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Beware Bombers! Eagles under new attack

by

HARVEY DEEGAN

THE Bombers are coming to town — and the West Coast Eagles mission is to catch a Big Fish.

Essendon, the VFL glamour team of just a few years back, are on the revival trail and the Eagles are in their sights at the WACA Ground this Friday night.

Eagles coach, John Todd, fresh from his morale-boosting sock-it-to-'em victory over Geelong in Victoria last week, is out to nail the Bombers' biggest fish — giant Paul Salmon.

Todd has insisted that he will line-up his side to suit the opposition each week — and therefore the No. 1 priority for the Eagles on Friday is containing the brilliant goal-hungry Salmon.

Salmon has started the season in sparkling form — kicking seven goals straight against North Melbourne last week.

That would have been a meritorious performance for any full-forward. But consider that he played most of the second and final quarters at centre-half-forward and did the bulk of the ruck work in the second term.

Salmon has happy memories of the WACA Ground. In a sensational performance on July 3 last year the "Fish" helped himself to 11 goals — more than half of Essendon's total.

Keene's challenge

Tagging Salmon is not an enviable task. But someone has to do it and that man is Laurie Keene.

Certainly Keene is short of match practice, but he did get through the game between Subiaco and Claremont on Monday unscathed and he must be rushed back into the Eagles 20.

Keene can match Salmon in height and pace. If the Bombers' midfielders are put under enough pressure to prevent them delivering the ball to Salmon's fast leads, Essendon will have to look elsewhere for their goalkickers.

The other area that must be of concern to Todd is the roving department.

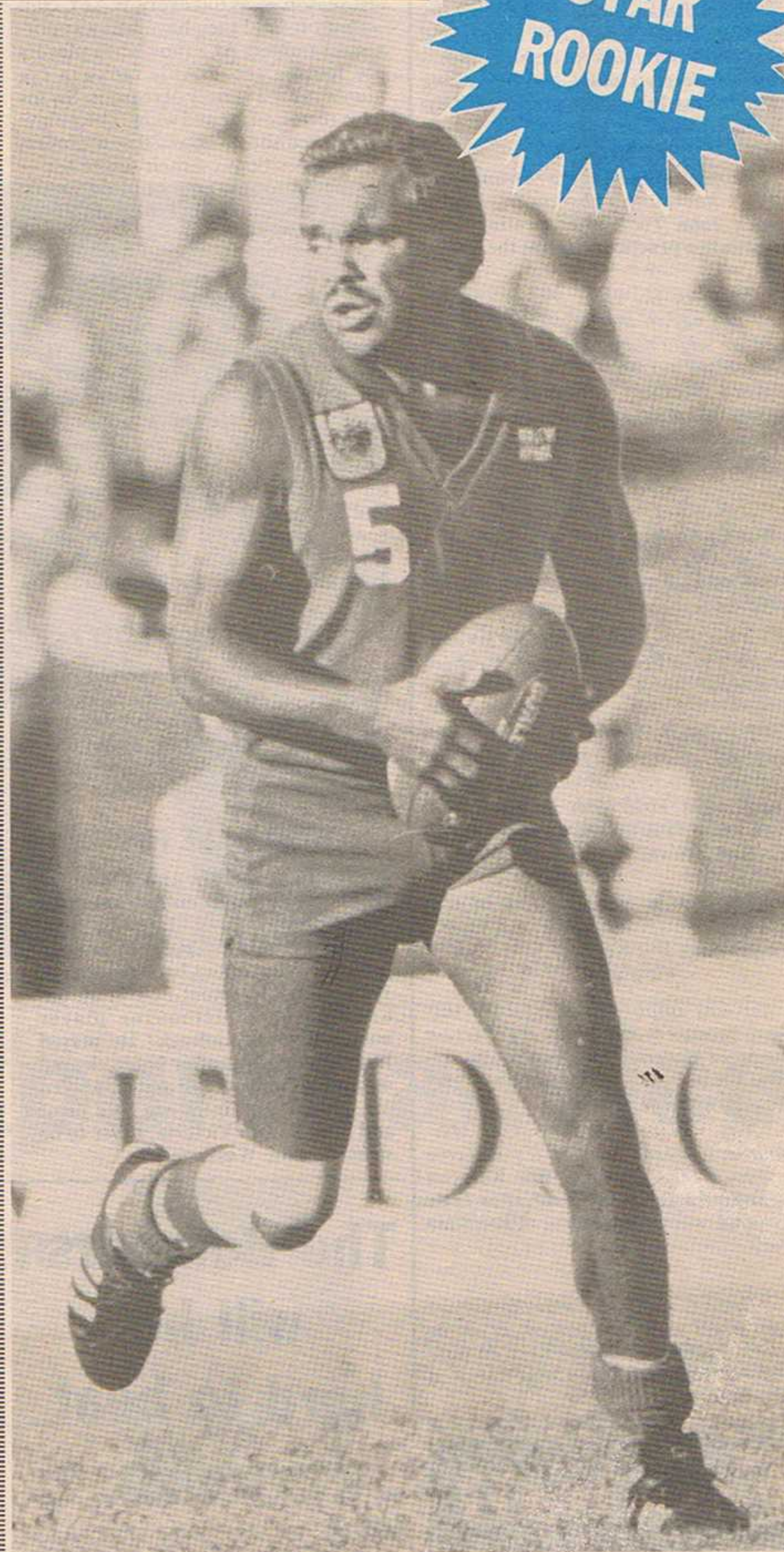
Alan Ezard, Darren Williams and West Perth recruit Darren Bewick picked up 73 possessions between them last week.

Bombers' coach Kevin Sheedy was strong in his praise of his charges last week and was moved to remark that "pride had returned to Windy Hill".

Essendon showed signs of developing into the same awesome combinations of the mid-80s when they won back-to-back premierships in 1984 and 1985.

Pride is what football is all about and the West Coast Eagles had theirs badly wounded when Salmon tore them apart nine months ago.

That memory can be erased this Friday and establish the Eagles as genuine finals contenders.



A touch of magic

Krakouer-type magic has arrived at West Perth in the form of Bencubbin rover Lindsay Henry.

The pocket-sized Aboriginal dazzled the crowd and his opponents at Leederville Oval on Monday in an exciting debut in the WAFL.

Henry booted four goals and picked up many possessions in a display which would have gladdened the heart of all Falcons supporters.

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What they said...

"An Eagles team and a country side would create a lot more interest in our football." Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton calling for two more teams in the WAFL next season.

"I've been pleased with the players attitude, especially considering the money they are being paid." South Fremantle coach Stan Magro.

"We are in a much better position than we were 12 months ago, in terms of overall stability within the Club." East Perth coach Gerard McNeill.

"Brian Peake is one of the most decorated players in the club's history and he is entitled to think he deserves more. But we simply cannot pay his asking price." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer.

"People were saying we're wimps and didn't have any substance." Eagles coach John Todd after beating Melbourne in a practice match at the MCG.

"None of the eight league coaches had any say in the Eagles recruitment and we might not agree that the players chosen are our best." Claremont coach Gerard Neesham criticising a WAFL ruling that clubs must play their Eagles representatives when they are available.

"It has not been easy, but we are pleased with the response we have had." Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr on a reported \$1.5 million in sponsorship for 1988.

"A lot of emphasis is being placed on youth." East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose.

"I sincerely regret my indiscretion and apologise to Rod Brown and also to the West Australian public." Eagles coach John Todd after an altercation with radio 6PR Football Forum panelist Rod Brown.

"The incident was the culmination of a heated and spirited verbal exchange." Eagles chief Bill Kerr.

"It was important to resolve this thing because it could have an effect on the other players." East Fremantle veteran Brian Peake after resolving a pay dispute with the Sharks.

"Any win is a good win in Melbourne, it doesn't matter if it's on a cow paddock." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on punishment for John Todd after their 21-point win over Geelong at Kardinia Park.

"There is a thought that the players themselves may sit in judgement on the coach." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on punishment for John Todd over the Rod Brown 6PR incident.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES

BIG PROFITS

SWAN Districts might have had a rather poor year on the financial front last season — as did every WAFL club — but off-field they have had an enormous summer. At a time when players are leaving the WAFL ranks in big numbers for a variety of reasons, Swans have recruited far and wide. Their player balance sheet shows 20 new players chasing positions on their senior list — compared to just nine on their departure list — and that includes four Eagles players.

BACK IN BUSINESS

FORMER East Perth tough guy Jim Haines certainly has a thick skin. He's had plenty of tough jobs in football, on and off the field and he's never wilted under pressure. He's back in business at Perth Oval this year as chairman of selectors in what will be a tough season for the Royals. The former East Perth and South Melbourne player, one time general manager of the Royals and a committee man as well, has never been far from Lotons in his football career.

SWANS HISTORY

SWAN Districts still have copies of the excellent video on their club history "The Swan — 50 Years On". Members (and others) who like to reminisce in football history should make this a must for their football library.

WHAT'S THE FUSS?

THERE seems to be a lot of fuss over nothing when it comes to selecting Eagles players in WAFL teams. Some coaches claim it will upset their team balance. What about back on May 3, 1980 when Claremont flew in an unknown North Melbourne player named Roger Podolczak? He played just the one game after being cleared on the morning of the match, kicked 4.1, helped the Tigers win by a point and flew back to Victoria, never to be sighted in the West again!

ROSCO KNEW!

THERE'S no doubt about that Ross Glendinning; Eagles skipper and marketing man for the West Coasters! He knows his footy. At the launch for the TAB's Footo betting last week, compere Trevor Jenkins (once of racing fame) held a phantom call of a match between a team of WA greats and some Victorian past champions. People at the launch were invited to submit a betting ticket picking the winner and the margin and when Jenkins called the thrilling finish to leave WA two points in front (naturally) guess who had one of the winning tickets? Well, Rosco was in the team, so he should have known.

FOOTO FLAVOUR

THE TAB certainly do things in style — apart from taking our money, that is! At the official launch last week for Footo, the gambling game on local and interstate football, the TAB had its marketing men and women out in force — almost outnumbering the media. They were all decked out in club coloured scarves with Racing and Gaming Minister Pam Beggs going one better — wearing an East Perth guernsey.

MEDIA LINE-UP

THE Football Media Guild has elected Geoff Christian, the former chief football writer for *The West Australian*, as a life member. Christian was the foundation president of the Guild in 1980 and has recently retired from full-time sports writing after more than 30 years service. Another recently retired West man in photographer Todge Campbell was elected to serve his second year as president, with former ABC chief Arthur Povah as treasurer and Lew Nathan as secretary. Peter Poat (Sunday Times) was elected vice-president with Gary Stocks (West), Dave Adams (6PR), Tony Carr (6KY) and Ron McDonald (West) joining the committee.



The going can get tough even for umpires.

THE RESTING PLACE

VETERAN Subiaco man-of-many-years Peter Featherby has filled some tough roles in his 300-plus senior games. But last Monday he found himself playing at full-forward for the Lions. But then that's not all so strange — his father Brian was a pretty handy full-forward back in his football days.

BINGO BUS

EAST Perth are turning on a free Bingo Bus every Tuesday for members who like to play with their eyes down! The special bus goes from Perth Oval to WA's biggest bingo centre in Guildford Road, Bayswater and return. Inquiries to Liz at the club on 328 7900.

The Bombers will be hard to beat

DON'T get too carried away with the Eagles win over Geelong last Saturday!

The four points will make things a lot easier in the Eagles final-five intentions. But the frightening significance of the day was when Channel Seven switched to Princes Park for the 1987 grand final replay between Carlton and Hawthorn.

The difference in pace and standard at the Kardinia Park game and then at my old stamping ground in Carlton, was like switching from a reserves match to a league game.

Carlton and Hawthorn are the length of Flinders Street station ahead of the others.

And along with Essendon and probably Melbourne, last year's grand finalists are the sides to beat for VFL honours this year.

The Eagles will be in the race for a spot in the five with Fitzroy, the Bears, Collingwood and maybe St Kilda.

Any four points away can't be sniggered at and coach John Todd will have been delighted with the first-up win.

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



But the honeymoon will be short-lived and the Eagles face a real danger game this Friday.

Essendon have too many big guns for the Eagles and after that awesome show the Bombers put on at the WACA last year, when big fish Paul Salmon booted 11 goals, they should take the bacon back to Windy Hill.

TALKING of VFL footy, Princes Park and premierships points is the sort of fairytale memories that I had hoped to relive this year. But fortunately it has all turned into more of a nightmare.

In five years since returning from Carlton to Lathlain Park, I have put together just 20 league games.

Injury has been the major reason for my less-than-impressive game tally, but I think I must own up to the fact that my attitude hasn't been exactly what it takes to play top footy.

It's something that now, at 29, I can

probably reflect on better than when I was 25.

There's no doubt that I came back to Perth expecting things to be a little easier than it really was.

I had four top years with Carlton and copped things pretty easy.

The success was great — two premierships, State-of-Origin teams, the lot. But it is important for any youngster to get things into perspective quickly and realise that it takes a lot of concentrated effort to stay at the top.

But I've decided to take a month off and try to get the ankle and the enthusiasm right and look at the possibility of playing later this year.

In the meantime, I'll be on the outside preparing to become one of the well-informed critics from the other side of the fence.

They tell me you become an even better judge after you've retired!

Maybe I'm about to find out if that's true.

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Swans — where to from here?

THERE were some very bad signs for Swan Districts on Monday at Leederville Oval.

It wasn't so much that they were beaten by 84 points, but the manner in which they went under.

Coach Ed Blackaby could not have put it better: "We were beaten in every position on the ground."

"It wasn't a case of the players not trying, we were simply outgunned," he said.

The problems started in the ruck where Bob de Graaf and Jamie O'Donohue were fighting out of their division against Andrew Purser and Craig Nelson.

That in no way implies a lack of ability of the Swans' pair. But between them they have played fewer than 10 games. But worse still, when Swans did get the tap, they were carved to pieces



by
Harvey Deegan

by a ruthless brigade of Falcon midfielders.

Blackaby is a realist and a thinker. Top priority this week is for him to try to impress on his players the need to work harder in the middle of the ground.

Blackaby was also disappointed at the way the ball was delivered.

"We have to lengthen our game," he says. "We went too short, content to

Carved to pieces by ruthless Falcons

take the first lead on offer instead of looking for alternatives."

Centre-half-forward is also a real problem and Blackaby says he is looking very seriously at using O'Donohue there. The South Bunbury recruit, who played only one league game last year, has a strong pair of hands and is quite mobile for a big man. He does need plenty of practice at kicking for goal, though, as those at Leederville on Monday will remember.

One player who was firing before a

hamstring injury restricted his movements was Andy Holmes, who looks set for a bumper season.

Holmes is determination itself.

Teaching commitments in the country mean he has to travel from Beverley twice a week.

Down the track there are some bright signs.

Steve Bazzo has pulled on Don Langsford's old No. 11 jumper and moves well enough to suggest he will cement a permanent place in the Swans league side.

Consistency

Mark Quinlivan, Austin Ietto and Stuart Stevens are reserves players on whom Ed Blackaby is relying to develop into consistently good performers, but he has headaches ahead with 'boom' recruit Kernut Thorne.

Blackaby says: "I told Thorne he had built a rod for his own back when he kicked 10 goals in a pre-season game. Now everyone expects him to do the same every week."

Thorne may well develop into a very good player, but he has not adjusted to the tempo of league football and will need several weeks in the reserves before Blackaby and the Swan Districts selectors give him another chance.

Big men Jim Buckley and Alan Sidebottom appeared in the reserves last week and their inclusion at league level should help in the big man department.

Another acid test confronts the black and whites this Saturday when the all-conquering South Fremantle visit Bassetdean.

"We'll just have to work harder than South Fremantle," said Blackaby. "I'm sure the players will make a special commitment to mark captain Peter Ware's 100th league game."



It's all gloom and doom on the Swans bench last Monday. . . with coach Ed Blackaby on the right.

Heed the experts advice

THE decision by WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey to ask Claremont coach Gerard Neesham to explain his comments regarding the selection of Eagles was a concerning move.

This sort of action against coaches needs to be queried.

Certainly comments on umpires must be limited, but matters regarding rules, etc, need comment from people of the calibre of Gerard.

Neesham doesn't need a school boy summons to see the principal, he needs to be consulted and have access to information and the opportunity to comment before he reads a "fait accompli" in his morning paper.

I'm sure Gerard will continue to pick the best side available to him each week.

This will include Eagles players returning from the VFL tired or recovering after injury. Those who are resuming after injury may have to play reserves football first, if they have been out a number of weeks.

While on the subject of Eagles in the WAFL competition, Graham Melrose was the subject of unfair criticism in '87 over the non-selection of Murray Wrensted in the East Fremantle league team.

Often when coaching, you must not let on about a player's injury or his injury may become a target for the opposition.

Murray had problems with a dislocated shoulder in round 9, which could have seen him miss the rest of the '87 season if it was operated on.

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By **RON ALEXANDER**



He chose to tough it out, but had difficulty raising his arm and he had little confidence that his shoulder would stand solid buffeting.

His subsequent relocation to the WAFL was a formality because of this severe problem.

Melrose had little alternative but to play Wrensted in the reserves.

But he was unable to defend his selections because this would have put Murray's shoulder at greater risk.

Wrensted had an operation on his shoulder the week after the season finished!

THE Eagles win at Geelong was certainly the way to start the year.

The backline contributed greatly to the success.

Michael Brennan, Mark Zanotti, Geoff Miles, Dean Turner, Andrew Lockyer, Paul Peos and Guy McKenna were a solid unit which gave little away and used the ball well to direct counter attacks.

If these players maintain their fitness they are going to make it very difficult

for opposition sides to amass a winning score.

With the Eagles likely to play in the finals, it raises the question of where should they be played.

In basketball, if you finish on top you get to play two out of three on your home soil, a just reward for the position you worked hard to get.

If the Eagles finish fourth, the elimination final must be played in Perth, otherwise they will have no reward for finishing above their opposition who have finished 5th.

The sides outside Melbourne must show a bit of backbone and insist on a system that rewards sides finishing high on the ladder.

IT was good to see Sean King bounce back from the disappointment of being dropped from the Eagles.

He played superbly in the opening game and looks set for a fine season.

Sean worked extremely hard in '87.

He really took to the weight training and put on many kilos of muscle, which of course gives him extra power to perform. He did four and sometimes five sessions a week.

Another West Perth player that does a fine job is Gavin Wake. He transferred from East Fremantle at the start of '87 and West Perth soon realised his value by making him deputy vice captain.

He really is a talented player who kicks to a team-mate everytime and never shirks an issue.

He backs his team-mates to the hilt, and woe betide the opposition that treats a West Perth player unfairly.

Back in '85, Gavin was late for a Sunday morning training. His excuse was he hadn't heard the alarm (I had heard that once or twice before).

So the following Monday I gave him a nice big expensive alarm clock with bells on either side of it.

Gavin thought I was a really generous coach, and wasn't late for training again.

He wasn't quite sure what to think at the end of the year when he was reading the deductions from his pay.

GREAT to see people turn out to the local football, there's obviously still a few people who have enough get up and go to drag themselves away from the sedative known as television.

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



SCIO PLAYER PROFILES



**JOHN
GASTEV**



FAVOURITE POSITION: Rover
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 11/8/64 Wagin
HEIGHT: 179cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg
RECRUITED FROM: West Perth
FIRST PLAYED: 1984
GAMES PLAYED: Eagles 13, West Perth 56
MARTIAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 3 brothers
OCCUPATION: Photolithographer
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Tuart Hill
CAR: Commodore
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Tennis, cricket
FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood
FAVOURITE DRINK: Water
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Joan Armatrading
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Trevor Jones

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Bali
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Joyking Restaurant
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Cosby Show
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Scarface
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Wynne
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Don Bradman
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Relax and injury
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing and injury
BIGGEST THRILL: Selection in Eagles
NICKNAME: Gasta
FAVOURITE GROUND: Leederville
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To win next game



**Cam
Shepherd**



Full Name: Cam Shepherd.
Nickname: Shep. **Why:** Shortening surname.
Date of Birth: 9/6/61. **Place of Birth:** Kellerberrin, WA.
Height: 181cm. **Weight:** 12 stone.
Age Started Playing: 6.
Previous Club/s: Perth/Scotch College.
Junior Club: City Beach.
Martial Status: Married to Shauna.
Children: Mac (18 months).
Residence: Claremont.
Occupation: Business proprietor.
Place of Work: Claremont Tableware.
Other Sporting Interests: Horseracing, golf, cricket.
Favourite Position: Centre/Ruck-rover. **First Position:** Ruck-rover.
League Debut: 1979. **Versus:** South Fremantle.

YOUR FAVOURITES:

Actor: George C. Scott. **Drink:** Beer, Red Wine.
TV Show: MASH. **Food:** Scallops, Calamari, Mussels, Oysters etc.
Movie: Patton.
Music: Dire Straits, Spandau Ballet.
Holiday Resort: London and Europe.
Ground: Lathlain Park.
Your Car: Ford Fairmont. **Your Favourite Car:** Jaguar XJ6.
Career Highlights: Claremont 1987 premiership state squad 1982; Perth Fairest and Best 1983.
Worst Moment in Football: Dislocating ankle practice match 1984.
Hard Things in Football: Training Monday and Wednesday nights; pre-season training.
Football Idols: None.
Toughest Opponent: Alan Johnson.
Most Respected Opponent: Leon Baker.
Most Respected Umpires: Mike Ball, David Johnson.
Most Memorable Game: 1987 grand final.
Ambitions: State selection.
What do you like about Football: Winning, camaraderie of teammates and coaches.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: General clear-minded thought.
Who Influenced Your Career: Gordon Shepherd (father).
Guernsey Number: 3.
Superstitions: None.
Worst injury: Dislocation of ankle in 1984.
Luckiest Break: Moving to Claremont.



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Peter Ware (Swan Dist) 99

150 GAMES

Clinton Brown (Subiaco) 146
John Scott (Claremont) 146*
Craig Edwards (South Frem) 145*
** Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: John Scott 63 Claremont, 73 East Perth; Craig Edwards 62 South Fremantle, 73 East Perth.*

200 GAMES

Gerard Neesham (Claremont) 198*
Andrew Purser (West Perth) 198*
Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196
Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 190
** Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: Gerard Neesham 130 Claremont, 79 East Fremantle, 97 Swan Districts, 9 Sydney Swans; Andrew Purser 112 Footscray, 85 East Fremantle, 1 West Perth.*

250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 240*
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 229
** Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Maurice Rioli 118 Richmond, 122 South Fremantle.*

300 GAMES

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

350 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 331*
** Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Peter Featherby 42 Footscray, 93 Geelong, 196 Subiaco.*

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VERBAL BARBS

STILL with that infamous 6PR panel show. There was no shortage of inflammatory comments in the opening show at Mandurah's Peninsular Hotel. Take a couple of these for example — Percy Johnson about Rod Brown: "What would a former club administrator know about football," or John Todd: "Your State coaching record in the past few years hasn't been too good, I hope you're good enough for the Eagles."

PRESS PUZZLE

AS usual, the media were blamed for the confusion over whether WAFL clubs were "being ordered" to include Eagles players in their teams or whether it was a "recommendation". Eagles coach John Todd blamed the media for causing the confusion, claiming the Eagles weren't issuing an order. "It was misinterpreted," Todd said — which is what he did with the word itself as he referred to the very complicated, wordy and totally confusing press release.

COACHES COICE

RADIO 6PR have launched a \$1000 Player-of-the-Year award with a difference — the winner will be selected by the eight WAFL coaches. Each week the coaches will vote on a 3-2-1 system for the best players in the opposing side. The award was organised by 6PR's football "brains trust" Ron Lucas and is sure to attract interest throughout the season.

TOUGH TIMES

JUST harping back to the big 6PR stoush down at Mandurah, John K. Watts and Percy Johnson were both impressed with the backhander dished out by the Eagles coach John Todd to the mouthpiece of Rod Brown. JK reckoned it was like old times on the footy field and Percy immediately related a Jack Sheedy story! The incident certainly took everyone by surprise, but listeners to the Saturday replay didn't hear much about it. The 6PR technicians had turned off the microphones in front of Brown and Todd immediately prior to the incident as their conversation was becoming a bit heated. To the credit of both protagonists, they finished off the show — fairly demure in their comments and almost being nice to each other!

ROOKIE RADIO

STILL in the land of electronic media, rookie radio 6NR have turned the tables on their only commercial rivals this year, 6PR, when it comes to covering the Eagles. Last year 6PR (and 6IX) sent their commentators to Victoria for the Eagles games, but this year only 6NR are doing that with their sports director Peter Vlahos (the only soccer commentator to be transferred to football) calling the shots in Victoria. He is helped by Sydney-based former Perth personality Allan (Chubby) Stiles and Ken Piesse, the nation's most versatile cricket-football comments man.

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NOW WE'RE REALLY WONDERING!!

FOR many years those of us who are avid followers of the Radio 6PR Football Forum panel show have often wondered just how serious some of the taunting is between panellists. Now we know! When Eagles coach John Todd whacked former West Perth president Rod Brown in the mouth at the opening show last Friday, we knew they weren't joking. The verbal jousting between people like compere Garry Carvolth, the volatile Percy Johnson and Todd has been prevalent in the past and bigger and louder things were promised for this year with the addition of Brown to the panel. If, perchance, it was a stage-managed act to get the crowd back to the Friday pub-time show, then it's certainly going to work!

FOOTO FLICKED

THE TAB turned on a pretty impressive launch last Wednesday for their Footo betting — but it couldn't have impressed the boys from *The West Australian*. The introduction of football betting didn't rate a line in Thursday's West.

TOUGH GOING

THERE were a few sore bodies around town on Tuesday with the footy action finally getting under way for real. Perth team-mates Adrian Barich and Joe Santostefano will need to kiss and make up next time they see each other after a head-on collision at the WACA Ground. Santostefano left the ground in a rather dazed state, but returned after apparently having a neatly gashed head patched up. East Fremantle's Ray Sterrett doesn't remember too much of his first game for '88 after the shirt-front from Perth's Gavin Whittington. And even the umpires felt the pace — under 19s field umpire Adam Binks had trouble seeing out the Perth-East Fremantle game when the heat got to him.

CAREFUL KEN

NOW, my 1988 New Year resolution was to go easy on fellow members of the media and not put the barb in too deeply. But I shuddered when listening to one of my favourite commentators, Ken Armstrong, on 6WF before Monday's WAFL games. Talking about the mighty Tigers he was commenting on the "Pykes, Hanns and Allans" in the Claremont camp. Now Ken, as far as we know, there is only one Pyke, one Hann and one Allan. Keep it simple, pal!

GOOD COMPARISON

THE little story that Eagles rookie Guy McKenna related about his mate John Annear is worth airing in print. He said that veteran Eagles teammate John Annear had given him some good advice about making the transition from WAFL to VFL action. "It's like playing snooker on a normal sized table and then coming back to your lounge-room," he said. "The balls are the same size, just there's a little less room to move around in."

POOR ROYALS!

IT'S hard to get a unanimous verdict on any topic in football — except maybe picking the team to finish last in the WAFL this year. All six critics in our esteemed morning newspaper, *The West Australian*, opted for the Royals in the basement in their season preview on Monday. Thankfully, the Sunday Times line-up a week earlier saw two of the seven critics (Ray Wilson and Peter Sweeney, for the record) elevate East Perth to seventh, giving Perth the wooden spoon. We'll keep tabs on all of their predictions.



David O'Connell... caught short.

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By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Falcons will be a force to deal with

VERY ordinary pre-season form has let West Perth slip under the guard of a lot of WAFL critics.

While one game does not make a season, the Falcons showed against Swan Districts on Monday they should play a very big hand in this year's premiership race.

Last year they were the flop of the season.

So there will be sceptics who will be asking: Will the same happen again this year?

The Falcons have tended to promise a lot in recent years but failed to deliver the goods.

The fact they have the longest premiership drought in the competition, not having won the flag since 1975, would indicate they are due for a change.

Playing talent

Any good judges of football would not have dismissed the Falcons so easily this season.

A look at the playing talent at the club indicated the skills were there, even though they took some drubbings in pre-season matches.

But pre-season form has tended to be unpredictable in assessing this year's chances in the WAFL.

The way Claremont blitzed the competition last year was also an indication they would be hard to topple from top



Falcons coach Bruce Monteath.

spot this season, despite an indifferent warm-up to the season.

It has been shown in recent years that the best way to evaluate form for the coming season is to stick with most of the sides that made the top four the previous year.

It may not exactly be the case this year as at least two teams who didn't make the finals last season, West Perth and South Fremantle, look as though they will have a big influence on the competition.

Souths are really flying high. They did the same in early matches last year but it would be a brave person who would say they will fall in a hole again this year.

Chopping block

Unfortunately East Perth look as though they could again be chopping block this year.

The interesting side is East Fremantle.

A lot of critics tended to neglect them in pre-season top-four predictions so it will be interesting to see if they can make them eat their words.

It is good to see the WAFL received such strong support in the opening fixtures but if it is to capitalise on its good attendance start then the matches will need to be a lot tighter than on Monday.

Apart from the East Fremantle-West Perth game on Saturday there is not a great deal to interest spectators.

It will be a different story if Swans can roll South Fremantle at Bassen-dean, which has been a notorious graveyard for the port team and Perth can give Claremont a run for their money.

Given the drain of top players to the Eagles and the increasing raids by SANFL clubs, the WAFL is in good shape player wise.

It is indicative of the top players this State continues to nurture.

Bombers are now the target



VFL PREVIEW:



by

GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian

THE West Coast Eagles made a few people eat some Turkey Pie last week — myself included — and this Friday at the WACA Ground they have a great chance to capitalise their flying start when they play Essendon.

Victory on Friday would give them a magnificent boost as they set their sights on a place in the VFL final five.

The doubters were shown last Saturday at Kardinia Park that this Eagles team has the capacity to make the five and they need to consolidate on Friday night against a team which seems to enjoy playing against the Eagles.

The 21-point victory over Geelong last Saturday came at a time when the odds seemed stacked against the Eagles. They were restricted to just 24 fit men to choose from and their record in Melbourne last year was poor.

To beat a side as highly as the Cats was a tribute to the fighting qualities in the team, and it must also go a long way towards breaking down the psychological barriers about winning on the east coast.

Winners

But it could be wasted if they cannot double-up against Essendon on Friday night. The Bombers were also big first-round winners over North Melbourne, so the match in Perth will attract plenty of attention.

You don't need to be Einstein to work out that the Eagles must curb Tassie Medallist Paul Salmon if they are to emerge with four valuable premiership points.

He kicked 11 goals in a night match at the WACA Ground last year and in March was the man who did most to destroy a WA team with large Eagles player contingent at the Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide.

And coach John Todd will spend plenty of time selecting the correct opponent for the towering forward, who stands at 208cm and when he puts his arms up to full stretch he can mark the ball nearly three metres from the ground.

He is almost impossible to beat in a man-to-man contest. Apart from his height advantage, he is also fast and has exceptional skill and agility.



Glenn Hawker... dangerman for the Eagles.

So the only way to nullify his effect is to have enormous pressure placed on his midfield team-mates, making it difficult for them to deliver the ball accurately.

Geoff Miles looms as Salmon's likely opponent, simply because he is one of the best spoilers in the Eagles squad and is a tough competitor with the ability to leap.

But the midfield pressure must come from players like Murray Wrensted, Steve Malaxos, Dwayne Lamb and Chris Mainwaring — players who did their part in restricting the influence of Bruce Lindner and Gary Ablett last Saturday.

Impressive

The Bombers were impressive 62-point winners over North Melbourne last Saturday and with a National Panasonic Cup victory over the Eagles already this season, they will look confidently to their Perth visit.

Apart from Salmon, the Bombers have champions in the form of ruckman Simon Madden, midfielders Tim Watson, Mark Harvey, Alan Ezard and young West Perth recruit Darren Bewick, who has settled in well at his new club.

The Eagles had an impressive home-town record last season and if they can continue that form in Perth, they will be hard to keep out of the finals.

They must surely appreciate the opportunity of home-ground support in comparison to the deathly silence which greets goals kicked on Melbourne turf.

The Eagles were most impressive last week and with the prospect of several players returning to fitness this week, competition for a place in the team will be tight.

Certainly newcomers Guy McKenna and Karl Langdon made impressive debuts against the Cats and should retain their places in the team.



LES'S LYRICS

Former Claremont and State champion **LES MUMME** has a different look at football.

Lucky, lucky Rod Brown!

The show has just begun
It appeared to be the same
As all the panel members
Discussed next Saturday's game.

But when Rodney had his turn,
He came down hard on Toddy,
Causing the Eagles chief,
To whack him on the nobby.

Watts's jaw dropped open,
Even Percy was struck dumb.
Said Gary — the unflappable chairman,
"Good Heavens! — What's to come?"

As the chaos settled
Toddy was heard to hiss
"You're amongst men now, Rod."
Boardrooms were never like this.

But Rod you've been lucky
You're not one of Toddy's foes.
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**King aims
to prove
a point**

OVER the years football has proven it is wise to be wary of a player ready to prove a point.

And West Perth utility player Sean King was in that frame of mind on Monday against Swan Districts.

The West Coast Eagles reject was in devastating form against Swans and was the man who did most to sink the opposition.

This week, the Falcons face another test of endurance — this time against East Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval and again King and his midfield mates hold the key to the contest.

The Sharks were not convincing winners over Perth last Monday but this is another ball game and it is at East Fremantle Oval. The Sharks are always tougher to beat down there.

King, Craig Turley, Peter Menaglio and Lindsay Henry were exceptional players in the West Perth midfield last Monday when they completely outplayed Swans and they will need to reproduce that form.

VFL HOPE

Though dropped from the Eagles squad, King will be anxious for a big season in the WAFL to ensure he is listed on the draft which will be announced later in the year.

He has not given up the hope of continuing his VFL career.

The Falcons demolished their pre-season reputation in one foul swoop and have emerged, after just one game, as one of the teams to beat in the premiership race.

East Fremantle will again rely on veteran Brian Peake, who paved the way to victory on Monday.

Peake showed he is still one of league football's most intelligent and constructive players with a solid performance. He was supported by Neil Lester-Smith, Lance Durack and Shane Ellis.

Durack faces an important task on Saturday when he competes against Andrew Purser and Craig Nelson in the ruck. And that contest could be the difference between victory and defeat.



Stephen Edgar... all smiles after a Sharks victory.



Tigers star Peter Melesso... a key big man.

Frustrations for Wiley

PERTH coach Robert Wiley must have had nightmares about the shots at goal his team missed in last week's opening round against East Fremantle.

They effectively kicked themselves out of the game when they produced 5.15 in the second half. Goal kicking was the order of training during the week and Wiley will be hoping for greater accuracy on Saturday.

The Demons can ill-afford to be off target when they play Claremont at Claremont Oval.

The Tigers were devastating against Subiaco on the opening day and Perth will not be able to afford the luxury of unforced errors against the WAFL trendsetters.

The Tigers were damaging midfield where their young stars Don Pyke and Ben Allan combined with experienced campaigners Cam Shepherd to put Subiaco out of business.

As well their close-knit defence made scoring difficult for the Lions.

A measure of the quality of their defensive work was that Todd Breman was held score-less.

Perth will look to rover Mark Watson, wingman Allen Daniels and utility players Joe Santostefano and Adrian Barich to again set the example for the young players in the team.

Travelling to Bassendean Oval is always a daunting task and South Fremantle must meet their second challenge of the season against Swan Districts on that turf.

The Bulldogs comfortably doused the East Perth fire on opening day and Swans were big losers against West Perth.

But this contest could be exciting.

Swans are much harder to beat on their home ground and the humiliating first-up performance will encourage them to bigger things on Saturday.

Subiaco should open their account when they play East Perth at league headquarters.

Though the Lions were disappointing last Saturday, improvement can be expected and they should be too strong for the Royals.



OUR EXPERTS SELECT

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Subi v E. Perth	Claremont v Perth	E. Frem v W. Perth	Swans v S. Frem	Eagles v Essendon
RON ALEXANDER	3	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	4	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	2	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Essendon
DENNIS COMETTI	3	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	1	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
HARVEY DEEGAN	3	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	4	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	2	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	3	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	3	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	3	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
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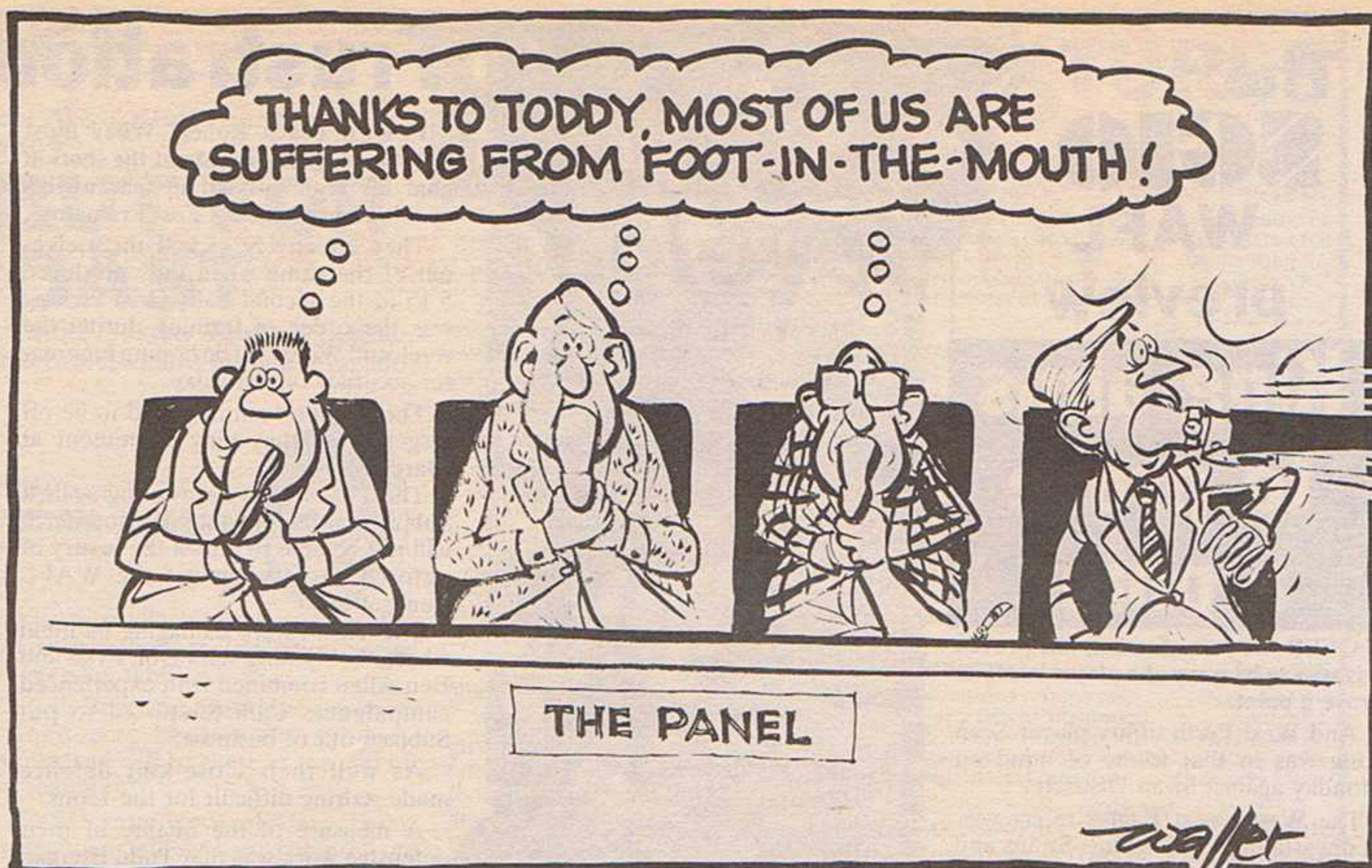
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If you know of a deserving football worker who should be featured in our PIBS Personality, then drop us a line... we'll examine the credentials of everybody in our search for the top person or '88.



THE PANEL

CABLE TO NARROGIN

TRIPLE Sandover Medallist Barry Cable will return to his home town of Narrogin this Sunday to help conduct coaching clinics.

The former champion rover and undoubtedly Narrogin's greatest football product, will be visiting his home town for the first time in many years.

Now the assistant coach of the West

Coast Eagles, Cable will be part of a Football Development Trust program that will run coaching clinics for juniors in various country areas.

The clinic will be held between 9am and 11am on the Narrogin High School oval and will also serve as a registration day for junior footballers.

Narrogin will stage a Level 1 coach-

ing, umpiring and administration course over this weekend as part of the FDT's campaign to have all junior football coaches gain accreditation by the end of this year.

Cable played with the Narrogin Imperials team before leaving the town in 1961 to make his mark with Perth in the WAFL and then North Melbourne

HEAVY-HANDED

Eagles demand is too severe

THE demands of the WAFL last week for local clubs to use Eagles players when available highlights the need for Perth's VFL club to develop a reserves team.

Naturally, that is impossible at the moment — they had trouble finding 20 fit players from their 35-man squad to play against Geelong last Saturday.

But the current situation cannot go on forever.

Eventually the Eagles must increase their numbers to 50 and come in line with other VFL clubs.

They will then either field their reserves team in the WAFL or in the VFL and that it is the only way to solve the current problem.

Naturally the Eagles want their players available for all training sessions and the WAFL clubs desire the players at domestic training sessions when they are going to return to local club action.

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EVERYONE involved in football realises there are problems integrating the right formula and balance between the West Coast Eagles and the WAFL.

And while the WAFL made some moves in the right direction with their decisions announced last week, there was one area for particular concern.

I agree with the policy of allowing Eagles players to compete in the WAFL finals series if they have played six local games, but no more than 14 Eagles games during the year.

However, to force the WAFL coaches to use Eagles players when they become available is a little absurd.

I can appreciate the point of view of the WAFL commissioners who want the best players available running out in WAFL games each week. That can only help the attendances and maintain interest in the domestic competition.

But what about the WAFL coaches, who build a unit within the playing group available to them? They would a side capable of winning matches from players who train at the club every week and are contracted to their club.

To have a player come back can, in certain circumstances, throw team balance out.

TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS
of the West Australian



Say, for instance, that the East Fremantle defensive unit is working strongly. John O'Sullivan is in great form at centre-half-back, Bryce Forman, David Rankin and Lance Durack are in touch in the last line of defence and the flanks have been occupied with success by Jon Derecourt and Tim Gepp.

Then Michael Brennan, for one reason or another, misses selection with the Eagles and is available for the Sharks.

East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose is extremely happy with the work of his defensive players and can't slot Brennan into his starting line-up. He has also been using his ruckmen off the interchange and a young player from the reserves deserves promotion, but Melrose wants to ease him onto the action off the interchange bench.

Melrose can't find room for Brennan, but because of a WAFL ruling, he must include the Eagles contracted player in the East Fremantle team.

Melrose, in this hypothetical situation, should have the right to decide who he has in his team.

Under most circumstances, the coaches would welcome the return of Eagles players.

They can only assist the development of young players within the WAFL and 99.9 per cent of the time will assist in the victory plans of their WAFL club.

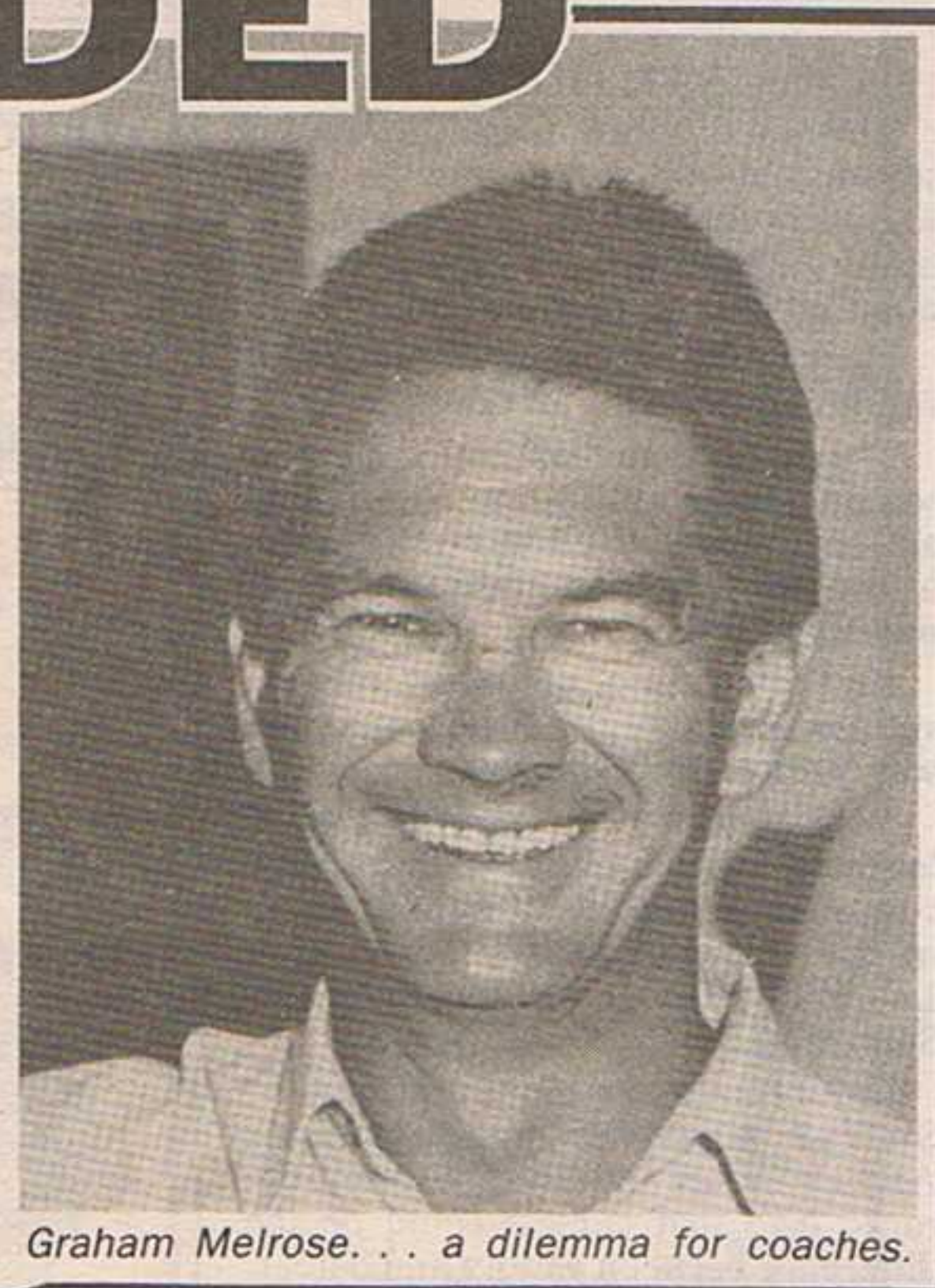
There will never be a 100 per cent solution to this problem until there is an Eagles reserves team.

And coming up with the correct formula is not an easy task. But coaches should be given the opportunity to select the team they want.

The problem could also arise at finals time.

A young player could miss valuable practice in the lead-up to the finals because the WAFL has ruled that Eagles players must be selected in their WAFL teams.

Perhaps that Eagles player can't qualify for the finals



Graham Melrose... a dilemma for coaches.

— as was the problem faced by Murray Wrensted last year.

The only exception to the rule is the return of injured Eagles to playing action.

But the clubs must take their case to WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey and explain why an Eagle player cannot represent his domestic club.

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IT was good to see East Fremantle and Brian Peake sort out their contractual differences before the start of the season.

That unsatisfactory situation had all the makings of upsetting the Sharks' drive at a place in the top four if it remained unresolved for too long.

Peake is too good a player to be left in that situation and is a key man in East Fremantle's plans to return as a power in the WAFL.

Now Peake can get on with what he enjoys most — playing the game.

Let's hope the champion Shark can concentrate on surpassing the club record set by another great East Fremantle identity Con Regan.



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MEN OF CHARACTER

Todd develops new desire

CIG Shield takes on a bigger role

THE 1988 season will see the continued development of the secondary school year 8, 9 and 10 CIG Shield along with the introduction of the Quit Cup for 1st XVIII teams from both government and non-government secondary schools.

These two football competitions have been enthusiastically received by all students along with their teachers.

Football owes a great deal of thanks to school teachers for their involvement in the promotion of our great game.

Their commitment to coach and coordinate the schools' football teams is not part of their job requirements.

Football has to take its place alongside all other sports that youth can play.

No one sport has a "right" to be played.

Football will always remain a high priority in schools due to the "band" of special teachers throughout our schools.

Teachers who have a great love of the game and realise the tremendous influence it can have upon young people's fitness, skill and even more importantly, ability to work as a team for a common goal.

These football coaches have an enormous responsibility, not to just the game's future but also the future of communities living together under common rules and values.

Football teaches young people discipline for life.

The 1988 secondary school football competitions, will be the biggest in the history of our great game.

WATCHING the Eagles versus Geelong game I couldn't help but notice the Eagles commitment to work hard on their opponents' bodies.

Fierce tackling, strong shepherding and committed chasing were the key ingredients in their historic win.

All players were prepared to do the "little things" that are the difference between success and failure in football's highest competition.

Their commitment was magnificent.

To get a true commitment to hard work, you must have a hard core of players with that over-used football word "character".

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



This character that can be best described as honesty with players not making excuses, not looking for the easy way out and never breaking the team rules on or off the field.

Some players have these qualities in their personality while others can only obtain them if they are surrounded by men with character.

It spreads like a disease.



Michael O'Connell... was inspirational against his father John's old VFL club.

The team starts to discipline itself, it doesn't rely on the coach or administrators.

Peer pressure at any level works wonders and when that peer pressure comes from men of character, the foundations for a great team are formed.

Last year, being their first, the Eagles didn't have enough men of character when their backs were against the wall and things weren't going easy.

Saturday's game saw the men of character, Phil Scott, Guy McKenna, John Worsfold, Dwayne Lamb, Michael O'Connell, Geoff Miles, Michael Brennan and Steve Malaxos to mention a few, accept the odds and refuse to surrender.

The players I have mentioned don't generally receive great media praise, but their honesty is infectious.

Steve Malaxos and Dwayne Lamb epitomise what great teams are made of. They have few peers as men of character on the field.

Watching them tackle, chase, cover, create and never say die is a highlight to all juniors, in fact any player in our great game.

Teal Cup hopefuls look good

LAST Monday, while watching players eligible for the 1988 Teal Cup, I saw a magnificent colts game.

The hand and foot skills displayed by the young Lions and Tigers was exceptional for so early in the season.

In a low-scoring game, the most notable aspect was the tremendous commitment to pressure applied by both teams.

Fierce body work, with committed chasing made the game one of the hardest colts games I have seen for years.

Both coaches in Larry Kickett and Eddie Pitter would have been extremely pleased with their team's first-up display.

The game further convinced me, that unnecessary on-field abuse towards umpires and player violence, can be stopped by the coach.

Players in both teams were not allowed to do anything that was against the team's pursuit of victory.

Any undisciplined acts were jumped on by the coaches who continually stressed the need to "work hard for the ball".

With this approach to our game, the umpire becomes less conspicuous and blends into the game.

He doesn't have to put up with the added frustration of team supporters criticising his decisions.

The coach is the key to the future of our game. His teachings set the standards by which the game will be played in the future.

At a period of our game's history, when supporters are not following like they used to, creating the image and the spectacle that made Australian Football unique is the responsibility of every person connected with football, from junior to senior level.

Last Monday's colt game was the example to parents of why their children should play Australian Football.

Well done Tigers and Lions.

Draft just another Victoria dodge

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN



A SENIOR Victorian administrator commented recently that if the VFL wasn't in control of the national competition, the South Australians would have been in it like a flash.

If this is true — and I somehow feel it might be — then I support the South Australians.

They obviously feel that a national competition should be run by a national body. If it were, then the ultimate rivalry between the States would produce the very best in fully-fledged battles between parochial-minded States trying to gain a club dominance.

It is coming home to the Victorians that the thousands of dollars spent on importing champions from the other States might have been better spent on fostering their own juniors.

The recent national championships pointed out, yet again, that the Vics are nowhere near the power they once were when they could field the best of their imported talent.

State-of-Origin football has brought them crashing back to earth and their 10-goal drubbing at the hands of the South Aussies will make the VFL work harder to enforce the draft system.

Once it is in place, it will have no bearing on "State-of-Origin" clashes,

but it will have a big bearing on the strength of the VFL competition.

The Vics desperately need an avenue by which they can gain access to interstate talent.

They can see the like of the Eagles syphoning off the best in WA and they know that it won't be long before their clubs, starved of top-notch imports, will feel the brunt of the interstate onslaught.

It infuriates me that we are prepared to sit back and let them feed off us without so much as a whimper.

WA should tell the Vics that we are not interested in shoring up their pride of self-indulgence and that we take exception to them having the gall to expect us to give them a pick of any of our youngsters at any time.

If I had my way, I would throw all of WA's resources behind the Croweaters and tell Victoria that if they want to play interstate football, then it's "them against us".

If they want a good footballer, they should be forced to cultivate one from within their own ranks and stop trying to procure them by dealing off the bottom of the deck.

This draft dodge is only a way of

procuring good players at a minimal cost.

SA have no intention of becoming a satellite of the VFL and neither should WA.

The WAFL should move immediately to keep our best footballers in this State and let Victoria do what they like with the rest.

If we cut them out of the cream, they will pretty soon lose all interest in the draft system; but would more than likely come up with some other ruse to take its place.

The snag that they will hit with the draft is that many true-blue West and South Australian youngsters will throw their loyalty behind their homes States.

What will happen when some kid tells the VFL that he has no intention of living in Melbourne and that his goal is to line up with the Eagles — regardless of the draft.

All Victorian innovations are centred on keeping their 12 clubs as the heart of Aussie Rules and it is time that we came out fighting. The draft should be one of the first things to go.

IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star
Sandover Medallist and league coach



THE season might be just one week old, but look down the track some 20 weeks and you'll find that Claremont will be outright favourites for back-to-back premierships.

Last Monday's systematic demolition of Subiaco — whose form will improve — was superb.

Led by coach Gerard Neesham, the architect, Claremont's method, technique and general disposal of the football was too much for the opposition.

Even with severe player loss from their premiership team, Claremont has sufficient depth and versatility in their playing strength to maintain top rating.

When you consider the talent of young prime movers like Ben Allan (best on ground last week), Don Pyke, Brian Sutherland, Grant Povey and others, the club is well set for the future.

ATWELL DECISION IS WELCOMED

THE appointment of Mal Atwell as chairman of selectors to the Eagles is a good one.

His record as a player and coach is outstanding and he is never a man to side-step an issue or mince his words.

Atwell will provide positive input and plenty of straight talking to the position.

If one looks at the coaching and selection staff at the Eagles helm, John Todd, Barry Cable, Graham Farmer and now Atwell, it provides us with four of the biggest names synonymous with WA and interstate football spanning nearly four decades.

THAT MAN SALMON MUST BE STOPPED

THE Eagles have a great opportunity to go two up this Friday night when they clash with Essendon.

In the last two outings against Essendon, Paul Salmon has proved to be the bogey man.

In my opinion, they only have a choice of two players to use on him, captain Ross Glendinning or Laurie Keene. I wouldn't be surprised to see big Laurie back in action at fullback this week!

MCKENNA IMPRESSIVE

GUY McKenna's performance first up for the Eagles against Geelong last week was just what I would expect — it looked a mere formality.

From day one when McKenna made his league debut at 16 years of age, he



Peter Thorne... Claremont danger man.

Tigers still team to beat

has shown great composure, assuredness and, of course, football talent beyond his years.

Now 2½ years down the track, with interstate selection and a premiership team in 1987, he is in the VFL at 18.

He is a player with strong character and specific goals for success in his football.

While it is only just one game, McKenna will make his mark in VFL ranks and it will not be restricted to a back pocket.

I was also impressed with Karl Langdon's debut. He started quietly but improved as the game went on.

His strong aggressive and hard running football up forward provided plenty of opportunities.

RULE CHANGES

THE introduction of a 50 metre penalty this season instead of 15 metre for players indiscretions is a good move.

In the past couple of seasons, some coaches and players have consistently abused the 15 metre penalty to hold up play.

I certainly don't see a problem with adjustment by most players.

The Eagles/Geelong game saw players control that situation and the umpires did accordingly, only one 50 metre penalty was given.

My only reservation is that the umpires use their common sense implementing the rule, especially in tight situations both on the field and scoreboard.

Souths end their long losing streak

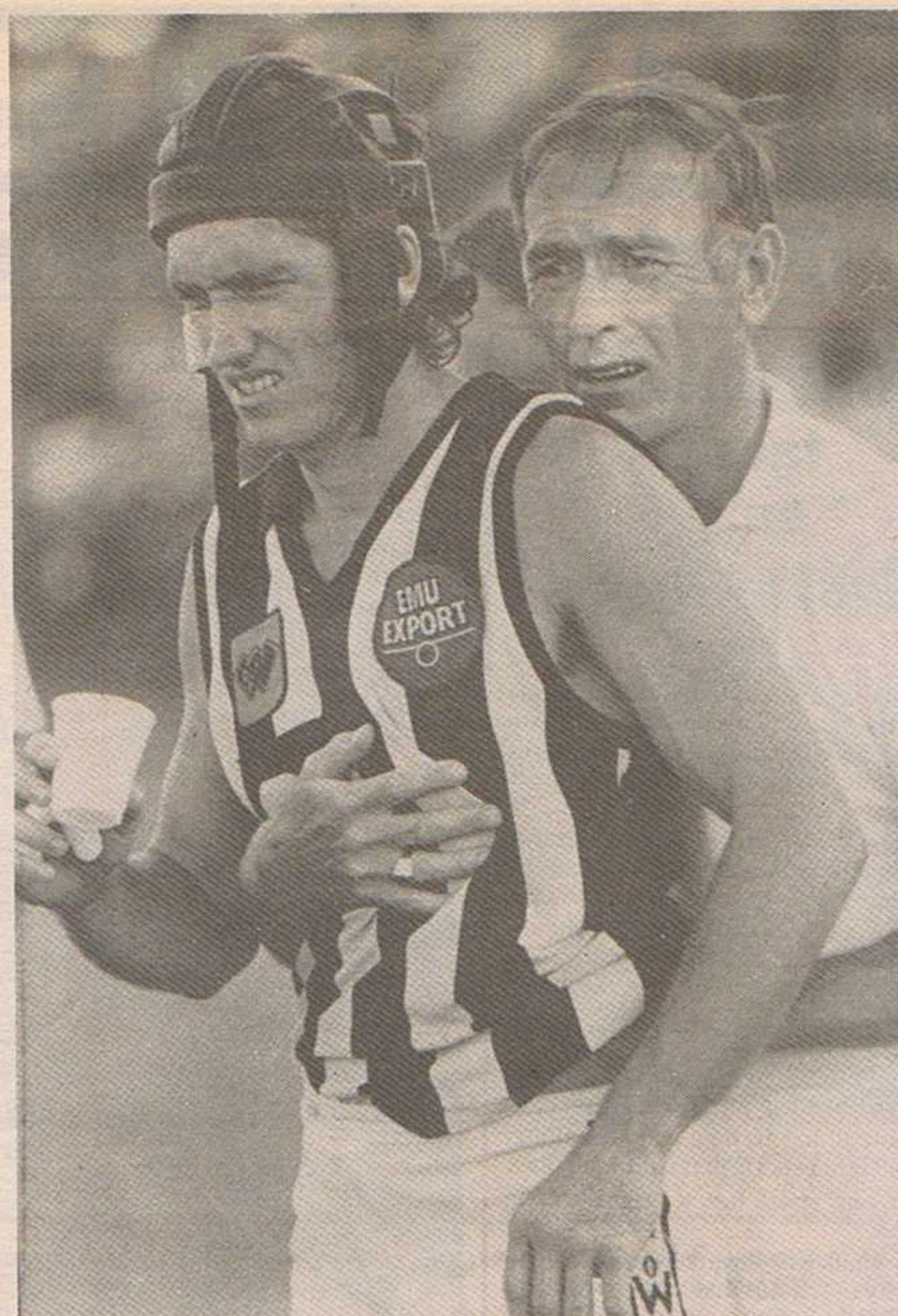
SOUTH FREMANTLE ended their longest run of outs in senior football last week when they beat East Perth at Fremantle Oval ... after 18 successive defeats.

This only applies to senior football, because in the under-19 competition in the war years of 1943 and 1944 the Bulldogs lost 24 straight and lost the first game in 1945 before beating South Perth at Fremantle.

That win sparked a revival which saw South Fremantle enjoy the most successful period of any league club in Australia.

From that round two victory over the Royals, they won 152 games out of their next 200.

THE two oldest clubs in the league, West Perth and East Fremantle, meet this week for the 296th time (Sharks 143 wins, Falcons 127).



IN AGONY... that's Swans rover Don Holmes.

FIRST-UP WOES FRUSTRATE WILEY

ROB Wiley has played many top games without too many worries, but last Saturday, as non-playing coach, would have been a very frustrating day for him.

First-up he would have felt the frustration all coaches go through seeing the mistakes being made on the field and unable to do much about them.

The Demons were never far out of the game, but silly mistakes at critical times, bad shooting for goal and leaving players unguarded proved costly.

Overall, it was a reasonable first up effort.

When the experienced players play four quarters and lead the way for the younger ones, it will be brighter coaching days ahead for Wiley.

At the same time, it was a good win to Graham Melrose and East Fremantle as first-up wins are a boost to all clubs.

IDLE HANDS

EIGHT statisticians are now out of work due to a lack of sponsorship. For the past six seasons the stats men, dressed in their colourful red jumpers, have kept readers in touch with players activities on the field. Football sponsorship, which seems to now support the Eagles, forgetting the local competition, has seen the service suspended. The stats men will now have to hang up their jumpers and put away their pens.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian
DAVE CLEMENT



What is remarkable about these games is that only once has a player kicked a double figure goal tally.

This was back in 1938, when West Perth's Ted Tyson booted 10 out of his side's 14 and they still lost by two points.

The most goals kicked by an East Fremantle player against West Perth is nine, by Con Regan in the 1962 preliminary final and Kevin Taylor in 1979.

(There is 212 occasions when a player has kicked 10 or more goals in the WAFL).

FOR the second time in as many games Claremont are involved in another milestone game.

Last Monday it was Subiaco chasing their 100th win against the Tigers, this week it's Perth.

Ironically both went to Claremont oval with the same track record, two wins on that ground in the last 10 years.

THE late Deverick (Mick) Cronin would not have agreed with a story by the Hood last week when he related how East Perth's Ned Bull, in an effort to motivate this year's team, declared that they came from last to win the 1956 flag.

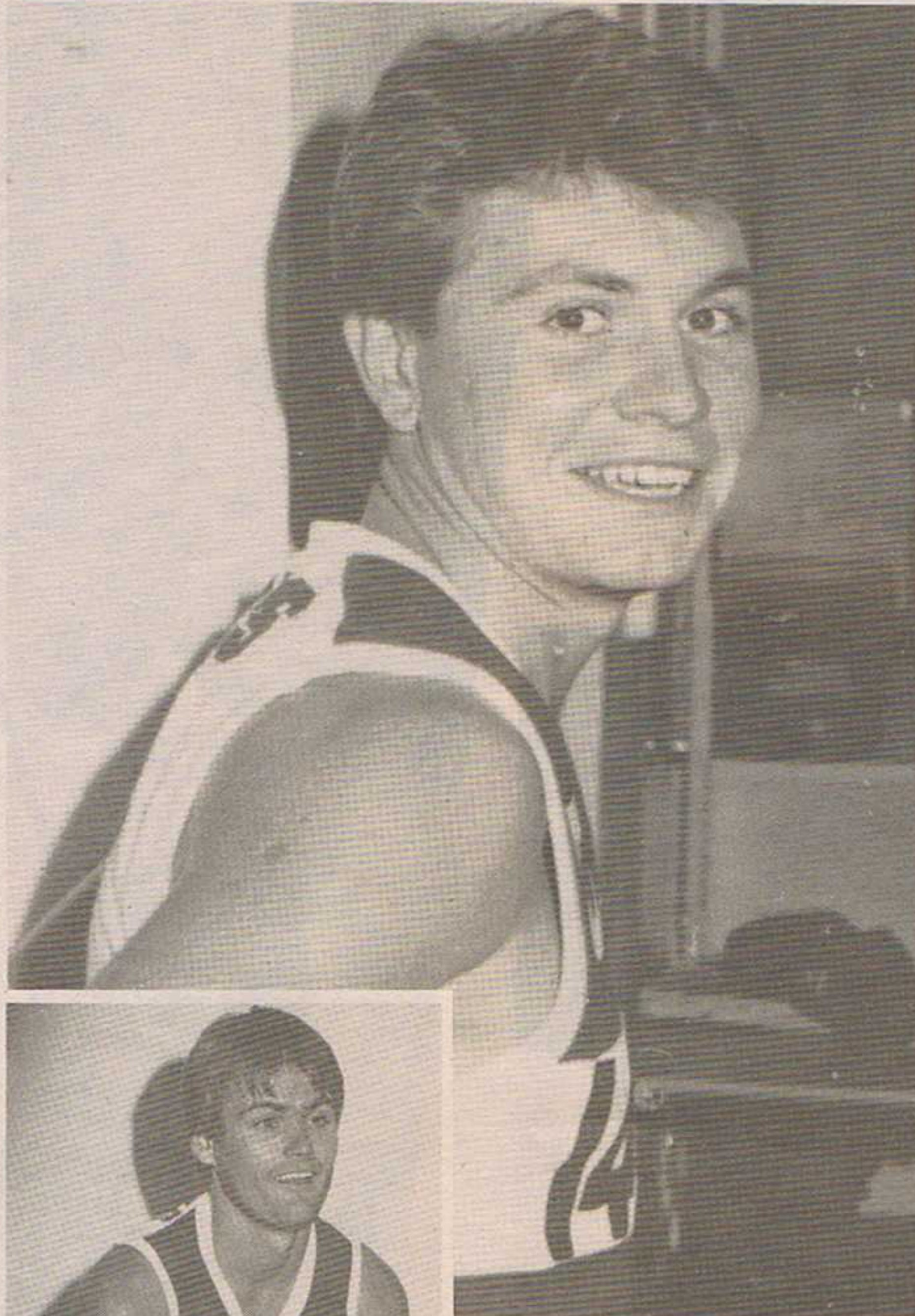
It was 1955 when Cronin last coached the Royals and though they won only seven games that year, they did actually finish fifth.

For the record, from last place to premiers has happened four times — Swan Districts 1961, Claremont 1964, South Fremantle 1970 and West Perth 1975.

FLASHBACK ... ON THIS ROUND ...

In 1953 Bernie Naylor, of South Fremantle, kicked 18 goals against Subiaco on his way to a league record of 167. (Naylor got 7 and 23 more at subsequent meetings that year against the Lions).

THE SHARK PACK



Eric Cooper. . . Geraldton product.

Matthew Brennan. . . brother's footsteps.

THE abundance of promising young players at East Fremantle should stand the Sharks in good stead in the near future.

Like Subiaco, the Sharks have been fortunate with their junior area for the past decade, reaping a string of top class league footballers.

Peter Wilson (Lynwood) and Paul Harding (Riverton) are currently making names for themselves in the VFL, Chris Waterman (Rossmoyne) has joined the Eagles, while Ray Sterrett (Lynwood), John O'Sullivan (Rossmoyne), Neil Lester-Smith (Ardross), Mark Amaranti (Melville), and Stephen Edgar (Melville) are established Shark players.

KNOW YOUR CLUB

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



Plenty of young talent on way up

West Coast Eagle Michael Brennan also graduated from local ranks and younger brother Mathew is following in his brother's footsteps.

Young Brennan, 18, looks and moves like his illustrious brother, but possesses a better kick with his deadly left foot.

A popular figure with his teammates, young Matti is sure to play his share of games in league ranks as a strong half-back.

EARLY STAR

Brennan emerged as the early star of East Fremantle's pre-season, though he was more than matched by thin wingman David Rowe.

A left-footer like his former colts teammate Brennan, Rowe shows he has a great football brain and reads the play beautifully.

He should be a handy acquisition with the loss of regular wingman Billy Jones through injury and veteran Leigh Brenton to Carey Park.

Possibly the most skilful of the budding young players is former Thornlie junior Peter Quill.

The 18-year-old can kick equally well with either foot and has a noticeable turn of speed.

In his first outing at league level in the Sharks first practise match against Claremont, Quill showed the initiative of a veteran and booted a running goal that any player would have been proud of.

Coach Graham Melrose has experimented with two other under 19's in Clinton Wolf and Andrew Foley in tandem in several practise games.

Foley is big and mean and shows a liking for the ball when around goals.

All he appears to need is an experienced side-kick to learn from and gain a little experience for himself.

Wolf is very much in the same boat.

He is a tireless worker and if he can overcome his nerves before a game, is sure to push for a league berth with the relative dearth of big men in Sharkland.

Thornlie has been a handy little acquisition for the Sharks.

Two of Quill's teammates from the Sunday League club's undefeated colts team of 1986 are also pushing for league berths.

Big Sean Jones can play almost any key position on the ground and his graduation to league ranks is considered a matter of time.

Jones was an outstanding schoolboy footballer who also represented Australia at under age baseball.

Stewart Glewis is the other teenage teammate who has been blooded during the pre-season.

In fact, the Sharks league list of 35 contains 19 new faces from last season.

While the Sharks were reluctant to go recruiting this season, they have still picked up several good players from the country and the Eastern States.

Ruckman Roy Cassetti is probably the biggest name to arrive at East Fremantle Oval.

He rucked for the Northern Territory at the Bicentennial championships in Adelaide last month and impressed Melrose in a semi-final for St Mary's several weeks ago.

A lack of true rovers saw the Sharks quickly sign West Torrens' Shane Pill early in their preparation.

Pill missed all of last season through injury and a dispute with his club, but has slotted in well with the blue and whites.

GOOD PROGRESS

He started like a fish out of water in his first up practise effort against Claremont, although Sharks officials are very happy with the progress that he has made in recent weeks.

Bradley Rowe is a highly rated 18-year-old rover from East Fremantle's highly productive Geraldton zone.

Rowe has been recommended to the club by different former Geraldton players for several years and his progress will be closely monitored.

Rowe has played against another country recruit, Mullewa's Revis Ryder.

Ryder has had an interrupted pre-season, but could eventually catch plenty of attention.

Only just over six feet tall, Ryder rucked for premiers Mullewa last season and was a sensation around the ground.

With his agility and skills, he could be used in a variety of positions by the Sharks, although he is especially being considered as a tall wingman.

The blue and whites have also gained a robust ruck-rover in Steven Grace, who walked into the club unannounced from Glenorchy.

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HOME OF THE EAGLES

Bombers on the way back up

THE VFL season may only be one week old, but Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has good reason to believe that his Bombers are heading back to the top.

Essendon produced a powerhouse performance to crush North Melbourne by 13 goals, helped along with an 11-goal opening term.

"Pride has returned to Windy Hill," said the Bombers coach.

"It's good to have a side who want to play good football after such a pathetic year in 1987.

"As I've said over the last couple of weeks, we will be a good side because we've got a good blend of youth and experience and our senior players are performing well.

"I was impressed with their enthusiasm and that was something we lacked last year."

The Bombers summer recruiting looked to have paid dividends with WA's Darren Bewick showing plenty of dash and skill in a 17-kick performance.

GEELONG'S BOGEY

IT seems as though Hawthorn, the scourge of many VFL teams in recent years, are going to be Geelong's bogey.

It was the power of the mighty Hawks that blasted Geelong's finals aspirations last season, just when the Cats were looking a real final-five threat.

And then it was Hawthorn again who shattered Geelong's 25-year dream of a premiership celebration when they snatched victory in the dying minutes of the National Panasonic night championship.

Most of the impressive Saturday-night crowd of 35,803 people left VFL Park convinced that the better side had lost. It was just typical Hawthorn relentless grinding down of the opposition that gave them their third night premiership in four years.

The Cats showed in 1987 that they were on the path back to power and no-one who saw the night grand final — live or via television — would doubt that they will be a real threat this year.

Big WA line-up in VFL

WEST Australians were certainly prominent in the VFL teams to mark the opening of the 1988 season.

Apart from the West Coast Eagles, of course, there was a strong smattering of WA players in the other 13 sides — and many of them turned in excellent performances.

This is how a WA side of expatriates lined up for their various VFL teams in Round 1:

BACKS: Brad Hardie (Bears), Michael Christian (Collingwood), Bill Duckworth (Essendon).

HALF-BACKS: Phil Krakouer (North Melbourne), Earl Spalding (Melbourne), Steve Da Rui (Carlton).

CENTRES: Wayne Blackwell (Carlton), Gary Buckenara (Hawthorn), Brad Shine (Carlton).

HALF-FORWARDS: Ken Judge (Bears), Craig Starcevich (Collingwood), Mike Richardson (Bears).

FORWARDS: Richard Dennis (Carlton), Simon Beasley (Footscray), Ken Hunter (Carlton).

RUCK: John Ironmonger (Fitzroy), Darren Bewick (Essendon), Jim Krakouer (North Melbourne).

INTERCHANGE: Paul Harding (Hawthorn), Nicky Winmar (St Kilda), Michael Mitchell (Richmond), Phil Cronan (Footscray).



John Elliott... digging deep.

PAYING UP

TWO of the highest profile people in Victorian football found that their familiar faces weren't enough to get them past strict security at Princess Park for the opening VFL games. VFL commissioner Ross Oakley and Carlton president and Elders IXL chief John Elliott, due to host the president's lunch and have the new Princes Park grandstand named after him, and Oakley, who was representing the VFL at the big ceremony, apparently had the wrong tickets for the day.

MALARKEY TO COACH

FORMER East Perth and Geelong defender Gary Malarkey has taken on a coaching role in the Victorian Football Association.

After playing 174 games with Geelong — without ever kicking a VFL goal — the tough full-back has opted out of football to coach Geelong West.

Malarkey nearly returned to WAFL ranks a couple of years back when he moved home with his family and was all set to continue his career at East Perth until last-minute contract problems saw him scamper back to Geelong.

Apparently his current challenge is a hot-seat job, with Geelong West really in the doldrums, struggling to make up a competitive team at times last season. They often called on retired players and local talent to make up numbers.

The 35-year-old Malarkey was forced out of league ranks with nagging leg injuries, but will no doubt be tempted to front up for the occasional hit-out with his new club.

SOUR TASTE

GEELONG officials were left with a pretty sour taste after losing to the Eagles — and for plenty of reasons.

Apart from seeing a healthy 21,000 fans turn up at Kardinia Park for the game — and having a crucial mark taken off full-forward Bruce Lindner in the final quarter — the loss was hard to take after their defeat in the pre-season night competition grand final.

And then it had to come about via the golden boot of a player who could well have been in Geelong's team if it wasn't for the advent of the Eagles.

Five-goal performer Michael O'Connell was tied to Geelong, where father John established an outstanding record as a ruckman, before signing with the Eagles — something that second son David has also now done.

Ralph to the rescue

FORMER Claremont ace goal-neak Warren Ralph is being touted as the new major sponsor for the WA Tigers — after all, he was spot-on with his Lotto tickets in Adelaide recently.

Wouldn't you believe Ralph's luck — his numbers came up with a \$882,849 dividend which he apparently shares with an English couple holidaying in Victoria.

Ralph can probably thank the WAFL and Claremont for his fortune — they didn't think he could be kept in the West Australian scene because

of his high financial demands, so the one-time top goalkicker was allowed to slip across the border.

After 116 games with the Tigers and a couple of frustrating seasons with Carlton, where he failed to impress, Ralph rejected a 60 per cent pay cut at Claremont for this year.

So he's pulled off a real rags-to-riches story with his decision to move to Adelaide. And with Claremont losing their major sponsor this year, maybe Ralph could be invited back home....

SHINING DUO

TWO other West Australians in Wayne Blackwell and Brad Shine also found themselves in the Carlton senior side after a frustrating 1987 season.

Blackwell, plagued by injury last year, was dominant on a wing, picking up 10 of his 19 kicks in the first quarter and took Hawk star Robert DiPierdomenico out of the game in the second half.

Shine, whose form saw him in and out of the seniors last year, lined up on the other wing where his 16-kick effort helped give the Blues a winning centre-line.

STEVE MAKES IT

FORMER East Perth player Steve Da Rui has been rewarded for his perseverance in the strong Carlton camp.

After spending the whole of 1987 lamenting in the reserves, just not quite able to crack the top 20, he found things a little different this season.

Good practice match form from the solidly-built utility player saw him earn a spot on the half-back flank for the premiership re-match with Hawthorn.

Da Rui had a steady debut, winning 10 kicks and producing a goal during a brief run on the ball.

ACTION MEN

IT seems as though some of our Eagles super-stars are real action men off the field as well as on it.

Three Eagles men have featured in the news recently — big ruckman Alex Ishchenko helped put out a grass fire that threatened his unit in Doubleview; Dean Laidley had his car stolen and burnt and Chris Mainwaring was the loser when a thief stole his magnificent racing bike — uninsured, too!

SALMON'S ROLE

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy has never been one to allow a player to settle into a permanent position — even a superstar like Paul Salmon. Despite Salmon's incredible goal-kicking talents, Sheedy believes he should ruck more — and last week he converted the Big Fish into a centre-half-forward. Salmon had kicked three goals in the first term as the Bombers blasted off to a 10-goal lead over North Melbourne. But Sheedy still moved him out of full-forward, saying that Essendon needed to rediscover a new centre-half-forward with the departure of Roger Merrett to the Brisbane Bears.

LONG WAIT

IT has been a long wait, but it seems as though talented young Victorian Ian Muller is finally ready to return to VFL ranks.

The 22-year-old Muller made his debut with Carlton back in 1984, but managed only six senior games before a crippling knee injury forced him out of action.

Recruited initially from one of Melbourne's famous football breeding grounds, Scotch College, he was jettisoned by Carlton at the end of 1986 and it was St Kilda who picked him up and were prepared to be patient.

He has recovered from major knee surgery and at 191cm the versatile Muller could be a handy player for the Saints.



Stephen Kernahan... showing the way.

FAMILY AFFAIR

THE arrival of Kernahan Mark II at Carlton has aroused plenty of interest — and an intriguing start to the season. With skipper Stephen showing his worth in the couple of seasons since arriving from South Australia, the appearance of younger brother David was awaited with interest. David earned a spot on the interchange bench for the Blues opening game against Hawthorn and midway through the third term he made his entry. Big brother had marked near the centre and passed the ball to David — who did the right thing, waited till his skipper drifted downfield and passed it back to him. Stephen goaled and the Kernahans had produced their first family score in the VFL.

Mixed start for Joyce

THE opening of the 1988 VFL season has produced mixed emotions for new coach Alan Joyce.

The one-time Perth and East Fremantle coach has stepped into the big shoes of Allan Jeans this year while the super coach has a year off through illness.

Joyce, the right-hand man last year in his full-time role with the Hawks, took on the job knowing that he would be compared to Jeans all along the way.

It was Joyce's persistent and dogged determination that made sure the Hawks got the message in the National Panasonic grand final, winning the flag after virtually being out of the game all the way. Geelong are still wondering how they lost the premiership.

But last Saturday Joyce found that the persistence just couldn't be rediscovered in a tough final term in the 1987 grand final replay against Carlton.

The Blues had set the pace for most of the game, but Hawthorn were never more than two straight kicks away from them — until the final 15 minutes.

"Bad kicking cost us opportunities," said Joyce.

"But bad kicking is bad football. We missed a lot of shots at goal in the second and third quarters, but that's no excuse.

"Carlton were the better side on the day and controlled the play.

"This was a let down after our grand final win and we just didn't play well," added a grim Joyce.

An impressive debut

CLAREMONT'S Guy McKenna was not only the youngest debutant in last weekend's opening of the new VFL season — he was also the most impressive.

Eighteen-year-old McKenna was cool in the crisis for the West Coast Eagles and a key player in helping repel Geelong's last-quarter challenge, which enabled the Eagles to register a crucial opening win of the season.

It was only the second time the Eagles had won in 10 games in Melbourne.

McKenna, Geoff Miles and another first-game Eagles player in Murray Rance (recruited via Footscray) led a very tidy defence which thwarted Geelong's talented forward line, restricting the Cats to just 11 goals.

McKenna and Subiaco's Karl Langdon, who played in the opposing 1987 WA League grand final teams, proved to be the best of the rookie Eagles in Saturday's encouraging opening. McKenna had 16 possessions and Langdon 11, after a nervous beginning.

Few in Perth doubted McKenna's skill or ability to make an immediate impression in Melbourne. However, few felt he would so quickly adapt to the extra pressure.

McKenna said that his fellow Eagle defenders, including Mark Zanotti, Miles and Rance, were very encouraging, talking and letting the teenager know when to punch, when to back himself and where his opponent was.

"It certainly helped to have the guys around me talking," McKenna said. "You learn so much from them. They helped me know where I was and what to do."

Nineteen in May, McKenna was one of Claremont's best three players last season, polling 126 points in Westside Football's exclusive player-by-player rating system.

Only Peter Thorne (136 points) and Tony Beers (128) who both had previous experience with Melbourne clubs, did better in their premiership season.

McKenna made his WAFL debut at 16 with Claremont after playing in West Australia's victorious Teal Cup schoolboy team which upset the might of the Big V's best teenage footballing talents.

Recruited from City Beach, McKenna had 45 games in two full senior years with Claremont after debuting in the second half of the '85 season.

In Perth he played mainly at half-

McKenna a real cool Guy



From leading football journalist and 6NR commentator **KEN PIESSE** in Melbourne.

back whereas he has been used in a back pocket by the Eagles.

"My ambition this year is to be part of the team which finishes in the five," he said. "Where we finish in the five is irrelevant. We just want to get there. That's what we started training in October for."

Playing in long sleeves and with the ability to punch the ball clear as well as initiate strong work across the defensive lines, McKenna seems one of the most assured of all the Eagles and has the attitude which leads to consistent efforts.

He already has cemented his ranking among the top 12 players at the club and with talented quartet Laurie Keene (21st man at Geelong), Phil Narkle, vice captain John Annear and exciting 19-year-old Chris Lewis to return, the Eagles are building formidable depth.

There were almost 30 first-game footballers — including six West Australians — involved in the VFL's opening round, spread over three days of the Easter long weekend.

At Carlton, Steve Da Rui (East Perth) graduated after a season in the reserves and kicked a vital goal in the final quarter to help his team to a grand final replay victory against Hawthorn.

Twenty-year-old West Perth rover Darren Bewick, making his debut with Essendon, impressed with his speed and will be on show in Friday night's game against the Eagles in Perth.

On East Monday, Sandover Medalist John Ironmonger played his first game with Fitzroy after crossing from the Sydney Swans.

He took the No. 1 position ahead of All Australian Matt Randell, who played in the reserves.



Guy McKenna... a key player in helping repel Geelong's last quarter challenge.

Royals duo ready for year two

FORMER East Perth pair Michael Christian and Craig Starceвич are ready to really set the VFL scene alive.

The two tall and talented big men who snuck through the West Coast Eagles inaugural recruiting net, are looming as key Collingwood players, particularly in the forward line.

Christian played 19 games in his VFL debut season last year and finished fifth in the Magpies fairest and best voting. Starceвич, troubled by a groin injury at one stage, only managed 13 senior appearances, but his efforts were stamped with class.

Christian admits that despite his good VFL start he still has an identity problem in Victoria, with few people recognising his face or identifying with his solid, negating style in defence last season.

But he promises more this year — particularly if he gets a role in attack.

In a pre-season night game Christian kicked five goals at full-forward after replacing ace goalsneak Brian Taylor at half-time.

"I'd like to be more of an attacking player this season," says Christian, who showed some exciting form in brief stints at full-forward for East Perth before joining Collingwood.

The former Busselton accountant has settled in well in Melbourne, moving into the stock broking area recently and having no regrets about crossing the Nullarbor.

He had been targeted briefly by the Eagles recruiting network, but some skilful negotiations from Collingwood football manager Graeme Allan en-

tered a signature before the Eagles could get back to him.

The same happened with Starceвич, an ideal centre-half-forward who would have solved a lot of Eagles problems.

WRONG END!

SIMON Beasley must have thought some-one had something back to front when he saw another outstanding goal-kicker in Michael Roach heading towards him in a recent practice match.

The two 100-goal-a-season men were lined up on each other — so who was at the wrong end of the field?

None other than veteran Roach, with 190 games and 590 goals for Richmond behind him who seems destined to play out his career at full-back.

"I guess it's there or in the seconds," says Roach, who has been replaced at full-forward by 34-game player Jeff Hogg.

"It was a strange experience. I went up to Simon and told him that he was at the wrong end!"

Richmond won the practice encounter with Hogg kicking seven goals and Roach having to concede five goals to Beasley, who felt that his opponent didn't do all that bad.

"He reads the game very well and plays tightly," said Beasley. "I'm sure he can make the change successfully."

STATES OUT OF POCKET

SOUTH Australian football officials will not be hitting the National Football League with a claim for expenses after the financial fiasco of the Bicentenary Carnival.

The SANFL, host State for the much-heralded State-of-Origin series, had budgeted for about \$60,000 in profit — but fell well into the red with poor crowds.

NFL president Vincent Yovich said that the high admission price of \$12 a ticket kept people away. He claimed that the NFL had set the figure relying on "local opinion".

With the NFL deciding not to hand out any prizemoney for the series, the States — particularly championship victors SA — were well and truly out of pocket.

However, everyone seems to agree that it's best forgotten...

FOOTY GLUT

WEST Coast Eagles coach John Todd believes that too much football is now being played in the major States.

He says that too much pre-season football might be acceptable in Victoria, where the game is a religion, but it's not the same in other States.

Todd felt that the VFL's Panasonic Cup was good, because it gave the suc-

cessful clubs a lead in to the season.

"But there's a lot to be said for a more concentrated season which would produce football of a higher quality," said Todd.

"In Perth, football has competed against other summer sports, particularly cricket and sports fans are confused."

Todd warned that the day mightn't be all that far away when big-name players stipulated in their contracts just how many games they would be expected to play in a season.

Eagles star Steve Malaxos was an example — he had played 13 games of football since the final match of the 1987 season ... and that was before the official opening of this year's action.

BAKER'S BLUES

CHAMPION Essendon centreman Leon Baker is facing another injury crisis.

The brilliant one-time Swan Districts star was forced out of the WA Bicentennial carnival team due to "wear and tear" on his ankle and he missed the opening of the VFL season last week.

Doctors told Baker to take it easy over summer as constant strain on his legs had taken their toll, causing a stress fracture of one ankle.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



RECENTLY-RETIRED Subiaco stalwart Phil Lamb is one footballer who appreciates the joy of success.

The former Subiaco utility player began his league career with the Lions in the mid-1970s and played in the darkest period of the club's history between 1976 to 1984... when the club languished in the lower half of the ladder.

In 1983, Lamb was honoured with the vice captaincy, a position he held till he retired.

His career was highlighted by being part of the 1986 premiership side, where he played a significant role on a wing.

DON'T be surprised to see Tony Cope have his finest season in league football this year.

The 22-year-old accountant who plays his best football in defence is doggedly determined to redeem himself after a disappointing 1987 season in which he played only seven league games.

The effect of Ed Blackaby's coaching is showing through already as Cope freely admits that he prefers his coaching style to that of former Swan Districts and current Eagles coach John Todd.

His comments were: "I am now enjoying my football and have a point to prove to a couple of people."

SWAN Districts held a "presidents" dinner on Tuesday, April 5 to introduce club sponsors to the players and committee and show the club's gratitude to its sponsors. The dinner was in the Bassendean Oval restaurant.

PERTH reserves players obviously found the going a bit tough in last Monday's summer-like heat.

Although leading by 10 goals at ¾ time, they were seen huddling into a small area of shade projected into a corner of the WACA by one of the huge light towers.

Many players were reluctant to leave their cool, shady post but they did so to go on and record Perth's only win for the day.



Peter Ware... new Swans skipper heading for 100 games.

PETER Ware celebrates his 100th league game for Swans this Saturday.

Swans will host league trendsetters South Fremantle and their members will be hoping for a more convincing performance than they saw last week against West Perth.

Ware's determination and exciting style has earned him respect from all opposition clubs since his arrival from Cairns in 1982.

Eaglets kick their way into a new season



It's been a long, hard two months for the West Coast Eagles cheer squad, the Eaglets... but come Friday night all the effort will be worth it when the girls strut their stuff in front of the big crowd at the WACA Ground.

NEW RULES IN '88

MOST avid football followers will be well aware of the new rules brought into play for the pre-season games this year and no doubt everyone will have their opinion whether the rules are improving the game.

Five major rule changes were made.

1. The time saving rule allowing full-backs to play on after an opposition point had been scored, using a reserve ball kept behind the goal post at each end of the ground.

2. Players had to take a kick after a free kick had been awarded; they couldn't handball or even feign a handball to play on.

3. The distance a player was permitted to run with the ball was reduced from 15 metres to 10 metres.

4. Players were required to kick the ball a minimum of two metres in the air when playing on after a behind had been scored.

5. 50 metre penalties were awarded against players who deliberately wasted time or delayed play.

Of these, only rules 2 and 5 will be adopted for WAFL games this season.

Rule 2 will have the result of slowing play and will call for more direct marking of players up the field. This is a negative step and is in direct contrast to rule 1 which is trying to quicken the game up.

Why the league chose not to implement this rule is beyond me.

HOLD UP

How often do we see play held up while the full-back retrieves the ball from objectionable opposition supporters or excited children wrestling for possession on the banks behind the goals.

(Or as was the case on Monday where one poor full back had to jump the fence and four rows of seats to retrieve the ball because there was no crowd behind the goal!)

The league must have seen the success of this rule in pre-season games and it is difficult to understand their decision.

The controversial 50m penalty rule is to be applauded — with one modification as I see it.

It should only be used in the defensive half of the field because this is where most of the time wasting infringements occur.

It will also take pressure off the umpire if he is permitted to award only 15 metre penalties in the offensive half and not give away charity goals.

This was evident in the Perth-East

Fremantle match when only two 50 metre penalties were awarded for the entire match and many incidents went unpunished.

This could be made simply by drawing a line across the ground to allow umpires to see clearly in which half of the ground the infringement occurred.

IF you are interested in a "FREE" disco then the South Fremantle clubrooms are the place to be this Saturday night. The theme is a 50's and 60's night so clean out your old wardrobes and find something to wear. Tables can be booked through the club and people are welcome to bring "nibbles" to munch on through the night.

S-W FLAVOUR

SOUTH West football followers who attended the opening round of WAFL fixtures at Leederville Oval could have been excused for wondering if they were really in Perth.

No less than 14 players who have moved to Perth in the last two years were listed to play.

These include tyros Darren O'Brien, Neil Jackson, Steve Bazzo and Kernut Thorne, while Troy Ugle and Joe Cormack have graduated to the Eagles squad.

Others include Jamie O'Donohue, Peter Old, Mick Grasso, Austin Ietto, Paddy Madaffari, Dom Crognale, Greg Jones and Jim Buckley.

An imposing list such as this is excellent ammunition for those football followers in the area who believe that they should be represented by a team in the WAFL competition.

THOSE who waited around at the completion of the Perth-East Fremantle clash last Monday received a bonus when they earned a sneak preview of the "Eaglets" — the Eagles cheer squad.

It was a pretty sight as the athletic dancers showed the members and guests of the WACA bar their form as they practised their sequences in fading light.

This Friday they can be seen in real action performing before and during the Eagles' match against Essendon which culminates two months of pre-season practise for the girls.

The original squad has been trimmed from 90 to 35 but as their coaching staff suggest: "We are always looking for new Eaglets who will be welcome to join us next year."

COMEDY TIME

INTERNATIONAL singer-comedian Col Elliott will be performing at the Swan Districts clubrooms on May 8. The bar will open at 4pm and the entertainment will begin at 7pm.

Members and guests are asked to book early as tickets are limited at just \$10 a head. Norma Kelly and Tennessee Rain are a local group and will be supporting Col Elliott.

PERTH'S Peter Bosustow has retired. The Buzz has been plagued by injury and fitness problems in recent years.

Last weekend the Perth selection committee informed him that his services were no longer required.

The 31-year-old enigmatic forward is a veteran of 205 league games with Perth and Carlton and will be long remembered for his spectacular high marking and goal kicking skills.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9:
East Perth v Subiaco, Subiaco Oval.

6.30pm trophy presentation — Members Bar.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12:
Quiz night — Function Hall, Perth Oval.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13:
5.00pm Eagles training — Perth Oval.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14:
5.00pm Club night — Members Bar. 7.30pm announcement of league team.

5.00pm Life Members function — President's Lounge.

HERE'S THE MARKET

EAST Fremantle followers were a little bewildered last week to see their side quoted at 15/1 for this year's premiership flag.

At that price I wouldn't mind a few dollars on them myself, particularly after seeing their convincing win over Perth last week.

But, local bookies are adamant the 15/1 quote is a mystery and that 6/1 is the going price on last year's preliminary finalists — even before their Demon demolition on Monday.

But it's been a quiet time to date for the bookies where football is concerned.

So far, very few people have outlaid bets of any substance on any team. No bets have been laid as yet on South Fremantle who are at 3/1.

Despite sensational early season form, the Bulldogs are expected to drift from their current price. After all, it would have to be a game man to back them at 3/1 to go from wooden spooners to premiers in 12 months.

The current market for the flag is Claremont 9/4, Subiaco 3/1, South Fremantle 3/1, East Fremantle 6/1, Perth 12/1, West Perth 12/1, Swans 12/1, East Perth 33/1.

CLOSE CALL

FOOTBALL supporters were shocked by the collapse of central umpire Adam Binks during the Perth-East Fremantle colts clash at the WACA.

The hot weather took its toll on the 21-year-old rookie umpire in the dying stages of the final quarter when he fell to the ground with heat exhaustion.

Officials from both sides ran to his aid as players began a melee over an incident that happened only seconds before.

First on the scene were Adam's father and the East Fremantle club doctor who was responsible for Adam's lifesaving treatment.

He had convulsions, loss of memory and even stopped breathing for a short period of time.

Adam is believed to be making a sound recovery and we hope to see him back on the field as soon as possible.

A REMINDER to West Perth members and guests — the Les Fong testimonial prawn night will be on this Saturday, April 9. Ten dollars and your dancing shoes are all you need in a tribute to one of West Perth's greats.

Sharks are certain to tighten in betting

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



CLAREMONT may have started the season with a bit of a "hiccup" in their Kresta Cup form, but the depth at their disposal is still apparent.

Several of their young players have impressed to date especially the stockily built Aboriginal rover Nicky Yarran.

Yarran, along with Matt Elliott (rover, half-forward), Rob Fitzgerald (ruckman, forward) and Peter James (half-forward), all have the ability to make a big impact this season.

CHANGING TUNE

It was an interesting sight walking into the Perth changerooms after their Kresta Cup win against Swan Districts last Tuesday night.

All 20 players sat holding the words of the team song in their hands. Some struggled with the words and many with the tune, but the feeling was strong as they sang along.

It is not often Perth have had much to celebrate in the past decade, but it is something Robbie Wiley hopes to instil in his side with good old fashioned teammanship.

However, they are confronted with a small problem in the wording of the song. The opening lines read something like this:-

*"From the playing fields of rival clubs
To our home in Lathlain Park;
On the West Australian football field
We have carved a magic mark."*

The problem is, of course, that the Demons' home is no longer Lathlain Park but the WACA — at least for the time being. And neither "WACA" or "West Australian Cricket Association Ground" fit neatly into the rhythm of the song.

I'm sure the Perth songwriters will welcome any suggestions to help alleviate this problem.



Tired and sore... but George Christie is happy with his first-up success as Sharks skipper.



Shane Pill... pleased with his debut.

South Aussie here to stay

WE are all well aware of the player drain to South Australia this year, but there is one fish swimming against the tide.

Former West Torrens wingman Shane Pill has lobbed on East Fremantle's doorstep and has been welcomed with open arms.

The 21-year-old played seven games with West Torrens before missing all of 1987 through injury.

But it was work rather than football that brought him to WA in pursuit of a teaching appointment.

"Job prospects are pretty grim for teachers in SA unless you are prepared to go country. Only three people from my year received postings," he says.

Shane is now teaching at Christian Brothers College in Fremantle and is finding life over here pretty enjoyable, even without his fiancee who is still in Adelaide.

They plan to marry over there in January before moving to Perth to settle.

WHILE at South Fremantle, there will be a Bulldog Pups Day this Sunday at 9.30am at Fremantle Oval. It is designed as a fund day for any kids in the area who want to come down and meet the players. Games, food and drinks will be supplied.

South Fremantle



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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

TOUGH DEBUT FOR WEST COAST

WEST Coast, under the guidance of former Sunday Football League rover Bernie Dunn, take 1987 minor premiers Nollamara in their A-grade debut when the season opens this week.

West have done a long hard apprenticeship in B-grade, playing in the last three grand finals and have recruited well over the summer months.

They should give a good account in the opener.

However, Nollamara under Don Sloper have not been idle over the break and have picked up some handy performers to ensure they will be up near the top at finals time.

Nollamara should win this game to confirm this, but a word of warning, new clubs always perform extra well in their first game.

Grand finalist Old Wesley have last season's coach Barrie Quick at the helm and interest will centre on whether they have improved on last season.

Noel Quick has joined his brother and will give the old boys a boost, but other sides have recruited heavily to bridge the gap.

Old Wesley should beat Wembley in this match but they will have to keep a close eye on the Magpies Grant Callaghan, Kevin Symonds and new captain/coach Rod Alderton.

Wembley have done some late re-

by

TREVOR SCHORER



cruting but will have to show more discipline to improve their position on the premiership table.

North Beach and Scarborough have trained very hard in the summer months and will be there at the end of the season.

North's experience of Dave Perry and company will see them come out on top and give new coach John Dow a good start to the season.

Amateur football was given a big boost with the news of Les Fong's signing as captain/coach of Trinity Aquinas in 1988.

CAMPAIGN

Fong immediately started a recruiting campaign which realised experienced players in Murnane, Freame and Mark Shaw, which will ensure the old boys will be right up near the top.

North Fremantle, despite picking up astute coach Peter Webb, will struggle against Trinity-Aquinas and mobility will be the difference between the two sides.

The match of the day is undoubtedly the clash between last year's premiers Mt Lawley and University, who finished second last in 1987.

University have gone to great lengths to ensure their dismal performances in 1987 are not repeated this year.

The first step was the appointment of the very successful colts coach Dr. Bruce Robinson as senior coach.

Robinson has recruited extremely well with the likes of Simms, Nelmes, Greenwood, Devitt and the return of former State ruckman John Love heading the list.

COMMITMENT FOR SUCCESS

THE WAAFL is preparing for an Australian amateur carnival to be held in Launceston, Tasmania, starting on June 11.

The aim this year is to achieve the so called "impossible dream" and win our first ever carnival. This will not be easy, especially in Tasmania, but as we all know success never comes easily.

As in club football it takes a lot of hard work, a commitment from everyone within a club to do their bit. If that chain is broken by a weak link then the chances of success are minimal.

This season the WAAFL State committee are asking the players and especially their clubs to assist in that "commitment for success" by allowing and supporting their selected players to attend Tuesday training and lead up matches.

We only have eight weeks to prepare a group of individuals into a strong and committed team. We are not looking for pretty footballers but players that are mentally and physically tough enough to handle three games in a week — Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Because to win we must overcome all.

The only State trial game that we will play is on May 21 against the Wesfarmers All-stars at Perth Oval.

It was a little disappointing that the Great Northern Football League chose to play the Great Southern after last year's initial and successful trip to Geraldton.

The Sunday Football League was either unable or unwilling to play the WAAFL which is unfortunate after last season's successful State colts game against a combined SFL colts.

Speaking of State colts, the good news is there will be a colts rep side. The bad news is that to date we only have two games against the Teal Cup squad.

Good luck to all players and clubs for the 1988 season.

K.K. ARDAGH
STATE MANAGER

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Information on game scores, best players, goal scorers and how your game was won or lost is required between 9-10 Sunday mornings:

- A1-grade - Trevor Schorer — Phone 276 7171
- B1 grade - Peter Rush — Phone 277 2260
- Other grades - Dave Eggleston — Phone 342 8749

New sides clash

THE two new teams to B-grade competition, Innaloo and Swan Athletic, clash in what looms as the match-of-the-day in this Saturday's opening round.

The Bulldogs pre-season form has been impressive with wins over Sunday League clubs Kenwick and Mandurah.

Giant ruckman Barry McGuire and brilliant centreman Dave Nelson have returned to Innaloo and will provide class around the ground.

Swan Athletic having lost outstanding wingman Matt Alvaro to Perth, may find the Bulldogs hard to beat in their first appearance with CBC at Dalkeith Reserve.

Though the Lions lost outstanding players from last year's side, they have recruited well with key position players Dean Host, Dave Barnes, John Dickson and Craig Rogers.

CBC came home with a big run last year and look like going on with form and win first-up.

Bayswater take on MHWP at the tricky Les Lilleyman Reserve. The Blues easily accounted for the Mounties in a pre-season encounter and with players of the calibre of Dave Mueller, John Lawrence and Rod Harrison (back after a stint with Maddington) look like big winners again over MHWP.

by

PETER RUSH



Dianella exchanged coaches during pre-season when former coach Graeme Fitzgerald took over from Terry Holtzman.

Holtzman was recruited by SA club Glenelg, but broke down during pre-season training and is now back with the Panthers.

Wally Sidebottom is the new coach of Maylands, where Ian Stewart, Peter Campbell, Marcus Harrold and Mark Dowding are back. Combined with new recruits Dallas Jamieson, Ian Oversby, Norm Woods and Kim Sidebottom, they have the Rams looking strong and their clash with last year's finalists, Dianella, will be a close affair.

Beaten grand finalists Mt Lawley clash with Curtin at Inglewood Oval.

The Tigers are looking stronger than last year's combination, which struggled to save relegation and will give the Hawks a run for their money.

FIXTURES

A GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
West Coast v Nollamara	Lathlain Pk
Wembley v Old Wesley	Leederville Oval
North Beach v Scarb.	Charles Riley Rs.
Trinity-Aquinas v N. Frem.	Frem. Oval
Mt Lawley v University	Perth Oval
B GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
Swan Athletic v Innaloo	Swan Athletic Oval
Maylands v Dianella	Gibney Rs.
MHWP v Bayswater	Les Lilleyman Rs.
Collegians/Old Scotch v CBC	Dalkeith Oval
Mt Lawley v Curtin	Inglewood Oval
C GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
Cockburn Lakes v Nollamara	Anning Pk.
Lynwood-Ferndale v Bass.	Ferndale Pk.
Morley v Coolbinia-Yokine	RA Cook Rs.
Carlisle v University	Carlisle Rs.
Melville v Whitford	Melville Rs.
D GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
Mundaring v Applecross	Mundaring Oval
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	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
Trinity-Aquinas v Hellenic	Ern. Johnson Oval
Hammersley 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	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
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	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
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	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
West Coast v Curtin	City Beach Oval
Swanbourne/Nedlands v Wembley	Allen Pk.
Bassendean v North Beach	Jubilee Rs.
East Frem. v Mt Lawley	Marmion Rs.
Carlisle v Maylands	Peet Pk.
I GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
University v Riverton	McGill. Oval No. 1
Murdoch Uni. v Lynwood-Fern.	Mrdch Oval
N. Frem. v Bullcreek	Gilbert Fraser Oval
RAAF v Mirrabooka	RAAF Base Pearce
ANZ Bank v Swan Athletic	Haig Park
J GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
MHWP v Morley	McGillivray Oval No. 2
Scarborough v Hammersley	Birralee Pk.
Hellenic v Trinity-Aquinas	Celebration Pk.
Whitford v Innaloo	Kingsley Rs.
Forrestfield v WACAE	Hartfield Pk.
K GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
West Coast v Dianella	Forrest Pk.
Rockghm v Coll./Old Scotch	Anniv. Pk. No.1
Applecross v Bayswater	Troy Pk.
Coolbinia-Yokine v Melville	Coolbinia Oval
Bassendean v Cockburn Lakes	Ashfield Rs.
L GRADE	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
Brentwood v Sawyers V.	Karoonda Pk. No.1
Mundaring v Coolbellup	Selby Pk.
Nollamara v Wann.	Des Penmar Rs. No. 1
Bullcreek v Carlisle	Karoonda Pk. No. 2
Ocean Ridge v Riverton	Heathridge Pk.
A GRADE COLTS	
ROUND NO. 1	9th APRIL
West Coast v Nollamara	Lathlain Pk.
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Mundaring v Applecross	Mundaring Oval
John XXIII v Wanneroo	College Pk. Lower
Trinity Aq. v Hammersley	Ern. Johnson Oval
Rockingham v Forrestfield	Anniversary Pk.

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JUNIOR NEWS

Code of behaviour for coaches

FOOTY Week's Coaches Day was deemed a success by the State's Coaching Co-ordinator, Dr Brian Douge.

Coaches from every competition in the metropolitan area were invited to attend a seminar and assist in compiling a Coaches Code of Behaviour for all junior coaches.

Dr Douge said that all coaches were supportive of accreditation and agreed that the shaking of hands at the end of a game and the standing together of coaches during the game were desirable at junior level.

Dr Douge added that the coaches would like to see footballers shaking hands as well, even at senior level. He mentioned one senior VFL coach who, in 1969, banned his players from shaking hands with the opposition.

"The strategy was then employed by all clubs that football was war," Dr Douge said.

"We do not want to take away the physical contact or the highly competitive nature of football, but it is a sport, which should be a game that involves fun and play and therefore enjoyment."

Consequently, the Coaches Code of Behaviour seeks to return to the rudiments of sport and asks the coaches — the group that has the single biggest influence on the development of football — to uphold and promote these principles.

The Code asks foremost that all junior coaches not be excessive in their demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

It stresses that players should be grouped according to their physical maturity in games and training drills whenever possible; that for football up to 12 years, players need and deserve an equal opportunity to play in all positions, regardless of their talent.

The Code asks coaches to promote and develop team respect for opponents, as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.

It reminds coaches that children play football primarily to have fun and urges them to never yell or ridicule a child for making a mistake, but to be generous with praise and set a good example of a person that the children can respect.

Dr Douge said all junior coaches would receive a copy of the Code of Behaviour within the next couple of weeks and would be expected to abide by it.

SCHOOL CLINICS

TOWN and Country WA will sponsor 80 Aussie Footy Clinics and super-clinics in at least 580 of WA's 660 primary schools this football season. FDT's General Manager, Brian Cook, said the super-clinics should reach around 77,000 school children. Town and Country WA are the official sponsors of the Teal Cup team, the Little League and the Aussie Footy Character yet to be named.

NEW SERIES

THE Quit campaign has donated a trophy for a newly-formed Southern Districts football competition inaugurated by Grant Dorrington during a recent three-day trip to Albany and Mt Barker. The competition will involve high schools in the region. The trip which included coaching courses and Aussie Footy workshops, was important for the development of football in the area and to encourage local clubs to adopt primary and secondary schools.

AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS



It's autograph signing time for all league footballers and here East Fremantle rookie Wayne Nannup accommodates these young admirers.

Cadet scheme to help footy

THE Town and Country WA Football Development Trust has announced a football cadetship system to provide tertiary students with work experience within the football development area.

Eight interested students will work on a voluntary basis during their inter-semester break as part of their practical tertiary studies.

The cadet administrators will be working with voluntary and professional organisations involved with football development, including the eight League clubs and the Eagles.

Brian Cook, general manager of the FDT, said the work experience would develop applicants personal skills through their meeting people, studying organisational structures and recommending ways of improvement.

Skills would be developed in the

areas of administration, writing, communication, planning, research, promotion and leadership.

The eight successful applicants will help plan and promote coaching, administration, sports trainer and umpire courses; attend and evaluate coaching assessments and eventually co-ordinate and conduct a leadership clinic.

Students will be assessed according to the current procedures of their tertiary institution. However, participants will receive a certificate from the FDT at an inaugural Volunteers Dinner at the end of the football season.

WEST PERTH

THE season starts on April 9 and 10 with the 11s and 13s playing on Saturday and 9s, 10s, 15s and 17s on Sunday.

Local clubs North Dianella and Mirrabooka will amalgamate with North Dianella having the 11s and 17s and Mirrabooka the 13s and 15s.

Umpires are desperately needed and anyone interested please contact John Nicholas on 387 6156.

The West Perth Junior Council will hold a quiz night on Wednesday, May 18 at the West Perth social hall at 7.30pm. All proceeds will go to the Junior Council.

LADY DIRECTOR

MIA Capel, elected this year as a director at West Perth, is one of the first women to be elected to a club board, following on from Sandra Davis at South Fremantle two years ago. Mia is also currently the administrator in the Junior Council.

NEW ROLES

A NUMBER of former presidents of their junior clubs have taken up positions on the Swans Junior Council.

Ian Foss (High Wycombe) — President; Lindsey Smith (Belmont) — Registrar; Alex Balla (Kalamunda) — committee; Bob Harcourt (Bassendean) — committee.

It is healthy to have four excellent past club presidents continuing to help with the administration of the Junior Council.

2200 coaches accredited

MORE than 2,200 coaches in WA have been accredited in the three years that the program has been operating.

Coaching Co-ordinator for WAFL, Brian Douge, estimates that another 600 coaches will be accredited by the end of the 1988 football season.

It is compulsory for all junior coaches to attend and pass one of the 16-hour courses, organised and conducted by Dr Douge through the Football Development Trust, by the end of 1988. There will be 24 coaches accreditation courses run this football season.

Dr Douge said that the group registration day on February 28 had a tremendous effect on football numbers, which had increased by around 20 per cent, leaving many clubs without a coach.

He gave the example of the Kelm-scott area which has enjoyed a massive increase of players, enabling it to field an additional 11 teams.

"We urge parents and senior footballers to assist their associated junior clubs. At Whitfords there are 110 six, seven and eight-year-olds who need a coach for every four or five kids."

Dr Douge added that there were plenty of coaching courses available throughout the metropolitan and country areas for interested persons to attend.

He also said the FDT Board has agreed that all accredited coaches should receive concessions. Further to this, the Perth Football Club have offered free membership to all accredited coaches.

All those interested in participating in a coaches accreditation course should contact Dr Douge at the Football Development Trust.

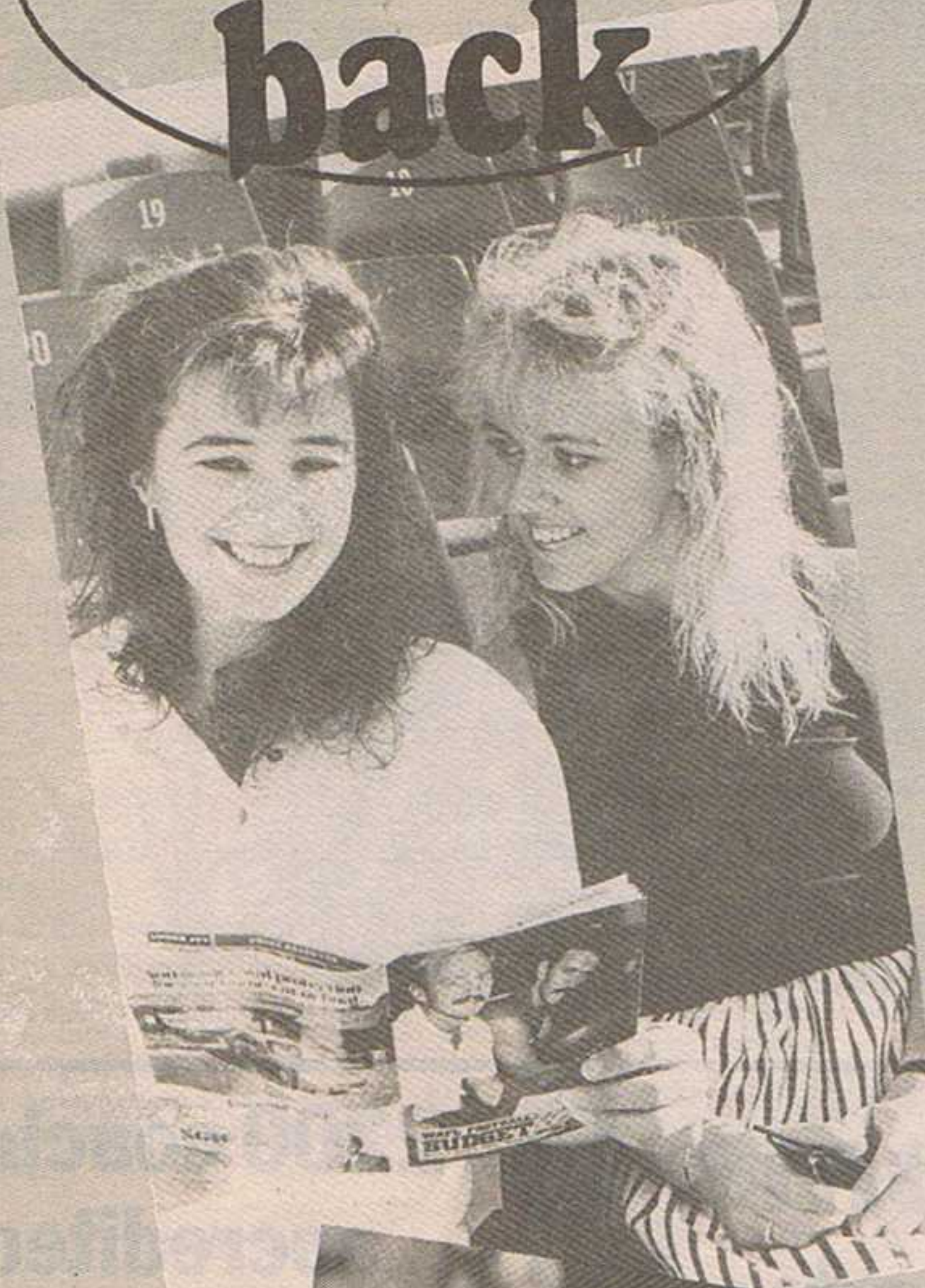
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Footy's back

THE action in the SGIO WAFL premiership battle got under way on Monday. . . and photographer JULIAN COWAN caught the atmosphere, on and off the field.



ABOVE: In the heat of the day. . . the tempers fray.

LEFT: Sharks fans Lisa Cicchini and Linda Sharp, both of South Perth.



LEFT: Jubilation. . . for the Falcons.



RIGHT: Go Tiger. . .



ABOVE: What's all the fuss, says Lions fan Rodney Quirk, of High Wycombe.



ABOVE: Falcons fans Danielle Herry (16) and Rochelle Cooper (6).

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WESTSIDE RATINGS is the most unique system of rating the weekly performances in the WAFL — and now also the West Coast Eagles — in local football.

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SOUTH FREMANTLE

	V	EP
AMORISO, Tony	6	
BAYLISS, Mark	6	
COLLARD, Brad	6	
COLLARD, Cliff	5	
DITCHBURN, John	5	
EDWARDS, Craig	7	
FIMMANO, Ned	6	
GRAHAM, Richard	6	
GEARY, Richard	7	
JACKSON, Stevan	5	
KICKETT, Graham	5	
LYNCH, Richard	5	
MATERA, Wally	6	
MASKOS, Arthur	5	
NALDER, Dean	3r	
ROE, Willie	8	
RIOLI, Maurice	7	
SUMICH, Peter	6	
WALTERS, Tony	5	
WATTERS, Scott	7	



SUBIACO

	V	CI
BREMAN, Todd	3	
BROWN, Clinton	6	
BRICE, Andrew	6	
CALDOW, Richard	5	
COCKER, Shane	6	
CARPENTER, Greg	4	
DARGIE, Ian	5	
FEATHERBY, Peter	4	
GEORGIADIS, John	5	
HUTCHINSON, Bret	5	
HUTCHESON, Glen	5	
JENNINGS, Mick	4	
KEENE, Laurie	5	
MORT, Michael	4r	
MONAGHAN, Bill	6	
McDOUGALL, Brad	5	
TAYLOR, Neil	5	
TAYLOR, Brian	5	
WILLET, Rod	3r	
WILKINSON, Greg	6	



EAST PERTH

	V	SF
ATWELL, Bruce	5	
BEST, Darren	5	
BAIN, David	5	
BLAKELY, Mark	4	
BENNETT, Mal	4	
BARTLETT, Glen	5	
BETRAM, Dean	4	
BOCK, Gary	3	
BARONI, Lucio	5	
CRANSBERG, Peter	5	
DAWSON, Wayne	6	
CROPLEY, Howard	6	
EVANS, Shane	4r	
GIANNAKIS, George	6	
HAWKINS, Gavin	7	
HOST, Andrew	3	
KELLY, Lance	6	
LEWIS, Rod	5	
SEYMOUR, Ken	5	
WARNER, Bevan	3	



WEST PERTH

	V	SD
ADAM, Tim	4	
BRADMORE, Phil	8	
BINDER, Craig	5	
FOLEY, Dan	5	
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	
HENRY, Lindsay	7	
JACKSON, Neil	7	
HASLER, Paul	6	
KING, Sean	7	
MADAFFARI, Paddy	7	
MENAGLIO, Peter	8	
MIFKA, Paul	5	
NELSON, Craig	6	
O'BRIEN, Darren	6r	
PURSER, Andrew	7	
SANZONE, Paul	6	
TURLEY, Craig	8	
TAYLOR, Warren	6	
WAKE, Gavin	6	
WILLIAMS, Mal	5	



PERTH

	V	EF
BARICH, Adrian	7	
CABLE, Shane	5	
DANIELS, Allen	6	
DAVIS, Troy	3r	
FANCOTE, Kim	4	
GAVRANICH, John	4	
HUNTER, Clint	5	
MOSCONI, Warren	5	
MONTGOMERY, Alan	6	
MOUNT, Stephen	6	
NARKLE, Dempsey	7	
NICHOLAS, Warren	4	
RAMSHAW, Troy	5i	
REA, Mick	2	
SANTOSTEFANO, Joe	8	
TOMIZZI, Tony	2r	
TAYLOR, Barry	5	
WATSON, Mark	7	
WHITTINGTON, Gavin	5	
YARRAN, Hank	4	

BRENNAN, Michael	6
GASTEV, John	3r
GLENDINNING, Ross	6
HART, David	5
ISHCHENKO, Alex	8
LAMB, Dwayne	8
LANGDON, Karl	6
LOCKYER, Andrew	4r
MAINWARING, Chris	6
MALAXOS, Steve	6
MILES, Geoff	7
McKENNA, Guy	7
O'CONNELL, Michael	7
PEOS, Paul	6
RANCE, Murray	6
SCOTT, Phil	7
TURNER, Dean	6r
WORSFOLD, John	6
WRENSTED, Murray	5
ZANNOTTI, Mark	7



EAST FREMANTLE

	V	P
AMARANTI, Mark	6	
BROWNING, Clinton	6	
BROADBRIDGE, Mick	6	
COOPER, Eric	5	
CHRISTIE, George	8	
DURACK, Lance	3	
DERECOURT, Jon	6	
ELLIS, Shane	7	
EDGAR, Stephen	6	
FORMAN, Bryce	5	
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	7	
MILLER, Gavin	4	
NANNUP, Wayne	5i	
O'SULLIVAN, John	6	
PEAKE, Brian	8	
PILL, Shane	2r	
ROWLAND, Scott	5	
ROWE, David	6	
STERRETT, Ray	5i	
WATERMAN, Chris	5	



SWAN DISTRICTS

	V	WP
AMONINI, Peter	3	
BAZZO, Steve	4	
CATON, Kevin	5	
COPE, Tony	3	
DE GRAAF, Bob	4	
GANDINI, Len	6	
GOW, Paul	4	
GRASSO, Mick	5	
GLASS, Brett	3	
HUTTON, Brent	4	
HETHERINGTON, Kim	4	
HOLMES, Andy	5	
HOLMES, Don	4	
O'DONOHUE, Jamie	3r	
OLD, Peter	3	
PASSERI, Geoff	5	
RENFREE, Shane	5	
TIGCHELAAR, Andrew	4	
THORNE, Kernut	2	
WARE, Peter	4	



CLAREMONT

	V	Sub
ALLAN, Ben	8	
AHMAT, Joe	4	
BEGOVIICH, Tony	7	
BRAYSHAW, Mark	6	
BEERS, Tony	5	
HANN, Mark	8	
HIGGINS, Peter	5	
LEWIS, Cam	6	
MELESSO, Peter	5	
NEESHAM, Gerard	8	
O'CONNELL, David	5	
OWENS, Peter	7	
POVEY, Grant	7	
PYKE, Don	7	
SHEPHERD, Cam	6	
SUTHERLAND, Brian	4i	
SCOTT, John	6	
THOMSON, Mal	5	
THORNE, Peter	6	
YARRAN, Nicky	6	



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NATIONAL FIXTURES

SGIO PREMIERSHIP CUP COMPETITION

SERIES ONE

MONDAY, APRIL 4 (Round 1)
 Claremont 21.16 Subiaco 11.9, Claremont
 South Frem. 21.23 East Perth 6.12, Fremantle
 Perth 13.20 East Frem. 17.15, WACA
 West Perth 23.23 Swan Dist. 10.17, Leederville

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (Round 2)
 Subiaco v East Perth at Subiaco
 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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(P) — Indicates matches to be played at VFL Park.

Round 1 — (April 2, Saturday)
 Geelong 11.17 Eagles 14.20, Kardinia Park
 Carlton 18.18 Hawthorn 15.21, Windy Hill
 (April 3, Sunday)
 Brisbane 10.15 Collingwood 11.17, Carrara Oval
 (April 4, Monday)
 Footscray 16.6 Sydney Swans 11.10, VFL Park
 Richmond 16.12 Melbourne 23.16, MCG
 Fitzroy 20.20 St Kilda 17.16, Princes Park

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

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 1988 EAGLES FIXTURES

Saturday, April 2 (Round 1)
 Geelong 11.17 Eagles 14.20 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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WAFL



SOUTH FREMANTLE 4.3 8.11 12.17 21.23 149
EAST PERTH 2.2 3.4 5.7 6.12 48

GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Geary 4, Kickett 3, Edwards 3, Matera 2, Watters 2, Jackson 2, Graham, Fimmano 1, Amoroso, C. Collard, Roe 1.
 EAST PERTH: Cransberg 2, Lewis 1, Seymour, Bartlett, Atwell 1.
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Rose, Rioli, Geary, Edwards, Watters, Bayliss.
 EAST PERTH: Hawkins, Kelly, Giannakis, Cropley, Dawson, Bartlett.
 Played at Fremantle Oval. Umpires Phil O'Reilly, Glen Lee. Attendance 6800.

CLAREMONT 4.6 10.6 15.13 21.16 142
SUBIACO 3.2 6.4 6.6 11.9 75

GOALS: CLAREMONT: Pyke 3, Allan 3, Melesso 2, Thomson 2, Thorne 2, Neesham 2, Hann 2, Yarran 2, Scott 1, D. O'Connell, Sutherland 1.
 SUBIACO: Georgiades 4, Mort 2, Cocker 2, McDougall 1, Keene, Hutchinson 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Allan, Hann, Begovich, Neesham, Owens, Povey.
 SUBIACO: Brown, Brice, Cocker, B. Monaghan, Wilkinson, N. Taylor.
 Played at Claremont Oval. Umpires David Johnson, Trevor Garrett. Attendance 5700.

EAST FREMANTLE 2.5 8.11 11.11 17.15 117
PERTH 6.2 8.5 10.13 13.20 98

GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 7, Browning 4, Rowland 2, Amaranti 1, Waterman 1, Pili, Christie 1. PERTH: Santostefano 3, Watson 2, D. Narkle 2, Davis 1, Barich 1, Rea 1, Montgomery, Nicholas, Ramshaw 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Christie, Peake, Ellis, Lester-Smith, Rowe, Broadbridge. PERTH: Santostefano, Barich, D. Narkle, Watson, Mount, Daniels.
 Played at the WACA. Umpires Mike Ball, Len Cooper. Attendance 4500.

WEST PERTH 4.2 11.9 16.16 23.23 161
SWAN DISTRICTS 2.1 5.5 7.12 10.17 77

GOALS: WEST PERTH: Madaffari 5, Taylor 5, Henry 4, King 3, Williams 2, O'Brien 1, Turley, Menaglio, Foley 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: D. Holmes 3, A. Holmes 2, Caton 1, O'Donohue 1, Passeri, Hetherington, Old 1.
BEST: WEST PERTH: Menaglio, Turley, King, Bradmore, Henry, Jackson.
 SWAN DISTRICTS: Gandini, Renfree, Passeri, A. Holmes, Grasso, Caton.
 Played at Leederville Oval. Umpires Ken O'Driscoll, Trevor Rees. Attendance 6700.

VFL



EAGLES 4.2 7.8 9.15 14.20 104
GEELONG 3.6 6.9 8.14 11.17 83

GOALS: WEST COAST EAGLES: O'Connell 5, Glendinning, Scott 2, Lamb, Miles, Langdon, Peos, Hart 1. GEELONG: Lindner 5, Ablett, Cameron 2, Couch, Denham 1.
BEST: WEST COAST EAGLES: Ishchenko, Lamb, McKenna, Worsfold, D. O'Connell, Scott. GEELONG: Bairstow, Hocking, Scott, Lindner, Bews, Darcy.
 Played at Kardinia Park. Umpires Ian Clayton, Michael Sneddon. Attendance 20,981.

CARLTON 4.6 7.12 12.13 18.18 126
HAWTHORN 4.3 7.6 10.17 15.21 111

GOALS: CARLTON: Silvagni 3, S. Kernahan 3, Gleeson 2, Naley 2, Bradley 2, Da Rui 1, Blackwell, Hunter, D. Kernahan, Glascott, Harnes.
 HAWTHORN: Dunstall 5, Buckenara 3, Curran 2, Platten 2, Hall, Dickson, Loveridge.
BEST: CARLTON: Glascott, Blackwell, Bradley, Silvagni, S. Kernahan, Naley, Gleeson. HAWTHORN: Platten, DiPierdomenico, Abbott, Buckenara, Dunstall, Dickson.
 Played at Princes Park. Umpires Denis Rich, Rohan Sawers. Attendance 28,141.

ESSENDON 11.3 16.9 20.11 25.14 164
NORTH MELBOURNE 1.6 4.8 7.10 12.10 82

GOALS: ESSENDON: Salmon 7, Harvey 3, Daniher, Williams, Sullivan, Madden 2, Berwick, Anderson, Ezard, Hamilton, Duckworth, Flood, Hawker 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: Hepburn 3, P. Krakouer, Arceri, McRae 2, J. Krakouer, German, Allison 1.
BEST: ESSENDON: Hawker, Duckworth, Harvey, Salmon, Bewick, Williams. NORTH MELBOURNE: Hepburn, German, Law, Fairley, Arceri, McRae.
 Played at Windy Hill, Essendon. Umpires Peter Cameron, Grant Vernon. Attendance 18,390.

COLLINGWOOD 0.3 2.7 7.13 11.17 83
BRISBANE 0.3 4.6 6.12 10.15 75

GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: P. Hawke, Barwick, Wright 2, Robertson, Manson, McGuane, Daicos, Ryan. BRISBANE: Capper 3, M. Withers 2, Hardie, Dunnell, Richardson, Judge, Mclvor.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Robertson, Hawke, Barwick, Wright, Starcevic, McGuane. BRISBANE: Withers, Roberts, Hardie, Dunnell, Mclvor, Eade.
 Played at Carrara Oval, Gold Coast. Umpires Ross Castle, Brendan Carland. Attendance 11,306.

FITZROY 5.4 12.10 15.12 20.20 140
ST KILDA 3.4 7.9 13.13 17.16 118

GOALS: FITZROY: R. Osborne 5, Keane, Roos 4, Armstrong 3, Harris, Bolzon 2. ST KILDA: Lockett 4, Winmar, Owen 3, Sheldon 2, Gotch, W. Jones, Peter-Budge, Burns, Turner.
BEST: FITZROY: Armstrong, Roos, Kappler, Harris, R. Osborne, Bolzon. ST KILDA: Gotch, Coghlan, Windmar, Bourke, Rice, Elphinstone.
 Played at Princes Park. Umpires Peter Carey, Gary Forster. Attendance 18,774.

MELBOURNE 8.3 15.4 19.9 23.16 154
RICHMOND 2.0 7.4 10.9 16.12 108

GOALS: MELBOURNE: Campbell 7, Lvon 4, Eishold 3, Jackson, Stynes, O'Dwyer 2, Healy, Dean, Bailey. RICHMOND: Hogg 6, Palm, James, Free 2, Nicholls, Mitchell, Egan, M. Pickering.
BEST: MELBOURNE: O'Dwyer, Campbell, Stynes, Lovett, Stretch, Healy, Eishold. RICHMOND: Palm, Mitchell, Honeybun, Hogg, Nicholls, J. Pickering.
 Played at MCG. Umpires Brian Bulluss, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance 34,824.

FOOTSCRAY 3.3 7.4 10.5 16.6 102
SYDNEY SWANS 3.6 7.7 9.10 11.10 76

GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Beasley, Shields 5, Baxter 2, Hawkins, Wallace, Foster, Hunter. SYDNEY SWANS: Davis 4, A. Morwood, Higgins 2, Brinkotter, Wright, Murphy.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Cousins, Wallace, Cullen, Foster, Baxter, Hannebery, Shields. SYDNEY SWANS: Roberts, Bolton, Higgins, Murphy, Toohey, Wright.
 Played at VFL Park. Umpires Shane Harris, Chris Mitchell. Attendance 18,980.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GLENELG 2.3 8.8 9.10 17.14 116
NORWOOD 4.7 6.9 8.12 9.14 68

GOALS: GLENELG: Ralph 3, McDermott, Marshall, Chigwidden 2, Gibbs, Carey, Schneebechler, Symonds, Budarick, Christie, Woodlands, Salisbury. NORWOOD: Balme, Kelly 2, Rowe, Anderson, McIntosh, Pane, Francis 1.
BEST: GLENELG: Ralph, Stringer, Salisbury, Seebohm, Marshall. NORWOOD: Rowe, Anderson, Hall, Balme, Kelly.

VFL RESERVES

FOOTSCRAY 19.17 (131) d SYDNEY SWANS 12.12 (84).
GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Howlett 3, Petraglia 3, Campbell 3, Collins 3, Liberatore 2, Davies 2, Svlar, S. MacPherson, James. SYDNEY SWANS: Cordner 4, Winter 2, Hawke 2, Wheeler, Hose, Caprioli, Kerr.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Liberatore, Davies, James, Svlar, Tzatzaris, Petraglia, Allday. SYDNEY SWANS: Willis, Silvestro, Capriolo, Kerr, Cordner, Winter.

FITZROY 23.21 (159) d ST KILDA 10.28 (88).
GOALS: FITZROY: McGrath 4, Wynd 4, Thomas 3, Lynch 3, Hinkley 3, Broderick 2, Strooper 2, Handley, Clayton. ST KILDA: Nixon 3, Weeding 2, Browne 2, Dax, Manning, Morley.

MELBOURNE 26.23 (179) d RICHMOND 12.20 (92).
GOALS: MELBOURNE: Fidge 7, Johnson 4, Kennedy 3, Sparks 3, Viney 3, Koop 2, Stoney 2, Lovell, Rennie. RICHMOND: Nixon 3, Pym 2, Powell, Peters, Cox, Clarke, Gale, Ryan, Summers.
BEST: MELBOURNE: Sparks, Viney, Graham, Koop, Fidge, Bayes. RICHMOND: Mahoney, Summers, Elliott, Pym, Leys, Ryan.

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TFL: CLARENCE 26.18 (174) d BURNIE HAWKS 19.16 (130), HOBART 27.19 (181) d NEW NORFOLK 8.12 (60), SANDY BAY 24.18 (162) d NORTH LAUNCESTON 8.14 (62), DEVONPORT 21.17 (143) d SOUTH LAUNCESTON 10.6 (66), GLENORCHY to play NORTH HOBART Monday.
NTFL: PENGUIN 19.12 (126) d SCOTTSDALE 18.8 (116), EAST DEVONPORT 17.11 (113) d LAUNCESTON 10.9 (69), WYNYARD 20.8 (128) d SMITHTON 13.11 (89), ULVERSTONE 22.17 (149) d LATROBE 6.8 (44), GEORGETOWN to play BURNIE Monday.

WAFL RESERVES

CLAREMONT 6.2 11.5 14.8 21.9 135
SUBIACO 1.1 3.3 6.5 9.6 60

GOALS: CLAREMONT: James 5, Buckley 4, Court 3, Beresford, Clarke, Edwards 2, Fitzgerald, Kickett, Elliott. SUBIACO: Jones, Sloan, Hooper 2, Beale, Kemp, D. Piggott.
BEST: CLAREMONT: James, Edwards, Elliott, Court, Buckley, Morgan. SUBIACO: Jones, Hooper, Golding, D. Piggott, Kemp, Rosich.

SWAN DISTRICTS 4.0 7.6 10.9 12.12 84
WEST PERTH 2.4 3.5 5.6 8.11 59

GOALS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Quinlivan 5, Trevelan 3, Maguire 2, Papalia 1. WEST PERTH: Crognale 3, O'Neill 2, Doutar, Michael, Perry.
BEST: Quinlivan, Ietto, Sidebottom, M. Stevens, Papalia, Morey. WEST PERTH: Biffin, Cutler, Buktenica, Dayman, Soutar, Michael.

SOUTH FREMANTLE 4.3 8.6 10.11 14.16 100
EAST PERTH 2.3 5.5 7.6 9.10 64

GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: S. Grant 5, P. Matera, P. Worsfold 2, Baxter, Gibb, D. Paunich, Flugge, C. Nalder 1. EAST PERTH: McAleer 3, Cartier 2, Edmondson, Miller, Higgins, Ninnyett 1.
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Gatti, Matera, Gibb, Grijusich, Fitzpatrick, Grant. EAST PERTH: Embrey, Ward, Glendinning, Wasley.

PERTH 5.3 8.9 15.15 21.19 145
EAST FREMANTLE 2.8 4.13 5.16 7.19 61

GOALS: PERTH: Clarkson 4, Papotto, Young 3, Alvaro, Stiles, B. Cable 2, Mumford, Hamley, Kelly, Bloomer, Grijusich 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Lamb, Buss, Hewitt, Rowe, Ryder, Kullil, Hansen 1.
BEST: PERTH: Jackson, Grijusich, Clarkson, Cable, Dick, Papotto. EAST FREMANTLE: Sims, Weber, Rowe, Lamb, Quill.

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EAST FREMANTLE 12.9 (81) d PERTH 9.10 (64).
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Congleton 4, Anderson, Van Duren, Durmanich, Jenkin, Stagg, Ahola, Mather, Ralph. PERTH: Collins, Pears 3, Thompson, Pavy, Davis 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: MacLean, Mather, Hill. PERTH: Bitmead, Knipe, Jones.

WEST PERTH 21.20 (146) d SWAN DISTRICTS 6.5 (41).

GOALS: WEST PERTH: Quall 7, Sing 5, Petsos, Stockman, Sanzone 2, Worrell, Day, Hunter. SWAN DISTRICTS: Robertson 3.
BEST: WEST PERTH: Quall, Petsos, Whatmore. SWAN DISTRICTS: Byrne, Marshall, Ninnyette.

SOUTH FREMANTLE 12.11 (83) d EAST PERTH 7.8 (50).

GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Jakovich 4, Mosconi 2, Eaves, Geneini, Winmar, Atkins, Lebek, Mazurek. EAST PERTH: Softley, Walker 2, Starcevic, Johnson, Rose 1.
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Lebek, Copeland, Dunstan. EAST PERTH: Stewart, Softley, Costa.

COLTS

CLAREMONT 7.10 (52) d SUBIACO 6.5 (41).

BEST: CLAREMONT: Burton, Ridley 2, Creed, Milne, Manchester. SUBIACO: Morris 2, Buckley, Willison, Walker, Burton.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Malone, Barrows, Geneve. SUBIACO: Underwood, Pethick, Butler.



HOW THEY STAND

SGIO WAFL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1	1	-	149	48	310.41	4
WEST PERTH	1	1	-	161	77	209.09	4
CLAREMONT	1	1	-	142	75	189.33	4
EAST FREMANTLE	1	1	-	117	98	119.38	4
Perth	1	-	1	98	117	83.76	-
Subiaco	1	-	1	75	142	52.81	-
Swan Districts	1	-	1	77	161	47.82	-
East Perth	1	-	1	48	149	32.21	-

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
ESSENDON	1	1	-	164	82	200.0	4
MELBOURNE	1	1	-	154	108	142.6	4
FOOTSCRAY	1	1	-	102	76	134.2	4
EAGLES	1	1	-	104	83	125.3	4
FITZROY	1	1	-	140	118	118.6	4
Carlton	1	1	-	126	111	113.5	4
Collingwood	1	1	-	83	75	110.7	4
Brisbane	1	-	1	75	83	90.4	-
Hawthorn	1	-	1	111	126	88.1	-
St Kilda	1	-	1	118	140	84.3	-
Geelong	1	-	1	83	104	79.8	-
Sydney	1	-	1	76	102	74.5	-
Richmond	1	-	1	108	154	70.1	-
N. Melbourne	1	-	1	82	164	50.0	-

WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
PERTH	1	1	-	145	61	237.70	4
CLAREMONT	1	1	-	135	60	225.00	4
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1	1	-	100	64	156.25	4
SWAN DISTRICTS	1	1	-	84	59	142.37	4
West Perth	1	-	1	59	84	70.23	-
East Perth	1	-	1	64	100	64.00	-
Subiaco	1	-	1	60	135	44.44	-
East Fremantle	1	-	1	61	145	42.06	-

WAFL UNDER-19s TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WEST PERTH	1	1	-	146	41	356.09	4
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1	1	-	83	50	166.00	4
CLAREMONT	1	1	-	52	41	126.82	4
EAST FREMANTLE	1	1	-	81	64	126.56	4
Subiaco	1	-	1	41	52	78.84	-
Perth	1	-	1	64	81	79.01	-
East Perth	1	-	1	50	83	60.24	-
Swan Districts	1	-	1	41	146	28.08	-

SOUTH Australian football will have its first full round of fixtures this weekend.

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Everyone's entitled to his opinion

THERE were times when I felt like smacking Rod Brown in the mouth.

As coach and president of West Perth a few years back, we had our disagreements.

Mind you, I would not have chosen a roomful of people as the place to do it.

Yet it seems last Thursday at Mandurah, John Todd succumbed to such a temptation.

The real issue isn't that the incident occurred, but what happened after.

A glib apology, not read by Todd but by Bill Kerr, and then the announcement that the coach had fined himself an undisclosed amount — John Todd fined himself!

As soon as I heard that I visualised Ian Botham running through the mountains looking for a phone box in

the Alps, to ring the Queensland Cricket Association to suggest a compromise for their recent parting.

A great idea! Why didn't he fine himself?

But back to the judicial oasis... football in WA.

How much longer are people going to have to put up with this sort of rot?

If somebody wants to job somebody that's their business, if somebody wants to advocate more fights in footy matches they have the right, but when is a spokesperson for integrated football going to get up and say what at least 50 per cent of the public want to hear?

These people are not the sole spokespeople for our national game in Western Australia and their actions and statements are not condoned in the name of football!

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator
DENNIS COMETTI



I must admit I have a good belly laugh when Toddy or Brownie (Mal) run off the rails because I know they know nobody in authority is game to take them on.

Administrations may change but the silence is still deafening.

The danger when you go unchallenged is to think you're always right.

How dare Rod Brown have the gall to suggest John Todd is not a genius in a tracksuit.

How dare he mention a 52% career winning record, four premierships balanced by four last play finishes and six straight losses at interstate level.

How dare he bring up selection controversies.

Mind you, John has been pretty quick to offer public opinions on the football character shortcomings of some players (as recently as Derek Kickett and Paul Mifka).

Clearly, John would agree it's better to give than receive in areas of public scrutiny.

The Mandurah incident obviously

has its roots several seasons ago. Rod Brown's comments were not anti-Eagles but put the heat squarely on their coach.

After listening to the programme I felt the questions had an underlying edge to them but were hardly the sort to provoke the response they did.

In fairness to Todd, neither Rod Brown, or myself for that matter, have seen the former Swan Districts coach at his best first hand.

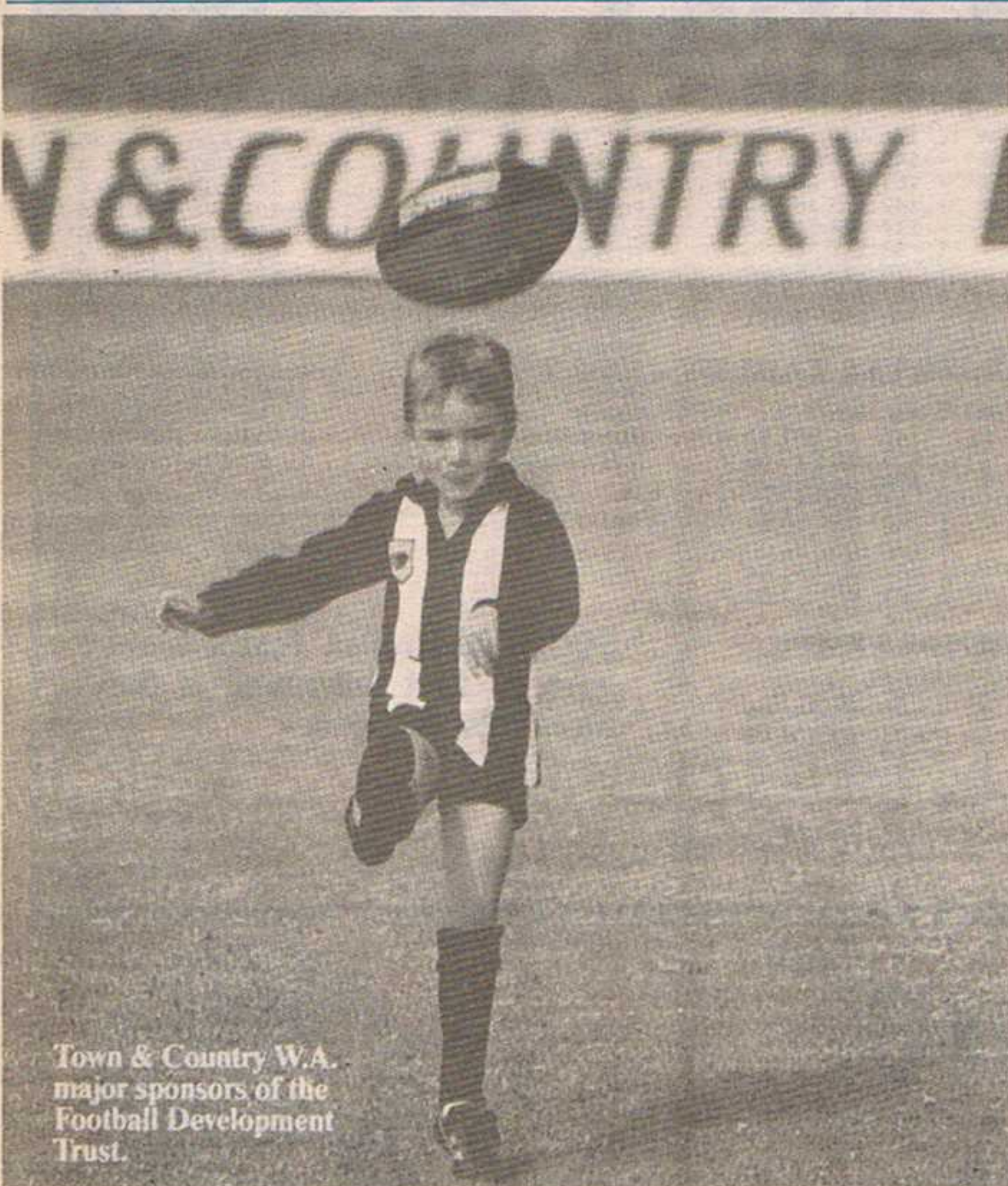
Away from the headlines and the public gaze, Todd's dealings with Brown's old club were, to my mind, grossly unprofessional.

Many groups of people get from point A to point B while still harbouring deep divisions in their ranks but rarely do they do it without stringent discipline.

Football in WA might be on the verge of a strong turnaround and the least it deserves is strong and visible leadership off the ground.



JOHN TODD... let off lightly.



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Umps will have to be careful

THE 1988 season will be a testing one for all concerned — players, officials and spectators. And especially umpires.

Continual meddling with the rules over the last couple of years — in a frustrated bid to change a game that doesn't really need changing — has left most umpires (not to mention fans) a little confused.

This year they face yet another daunting task — and it concerns the new 50-metre rule for "deliberately wasting time".

You can bet that there are plenty of shrewd players around — not to mention our cagey coaches — who have worked out the advantages of the 50-metre penalty. If you can stage a good roll-over-and-cry-in-pain act, you can get 50m instead of 15m and maybe win the game for your side.

Fifty metres is a long way when you're talking about having a shot for goal from the centre square or inside the half-forward line.

Monday's opening set of WAFL fixtures were the first official games for the 50m rule to be invoked — and there were plenty of players trying one on the umps as they fell to the ground after a mark; pretending to be impeded by the opposition as they tried to take their kick and generally turned on some top-class Robert Redford acts.

Fortunately, most of the umpires saw through some fairly crude ruses, but commentators around the grounds generally expressed concern at the interpretation of the new rule.

WA's doyen of football writers, Geoff Christian, was fairly adamant on radio 6NR that interpretation would be the key to the success of the rule or not — and co-commentator Ian Miller was quite strong in his criticism of the umpire at one stage when the man-in-white was far from right as he got conned by a clever player.

Far too much emphasis has been placed on rule changes in recent years and the middle during this year's pre-season was a classic example.

We had about half-a-dozen different rules being tried out in the Kresta Cup pre-season workouts; the VFL were looking at a few others in their practice games — and, in the end, officialdom picked a few at random and discarded the rest.



AND LASTLY

with ALAN EAST

You only had to be sitting in the outer last Monday to hear the screams of annoyance from the fans when some of the new rules were invoked — or some of the practice ones that had been dropped were "ignored".

Sure, the fans are still confused — and they're not alone.

One radio commentator who obviously hadn't bothered following the footy too much before the money-making part of the season got under way, was obviously unaware of the change to the free-kick rule.

Now that you must take a kick after receiving a free — and you're not allowed to handpass — the umpire is obliged to bring the ball back and bounce it if a player forgets.

Hopefully, someone will point out to the commentator in question — this was one time when the ump was right!

PLEASANT START

THE successful opening to the 1988 season — for the winners and our officials, that is — was a much-needed tonic after a rather lethargic summer.

The crowds were reasonably good and our WAFL officials were happy to top the 20,000 mark — a big bonus on last year's opening round.

But then so it should have been.

After all, it was a Monday public holiday, a magnificent day for sitting out on the banks, there was no Eagles match in conflict and footy fans had been starved of the real action since last September.

With the Eagles playing away — and winning — the mood was ripe for a promising opening on the local scene.

Footy officials certainly couldn't complain about the way the media — especially the radio boys — revved up the start to the domestic action.

Let's hope it stays positive.