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SCIO

Drinks are on the boss

Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr was delighted to act as drinks waiter for victorious Eagles Phil Scott and Chris Mainwaring after their win over Essendon.

Picture: JULIAN COWAN.



NOT SO KEENE

GENIAL Eagles giant Laurie Keene is in danger of losing touch with VFL football.

The potential match-winner is lamenting in the Subiaco WAFL side — and badly lacking motivation.

He has obviously fallen out of favour with new Eagles coach John Todd — and is struggling to regain his place in the top 20.

Word was rife at Subiaco Oval after last Saturday's WAFL fixtures that Keene would quit the Eagles if he couldn't regain his place in the next game or two.

In fact, some die-hard Lions fans were already rubbing their hands in glee at the thought of having the big man back in Subiaco colours.

Keene admits that he's currently got a problem — just when he should be at his peak, his confidence is rock bottom.

At 27, Keene has done his football apprenticeship and should be a

by
HARVEY DEEGAN

match-winner. He certainly should be dominating the WAFL games he plays in.

A lesser man might hide behind his pre-season injury or his interrupted summer campaign. But not Keene.

"I can't get motivated," says the ruck giant, "And I'm the only one to blame."

Keene is right. Motivation must come from within. But it's not hard to understand why he's down in the mouth. Twice he has travelled interstate with the Eagles this year and twice he has watched the game from the other side of the fence.

The first of those games was a pre-season practice win over Melbourne at the MCG; the second was the victory over Geelong in the first premiership match a fortnight ago.

It was a happy trip home on the plane, but somehow Keene didn't feel as though he was entitled to be part of it.

Eagles star at the crossroads

Then last Friday night, Keene — and 24,500 other people — saw another great Eagles victory. Less than 24 hours later Keene was expected to perform in front of a fraction of that number of fans, when Subiaco met East Perth.

"I suppose as you become older, your expectations are higher when it comes to your own performance," says Keene.

"However the motivation is just not there. And when motivation goes, so do the skills."

Keene's role on the field is also a problem. He has a love affair with ruckwork, but invariably finds himself playing as a permanent forward. Two years ago, Keene was used mainly as a ruckman for Subiaco and his State and scooped nearly all the media awards.

Keene realises that his chances of leading the Eagles ruck are practically zero as long as Alex Ishchenko

continues to play well. And there's not much chance of a full-forward spot while Ross Glendinning is dominating the area in front of goals.

But if there was a weakness in the Eagles make-up last Friday, it was the lack of a tall, strong forward pocket who could take a big mark and kick the ball straight over great distances.

That sounds just like Laurie Keene.

Keene is a surveyor by profession and right now he has to carry out the most important survey of his life — an intensive study into his mental attitude to the game he loves.

At least he's conquered the hardest part — the identification of the problem.

There's not a football fan in Western Australia who doesn't want to see Keene solve the rest of the problem and return to the competition he is ultimately destined to leave a major impact upon — the VFL.

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What they said...

"Unfortunately, we're going to have to make use of what we've got because we cannot afford to recruit." East Perth coach Gerard McNeill.

"John will be asked to explain the circumstances and we will then consider what action, if any, is necessary." Eagles chairman of directors Neil Hamilton on the John Todd radio incident.

"I might as well move aside and let a younger player have a game." Perth veteran Peter Bosustow indicating that he would drop out of football, at least till an ankle injury was fully recovered.

"We were extremely disappointed to lose him and we believe he is worth at least \$35,000." East Fremantle chief Hans Beyer on the move by Andrew Purser to West Perth.

"The amount I have fined myself will remain an in-house secret between the players and me." Eagles coach John Todd on the fine he imposed over the Rod Brown incident.

"East Perth should consider amalgamating with a West Coast Eagles reserves side." Ron McDonald, writing in *The West Australian*.

"Whilst we understand Todd's desire to defend both his honour and that of the club, we cannot condone the method in which he did so." Eagles chief Bill Kerr confirming that John Todd had been fined an undisclosed amount by the club.

"If I'm going to get smacked in the mouth every time I speak the truth, then I'll be bloody sore by the end of the season." Radio 6PR critic Rod Brown, the victim of a John Todd backhander.

"I can still improve. It doesn't matter how old you are or how many games you've played." Hawthorn's 34-year-old Michael Tuck on equalling the club record of 343 games.

"Our rovers can play a bit too." Eagles coach John Todd after the victory over Essendon.

"There's no magic formula. We've just been working on the little things that make good teams like some of the one's I've played in." Perth coach Rob Wiley after beating Claremont.

"We are delighted with the public's response." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on sales of more than 7000 membership tickets.

"I just didn't like the way we let 13 goals get scored against us without any real gutsy efforts." Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy.

"You're only as good as your last performance; we don't want to get caught in an ambush next week." Eagles coach John Todd after the Essendon win.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES

HIGH PRAISE

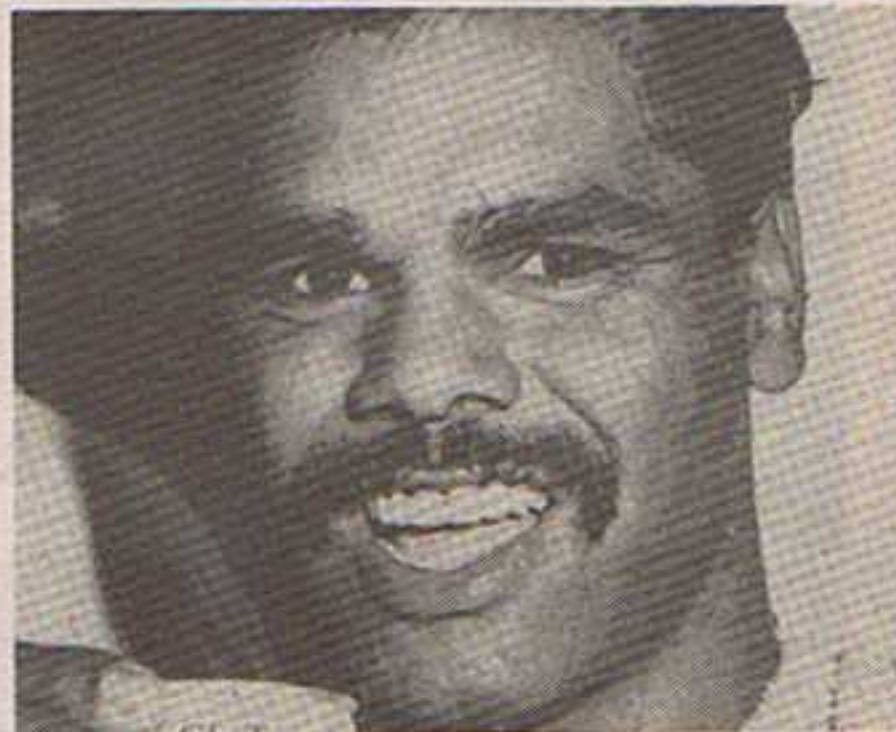
THE pre-season jousting between Eagles coach John Todd and Swan Districts rookie Troy Ugle was interesting, to say the least. Todd dropped a slack Ugle from the Eagles squad, but then recalled him in time for the March 16 deadline — and was rightly pleased with his VFL debut last week. "Ugle will be a big player," said Todd. "He reminds me of Syd Jackson — and he made it in the hurly-burly of the VFL. Ugle holds his ground and he'll do well."

NERVOUS START

EAGLES coach John Todd has always had extreme faith in the ability of Swan Districts rookie Troy Ugle. And with that kind of solid backing, making your VFL debut is just that little bit easier. The 18-year-old Ugle was thrown into action against Essendon on Friday night, starting on the interchange bench, but getting his first taste of the game towards the end of the opening term. He was back on the bench for the second quarter, but 10 minutes before half-time he was let loose again — and stayed in the centre for the rest of the game. "I felt a bit nervous in my first two runs onto the ground," said Ugle after the win. "But the fellas made me feel real good and the longer the game went, the better it felt."

MEXICAN WAVE

IT was interesting to note that the now-famous Mexican Wave arrived at the WACA Ground for a football match — not cricket, which is its traditional domain. The Eagles cheer leaders got the wave rolling last Friday... but only after some hard-working persuasion as they stirred the crowd up at half-time. The wave — when the crowd stand and wave in turn around the ground — originated at some mass-density overseas sport fixtures and really caught the Australian imagination at the MCG during the January one-day cricket series. Our records indicate that the wave didn't appear at any WACA Ground cricket matches this year, so it's another first for footy!



Troy Ugle ... "he'll be okay".

CHEER UP GEORGE

ONE of football's most popular supporters, George Malaxos, is recovering in hospital after a motor car accident. George, father of Eagles star Steve, of course, never misses a game, be it the Eagles or Claremont. He was often seen on interstate trips last year and West-side hopes that it won't be long before he's barracking for the boys again.

PEOPLE'S TEAM

RICHARD Colless, one of the men whose driving force helped the West Coast Eagles launch themselves into the VFL arena, has strong convictions about the success of the move. "We are becoming a people's team," says the former chairman of Indian Pacific Ltd, the Eagles' parent company and a current director. "We carry the responsibility of the community and we can't afford to be negative or apathetic about the game. We can't take the game for granted."

HERE'S CHEERS

JUST for the record, the West Coast Eagles have now got three official groups of off-field supporters. The long-legged Eaglets are still rehearsing their behind-the-goals act, but the uniformed girls we saw in action at the WACA Ground last Friday are, in fact, the Eagles cheer leaders. And then we have the Eagles cheer squad, those volunteers who make up the run-through banner and wave those streamers about whenever the Eagles notch a goal. Our picture in last week's edition was of the cheer leaders, not the Eaglets.

GLEN'S GAME

REJECTED West Coast Eagle Glen Bartlett is determined to tackle his new role as East Perth's skipper with a fervent desire to succeed. Bartlett, bitterly disappointed at losing his Eagles spot after a heart-breaking summer working hard to recover from a back injury, has no ill feelings for the Eagles. "I'm just going to concentrate on doing my best for East Perth," he says. "I want to do everything I can to help the club and making me captain was something I didn't expect. It shows how well I've been accepted back there. I'm very confident about the future of East Perth despite our current situation."

PLAY OF THE DAY

THERE were a couple of outstanding individual efforts in Friday's Eagles victory over Essendon. One came from half-forward Karl Langdon when he used his strength to hold his ground just outside the centre square, tap the ball out ahead of him, pick it out of the air and shoot for goal on the run to bring up the team's fourth. Rover David Hart produced a gem in the final term when he held his ground to bustle out a bigger Essendon opponent after a kick in from goal. He gathered the ball under pressure and snapped back towards the goal. Skipper Ross Glendenning trapped the ball right on the goal-line and poked it through — and then apologised to Hart, saying it would have gone through if he had let it go.

SWEET REVENGE

THE strong performance from Eagle Dean Turner was sweet revenge for his last outing against the Essendon Bombers. In the pre-season Panasonic Cup game, Turner copped an elbow above the eye and had nine stitches inserted — which put him off his game for the rest of the night, naturally. Last Friday Turner was in a determined mood, playing strongly in the second term and never shirking the physical clashes. His three second-quarter goals were all gems.

Clamp down on slack selectors

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



THE WAFL must get its act together on team announcements.

The League must hit the clubs between the eyes with big fines if they can't comply with regulations concerning team selections.

A list of no more than 21 players, in position, must be announced on Thursday nights and issued to the media.

It's been happening in Melbourne, the Mecca of football, with VFL sides for six years.

Surely the WAFL shouldn't take that long to realise how good the rule is.

Clubs name their list, with no more than three emergencies in case of any last minute hitches, and they must stick to the announced teams or face heavy penalties.

That way punters, supporters and the media are not kept in the dark.

The WAFL must move into the modern age of football.

Football now is more than a game and entertainment, it has become a means of making a few handy bucks on the side through the TAB.

I like to have a punt on the horses

and I am equally keen to have a flutter on football's new system, Footo.

But until the WAFL implement stringent selection rules, I'm a bit reluctant and I am certain other punters feel the same.

The word from Fremantle last week was that Maurice Rioli had no chance of playing in last Saturday's match against Swan Districts at Bassendean.

But Souths officials refused to admit to media sources the brilliant centreman would not play.

That's robbing punters of crucial information as they decide how to invest their hard-earned cash.

It must change, and quickly, if the WAFL is to attract potential revenue for itself and refurbish interest in the WAFL.

Now there is the argument that gate takings might be down if news is released early that attractions like

Rioli at Bassendean, Perth's Rob Wiley and Mark Watson at Claremont and Peter Featerby at Subiaco were not going to play.

You could have almost swayed me with that argument last week, but after last Saturday's upsets, that argument doesn't hold up.

The WAFL and the enormous potential of Footo received an enormous injection last week.

I only wish I'd had that flutter on my old Demon teammates.

What a performance and at the expense of the reigning premiers.

There's plenty more where that came from and there's plenty more on offer on Saturday.

Three top games, with the outcome totally unpredictable.

I'll have to trust my sources on Rioli this time and not the Bulldogs though.

And by the way ... Maurice will play in the Derby, even if South won't confirm it for you.

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The Derby



by
Harvey Deegan

THERE should be more than 15,000 people at East Fremantle Oval this Saturday for the Derby. But there probably won't be.

The clash lends itself to promotion, to outrageous, attention-getting ideas. But if any bright lights have been switched on in that direction, we haven't heard about them and neither has the public.

Players of both sides this week have been fired up by their respective coaches, with the newcomers reminded what a victory in a Derby means — a lot more than a win in other league matches.

There will be extra dedication on display, especially as both sides are genuine final-four contenders. Both coaches have Fremantle roots and have emerged bloodied, but unbowed from many a Derby clash in the past.

But there appears to have been a low-key build-up to the game, off the field, as if the match will sell itself.

A belief that because 15,757 souls attended the first Derby last year, a similar number will trip along this year.

Wrong on two counts.

This time last year Mark Jackson was up to his antics and Jacko was always worth a few extra clicks at the turnstile.

SHOPPING AREA

And the West Coast Eagles were doing battle in the East on the weekend of last year's opening Derby, so more people were able to afford to go to the local footy.

A promotional starting point could be the main shopping area in Fremantle on Thursday night and again on Saturday morning. Players and coaches could be presented to the people, a mini parade with say Graham Melrose, Stan Magro and some of the leading players from each club could be arranged for the streets of Fremantle.

Local newspapers could have been supplied with promotional material, highlighting some of the immortal moments of past derbies, interviews could have been done with great Bulldogs and Sharks of the past and assembled into 30-second commercials for the radio stations. Percy Johnson alone would be able to provide entertaining material for a saturation campaign.

It's not just another match



Warwick Capper ... he should be a WAFL drawcard.

The clubs and the WAFL need to pay more attention to the promotion of the game and, oddly enough, there is a way that can be achieved at minimal cost.

Several years ago a few members of the football media offered to meet regularly with the League for "Think Tank Drinks". No honour and glory attached, just a genuine desire to help promote the game.

BIG DRAWCARD

THE VFL's most marketable property, Warwick Capper, is unexpectedly in town this weekend, thanks to the Queensland weather.

Surely something can be done to use the Bears goalkicking genius in a promotional field — and hand the expense!

A simple lap or two of East Fremantle Oval and some autograph signing should be worth a few more ticket sales. And, after all, the Bears football manager Jim Sewell, is a former East Fremantle man.

The venture began enthusiastically, but petered out. There would be no shortage of people willing to revive the idea now.

South Fremantle's managing-director Harold Harper is keenly aware of the need for promotion and is already thinking ahead to the Foundation Day Derby in June, when there will be only one game of league football played.

MARKETING

Harper makes a credible point when he argues that a marketing thrust of a big Foundation Day Derby could be diluted somewhat with an 'overboard' promotion for the one this Saturday.

Problem is, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush and it's possible (though no one south of the river will say probable) that one or both sides could be out of the four by round 10.

The immediate final-four prospects of both sides rest on this Saturday's game, so the stakes are extremely high.

The football public should be out in force at this and other WAFL matches of their own volition, but sometimes people need a gentle prod.

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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.

IT'S A TOUGH LIFE!

FORMER league footballer Peter Thomas must be wondering about football justice.

The current league team runner for East Fremantle started his coaching career with Canning, in the Sunday Football League, in January this year.

Last Wednesday, just three months later and a week or so before the first game, he was sacked.

Thomas played senior football with both Subiaco and East Fremantle and is well respected at both clubs. As my former team runner at the Sharks I can vouch for his enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication.

But Denzil Partridge, the president of Canning and his directors haven't given Thomas a chance — sacked before the first game!

One wonders what reasons these type of people base their initial appointments on. Even more to the point — what information they rely on to make such a drastic decision to dispose of their coach on the eve of the season.

It is obviously too late for Thomas to seek another appointment as coach to further his career and he is without a club to play for.

Certainly shabby treatment.

Obviously Thomas is entitled to be paid out — that must be the moral obligation Canning face.

EAGLES dasher Mark Zanotti has done a great job this year. He has slotted into the back-pocket for the Eagles and is playing like a VFL veteran.

Zanotti normally picks up at taller

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By RON ALEXANDER



... as Thomas has discovered

forward (not a ruckman), punches the ball to the ground and runs on strongly.

With his pace and confidence, it is extremely difficult for the opposition forwards to stop Zaver when the Eagles are rebounding an attacking move.

FRUSTRATING

THE Eagles certainly frustrated Essendon at the WACA Ground last Friday.

It was a good close tussle for most of the first half, but with the Eagles applying continual pressure when Essendon had possession, it didn't allow the Bombers to direct the ball well.

This often forced Essendon to kick wide and so the ball travelled the long and slow way into their forward line.

When the ball was punched to the ground, there was a greater chance of an Eagle possession because of the numbers game. You draw a man and give your teammate time to dispose of the ball to advantage.

ROYALS WOES

GERARD McNeill certainly has a tough job at East Perth.

The club appears to lack the resources to recruit players and, indeed, has trouble hanging on to their own players.

A number of their footballers have gone to the country (for more money obviously) and more are playing in the VFL, which is not unusual.

The unusual and distressing aspect to the Royals problem, however, is the number of players at rival WAFL clubs.

There are at least 10 players lining up with other clubs each week — five with Subiaco, two played in Claremont's premiership side, two with South and one at Perth.

Rival clubs have obviously been feeding off East Perth's difficult position.

The Royals apparent lack of competitiveness doesn't help the League's cause at present.

McNeill needs the same resources and support as coaches like Haydn Bunton and Gerard Neesham have and at present he is playing the coaching game from an unequal footing.

The following team gives you some idea of the talent that has left Perth Oval in recent times:

BACKS: Steven Curtis (Port Adelaide), John Scott (Claremont), Paul Higgins (Subiaco).

HALF-BACKS: David Morgan (country), Michael Christain (Collingwood), Kevan Sparks (Subiaco).

CENTRES: Greg Carpenter (Subiaco), Peter Thorne (Claremont), Willie Roe (South Fremantle).

HALF-FORWARDS: Richard Dennis (Carlton), Craig Starcevic (Collingwood), Brett Stephens (Fitzroy).

FORWARDS: Alex Rattray (Subiaco), Craig Edwards (South Fremantle), Russell Sparks (country).

RUCK: Shane Cocker (Subiaco), Steve Da Rui (Carlton), Tony Papotto (Perth).

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

**MICHAEL
O'CONNELL**

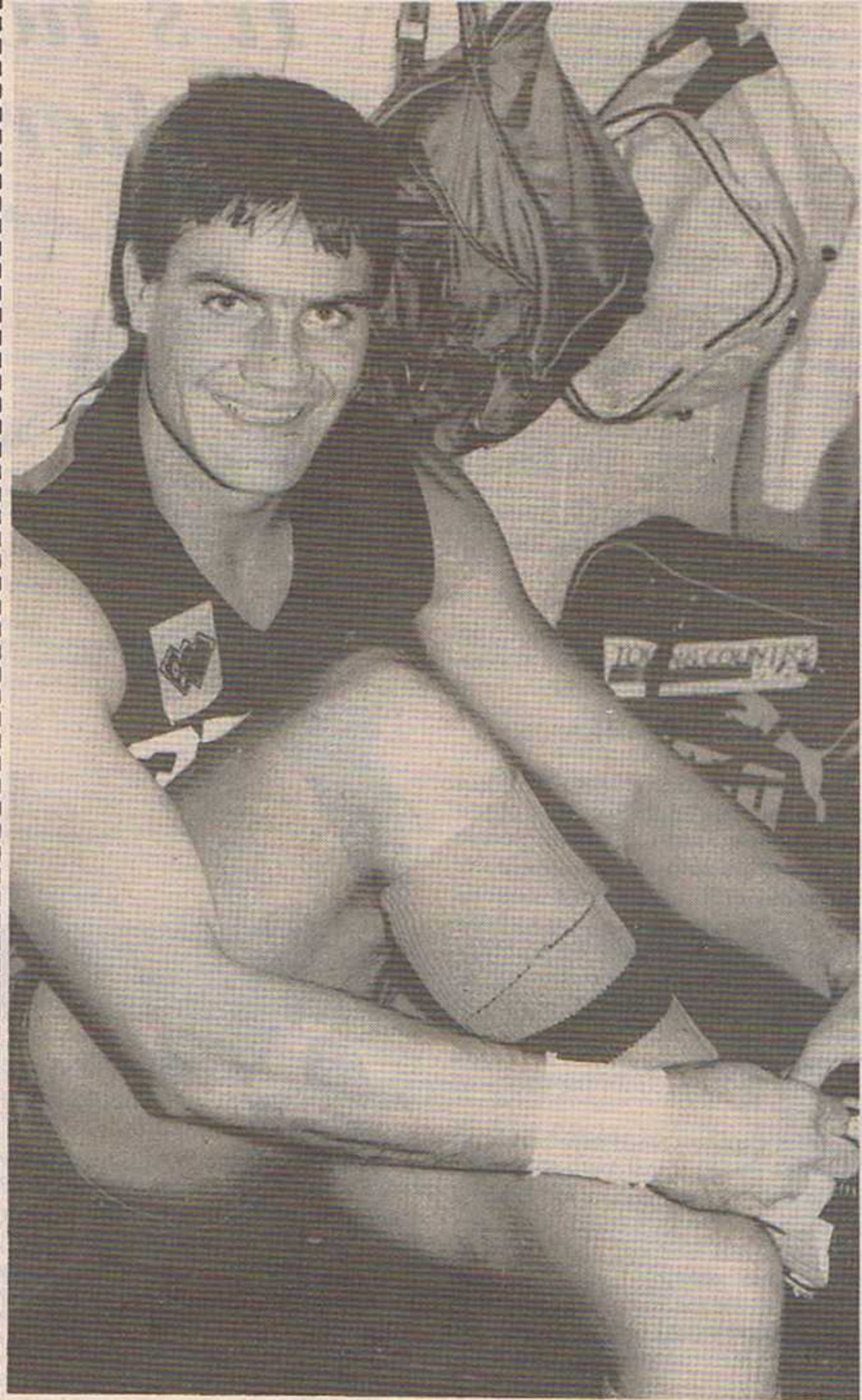


FAVOURITE POSITION: Half-back flank
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17/1/62 Subiaco
HEIGHT: 190cm (6ft 3in) **WEIGHT:** 86kg (13st 8lb)
RECRUITED FROM: Claremont
FIRST PLAYED: 3/4/82 versus East Fremantle
GAMES PLAYED: Eagles 12, Claremont 84, Finals 6
FOOTBALL HONOURS: 1986 Emu Export All Stars team, 1986 State squad
MARTIAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 2 brothers, 3 sisters
OCCUPATION: Art student
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Trinity College
CAR: 1986 MG
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Surfing, art, beach, guitar
FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood (oysters/crayfish)
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Mark Knoffler, Dingoos
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: S.E. Hinton, Lee Falk, Ronald Dahl
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Rottnest Island or snow slopes
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Steves, Nedlands Park Hotel
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Addams Family, Star Trek
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Breathless
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father (John O'Connell) and Graham Moss
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Tom Carroll, Lee Evans
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: None
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1983 grand final
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning 1982 grand final
NICKNAME: Okey
FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be a consistent player



**Gary
Bock**



Full Name: Gary Bock.
Nickname: Bockie. **Why:** Surname.
Date of Birth: 24/6/64. **Place of Birth:** Busselton.
Height: 190cm (6ft 3in). **Weight:** 95kg (14st 13lb).
Age Started Playing: League 21.
Previous Club/s: Boyanup - Capel - Dandanup.
Junior Club: Boyanup - Capel - Dandanup.
Martial Status: Single.
Girlfriend's Name: Ann.
Residence: Yokine.
Occupation: Draughtsman.
Other Sporting Interests: Basketball.
Favourite Position: Centre-half-back. **First Position:** Ruck.
League Debut: 1986. **Versus:** West Perth.
FAVOURITES:
Actor: Eddie Murphy. **Drink:** Beer.
TV Show: All Creatures Great And Small. **Food:** Seafood.
Movie: Heartbreak Ridge.
Music: Cold Chisel.
Book: The Travellers Tool (Sir Les Patterson).
Holiday Resort: Dunsborough.
Ground: Perth Oval.
Car: Telstar. **Favourite Car:** BMW.
Career Highlights: League debut.
Worst Moment in Football: Losing any game.
Hard Things in Football: Accepting defeat.
Football Idols: Gary Pert.
Toughest Opponent: All of them.
Most Respected Opponent: Craig Edwards.
Most Respected Umpire: None.
Most Memorable Game: 1983 reserves grand final win by East Perth.
Ambitions: To play in successful East Perth team.
What do you like about Football: Playing — I live for Saturdays.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Watch TV, listen to some music.
Who Influenced Your Career: My father (Alan).
Guernsey Number: 37.
Worst injury: Ankles.
Luckiest Break: None yet.

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Cam Shepherd (Claremont) 47
David Court (Claremont) 47

100 GAMES

Glyn Williams (East Perth) 99
Michael O'Connell (Eagles) 96*
Geoff Miles (Eagles) 95*

*Denotes games played with all clubs
as follows: Geoff Miles 22 Eagles, 31
Collingwood, 42 Claremont. Michael
O'Connell 12 Eagles, 84 Claremont.

150 GAMES

Clinton Brown (Subiaco) 147

200 GAMES

Gerard Neesham (Claremont) 199*
Andrew Purser (West Perth) 199*
Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196
Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 191

*Denotes games played with other
clubs as follows: Gerard Neesham 14
Claremont, 79 East Fremantle, 97 Swan
Districts, 9 Sydney Swans; Andrew
Purser 112 Footscray, 85 East Fremantle,
2 West Perth.

250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 240*
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 230

*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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NOT TOO GOOD

WE thought it only happened in WA — players having to climb the fence in the outer to retrieve the football. But viewers of Channel 7's Swans-St Kilda game saw the same thing happen at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Sunday. Admittedly, it was a pretty terrible day and the fans quite sensibly stayed home. But that didn't help St Kilda's Tony Evans when he had to clamber into the front row of seats to claim the footy to take a kick.

KEEN WORKER

FEW members of the West Coast Eagles would be keener and more determined to succeed than ruck-rover John Worsfold. The talented 19-year-old pharmacy student has opted to concentrate on football this year and put his studies to one side. He has split his third-year programme into two sections to make sure that his football doesn't suffer.

CHEER UP!

IT'S good to see the Eagles cheer squad in action — and the standard of their banners remain as high as last season. But wouldn't it look just that little bit better if the young people holding up the banner had some sort of uniform? The Eagles cheer leaders looked really smart last Friday night, but the rather mixed looking group holding the banner detracted from their performance. Surely some clothing firm would sponsor them into coloured shorts and t-shirts.

BANNER'S BOAST

TALKING about the Eagles banner, the first-up home effort is well worth repeating: "Hated in Melbourne, loved in Perth, Beware Bombers, we're after a finals berth."

SUPER SHEEDS

THE genial nature of Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has pleased media men across the country for many seasons. And, despite the crushing loss to the Eagles, he was in fine form after Friday's game. A local question went something like this: "You've played and beaten the Eagles four times in the last year, how different were they tonight." The answer — "Much better!"

GOOD POINT

RADIO 6PR's talk-back motor-mouth, Gary Carvolth, made a good point last week when talking about the League's current predicaments involving finances. Commenting on the League's decision to close certain gates at various grounds, he pointed out that this was a cost-saving exercise. Then they spent money advertising to tell people that the gates were closed!

SLOW LEARNER

CARLTON full-back Milan Hanna hasn't quite got used to the new kicking-in rule.

Hanna twice tried to kick the ball the now required two metres before playing on and both times lost control of the footy.

While Brisbane failed to take advantage and score on both occasions, the ball was bottled up in the forward line.

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THE FANS REMEMBER!

SPORTING fans are a discerning lot. They acknowledge outstanding performances, be they home-town heroes or out-of-town stars. But they also have good memories. The big crowd at the WACA Ground on Friday night acknowledges the cricketers in Perth for the Bicentennial exhibition match as they were introduced — all except one. Former Test captain Greg Chappell was loudly booed. . . but not for his crickering exploits. The crowd were quick to remember that Chappell is an Australian Test selector and as long as Tim Zoehrer is kept out of the side, he'll never be forgiven.



A PRIVATE CHAT

THESE two rather concerned looking Eagles could well be discussing their current football situation. As our Page One story tells you, big ruckman Laurie Keene (left) is at the crossroads at present, while dashing centreman Murray Wrensted must be dreading the return of his horrific 1987 season. Wrensted faded from being one of the Eagles best players early last year to lamenting in East Fremantle's reserves, courtesy of a shoulder injury. But he fought back over summer and his early-season form has been outstanding — until coach John Todd dragged him from the ground in the second quarter last Friday. Despite having an exciting 10 possessions early in the match, Wrensted spent the last half on the bench while rookie Troy Ugle — a Todd favourite — occupied the centre. Let's hope that Wrensted's confidence is not going to be shattered again.

SCOREBOARD WOES

WELL, it hasn't taken us long to zero in on our favourite complaint of bygone seasons — scoreboard inefficiency. Now I'm well aware of financial cutbacks and economical restraints etc. etc. But if you are going to entice the public to the game, you have to give them some service. The around-the-ground scores are a vital service to footy fans at every game. Take Subiaco Oval last week for example. Towards the end of the final term, Swan Districts were still shown as having scored only 8.20 and were trailing South Fremantle. But, in fact, they were 16 goals and on their way to victory. We don't mind the electronic scoreboard being cut out, but at least the manual board should have enough manpower to keep us up to date with other games.

ROYALS SUFFER

EAST Perth are certainly down in the dumps at present, but it's funny how little things can turn a match. The Royals had started reasonably well against Subiaco on Saturday and mid-way through the first term, with luck deserting them on a couple of times, a bad umpiring decision took a lot of sting out of their game. Ruck-rover Bruce Atwell nailed a Lions player with the ball about 25-metres out of goals, but umpire Len Cooper was hopelessly out of position. The Lions defender dropped the ball and crashed forward to the ground — with Atwell being unfairly penalised for a push in the back. If the decision had gone the correct way, it would have given East Perth a golden goal-scoring opportunity and maybe lifted their spirits.

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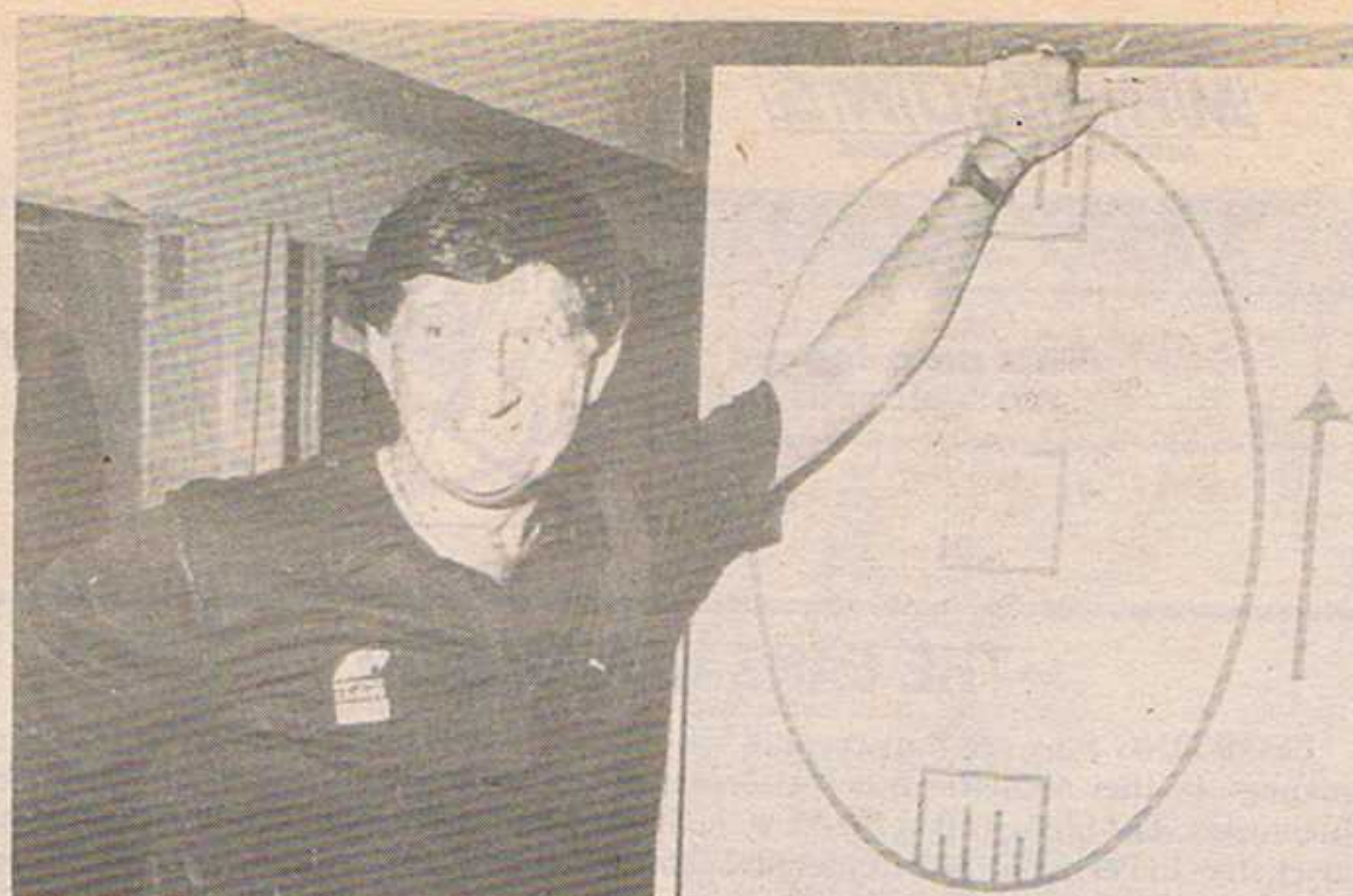


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John Todd ... looking at a rosy draw.

FAI present ... BENNETT'S BURST

By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Eagles facing a dream run

HOW good are the West Coast Eagles?

On their first two performances, many would see them stitching up a place in the VFL top five very early in the season.

If they play as well as they have against Geelong and Essendon, it is conceivable that they could win their first seven games before buckling up to Hawthorn.

On paper, they have a pretty easy run over the next five weeks. . . Brisbane Bears at home, Collingwood away then Footscray at home, North Melbourne away and St Kilda at home.

Of those sides, only Collingwood look a real danger.

But football has a habit of being unpredictable.

The incentive is certainly there before they front-up to the heart of winter for the Eagles to get a flying start to the season and absorb any shock losses that may come in the Melbourne mud.

It is interesting that Claremont coach Gerard Neesham predicted around Christmas that the Eagles would do well early. He was basing his assessment on the Eagles level of fitness.

The way they have finished on in both games so far indicates they are fitter than their opponents.

The irony of their good start is that they will probably have more pressure on them now than pre-season, when many tipped them to be the big improver this year.

There will now be an expectation they will succeed. This has happened to the Perth Wildcats.

Though the basketballers put in a tremendous effort last year to play off for the title, some will see this year as a failure if they don't go one better.

The change in management of the Eagles has obviously had a very big effect.

Chief Executive Bill Kerr is a lot tougher than he makes out. On the surface he appears a genial sort. But as some of those under him are finding out, he has a mind of his own and it is paying dividends.

When he took over the Eagles he was prepared to sit back and listen. I understand the learning process is over.

A big part of the success or failure of the Eagles is on Kerr's shoulders. If you've got the right type it can be a big advantage having one person calling the shots rather than have a committee bickering over decisions.

GOOD NEWS

PERTH and Swan Districts breathed new life into the local competition on Saturday.

The Demons look a much better side this season under Robert Wiley. To beat Claremont on the Tigers home soil was no mean effort.

Swans are always hard to beat at home so their win was not such a shock.

It all adds up to the WAFL having one of its closest seasons this year — something it desperately needs to keep the momentum of interest rolling in the competition.



VFL PREVIEW:

THE West Coast Eagles have set themselves up for a place in the VFL final round with their two early season wins, but now they must build on the initial success.

And Sunday's game against the Brisbane Bears is a danger, even though it's now being played at the WACA Ground.

Should the Eagles go into that match complacent they could ruin all their good work.

A loss to the Bears would nullify the brilliance of last Friday night at the WACA Ground and six days earlier at Geelong.

And they do not deserve to waste their first two performances of the 1988 season.

Last Friday night's win over Essendon was a sensational performance by a team committed to the cause and one which, at this stage at least, represents a serious final five threat.

They have set themselves up for a magnificent start to the season and all things being equal could have a 7-0 win-loss ratio after the seventh round.

That must continue against the Bears and then they could consolidate against Footscray, Collingwood, North Melbourne and St Kilda.

The first half of Friday's game against Essendon produced some of the best individual performances West Australian fans have ever seen. It was comparable to the thrilling State-of-Origin matches seen at Subiaco Oval in the last 10 years.

If the Eagles can reproduce that fierce tackling, hard running, relentless brand of football against the Bears then they should be undefeated after their third VFL game of 1988.

But it will not be easy. The Bears gave an encouraging first-up effort against Collingwood and they have the capacity to break away and kick a winning score.

BETTER TEAM

The Bears are a much better team than that which represented the fledgling Queensland club last year.

Just take a look at the class of recruits they have secured this year.

At the top of the list is the man who



LES'S LYRICS

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

The punters have a say

**Australians are a betting race
Now "Footo" for goodness sake!
And that is just what happened
Over our Easter break.**

**The season kicked off well
With wagers on every game.
Our WAFL or the Eagles?
The odds are all the same.**

**It was met with many opponents
Preaching "Footo just doesn't belong".
But it's all helping our National game.
And surely that's not wrong.**

**Spare a thought for the punters
Footy's a real strange game.
And just who could've picked the
Eagles
To give the Bombers the cane.**

**Big changes are happening to footy
We must all flow with the tide.
So to keep footy out in front
Get out and back your side.**

Time to build on success

by

GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian



best represented what the Sydney Swans were all about — high marking forward Warwick Capper.

And then there's the tough, close-checking Hawthorn star Rodney Eade and one of the best pound-for-pound players in the business in Roger Merritt.

Combine their talents with the likes of Mark Mickan, Brad Hardie, Stephen Reynoldson and Mike Richardson and the Bears have a team capable of making life tough for the more glamorous sides in the competition.

The Eagles will again look to ruckman Alex Ishchenko, rovers David Hart and John Gastev, full-forward Ross Glendinning and defenders Geoff Miles, Michael Brennan and Guy McKenna to lead the way.

Ishchenko has been brilliant in the opening two games, taking on the ruck batteries of Geelong and Essendon and wearing them down.

His clash with Mickan should be a highlight of this contest.

The Eagles were dominant in the area where they were expected to be suspect against the Bombers — at ground level — and they will rely on Gastev and Hart to again set the standard in that area.

The opponent for Capper looms as one of the toughest assignments for this game and perhaps coach John Todd will this week opt to use Geoff Miles at full-back.

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Falcons are smarting

WEST Perth, still smarting from their defeat at the hands of East Fremantle last week, should atone for that poor performance when they play Perth at Leederville Oval.

But it won't be easy.

Perth showed tremendous fighting qualities to deal with premiership favourites Claremont last Saturday and they will be anxious to consolidate on that success.

The Demons were superb, especially when they went into the game without captain-coach Robert Wiley, Sandover Medallist Mark Watson and star ruckman John Gavranich.

It will be important for them to have Gavranich back in action because West Perth boast a wealth of big man talent and it would be too much to expect a makeshift battery to take on Andrew Purser and Craig Nelson.



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WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

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RON ALEXANDER	6	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	5	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	4	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
DENNIS COMETTI	5	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	3	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
HARVEY DEEGAN	5	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	6	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	5	Swan Districts	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	5	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	5	Swan Districts	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	4	Swan Districts	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	4	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles



how about you?



DERBY DATE

SOUTH Fremantle coach Stan Magro has always enjoyed a challenge and for that reason he must be looking forward to Saturday's derby at East Fremantle Oval.

Magro, tough and uncompromising during his playing career, has the chance to get one back on the Sharks and he doesn't like to miss an opportunity.

He will cast his mind back to the first derby of 1987 when the Bulldogs were undefeated at the top of the premiership table. About 14,000 enthusiastic fans crammed into Fremantle Oval only to see East Fremantle emerge victorious.

A large percentage of the crowd turned out in the hope that the underdogs would win the match.

That did not happen and it was the beginning of the end for South Fremantle as they climbed a slide with a bottomless pit. They could not stop their losing sequence and in the end their pride was severely dented.

Defeat in the last game of the season and an unexpected win by East Perth over East Fremantle saw the Bulldogs suffer the final indignity — they had fallen from the top of the table after three games to the bottom after 21.

The Bulldogs have long memories and Saturday gives them the chance to atone for the initial defeat last season — the defeat which sent them tumbling to the lowest depth.

They should have champion centreman Maurice Rioli, rover Wally Madera and centre-half-back Peter Sumich back in action and that must help their cause.

DAUNTING TASK

EAST Perth, the only team in the competition yet to open their 1988 account, face the daunting prospect of a Claremont team on the rebound this week.

The Tigers were shocked at their loss to Perth last Saturday and will be out for blood this week.

The Tigers in a vengeful frame of mind is something of rarity in recent times and the Royals will have their work cut out.

Magro ready to atone

They lacked on-field direction when beaten by Swan Districts last Saturday and the return of those three players helps alleviate the problem.

East Fremantle, on the other hand, managed to grab four premiership points over West Perth when all seemed lost and that must give them a confidence boost on the eve of what promises to be an exciting derby.

It could rival the derbies of old; those traditionally rugged encounters where there was so much at stake. Pride was the motivating factor. The victors could walk the streets of the port city with heads held high and the losers had to wait until the next derby to avenge the situation.

Lions have their worries

SUBIACO have been far from convincing in their opening two games, but they will need to be close to their best if they expect to beat Swan Districts this week.

The Lions were belted by Claremont on the opening day and they had to battle to defeat East Perth last week.

Their midfield division has received a couple of severe jolts with former captain Neil Taylor and Peter Featherby on the injured list and Swan Districts will be looking to capitalise on that situation.

Swans were most impressive in toppling South Fremantle last week and again they will rely on their talented band of midfielders.

For Subiaco to be without Taylor and Featherby in this match could spell disaster.

The Lions have several of their experienced players down on form and that situation will also need to improve if they are to take out the four points.

Perth's Rod Grijusich under pressure from Claremont's Mark Hann.



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with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk



Time for lights at Subi

FOOTBALL officialdom in WA had better revive the old idea of installing lights at Subiaco Oval — otherwise the sport will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Football simply cannot afford to have thousands of WA fans turned away from the WACA Ground every time the Eagles play there.

Even with the new grandstand — yes, it's still coming — the WACA will only take about 28,000 people. Subiaco Oval, football's real headquarters, could easily take the 40,000 or so who want to watch our winning Eagles.

And while they're at it, both the WAFL and Indian Pacific Ltd should make football fans lives a lot more enjoyable by:

- Opening more gates at our league grounds.
- Increasing the number of parking attendants at the Ozone parking area. How can one person be expected to cope with a long line of anxious fans trying to get to the WACA to watch the Eagles?
- Erecting an extra scoreboard at fence level at the WACA so fans who cannot see the main scoreboard and time clock can keep up with the game.
- Employing competent staff on the scoreboards at all ovals and also providing updated scores from other grounds.

SAVE THE SWANS

WHEN will a miracle working corporate sponsor emerge from the monied heavens of Sydney to save the day for the Swans?

The blank hoardings on the Pat Hills Stand made it quite clear the Swans haven't got a sponsor and are really going through a tough time.

Gone are the half time extravaganzas, the trendy doctor and his lovely side kick and Warwick Capper — though he did make a couple of appearances in Swans' colours on the SCG's giant electronic scoreboard during last week's game against St Kilda.

The battling Swans obviously can't even afford new advertisements.

I hope a sponsor flies in soon; we need Aussie footy in the coathanger city.

FIREWORKS COMING

WATCH out for fireworks between the WAFL and the Sunday Football League.

I have it on good authority that it has been at least three months since the Sunday league wrote to the WAFL requesting assistance.

My spy says that the lack of a reply from League Headquarters is raising a few hackles out in suburban territory.

NO ANSWER

WHY did Perth coach Rob Wiley call Troy Davis up last week?

The former Demon is now back with Kelmscott, but he did try to return Wiley's phone call.

The coach's phone was either busy or not answering, so we'll never know.

WRONG INFO

FORMER Claremont star Warren Ralph is a bit mad at me, I think!

Ralph, the ace goalscorer, was spotted with his Lotto numbers recently, winning some mega bucks in Adelaide.

He didn't like my suggestion that he would be donating his match payments to his Glenelg team mates to help their end of season trip ... and he has said so!

But surely I couldn't be wrong for the first time in my life?

However, it wasn't my fault. My cohort in Adelaide, 5DN's Ken Cunningham, was the real culprit. He fed me the story.

Sorry Ralphie; hope we're still friends ... I like knowing rich people!



We must have TEAMS

THE Sports Talk show on ABC radio on a Saturday morning often provides some interesting discussion.

And last Saturday was no exception.

One particular topic which caught my attention was that regarding team lists supplied by the WAFL clubs to the media.

The question was raised by a listener and resulted in positive views expressed by the show's chairman George Grljusich and the doyen of football writers, Geoff Christian.

Grljusich and Christian agreed with an opinion I have held for a long time.

That came as no surprise in the case of Christian because the subject had been common in our office for the past couple of years.

Probably because the issue affects me directly I took special interest.

The caller asked why the WAFL clubs could not supply final teams of just 20 players to be published in The West Australian on a Saturday morning.

He was more concerned that clubs should release 20 players (instead of 23 or 24 man squads which are common) with the advent of Footo — the new TAB innovation for football betting.

The caller considered that a punter deserved a better guide to the likely line-ups.

I agree, but not necessarily for the punter's reason — though that has increased the importance of accurate team lists on a Saturday morning.

I believe the public is not fairly treated by having up to six players listed on the interchange bench on the day of the game.

I do not think the WAFL should follow all moves made by the VFL, but in this regard the VFL is on the right track.

A couple of years ago the VFL instructed clubs to supply the media with a list of 20 players as well as a

TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS of the West Australian



couple of emergencies, giving the football public an accurate guide to the line-ups.

In this age when football needs to ensure the public receives as much information as possible, I believe it is essential for the WAFL to issue the same directive to its eight clubs.

Having dealt with the clubs on team selection for the past five years, it is my opinion they would willingly adhere to the instruction.

Most clubs agree that only 20 players and emergencies should be released, but for fear of giving the opposition some advantage will not do it at the moment.

If there was a broad ruling on the issue everyone would be happy.

We, at The West Australian, would be satisfied that we are providing the football public with the best possible service and the punter would have an accurate guide as to how to invest his money.

On Saturday, South Fremantle went into the game against Swan Districts without Wally Matera, Maurice Rioli and Peter Sumich and that would surely have affected the punter's margin selection and possibly his winning team choice.

No one knew until Saturday afternoon that those three players would be missing from battle.

Had The West Australian been informed on Friday night the punter would not have felt cheated at 5pm on Saturday.

BIG QUESTION ON THE EAGLES

DESPITE the West Coast Eagles winning their opening two games, Victorian critics still have a question mark on their ability to survive in Melbourne's mud.

Critics still remember how they out-gunned by the Essendon Bombers in the Panasonic Cup night series.

Most cynics are, quite rightly, asking the question again: 'Can the Westerners travel East and perform at their best?'

I wonder if training runs in the middle of the night are the answer!!

INTERSTATE HOPES

THE feeling is strong among football pundits in the East that the time is ripe for Victoria to once again host interstate football.

After their strong showing against a disappointing Sandgroper combination, the Vics were completely out-gunned in the final of the Bicentennial National Football championships in Adelaide. . . and the sour taste of that effort still lingers.

No excuses can or should be offered, but to restore some of the battered pride



THE EAST COAST

with SHANE HEALEY 6PR's man-on-Melbourne

of the famous BIG V, a game at VFL Park or the MCG in 1989 is a must.

The way South Australia steamrolled us in Adelaide we would be no certainties anyway!

TOUGH TIPPING

It's always difficult to nominate a final five at the beginning of a season but here goes!

Carlton appear almost certainties to fill a spot in the top three, while other finalists of 1987, Hawthorn and North Melbourne, appear to have the stability and class of player to be finalists again.

The other two positions are a real raffle!

If the Eagles could win four games in their travels (assuming they only drop one at home), they could be a realistic finals chance.

The Sydney Swans will struggle without Warwick Capper's firepower, so clubs such as Essendon, Fitzroy and the improving Melbourne must be considered real chances to taste the September action.

The Demons have looked good pre-season, while the Dons and Lions, both disappointments, should re-emerge as contenders. Geelong are also being mentioned by the good judge, but I'm yet to be convinced.

NERVOUS KEENE

CALLING the opening Eagles games against Geelong on radio 6PR produced a couple of interesting sidelights.

With the Eagles 21st player in big Laurie Keene being allowed to act as 6PR's co-commentator gave us plenty of good inside information for the listeners back in Perth.

It also gave me a good look at how nervous Laurie gets!

He must have pretty short fingernails by the time a season finishes, judging on his nervous chewing!

Laurie was pleased to see the Eagles win, naturally. But he made it quite clear he would rather be a player than a commentator.

McKenna—Eagles biggest scoop

GUY McKenna's performances in the first two VFL games have been outstanding — his football maturity under pressure has been of the highest order.

These two first-up performances would rate highly with any VFL debut seen since the Eagles joined the expanded national competition last year.

When you remember that McKenna indicated a preference to migrate East and play with his childhood team, North Melbourne, to now have him in the blue and gold colours is a 'scoop' — perhaps the biggest the Eagles have made.

Money wasn't the reason for his change to the Eagles.

McKenna has a commitment to his State of football birth. He is a young man who appreciates what has been done for him and has given him the opportunity to excel in Australian football.

When a person decides to play for a team that has offered him less than a rival club, with a history of past great players, he must have an inner strength not witnessed in many players.

McKenna has the personality, skill and character to develop his game week by week, with the ultimate capacity to be one of the Eagles greats.

The McKenna juniors of WA are a unique home-grown breed that should never leave our State. Every effort to allow them to play with their home State team should be made especially as the future "draft system" is being formulated.

There is no doubt that the 25,000 supporters who went to the Eagles vs Essendon game have already developed a close respect for the McKenna-type junior.

Local people love their own breed; that's what made the WAFL so strong over the past 100 years. People must



Guy McKenna ... his football maturity under pressure is of the highest order.

feel as if they 'belong' or are part of a campaign to achieve a goal.

The ultimate football goal — the VFL premiership — will come to the West. When it does, the McKenna type local juniors will have played a major role.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



Flying to the cause

SINCE my appointment to the Football Development Trust last season, my portfolio area of talent identification and secondary school football has involved the use of both Eagles and WAFL players for promotion purposes.

Young people love to meet and listen to players who have a high profile in the community.

Working in the development area, it is essential to have profile players to assist with the promotion of our game.

The Town and Country Football Development Trust has requested support from all senior clubs and, in particular, the Eagles.

Realising that the Eagles players have a full time commitment with training, work and their private lives, their support of our development activities is even more outstanding.

Requests to Eagles coach John Todd and the players for assistance have never been turned down.

Todd is always available for any programme for school or junior development. His enthusiastic support of young people is an example of how the very top level of our game can assist the developmental base.

Assistant coach Barry Cable is another example of a high-profile person who has never forgotten where he came from. He has an extremely positive and enthusiastic approach and his extra commitments to juniors outside his Eagles role has made him one of the State's leading football workers.

Requests for assistance have been non-stop — players for schools, country trips, Footy Week, etc. have been passed to Eagles Manager Russell Cox — and the Eagles have never refused to assist.

Their commitment to the future of our game in Western Australia would be unparalleled in any other VFL team.

When the draft is finally processed, I hope the Eagles will remain the highest level of football in the West — the team to which all West Australian youngsters will aim to represent.

They are our team in a "foreign" competition and their support of the development base of football in the West can only benefit all levels of the game, in particular the WAFL SGIO competition.

With the Eagles, WAFL clubs, amateurs, the Sunday Football League and country football all working together, football in the West will never decrease.

Top results

THE inaugural Town and Country State Youth Development Squad is producing some positive results.

This squad was formed last November and involved 20 of the most talented 15, 16 and 17-year-olds selected from each of the WAFL clubs.

The players were nominated by clubs as a result of their efforts with the 1987 State schoolboys and Teal Cup teams.

Players had to not only have skill, but the necessary personal attributes such as dedication, self-discipline and that key word commitment.

Since the squad's inception, the players have been meeting once a week when the young football apprentices are introduced to a variety of experiences as part of their future football education.

The training sessions are not based around hard running or heavy physical work. They are adding football knowledge to these talented young players from the experiences of local West Australian present and former football people.

The reactions from the squad members have been extremely positive. All the youngsters agree that this summer's learning programme has been extremely beneficial.

ASSISTING THE FUTURE

The squad was never formulated to cut across a players commitment to his local WAFL club; rather to add to his club's learning and therefore assist his future with that club.

Eagles coach John Todd initially introduced the players to the requirements needed to get to the top and since then people like Greg Brehaut, Brian Douge, Ken Armstrong, Ross Glendinning, and Brian Cook, to mention a few, have taken weekly sessions.

This week sees the final session before the players face up to their next challenge — the 1988 Teal Cup, with the WA team being sponsored by FDT sponsors Town and Country WA.

Coach Brehaut will be ably assisted by selectors Brian Ciccotosto, Trevor Nisbett and Peter Mahoney over the next three months, to select and mould our State's best 16 and 17-year-olds to contest the national Teal Cup carnival in Canberra.

Players from outside the State Development Squad will have an equal chance to impress the selectors in a series of trial games.

If the opinion of the young players about the State Youth Development Squad's success is an indication of its success, then this squad will continue to develop every year.

ONE-EYED VIEW OF FOOTBALL

VICTORIANS bad losers? Not much! One of our team Harvey Deegan has to provide comments on radio 3AW Melbourne each Sunday morning when the Eagles are playing in Perth. Naturally he was armed with a variety of facts and figures explaining the reasons for the Eagles 99-point win. Did 3AW want to know? No, their only interest was Deegan's reaction to the fisticuffs that broke out in the second quarter, when Chris Mainwaring made an unscheduled visit to the Essendon bench on the boundary line. Bet they'll want all the details if the Eagles lost a match in Perth!

ECONOMICS ARE DAMAGING

JUST recently I travelled to Lake Grace with the State wheelchair basketball team for an exhibition match — but naturally football wasn't far from my mind.

While wandering through a well organised, miniature version of side show alley, I met up with an old mate in Allen Mycock, originally known as the flying footballer.

Remembered by most of the football fraternity as a genial giant ruckman with Claremont, he was doing his best to help organisers at Lake Grace with the running of the show; acting as a judge or general roustabout.

Between moving this way or that to avoid a great Clydesdale pulling a dray loaded with joyriders, we did the normal thing and that was to talk football.

The conversation ranged over a heap of topics, but the one point he made that stuck in my mind was that a lot of the country boys are finding it difficult to play football because of the costs involved.

"They have to travel a long way to fulfil playing engagements and many can't afford it. We had one club fold up last year," he said.

When you think about it, there is a lot in what Mycock had to say.

Where the towns, in the South West for example, are not far apart, it's not difficult to run an eight, 10 or 12-team competition.

But places like Lake Grace, Kulin, Kondinin and many others, the kilometres between can be considerable, especially when a team from one side of the territory is playing a team from the other.

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic
BILL MATHER-BROWN

MEMO LAURIE TETLEY

YOUR North Fremantle amateurs president, Baden Pratt, was telling me that you're having trouble with your legs and doing a bit of hospital time.

Normally I could be sympathetic to this. But your case is different as you haven't missed a season with North for some 40 years and I think you're being pretty unreasonable if you plan to spend most of the 1988 season lying on your back.

It's all very well to tell me that you've done more than your share. I know you played with South Melbourne, Old Easts

and North Amateurs and you've been an official for yonks. But that doesn't count with all your friends at North, or with me either.

While some parts of the rural sector might not be enduring particularly bad times, there are other areas where drought is having a pretty heavy influence on the economics of the district. The back lash of that hits many youngsters who want to play football.

When you think of the number of good footballers who live on farms, then perhaps it is time that the WAFL and the country leagues got together and formed a slush fund to eventually

help subsidise transport costs, or, instead of driving individual cars, the teams travel from a certain point by bus.

I can appreciate the point of view of those people who are giving me giant sized raspberries for this suggestion. I don't like bus travel either, but it is sure cheaper to run one vehicle than 30.

The bright side of that suggestion though, is the fact that travelling together can do a lot for team harmony.



IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star
Sandover Medallist and league coach



O'CONNELL UNDER PRESSURE

EAGLES squad member and Claremont ruckman-forward David O'Connell's performances over the past two weeks have been well down on what he is capable of producing.

He is playing with little confidence; his approach to the ball is tentative and he has temporarily lost one of his major strengths, marking.

Since the State-of-Origin carnival in Adelaide and that infamous game against NSW (when it was common knowledge that O'Connell and a few mates were on the receiving end of a special John Todd blast) the tall Tiger has struggled.

It is important that his form picks up quickly, not only for Claremont and the Eagles, but for O'Connell himself.

There is no doubt that he has the talent; he just has to show the ability to get out of this rut.

With improved concentration O'Connell should get back to football basics and, hopefully, we can see this young player performing to his ability.

YOUNG TALENT

UNEXPECTED losers Claremont may have lost the four points last week, but first-game player Scott Edwards made an impressive debut.

Edwards is the son of former Claremont champion and 1964 premiership centremen Dale Edwards.

He lined up on a wing and was noticed from the start for his aggression and desire to get the handball.

Edwards had a good duel with Shane Cable (Perth) and proved to be a consistent performer for the Tigers; earning the coach's trophy at the after-match presentations.

Demons youngsters Barry Taylor, on a half-forward flank; Brad Edwards at centre-half-forward, Clint Hunter on a half-back flank and Shane Cable on wing all impressed.

Taylor showed good skills and looks to have a few tricks in his football armoury.

Edwards was strong and presented himself to the on-coming traffic; Hunter was consistent in offence and showed he has some flair and Cable displayed a good turn of speed and skill.

RECRUITING THE GAME

ONE of football's best known and respected men in the recruiting game is Essendon's Noel Judkins.

He has been a regular visitor to WAFL grounds over the past decade, firstly with Richmond and now with Essendon. Since 1981, he has taken his fair share of football talent from around Australia to Windy Hill.

While he has recruited many big names over the years, Judkins admits that he has a real soft spot for what he termed one of his best ever recruits, former Swan Districts player Leon Baker.

On the sensitive question of the proposed new VFL draft to be implemented for 1989 — which could mean "open slaughter" on players and disaster for WAFL football — he showed a genuine concern for the future of the game.

Judkins suggested that the WAFL should be speaking to all VFL clubs individually and the VFL Commissioners to make sure that the best interests of WA footballers are protected.

VERSATILE RANCE

Like a few other Eagles fans, I was a little surprised when they recruited Murray Rance back from Victoria. But after two games I've changed my mind — his football has been impressive.

In defence against Geelong he was steady and against Essendon, playing at centre-half-forward, he was a prime mover, especially in the second and third quarters.

There's no doubt Rance's added VFL experience will benefit the Eagles, as will his versatility, a trait John Todd expects all his players to develop.

DEMON RESISTANCE

WHAT a turnaround for Perth coach Robert Wiley!

Last week he experienced all the frustrations of a coach as he watched his side fritter away opportunities and this week he revels in the enjoyment of an excellent victory against Claremont.

Wiley chalked up his first win with a team that was persistent all day.

They worked hard and long as a team and made the most of their scoring opportunities against a Claremont side that left the work to too few.

Perth have the player capacity to make the four this year, if the more experienced players perform to their ability each week to assist the younger members.

Players like Allen Daniels, Stephen Mount, Warren Mosconi, Michael Rea, Alan Montgomery, Gavin Whittington and Joe Santostefano, to name a few, must be consistent winners.

They played hard all day last week, gaining many possessions.

Santostefano is on target to represent the State this year if he maintains his good form.

After the Perth-Claremont game several of the visiting Melbourne football scribes in town for the Eagles clash suggested that Santostefano was ready-made for the VFL — they don't miss a beat.

Selection saga hits Tigers

CLAREMONT may be favourites to win back-to-back premierships and are everybody's favourite team at present. But 25 years ago this week, controversy surrounded the club.

The Kevin Clune affair had rocked the Tigers.

Clune had been recruited from the wheatbelt town of Carnamah in 1954 and quickly built up a reputation for his courage and tenacity; he was known as the human dynamo.

Then came 1962. Coach Peter Pianto, recruited from Geelong the year before, dropped Clune to the reserves after the Tigers lost the first game by six goals.

They lost the second game by 14 goals (without Clune) and the members at Claremont demanded that Clune be recalled to the league side.

Dissension split the club over the omission of the human dynamo and Clune was selected for the next match



The talent to succeed

FROM the day Joe Santostefano played his first league game, he showed he had the talent to succeed.

Injuries and, at times, attitude in his early years cost him dearly. But his form last year was good enough for him to be included in the Eagles training squad over the summer months and while he missed the cut-off, the experience and fitness gained will hold him in good stead for this year.

With the responsibility of Perth's captaincy last week — in the absence of Rob Wiley and Mark Watson — Santostefano led by example. He was a top performer in the midfield where he worked.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian
DAVE CLEMENT



against East Fremantle, which Claremont won by five points.

Five years later Clune was a member of the Tigers premiership side, playing his 200th game for the club.

WHILE team football has produced many scoring records over the last 10 years, the best individual goalkicking performances have stood the test of time.

Look at history's best figures for this week's round of fixtures:

East Fremantle (13 goals — George Doig, 1937) v South Fremantle (19 goals — Bernie Naylor, 1952).

West Perth (15 goals — Ray Scott, 1958) v Perth (16 goals — Albert Gook, 1939).

East Perth (13 goals — Billy Mose, 1958) v Claremont (10 goals — Harold Gepp, 1931).

Subiaco (13 goals — Austin Robertson, 1968) v Swan Districts (13 goals — Mark Olsen 1978, 1979).

SUBIACO made it 10 straight over East Perth last Saturday, equalling their previous best winning sequence over the Royals way back in the 1911-15 seasons. The Lions started their run in May 1985 and have averaged a 66-point winning margin.

WEST Perth and Perth first met in the 1899 season after a false start.

They were down to meet at the WACA Ground one day in July, but on the morning of the match it was discovered that lacrosse had a prior booking on the ground. The footballers had to back off.

An end-of-year replay never took place as it had no bearing on the premiership.



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BULLDOGS RECRUIT WELL

SOUTH Fremantle's best "recruit" for 1988 needs no introduction. Anyone who doesn't know that Maurice Rioli is back in town must have stowed away with Jon Sanders.

Rioli's magic touch has lifted the self-esteem, confidence and scores of many players around him.

South showed good pre-season form last year, but nothing like this year when they won the Kresta Cup.

Rioli had much to do with that, but the heap of new faces in his support had added depth to the club.

A badly-undermanned South side kept in touch with Swan Districts recently in what was an excellent test of depth in the club.

They may have lost, but did not capitulate, although it showed how much they missed Rioli.

A Brownlow Medal runner-up and VFL grand final player, Rioli's deft use of the football is priceless.

He has been joined at South by another former Richmond player, Richard Geary, who played 18 games with the VFL Tigers in 1985 and 1986, before transferring to Footscray last year. Tiger coach Tony Jewell gave him his marching orders after being beaten for the ball three times in a row at a man-man circle work practice session.

ACQUISITION

Geary failed to get an opportunity at Footscray, but has already shown he will be an excellent acquisition to the WA Bulldogs.

He came across the Nullarbor with a reputation for kicking goals and has not let anybody down, either in the Kresta Cup or opening games of the SGIO premiership competition.

High on the list of potential future stars at South is cool centre-half-forward Steven Jackson.

Still old enough to play colts, Jackson showed pre-season he can fly with the best, kick the ball over great distances and show great poise under pressure.

If Jackson can keep his mind on the job, he is sure to develop into one of the WAFL's brightest lights.

Rivalling Jackson for the key forward position early in the season was Sunday league recruit Mark Bayliss.

Bayliss has been something of a football nomad since failing in two attempts to crack senior football at East Fremantle.

He has played with Gosnells, gone to Augusta-Margaret River, swapped to Harvey-Brunswick and eventually wound back at Gosnells last year and matured with the responsibility of coaching that club's colts side.

He is a no-holds barred player who surprised in the opening games with his excellent form at either centre-half-back or the last line of defence, originally in the absence of Matt Sambrailo.

Bayliss, 22, has relished and responded to the advice and guidance of coach Stan Magro and man-of-all-parts Jim Hurst.

KNOW YOUR CLUB

By RON McDONALD
of The West Australian



Stan Magro and his young Bulldogs.



Richard Geary ... impressive.

The country has continued its long-standing tradition of supply ready-made league footballers with John Ditchburn and brothers Adrian and Dion Paunich.

South have been trying to entice Ditchburn to the city for several seasons and with good reason.

A brother of Claremont and Carlton goalkicker Ross Ditchburn, John is a hard-working follower who has the temperament to be successful for South.

An unfortunate leg injury hampered the last part of his pre-season, but it doesn't appear to have adversely affected the well-built recruit.

PROSPECTS

The Paunich brothers played for Albany premiers Royals last season and are certainly good prospects.

Dion, built in the same mould as Ditchburn, showed plenty of ability from his first pre-season hit out against East Perth and seems sure to secure a place eventually.

Younger brother Adrian has not been quite as impressive, though South officials are keeping a close eye on his progress in the reserves.

Willetton centreman and former Bowden Medallist (for the best player in the SFL) Doug Gibb, adds depth to the Bulldogs, who have an abundance of centreline players.

Gibb was outstanding when replacing Rioli in the centre in a derby practice match against East Fremantle.

He made his league debut again in Rioli's absence against Swan Districts in round two.

He doesn't seem to mind burrowing into packs and handballs to a team-

mate in better position at every opportunity.

Former Shark Michael Jenzen, who played as long ago as 1983, has returned from teaching posts in the country and is another to make the Bulldogs senior list.

He has received limited opportunities to date, but is a pacy wingman and is sure to get his chance somewhere along the line.

The Bulldogs also have an abundance of players who had league football forced upon them last season when the Bulldogs tried 48 players during the year with their crippling run of injuries.

Peter Worsfold, Ashley Flugge, Paul Morgan, Mark Grljusich and Ashley Smith are all strong players and should come under selection scrutiny again in 1988 later in the season.

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EAGLES FLY HIGH...

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THE West Coast Eagles launched their home-town VFL campaign in fine style at the WACA Ground last Friday night.

With a display of magnificent run-on football, they put the visiting Essendon Bombers to flight.

After an even first half, the Eagles put the pressure on and the Bombers were sunk.

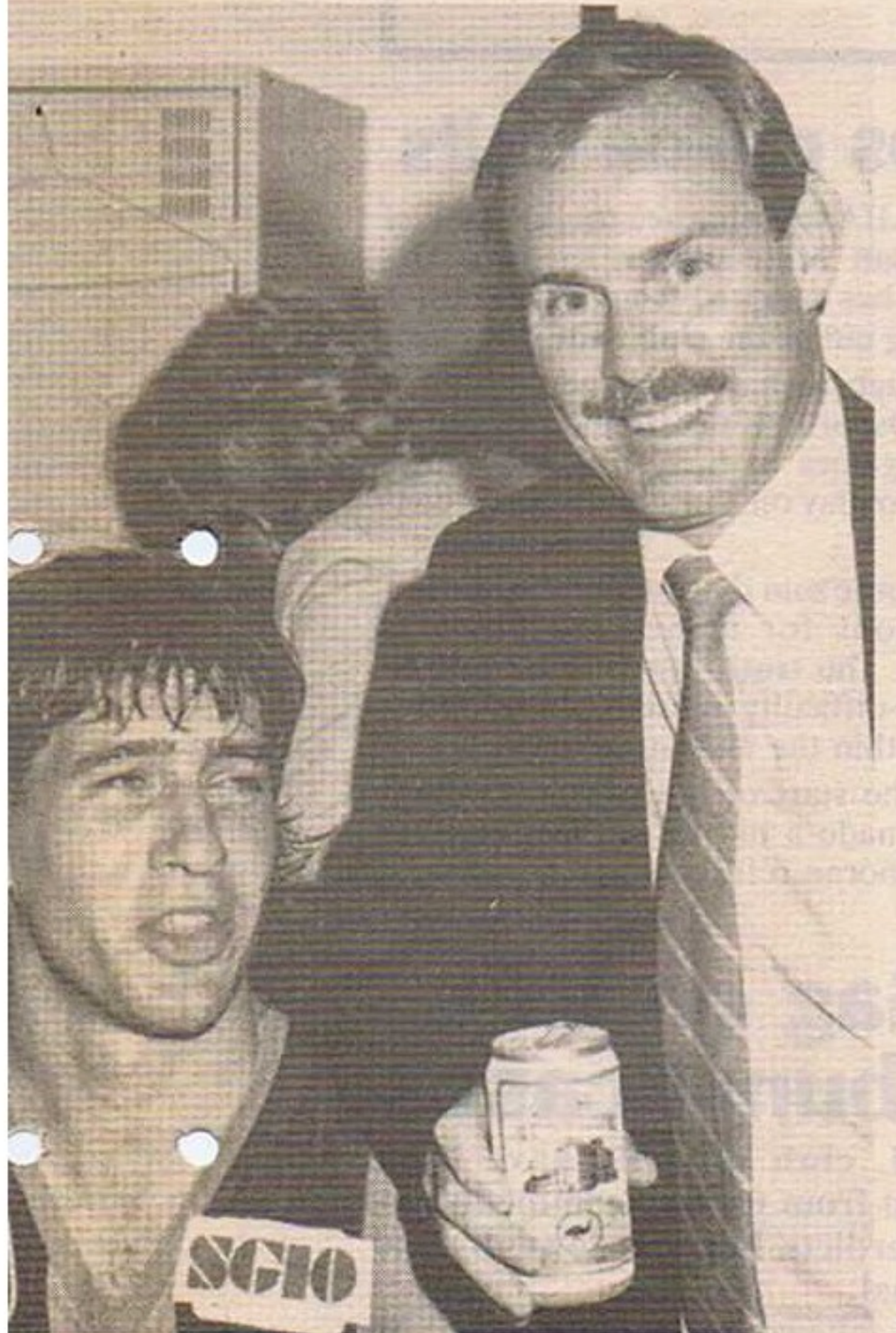
A capacity crowd of 24,500 saw the Eagles notch their second successive victory....and photographer **JULIAN COWAN** was there to capture the action and the atmosphere.



We're winners, aren't we.



The Eagles bench at the end ... looking concerned, but what for??



Eagles Melbourne man Ross Nicholas shares a Swan with ruck star Alex Ishchenko.



Mark (the dasher) Zanotti has the ball in his sights.

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HOME OF THE EAGLES

Tribunal hits at rough play

A new-look VFL tribunal panel is determined to stamp out on-field violence this season. . . and the umpires are playing their part.

The head-high tackle and the reckless elbow, in particular, have been targeted by the panel as inexcusable.

Two Fitzroy players and a lone Magpie are the latest to feel the wrath of the umpires.

Five players — one of them prize Footscray recruit Terry Wallace — went down holding their heads after bone-crunching tackles in the League's second round.

Wallace ended up in hospital with shattered teeth, a broken jaw and a cut mouth.

Last week, the tribunal under the chairmanship of former Richmond player and official Neil Busse, showed no mercy when it dealt out harsh penalties to St Kilda's 1987 Brownlow Medallist Tony Lockett and Collingwood veteran David Cloke.

Collingwood ruckman James Manson, voted as best afield against Fitzroy, was another victim of an illegal tackle, but there was no report.

Meanwhile, Lions coach David Parkin said he was concerned with the report of his two players and believed Magpies coach Leigh Matthews would feel the same way.



Dorotich in the Blues hot seat

THE big rumour doing the rounds in Melbourne is whether former South Fremantle star Jon Dorotich is on the way out at Carlton.

The rugged centre-half-back played in the reserves on Saturday and already several clubs have shown interest in obtaining his talented services.

But a Carlton official said Dorotich is a contracted player at Carlton and remains a key member of the Blues camp at Princes Park.

The problem is that Dorotich plays his best football at centre-half-back, a spot that also suits Peter Dean and David Rhys-Jones.

Knights takes the blame

Brisbane Bears coach Peter Knights has accepted the blame for his side's disappointing performance against Carlton last Saturday.

The Bears were thrashed to the tune of 68 points to record their second consecutive defeat of the season.

Knights admitted after the game that he was disappointed his side didn't perform better, but it was simply his fault.

The Bears boss said he was overconfident and over-estimated the ability of his players.

"I got a bit carried away thinking we were better than we are," Knights said.

"We lacked mobility and quickness, we're top-heavy up forward and had no numbers on the ball.

"We lost in nearly every position."

STEVE SHINES

FORMER East Perth utility player Steve Da Rui's VFL career is starting to flourish after spending a frustrating 1987 in the reserves.

Da Rui was one of the Blues best in the first round against Hawthorn and repeated that effort with an eye-catching display against the Brisbane Bears last Saturday.

The former Royals star picked up 15 possessions on a half-back-flank and is gradually consolidating his place in the side.

Blues coach Robert Walls complimented Da Rui following the match saying the youngster should benefit from the experience after two league games.

Bears slipping

WITH debate still raging over a permanent home for the Brisbane Bears, a new question has emerged in the World Expo city — is it big enough to support yet another national sporting team?

Brisbane already has two established and successful national bodies. . . Rugby League's Brisbane Broncos and the National Basketball League's reigning premiers, the Brisbane Bullets.

When the Broncos defeated Parramatta recently, more than 23,000 fans crammed into Lang Park Oval and public interest has continued as the Broncos have gone from strength to strength.

The Bullets have also earned plenty of crowd support, averaging 11,000 fans plus for home games.

But only about 9000 fans turned-out for the Bears first home fixture against Collingwood. . . which was hampered by poor weather.

However, the wise money in Queensland is on the Bears staying at their base at Carrara on the Gold Coast

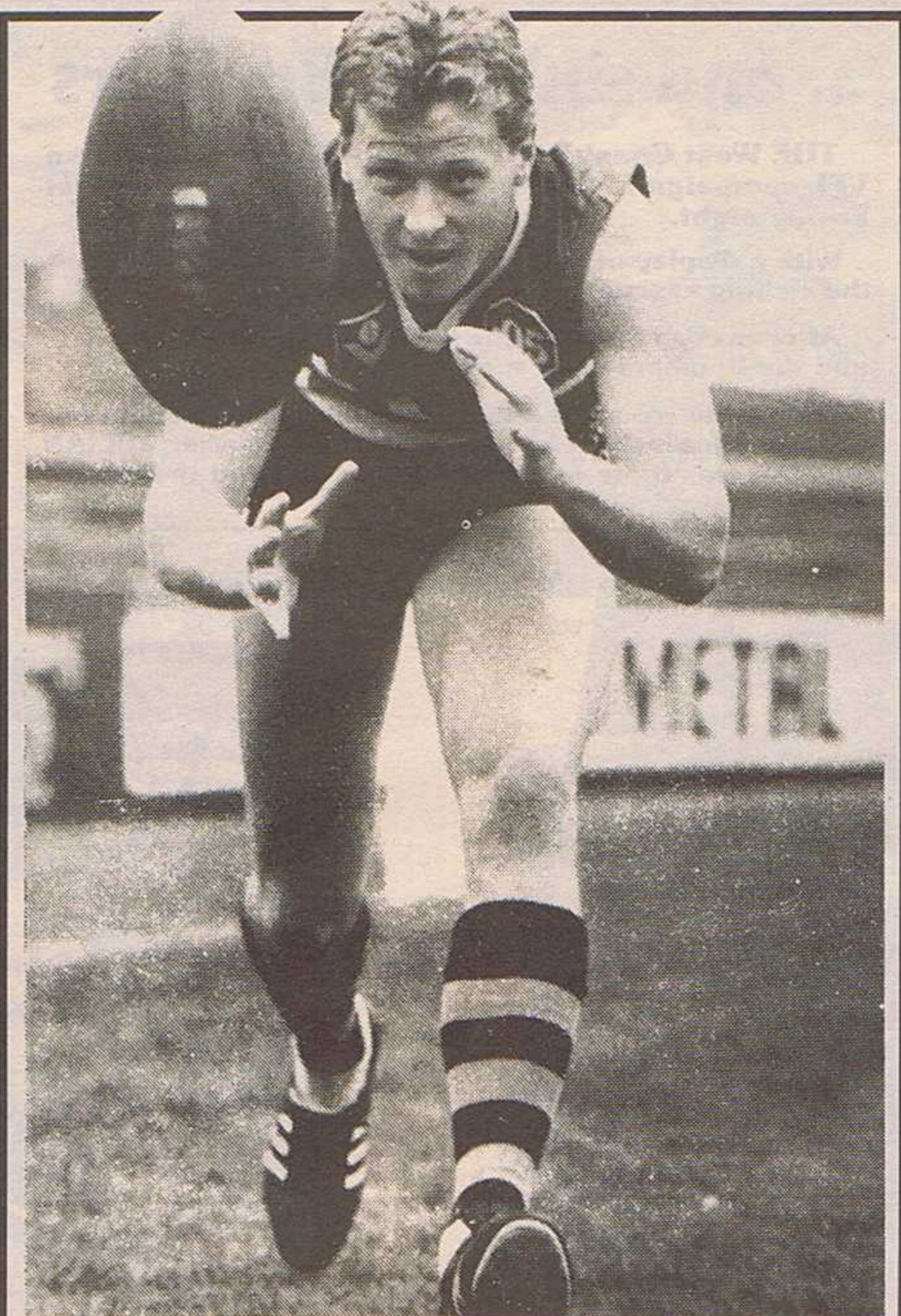
Magpies star rocks on

NEW Collingwood No. 1 ruckman James Manson is about to play another tune off the field with the release of a rock single.

The talented big man has cut his first single with his band The Sharks and is looking around for a record deal.

His performance on the ball for the Magpies against Fitzroy on Saturday suggests he may have to put his ambition to become a rock star on ice for a time.

Coach Leigh Matthews requires Manson to shoulder more ruck duties and not the rock variety.



IT'S been a long time between drinks, so they say. But the 1988 season for Russell Shields is like a football rebirth. After leaving Hawthorn at the end of 1984, Shields settled into VFA football . . . and seemed lost to the big time. But he's been plucked out of obscurity and is now making a new name for himself in the VFL.



Rover David Hart gets a word of praise from the master . . . Barry Cable.

Hart has a few palpitations!

EAGLES rover David Hart couldn't believe it when Essendon's Darren Bewick got the first kick in the VFL clash at the WACA Ground on Friday night.

And when the red-headed Bombers rover pick up another four or five possessions in the next 15 minutes, Hart was feeling a little apprehensive.

After all, Hart was supposed to be tagging Bewick.

It was earlier in the week when Eagles coach John Todd gave Hart the daunting task of tagging a player that Essendon rank as one of their best-ever recruits — and in a Bombers camp that boasts plenty of talented little men, that is a big wrap.

"So I just had to tighten up on him," said a smiling Hart after the Eagles runaway victory.

"I just played him closer, got into the action with him all the time and tracked him everywhere."

The statistics from the game show that Hart had 14 kicks in a strong last half, while Bewick faded to only have six.

In fact, Hart became the aggressor as he led the Eagles small-man brigade on a goal-scoring rampage, reducing the much-vaunted Bombers brigade to a bewildering bunch.

FELLOWES MIGHT BE ON THE MOVE

FORMER Collingwood No. 1 big man Wes Fellowes has been eyed off by several clubs who are short of ruck strength after his demotion to the Magpies reserves.

And it's likely that several of last Saturday's bad losers will make a bid for the talented ruckmen over the next two weeks.

Another footballer on the outer, sacked North Melbourne utility player Andrew Demetriou, looks to have a choice between Footscray and Essendon for a new home.

After the debacle at the WACA last Friday night, Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy might be keen to secure an experienced player like Demetriou.

Hawkins finds a new home

FOOTSCRAY'S favourite son, Doug Hawkins, is no longer controlling his favourite patch of turf on the wing.

On Saturday against Melbourne instead of patrolling the outer wing at the Western Oval, Hawkins played across the half-back-line, where he was one of his side's best players.

It was the second time this season Hawkins was used in a defensive role by coach Mick Malthouse.

Hawkins, who last season came back from a serious knee injury, was disappointed at losing to the Demons, but said he is enjoying the extra responsibility of his new role.

"We are still a fairly young side and we are learning each week," he said after the game.

Roos rookie quits

GRAHAM Osborne, the brother of Victorian State player Richard Osborne, has resigned from Fitzroy after walking out of the club two weeks ago.

Though he has not signed with any club, Osborne is determined to add to his 31-games in the VFL and is prepared to play on an incentive-based contract.

Osborne said that a report he had left the Lions for money reasons was wrong. The truth was that he felt he faced a difficulty in establishing a position within the club structure.

At the start of last season Collingwood made a bid to win his services, but Osborne refused.

Gag on VFL tribunal cases

VFL club officials have been gagged from making comments about verdicts handed down by the tribunal.

This follows comments made by St Kilda general manager Keith Marshall after champion full forward Tony Lockett was suspended for three matches last week.

VFL executive director Alan Schwab told the 14 general managers last week that comments such as those made by Marshall would not be tolerated.

The maximum fine for officials commenting on tribunal decisions is \$2000.

Carlton general manager Ian Collins found out the hard way last year when voicing his disapproval after Bernie Evans was rubbed out.

THE "NEW" RECRUIT



Murray Rance ... good value.

Rance shows that he's got plenty left

A FORTNIGHT of football is hardly enough time to judge — however, the pointers are clear that West Coast Eagle "recruit" Murray Rance is among the most improved players in the country.

At 26, he's a genuine "born again" footballer, a great asset to the West Coast Eagles after several uneventful seasons in the VFL with Footscray.

"I've got a bit to prove, especially to the administrators at Footscray who sold me without even the coach (Mick Malthouse) knowing about it," says Rance.

"I want to help the Eagles in any way I can.

"It's great to be playing under John Todd again. He coached me at Swan Districts in the early '80s when we won premierships. I know him and he knows me.

"He expects a certain standard for me.



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

"We've had our blues. He roared me up once and I did well and now I try and motivate myself."

Todd believes Rance, one of the most versatile players key position players in the League, is a superior player on the firmer, drier surfaces of Perth and so far he's been very satisfied by his input.

"Murray is no champion. He'll tell you that. But he's honest and puts in. That's what I want, a team of goers."

In the Eagles opening round victory against Geelong, Rance was one of the best afield for three quarters at centre-half-back.

On Friday night at the WACA ground, he did well at centre-half-forward as the Eagles enjoyed a remarkable 15-goal to three second half to down Essendon by a record 99 points.

Rance is beginning to show the form which first motivated Hawthorn to sign him five years ago.

He was due to join the Hawks at the start of the 1986 season. But he carefully analysed his prospects of getting a regular game and believed he would be struggling.

"In the end, we couldn't come to a contractual agreement," he said.

He's very happy to be back in Perth full time, and while he would have liked to have played more "stand-out" games at Footscray, he doesn't regret his time in Melbourne, saying it helped widen his football education.

He's now enjoying the challenge of fulfilling the high expectations of his new coach.

"Toddy has an advantage over Mick Malthouse as he's older and a little more aloof, a little more away from the players. Mick will be good in a few year's time, though."

Rance believes more and more of the WA public are starting to support the Eagles, as shown by the 500 who paid \$50 a head to attend the gala guernsey presentation night at the Burswood Casino's function room.

"It was an incredible night," he said. "There was a big video, a comedian, lots of razzamattazz. None of that ever happened at Footscray."

Rance believes victories in the next fortnight in Brisbane on Sunday and in the club's first Melbourne match (against Collingwood) the following Saturday are vital if they really are to be regarded as major Big Three chances this season.

"We must win our early games. It'll give us a lot of confidence to take on teams like Carlton and Hawthorn," he said.

Umpire acts on too many trainers

IT'S not just the players who are copping it for misdemeanours so far this season — the Richmond runner and 10 trainers are on the mat for allegedly spending too much time on the field.

Emergency umpire Phil Green reported the 11 Tigers staffers during last Saturday's encounter against Hawthorn.

Richmond general manager Richard Doggett said he had believed for a long while that too many people were allowed to stay on the field too long.

All VFL clubs have tended to exploit the use of trainers — or 'water-carriers' as extra team runners in recent years.

In one recent VFL match, up to 22 men-in-white were counted running onto the field as a goal was scored — some with water, some with coaching messages and others simply to 'gee-up' the players.

Time and time again runners or trainers are getting in the road of the football action and several examples of

trainers getting bowled over have been reported this year.

The matter will be discussed at the VFL general managers meeting next month.

NEW ROLE FOR BIG JIM

BIG Irishman Jim Stynes is exciting Melbourne fans with his on-field skill — but not on the ball, rather at centre-half-back.

Stynes, who starred for the Demons in last year's finals series on the ball, looks to have found his niche in defence with an inspiring display against Footscray.

It's developing into an all Irish half-back-line with Sean Wight continuing to get better on one flank.

KEY FAILURES

DESPITE Collingwood's impressive 32-point victory over Fitzroy, it was no thanks to two former West Australians, Craig Starcevich and Brian Taylor.

The pair were hardly sighted in the two key forward positions so the Mag-

pies were forced to attack down the flanks.

Taylor kicked only one goal at full forward, while Starcevich didn't trouble the scorers further up the ground.

OFF TARGET

BRILLIANT Geelong forward Bruce Lindner had the ball on a string against North Melbourne. . . but only had a 50 per cent strike rate when kicking for goal.

The former South Australian booted nine goals from 18 shots, with three of those going out of bounds on the full.

Lindner didn't let his fans down in the marking department, with several big grabs in the Cats hard-fought 15-point victory over the Kangaroos.

After the game Lindner said he doesn't mind where he plays in the forward line. . . but has a soft spot for full forward.

DERMOTT DOUBTS

HAWTHORN star centre-half-forward Dermott Brereton gave his supporters a shock in last weekend's match against Richmond when he hobbled off the field in the last quarter.

However, Hawks fans needn't worry. It wasn't the same ankle that Brereton had an operation on during the summer months.

Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce said he took Brereton from the field as a precautionary measure and had no doubt he would be fit for next week's game against the Sydney Swans.

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Ross Glendinning	25	19	8
David Hart	35	9	7
Alex Ishchenko	16	16	18
Dean Laidley	22	4	2
Dwayne Lamb	33	8	18
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ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



The jubilation in the Swans rooms.

Williams off-side

ROYALS star Glyn Williams has been frustrated over the last couple of weeks.

Needing only one more game to reach the "100" club, Williams has had recurring knee trouble.

Initially it was hoped he would be available for the opening game of the season, but a ruptured bursa in his right knee looks like keeping him out for at least the next two games.

Williams will undergo an arthroscope inspection this week to explore the extent of the damage and for the moment is restricting himself to swimming and rest.

The 26-year-old utility player has struggled for consistency and has been plagued by injury since his debut in 1979.

It has been blatantly apparent though, that the struggling East Perth team need his experience and skills in their line-up.

Bonus for South

SOUTH Fremantle's \$13,000 pay cheque for their successful Kresta Cup campaign last month will be used to update the player gymnasium.

The club's managing-director, Harold Harper, says that the Bulldogs hierarchy decided last year that any "bonus" money would be poured into this area.

"We want to be well equipped to make our players physically conditioned for league football," Mr Harper said.

Despite last week's loss to Swan Districts, South Fremantle's convincing Kresta Cup form, plus their 101-point win over East Perth in the opening round of league fixtures, have made them one of the early favourites for the premiership.

Already \$16,000 has been spent on the redevelopment of the gym area and there is talk of a swimming pool and a spa being added.

NEW COACHES

Three new men at the helm

THREE new coaches have been appointed in the WAFL under-19 ranks for the 1988 season — Murray Couper (Perth), Brian Close (Swan Districts) and Alan Watters (South Fremantle).

Couper appears to be an outstanding choice for the role at Perth, not just because he was an inspirational league player, but because he is a natural role model for aspiring juniors.

Like so many of the players he will coach in the future, Couper was an outstanding junior who possessed all the necessary skills required for league football.

However, he initially lacked the discipline of a senior footballer and it was in the thirds and reserves competitions that he learned the importance of commitment and team-orientated skills.

He knows the difficulties all under-19 footballers face and his first-hand knowledge in this area is sure to be a point in his favour.

Russell Thompson is one player who Couper believes is already showing the right qualities.

The 15-year-old former Queens Park junior has shown promising signs as a rover and, according to Couper, displays maturity well beyond his years.

The talented youngster has great courage, a sound football brain and,

most importantly, always listens carefully to instructions.

Watters, the father of South Fremantle league star Scott Watters, has graduated from the Bulldogs under-19 selection panel to be this year's coach.

He has a squad of more than 60 players available for selection each week and for this reason the Bulldogs have devised a unique plan to keep every contender fit and enthusiastic.

Players who do not get a game in the Bulldogs under-19 side on Saturday will play in a South Fremantle colts team in the amateur competition.

Each week four players are promoted from this side into the official South Fremantle under-19 team.

Close played a combined total of 177 league games with Swan Districts, South Fremantle and Woodville (SANFL) and for the last two years and has been general manager at Swans.

Combining two jobs at the one club is a huge task, but Close finds the new under-19 coaching role quite relaxing.

He describes it as a "relief valve" compared to the non-stop work involved with administration.

Former Swan Districts player Garry McDonald is assisting Close this season and a number of other players have helped out at training sessions.

COLTS CORNER with BEN STINGA

Plenty of signs for the Lions

SUBIACO might have a few injury problems at the moment, but the news is not all bad for Lions supporters.

A number of young players have given encouraging displays in the reserves and despite their lack of experience, several must have impressed league coach Haydn Bunton.

Former Whitfords junior Brett Heady has probably been the most consistent of the young group.

The talented utility player has figured among the Lions best in both matches this season, displaying quality skills and a good football brain.

He gave a sample of his ability last season in the under-19's and the Teal Cup carnival in Hobart, where he was one of West Australia's better players.

Subiaco have a long-term outlook for all of their young players and are unlikely to introduce Heady to league football just yet.

However, his form will be closely monitored by the Lions, who are eager to blood new players in 1988.

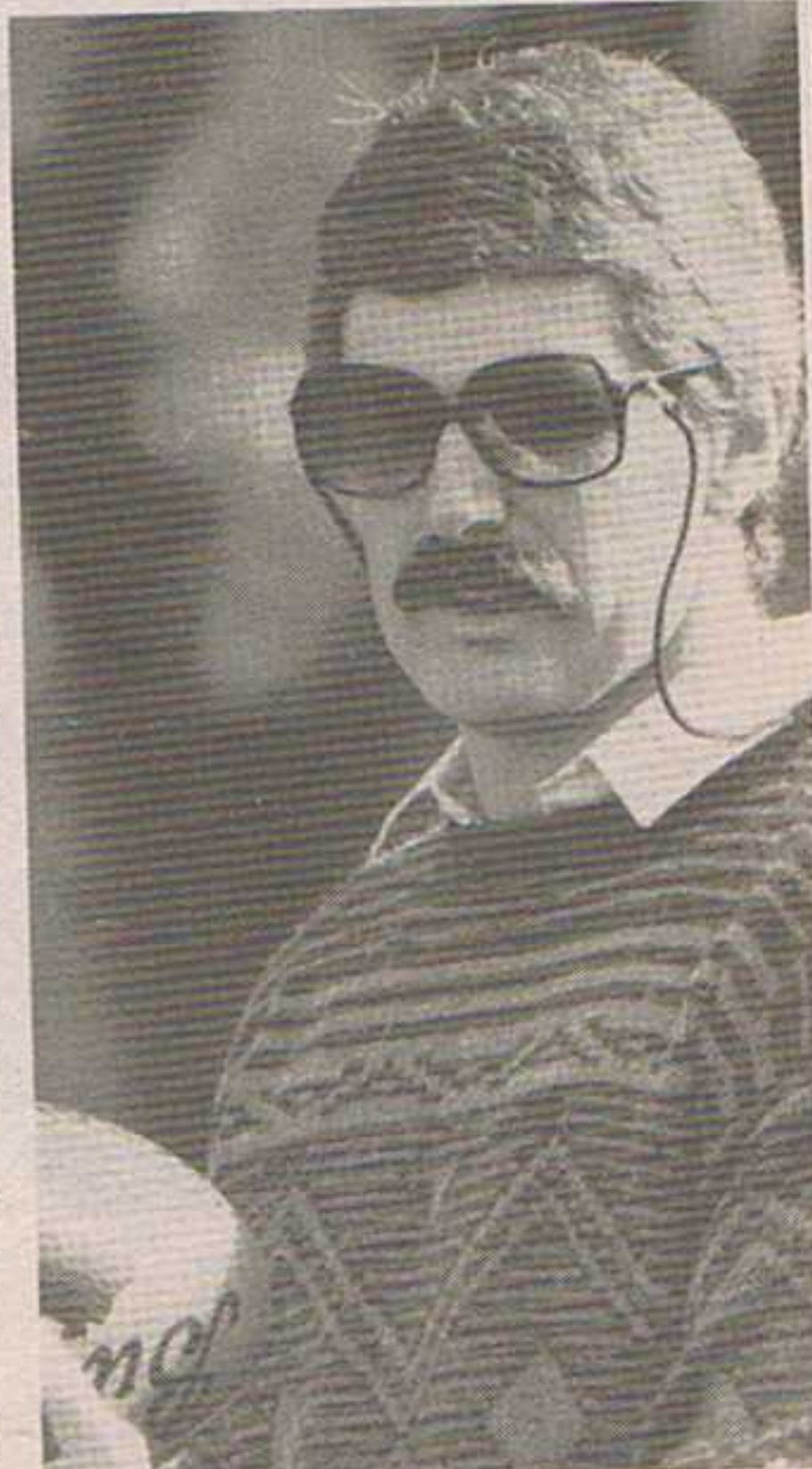
EAST Fremantle have unearthed another key defender in the Shane Ellis and Bryce Forman mould.

Stewart Glewis, a product of the Thornlie juniors, has made a sound start to the season at full-back in the reserves and looms as a possible league player in the near future.

He possesses a strong pair of hands and is capable of kicking the ball over long distances. A versatile player, he can hold down an attacking role with good effect.

Reserves coach Ron Wilcox has been impressed by the youngsters responsive attitude to instructions, but like a lot of inexperienced players, Glewis needs to improve his concentration.

RESERVES ROUNDUP with BEN STINGA



PERTH have called on former Swan Districts full-back Tom Mullooly to coach their reserves this season.

The 246-game player was enticed to Perth by one-time opponent Mick Moylan, now the Demons general manager.

It would appear that Perth have all aces covered in the coaching department this season, with rover Robert Wiley in charge of the league side, Murray Couper, the former champion forward, at the helm of the under-19's and reliable backman Mullooly coaching the reserves.

It comes as no surprise that Mullooly is a great believer in discipline and team work. That was his formula for success as a player and it would be safe to assume that those qualities are going to rub off on to his young charges this season.

Maurice has a change

AVID football supporters could not help but notice the magical return of Maurice Rioli to West Australian football and his original league club in South Fremantle.

But how many noticed that he no longer wears his old No. 49 but No. 6 instead? Not that his original number wasn't made available to him; of course it was!

In fact, the 49 guernsey still hangs in the South Fremantle locker room.

Maurice's reasoning behind the change is that 1988 is a fresh challenge and that he is no longer the Rioli he was, but rather the Rioli that he now is.

Observers of South Fremantle's games, however, would have noticed little change.

He is still one of the game's most beautifully balanced and gifted players, perhaps being a shade slower than in 1981 — his last season with the Bulldogs.

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Tasmanians put in solid performances

EAST Fremantle have gained the services of former Tasmanians David Johnson and Stephen Grace, from league club Glenorchy.

Both players gave solid first-up performances against West Perth in the reserves last Saturday, but may take time to adapt to West Australian conditions.

Grace impressed Sharks officials with his speed and sure ball handling skills and Johnson, a big key-position player, did well despite lacking match fitness.

ROSS Davis, the former co-ordinator of football development at the WAFL, is East Perth's new reserves coach.

He has been elevated to this position after one season as the club's fitness instructor — a role he will continue with as well this year.

Last year's coach, Peter Ivanoff, a much-travelled football personality, has moved on yet again.

ANOTHER Ditchburn is making his mark in league football for a WA club.

John, a 26-year-old brother of former Claremont and Carlton star Ross, pulled on the boots for South Fremantle for the first time last week in their eight-point defeat at the hands of Perth.

Ross enjoyed success in WA and Victoria in the late '70s and early '80s before commitments on the family farm in Kuerin forced him into premature retirement.

John, through encouragement from Ross, turned up at South Fremantle's pre-season training, with as boundary changes taking Kuerin from the Claremont country zone.

John was recognised as an outstanding player in the Central Great Southern League, but has a lot of work to do if he is to follow the footsteps of his illustrious brother.

RELIABLE Perth defender Harry Mumford announced his retirement this week.

At 26, Mumford makes an early exit from the league scene after a 68-game career which began in 1983.

Mumford joined his old teammates playing at Kalamunda last week in the opening round in the Sunday Football League.

But they need time to adapt

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



East Perth have stolen a march on other league clubs by having their own Bushmans Hat. The hats will be on display at Guernsey Presentation Night. They can be purchased at the office for \$39 or can be posted for \$44.

ANOTHER South Fremantle rookie to play his first game last week was former Wagin player Dean Nalder.

Nalder's selection is all the more meritorious when you consider he missed all of last season with a shoulder injury and almost a month of pre-season training in February with a virus.

And if the name Nalder rings a bell, it may well be Dean's father or grandfather whose name you recognise.

Both were Members of Parliament in years gone by and only last year Dean's father, Cambell, passed away.

THE old and the young have starred so far this year at Claremont.

Teenagers Ben Allan and Don Pyke have impressed enormously in their positions of centre and rover respectively.

At the other end of the scale is Gerard Neesham, who is only three years younger than the combined age of Allan and Pyke.

His experience is a steady and helpful influence on the younger brigade.

CLAREMONT'S loss to Perth last week ended a record 22 consecutive games without defeat — going back exactly one year.

It's not 22 successive victories that they can claim, however, as the record does include a draw in round nine last year with Subiaco.

Claremont's last defeat came at the hands of West Perth back in round two of 1987 when they went down by 11 points.

DARREN Bewick was a welcome visitor to the West Perth changerooms at East Fremantle Oval on Saturday.

When asked for his comments on the Eagles-Essendon clash, the 20-year-old still seemed nonplussed.

Sporting a swollen cheek, a legacy of Friday night's game, Bewick would say only that: "Sheedy was not impressed" by the Bombers record loss.

RUCKMAN Dean Farmer returns to competitive football after a two-week suspension resulting from Perth's final qualifying game of 1987.

Farmer has led a brief, but controversial career after a 28-game suspension stemmed from a ugly incident in a reserves game in 1986.

He was given a reprieve after serving 14 weeks of that suspension and returned to playing after the first completed round of fixtures last year.

The selection committee at Perth will consider using him this week in their vital clash with West Perth, especially as he showed sound form in the Kresta Cup and lead-up matches pre-season.

IF you have noticed an extra yard of pace in some of the Eagles and East Fremantle players during the last year it is in no small part due to Mark Neates, a 25-year-old physical education teacher.

Neates is a three-time triple jump and one-time long jump State title holder and is using his experience in sprint training to help East Fremantle and Eagles players improve their running technique.

"Some players have obvious deficiencies in this area and it is my job simply to coach their running style," explained Mark.

Neates was ranked fourth in the national titles during 1981-82 and was included in the Commonwealth Games squad, though he missed the final team.

His work is already showing some effect as both East Fremantle and the Eagles have finished strongly to win their opening two games of the year.

IT was a rather puzzling scene inside the West Perth changerooms last week, watching Gavin Wake, alone in a corner, writing on his arm with a thick pen.

What could he be doing?

Vandalising his arms with graffiti or adding to his tattoo collection?

A closer check revealed the words "run hard" and "hard ball" clearly visible in bold letters on each arm.

Gavin insists this practice helps motivate him at important times such as at centre bouncings and at pressure points in a match.

EAST Perth are not interested in any talk of amalgamation with the West Coast Eagles, according to officials spoken to this week.

Recent newspaper reports made the suggestion that Eagles members who didn't make the VFL team would play with East Perth to bolster their current lack of depth.

The East Perth hierarchy maintain that while the club is going through a difficult period, the players have closed ranks and are determined to support coach Gerard McNeill and get through one of the leanest spells in the club's history.



Peter Ware celebrated his 100th game last week.

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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Wembley start with brilliant win

WEMBLEY started their 1988 A-grade season in brilliant style with a solid victory over last season's grand finalist, Old Wesley by 17 points.

The Magpies were well led by Rod Alderton, who played as a ruck rover and weighed in with several goals at crucial times.

Alderton was backed up by Kevin Symonds, Peter Falconer, Brad Roberts and new recruits Barry Hartzler and Geoff Brandenburg.

Another heartening aspect for Wembley was the return of centre-half-forward Kevin Kosovich, who was in brilliant form in the first half providing a sure avenue to goals and kicking several himself.

Old Wesley would be disappointed with their first hit-out with only Bryn Chute appearing to be interested for four quarters.

Les Fong kicked off his coaching career with a win over North Fremantle by eight goals.

Fong was creative in bringing other players into the game and this is the type of leadership the Old Boys have lacked in previous years.

The best player on the ground was former East Perth rover Mark Shaw, who did as he liked obtaining more than 40 possession, using most of them effectively.

North Fremantle, who led at half-time, faded badly and their fitness must be a worry to coach Peter Webb.

North's Drew Herrington was playing a great game, but was then hit with an asthma attack which did not help his side's chances.

Other contributors were Tony Stewart, who kicked four goals and Gavan Ferraz, who was a 100-minute performer.

Mention must also be made of the umpiring of Darryl Donovan and Mike McGann, who both put on a display that was second-to-none and helped to encourage the players to attack the ball at all times.

Mt Lawley confirmed that they should be tough competitors when they beat a star-studded University combination by 70 points.

The Hawks were led by Paul Lynch, playing his first game for two years after an overseas holiday, who produced a mixture of dazzling speed and control hand and foot.

Lynch had many good players around him, including captain Tony Williams, Phil Warren, Ross Bell, Bill Armstrong and Andrew Chapman.

University had their old brigade playing well in Ian Rakich, John Love and Fingers Annear, as well as the McNee brothers, Matt and Paul, playing a good brand of football.

by
TREVOR SCHORER



Coach Bruce Robinson will be looking for more from other players and a lot more teamwork by the whole side if they are going to be a force this year.

West Coast almost snatched victory from Nollamara, who had to pull out all stops in the last quarter to win by 13 points.

At three-quarter time West Coast led by three goals and had a two goal breeze to aid them.

However, tragedy struck with two injuries and with playing coach Bernie Dunn sidelined midway through the second quarter, they played with virtually 17 players.

Nollamara, led by wingman Chris White, attacked the ball ferociously in the final term.

This week Nollamara have the form on the board and should be too good for Old Wesley at Lathlain Park.

Trinity-Aquinas will not have an easy game at McGillivray Oval against University as the students seem to have a decided advantage on this ground.

North Beach should be too strong for North Fremantle, but at Gil Fraser Reserve this will be a tough assignment. Wembley should be too strong for Scarborough at Perth Oval and Mt Lawley could have a tough encounter with West Coast but have the form to be a winner again.

HIGHLIGHTS

G-GRADE: CBC posted their first win in this grade by downing Wanneroo in the opening round of the season. Wanneroo, although playing well in the first quarter, could not hold it together in the next and CBC went into half-time with a commanding lead. This lead was too great for the Roos to pull back and CBC ran out winners by 30 points.

Good players for Wanneroo included Greg Campbell at centre-half-forward, Troy Atkinson full-back and Tony Bremner on a half-forward-flank.

Wanneroo's new ruck rover, Jamie Barnett, played well and they will be looking forward to his contribution throughout the season. Although being beaten in the first game, Wanneroo should not be taken lightly and are expected to be at full strength in two weeks time.

L-GRADE: Nollamara tasted the bitterness of defeat when they came up against Wanneroo No. 2 at Des Penman Reserve. Rovers Danny Deutscher, Mario Marchello, Kevin Edwy-Smith and ruck rover Vince Russo gave Wanneroo a strong following division to which Nollamara No. 4 had no answer. While things started to

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look ominous in the last quarter with Nollamara kicking with the aid of a refreshing sea breeze, Wanneroo held on to win by eight points.

D-GRADE COLTS: John XXIII were elated with their win over Wanneroo at College Park last Saturday. Both sides are new to the D-Grade colts and therefore had a point to prove. John XXIII, with a home ground advantage and the much taller side, overcame spirited opposition by a very young, but nevertheless eager Wanneroo team.

Good players for Wanneroo included ruckman Shane Smith, rover Peter Rosan and wingman Andrew Scott. Wanneroo's centre-half-forward Paul Maindock also put in a good effort in a losing side.

C-GRADE: Last year's runners-up in the C-grade competition, Nollamara were outclassed by newcomers Cockburn Lakes at Canning Park. Cockburn proved consistent throughout the four quarters and had winning players in most positions on the ground.

Nollamara did adapt to the conditions as quickly and paid the penalty in the end, losing by 91 points. One shining light in Nollamara's favour was the form of full-forward Don Wilson.

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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Dianella come from behind

A BRILLIANT third-quarter by Dianella enabled them to overcome a gallant Maylands and record an impressive four-goal victory at Gibney Reserve on Saturday.

The Rams surprised the Panthers by opening up a four-goal break early in the first-quarter and it wasn't until late in the second-quarter that Dianella finally got the better of their opponents.

Good players for the Panthers were David Fare, Peter Santorell, Kelvin Reynolds, Paul Hart and Terry Holtzman.

For Maylands, young wingman Steve Burton made an impressive debut and he was ably supported by fellow colts players Paul Carlsen and Rod Rykers. Ian Stewart, John McCarthy, Kim Sidebottom and nuggety rovers Gary McNamara and Ossie Dikolli were also solid contributors.

Innaloo only required one good quarter of football to defeat an enthusiastic Swan Athletic and confirm their rating as the favourites for this year's flag.

CBC proved they will also be hard to beat this year, with a convincing eight-goal victory over last year's finalists Collegians/Old Scotch.

Former South Fremantle player Peter Brindley was in good form and he

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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:

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B1 grade - Peter Rush — Phone 277 2260
Other grades - Dave Eggleston — Phone 342 8749

was helped by solid full-back Paul Piggett and Mard Rednig.

Bayswater easily accounted for a struggled MHWP by seven goals and Mt Lawley defeated Curtin by a similar margin.

This week's game of the day sees Innaloo take on experienced finals campaigner Dianella.

The Panthers are hard to beat at home and will give Brendan McFaulld Bulldogs a run for their money.

Other games should see Mt Lawley beat Swan Athletic, CBC defeat MHWP and Collegians Old Scotch defeat Curtin.

New rules in amateurs

THE following laws of the game will be used this year where an official League umpire has been appointed:-

Law 1.1.2 A circle three metres in diameter shall be marked in the centre of the ground with a white line into two semi-circles laterally, such line to extend a maximum two metres on each side of the diameter. A square of 45 metres shall also be marked in white in the centre of the ground.

Law 5.4.2 A field umpire shall take up a position on the white line on either side of the centre circle prior to bouncing the ball.

Law 5.5 One player of each team shall take up a position outside the semi-circle furthest from his own team's attacking goal. No player shall enter the centre circle and not more than four players of either team shall enter the square until the ball touches the ground in the act of bouncing, or is thrown up by the field umpires.

The ball bounced or thrown up by the field umpire shall be contested only by the players referred to above, except in the instance of a poor bounce.

Law 9.2.2 When it is necessary for a defending player from a free kick or mark to take his kick from beyond the goal or behind line providing he crosses the goal or behind lines in the direct line or his mark he may then be permitted to play on, by kicking or handballing, other than over his mark. The field umpire will immediately call play on.

If the player attempts to play on outside the goal or behind line, he will be required to take another kick to bring the ball into play as per above.

In such cases the player on the mark shall not be permitted to come within 5 metres of the goal or behind lines.

TIME WASTING AND/OR DELAYING THE PLAY

The 15-metre penalty has been replaced by a 50-metre penalty.

The procedure for applying the 50-metre penalty is as follows:-

The penalty will be applied immediately for blatant actions that waste time and/or delay the play. In the event of an infringement that is not blatant and is not immediately penalised i.e. a player encroaching over the spot, the umpire will request the player ONCE to move to the correct spot. If the player does not then respond immediately, the penalty will be applied.

When the umpire applies the 50-metre penalty, he will immediately signal "time on". The player benefiting from the penalty is not permitted to "play on". The spot is then advanced 50-metres in a direct line with the centre of the goal. The player benefiting from the penalty must be given free access to the advanced spot and take up a set play position behind the advanced spot in a direct line with the centre of the goal. When the umpire is satisfied the player has taken up a correct set play position, he will signal "time off".

In the interest of consistency, the set play procedures will apply. A 50-metre penalty has the same implication as a free kick.

KICKING OFF AFTER A BEHIND HAS BEEN SCORED

The requirement for "playing on" at a kick off after a behind has been scored of kicking the ball clear of hand and ofot has been replaced by a requirement of kicking the ball over the kick off lines. The player kicking off may regain possession provided the ball has travelled a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the kick off line. If that player regains possession prior to it travelling two (2) metres, the ball shall be deemed not to have been brought into play legally.

Carnival will launch Fortescue

THE Fortescue National Football League start the 1988 season with the annual lighting carnival at Tom Price this Sunday.

The first round of matches for premiership points start on Sunday, April 24.

FNFL office bearers for 1988 are: president Tony Duthie, senior vice president Russell Schumacher, junior vice president Lance White, secretary Debbie Haywood and treasurer Terry Bright.

The coaches and their teams for the season are: Charlie Salmon, Tigers; Garry Jones, Towns; Mark Adams, Saints; Greg Rees, Demons; Paul Giddons, Centrals; and Ray Gibson, Hill.

The general consensus of opinion among the coaches and officials is that 1988 will be a competitive season.

The competition, though minus some good players from past seasons, should provide supporters and spectators with the usual amount of interest and excitement.

Next Sunday's lightning carnival will provide coaches with the opportunity to experiment under actual match conditions.

Since the inaugural carnival in 1982, Centrals have won four times (1982, '83, '84 and '85); Towns won in 1986, and the reigning premiers are Tigers.

Successful BP Championship coach Charlie Salmon was reappointed coach for the 1988 Championships to be held this year in Newman on June 4.

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Easy opening for top S-W sides

THE South West National Football League opens this Sunday with a round of fixtures which sees teams favoured to finish in the top half of the ladder opposed to sides from the bottom half.

Carey Park, to be coached this season by former West Perth half-forward and much-travelled country coach Merv Kennedy, are opposed to almost permanent cellar-dwellers Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

Boyanup are currently in the middle of a losing streak of more than 40 games and on current indications there appears little hope of improvement this season.

Reigning premiers Collie, who have lost up to a dozen players from last year's side including Neil Jackson who is showing excellent form at centre-half-back for West Perth, meet Busselton, the only team to defeat the Premiers twice last season.

Harvey Brunswick will be at home to Bunbury, who will be coached by John Rogers, returning to the club after a few seasons at Harvey Brunswick in various capacities.

They will, however, be missing Hayward Medallist Grant Hawkes, who is playing in Cairns this season.

John Roberts takes over as coach of Donnybrook when they travel to Collie for their clash with Mines Rovers.

South Bunbury, who have lost several of last year's side, have recruited well having obtained the services of

Scott Meadows (Swan Districts), Shane Stempel (East Perth) and Clayton Lewis (East Perth), as well as Carey Park's 1987 coach Leigh Wright.

They are expected to comfortably account for Augusta-Margaret-River, who as usual at this stage of the season, are an unknown quantity.

Former leading player and current radio personality Terry House has been appointed coach of all S-W teams including the side for the Wesfarmers championships in Perth later this year.

New coaches in UGS league

THE highlight of this week's opening set of fixtures in the Upper Great Southern league will be the clash between reigning premiers Williams and semi-finalists Railways.

Williams, coached by Wayne Coles, should have a tough game against Railways, who have appointed Mark Riley coach for the coming season.

Former West Perth player Peter Duncan replaces John McGuire (touring England as captain of Australia's Aboriginal cricket team) as coach of Towns, who clash with Boddington, where coach Ross Wharton has high hopes for the 1988 season.

Paul Rowe has arrived as coach of Wagin from East Perth via Mt Lawley amateurs and will lead his side for the first time when they meet Wickepin, who have retained the coaching services of Greg Doyle.

Pingelly, again coached by Michael Page, will meet the disappointing West Arthur, who hope that the appointment of top Collie centreman Peter Slater will vastly improve their on-field performance.

Wooden spooners Lake Grace have retained Noel Bairstow as coach and the players will need to follow his on-field example if they wish to improve on last year's dismal solitary victory.

GERALDTON UNDER WAY

AFTER two rounds of football played in searing heat, Great Northern League players had a rest last Sunday as Geraldton was overrun by competitors in the Mid-West Games.

The highlight of an exciting second round of fixtures was Northampton's defeat by Brigades, with a goal kicked after the siren which was not heard by the umpires.

An appeal lodged by Northampton was subsequently dismissed.

Competition leaders Mullewa struggled to beat Chapman Valley, eventually winning by 13 points.

Rovers retain their unbeaten record when the comfortably accounted for Towns by five goals.

Upset to open season

THE Southern Districts Football League started its Bicentennial season on Sunday with an upset.

North Mt Barker, poor performers in last year's first semi-final, produced a new-look side to outclass Railways by four goals - 13.15 (93) to 10.9 (69).

North's improvement is due to three new players - coach Vince Saunders, brother Greg Saunders and former South Fremantle player Kelvin Ryan, in his first game for eight seasons.

The Saunders brothers, recruited from Katanning Australs, played in attack and were instrumental in most of the Demons forward thrusts, while Ryan was an effective ruck-rover.

Man-of-the-match, however, was North Barker's young ruckman Gary Pope, who shows he has matured into a top player. He was ably supported by centreliners Brad Smallwood and Cameron Taylor.

Pope kicked four goals and team mate Alan Smallwood scored three. Best for Railways were Dean Maroni, Darren Ford and Kim Wych. Maroni played at full-forward with occasional runs in the ruck.

Railways have lost key players Doug Rowe, the reigning Kleeman Medalist, Ray Barker, Brian Woods and Kim Arundle.

North Barker were missing fairest and best Brad Dennis, Brad Higns, leading goalscorer Greg Hambley and Jeff Brandenburg from last season.

Reigning premiers, Royals, led South Mt Barker by three goals at the last change, but put in an outstanding last term to thrash the Hawks 22.16 (148) to 10.9 (69) at Souness Park.

Tim Hunter and Don Nesbitt starred for the Lions and reigning South Barker fairest and best Russell Jones again produced a superb game.

At Collingwood Park, home side North Albany went to the top of the table with a 23.9 (147) to 8.8 (56) victory over Denmark.

The Kangas win was mainly due to trio Paul Salom, Robbie Sutton and youngster Jason Roebuck.

This Sunday the top two teams and last year's grand finalists, Royals and North Albany, will clash at Collingwood Park which promises to be a great game.

A Barker derby will be held at Frost Park and Denmark host Railways at McLean Park.

JUNIOR NEWS

JUNIORS DON'T ALWAYS SHOW THEIR LOYALTY

WITH the introduction of open clearances in the younger grades, some club registrars are finding their work load increased. Players who change clubs frequently put a burden on these already overworked volunteers.

Unfortunately, not all junior footballers have legitimate reasons for changing clubs, i.e. too many players, a change of district or a dispute with the club.

An increasing number of boys are just changing clubs to play in a stronger team with the aim of winning a premiership.

Little thought has been put into the end result — some teams get weaker, others stronger and there is an increased workload on officials, right from the clubs concerned to junior council level.

Parents — this is where you have to stand up to your children. Encourage them to stay with their team, whether it's a top side or just a team of triers. Treat each clearance on its true merit.

Remember, club participation is more important than winning a premiership!

Football needs to be more competitive, but participation is the name of the game.

LIONS UNDER WAY

THE Subiaco Junior Council started their season last weekend, but the 17s will not play their first official game till April 24.

This year Subiaco boast an impressive number of teams — 71 teams for Aussie Rules, 48 teams (13-15s open), 960 boys for freeball. With 119 teams combining with the Subiaco-Wanneroo League, they have a massive total of 199 teams.

HELP NEEDED

Justin Williams and Paul Naylor are two players from the Hills who are squad members in the Swans combined 13s team. Players are urgently needed for all 16s teams. If any player is interested, contact their local club president.

Cannington win first CIG game

FORTY young footballers experienced the opportunity of a life time last Friday evening when they played before a crowd of 20,000 at the WACA ground.

The curtain-raiser to the Eagles v Essendon match was the first encounter this year for the CIG Shield competition and the players represented St Norbert's College (Queens Park) and Cannington Senior High School.

Both teams are in the Perth Football Club's metropolitan zone and while the victors, Cannington, have been involved in the six-year-old competition for the past four years, St Norbert's are in their second year.

Grand Dorrington, co-ordinator of the CIG Shield for the Football Development Trust, and Steve Woodhouse, Perth Football Club's development manager, reported an excellent game.

Both teams and coaches met in the centre of the ground before and after the match to shake hands and despite a hard game and strong tackling, there was no evidence of violence. The teams were spurred on by a receptive crowd eager for Eagles action.

Woodhouse said the game was not as uneven as the scores indicated — with Cannington winning 15.10 to 6.1.

"At quarter-time, both sides were three goals," he said.



Quit Cup co-organiser Paul Bestwick launches the new series.

Quit Cup gets off to historic start

WEDNESDAY, April 20 will be an historic day for Australia's schoolboy football — the first round of the inaugural Quit Cup 88, a unique secondary schools competition.

For the first time in Australia, the youth of all WA's metropolitan Government and non-Government schools have set the guidelines and codes of behaviour for their own first XVIII football competition.

Eighty-five secondary schools will compete in four metropolitan regions, each offering two divisions named after famous West Australian footballers, Barry Cable and Graham Farmer. The divisions will cater for different size and strength of schools.

In a charter prepared and administered by the First XVIII Youth and Adult Commissions, players and coaches must sign Codes of Behaviour contracts, which, if broken, impose strict penalties.

The Quit Youth Commission comprises 12 students, including two girls, who have met on five occasions at the WAFL headquarters to discuss competition details. These have now been

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formalised into a handbook of rules and guidelines.

The first chairman is Paul Bestwick, a Year-12 student at St Marks College and the secretary is Julie D'Addario.

One of the major directions of WA's Football Development Trust when it was formed in 1987, was to re-establish football in all secondary schools.

The FDT had been alarmed at figures indicating that young people between the ages of 15 and 17 years tended to drop out of organised sport, and football was no exception.

Grant Dorrington, senior co-ordinator for secondary schools at the FDT, spent five months visiting, talking with and researching secondary schools within country and metropolitan areas.

He discovered an overwhelming desire for a First XVIII schools competition which would cross the boundaries of all schools, whether Government or private and which would express the student's own thoughts on the game — that it should be free of all violence, that it should be enjoyable and that students should make the rules.

The Associated Catholic Colleges and the WA Government Schools Sports Association, bodies that in the past have co-ordinated separate school football competitions, were consulted and Youth and Adult Commissions formed.

The adult commission consists of an independent chairman, two ACC and two WAGSSA representatives, four regional co-ordinators, a WAFL junior council representative, two youth commissioners, Grant Dorrington and a representative from Quit.

The Youth Commission has a student representative from Government and private secondary schools, Dorrington and the elected youth chairman and secretary.

NEW TIGERS TEAM

THE Claremont council has welcomed a new nomination from the Wembley Dragons, a youth organisation that has nominated two teams, consisting of 12s and 15s.

This season Claremont have dropped the 14s age group and decided to use the 14s and 15s as one age group.

Claremont's junior parade day will be held on Saturday, May 21 when the Tigers play West Perth.



Little League results

Claremont, West Perth, Swan Districts and Subiaco were the winners last weekend in the Town and Country WA Little League competition.

The Tigers beat Perth with Trent Nicholas, Ryan Bookless and Toby Lendon the best for the winners, while Jason Harvey, Darren McDonnell and Geoff Wyatt played well for the Demons.

The young Falcons scored a good victory over East Fremantle and were well served by Dean Trovarello, Julien Cvitan and Marc Germand.

The best for the young Sharks were Bradley Dodd, Adam Bowes and Ryan Turner.

Anthony Cooper, Richard Hobbs and Brett Jose starred in Swan Districts win over South Fremantle.

The losers were well served by Nito Degennaro, Steven Chuttleworth and Jeremy Carter.

In the final match of the round, Subiaco proved too good for East Perth with Robert Brown, Stephen Cox and Jeremy Dixon in the best three for the Lions, while Troy Trewin, Mark Partington and Karl Katinskas played well for the Royals.



Trent Nicholas breaks away for the Demons in last week's Little League.

FREEBALL CLINICS

Special freeball clinics will be held in the Swans junior area as follows:

Bassendean — Jubilee Park, May 1, 9am. Contact - M. McArthur 279 9353.

Belmont — Peet Park, April 16, 8.30am. Contact - J. Vardy 361 3332.

Cloverdale — Forster Park, April 16, 10am. Contact - C. Godfrey 478 1130.

Hills — Mundaring Oval, April 16, 10.30am. Contact - A. Leming 295 2091.

Kalamunda — Kostera Park, April 16, 10am. Contact - F. Noteboom 293 3073.

Swanview — Brown Park, April 17, 9.30am. Contact - B. Douglas 294 4959.

Upper Swan — Upper Swan Primary School, April 17, 10am. Contact - R. Cochrane 274 4352.

KEEP IN TOUCH...



JUNIOR football clubs and councils can provide news items for this page by telephoning IAN CLARK on 294 3860.

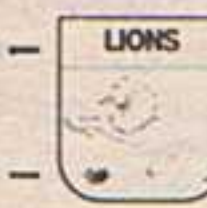
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CLUBS

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.

Players are assessed on a rating out of 10 points each week, taking into account whether they are injured (i) or on the interchange bench (r).



SUBIACO

	V	V	TOT
	CI	EP	
BREMAN, Todd	3	5	8
BROWN, Clinton	6	6	12
BRICE, Andrew	6	6	12
CALDOW, Richard	5	-	5
COCKER, Shane	6	8	14
CARPENTER, Greg	4	6	10
DARGIE, Ian	5	6	11
FEATHERBY, Peter	4	-	4
GEORGIADIS, John	5	6	11
GOLDING, Wayne	-	6	6
HUTCHINSON, Bret	5	5	10
HUTCHESON, Glen	5	5	10
JENNINGS, Mick	4	7	11
KEENE, Laurie	5	6	11
MORT, Michael	4r	5	9
MONAGHAN, Bill	6	5	11
McDOUGALL, Brad	5	6	11
READ, Damlan	-	3r	3
TAYLOR, Neil	5	4i	9
TAYLOR, Brian	5	6	11
WILLET, Rod	3r	7	10
WILKINSON, Greg	6	3i	9



SOUTH FREMANTLE

	V	V	TOT
	EP	SD	
AMORISO, Tony	6	-	6
BAYLISS, Mark	6	6	12
COLLARD, Brad	6	7	13
COLLARD, Cliff	5	5	10
DITCHBURN, John	5	6	11
EDWARDS, Craig	7	4	11
FIMMANO, Ned	6	5	11
GATTI, Gordon	-	4	4
GEARY, Richard	7	4	11
GIBB, Doug	-	4	4
GRAHAM, Richard	6	5	11
JACKSON, Stevan	5	3r	8
KICKETT, Graham	5	-	5
LYNCH, Richard	5	3	8
MATERA, Peter	-	3	3
MATERA, Wally	6	-	6
MASKOS, Arthur	5	3	8
NALDER, Dean	3r	4r	7
RIOLI, Maurice	7	-	7
ROE, Willie	8	2	10
ROGNETTA, Frank	-	6	6
SAMBRAILO, Matt	-	5	5
SUMICH, Peter	6	-	6
WALTERS, Tony	5	5	10
WATTERS, Scott	7	7	14

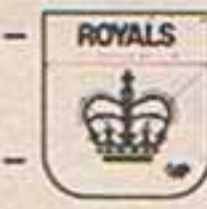


WEST PERTH

	V	V	TOT
	SD	EF	
ADAM, Tim	4	-	4
BIFFIN, Gavin	-	4	4
BRADMORE, Phil	8	6	14
BINDER, Craig	5	-	5
DAYMAN, Wayne	-	2r	2
FOLEY, Dan	5	6	11
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	5	9
HENRY, Lindsay	7	4	11
JACKSON, Neil	7	6	13
HASLER, Paul	6	5	11
KING, Sean	7	6	13
MADAFFARI, Paddy	7	6	13
MENAGLIO, Peter	8	6	14
MIFKA, Paul	5	6	11
NELSON, Craig	6	4r	10
O'BRIEN, Darren	6r	4	10
PURSER, Andrew	7	4	11
SANZONE, Paul	6	4	10
TURLEY, Craig	8	6	14
TAYLOR, Warren	6	4	10
WAKE, Gavin	6	5	11
WILLIAMS, Mal	5	5	10



	V	V	TOT
	Ge	Es	
BRENNAN, Michael	6	6	12
GASTEY, John	3r	8	11
GLENDINNING, Ross	6	6	12
HART, David	5	7	12
ISHCHENKO, Alex	8	7	15
LAMB, Dwayne	8	6	14
LANGDON, Karl	6	6	12
LOCKYER, Andrew	4r	5	9
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	12
MALAXOS, Steve	6	6	12
MILES, Geoff	7	6	13
McKENNA, Guy	7	6	13
O'CONNELL, Michael	7	4	11
PEOS, Paul	6	-	6
RANCE, Murray	6	6	12
SCOTT, Phil	7	7	14
TURNER, Dean	6r	7	13
UGLE, Troy	-	5r	5
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	12
WRENSTED, Murray	5	6	11
ZANNOTTI, Mark	7	5	12



EAST PERTH

	V	V	TOT
	SF	S	
ATWELL, Bruce	5	4	9
BEST, Darren	5	4	9
BAIN, David	5	5	10
BLAKELY, Mark	4	4	8
BENNETT, Mal	4	6	10
BARTLETT, Glen	5	5	10
BETRAM, Dean	4	4	8
BOCK, Gary	5	6	11
BARONI, Lucio	5	6	11
CRANSBERG, Peter	5	5	10
DAWSON, Wayne	6	7	13
CROPLEY, Howard	6	6	12
EMBRY, Andrew	-	4r	4
EVANS, Shane	4r	7	11
GIANNAKIS, George	6	5	11
HAWKINS, Gavin	7	5	12
HOST, Andrew	3	7	10
KELLY, Lance	6	4	10
LEWIS, Rod	5	-	5
SEYMOUR, Ken	5	6	11
WARNER, Bevan	3	2r	5



SWAN DISTRICTS

	V	V	TOT
	WP	SF	
AMONINI, Peter	3	-	3
BAZZO, Steve	4	7	11
BUCKLEY, Jim	-	3i	3
CATON, Kevin	5	5	10
COPE, Tony	3	-	3
DE GRAAF, Bob	4	6	10
GANDINI, Len	6	6	12
GOW, Paul	4	4	8
GRASSO, Mick	5	5	10
GLASS, Brett	3	-	3
HUTTON, Brent	4	6	10
HETHERINGTON, Kim	4	6	10
HOLMES, Andy	5	-	5
HOLMES, Don	4	-	4
IETTO, Austin	-	6	6
O'DONOHUE, Jamie	3r	-	3
OLD, Peter	3	4	7
PASSERI, Geoff	5	7	12
RENFREE, Shane	5	5	10
SIDEBOTTOM, Allan	-	6i	6
SKWIROWSKI, Bill	-	6	6
STEVENS, Matt	-	2i	2
STEVENS, Stuart	-	4	4
TIGCHELAAR, Andrew	4	6	10
THORNE, Kernut	2	-	2
WALKER, Greg	-	6	6
WARE, Peter	4	4	8



Christie thrives in new role

EAST Fremantle skipper George Christie is certainly not being burdened with the responsibility of captaining the Sharks this year.

The brilliant back pocket specialist has turned into a ruck-rover this season and polled two best-on-ground efforts in the opening WAFL games. He has a one-point lead in our \$1000 6NR Buccaneer Pool ratings award.

A rare nine out of 10 cast by our East Fremantle-West Perth observer last week puts Christie on 17 votes after two games.

Hot on his heels is former Sharks team-mate and now front-line leader of the reigning premiers — Claremont captain-coach Gerard Neesham.

The astute Neesham has shown that he will be accepting more responsibility in the Tigers team this year with two consecutive eight votes to be second on 16.

Perth midfielder Joe Santostefano — a member of the Eagles development squad over summer — has been in fine form and is third on 15 votes.



EAST FREMANTLE

	V	V	TOT
	P	WP	
AMARANTI, Mark	6	6	12
BROWNING, Clinton	6	5	11
BROADBRIDGE, Mick	6	5	11
BUSHELL, David	-	4	4
COOPER, Eric	5	4	9
CHRISTIE, George	8	9	17
DURACK, Lance	6	7	13
DERECOURT, Jon	6	6	12
ELLIS, Shane	7	6	13
EDGAR, Stephen	6	6	12
FORMAN, Bryce	5	4	9
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	7	4	11
MILLER, Gavin	4	6	10
NANNUP, Wayne	5i	-	5
O'SULLIVAN, John	6	6	12
PEAKE, Brian	8	4	12
PILL, Shane	2r	-	2
RANKIN, David	-	2r	2
ROWLAND, Scott	5	4	9
ROWE, David	6	2r	8
STERRETT, Ray	5i	-	5
WATERMAN, Chris	5	4	9
WEBER, Robert	-	4	4



CLAREMONT

	V	V	TOT
	Sub	P	
AITKEN, Michael	-	4	4
ALLAN, Ben	8	6	14
AHMAT, Joe	4	-	4
BEGOVICH, Tony	7	5	12
BRAYSHAW, Mark	6	6	12
BEERS, Tony	5	6	11
EDWARDS, Scott	-	6	6
HANN, Mark	8	5	13
HIGGINS, Peter	5	5	10
LEWIS, Cam	6	5	11
MELESSO, Peter	5	6	11
NEESHAM, Gerard	8	8	16
O'CONNELL, David	5	4	9
OWENS, Peter	7	6	13
POVEY, Grant	7	6	13
PYKE, Don	7	5	12
SHEPHERD, Cam	6	6	12
SUTHERLAND, Brian	4i	-	4
SCOTT, John	6	6	12
THOMSON, Mal	5	5	10
THORNE, Peter	6	6	12
YARRAN, Nicky	6	5	11



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

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

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

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 14.15 East Perth 10.10, Subiaco
Claremont 8.18 Perth 10.14, Claremont
East Frem. 14.19 West Perth 14.9, East Frem
Swan Dist. 17.23 South Frem. 14.11, BSSD

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 26.19 Essendon 11.10, WACA
(April 9, Saturday)
Hawthorn 26.15 Richmond 12.14, VFL Park
Collingwood 15.12 Fitzroy 9.16, Victoria Park
Footscray 9.12 Melbourne 13.8, Western Oval
Carlton 19.15 Brisbane Bears 7.19, Princes Park
North Melbourne 20.7 Geelong 21.16, MCG
(April 10, Sunday)
Sydney Swans 9.12 St Kilda 7.13, SCG

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

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

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

Round 6 — (May 6, Friday)
North Melbourne v West Coast Eagles
(May 7, Saturday)
Collingwood v Hawthorn (P)
Footscray v Richmond
Carlton v St. Kilda
Melbourne v Essendon

(May 8, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v Fitzroy
Geelong v Sydney Swans

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

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

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

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

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

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

Round 13 — (June 25, Saturday)
Melbourne v Carlton (P)
Hawthorn v Geelong
Essendon v Footscray
Collingwood v Sydney Swans
St. Kilda v Richmond
North Melbourne v Brisbane Bears

(June 26, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Fitzroy

Round 14 — (July 1, Friday)
Sydney Swans v Richmond
(July 2, Saturday)
Fitzroy v North Melbourne (P)
Carlton v Collingwood
Footscray v Hawthorn
Geelong v Melbourne
Essendon v West Coast Eagles

(July 3, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v St. Kilda

(July 5, Tuesday)
"State of Origin"
Western Australia v Victoria (Perth)

Round 15 — (July 9, Saturday)
Footscray v Richmond (P)
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Melbourne v Sydney Swans
St. Kilda v Carlton

(July 10, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Geelong
Brisbane Bears v Hawthorn
North Melbourne v Essendon

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

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

(July 24, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v Essendon

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

Collingwood v St. Kilda
North Melbourne v Richmond

(July 31, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Melbourne
Footscray v Brisbane Bears

Round 19 — (August 5, Friday)
Collingwood v Bris. Bears (MCG)

(August 6, Saturday)
Carlton v Sydney Swans (P)
Hawthorn v Fitzroy
Essendon v Geelong
Footscray v St. Kilda
Richmond v Melbourne

(August 7, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v North Melb

Round 20 — (August 12, Friday)
Richmond v Brisbane Bears

(August 13, Saturday)
Collingwood v Essendon (P)
St. Kilda v West Coast Eagles
Melbourne v Footscray
Carlton v North Melbourne

(August 14, Sunday)
Sydney Swans v Fitzroy
Geelong v Hawthorn

Round 21 — (August 19, Friday)
North Melbourne v Sydney Swans

(August 20, Saturday)
Hawthorn v St. Kilda (P)
Essendon v Melbourne
Fitzroy v Footscray
Geelong v Richmond

(August 21, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Collingwood
Brisbane Bears v Carlton

Round 22 — (August 26, Friday)
Richmond v Fitzroy

(August 27, Saturday)
Essendon v St. Kilda (P)
Collingwood v Geelong
Hawthorn v North Melbourne
Melbourne v Carlton

(August 28, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v Sydney Swans
Footscray v West Coast Eagles

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

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

WEST COAST EAGLES

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

Friday, April 8 (Round 2)
Eagles 26.19 Essendon 11.10 at WACA Ground

Sunday, April 17 (Round 3)
v Brisbane Bears at Brisbane

Saturday, April 23 (Round 4)
v Collingwood at MCG

Friday, April 29 (Round 5)
v Footscray at WACA Ground

Friday, May 6 (Round 6)
v North Melbourne at VFL Park

Friday, May 13 (Round 7)
v St Kilda at WACA Ground

Sunday, May 22 (Round 8)
v Hawthorn at Subiaco

Sunday, May 29 (Round 9)
v Carlton at Subiaco

Sunday, June 5 (Round 10)
v Richmond at MCG

Monday, June 13 (Round 11)
v Melbourne at VFL Park

Sunday, June 19 (Round 12)
v Sydney Swans at Sydney

Sunday, June 26 (Round 13)
v Fitzroy at Subiaco

Saturday, July 2 (Round 14)
v Essendon at Essendon

Sunday, July 10 (Round 15)
v Geelong at Subiaco

Friday, July 15 (Round 16)
v Brisbane Bears at WACA Ground

Friday, July 22 (Round 17)
v Fitzroy at MCG

Sunday, July 31 (Round 18)
v Melbourne at Subiaco

Sunday, August 7 (Round 19)
v North Melbourne at Subiaco

Saturday, August 13 (Round 20)
v St Kilda at Moorabin

Sunday, August 21 (Round 21)
v Collingwood at Subiaco

Sunday, August 28 (Round 22)
v Footscray at Footscray



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NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

WAFL



PERTH..... 4.6 6.7 9.12 10.14 74
CLAREMONT..... 0.7 4.11 6.15 8.18 66
GOALS: PERTH: Rea 3, Montgomery 2, Barich 2, Daniels 1, S. Cable 1, Santostefano 1. CLAREMONT: Melesso 2, Pyke 2, Thorne 1, Shepherd 1, Brayshaw 1, D. O'Connell 1.
BEST: PERTH: Santostefano, Barich, Whittington, Taylor, Daniels, Mount. CLAREMONT: Neesham, Allan, Scott, Thorne, Melesso, Beers.
 Played at Claremont Oval. Umpires: Trevor Rees, Ken O'Driscoll. Attendance: 3315.

EAST FREMANTLE..... 2.6 5.7 11.13 14.19 103
WEST PERTH..... 2.1 9.5 9.7 14.9 93
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Christie 4, Waterman 2, Bushell 2, Lester-Smith 1, Peake 1, Browning 1, Rowland 1, Durack 1. WEST PERTH: Madaffari 5, P. Bradmore 3, Foley 2, Henry 2, Turley 1, Purser 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Christie, Durack, Miller, Amaranti, Derecourt, Edgar. WEST PERTH: Bradmore, Madaffari, King, Foley, Mirka, Turley.
 Played at East Fremantle Oval. Umpires: Glen Lee, Phil O'Reilly. Attendance: 4388.

SWAN DISTRICTS..... 2.6 7.14 8.20 17.23 125
SOUTH FREMANTLE..... 3.1 5.3 10.9 14.11 95
GOALS: SWAN DISTRICTS: Caton 4, Hutton 3, Ietto 3, Gandini 2, Old 2, Walker 1, Passeri 1, Bazzo 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards 4, C. Collard 2, Geary 2, Rognetta 2, B. Collard 1, Fimmano 1, Walters 1, Jackson 1.
BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Bazzo, Passeri, Gandini, de Graaf, Hetherington, Sidebottom. SOUTH FREMANTLE: B. Collard, Watters, Bayliss, Ditchburn, Rognetta, Matt Sambraio.
 Played at Bassendean Oval. Umpires: David Johnson, Trevor Garnett. Attendance: 4383.

SUBIACO..... 4.3 5.5 12.9 14.15 99
EAST PERTH..... 1.1 2.3 5.7 10.10 70
GOALS: SUBIACO: McDougall 4, Brennan 4, Georgiades 2, Keene 2, Jennings 1, Cocker 1. EAST PERTH: Cransberg 3, Blakely 3, Bain 1, Dawson 1, Atwell 1, Seymour 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Cocker, Jennings, Willet, B. Taylor, Brice, McDougall. EAST PERTH: Host, Evans, Dawson, Bennett, Seymour, Cropley.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires: Mike Ball, Len Cooper. Attendance: 3011.

VFL



EAGLES..... 4.4 11.9 17.13 26.19 175
ESSENDON..... 4.1 8.6 11.8 11.10 76
GOALS: EAGLES: Glendinning 6, Turner 3, Lamb 3, Hart 3, Gastev 2, Langdon 2, Lockyer 2, Laidley 1, Rance 1, Wrensted 1, Ugle 1, Worsfold 1. ESSENDON: Harvey 3, A. Daniher 2, Bewick 1, Anderson 1, Ezard 1, Sullivan 1, Hawker 1, Johnston 1.
BEST: EAGLES: Gastev, Laidley, Glendinning, Hart, Ishchenko, Worsfold. ESSENDON: Madden, Hawker, T. Daniher, Barnes, A. Daniher, Ezard.
 Played at WACA Ground. Umpires: Dennis Rich, Rohan Sawers. Attendance: 24,500.

CARLTON..... 3.2 8.5 15.11 19.15 129
BEARS..... 2.3 4.10 5.13 7.19 61
GOALS: CARLTON: Hunter 6, S. Kernahan 3, Herman 2, D. Kernahan 2, Madden 2, Da Rui 1, Dennis 1, Murphy 1, Rhys-Jones 1. BRISBANE BEARS: Withers 2, Capper 1, O'Keefe 1, Phillips 1, Raines 1, Walsh 1.
BEST: CARLTON: S. Kernahan, Rhys-Jones, Silvagni, Hunter, Gleeson, Dean. BRISBANE BEARS: Raines, Hardie, Withers, O'Keefe, Dixon.
 Played at Princes Park. Umpires: Bryan Sheehan, Chris Mitchell. Attendance: 16,891.

HAWTHORN..... 6.3 12.9 19.11 26.15 171
RICHMOND..... 1.8 4.11 8.11 12.14 86
GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 9, Abbott 4, Platten 4, T. Hall 2, Dickson 2, Brereton 2, Russo 1, DiPierdomenico 1, Curran 1. RICHMOND: Powell 4, Hogg 3, Egan 2, M. Pickering 2, Free 1.
BEST: HAWTHORN: Tuck, Dunstall, DiPierdomenico, Platten, Dickson, Loveridge. RICHMOND: Mitchell, Powell, Egan, Pickering, Lambert.
 Played at VFL Park. Umpires: Brian Garland, Shane Harris. Attendance: 18,082.

MELBOURNE..... 5.1 5.5 11.8 13.8 86
FOOTSCRAY..... 0.0 4.5 5.9 9.12 66
GOALS: MELBOURNE: Wilson 2, Lyon 2, Campbell 2, O'Dwyer 1, Healy 1, Yeates 1, Johnson 1, Spalding 1, Jackson 1, Wight 1. FOOTSCRAY: Beasley 3, Shields 2, Davies 1, Royal 1, Foster 1, Cullen 1.
BEST: MELBOURNE: Wight, Newport, Yeates, Stynes, Jackson, Lyon. FOOTSCRAY: Foster, Hawkins, Eppelstun, Royal, Beasley, McGuinness.
 Played at Western Oval. Umpires: Ian Clayton, Gary Forster. Attendance: 15,693.

GEELONG..... 6.3 10.6 16.11 21.16 142
NORTH MELBOURNE..... 8.3 14.4 16.4 20.7 127
GOALS: GEELONG: Lindner 9, Bairstow 3, Scott 2, Ablett 2, Troy 1, Cameron 1, Yeats 1, Whyte 1, Stoneham 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer 3, O'Donoghue 2, Spargo 2, P. Krakouer 2, McRae 2, German 2, Schwass 1, Arseri 1, Mossop 1, Fairley 1, Stevenson 1, Allison 1, Hepburn 1.
BEST: GEELONG: Lindner, Scott, Bos, Bairstow, Troy, Stoneham. NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer, German, Law, Spargo, Schwass, McRae.
 Played at MCG. Umpires: Peter Carey, Brian Bullus. Attendance: 15,223.

COLLINGWOOD..... 3.3 6.5 8.6 15.12 102
FITZROY..... 2.2 6.7 7.15 9.16 70
GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Wright 4, Daicos 3, Hawke 2, Millane 2, Robertson 1, Taylor 1, Barwick 1, Manson 1. FITZROY: Conlon 2, Kappler 2, Lyon 2, Hinkley 1, Keane 1, Osborne 1.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: McGuane, Manson, T. Shaw, Morwood, Wright, Hawke. FITZROY: Lyon, Gale, Pert, Roos, Harris, Kappler.
 Played at Victoria Park. Umpires: Grant Vernon, Michael Sneddon. Attendance: 24,026.

SUNDAY

SYDNEY..... 0.4 6.9 9.12 9.12 66
ST KILDA..... 1.4 2.7 4.10 7.13 55
GOALS: SYDNEY: Corner 2, Higgins 2, Parsons 1, Coleman 1, Wright 1, Murphy 1, Davis 1. ST KILDA: Owen 3, Marcou 2, Jones 2.
BEST: SYDNEY: Wright, Thripp, Healey, Carroll, Mitchell. ST KILDA: Marcou, Owen, Frawley, Jones, Neal.
 Played at Sydney Cricket Ground. Umpires: Peter Cameron, Ross Castle. Attendance: 9,000.

SANFL



WEST TORRENS..... 8.3 12.6 16.9 19.13 127
SOUTH ADELAIDE..... 3.2 4.4 5.5 9.9 63
GOALS: WEST TORRENS: Taylor 3, Payze 3, Hanna 2, Clarke 2, McGrath 2, Long 2, Robson 1, Fotia 1, B. Lindsay 1, C. Lindsay 1, Christenson 1. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Jackson 2, Schmid 2, Stoekel 2, Fosdike 1, Tatterson 1, Brookes 1.
BEST: WEST TORRENS: Christenson, Payze, Fotia, Long, Weston. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Bennett, McIntyre, Kappler, Brooksby, Bode.

PORT ADELAIDE..... 2.8 7.14 10.14 20.16 136
STURT..... 3.1 4.6 10.16 12.16 94
GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Abernethy 4, Ginever 3, O'Brien 3, Smith 3, Borlase 2, Hynes 2, Kennedy 2, Brown 1. STURT: Willmott 3, Kitschke 2, Schache 2, Downs 2, Paynter 1, Russell 1, Underwood 1, Moscheni 1.
BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Abernethy, Hynes, Phillips, Brown, Borlase. STURT: Kitschke, Reynolds, Whittlesea, Russell, McGowan.

WEST ADELAIDE..... 2.2 5.5 9.11 15.13 103
WOODVILLE..... 1.3 7.7 12.10 15.12 102
GOALS: WEST ADELAIDE: Goss 3, Greuter 3, O'Riley 2, C. Fielke 2, Wakefield 1, T. Fielke 1, Herbert 1, Harbinson 1, Sporn 1. WOODVILLE: Nichols 5, Harris 4, Klug 3, Libbis 1, Martin 1, Sewer 1.
BEST: WEST ADELAIDE: Malcolm, Burgess, C. Kielke, T. Fielke, Harbinson. WOODVILLE: Sewer, Lunn, Schwarz, Fuller, Harris.

CENTRAL DISTRICT..... 3.3 10.4 11.7 14.11 95
NORTH ADELAIDE..... 1.4 4.7 9.10 13.15 93
GOALS: CENTRAL DISTRICT: Mandemaker 3, Graham 3, Kickett 2, Girdham 1, Thomas 1, Roe 1, Smith 1, Chapman 1, Lally 1. NORTH ADELAIDE: Burton 3, Jarman 3, Carlaw 1, Sims 1, Klomp 1.
BEST: CENTRAL DISTRICT: Smith, Bubner, Van Dommele, Mandemaker, Thomas. NORTH ADELAIDE: Burton, Klomp, D. Jarman, A. Jarman, Roberts.

RESERVES

CLAREMONT..... 2.3 5.8 9.9 12.9 81
PERTH..... 3.3 4.5 5.12 8.15 63
GOALS: CLAREMONT: James 5, Kickett 2, Elliott 1, Tolcon 1, Krakouer 1, Brearley 1. PERTH: Alvaro 2, Davis 2, Yukich 1, Zaicos 1, Cable 1, Young 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Beveridge, Govan, James, Court, Kickett, Dhue. PERTH: Tomizzi, Stiles, Lathwell, Gray, Kelly, Clarkson.

EAST PERTH..... 2.4 4.6 8.10 11.12 78
SUBIACO..... 1.2 5.5 6.7 7.10 52
GOALS: EAST PERTH: Chalmers 3, Miller 3, Sharp 2. SUBIACO: Lee 2, Sloan 1, S. Monahan 1, Kemp 1, Sizer 1, Jones 1.
BEST: EAST PERTH: Chalmers, Edmondson, Glendinning. SUBIACO: Heady, Lee, Field, Cooper, Bell.

WEST PERTH..... 3.7 10.11 10.14 15.17 107
EAST FREMANTLE..... 1.5 2.6 8.11 11.12 78
GOALS: WEST PERTH: Munro 3, Crognale 2, Bushe-Jones 2, Howlett 2, O'Neill 1, Soutar 1, Maguire 1, Jansen 1, Buktenica 1, Perry 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Jones 3, Cole 2, Lamb 1, Becker 1, Jenkins 1, Grace 1, Pill 1, Quill 1.
BEST: WEST PERTH: Soutar, Sadowski, Bushe-Jones, Crognale, Hampson, Perry. EAST FREMANTLE: Rowe, Read, Lamb, Thorne, Quill, Baxter.

SOUTH FREMANTLE..... 2.4 5.6 10.11 14.17 101
SWAN DISTRICTS..... 2.0 4.7 6.10 10.14 74
GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Baxter 4, D. Collard 2, Grant 2, Jenzen 1, Hartree 1, Flugge 1, Nalder 1, Collins 1, Greerson 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Treleven 2, Thorne 2, Glass 2, Quinlivan 1, Amionini 1, Bennel 1, Fisher 1.
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Worsfold, Collard, Irving, Collins, Baxter, Smith. SWAN DISTRICTS: Papalia, O'Donoghue, Ranson, Treleven, Zorich.

WAFL COLTS

EAST FREMANTLE 8.15 (63) d WEST PERTH 7.8 (50)
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Congleton 3, Vanduren 2, Anderson 1, McHugh 1, Durmanich 1. WEST PERTH: N. Higgins 2, Quall 1, B. De Corey 1, Fonti 1, Sing 1, H. Sanzoni 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Bateman, Vanduren, Anderson. WEST PERTH: Coyne, R. Higgins, Bushe-Jones.

SUBIACO 11.7 (73) d EAST PERTH 6.8 (44)
GOALS: SUBIACO: Johnson 4, Stannage 2, Walker 2, Morris 1, Gadenne 1, Lindberg 1. EAST PERTH: Softley 2, Cumming 1, Annonson 1, Bourne 1, Starcevic 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Port, Butler, Johnson. EAST PERTH: Ionnakis, Cumming, McGuire.

CLAREMONT 14.12 (96) d PERTH 8.4 (52)
GOALS: CLAREMONT: Ridley 5, Southern 2, Manchester 1, Barrows 1, Ballantye 1, Burton 1, Lukins 1, Milne 1, Malone 1. PERTH: Collins 4, Pavy 1, Doonan 1, Pears 1, Ryder 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Jarzabek, Ridley, Lukins. PERTH: Rule, Thompson, Noteboom.

SOUTH FREMANTLE 16.17 (113) d SWAN DISTRICTS 8.5 (53)
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Copland, Burke, Porter. SWAN DISTRICTS: Byrne, Pensini, Waaka.

VFL RESERVES

RICHMOND 11.13 (79) d HAWTHORN 10.11 (71)
GOALS: RICHMOND: Pym 2, Keighran 2, Nixon 2, C. Elliott 1, Eustice 1, Goodwin 1, Mahony 1, Notting 1. HAWTHORN: Hudson 3, Lawrence 2, Bourke 2, Ralphsmith 1, Boulton 1, Pritchard 1.
BEST: RICHMOND: McLeod, Mahony, Goodwin, Eustice, Ryan, Barlow. HAWTHORN: Lawrence, Teal, Reeves, Hopkins.

NORTH MELBOURNE 24.20 (164) d GEELONG 7.17 (59)
GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: Love 6, McDonald 4, Longmire 3, S. Smith 3, Rock 2, Romero 2, B. Harris 1, Hughes 1, Moloney 1, Furey 1. GEELONG: Gills 3, Drum 2, Mithen 1, G. Cameron 1.
BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Love, McDonald, Buckley, S. Smith, Kerr, McKenzie. GEELONG: Drum, B. Smith, Turner, Exell, Gillis.

FOOTSCRAY 17.15 (117) d MELBOURNE 10.4 (64)
GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Petraglia 7, Nicol 3, Collins 2, McPherson 2, Sommerville 1, Liberatore 1, James 1. MELBOURNE: Koop 3, Flintoff 3, Bayes 2, Duursma 1, G. Lovett 1.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Petraglia, Liberatore, Allday, Moloney, MacPherson, Nichol. MELBOURNE: Lovett, Koop, Flintoff, Normington.

COLLINGWOOD 20.9 (129) d ESSENDON 12.16 (98)
GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Perkins 4, Atkins 3, Doyle 2, McKeown 2, Keays 2, Tuddenham 1, Fellowes 1, Rizzonico 1, Brownless 1, Hysoulakis 1, Mrakov 1, Griffiths 1. ESSENDON: Sommerville 3, Clark 2, O'Donnell 1, O'Sullivan 1, Moore 1, Consodone 1, Reynolds 1, Walsh 1, Deakin 1.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Mrakov, Clarke, Saunders, Tuddenham, Perkins, Howard, Fellowes. ESSENDON: O'Donnell, Reynolds, Walsh, Moore.

CARLTON 19.16 (130) d FITZROY 17.24 (126)
GOALS: CARLTON: Phillips 4, Puorsanidis 4, McKinnon 2, O'Sullivan 2, Evans 2, Majerczak 2, Robertson 1, Dyson 1, Starbuck, FITZROY: Shaw 5, Wynd 4, Lynch 3, Dwyer 1, Handley 1, McGrath 1, Knight 1, Newman 1.
BEST: CARLTON: Evans, Kennedy, Phillips, Starbuck, Dorotich. FITZROY: Lynch, Newman, Handley, Cameron, Broderick, Brockhurst.

HOW THEY STAND

SGIO WAFL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	2	2	-	220	191	115.18	8
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	254	180	141.11	4
SOUTH FREMANTLE	2	1	1	244	173	141.04	4
CLAREMONT	2	1	1	208	149	139.59	4
Perth	2	1	1	172	183	93.98	4
Subiaco	2	1	1	174	212	82.07	4
Swan Districts	2	1	1	202	256	78.90	4
East Perth	2	-	2	118	248	47.58	-

WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	2	2	-	216	123	175.60	8
SOUTH FREMANTLE	2	2	-	201	138	145.65	8
PERTH	2	1	1	208	142	146.47	4
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	166	162	102.46	4
Swan Districts	2	1	1	158	160	98.75	4
East Perth	2	1	1	142	152	93.42	4
East Fremantle	2	-	2	139	252	55.15	-
Subiaco	2	-	2	112	213	52.58	-

WAFL UNDER-19s TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
SOUTH FREMANTLE	2	2	-	196	103	190.29	8
CLAREMONT	2	2	-	148	93	159.13	8
EAST FREMANTLE	2	2	-	144	114	126.31	8
WEST PERTH	2	1	1	196	104	188.46	4
Subiaco	2	1	1	114	96	118.75	4
Perth	2	-	2	116	177	65.53	-
East Perth	2	-	2	94	156	60.25	-
Swan Districts	2	-	2	94	259	36.29	-

VFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAGLES	2	2	-	279	159	175.5	8
CARLTON	2	2	-	255	172	148.3	8
MELBOURNE	2	2	-	240	174	137.9	8
COLLINGWOOD	2	2	-	185	145	127.6	8
HAWTHORN	2	1	1	282	212	133.0	4
Footscray	2	1	1	168	162	103.7	4
Geelong	2	1	1	225	231	97.4	4
Fitzroy	2	1	1	210	220	95.5	4
Essendon	2	1	1	240	257	93.4	4
Sydney	2	1	1	142	157	90.4	4
St Kilda	2	-	2	115	206	83.9	-
North Melbourne	2	-	2	209	306	68.3	-
Bears	2	-	2	136	212	64.2	-
Richmond	2	-	2	194	325	59.7	-

SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
WEST TORRENS	1	0	-	127	63	66.84	2
GLENELG	1	0	-	116	68	63.04	2
PORT ADELAIDE	1	0	-	136	94	59.13	2
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1	0	-	95	93	50.58	2
WEST ADELAIDE	1	0	-	103	102	50.24	2
Norwood	-	1	-	68	116	58.62	0
Woodville	-	1	-	102	103	49.76	0
North Adelaide	-	1	-	93	95	49.46	0
Sturt	-	1	-	94	136	40.87	0
South Adelaide	-	1	-	63	127	30.15	0

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THANK heavens for the Sydney Swans, I remember thinking when the West Coast Eagles were embarking on their personnel purge late last season.

It was a purge that was far reaching and one which lasted for some time, inflicting numerous casualties.

But in the main, it stayed out of the headlines ... especially in the Eastern States.

It was the Sydney Swans who took the brunt of the off-season venom.

Many people in Melbourne, Sydney and even Perth loved to read about the high flyers coming a cropper.

In fairness to the media, the Swans provided plenty of material. Still, it was material that found fertile ground.

SPOTLIGHT

The Eagles are redirecting the spotlight away from all their changes in the best possible way by winning games and now the Swans have taken a step in the right direction by beating St Kilda at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

Gone were the high rollers. Sure, the weather was bad, but Sunday's game was one for the faithful.

Those supporters who turned up didn't see much of a game. It lacked atmosphere and it lacked hype, but the Swans senior players couldn't be accused of lacking heart.

I was most impressed with the sheer effort of Sydney's veteran players Gerard Healy, Steve Wright, Dennis Carroll, David Murphy, Bernard Toohey, Tony Morwood and Rod Carter.

Swans men show signs of playing for the cause

Now that's a good collection of players, but after them the Swans standard fell away dramatically. Each of those players showed a commitment to the game and one felt, to the Swans past and to the club's future.

It's ironic that a dull game played in front of a handful of fans and against ordinary opposition could say so much about the Swans 'experiment'.

The senior players still want it to work and I hope they can hold the line long enough for reinforcements to arrive.

FAMINE

This weekend another football team from a non-footballing State, the hybrid Brisbane Bears from the Gold Coast, will be on trial. They'll be at the WACA on Sunday running from floods and a game-winning famine.

All that's missing is the pestilence, though Ross Glendinning, John Gastev and John Worsfold are in just the sort of form to provide that.

I'm one critic who tipped a big improvement from the Bears this season. But the day of reckoning has come far more quickly than I anticipated.

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



The loss to Collingwood in round one is likely to haunt them throughout the first half of the season.

This time last year the Bears had won two games straight with victories over North Melbourne at the MCG and Geelong at Kardinia Park.

That was a makeshift team. Now with all the ingredients available to Peter Knights, the Bears have spluttered into 1988.

There's a lot of off-field fighting going on in Queensland at the moment about just where the Bears should play their matches.

But the players need to take a leaf out of the Eagles and Swans books and come prepared to lay it all on the line on Sunday.

Having tipped them to do well this year, I hope they can give us the message without us giving them the points.

Sheedy still shows his style

KEVIN Sheedy is one of those coaches you can't help but admire.

Win or lose, he is always constructive; seldom sarcastic; never destructive and always good copy for the media who hang off his every word.

Sheedy has shown on numerous visits to Perth that he is a football man, pure thoroughbred and it's the game, in the end, that matters most.

We've seen him in Perth as coach of the Essendon, on winning trips and, at last, a losing trip. We've seen him with State sides, both good and not-so-good and we've seen him on special coaching missions.

PREMIERSHIPS

Tough and looking as hard as nails, Sheedy came up through the rough, fast lanes. A Richmond player through and through, he played 254 games for the Tigers in their glory years. He was in their premiership sides of 1969, '73 and '74 and a constant member of the Big V teams; Victorian sides that continually thrashed the West in the days before State-of-Origin footy took us up to their level.

Tom Hafey was coach of Richmond at the time, another football thoroughbred whose total love of the game and utmost dedication to its continual success has never been questioned.

It is interesting to note that three of the other 12 VFL coaches (apart from Sheedy and Hafey) also comes from Richmond, where the Hafey philosophy to strive for the top must have certainly rubbed off.

While Sheedy's loyalty to Richmond was never questioned in his playing days, it is now his loyalty to Essendon that takes some shaking. He's turned down some fairly attractive offers to switch, including a reported million-dollar deal to go to the Sydney Swans at one stage.

STRUGGLING

He first coached the struggling Bombers in 1981, lifting them to fifth and developing an exciting team that was to go on and play in three successive grand finals, culminating in two premierships.

Now, with 113 wins from the 168 Essendon games he has coached, the Bombers are at the cross-roads a little; trudging back to Melbourne after their most humiliating defeat since their 1983 grand final destruction.

The 99-point loss to the Eagles came less than a week after the bombers had



Kevin Sheedy ... still a master.

handed out an impressive thrashing to North Melbourne, signalling what many thought was a Bombers revival and sparking Sheedy to talk about how the "pride" was back in the team.

Now he's not so sure, but in the aftermath of Friday's debacle he wasn't going to let his team down.

He just wanted to talk about their strong points. "Our forwards have an average age of only 20 and we just need to keep working on them," he says.

"If you think the players are good enough to put into the seniors, you don't drop them because they don't play well one day.

"We worked hard on building up our Baby Bombers to help us win a couple of premierships and now we're developing another group.

"That's the only way to get good footballers; otherwise you go broke."

Most of the visiting Victorian coaches have been tempted into making comments about how hard it must be to travel over to Perth from Melbourne. But Sheedy has never agreed. He sees no problems in the travel. After all, he says, the Eagles have to do it every second week.

He's a firm believer in the national league; thinks it has improved our football.

But he still wants to see a second WA side...



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