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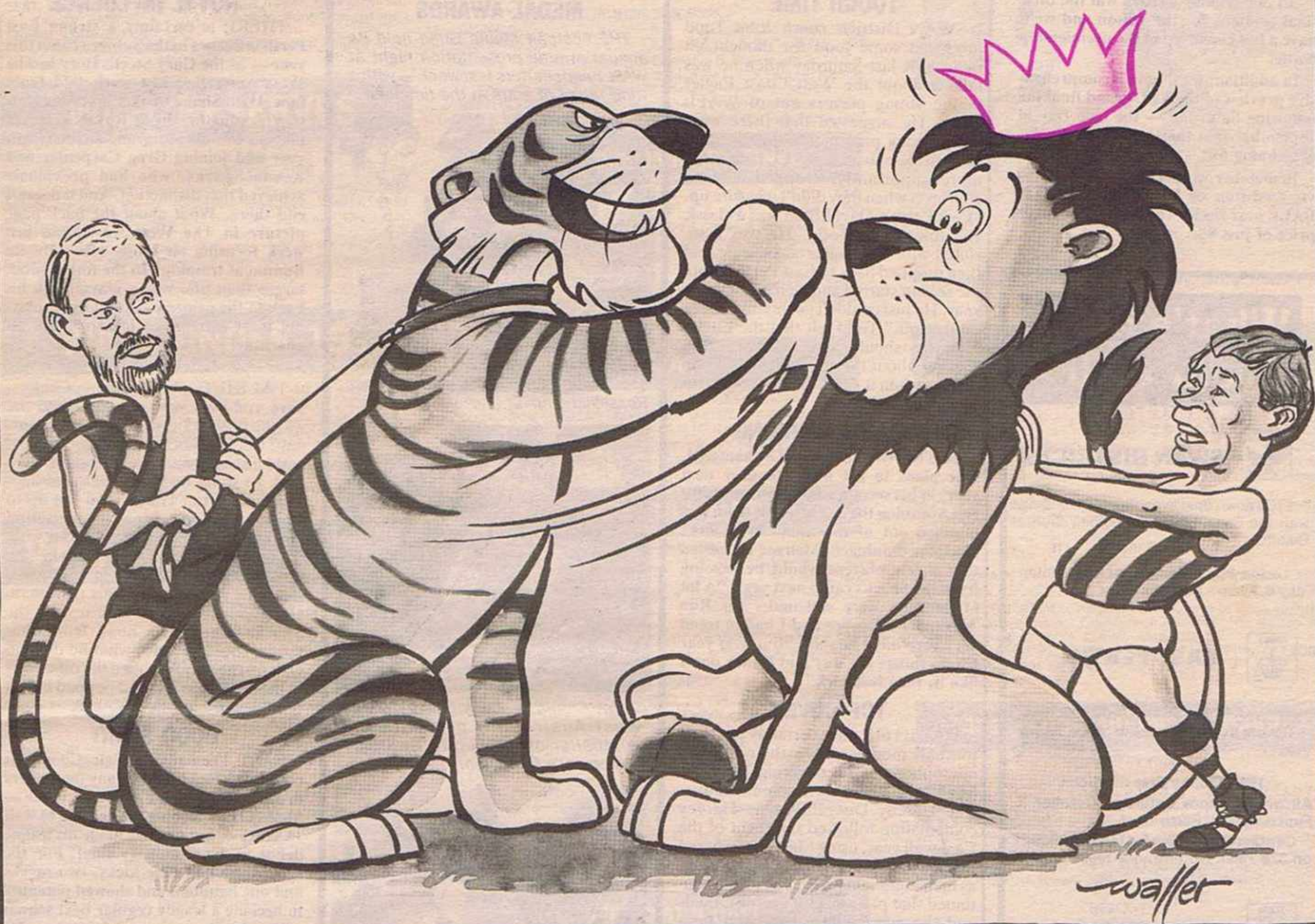
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GO TIGERS!

THAT one day in September is here — and it will be Claremont all the way according to Westside Football's tipstersand the majority of the public!

The 1987 grand final this Saturday at Subiaco Oval will be between red hot favourites Claremont and defending champions Subiaco.

The Tigers crushed the Lions in the second semi-final two weeks ago and after losing just one game in the home-and-away fixtures, they are at unbackable odds to dish out another lesson to Subiaco.

by **George Temple**

But will the 1986 scenario repeat itself? The Lions were thrashed in the second semi-final by East Fremantle last year, but rallied to win the premiership battle.

Our writers and columnists say no.

Seven of Westside's writers believe that Claremont will continue on their merry way and only former East Perth coach Grant Dorrington thinks the Lions will come up trumps.

Either way, the grand final promises to be a gala spectacle between the two best sides in the competition.

Claremont and Subiaco finished on the top two rungs of the WAFL ladder after the 21 preliminary rounds and their draw at Claremont Oval on May 30 was one of the most exciting encounters of the year.

This grand final puts the rookie against the veteran.

The Lions are making their third successive grand final appearance and coach Haydn Bunton has 25 years of coaching experience to call on.

Claremont finished fourth in 1986 and under rookie coach Gerard Neesham they have been moulded into the tightest and most skilful combination in the league, despite the loss of stars to the VFL.

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THERE will be a special edition of WESTSIDE FOOTBALL next week to wrap up the 1987 season — the Year of the Eagle.

The grand final review will place Westside's normal Picture Special, which will not be published this year. Instead, next week's edition will carry a selection of the year's best photographs.

All our regular writers will file their final columns for the season and we'll have a full round-up of the premiership battle.

In addition, we'll have a comprehensive preview of the VFL grand final the following Saturday — the One Day in September that the West Coast Eagles are aiming for.

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

TOUGH TIME

SWAN Districts coach John Todd produced some food for thought on radio 6PR last Saturday when he was talking about the West Coast Eagles taking young players out of WAFL ranks. He suggested that there were some young players who just weren't ready to be elevated to VFL ranks and, more importantly, dropped back to club level when they didn't measure up. "East Perth's David Bain was a classic example," said Todd. He was associated with the Eagles all summer and then dropped back to East Perth before the season started and he had a terrible year. He just couldn't get his mind back on the job." Todd felt that the Eagles hierarchy should have talks with club coaches about the suitability of certain players when it came to elevating them to Eagles ranks.

MELLY'S WARNING

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose plans to get much tougher next year, in his second stint as Sharks leaders. Speaking the day after his team was bundled out of the finals by a more disciplined Subiaco, Melrose suggested that a few players would be missing from the Sharks camp next year. "A lot of the guys were still under the Ron Alexander influence and I had to tread very carefully" he said. "But next year I'll do things my way and if they don't like it, then bad luck."

TOP COVER

RADIO 6IX have certainly put their football money where their football microphone is by covering the VFL finals with their own commentators. The Harvey Deegan/Wayne Harvey combination followed the flight of the Eagles all year, using Melbourne-based former WA player Bruce Duperouzel as their comments man. They have continued that pattern with the VFL finals and the commentary has been first-class.

LONG DISTANCE

STILL with radio coverage of the VFL, didn't Harry Bietzel pull off a major broadcasting coup last Sunday with his 3AW station in Melbourne? After the first semi-final between Melbourne and the Sydney Swans, relayed to Perth via radio 6PR, he had two direct lines back to Ireland — to the homes of Melbourne duo Jim Stynes and Sean Wight. The two Irish converts were among the Melbourne stars and even though their families were up in the middle of the night to hear the result, it was emotional radio. The station had a telephone hook-up with the Melbourne dressing rooms and linked the players with their parents for some after-match conversation — despite the jubilation of victory in the rooms. It might be a good guess that 3AW will bring some people out from Ireland for the grand final if Melbourne just happen to win this week.

QUICK SCORER

EAST Perth's Eddie Cubillo was quick to make his presence felt when he came into the game during the final quarter of the reserves preliminary final. Cubillo kicked a goal within two minutes. While on quick goals, Claremont ruckman Rob Fitzgerald put East Perth back on their heels with a goal 45 seconds into the final term last Saturday. That rocked the Royals and from there they never looked like making up their five-point deficit as the Tigers piled on the pressure to win by 38 points.

MEDAL AWARDS

THE Football Media Guild held its annual awards presentation night at WAFL headquarters last week — with a wide range of stars in the limelight.



Don Baker, editor of The Western Mail, with Eagle of the year, skipper Ross Glendinning.



Bob Cronin, managing editor of The West Australian, presents the Footballer-of-the-Future award to Claremont's Ben Allan.



Chris Mainwaring, who won the Eagle Rookie of the Year from Westside Football (based on first-year VFL players) is pictured with Guild patron and NFL president, Vincent Yokich. Mainwaring is accepting the Guild's Footballer-of-the-Year award on behalf of East Fremantle skipper Brian Peake.

GOOD GAME

SUBIACO wingman Greg Carpenter played one of his best games of football against East Fremantle last Saturday. Carpenter had 24 kicks and 10 hand balls and was a big influence on the game across the centreline.

ROYAL INFLUENCE

THERE is certainly a strong East Perth influence in the Subiaco camp this year — as the Gary Stocks story in The West Australian last week told footy fans. With Shane Cocker and Alex Rattray graduating from Royals reserves players to Subiaco grand finalists this year and joining Greg Carpenter and Kevan Sparks, who had previously achieved that distinction. And it doesn't end there. What about the back page picture in The West Australian last week focusing on Lions coach Haydn Bunton at training? In the foreground, larger than life, was a player with his back to the camera — proudly displaying the Centre Ford logo of a Royals guernsey!

BRAVE MAN

TALKING about Shane Cocker, have you ever seen a goal kicked the way he posted Subiaco's 8th last Saturday? Cocker was having a shot for goal with his opponent being taken right back to stand on the actual goal-line. Teammate Bret Hutchinson ran up to Cocker for some earnest conversation and no-one could quite work out what the lanky ruckman was doing when he walked right up to the goal-line, just a metre or so away from his markman. He couldn't possibly kick it over the Sharks defender's head from that range, could he? No, what he did was wait till the player looked the other way in the confusion and just popped it over the line with a little chip kick.

GOOD START

EAST Fremantle's Eric Cooper is certainly a lucky man. Many footballers dream about playing in a finals game — Melbourne's Robbie Flower had to wait 16 years — but Cooper made his league debut in a preliminary final. For the record, he had nine kicks, two marks and one handball and showed potential to become a league regular next season with a hard running performance. He almost joined the group of players to kick a goal with their first kick in league ranks, but his shot from 35-metres in the first term went out of bounds!

BAD DECISION

IT appears that East Perth player Andrew Host made a bad decision earlier this year. Host played in the Claremont league side for the first fixture, but after failing to establish himself he moved to East Perth. He failed to get a league game with the Royals and last Saturday lost to Claremont in the reserves preliminary final.

IN MEMORY

TWO teams wore black armbands at Subiaco Oval during last week's set of preliminary final matches. The East Perth reserves had the armbands in memory of Grant Campbell's father, who had passed away and the East Fremantle league players did likewise for Colin Waterson's mother, who had died in Queensland during the week.

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A happy Mark Watson as the final votes are counted.

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Watson's win his just reward

MARK Watson's victory in the Sandover Medal, albeit on default, was a worthy reward for hard work and persistence — and another triumph for country footballers.

Watson hails from Denmark and joined Claremont under the country zoning regulations in 1980 — and is the 10th consecutive country-bred Medal winner.

History will show that the hard-working Perth rover was the 1987 Sandover Medallist with 30 votes — winning by one from the much-improved Subiaco ruckman Shane Cocker, who shaded favourite Brian Peake on a countback.

But the talking point of the 1987 Medal will always be Derek Kickett's record-equalling 46 votes — but no Medal after his Round 18 report for striking East Fremantle's Tim Gepp.

Watson showed great sportsmanship qualities when he paid tribute to the unlucky Kickett, saying that he felt a little awkward standing there receiving the Medal in view of Kickett's big tally.

Watson joined the Tigers in 1980 and played 73 games before switching to Perth in 1984. Since becoming a Demon, Watson has become one of the most consistent players in the WAFL.

He capped off a fine 1987 season by winning Perth's fairest and best and confirmed his consistency by taking out the Sheraton Hotel's footballer-of-the-year award, run in the Football Budget

and the Westside Football ratings, the only media awards based on team rankings, not best on ground voting.

The votes allotted to Peake by the umpires were certainly puzzling.

In what was obviously an outstanding season for the veteran Sharks skipper, he did not receive one best on ground vote.

Watson becomes the first player since 1923 to win the Medal after switching clubs — repeating the effort of Digger Thomas, who won the Medal with East Perth after moving from Subiaco.

Adding to that irony is the fact that Kickett and Cocker have also enjoyed their success after switching clubs.

The unlucky performance by Kickett is a repeat of the 1985 effort by current Carlton star Stephen Kernahan, when he lost the Magarey Medal, in South Australia, because of a suspension. Another SA player in Peter Darley lost the Magarey in the late 1960s in similar circumstances.

Kickett's effort in topping the votes chart brought up a trifecta for Claremont, with Nicky Yarran winning the Medallists Medal and Peter Owens the Prendergast Medal — the first time one club has achieved that feat.

BENNETT'S BURST

By respected veteran football writer ROBERT BENNETT



Medal result poses queries

THE prestige of the Sandover Medal took a dive on Monday night. There were many who felt that the Medal had lost a lot of its shine because so many top players had gone to VFL ranks this season.

Well, it was positively tarnished by Derek Kickett's vote-getting.

The feeling of inevitability pervaded the Sheraton's Golden Ballroom very early in the count.

In fact, a lot of people didn't appear particularly interested in who was going to finish runner-up to Kickett.

I wrote in this column a couple of weeks ago that there should not be any restrictions on an award that is really attempting to seek the best player in the competition.

It is interesting to note that two Aboriginals have been deprived of the Medal through suspension — Syd Jackson was the other in 1963.

Like Kickett, Jackson was a mercurial ball-handler. And, like Kickett, he came in for a lot of attention on the football field.

While Jackson tied with Ray Sorrell, it needs to be remembered, as was the case with Kickett, that their suspension deprived them of games in which they could have gained votes.

Surely that is punishment enough. To get more than 50 per cent more votes than your nearest rival and be deprived of victory is something of a mockery.

The questions have to be asked — was Kickett's misdemeanour, out of frustration, any worse than some of the antics Mark Jackson got away with during the season? And should the tribunal

have taken more notice of the circumstances of the report?

Times have certainly changed with umpires. Gone are the days, it seems, where an umpire could have a chat with players on the field to cool them down.

In fact, there doesn't appear to be a great deal of respect for some umpires.

Over the years there have been attempts to make the Sandover Medal fairer, culminating in the triple dead-heat in 1984.

It is equally ridiculous that if there is a tie, the award should go to the player with the highest number of first votes.

You only had to look at Monday's counting to realise that Brian Peake seemed to catch everyone else's eye except the umpires when he did not score one top vote.

There is often a fine line between the best two or three players on the ground.

I feel sorry for Mark Watson. He acknowledged Kickett's effort in true sportsman fashion.

Watson has had a great season. But the Sandover Medal will be remembered more for the player who romped in, but didn't win, rather than the player who actually took the Medal home.

It could not have come at a worse time for WA football.

It will be interesting to see whether the disappointment shows, or whether it acts as a spur for Derek Kickett in Saturday's grand final.

Tigers face risk of complacency

SUBIACO have their first chance since 1912-13 to win back-to-back grand finals, but first they must overcome a powerful Claremont combination.

The Lions have taken a similar path to the grand final to last year and Claremont have been just as impressive as East Fremantle were in the lead-up to the 1986 grand final.

The Sharks went into last year's game as firm favourites and Claremont find themselves in the same position. The Tigers lost only one qualifying match and were convincing winners in the second semi-final.

Claremont coach Gerard Neesham was with East Fremantle when they went into the grand final at unbackable odds and he will do his best to ensure that complacency does not creep into the Claremont line-up.

The Sharks lost the game in an inept and undisciplined display.

Neesham is aware of the dangers of Claremont falling into the same traps and will be working on that aspect throughout the week.

HIGH STANDARDS

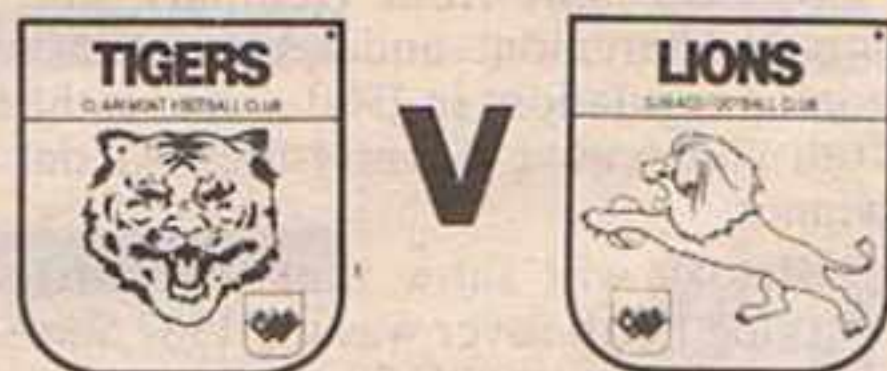
The Tigers have set high standards this season and they deserve to be installed as favourites, but anything can happen on the day.

Subiaco were devastating in their opening quarter burst in the preliminary final against East Fremantle and a similar start against the young Claremont team could make the margin difficult to peg back.

The story of this game should unfold in similar fashion to the preliminary final, with the first quarter being extremely important.

In that opening term any theories regarding the nerves and tension in Claremont's young players will be vindicated or belied.

If the young Tigers take too long to adjust to the occasion of the game, Subiaco are capable of jumping to a commanding lead.



History has shown that clubs require an apprenticeship in final round football. Claremont finished fourth last year, but only a handful of the players remain in this year's team.

The Tigers completely out-played Subiaco in the second semi-final and they will be strengthened by the return of experienced ruck-rover Stephen Goulding, who has completed a term of suspension.

That means Claremont will almost be at full strength, though tough defender Noel Morton is again on the sidelines.

The probable inclusion of Goulding, one of the Tigers major midfield contributors, adds a further dimension to Claremont's running game which already boasts the talents of Peter Thorne, Gerard Neesham, Ben Allan, Cam Shepherd, Don Pyke, Darren Klemm and Mark Hann.

SURVIVOR

The Tigers also have full-forward Warren Ralph, the lone survivor of Claremont's 1981 premiers team, in good form. He kicked a record 10 goals in the second semi-final.

Subiaco, playing in their third successive grand final, will need strong contributions from Brian and Neil Taylor, Peter Featherby, Greg Carpenter, Ian Dargie, Glenn O'Loughlin and Todd Breman if they are to win the contest.

One of the highlights of the match should be the ruck battle between Claremont's David O'Connell and Peter Higgins and Subiaco's Shane Cocker and Graham Jones.

EXPERTS SELECT

Grand Final Claremont v Subiaco	
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GRANT DORRINGTON	Subiaco
BILL MATHER-BROWN	Claremont
DAVE CLEMENT	Claremont
IAN MILLER	Claremont
BEN STINGA	Claremont
MOST FAVOURED	Claremont

Waterman misses a birthday present

EAST Fremantle rookie Chris Waterman had more reason than most to be upset about losing last Saturday's preliminary final to defending premiers Subiaco at League headquarters.

Waterman, who played in every home and away fixture this season and was the Sharks best player in both of their finals appearances, celebrates his 19th birthday this Saturday — grand final day.

The young centreman, whose game has matured beyond his years, said that the loss was bitterly disappointing for him.

"We were confident about playing in the grand final," Waterman said.

"But we weren't over-confident. We were just outplayed on the day.

"We missed both Colin Waterson and Neil Lester-Smith in attack.

"Another big forward would have put a lot more pressure on the Subiaco defence.

"And with Neil scouting around the packs and snapping four or five goals, it



LES'S LYRICS

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

The big day is here

Grand final day is looming
The excitement's in the air
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The Lions and Tigers are roaring
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All the training, sweat and toil
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Bunts will have his players
Physically at their peak
He'll be asking for extra effort
For the premiership flag to keep

But the general's men are ready
They've done their homework too
They'll show their teeth and claws
As they follow their leaders through

So Saturday will be the time
They'll play with no holds barred
We'll learn who are the premiers
And cheer the ones that starred



Chris Waterman... happy with his own performance.

could have been a different story," he said.

Waterman has been extremely happy with his form this season, but was now planning to take a break over summer.

"It's been a good year for me," he said. "I never expected to play quite so many games in my first season.

"I'll think about next season when the time comes," the local junior product says.

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RESERVES — Sharks v Tigers

Sharks have too much league experience

EAST Fremantle, solid winners over Claremont in the reserves second semi-final, will include several players from last week's league combination in their side for this Saturday's grand final.

Players such as Bevan Gray, Lance Durack, Eric Cooper, Scott Annandale and Geoff Sims will add skill and experience to an already in-form Sharks combination.

Other players with league experience include ruckman Guy Baxter, wingman Stephen Edgar, defender Wayne Nannup, utility player Colin Lamb, rover Glen Moir, midfielder Leigh Brenton, wingman Rob Weber, forward Michael Broadbridge and half-back Danny Kuzmich.

This nucleus of league players far outweighs the experience within the Claremont line-up.

The Tigers most experienced player is David Court, who is available because Claremont have all three sides in action this Saturday. Court failed to make a big impression in the second semi-final and he will be required to take a bigger part in proceedings today.

Claremont will also look to ruck-rover Anthony Begovich, half-forward Peter James, full-forward Stephen Cook and back pocket specialist Carlo Passera for ascendancy.

James and Cook were particularly damaging against East Perth last week



Bevan Gray... a key member in East Fremantle's grand final bid.

and they loom as dangermen for the Sharks.

East Fremantle may use Kuzmich against James and full-back Todd Jenkins against Cook.

At the other end of the ground, East Fremantle forwards Michael Broadbridge and Brad Read look just as threatening as their Claremont counterparts.

Prendergast Medal winner Peter Owens could oppose Broadbridge and All Australian Teal Cup player Damon Buckley may be used against Read.

John Dimmer, who is in his first year as coach of the Claremont reserves, may be faced with the most tantalising decision of his short career — should he use the experienced Noel Morton, who is regaining fitness, if he is available for selection?

It is unlikely that Morton will be risked at league level, though it would be tempting to include him into the young Tiger reserves line-up.

However, if he does play, it may be at the expense of a young player and for this reason Dimmer may prefer not to use him.

A lot of attention will be focused on the centre duel between Sharks Geraldton recruit Eric Cooper and talented Claremont rookie Len Yarran. Both players have shown glimpses of potential at league level this season, particularly Cooper, who performed creditably against Subiaco last week.

FOCUS ON THE WAFL FINALS

Tigers out to atone



UNDER 19s — Sharks v Tigers



CLAREMONT, early favourites for this year's under-19 premierships and much-relieved winners against East Perth last week, need to show a complete turn about in form if they are to beat East Fremantle in this Saturday's under-19 grand final.

The Sharks crushed Claremont by 83 points in the second semi-final, reducing the Tigers to five goals for the entire match.

Players who had served Claremont strongly through the season slumped badly in that game but it is hard to see them surrendering so meekly this Saturday.

Players like centreman Steve Southern, rover Nicky Yarran, half-forward Alex Yarran, forwards Ryan Dhue and Scott Robins, plus the hard-working Rob Malone have the ability to bounce back, as they did against East Perth last Saturday.

They must be wary of East Fremantle's potentially lethal forward line consisting of Sean Jones at centre-half-forward, Matthew Congleton at full-forward and David Rowe on a half-forward flank.

Jones, who is big and enormously strong, may provide problems for Claremont centre-half-back Nathan McIntosh and Congleton, an explosive player when in form may give full-back Wes Hall troubles.

Rowe, a neatly skilled, well balanced left-footer, is perfectly suited to a half-forward flank.

He will need to be closely checked by Peter Ireland or possibly Craig Tester.

The Sharks are also well equipped in the midfield and on the ball. Players such as Matthew Bateman, Dwain Regan, Phillip Street and Peter Quill have the ability to provide the midfield ascendancy and they will be assisted by high-leaping ruckman Clinton Wolf.

The performance of both these teams in getting to the grand final is a tribute to first-year coaches Kerry Coates (East Fremantle) and Larry Kickett (Claremont).

MORT IS SURPRISE

SUBIACO half-forward Michael Mort has been one of the surprise packages of the final round.

After playing just six games during the qualifying rounds Mort came back into contention for a league berth at the most unlikely time.

No one could have expected the impact he has had on Subiaco's performance in the finals — particularly last week when he tore the Sharks defence to pieces with his uncanny goalsense and skills.

He was a solid contributor in the second semi-final against Claremont when some of his more fancied teammates crumbled under pressure.

Mort first came under notice as a 17-year-old centreman in 1982 when the Subiaco coach of the day, Ken Armstrong, introduced him to senior football.



Michael Mort... in form.

He was an automatic success in league ranks, with many people rating him a future champion.

However, a series of knee injuries put paid to those predictions and he played only 47 games in six seasons.

He appears to have thrown off the injury shackles and is now playing with the same skill and assurance of earlier seasons.

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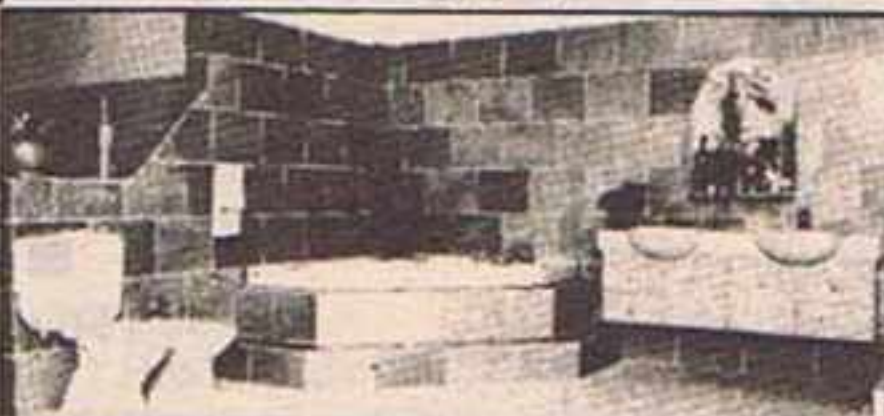
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Grand finals have plenty of history

THE grand final is the culmination of a season and there are naturally many records and facts and figures to accompany the big game.

Most of the grand final statistics are well documented, but here are a few more unusual snippets in relation to this Saturday's game.

IN their 60-year history, the Claremont Football Club has gone to Fremantle for a coach five times.

Three came from South Fremantle — Norm McIntosh 1926-27, Harry Carbon 1952 and Roy Richards 1959-60, but none managed to get the Tigers into the four.

However, their recruiting from East Fremantle is a different story.

Jim Conway and Gerard Neesham both took the Tigers to a grand final first up...and Conway won. Will Neesham join him?

SUBIACO make their third successive appearance in a grand final this Saturday, equalling their previous best effort.

In 1924, 1925 and 1926 the Lions won one grand final and lost two when playing under former East Fremantle player Tom Kain.

THE mid-50s was the time when football clubs in WA started to get 'pro-

fessionalised' with licenced bars and full-time secretaries and all that.

So it's interesting to make a comparison of attendances at preliminary finals then, considering that last week's game drew 13,785.

In 1956, the preliminary drew 22,289; in 1957 it was 20,842 and in 1958 it was 19,288.

PETER Featherby, the old man of league football, has to carry on for two more seasons to break this record.

Featherby, who is 35, is certainly a credit to himself and the game, but the oldest player in a grand final still has to be Graham (Polly) Farmer, who was 36 when he led West Perth to victory in 1971.

Steve Marsh and Ron Alexander were both 34 when they played in grand finals for East Fremantle in 1958 and 1985.

FOR Warren Ralph and Noel Morton this week's big game gives them a chance at a unique honour.

Victory would make them the only Claremont players in post war football to have played in two premierships sides.

Ralph and Morton are the sole survivors of the Tigers winning team of 1981.

Of course, there is a big group of players, 18 in fact, who played in more than one premierships team for Claremont in the pre-war years of 1938-39-40.

PETER Featherby is the only Subiaco player in the last 70 years to have played in more than one premierships for his club. A win to the Lions this week could see as many as 11 players join him.

But, of course, he would then stand alone with three premierships to his credit!

LAST Saturday was a milestone day for Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton — his 200th game as coach of the Lions. His record there is 114 wins; 85 defeats and one draw.

SUBIACO it seems, do everything the hard way.

This is their eighth grand final under the Page system (since 1931) and only once (in 1935) did they enter the easy way, by winning the second semi-final.

They won two of those grand finals, 1973 and 1986.

IT hurts to admit this fact, but WA football could go back 50 years this week, on attendances, that is.

The smallest post-war attendance was the Derby grand final in 1945, with a crowd of 19,507 (plus members).

I've been watching grand finals for 40 years and the smallest crowd I've seen was 27,200 in 1952 and those who stayed away that day were big losers as South Fremantle staged a remarkable comeback in the second half to best West Perth.

I hope I'm wrong about this Saturday's crowd.

WORTHY WINNER

PERTH'S Mark Watson was a worthy winner of this year's Sandover Medal and congratulations go out to him.

Watson had a consistent year and set a fine standard that also earned him State selection. He was particularly gracious in his acceptance speech when he made reference to Derek Kickett's performance, which was outstanding.

There is no doubt that Kickett was the super-star of this year's WAFL competition.

His skills and talent was recognised by the umpires and it was an absolute crime that Kickett did not play in the State-of-Origin game against Victoria.

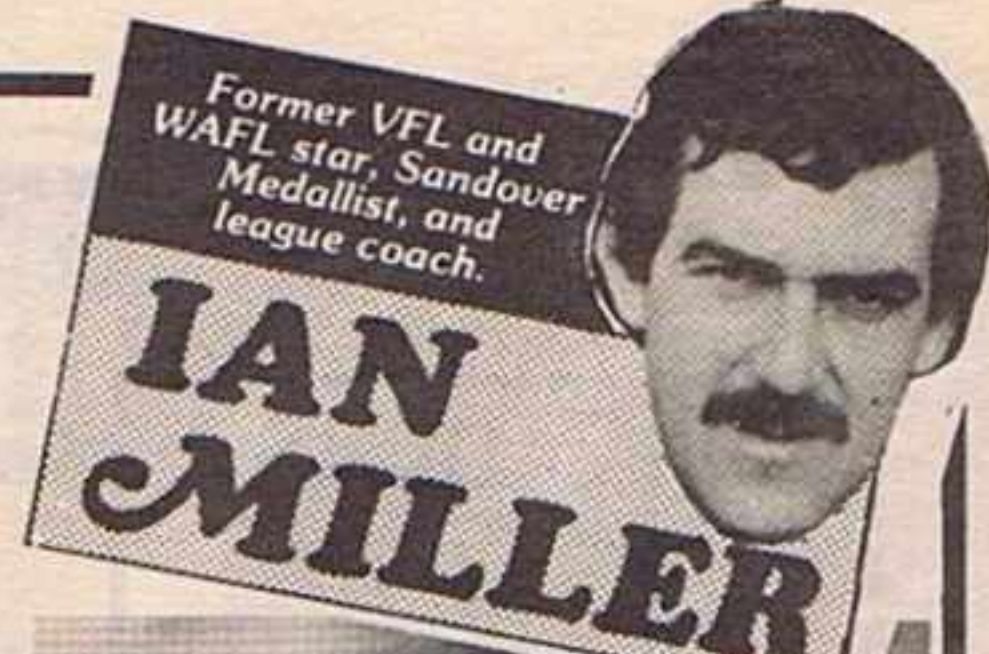
But this Saturday he has a great opportunity to perform his magic under pressure in the grand final.

The efforts of East Fremantle Roger Kerr and Claremont's Guy McKenna were also top performances.

McKenna continues to stamp himself as a player of quality, performing off a half-back flank.

Sandover Medallist Watson might be a Demon at present, but he was Claremont initially and what with Kickett's efforts, plus Peter Owens win in the Prendergast Medal and Nicky Yarran taking out the Medallists Medal, the Tigers really scooped the pool.

Now they are chasing three grand finals this Saturday and it would be an amazing feat to add to their medal haul.



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

IAN MILLER



Grim Graham Melrose and good cause.

SHARKS WHIMPER

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose would be justifiably disappointed at his side's loss last week. In fact, he should have been disgusted with the way they lost!

Without discrediting Subiaco's strong rebound team performance, East Fremantle surrendered without a whimper and that would upset Melrose.

The Sharks struggled up forward and missed Colin Waterson and Neil Lester-Smith. But many players from the centreline forward, consistently played from behind and were totally undisciplined in their football.

There is never any prize for coming second, but fans like to see a team fight it out to the final siren.

GOOD LUCK ROBERT

THE Perth coaching appointment, which went to Robert Wiley, was a tight decision as he beat three other excellent contenders in Ken Armstrong, Bryan Cousins and Gary Gibellini.

It proved to be a choice between the experienced Armstrong or one of the three new chums to coaching.

In the final analysis, a major reason Wiley was appointed would be because of the success this year of Gerard Neesham as playing coach at Claremont and this was used as a yard stick.

While Neesham is the "flavour of the month" and deservedly so, Wiley has definitely a very different set of circumstances and available playing talent at Perth.

I certainly hope Robert does well and the Demons can once again be a force in the competition.

MORT A WINNER

Michael Mort was back to his best in last week's preliminary final.

He proved to be elusive and creative up forward and finished with four goals. He was also Subiaco's best forward the previous week when Claremont romped home.

Mort, who came into league ranks in 1982 as an outstanding forward or centreman, has failed to recapture top form after recurring injuries have restricted his career.

Therefore, it was good to see him performing with such skill in the past two weeks. Mort has worked hard to get back into the league team and both he and Subiaco will be hoping that the good form continues this Saturday.

Tigers top performance

CLAREMONT'S performance as a club has been outstanding this season and culminates on Saturday with all three grades in the grand final.

Gerard Neesham, in his first season as league coach, has stepped in at Claremont when it was "cherry ripe" for a change.

Graham Moss had been coach for 10 years and the club was ready for new ideas and style which Neesham has produced.

With some selective recruiting and then time on the sidelines in the first half of the season, Neesham was able to set standards and patterns of play.

Neesham has received great back-up support from his brother Harry and chairman of selectors John McIntosh, whose wealth of football experience, knowledge and straight-shooting blended well with Neesham's own ideas.

This week Neesham will have strong support off the field, but it will be on the ground that his role will have a significant bearing on the outcome of a game in which Claremont start unbackable favourites against a Subiaco side that can never be underestimated.

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SPEAKING OUT

BOY, didn't former West Perth president Rod Brown fire a few pointed barbs at people on radio 6PR last week? Appearing as a guest on the Football Forum show, he was highly critical of the people running the game in WA — people who have endorsed his current position as WAFL arbitrator; the man who decides who gets cleared where and what for. "The game is being run by academics," he said. "They sit in their plush offices and make football decisions when they know nothing about the game." Pressed by fellow panelists to "name names" Brown listed people such as Richard Colless, John Walker, Bill Mitchell, Harry Morgan, Ian Goldie and Bill Kerr. "Their football knowledge is nil," suggested Brown, who seemed to forget that he was one of the WAFL presidents who agreed to hand over football's power to the independent board comprising most of those men he named. He also forgets that Morgan served as president of East Fremantle for almost as long as Brown held the presidency at West Perth. Somehow, I don't think Mr Brown will have his little WAFL perk job renewed next year!

NERVY NEIL

BAD luck, Neil Lester-Smith. His desire to play in a grand final disappeared last Saturday when he watched East Fremantle bow out of the premiership race for 1987. The Sharks goalsneak pinched a nerve in his back at Friday night training and was a late withdrawal from the 20.

BAD LANGUAGE

TALKING earlier, we were, about Rod Brown livening up the radio 6PR show and getting under the skins of a few administrators. Well, he got under my skin a little with his bad language. Sure, the show is recorded in a pub, but that doesn't mean he can use front-bar language on a radio show that is aired the next day for all to hear. Some of his language was just slang, but there were a couple of profanities that should have had the bleeper used on them.

ROUGH TACTICS

THE undisciplined football that helped cost East Fremantle the preliminary final was a sad affair for a team so full of talent. An example of the type of play that was their undoing was the action of Ray Sterrett (he's No. 17, isn't he?) who threw out his boot backwards in an attempt to try and trip — or kick — a Subiaco player escaping with the football after a bouncedown.

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TOUGH luck, David Rankin — field umpire Grant Vernon has the book out after Rankin allegedly hit Subiaco's Greg Carpenter in the face with both fists. In fact, several Sharks players seemed to adopt the attitude, his first play later.

TOUGH LINE

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose was always a fairly disciplined footballer during his illustrious career and it must have hurt him to see such a lack of discipline against Subiaco last week. Too many times the Sharks wanted to fight instead of play footy and the aggressive David Bushell was one player always looking for action other than with the leather. Melrose was quite to the point about Bushell after the match: "His antics on the ground disrupt our football. He has to learn to change."

BUSHELL BUSHED

PEOPLE questioned why Graham Melrose kept rover David Bushell in the forward pocket during the last quarter. They thought he should be in the play and helping an East Fremantle rival. Bushell was in the wrong frame of mind and appeared more interested in behind-the-play activity than playing football. Bushell's antics were painfully obvious and a poor advertisement for the game. Each time he got near the ball it seemed he always gave away a free kick (four in total) which cost his team possession. Critics agree that he was lucky to get away with just the one report.

ONE EYED CROWD

COULD you imagine anything more one-eyed than an MCG packed with 80,000 screaming fans — and you're playing for a Sydney team! What with the long-standing hatred between Sydney and Melbourne sporting fans, the poor old Sydney Swans had no hope when Melbourne, one of the VFL's traditional teams, tackled the boys from the Harbour City in last week's first semi. It was obvious that 70,000 of the fans were screaming for the Melbourne Demons.

NAMES PLEASE

ROUGH tactics were the order of the day last Saturday and radio 6NR's chief commentator Tim Flynn was pretty hot on some of the efforts by frustrated East Fremantle players. But Tim, please show more courage when you're having a shot at someone who does something outside the rules — then name them. In one passage of play, you were aghast at the actions of a Sharks player, saying that it was close to being reportable. But you didn't tell us who it was.

PROPAGANDA

I'VE really got to get into my fellow rumour-monger Gary Carvolth this week. Boy, didn't he do a great job for Subiaco last week! All week Carvolth's radio 6PR afternoon Sport N Talk session lambasted the luckless Lions and told listeners how they would get thrashed by the sharks. Coming from a dedicated and one-eyed Subi fan, you knew it just couldn't be true and fellow 6PR panellist Percy Johnson — a dyed-in-the-wool East Fremantle fan — was quick to pick it up. "You're a dead set, fair dinkum con man, Carvolth," was Percy's point. When GAC tipped East Fremantle to thrash his beloved Lions, Percy retaliated by tipping Subi!

BREMAN OFF

A QUESTION for Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton — has full-forward Todd Breman gone to sleep since the home and away fixtures finished? Breman scored just two goals in the second semi-final and kicked two out of bounds on the full. Then last Saturday he managed just three goals (four points) and kicked four out of bounds. If the Lions want to win this Saturday, someone has to give Breman a nudge and get him back into gear. He's the most important cog in the Subiaco forward line.



FORMER East Fremantle forward Ken Judge was one of the first to console Tim Gepp after the Sharks preliminary final loss last Saturday. It has been rumoured that Gepp may join Judge at the Brisbane Bears next season. The Bears are certainly in need of quality defenders such as Gepp, who has the ability to tag players out of the game — just ask Claremont's Derek Kicket!

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IT is time to reflect on the season that was as the final curtain of the season 87 comes down on Saturday.

Highlights must include Todd Brennan's 101 goals, Claremont's record of losing only one game, South Fremantle's history-making run of losses, the development of a new era with the Swans making the finals after finishing last the year before and suspensions from TV replays.

But all this must be pushed into the background when we look back on the massive change to football in our State.

The formation of the Eagles in the VFL and its affect on our local WAFL competition was enormous. WAFL crowds dwindled to an all-time low while the Eagles got promising support from a new breed of WA football supporter at home games.

No-one can believe the attendances at WAFL home-and-away games, State games and the record-low final-round series.

The lack of crowds has nearly torn the hearts of football lovers in this State.

It is without doubt the biggest tragedy the game has seen.

CIVIL WAR

The disintegration of the WAFL competition has seen the worst aspects of a civil war erupt. People, when threatened, turn on each other and our great game suffers.

The world's history records that moments of massive upheaval cause brother to turn on brother — and this has happened among football people who have given their life for the game's development.

History also records that these upheavals usually occur for a reason and lead to a need to reassess the crisis and develop a plan for the future.

Writers will spend countless hours recording the 87 season as either the beginning of a new era or the end of the WAFL as it has been called for over 100 years.

I am sure I write for all genuine football lovers when I make this statement: "The past is past."

Nothing is gained by reopening old wounds to prove a point about one person's damaged ego.

The game will respond if the people at the top can unite, bury the hatchet, sit down and plan for the future.

Negative comments do nothing. From the final siren at this Saturday's grand final everything has to be positive. Club football supporters are still there — all they need to know is that the people leading our game are positive about its future.

They must be shown that 100 years of our great game will be preserved.

So the plea to all is to swallow your pride and let's work together as clearly displayed by the Football Development Trust's new motto: "Kicking footy into the future".

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A Royal influence

NO matter where you go in football there are always people from East Perth.

The club has a record of producing players who eventually spend most of their football life competing against the club where they were born and bred.

No club in the West has more former players working or playing in opposition teams than the Royals.

This Saturday's grand final is almost a Royals reunion day.

Larry Kickett (one of the club's best clubmen) will be endeavouring to coach the Tiger colts to back-to-back premierships. Larry has done an excellent job with the Tiger's youngsters.

In the reserves grand final, former Royal John Dimmer leads the Tigers against the Sharks. John has had a very successful season with a most talented group of youngsters.

When the league teams run on to the ground the Royals really show their colours.

Kevin Sparks, Shane Cocker, Alex Rattray and Greg Carpenter will all have a major role to play in Subiaco's bid to win back-to-back premierships. Off-field, the influence on the Lion's success has been tremendous. Football manager Trevor Nisbett, assistant coach Wayne Loxley, head trainer Alby Hawkins and colt's coach Eddie Pitter add to the unbelievable list of ex-Royals.

The Tigers league team has Peter Thorne and John Scott as key players in their quest for the premiership.

DORRO'S DIARY

BY GRANT DORRINGTON



Schoolboys do well



Craig Hunter (left) and Frank Woods... key players for WA in the State schoolboys carnival.

CONGRATULATIONS to the WA State schoolboys' team on their sharing of the title of Australian champions with Victoria and Queensland.

When you consider that most of the Queensland players were 16 years of age (the West Aussies were only fifteen) and WA beat Victoria then it could be rightfully claimed that the West performed magnificently.

Having watched all games, I have no doubt that is team has many future WAFL players. Their attitude to the carnival — considering they had to play seven games in eight days — was great.

Behind every successful team are the silent workers. To those people — coach Ric Evans, manager Phil Badock, trainers Tom Bottrel and Kevin Richardson — all West Aussies congratulate you on your thorough preparation of this team.

The old saying about "success coming to those who work hardest together" is exemplified by this carnival victory. The cooperation of Government and non-students, the organisational efforts by both the West Australian Government Schools Sports Association (chaired by Ian Temby and its secretary Eddie Donnes) and the injection of sponsorship money and specialist time by the Football Development Trust proved a great combination.

Junior football in our State again proved more great players on the way — despite the loss of players to the VFL.

I have no doubt that future schoolboy carnivals will see a continued improved performance from the West Australian team.

Congratulations to all involved in this great achievement.

AN EXPANDED WAFL

WITH the advent of the Eagles, plus the player drain to other States, the thought of increasing the number of teams in the WAFL is just not on.

In the first place, the standard with eight teams involved has dropped to a point that is no more than acceptable at best.

Add a couple more sides and the level will drop further because the competition for a place in a league side will be so much less.

Eagles coach Ron Alexander touched on the proposition that the West Coast put a reserve team in the Waffle, but the way he saw the idea was that they compete purely to work as a combined unit. They would not be awarded points for wins, or take part in the finals.

However, he suggests that any team that beats them should gain four points to enhance their positions on the premiership table.

"It would be a pretty radical concept," Alexander said. "But it would keep the Eagles together and, hopefully, overcome a lot of the dissatisfaction with the set-up which exists at present."

That problem, of course, is the transition from the Eagles back to a local club, or vice-versa. This hasn't worked all that well and has created a lot of friction.

"Players are being torn between the way I think and the way their home club coaches want them to play," Alexander said.

I was a little surprised at his comment because, as far as I am concerned, the Eagles are a West Australian team in a national competition and I thought that everyone would get behind them.

Of course, I should have known better. A long association with football should have warned me that the parochial-minded dynasty builders would put their postage stamp kingdoms first.

"Mind you," said the Eagles coach, "I'm sympathetic to the problems confronting the Waffle coaches and I doubt that I would think a lot different to them if I were in their shoes. They have a job to do also."

Would it be feasible for the Eagles to have a reserves team in the VFL?

"It would suit us down to the ground if it could be so arranged. It would mean boosting our squad to about 50

players, 15 more than the VFL will let us have at the moment. But it would let us function as a separate entity from the WAFL clubs. I think this would be preferred all round."

He went on to say that the cost would up the budget by about \$150,000 but this did not seem a lot in terms of the amount already spent on the Eagles project.

If an Eagles team came into the WAFL, then you would have to bring in another team to keep the numbers even and this would pose problems also. Who would that team be?

There is a case for sides like the Avon Valley, South West or Great Northern Leagues, but I still reckon there would be a lot to be gained by introducing "divisions".

The Waffle should be Division One, Sunday League Division Two and the Amateurs Division Three.

If these bodies could get together, they could then decide at what level a country body could come into the competition and begin the job of working their way up the ladder.

This concept would inject a lot of life into all the football grades because clubs would be on the move and not



Wheelchair sports critic **BILL MATHER-BROWN**

FROM WHERE I SIT

stagnated, as they are at present. The same old merry-go-round.

I don't like the idea of a premiership winner automatically replacing the bottom side of the division above them. They should be accorded the right to challenge the bottom team, but then have to play them for their place. These games would have a lot of spectator appeal.

West Perth have suggested that zoning and district boundaries should be scrapped. If divisions were introduced, then I would agree with him. The hardest working clubs would be able to approach any player and only the strongest bodies would survive. This would make for very healthy and interesting competition.

No doubt there are many drawbacks, but I am a great believer in the proposition that anything is possible if the goals are of any value. The more I think about it, the more convinced I am that divisions should be looked at very closely.



David O'Connell

 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Nickname: Dizzy.
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Height: 193cm (6ft 4in). **Weight:** 89kg (14st).
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Marital Status: Single.
Girlfriend's Name: Julie.
Residence: South Perth.
Occupation: Student.
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Favourite Position: Ruck.
First Position: Ruck.
League Debut: 1984 vs South Fremantle.
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Most Respected Umpire: Darryle Gillies.
Most Memorable Game: Grand final reserves 1982.
Ambitions: To play VFL after a premiership here.
What do you like about Football: Team spirit is football's best asset.
There's not much I don't like about the game.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Just relax with some music and go over the game in my head. Have a hit with the gloves.
Who Influenced Your Career: Graham Moss and John O'Connell.
Guernsey Number: 26.
Worst Injury: Kneecap 1983.
Luckiest Break: Getting a game in 1984.



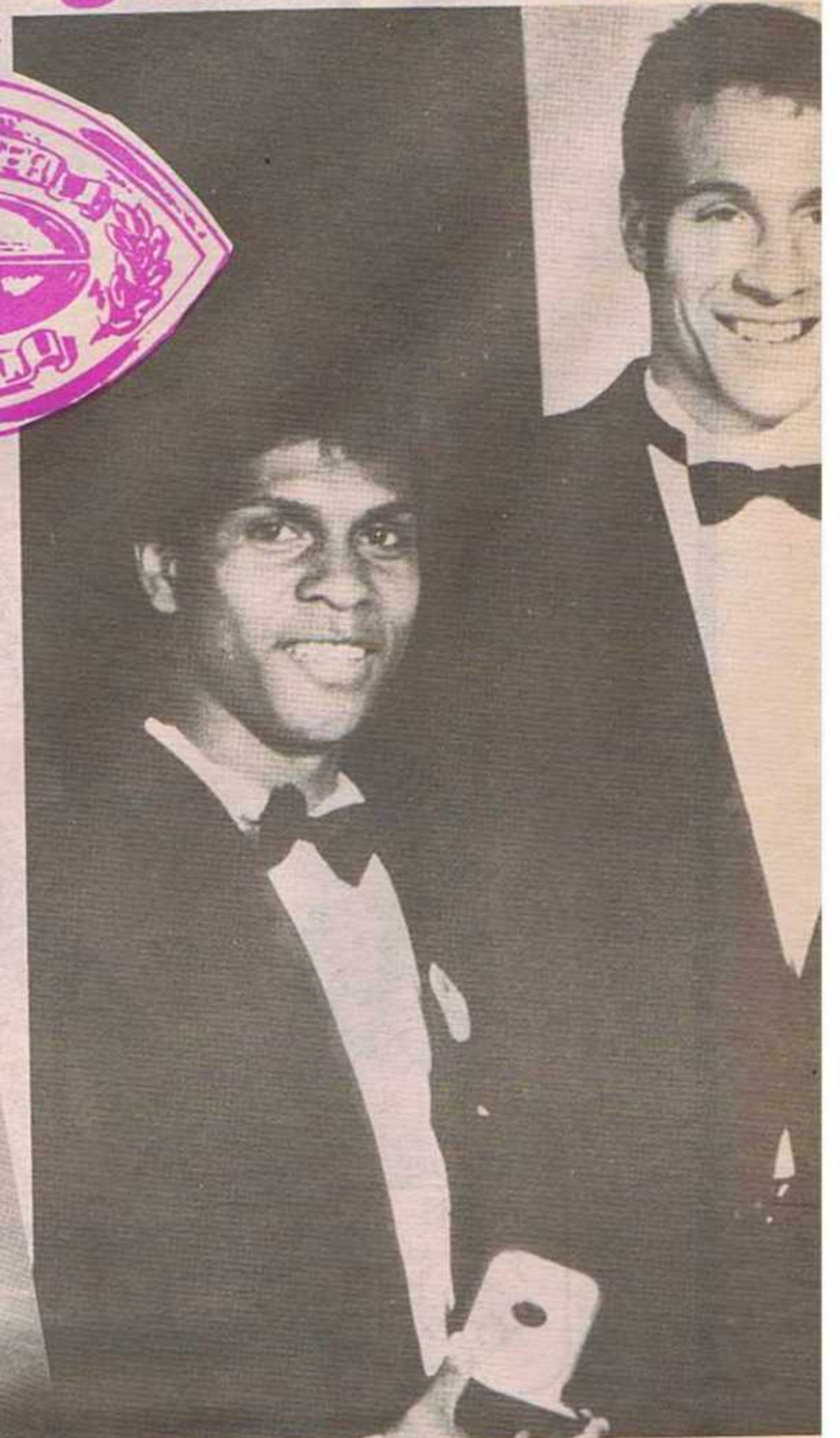
Graham Jones

 **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Nickname: Jonesy
Why: Surname.
Date of Birth: 25/10/60. **Place of Birth:** Sydney
Height: 193cm (6ft 4in). **Weight:** 87kg (13st 10lb).
Age Started Playing: 8.
Junior Club: Western Suburbs, Sydney Swans.
Marital Status: Single.
Girlfriend's Name: Kirsten.
Residence: Scarborough.
Occupation: Administrator.
Place of work: Department of Sport and Recreation.
Other Sporting Interests: Basketball, snow-skiing.
Favourite Position: Ruck.
First Position: Ruck.
League Debut: 1986 vs St Kilda.
YOUR FAVOURITES:
Actor: Jack Nicholson. **Drink:** Raspberry cordial, Bourbon and Coke.
TV Show: The Young Ones.
Food: Italian.
Music: Rock.
Book: On The Road.
Holiday Resort: Great Keppell Island.
Ground: SCG.
Your Car: VW Kombi.
Your Favourite Car: Porsche.
Career Highlights: Upcoming grand final.
Hard Things in Football: Sunday morning training.
Toughest Opponent: Ray Price (rugby).
Most Respected Opponent: All.
Most Respected Umpire: All.
Most Memorable Game: League debut vs St Kilda.
Ambitions: To win Saturday's grand final.
What do you like about Football: Mates.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Gardening.
Who Influenced Your Career: Father.
Guernsey Number: 42.
Worst Injury: Broken foot.
Luckiest Break: Joining Sydney Swans from Western Suburbs.



East Fremantle's Brian Peake... his vote tally was the centre of attention for most of the night.



The Medal winners... Left to right: Medallists Medal winner Owens, of Claremont and Sandover Medal winner...



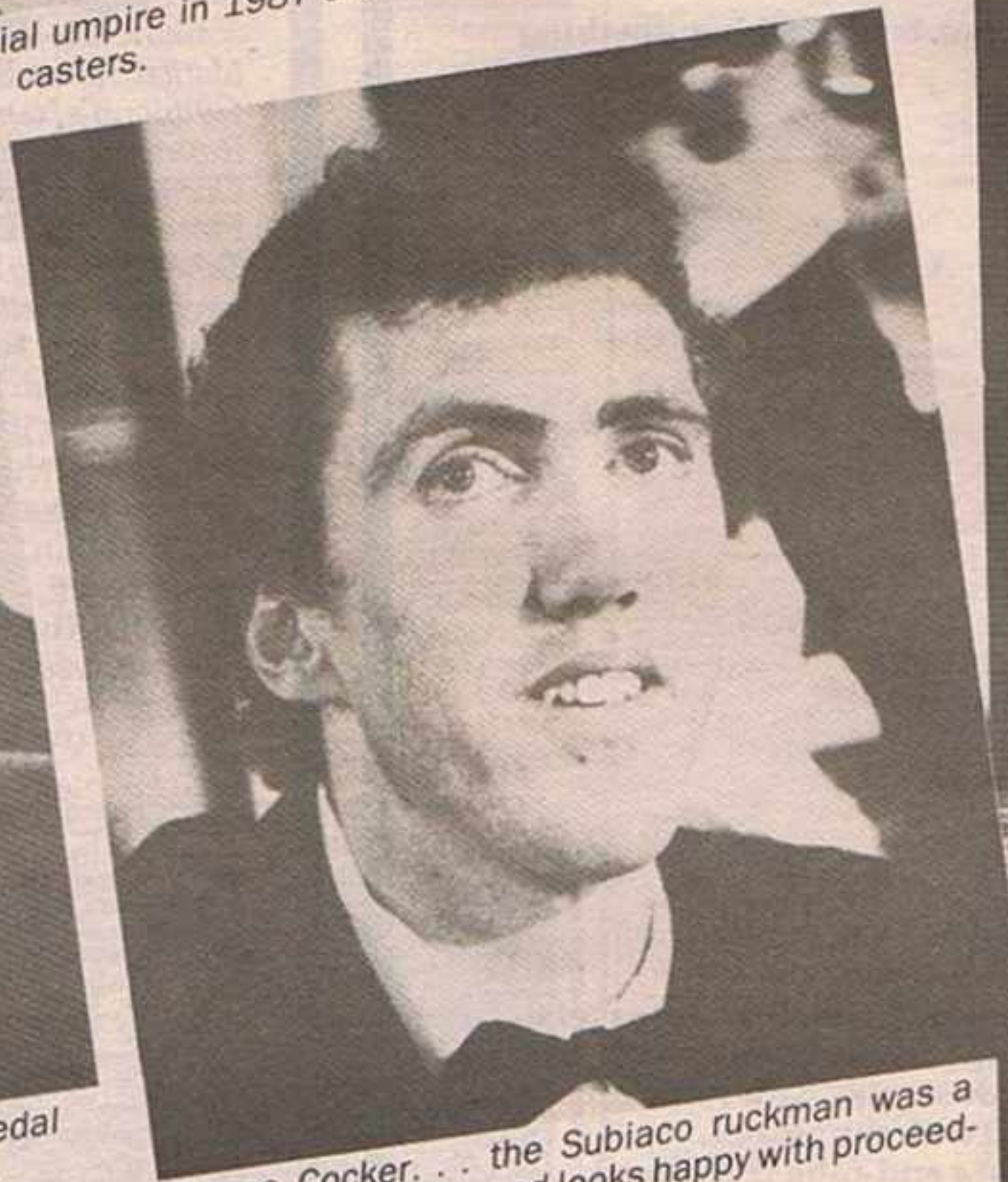
Grant Vernon... a controversial umpire in 1987 and one of the vote casters.

FOOTBALL's night of nights saw the Golden Ballroom at the Perth Sheraton Hotel glittering with dinner-suited footballers keen to find out who the umpires rated as the game's best player in 1987.

It was a night of drama, especially for the Claremont camp who had the two minor grade...



Roger Kerr... the Sharks rover came into Medal calculations mid-way through the night.

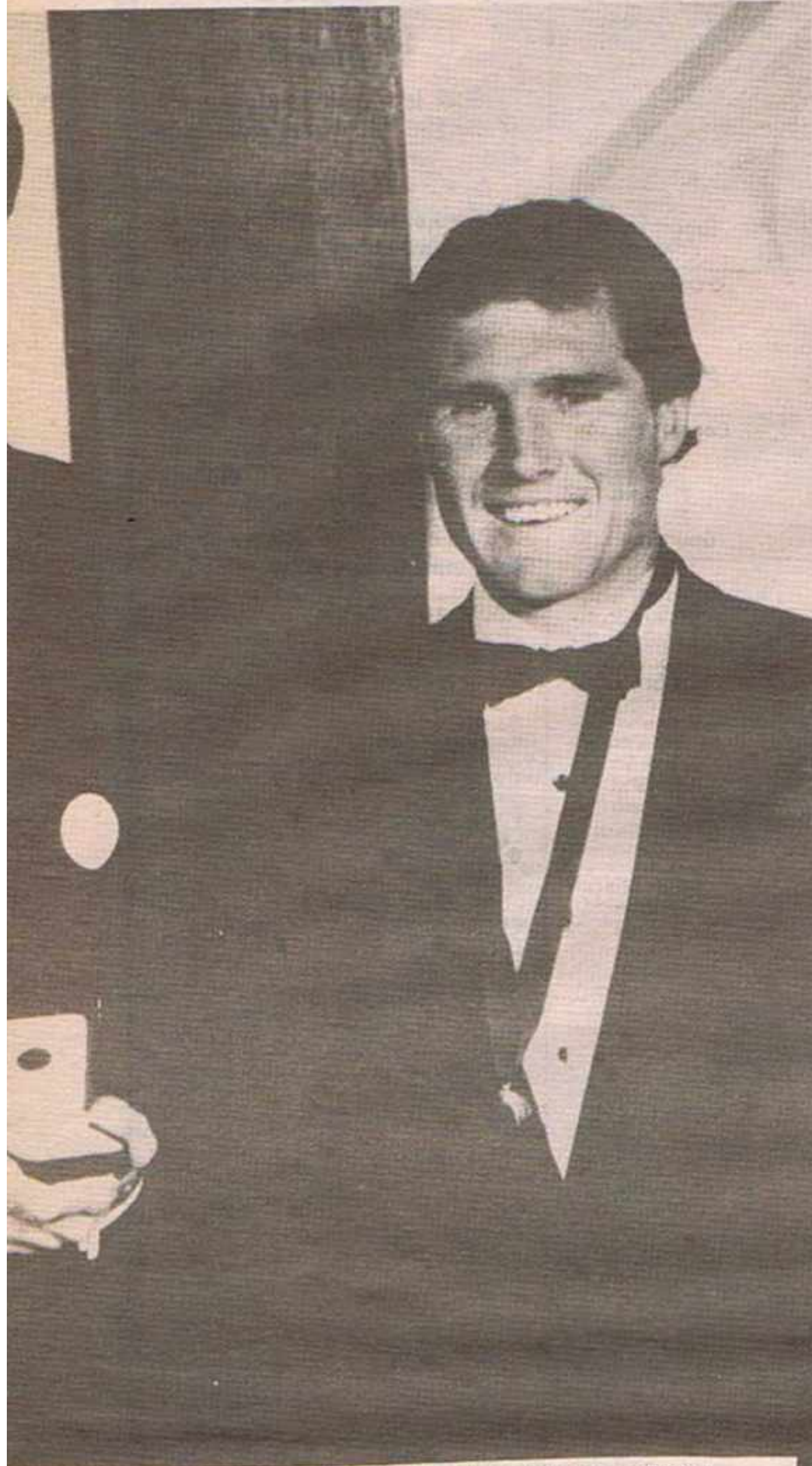


Shane Cocker... the Subiaco ruckman was a surprise runner-up and looks happy with proceedings.



Mr Robin Sandover presents Perth's Mark...

Westside spotlight



Nicky Yarran of Claremont, Prendergast Medal winner. Peter Mark Watson, of Perth. And don't they look happy.

winners in Nicky Yarran (under-19s) and Peter Owens (reserves) — and then saw Derek Kickett bolt away in the voting for the league; but was ineligible because of a suspension.

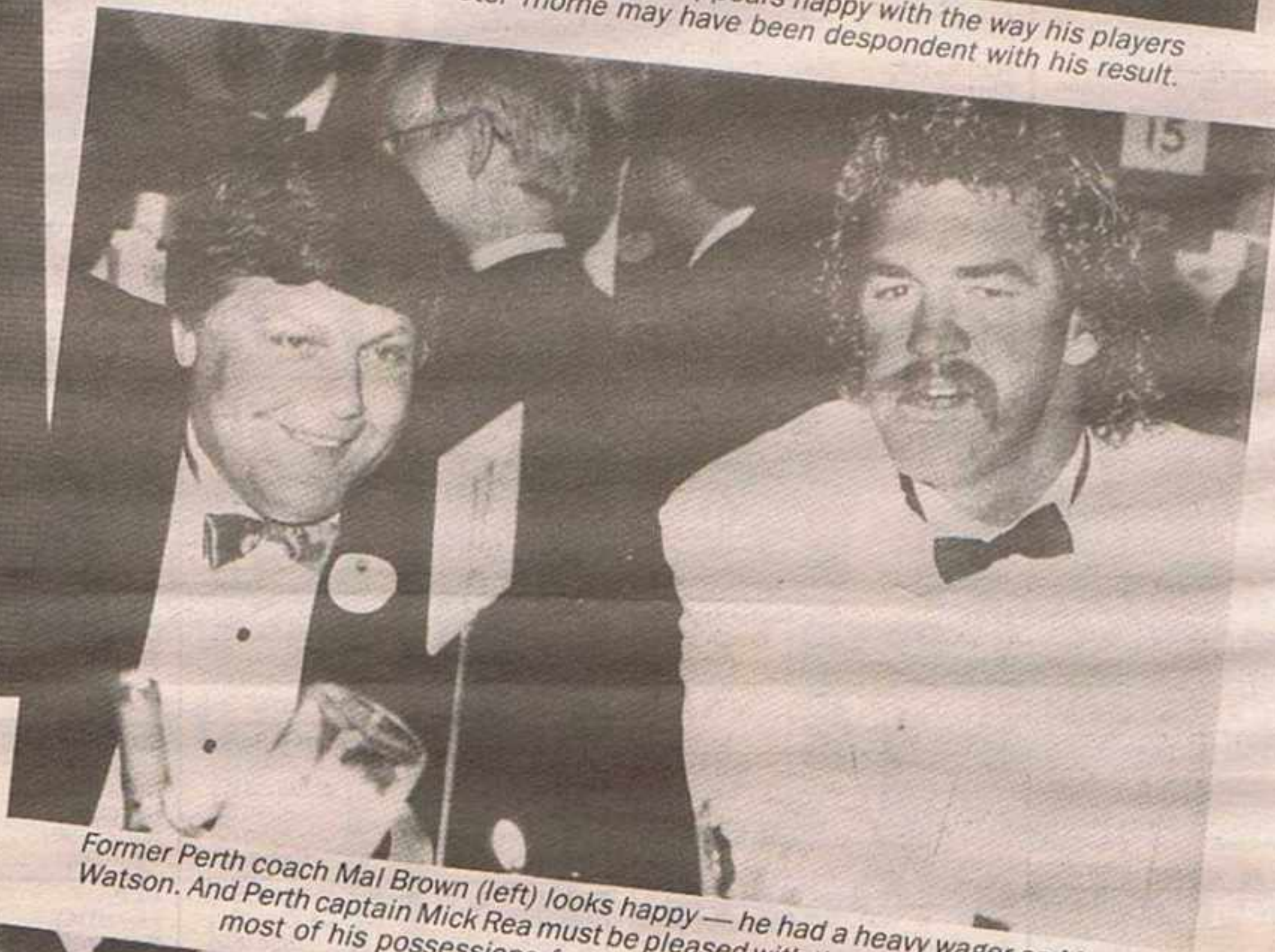
Westside photographer **GEORGE TEMPLE** was there to file these pictures.



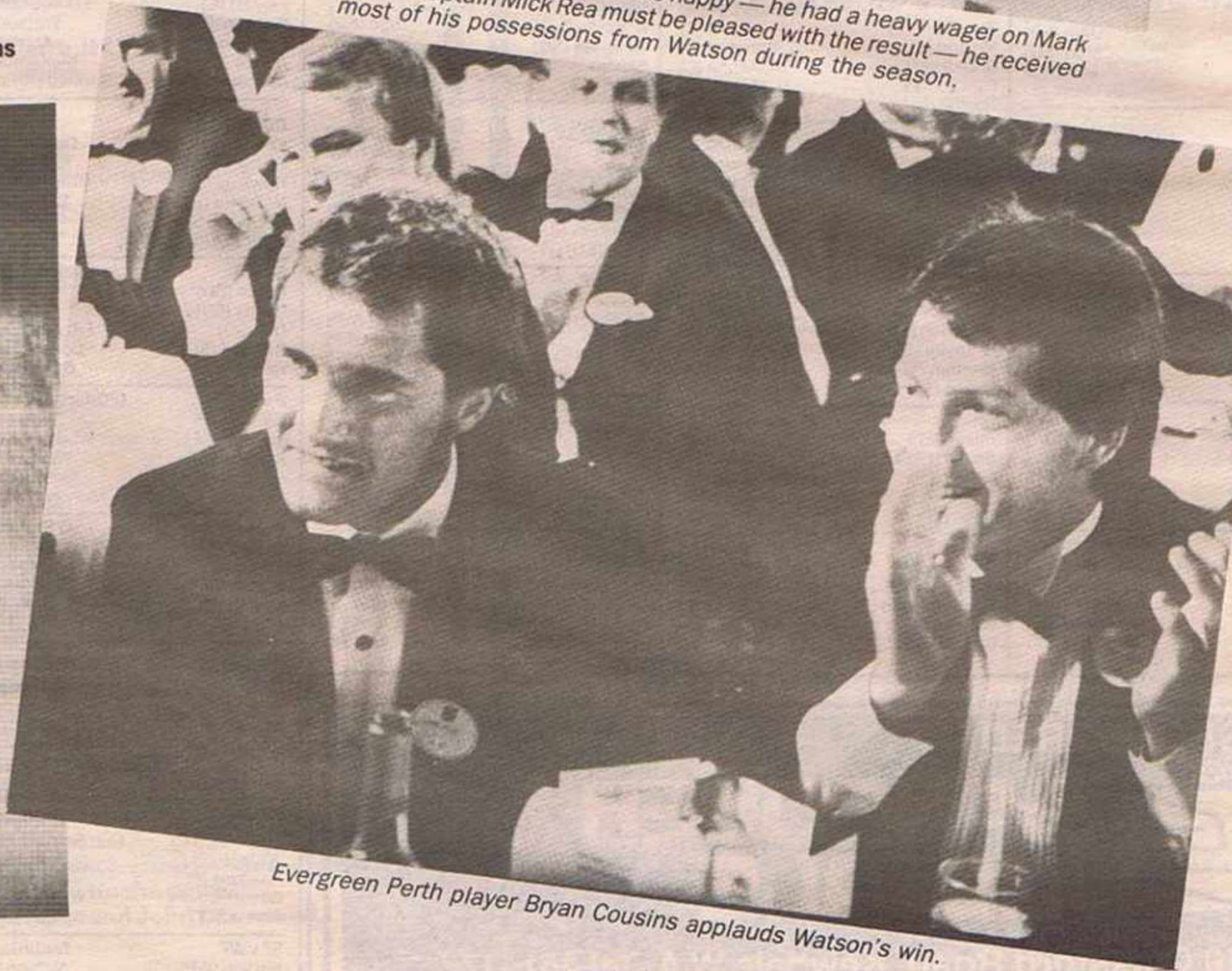
son with football's prestigious Sandover Medal.



Claremont coach Gerard Neesham (right) appears happy with the way his players polled. However, rover Peter Thorne may have been despondent with his result.



Former Perth coach Mal Brown (left) looks happy — he had a heavy wager on Mark Watson. And Perth captain Mick Rea must be pleased with the result — he received most of his possessions from Watson during the season.



Evergreen Perth player Bryan Cousins applauds Watson's win.

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From our Eastern States correspondents



Swans ready to dump players

THE Sydney Swans are about to embark on a massive player purge that could see many of this year's finals team looking for another home.

Thirty minutes after their loss to Melbourne in the second semi-final at the MCG last Sunday an emergency meeting of Powerplay was called.

The board controls the Sydney Swans and general manager Jim McKay emerged afterwards and announced that no position was safe.

Mr McKay said: "What happened today was not good for the club or for Sydney."

"There will be soul searching from the top to the bottom of the club's structure."

"We want to know how and why this has occurred two years in a row."

Mr McKay's comments indicate that coach Tom Hafey could be under pressure to hold his job and it seems certain that several players will be axed from the senior list in the next week.

There will also be structural changes in the club's administration.

But the biggest clean-out seems certain to be in the players.

Last Sunday's 76-point loss to Melbourne is Sydney's fourth successive finals loss and follows the 99-point thrashing at the hands of Hawthorn a week earlier.

Swans general manager Ron Thomas said that Sunday's performance was pathetic.

"We are looking at ways and means to improve the club," he said.

"We have to be successful and so far we haven't."

"The club has performed well in home and away matches, but to walk away from the MCG like that cannot be accepted."

"Some players have to live with the way they played today and if some have to go, that's life."

Dunstall injury blow

HAWTHORN'S chances of making the 1987 VFL grand final suffered a severe blow last Saturday when full-forward Jason Dunstall limped from the field in the third quarter of the second semi-final with a sprained ankle.

X-rays on Sunday revealed no significant damage.

But Hawks football manager Allan Joyce said the sprain was bad and Dunstall was doubtful for the preliminary final clash with Melbourne.

Dunstall rolled heavily on the ankle after being tackled by Carlton's Steve Silvagni.

He needed crutches to shower after the game and left VFL Park on crutches.



Brothers have mixed result

THERE were plenty of mixed feelings for the Healy brothers, Gerard and Greg last Sunday.

Greg Healy was celebrating Melbourne's success in their first semi-final win over Sydney, while Gerard was left lamenting in the losing Sydney Swans camp.

Gerard Healy joined the Swans two seasons ago and has been an integral part of their home-and-away successes, helping to get the Swans into third place twice.

But it is Melbourne, the club he left in search of a finals prospect, that will contest the preliminary final against Hawthorn on Saturday.

And Gerard Healy believes that Melbourne can roll the defending premiers.

"On that performance, they would have to be given every chance," Healy said.

"They (Melbourne) gave us a lesson in wanting the ball. They gave us a lesson in disposal out of the centre, team play, hunger, discipline — you name it and they gave us a lesson."

"I haven't got any reason why our form dropped off, but a few players will have to have a look at themselves."

Healy said that Melbourne were playing fantastic football and if he had one regret, it was that the team didn't start playing like that before he left for the Swans.

"But that's football," he said.

Another medal

FORMER Sydney Swans and Footscray ruckman Barry Round has added the VFA Liston Medal Trophy to his 1981 Brownlow Medal.

Round is only the second player to win both awards, following former Collingwood great Des Fothergill, who won the VFL award in 1940.

In 1941, he switched to Williamstown, winning the Recorder Cup, now known as the Liston Medal Trophy, in his first season.

Round polled 19 votes to win this year's medal, two clear of Port Melbourne's Mick Jennings.



Hawthorn's Gary Buckenara bursts away from Carlton's David Rhys-Jones during the second semi-final.

Carlton shake off Hawks hoodoo

CARLTON emerged as favourites for the 1987 premiership with a 15-point win over defending premiers Hawthorn in the second semi-final at VFL Park last Saturday.

Carlton came from 33-points behind at one stage, absorbing everything the Hawks could throw at them to dispel the misnomer that they are Hawthorn's pigeons.

The Blues can now sit back and enjoy a week off as Hawthorn and Melbourne battle it out for the right to meet them in the grand final.

And Carlton coach Robert Walls admits that his 1987 team is better than the one that finished runners-up last season.

South Adelaide considers moving

SOUTH Adelaide are considering moving away from their historic home ground, Adelaide Oval next season.

It's tipped that an arrangement with Glenelg may be reached about ground sharing arrangements.

South Adelaide general manager David Bertelsmeier is philosophical about his club's proposed move.

"We have to look at the economics of playing at Adelaide Oval," he said.

"We would like to stay there, but it has become very difficult."

"Financially, it would be worth more for South to go to Glenelg Oval."

Glenelg football director Laurie Rosewarne said that his club would virtually give the oval to South Adelaide.

"We will get virtually nothing out of it financially," he said.

"But we do see sharing as an important part of a plan to keep football at Glenelg Oval."

"The Glenelg Council has produced a concept plan for the oval which is exciting and we see a parallel with Carlton and Hawthorn at Princes Park."

"I believe we are a better and more versatile side this year," Walls said.

"We had six players playing in their first finals match and that is going to stand them in good stead for the grand final."

Despite the outstanding victory, Walls does not intend to sit back waiting for the last Saturday in September.

He was delighted with the victory.

"We had to earn it," he said. "It's not as though the ball went our way from the start. We were a number of goals down and we fought back with great character and determination."

But this does not mean that Walls already has his definite 20 for the grand final.

"We had good players competing in the reserves and everyone must continue to fight for positions."

How WA players performed				
	KICKS	MARKS	H/BALLS	SCORE
CARLTON				
Jon Dorotich	5	3	4	—
Richard Dennis	4	3	—	—
Ken Hunter	13	7	3	1 1
Peter Sartori	1	1	1	1 —
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	10	1	1	1 —
MELBOURNE				
Warren Dean	15	6	4	1 3
Earl Spalding	7	4	4	— —
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	5	1	—	— —
Craig Holden	15	4	4	— —
John Ironmonger	1	—	5	— —

HIT-OUTS: Wayne Henwood 3; John Ironmonger 13.

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VFL finals preview

Fans will be with Melbourne again

WILL Melbourne continue their fairy tale run through this year's VFL finals?

That is the question on everybody's lips as the Demons prepare for Saturday's preliminary final against Hawthorn at VFL Park.

More than 80,000 screaming fans saw Melbourne's humiliation of the Sydney Swans last week and the major proportion of those were right behind the Demons.

An even bigger crowd is expected this week and though Hawthorn will draw more support than the Swans, the majority of the spectators will have their fingers crossed for another Melbourne win.

The Demons will be boosted with the availability of defenders Dean Chiron and Rod Grinter.

It was the defensive unit that set the standard for Melbourne last week, led by surprise packet Michael Lovett, who was discarded by Hawthorn in 1986.

FIGHTING

Lovett used his fighting qualities and outstanding judgement to curb many Sydney forward sorties last Sunday and he will be eager to show Hawthorn that he is up to league standard this Saturday.

Lovett was well supported in defence by Irishman, Sean Wight, former Perth player Earl Spalding and back pocket specialist Doug Koop, who faces the awesome task of minding the brilliant Hawthorn roving duo of John Platten and Richard Loveridge.

A question mark hangs over Hawk full-forward Jason Dunstall, who is doubtful to play because of an ankle injury.

If he is unavailable, Hawthorn may use Gary Buckenara at full forward in preference to Dermott Brereton, who



is best suited to the centre-half-forward role.

Buckenara was unimpressive at full-forward when Dunstall was forced from the ground against Carlton last week, but he has the capacity to kick goals in big games, as he has done in many interstate encounters for West Australia.

Melbourne forwards Robert Flower, Warren Dean and Todd Viney must continue to perform solidly; as do rovers Ricky Jackson and Greg Healy, both of whom have been outstanding contributors in the finals series.

Jackson has been particularly impressive. He possesses surprising pace and has the capacity to destroy an opposition midfield with his clean ball handling skills and slick reflexes.

Wingman Steven Stretch will again shoulder a big responsibility for Melbourne.

STRONGMAN

The former West Torrens player may match up against Hawthorn strongman Robert DiPierdomenico.

The winner of this duel will have a big say in the eventual outcome of the game.

Hawthorn, who faded badly in the second half of last week's second semi-final, cannot afford another performance of that calibre against an emotion-charged Melbourne.

They may find the hard-working and unglamorous Demons to be just as uncompromising as the talented Carlton side.

Enjoyment the key to football

FOOTBALL'S ambitious plans to resurrect the game's development in schools was outlined on Channel 7's Sunday morning show last week.

Football Development Trust executives Brian Cook and Grant Dorrington were guests of Seven's Dennis Cometti and Bob Maumill, who posed the question — how does football improve things in the future?

Dorrington and Cook emphasised that getting the game accepted back in the schools was a major priority and educating the people who teach football to children was vital.

Maumill posed the question to the two FDT men that the community in general saw football as an "ugly image" and many people weren't all that keen to see it introduced back into the schools.

"Football has created an impression that it's a dog-eat-dog game, what with coaches, officials and players always squabbling," said Maumill.

"And there's lots of things that happen, off the field particularly, that doesn't impress the general community."

Dorrington said that it was the objective of the Trust's development programmes to educate people about the enjoyment of football and control the environment with better education of coaches and umpires.

"Coaching is the reason why kids drop out," he said.

"We have to educate coaches who know how to get the kids to enjoy the game and not make it a win-at-all-costs situation."

"By making the game easier and more enjoyable for youngsters to play, we're confident we can build a bigger foundation which will help produce more champions for the future."

"Football is being run by people who don't know anything about football." Former West Perth president and current WAFL arbitrator, Rod Brown.

"East Fremantle not only lost the toss, but they have deployed their players in defence incorrectly." Geoff Christian, on radio 6NR, in the first quarter of the preliminary final.

"I expect public interest will generate during the week; I'm sure the football contest will be much keener than the second semi." WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey on the grand final attraction.

"Umpires don't like players showing vigour; their attitude has taken something good out of the game." Neil Garland on radio 6IX.

"I'm sure the players are intelligent enough to realise that Subiaco can't play as badly as they did against Claremont last week." East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose.

"I feel very embarrassed to win this award ahead of players like Peter (Sumich) and Guy (McKenna)." Claremont rookie Ben Allan on being judged the Media Guild's Footballer-of-the-Future.

"There have been occasions this year when Laurie Keane and Phil Scott returned to Subiaco, but we still kept Shane Cocker as the No. 1 ruckman because he's had such a good season." Haydn Bunton.

"Melbourne have virtually played eight grand finals in a row and now they are in the preliminary final." Bruce Duerpouzel, calling Melbourne's first semi final victory on radio 6IX.

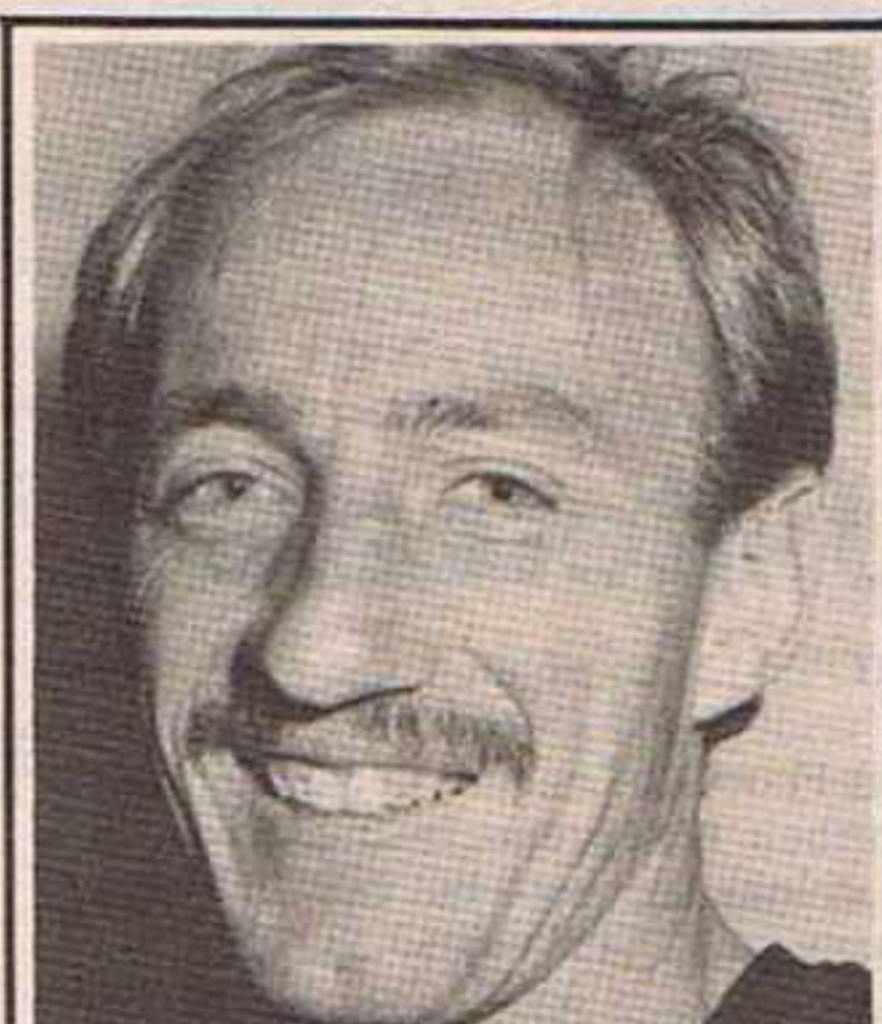
"Subiaco will have to produce the biggest form reversal in finals history if they are to beat East Fremantle in the preliminary finals." Ken Casellas, writing in *The West Australian*.

"There's been more excitement in the first 10 minutes of this game than there was in the whole 100 minutes last week." Les Mumme calling the preliminary final on radio 6NR.

"Clinton Browning looks like he's hypnotised; there's too many passengers in East Fremantle's forward line." George Grljusich on radio 6WF.

"The best interests of the VFL in terms of television are being handled by this bunch of middlemen in Sydney." ABC chief David Hill complaining about Broadcom's TV rights.

WHAT THEY SAID



"I've always wanted to coach; Perth is a club I'm very proud of and the opportunity is there to do it now. That opportunity might not present itself again." Robert Wiley on his decision to accept the Demons coaching job.

"A comeback to VFL football will require nothing less than a full-time campaign." Eagles forward Darren Bennett on his decision to take a year off and recover from a knee reconstruction.

"I have always had my sights set on playing in the VFL and to join the Eagles would be fantastic." South Fremantle rookie Peter Sumich.

"Bunts just told us all week to forget about what happened last Saturday and put it behind us." Injured Subiaco star Phil Lamb on the Lions build up to the preliminary final.

"Anyone who knocks Karl Langdon as a player will find that their tongue will bury them; he'll be a top player." Percy Johnson on radio 6PR.

"Some playtes that the Eagles want to take from Swan Districts next year are so far away from being ready that it's not funny; but they don't seem to want to ask the clubs advice." Swan Districts coach John Todd.

"I guess when a team wins more than they lose, you could say we've had a good year." Falcons coach Bruce Monteath on his reappointment.

Naley gamble pays off

GAMBLES by coaches can often win or lose important football matches.

Last Saturday, Carlton coach Robert Walls gambled with rover Mark Naley and the result was a best-on-ground performance of 20 kicks, five marks and eight handballs.

Naley (26) was playing in his first finals match and was pitted against Hawthorn's Brownlow Medal favourite John Platten, a former South Australian teammate.

The Carlton rover suffered a torn calf muscle against Fitzroy three weeks ago and hasn't played since.

"I was pretty rapt to play in a final," Naley said.

"It is the first finals match I have ever played in."

"When I was with South Adelaide we always finished eighth, ninth or tenth."

"I haven't had a run for three weeks, but I felt fresh and keen throughout the day," he said.



Rover Mark Naley (Carlton) got the better of his Hawthorn rival John Platten during the second semi-final at VFL Park.



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South Bunbury turn tables

COMPETITION leaders South Bunbury, who have been beaten by Carey Park in each of their previous encounters this season, turned the tables with a 24.16 to 19.16 win in the South West League's second semi-final on Sunday.

Carey Park opened up brilliantly and had established a handy six-goal lead at quarter-time.

However, by half-time, South Bunbury had recovered their composure to lead by seven points.

The absence of full-forward Kernutt Thorne, who has been suspended for two playing dates, was a blow to Carey Park, whose lack of direction in attack was illustrated by the fact that they had 15 goalscorers.

For the victors, forwards Des Dan (six goals) and Ian Bennell (five goals) were always dangerous.

Captain-coach Peter Hodyl was prominent and led his side from the front, Danny Platts, at centre-half-back, played strongly as did ruckman David Anderson.

Key defender Glen Coyle was best for Carey Park, with mobile players Mark Shehan and Ted Picks, along with Mal Cooke, playing well.

In the first semi-final, Collie turned an 11-point lead at three-quarter time into a 22.14 to 14.12 win over Bunbury with an eight-goal last quarter.

Undefeated Royals on top again

ROYALS completed the 1987 season undefeated in the Southern Districts Football League on Sunday and won their 12th premiership by trouncing an inexperienced but gallant North Albany 24.12 (156) to 10.13 (73).

North Albany kicked the first three goals before the Lions got into gear.

Captain Michael Waugh, the Backshall Medallist for man-of-the-match, and Don Nesbitt, the only player from the 1979 premiership side, were instrumental in putting the Royals machine in motion and were their side's best players.

Other top players for the winners were Mick Colbung (four goals), Tim Hunter (three goals) and Ian Guthridge (six goals).

Best for North Albany were captain Robbie Sutton and vice captain Stephen Clarke.

Royals have met North Albany in ten grand finals and emerged victors nine times. North Albany were undefeated premiers in 1980. The only other time a team has gone through the season undefeated was in 1958, the league's inaugural year.

Larry Dwyer, who played 45 games

Bunbury, who had beaten Collie in their two previous encounters, were seriously weakened by the loss of Hayward Medallist Grant Hawkes, Greg Fletcher, Kim Gibbs and wingman Rob Richards before the game.

Collie half-forward Jeff Davidson (six goals) played strongly, as did Brendan Retzlaff and rover Luke Ware, with a solid contribution coming from defender Neil Jackson.

For Bunbury, wingman Kevin Bassett and ruckman Steve Larsson were best, while full-back Steve Eaton battled gamely in defence.

The preliminary final sees a return clash between Collie and Carey Park, who were only separated by three points when they met a fortnight ago.

NUKARNI TREBLE

THERE was plenty of celebration in Nukarni last weekend — the club won a trifecta of grand finals in the Eastern Districts Football League.

In the league, Nukarni (10.16) beat Burracoppin (7.7); the reserves beat Burracoppin 14.9 to 7.12 and the colts beat Narembeen 11.9 to 8.17.

for South Fremantle, coached Royals this season. It was his first SDFL premiership.

Railways won the reserves match by beating Royals 7.11 (53) to 6.5 (41). Simon Hille of Royals won the Panizza Medal for man-of-the-match.

North Albany are colts premiers. They beat Railways 15.8 (98) to 9.8 (62). Kangas' Brendan Noakes was best-on-ground.

MULLEWA IN

MULLEWA (19.13) took the short route to the Great Northern Football League grand final by disposing of Brigades (15.11) in the second semi-final last weekend.

Railways now play Brigades in the preliminary final to set up a re-match with Mullewa.

Rovers (18.20) won the reserves second semi-final, beating Brigades (12.11). In the colts, St Patricks (20.17) won directly through to the grand final by beating Mullewa (8.13).

Williams pull off upset win

A FIERY second semi-final in the Upper Great Southern League saw Williams (18.13) surprise minor premiers Towns (15.13) to advance straight to the grand final.

Towns captain-coach John McGuire was reported during the game and they were severely hampered when two of their players were injured after falling awkwardly while attempting marks and ending up in hospital.

Best for Williams were rover Paul Tognolini, captain-coach Murray Ford (four goals) — returning to the side after injury — and Michael Kain in a variety of positions.

For Towns, full-forward Les Reynolds (six goals) was a strong contributor, along with brothers David and Harold Webb.

The first semi-final saw Pingelly run out convincing winners against a disappointing Railways, 18.21 to 10.7.

Forwards Brett Blechynden and Albert Humphreys both performed well, with four goals each.

For the losers, Ron Adams (five goals) and rover Paul Spanswick, together with Scott Heil, were best.

BALLIDU TRIUMPH

BALLIDU won the Mortlock grand final with a 16.9 to 11.11 win over Wongan Hills.

Wongan Hills won the reserves grand final beating Gingin 14.10 to 8.8.

Dalwallinu take flag

THE Dalwallinu Bulldogs won the Central Midlands premiership in fine style on Sunday, crushing Dandaragan 17.17 to 6.9 to atone for last year's grand final loss.

After an even first quarter, Dalwallinu ran right away with the game, winning in most positions on the ground.

Dalwallinu's best player was Warren Marshall, who won the Subiaco Medal for best on ground.

Peter Leeson gave an excellent display as a ruck rover, kicking five goals and Craig Lynch and Clayton Dowell played well on their wings.

For the losers, Ross West was their best player and Andrew Kenny and Charlie Burnett (three goals) battled hard.

Warriors won the reserves flag, beating Dalwallinu 13.11 to 3.4; Rovers beat Warriors 10.6 to 6.1 to win the colts title and the Little League went to the undefeated Warriors 8.7 to Rovers 4.5.

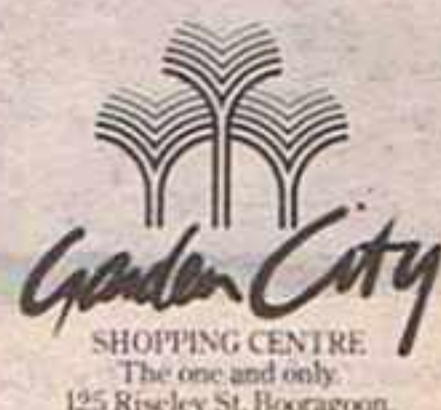
BENCUBBIN WIN

BENCUBBIN established themselves as the premier club in Central Wheatbelt with a quinella in the league and reserves competitions.

Bencubbin (21.19) beat Beacon (19.14) in the senior grand final, while the reserves team (11.14) held off a spirited Southern Cross (12.7) by just one point.



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SUNDAY SCENE

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



Osborne Park take the flag

OSBORNE Park emerged as the champions of Sunday football with a crushing 58-point win over Maddington in the Sunday Football League grand final at Gosnells Oval.

The Saints, who were the pacesetters for the entire season, gave a display of their power by leading all day to win 21.19 to 12.15.

It was the Saints second consecutive flag under the leadership of captain-coach Barry Beecroft, whose outstanding display in the ruck and at full-forward set the example for his team-mates.

The former South Melbourne, Claremont and WA player dominated proceedings around the ground and finished with seven goals, three in the third term when the Saints ended any slight chance the Bulls might have had of a recovery.

The Saints were quickly into gear with a 7.4 opening term, with lively half-forward Murray Gomm kicking three goals.

However, the Bulls were well in touch with six straight goals, three coming from half-forward John Begg.

But from that point the Saints took complete control, with centre-half-back Clint Roberts chopping off most of the Bulls forward moves.

The former Perth and Subiaco player took 14 marks and cleared with zest to be the best player afield.

Not far behind him were Beecroft, centreman Brian Dawson, rover Mark Stevenson and ruck-rover Gary Bradshaw.

Dawson won a lively duel with the Bulls in-form centreman Kim Lambkin — one of the players who lifted Maddington in the final round.

Though the Bulls battled manfully in what was their first grand final appear-

Details

League grand final:					
OSBORNE PARK	7.4	9.11	13.16	21.19	(145)
MADDINGTON	6.0	8.7	10.12	12.15	(87)
BEST: Osborne Park — Roberts, Beecroft, Stevenson, Maddington — Fussell, Lambkin, Hearn.					
Reserves grand final:					
MADDINGTON	5.3	8.8	14.11	16.14	(96)
APPLECROSS	2.1	4.4	7.5	10.8	(68)
BEST: Maddington — King, Okely, Sheppard, Applecross — Richardson, Taylor, Shimmon.					
Colts grand final:					
WILLETTON	2.2	4.4	8.6	10.9	(69)
GOSNELLS	3.2	3.5	4.5	7.9	(51)
BEST: Willetton — Calais, Unwin, Brown, Gosnells — Sutherland, Nettle, Crawford.					

ance for 10 years, they had no answer to the skill and system of the big and fast Saints.

Good players for the Bulls were Lambkin, Begg, Lloyd Richardson and Shaun Davey in defence and wingman Graham Hewson.

The Saints back-to-back premierships was a fitting reward for the sound policy adopted by the club, both on and off the field.

The Bulls indicated that they have a bright future when their reserves team won the flag by beating Applecross 16.14 to 10.8. In the colts grand final, Willetton (10.9) beat Gosnells (7.9) in a high standard match.

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MEDAL WINNERS

OSBORNE Park and former WAFL player Clint Roberts won the Superfine Print perpetual trophy for the fairest and best player in the Sunday League grand final.

The winner of the Prosser Toyota perpetual trophy for the reserves grand final fairest and best was won by Maddington's Colin King.

Roger Calais (Willetton) won the Fred Holman perpetual trophy in the colts grand final.



John Begg... a good player for Maddington.

Last-kick draw in WAFA grand final

DEFENDING WAFA champions Mosman Park and this season's pace-setters Belmont produced a heart-stopping 17.13-apiece draw in last Sunday's grand final.

Belmont kicked with the breeze in the first quarter and led early, but by half-time Mosman had fought back to trail by only two points.

With the use of the breeze again in the third quarter, Belmont gained a handy 20-point advantage. But two goals late in the quarter left Mosman only eight points in arrears at three-quarter time, with the advantage of the breeze in the final term.

Mosman Park appeared to have firm grip on the game when they led by 19 points with only 10 minutes to play.

However, Belmont staged a remarkable recovery to kick three quick goals and as the siren sounded, Belmont ruckman Dean Hayden marked 40 metres from goal.

TIED

The point from the resultant kick tied the scores, leading to a replay at Robinson Reserve this Sunday.

Hayden, who had played strongly all day and kicked three goals, was easily Belmont's best, with wingman Jeff Sharpe and captain-coach Norm Woods (three goals) showing a return to his best form.

For Mosman Park, ruck-rover Rob Argoon led the way, ably assisted by ruckman Ray Garrett. Full-forward Neville Barker (six goals) and Barry Haydinger (four goals) were a constant source of danger to the Belmont defence.

The reserves grand final was won by Mosman Park, who beat Midland 13.11 to 11.13.

The fairest and best award was won by Manning captain Ricky Bernatovicus (13 votes) after Cockburn captain-coach John Florenca, who polled 17 votes, was ineligible after being found guilty of misconduct.

Runner-up was Tuart Hill full-forward Robin Jackamara, who polled 12 votes and kicked 104 goals.

The reserves award was won by Belmont's Doug Wood, with 12 votes from Robin Jackamara, who polled 10 votes in four games.

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ANOTHER FINAL

DUE to the replay of the preliminary final last week, the L-grade grand final will be played between Cockburn Lakes and West Coast No. 3 at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

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THE management committee and players of the WAFL wish to express their thanks to Westside Football for their contribution to amateur football this season. Without this support all supporters would not be informed on games, highlights or regulations throughout the season. Thanks again Westside Football.



PETER RUSH
reports on the B-grade scene

West Coast earn their promotion

WEST Coast won their first senior premiership and broke their B-grade grand final losing streak by outplaying Mt Lawley at Leederville Oval on Saturday.

The Tigers led from the outset and were never threatened, finally winning by seven goals.

Ruckman Ric Hudson was a driving force behind the Tigers, continually providing opportunities for his team-mates.

Captain-coach Bernie Dunn picked up many kicks around the ground, wielding a major influence on the game.

Mark Taylor was useful in the forward line, while other contributors for the Tigers were MacNish, Warner and Howard.

Mt Lawley were disadvantaged early in the game when Glen Fleisher was injured and took no further part in the game.

Kevin Copeland was a useful backman before also leaving the ground with an injury. Others to contribute for the Hawks were Martin, Romasz and Formica.

West Coast have strived for their A-grade status for many years and have become one of the amateur's strongest clubs, thoroughly deserving their promotion.

HIGHLIGHTS

FOR the third year in a row, Redcliffe have lost the grand final after dominating home-and-away games. Redcliffe's H-grade led for most of the day and going to the last quarter looked likely to break their drought, only to see Girrawheen fight back to win a cliffhanger by seven points. Best for Redcliffe were backmen Muddy Waters, Grub Stewart and Ray Armstead.

GRAND FINAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Coolbellup ('G') fell away in the last quarter against Nollamara No. 3. The "Coobie Cats" paid dearly for their series of behinds in the second quarter.
- In the grand final series, only 9 of the 16 minor premiers became the ultimate premiers.
- Vic Lowe, Mt Lawley 'A' goal sneak and WA Amateurs leading scorer, kicked 10 goals to record the highest individual score on record in a grand final.

HAWKS AWESOME IN GRAND FINAL WIN

MT Lawley's winning grand final performance could only be described as awesome as they put on a classic display of Australian Rules to win by 122 points over Old Wesley.

The Hawks had every player firing and their centreline dominance was topped off by a great game from ace full-forward Victor Lowe, who kicked 11 goals.

Barney Giles medal winner Gerard Kearney was on fire with numerous possessions, each passed on with his usual precision that did not fail him all day.

Coach Greg Hyde would have been ecstatic with his team, especially his rock-like defence which hasn't let him down all year.

Hyde had a few tough decisions during the week leading up to the grand final about who to play in the centre and where he would replace Brad Dunn, who hadn't played for six weeks.

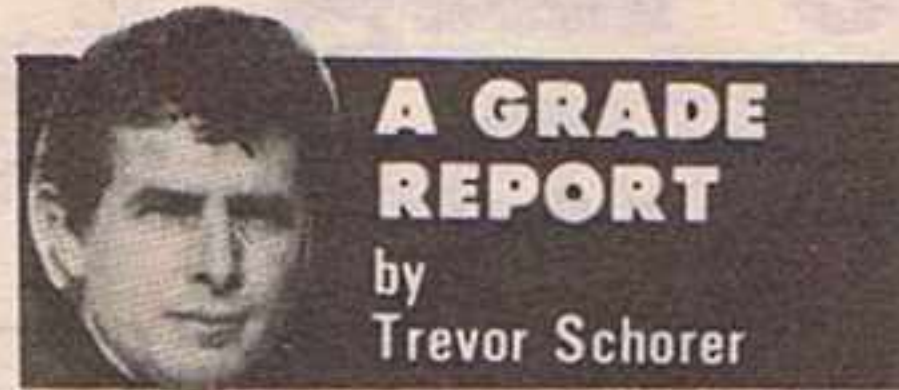
Dunn (ruck roving) and Mark Waideman (centre) turned out to be a huge success, with both players getting the ball out of the middle with monotonous regularity.

A feature of the Hawks win was the performance of their young players in Brady, Warren, Pinneri, McAleer and Chapman.

They have many players in their early 20s, which indicates that the Hawks will be a force for a few more years.

Old Wesley, though very disappointing, must remember that this is their first grand final for quite a few years and to come up against the experienced Hawks, who have played in the last five grand finals, was a huge task.

Good players for Old Wesley were Peter Collins, Marty Jackson and Rob Luttrell, with Wilson and Peter Van Noort trying hard for their side.



A GRADE REPORT
by Trevor Schorer



Mt Lawley coach Greg Hyde and Barney Giles medal winner Gerard Kearney.

FINALS HIGHLIGHTS

• Mt Lawley's 'A' grade premiership win was the biggest one-sided grand final on record (122 point victory) beating their 1985 effort against Scarborough.

• Mt Lawley with three successive 'A' premierships joins Wembley (two occasions 1938-1940 and 1971-74), University (1964-1966) and defunct clubs Sandovers (1935-1937), Postals (1930-1932) and Teachers College (1924-1927) to win three flags on the trot. Wembley hold the record with four in a row in the early 70's.

• West Coast 'B' grade, after three successive grand final appearances, have broken through for their highest achievement when they were seven-goal victors over Mt Lawley's second team.

• Nollamara No. 2 'C' Minor premiers were beaten by the strong Swan Athletic combination who have been knocking on higher promotion over the past few seasons.

• Cockburn Lakes 'D' premiers also continue their rapid rise up the higher amateur grades. Their reserve team could also win a premiership in the delayed 'L' grade grand final.

• Rookie club's Mundaring and Navy won in 'E' and 'I' respectively with the Navy possibly having to be two to three grades higher in 1988.

• The closest result of the day was in 'J' grade with an inaccurate Swan Athletic No. 2 Trust failing by two points to beat University No. 4.

• University showed the depth in their colts picking up wins in the 'A' and 'C' colts.

• CBC (a foundation member of the WAAFL) 'B' colts won their club's fourth premiership, they now have a nucleus of players to build on that slim record.

A Grade				
MTLAWLEY	5.2	13.7	20.10	26.16
OLD WESLEY	2.1	2.1	5.2	8.2
Winner of B. J. Giles Medal: Gerrard Kearney (Mt Lawley).				
B GRADE				
WEST COAST	2.5	9.9	12.12	15.16
MTLAWLEY NO. 2	3.2	5.5	7.5	9.5
C GRADE				
SWAN ATHLETIC	22.17	d	NOLLAMARA NO. 2	15.13.
D GRADE				
COCKBURN LAKES	9.4	13.8	20.13	29.16
WACAE	5.0	8.2	11.6	12.11
E GRADE				
MUNDARING	5.9	8.11	16.17	17.20
UNIVERSITY NO. 3	2.1	7.5	7.5	12.11
F GRADE				
TRINITY AQUINAS NO. 2	2.4	7.8	9.8	10.10
SAWYERS VALLEY	2.5	3.6	4.9	6.11
G GRADE				
NOLLAMARA NO. 3	4.2	5.3	9.4	14.8
COOLBELLUP	2.4	3.9	7.13	7.14
H GRADE				
GIRRAWHEEN	13.14	d	REDCLIFFE	12.13
I GRADE				
NAVY	21.13	d	MT LAWLEY NO. 4	11.8
J GRADE				
UNIVERSITY NO. 4	3.6	5.9	10.9	11.11
SWAN ATHLETIC NO. 2	2.1	5.7	8.9	10.15
K GRADE				
MHWP NO. 3	16.14	d	HAMERSLEY NO. 2	9.12
A COLTS				
UNIVERSITY	4.1	10.4	13.10	15.13
MTLAWLEY	4.0	4.0	6.1	6.3
B COLTS				
CBC	6.4	9.5	10.8	12.13
COLLEGIANS OS	1.0	3.2	5.4	8.6
C COLTS				
UNIVERSITY NO. 2	13.12	d	MORLEY	12.8
PRELIMINARY FINAL				
L GRADE				
WEST COAST NO. 3	5.1	8.4	13.13	14.19
REDCLIFFE NO. 2	4.3	6.7	8.9	12.10

Umpires rewarded

THE West Australian Amateur Football Association has honoured 13 of its senior umpires with Life Membership for officiating in 150 games.

Among those to receive Life Membership were the ageless Kevin Mosey, who has umpired 476 games since 1963, hard-working secretary Bruce Wainwright (300 games), former East Perth and Subiaco Junior Council umpire Darrell Donovan (299 games) and former-league panel umpire Dennis Miller (227 games).

Others to receive awards were Bob Briggs (276), Michael Daff (232), Alan Gale (184), Noel Edgar (257), Bob Rossi (158), Angelo Sanzone (153), Keith Spencer (251), Bob Raji (250) and Ian Bailey (156).

It is pleasing to see the Association reward these umpires for the years of dedicated and tireless service to the game.

Alan Gale and Peter Lynch, who umpired his 100th game last Saturday, were in charge of this year's A grade grand final between Mt Lawley and Old Wesley.

THANKS

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JOHN DAVIES,
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West Australian half-forward Marcus Seecamp receives a Melbourne club jumper from recruiting officer Doug Vickers.

WA share title in schoolboys

THE West Australian under-16 schoolboys team finished equal first in the Commonwealth Bank national championships held in Perth last week — their best result since winning the carnival in 1973.

With five WA players in the All Australian team, the Victorian talent scouts spent a lot of time around the WA camp.

One Victorian said that eight WA players had the potential to be good VFL players.

WA shared the Australian championship with Victoria and Queensland.

The host State beat Victoria 12.12 to 8.7 in the opening fixture, but lose to Queensland 4.9 to 14.13 the next day.

WA coach Ric Evans says that he was delighted with the way his team performed.

"They put in a lot of effort and deserved their success," Evans said.

The All Australians were: captain Kane Morphett (R. and I. Bank's fairest and best), centre-half-back Lee Walker; ruck-rover Glen Davies, ruckman Steven O'Reilly and wingman Craig Hunter.

Evans says that Hunter was among the WA best three players in nearly every game.

"Craig is a top player, but then all of them are pretty good," the coach said.

Both Walker and full-forward Glen Jakovich are available for selection again next year.

Jakovich was the championship's leading goalkicker with 29 goals.

How WA performed: WA 12.12 beat Victoria 8.7; WA 4.9 lost to Queensland 14.13; WA 20.10 beat Australian Capital Territory 6.2; WA 22.14 beat Tasmania 8.3; WA 10.15 beat South Australia 7.4; WA 17.12 beat Northern Territory 9.8 and WA 21.6 beat New South Wales 8.2.

Gamble pays off for Marcus

THE State schoolboys selectors took a gamble when they selected Roleystone Senior High School student Marcus Seecamp.

Seecamp had shown promise during the CIG Shield competition, but broke his arm shortly before the 25-man State squad was announced.

Last Thursday Seecamp gave a best-on-ground performance in WA's 31-point win over South Australia at Perth Oval.

The young half-forward flanker took several crucial marks in the first half and kicked three of WA's 10 goals.

After the match, Seecamp was presented with a West Coast Eagles bag by Eagles ruckman Alex Ishchenko — and a Melbourne club jumper by Melbourne recruiting officer Doug Vickers.

Seecamp said that he was surprised the selectors took the gamble.

"I gave myself no chance of being chosen," Seecamp said.

"But I'm glad they did because I've really enjoyed the carnival," he said.

JUNIOR COUNCIL FINALS ROUND-UP

SWAN DISTRICTS

Grand finals: 13s Bassendean 9.8 d Swan View 7.8 (best player — C. Dann, Bassendean); 14s Kalamunda 10.8 d Swan View 5.2 (C. Stringer, Kalamunda); 16s Swan View 11.10 d Mazenod 4.6 (M. Walsh, Swan View).

Association medal winners: 13s Craig Thomas, Redcliffe; runner-up Chris Kelly, Bassendean; 14s Scott Watkins, Belmont; runner-up Troy Foote, Kalamunda; 16s Troy Jordon, Redcliffe; runner-up Rodney May, Cloverdale.

Further presentations including the Umpire of the Year, Elite Squad, grand final winners, fairest and best winner and the club championship shield will be made at the annual Swan Districts Junior Council meeting at Bassendean Oval on September 23.

EAST FREMANTLE

Grand finals: 13s Willetton 2.3 d Karoonda 1.4 (Danny Craig, Willetton); 14s Attadale 7.9 d Bullcreek 3.6 (Alan Andrews, Attadale); 15s East Fremantle 11.8 d Karoonda 9.6 (Sean Gibson, East Fremantle); 17s Rossmoyne 12.15 d Bullcreek 9.0 (Kane Whiteaker, Rossmoyne).

Association medal winners: 13s Mal-

colm Wyllie, Applecross 24; 14s David Coleman, Lynwood 32; 15s Glen Davies, East Fremantle 32; 17s Dean Collins, East Fremantle 37.

SOUTH FREMANTLE

Grand finals: 14s Red CBC 12.11 d Cockburn 2.3; 14s White Coolbellup 10.6 d Rockingham 5.13; 16s Cockburn 18.7 d Coolbellup 7.6.

Association medal winners: 14s Red R. Mundy, CBC 27; runner-up C. Fuller, Willagee 23. 14s White J. Collie, Wanbro 20; runner-up J. Grosse, Rockingham 18. 16s D. Runner, Hilton 21; runner-up C. Colliga, South Fremantle 20.

PERTH

Grand finals: 14s Canning 5.5 d Queens Park 5.3; 16s Manning 12.12 d Carlisle 6.11.

Association medal winners: 14s Derek Wood, Forrestfield 45; Kirk Spencer, Canning 40; Paul Bowden, East Victoria Park 33; Chris Evans, Manning 31; Mark Whiteaker, Carlisle 29.

16s Russell Thompson, Queens Park 51; Desmond Little, Canning 43; Peter Valenti, East Victoria Park 38; Craig Kickett, Manning 30; Paul Cheshire, Forrestfield 29.

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Goulding is ready to achieve one of his targets

CLAREMONT ruck-rover Stephen Goulding hopes to realise one of his football ambitions this Saturday — winning a premiership with the Tigers.

The hard-working follower has been sidelined since his controversial suspension relating to a kicking incident on Swan District's Geoff Passeri on August 8.

Goulding was reported by WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey and not by officiating field umpires, Phil O'Reilly and Trevor Garrett.

The initial four-week penalty was later reduced to three games which was seen by many critics as the WAFL's admission that it had made a mistake.

The reduction made Goulding eligible for selection, but the blot on his copy-book ended any chance he had of winning last Monday night's Sandover Medal. Goulding finished the year with a surprisingly few six votes.

GRAND FINAL

Goulding has been a most consistent performer with Claremont all season and it is unlikely that coach Gerard Neesham will exclude him from the grand final team.

But it does mean Neesham will have to make at least one alteration to the side that blitzed Subiaco in the second semi-final.

Big forward Peter Melesso should also come into calculations. He appears fit after straining a thigh muscle in the final home-and-away fixture against South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval on August 22.

Goulding would not confirm that Neesham has already told him that he would play in Saturday's game.

"I'll have to wait until the team is announced like everybody else," the Tiger vice captain said.

"But I'm hoping."

Goulding, who says he will retire in

by
George Temple

two years time, said that winning a premiership with Claremont is an ambition of his.

"Another aim is to play 150 games with Claremont," he said.

"I want to retire when I'm 29.

"So I should at least achieve my games target and I'm confident Claremont will beat Subiaco on Saturday."

In fact Goulding could achieve a lot more than that in the next two years.

Claremont have tremendous depth and a hat-trick of premierships is not out of the question. All three of their sides played in the second semi-final this season which augers well for the Tigers future.

Goulding has already played 103 games with Claremont and can play a possible 164. He has also played 40 games with North Launceston, where he made his debut in 1978 and played five games with North Melbourne in 1981.

He has also represented WA and Tasmania twice each.

Goulding has been particularly impressed with the coaching of Gerard Neesham this season.

"Gerard developed our style and it is a style that has got us to the grand final," he said.

"Though we've had a few close games, it has been very effective.

"Gerard's made moves like playing Tony Beers at centre-half-back. For most of his football, Tony has played in the forward line, but he's done a great job for us as a key defender.

"Grant Povey wasn't a regular league player and he's been good on the half-back flank all season."

of his targets



Stephen Goulding... likely to play on Saturday.



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

Umpires are falling for the easy free kick

DURING the final round series I have taken a close look at the men-in-white.

It seemed that Subiaco were getting a pretty good deal from the umpires.

So I did a bit of homework and came up with this fact — in the past four weeks Subiaco have picked up 126 free kicks to the opposition's total of 78.

For the record:

	For	Against
Prelim. Final v EF	37	25
2nd Semi-final v CL	33	16
Round 21 at Leed. v WP	26	17
Round 20 at WACA v P	30	20
TOTAL	126	78

These figures may be disturbing and surprising — but I don't believe the umpires favour any side.

However, I believe they are easily conned by veteran players such as Peter Featherby, Neil Taylor, Brian Taylor and Phil Lamb.

I think they must be wary of these players when they throw their arms back looking for a free kick.

The obvious thing to do is to call play on.

Karl Langdon is another example.

He regularly takes a dive in a bid to get an easy free kick though I do admit he certainly cops some hard knocks in the process.

Robert Wiley and Brian Peake are past masters at this facet of the game. To them it was another part of the game that called for skill and practice.

But back to Subiaco. There is no doubt they have had some very dubious decisions from some very gullible umpires.

Surely it's time the umpires ignored the tiggy-touchwood free kicks and let the game flow a bit.

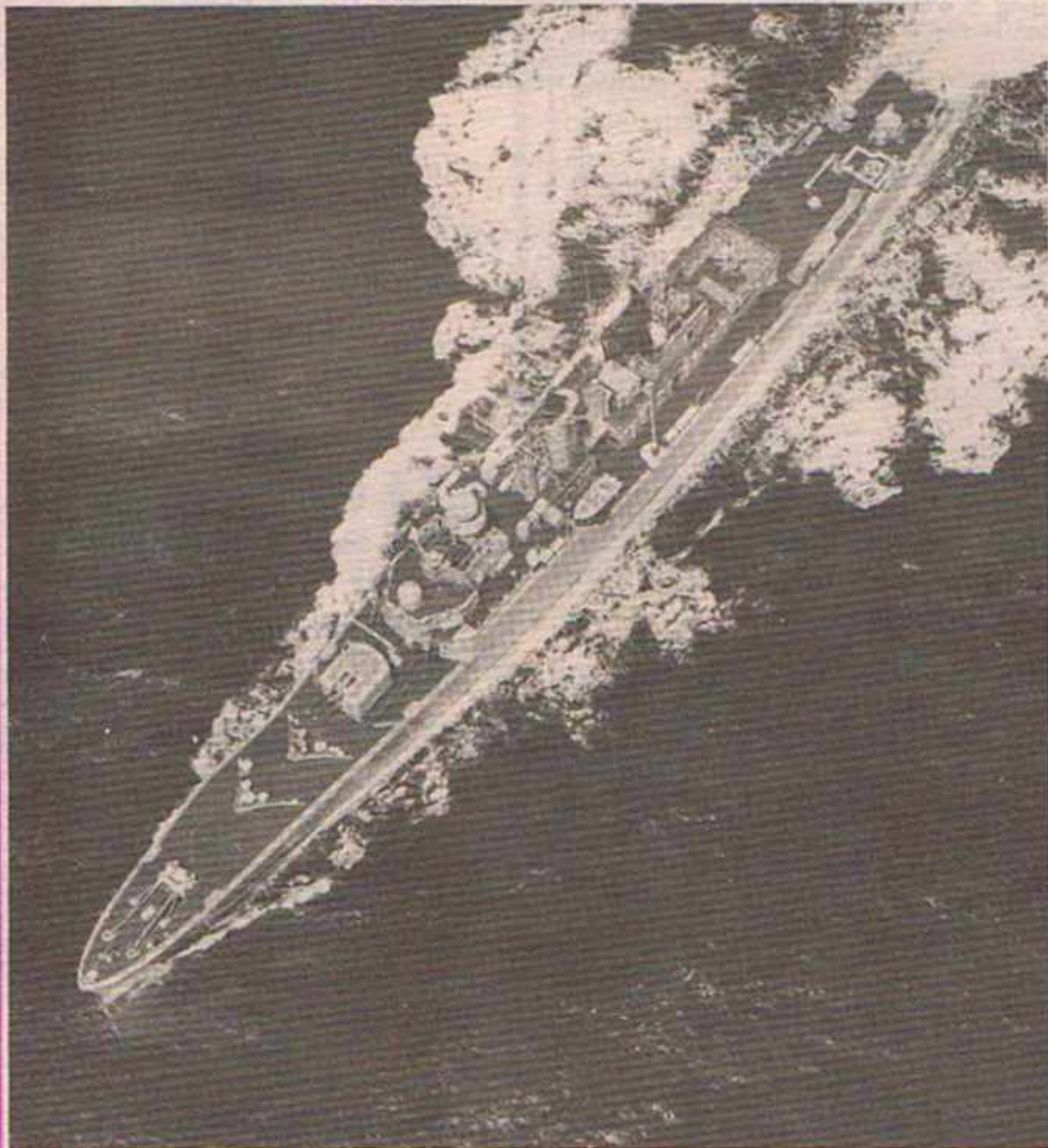
The only way Claremont will be beaten this Saturday is if they go into the game over confident.

Subiaco have not been able to beat the Tigers in four games this year and I'm sure Bunton won't mind about that.

Just like last year, he will be happy to go into the grand final as underdogs.

On the other hand, this is Neesham's fifth consecutive grand final and he should be able to get the Tigers mentally right.

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