck-rover Stephen Goulding got rubbed out for three weeks after WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey laid a kicking charge against him.

The WAFL tribunal watched a Channel Seven video tape of the incident and found the Sandover Medal contender guilty.

However, in Melbourne this week the opposite happened.

Newspapers carried photographs (off a video tape) of Hawthorn star Dermott Brereton kneeling Sydney's Rod Carter in the groin region. In this instance, the VFL tribunal dismissed the charge.

So what have we got? Different rules in different leagues!

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