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## BAD LUCK, MACCA

Andrew MacNish gives a brave smile after receiving his Eagles jumper from former Premier, Brian Bruke.

IT couldn't have been a worse start to the season for young West Coast Eagles utility player, Andrew MacNish.

MacNish was a victim of the hard WACA pitch when he seriously strained ligaments in his ankle and could be sidelined for several weeks.

It was a bitter blow for the 22-year-old who is under pressure to perform this season, after an

indifferent start to his VFL career last year.

MacNish remembers the incident well in the Kresta Cup night game.

"I was running at the ball and went to turn, but my foot got stuck in a hole in the pitch," MacNish said.

"The speed I was travelling at caused plenty of damage to my ankle."

## Top recruits on our team

YES, we're back and it's season No. 10 coming up for Westside Football.

A long, hot summer has seen plenty of action off the field for our football clubs, with recruiting the No. 1 exercise.

And Westside has done its share of recruiting also.

Added to our talented and versatile line-up of writers for the Bicentennial season are some of the biggest names in the game.

**DENNIS COMETTI** ... currently the nation's leading television commentator. He'll be calling all the action from the Eagles matches on Channel 7 — and pulling no punches in his Westside column.

**RON ALEXANDER** ... he might be deposed as coach of the West Coast Eagles, but his football knowledge is second-to-none and he'll keep a close eye on both the WAFL scene and the Eagles activities.

**PETER BOSUSTOW** ... certainly the most flamboyant man in the game over the last few years (with apologies to Mark Jackson). The Buzz has been there, done that as far as the WAFL and the VFL goes, so watch for his words.

**GARY STOCKS** ... one of the State's leading football writers, he returns to Westside's columns with his review of the local scene. Now with The West Australian, he has his finger on the footy pulse.

**RON McDONALD** ... another of the outstanding young writers at The West Australian. He follows the WAFL scene closely and introduces the first of his Know Your Club series this week.

**HARVEY DEEGAN** ... one of the game's best radio men. He might not be calling the footy on the airwaves this season, but he still knows what's happening in the game.

And still in our columns we have top writers like:

**ROBERT BENNETT** ... one of the State's hardest-hitting critics.

**GRANT DORRINGTON** ... a trendsetter in junior development work with the Football Development Trust.

**BILL MATHER-BROWN** ... giving his point of view from the man-in-the-street.

**IAN MILLER** ... he doesn't miss a thing when it comes to assessing local (and VFL) teams.

**DAVE CLEMENT** ... historian extraordinary; there's nothing he doesn't know about the game's past. His facts and figures will bedazzle you.

## Looking for a personality

WESTSIDE Football is looking for the State's leading football "personality".

And that doesn't mean a radio star or a TV pin-up.

We're looking for a person — male or female in today's equal opportunity society — who puts in a lot more to football than they take out.

In conjunction with PIBS, the Permanent Investment Building Society, Westside will reward the season's top personality with a trip to England and Ireland at the end of the year.

PIBS are a major sponsor of

amateur football, the strong North Fremantle club in particular and will sponsor that club's end-of-season trip overseas.

The three-week trip will see the North Fremantle Magpies tackle several Gaelic football matches in Ireland and possibly feature in a major match in London as well.

Each week Westside Football will feature an article on a person who devotes time and effort to football — be it a league coach, runner or propertyman; a junior administrator, or an amateurs timekeeper or an umpire, senior or junior.

A special panel of judges will decide the season's top performer at the end of the year and the \$2,800 trip to Europe is the reward.

Flying British Airways, the North Fremantle party leave Perth on Friday, September 30 and spend 11 days in County Cork, Ireland and 10 days in London before returning home via Singapore.

If you know of a deserving football worker who should be featured in our PIBS Personality, then drop us a line — we'll examine the credentials of everybody in our search for the top person of '88.

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## CHAMP'S TRIBUTE

WEST Perth will pay tribute to former Captain Courageous Les Fong on Saturday, April 9. The Falcons are holding a prawn night at Leederville Oval and admission is only \$10. Knowing how popular prawns are in West Perth territory, the average patron will only be paying about 20c per prawn. Proceeds of the night will be to the Les Fong fund. Fong played 284 League games and represented his state three times. He has now shuttled back to the more leisurely pace of amateur football and Trinity/Aquinas will be the richer for his experience and dedication.

## BACK 'EM IN!

FOOTY fans who reckon that their teams are certainties every week can put their money where their mouth is from now on. The TAB are launching football betting with the introduction of "Footo" — and it kicks off this Monday. For 50c, footy punters can try to pick the margin that their favourite team will win by. The bets are bracketed in three-point margins and the dividends are calculated on the number of winning units. The profits from Footo will be credited to a sports betting account and distributed under the direction of the Minister for Sport, Mr Graham Edwards. Initially funds will assist with the cost of the southern stand at the WACA Ground.

## STALWART DIES

FOOTBALL lost one of its stalwarts in March with the death of former South Fremantle president and patron Billy Hughes. Commonly known as Dooza, his connection started with the Bulldogs in 1925 as a player and went through till 1978. He played 47 league games with South and then served on the committee from 1929 and the club won premierships under his presidency in 1952 and 1970. He severed his official connection with the club in 1978 when he handed over the role of patrol to his son-in-law, Alan Bond. Mr Hughes was 84 when he passed away.

## MARTIN SETBACK

SOUTH Fremantle's injury-plagued Ken Martin is on the rehabilitation trail once again. The talented forward was hailed as one of WA's most promising players back in 1982 when he came up from Wickiepin, via Wesley College, to make his debut as a 17-year-old. But constant knee problems restricted him to five league games over the next five seasons. A comeback campaign last year saw him add another eight league games to that tally, but now he is facing a year off as he undergoes a pelvic bone graft — which has apparently been the major cause of all his problems.

## POACHING BREACH?

POACHING in the country — surely not! The saga behind the appointment of former Swans and Perth player Ross Fitzgerald as coach of the Brookton has raised a few eyebrows. Last we heard the reliable defender was heading for Quairading before Brookton hopped in to grab his signature.

# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

## BIG BONUS

EAST Perth coach Gerard McNeill allowed the WA squad members in the Australian amateur team to train with the club at Perth Oval in the lead-up to the Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide. And for that he was rewarded with a ruckman! Dave Higgins, who played with North Beach last season, liked what he saw at Perth Oval and decided to stay on and try his hand at league football.

## NO PROMISES

SOUTH Fremantle have certainly started the season with plenty of promise, but coach Stan Magro pleaded to a large gathering of supporters at Fremantle Oval to avoid talking about premierships. He said that things were going to be tough and although he was pleased with the early progress there was a long way to go. "But please don't start talking about a premiership," Magro asked of the big crowd at last Sunday's guernsey presentation.

## LIGHT-HEARTED

IT'S just as well our Minister for Sport, Graham Edwards, has a good sense of humour. Channel 7 interviewer Dean Hopewell posed the question: "I guess it's a while since you've played footy?" to Mr Edwards during the official launch of Footy Week. Mr Edwards, a Vietnam war veteran who lost both legs in a mine explosion, replied with a quick quip: "Yes, it's a while since I've had a kick."

## BIG FAMILY

TALKING about the Footy Week opening; it was a unique situation with so many people representing EVERY facet of football in the one place at the same time. Representatives from all walks of football, city and country, junior and senior, umpires, trainers, officials etc. were all there — as well as the elite Eagles. The big family spread into a semi-circle behind the Minister for Sport Graham Edwards as he officially launched the ambitious week of activities.



East Perth coach Gerard McNeill will be hoping that David Bain settles into a good year for the Royals.

Bain was initially included in the Eagles squad last season, but showed in-different form back with the Royals.

## NUMBERS GAME

WEST Coast Eagles vice-captain John Annear has had a guernsey number change in the second year of VFL action. He has switched to the No. 2 vacated by Rob Wiley, who has returned to coach Perth. Eagles rookie rover Joe Cormack, who started in No. 16 at Swan Districts before changing to No. 2, has adopted Annear's No. 16 in the Eagles squad.

## ANOTHER FLAG

BIG Ron Alexander has not stopped winning despite being out of the football limelight. The former coach of the Eagles and East Fremantle has just put in a winning summer in men's basketball, helping take out the D-grade premiership at Perry Lakes. Playing with a Department of Sport team known as the Good Sports, Big Ron took on the role at centre — one of the few positions he couldn't fill in his long footy career.

## HEALTHY HINT

THE launch of the Quit secondary schools competition is a big boost for the summer activities of the Football Development Trust. The acceptance by the secondary school students — who drew up their own impressive rules — and the backing from the State Government's stop-smoking campaign has been a big winner for football. Health Minister Keith Wilson — who, as the previous Minister for Sport helped get the FDT off the ground — was full of praise for the Quit competition.

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
PETER BOSUSTOW



FORGET the Bicentennial carnival in Adelaide and forget the Eagles failure against Essendon two weeks ago and their win over Melbourne last weekend.

After all, they have been the usual pre-season hit-outs that really only offered John Todd the chance to look at what he has available to him for the 1988 VFL season.

I don't think the new West Coast Eagles boss will have liked a lot of what he saw in March.

The WA team was let down badly in Adelaide by some of the players who didn't seem to want to be there.

Toddy has his problems and it's no secret that the WAFL has a few also.

On the interstate scene it will be in the court of Claremont's Gerard Neesham to restore some of our lost pride when he puts together a side in a little more than two months to play reigning Australian champions South Australia on their home soil.

But look at what Neesham, the WAFL and the footy public, have to service their needs in 1988.

The potential of this new-look league is enormous, given the chance to develop and support from local sponsors and fans.

Look at Claremont, under Neesham, with some of the most exciting youngsters, not only here in WA, but in the nation.

Ben Allan, Don Pyke and Brian Sutherland will all be hit between the eyes and in the pockets with offers from VFL clubs when the new draft system gathers the cream of Australia's footballers into the national competition.

And that's just for starters.

Look at some of the other top youngsters who will grace the turf of WAFL grounds each Saturday this season.

At South Fremantle, my tip to be the big improvers, Mark Bayliss, Scott Watters and Peter Sumich could be sensational.

Perth fans, keep your eyes on Warren Nicholas, Grant Hatch and Troy Davis for some thrills this year.

East Fremantle should see a lot of Chris Waterman and together with Lance Durack and John Derecourt, could be stars this season.

At Swan Districts, keep a watch on Kernutt Thorne and, for a roughie, my old Perth teammate Len Gandini to have his best year in league footy.

And new Subiaco skipper Greg Wilkinson, although not one of the younger brigade, should relish the leadership responsibility and have a great year. Karl Langdon and Todd Breman will be top players for the Lions.

East Perth should get plenty from young forward Peter Cransberg, who could prove a top goal-scorer this year and little rover Dean Bertram has great skills.

West Perth have recruited well from their country zone and any one of a host of players will bob up as their recruit of the year, just as Paddy Madafarri did in 1987.

And don't forget Buzz hopes to be around the league arenas too ... from the inside.

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# Paul Mifka — picking up the pieces

WEST Coast Eagles coach John Todd may not want West Perth defender Paul Mifka — but three-quarters of the League clubs in South Australia do.

West Torrens led the charge, and they have been trying to entice the discarded Eagle to South Australia to look over the club and have a training run.

Central District, Port Adelaide and Woodville are among the other clubs chasing Mifka, who played just one match with the Eagles last season before being told by Todd that his services were not required this year.

Mifka has also been told that Hawthorn have him high on their list for 1989 under the VFL draft.

The sudden interest in Mifka has left the amiable defender in a dilemma. He's busy carving out a career in the WA Police Force and he has been married for only a few months. Wife Linda works for the Tony Barlow company and is not keen on a move interstate.

Mifka's omission from the Eagles squad of 35 came as a shock to many people, but Todd says he had every chance. He described Mifka as a fine touch player, but not physically up to the rigours of VFL football.

The Eagles coach says Mifka didn't want the hard ball and "danced around the edges" in the National Panasonic Cup match against Essendon.

Todd says Mifka had the chance to win the interstate match against NSW earlier this month, but made four crucial mistakes.

The remarks have angered Mifka, who says if anyone should be blamed for the loss to NSW it should be midfielder Chris Mainwaring, who insisted on shooting for goal from 60 metres out rather than passing to forwards on the lead, of which Mifka was one.

"There was a lot of players who did 10 times worse than me in the State match," said Mifka. "But as far as I'm concerned, John Todd's words are like water off a duck's back."

Mifka says his attitude to football won't change because of Todd's remarks.



by  
**Harvey Deegan**

"It certainly wouldn't do my football any good if I worried about what he thinks," said Mifka.

South Australian clubs may be vying for Mifka's services, but West Perth won't give him up without a fight.

The Falcons made no secret of their delight at having Mifka back at a recent weekend camp, at which all players and officials were very supportive of the discarded Eagle.

The omission of Mifka from the Eagles — and the inclusion of several Swan Districts players — has revived the old accusation levelled at Todd that it's earlier to reach the top in a black and white jumper than it is in cardinal and blue colours.

"That's rubbish," says Todd.

"Swan Districts have a crop of young, exciting and dedicated players and that's why some have made the Eagles squad this season."

Todd says another fact to be remembered is that clubs like Claremont and Subiaco have their full quota of players and East Fremantle is almost in the same position.

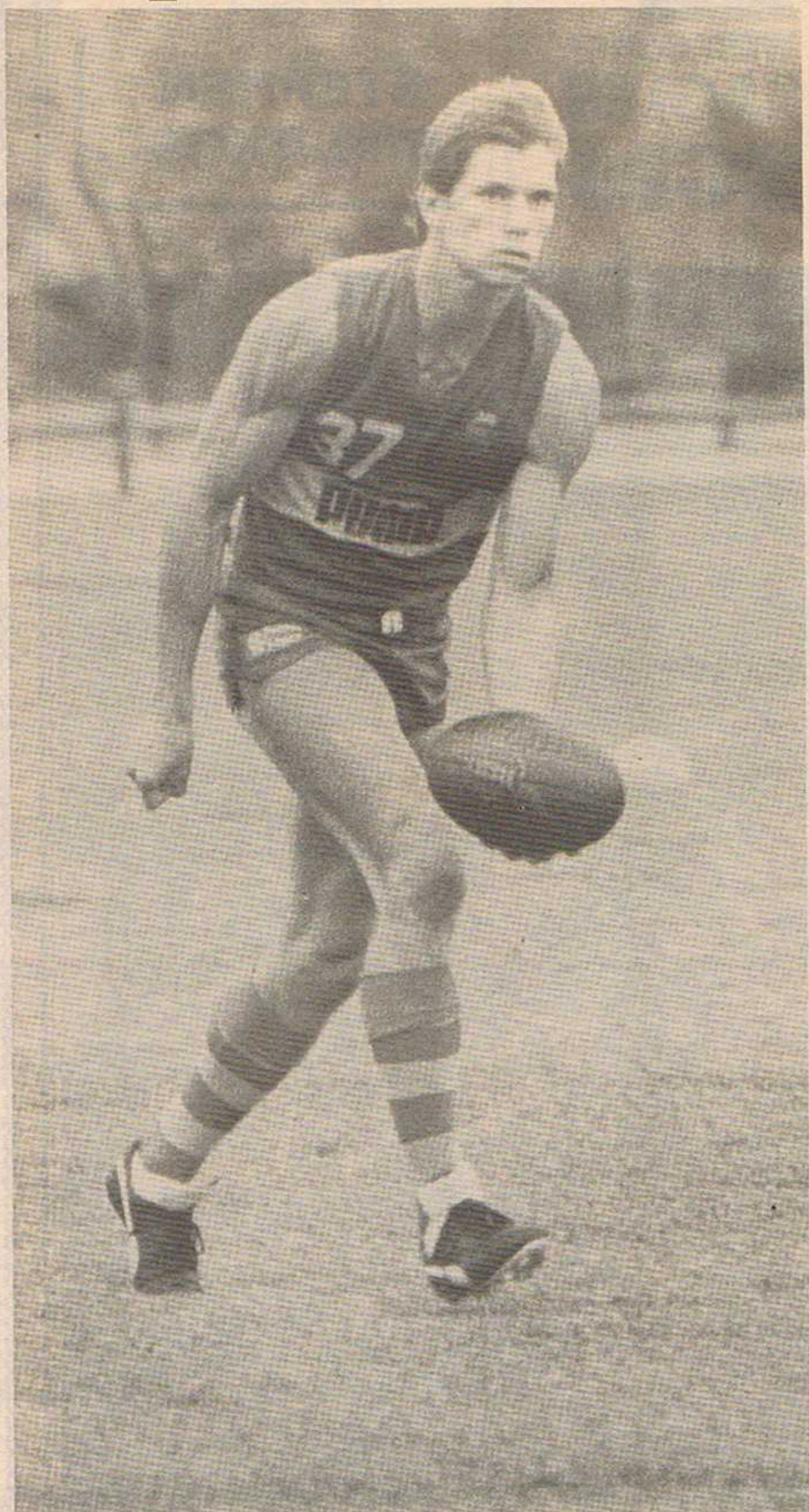
"The West Coast Eagles selectors had to look to the other clubs and it just so happened that Swan Districts had several players who filled our requirements," said Todd.

But West Perth followers still wonder.

They remember five years ago when Craig Nelson and Dean Warwick were in sparkling form, but could not be placed in the Todd-coached West Australian State side.

The Falcons flew the pair interstate to watch a State game as a consolation.

If the Eagles make the VFL five this year, Todd's selection process will be vindicated. If not, the allegations of bias will again be trundled out as a reason for failure.



Being left out of the Eagles has put amiable West Perth defender in a dilemma. While he is not wanted in the WA side, three South Australian clubs are chasing him.

## EAGLES LOOKING GOOD FOR 1988

THE Bicentennial year should see the Eagles in a strong position for a number of reasons.

1. They have been able to take their time and assess players under match conditions and so have a talented band of 35 players who didn't have any long term injuries.

2. The draw for the Eagles in 1988 has been acknowledged as the easiest in the VFL. Playing Carlton and Hawthorn and Sydney Swans once only is a huge bonus.

3. The 1987 season saw the Eagles in action for the first time. There were 28 players who hadn't played a VFL game and 16 who hadn't even been to Melbourne. Now, with a year's experience under most players belts, they should be ready to win that elusive extra game needed to get into the five.

Considering all the possibilities, I can see the Eagles winning 14 games and filling fourth or fifth position.

### ROSCO'S ROLE

THE Eagles plan to use Ross Glendinning as a centre-half-back come full back — his best positions before 1987 — won't last.

### ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By **RON ALEXANDER**



### MIFKA PUZZLE

WEST Perth's Paul Mifka must be wondering what has happened to his football.

After being selected in WA's best 18 for the State of Origin carnival against Victoria and NSW, he finds himself unable to make the Eagles list of 35 players 10 days later!

I'm sure that all the players dropped from the Eagles 35-man squad are disappointed. Those players certainly gave it their all in what was a difficult year for all concerned.

These players must now take the experience gained from the year and look forward to the future. There is life after football!

Ross may pinch-hit in these positions, but he will be in trouble if played consistently in the backline.

At centre-half-back he begins to tire half-way through the third quarter and runs the risk of thigh injuries. At full back he is great on a stay-at-home full-forward, but will find some trouble with a leading player.

Ross was the leading goalkicker in the Eagles inaugural year and is more suited to rotating through the forward positions. Playing him continually in the backline will result in him breaking down!

### GOOD POSITION

EAST Fremantle were certainly in a strong position while dealing with the Eagles over Chris Waterman's clearance fee.

Having him under contract and the Eagles waiting to the closing day for their list to be submitted to the VFL before final negotiations, certainly put them in a strong position.

With the Eagles short of time, all the aces were in the hands of East Fremantle President Hans Bayer.

### TOP RECRUITS

THE Department for Sport and Recreation (my new employers) have had some valuable additions lately.

Outstanding cricketer/footballer John McGuire and the WAFL's recruit-of-the-year in Maurice Rioli are assisting in the promotion and running of Aboriginal sport.

They have made a solid contribution already.

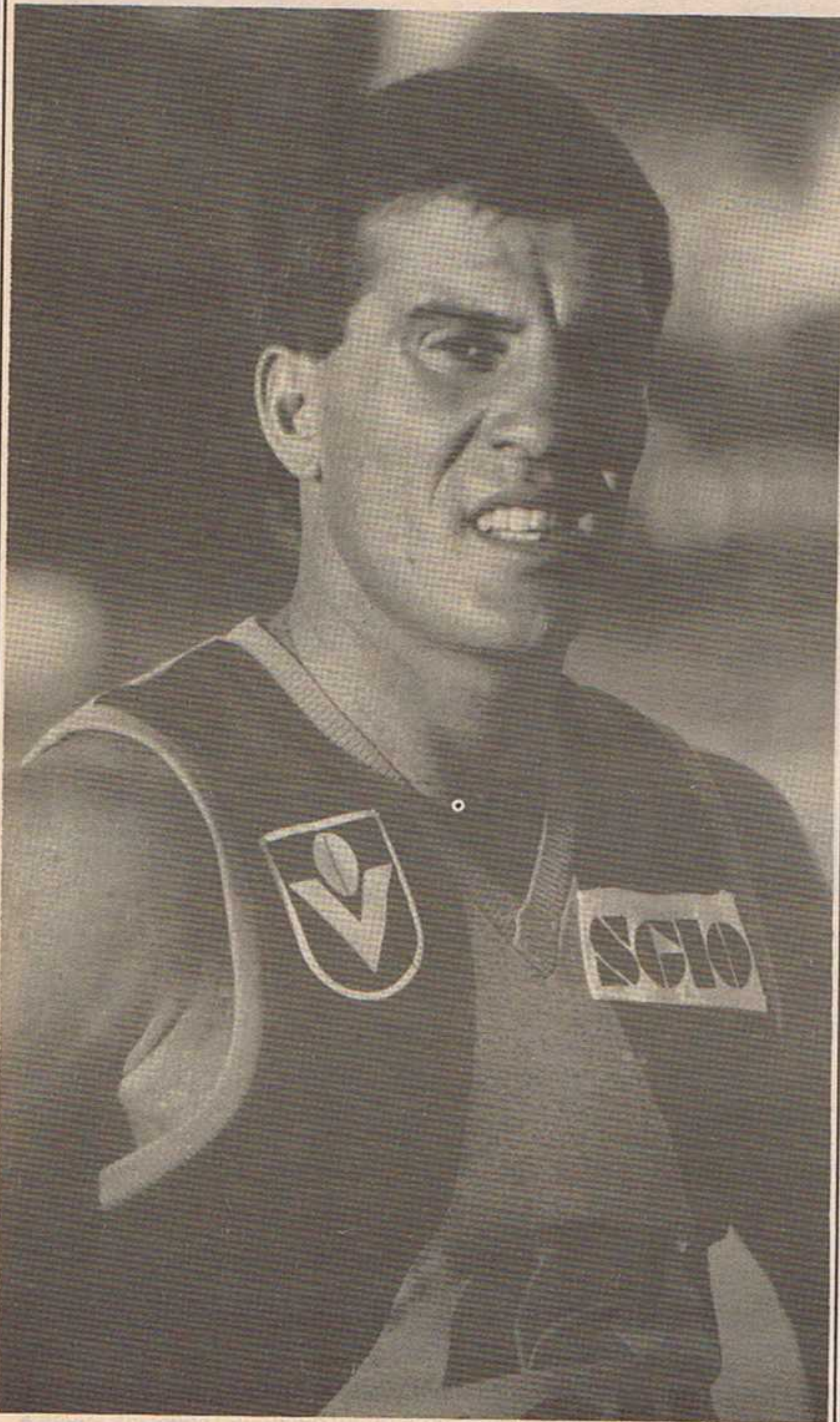
Footnote: You can catch Ron Alexander's previews of the Eagles matches in the Sunday Times.





# PLAYER PROFILES

**STEPHEN  
MALAXOS**



**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Centre  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 19/6/61 Perth  
**HEIGHT:** 177cm **WEIGHT:** 72kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** Claremont  
**FIRST PLAYED:** Versus Swan Districts, April 21, 1979  
**GAMES PLAYED:** Claremont 144, Hawthorn 9, W.A. 6, Eagles 21  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** Fairest and best Claremont 1983/4, 1984 Sandover Medal, 1985 Lindy Sportsman of Year, 1986 Captain Claremont, W.A. and All-Australian team  
**MARTIAL STATUS:** Married to Suzanne  
**BROTHERS/SISTERS:** 2 sisters, 1 brother  
**OCCUPATION:** School teacher  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Hollywood High  
**CAR:** Mitsubishi Sigma  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Reading, watching TV sport  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Italian  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Beer, wine

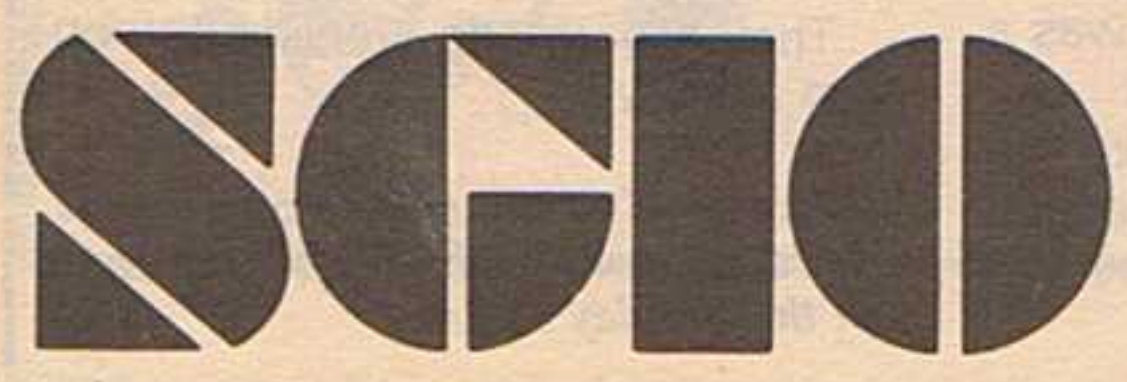
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Rolling Stones, Eurythmics  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:** London  
**FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT:** Al Piccittos Restaurant in Nedlands  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Cricket matches  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Jacqueline Bisset  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Claremont team-mates  
**MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMEN:** Bjorn Borg  
**ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH:** Read, listen to radio/album  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Poor selection decisions  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Claremont premiership in 1981  
**NICKNAME:** Stavros  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** Claremont Oval  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play well in next game



**Warren  
Nicholas**



**Full Name:** Warren Nicholas.  
**Nickname:** Warrie. *Why: A girlfriend called me that.*  
**Date of Birth:** 25/8/67. **Place of Birth:** Australia.  
**Height:** 183cm. **Weight:** 13.5 stone.  
**Age Started Playing:** 11.  
**Previous Club/s:** Kenwick.  
**Junior Club:** Kenwick.  
**Martial Status:** Married.  
**Residence:** Maddington.  
**Occupation:** Lawnmowing contractor.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Cricket.  
**Favourite Position:** Any. **First Position:** Half-back flank.  
**League Debut:** 1984. **Versus:** East Perth.  
**YOUR FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Clint Eastwood. **Drink:** Lemon, lime and bitter.  
**TV Show:** Get Smart. **Food:** Spaghetti Bolognaise.  
**Movie:** Flying Geese.  
**Music:** Rock and roll (Kiss).  
**Book:** 1984 — George Orwell.  
**Holiday Resort:** Eucla.  
**Ground:** Lathlain.  
**Your Car:** V.W. Beetle. **Your Favourite Car:** V.W.  
**Career Highlights:** First league game.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Spraining both ankles in 1984.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Pre-season training.  
**Football Idols:** Don Scott, Ross Glendinning.  
**Toughest Opponent:** Graham Kickett.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Peter Spencer.  
**Most Memorable Game:** Perth v South Fremantle 1984 (victory) when Perth won at home.  
**Ambitions:** To play VFL football for Hawthorn.  
**What do you like about Football:** The challenge and rewards of the game.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Try not to think about the game for as long as possible on Saturday morning.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** Ian Miller.  
**Guemsey Number:** 33 **Any Reason:** No.  
**Superstitions:** Always put right boot on before the left.  
**Worst injury:** Back and ankles.  
**Luckiest Break:** Playing 12 league games at 16.



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# MILESTONE MEN

## 50 GAMES

Mark Blakely (East Perth) 49  
Richard Lynch (South Frem) 49  
Mark Hann (Claremont) 48  
Michael Mort (Subiaco) 48  
Joe Santostefano (Perth) 48  
David Court (Claremont) 47

## 100 GAMES

Glyn Williams (East Perth) 99  
Gavin Carter (South Frem) 98  
Peter Ware (Swan Dist) 98

## 150 GAMES

Clinton Brown (Subiaco) 145  
John Scott (Claremont) 145\*  
Craig Edwards (South Frem) 144\*  
\*Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: John Scott 62 Claremont, 73 East Perth; Craig Edwards 61 South Fremantle, 73 East Perth.

## 200 GAMES

Gerard Neesham (Claremont) 197\*  
Andrew Purser (West Perth) 197\*  
Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 195  
Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 189  
\*Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: John Scott 72, Claremont, 73 East Perth; Craig Edwards 71 South Fremantle, 73 East Perth.

## 250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 239\*  
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 228  
\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Maurice Rioli 118 Richmond, 121 South Fremantle.

## 300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 288\*  
\*Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: Robert Wiley 175 Perth, 95 Richmond, 18 Eagles.

## 250 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 330\*  
\*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Peter Featherby 42 Footscray, 93 Geelong, 195 Subiaco.

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Peter Matera (South Frem) 19 on 3 April  
Peter Miller (East Perth) 19 on 6 April  
Grant Campbell (East Perth) 26 on 8 April  
**LUNCH**  
**FRIDAYS**

## ADELAIDE TALES

THE Bicentennial carnival in Adelaide is quite a few weeks back, but the stories still come filtering across the border about player behaviour. Seems as though discipline was a little lacking as senior members (and some junior players) decided to have a real good time in the City of Churches. Night-clubbing, disco dancing and girl-hunting were all on the menu... into the early hours, as well

## TONGUE LASHING

IT will be interesting to see how new Eagle David O'Connell settles into this season. After the tongue-lashing he copped from WA coach John Todd in Adelaide following the State team's diabolical efforts, one wonders how his confidence is. Todd is renowned for bringing the best out of his players for big games and he uses a variety of means to stir players up. The eight-goal effort against Melbourne by brother Michael could have been a sign that the O'Connells will really be Okay this season!

## SPOCK'S REVENGE

WASN'T it great to see West Perth's flamboyant Phil (Spock) Bradmore get a guernsey in the Australian Bicentennial championships with New South Wales. He certainly felt out of place travelling to Adelaide along with the WA players — but knowing that he would be in the opposition camp once the action started. Bradmore has been a real stalwart for the Falcons since heading West from Sydney and the likeable Postie is one of the most popular players in the game. A guernsey for his home State under the State-of-Origin rules was a just reward.

## FOOTY WORDS

THE Victorian football newspaper scene last year was a real war of words with the glossy new production, Footy Week, hitting the streets. The resident Victorian publication, Inside Football — in its 18th year this season — lifted its game considerably last season to match the high-profile opposition. And now we find that Footy Week has disappeared — with a few loose ends floating around, we're told! It's good to see our "brother" publication in Melbourne surviving so strongly — even if the cover price has jumped to \$2.20!

## YOU'RE KIDDING

IT takes some believing, but you would be surprised to know that a couple of clubs around town think the media owes them a living. The much-publicised affair of the Claremont-West Perth change of venue for their pre-season practice game upset a few diehards who went to Leederville instead of Claremont. Tigers officials were so "incensed" when the West wrote an article criticising the late change of venue without telling anybody, that they wrote to the editor — suggesting it was the paper's fault for "not checking up".

## CUT IT OUT!

FOOTBALL players at last have a chance to get back at their coach. The Quit secondary schools competition has been organised by the Football Development Trust with a couple of unique aspects — including a provision that the



players draw up the rules. One stipulation is that coaches don't smoke on the job! Well done kids.

## HAWKS LOSS

MY Melbourne spy recalled an interesting snippet of footy history recently when he informed me that Fitzroy duo Gary Pert and Paul Roos — the best defensive double in Aussie footy — once belong to Hawthorn. Apparently a rezoning of residential areas put the pair into Lions territory. How unbeatable would the Hawks be with those two in their current line-up!

## HIGH PROFILE

THE West Coach Eagles are certainly proving to be a high profile bunch of sportsmen in this town. With growing commercial and corporate activities as part of their marketing activities, players are in demand for personal appearances. It might cost \$75 or so, but they are being groomed as super-stars in the entertainment industry, so it's well worth the investment.

## CHAPLIN DEBACLE

EAST Perth aren't too happy with the football activities of Gavin Chaplin, the former West Perth rover. The talented youngster verbally agreed to join the Royals this season after walking out on the Falcons last year. Reports have it that East Perth actually got his signature on a piece of paper — but Chaplin has moved to Adelaide to join SANFL club Central District and he doesn't seem keen to return home. There's a touch of a suggestion that West Perth could benefit financially with Chaplin in Adelaide.



## LEFT OUT

EAST Fremantle certainly need a lesson in how to treat a champion. Brian Peake, one of the club's greatest players, was shunned at the guernsey presentation last week. I was disappointed to read that he looked on from the bar while his teammates accepted the accolades of the crowd. Surely he should have been included, despite the bargaining over his playing fee. East Fremantle should either release him to another club or make him feel at home.

## FIGHTING WORDS

EAGLES heavyweight Bill Kerr didn't mince words after WA's shocking performance at the Adelaide Bicentennial carnival. He said that some players clearly weren't committed to the cause. "It was obvious that they didn't want to jeopardise their pre-season chances with their own clubs," said Kerr. He also felt that there was too much pre-season football.

## STRONG MESSAGE

TALKING about Bicentennial messages, how about the Eagles first-up banner in their pre-season activities. The Bicentennial Boom Team it read — and it had the desired effect that day as they downed the Sydney Swans. But the boom went bust in the next National Panasonic game, so let's hope it can be reversed later on.

## NIGHT STALKERS

EAGLES coach John Todd didn't really organise his midnight training run in Melbourne to stay tuned into local West Australian time when his boys tackled the Bombers. He organised the dark training session to avoid problems that plagued his predecessor, Ron Alexander — frisbee throwers and pet dog trainers! The green grass of the oval alongside Princess Park — and opposite the Eagles North Carlton motel — is a popular recreational venue and the Eagles at least missed the crowds with their training run soon after arriving in Melbourne.

## TIMELY REMINDERS

EAST Perth called on some of their past champions to present guernseys to their players of today at the recent jumper presentation. And one of the past greats to make an appearance was Ned Bull, who insisted on saying a few words to the class of '88. Bull, a tough half-back flanker in the Royals halcyon days, related the story about how his old team had finished last in 1955 and a year later won the premiership. He then told the players that "finishing last" in 1987 did not mean they could not win the 1988 flag. The players wasted no time in letting Bull know they climbed off the bottom rung in the final qualifying game last year. A few days later at South Fremantle a similar story was related by the club's development officer, Brian Ciccosto. He said that in 1969 the Bulldogs finished last and in 1970 won the premiership.

## WHERE WERE YOU??

FOOTY week was hailed as a week-long success by all concerned — but there were a couple of sour notes. For example, the Sunday launch on Channel Seven saw everybody who was anybody turn up — with three notable exceptions. On a day that every facet of football was represented, three of the eight WAFL clubs failed to have a representative there — reigning premiers Claremont, East Fremantle and East Perth failed to front.

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# EAGLES WILL FIND IT TOUGHER

IT'S going to be a tough year for the West Coast Eagles. In fact, contrary to general belief, I doubt if they will make the five.

Pre-season form would seem to indicate they are in for a big year. They creamed the Sydney Swans, went with Essendon for all but 20 minutes of the last quarter and rolled Melbourne on the MCG.

So why shouldn't they win an extra game or two that will elevate them into the finals.

One simple reason. Their recruiting has not provided them with the players to succeed Melbourne in the heart of winter ... and that's where their finals hopes will live or die.

The Eagles will always be hard to beat in Perth. But it will be asking a lot for them to equal last year's winning ratio when they won nine of 12 home games, bearing in mind they will play one less home game this season.

## TOUGH BET

If we were to play St Kilda at home, you would give 10 goals in on a fine day. But if you were to play them on their mud heap at Moorabbin then you wouldn't put someone else's money on the Eagles.

While it's good that the Eagles have tied up some of our promising young players, there is a glaring weakness in the team, which was evident last year.



Ross Glendinning ... in a tough spot.

We lack physical presence down the centre of the ground to succeed in the rough and tumble atmosphere of Melbourne in heavy or wet conditions.

The Eagles have new options on the goal-to-goal line, apart from the centre position.

This was particularly evident last year when captain Ross Glendinning was used all over the place. Last year's coach Ron Alexander was right when he said he would have liked a Glendinning in attack and defence.

That feeling will be expressed again this year.

It will be interesting to see whether new coach John Todd has unfairly criticised his players.

Comments that they were in the comfort zone last year and that they wouldn't be out socialising on the town this season, implied that the players had it easy last year and there was a lack of discipline.

That's rubbish.

The conditions the team had to put up with last year were primitive, to say the least.

## COMFORT ZONE

Training in virtual parkland conditions, not having your own clubrooms to be greeted in after a home win, getting used to travelling on aeroplanes and finding that virtually every VFL club did its best to make things difficult can hardly be described as the comfort zone.

More importantly, most of the players had no experience of the fanatically hostile crowds they faced or the heavy and tightly-crammed VFL grounds.

On those scores alone the Eagles will have to be a better-equipped side this season.

All that would seem to contradict my assessment that it will be a tough year.

Already a lot of pressure has been applied to the players because of the expectations put on them, purely by implying they had things easy last year.

Last year the players showed they were a dedicated band of footballers. It shouldn't be any different this year.

But the conditions will really test them. If they are to make the finals then they will need to make a good start to the VFL season while conditions are fine.

If they don't then they can kiss their finals goodbye because it will get tougher as the year progresses.

# Geelong will prove a handful for Eagles

## VFL PREVIEW:

WHEN the West Coast Eagles arrived at Geelong last year they were met by a miserable, drizzling day.

And when they left 32 hours later, the mood was no different, though sunshine had poked through the clouds and the rain had dissipated.

The Eagles boarded the team bus and headed for Tullamarine Airport devastated.

After having opportunities to win they could not contain the Cats in the final term and eventually the home team scored an impressive victory.

Kardinia Park will be the venue for the Eagles opening VFL games of 1988 on Saturday and the result is unlikely to change.

Geelong were most impressive during the National Panasonic Cup night series and were unlucky to lose the grand final of the pre-season competition to Hawthorn.

## COMPLETE UNIT

The Cats look a far more complete unit than they were last year.

They have a good band of midfield players, a solid defence and plenty of options in attack.

Even without their goal-kicking wizard, Gary Ablett, last Saturday night they had few problems kicking goals.

Ablett just failed a fitness test for last week's night game so he should be ready to take his place against the Eagles and along with Bruce Lindner, Bill Brownless and Michael Turner could present some problems for the Eagles defence.

However, Kardinia Park should suit the style of football the Eagles are likely to adopt.

There are plenty of open spaces on one of the VFL's biggest club grounds and the WA team will appreciate the opportunity to run the ball.

It would be a mistake to underestimate John Todd and his Eagles on their first mission out of Perth for premiership points.

And perhaps Todd has an advantage over Geelong because it is difficult to line up the Eagles team.

## VARIETY OF ROLES

Todd has taken the opportunity in pre-season games to use players in a variety of roles and the Cats could only guess at the combination they will confront when the teams run onto the ground.

However, Michael O'Connell should start at full-forward after kicking eight goals in an impressive display against Melbourne at the MCG last Saturday.

David Hart and Dwayne Lamb were in exceptional form on the wings in that game, but it is unlikely they will fill those roles on Saturday.

Hart has played successfully as a rover in his short VFL career and Lamb, winner of the Simpson Medal at the Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide, should start as a ruck-rover.

One of Lamb's team-mates in the WA team a month ago, Mark Bairstow, this week represents one of the Eagles' biggest dangers.



by  
**GARY STOCKS**



Dwayne Lamb ... the Eagles in-form player.

Bairstow has been in magnificent touch since the carnival, figuring prominently in Geelong's best player list in each of their Panasonic Cup games.

It should provide an interesting opening to the season, but perhaps, Geelong, with the home ground advantage and better form should win the match.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

## EAGLES TURMOIL

The season is now approaching  
The time is coming fast  
The Eagles are trying to forget  
Of turmoil that has past.  
There's been some major shifts  
With changes at the top  
Big Ron has been given the flick  
And Toddy's got his spot.  
There are nine new Eagles  
Ready to try their luck  
But they are well aware  
Of the odds — they'll have to buck.  
To win at the M.C.G.  
No Perth team has done before  
But down there in Demons camp  
The boys are feeling sore.  
Our Eagles won in Melbourne  
Knocking off Northey's Boys  
And now they are ready to show  
We're more than the V.F.L.'s toys.

## FAREWELL, STASA

FOOTBALL followers were shocked to hear of the untimely death of Chris Stasinowsky (left) during the off-season.

The talented red-head was preparing to play for Perth after a one-year stint in South Australian football.

He will be remembered as an exciting footballer who had the ability to win a game off his own boot.

His exciting, unpredictable style of football was a crowd-pleaser and will be sadly missed by the WAFL and all people who knew and admired Stasa.



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## Lions get a chance for revenge

SUBIACO gets the opportunity to avenge last year's grand final defeat when they clash with Claremont at Claremont Oval on Monday.

Subiaco was the more impressive combination in pre-season games, but now the business part of the season starts, Claremont will be tough to beat.

They have the young players capable of filling the gaps left by the absence of senior stars and Gerard Neesham should enhance his reputation as an astute judge of the game.

Neesham comes up against master coach Haydn Bunton, who has strengthened his deficiencies of last season and is ready to tackle the Tigers.

Subiaco are much faster than they were last year and this game looms as an interesting contest.

South Fremantle coach Stan Magro should appreciate the opportunity to return to the winners circle when the Bulldogs tackle East Perth at Fremantle Oval.

South were the most impressive team in pre-season games and the return of Maurice Rioli has given the young players at the club a great deal of confidence.

### BULLDOGS

A big crowd should head to the port ground on Monday to see the Bulldogs snap back to their best form.

Perth, under new coach Robert Wiley, face a difficult first-up assignment when they play East Fremantle at the WACA Ground.

Though they beat East Fremantle in a Kresta Cup game, the Demons will find things a lot tougher on Monday.

East Fremantle looked winners all the way in the first round Kresta Cup game, but Perth kicked a couple of quick goals at the end to steal a victory.

It promises to be a baptism of fire for new coach Robert Wiley.

## BULLDOGS IN CUP BONANZA

SOUTH Fremantle kicked their revival campaign off to a magnificent start with a \$10,000 win in the Kresta Cup pre-season competition at the WACA Ground on Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs held off a determined Subiaco to win 11.13 (79) to 9.11 (65).

South Fremantle were inspired by new skipper Maurice Rioli and a five-goal effort from Craig Edwards was a decisive factor in their 14 point victory.

They were also well served by Eagles rover Wally Matera, who again stamped claims for permanent inclusion in WA's VFL team.

Subiaco were not disgraced, leading by a point at half time and being within a kick at the two other changes.

But despite three-goal hauls from Michael Mort and Rod Willet they could not finish strongly enough to overtake the Bulldogs.

• A full round-up of the Kresta Cup will be included in next week's Westside Football.



Ed Blackaby ... a tough initiation when Swan Districts clash with West Perth.

## Exciting start for Ed

ED Blackaby was a tough competitor in his playing days and on Monday he should receive a tough initiation to his coaching career when Swan Districts play West Perth at Leederville Oval.

West Perth is always difficult to beat at Leederville and with early wins a must it promises to be an exciting start to the 1988 season.

Blackaby and his young Swan Districts side will remember their first round Kresta Cup victory over the Falcons.

In a game reduced to 20 minute quarters, Swans won by a mammoth 115 points.

That will not happen on Monday.

On that day at Subiaco Oval the destroyers were new full-forward Kernutt Thorne and brilliant half-forward Kevin Caton, who kicked 14 goals between them.

Thorne produced 10 from his own boot, but he is sure to receive closer attention when four premiership points are at stake.

Swan Districts had a decisive edge in pace in the Kresta Cup game and that

gap will also be narrowed on Monday.

West Perth went into the pre-season game without several of its stars, including the fleet-footed Peter Menaglio and sensational recruit Lindsay Henry.

Blackaby has the opportunity to begin his WA coaching career on a winning note — he coached Manuka in the ACT before coming to WA.

But much will depend on the composition of the West Coast Eagles side.

Should he have Troy Ugle, Brent Hutton and Kevin Caton available then his chances of success will increase dramatically.

West Perth coach Bruce Monteath has been aiming at a flying start in the WAFL home-and-away series — the pre-season games were used as a slow build-up to Monday, April 4.

And his advantage obviously comes in the big man department where he has three ruckmen of quality — Andrew Purser, Craig Nelson and Dan Foley.

Foley is likely to start at centre-half-forward and could create some problems for the Swan Districts defence.

## OUR EXPERTS SELECT

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Clare v Subi	Swans v W. Perth	Souths v E. Perth	Perth v E. Frem	Geelong v Eagles
RON ALEXANDER		Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Geelong
ROBERT BENNETT		Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Geelong
PETER BOSUSTOW		Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
DENNIS COMETTI		Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
DAVE CLEMENT		Subiaco	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
HARVEY DEEGAN		Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
GRANT DORRINGTON		Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST		Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
BILL MATHER-BROWN		Claremont	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER		Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Perth	Geelong
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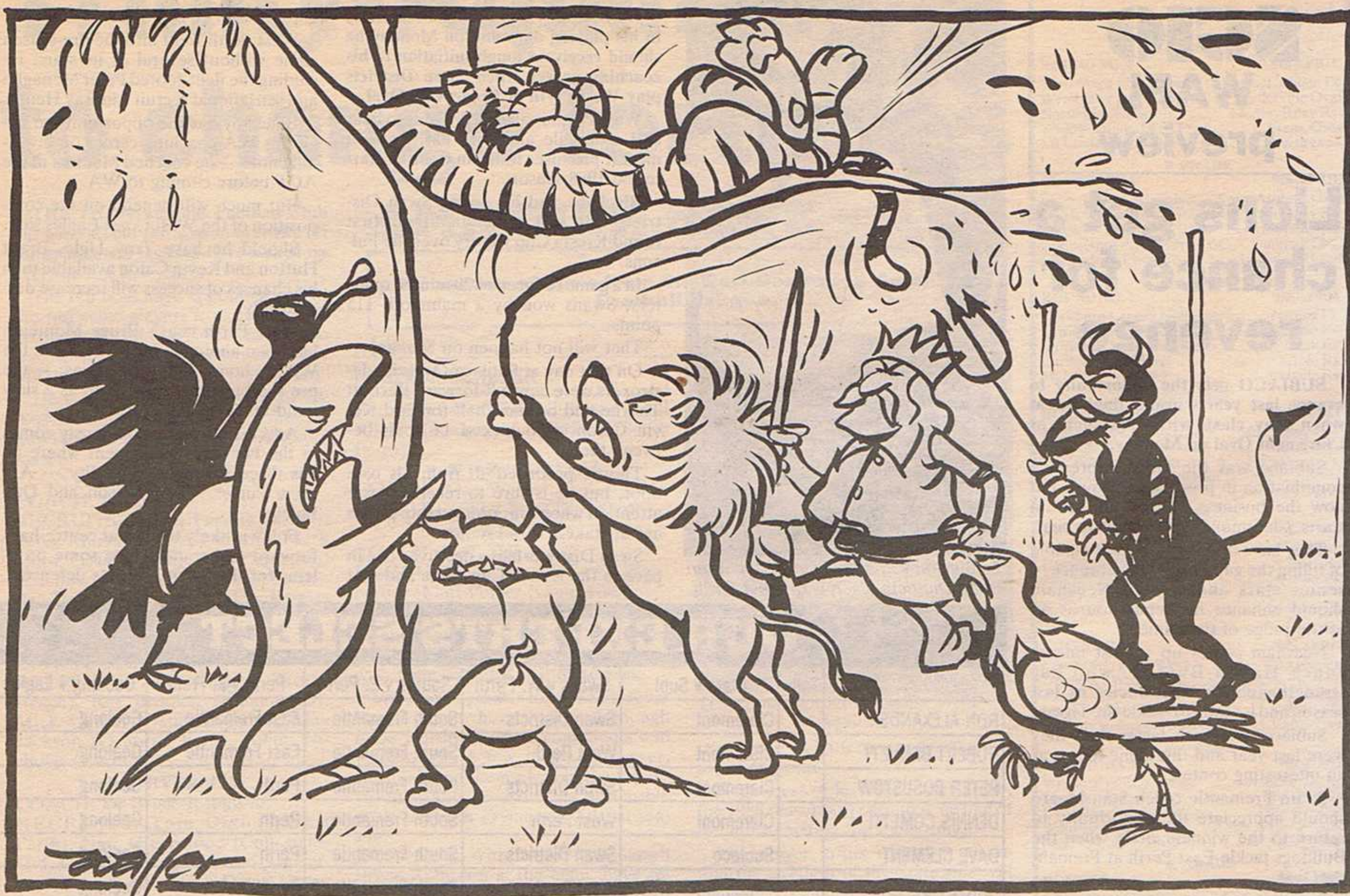
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# WAFL MEN ARE SMILING

**KRESTA Cup and practice match form must have WAFL officials smiling.**

These games have provided the news the league was hoping for.

Claremont, comfortably the best team in the competition last year, have dropped away slightly and lower clubs like Perth, East Perth and, particularly, South Fremantle have improved.

While WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey was pondering the 1988 season in the middle of December, he would have been hoping for that to happen. People will always maintain an interest in a game if the scores are close and the competition is tight.

The standard of football produced during the Kresta Cup series was of the highest order and suggests the WAFL is on the way to fighting back against the competition for crowds with the West Coast Eagles.

The domestic competition, at least on the field, is in a healthy state.

South Fremantle's efforts in the Kresta Cup are perhaps the most encouraging sign.

The return of Maurice Rioli has given their young players the confidence boost they needed so desperately after losing 18 games in succession at the end of last year.

## READY TO EMERGE

Rioli has given the club some on-field credibility and the young players who suffered so badly last year, through a crippling run of injuries, are now ready to emerge.

Bulldogs supporters are fanatical, especially when they are winning and if interest in the port city is high, things are looking good for the WAFL.

Remember last year when things were going well for South?

After three games the Bulldogs were unbeaten and they took on East Fremantle at Fremantle Oval. The biggest attendance of the season flocked through the Fremantle Oval gate.

Unfortunately, that was the start of the South slide and when things came unstuck, the Bulldogs fans stayed away in their droves.

## TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS  
of the West Australian



Apart from South Fremantle's pre-season form, other pleasing aspects were the emergence of Swan Districts as a real threat, East Perth's competitive attitude and Perth's strong efforts in the Kresta Cup.

Under new coach Robert Wiley, the Demons eliminated East Fremantle in a first round match and then pushed Subiaco in a semi-final before caving in from about the five-minute mark of the last term.

Subiaco have a new injection of pace with a couple of likely recruits and they will be a difficult team to beat in 1988.

In a first round Kresta Cup game, Swan Districts served up a football lesson to West Perth, beating them by more than 100 points and they showed they are capable of playing a slick brand of football.

Claremont became South Fremantle's first victims when they were completely over-powered in the last quarter, but the Tigers were lucky to ever have been within striking distance at three-quarter time.

The Bulldogs wasted many chances in the first three terms and indicated that, Claremont will struggle initially at least.

However, there is little doubt the Tigers will improve as the season wears on and they should be in the finals series to defend the title they won last year.

All in all, the season looms as a promising one where the WAFL has the opportunity to win back old friends. Little should separate the teams at the end of the season and the standard of football will improve.



Maurice Rioli ... showing the way at Fremantle Oval.

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New East Perth captain Glen Bartlett with two young Royals fans.

# Telling a champion his time's run out

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



### Every player has an ego

PERHAPS the worst part of coaching senior football at any level is the time when you have to tell players they are no longer required.

Pre-season allows all footballers to "have a go" at playing football at a senior level.

Clubs are always keen to allow as many players as possible to try out for football's highest honour.

At this time of the year some players just do not have the ability and have to be "moved on".

Telling them that their time has run out can be a very emotional part of coaching.

In many cases these players are the men who are not blessed with natural ability, but have great character and a burning desire to get to the top. Stopping that desire is something all coaches dislike.

The Eagles recently had to delete some players off their list for season '88 and not many people in suburbia realise the pressure players live under during this time of pruning lists.

Every player has an ego and wants to be successful. At football's highest level, the Eagles, the publicity given to who is to be dropped is enormous. No-one wants to read their name in the paper.

When the names were released I felt sorry for all the players — especially one whom I have enormous respect for.

Glen Bartlett is a man of great personal and football character. He is one of those players who was not blessed with natural flair and ability, but knows what the term "having a go" really means.

Bartlett came under my notice as a 13-year-old in the East Perth Juniors; what he lacked in skill, he made up for in effort.

After making League football, he then had a series of near-fatal football injuries, including a completely ruptured kidney.

His courage and hard work to play again won the admiration of all who knew him and being selected in the Eagles was an enormous honour for him.

Though the Eagles' first season only saw Bartlett play four games, his off-field commitment earned him the best team man award for season '87.

He also finished off the last half of the season with a fractured spine that did not allow him to train with the team until February this year.

John Todd and his selectors had the task of deleting someone from the squad, a job they did not look forward to.

Like everyone who knows Bartlett, they obviously respect his character. But it was a job that had to be done.

Bartlett will overcome this setback and continue to prove that commitment and desire will reward his efforts. He will be an enormous asset as skipper of the young Royals.

As a strong supporter of the Eagles (our State's VFL team), I hope those talented players who did not get deleted from the squad can look at a "real goer" in Bartlett and appreciate that for the Eagles to succeed, natural ability is not enough.

# THE TERRITORIANS

AT the recent national carnival in Adelaide, the former executive head of the VFL, Jack Hamilton, almost choked when an interviewer suggested that the Northern Territory should be in the "A" division next time.

When you realise that this team, reckoned by most football pundits to be no more than a mob of scrubbers, had demolished the second division with consummate ease, then there is a strong argument for promotion.

On top of their carnival win is the fact that North Melbourne, Essendon and the Sydney Swans have paid recent visits to Darwin — and all three were beaten.

### FITTING

Invitations to the Territorians to send an interstate team to southern cities are rare and it would be fitting if the WAFL extended an invitation to them to play WA at Subiaco Oval.

If a relegation system was in force then WA, as the fourth-placed side, would be the team the Darwin boys would replace.

So unless we lack the courage of our convictions, we should front them to (a) put them back in their place, or (b) concede that Territory football has come of age and can mix it with the best.

During the national championships this team was described as "exciting" and I for one would love to see them in action.

## FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
BILL MATHER-BROWN



### Cut it out, Mal

It was disappointing to read in the Daily News recently that new football commissioner Mal Brown felt that punch-ups weren't a bad thing.

This, of course, puts us on different sides of the fence because I'm all for tighter control and tougher disciplinary measures to bring the game into better repute.

The Saturday arvo free-for-alls are what is encouraging parents to discourage their kids from pulling on a boot.

They can't really see the humour in their boy being carried from the ground spitting teeth on the one hand, or showing his lack of self-control by belting some other fellow on the other.

Remember the game in England last year when David Rhys-Jones showed the Poms the Mal Brown way to bring the crowd to their feet. He turned the international spotlight full on the only disgusting aspect of a truly great ball game.

You can't really blame Rhys-Jones,

he was doing no more and no less than the acceptable thing for Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth and he expected to cop a caution, or a week or two at worst, for his behaviour.

Unfortunately, he performed on the international stage and got us all labelled as some kind of thugish, low-life morons. He was probably taken aback a little to the reaction the fracas created.

If the administration of Aussie Rules has any real intention to cut out the pulling, punching and showing, then they should implement steps — like the send off rule — to whip the yahoos into gear.

Of course, this isn't likely to happen while one of our senior football directors — and a favourite public personality — openly supports fighting as a feature of our national code.

The WAFL should have taken Malcolm to task (once again) because his comments didn't win him a lot of favour with the intelligent members of the football public.



## IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star  
Sandover Medallist and league coach



THE challenges facing the WAFL this season are many and varied — but there's no reason to believe that we don't have a viable football product in 1988.

But that's only possible if the WAFL have got the message loud and clear that all clubs must be competitive.

Naturally, this is always the No. 1 objective of all clubs, but in recent times too many teams have fallen by the wayside.

There is no doubt that the football public can and will support the WAFL and Eagles as long as they get value for money — competitive games, not one-sided stories that see one team dominate a game and it's all over on the scoreboard by half time.

Any fair-minded supporter can cope with a three or four-goal loss if his side puts in for four quarters. Like it or not, there is plenty of young talent in the WAFL and that is still where the future life blood of any WA-based VFL team lies.

### KICKETT OUT — THORNE IN

IT is history how, unfortunately, the magic of Claremont's Derek Kickett has been lost to WA football; not only at club level, but with the Eagles.

But as the saying goes — when one door closes another one opens and in has walked Swan Districts country recruit Kernut Thorne.

I'm not putting Thorne in Kickett's category, but I was impressed with the football skills he showed in the Kresta Cup. He takes a strong mark, has great goal sense, a good long kick and, above all, a top leap and strong pair of hands.

There is no risk that the boy from the South West will pull down a few big screamers for the football public in 1988.

### HOW THE CYCLE TURNS!

THE recent loss by WA in Adelaide was a big disappointment — not because of the magnitude of the defeat, that's happened before, but how the team lost, particularly against a good NSW combination.

From what I saw on television, a few of the players left a little to be desired in their approach and attitude.

### EAGLES FACE A TOUGH SEASON

JOHN Todd and his Eagles will be well prepared for season No. 2 in VFL ranks, but even with a better draw than 1987, this season is going to be tough.

It will be tougher because the opposition have now had a good look at them — the Eagles aren't a new surprise anymore.

The team's success on Melbourne soil is limited to one day game and one night game.

Key positions at both ends of the ground are still vulnerable, though Ross Glendinning will fill one and probably Murray Rance another — but that still leaves two.

This year, of course, there can be no excuses. The Eagles are part of the VFL and the successful players and teams in the competition are naturally and physically tough and play aggressive and relentless football week after week.

Time will tell how the Eagle will fly in 1988. It should be a pretty interesting season.

## WAFL must be competitive to survive

Realistically though, the bulk of the players representing the State had limited experience at VFL level; State level and me even at WAFL level.

The expectations of these players was too great against the opposition. The cycle has certainly turned when you consider the type of player, experience-wise, that came back from Melbourne between 1977-1985 to represent the State.

### BOTTOM FEW START WELL

PRE-season form can more often than not be misleading, but it is encouraging to see last year's bottom-of-the-ladder-teams such as South Fremantle, East Perth and Perth show good form in the Kresta Cup competition.

South Fremantle have some good young talent. With the experience gained last year — the hard way — and an injury-free year, plus the return of Maurice Rioli, they are looking good.

East Perth have lost little and gained Glen Bartlett and Wayne Dawson and hopefully Ken Seymour can solve their centre-half-forward trouble spot.

Perth, under new captain coach Robert Wiley, look to have a good blend of experience and youth.

Wiley, Sandover Medallist Mark Watson, Joe Santostefano, Mick Rea, Stephen Mount, John Gavranich and others form a solid foundation, especially in the big-man department.

## Youth squad to form Teal Cup

WA's elite youth development squad will form the basis of the 1988 Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup team.

The talent squad, selected in December 1987, comprises outstanding State schoolboys and Teal Cup players from the 1987 carnivals.

The squad is currently training under the co-ordination of the Football Development Trust, who have arranged a summer program after consultation with the talent committee and Teal Cup coach, Greg Brehaut.

The main aim of the FDT's summer program is to keep our State's most talented players in the West.

Under the expertise of former players including Barry Cable, John Todd and the FDT's Brian Douge, Grant Dorrington and Wayne Loxley, the squad will extend their football education in the areas of skills, team work and weight training.

Teal Cup selection trails will take place on Sunday, April 24 and May 1, to decide the Metro "All Stars" team to

## Whistle-blower

# Bayens takes to umpiring

IT'S rare to find a State footballer who decides to become a field umpire — seven years after his retirement.

It's also rare to find a field umpire still blowing the whistle as his age creeps towards 40 — and about to tackle a new challenge.

But Ron Bayens is the exception.

He's now training with the West Australian Football League umpires panel after playing 184 games for Subiaco and seven for South Fremantle between 1969 and 1981.

The former key position player was in Subiaco's 1973 premiership side coached by Ross Smith and represented Western Australia three times, once in 1973 and twice in 1977.

Last year Bayens started his career as a field umpire with the WA Amateur Football League, adding to his football achievements by umpiring 11 A-grade games and a C-grade colts grand final.

This season Bayens could again add to his list of football feats, with his 185cm frame looking as fit and lean as ever.

After a training session in 35-degree heat, Bayens still looked composed. With his mop of thick brown hair, he could have easily passed for one of the younger members of the group. He simply wants to keep an interest in the game he has come to love.

My parents are Dutch, but we migrated to Australia when I was very young," he says. "I've been involved with football ever since I can remember."

"I wanted to keep an interest in footy. After coaching in the country and playing Superules in 1986, I was finding it too difficult physically."

"But I still wanted to be involved, but in a less demanding role."

Most first-year umpires find their tasks a little daunting, but not the Willagee Primary School deputy principal.

"A few of the players knew me, so I got on pretty well with them. It's hard to say if this rubbed off on their teammates, but I had no control problems," he says.

"I was instructed well by the ama-



Ron Bayens ... turning out in white.

by  
**BRAD BEITZEL**

teurs umpires coach Noel Clements."

That rapport befits the way Bayens played. He was never reported or required to be a witness at a tribunal during his career.

"I never took much notice of the umpires as they would never change their minds. You could on expend unnecessary energy arguing with them — energy you could use to get a kick," he said.

But there is one change in this area of abuse.

His wife Helen, who watched every game Ron played, used to give the umpires "heaps".

"I only went to half a game last year," she said. "I didn't have the interest in the amateurs, but the shoe was on the other foot."

"While I laughed at the comments, I didn't like what I was hearing. But if Ron gets to a decent standard with the WAFL I will go along."

"I'm quite happy to stay at home with our two daughters, Sarah (10) and Jessica (8) — they are not big football fans either."

Bays admits he sets his sights high and would like to achieve a WAFL senior game this year.

"I've found umpiring to be a little easier than playing," he says.

"When the ball isn't near you as an umpire, you're not under the same pressure that you were when you are playing. You always had to check your opponent when playing."

"But that will change as the two umpiring system in the WAFL looks to be more demanding."

One of the inhibiting factors could be that one skill that makes or breaks umpires — bouncing the ball.

"I'm pretty ordinary, I have a bit to master. I only get three out of five to go straight," he said.

With a smile, Bayens added: "I'm not sure how long I can keep going — until my moving parts stop moving."

If his body can reflect his enthusiasm, life as a league umpire might just begin at 40.



# Hawthorn should start favourites

FORMER Hawthorn champ Don Scott shook me last Sunday.

We were talking on the HSV7 Sunday Morning Footy Show when he told me he had made a point of not trying in the final pre-season match while he was a player.

As the conversation continued it became obvious his faith in pre-season form was completely dominated by his own attitudes to avoiding injury and not really caring.

Fair enough I guess, if you're guaranteed a game, but as I was only five minutes away from declaring my top five for 1988, I must admit his outlook worried me a bit.

Still, despite some second thoughts my one to 14 remained locked in.

Clearly Don's self-confessed trait doesn't extend to many at his old club.

I'm convinced Hawthorn should start favourites to win this year's premiership.

They're in great form and although it might sound a little cruel, the change of voice at the top (Allan Jeans to Allan Joyce) may have come at just the right time.

Ironically, Hawthorn lost both their matches to the West Coast Eagles last season.

The teams will meet once (in round eight) with the Eagles at home on Subiaco Oval.

By that game the Eagles might already know their fate for the season.

Whether getting a team you've never lost to, off your schedule is an easier draw, is a moot point but I see the first seven weeks as holding the key for the home town boys.

## COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



The problem for the Eagles is that a number of sides which appeared to often this year's draw are likely to be far stronger than those middle ground sides like Geelong, Brisbane, Fitzroy and Collingwood.

But back to the first seven weeks — three tough away games sprinkled with four night matches (one away).

The Eagles surrender a big advantage by playing under lights. Remember they lost to depleted Essendon and North Melbourne sides under lights last year at the WACA.

For sides like Footscray and St Kilda, their only chance to beat the Eagles in Perth would be a night match. They get their opportunity in rounds five and seven.

The Eagles heirarchy may have cause to regret not involving their players more with their WAFL clubs in the Kresta Cup night series.

By rights, this season should be a far easier one for the Eagles after the trials and tribulations of last season but because of the massive turnover both on and off the field, it may be that some of the lessons of 1987 may require further learning.

I can't put the Eagles in my top five, mainly because I find it hard to see where sufficient goals are going to come from.

And while on the subject of goals, the Vics have an insatiable appetite for asking questions about Derek Kickett.

In answer to a question last Sunday morning, I'm on the record as saying "it's an absolute disgrace" that he's not in the Eagles. Now, that's no surprise to anybody here, but thought I'd better own up just in case.

This time last year Carlton appeared to be certainties to win the premiership but this year is far less cut and dried.

As I said at the outset, Hawthorn have reason to start favourites.

The Blues must rank again as definite chances despite winning only one pre-season game in five and recording losses to teams like Richmond, Melbourne and Sydney. (This is where I choose to believe Scotty).

If I had a bit more guts I'd tip Geelong to win the premiership but safety first and I'll tip them third.



Allan Jeans ... having a year off at Hawthorn.

They are a very good side which will improve over the season with top attack and improving defence.

Brisbane and Fitzroy have the ability to fill the remaining two spots.

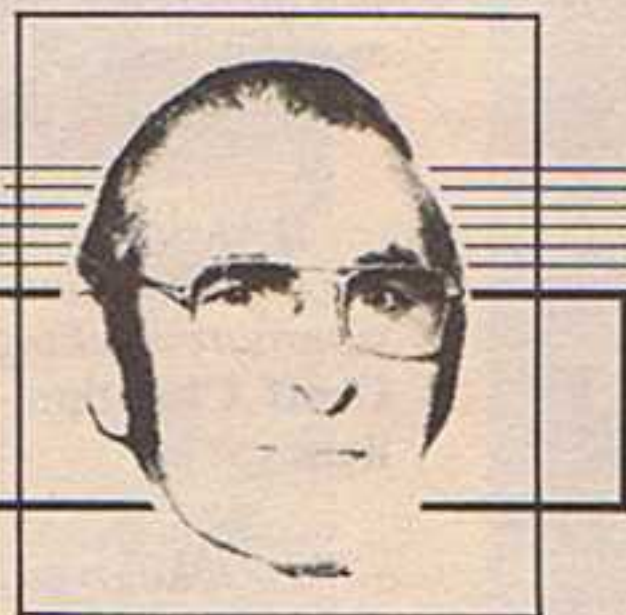
That's right, Brisbane — they've recruited to their needs and players like Scott McIvor, Roger Merrett, Andrew Taylor, Warwick Capper, Rodney Eade and Rod Lester-Smith are sure to make them a far tougher combination.

Behind the top five, the Eagles are likely to be involved in a real dog fight with Essendon, Collingwood, Melbourne and Sydney, no matter what.

Good luck to all our Eagles players — I'm sure they're looking forward to the season with optimism and hopefully they can upset my predictions by at least a couple of spots.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



# Hoodoo first-up for the Tigers

**TIGERS BEWARE!** The opening game of the new season is becoming quite a hoodoo game for the premiers from the previous year.

For the last five years, the reigning premiers have failed to win first-up.

However, there is an omen for Claremont — they were the last title-holders to win first-up back in 1982.

The 1988 football season will be the shortest season for 43 years — I make it one day short of 24 weeks. The only other post war year that didn't last 24 weeks was in 1945.

Perth face a difficult first-up task for new coach Robert Wiley — they have not beaten East Fremantle at the WACA Ground for over 30 years!

The Demons last win there was on August 10, 1957 - 14.12 to 13.9. Their record isn't all that bad, however, as they haven't met the Sharks at Lathlain Park for 28 years.

Attendance figures at this week's opening WAFL round will have a crucial significance on the whole season. Will the crowds drift back after last year's spectator drain to the Eagles?

Last year less than 15,000 watched the first round. Go back to 1981 when 50,000 saw the first round — a split one perhaps. Go back to 1964 where the first three rounds drew over 40,000 each week.

Perhaps the 1964 season opened so well because three teams with new coaches brought fresh hope to their supporters.

Subiaco recruited Keith Slater as coach, Claremont recruited Jim Conway and Ray Sorrell switched from East Fremantle to South Fremantle after an unheard-of transfer fee of 2500 pounds had been paid.

### OPENING ROUND RECORDS

HERE are some opening round records to keep in mind this weeked:

Highest score 1986 Claremont 33.18 v South Fremantle. Lowest score (since 1921) 1949 Subiaco 3.6 v Swan Districts. Biggest win 1986 — 147 points by Claremont over South Fremantle. Most goals — 13 by Austin Robertson in 1968 v Swan Districts. Most goals by a non-full forward — nine by Les Fong (West Perth) v South Fremantle in 1985.

Only three draws have occurred on day one in the last 50 years — and they all involve the Falcons.

In 1956 it was against Perth; 1969 against Claremont and 1960 against Perth again.

The hottest opening day? Perhaps day one in 1962 when the temperature reached 34 degrees celcius.

Here's a line for Swans new coach Ed Blackaby, who takes over from John Todd. It came from Fred Castledine when he took the reigns from Haydn Bunton in 1965. "Don't think the magic has gone just because the magician is not here any more."

# Medal winners in action again

ONLY one of last season's fairest and best club medal winners will not be directly involved in the WAFL this season.

Swan Districts rookie Troy Ugle has been included in the West Coast Eagles squad — but could still be seen in Swans colours during the season.

Ugle won the Swan Medal in his first season by three votes from Len Gandini.

Fairest and best winners at all other clubs are set to continue this season, including Sandover Medallist, Mark Watson, at Perth.

Watson turned down a South Australian offer to continue with the Demons in '88 after winning the club's fairest and best medal to cap off a fine year.

Peter Thorne will continue with Claremont after winning the Tigers top award and also turning down a South Australian offer over summer.

Promising South Fremantle youngster Scott Watters, who won the Bulldogs fairest and best in his second season, has decided to remain at Souths for another year before joining the Eagles.

Craig Nelson (West Perth), George Giannakis (East Perth), Greg Wilkinson (Subiaco) and East Fremantle's Brian Peake are all continuing at their clubs after winning the major award.

The winners of the reserves and under-19s awards are also expected to shine at a higher level this year.

Players such as Claremont's Peter Owens and Nicky Yarran, who has already impressed in early practice matches, will be aiming high after winning the Tigers reserves and colts medals last year.

Other reserves and colts medal winners who look set to play in their senior line-ups include Mark Amaranti (East Fremantle), John Edmondson (East Perth) and Subiaco youngster Damien Read.

All three played in the opening practice matches and the Kresta Cup.

This is how the fairest and best winners line-up looked at the eight clubs last season.

### CLAREMONT

League: Peter Thorne 150 votes, Derek Kickett 146, Guy McKenna 125. Reserves — Peter Owens. Colts — Robert Malone.

### PERTH

League: Mark Watson 105 votes, Joe Santostefano 90, Bryan Cousins 79. Reserves — Merv Kelly. Colts — Hank Yarran.

### WEST PERTH

League: Craig Nelson 66 votes, Gavin Wake 57, Darren Bewick 57. Reserves — Graham Hampson. Colts — Gavin Perry.

### EAST PERTH

League: George Giannakis 96 votes, Peter Spencer 88, David Bain 80. Reserves — Justin Cook. Colts — John Edmondson.

### EAST FREMANTLE

League: Brian Peake 151 votes, Roger Kerr 137, Ray Sterrett 106. Reserves — Mark Amaranti. Colts — Clinton Wolf.

### SOUTH FREMANTLE

League: Scott Watters 121 votes, Craig Edwards 118, Peter Sumich 90. Reserves — Scott Wilcox. Colts — Nicky D'Angelo.

### SWAN DISTRICTS

League: Troy Ugle 80 votes, Len Gandini 77, Mick Johns 73. Reserves — Peter Amonini. Colts — Tim Scanlon.

### SUBIACO

League: Greg Wilkinson 267 votes, Shane Cocker 264, Brian Taylor 259. Reserves — Michael Mort. Colts — Damien Read.



# What they said o

"Everybody who was out on the ground would feel ashamed because it brought our game down to a low level." Carlton hot-head David Rhys Jones, one of seven players reported after an ugly brawl in the clash with North Melbourne in London.

"Coming back was a tough decision because I know I have another two seasons of VFL football in me. But I wanted to bring my family home." Maurice Rioli on his return to South Fremantle.

"The maximum \$150,000 for player payments represents a balance between what is required to adequately reward players and what clubs can afford to outlay." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey on new salary caps.

"It costs too much to get into footy. If we are to get the crowds back, it has to be cheaper." New WAFL commissioner Mal Brown.

"This move represents a vast change in football direction for me and I assure clubs that I will act at all times in the best interests of football." Former coach Mal Brown on his election to the WAFL Board.

"I guess deep down I've always had a desire to be president of Claremont and follow a family tradition." New Tigers president-elect Peter Kyle, son of former president Ron Kyle.



Mal Brown ... big cost.

"It's not a spur-of-the-moment scheme. I have contacted experts in America and I believe it's a good submission." Perth property developer Errol Marron on plans to base a VFL side in Los Angeles.

"I just don't have the time to devote to the position that it deserves." WAFL chairman Roy Annear on his decision to retire.

"Maurice's wife is house-hunting and his kids have been booked into school." South Fremantle managing-director Harold Harper announcing the return to the Bulldogs of Richmond ace Maurice Rioli.

"It's a big honour to be named as the inaugural Eagles fairest and best player." Steve Malaxos on winning the Eagles 1987 award.

"John Todd is a better coach. We believe he is the man for the future." Indian Pacific chief Bill Kerr announcing Ron Alexander's sacking as Eagles coach.

"My loyalty has not been repaid. I am now unemployed and I would have preferred not to have been appointed in the first place." Deposed coach Ron Alexander.

"I am more than happy to stay in WA and coach the Eagles. I will give the job 110 per cent." John Todd on his new appointment after just before accepting the Woodville coaching role in SA.

"It is difficult to come to grips with the cold-blooded decision that led to the summary sacking of Ron Alexander." Geoff Christian in The West Australian.

"To take over as coach of the Eagles in this way is not how I would have wanted it. But that's football. It's tough and ruthless." John Todd.



Brian Peake ... contract problems.

"I'm delighted to be joining the Eagles and coming back home to play football." Former South Fremantle rover Stephen Rowe deciding to join the Eagles from Norwood.

"I was so impressed by the way Gerard Neesham operated this year that I developed an ambition to coach and this invitation from Tasmania gives me the opportunity." Claremont star Stephen Goulding on his decision to leave WA and coach his original club, North Launceston.

"It was a tough decision to make, but blood is thicker than water and I wanted to stay in Perth and play with my brother Michael at the Eagles." Claremont's David O'Connell on signing with the Eagles.

"There is no room in the Eagles squad for those who aren't disciplined, regardless of how good they are." Eagles coach John Todd on the axing of Swan Districts star Troy Ugle for missing training.

"Naturally we are disappointed at the decision, but it means that an extra opportunity is available for a player in the development squad to join the Eagles." Eagles chief executive Graham Moss on the decision by rover Stephen Rowe to stay with Norwood.

"Playing our home games at the WACA Ground will give us a considerable financial return which we could not receive at Perth Oval." Newly-elected East Perth president Laurie Kennedy justifying the club's move to the WACA.

"The \$249,000 deficit at the end of the 1984 season has now been wiped off." West Perth president Brian Atkinson commenting on the club's third successive \$100,000 profit.



Derek Kickett ... gone to S.A.



Ron Alexander ... victim of

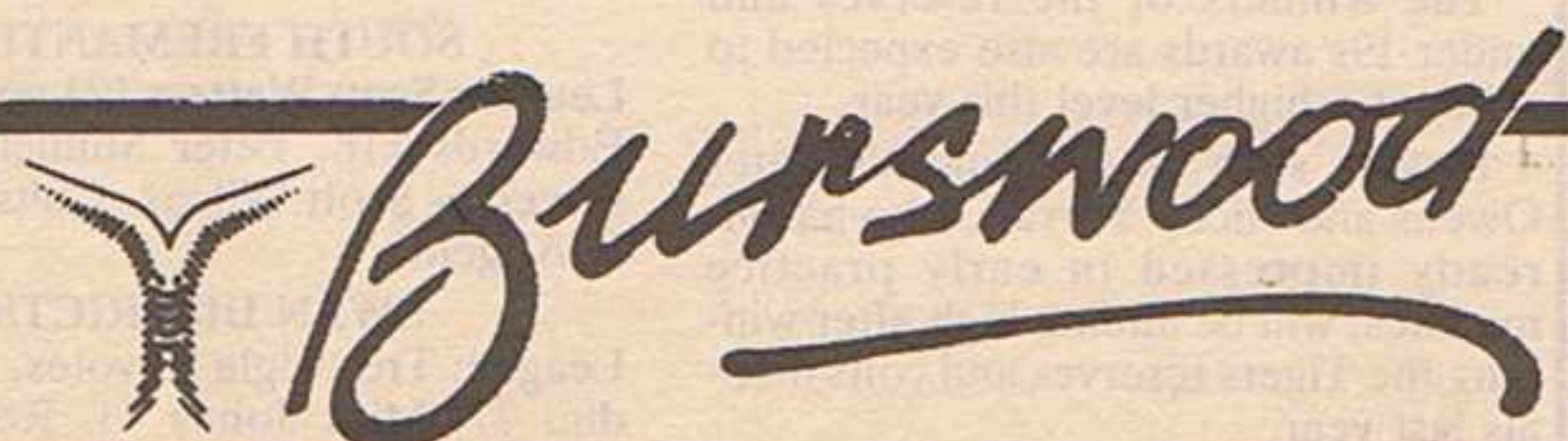
## Sacking election and prom

"I want to make a full commitment to cricket for another season or two and see what happens." South Fremantle youngster Peter Sumich, rejecting an offer to join the Eagles.

"With more than \$700,000 on deposit, the club is one of the most financially sound in Australia." Subiaco president Michael Carlisle.

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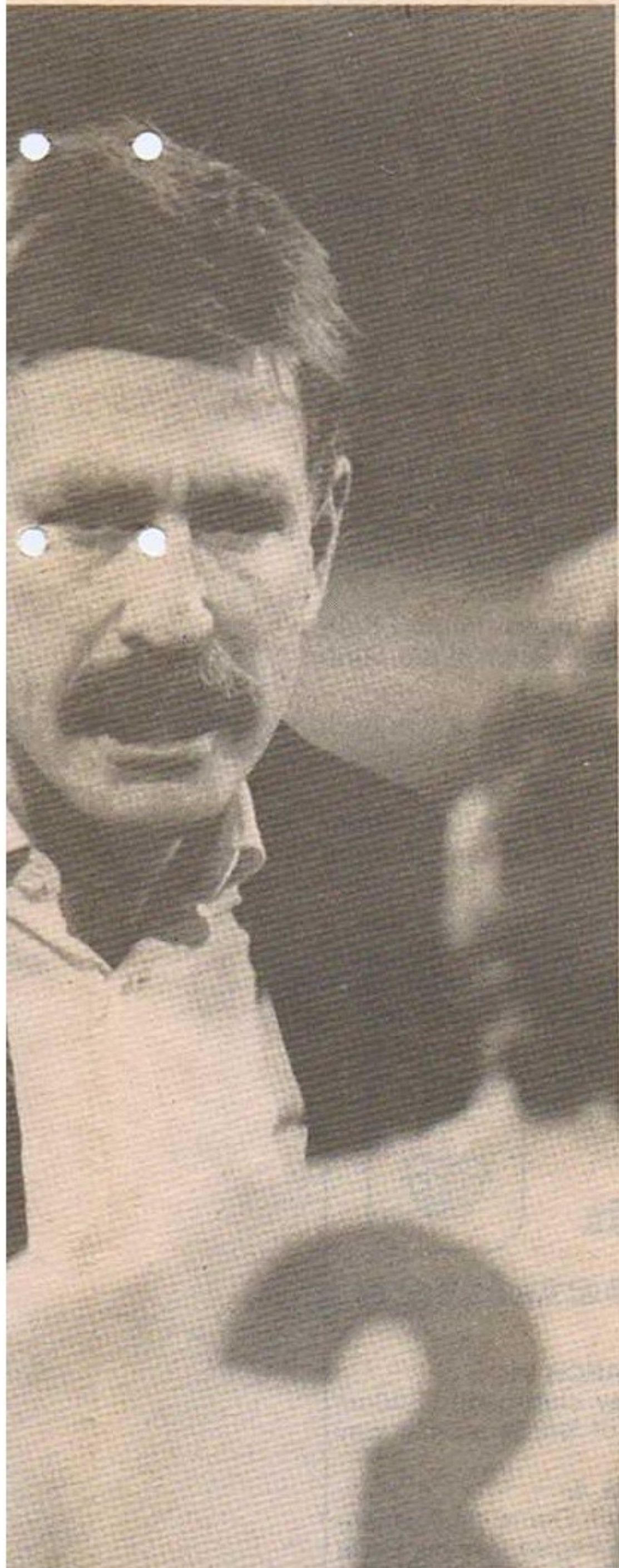
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"When any contractual circumstance is breached there must be compensation for the innocent party." Woodville chief Geoff Hosking on reports that the club would sue John Todd for not going through with his coaching appointment.

"I really want to come home to play with the Eagles." Footscray's Murray Rance.

"I am genuinely sorry to leave Claremont, but I will be a lot better off financially; the offer is more than I would get with the Eagles." Claremont star Derek Kickett on joining SA club Central District.

"We need to get tougher. I'll impose fines of between \$1000 and \$5000 for players who don't meet the standards." Eagles coach John Todd on new disciplinary measures.

"It doesn't matter how good you are; unless you make a commitment, things pass you by." Eagles coach John Todd on his decision to drop Todd Breman from the State squad because of training problems.

"It's great to be coming home." Murray Rance on signing with the Eagles.



John Todd ... in a new role.

"Deep down it's a little unnerving, though I know Peakey doesn't mind." George Christie on his appointment as East Fremantle skipper, replacing veteran Brian Peake.

"It is the first example of the integration of football in WA and it underlines our commitment to the future of football." Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr announcing the SGIO total football package deal worth \$1.5 million over three years.

"He deserves more, but our hands are tied." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer on a hefty pay cut for Brian Peake.

"I'm prepared to take a reasonable pay cut; I'm sure things will be worked out." Brian Peake.

"My role will be to give the Eagles a bigger and better presence in Victoria." Eagles Melbourne manager Ross Nicholas.



Graham Moss ... disappointed.

"The decision to give the players the money reinforces what we are all about — team unity." Eagles chief Bill Kerr announcing that the players can keep prize money earned in the National Panasonic night series.

"I haven't done the job so I couldn't justify the move." Sandover Medallist Mark Watson turning down a lucrative SA offer to stay and help Perth up the ladder.

"South Australia are going to make life as difficult as possible for us." State coach John Todd to the WA side, forced to train in a car park in Adelaide.

"If we can only attract a few thousand people to a match that has 40 of Australia's best and highly paid footballers taking part, then I think the game is in trouble." NFL president Vincent Yovich on the poor crowds at the Adelaide Bicentennial carnival.

"Being unwanted by the Eagles gave me the excuse I need to return to Central District." Derek Kickett on his move to Adelaide.

"We have to play football like Victoria play the game." Eagles coach John Todd after WA's dismal effort at the Bicentennial carnival.

"A fight or two might just put some excitement back into the game — God knows, it needs it." Former coach and now WAFL Commissioner Malcolm Brown on moves to revive interest in football.

"Match payments were to be based on performance, so they will not be paid." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey on the decision not to pay the WA players for their carnival efforts.

"The second year will be harder than the first." Eagles coach John Todd after the side lost to Essendon in the pre-season night series.



Bill Kerr ... decision maker.

er ... victim of the Eagles

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"I feel as though I need another year with South to gain experience and confidence." South Fremantle rookie Peter Sumich, turning down a contract with the Eagles.

"Their offer is huge compared to what I can expect from the Eagles, but I would rather play with the Eagles." Claremont's Guy McKenna on an offer from North Melbourne.

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# HOME OF THE EAGLES



# Concrete-like pitch hits players for six

THE WACA pitch was a concern in last week's Kresta Cup semi-finals.

Large cracks and a concrete-like surface were softened only by a light watering from WACA ground staff after the Sheffield Shield final.

A couple of hours later Subiaco officials were worried for the safety of their players just prior to their team's encounter with Perth.

Their worst fears were fulfilled as star Subiaco forward Andrew Macnish was carried from the ground with an ankle injury that may see him miss the opening game of the season.

WACA ground staff defended the ground saying cricket finals over the next two weeks plus an Old Australia versus Old England match, had to take first priority.

As a result, the wicket area could not be watered too heavily for fears that it may become torn up.

Many players in the semi-finals last Tuesday were critical of the hard surface saying it was "too dangerous". This fuels the controversy over using the WACA for football before the end of the cricket season.

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**PERTH** captain-coach Robert Wiley celebrated his 33rd birthday on Wednesday, March 24.

The courageous veteran of 188 games with Perth enters his first season as captain-coach of the Demons.

Unfortunately Rob's teammates gave him nothing to celebrate the night before with a five goal drubbing and a semi-final exit from the Kresta Cup.

Perth supporters will be happy with the news of several past players renewed involvement with the club.

Wym Rosbender returns after a 10-year absence as Robert Wiley's league runner.

Rosbender's experience will be used on the selection table in conjunction with Wiley, Noel Carter and Tom Mullooly after a severe eye injury from a clash with Swan Districts big Ron Boucher in 1979.

Former captain Brian Cook also returns to Perth as a director of football and recruitment officer.

Cook and Rosbender were playing together in Perth's back-to-back premierships of 1976-77.

Noel Carter's reputation as a great team man continues as he takes on the position as Perth's chairman of selectors and Robert Wiley's right-hand man working from the bench.

# It's cricket vs football

## ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Robbie Wiley ... a popular choice as Perth coach.

SOUTH Fremantle must be happy with their new recruit Mark Bayliss from East Fremantle.

Bayliss has shown encouraging form and after shedding 20 kilos now looks fitter than ever.

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**MICK Lee**, the diminutive Subiaco rover, has made a professional change.

A trained maths teacher, Mick has turned his hand to the insurance business as an AMP agent with Gannon, Growden, and Schonell.

Recently he has been sidelined from football with a hamstring strain but hopes to be fit for the opening game of the season.

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**Stan Magro** certainly has the Bulldogs firing this season.

One of the men working with Magro is Jim Hurst formerly team manager under Ron Alexander with the Eagles.

He's now at South Fremantle working as assistant to the league coach.

One of his most interesting roles is in the mental preparation of the players just prior to the game.

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SOUTH Fremantle has impressed so far with its team cohesion which is in no small part due to Maurice Rioli.

Rioli is looking fitter at this stage than for many seasons and his behind the scenes "chat" is a great morale boost for the younger players.

Carter was enticed to Perth from South Fremantle three years ago by former coach Malcolm Brown.

Swan Districts beloved champion Tom Mullooly crosses to Lathlain Park as Reserves coach.

His leadership qualities will be greatly appreciated by the Perth coaching staff.

His 246 games for Swans place him fourth in their "most league games for the club" behind Keith Narkle, Stan Nowotny and Bill Walker.

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**THE youngest of the Sidebottom boys** Allan, is making a welcome comeback to Swan Districts this year.

"Sidey" looks like being used in the ruck although Ed Blackaby suggested he may be used at the troublesome centre half-forward position after their side's dismal showing in the Kresta Cup against South Fremantle.

Sidebottom last played league football at the beginning of 1987 when he chalked up three games for Fitzroy before snapping an achilles tendon.

His biggest problem at the moment is match fitness and to overcome this he has been rucking from the bench.

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**GREG Sizer** may well be a name to keep your eye on this year.

Sizer has had league experience with Melbourne in 1986 and is currently on the lookout for a league club.

Winger Sizer looks like settling at Perth or Subiaco although Swan Districts may be a late entry in the quest for his services.

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SWAN Districts has taken on a new trainer for this year and it's someone with a difference, Gordon Love.

For the past 20 years, Gordon has been a soccer referee.

Gordon is a qualified masseur and while Swans greet his services Gordon is quick to add "the transition takes a while, it takes time to get people's confidence coming from another sport".

WEST Perth has granted Les Fong a testimonial year for the 1988 season.

There could be none more worthy of this honour than the former Falcons skipper who has given heart and soul to his club for many years.

Kicking the testimonial off will be a prawn night in the social hall starting at 7.30pm.

\$10 will buy you all the prawns you can eat (and lots of other yummy food) then you can dance to the music of Hayfever.

It is open to members and their guests and West Perth supporters are bound to return the loyalty shown by "Chopper" and turn out in large numbers.

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**SUBIACO'S** Todd Breman has been a busy boy lately.

Todd was part of Subiaco Floreat's remarkable outright victory two weeks ago which rocketed them from 6th to 1st on the Mount Newman premiership cricket ladder.

Two days later he was helping Subiaco to victory over Perth in the semi-final of the Kresta Cup.

Another three days and it was back to cricket semi-finals and a clash with the students from University.

A day's rest and then he had to front up to a Kresta Cup final against South Fremantle.

Now, this weekend he has a Saturday-Sunday cricket grand final against Bayswater Morley followed by Monday's pipe opener to the season against last season's premiers Claremont.

## East Perth happenings



**THURSDAY, MARCH 31:**  
Easter Thursday club night. 7.30pm announcement of league side to play S.F.F.C.

**MONDAY, APRIL 4:**  
East Perth v South Fremantle, Fremantle Oval. 5.00pm Eagles training, Perth Oval. 6.30pm Trophy presentation — Members Bar.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5:**  
(And every Tuesday). Footy bingo — Bingo Centre, 496 Guildford Road, Bayswater. 8.00 eyes down. Ring 275 2568 — free bus travel.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:**  
5.00pm Eagles training — Perth Oval.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7:**  
Club night — Members Bar. 7.30pm announcement of league team.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8:**  
East Perth v Swan Districts, Subiaco Oval. 6.30pm trophy presentation — Members Bar.

## South Fremantle



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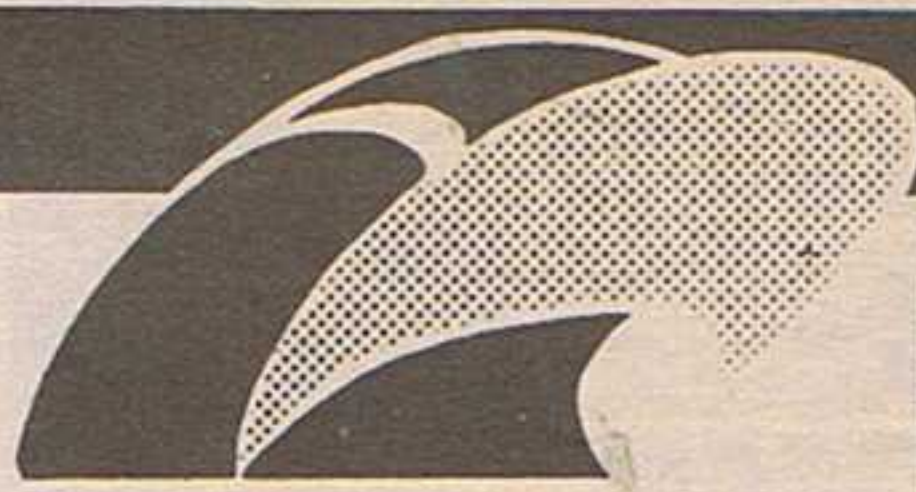
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## FLYING INTO THE NEW SEASON

**THIS** Saturday the West Coast Eagles swoop into their second season in the VFL with not only a new coach, but nine rookie players.

Coach John Todd has gone for youth to bolster the Eagles as they attempt to qualify for the final five.

Murray Rance, David O'Connell, Karl Langdon, Guy McKenna, Brent Hutton and Kevin Caton are all over six feet and can play in a variety of roles.

While Chris Waterman, Joe Cormack and Troy Ugle will add some speed and aggression to the small man division.

Todd may be a rookie in terms of the VFL, but his wealth of experience of expertise at club and interstate level should see the master coach find his feet quickly in the cut-throat VFL.

In a short time, he has turned the uncertain Eagles players into a committed, disciplined squad.



# Meet the new Eagles



**MURRAY RANCE** ... the former Swan Districts key position player returns to the West after only moderate success with Footscray. His strength and versatility will be a bonus for the Eagles who were invariably a key defender or forward short last season.



**CHRIS WATERMAN** ... one of the finds of the WAFL last year. This highly-skilled midfielder is a long-term prospect for the Eagles, but has the ability and temperament to make an impression this season.



**JOE CORMACK** ... tough, fearless rover, who will be an asset on Melbourne's heavy grounds in the depths of winter. Has shown ability in pre-season matches, but will need to brush up on his skills to match it with the likes of John Platten, Brian Royal and Dale Weightman.



**DAVID O'CONNELL** ... athletic big man with the ability to play a key forward position or in the ruck. Has been injury-prone in the past and already has been struck down by an ailment. Shown early signs he could be an asset for the Eagles.



**KARL LANGDON** ... raw youngster with exciting potential to develop into a superstar in the VFL. Still needs to clear up some rough edges if he is going to make the grade in his first season.



**GUY MCKENNA** ... plays with a maturity and assurance well ahead of his 18 years. Is likely to fill the back pocket position, but has skill to acquit himself well in the centre or as a ruck rover.



**BRENT HUTTON** ... talented key position player, whose marking ability will give the Eagles a badly-needed aerial advantage. Has struggled in the early pre-season games, but is an intelligent footballer, who should adapt to the higher level.



**KEVIN CATON** ... high-flying forward who will give the Eagles another option in front of goals. Must overcome inconsistency if he is to be a regular in the side. More suited to a flank or a forward pocket, but can play full forward.



**TROY UGLE** ... exciting centreman with a touch of class. Another player chosen for the future, but has the ability to cement a place with some good early performances. At only 19, he could be anything.





## Country recruits hold the key

WEST Perth's attempts to shrug off the burden of mediocrity depends largely on the adaptability of a host of first year players at the club this season.

The Falcons seem to have hovered around the fourth and fifth positions on the league ladder forever — well, since their last flag in 1975 anyway.

However, this year they boast one of the largest contingents of country recruits — primarily from Collie — and also have several outstanding young juniors who could have an impact on the team later in the season.

While certainly no first year player as such, former VFL star Andrew Purser will play his first game for the Falcons against Swan Districts this Monday.

The veteran of more than 100 games with Footscray and several State appearances, Purser is sure to have a huge impact on a club that already boasts great big men talent with Craig Nelson, a fit Dan Foley, and Kim Rogers.

While Purser is bracketed with South Fremantle's Maurice Rioli as the recruit of the season, West Perth have a nuggety little rover who could outshine them all.

Lindsay Henry, a stockily built 23-year-old from Bencubbin, has already shown plenty of skill in practise games.

He thrilled a 3000-strong crowd in Collie several weeks ago with a magical display against Subiaco, and performed solidly against Claremont a fortnight ago.

He shows a keen goal sense — and goalkicking rovers are something the Falcons have lacked in the past — and chases and tackles opponents hard.

Henry caught the eye with some outstanding performances in country football last year.

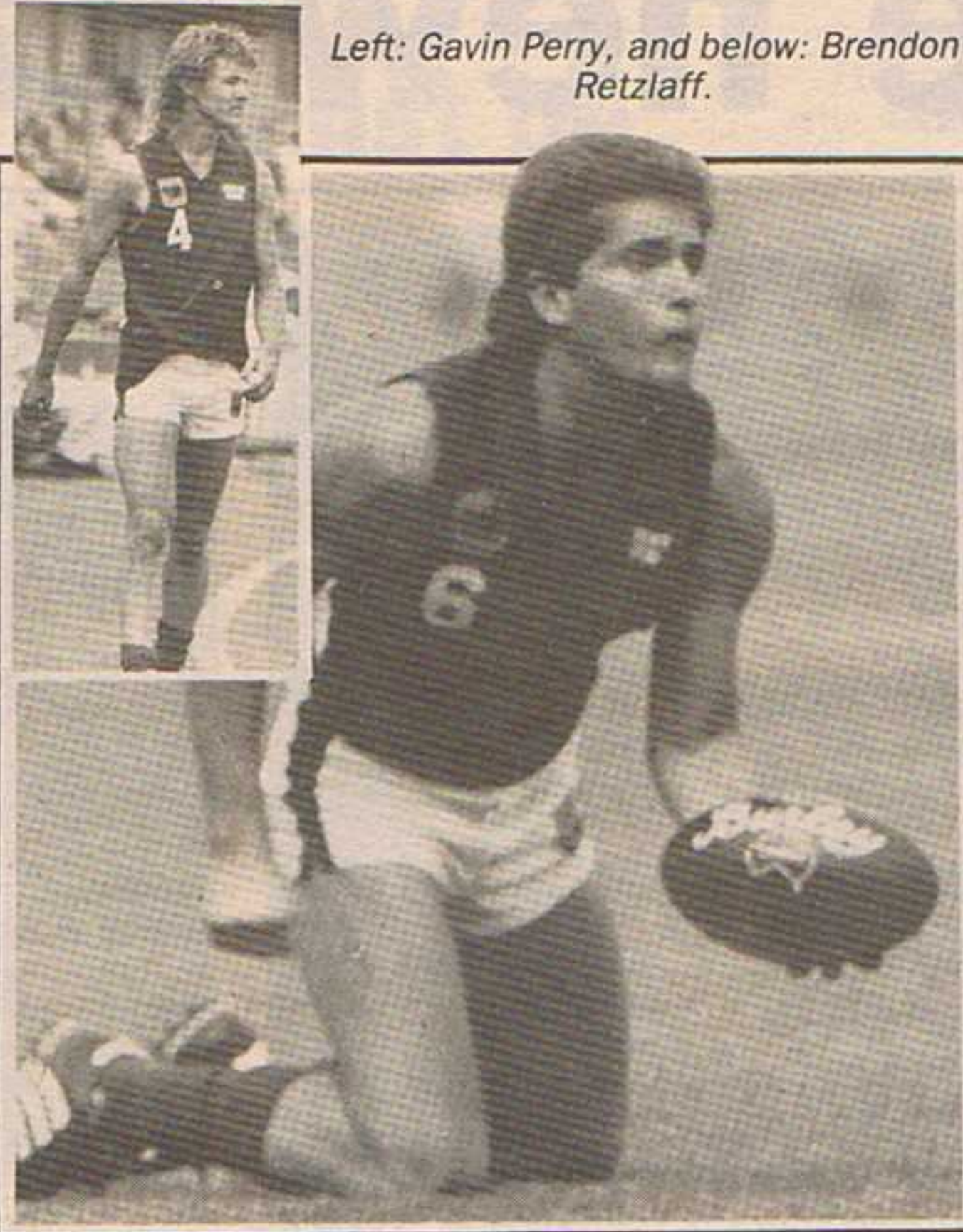
He won two C-grade fairest and best medals at the Wesfarmers country championships for his efforts in both the regular competition and grand final.

Henry also polled the most votes in the Central Wheatbelt League, only to lose it on a suspension incurred during the season.

He could form an exciting roving partnership with Harvey-Brunswick's Dom Crognale, another small but very skilful young player.

Crognale doesn't boast the same credentials as Henry, although he has shone in the much tougher South-West competition.

What Crognale lacks in size, he makes up for in courage, and the pre-



Left: Gavin Perry, and below: Brendon Retzlaff.



What skilful young player Don Crognale lacks in size he makes up for in courage.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By RON McDONALD  
of The West Australian



sence of these two at Leederville is a huge boost after the loss of Darren Bewick and Les Fong this year.

The Collie contingent has had tongues wagging fast and furious at Leederville since their arrival pre-season.

While coach Bruce Monteath has been guarded about the immediate ability of the new chums, their performances speak for themselves.

Tall defender Neil Jackson has been inconsistent in practise games, but his good games have been outstanding.

He marks his opponents closely, competes strongly for the ball, and is not afraid to continually destroy the ball.

He also displays great stamina and surprised ace full-forward Todd Brennan in Collie by running way down the ground to back up team mates and drive the ball deep into the forward line.

At 23, Jackson has a mature head on

his shoulders and could easily play in either of the key defensive positions.

Darren O'Brien comes to Perth with the biggest reputation of his six mates, who all played in Collie's winning premierships side last year.

O'Brien, 19, played Teal Cup for WA and was a huge success playing at centre-half-forward in the South-West.

However, he lacks the height for a key position and is sure to be used in the centre, on a wing, or a half-forward flank this season.

He has been the next most impressive in pre-season trials, but his disposal has been disappointing and needs rectifying quickly.

Brendon Retzlaff, an all round sportsman, has built a big reputation since concentrating on his football.

The same age as O'Brien, Retzlaff has found trouble adjusting to the pace

of league football pre-season, but has time on his side.

Originally going to travel from Collie for Friday training and Saturday's game, O'Brien, Retzlaff and Chadd McElroy have found jobs and moved to the city to give league football their best shot.

McElroy is a big defender with good hands and could get a job in a back pocket minding resting ruckmen.

Ian Massara is struggling with injury at present, but is a highly rated centre-liner, while Alan Michael is a whizz with a football when his mind is on the job.

Both could burst onto the scene later in the year.

Phil Bradmore's brother Stephen has also joined the Falcons and looks just like his big brother.

If he plays the same way, West Perth will be very happy.

Colts players Gavin Perry and Malcolm Williams have been given league opportunities pre-season and performed well.

Perry is a hard working rover who was always at the drop of the ball, while the slightly built Williams lacks no courage and could seriously press for a league berth on a wing.

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# Lions roar from the junior ranks

**SUBIACO'S** transformation from perennial whipping boys to established trendsetters has had plenty to do with their junior areas.

The Lions 1986 premiership side was loaded with players who had graduated through the junior ranks and the continued development of their junior areas is keeping them up among the powers of the WAFL.

Names like Keene, Zanotti, Macnish, and Lamb were all successful products of Subiaco's zone who have gone to win a WAFL premiership and a place with the West Coast Eagles.

Veterans such as the Taylor brothers and Clint Brown followed the same path.

From Wembley to Innaloo and out to Scarborough are areas that have all been sewn and richly cultivated by the Lions, who are hoping 1988 will be no different.

Three promising youngsters already have been blooded in Subiaco's pre-season campaign.

Paul Cox, 18, from Warwick, has shown he is a young dynamo with a penchant for hard work.

The former Teal Cup player has plenty of speed and skill and can be used as a rover, although he also shows good defensive qualities.

Richard Caldwell has been tried in several positions and 1988 could be his year after having spent a few years waiting in the wings at Subiaco Oval.

He was a star under 19 player with the Lions and has had finals experience with the reserves side.

Steven Rosich is a strongly built follower who has already impressed pre-season.

He attacks the ball hard and appeals as a player who could be used in a variety of attacking or defensive positions.

Mandurah was a profitable recruiting ground for the Lions until it was given to South Fremantle in the boundaries switch two years ago.

Karl Langdon was a great recruit from the area after plenty of ground work by Subiaco officials, while the Monaghan brothers have also shown potential since arriving at Subiaco Oval.

While young brother Bill already has been given an opportunity at league level, Stephen Monaghan has been very impressive pre-season and could line up for his first league game in a defensive role against Claremont this Monday.

Smart recruits have also played their



Damien Read ... a late debut last season.



Mick Jennings ... could be Subiaco's best investment.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By **RON McDONALD**  
 of *The West Australian*



role in the Subiaco surge of recent years and 1988 looks to be no different.

Brad McDougall has transferred from South Fremantle and will have to fight for a place on the Lions half-forward line.

A left-footer, McDougall is similar to premiership goal-sneak Stephen Sells and the Lions would be delighted if McDougall could produce the same sort of results.

Subiaco's best investment, however, could be in the nuggety form of rover Mick Jennings.

Jennings finished runner up to the fairest and best in last year's strong VFA competition and his roving skills have already come to the fore.

He runs hard, delivers the ball well, has a good football brain, and appears to have slipped well into the Lions style of play.

The former Port Melbourne player can only improve as he grows more accustomed to his new environment.

The Lions have also gained another promising small man in former Wanneroo rover Mark Bonomelli.

One of the stars of the strong Sunday

Football League club, what Bonomelli lacks in skills, he makes up for in courage and endeavour.

Subiaco has been busy in the Eastern States, also signing Stephen Rhode, Greg Sizer and Richard Field.

Rhode is a brother of Carlton star Peter Rhode and is keen to establish a name for himself, while Field is a tall forward who is struggling to adjust to WA conditions.

Sizer, a tall and athletic utility who played one VFL game with Melbourne in 1986, signed with the Lions last week.

The Maroons will also be hoping Goldfields recruit Gary Kemp shapes up as well as Kalgoorlie kid Mick Lee did last season.

Kemp, who played for the Railways Club, has impressed pre-season as a solid defender capable of becoming a handy league player.

Glen Hutcheson played a handful of games for South Fremantle several years ago and has decided to try and find more success at Subiaco.



Paul Cox ... a young dynamo with a penchant for hard work.

Best of luck Subiaco in 1988

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# Trinity-Aquinas act to change fortunes

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 West Coast v Nollamara ..... Lathlain Pk  
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 North Beach v Scarb. .... Charles Riley Rs.  
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 Swan Athletic v Innaloo .. Swan Athletic Oval  
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**C GRADE**  
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 Cockburn Lakes v Nollamara ..... Anning Pk.  
 Lynwood-Ferndale v Bass. .... Ferndale Pk.  
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 Carlisle v University ..... Carlisle Rs.  
 Melville v Whitford ..... Melville Rs.

**D GRADE**  
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 North Beach v Brentwood ..... Aintree Rs.  
 Wembley v Nthbridge AICA .. Henderson Pk.  
 Scarborough v Rockingham .. Millington Rs.  
 WACAE vs Forrestfield ..... College Pk Upper

**E GRADE**  
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 Trinity-Aquinas v Hellenic .. Ern. Johnson Oval  
 Hamersley v R&I Bank ..... Carine Rs.  
 Mt Lawley v University ..... Hamer Pk.  
 National Bank v St Norberts .. Raphael Pk.  
 Bullcreek v Vic. Park ..... Beasley Rs.

**F GRADE**  
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 Coolbellup v Old Wesley ..... Tempest Pk.  
 Dianella v West Coast ..... Light St. Rs. No. 1  
 John XXIII v MHWP ..... College Pk. Lower  
 Innaloo v Nth. Frem. .... Yuluma Pk.  
 Sawyers Valley v Nollamara .. S. Valley Oval

**G GRADE**  
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 Whitford v Girrawheen ..... MacDonald Rs.  
 Muresk v Redcliffe ..... Muresk Oval  
 Bayswater v Ocean Ridge ..... Hillcrest Park  
 Wanneroo v CBC ..... Wann. Show Ground  
 Navy vs Colleg. Old Scotch .. Stirl. Oval (Navy)

**H GRADE**  
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 Swanbourne/Nedlands v Wembley .. Allen Pk.  
 Bassendean v North Beach ..... Jubilee Rs.  
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 Carlisle v Maylands ..... Peet Pk.

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 ANZ Bank v Swan Athletic ..... Haig Park

**J GRADE**  
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 MHWP v Morley ..... McGillivray Oval No. 2  
 Scarborough v Hamersley ..... Birralee Pk.  
 Hellenic v Trinity-Aquinas ..... Celebration Pk.  
 Whitford v Innaloo ..... Kingsley Rs.  
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**K GRADE**  
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 West Coast v Dianella ..... Forrest Pk.  
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 Applecross v Bayswater ..... Troy Pk.  
 Coolbinia-Yokine v Melville .. Coolbinia Oval  
 Bassendean v Cockburn Lakes .. Ashfield Rs.

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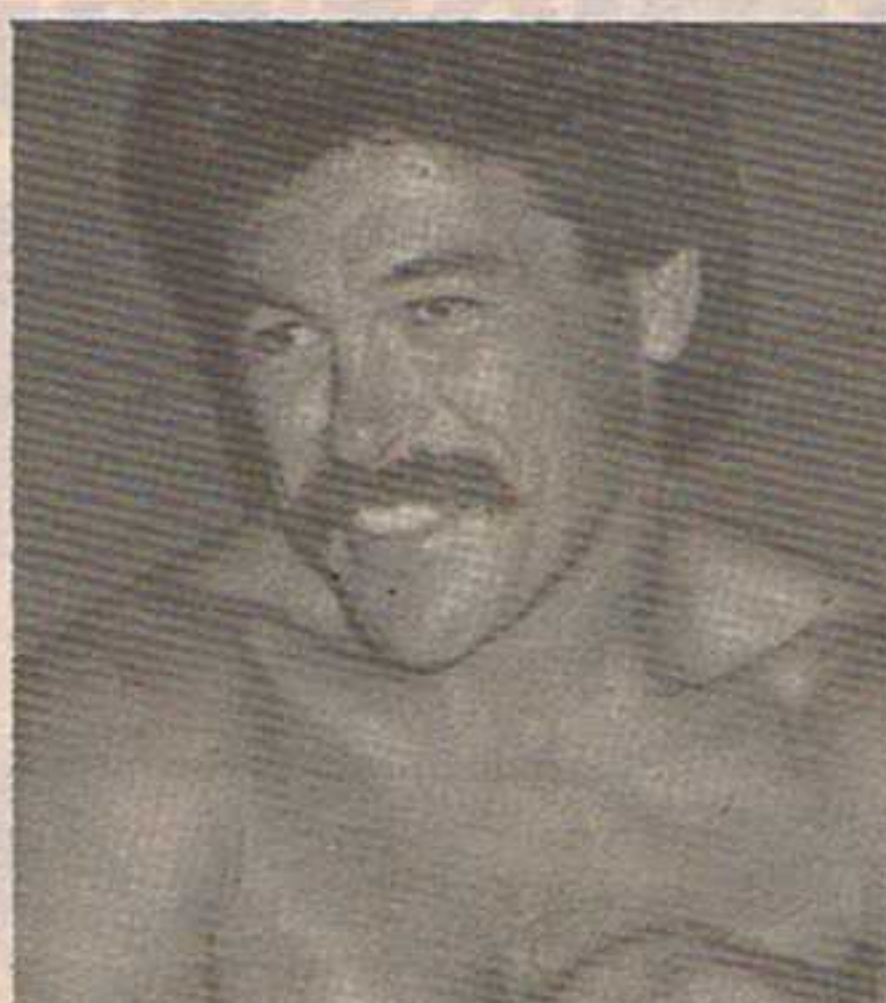
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## AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

by

TREVOR SCHORER



Les Fong appointed coach of Trinity-Aquinas.

THE Trinity-Aquinas Football Club has gone all out this season to shake off the bridesmaid tag they have picked up over the last few years.

The old boys have appointed one of the respected players from the WAFL in former West Perth rover Les Fong to lead them as playing coach and they will start favourites for the 1988 season.

Here is a pre-season preview of the A-grade sides — and how the premiership table could look at the end of the season:

### 1. TRINITY-AQUINAS

COACH: Les Fong.  
 RECRUITS: Darryl Freame (Perth), Peter Murnane (West Perth), Mark Shaw (East Perth), Dave Barnard (Canning), Ashley James (East Perth), Pat Norrish (Townsville), Alan Rogers (East Perth).

### 2. NOLLAMARA

COACH: Don Sloper.  
 RECRUITS: Noel Knights (North Beach), Ray Brooker (Kalamunda), Mick Cullen (Osborne Park), Max Jackson (Osborne Park), Adam Nicholas (Karratha).

### 3. UNIVERSITY

COACH: Dr Bruce Robinson.  
 RECRUITS: Tom Dixon (West Perth), Nick Greenwood (Collegians/Old Scotch), Craig Nelmes (University), John Love, Arron Devitt (Swan Districts), Wayne Simms (Swan Districts).

### 4. MT LAWLEY

COACH: Greg Hyde.  
 RECRUITS: Ed Duva (West Perth), Matt Williams (Launceston).

### 5. NORTH BEACH

COACH: John Dow.  
 RECRUITS: Glen Donatti (Osborne Park), Glen Palmer (Wembley).

### 6. OLD WESLEY

COACH: Barrie Quick.  
 RECRUITS: Peter Hammersley (South Fremantle), Laurie McLean (South Perth), Noel Quick (Bunbury).

### 7. NORTH FREMANTLE

COACH: Peter Webb.

### 8. WEST COAST

COACH: Bernie Dunn.  
 RECRUITS: Bob Black (Port Hedland), Steve Leishman (Subiaco), Jeff

Pitts (Port Hedland), Cliff and Scott Rocke (Innaloo), Gary Simms (South Perth).

### 9. SCARBOROUGH

COACH: Alan Walker.  
 RECRUITS: Phil Pope (Subiaco).

### 10. WEMBLEY

COACH: Rod Alderton.  
 RECRUITS: Alan McCaw (Wanneroo), Matt Purser (Cunderdin).

The recruiting activities of clubs like Trinity-Aquinas, University and West Coast will ensure that they are in line with their goals for the '88 season.

West Coast, under former SFL rover Bernie Dunn, have improved enough to be worthy A-grade contenders and will surprise a few teams. However, consolidating themselves in the top division would be achieving a sensible goal, as North Fremantle did last season.

University, with former colts coach Bruce Robinson at the helm, have recruited wisely and with the return of John Love will have one of the

strongest ruck batteries seen in one side for a long time.

Regardless of how the teams finish, the 1988 season will definitely be one of the most exciting for some time.

The player influx will also ensure that the strength of the State side will be up to standard at the carnival in Launceston in June.

## Innaloo looking strong

THE 1988 season promises some interesting football in the B-grade ranks.

Here is a rundown on how each club shapes up for the coming season.

### INNALOO:

After two years in A-grade, Innaloo have come back down and with a new coach, Brendan McFaul, from Scarborough, has recruited well and has the Bulldogs looking stronger than they were in their two years in A-grade.

Innaloo again look to be one of the sides to beat.

### MT LAWLEY:

Club legend Phil Botsis has taken over as coach and will demand professionalism. The Hawks will be there at the business end of the season.

### BAYSWATER:

Kevin McGinnity has remained as coach and will look to improve on the Blues loss in the preliminary final last year.

Rod Harrison is back from Maddington, while Clay Whittle and Wayne Richardson have been recruited from Bassendean.

### DIANELLA:

Dianella have won both pre-season encounters against C-grade club Coolbinia-Yokine by 15 goals and Ben-cubbin by 10 goals and they again look strong.

### COLEGIANS-OLD SCOTCH:

New coach Shaun Tilbrook has taken over from Mal Thomas, but the club has suffered heavy losses with Nick Greenwood and Bill Fry going to University and high-leaping forward Craig Hall moving to the country.

They have a strong goal-to-goal line and again look set for a good season.

by

PETER RUSH

### M.H.W.P.:

The new coach is former East Fremantle forward Merv Carrott, who coached in the country last season.

Pre-season games have seen a huge defeat at the hands of Bayswater and an eight-goal victory over Boddington.

An eight-goal victory over Cockburn was the highlight of their pre-season outings. Coach Glen Brindley, Rod Thompson, Damon Laurie, Rob Reed, Damien Cronin and Lou White should help continue last year's impressive run home.

### MAYLANDS:

Pre-season form has seen a narrow loss to Tammin, runners-up in last year's Avon Association, and 12 goal victories over C-grade sides Morley and Whitfords.

Injuries have affected the club in the past two seasons, but with luck they could be big improvers this year.

### CURTIN:

Formerly known as WAIT, John Duffy remains as coach. Recruits are Craig Dhu and Tim Sivawight from Northam while Bruce McKinnon has retired.

They are looking for big seasons from Martin Horrick, Brendon Taylor, Mick Straun, Phil Hopewell and Chris Lovell. Their only pre-season game was a loss to CBC.

### SWAN ATHLETIC:

Pre-season form has seen massive victories over E-grade club Bullcreek and Moora Rovers with a four goal loss to Bayswater.

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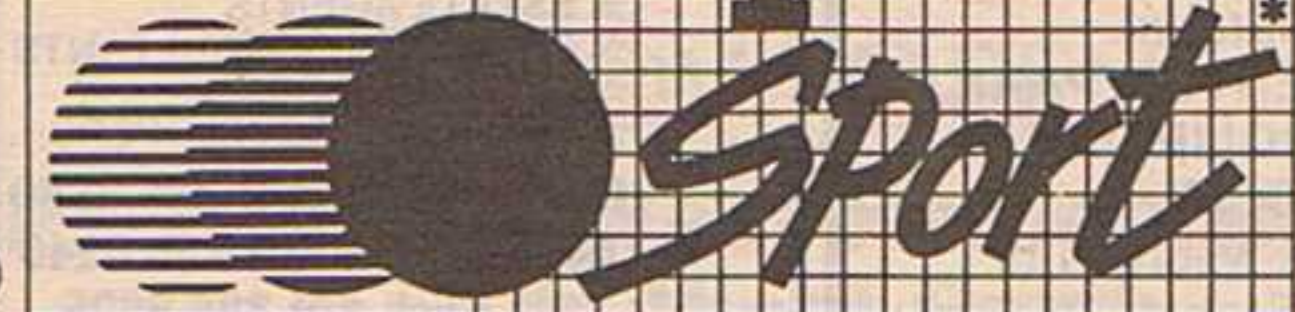
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## JUNIOR NEWS

### Footy fever in debut

A GLOSSY newsletter called "Footy Fever" is the latest production to emanate from the depths of the Superdrome at the Football Development Trust.

The newsletter will appear every couple of months and will feature fun and educational articles written by the FDT team — general manager, Brian Cook; coaching co-ordinator, Brian Douge; senior co-ordinator (talent squads and youth competitions), Grant Dorrington and senior co-ordinator (junior development), Wayne Loxley.

They will keep the WA community informed of their many activities in the areas of coaching, football development in schools, umpires, sports trainers and country football development.

The first issue of "Footy Fever" was produced earlier this month and is now available from your WAFL club.

### REGISTRATION DAY A SUCCESS

WAFL players plus many of the West Coast Eagles stars, today's stars, represented their junior football zones on Sunday, 28th February 28 for the inaugural Town and Country WA registration day.

Each player took time out to promote football to some of the young and up and coming stars. The junior clubs appreciated the great response from league clubs who made the players available.

The players involved themselves by training or just talking to the youngsters. The registration day was organised by the Football Development Trust in a lead up to Footy Week '88.

### HILLS ASSOCIATION

THE first day in the Hills Association will be Sunday, April 17 for all grades — 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's.

A new club to the association in Koongamia-Helena Valley has been accepted and nominated in all grades. Koonga Valley, after being associated with the Swans juniors for nine years, were turned down due to a lack of numbers and competitiveness.

The welcome inclusion into Hills will boost their numbers and increase the over-all strength of the association.

The under-16s will nominate four sides in the Swans Council.



The Minister for Sport, Graham Edwards (centre) officially launches Footy Week at the Channel Seven studios.

# FOOTY WEEK

AUSTRALIA'S inaugural Footy Week has heralded the beginning of another exciting football season.

WA's entire football world fully supported a week of activities designed to promote the game, its people and all the areas it encompasses.

The Eagles, the WAFL clubs, amateur clubs, Sunday and country football leagues, Super-Rules, women's and junior grades, schools, coaches, umpires, trainers and administrators all joined together for the first time to achieve the same goal for football.

Footy Week was the brainchild of the Football Development Trust and established to promote a great community awareness of Australian Rules football; to promote a meaningful, caring relationship between all areas of the game from juniors through to the Eagles.

The official launch was conducted by Graham Edwards, the Minister for Sport and Recreation, on Channel 7's World of Sport programme on Sunday, March 27.

Day one of Footy Week was Players Day, where each league sent senior players to their local juniors to take training sessions.

Coaches Day, Monday, March 28, saw a coaches seminar at the WAFL, co-ordinated by Brian Douge, with selected coaches from all leagues discussing "Assessing Coaches".

On the same day, Sunday and amateur league clubs invited former coaches to take training. The Coaches Code of Behaviour was released

through the media and a new Department of Sport and Recreation booklet on coaching presented to junior council coaches.

Day three saw the final of the Kresta Cup at the WACA Ground, with free entry for all juniors, a clinic at half-time.

Wayne Loxley, junior development officer at the Football Development Trust, also released the Parents Code of Behaviour for season '88.

The umpires had their day on Wednesday, March 30, with a mass umpires training night at the WACA, followed by a social gathering.

Mr Edwards officially opened the 1988 football season at a special luncheon attended by representatives from every football league and group.

Footy Week's final day is dedicated to sports trainers and club administrators.

The administrators will attend an evening function at the WAFL, where guest speaker, Herbe Ende, will present "How to keep your Club Alive".

Sunday and amateur leagues will hold sports trainers get-togethers which will also be attended by members of the WAFL and Eagles Trainers Association.

It is hoped that Footy Week '88 will become an annual event and spread Australia-wide.

Till then it remains a concept unique to WA and the FDT, who are very excited about the first project to combine all football people.

### CLUB NOTES SWAN DISTRICTS

ALL surrounding areas in the Swans junior council will start on Saturday, April 16 and on Sunday 17th for older grades.

Due to absence of players in the 16s grades, Swans have asked the Hills Association to nominate their 16s in the junior council.

Both councils must be congratulated on agreeing to combine the 16s. Our game needs competitiveness and encouragement so that the football players of the future don't throw in the towel.

### EAST PERTH

EAST Perth juniors will commence their first game on Saturday April 16.

Local clubs Coolbinia and Dianella have amalgamated and are now called the Bombers. Their home ground will be Coolbinia Park. East Perth have nominated eight under 17s teams to be run in conjunction with three teams from the Swans area and one team from the Hills.

All matches will be spread out over the three council areas.

### PERTH

The season starts on April 17 and players are needed in all grades. Combined sides will start training before end of April. Umpires are still needed for the coming season and if you are interested, please contact Murray Robins at the Perth Junior Football Council.

### SWANS

April 6 and 8 will see Swans hold their annual live-in camp for their combined 13s team at Bassendean Oval. About 45 players have been selected to attend from the metro, hills, Bunbury and Esperance areas. The boys will visit the Superdrome to take part in skills tests during the camp.

In order to maintain recent successes in combined teams, the 15s have started training with 14s on April 12 and 13s on April 18.

### HILLS

Training will soon start for 14s and 16s combined sides and players will be notified of training dates and times. The Koongamia Helena Valley Junior Football Club will be holding their quiz night on Saturday, June 11 at 7.30pm at the Greenmount Hall. Former Test cricket champion Bruce Yardley will be compering the night. Tickets at \$3.50 per head can be obtained from Mrs P. McDonald, Ph: 294 3403.

Junior notes should be telephoned to Ian Clark (294 3860).

# CIG UNDER WAY AGAIN

THE 1988 CIG Shield enters its sixth year of round-robin and knockout football competition on April 18.

The Shield competition is open to all metropolitan and country Government and non-Government school students in years eight, nine and 10.

Grant Dorrington, a senior co-ordinator with the Football Development Trust, says that a record number of 99 secondary schools out of a possible 125 competed in the competition in 1987.

He said the FDT was committed to ensure that all available schools took part in the 1988 Shield. The closing date for nomination at the FDT was Friday, March 25.

Metropolitan schools will be grouped according to WAFL club resi-

dential boundaries, while country schools will be grouped geographically to minimise travel.

To assist with travel costs incurred by schools, \$2,500 will be distributed after the competition based on the distance travelled by each school.

Country schools will compete to decide three regional winners who will then play against their respective metropolitan zone winners to determine the league club zone champions.

Each league club's champion school will be awarded a zone shield at a function to be held before the final, while the coach and each player will receive a pennant.

Eight league club champion schools will battle it out in the finals series to decide the overall premier school and winner of the 1988 CIG Shield.

The premier school will also receive a \$500 voucher to be used for the purchase of sporting equipment to assist in the teaching of Australian football.

Runners-up will be awarded a \$250 voucher for the purchase of sporting equipment, while the best player in the grand final will receive the CIG Medal.

At this stage, three CIG matches are due to be played as curtain-raisers to Eagles games and the CIG grand final will be played before the State-Of-Origin match between WA and Victoria, at Subiaco Oval on July 5.

The CIG Shield, under the guidance of Grant Dorrington, continues to be a great example of a successful secondary school development programme. Its progression is due to support from the secondary school teachers of WA, the WAFL Development Managers and, of course, the students.



# AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Croweaters prove far too good

By **ASHLEY HORNSEY**  
of South Australia's  
Football Times



SA captain Craig McDermott holds up the Australian championship trophy.

**SOUTH** Australia has proved beyond doubt that they are the leaders in State of Origin football.

By beating Victoria for the third successive year, and the fourth time in five years, the Croweaters can stand tall.

There is now a firm belief that SA football can survive any threat from the VFL and that the local competition has never been healthier.

With clever marketing, the SA hierarchy has wasted little time in capitalising on SA's second successive Australian championship by claiming the victory proves how healthy the domestic competition is.

Forget the fact that 14 of the players who represented SA in the carnival are now based in the VFL.

Blind parochialism, once considered the devine right of West Australians, is alive in SA.

How else can you explain why only 30,000 people turned up over the four days of the carnival to watch the best footballers in Australia, just days after 20,000 crammed Football Park to see a double-header which produced football similar to that seen in any pre-season trial game.

The poor crowds for the carnival have certainly raised doubts about such events being staged again.

Entry costs (\$12 for each game), timing of the carnival and hot weather on the opening day and cold weather on the closing day have all been blamed for the carnival being a financial flop.

It was even suggested that SA fans staged their own private demonstration against the VFL by staying away from the carnival.

The cost factor holds more credence.

Whatever the reason, the fans who stayed away were the losers, and ultimately, football will be the loser because if carnivals that attract the best footballers in the country can't draw big crowds then what sort of future is there for our national game.

SA's massive 60-point victory over the



Dale Weightman ... a star for Victoria.

Big V again highlighted how little attention Victoria pays to developing its home-grown players.

Out of the 108 players picked in the four 27-man squads to represent SA, Victoria, NSW and WA during the carnival, a staggering 92 are playing in the VFL.

The victorious SA side had the least number of VFL players with 13 of the 27-man squad now playing club football in Adelaide. Of the 13, three had previous VFL experience.

But that will change because the Victorians are unlikely to develop their own juniors while they can grab ready-made talent from SA.

The SANFL has introduced a retention scheme aimed at keeping players in SA but the best ones will continue to move and SA will remain a breeding ground for as long as it stays out of the national competition.

It can be seen that SA is heading in the same direction as WA football but it won't be without a fight.

## Beasley lines up again

**FORMER** West Australian Simon Beasley admits that he is having trouble getting the "football bug" out of his system.

Beasley, a one-time top goalkicker in the WAFL and a spearhead for Swan Districts in the early 1980s, told **INSIDE FOOTBALL** that he was still keen about his football.

"It's hard to get the bug out of your system," he said.

"We've got a lot of young guys in the camp this year, so I thought I'd give it another go."

Beasley says that his future is still not clear — even though he has hinted at retirement in the last two years.

"It depends on my form," he says.

"If you're going ordinary, you should give it away. But if you're still getting a kick, you might as well keep on playing. You're only young once ... and I'm only 32 this year."



### BOMBER BLOW

**ESSENDON** coach Kevin Sheedy admits that the Bombers will miss the recently-retired pair of Neil Clarke and Shane Heard.

The two men were at Essendon when Sheedy took over the club in 1981 and they have added experience and depth in recent years.

"Their dedication was incredible," says Sheedy.

"They were very genuine footballers and played with nothing less than total commitment.

"Their skills were excellent and to lose them both in the one season is a real blow."

### STILL GOING

**REMEMBER** Slammin' Sam Kekovich? What a football character he was. And he's still in business.

The former North Melbourne star is coaching Camberwell, in the Victorian Football Association and one-time opponent Tony Shaw caught up with him at a sportsman's night.

Shaw said that Kekovich's attitude in a one-on-one talk situation belied the rebel-rousing image he had as a footballer.

### TOUGH LINE

**THE** Sydney Swans are getting upset at their players — what a turn-around!

The players haven't been paid, don't have a permanent home, don't know who their owners are

So it's no wonder a couple of them went public recently and aired their complaints about the Swans situation.

And now Swans manager Ron Thomas says that his club plans to get tough with players and stop unauthorised comments being given to the media.

### All-Australian team line-up

The All-Australian team announced after the Adelaide Bicentennial carnival was:

Backs: Steve Malaxos (WA), Danny Hughes (SA), Martin Leslie (SA).

Half-backs: Danny Frawley (Vic), Paul Roos (Vic), Greg Whittlesea (SA).

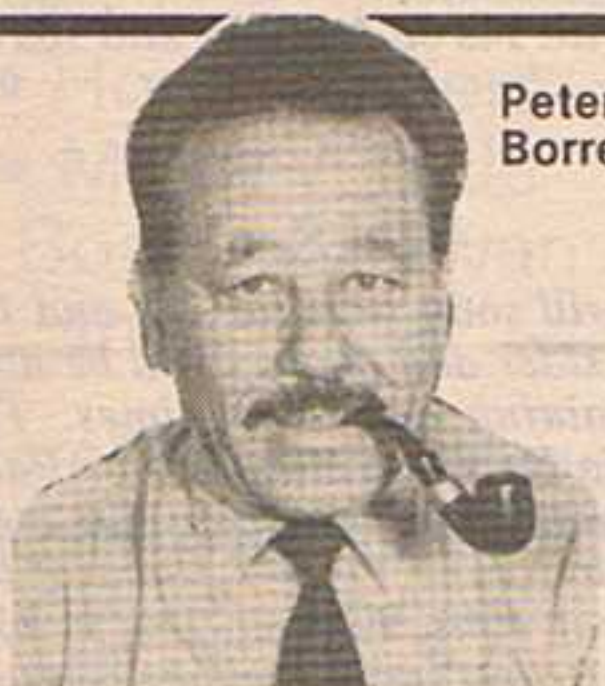
Centres: David Murphy (NSW), Terry Wallace (VFA), Michael McLean (NT).

Half-forwards: Terry Daniher (NSW), Stephen Kernahan (SA), Tony Hall (SA).

Forwards: Dale Weightman (Vic), Paul Salmon (Vic), Bruce Lindner (SA).

Ruck: Simon Madden (Vic), Gerard Healy (Vic), John Platten (SA).

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**PETER** Borrello's renewed Buccaneer of the Year award has had a change of image — but it's still one of the richest football awards in town.

Buccaneer Pools join with Radio 6NR and Westside Football to present a \$1000 gold medalion and \$1000 cash to the Buccaneer of the Year.

This year's award will be based on Westside's unique player-rating system in the WAFL — with every player rated out of 10 votes for his weekly performance.

Last year's Buccaneer of the Year was Claremont's Peter Thorne — the Simpson Medal winner in the Tigers victorious grand final team.



# Kojonup fail in bid

A MOVE by the Kojonup Football Club to join the Southern Districts league has been withdrawn and they will again play in the Central Great Southern Football League.

The opening fixtures of the SDFL on April 10 will put Railways against North Mt Barker, South Mt Barker versus Royals and North Albany meet Denmark.

There are two new league coaches this season.

## COACHES

Katanning player Vince Saunders has taken over at North Mt Barker and Railways will be led by Kim Mayfield. Larry Dwyer (Royals), Rod Walsh (North Albany), Wally Offer (South Mt Barker) and Denmark's Ken Davies have all been retained.

Royals, unbeaten in 1987, have lost three top players — Dion and Adrian Paunich are at South Fremantle and John Gleghorn is trying out with West Perth.

Outstanding utility player Don Nesbitt has been lured back to Royals and is the club's reserves coach. He showed interest in returning to Geraldton after playing in Darwin over the summer.

# to switch

Triple Kleemann Medallist Robbie Sutton is the reserves coach at North Albany and reigning Kleemann Medallist, Doug Rowe, has left Railways and the SDFL.

There have been changes in administration over the summer. John Bray is the SDFL's new president and immediate past president Alan Hamilton has been awarded life membership.

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## Strong recruits for Geraldton

THE Great Northern League has bolstered their playing strength for the 1988 season.

The League celebrated an excellent year in 1987 by dethroning long-reigning Wesfarmers country carnival champions South West and they will take some beating this season.

Recruits like Mick Johns, who will coach Northampton and tough rover Barry Kimberley and big ruckman Steve Matthews will add to their playing strength.

## RAILWAYS BOOST

RAILWAYS, the reigning premiers in the Goldfields league, have been strengthened by the recruiting of East Perth utility player David Morgan.

A dashing defender with 55 league games behind him, Morgan spent all of last season on the sidelines after a knee reconstruction following on from a groin problem.

Morgan joins two former Royals in the Railways camp — captain-coach Wes Coutts and defender Gary Kohlmann.

Coutts, a tough and aggressive ruck-rover in the Goldfields last season, led from the front with his hard-working approach and the premiers came in his second year as coach.

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## NEW SPONSOR

THE Boddington Football Club found an unusual sponsor recently — the Australian Assay Laboratory. The new organisation started operations in Boddington just before Christmas and have quickly made an impact on the small township. Three chemists and 41 local people working as assistants have obtained employment as the laboratory operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The company were eager to become involved in the local community and what better way than to sponsor the Eagles.

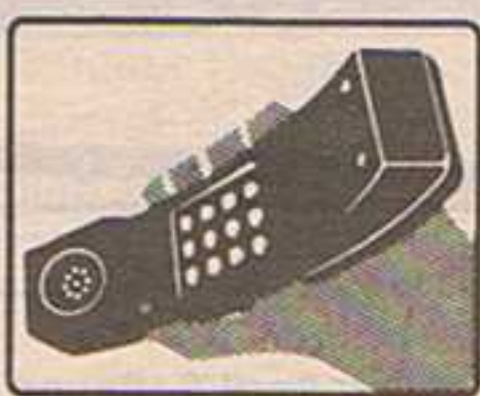
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### SERIES ONE

**MONDAY, APRIL 4 (Round 1)**  
Claremont v Subiaco at Claremont  
South Fremantle v East Perth at Fremantle  
Perth v East Frem. at WACA Ground  
West Perth v Swan Dist. at Leederville.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (Round 2)**  
Subiaco v East Perth at Claremont  
Claremont v Perth at Claremont  
East Fremantle v West Perth at East Fremantle  
Swan Districts v South Fremantle at Bassendean

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 (Round 3)**  
Subiaco v Swan Districts at Subiaco  
East Perth v Claremont at WACA Ground  
West Perth v Perth at Leederville  
East Frem v South Frem. at East Fremantle

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 (Round 4)**  
East Fremantle v Subiaco at Geraldton

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
Swan Districts v East Perth at Bassendean  
Double Header

West Perth v Claremont at WACA Ground  
Perth v South Fremantle at WACA Ground

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (Round 5)**  
Subiaco v Perth at Subiaco  
East Perth v East Fremantle at WACA Ground  
Claremont v Swan Districts at Claremont  
South Fremantle v West Perth at Fremantle

**SATURDAY, MAY 7 (Round 6)**  
West Perth v Subiaco at Leederville  
Perth v East Perth at WACA Ground  
South Fremantle v Claremont at Fremantle  
Swan Districts v East Fremantle at Bassendean

**SATURDAY, MAY 14 (Round 7)**  
Subiaco v South Fremantle at Subiaco  
West Perth v East Perth at Leederville  
Perth v Swan Districts at WACA Ground  
East Fremantle v Claremont at East Fremantle

### SERIES TWO

**SATURDAY, MAY 21 (Round 8)**  
East Fremantle v Subiaco at East Fremantle  
Swan Districts v East Perth at Bassendean  
Perth v South Fremantle at WACA Ground  
Claremont v West Perth at Claremont

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**  
South Aust v West Aust. at Football Park

**SATURDAY, MAY 28 (Round 9)**  
East Perth v Subiaco at WACA Ground  
Claremont v Perth at Claremont  
West Perth v East Fremantle at Leederville  
South Fremantle v Swan Districts at Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4 (Round 10)**  
Subiaco v Swan Districts at Subiaco  
Claremont v East Perth at Claremont  
Perth v West Perth at WACA Ground

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
South Frem. v East Frem. at Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (Round 11)**  
Subiaco v Claremont at Subiaco  
East Perth v South Fremantle at WACA Ground  
East Fremantle v Perth at East Fremantle  
Swan Districts v West Perth at Bassendean

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (Round 12)**  
Subiaco v West Perth at Subiaco  
Perth v East Perth at WACA Ground  
Claremont v South Fremantle at Claremont  
East Frem. v Swan Dist. at East Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (Round 13)**  
Double Header  
Perth v Subiaco at WACA Ground  
East Perth v East Fremantle at WACA Ground  
Swan Districts v Claremont at Bassendean  
West Perth v South Fremantle at Leederville

**SUNDAY, JULY 3 (Round 14)**  
Double Header  
East Fremantle v Claremont at Fremantle  
South Fremantle v Subiaco at Fremantle  
Swan Districts v Perth at Bassendean  
East Perth v West Perth at WACA Ground

**TUESDAY, JULY 5**  
West Aust. v Victoria at Subiaco.

### SERIES THREE

**SATURDAY, JULY 9 (Round 15)**  
Claremont v Subiaco at Claremont  
East Perth v South Fremantle at WACA Ground  
East Fremantle v Perth at East Fremantle  
Swan Districts v West Perth at Bassendean

**SATURDAY, JULY 16 (Round 16)**  
Subiaco v East Perth at Subiaco  
Perth v Claremont at WACA Ground  
West Perth v East Fremantle at Leederville  
South Fremantle v Swan Districts at Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JULY 23 (Round 17)**  
Subiaco v East Fremantle at Subiaco  
East Perth v Swan Districts at WACA Ground  
South Fremantle v Perth at Fremantle  
West Perth v Claremont at Leederville

**SATURDAY, JULY 30 (Round 18)**  
Swan Districts v Subiaco at Bassendean  
East Perth v Claremont at WACA Ground  
West Perth v Perth at Leederville  
East Frem. v South Frem. at East Fremantle

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 (Round 19)**  
Perth v Subiaco at WACA Ground  
East Fremantle v East Perth at East Fremantle  
Claremont v Swan Districts at Claremont  
South Fremantle v West Perth at Fremantle

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 (Round 20)**  
Double Header  
South Fremantle v Claremont at Subiaco  
Subiaco v West Perth at Subiaco  
East Perth v Perth at WACA Ground  
East Fremantle v Swan Districts at East Frem.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 (Round 21)**  
South Fremantle v Subiaco at Fremantle  
West Perth v East Perth at Leederville  
Swan Districts v Perth at Bassendean  
Claremont v East Fremantle at Claremont

**FINALS**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
First Semi Final  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
Second Semi Final  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
Preliminary Final  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
Grand Final



## VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## PROGRAMME OF MATCHES SEASON 1988

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**Round 1 — (April 2, Saturday)**  
Essendon v North Melbourne  
Carlton v Hawthorn  
Geelong v West Coast Eagles  
(April 3, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Collingwood  
(April 4, Monday)  
Footscray v Sydney Swans (P)  
Fitzroy v St. Kilda  
Richmond v Melbourne

**Round 2 — (April 8, Friday)**  
West Coast Eagles v Essendon  
(April 9, Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Richmond (P)  
Collingwood v Fitzroy  
Footscray v Melbourne  
Carlton v Brisbane Bears  
North Melbourne v Geelong  
(April 10, Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v St. Kilda

**Round 3 — (April 16, Saturday)**  
Richmond v Collingwood (P)  
Essendon v Carlton  
Hawthorn v Sydney Swans  
Footscray v Fitzroy  
St. Kilda v North Melbourne  
Melbourne v Geelong  
(April 17, Sunday)  
Bris. Bears v West Coast Eagles

**Round 4 — (April 22, Friday)**  
Melbourne v Brisbane Bears  
(April 23, Saturday)  
North Melbourne v Footscray (P)  
Hawthorn v Fitzroy  
Collingwood v West Coast Eagles  
(April 24, Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Carlton  
(April 25, Monday)  
St. Kilda v Essendon  
Richmond v Geelong

**Round 5 — (April 29, Friday)**  
West Coast Eagles v Footscray  
(April 30, Saturday)  
Carlton v Collingwood (P)  
North Melbourne v Hawthorn  
Fitzroy v Richmond  
Geelong v Essendon  
St. Kilda v Brisbane Bears  
(May 1, Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Melbourne

**Round 6 — (May 6, Friday)**  
North Melbourne v West Coast Eagles  
(May 7, Saturday)  
Collingwood v Hawthorn (P)  
Footscray v Richmond  
Carlton v St. Kilda  
Melbourne v Essendon  
(May 8, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Fitzroy  
Geelong v Sydney Swans

**Round 7 — (May 13, Friday)**  
West Coast Eagles v St. Kilda  
(May 14, Saturday)  
Geelong v Carlton (P)  
Fitzroy v Sydney Swans  
Melbourne v Hawthorn  
Essendon v Collingwood  
(May 15, Sunday)  
Richmond v North Melbourne  
Brisbane Bears v Footscray

**Round 8 — (May 20, Friday)**  
Sydney Swans v Brisbane Bears  
(May 21, Saturday)  
Carlton v North Melbourne (P)  
Fitzroy v Melbourne  
Essendon v Richmond  
Collingwood v Footscray  
(May 22, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Hawthorn  
Geelong v St. Kilda

**Round 9 — (May 27, Friday)**  
Essendon v Brisbane Bears (MCG)  
(May 28, Saturday)  
North Melbourne v Collingwood (P)  
Hawthorn v Footscray  
Richmond v Sydney Swans  
St. Kilda v Melbourne  
Geelong v Fitzroy  
(May 29, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Carlton

**Round 10 — (June 3, Friday)**  
Sydney Swans v Essendon  
(June 4, Saturday)  
St. Kilda v Hawthorn (P)  
Fitzroy v North Melbourne  
Footscray v Carlton  
Collingwood v Melbourne  
(June 5, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Geelong  
Richmond v West Coast Eagles

**Round 11 — (June 10, Friday)**  
Sydney Swans v North Melbourne  
(June 11, Saturday)  
St. Kilda v Footscray (P)  
Carlton v Fitzroy  
(June 12, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Richmond  
(June 13, Monday)  
Melbourne v West Coast Eagles  
Hawthorn v Essendon  
Geelong v Collingwood

**Round 12 — (June 17, Friday)**  
Richmond v Carlton  
(June 18, Saturday)  
Fitzroy v Essendon (P)  
Hawthorn v Brisbane Bears  
Footscray v Geelong  
St. Kilda v Collingwood  
North Melbourne v Melbourne  
(June 19, Sunday)  
Syd. Swans v West Coast Eagles

**Round 13 — (June 25, Saturday)**  
Melbourne v Carlton (P)  
Hawthorn v Geelong  
Essendon v Footscray  
Collingwood v Sydney Swans  
St. Kilda v Richmond  
North Melbourne v Brisbane Bears  
(June 26, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Fitzroy

**Round 14 — (July 1, Friday)**  
Sydney Swans v Richmond  
(July 2, Saturday)  
Fitzroy v North Melbourne (P)  
Carlton v Collingwood  
Footscray v Hawthorn  
Geelong v Melbourne  
Essendon v West Coast Eagles  
(July 3, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v St. Kilda  
(July 5, Tuesday)  
"State of Origin"  
Western Australia v Victoria (Perth)

**Round 15 — (July 9, Saturday)**  
Footscray v Richmond (P)  
Fitzroy v Collingwood  
Melbourne v Sydney Swans  
St. Kilda v Carlton  
(July 10, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Geelong  
Brisbane Bears v Hawthorn  
North Melbourne v Essendon

**Round 16 — (July 15, Friday)**  
West Coast Eagles v Bris. Bears  
(July 16, Saturday)  
Richmond v St. Kilda (P)  
Essendon v Fitzroy  
Melbourne v Collingwood  
Carlton v Geelong  
(July 17, Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Hawthorn  
North Melbourne v Footscray

**Round 17 — (July 22, Friday)**  
Fitzroy v West Coast Eagles (MCG)  
(July 23, Saturday)  
Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)  
Collingwood v North Melbourne  
St. Kilda v Sydney Swans  
Geelong v Footscray  
Carlton v Richmond  
(July 24, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Essendon

**Round 18 — (July 29, Friday)**  
Sydney Swans v Geelong  
(July 30, Saturday)  
Hawthorn v Essendon (P)  
Fitzroy v Carlton

Collingwood v St. Kilda  
North Melbourne v Richmond  
(July 31, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Melbourne  
Footscray v Brisbane Bears

**Round 19 — (August 5, Friday)**  
Collingwood v Bris. Bears (MCG)  
(August 6, Saturday)  
Carlton v Sydney Swans (P)  
Hawthorn v Fitzroy  
Essendon v Geelong  
Footscray v St. Kilda  
Richmond v Melbourne  
(August 7, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v North Melb.

**Round 20 — (August 12, Friday)**  
Richmond v Brisbane Bears  
(August 13, Saturday)  
Collingwood v Essendon (P)  
St. Kilda v West Coast Eagles  
Melbourne v Footscray  
Carlton v North Melbourne  
(August 14, Sunday)  
Sydney Swans v Fitzroy  
Geelong v Hawthorn

**Round 21 — (August 19, Friday)**  
North Melbourne v Sydney Swans  
(August 20, Saturday)  
Hawthorn v St. Kilda (P)  
Essendon v Melbourne  
Fitzroy v Footscray  
Geelong v Richmond  
(August 21, Sunday)  
West Coast Eagles v Collingwood  
Brisbane Bears v Carlton

**Round 22 — (August 26, Friday)**  
Richmond v Fitzroy  
(August 27, Saturday)  
Essendon v St. Kilda (P)  
Collingwood v Geelong  
Hawthorn v North Melbourne  
Melbourne v Carlton  
(August 28, Sunday)  
Brisbane Bears v Sydney Swans  
Footscray v West Coast Eagles

**FINAL SERIES MATCHES:**  
VFL PARK: September 3, 10, 17  
MCG: September 4, 11, 24

**ADMISSION:**  
Club Membership tickets will admit to the 11 matches of each of the clubs which are mentioned first in the programme.

WEST COAST EAGLES

**Saturday, April 2 (Round 1)**  
v Geelong at Geelong

**Friday, April 8 (Round 2)**  
v Essendon at WACA Ground

**Sunday, April 17 (Round 3)**  
v Brisbane Bears at Brisbane

**Saturday, April 23 (Round 4)**  
v Collingwood at MCG

**Friday, April 29 (Round 5)**  
v Footscray at WACA Ground

**Friday, May 6 (Round 6)**  
v North Melbourne at VFL Park

**Friday, May 13 (Round 7)**  
v St Kilda at WACA Ground

**Sunday, May 22 (Round 8)**  
v Hawthorn at Subiaco

**Sunday, May 29 (Round 9)**  
v Carlton at Subiaco

**Sunday, June 5 (Round 10)**  
v Richmond at MCG

**Monday, June 13 (Round 11)**  
v Melbourne at VFL Park

**Sunday, June 19 (Round 12)**  
v Sydney Swans at Sydney

**Sunday, June 26 (Round 13)**  
v Fitzroy at Subiaco

**Saturday, July 2 (Round 14)**  
v Essendon at Essendon

**Sunday, July 10 (Round 15)**  
v Geelong at Subiaco

**Friday, July 15 (Round 16)**  
v Brisbane Bears at WACA Ground

**Friday, July 22 (Round 17)**  
v Fitzroy at MCG

**Sunday, July 31 (Round 18)**  
v Melbourne at Subiaco

**Sunday, August 7 (Round 19)**  
v North Melbourne at Subiaco

**Saturday, August 13 (Round 20)**  
v St Kilda at Moorabin

**Sunday, August 21 (Round 21)**  
v Collingwood at Subiaco

**Sunday, August 28 (Round 22)**  
v Footscray at Footscray



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# NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

## How they won the 1987 premierships

**WAFL**



### GRAND FINALS LEAGUE

CLAREMONT	3.5	11.8	16.3	20.20	140
SUBIACO	2.2	4.3	6.8	10.9	69

GOALS: CLAREMONT: Ralph 4, Thorne 4, Kickett 3, Sutherland 3, O'Connell 2, Goulding 2, Pyke 1, Melesso 1. SUBIACO: Breman 5, Dargie 2, Hutchinson 1, Georgiades 1, Featherby 1.  
 BEST: CLAREMONT: Thorne, Pyke, Beers, Klemm, Sutherland, Ralph. SUBIACO: N. Taylor, Hutchinson, B. Taylor, Breman, Wilkinson, Willet.  
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Grant Vernon, Phil O'Reilly. Subiaco won the toss and kicked to the eastern end. Attendance: 32,340.

### RESERVES

CLAREMONT	1.1	4.3	12.8	19.10	124
EAST FREMANTLE	5.7	10.11	12.12	14.14	98

GOALS: CLAREMONT: James, Ahmat 5, Hutton 3, Court, Passera 2, Cook, Elliot 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Read 4, Moir 3, Baxter 2, Edgar, Gray, Brenton, Sims, Hewitt 1.  
 BEST: CLAREMONT: Hutton, James, Ahmat, Passera, Pollock, Gilbert. EAST FREMANTLE: Cooper, Gray, Annandale, Weber, Read, Baxter.  
 Umpires: Ken O'Driscoll, David Johnson.

### UNDER-19s

EAST FREMANTLE	2.4	6.9	10.11	14.13	97
CLAREMONT	1.5	3.7	4.8	7.12	54

GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Congelton 4, Rowe 3, Bateman 2, Taylor 1, Regan 1, Maclean 1, Thorne 1, Foley 1. CLAREMONT: Burton 2, Yarran 1, Jones 1, Purnell 1, Kickett 1, Dunkeld 1.  
 BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: MacLean, Wolf, Quill. CLAREMONT: McIntosh, Murdoch, D. Kickett.  
 Umpires: Glen Lee, Len Cooper.

### HOW THEY LINED UP

#### CLAREMONT

Backs: Cameron Lewis, John Scott, Peter Owens.  
 Half-backs: Grant Povey, Tony Beers, Guy McKenna.  
 Centres: Mark Hann, Ben Allan, Darren Klemm.  
 Half-forwards: Cam Shepherd, Peter Melesso, Derek Kickett.  
 Full-forwards: David O'Connell, Warren Ralph, Don Pyke.  
 Ruck: Peter Higgins, Gerard Neesham, Peter Thorne.  
 Interchange: Brian Sutherland, Stephen Goulding.

#### SUBIACO

Backs: Rod Willet, Clinton Brown, Brian Taylor.  
 Half-backs: Kevan Sparks, Greg Wilkinson, Andrew Brice.  
 Centres: Greg Carpenter, Neil Taylor, Ian Dargie.  
 Half-forwards: John Georgiades, Karl Langdon, Bret Hutchinson.  
 Full-forwards: Damien Read, Todd Breman, Michael Mort.  
 Rucks: Shane Cocker, Peter Featherby, Glen O'Loughlin.  
 Interchange: Graham Jones, Mick Lee.

### SANFL

NORTHADELAIDE	5.2	11.4	18.5	23.7	145
GLENELG	0.1	1.5	4.7	9.9	63

GOALS — North Adelaide: Parsons 6, Roberts 5, Sims 4, Burton, D. Jarman 3, A. Jarman 2. Glenelg: McDermott, A. Stringer, Carey, Murphy, Salisbury, Hall.  
 Played at Football Park. Umpires: R. Kinnear, N. Thorp. Attendance: 50,617.

### VFL LEAGUE

CARLTON	3.5	6.8	10.11	15.14	104
HAWTHORN	4.2	4.9	7.13	9.17	71

GOALS — Carlton: Kernahan, Bradley 3, Johnston 2, Dorotich, Hunter, Gleeson, Naley, Meldrum, Murphy, McKenzie. Hawthorn: Kennedy 3, DiPierdomenico, G. Dear, Curan, Collins, Pritchard, Platten 1.  
 BEST — Carlton: Rhys-Jones, Johnston, Madden, Glasco, Silvagni, Naley, Alvin. Hawthorn: DiPierdomenico, Langford, Tuck, Ayres, Kennedy, Collins.  
 Played at MCG. Umpires: Ian Robinson, Rohan Sawers. Attendance: 92,764.

### Australian Carnival results

VICTORIA	7.1	9.7	13.11	20.13	(133)
WEST. AUST.	3.1	4.7	8.11	10.13	(73)

GOALS — Victoria: Salmon 7, Roos 4, Osborne 2, Bews, Dalcos, Harris, Healy, Smith, Watson, Williams. WA: Lockyer 4, Dennis, Annear, Buckenara, Glendinning, Spalding, Worsfold.  
 BEST — Victoria: Salmon, Weightman, Williams, Watson, Healy, Mew, Roos, Langford. WA: Lamb, Laidley, Bairstow, Malaxos.  
 All games played at Football Park, Wednesday, March 2.

NSW	4.2	4.3	7.6	10.8	(68)
WA	0.0	3.7	5.7	9.12	(66)

GOALS — NSW: Scott, Thripp 2, Brownless, T. Daniher, Bradmore, O'Donohue, Morwood, Hawke. WA: Buckenara 2, Dean, Wrensted, Lockyer, Bairstow, Richards, Mifka, Scott.  
 BEST — NSW: T. Daniher, Thripp, Murphy, Cody, O'Donohue, Morwood. WA: Mainwaring, Malaxos, Mifka, Buckenara, Laidley, Glendinning.

SA	8.5	10.6	13.8	15.12	(102)
VICTORIA	1.0	3.1	5.6	6.6	(42)

GOALS — SA: Kernahan 6, Platten, Hall 3, Lindner 2, McDermott. Victoria: Morris 2, Salmon, Weightman, Royal, Osborne.  
 BEST — SA: Leslie, Mickan, Platten, McIntosh, Kernahan, McDermott, Bubner, Aish, Hall, Naley. Victoria: Roos, Healy, Silvagni, Madden.  
 All games played at Football Park, Saturday, March 5.

### Premiers over 50 years

Year	Team	Year	Team
1937	East Fremantle	1937	Geelong
1938	Claremont	1938	Carlton
1939	Claremont	1939	Melbourne
1940	Claremont	1940	Melbourne
1941	West Perth	1941	Melbourne
1942	West Perth	1942	Essendon
1943	East Fremantle	1943	Richmond
1944	East Perth	1944	Fitzroy
1945	East Fremantle	1945	Carlton
1946	East Fremantle	1946	Essendon
1947	South Fremantle	1947	Carlton
1948	South Fremantle	1948	Melbourne
1949	West Perth	1949	Essendon
1950	South Fremantle	1950	Essendon
1951	West Perth	1951	Geelong
1952	South Fremantle	1952	Geelong
1953	South Fremantle	1953	Collingwood
1954	South Fremantle	1954	Footscray
1955	Perth	1955	Melbourne
1956	East Perth	1956	Melbourne
1957	East Fremantle	1957	Melbourne
1958	East Perth	1958	Collingwood
1959	East Perth	1959	Melbourne
1960	West Perth	1960	Melbourne
1961	Swan Districts	1961	Hawthorn
1962	Swan Districts	1962	Essendon
1963	Swan Districts	1963	Geelong
1964	Claremont	1964	Melbourne
1965	East Fremantle	1965	Essendon
1966	Perth	1966	St Kilda
1967	Perth	1967	Richmond
1968	Perth	1968	Carlton
1969	West Perth	1969	Richmond
1970	South Fremantle	1970	Carlton
1971	West Perth	1971	Hawthorn
1972	East Perth	1972	Carlton
1973	Subiaco	1973	Richmond
1974	East Fremantle	1974	Richmond
1975	West Perth	1975	Nth. Melbourne
1976	Perth	1976	Hawthorn
1977	Perth	1977	Nth. Melbourne
1978	East Perth	1978	Hawthorn
1979	East Fremantle	1979	Carlton
1980	South Fremantle	1980	Richmond
1981	Claremont	1981	Carlton
1982	Swan Districts	1982	Carlton
1983	Swan Districts	1983	Hawthorn
1984	Swan Districts	1984	Essendon
1985	East Fremantle	1985	Essendon
1986	Subiaco	1986	Hawthorn
1987	Claremont		

## HOW THEY FINISHED

#### WAFL LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	19	1	1	2692	1695	158.82	78
SUBIACO	21	14	6	1	2491	1948	127.87	58
EAST FREMANTLE	21	13	8	-	2599	2090	124.35	52
SWAN DISTRICTS	21	13	8	-	2269	2223	102.06	52
West Perth	21	11	10	-	2244	2250	99.73	44
Perth	21	6	15	-	2023	1473	81.80	24
East Perth	21	4	17	-	1954	2891	67.58	16
South Fremantle	21	3	18	-	2127	2829	75.18	12

#### WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	21	16	5	-	2839	1975	143.75	64
CLAREMONT	21	15	5	1	2240	1820	123.08	62
EAST PERTH	21	14	6	1	2520	1788	140.94	58
SWAN DISTRICTS	21	12	9	-	2348	1971	119.13	48
Perth	21	10	11	-	2084	2265	92.01	40
Subiaco	21	8	13	-	1909	2079	91.82	32
South Fremantle	21	6	15	-	1666	2500	66.64	24
West Perth	21	2	19	-	1589	2797	56.81	8

#### WAFL UNDER 19s TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	21	19	1	1	1989	960	207.18	78
EAST PERTH	21	15	5	1	1600	1119	142.98	62
EAST FREMANTLE	21	16	4	1	1858	1268	146.52	66
WEST PERTH	21	12	9	-	1421	1203	118.12	48
South Fremantle	21	8	13	-	1400	1568	89.28	32
Subiaco	21	5	16	-	1259	1585	79.43	20
Perth	21	4	16	1	1059	1928	54.92	18
Swan Districts	21	3	18	-	1081	1936	55.83	12

#### VFL PREMIERSHIP LADDER

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CARLTON	22	18	4	-	2599	1883	138.0	72
HAWTHORN	22	17	5	-	2781	1891	147.1	68
SYDNEY SWANS	22	15	7	-	2846	2197	129.5	60
N. MELBOURNE	22	13	8	1	2402	2417	99.4	54
MELBOURNE	22	12	10	-	2189	2026	108.0	48
Geelong	22	11	10	1	2355	2348	100.3	46
Footscray	22	11	10	1	1959	2046	95.7	46
W.C. Eagles	22	11	11	-	2386	2438	97.9	44
Essendon	22	9	12	1	2075	2318	89.5	38
St Kilda	22	9	13	-	2150	2369	90.7	36
Fitzroy	22	8	14	-	2328	2544	91.5	32
Collingwood	22	7	15	-	1853	2425	76.4	28
Brisbane	22	6	16	-	2113	2666	79.3	24
Richmond	22	5	17	-	2199	2667	82.5	20

#### SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

Team	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
NORTHADEL	19	3	-	2515	1846	57.67	38
PORTADEL	15	7	-	2280	2042	52.75	30
NORWOOD	14	8	-	2425	1998	54.83	28
GLENELG	12	10	-	2502	2117	54.17	24
WOODVILLE	12	10	-	2240	2409	48.18	24
West Torrens	10	12	-	2160	2069	51.08	20
West Adelaide	10	12	-	2350	2466	48.78	20
Cent District	7	15	-	2121	2555	45.36	14
Sturt	6	16	-	2139	2500	46.11	12
South Adelaide	5	17	-	1798	2550	41.35	10

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