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EAGLE INVASION

WEST COAST Eagles beware. You could be flying into a massive Magpie ambush this weekend.

John Todd's high-flyers will feel as if they're appearing in a VFL final-round game when they take on rejuvenated Collingwood at Victoria Park on Saturday.

And Vic footy fans will all be counting on Magpies coach Leigh Matthews to turn into a latter-day St George and slay the powerful dragon from the West.

The Eagles are riding high on top of the VFL ladder after winning their first three games, including cricket-score margins over Essendon and the Brisbane Bears at home.

Though September's finals are still a long way off, the West Coasters are already being hailed as genuine premiership contenders and Darwin bookies have had to cut their odds drastically.

The mere thought of all this hurts Victorian fans, who would rather cut their throats than see their beloved VFL flag be carried west of the Nullarbor.

Renowned Melbourne critic Lou "The Lip" Richards is reported to have said VFL football would be set back 500 years if the Eagles were to go all the way.

PACKED HOUSE

Victoria Park holds about 28,000 spectators and there won't be a spare seat there on Saturday.

Magpie fans have returned in droves in the wake of three straight wins over Brisbane, Fitzroy and Richmond.

Man for man, Collingwood can't beat the Eagles, so they will rely on hometown hype ... and Magpie fans are responding to the call to arms.

For visiting teams to Victoria Park, there are few sights more daunting than running out to face a Collingwood team on a winning roll before thousands of frenzied fans. And that's the hurdle the Eagles will have to clear.

One man who knows exactly what it will be like is Eagles' utility star John Annear, on the way back from injury. Annear played 43 games for Collingwood and is clearly impressed with their 1988 form so far.

"The wheels on the Collingwood wagon are pumped up again," he said. "The side is showing signs of returning to the form of the late 70s and early 80s under Tom Hafey."

Collingwood out to restore VFL pride

by
HARVEY DEEGAN

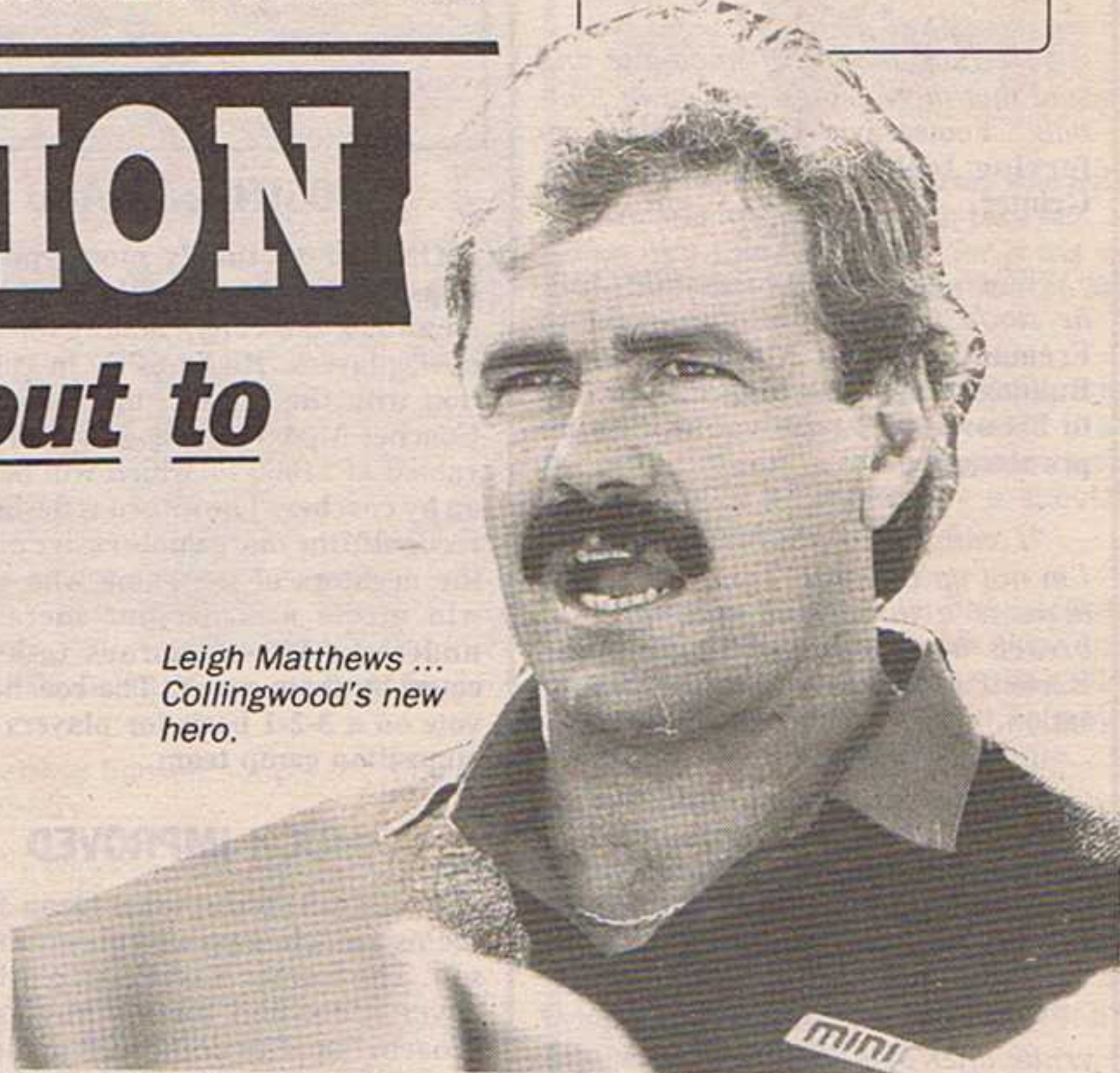
Annear said the atmosphere at Victoria Park is electric when the Magpies are winning games.

"It's not uncommon to have 2000 people turn up just to watch a training session," he added.

At Collingwood, there's an "us and them" attitude and, ironically, that's the sort of philosophy John Todd adopted with considerable success at Swan Districts.

Now the boot is on the other foot, and Todd takes his men to a ground many of them have never even seen, a battleground where allies will be few and far between.

Leigh Matthews ... Collingwood's new hero.



The challenge for lethal Leigh Matthews is irresistible. He is now perceived by all fans east of Eucla as Collingwood's saviour.

If John Annear is right, and he is fast gaining a reputation as a skilled analyst of the game, Collingwood will try to beat the Eagles at their own game, relying on full-forward Brian Taylor to maintain his form, Craig Starcevic to produce his best against players from his home State, and for Eagles' captain Ross Glendinning to be shut out of the game.

Shark pack goes North

LAST Saturday's derby clash between South Fremantle and East Fremantle was a classic contest ... with the Bulldogs John Ditchburn (front) and Sharks star Clinton Browning key performers.

The unbeaten Sharks face another challenge this weekend when they travel to their prime recruiting zone, Geraldton, for a clash with Subiaco.

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What they said...

"It's got plenty of merit, but there would be a lot of things to take into consideration in our total review of football in the future." WAFL Commissioner Malcolm Brown on a suggestion that East Perth become the Eagles reserves side playing in the WAFL.

"He rang to sort of apologise and said that these things happen in football." Footscray's Terry Wallace referring to his assailant, Rodney Grinter.

"When I arrived at Fremantle Oval, he stood there and laughed." South Fremantle recruit Mark Bayliss on Bulldogs coach Stan Magro's reaction to his overweight arrival at the club pre-season.

"I can live with being told that I'm not up to the VFL standard. But there is a three-year agreement in breach here." Sacked Eagle Glen Bartlett on his legal action for compensation.

"My business commitments will effectively rule me out of playing in 1989, so my value as a player may not be there." Andrew Purser quitting the Falcons after two games.

"The VFL authorised the change of venue after being told by Bears officials that Carrara was unplayable due to heavy rain." A VFL statement on the Brisbane Bears-Eagles game switch to Perth.

"I am aghast and shattered at that announcement." Bears chief executive Ken Murphy.

"Damn them. The Eagles can play up here in front of nobody if that's their attitude. We may boycott the game." Bears general manager Shane O'Sullivan.

"We agreed to change the venue on the condition that it did not affect our July return fixture at the WACA Ground." Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr.

"Clubs should finalise their line-up before Saturday morning in the interest of fans who want to bet on Footo." Geoff Christian writing in The West Australian.

"John Annear doesn't even know the names of three-quarters of our players." Claremont coach Gerard Neesham on WAFL moves to ensure that Eagles players returning from injury are certain inclusions in club teams.

"Swans look like a ship without a rudder. There's a lot of undisciplined things happening out there." John K. Watts on radio 6PR during the Swan Districts-Subiaco game.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES

POSITIVE AWARD

ONE of football's most "positive" steps this year has been the launching of an award that caters mainly for "negative" players. Radio 6PR, in conjunction with the WAFL, has instigated a Coaches Medal award — a gold medal valued at \$1000 — which will be voted on by coaches. The award is designed to recognise the more unobtrusive players, the negators of the game who seldom win media awards, but successfully undertake less-glamorous tasks allocated by their coach. The coaches will vote on a 3-2-1 basis for players in the opposition camp team.

MUCH IMPROVED

EAGLES utility player Dean Turner seems a much improved player this season. The former East Perth player was never renowned for his physical approach, but after doing well in the VFL during his Fitzroy stint, he was regarded as a highly-prized recruit. However, pre-season injuries last year restricted his preparation — but not so this year. Despite media suggestions that Turner faced the chop from the final Eagles squad, the speedster has thrown the words back at the critics. During a recent interview he said that he had read the stories about his imminent departure from the squad, but they didn't worry him — as long as he continued playing good footy — which he is.

FRIENDLY FOES

CLOSE watchers of the Eagles-Bears match would have been mystified at the end of the game when they saw Chris Mainwaring walking off the ground with rival Rodney Eade — and sharing a drink. Mainwaring, the best player in the match, had got to know Eade on a recent trip to Ireland with an All-Australian team and club rivalries were forgotten when the final siren went. "He's a good bloke and I hadn't seen much of him during the match, so it was a good chance to have a chat," said Mainwaring.



CIG chief Denis Myler with the WAFL's Peter Cummiskey.

STRONG SUPPORT

THE renewal of the sponsorship by Commonwealth Industrial Gases of the CIG Shield for schools football indicates successful long-term planning by football officialdom. The Football Development Trust, which organises the CIG Shield, has announced a \$60,000 three-year contract with an option for a further term. CIG's general manager, Denis Myler, said that this long-term agreement for the sponsorship of the CIG Shield showed their great faith in the need to promote football at a junior level. Since the CIG Shield started, it has grown from where 33 schools competed in 1983 to more than 100 taking part this year.

STALWART DIES

ONE of Swan Districts earliest league footballers, Keith McInerney, passed away recently. He was a member of the original Swans team of 1934 when they first joined the football league. Mr McInerney was a brother-in-law to West Perth champion Stan (Pops) Heal and an uncle to the three Heal footballers — Graham, Steve and Laurie. He was aged 79.

CAPPER'S PLOY

TALKING about Warwick Capper, his 6.3 performances should be kept in perspective when you realise that the Bears only managed 10.10 for the game. After all, Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning earned a spot in his team's best six players with a 6.3 contribution out of 29 goals, so how good did Capper play? The former Sydney Swans star did lose his cool a couple of times and run amuck downfield trying to whack a few people, but despite the fact that the Bears played a one-out game — giving Capper full use of the forward zone — he didn't really get a lot of support.

OFFICIAL SUPPORT

THE State amateur side and WA's agent-general in London, Ron Davies, combined last weekend in an unusual act of football goodwill. A group of expatriate West Aussies in London were due to play an annual challenge match with the Bow Street Runners, a football team made up of London bobbies. The WA guys normally wear rugby jumpers or anything else they can lay their hands on, but last week's match saw them decked out in the State amateur team's guernseys. Davies, a former patron at the Perth Football Club, heard of their plight and contacted Premier Peter Dowding in Perth, who channelled the request down through the ranks till it reached the amateurs. Qantas came to the party to fly the guernseys over in time for the match.

NEW CONFIDENCE

WHILE rival camps will often talk about coaching methods of Eagles coach John Todd versus his predecessor, Ron Alexander, no one can doubt that certain members of the team are now playing with more flair. Take Mark Zanotti for example. His dashing football has flourished this season as he plays without fear or favour and co-defender Geoff Miles says that he's now prepared to have a real go because Todd has told him not to worry about making mistakes.

Blues have plenty up their sleeve

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



THREE weeks into the 1988 season, the question is coming from Melbourne: "How far Carlton?"

My old mates from Princes Park look almost unbeatable.

And the most awesome and glaring message being fired out around this so-called national league is that the Blues have crashed their way back to the top of the table with a host of top players out of action.

For the first two weeks 'The Dominator,' Wayne Johnston, was completing a suspension and Peter Sartori was also sidelined with further groin trouble.

Paul Meldrum and Tommy Alvin, both members of last year's premiership side, have also missed the start of the season, but they'll be back pretty soon, I'm told.

Johnston, as you will realise next week when I name my top 10 footballers in Australia, is the best player in the land.

He can do anything. He can break any tag and has the ability to win a game from his own boot.

But he's not alone at Carlton in that respect.

Stephen Kernahan, Ken Hunter,

Wayne Blackwell and Craig Bradley fall into that category, too.

And then there's the roving strength at Carlton, also the best in the land.

Mark Naley, Fraser Murphy, Bernie Evans and Adrian Gleeson make all the other VFL sides green with envy.

The Blues have covered a few early-season injury problems with a band of youngsters that rivals anything in the VFL, barring perhaps the West Coast Eagles.

Peter Dean at centre-half-back, Milham Hanna, Stephen Silvagni and David Kernahan are all young players that can step into the breach as potential match-winners.

The response to such lavish praise for the Blues will come from Hawthorn, Collingwood and, of course, West Coast Eagles fans.

The Eagles have forced me to swallow a large dose of humble pie in recent weeks. I honestly did not think they could start the season as well as they have.

And while I'm heaping praise on the Eagles as a unit — they're real contenders for the final five and not just pretenders — I must confess that a few of the players have proved me wrong, too.

Dean Laidley, David Hart and Geoff Miles were all on my suspect VFL player list until their performances to open this season.

But they are proving top performers under pressure, each with the discipline and ability to complete set tasks at the request of the coach.

The Eagles have a long list of talented players to go back into their side, offering an enormous depth that is so important in the tense surrounds of VFL football.

But before I go too far in predictions on the aspirations of John Todd's boys, I reserve one right.

Wait until the cold, slushy Saturday afternoons in the depth of Melbourne's horrific winter!

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EAST FREMANTLE: Time

IF EVER a football club owed a debt to its country zone then East Fremantle is the one when it comes to Geraldton.

Throughout the years the Geraldton area has provided a constant stream of League players for the Sharks.

Names like Jim Sewell, Graham Kickett, Murray Wrensted, Chris Mainwaring, and Andrew Lockyer spring immediately to mind in recent years. And there were plenty before them who donned those famous blue and white colours.

Coach Graham Melrose is keenly aware of this and has reminded his players of the fact during the week as they prepare for Sunday's clash against Subiaco at Geraldton's Recreation Ground.

"There's not a zone more co-operative than Geraldton and we owe them an enormous debt," says Melrose.

DIVIDENDS

"For a long time now we've put a lot of time and effort into Geraldton, and it continues to pay excellent dividends."

Last week's East Fremantle League team was represented by four former Geraldton players — Eric Cooper, Lance Durack, Scott Rowland and Brad Rowe — while Bevan Gray and Clinton Wolf had a run in the Reserves.

One of those players has a bigger job than the others on Sunday, and he will be desperately keen to impress in front of his home-town crowd.

Lance Durack will lead the ruck. In fact he is the ruck that takes on the might of Laurie Keene and Shane Cocker.

If there's one area on which the game could pivot, this could be it.

The 193cm, 90kg Durack broke into league football for the first time last year, playing just two games.

So far this year, he has already exceeded that number, having played a major role in the Sharks' three straight wins to date.

A quick check of Westside Football's Player Ratings will show the 24-year-old has performed very well in all of them.

to repay debt

by **Harvey Deegan**

There will be up to 8000 people watching at Geraldton on Sunday and it's a safe bet more than 7000 of them will be of the blue-and-white persuasion.

But this is not causing any heartache at Subiaco. Football manager Trevor Nisbett believes there will be enough people cheering for the Lions to encourage them to victory.

And as far as travelling to the country to play League football is concerned, that's no problem either.

In fact Nisbett believes one match out of the metropolitan area this season is not enough.

He says there should be at least two more, one for each round of fixtures.

BIG DAY

As is to be expected, the Great Northern Football League, through President Dennis Pearce, has planned a big day for Sunday with footy matches from 9am.

The curtain-raiser will be a clash between local teams Mullewa and Brigades.

Home-town advantage and their current fine form should enable East Fremantle to edge out Subiaco, but it should be a close affair.

Subiaco will do everything in their power to harpoon the Sharks.

Trying to find a reason for East Fremantle's excellent start to the season isn't all that easy. In fact Graham



LANCE DURACK. . . big lad, big job.

Melrose himself admits it's a bit of a mystery.

"I suppose one reason is that the newcomers from last year have come good early this season," he says.

Melrose has also not forgotten the influence new skipper George Christie has exerted on the players.

"George has been in excellent personal form, and he's responded superbly to his elevation as captain," says Melrose.

The coach is also delighted with the efforts of past captain Brian Peake.

"Peakey is probably playing a team-based game as well as, or better than, he has ever done," enthuses Melrose.

"His play is not flashy. He's simply doing his job well."

The Geraldton game is extremely important to East Fremantle's plans this year.

A big debt is owed to the Sun City region — and Sunday is the day when the Sharks aim to square the ledger.



The search for our footy person

IF you are the type of person who puts more into football than you take out. . . then you could be in line for a trip to England and Ireland at the end of the season.

The State's leading male or female football personality — and that doesn't mean a radio or television star — will be chosen by a special panel of judges.

Westside Football, in conjunction with the Permanent Investment Building Society, are sponsoring this exciting competition open to anybody involved in our great game.

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

PIBS is a major sponsor of amateur football, the strong North Fremantle club in particular, and will also sponsor that club's end-of-season trip

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

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.

VFL ladder starts to break apart

THE VFL competition is in danger of being dominated by a small number of teams.

After just three games, it's clear that Carlton and Hawthorn will be at the top and may be followed by the Eagles.

At the bottom, the Bears and Richmond are lamentable and will rarely trouble the opposition.

That leaves a number of teams evenly matched in the middle — North Melbourne, Essendon, Footscray, Swans, Geelong, St Kilda, Fitzroy, Collingwood and Melbourne.

Those are the teams likely to fight out positions four and five.

Much of the interest will come from the following scenarios.

Can the Eagles, with their great depth and tremendous home ground advantage, remain in the top three?

Can Collingwood make the five? The VFL hierarchy always pray they can; with their army of supporters they make the turnstiles click over.

Will any of the middle order teams emerge to offer a serious threat to the top three? This is very doubtful with Melbourne being the only possibility. But they still lack forwards.

It looks very much like a Carlton-Hawthorn grand final already. The Eagles will find it extremely tough in the finals.

YOUNG LION IMPRESSES

SUBIACO midfielder Ian Dargie is a player with a fine future in football.

He comes from a sporting family, with father Dave

a champion boxer and now one of the State's leading boxing coaches.

Dave was East Fremantle's boxing coach during my time with the Sharks and when Ian started playing with Subiaco, Dave had mixed loyalties.

Dave loves East Fremantle, but he was certainly very proud of Ian at Subiaco. He would often take the warm-up at an East Fremantle game, watch to half-time and then go to the Subiaco game.

As you can imagine East Fremantle-Subiaco clashes provided him with a real dilemma!

Dargie played with North Beach Amateurs as a centreman and had great success. He has played well as a wingman with Subiaco, but there is often just a hint in his play that he's not a natural there; a little like a genuine ruckman playing at centre-half-forward.

Centre is the position that appears to suit his style more and, indeed, Lions coach Haydn Bunton may continue to play him there.

With Dargie developing into a formidable centreman, imagine how dangerous Peter Featherby would be running free out of a forward pocket?

Dargie must be on the short list for a State game against South Australia.

WINNING MARGINS TOO BIG

MANY games in both the WAFL and VFL are being won by big margins — with matches often won and lost in a quarter.

What happens?

Much of the time it is a lapse in concentration by a number of players from one team.

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By **RON ALEXANDER**



A poorer team often keeps pace for a half or so, doing all the hard things in football like chasing, tackling and backing up.

But as the game wears on and they are forced to produce more of the desperate skills of the game, they start to tire and when this happens they lose concentration.

The less fit lose concentration first and the fitter players are forced to cover for teammates.

It only requires two or three players to let up on the opposition, allowing opponents time and space to be creative and start delivering the ball well. This can create five or six goals in 10 or 15 minutes and the game is over!

TOUGH PENALTY

PETER Owens suspended for four weeks! It certainly is a long stretch.

I didn't see the incident, so one can only presume that the tribunal is correct.

The question is will the tribunal be consistent from now on?

Or is it four weeks for a punch and one week or a suspended sentence for an elbow to the head?

The tribunal is certainly faced with many and varied situations and it is amazing how one incident can have so many interpretations.

You can't win if you are a tribunal member!

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

**ALEX
ISHCHENKO**



FAVOURITE POSITION: Ruck	FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Ian Fleming
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 20/4/64 Perth	FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Smiths Beach, Yallingup
HEIGHT: 198cm WEIGHT: 100kg	FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Rumours Night Club
RECRUITED FROM: East Perth	FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Young Ones
FIRST PLAYED: 12/6/82 versus South Fremantle	FAVOURITE MOVIE: Top Gun
GAMES PLAYED: Eagles 21, East Perth 46	FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson
FOOTBALL HONOURS: 1981 All- Australian Teal Cup	BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bill Bennett (Darwin coach)
MARITAL STATUS: Single	MOST ADMIRE SPORTSMEN: Triathletes
BROTHERS/SISTERS: 1 sister	ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Take it easy, listen to music and don't allow anyone to hassle me
OCCUPATION: Accountant	BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the 1984 first semi-final
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Cyril Jackson High, Curtin University of Technology	BIGGEST THRILL: Still waiting
CAR: Nissan Bluebird	NICKNAME: Russian
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Windsurfing	FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco
FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood	FOOTBALL AMBITION: Be in a winning VFL grand final side.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer	
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Talking Heads	

**Joe
Santostefano**



Full Name: Joe Santostefano.
Nickname: SOS. **Why:** It's a little shorter.
Date of Birth: 5/6/64. **Place of Birth:** Perth.
Height: 181cm (5ft 11½in). **Weight:** 80kg (12st 7lb).
Age Started Playing: Juniors 9, seniors 18.
Previous Club/s: Aquinas College.
Junior Club: Aquinas College.
Marital Status: Single.
Girlfriend's Name: No time.
Residence: Cannington.
Occupation: Clerk.
Place of Work: W.A. Fire Brigades Board.
Other Sporting Interests: Golf, tennis, cricket, snooker.
Favourite Position: Centre. **First Position:** Rover.
League Debut: 1983. **Versus:** Subiaco.

FAVOURITES:

Actor: Tom Cruise, Kim Basinger. **Drink:** Ouzo and Coke.
TV Show: Growing Pains. **Food:** Italian (what else).
Movie: Top Gun, Breakfast Club.
Music: John Cougar, INXS.
Book: The Bourne Identity (Robert Ludlum).
Holiday Resort: Hayman Island.
Ground: Bassendean.
Car: Don't drive. **Favourite Car:** My mates.
Career Highlights: Runner-up fairest and best, Perth, 1987.
Worst Moment in Football: Losing 1986 preliminary final.
Hard Things in Football: Losing and cold showers after training.
Football Idols: Bryan Cousins.
Toughest Opponent: Mark Bairstow.
Most Respected Opponent: Peter Featherby.
Most Respected Umpire: Dave Johnson.
Most Memorable Game: Claremont this year, my 50th game,
captain for the day and we won.
Ambitions: To reach full potential, win a premiership and play
VFL.
What do you like about Football: The characters in the game,
mateship, winning and hot showers after training.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Find out as early as
possible who I'm playing on and assess their strengths and
weaknesses.
Who Influenced Your Career: Ian Miller, Mal Brown, Rob Wiley.
Guernsey Number: 7. **Any Reason:** Always injured with other numbers.
Superstitions: Too many to mention, never run through banners.
Worst injury: Knee.
Luckiest Break: Training with the Eagles in the development
squad.

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Cam Shepherd

50 GAMES

Ray Sterrett (East Frem) 47
Cam Shepherd (Claremont) 47
David Court (Claremont) 47

100 GAMES

Glyn Williams (East Perth) 99
Michael O'Connell (Eagles) 97*
Geoff Miles (Eagles) 96*

* Denotes games played with all clubs
as follows: Geoff Miles 23 Eagles, 31
Collingwood, 42 Claremont. Michael
O'Connell 12 Eagles, 85 Claremont.

150 GAMES

Clinton Brown (Subiaco) 148

200 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196
Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 192

250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 241*
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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FOOTY DIVORCE

EAGLES coach John Todd didn't enjoy taking the West Australian side to Adelaide for the Bicentennial Carnival — the two defeats by South Australia and NSW would confirm that. Todd feels that too many people associated that WA team with the Eagles. . . and for that reason wrote the Eagles off. He points out that the WA side wasn't all Eagles — it had VFL expatriates as well. The Eagles are a different team; another type of animal as it were!

CONFUSED. . .

TALKING about John Todd and the Eagles and WA, radio 6PR's critic cynic Rod Brown threw another Todd-bait into the water on last week's show. Trying to put Claremont coach Gerard Neesham into a corner, he wanted to know who really was coaching the State side. He suggested that Todd had them in Adelaide, Neesham has them in Adelaide in May and Todd has the WA boys again in July. But Neesham wasn't getting caught in any controversy with Todd — he parried the question beautifully. "I've got the team to represent the WAFL in Adelaide and I'm looking forward to sticking it up SA," he said.



Gerry McNeill . . . not a happy birthday.

CHIT CHAT

JUST what did East Perth coach Gerry McNeill say to the umpires at half-time last week? It was pretty obvious that McNeil was going to front Phil O'Reilly and Glen Lee as they left the ground after a pretty ordinary first-half performance. As it was McNeill's 31st birthday, maybe the umps had sent him a best wishes card and he was just thanking them! But they certainly didn't give him a birthday present.

HARD DECISION

THE situation regarding Eagles players going back to WAFL clubs when they are returning from injury is a difficult one. Tigers coach Gerard Neesham had a good point the other day when discussing the situation with Eagles ruck-rover John Annear, who has been out of action for two months. He says that Annear hasn't played at Claremont for years and wouldn't know the names of three-quarters of the players and wasn't even allowed to train with them. "He doesn't know our style of play, so how could we put him in the league team," said Neesham.

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WA's most feared
football critic



A delighted Claremont coach Gerard Neesham savours another victory with Tigers marketing man Ron Webster. It was Neesham's 200th league game.

SENSITIVE SPOT

DID Andrew Purser jump or was he pushed? That's a football question unlikely to ever be answered as controversy rages over the decision of the new Falcons ruckman to retire after just two games with West Perth. The matter in dispute is a \$27,500 question — is the WAFL's arbitrator's ruling on Purser's clearance fee to East Fremantle still valid now that he has retired? West Perth claim that Purser quit before the arbitrator handed down his ruling, but what premeditated that decision to retire. . . the money or the football? The whole affair seems a bit fishy — and the Sharks are fuming.

HELPING HAND

NOW, I know I said that I wouldn't keep getting into my media mates this year, but when one of them complains about a football service going wrong, I've got to chip in and have my say. Tim Flynn, the man who mouths mighty words on radio 6NR, was having a shot at the lack of service at the West Perth-Perth game at Leederville Oval last week. He went crook about the fact that no under-19s results were on the board. Well, Timothy (as his colleague would say) why don't you go off and dig the results up if they're not handy — then we would all have them!

WASTING TIME

THE umpires are in the hot seat over interpretations for time wasting and the implementation of the 50-metre penalty. But how about this predicament? If we're trying to speed up play, surely footballers who kick the ball out of sight when they get a shot right in the goalsquare are wasting time? Claremont's Peter Melesso put one goal over into the practice wickets at the WACA Ground on Saturday. . . and play was held up for some time before the boys climbed the fence and fetched the leather.

SMART THINKER

AND talking about Tigers coach Gerard Neesham, he really is a smart thinker and a quick man with the words. He continually shows in any radio interviews that he can't be trapped into saying something he might regret. As 6PR critic Percy Johnson suggested: "I'll be very surprised if he doesn't continue in the game for a long time."

HANDY "REJECT"

IF there was any truth in the rumour about Dean Turner facing the axe when the Eagles squad was being finalised this summer, then that's been shot to pieces after his recent outstanding form. But what about the Brisbane Bears? They have paid good money (over and above their salary cap) for their recruits, including Mike Richardson — who got an awful thrashing from Turner last Sunday!

PERCY'S POINT

VOLATILE 6PR critic Percy Johnson loves his East Fremantle despite having visited most other WAFL clubs in his colourful career. During a heated segment on last week's Football Forum, Percy got his point in to two former East Fremantle players. "Gerard Neesham quit East Fremantle and he's crooked on the club and Trevor Sprigg's not a selector there anymore, so he's dirty also."

SCORED OUT

SORRY WAFL. . . apparently the scoreboard woes at Subiaco Oval aren't your problem. We realise now that the board had some new operators the other week and that accounts for the poor service. But it seems also that the Subiaco Football Club are responsible for the board's operation. . . not the League! At least our point about the need for a better service was noted!

FOOTNOTE. . . well done Subi. . . it was perfect last Saturday.

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BENNETT'S BURST

By ROBERT BENNETT
of The Sunday Times



BEARS SHOULD BE AXED

THE Brisbane Bears aren't up to VFL standard — and it is difficult seeing them coming up to that grade in the near future.

For that reason, every effort should be made to get South Australia into the VFL competition at the expense of the Brisbane team.

Despite an expensive spending spree, there is one aspect that is lacking with the Bears — and it will continue to keep them in the basement of the VFL.

Against the West Coast Eagles there simply wasn't any team spirit. And with team spirit comes competitiveness and discipline.

The Bears reminded me of a group of country footballers brought together in a combined side.

If the Bears are to survive, then they will need to seriously look at moving from the Gold Coast to Brisbane.

It has been shown in the past that it is difficult to buy success in sport — more so in a sport that doesn't have a strong base of support.

Because Queensland is a weak Australian Rules State, the Bears will have to rely heavily on buying players from interstate.

And that creates a problem. To get a base of support, as is the case with the West Coast Eagles, a team needs to cultivate its own players.

The same applies to the Sydney

Swans. They had a distinct advantage over the Bears by being an established VFL side that made the move to Sydney.

But they will also need to keep on buying players for success.

That's why the Eagles will eventually be a big success in the VFL — and steps will be taken to dissipate their strength.

At the moment the competition is merely an expansion of the VFL. The move, under the guise of a national competition, was made to prop up the VFL.

The VFL does not want clubs from interstate to become too strong.

That won't happen with the Bears and perhaps we are seeing the demise of the Swans.

But the Eagles are different.

Because we have been a nursery for VFL football so long you can be sure steps will be taken to introduce another WA team to ensure the Eagles don't become too dominant.

If we are to have a true national competition then efforts should be made to re-structure the present competition.

RESTRICTIONS

SA has to be a part of it and the Bears axed.

Restrictions should also be made on the number of players VFL clubs can take from other States. They should not be allowed to feed off other States to prop up their teams.

It would be better to have the number of VFL teams reduced so that VFL clubs have a bigger share of players in their own State.

You can be certain of one thing. If the Eagles look likely to wrest the premiership from Melbourne, steps will be taken by the VFL to ensure it doesn't happen again.

The VFL should not be allowed to manipulate the competition to its own advantage as it has done so far.

But if we don't guard against it, you can be certain it will happen and the first team to be affected will be the West Coast Eagles. And with the Eagles looking so good at the moment, the warning bells will be ringing very loudly in Victoria.



VFL PREVIEW:

ONE of the most noticeable changes in the West Coast Eagles this season has been their physical approach and their tackling.

And they will need to be at their best in that regard if they are to topple another of the VFL's undefeated teams, Collingwood at Victoria Park on Saturday.

The man who has led the physical charge so far this season has been former Magpie Geoff Miles.

He has delivered some magnificent bumps out to Essendon's Glen Hawker and then last week dished out a brilliant shepherd on a Brisbane Bears player.

The tackling has also been a feature and the Eagles will need to continue those basic aspects of the game on Saturday.

It is a tough assignment to beat Collingwood on their home turf, particularly when the game's most popular club will pack supporters into the ground and they will heckle the Eagles.

The Eagles, who won their first game against Geelong at Geelong, must have now broken the psychological barrier about winning in Victoria and they will rate themselves as strong prospects to record their fourth successive victory.

RUNNING

The Eagles have also linked together a good running style of football that has been absolutely devastating against Essendon and the Bears.

Several times in those games at the WACA Ground the ball was transferred from defence to attack and eventually a goal scored without play stopping and without the ball hitting the dirt.

And rover John Gastev and fellow midfielders Chris Mainwaring, Dwayne Lamb and Murray Wrensted have been largely responsible for that.

Wrensted is an important link in this Eagles team where his ability to win the hard ball and feed out an effective handpass under pressure often creates scoring opportunities.

GREAT PRESSURE

The Eagles can expect to be placed under great pressure from the Magpies — a team which boasts some exciting talent, including a few former WA players.

Former East Perth stars Craig Starcevic and Michael Christian and full-forward Brian Taylor, who was originally recruited by Richmond straight from Mandurah, are dangermen.

Starcevic and Taylor kicked 12 goals between them when they sank Richmond last Saturday.

The 'Pies will be tough prospect

by

GARY STOCKS

of The West Australian



Collingwood ruckman James Manson marks strongly over Richmond's Mark Summers.

DEFENSIVE

And Christian did some good defensive work when called into the action.

But the man the Eagles must pay the closest attention is undoubtedly Peter Daicos, who sparked the 'Pies into action with a brilliant opening term last week.

Daicos is one of those rare players with the poise and skill of a champion.

The Eagles could make positive steps towards a place in the VFL's top five with a win on Saturday and that message will be passed on with force by coach John Todd.

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The season-long programme features some of Australia's leading coaches taking part in seminar discussions.

Monday, May 2 — Perth Oval, 5.30pm: Eagles coach John Todd and WAFL Umpires Association president Ron Buckley.

Wednesday, May 4 — Perth Oval, 5.30pm: Eagles coach John Todd.

Saturday, May 28 — Subiaco Oval, 8pm: Carlton coach Robert Walls.

Sunday, June 26 or Monday June 27 — Superdrome lecture theatre: Fitzroy coach David Parkin.

Saturday, August 6 or Sunday, August 7 — Superdrome lecture theatre, 8pm: North Melbourne coach John Kennedy.

Monday, August 22 — Superdrome lecture theatre, 7am: Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews.

Monday, September 12 — Perth Oval, 7.30pm: Eagles coach John Todd.

Members of the AFCA are advised that these seminars could be subject to alteration and changes will be announced in the Sporting Notices section of The West Australian on the Friday before the event.

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Wiley sparks the Demons revival

ROBERT Wiley, one of the greatest players ever produced at Perth, is now making a name for himself as a coach.

He has made a magnificent start to his coaching career with successive wins over Claremont and West Perth and now the Demons are in the mood for a hat-trick.

They get their chance at the WACA Ground on Monday when they play a second match of a double-header against South Fremantle.

And this clash between two of the lowly rating clubs of the past five or six years promises to be the best match of the round.

With Wiley expecting to return from injury, the Demons are close to full strength — though big ruckman John Gavranich is unlikely to be available.

Wiley can lead from the front and set the example needed for his players.

IMPORTANT

This match is tremendously important to both clubs.

A win by Perth, the surprise package of the first three games, would put them on the path to a place in the finals and South Fremantle — with only one win from their first three matches — need a confidence boost.

The Bulldogs promised so much after their Kresta Cup performances and now it is time for them to show the same form in the SGIO premiership rounds.

They were unlucky losers against East Fremantle last Saturday and now it is a question of them regrouping and making positive progress towards improvement.

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WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

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MOST FAVOURED	7	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	Claremont	Perth	Eagles

how about you?

Sharks off to Geraldton

EAST Fremantle have reaped the benefits of a fine crop of talent from the Geraldton district in recent years and this week they give a demonstration of their talents in the productive country town.

Players of the calibre of Chris Mainwaring, Andrew Lockyer, Clinton Browning, Lance Durack, Murray Wrenstead and Scott Rowland are products of the district and some of those will battle against Subiaco on Sunday.

The Sharks are desperate for revenge.

They still remember the preliminary final last year when they wilted under the Subiaco onslaught and were bundled out of the premiership race.

East Fremantle are undefeated after the first three games and are anxious to keep that record intact.

Subiaco warmed up for this contest with a crushing win over Swan Dis-

tricts and showed that the poor performances of the first two rounds was not their norm.

One of the highlights this week could be the ruck contest between Durack and Shane Cocker, who has been in superb touch for the Lions.

Swans to atone

SWAN Districts have had only one memorable day so far this season — at Bassendean Oval a fortnight ago when they dealt out defeat to South Fremantle.

They get the chance for their second victory when they return to Bassendean Oval on Monday to clash with East Perth.

And the Royals will consider themselves a chance for victory.

Swans have been hard to follow with their up and down form and the result will depend to a great extent on the mood they are in when the Royals arrive.

Falcons keen

WEST Perth and Claremont have fought out some memorable matches in the past few years and the contest in the first of the double-headers should rank with the best.

The Falcons have their backs to the wall after losing to Perth last week and they are in a dangerous frame of mind.

They are keen to avenge that defeat.

The Falcons were the only team to beat Claremont last year and that match was also played at the WACA Ground — though it was under lights, rather than in the middle of the day.

The Tigers rebounded from defeat against Perth a fortnight ago to reveal their best form against East Perth last week and they will be keen to keep the Falcons on the ropes.

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WAFL SGIO PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

GARY'S GOSSIP

with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk



DESPITE what you may have read or heard elsewhere, take it from me, Mal Brown is definitely a member of 6PR's football team for the season. He will feature every Friday afternoon on my Sports Connection programme and appear every alternate week on 6PR's football forum show.

I'M extremely disappointed at the constant negative feedback I'm receiving regarding the lack of public relations from the Perth Football Club in its dealings with other football clubs and bodies in its zone. I have always had the utmost respect for Mick Moylan and his hard-working team (and I still have) so believe me, I will be looking into this one.

MY spy in Adelaide says that the rumour is rife that local radio stations 5DN and 5AD have been charged almost \$50,000 each by the SANFL to cover football in 1988.

If the story is true then the two stations concerned have been totally "ripped off" and the SANFL can expect the real "fun" at the end of this season when they all sit down at the negotiating table.

I WONDER what our top-paid footballers think about Argentina's international soccer superstar Maradona and his asking price of \$150,000 per game to play in Sydney in the Bicentennial international series later this year?

Maradona says he will pay a minimum of three or a maximum of four games at his going rate of \$150,000 per match.

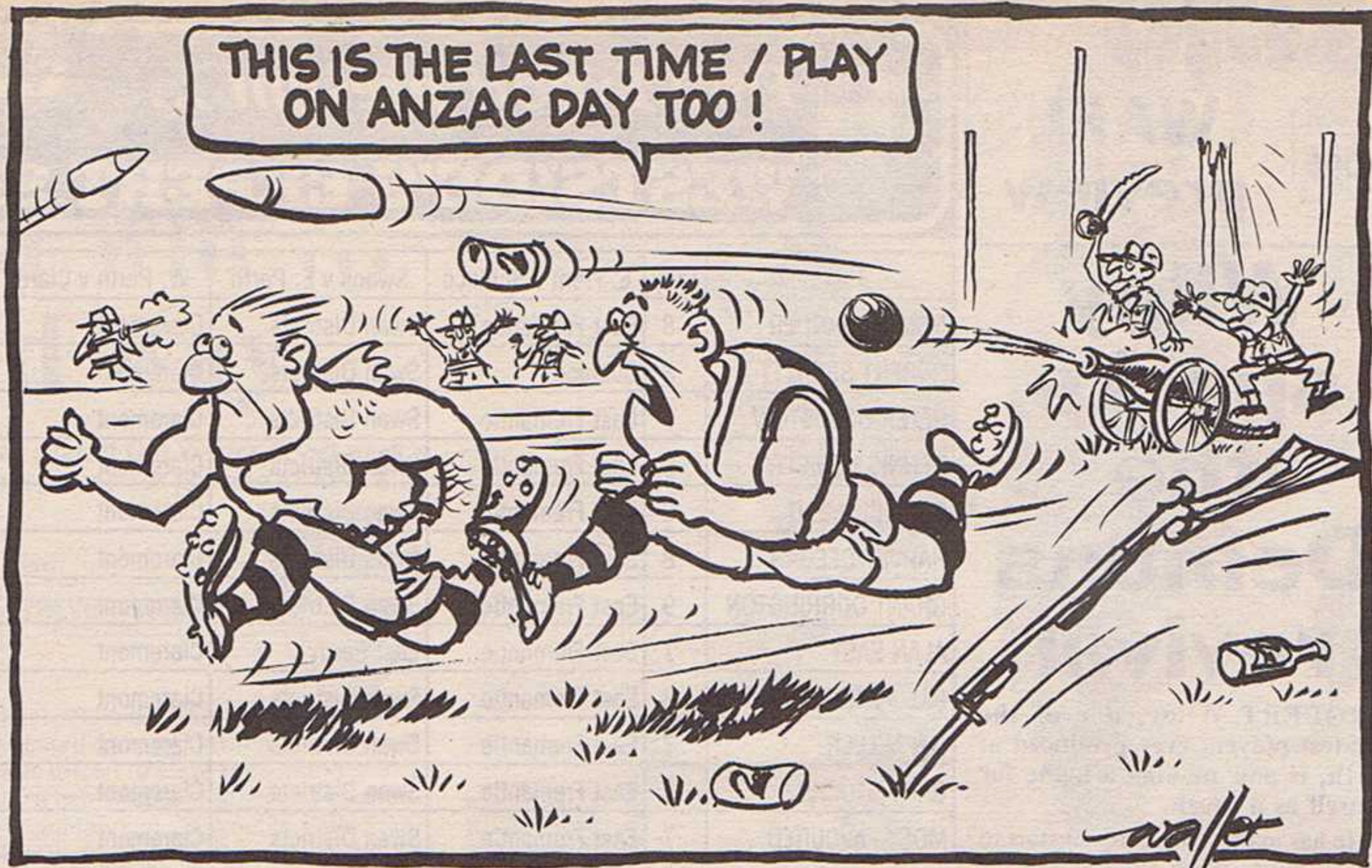
Socceroo turned critic Johnny Warren says Maradona's price is good value. What do you think?

SOUTH Australia coach Michael Nunan has shocked Adelaide football fans by not naming Magarey Medalist Andrew Jarman in the squad of 28 players announced earlier this week.

Former Claremont star Derek Kickett did not make the squad either. However, I believe both will be included in the Croweaters final team to meet WA.

WHO is the corporate body poised to introduce a series of football scholarships designed to help outstanding young West Australian footballers make the transition from school and junior football to league and possible Eagle ranks?

My lips are sealed! More about this scoop soon.



MARK BAYLISS ...

A Bulldog with plenty of bite

TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS of the West Australian



THE decision by Mark Bayliss to shed some weight and have a second crack at league football could prove to be a real bonus for the WAFL.

The powerfully-built South Fremantle key position player has the potential to develop into one of the game's big attractions.

Down Fremantle way they are already comparing him to one of the great drawcards of the late '70's — Basil Campbell.

Bayliss, who came under notice during pre-season two years ago with East Fremantle, travelled around a little on his way to Bulldog territory.

And now that he is there, they love him.

At East Fremantle Oval on Saturday there was an air of expectancy every time he went near the ball.

His aggression and desire for the football make him a natural crowd pleaser. On top of that he has the image of a ruffian — tattoos on his shoulders, a thick mop of hair and stubble on his face.

He is tough and he is the sort of character who will bring people through the gates just to watch him play.

And he can play!

Bayliss was pitted against John O'Sullivan — probably the leading contender for the centre-half-back spot with the State team next month — and they had a interesting contest.

O'Sullivan was on top early and finished strongly, while Bayliss sparked the South Fremantle second-quarter charge and was prominent again in the third.

He took the mark of the day and then kicked the goal of the day.

He uses his bulk to good effect, busting open packs and making room for his nippy teammates to use their creative skills to telling effect.

It was enjoyable watching him play last week — but preferably from the safe confines of the press box rather than getting a close-up of his burly frame out in the middle.

It would be a horrifying feeling to be parked between Bayliss and the ball with the tough Bulldog at full tilt.

He really does charge at the ball. That is always his first priority though he doesn't mind getting involved in some of the tough stuff.

What the game needs now is characters like Bayliss; he can only assist in drawing people to the football.

And the Bulldogs should not be too disappointed at losing last week's derby.

It was the best game I have seen in the WAFL for the past two seasons. It had everything. It was tough, pressure-packed and there was no shortage of individual brilliance.

Unlike last season when the derby was the beginning of the end for South Fremantle, this could prove to be the starting point of their charge.

They had their chances to win the game and there is no shortage of talent in the camp.

A HOT TOPIC

THE Rod Grinter/Terry Wallace incident in the Footscray-Melbourne match has really had the footy world abuzz in the Eastern States.

The VFL Commissioners are now deciding whether Grinter should face the tribunal, and as an interesting pointer, the field umpire in the hot seat, Ian Clayton, was sent to Benalla in the strong Ovens and Murray League, at the weekend.

Meanwhile, nine players were reported in last week's fixtures — and the tribunal handed out a few severe penalties on Monday night.

CLASSIC BATTLE

SATURDAY'S big clash between Collingwood and the Eagles at Victoria Park is shaping up as a classic confrontation.

The Eagles thrashed Essendon and demoralised the Bears and their only game in Victoria saw them score a strong win at Geelong; possibly their best display of the three.

Collingwood's form is also good; not nearly as imposing as that of the Eagles, but the Magpies are a much-improved unit.



THE EAST COAST

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

The ever-strong band of 'Woods' supporters is emerging from the woodwork as they sense that '88 could be a revival year for the Magpies.

Beware Eagles! There is nothing quite as difficult to control as a fast-rolling Magpie bandwagon.

The game shapes up as a no-holds-barred affair between the league's two new glamour teams. The Eagles' edge in class and skill should see them through — but they will really know they've been in a footy match.

BOMBER BLUES

IT'S difficult to gauge just what's wrong at Essendon.

Though they have been beaten by potential finalists in successive weeks and hard hit by injuries, they don't have any excuse for the way they surrendered in both matches.

Saturday's capitulation was quite embarrassing, especially considering the manner in which the side had surrendered a week earlier.

It looks like 1988 will be a real disaster for the Bombers unless the coaching panel can determine why the team can look so powerful, aggressive and highly competitive one minute, yet flounder so badly the next.

HOPE FOR BEARS

DESPITE the woeful effort by the Brisbane Bears in Perth last week, I still believe they can be competitive by the end of the season.

They showed enough against Collingwood and Carlton (when they were in the game until half-time) to worry most sides.

Warwick Capper is fine player, despite his unpopular image, and Michael Mikan is a class ruckman.

Given their home ground advantage, I think the Bears can surprise a number of the better sides and may eventually play a part in the make-up of the final five.

Selections for this week are:- Melbourne (by 54 points), North Melbourne (14), Hawthorn (35), Eagles (20), Carlton (26), Essendon (14) and Geelong (60).



LES'S LYRICS

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

Back at the end of '86 when West Coast Eagles were found. The VFL commissioners panicked that for stardom the West were bound.

They had seen the Sandgroper stars dominate the Vics' almighty comp. With twenty all in one side to a flag they'd surely romp.

So out came the rules to stop us "no poaching from OUR Vic teams". But what happened to Mark Bairstow, two sets of rules it seems.

"Only 35 to pick from. That's all that you're allowed. And no training on our grounds. — that old paddock is fine," they growled.

But we've overcome these hurdles and taken it in our stride. For one thing they can't curtail is our West Australian pride.

THE PROTECTOR



The Eagles protector, Geoff Miles, gets a few words of advice from runner John Hayes.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



EVERY team needs a "protector" in their camp — and Eagles defender Geoff Miles fits this role perfectly.

Miles has an enormous leap and blistering pace over a short distance. Though he is not tall, his compact body makes him a "human missile" coming out of the Eagles defence.

Miles has the ability to pick off the "half-hearted chaser" and any player coming into his territory is fair game.

A team protector must be prepared to protect his team-mates and show his physical strength — fairly and within the rules.

It's amazing how players start to look out of the corner of their eye when players like Miles are around.

Against Essendon, Miles met Glen Hawker "head on" in a real bone crusher and he produced another great piece of body work against the Bears last week.

At one stage in the third quarter, a Bears forward struck Murray Wrensted in the face behind the play and took off.

Miles saw the incident and set off at top pace to let the culprit know that this type of play was not on.

Miles takes on a new role

Miles collected the Bears player in the middle of the ground in a fair, but strong body clash. He then also verbally let him know to "tread carefully".

Committed players like Miles are a key ingredient in great teams. They provide protection and physical support for their mates.

The Eagles need the physical presence Miles presents. This will become even more important as the season goes on and the going gets harder.

Miles has been one of the Eagles most consistent players this season; a tribute to his dedicated and enthusiastic approach towards the team's success.

Never say die!

IT'S always great to see the battler achieve the goal he has been working for — in many cases for years.

Efforts of personal dedication and sacrifice need to be highlighted so people can appreciate and admire achievements.

Last Saturday saw one such personal goal come true when former South Fremantle footballer and Kenwick coach Kevin Castensen umpired his first league game.

Castensen has had a tremendous football apprenticeship, from playing juniors to league football, coaching country football at Pingelly and in the city in amateurs and Sunday league, as well as being on the metropolitan umpires panel for five years.

His journeys to the four corners of the State as a country umpire might have forced a lesser man to quit — not Kevin.

He had a goal to umpire league football and never wavered from that — even when told that he may be too old.

His ambition was achieved last Saturday at Subiaco Oval in what was no doubt a highlight in his sporting life.

Castensen has the football background, dedication, personality and persistency to go on and add many WAFL games as an umpire to his football career.

GO, GO, GO...

THE involvement of my daughter Rebecca in the independent schools swimming carnival recently served up a lesson to me that, hopefully, will be applied to football in the future.

She was nervous about swimming the butterfly leg with the year 10 relay team, a quartet who felt they had a good chance of breaking the record for the event.

Along to Beatty Park we went and as soon as Nadine (my wife) and I parked the old Falcon in a street half a kilometre or so north of Beatty Park, we could hear the roar of the kids rehearsing their "war cries" and "chants" with infectious exhilaration.

Inside Beatty Park it was organised bedlam. The stands had been sectioned so that each school had its own area and I was impressed, not only by the way the students were cheering for their school mates who were giving their all in the water, but by the way their conduct and general appearance was exemplary.

LOYALTY

They were fiercely loyal to their own school and didn't mind letting every other school know it.

I've always believed in traditions and loyalties, which is one of the things that always appealed to me about being a supporter of Old Easts.

As I watched the swimming carnival and felt so much a part of it, I couldn't help but think that more

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic
BILL MATHER-BROWN



should be done to sponsor the same feeling and dedication within the State schools system.

Evidently the thought has crossed a few other minds as well and it was good to see the Minister for Health throw his support behind the Quit Campaign, being the first sponsors of the State high school football championship.

This competition will involve more than 60 teams and is being organised by the Football Development Trust under the guidance of Brian Cook and Grant Dorrington and other dedicated people.

It involves public as well as private schools and the outcome of it all will be a long overdue competition.

The season will culminate in a grand final which should be built into an occasion to rival the spectacle of the Head of the River or other inter-school athletic carnivals.

I've always been a little disappointed that the private schools Alcock Cup competition didn't culminate in a grand final. The competition is decided on games won and lost over the year and it is never obvious to the outsider which games are of major significance.

A grand final in that competition would have almost been a major event on the sporting calendar and certainly one to rival any other school competition.

The Quit competition should develop into a battle that will involve thousands of youngsters and inject new life and enthusiasm into the Australian game.

If the CIG Shield standard of the last few years is any indication, then the games will not only be extremely well controlled, but the football will be of a quality well worth watching.

It would be nice to see the sportsmanship displayed at the swimming carnival reflected in the football competitions.

Incidentally, Rebecca's team didn't quite crack the record, but if she was disappointed about it, she didn't let on. She had helped St Mary's succeed and she was happy about that.

Let's hope that the feeling she had will be shared by countless young footballers striving for their own schools in the Quit competition.

Quit Cup involves thousands of students

EVERY Wednesday for the next eight weeks students from both Government and non-Government secondary schools will compete in the Quit Cup 1st XVIII football competition.

This competition will see 61 secondary schools play in four metropolitan areas; competing between 4pm and 6pm in two 25-minute halves.

Some interesting facts about this competition are:-

- Nth West region 19 schools (6 Non Govt 13 Govt)
- Nth East region 14 schools (4 Non Govt 10 Govt)
- Sth West region 12 schools (3 Non Govt 9 Govt)
- Sth East region 16 schools (2 Non Govt 14 Govt)
- 46 Government secondary schools.
- 14 Associated Catholic Schools
- 1 Public School (Guildford Grammar).

Each of the 61 teams aim to use about 30 players, making a total of 1830 players involved.

There will be 30 games played every Wednesday involving 1320 players and 256 games played during the 10-week series.

The competition involves young male and female umpires, sports trainers, team managers and runners for each team, adding a further 320 youth involved in the game.

IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star
Sandover Medallist and league coach



Key words... Commitment and attitude

THE State game to be played in Adelaide on May 24 is just under five weeks away. And with three rounds of football played the selectors have a wide open field.

I'm sure coach Gerard Neesham will be looking for three main elements in the make-up of his State players other than that they be in good form.

After WA's poor showing earlier this year in Adelaide, he will want players only with a very positive attitude, approach and total commitment who are prepared to perform with pride for the State.

It's a great honour to represent your State and Neesham will expect a performance in keeping with selection.

On the question of whether to include Eagles' squad players, I believe they should be considered on form — not reputation — and only if they have played in several WAFL games prior to final selection.

Here's my possible State squad:

SOUTH FREMANTLE: Rioli, Sumich, Wally Matera, Watters, B. Collard, Graham.

PERTH: Santostefano, Watson, Barich, Gavranich (if fit).

EAST FREMANTLE: O'Sullivan, Derecourt, Waterman, Browning, Christie, Durack.

SUBIACO: Breman, Cocker, Dargie, C. Brown.

CLAREMONT: Allan, Pyke, Thorne, D. O'Connell, Scott, Povey.

WEST PERTH: Mifka, Turley, King, Nelson.

SWAN DISTRICTS: Grasso, Gandini, Caton, Hutton.

EAST PERTH: Campbell, Bartlett, Kelly.

Third-quarter disaster

THEY say that games are won or lost in the vital third quarter — the premiers quarter.

That certainly rings true for West Perth and coach Bruce Monteath.

In the past two weeks the Falcons have kicked just two points against East Fremantle (when seemingly in a winning position at half-time) followed by three points against Perth. That's really not the recipe for success.

The Falcons had plenty of the ball in the first half but failed to capitalise on their forward thrusts.

I was impressed with centre-half-back Neil Jackson. He looks a ready-made player.

Other newcomers in Lindsay Henry, Mal Williams and Allan Michael were enthusiastic and worked hard but their lack of experience told on a number of occasions.

Bears' nightmare

ANOTHER Eagle blitz of team football against a team of individuals. That's what it looked like at the WACA Ground last Sunday.

Disappointed Bears coach Peter Knights must be really scratching his head over what the future holds.

Knights has never been a loser and will continue to put 101 per cent into coaching the Bears.

But he must be highly disappointed with some of his so-called big-name players — those receiving big dollars.

Judged on Sunday's effort it looked as though a few Bears had lost sight of how they made their mark in football

Demon defence

I'VE seen the Demons' last two games and their win against West Perth was more convincing than the one against Claremont the previous week.

The Demons are playing as a team, prepared to do the basics and work hard all day with no frills, but plenty of persistence.

Their high standard has been set by the defenders, who have been first-class.

Against West Perth they set up the four points in the first half by continually frustrating a West Perth side that was clearly dominant.

In the second half Perth's midfielders took over and the defence continued to shut out the Falcons.

It is a combination of youth and experience with Willy Dick, Stephen Mount, Warren Nicholas, Clint Hunter, Gavin Whittington and Warren Mosconi showing how it should be done.

Dick's efforts in the past two weeks have been outstanding and Mount is performing better than ever, probably producing some of his best and most consistent football since coming to WA.

With coach Robert Wiley, ruckman John Gavranich and possibly forward Wayne Ryder to come into the team, the Demons are looking good.

Father and son

HAVING been at Leederville Oval last Saturday, I couldn't miss the opportunity to mention an old opponent — former West Perth stalwart Joe Merillo.

Joe spent many a successful year playing and coaching Brookton and still enjoys an occasional kick in the Reserves.

Last Sunday his son Jamie, a Year 12 student at Aquinas, also played. Jamie was voted best player while Joe had a poor day.

Joe simply couldn't believe how well Jamie played and he didn't. Could be that Joe's mind is willing but he doesn't have the legs to match.

Enough to turn fans Royal blue

THE 1980s are likely to go down as the worst decade in the history of East Perth and their opponents this week are one of the main reasons for that.

The Royals have won against Swans only three times in this era — in 1980, 1984 (at Bunbury) and 1985 — while in the same period the Black-and-Whites have won 22 games.

By comparison East Perth have had more luck against the rest, beating Subiaco and Claremont nine times each, West Perth 10 times, South Fremantle 11 and Perth and East Fremantle 13 times.

HEAVY rain in Brisbane caused the Bears' game to be transferred to Perth, but what would happen if Melbourne had the same kind of weather?

In April 1960 a whole set of VFL fixtures was postponed because of rain. In 1923 the grand final was put back a week through heavy rain and here in the West many fixtures set down in the last century were washed out.

IF West Perth are to pay East Fremantle that \$27,500 for Andrew



South Fremantle's Scott Watters and East Fremantle's Jon Derecourt... two contenders for a State team guernsey.

Close-the-gates day

SATURDAY is going to be a good mental and physical test for the Eagles because in a winner-take-all contest it will be a closed shop at Victoria Park with 30,000 fanatical Collingwood fans cheering their beloved Magpies.

It will be desperate, physical, fierce and skilful.

Last year Collingwood were undermanned when they came to Subiaco Oval but even though they haven't beaten any top sides this year, Leigh Matthews has them firing.

I don't believe John Todd and his Eagles have been lulled into a false sense of security with their wins — certainly we'll find out on Saturday.

For those Eagles who have never been to Victoria Park — which is quite a few — there's nothing like it, especially when you win.

Other than a tight contest I can guarantee win, lose or draw — unless times have changed — you can always get a cold shower in the visiting team's changerooms after the game!

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian
DAVE CLEMENT



Purser's clearance fee it could be just another recruitment failure for the Falcons.

Remember how Shane Bogunovich transferred from Perth last year and played something like five games and his fee was \$20,000?

Then there was Shane's big brother Ramsay, who played a mere 16 games during 1983-84. Swan Districts collected a similar fee for his clearance.

In 1982 Essendon player Wayne Foreman joined the Falcons and played just four games before breaking down. And back in 1980 Glenelg rover Kym Davidson (a cheap buy at \$6000) played just eight games over two seasons.

LAST week's Derby was the lowest-scoring game between the Fremantle teams for 16 years.

The last time fewer goals were kicked was 50 Derbies ago — when South Fremantle 10.10 beat East Fremantle 6.21.

TURN back the clock to the fourth round of fixtures in 1962. They brought a football sensation and the end of an era.

East Perth captain-coach Jack Sheedy retired after 337 League games (210 with East Fremantle, 121 East Perth and six with South Melbourne).

The Royals had just been beaten by Swan Districts (under Haydn Buntton) by 38 points and Sheedy thought his long-running feud with umpire Ray Montgomery had contributed to his side's defeat.

He said it was a waste of time for him to continue while Monty umpired League games. (Sheedy had actually been in trouble with many other umpires, with 13 Tribunal appearances in his 20-year playing career).

Sheedy did make one more appearance that year — in the last qualifying game against South Fremantle



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Wiley injects new blood in the Demons

THERE has been a buzz of excitement at Lathlain Park ever since Perth's favourite son, Rob Wiley, decided to take on the coaching role.

That buzz has turned into a full scale roar since the Demons rolled Claremont for only their second loss in two years.

Incredibly, the Demons achieved that notable victory without Wiley's on-field influence and also that of Sandover Medallist Mark Watson.

Wiley, 33, is the club's top "recruit" after he decided to leave the West Coast Eagles following one season with the new VFL club.

The winner of eight Perth fairest and best awards and a VFL premiership with Richmond is relishing the coaching role.

And he showed just how valuable he is to side in his only appearance in the Kresta Cup.

Wiley played for just over two quarters against Subiaco in a semi-final and was orchestrating most of his side's moves.

It was significant that when he left the field, Perth slowly left the fight.

Part of the Perth revival is due to the appearance of several new faces on the Demons league list and the maturing of some of their younger players.

Port Hedland recruit Barry Taylor has led the way since his appearance on the track in early pre-season.

Taylor, keen to try his hand at league football, has settled himself well into city life and possesses a range of magical skills.

Perth have also unveiled an exciting talent in the form of Hank Yarran, the winner of Perth's fairest and best in the colts last year.

He has a very cool temperament under pressure and uses the ball well, playing as a rover, centreman or half-forward.

Tony Tomizzi has also won favour with the Perth selectors after transferring from Claremont last season.

What Tomizzi lacks in skill he makes up for in determination and impressed with his defensive qualities to such an extent that he made his debut in the opening game of the season against East Fremantle.

With early injuries to John Gavranich and Ian Newman, Dempsey

KNOW YOUR CLUB

By RON McDONALD
of The West Australian



Dempsey Narkle... a positive move from South Fremantle.

Narkle's arrival from Fremantle Oval has been a bonus to Perth's big man brigade.

Narkle, 22, spent several years at South, but struggled to secure a permanent league berth and will keep Newman and Gavranich honest all season.

Wiley's presence as a schoolteacher at Kelmscott has helped him to find a promising roving prospect in the form of Adam Bloomer; an impressive performer with Sunday Football League side Kelmscott.

Kim Yukich was a handy player for the Demons last year and has been joined at Lathlain by former Swan Athletic teammate Matt Alvaro, who is making his presence felt in the reserves and was a quality amateurs player.

Allen Daniels, Warren Mosconi and Rod Grljusich could also be classified as first year players.

Daniels and Mosconi both had

minimal pre-seasons last year before joining the Demons and would have taken a while to adapt to the new environment.

Both have been among the hardest workers on the track this season and are already forces behind a Perth resurgence.

Grljusich played the last game of the season last year after returning from South Australia.

The Demons other find is likely to be big Brad Edwards.

Formerly from Beverley, Edwards has been persisted with at centre-half-forward by Wiley and the 20-year-old is starting to repay that faith after a scratchy start.

He is big and mean, takes a strong mark and runs at the ball in a straight line.

With Toby Jackson, Merv Kelly, Grant Hatch, John Clarkson, Troy Lathwell and Shane Cable, Perth look better all the time.



Troy Lathwell... one of several promising young Demons.



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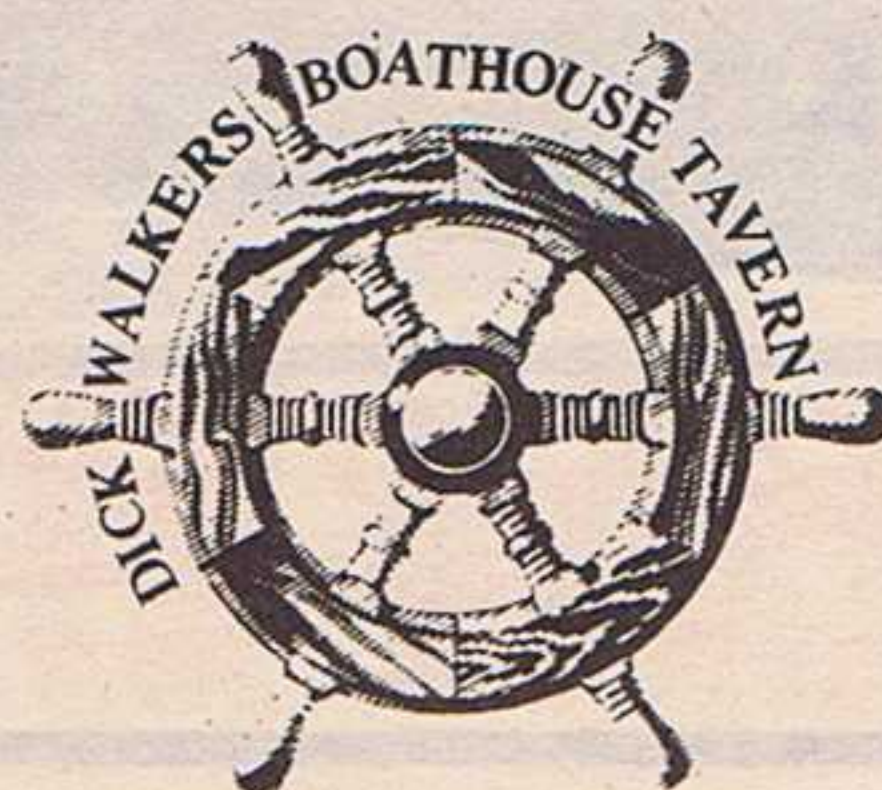
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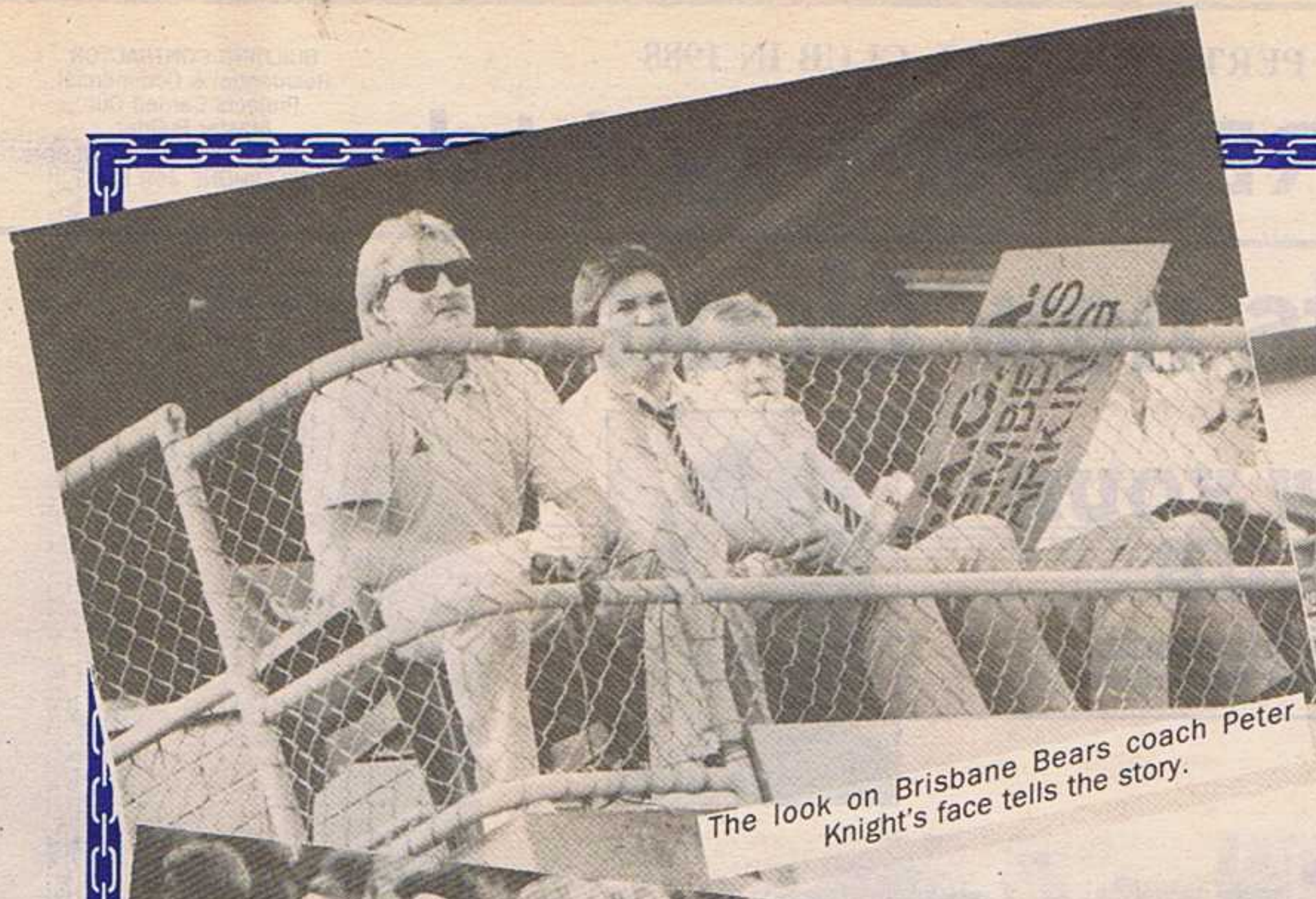
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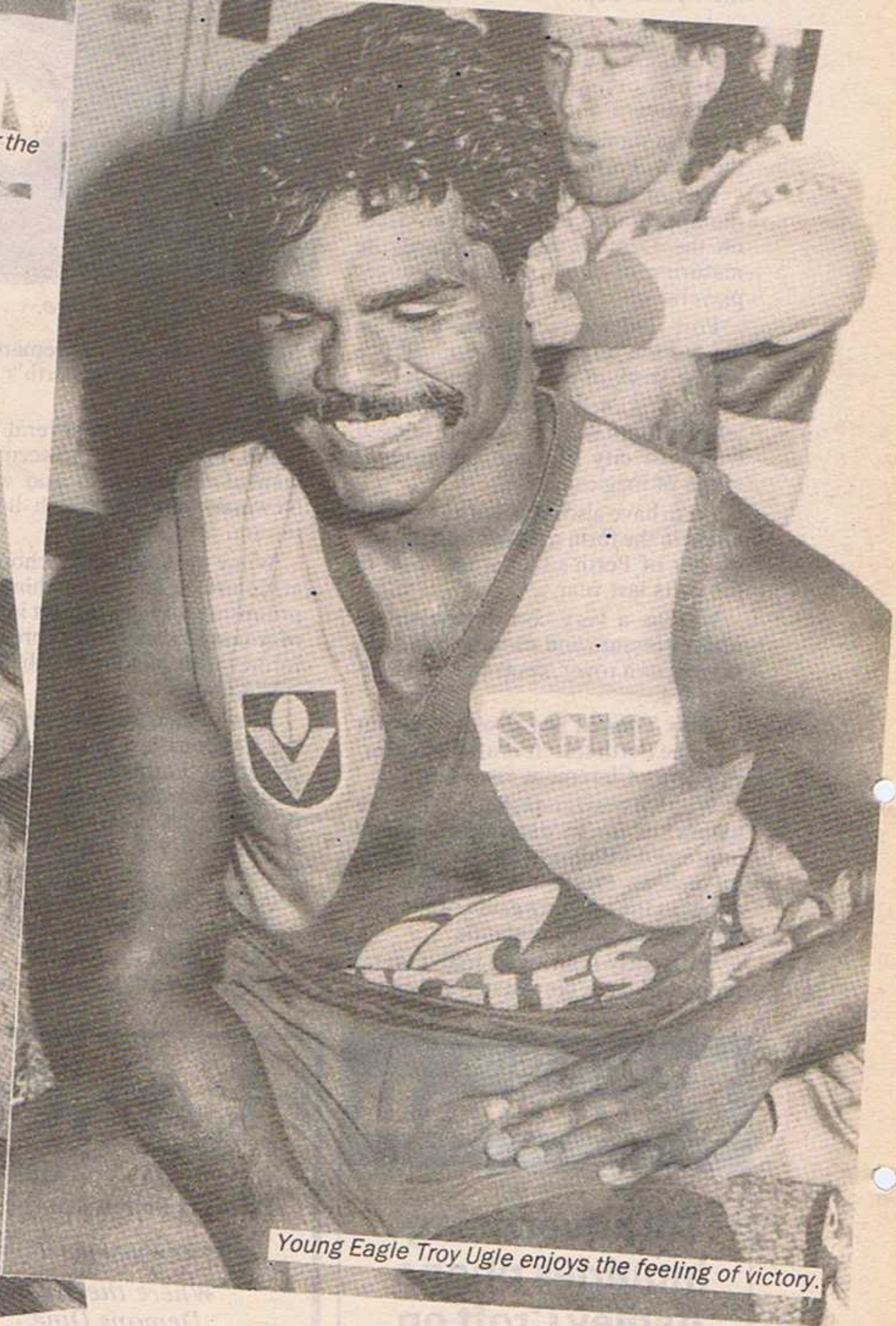
Dean Laidley deserves a rest after another hard-running performance.



The Eagles bench has only eyes for the action.



Eagles rover John Gastev is a contented man after the game.



Young Eagle Troy Ugle enjoys the feeling of victory.

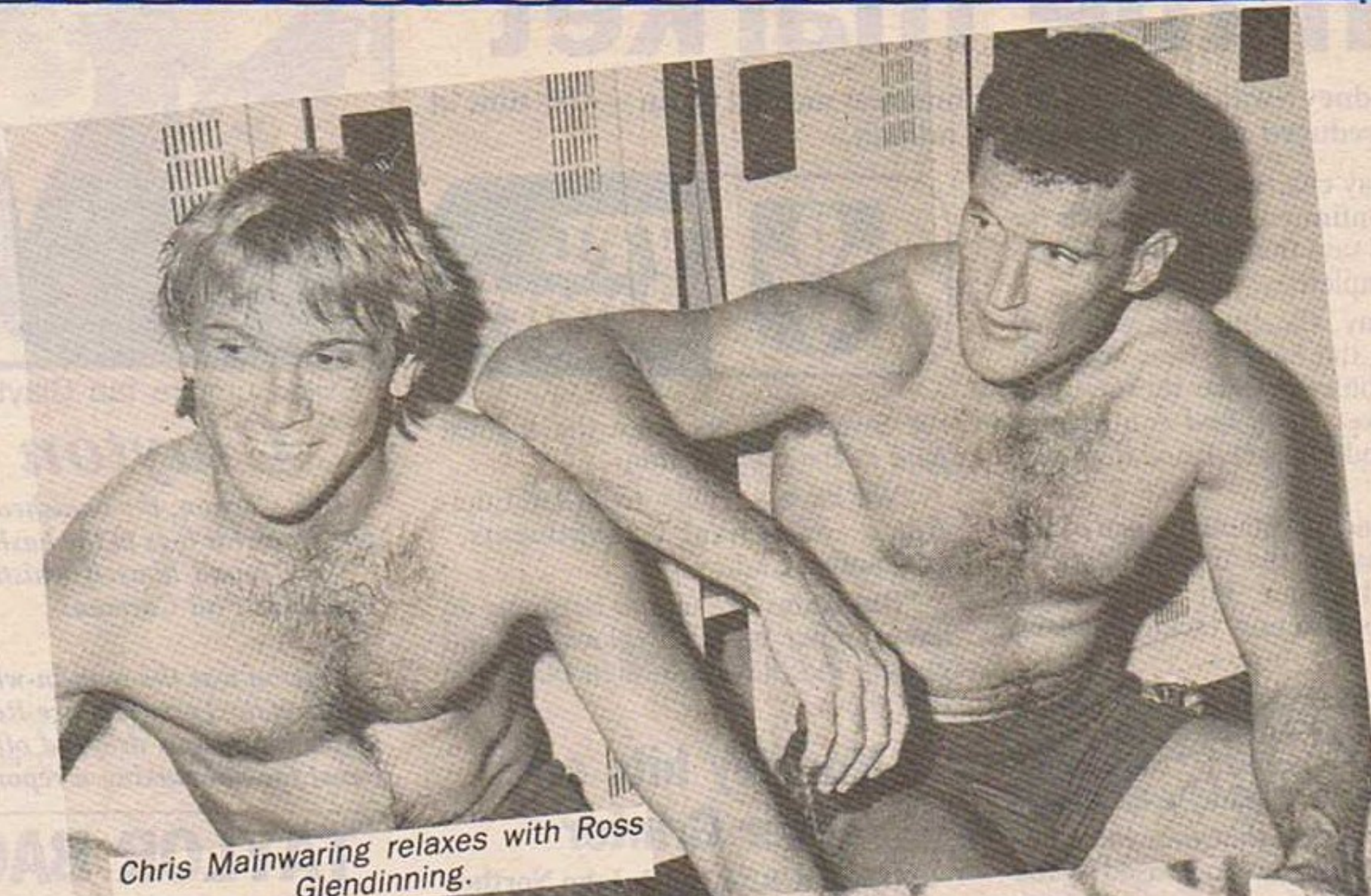
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Two of the Eagles winners. . . John Worsfold and Alex Ishchenko.



Chris Mainwaring relaxes with Ross Glendinning.

THE DAY THE EAGLES DEVOURED THE BEARS

IT wasn't difficult to guess who won Sunday's clash at the WACA between the West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears — if you ventured into the respective rooms after the match.

The broad smiles in the Eagles camp told the story of the Perth-based side's record-breaking 118-point victory.

The Eagles can afford to smile after three wins from three starts and top place on the VFL ladder.

The high-fly Eagles will take to the air again this Saturday when they tackle Collingwood in Melbourne. . . in a battle of the unbeaten birds.

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Eagles full-back Michael Brennan and his great duel with the exciting Warwick Capper.

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HOME OF THE EAGLES

Swans are back on the market

THE Sydney Swans are back on the business market again — this time at a greatly-reduced price of around \$4 million.

Powerplay chairman Doug Sutherland has confirmed that the club is for sale — and says that a partial sale was almost complete.

Powerplay, the business company controlling the Swans, have faced financial problems since the October share market crash and controversy has surrounded the club and their creditors.

Sutherland has blamed much of the Swans woes on the big spending of their initial owner, Dr Geoff Edelman, who is also now facing financial hardship.

"Dr Edelman went around with a fat cheque book and no money in the bank," said Sutherland. "Most of the player deals were made in his time."

Sutherland said that the club's liquidity problems were increased by the withdrawal of major sponsors Hoover, whose \$700,000 input was a crucial factor.

He called on the VFL to expand Sydney's recruiting zones, by giving the club the whole of NSW, including Canberra.

Melbourne football journalist Ken Piesse, in an exclusive interview with Sutherland, confirmed that some of



the Swans players were the highest paid in the competition.

"We have a legacy from Dr Edelman's contractual commitments," said Sutherland.

"But teams like us and Brisbane do have higher costs in relocation and getting the players to sign on in the first place."

Northey hits out over Grinter

MELBOURNE coach John Northey has finally broken his silence on the Rod Grinter affair.

Grinter, still nursing the injured hand that he received in the Terry Wallace incident, cracked it for a smile after the Demons scored a stirring win over Geelong.

Northey, with a much-needed win behind him, said that the whole Grinter incident had been badly handled.

The umpires selection panel had pre-empted the VFL's investigation by banishing umpire Ian Clayton to the country after failing to report Grinter.

"Some people have hung and quartered Grinter already," says Northey. "Rod has been hunted and haunted all week, even though no-one knows the extent of Wallace's injuries."

"I just hope he gets a fair trial in the end."



Exiled umpire Ian Clayton with Benalla captain-coach Phil Carman.

Clayton in Carman-land

IAN Clayton, the banished VFL umpire, took his togs to the bush last week — and found himself whistle-blowing Fabulous Phil Carman!

Clayton was the man-in-white at the centre of the Terry Wallace-Rod Grinter incident and was dropped off the VFL panel for not making a report.

He was banished to Benalla in the Yarrowonga league and was greeted by Carman, once a "popular" man with the VFL umpires who is now captain-coach of the home side.

However, Fabulous Phil was on his best behaviour — but not so his Benalla team-mate Paul Greaves, who copped a report from Clayton after a melee.

TAYLOR BACK ON TARGET

VOLATILE Collingwood full-forward Brian Taylor has adopted a far more consistent approach to his game this year — and he's one reason why the Magpies are undefeated.

Taylor finished with a haul of seven goals — with six coming in the match-winning first half — and he also gave two others away in the opening term.

Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews was quick to praise the big and bulky former Mandurah player.

"He played well today, like he did last week," said Matthews after the 70-point crushing of Taylor's former club, Richmond.

"But this time he got the results."

"He has worked harder than most of the other players this year, particularly on his sprinting."

YOUTHFUL SAINT

JASON Daniels has joined the ranks of schoolboys who have made their VFL league debut.

Daniels, a Year 12 student at Chandler High School, had six kicks and six handballs for St Kilda.

The 17-year-old is a product for the Saints under-16 team and while he was disappointed with his own performance, he showed grit in surviving a tough debut.

STRONG SUPPORT

THERE was plenty of experienced support from the grandstand when St Kilda notched their first victory of the season — a 26-point win over North Melbourne.

Watching the winning action were Saints veterans in injured players Trevor Barker, Geoff Cunningham, Greg Burns and Warren Jones, plus the suspended Tony Lockett.

Terry comes out tops



BATTLE-scarred Terry Wallace completed one of football's magic stories last week.

The gutsy Footscray centreman was KO'd against Melbourne a week earlier in a nasty collision with Rod Grinter.

Last Saturday, playing against commonsense and doctor's orders, Wallace was best-on-ground as the Bulldogs downed Fitzroy.

Wallace was fitted out with a metal brace inside his mouth to keep his broken teeth in place and make sure his battered and tender jaw didn't suffer any further damage.

"If you play footy long enough you realise the best way to get back into it is to play as hard as you can," said Wallace after Wallace produced a 15-kick, 16-handpass performance.

Drinking beer through a straw was not the best way to celebrate a best-on-ground effort, but Wallace was more than happy to just be back in action.

It is an indication of how tough the former Hawthorn player is to be carried off one Saturday with a shattered face, but still not miss his team's next outing.

Footscray coach Michael Malthouse dismissed suggestions that it was foolhardy to play with such facial injuries.

"I don't believe that you can't play with broken facial bones," he said. "If you want to stay out and wait till the break heals you will be out for six weeks."

"You miss six games or none as far as I'm concerned."

BRERETON'S BLUES

SEEING was believing. There he was, the bouncy, aggressive, All-Australian Dermott Brereton being switched to a back pocket, the result of just one kick and a dramatic loss of confidence in the first half against Sydney.

He was opposed to veteran Craig Davis, who at 33, has probably forgotten more about football than most will learn.

As the ball advanced, Davis suddenly doubled back, Brereton advanced in his natural attacking style, only to see the ball dropping short. Brereton was stranded with Davis alone in the goal square and only a desperate tackle by one of Brereton's teammates stopped the Swans from lobbing it over the pack's head to the unattended goalsneak.

"You were lucky there," yelled Davis. "I almost made you look silly."

Brereton, with just three kicks to his name, replied: "Anyone can make me look silly at the moment."

The blond, usually-confident Hawk had just been given derisive cheers after taking one of his rare marks. "Maybe I am out of form," he thought to himself.

TITANIC FINISH

The Swans edged to within seven points in a titanic finish, but Hawthorn proved the stronger and kicked the last two goals of the game, one to Brereton, switched back into the forward line, and another when he soccered the ball out of the centre straight to Russell Morris, who marked on his chest close to goal.

At the final siren, the veteran Davis ran to Brereton and shook his hand.

"Don't worry about anything," he said. "Go home and watch the replay where you kicked eight goals in the grand final (1985) and ... don't ever run yourself down."

Deep into that Saturday night, Brereton thought about Davis' words. He has vowed to recapture his best form and help Hawthorn back into the top three.

"I really appreciated Craig's advice," he said. "You don't often get that type of feedback, or advice — especially from an opponent."

Brereton's poor early-season form has mirrored Hawthorn's first month of the new season.

He and the Hawks played in patches to just be beaten by Carlton in the grand final replay, while the Hawks fell in against Sydney after the Swans had controlled play for most of the last quarter.



MasterPiesse



Leading football journalist **KEN PIESSE** reports from Melbourne

Brereton had desperately wanted to contribute, considering it was skipper Michael Tuck's record-breaking 341st game.

Tuck believes only one player currently at Hawthorn is capable of taking his record — and that's Brereton, who has already played 116 games after debuting as a teenager.

Other than a single mark for a goal early in the second quarter, the talented 23-year-old hardly went near the ball.

"Dermott's down a bit on confidence at the moment," said new Hawks coach Alan Joyce.

Joyce didn't elaborate. It's not his style. However, he could have mentioned how Brereton's pre-season training program was severely restricted by an ankle operation which became infected and sidelined him for almost a month longer than he had anticipated.

But Joyce and Brereton aren't the type to give excuses.

Opposing teams tag him closer than most. However, all good players must be prepared for that.

Brereton's poor form will not see him demoted to reserves football. He's held in far too high a regard for that.

Earnshaw kicks Busselton to win

FOOTBALL nomad Craig Earnshaw has returned to the South West this Season — and kicked Busselton to an impressive 11-goal victory over last year's premiers, Collie.

Earnshaw, a former East Perth league player, kicked 14 goals as Busselton downed the under-manned Saints 23.13 to 12.13.

A strong Busselton centreline held sway all day with a constant supply of the ball by former South Fremantle ruckman Robert Poeppjes, who dominated the hit outs.

For the losers, Brendan Retzlaff and Bruce Jackson played strongly.

South Bunbury (38.17) showed that they will again be a force to be reckoned with by annihilating Augusta-Margaret River (9.3).

Clayton Lewis celebrated his return with eight goals and Jeff Hayres with seven goals, and captain-coach Peter Hodyl with six goals also joined the feast.

For the Hawks, ruckman Gary Ryan battled manfully against overwhelming odds.

The day's highest score of 39.30 was kicked by Carey Park as they slaughtered an inept Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 9.6.

Kernutt Thorne, relishing the lack of pressure, booted six goals. Better players for Carey Park were Mark Skehan, Sean O'Callaghan and Michael Lane.

OFF TARGET

Only inaccurate kicking prevented Bunbury (16.34) from joining the goal-kicking fiesta when they beat Harvey-Brunswick (14.7) by 39 points after trailing 5.17 to 8.3 at half time.

Best for the victors were ruckman Steve Larsson, Shane Taylor and first-game player Darryl May. For Harvey-Brunswick, half-forward Derek Hall, ruckman David Morris and rover Dom Crognale (four goals) led the way.

Mines Rovers (25.14) easily accounted for an inaccurate Donnybrook (6.23).

An interesting round of fixtures this weekend sees Carey Park meet Busselton; Bunbury play Mines Rovers and reigning premiers Collie should open their winning account against Harvey Brunswick.

South Bunbury travel to Donnybrook and Augusta-Margaret River will be at home to Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

S-W are looking good

THE South West league are in a healthy position, both on and off the field, as they enter the 1988 season.

The SWNFL have shown a small increase in their sponsorship after doubling their sponsorship last year at a time when other leagues struggled.

South-West firm Devaugh will again sponsor the premiership table battle, with \$3000 going to the premiers, plus a further \$1000 in round awards.

Humes continue their long sponsorship with a \$2000 footballer of the year award and National Mutual will sponsor the \$1000 goalkicking competition.

Other S-W sponsors include the South West College, Southwest Freightlines, Peters (WA) and the Collie Mail.

CENTRALS TRIUMPH

THE Fortescue National Football League started the 1988 season with their annual lightning carnival played at Tom Price last Sunday.

The six teams — Tigers, Towns, Saints, Demons, Centrals and Hill — contested the carnival and Centrals again proved their superiority, finishing with the best percentage and winning their fifth title in seven years.

The umpires votes for the best players in the carnival went to Dave Maher (Tigers) and Ross Brand (Centrals).

The premiership points battle starts this Sunday and at Paraburdoo the local teams, Saints and Demons will meet in what should be a traditional hard fought derby.

In the early game at Tom Price, last season's grand finalists, Tigers and Towns meet in a game that Towns will be out to reverse the grand final result.

In the late game, Centrals, with Alan Stobaus and Ross Brand in top form, should be far too experienced for Hills.

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Collie captain Greg O'Brien.

Royals are dethroned

ROYALS, the kings of the Southern Districts Football League, lost their first game in 19 matches on Sunday when North Albany beat them 21.10 (136) to 13.17 (95) at Collingwood Park in a 1987 grand final rematch.

The last time the Lions lost was in the 1986 preliminary finals against North Barker.

Coach Larry Dwyer said last week that Royals had "an attitude problem" and were suffering from post-premiership blues.

North Albany have welcomed the return of dynamic rovers Murray and Keith Wynne and 1984 Kleeman Medallist Gerard Cameron. The Wynnes were Kangas best players, with Murray kicking eight goals.

Captain Michael Waugh was best for the reigning premiers.

North Mt Barker 15.8 (98) beat South Mt Barker 7.8 (50) in the first Barker derby of the season. North, at home, led all day in a hard-fought encounter.

Their best were in-form ruckman Gary Pope and wingman Brad Smallwood. Other good Demons were Cameron Taylor, Alan Smallwood, Ken Hunt and outstanding rookie Barry Ashton.

South Barker's best were Mervyn Krakouer, Keith Punch, Russell Jones, Joe Galantino, Ian Badger and veteran John Corsen.

Railways bounced back from their opening game defeat to outclass Denmark 23.12 (150) to 5.10 (40) at McLean Park.

Darren Ford and Damon O'Meara starred for the Tigers and Denmark's best was Steve Nairn.

This Sunday Railways play host to Royals in the match-of-the-day. Top side North Albany will meet South Barker at Sounness Park and Denmark will be at home to North Barker.

Close games in opening round

TWO close games and improved form displayed by last year's weaker sides were the highlights of the opening set of fixtures in the Upper Great Southern League last Sunday.

Reigning premiers Williams (22.22) opened the new season on the right note by easily accounting for Railways (9.6), who were disappointing despite an extensive recruiting campaign.

Best for Williams were Michael Kain and Murray Ford, with Stephen Gillett booting seven majors. Youngster Scott Neil was best for Railways and Mark Riley kicked three goals.

Wickepin (20.15) comfortably accounted for Wagin (13.16). Robert Banfield and Andrew Snow were best for the victors.

In a high standard game played in hot, trying conditions Pingelly (14.15) scraped home by one point against a vastly-improved West Arthur (14.14).

In another close game dominated by the respective defences Towns (9.18) scrambled across the line to defeat Boddington (9.14) by four points when Kerrin Quartermaine, with one of his few kicks for the day, snapped a goal over his head to give his side victory.

An interesting round of fixtures this weekend sees Wagin at home to Pingelly in a game which could go either way.

Boddington meet Lake Grace in a game which both sides will be anxious to win.

West Arthur will be at home to Towns and Railways meet Wickepin.

SAINTS SUFFER

COLLIE, the reigning South West premiers, have gone into the 1988 season with a vastly different team to their successful combination of last year.

Of the 20 players who took out the 1987 flag, only five were available for last week's opening game.

New coach Graham Watson has had to rebuild the side, with a number of key players joining WAFL club West Perth and others being unavailable or travelling to other areas.

The retention of Brendan Retzlaff and Jeff Davidson, who both tried out with West Perth pre-season, gives the Saints some solidarity to build on.

WATHEROO LOOK BIG IMPROVERS

WATHEROO lost their opening game of the season in the Central Midlands league — but served notice that they are the improve this year.

Dandaragan Saints won 26.19 to 16.25, but the Roos kicked themselves out of the match.

The top-class clash showed that the Roos are a rejuvenated side after their disappointing 1987 season.

Rovers, led by a 10-goal effort from Bobby Wyatt roving, outplayed Bindi Miling 32.32 to 3.4.

The Dalwallinu Bulldogs look odds-on to win back-to-back premierships after their routing of the under-manned Warriors, 21.17 to 5.9, with ruck-rover Peter Leeson kicking six goals.

This Sunday's match of the day is at Moora where Warriors are at home to the Dandy Saints. Rovers travel to Watheroo while at Miling, the Bombers meet the Dally Bulldogs.

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Andrew Lockyer	23	14	6
Chris Mainwaring	53	15	17
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Guy McKenna	20	12	30
Geoff Miles	28	15	18
Michael O'Connell	31	22	8
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Mines Rovers	1	-	164	58	282.7	4
Busselton	1	-	151	85	177.6	4
Bunbury	1	-	130	91	142.8	4
Harvey-Bruns	-	1	91	130	70	-
Collie	-	1	85	151	56.2	-
Donnybrook	-	1	58	164	35.3	-
Aug-Marg. River	-	1	57	245	23.2	-
Boy-Capel-Dard	-	1	60	264	22.7	-

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ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Youngsters from the Noranda club enjoy East Perth's junior day at the WACA last Saturday.

NELSON'S ROLE

CRAIG Nelson, the recent Eagles reject, has certainly had the pressure placed fairly and squarely on his shoulders with the retirement of Andrew Purser.

Nelson now remains the club's only genuine league ruckman and though Dan Foley can give capable support to the ruck division up forward, West Perth may be well advised to scout surrounding and country leagues for a replacement big man.

Grant's loyalty

EAST Perth may well be in the doldrums, but while the club has had many players desert the sinking ship, Grant Campbell has stood by them through thick and thin.

This adds a touch of romance to his sensational return to league football last week when he kicked six of his side's 10 goals in their 75-point drubbing at the hands of Claremont.

Campbell was a clean ball handler all day and showed no signs of his six

week lay off due to a torn thigh muscle. His leading and kicking were strong and his overhead marking outstanding.

Campbell has now played 176 league games for East Perth, more than double that of any of his team mates. He made his debut in 1978, East Perth's last premiers year, but unfortunately he didn't get to play in the grand final.

In the present day of club-switching, Campbell is a shining light for devotion and club loyalty.

New recruits

DAN Foley, West Perth's forward/ruckman, became father to a bouncing baby boy last week. Son Jacob was born at King Edward Memorial Hospital and both he and mother Carleen are well.

Foley must have had mixed emotions last Saturday, though. The crowd erupted when he kicked a goal in the first quarter and the 6NR commentary team tagged it as "one for Jacob".

But the sentiments turned sour as the afternoon wore on, with Bruce Monteath's men disappointing 53-point losers to Perth.

ANOTHER baby Falcon is also expected to join the flock soon. Jeddah Bradmore, wife of dual-State representative Phil, is due to give birth early in next round's fixtures. Who knows, in years to come we may see another Foley-Bradmore combination line up across the half forward line for West Perth.

TALKING of new arrivals, Subiaco's hard-working football manager Trevor Nisbett became a father during last Saturday's action.

Todd James Nisbett arrived at the St John of God Hospital, just across the road as the Lions were making mince meat of Swan Districts.

Todd is the first son for Trevor and Pam ... and Nisbett says that he is already shaping up as a rover.

Krakouer back at Claremont

BILL Krakouer, the brother of star North Melbourne duo Jim and Phil, has returned to Claremont after a three-year absence.

The skilful rover was a key player in the Tigers 1984 under-19 side, but parted with the club largely because of an attitude problem.

Since then he has tried out with North Melbourne and VFA club Sandringham with varied success.

On his return to Claremont, club officials gave Krakouer an ultimatum — show us you're serious about playing or move on.

Much to their delight, Krakouer has responded in admirable fashion, displaying excellent discipline and a willingness to commit himself to training — including the 5.30am sessions.

With that problem ironed out, Krakouer's on-field performances have naturally lifted.

According to Claremont reserves coach John Dimmer, the presence of elder brother Phil at the club earlier in the year gave young Bill a big boost.

It's obvious that many of Phil's attributes have rubbed off onto Bill, particularly the unorthodox, but effective two-handed kicking action that has become such a trademark of the North Melbourne champion.

ANOTHER KICKETT

ANOTHER young Aboriginal dynamo is making an impression in the Claremont reserves side.

Dale Kickett, the nephew of under-19 coach and former East Perth and Claremont league player Larry Kickett, has given Tiger fans a sample of his potential in every match this season.

The elusive midfielder possesses quality skills and has shown he can produce something spectacular when required.

Like all young players, Kickett is still developing and will need to build up his pencil thin frame if he is to survive the rigours of league football.

RESERVES ROUNDUP with BEN STINGA



Two promising Tigers... Ryan Dhue (left) and Todd Beveridge.

RATTRAY RETURNS

SUBIACO defender Alex Rattray looks set for an imminent return to league ranks.

The hard-working, no-nonsense half-back played his first official competitive game for the season in the reserves last weekend and showed no ill-effects of the rib injury which has kept him out of action this year.

A stomach ulcer, which made life doubly difficult for Rattray recently, is also under control.

The 1983 Teal Cup representative is highly regarded in the Lions camp and his presence in the league side will add more strength to an already rock solid defensive unit.

MUNDY'S HOPES

DARREN Mundy, the former Subiaco defender now at East Perth, has surprisingly been unable to win a place in the Royals senior side so far this season.

The ginger-haired half-back has been left to lament in the reserves, despite some solid performances.

After a slow start to the season, Mundy is now producing good form in his usual unobtrusive, but effective manner and it must only be a matter of time before he is included in the league side.

His brand of discipline and teamwork could only be beneficial to the young Royals.

Lindberg stands tall

WHEN the Subiaco under-19 side burst into song after their important win against Swan Districts last Saturday, second year player Jonas Lindberg stood head and shoulders above his noisy teammates.

It wasn't so much his loud and somewhat out of tune singing that made him stand out from the others — just his sheer size.

At 198cm (6ft 5in), Lindberg is one of the tallest players in the under-19 competition and, just for good measure, he possesses a bright crop of red hair which makes him even more prominent.

The 18-year-old ruckman has used his height to good effect this season and appears to have developed well after a steady debut in 1987.

Lindberg arrived at Subiaco from the unzoned town of Port Hedland — not a noted recruiting ground for the Lions in recent years.

FALCONS RECRUITS

WEST Perth under-19 defender David Bushe-Jones certainly cannot be criticised for his lack of club commitment.

Apart from playing and training roles, Bushe-Jones is also a member of the Falcons off-field staff.

He is the club's official handyman and can often be seen painting, fixing or moving something, somewhere around Leederville Oval.

His on-field skills are also progressing nicely after a slightly scratchy start to the season.

COLTS CORNER with BEN STINGA

ADDED BONUS

WHEN Des Raymond was appointed as West Perth's under-19 assistant coach, he brought more than just experience and knowledge to the club.

In the summer months, Raymond — a former West Perth league player — coaches Northern Territory league side, the Buffaloes, in the thriving Darwin competition.

Three of his young Buffaloes — James Sing, Kevin Quall and Greg Woodroffe — have joined him at West Perth this season and all have shown good potential.

Sing stands around the 188cm (6ft 2in) mark and plays at full-forward, Quall is 185 (6ft 1in) and is also a forward and Woodroffe (also 185cm) holds down a key defensive role.

All three are just 17 years of age and according to Di Carlo, possess great natural talent.

Quall has already been promoted to the reserves, while Sing and Woodroffe will also be considered for promotion this season.

ALL-AUSTRALIAN

BIG East Perth under-19 ruckman/forward Lee Walker continues to show good form in his first season of football with the Royals.

The agile big man was a member of West Australian's winning State schoolboys side last season and was selected in the All-Australian team.



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FAMILIAR NAMES GO INTO BATTLE

THERE are a number of well-known football names cropping up in the team lists in the Football Budget these days.

Sons and brothers of well known past and present players are appearing in the minor grades — and at league level.

At Subiaco, their colts team reads like an all-stars line-up with names such as Burton, Sierakowski, Pethick, Hampson, Stannage and Kettlewell all appearing.

Matthew Burton is the 18-year-old son of Peter, who played 182 games as a ruckman for Subiaco, mostly in the 1970s and later coached the side.

Matthew is continuing the tradition even further by wearing his father's well known No. 20 guernsey.

Adam Sierakowski is a product of 204-game veteran Brian, who played for both Subiaco and VFL club St. Kilda.

Michael Pethick played 130 games for Subiaco and his boy Jeremy has now earned a spot in the colts.

Reg Hampson and Laurie Kettlewell are regarded as two of the State's great footballers, each having played over 200 games. Their respective sons Damien and Scott hope to make a similar impression on football supporters.

Former Swan Districts player and WAFL director Tom Stannage also has a vested interest in the Subiaco under 19s as his lad Chris is donning the No. 13.

BROTHERS

Down Fremantle way wearing red and white is 15-year-old State school-boy representative Glen Jakovich, whose brother Allen played with the Bulldogs in 1986 before going to Kalgoolie.

Peter Worsfold is an 18-year-old rover who played two league games with South Fremantle last year. Brother John has enjoyed a rapid rise to stardom, joining the Eagles after tallying only 19 league games with South.

If Peter's selection in the All Australian Teal Cup side is any indication, he may very well find himself playing next to his brother in the near future.

And yet another Grljusich seems set to make an impact on league football. Four brothers in Tom, George, John and Don all played at various times in the 1950s and 60s at South Fremantle and East Fremantle.

Tom played 258 games, mostly as a full-back and now his son Mark is playing in the reserves team.

He could well be selected to play against cousin Rod, who has resettled back at Perth after a visit to South Australia. Rod is the son of well-known ABC commentator George Grljusich.

At West Perth, Paul Dean is making progress in the colts, while his illustrious brother Warren (who left Subiaco in 1985) continues to do well with Melbourne. Their father Frank

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY

Dean was an outstanding Subiaco defender.

Down at Claremont, 20-year-old Billy Krakouer is back for another crack at the Claremont league side. He has graduated from Mt Barker in an attempt to follow the footsteps of brothers Phil and Jim and has also had a stint with them at North Melbourne.

Dale Kickett has come from the Hills Association with a promising reputation and has slotted into the Tigers reserves team as a ruck-rover, after being coached in the colts last year by cousin Larry, who played 226 games with East Perth and Claremont.

Big John McIntosh has produced a big son in Nathan McIntosh, a 19-year-old strapping centre-half-back or ruckman. John was a champion ruckman who played 110 games for Claremont before four seasons in the VFL with St Kilda.

BAYNES BACK

FORMER State ruckman Rhett Baynes is back in town and may well be looking for a game with Perth.

He rang the Demons recently to seek permission to train with them, but says that he is also considering the possibility of an offer from VFL club Sydney Swans.

Baynes, who suffered a mental breakdown in Melbourne after his unexpected dismissal from Carlton, now appears more positive and relaxed and is looking forward to a return to football.

If Baynes doesn't receive a Sydney offer, the Demons may very well secure his services to bolster their current lack of big men with Ian Newman and John Gavranich sidelined with injury.

Purser's move

ANDREW Purser's retirement from football may have come as a shock to many, but one man — Footscray coach Michael Malthouse — was not in the least surprised by the decision.

Malthouse said last October that he didn't expect Purser to play any football on his return to Perth this year.

Purser's work as an accountant is restricting the time he can commit to football — and the rather high \$27,500 transfer fee that West Perth face to obtain his clearance from East Fremantle were obvious factors in his resolution.

The tragedy is that his premature retirement leaves him stranded on 199 league games. But as he said last Saturday on radio 6NR, the number of league games he plays had never worried him.



Trainer with a difference

FOOTBALL is full of interesting people and one of those is definitely Kevin Cameron, the eye-catching trainer pictured here with Tigers player Tony Beers.

Kevin is a volunteer trainer at Claremont and while it's his first year in the job, he has been involved as a follower and helper for three years previous.

Kevin is John Scott's father-in-law and a cousin of Cameron Lewis. He is of Aboriginal descent and last Sunday he was involved in a spear and boomerang throwing exhibition at Yanchep.

He will also be taking part in a similar expo this Saturday at the Belmont race course. When he's not throwing spears or boomerangs at exhibitions, he's often doing it in real life.

On a number of occasions he has taken Claremont players on wild pig hunts with only spears as weapons. Gerard Neesham and Peter Thorne were with Kevin one day when they hunted down a 300lb boar.

GOOD START

FORMER Perth and Swan Districts player Ross Fitzgerald, who retired last year after a 151-game league career, has set himself a challenge as coach of Beverley, in the Avon league, this season.

He lives in Perth, but commutes twice a week to Beverley for training and on weekends for the game.

In their opening game last week they beat Brookton, with Fitzgerald best on ground.

Former Perth ruckman Barry Chittleborough is still playing with Brookton at 43 years of age.

Naturally, his ruck work these days is broken up with regular rests on the interchange bench, but he is still fit and healthy and enjoying his football.

TESTIMONIAL WINNER

THE Les Fong Testimonial Prawn Evening, publicised in this column recently, was a roaring success, according to club development officer Allan White.

Over 300 people attended the function and while profits for the testimonial "kitty" are not yet known, it is believed to be a good start to the benefit campaign.

DEBUTANTS

TWO players to make their league debut recently have been Steve Jackson, of South Fremantle and Matt Elliot, with Claremont.

Jackson is an 18-year-old centre-half-forward who has come up through the Willagee juniors and his first league game was in the losing side to Swan Districts.

Elliot was more fortunate as he came onto the ground from the interchange bench, kicked a goal and played well in his team's win over East Perth.

WILLIAMS JOINS SUBI

FORMER East Perth player Tom Williams has been cleared to Subiaco.

The talented forward has missed most of the pre-season at Subiaco after returning to Perth following a season back in his home State of Queensland.

He paid a brief visit to Perth Oval earlier this year, but couldn't reach agreement with the Royals on his playing services.

Williams brings to six the number of former East Perth players now at Subiaco — where Trevor Nisbett, a one-time Royals man himself — is establishing a reputation as a shrewd recruiter of football talent.

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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Nollamara win ... the hard way

NOLLAMARA set the standard all day against Old Wesley in last week's A-grade games — but left themselves in a precarious position kicking 8.20 at one stage.

They moved the ball quickly with good team-work to eventually break the back of Old Wesley, running out comfortable winners by 40 points.

It was Nollamara's experience that got them into a winning position and an indication of this was their best players list — headed by the much-travelled Noel Knights, who has found a new lease of life without the burden of coaching.

Knights was closely followed up by two State players in the tough Mark Thompson and the courageous Neale Fong.

Despite winning comfortably, Nollamara will not want to give higher rated sides the same chance that they gave to Old Wesley, as it may cost them dearly.

North Beach, with a solid defence, ran on strongly in the second half to defeat North Fremantle by 33 points.

RUTHLESS DEFENCE

North's backline, led by Ian Halley, Clive Mitchell and Ross Shultz, were ruthless in their attacking of the ball and they were creative on the rebound, turning defence into attack with great effect.

North Fremantle coach Peter Webb must be wondering if his team can finish a game with 18 fit players — last week he was again dogged by injuries, including one in the changerooms before the match.

However, there were many good performers for the port side in Rob Looby, Terry Sayers, Tony Stewart, Gavan Ferraz and Drew Herrington.

North's young Grant Nelson, who has come through the colts to play a strong part in A-grade, and is one of the up and coming stars of amateur football, provided he continues to work hard on his game.

EARLY TROUBLE

Mt Lawley were in trouble early in their game against West Coast when they trailed by 38 points at quarter time.

The Hawks rallied behind their young brigade Dave Armstrong, Phil Warren and Neil O'Brien in the second half and ran out winners by 42 points.

The move of Leigh Sprlyan onto a wing was also a match winning one by coach Greg Hyde as he immediately gave his side drive across the middle of the ground.

Trinity-Aquinas continued their good form with a 32-point win over University.

Trinity-Aquinas have many talented players and they took the game away from their opponents in the third quarter with a six goal burst.

The following division of Jeremy McGrade, Phil Green and Brad Calvin, with centre-half-forward John Price and Michael Webb in defence, enabled the students to run over the top of University.

University were well served by

by
TREVOR SCHORER



Craig Nelmes, who was put under increased pressure when Ian Rakich was forced to leave the ground with a torn hamstring in the second quarter. Wembley had no trouble with Scarborough, putting them away by 53 points with consummate ease.

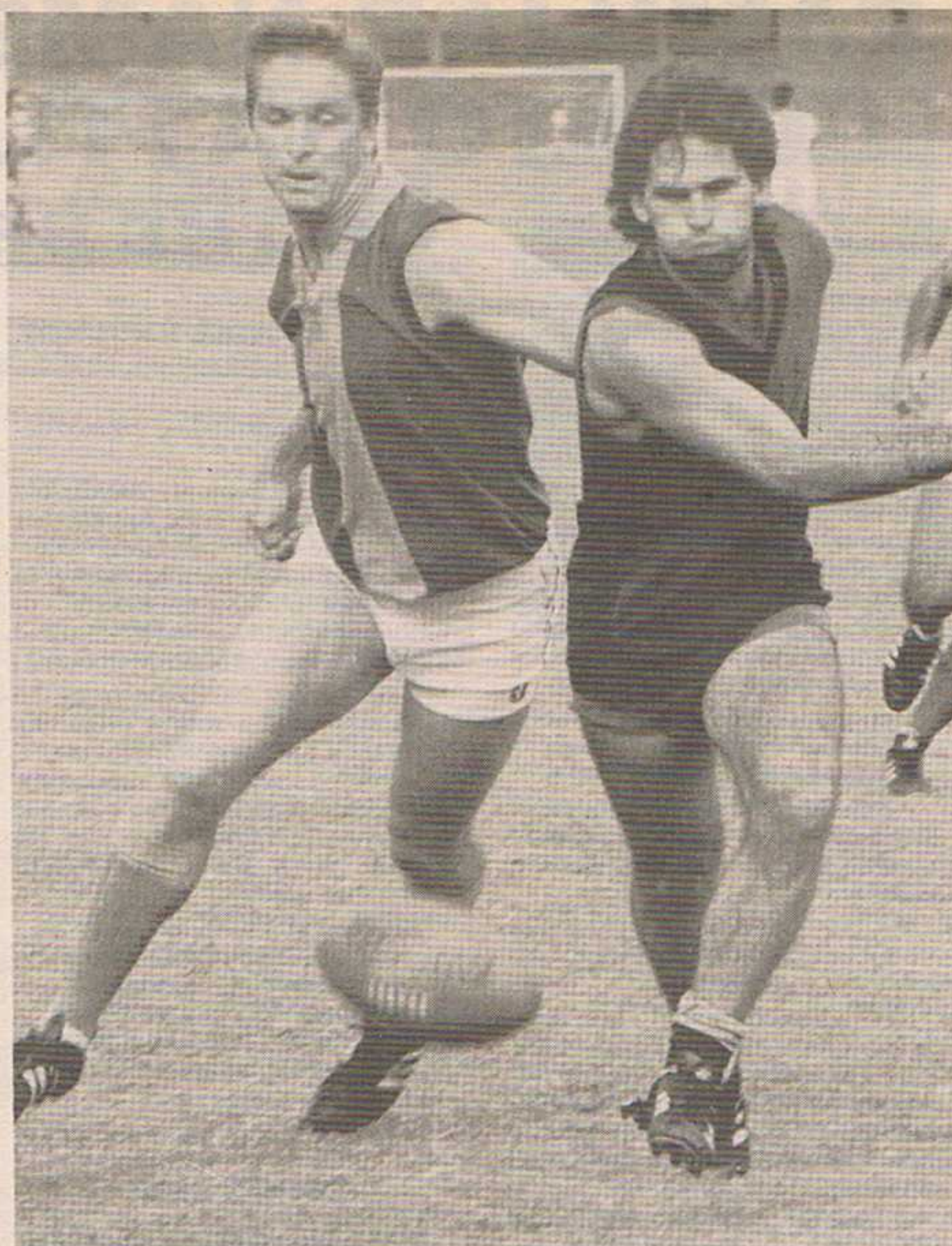
The Magpies boast a powerful roving division with Kevin Symonds and Brad Metcalf (five goals) dangerous around the ground.

Wembley also had good players in defenders Mark Wratten and Grant Morgan with Grant Callaghan chipping in across the centreline.

This is the most promising start to a season for Wembley since 1984 and they should continue with another victory over the luckless North Fremantle at Henderson Park this week.

West Coast could open their account when they front Old Wesley at City Beach Oval; Nollamara should comfortably dispose of Scarborough and North Beach have the form to beat University at Perth Oval.

This week's match of the day is at Fremantle Oval between Mt Lawley and Trinity-Aquinas.



Former All-Australian amateur player Jeremy McGrade (left) is hot on the heels of a University player during last Saturday's match of the day.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS A-GRADE

Mt Lawley 18.21 b West Coast 13.9.
Nollamara 15.24 b Old Wesley 11.8.
Trinity-Aquinas 19.7 b University 14.5.
North Beach 18.19 b North Fremantle 13.16.
Wembley 17.15 b Scarborough 9.10.

THIS WEEK'S A-GRADE GAMES

Trinity-Aquinas v Mt Lawley at Fremantle Oval.
West Coast v Old Wesley at City Beach Oval.
Nollamara v Scarborough at Des Penman Reserve.
Wembley v North Fremantle at Henderson Park.
North Beach v University at Perth Oval.

HIGHLIGHTS

G-GRADE: Nay opened their account for 1988 by downing Wanneroo by 19 points at Stirling Oval. Navy, with the home ground advantage, played well throughout. Wanneroo refused to be beaten and drew to within eight points in the last quarter. However they could not sustain the effort and Navy gained the upper hand about 15 minutes from the end.

Good players for the Roos included Tony Bremner at centre-half-forward, ruckman Gary Early and centreman Greg Abbott. Greg Campbell, at centre-half-back, again put in a good effort.

H-GRADE: After an even first quarter, North Beach ran away from East Fremantle to win by 105 points at Marmion Reserve. In a game played in good spirit, ruckman Dean Buttell and wingman John Herd started to dominate in the second quarter and East Fremantle had nothing to combat these players.

With Steve Cousins kicking six goals at centre-half-forward and the experience of veterans Bob Fulcher, coach Rod Quayle and John Herd, North Beach kicked 14 goals to East Fremantle's two in the second half.

I-GRADE: RAAF have opened the season in fine form with solid wins over Mirrabooka and Bullcreek. Coach Graham Fitzgerald has led his side by example by kicking six goals and Andy Miller weighed in with four. The Roodogs, although tiring in the third quarter, showed plenty of character. To hold Bullcreek scoreless in the final term.

Phil Berry, Nigel Dennis and Red Semler were solid performers in this game. RAAF now face the daunting task of play-

ing eight of their nine games away from home. Their current form, however, should see them still sitting near the top of the ladder.

L-GRADE: In the closest game of the round a depleted Nollamara No. 4 went down by one point to Carlisle at Des Penman Reserve. The Roos' having lost a number of players to their F-Grade side made an inspired fightback to almost snatch victory from Carlisle.

Wanneroo, at home to Coolbellup, proved too strong and won by 23 points. Wanneroo obtained a break in the first quarter and this set the standard for the rest of the game. While Wanneroo's strength around the ground may lead to confidence within the side, their inaccurate kicking for goals must be of concern, especially when they come up against the top sides.

ROOS BEST

Good players for Wanneroo included first-game player Mario Barticcio and former colt John Dawson. Kevin Edwy-Smith and George Potter again played well and must be considered for selection in the senior side.

This grade should see some interesting clashes this week with top side Bullcreek playing Ocean Ridge at home and Sawyers Valley taking on Mundaring, who were big winners over Carlisle last weekend.

A COLTS: Nollamara are reaping the benefits of a summer recruiting campaign for the colts side by winning the first two games of the season. Coach Des O'Neill is pleased with the team's efforts so far this

year. However, he does not consider his side an automatic final-five selection.

He was particularly pleased with the Roos' fighting spirit last week when his side came from behind at three-quarter time to win against the breeze. In a tight final quarter Nollamara outscored Old Wesley to win by eight points. Good players for Nollamara were Steven Ward, Chris Hatherway, on a half-forward flank, and Gavin Hedland. Shane Bell, playing in a unaccustomed role of back pocket, was also a solid performer.

EASY FOR NORTH

North Beach cruised to an easy win over North Fremantle at Gil Frazer Oval after an early setback when senior player Gavin Palmer broke his collarbone in the first quarter. North Beach settled to play team football and overcome any resistance the Magpies could muster.

North Beach have put the emphasis on hard work and a total team effort this season. This was apparent in their last two games when they came from three goals behind with 10 minutes to go against Scarborough to their convincing win last week.

Solid players for North Beach have been Darren Castiglioni, with six goals from centre-half-forward, ruckman Troy McMillan and Jason Sedasgusana on a half-forward flank.

H GRADE:

Maylands recorded their second win in a row with a resounding 12-goal victory over Curtin. Good players for the Rams were Rod Lee, Rob Watson, Eric and John Penny and burley forward Dave Callanan.

Greg Cross was also useful in his comeback game. Coach Tom Hitchcock has a useful combination at his disposal and should see the Rams make finals for the first time in a few years.

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BIG CHANGES IN THE PIPELINE

IN a bold recommendation at the last WAFL Junior Council Board meeting, delegates were asked to consider affiliation under the WAFL constitution.

The Football Development Trust made the proposal and were backed by a Junior Council general manager, who suggested that the board be abolished and the FDT control junior football.

Most junior councils have strongly opposed the move and the Subiaco Junior Council threatened to refuse to adhere to the proposed constitution.

The 10 Junior Councils represent about 630 junior teams covering the Hill, Metropolitan and South Suburban areas. The councils have operated since the early 1970s without affiliation or constitution.

Wayne Loxley, assistant coach at Subiaco and co-ordinator of junior development for the FDT, said the issue of affiliation was sensitive and frustrating.

He said little was being achieved with the Junior Councils because of the present set-up.

"The Junior Councils are a unique network of volunteers representing the entire metropolitan area but affiliation is desirable to improve their effectiveness," he said.

"At this stage any individual council can decide their own interpretation of the rules or decisions adopted at meetings. Nothing is binding and members can veto anything."

by

DENISE MURPHY

Loxley said Subiaco was one of the strongest councils, representing 128 teams, and he could understand their opposition.

"The FDT considers their organisation to be very good," he said. "We could use Subiaco's strength and initiative in a new affiliation."

Loxley added that the FDT was primarily interested in the development of junior football. He stressed that the FDT would have to vote under the proposed constitution, but would be there as an advisory body only to provide back-up and research.

He said the proposed affiliation could be made under the WAFL constitution with a \$10 fee and under it delegates would have members' support to make decisions on major issues. The chairman could then make these binding.

"Decisions need not be made overnight and could be open to debate between councils and their members," Loxley said. "It should be a democratic procedure."

He added that a uniform transfer system could also be achieved by affiliation.

At present some parents are moving entire teams from one council to another because under different age-group gradings a team can be more successful playing Under-14 with one council then Under-15 with another.

Loxley said he expected the affiliation issue to be unresolved for several months, even though council delegates had been asked to report back at the next meeting in May.

He said the FDT hoped that next year Junior Council football would field teams only up to Under-15 and competition in older age-groups would become school-based.

WAFL Chief Executive Peter Cumiskey is now investigating a possible restructuring of all football, including the Junior Councils.

Loxley said the WAFL may decide it was in the best interests of junior football to change the present system and expected affiliation to evolve from this.

New rules

THE WAFL Junior Council adopted two new rules at its last meeting of delegates.

The following motions were moved by Subiaco and seconded by West Perth:

- The penalty for wasting time be 25 metres. This was increased from 15 metres.

- All players must kick the ball after being awarded a free-kick.

Junior Development Co-ordinator Wayne Loxley said the new rules would only apply to the 13 to 17 age-groups.

Insurance scheme

A NEW group insurance scheme which will provide comprehensive cover to more than 200 junior football clubs is now operating.

The policy, costing \$80 per club, will insure not only the team but also officials, coach, club rooms and club property.

GIRLS TAKE OVER

EARLY arrivals at the WACA Ground last Sunday may have been surprised to see three female faces in the time-keeper's box. For the first time at the WACA three girls were timekeepers for the inaugural game of the Quit First XVIII's competition. The girls were students of the competing schools, Balcatta Senior High and Sacred Heart College.

FOOTY VIDEOS

THE Town and Country Football Development Trust has a library of 132 VHS video tapes and 150 books and publications which are available to the public, coaches and schools.

Videos on Aussie Footy, the modified game for 8-12 year olds, have recently become available and can also be bought for \$40 for a set of three or \$15 each.

The videos are mainly educational and include skills for junior and senior players, coaching drills for junior and senior players, coaching drills for junior and senior coaches and motivational videos. The videos are hired out at a charge of \$3 (or \$1 to members of the Australian Football Coaches Association).



The Quit Cup gets under way at the WACA.

Cup series off to flying start

THE Quit First XVIII's Football Cup competition kicked off to an early start at the WACA Ground last Sunday.

The late decision to change the venue of the Eagles versus Bears match proved a lucky break for two secondary school teams.

Balcatta Senior High and Sacred Heart College, Sorrento, shared the double honour of playing the inaugural Quit Cup game as a curtain-raiser to the big match.

Both teams are competing in the Graham Farmer division of the Metropolitan North-West region.

Quit Campaign co-ordinator Maurice Swanson and Meredith Eddington and the Football Development Trust's Grand Dorrington were on hand to meet the players and toss the coin.

The pre-match ceremony, coaches and players met in the centre square, probably for the first time ever, to shake hands in an area usually reserved for battle.

While the scores indicated an un-

even game — Balcatta kicked 16.8 to Sacred Heart's 3.4 — there was plenty of hard tackling and Sacred Heart fought valiantly.

The superior physical strength and skills of Balcatta outclassed the smaller Sacred Heart players. However, it was this very difference in size that captivated the crowd and provided some desperate contests for the ball.

If Balcatta continue their great form they will be a formidable force in the Graham Farmer division. And Sacred Heart should improve dramatically if they continue to produce the same application and discipline displayed last Sunday.

In accordance with rules drawn up by the Quit Cup Youth Commission, both teams were awarded two extra points by the umpire for playing within the players' Code of Behaviour.

Best players for Balcatta were Andrew Figliomeni, Andrew Blackburn and Patrick Erdulyu. Paul Reid, Brett Kuhlman, Brett Beisser and Dean Beisbert stood out for Sacred Heart.

Town and Country Little League

Results in last week's Town and Country Little League matches were:

Claremont (B. Edwards, D. Scott, A. Brain) b East Perth (P. Green, C. Viney, M. Perinn).

West Perth (D. Duetter, J. Sittcock, T. Josephine) b Perth (S. Hugal, D. Wilson, Q. Emry).

Swan Districts (D. Gunto, P. Melville, P. Hughes) b Subiaco (G. Whitt, A. Byfield, B. Taylor).

East Fremantle (C. Malier, M. Stephenson, A. Goodall) b South Fremantle (D. Norman, J. Andrews, A. Jeffs).

Sides for this week

West Perth (Aranmore); East Perth (East Perth); Perth (Manning); Claremont (Carine Panthers); Subiaco (Warwick White); East Fremantle (Thornlie); South Fremantle (Coolbellup).

SWANS SPONSOR

NATIONAL Panasonic are still the major sponsor of the Swan Districts Junior Development Trust.

Swans 13s combined side have selected Clayton Smith, of Cloverdale as captain, with vice captain being Stacey Moilor (Kalamunda) and David Morgan of Bunbury, deputy vice-captain.

AUSSIE FOOTY KITS

AUSSIE Footy rule books and kits are now available free of cost at the F.D.T. Contact Judith Wragg or Wayne Loxley on 387 5355.

MILESTONES

TWO players have reached milestones with Nollamara.

They are both members of last year's premiership 15s winning side — David Dragon (150 games) and Gavin Acott (100 games).

SOUTH FREMANTLE

SOUTH Fremantle's junior council will start the season this Sunday with 13 clubs fielding 56 teams in the association.

A new club has been formed, the Lakes Club, combining Bibra and South Lakes as well as Yangebup, entering one 10s and two 12s sides. Their home ground will be Nicholson Reserve.

Due to a lack of ovals, the Hilton and South Fremantle clubs have amalgamated to become the Fremantle Hawks. Hilton Park will be their home oval.

EAST FREMANTLE

EAST Fremantle started their season last Sunday with 78 teams playing and a new club, Rosprata, fielding teams in the 9s and 10s grades.

The East Fremantle Junior Parade Day will be held on May 14 when East Fremantle play Claremont. Some clubs are still requiring coaches, so if any former league players with spare Sundays are interested, it would be very much appreciated.



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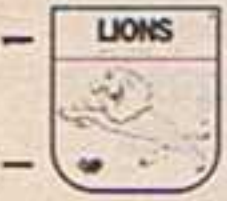
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WESTSIDE RATINGS is the most unique system of rating the weekly performances in the WAFL — and now also the West Coast Eagles — in local football.

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	V	TOT
	CI	EP	SD	
BREMAN, Todd	3	5	6	14
BROWN, Clinton	6	6	7	19
BRICE, Andrew	6	6	4	16
CALDOW, Richard	5	-	-	5
COCKER, Shane	6	8	6	20
CARPENTER, Greg	4	6	4	14
DARGIE, Ian	5	6	8	19
FEATHERBY, Peter	4	-	-	4
GEORGIADIS, John	5	6	7	18
GOLDING, Wayne	-	6	6	12
HIGGINS, Paul	-	-	4	4
HUTCHINSON, Bret	5	5	7	17
HUTCHESON, Glen	5	5	-	10
JENNINGS, Mick	4	7	5	16
KEENE, Laurie	5	6	5	16
LEE, Michael	-	-	5	5
MORT, Michael	4r	5	3	12
MONAGHAN, Bill	6	5	6	17
McDOUGALL, Brad	5	6	6	17
READ, Damien	-	3r	3r	6
SULLIVAN, John	-	-	6	6
TAYLOR, Neil	5	4l	-	9
TAYLOR, Brian	5	6	5	16
WILLET, Rod	3r	7	5	15
WILKINSON, Greg	6	3l	-	9



Happy Tigers trio... Mike Aitken, David O'Connell and Mark Hann.

The irrepensible Claremont captain-coach Gerard Neesham and Perth midfielder Joe Santostefano are clear leaders in the Westside Ratings after round three.

The consistent pair have scored 22 votes to be two in front of Subiaco ruckman Shane Cocker, South Fremantle utility player Brad Collard and exciting Claremont centremen Ben Allan.



WEST PERTH

	V	V	V	TOT
	SD	EF	P	
ADAM, Tim	4	-	4l	8
BIFFIN, Gavin	-	4	-	4
BRADMORE, Phil	8	6	4	18
BINDER, Craig	5	-	6	11
BUSH-JONES, Matt	-	-	3r	3
DAYMAN, Wayne	-	2r	-	2
FOLEY, Dan	5	6	4	15
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	5	6	15
HENRY, Lindsay	7	4	4	15
JACKSON, Neil	7	6	6	19
HASLER, Paul	6	5	5	16
KING, Sean	7	6	5	18
MADAFFARI, Paddy	7	6	4	17
MENAGLIO, Peter	8	6	5	19
MICHAEL, Alan	-	-	4r	4
MIFKA, Paul	5	6	7	18
NELSON, Craig	6	4r	6	16
O'BRIEN, Darren	6r	4	3r	13
PURSER, Andrew	7	4	-	11
SANZONE, Paul	6	4	-	13
TURLEY, Craig	8	6	6	20
TAYLOR, Warren	6	4	3	13
WAKE, Gavin	6	5	-	11
WILLIAMS, Mal	5	5	4	14



EAST FREMANTLE

	V	V	V	TOT
	P	WP	SF	
AMARANTI, Mark	6	6	5	17
BROWNING, Clinton	6	5	5	16
BROADBRIDGE, Mick	6	5	5	16
BUSHELL, David	-	4	-	4
COOPER, Eric	5	4	5	14
CHRISTIE, George	8	9	6	23
DURACK, Lance	6	7	6	19
DERECOURT, Jon	6	6	5	17
ELLIS, Shane	7	6	6	19
EDGAR, Stephen	6	6	6	18
FORMAN, Bryce	5	4	4r	13
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	7	4	6	17
MILLER, Gavin	4	6	4	14
NANNUP, Wayne	5l	-	-	5
O'SULLIVAN, John	6	6	6	18
PEAKE, Brian	8	4	7	19
PILL, Shane	2r	-	-	2
RANKIN, David	-	2r	-	2
ROWLAND, Scott	5	4	6	15
ROWE, Bradley	-	-	3	3
ROWE, David	6	2r	4r	12
STERRETT, Ray	5l	-	-	5
THORN, Harry	-	-	4	4
WATERMAN, Chris	5	4	5	14
WEBER, Robert	-	4	6	10



East Perth defender Darren Best is pursued by the Tigers Mike Aitken.



EAST PERTH

	V	V	V	TOT
	SF	S	C	
ATWELL, Bruce	5	4	4	13
BEST, Darren	5	4	4	13
BAIN, David	5	5	5	15
BLAKELY, Mark	4	4	4	12
BENNETT, Mal	4	6	5	15
BARTLETT, Glen	5	5	4	14
BETRAM, Dean	4	4	4	12
BOCK, Gary	5	6	6	17
BARONI, Lucio	5	6	5	16
CAMPBELL, Grant	-	-	7	7
CRANSBERG, Peter	5	5	5	15
DAWSON, Wayne	6	7	5	18
CROPLEY, Howard	6	6	-	12
DEL BORRELLO, Angelo	-	-	4	4
EMBRY, Andrew	-	4r	-	4
EVANS, Shane	4r	7	4	15
GIANNAKIS, George	6	5	5	16
HAWKINS, Gavin	7	5	4	16
HOST, Andrew	3	7	4	14
KELLY, Lance	6	4	4	14
LEWIS, Rod	5	-	-	5
SEYMOUR, Ken	5	6	3r	14
WARNER, Bevan	3	2r	5r	10



CLAREMONT

	V	V	V	TOT
	Sub	P	EP	
AITKEN, Michael	-	4	6	10
ALLAN, Ben	8	6	6	20
AHMAT, Joe	4	-	-	4
BEGOVICH, Tony	7	5	7	19
BRAYSHAW, Mark	6	6	6	18
BEERS, Tony	5	6	5	16
EDWARDS, Scott	-	6	7	13
ELLIOTT, Matt	-	-	5	5
HANN, Mark	8	5	6	19
HIGGINS, Peter	5	5	6	16
JAMES, Peter	-	-	5	5
LEWIS, Cam	6	5	6	17
MELESSO, Peter	5	6	6	17
NEESHAM, Gerard	8	8	6	22
O'CONNELL, David	5	4	6	15
OWENS, Peter	7	6	5	18
POVEY, Grant	7	6	6	19
PYKE, Don	7	5	6	18
SHEPHERD, Cam	6	6	-	12
SUTHERLAND, Brian	4l	-	-	4
SCOTT, John	6	6	6	18
THOMSON, Mal	5	5	6	16
THORNE, Peter	6	6	3r	15
YARRAN, Nicky	6	5	-	11



Two youngsters battle for the ball... South Fremantle's Richard Graham and the Sharks Lance Durack.



SOUTH FREMANTLE

	V	V	V	TOT
	EP	SD	EF	
AMOROSO, Tony	6	-	-	6
BAYLISS, Mark	6	6	6	18
COLLARD, Brad	6	7	7	20
COLLARD, Cliff	5	5	6	16
COLLARD, Derek	-	-	4r	4
DITCHBURN, John	5	6	4	15
EDWARDS, Craig	7	4	4	15
FIMMANO, Ned	6	5	6	17
GATTI, Gordon	-	4	-	4
GEARY, Richard	7	4	6	17
GIBB, Doug	-	4	-	4
GRAHAM, Richard	6	5	5	16
JACKSON, Stevan	5	3r	-	8
KICKETT, Graham	5	-	-	5
LYNCH, Richard	5	3	-	8
McDONALD, John	-	-	4	4
MATERA, Peter	-	3	-	3
MATERA, Wally	6	-	6	12
MASKOS, Arthur	5	3	-	8
NALDER, Dean	3r	4r	5	12
RIOLI, Maurice	7	-	7	14
ROE, Willie	8	2	6	16
ROGNETTA, Frank	-	6	-	6
SAMBRAILO, Matt	-	5	3	8
SUMICH, Peter	6	-	6	12
WALTERS, Tony	5	5	-	10
WATERS, Scott	7	7	5	19
WILSON, Troy	-	-	4l	4
WORSFOLD, Peter	-	-	4	4




PERTH

	V	V	V	TOT
	EF	C	WP	
BARICH, Adrian	7	6	6	19
CABLE, Shane	5	5	6	16
DANIELS, Allen	6	6	7	19
DAVIS, Troy	3r	-	-	3
DICK, Willie	-	7	7	14
EDWARDS, Brad	-	6	5	11
FANCOTE, Kim	4	4r	-	8
GAVRANICH, John	4	-	-	4
GRLJUSICH, Rod	-	5	6	11
HUNTER, Clint	5	6	6	17
JACKSON, Toby	-	5	5	10
MOSCONI, Warren	5	6	6	17
MONTGOMERY, Alan	6	6	5	16
MOUNT, Stephen	6	6	7	19
NARKLE, Dempsey	7	6	6	19
NICHOLAS, Warren	4	6	6	16
PAPOTTO, Tony	-	4	6	10
RAMSHAW, Troy	5l	-	-	5
REA, Mick	2	5	3	10
SANTOSTEFANO, Joe	8	7	7	22
TOMIZZI, Tony	2r	-	-	2
TAYLOR, Barry	5	6	4	15
WATSON, Mark	7	-	7	14
WHITTINGTON, Gavin	5	6	6	17
YARRAN, Hank	4	5	3	12



SWAN DISTRICTS

	V	V	V	TOT
	WP	SF	S	
AMONINI, Peter	3	-	-	3
BAZZO, Steve	4	7	3	14
BUCKLEY, Jim	-	3l	-	3
BUCKLEY, Jim	-	-	3	3
CATON, Kevin	5	5	4	14
COPE, Tony	3	-	3	6
CORMACK, Joe	-	-	3	3
DE GRAAF, Bob	4	6	3	13
GANDINI, Len	6	6	4	16
GOW, Paul	4	4	2	10
GRASSO, Mick	5	5	4	14
GLASS, Brett	3	-	-	3
HUTTON, Brent	4	6	3	13
HETHERINGTON, Kim	4	6	4	14
HOLMES, Andy	5	-	3	8
HOLMES, Don	4	-	4	8
IETTO, Austin	-	6	3	9
O'DONOHUE, Jamle	3r	-	-	3
OLD, Peter	3	4	4	11
PASSERI, Geoff	5	7	2	14
RENFREE, Shane	5	5	5	15
SIDEBOTTOM, Allan	-	6l	-	6
SKWIROWSKI, Bill	-	6	4	10
STEVENS, Matt	-	2l	-	2
STEVENS, Stuart	-	4	-	4
TIGCHELAAR, Andrew	4	6	-	10
THORNE, Kernut	2	-	-	2
WALKER, Greg	-	6	4	10
WARE, Peter	4	4	3	11



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NATIONAL FIXTURES

SGIO PREMIERSHIP CUP COMPETITION

SERIES ONE

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (Round 2)
 Subiaco 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, Bssdn

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 (Round 3)
 Subiaco 26.18 Swan Districts 9.11, Subiaco
 East Perth 10.10 Claremont 21.23, WACA
 West Perth 8.16 Perth 18.9, Leederville
 East Frem. 11.19, South Frem. 10.12, E. Frem.

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)
 Essendon 25.14 North Melbourne 12.10
 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 12.8 Collingwood 23.12, VFL Park
 Essendon 11.13 Carlton 23.13, Windy Hill
 Hawthorn 17.12, Swans 13.15, Princes Park
 Footscray 16.12, Fitzroy 7.15, Western Oval
 St Kilda 17.6 North Melbourne 11.16
 Melbourne 9.18 Geelong 9.10
 (April 17, Sunday)
 Bears 10.14 Eagles 29.18, WACA

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 1988 EAGLES FIXTURES 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)
 Eagles 29.18 Bears 10.14 at WACA Ground
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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EAST FREMANTLE 6.4 7.6 10.12 11.19 85
SOUTH FREMANTLE 2.1 7.8 9.9 10.12 72
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 3, Browning 2, Rowland 2, Peake 1, Broadbridge 1, Christie 1, Derecourt 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Bayliss 3, W. Matera 2, Edwards 2, D. Collard 1, Ditchburn 1, P. Matera 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Peake, Ellis, Christie, Rowland, O'Sullivan, Durack. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Rioli, Roe, Bayliss, B. Collard, Sumich, W. Matera.
 Played at East Fremantle Oval. Umpires Len Cooper, Trevor Rees. Attendance 7764.

CLAREMONT 7.5 11.8 16.14 21.23 149
EAST PERTH 3.2 5.4 8.6 10.10 70
GOALS: CLAREMONT: Begovich 4, O'Connell, Melesso 4, Thomson 2, Thorne, Edwards, Neesham, Povey, Elliott, Scott, Brayshaw 1. EAST PERTH: Campbell 6, Del Borrello, Bennett, Baroni, Cransberg 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Edwards, Begovich, Neesham, D. O'Connell, Allan, Aitken. EAST PERTH: Campbell, Bock, Bennett, Dawson, Bain, Giannakis.
 Played at WACA Ground. Umpires Phil O'Reilly, Glen Lee. Attendance 2744.

PERTH 2.4 6.6 12.8 18.9 117
WEST PERTH 3.2 5.7 5.10 8.16 64
GOALS: PERTH: Daniels 6, Montgomery 3, Rea 2, Grijusich 2, Watson 1, Barich 1, Cable 1, Yarran 1, Papotto 1. WEST PERTH: Bradmore 3, Henry 2, King 2, Foley 1.
BEST: PERTH: Watson, Daniels, Dick, Mount, Santostefano, Mosconi. WEST PERTH: Mifka, Binder, Gwilliam, Jackson, Nelson, Turley.
 Played at Leederville Oval. Umpires Jason Buckley, Trevor Garrett. Attendance 4361.

SUBIACO 6.4 15.4 20.11 26.18 174
SWAN DISTRICTS 3.2 5.5 5.9 9.11 65
GOALS: SUBIACO: Breman 7, McDougall 6, Georgiades 4, Cocker 4, Lee 2, Keene 1, Read 1, Mort 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Caton 2, Old 2, A. Holmes 2, Gandini 1, Grasso 1, Hutton 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Dargie, Brown, Georgiades, Hutchinson, McDougall, Sullivan. SWAN DISTRICTS: Renfree, Caton, Gandini, Grassox, Bazzo, A. Holmes.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Ken O'Driscoll, Kevin Castenson. Attendance 4002.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

CARLTON 4.3 9.5 19.8 23.13 151
ESSENDON 7.2 10.8 11.11 11.13 79
GOALS: CARLTON: Hunter 5, S. Kernahan 4, Glascock, D. Kernahan 3, Johnston, Madden, Naley 2, Buckley, Dunlop. ESSENDON: Sullivan 3, T. Daniher, Clarke, Bewick 2, A. Daniher, S. Madden.
BEST: CARLTON: Naley, Buckley, Johnston, S. Kernahan, Rhys-Jones, Madden. ESSENDON: Madden, Sullivan, T. Daniher, Bewick, Foulds, Ezard.
 Played at Windy Hill, Essendon. Umpires Ross Castle, Peter Carey. Attendance 21,311.

FOOTSCRAY 5.6 7.8 10.12 16.12 108
FITZROY 3.1 5.5 6.11 7.15 57
GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Beasley 4, Davies 2, Macpherson 2, Royal 2, Cousins, Williams, Hawkins, Wallace, Foster, Petraglia. FITZROY: Lynch 2, Pert, Conlan, Handley, Stephens, Osborne.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Wallace, Ford, Cronan, McGuinness, Eppelstun, D. Baxter. FITZROY: Kapler, Pekin, Harris, Ironmonger, Lyon.
 Played at Western Oval, Footscray. Umpires Rohan Sawers, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance 12,683.

MELBOURNE 2.8 4.11 7.15 9.18 72
GEELONG 1.1 4.5 7.8 9.10 64
GOALS: MELBOURNE: Lovell 2, Eishold 2, O'Dwyer, Campbell, Spalding, Dean, Jackson. GEELONG: Ablett 4, Birstow, Couch, Bruns, Drum, Cameron.
BEST: MELBOURNE: Stynes, O'Dwyer, Healy, Yeats, Dean, Spalding. GEELONG: Bews, Birstow, Ablett, Bruns, Scott, Troy.
 Played at MCG. Umpires Peter Cameron, Chris Mitchell. Attendance 30,870.

HAWTHORN 3.0 7.2 14.5 17.12 114
SYDNEY SWANS 3.1 7.8 10.10 13.15 93
GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 3, Curran 3, Dickson 2, Loveridge 2, Brereton 2, Abbott 2, Hall, Wittman, Morris. SYDNEY SWANS: Mitchell 4, Davis 3, Coleman 2, Cordner 2, Bayes, Silvestro.
BEST: HAWTHORN: Platten, Hall, DiPierdomenico, Dickson, Curran, Loveridge. SWANS: Mitchell, Carroll, Murphy, Healy, Davis, Cordner.
 Played at Princes Park. Umpires Michael Sneddon, Mike Ball. Attendance 9921.

COLLINGWOOD 10.3 16.5 21.8 23.12 150
RICHMOND 4.1 7.4 9.7 12.8 80
GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Taylor 7, Starcevic 5, Wright 3, Tudendam 2, Daicos 2, Ryan 2, Hawke, Barwick. RICHMOND: Hogg 3, Lambert 2, Powell 2, Weightman 2, Lee, Egan, Nicholls.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Barwick, Starcevic, Taylor, Morwood, Brown, Daicos. RICHMOND: Egan, Mitchell, Weightman, Nicholls, Burton, Hogg.
 Played at VFL Park. Umpires Dennis Rich, Brian Bulluss. Attendance 34,444.

ST KILDA 7.0 10.2 13.4 17.6 108
NORTH MELBOURNE 1.6 5.9 10.12 11.16 82
GOALS: ST KILDA: Owen 7, Winmar 3, Peter-Budge, Loewe 2, Gotch, Kourkoumelis, Burke 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: Love 3, Spargo, J. Krakouer 2, P. Krakouer, Larkin, Arceri, McDonald 1.
BEST: ST KILDA: Winmar, Gotch, Owen, Daniels, Turner, Grant. NORTH MELBOURNE: Arceri, J. Krakouer, German, Spargo, Steele, Love.
 Played at Moorabbin, St Kilda. Umpires Gary Forster, Brian Carland. Attendance 16,573.

SUNDAY APRIL 17

WEST COAST EAGLES 10.5 13.12 21.16 29.18 192
BRISBANE BEARS 2.1 3.6 6.10 10.14 74
GOALS: WEST COAST EAGLES: Glendinning 6, Hart 4, Gastev 3, Laidley 3, Lamb 3, Lockyer, Mainwaring 2, Langdon 2, O'Connell 1, Wrensted, Scott, Worsfold 1. BRISBANE: Capper 6, Withers 1, Judge 1, Hardie, Walsh 1.
BEST: EAGLES: Zanotti, Mainwaring, Glendinning, Laidley, Worsfold, Gastev. BEARS: McIvor, Capper, Withers, Raines, Walsh, Phillips.
 Played at WACA Ground. Umpires Grant Vernon, Shane Harris. Attendance 16,288.

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WEST ADELAIDE 4.5 5.13 8.16 11.20 86
WEST TORRENS 1.5 2.7 5.11 8.17 65
GOALS: WEST ADELAIDE: Goss, T. Fielke 3, Nicholls 2, Bennett, Sporn, Bruggerman 1. WEST TORRENS: C. Lindsay 5, Hodson, Taylor, Hanna 1.
BEST: WEST ADELAIDE: Kreuter, McKinnon, Harbinson, Lamb, Sporn. WEST TORRENS: C. Lindsay, Taylor, Weston, Hanna, Payze, B. Lindsay.

NORWOOD 3.2 8.6 14.9 23.11 149
STURT 1.5 3.7 6.10 9.12 66
GOALS: NORWOOD: Rowe, Maynard 4, McNeil 3, Aish, Paynebn Hall, Baime 2, Macintosh, D'Antiochia, Francis, Thorpe 1. STURT: Willmott 3, Russell, McWilliam, K. Russell, Lienert, Kitzschke, Moscheni 1.
BEST: NORWOOD: Kelly, Anderson, Rowe, D'Antiochia, Hall. STURT: K. Russell, S. Russell, Ey, Reynolds, Lienert, Richter.

GLENELG 6.1 12.4 15.8 22.10 142
PORT ADELAIDE 5.0 11.5 13.7 15.13 103
GOALS: GLENELG: McDermott, Budarick 3, Simons, Carey, Winton, Hodgeman, Gibbs, Maynard 2, Stringer, Schneebichler, Sallsbury, Chigwidden 1. PORT ADELAIDE: Kerr 4, R. Smith 3, D. Smith 2, Hodges, Brown, Obst, Borlase, Harrison, Kennedy 1.
BEST: GLENELG: A. Stringer, Simons, McDermott, Carey, Budarick. PORT ADELAIDE: Kerr, Leslie, Benson, Harvey, R. Smith, Abernethy.

CENTRAL DISTRICT 4.4 8.7 12.10 14.13 97
WOODVILLE 3.2 7.5 9.6 12.11 83
GOALS: CENTRAL DISTRICT: Thomas, Lally 3, Chapman, Handley, Bubner 2, Krieg, Kickett 1. WOODVILLE: Klug 4, Haylock 3, Nichols, Harris, Martin, Templeton, Arbon 1.
BEST: CENTRAL DISTRICT: Chapman, Lee, Prior, Smith. WOODVILLE: Klug, Lunn, Harris, Grant.

NORTH ADELAIDE 6.8 11.13 12.20 18.19 127
SOUTH ADELAIDE 2.1 3.4 5.8 7.12 54
GOALS: NORTH ADELAIDE: Roberts 4, D. Jarman 3, Hart, Mazzini, Craig 2, Sims, Riley, Bennett, Redden, Clisby 1. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Jackson 5, Patterson 2.
BEST: NORTH ADELAIDE: Redden, Sims, A. Jarman, Craig, Clisbee. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Kappler, Jackson, Bennett, Butler, Dewhurst.

WAFL RESERVES

SUBIACO 1.4 5.8 8.10 10.13 73
SWAN DISTRICTS 3.2 4.5 5.13 8.15 63
GOALS: SUBIACO: Sloan 3, Slade 2, Hooper, D. Piggott, Kemp, Williams, Hutcheson 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Trevelan 3, Papalia, Penny, O'Donohue, Quinlan, Maguire 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Williams, Field, Ratray, D. Piggott, Jones, Sloan. SWAN DISTRICTS: Penny, Trevelan, Maguire, Papalia, O'Donohue, Simpson.

EAST FREMANTLE 3.4 5.6 6.9 12.12 84
SOUTH FREMANTLE 1.2 4.3 6.5 9.9 63
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Little, Jones, Hansen, Grace 2, Reid, Lamb, Cole, Rankin 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Irving, Jackson 2, Walters, Baxter, Gibb, Fitzpatrick, Grant 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Cole, Grace, Baxter, Glewis, Quill, Jenkins. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Grijusich, Bibb, Morgan, Fitzpatrick, Maskos, Rognetta.

WEST PERTH 2.1 3.4 5.10 7.11 53
PERTH 1.4 2.7 3.11 6.13 49
GOALS: WEST PERTH: R. Holden, Quail 2, Hunter, O'Neill, Perry. PERTH: Bogaards, D. Farmer 2, Handley, Young.
BEST: WEST PERTH: Soutar, Biffin, Daymar, Perry, Hampson, Burns. PERTH: Gray, Yukich, D. Farmer, Tomizzi, Clarkson, Handley.

CLAREMONT 5.3 11.5 15.10 17.12 114
EAST PERTH 2.2 4.3 7.10 16.7 103
GOALS: CLAREMONT: Milne 5, Yarran, Krakouer 3, Kickett 2, Beveridge, Buckley, Court, Tolcon. EAST PERTH: Edmondson 4, Glendinning, Miller, Munday, Higgins 2.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Beveridge, Krakouer, Pollock, Jones. EAST PERTH: Cropley, Higgins, Maroni.

HOW THEY STAND

SGIO WAFL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAST FREMANTLE	3	3	-	305	263	115.96	12
CLAREMONT	3	2	1	357	219	163.01	8
SUBIACO	3	2	1	348	277	125.63	8
PERTH	3	2	1	289	247	117.00	8
South Fremantle	3	1	2	316	258	122.48	4
West Perth	3	1	2	318	297	107.07	4
Swan Districts	3	1	2	267	430	62.09	4
East Perth	3	-	3	188	397	46.35	-

WAFL PRIME RESERVES TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	3	3	-	330	226	146.01	12
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3	2	1	264	222	118.91	8
WEST PERTH	3	2	1	219	211	103.79	8
PERTH	3	2	1	257	195	131.79	4
Swan Districts	3	1	2	221	233	94.84	4
East Perth	3	1	2	245	266	92.10	4
East Fremantle	3	1	2	223	315	70.79	4
Subiaco	3	1	2	185	276	67.02	4

WAFL UNDER-19s TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	3	3	-	217	142	152.82	12
EAST FREMANTLE	3	3	-	226	175	129.14	12
WEST PERTH	3	2	1	280	165	169.69	8
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3	2	1	257	185	139.91	8
Subiaco	3	2	1	223	157	142.03	8
Perth	3	-	3	177	261	67.81	-
East Perth	3	-	3	143	225	63.55	-
Swan Districts	3	-	3	155	368	42.11	-

VFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
EAGLES	3	-	-	471	233	202.2	12
CARLTON	3	-	-	406	251	161.8	12
COLLINGWOOD	3	-	-	335	225	148.9	12
MELBOURNE	3	-	-	312	238	131.1	12
HAWTHORN	2	1	-	396	305	129.8	8
Footscray	2	1	-	276	219	126.0	8
St Kilda	1	2	-	281	288	97.6	4
Geelong	1	2	-	289	303	95.4	4
Sydney	1	2	-	235	271	86.7	4
Fitzroy	1	2	-	267	328	81.4	4
Essendon	1	2	-	319	408	78.2	4
North Melbourne	-	3	-	291	414	70.3	-
Richmond	-	3	-	274	475	57.7	-
Brisbane	-	2	-	210	404	51.98	-

SANFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
WEST ADELAIDE	2	-	-	189	167	53.11	4
CENTRAL DISTRICT	2	-	-	192	176	52.17	4
GLENELG	2	-	-	258	239	51.91	4
WEST TORRENS	1	1	-	192	149	56.30	2
NORTH ADELAIDE	1	1	-	220	149	59.62	2
Norwood	1	1	-	217	182	54.39	2
Port Adelaide	1	1	-	239	236	50.36	-
Woodville	-	2	-	185	200	48.11	-
Sturt	-	2	-	160	285	35.96	-
South Adelaide	-	2	-	117	254	31.54	-

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TAKE A BOW, VFL!

IT'S time to hand out a couple of pats on the back to the Victorian Football League.

First, the job done by its panel of review has been outstanding.

The panel, chaired by Alan Schwab, consisted of Ron Barassi, Bob Skilton, Bill Dellar, Robert Flower, Jack Hamilton and Ron Casey, and were commissioned by the VFL to recommend changes to the rules.

The changes they proposed were given a trial in the Panasonic Cup competition and, with the exception of the 10-metre rule, have carried through into the season proper.

I guess the yardstick you have to apply when assessing the worth of any rule change is: does it improve the game and does it alter the game?

Here the answers are yes and no.

The fact that subtle improvements have been made to the game without jumping up and hitting you in the face

is testimony to the wealth of experience contained on the panel.

Certainly, the 50-metre penalty rule is the most radical change but the beauty of this is that the very presence of the rule has rendered the infringements that led to its need almost non-existent.

Suddenly we're watching games without all that frustrating hanging on and niggling that had become so fashionable in recent seasons.

The decision to make players kick after receiving a free kick is also working. In a way it's almost as radical as the 50-metre penalty but because the option always existed for the player anyway, spectators hardly notice this law change.

I have one reservation about the 'must kick' change and that is, if a player is infringed and still manages to hold a mark, the mark should take precedence.

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator
DENNIS COMETTI



Several times this year I've seen players mark the ball despite interference and then become uncertain whether the whistle went for the mark or a free kick.

It's only a split-second uncertainty but imagine a full-forward and full-back jostling about 20 metres out on an angle. The full-back interferes, the full-forward marks despite the interference, the whistle goes and then the forward whips out a handpass to a smaller player running into an open goal.

That's a common occurrence ... but one in which a bounce is unlikely to be seen as a reasonable outcome.

The other change, which makes the full-back have to kick the ball over a prescribed distance, has removed another irritation from the game.

While we're handing out pats on the back, Eagles coach John Todd

and his men deserve special praise for the way they've adapted to the changes.

I can recall only one blemish. That was in round one against Geelong and the way the Eagles have been running the ball this season they could have been forgiven for a lot more.

While it's always easy to flog the VFL at a distance of 3000 kilometres, I think it's fair to say that numerous local people owe them an apology.

Remember this time last year it was tantamount to treason to suggest that the Eagles squad of 35 were enough.

Just about everybody claimed the Vics had done us again. Isn't it quiet this year?

Quite clearly the appalling duplication in selection of players was a critical problem last year.

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Farmer has a point to prove

FEW footballers in Australia face the challenge to make it back to senior ranks than Dean Farmer does right now.

The talented son of a champion father, Farmer is a lanky 193cm (6ft 4in) ruckman who has never been able to convince the football public in general that he has what it takes to succeed.

No-one ever expects him to be as good as father Graham; that's an impossibility. Polly was the best of all time.

Another brother in Brett has found the Farmer handle a heavy one to carry and has finally dropped out to Geelong amateurs after trying to overcome hurdles of all kinds, firstly at Claremont and then at Perth.

Dean, still only 23, has also tried his hand at Claremont, playing 23 games in three seasons and then notching another 18 after switching to Perth in 1985.

The Farmers went through one of football's most emotional and traumatic tribunal cases in 1986 when they both found themselves in hot water over incidents involving umpires. The controversy flowed over to the tribunal room and long suspensions resulted — 10 years for Brett and till the end of 1987 for Dean.

The stormy incident saw the volatile Malcolm Brown involved and the image and reputation of father Graham to the forefront. The football public were shocked; many sided with Farmer, who felt that his two sons had been done an injustice.

The tribunal wouldn't relent, but finally the WAFL took the advantage of WA's historic entry into the VFL to



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declare an amnesty — and their penalties were greatly reduced.

Dean was back in local action with the Demons, but after the shattering experience — and some injuries — he didn't return to the senior side in 1987.

But he hopes that 1988 will be different.

A hard pre-season highlighted by his dedication to serve under a new master in rookie coach Robert Wiley saw Farmer ready for senior action in the pre-season Kresta Cup competition.

But, in the midst of all that hard training, he still had a suspension to serve out as a result of an indiscretion in the reserves late last season.

"I haven't given up hope of re-establishing myself as a league footballer," says Farmer.

"I've never thought of giving the game away, I'm determined to make it back again."

Farmer missed 10 weeks last year with an ankle injury and, coupled with the obvious frustrations and demoralising setbacks associated with his tribunal case, the drive to survive was missing.

Farmer has been given every encouragement by Wiley to keep striving for success and selection. After all, fairly mobile players 6ft 4in tall don't come by every day.

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