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## HOODOO BREAKERS

### Eagles are ready to end MCG bogey

by

HARVEY DEEGAN

**THE West Coast Eagles are on a history-breaking mission this weekend — they're not only taking on North Melbourne, but the MCG hoodoo as well.**

It was 18 years ago when a West Australian team last looked like becoming the first side from this State to win at the Mecca of football.

The 1970 State side led Victoria in the mud for most of the game; but, incredibly, they lost.

Ironically, with two minutes to play, former West Australian Wayne Richardson came off the bench to goal and give the Vics a six-point victory.

No other side from the West has come close to victory since then on the MCG — unless you count a practice match pre-season this year when the Eagles beat Melbourne.

There were 46,000 people at that 1970 State game. Only a fraction of that number will be there on Friday night.

If comparisons can be drawn between matches 18 years apart, the key to ending the hoodoo again relies on the team's No. 1 ruckman. In the Eagles case it is Alex Ishchenko, while 18 years ago it was the man who is now helping him become a champion — all-time great Graham Farmer.

Former All-Australian Greg Brehaut was on the wing when WA went so close in 1970.

#### BREHAUT'S VIEW

"Without doubt, the performance of Farmer that day was the reason why we nearly won," said Brehaut.

"He set himself to play the game of his life and that's exactly what he did."

Farmer was matched against Carlton champion John Nicholls and came out a clear winner.

"Ishchenko must turn in a similar performance against John Mossop this week for the Eagles to win," said Brehaut. "The MCG is such a big ground, control of the ruck is absolutely essential."

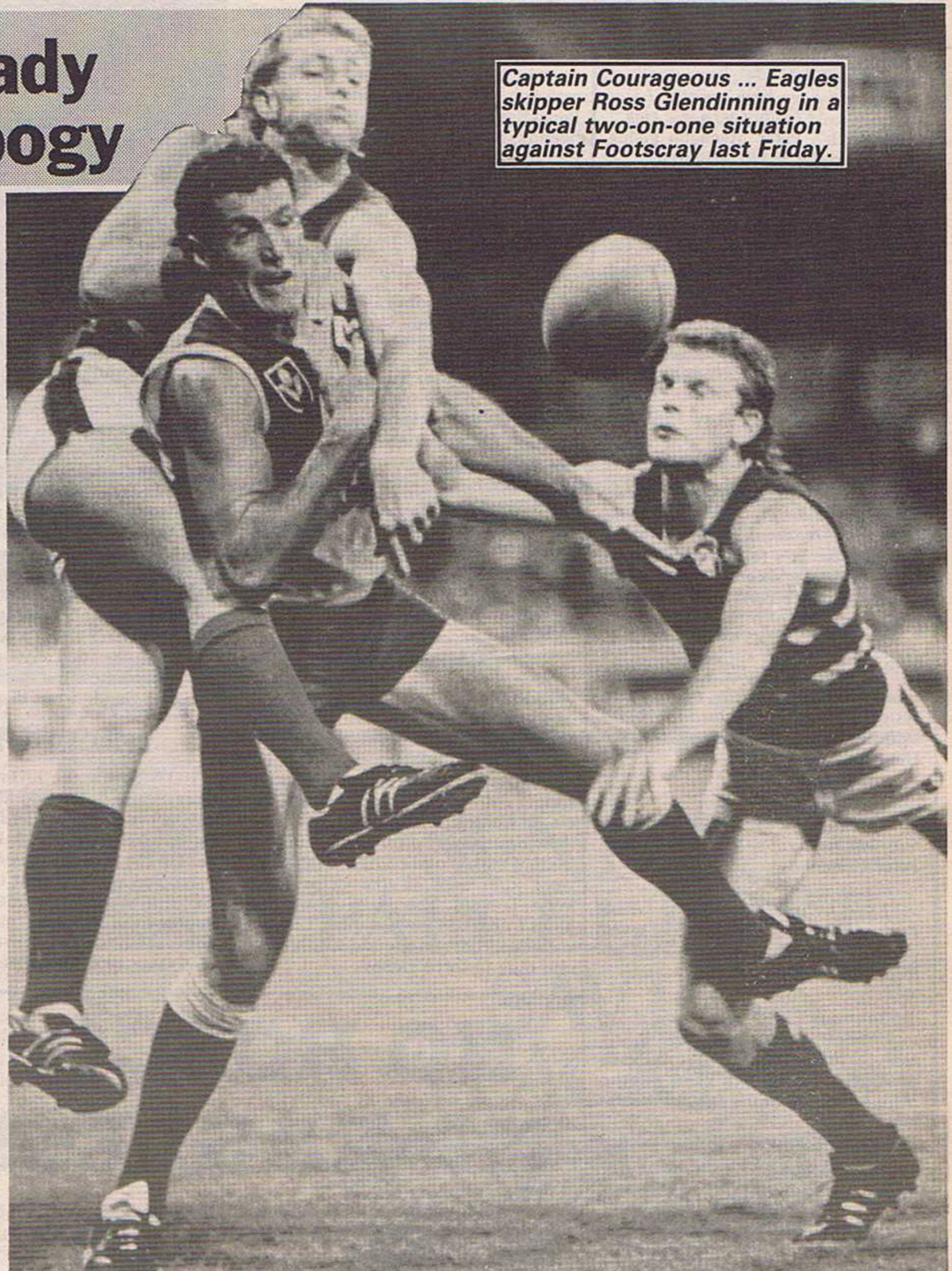
The Eagles can't use history, or hoodoo as defence witnesses should they lose on Friday.

Times have changed.

In bygone years, WA sides only saw the MCG once every two years or so. They had little chance to do much 'homework' on their adversaries, as they hardly ever saw them until they ran onto the ground.

Rule changes over the years tend to favour the WA style of running play, so the "blood and guts" aura of the Victorians has been buried.

Friday night gives the Eagles the chance to snap back to the ruthless form they displayed against Essendon in round two.



*Captain Courageous ... Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning in a typical two-on-one situation against Footscray last Friday.*

Picture JULIAN COWAN

The Eagles owe North Melbourne one. Complacency cost them the game against the Kangaroos at the WACA under lights last season and, perhaps, a spot in the five in their debut season.

Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning sees his old club as a real danger. But he believes the Eagles are better equipped than they were last year.

"Our teamwork is better this year," said Glendinning.

"We're helping our team-mates a lot more now than we used to."

But Glendinning has a word of warning.

"They're a small, fast side and we musn't let them jump us," he said.

"At the WACA last year, we got so far behind that even kicking nine goals in the last quarter wasn't enough."

A win will give the Eagles a 5-1 win-loss ratio and assuming they beat St Kilda at the WACA a week later, they will have a nice cushion heading into a bracket of five extremely tough matches — Hawthorn and Carlton at Subiaco, two more games at the MCG against Richmond and Melbourne and then the Sydney Swans at the SCG.

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## What they said...

"We are not prepared to sit around and have a repeat of last week when we were forced to make alternative arrangements with a day's notice." WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey on the League's advertisement seeking new umpires as the strike continued.

"It was clear this weekend that league matches cannot operate efficiently without us." Umpires Association president Ron Buckley.

"What we have to take into consideration is what benefits it will have on the game Australia-wide and on the development of WA football." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on the proposed draft which opens up all of WA to VFL clubs.

"It could have been serious. I was very surprised I didn't get a free kick." West Perth's Peter Menaglio giving evidence to the WAFL tribunal.

"I just thrust out my foot. It was just the natural way my foot came across." Perth's Clint Hunter, suspended for four weeks for kicking West Perth's Peter Menaglio.

"There remains an obligation on the WAFL and the umpires to get things back to normal as quickly as possible. The ball is now in the umpires' court." Geoff Christian, writing in The West Australian.

"It won't be easy because Toddy knows my game pretty well and what tactics are required to best counter me." Footscray's full-forward Simon Beasley, chasing six goals for 500 and a Footscray club record against the Eagles.

"We have taken this action on the understanding that the two-umpire system will be implemented for round eight." An official statement from the Umpires Association.

"The WAFL has given no formal undertaking that the one-umpire system will be scrapped." WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey.

"I was feeling a bit nervous." East Fremantle's Dean Cole, kicking seven points straight in his league debut before depositing a goal.

"Saturday's incident made those unfortunate enough to witness it feel sick in the stomach." West Perth president Brian Atkinson on the behind-the-play injury to Peter Menaglio.

"I've talked it over with our player and we're not necessarily happy either. There are two sides to every story." South Fremantle president Wayne Ryder.

# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

## WORK'S A PLEASURE

FORMER Perth football star and media personality Allan (Chubby) Stiles certainly mixes business with pleasure. After leaving the family firm of City Theatres in Perth to work in the industry in Sydney, Stiles now manages to mix business trips with Eagles matches. He initially joined a Kevin Parry firm in Sydney, but that has now been taken over by a Melbourne firm, Filmpac, which means frequent trips down the coast — always tying in with Eagles games in Melbourne — and also found himself in Perth last weekend for a business deal that just happened to coincide with the Eagles-Footscray match at the WACA. Chubby was looking as resplendent as even with his bow-tie and suit outfit coming straight out of one of his favourite old movies.

## MIGHTY HAWKS

THE powerful Hawthorn forward line unleashed its full fury on hapless North Melbourne last Saturday. The Hawks produced a blistering 11.7 in the third term, with nine coming in a 12-minute burst. Midway through the third term, Norths trailed the Hawks by 34 points, but were still in touch and playing reasonably well. When the siren went 15 minutes later, the margin was 81 points.

## CHAPLIN STARS

ROVER Gavin Chaplin, the centre of a dispute between East Perth and West Perth this season, is proving to be star material in South Australia. He walked in off the street to join another former Falcon (and Tiger) Derek Kickett at Central District and is among their best players each week. Centrals went to the top of the SANFL table this week after their 33-goal victory over West Torrens, helped by seven-goal hauls to Kickett and Chaplin. Chaplin was voted best-on-ground for the second time in three games.



Adrian Barich ... back in form.

## FIRED UP

EAGLES utility player Adrian Barich was pretty fired up for Friday's clash with Footscray. After missing out on the opening four games, Barich earned his recall with some solid games for Perth — and he didn't let coach John Todd down. "I had not performed too well early in the pre-season with the Eagles and I was determined not to let them down this time," said Barich. "I ran pretty hard early and I was certainly struggling at the end with cramp in both legs. But I'm more than pleased."

## FAIRLY HAPPY

WAFL Commissioner Malcolm Brown has no regrets about the recent umpires strike. As one of the League's leading proponents for the one-umpire experiment in the under-19s, Brown was strong in his conviction that it was worth trying. He feels that the umpires strike produced several bonuses — such as increased interest in umpiring. "We had 68 people volunteer to help out during the strike and 76 respond to our advertisement calling for umpires," he said. "I don't think the umpires should have gone out on strike in the first place, but in the end it wasn't all that bad a result."

## BOUNCY TOPIC

STILL with the umpires strike, there was considerable conjecture around the traps that the action taken by the stand-in umpires to throw the ball up instead of bouncing it produced a much more even tussle. It eliminated the poor and often unfair bounces, several critics claimed. But ABC critic Keith Slater, one of the game's all-time great ruckmen, disagreed. He believes that the art of jumping for the bounced ball is a football skill that shouldn't be removed. "Timing your run to be able to reach the ball at the right height and ahead of your opponent is a part of the game that we shouldn't lose," he said.

## GANDINI STAYS

THERE'S no suggestion in the Swan Districts camp that centreman Len Gandini is quitting Bassendean Oval. The tough Gandini is out for four weeks with a broken collarbone, which fuelled speculation that he had incurred the club's wrath over statements relating to the umpires strike. As the new president of the Players' Association, Gandini — the forthright son of a unionist — came out in support of the umpires. Swans, who have never taken too kindly to the Players' Association anyway, were obviously not pleased, but there's no suggestion that Gandini was disciplined.

## DEDICATED FANS

HOW'S this for loving a game of footy? Subiaco fan Lou Skillen and his wife drove to Geraldton for the Anzac Day weekend clash with East Fremantle. On the Monday they drove back to Perth and went straight to the WACA Ground to see both matches in the double-header. Three games and six hours of football in just over 28 hours — plus some 1000 kilometres of driving.

# NO ROSCO, NO EAGLES!

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant PETER BOSUSTOW



ROSS Glendinning is the key to any success the West Coast Eagles hope to achieve in 1988.

No Glendinning, no Eagles.

That's the message from the early successes of the Eagles and the bare truth was never more evident than in the West Coast's seven-point win over Footscray last Friday night.

If Glendinning is ever unavailable as the season develops, the Eagles will not beat whoever they take on.

Glendinning is the star attraction on the Eagles forward line and, at 32, he is playing as well as at any stage of his career.

He is the only forward in the Eagles team up to VFL standard.

The move of Geoff Miles to the half-forward line against Footscray was through necessity more so than any master move by coach John Todd.

And Miles is far from being a forward of any quality.

Miles came good against the Scraggers after a dreadful start to the match when Simon Beasley booted four quick goals on the high-leaping defender from the West.

Miles is no more a forward than Michael O'Connell, Dean Laidley or Andrew Lockyer, who all seem to have

been given forward-line duties at various stages in the opening five rounds for the Eagles.

O'Connell has a real question mark on his ability to survive at VFL level.

He hasn't performed since the opening match of the season when he booted five against Geelong.

He is far too indecisive when he's got hold of the footy and is too easily bundled out of bustling contests.

Toddy seems to have adopted an intention of having all his players display versatility.

## DEVELOPMENT

The policy is depriving Laidley of development in his true capacity as a follower or close-checking defender. He's no forward.

The Eagles are not up to scratch in the talented forward stakes against the good Melbourne-based sides they hope to meet in September.

Top VFL sides have three and, in some cases, four-prong forward lines with any one of them a potential match-winner.

The Eagles have Glendinning playing a lone hand in the individual match-winner stakes.

That might change when Chris Lewis

becomes available, but he has still to prove his real potential in VFL company.

Look at Hawthorn with Jason Dunstall, Gary Buckenara and Dermott Brereton all complementing one another. At Carlton Stephen Kernahan, Wayne Johnston, Richard Dennis and Ken Hunter can all turn a game from their own boot.

Geelong have the sensational Gary Ablett and Bruce Lindner as their exciting forwards.

I just hope for the Eagles' sake and their devoted fans, that Ross Glendinning can play out the entire season.

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WHILE talking VFL football, when will the VFL and Channel Seven wake up to what the fans really want?

The Carlton-Collingwood game from VFL Park had to be shown on television if this is a truly national competition we are in.

Even if the game had to be shown nationally as a delayed telecast on Sunday, it would have been better than nothing.

And it would have been better viewing that watching the inept Sydney Swans play Melbourne.

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# Lions—consistency plus

FIVE down and 16 to go — and any one of six sides can still make the final four in WAFL football.

There seems little chance, on the evidence available, that Swan Districts or East Perth will have any commitments in September. But none of the others can be written off.

It does seem a good bet though, that Subiaco will not only be in the top four, but will probably saddle up for their fourth straight grand final.

They are the most settled combination at present and by the time the others have got their act together, the horse will have bolted.

The situation Subiaco find themselves in is due purely and simply to consistency, on and off the field.

Whether consciously or not, the Lions are reaping the benefit of a five-year-plan.

The league, reserves and under 19's coaches have all been in place for five years. Haydn Bunton, Wayne Loxley and Eddie Pitter have established a rapport many other clubs envy.

## COMPETENT

In addition, Neil Randall and George Young have been back with the club a similar time and they, together with Bunton and Loxley, form an exceptionally competent selection panel.

Much has been written about the stability of Subiaco for which former president Michael Carlile is directly responsible. A major part of his success was his ability to pick the right people for the right jobs.

General Manager Mike Flanagan

## And they look forward to another grand final



by  
**Harvey Deegan**



Trevor Nisbett ... strong on football.

and Football Manager Trevor Nisbett epitomise this. Flanagan handles fundraising and sponsorship, Nisbett football administrative duties, including recruiting.

To have good players a club needs money and the club must have the players to attract money. Flanagan has the ability to tie up sponsorship deals and to initiate fundraising activities. His attention to details is never more evident than on trophy presentation night, when members never fail to enjoy a professional presentation.

Despite player losses suffered over the past few years, Nisbett and Co have managed to keep a balanced combination on the field every week. Typically, Nisbett is not satisfied.

"We need another big man in defence," he says. "Graham Jones has yet to return to the side and there's a chance Greg Wilkinson may not play again this season."

However, Nisbett was quick to praise the efforts of Bill Monaghan, who is developing into a very reliable defender.

So while the future is rosy for Subiaco, there are concerns at Perth, which succumbed to the Lions last Saturday.

The Demons will welcome back coach Rob Wiley for his first game. He is sadly missed mid-field, where Perth have shown themselves to be badly disorganised on occasions.

Most critics are blaming the Perth defence for allowing John Georgiades, Brad McDougall and Todd Breman to boot 18 out of Subi's 23 goals last week, but Wiley doesn't believe that's the problem.

"Our midfielders are the ones that



Mike Flanagan ... strong on sponsorship.

have to start exerting more pressure," he says.

"The ball was coming too easily into Subiaco's forward line because of undisciplined play in the middle. It's very hard to pressure forwards under those circumstances."

Wiley was most disappointed with his team's performance. "I guess it's time we got back to basics. We're just not as good as we thought we were," he said.

Perth were hailed as the glamour team only a week or so ago, now they're struggling. But they should pack too many guns for East Perth this Saturday.

Subiaco face one of their biggest challenges of the season this Saturday when they travel to Leederville to take on West Perth. The Falcons are never easy at home, but the Lions have the class to break away at the vital stage to open up a winning margin.

The low-profile Bunton is in charge of a well-oiled machine and it's very unlikely to run off the rails.

## Tribunal time

### Sitting on the other side of the table

IT'S time for some changes at the WAFL tribunal.

While not being critical of the current system, I believe that there are a couple of areas where a change would be for the better.

My first taste of the tribunal from the other side of the fence left me with mixed feelings.

The unique experience of taking the whistle for a league game recently was followed by an appearance at the tribunal — giving evidence against a player!

After reluctantly reporting young South Fremantle player Peter Worsfold — his actions had left me no choice — I was pleased at the tribunal outcome on two counts.

Firstly, I thought that tribunal chairman Bernie O'Sullivan handled the situation extremely well. And secondly, I was pleased to see Worsfold get a suspended sentence because he is a talented young player with a good record and the warning should keep him on the right track.

But I wonder if the tribunal needs to have all the goings-on from the various advocates.

For my part, I simply gave my version of the story and didn't become involved in cross-examination, summing up or asking any questions of anybody.

And that's how it should be.

We don't need umpires advocates or players' representatives who probe their opposite witnesses with Perry Mason-like professionalism.

The tribunal chiefs are experienced and sensible enough to listen to the two versions and make a decision from their evidence.

Football administrations, via the club advocate at the tribunal, tend to undermine the umpires' evidence and find a flaw in their case in a bid to get the player off.

Some clubs see it as their role to de-

### ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

with Ron Alexander



fend the player at all costs; they feel an obligation to the team and the club to get him off regardless of whether he did the dastardly deed or not.

Rugby seems to have a better approach to this situation.

Players who are reported or sent off by their referees automatically get time. The rugby system backs up its umpires; it's part of the sport's tradition.

I certainly felt a little bit of a traitor giving evidence against a player. In fact, I was half hoping he would get off!

I was a bit nervous going into the tribunal because I thought by former team manager at East Fremantle and the Eagles, Jim Hurst, might be sitting opposite.

He's at South Fremantle now and tribunal advocate is a role he often handled for the Sharks.

But it wasn't Jim — it was Ric Gloede instead. And he's the man who sold me my house when I returned from Fitzroy.

So it was all nice and friendly.

### DOUBLE DUTCH!

*THE new rules have caused some confusion, that's for sure.*

*What about the out-of-bounds on the full law?*

*The rule book says that this is an offence, providing the opposition with a free kick, with the football being returned to the play by "hand or foot."*

*Yet, the new rules say it is an offence to handball after a free kick.*

*The umpires are penalising the handball in this situation, but the original rule still exists.*

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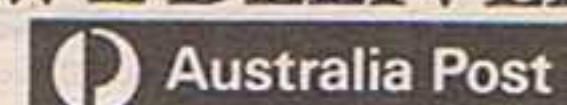
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# SCIO PLAYER PROFILES



**GEOFF  
MILES**



**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Backline  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 10/1/62 Melbourne, Victoria  
**HEIGHT:** 182cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** Collingwood, Claremont  
**FIRST PLAYED:** 1982 Collingwood  
**GAMES PLAYED:** Eagles 25, Collingwood 31, Claremont 42, WA 2  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** State football with WA, 1986  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Married to Kerrie  
**BROTHERS/SISTERS:** 2 brothers, 1 sister  
**OCCUPATION:** Sales Manager, CIG  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Olmypic Village Primary School (Vic.), Latrobe High School  
**CAR:** Ford utility  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Gambling, water-skiing, basetball  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Pasta  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Southern Comfort

**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Talking Heads  
**FAVOURITE AUTHOR:** Who?  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:** Surfers Paradise  
**FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT:** Rumours  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Dallas  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Crocodile Dundee  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Harrison Ford  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Nobody  
**MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN:** Greg Norman  
**ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH:** Relax  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Don't have one  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning State game 1986 against Victoria  
**NICKNAME:** Joffa  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** MCG  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play in a premiership team

**Gavin  
Wake**



**Full Name:** Gavin Wake.  
**Nickname:** Dollar. **Why:** Murray Wrensted said I always got my dollars worth.  
**Date of Birth:** 2/7/64. **Place of Birth:** Perth.  
**Height:** 183cm (6ft). **Weight:** 80kg (12st 7lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** Juniors — 9, League — 18.  
**Previous Club/s:** East Fremantle.  
**Junior Club:** Willetton.  
**Marital Status:** Married.  
**Residence:** Willetton.  
**Occupation:** Upholsterer. **Place of Work:** Jandakot.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Basketball, indoor cricket.  
**Favourite Position:** Ruck-rover. **First Position:** Half-back-flank.  
**League Debut:** 1983. **Versus:** Swan Districts.  
**FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Mogila Gorilla. **Drink:** Fanta.  
**TV Show:** Disneyland. **Food:** Mum's home-made stew.  
**Movie:** Rocky.  
**Music:** U2.  
**Book:** Playboy.  
**Holiday Resort:** Margaret River.  
**Ground:** Leederville.  
**Car:** Mitsubishi. **Favourite Car:** BMW.  
**Career Highlights:** East Fremantle 1985 premiership.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Getting injured in an Escort Cup match in 1983.  
**Football Idols:** Kevin Bartlett.  
**Toughest Opponent:** All easy.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Brian Peake.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** None.  
**Most Memorable Game:** 1985 grand final victory.  
**Ambitions:** To play 150 games.  
**What do you like about Football:** Playing well as a team and winning.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Relax and think about the game.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** My father, Ray.  
**Guemsey Number:** 27. **Any Reason:** No.  
**Worst Injury:** Groin.  
**Luckest Break:** 2nd semi and grand final 1984.



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Angelo Del Borrello (East Perth) 49  
David Court (Claremont) 48  
Ray Sterrett (East Frem) 47  
Cam Shepherd (Claremont) 47

## 100 GAMES

Glyn Williams (East Perth) 99  
Michael O'Connell (Eagles) 99\*  
Geoff Miles (Eagles) 98\*

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Geoff Miles 25 Eagles, 31 Collingwood, 42 Claremont. Michael O'Connell 14 Eagles, 85 Claremont.

## 150 GAMES

Laurie Keene (Eagles) 143  
Brian Taylor (Subiaco) 140

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Laurie Keene 125 Subiaco, 18 Eagles.

## 200 GAMES

Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 199  
Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196

## 250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 243\*  
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 231

\* Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Maurice Rioli 118 Richmond, 125 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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LUNCH  
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## FAMILY FURORE

HEARD about a family who follow East Perth (yes, they still have loyal supporters) who couldn't believe it when they got to the members gate at the WACA Ground last Saturday and couldn't buy a family pass to get in. The girl on the gate said she'd never heard of the family pass and didn't have anything like that to sell to the two adults and two nippers. The family had to dispatch one youngster around the other side of the ground to buy a family pass at the 'outer' entrance and then track back to where they were waiting at the members gate. Twenty minutes (and a couple of Royals goals later) they took their seats.

## KIDS STUFF

THERE'S one thing that gets under my skin when it comes to football — and that's a player holding his hand up in the air appealing for a free kick as he clutches the guernsey of an opponent cowering on the ground. It's kids stuff, but when you see senior players do it, you realise why our kids follow the example. Putting your hand up means you want to leave the room in school jargon, so maybe some of our league boys should do just that! Eagles rookie Troy Ugle is a particular case in point and he tried several times to con a free kick out of the umpires last Friday night. As ABC commentator Ken Armstrong said: "It's rather unsightly."

## HARSH WORDS

GEE, didn't radio 6PR columnist Rod Brown get stuck into me last week? He really gave this columnist a serve, suggesting that this is 'gutter press' stuff and we're a bit underhanded. Hope I didn't write something that upset him! But it's strange you know; whenever we write something that upsets someone, they rubbish us — but they still read it!

## HUMBLE VICTOR

EAGLES coach John Todd was certainly humble in victory after the thrilling victory over Footscray last Friday. There were times when Toddy probably felt that his boys didn't deserve victory and he was undoubtedly grateful for the four premiership points. He wasn't saying much at the after-match press conference, especially when a media man asked why he had started big ruckman Alex Ishchenko on the interchange bench. Was it to stir the big fellow up? "Ask him," was Todd's blunt reply.

## SOUR LOSER?

BY contrast, defeated Footscray coach Michael Malthouse looked a pretty sour loser after the match — and probably with good reason after his Bulldogs had been in a winning position. He wasn't very expansive in answering questions, particularly when one local asked why had he adopted negative tactics. After all, we saw how he packed the backline when the going got tough, but he angrily refuted the suggestion. "All of our defenders are taggers," he snarled. "Every defender has an opponent and have a job to do."

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Now, this is how we did it ... could that be the theme from former Indian Pacific Ltd chairman Richard Colless to Eagles chief Bill Kerr as they share an Emu or two after the team's great win over Footscray.

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## HEAVENLY PRAISE

LEIGH Matthews has become "God" in Collingwood territory as the Pies take control at the top of the VFL table. The incredible crowd of 76,354 people who packed VFL Park to see Collingwood do battle with reigning premiers Carlton produced a crowd bigger than any of the three finals played there last season. And just try to get into the Collingwood rooms after the match! After all, as Australian newspaper columnist Jim Main says, a Collingwood victory over Carlton is as rare as a politician keeping his promise. Security people were flat out checking the credentials of hundreds of fans to wanted to crush into the room and slap their heroes on the back — and laud the praise Matthews, the man they hated just a couple of seasons back when he was playing with Hawthorn.

## MEDIA MOGUL

TALKING about radio, fellow Westside columnist Harvey Deegan gets around, doesn't he? The former 6IX football man switched to 6PM this year and is heard reading the news there each morning. He also covers the local Eagles games for Melbourne station 3AW — which means that he occasionally is heard back in Perth on the MacQuarie Network, with 6PR airing his vocals! And then last week he was invited by 6WF to call the Eagles-Footscray game — giving him a pretty handy hat-trick in the space of a week or so.

## FORGET SOMETHING?

HAD to smile when the Little Leaguers took to the field at the WACA Ground last Friday night. All dolled up in their Eagles and Footscray gear, the youngsters were in position and ready to go, with the umpire set to whistle up the action — and they noticed something missing. The goalposts! A hurried trip to the store room saw the portable posts dispatched to their correct position.

## COUNTRY INFLUENCE

EAST Fremantle aren't the only club to be reaping the benefit of development work in their country zone. Swan Districts continue to do well in their South West league, with half of last Saturday's side coming from Harvey, Bunbury or Collie.

## OVER THE TOP

TALKING about security, the security conscious people at the WACA Ground got under the skin of a few media people last Friday night. One man who carries more keys on his belt than that of the chief warden at Fremantle Gaol, refused to provide the key to the Media Room fridge — where the cold tinnies were stored. Even though the beer belonged to media boys, they couldn't touch it till after the game. What a dry celebration that was!

## HOT SEAT

THE traumatic experience of WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey in handling the sensitive umpires dispute recently was nothing compared to his experience the day after the strike was resolved. With the worries of the umpires off his mind, he took up an appointment at his Subiaco dentist. Relaxing back in the chair, with the white-coated fangs man hovering ready to strike, he was the recipient of an ultimatum. The dentist, one Greg Davis, informed PC that he was president of the WA Rugby Referees Association and, therefore, had some sympathy with his Aussie Rules colleagues. "What do you want me to do with your teeth," was his threat. "Take them all out or place them further down your throat." After some tactful negotiation — something PC has learnt to do well recently — they settled on a simple clean up and check.

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By **ROBERT BENNETT**  
of The Sunday Times



# Free kick stats are a worry

**DO Melbourne-based umpires cheat when they are in charge of West Coast Eagles games?**  
That has been the big talking point among the media after the two games against Collingwood and Footscray.

It would be very easy to say it is sour grapes on the part of West Australians, who feel they have received a stiff deal from Melbourne-based umpires.

But you only have to look at statistics to prove your point. Against Collingwood, the Eagles received less than half the number of free kicks as their opponents did — 20 to 42.

Last Friday, Footscray were given eight frees to the Eagles one in the first quarter. No game can be so perfect as to give away only one free kick in a quarter.

However, it also needs to be remembered that the player first to the ball is usually the one who cops a free.

### COMPETITIVE

For that reason there is probably no real point in having a grizzle about what happened at Victoria Park, though the Eagles were extremely competitive in the first quarter before packing it in for the day.

But last Friday night, because it was a close game against Footscray, it was a different story.

Too often the umpires gave "soft" kicks to Footscray in front of goals and

"didn't see" some blatant free kicks to the Eagles.

One that springs to mind — and was looking a pretty important miss when Footscray had the Eagles struggling in the last quarter — was when Murray Wrensted was grabbed by the foot and put off balance as he ran in for a certain goal just before half-time.

Maybe it's going a bit far to say the umpires are biased against the Eagles, though there was a lot of local criticism levelled at umpires as well last season.

But certainly one thing has emerged since the Eagles joined the VFL — the Victorian umpires are not as great as we would be led to believe.

They certainly have control of a game and aren't as easily intimidated. Not even before a hostile crowd.

But it is a difficult to comprehend umpiring that lets everything go one minute and then pays a tiggly-touchwood offence.

The Eagles camp should consider doing something about the standard of umpiring they have experienced this season.

### CONSISTENCY

They need to at least try and get some consistency in umpiring. That's no belly-aching. It's good sense. To have players slug their guts out only to have an umpire pick a free out of a hat, which frequently seems the case, can demoralise a team.

The Eagles have enough stacked against them without having poor umpiring decisions go against them.

Consistency is paramount in umpiring. At least the players know where they stand.

Interpretation has become a very integral part of Australian Rules. If umpires were to pay every free kick, then the game would become bogged down.

Unfortunately for them spectators scream every time a free is ignored.

But there could have been an ugly he can't let something go one minute and then pay it the next. And this is happening far too often.

WA footy crowds are like lambs compared to those in Melbourne. In fact, they are down-right polite.

But there could have been an ugly scene after the match had the Eagles been pipped by Footscray ... just on the basis of the number of frees paid to the visiting club in front of goals.



## VFL PREVIEW:

THE West Coast Eagles have a 50-50 record from their two trips to Victoria this season and get the chance to improve on that performance when they play North Melbourne under lights at the MCG on Friday night.

The Eagles broke an enormous psychological barrier in beating Geelong first-up at Karindia Park and they can score another important blow on Friday.

Their record in Melbourne last year was dismal, with only one win from eight visits.

The Eagles have been off-balance in their last two matches, but that situation should be rectified by the return of exciting forward Karl Langdon and possibly David Hart.

Eagles John Todd will not allow his players to be complacent going into this game, despite the respective positions of the two teams on the VFL ladder.

### WARNING

There is no such thing as an easy VFL match and Todd sounded a cautious warning at last week's post-match press conference, citing North Melbourne as the best team in the competition as far as night football is concerned.

The return of Langdon is important for the Eagles, despite his having played only three VFL matches in his debut season.

He adds an extra dimension to the Eagles attacking football with his willingness to compete for the hard ball



Darren Steele ... a dangerman in the Roos team.

# Kangaroos are dangerous under lights

by

**GARY STOCKS**  
of The West Australian

and kick long into the teeth of goal.

And Hart's efforts at the base of the packs were missed last Friday night when the Eagles struggled to shake off Footscray.

Captain Ross Glendinning continues to produce outstanding efforts and the Kangaroos must nullify his effect if they expect to win the match.

Winning the ball out of the centre is the single most important factor in the modern game; a responsibility that must lie with Alex Ischenko, Murray Wrensted and Troy Ugle.

Wrensted and Ugle were damaging players when the Eagles produced a brilliant third quarter surge last Friday.

It was their ability to take the ball out of the middle which set the Eagles up with an important 21-point lead at the last change.

### BRILLIANT

Ugle took a little time to adjust to the tempo of VFL football, but was brilliant in patches last week and could be ready to make a big impression.

North have not started well and like any young side, they are inconsistent. But they are capable of producing match-winning football and cannot be taken lightly.

With players of the calibre of the Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, Peter German, Ross Smith and Matthew Larkin, they have the capacity to beat any team in the competition.

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# Bulldogs revel when playing at home

STAN Magro was one of the game's toughest players and he adopts the same straight-ahead approach to his coaching. But he must have been a relieved man when South Fremantle beat West Perth last Saturday.

The Bulldogs coach must have felt like the weight of the world was lifted from his shoulders when the final siren sounded and the port club had won their second match.

On Saturday, however, the pressure goes on again as Magro's machine must tackle Claremont.

But at least the match is at Fremantle Oval, the scene of the club's two triumphs this season.

South played some tremendous team football last week and, in doing so, proved they are capable of beating some of the best teams in the competition. But consistency is a serious problem.

## HEAVY LOSSES

Magro will be working on that aspect of his team's make-up at training this week and will be anxious to beat Claremont, a team which has inflicted some heavy losses on South in the past few seasons.

The Tigers revealed some of their best football in the first half against Swan Districts last week and if they can reproduce that effort they will be tough to beat.

The Tigers have a solid band of mid-field players and that division could give them the winning edge they need.

Rover Don Pyke and half-forward Brian Sutherland were outstanding last week and must have enhanced their prospects of State selection.



Emu Export present ...

**WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS**

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	W. Perth v Subiaco	Perth v E. Perth	S. Frem. v Claremont	Swans v E. Frem.	N. Melb. v Eagles
RON ALEXANDER	12	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	15	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	North Melbourne
PETER BOSUSTOW	11	West Perth	Perth	South Fremantle	Swan Districts	North Melbourne
DENNIS COMETTI	13	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	10	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	North Melbourne
HARVEY DEEGAN	14	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	15	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	11	Subiaco	East Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	13	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	11	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	9	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	13	Subiaco	Perth	Claremont	East Fremantle	Eagles



how about you?



## Change for Falcons

WEST Perth get the chance to regain some lost pride when they meet Subiaco at Leederville Oval.

The Falcons went to Fremantle Oval last Saturday confident of victory after dishing out a hiding to Claremont five days earlier.

But they left the port city with their wings neatly clipped and are now in search of victory to atone for that loss.

Following West Perth's on-field form is something of a nightmare, but they will need to be mentally prepared if they expect to upset Subiaco.

The Lions played a solid brand of team football against Perth last Saturday and revealed a neat system of moving into attack.

At the same time their three-pronged attack of John Georgiades, Todd Breman and Brad McDougall capped off the good midfield work and West Perth will have problems curbing their attacking skills.

## WACA Ground "Derby" battle

PERTH and East Perth clash at the WACA Ground in their first battle at their mutual headquarters and it promises to be an exciting contest.

The Royals have been competitive this season and while they have not won a match, they have caused some problems for opposing teams.

Perth will need a great commitment from their ranks if they are to return to the winners circle and the return to Robert Wiley, who played in the reserves last week, must assist that plan.

The Demons lacked midfield presence against Subiaco and Wiley will bolster that area.

East Perth will apply pressure if they can finish off their good work in attack, they could cause some anxious moments for the Demons.

## Sharks need to be convincing

EAST Fremantle coach Graham Melrose will return to the scene of his great playing triumphs when the Sharks travel to Bassendean Oval to lock horns with Swan Districts.

And the Sharks coach will be desperate for a convincing win.

They were far from convincing in disposing of East Perth last Saturday and will need to lift a level if they expect to beat Swans on their home turf.

After a disastrous start against Claremont last week, Swans recovered and put in a big second-hand effort which must give them confidence as they prepare for this clash.



Big Craig Nelson applies a firm tackle on South Fremantle's Cliff Collard last week ... and both men will be key players this week.

# EXPLOSIVE FOOTBALL ACTION SATURDAY

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Others will say Arena football is designed to join Roller Derby and Superstars in the sports ghetto.

However, with careful test marketing — and the expertise of the game's originator, Jim Foster — Arena football may be a sharp business venture after all.

### VENDETTA EMERGING

I THINK it high time somebody exposed that cowardly writer known as The Hood, who, unfortunately, also contributes to this publication.

I can see that a "get Rod Brown" vendetta is emerging in The Hood's column and while I have always maintained that everyone is fair game in the media, I object to anybody hiding behind a cheap nom-de-plume and emptying their venom and journalistic bilge on one of my 6PR associates.

Hood, whoever you are, if you have any courage at all you will come out from your closet and face up to the 6PR Football Forum panel as soon as possible.

In my opinion, you are the wimp of Westside Football.

Rod Brown is waiting for you ... and so am I.

### BREAKFAST BASH

Hawthorn are scheduled to play the West Coast Eagles at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, May 22.

Once again the Hawks hierarchy have organised a champagne breakfast at the Merlin Hotel before the big game.

There is no doubt about Hawthorn. They do things in a big way. They even have a group of musicians from the WA Symphony Orchestra performing at this much-flaunted breakfast bash.

I know that Hawthorn has quite a strong local following, so if you wish to join your heroes at the Merlin Hotel, you can telephone Bill Cox at Anchor Nissan in Fremantle on 335 4344 for tickets.

### KICKETT RUNS HOT

Derek Kickett and Gavin Chaplin thumbed their noses at the West when they turned in outstanding performances for Central against West Terrans last week.

The former WA players contributed seven goals each to their team's 35-goal total.

Apparently Kickett electrified the crowd with his uncanny marking ability and overall football skills, which he displayed to perfection on a half-forward flank.

### IS IT A CONSPIRACY?

I know I seem to be a voice in the wilderness, but once again I must warn the management of the West Coast Eagles and the WAFL.

It seems to me and others that VFL umpires appear determined to penalise the Eagles, particularly in regard to the distribution of free kicks.

I am not normally a pessimist, but I feel that we could have a football conspiracy on our hands.

I hope my fears are unfounded and that the VFL are not attempting to keep the West Coast Eagles out of contention as a finals prospect for 1988.

Something should be said to the VFL — and quickly — to ensure that future Eagles matches are umpired in a fair and open fashion.

### THE LAST WORD

And, finally, women's football is on its way and, gentlemen, I fear, here to stay. I will tell you more about our high-flying females of the footy world next week.



"AND WE COULD CALL THIS ONE BROWN STREET!"

## Umpires give the Eagles a hard time

### TAKING STOCK

by GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



THE West Coast Eagles management must be giving serious consideration to lodging a formal complaint with the VFL over the raw deal they are receiving from the umpires.

But any time Ron Alexander and his group complained last year, they were labelled as West Coast whingers by the Victorians.

At the risk of sounding like a whinger again, it was extremely frustrating watching the last two matches when the Eagles have obviously been harshly treated.

At Victoria Park last Saturday week, the free kick count was 10-0 in the first quarter in Collingwood's favour and some blatantly obvious kicks were not awarded to the West Australian team.

The same situation occurred at the WACA Ground last Friday night and the parochial WA crowd was justifiably annoyed when the men in white — and let them know it when they came off the ground at half-time and at the end of the game.

It seems as though there are two sets of laws and that situation must be remedied.

### BULLDOGS BOOST

It could have proved costly for the Eagles at the WACA Ground because poor umpiring gave Footscray a boost they needed to claw their way back into the contest when the Eagles looked to have the game well within their keeping.

The Eagles were 21 points clear when two superb tackles by Chris Mainwaring and John Gastev went unrewarded, when clearly both deserved free-kicks. Footscray gathered the loose ball and sent it towards Simon Beasley, who was involved with a jostling duel with Andrew Lockyer.

The two men used good body work in an effort to gain the best position and Beasley received a "soft" free-kick for a push in the back.

That took Footscray to within 15 points and that was when their charge started.

And that was not the first time that the Bulldogs were given easy free kicks in front of goal.

The situation is far from acceptable.

The WAFL also has problems with its umpires.

On the weekend when the umpires were on strike, I wrote a story on the back page of *The West Australian* suggesting that the men who stood in had adjudicated well, but did not have the necessary control.

But it seems the "official" umpires panel are also having problems asserting their authority.

### DISTURBING

From all reports, the ugly incidents at Fremantle Oval last Saturday were every bit as disturbing as those in the Anzac Day games five days earlier.

There seems to be a lot of sniping going in the local matches and it is time something was done about it.

These incidents are not good for the game and the umpires must regain control. They must accept some of the blame for the fracas that are developing.

The idea of the two-umpire system, apart from allowing them to keep up the pace of the modern game, was to stop behind-the-play incidents. I'm told the Peter Menaglio-Ned Fimmano brawl erupted 100 metres behind the play.

If that was the case, surely one of the field umpires or a goal umpire must have seen the incident.

One or both players should have been reported.

At Subiaco Oval, the umpiring was sub-standard when many "soft" free kicks were awarded.

In the first quarter, Subiaco received an amazing 11 free kicks, while Perth received only three. At the end of the day Subiaco had received a 25-9 advantage in free kicks.

The discrepancy in the free-kick total came because umpires Phil O'Reilly and Glen Lee did not allow the game to flow.

## Doc knows possession is nine points of law

### Eight is enough

I WONDER how much longer Fitzroy and North Melbourne will remain as Melbourne-based clubs in the VFL.

I'm not raising the point because the sides are performing poorly, but because their supporter base appears limited.

They have no home ground and money problems will continue to plague them, especially if they are not winning matches.

In the financial rat-race of the 1980s and 90s where the battle for the corporate dollar has become intense to the point of near-madness, the city of Melbourne simply cannot accommodate more than eight clubs.

Historically the 80s will be viewed as a decade of change in both the structure and playing of the game.

But I believe even more pronounced changes to Australian football await us in the 90s.

ST KILDA coach Darrel Baldock must be tearing out what little hair he has left after two indifferent home performances by his team.

The Saints clawed their way into winning positions in both matches only to squander opportunities through poor disposal and taking haphazard avenues to goal.

The latter problem will probably be resolved in coming weeks as Tony Lockett settles back into the side.

One point the Doc made, however, was that though the Saints have developed into strong and aggressive tacklers, he doesn't think it much of an asset because, as he puts it, "If we're tackling, THEY'VE got the ball." How right he is!



## THE EAST COAST

SHANE HEALY 6PR's man-in-Melbourne

### LIKE SPIDERS

Having won five straight, the word Collingwood is on everyone's lips.

Their supporters are coming out of the woodwork faster than spiders when the "Flickman" arrives.

### ON RIGHT TRACK

While it may be two or three years before Richmond re-emerge as a competitive force, I'm sure Kevin Bartlett is on the right track by blooding an array of youngsters with tons of ability and enthusiasm.

Bartlett must be patient as Leigh Matthews has been with Collingwood.



# Boys from North taught us a lesson



The victors... the Tiwi boys

LAST Friday night's curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Footscray game, featuring Aboriginal teams from the north of Australia, was an outstanding success.

When the game was first discussed as a possible curtain-raiser, I must admit I had second thoughts.

These curtain-raisers to Eagles' matches have been given by Indian Pacific to the Football Development Trust to be used for the promotion and development of football.

The gesture has already had a great impact and is perhaps one of the most important initiatives for junior football in the past decade.

The enthusiasm shown by teams given the privilege of playing in front of the Eagles' supporters has to be seen to be believed.

## HIGHEST

It is an enormous thrill to any footballer to play on the same program as a VFL match — the highest standard of football in our country.

You can imagine the 'high' the teams from northern Australia were on in the week leading up to the game.

Highlights included:

- Their natural skill levels far surpass those of white Australians. Watching them kick, run and mark further convinced me that the Aboriginal has the breeding to dominate our great

game, just as the American Negro has led American sport to the highest levels.

- Their sportsmanship during the game is something we can only admire. They hit hard and play with great endeavour but rarely retaliate or take their mind off winning the ball.

Last season there was only one report in Aboriginal football. That in itself is amazing in today's game when punching someone is generally considered to be acceptable behaviour.

- The off-field behaviour by the teams was exemplary. Having travelled with many teams and seen some of the football trip behaviour that brings disrepute to our game, these players stood tall. Managers didn't threaten them but trusted their pride and self-discipline.

- While they play to win, their game is based on enjoyment. They love the game and enjoy playing.

During the week they trained every day with sessions lasting two to three hours. It was all fun. They just love kicking and handling the ball.

- Their appreciation of this experience was tremendous. They never stopped thanking everyone who gave them their big opportunity.

They showed us in the "big smoke" what a great sporting and disciplined people they are. They are welcome back any time they wish.

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



## The master craftsman

IN every area of life, history records the marvellous achievements of supremely talented individuals.

Such people in art are called "the masters".

To obtain this credential, their skill with the brush has to be of the highest order and on a level few individuals ever achieve.

The final product will be acknowledged as a masterpiece.

Sport has produced Herb Elliot, Dawn Fraser, Barry Cable, Rod Laver, Ric Charlesworth and Don Bradman to mention a few, all of whom carved their own special masterpiece for history to record.

Watching a master craftsman perform is a rewarding experience.

Last Friday night we saw the football master, Ross Glendinning, at his best.

Everything about him is sheer class.

In a lacklustre first half, Ross's display was something to behold.

### MASTERPIECE

Beautifully balanced, with great strength, superb skills and a sixth sense to read the play, he created a masterpiece for football supporters to store in their memory banks.

Glendinning has few peers in the champion stakes among present-day VFL footballers.

Champions have the ability to win games off their own back as all who went to the Eagles-Footscray game can testify.

Without Glendinning, the Eagles' climb for the VFL premiership could take longer. Players with such sheer brilliance are few and far between.

Having Ross among young Eagles such as McKenna, Langdon, Barich and company sets standards of excellence for them to achieve.

In other words, a chance to learn from a master craftsman.

Football followers should not miss any of the Eagles' home games. Ross Glendinning is in the twilight of his career and there won't be too many more chances to witness this master football craftsman in action.

He's exciting to watch, so let's hope he can continue to play in seasons to come.

## Getting our youth back into football

ONE of football's most important and urgent needs is to re-establish youth level competitions in country areas.

Interest in playing football for boys from 14 to 17 years has dropped alarmingly in some places.

The Avon region, one of the State's oldest areas, does not have a colts' competition.

The youngsters just don't want to play. They have lost interest, something unheard of a decade ago.

The trend is developing in many other towns.

### PLAN OF ACTION

The Football Development Trust has been spending countless hours analysing this to identify why it happened and then working with the local regional committee to develop a plan of action.

Research has clearly shown young people still enjoy the game of football but want:

- Games based on enjoyment and fun.
- Better trained or accredited coaches.
- More support and encouragement from local senior teams.
- Violence eliminated from games with strict codes of behaviour.
- Competitions to be well organised and not one-sided.
- To have a say in running the game.
- To enjoy playing with their mates and representing their school.

The setting up of worthwhile secondary school competitions has been identified as a top priority.

CIG sponsorship of Year 8, 9 and 10 competitions throughout the country and metropolitan areas has injected fresh interest in football.

### INTEREST HIGH

CIG Football Days begin this week at Merredin, Katanning and Williams with schools taking part in a day of football. Interest in these days is high, allowing more young players to play the game.

Senior country teams now have to support these competitions in an effort to attract young players to local senior games and competitions.

Quit sponsorship has proved a tremendous boost for Year 11 and 12 football in the metropolitan area this year and will be enlarged to cater for Year 11 and 12 students in all country regions in season '89.

There is no doubt that enthusiasm for our game can be re-established in the country through co-operation and effort. Personal club loyalties cannot be allowed to stop its development.

WATCHING the clash between the Eagles and Essendon, you couldn't help but feel sorry for Darren Bewick, the former West Perth and WA rover who this year threw in his lot with the Victorian Bombers.

Just about every time he gained possession for a shot at goal, the crowd let him know that his decision to leave home wasn't welcomed by the Eagles fans.

Of course, he isn't the only 'mercenary' to cross the border and he won't be the last. But the fact is that he went this year when he might have slotted into the Eagles, which throws him a little offside with his own mob.

Sure, we don't know what he was offered to go to Essendon. It may have been an offer too good to refuse and if so, then we can't blame him.

Being a typical West Aussie, Eagles fans want the best of our boys in it. Bewick is certainly classy enough to mix it with the best and his roving skills would have strengthened one of the Eagles most vulnerable spots.

On the other hand, you have Guy McKenna, who is reported to have taken a considerable cut in his pay packet to play for the Eagles instead of North Melbourne.

McKenna, who has the coolest head I've seen since Wally Martin played for Subiaco years ago, may have also weighed up the chances of North Melbourne and the Eagles before he signed.

So far his judgement appears to be right on target and he certainly is going to have a big influence on the way the Eagle flies.

The feeling towards most expatriates who have been gone for some time is a lot less intense than it is towards the

## Loyalty plays its part

### FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
BILL MATHER-BROWN



### HANG IN THERE GERRY

I hope the Royals stick by Gerard McNeill as hard as he is sticking with them.

It is all too easy when a club is down to blame the coach and it's not always his fault. McNeill is making the best of a bad lot at a time when the Royals are going through the horrors — no money and no top recruits.

Things work in cycles and you can bet that Laurie Kennedy and his committee will, in the not-to-distant future we hope, come up with a format to lift East Perth again.

When that happens they owe it to McNeill to give him an extension on his coaching time.

After all, I don't think any Royals supporter could complain about the team's system or the way the players are putting in. All the Royals need is a couple more quality players to set them off.

lads who have gone East in the last 12 months.

Though the Vics want to bring in the draft so that they can break up the home town parochialism, they are going to find that, in the long run, the cream of WA's talent will make its way into the Eagles nest.

Darren Bewick and some of his Victorian-based new chums like Michael Christian, Craig Starcevic, Steve Da Rui and Earl Spalding may return to WA eventually.

I hope they do, because I don't like barracking against West Australians.

### THANKS SHARKS

THE State wheelchair basketball team were guests of Old Easts at the Fremantle derby and the occasion was very much appreciated by them.

The players joined president Hans Beyer, his committee and officials from South Fremantle at lunch before being escorted to a vantage point on the boundary fence from when they had an uninterrupted view of the game.

After the match some of the team stayed for the presentation of trophies.

# Georgiades settles into key position role

CRITICS and coaches alike believe that centre-half-forward is the most difficult position on the field to play.

Last Saturday Subiaco's John Georgiades dispelled that theory with a superb game of true centre-half-forward play.

The classy left-footer finished with five goals, created numerous opportunities for his team-mates and took many strong marks under pressure.

A product of Subiaco's junior area, Georgiades has inherited the centre-half-forward role with the departure of Karl Langdon to the Eagles, but he is more suited to a half-forward flank, where he should play against South Australia.

He makes up for a lack of height with his ability to read the ball. He has great surety, a strong overhead mark, good skills and that sweeping left foot.

Georgiades, Todd Breman and Brad McDougall destroyed Perth to the tune of 18 goals between them and when all are in form, they represent a formidable trio of goal-kickers.



## IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star Sandover Medallist and league coach

## Subi's future looks rosy

SUBIACO, pathetic losers to Claremont in round one, are sitting pretty with four straight wins on top of the premiership ladder.

They systematically destroyed Perth last Saturday, bringing the Demons back to earth with a heavy thump.

It was a real team effort, but a couple of young defenders really impressed.

Andrew Brice, Bill Monaghan and John Sullivan are players with talent who have been given the opportunity in a side that is balanced with experience.

Subiaco's future is assured and they will be in a position of strength for years to come because:

(1) They are the most financial club in the League.

(2) They have more participants in their area than any other club.

(3) They have more officially accredited coaches than any other club.

With such a strong junior development program, the stream of talented footballers should be continuous to Subiaco Oval.

Coach Haydn Bunton has maintained experienced players around his youngsters and the Lions don't buy superstars; only players who will be good value.

It's a shame that a struggling club like East Perth have lost five players to Subiaco in the mould of real goers such as Shane Cocker, Greg Carpenter, Alex Rattray, Paul Higgins and Kevan Sparks.

Subiaco's solid foundation and sensible planning indicates that they should again fight out the premiership.



Subiaco forward John Georgiades... third on the goalkicking list.

## Baynes back in Sydney

FORMER Perth and Carlton ruckman Rhett Baynes is back in the football action after suffering a few off-field personal problems.

After not playing senior football for 18 months due to a back injury, he was dumped by Carlton pre-season and at one stage was set to move to the Sydney Swans.

He's now back in Melbourne, where he will resume his career with Oakleigh Districts, in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Both Steve Wright (Sydney Swans) and David Rhys-Jones (Sydney Swans and Carlton) started at Oakleigh.

Baynes' football future is certainly in the balance and let's hope he can make the transition back to league football. At 23 years of age, his potential has never really materialised.

Only time will tell if he can get back into action at a senior level.

## Rosco sets a great example

THERE can be no doubting the super value to the Eagles team of captain Ross Glendinning.

The Eagles showed good spirit and character to take the points in a tight and tense clash with Footscray — and Glendinning was the single factor that told the difference.

His seven goals took his tally to 25, putting him well on target for that magic 100 goals.

Coach John Todd has nursed Glendinning at training and it certainly has paid dividends. He is relaxed, looks fresh and really enjoying his football.

### INCREDIBLE

It's not easy in front of goals — especially with two or three defenders hanging off you. But Glendinning's strength, guile and body positioning has seen him take some incredible marks.

With players like Karl Langdon, Chris Lewis and Phil Narkle to come into the side up forward, it should take some pressure away from full-forward, leaving Glendinning to be master of the attacking zone.

At the other end of the scale, the

performance of young John Worsfold off a half-back flank against Footscray was a gem.

He is a player with talent, skill and no fear.

### Royal treat

HOW would the Eagles be with a rover of the class of Footscray's Brian Royal?

Under fierce pressure from Dean Turner all night, Royal set a fine example. A rover in the true sense, he reads the play extremely well off hands, has genuine pace, great skills and, above all, is a real tyro with no fear in the packs.

His was a top game in a Footscray side that showed great persistence all night — nearly snatching the points.

Coach Mick Malthouse came to the WACA Ground chasing four premiership points, but left without them after being so close in the final term.

However, his side won a few fans with their performance and young players like Darren Davies, Steve Kolyaniuk, Lynton Fitzpatrick and Matthew Hogg — all newcomers to VFL football — showed that they will be around for a few years.

## Wiley decision was a puzzle

I WAS a little surprised that Perth captain-coach Robert Wiley didn't take his place in the league side last week.

He had proved his fitness and set the example by playing in the reserves after injury, but he didn't really need to play two games there.

I can appreciate that Wiley had total confidence in his winning combination and he was prepared to sit back and let them take the responsibilities.

But particularly with the loss of Adrian Barich to the West Coast Eagles, the time was right for Wiley to come back.

The Demons put in a shocker and Wiley would have been handy out on the field.

One thing is for sure — the Demons captain-coach will be leading his side onto the ground this week at the WACA Ground against traditional ovals (and co-tenants) East Perth.

## WACA derby brings back wet memories

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Boundary: J. DOLLING, P. PIERCE Goals: H. CLAIR, K. CRISP

EAST PERTH		PERTH	
(Loyal Blue and Black) Gls. Kd.		(Black with Red Str.) Gls. Kd.	
1 EARNSHAW, G.	3 COVENTRY, P.	1 ALLEN, F.	4 MURPHY, T.
2 SPENCER, J. (v-capt.)	5 FOVNES, G.	3 WASHBOURNE, J.	6 BRYAN, K.
4 MOSE, W.	7 ASHBOLT, B.	5 McGILL, K.	8 HOWARD, L.
6 FLECKNOE, L.	9 HARPER, R.	7 EVERETT, L.	10 LANE, J.
8 WALKER, C.	11 CARR, R.	9 YOUNG, A.	12 ZEUNER, R. (v-capt.)
10 GRANT, J.	13 DAVIS, T.	11 PASH, G.	14 WARBROUGH, H.
12 WEBSTER, R.	15 CURTIS, W.	13 PERRY, R.	16 HENDERSON, B.
14 SEAL, P.	17 ARMSTRONG, K.	15 WORSFOLD, E.	18 STURTRIDGE, K.
16 O'DRISCOLL, F.	19 HARPER, K. (Capt.)	17 KILMURRAY, E.	20 WALKER, F.
18 FARMER, G.	21 STEPHENSON, F.	19 KIROOS, G.	22 BENNINGTON, P.
20 WATTE, J.	23 SHEPHERD, G.	21 SMITH, K.	24 GAVRANICH, P.
1st Qtr. — Goals 1 Behinds	25 SMITH, K.	22 GAVRANICH, P.	25 SMITH, K.
2nd Qtr. — Goals 3 Behinds	26 SMITH, K.	26 SMITH, K.	26 SMITH, K.
3rd Qtr. — Goals 4 Behinds	27 SMITH, K.	27 SMITH, K.	27 SMITH, K.
Final 10 — 12	28 SMITH, K.	28 SMITH, K.	28 SMITH, K.

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Flashback to the 1956 Perth-East Perth clash at the WACA Ground, with some famous football names in the teams lists.

## wet memories

PERTH play host to East Perth at their "new" home, the WACA Ground, this week — and there's no chance of a repeat of an earlier clash there.

The recent reconstruction and drainage work carried out at the WACA ensures that playing conditions experienced when these two sides met 32 years ago are not likely to be seen again.

Incessant rain for a week turned the WACA into a "lake" for the game on May 12, 1956.

The Football Budget recalled: "Last week Perth revealed itself as a team well suited to a wet ground and a slippery ball."

Despite the rain, 4459 saw Perth beat East Perth 10.10 to 1.4, with Ted Kilmurray (I think) soccering the Royals only goal in the dying minutes of the game.

A report on the match said: "Players splashed, nose dived, crawled and surfed over 'Lake WACA' in a manner that delighted the heart of slapstick comedy lovers."

Opposing coaches that day were Jack

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



Sheedy (East Perth) and Ernie Henfry (Perth).

The only lower score recorded in post-war football was also against Perth at the WACA by Claremont, 1.3 in 1945.

### 10-GOAL MAN

SWAN Districts under-19s coach (and club general manager) Brian Close holds the distinction of being the only Swans player to kick 10 goals against East Fremantle.

Close performed the feat in 1975 and one of his goals was scored after a controversial decision. He was fouled just after goaling and awarded a free kick before the ball was taken back to the centre.

There are eight instances of this unusual rule being enforced in the WAFL, the first in 1963.

"Looking back on the old rules, I am satisfied that the amendments introduced have all been in the interests of

the game and have made it more spectacular and faster. The pace of which the game is played is responsible for more injuries than in the old days."

No, that's not an opinion on today's football, but a quote from the Budget in 1938.

### FLASHBACKS...

ROUND six back in 1976 saw the WAFL's first Sunday football match when 12,047 people watched Claremont 15.20 beat West Perth 13.12 at Leederville Oval.

ROUND six in 1980 saw a record crowd at Bassendean Oval. There were 22,350 fans present to see Swan Districts beat West Perth by 126 points, their best win over the Falcons.

AFTER round six in 1967, East Perth were in a much happier situation than they are today. They had won their first six games.

# Mitchell passes the test

*Dashing rover survives tough VFL introduction*

## REMEMBER Michael Mitchell?

Didn't he take that skyscraping mark — one of the best of all time — standing on the shoulders of two opponents, for Claremont one day?

That mighty grab, and many others for a man of such diminutive stature, ensured that his fame quickly spread to the East coast.

Richmond thought they were on to someone special when they won his signature ahead of several other VFL clubs.

However, something went wrong, horribly wrong.

Mitchell couldn't get a kick in his early VFL games and didn't appear "tuned in".

Half-way through his first Melbourne season, even the most devoted Richmond fans were starting to question the sanity of the Tiger management in importing a player who appeared nothing more than "a receiver".

### BIG IMPROVER

But Mitchell lifted, being one of just three Tigers to play all 22 games last year and while failing to finish in the top 12 in the club's best and fairest poll, he at least gained some respect.

"He's a terrific little guy and it surprised us as much as him when he struggled early," said Richmond's 1987 coach Tony Jewell.

"He's got blistering pace and has real go. That's what we saw in him and with him trying so hard, it was only a matter of time before he came good."

Jewell's senior coaching successor, one of the game's all-time great rovers in Kevin Bartlett, has been very impressed by Mitchell's commitment — and consistency — this year.



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

Even in his best Perth seasons, he was not generally noted for being good week-in and week-out, but according to Bartlett, the 26-year-old Mitchell has been a shining light in what has been a rocky start for the Tigers.

Richmond broke through last Saturday for their first win of the VFL season and Mitchell, with 12 kicks and 12 handballs, was a dominant player, especially in the first half when the game was won with Richmond kicking nine goals to four.

### TOP TACKLER

He was best-afield early, not only sharing the ball with team-mates, but also being ferocious in his tackles.

He laid five, the most of any one on the ground. According to League statistics, he's the leading tackler in the game today, having had more than 20 in the first five games.

"We need players like Michael showing the lead to the younger players," says coach Bartlett.

"On Saturday it was the older players who provided the inspiration. We got the early start and weren't headed."

### WEST AUSSIES

It's been a prominent few days for the West Australians with Essendon's Darren Bewick (West Perth) and Geelong's Mark Bairstow (South Fremantle) being awarded best-afield votes by most scribes.

Others including Michael Richardson (Brisbane Bears), Michael Christian (Collingwood) and Nicky Winmar (St Kilda) have also done well.

Bewick was best-afield on Anzac Day, while Bairstow has been brilliant in both rounds four and five as Geelong make a run at the top five.

Christian is one of football's biggest improvers.

According to coach Leigh Matthews he's been in Collingwood's best three players against the Eagles and Carlton and this weekend, faces All-Australian Dermott Brereton in a duel with Hawthorn that could decide top spot.

"Michael has been very good for us," said Matthews.

"In this sort of form, he'd have to be a big chance to represent WA later in the season (in the State-of-Origin game against Victoria)."

Christian outplayed the highly-regarded South Australian Steve Kernahan last weekend, having 18 possessions to 13. One towering mark, from behind, was a gem.

Five players were reported in this game, four from Carlton including David Rhys-Jones and Collingwood's first-year winger, Doug Barwick.

Barwick and former WA toughman Brad Shine stood toe-to-toe trading punches in a fiery early melee which also saw several others booked.



Michael Mitchell ... now doing well.

# New look to VFL ladder

by

**RICHARD CAMM**

## Eastern States statistician for the West Coast Eagles

COLLINGWOOD's win over reigning premiers Carlton took them to top of the ladder for the first time since round 21 of the 1981 season.

Second-placed Melbourne were last on top after round 5 of 1971.

Melbourne, St Kilda and the Brisbane Bears are the only three clubs not to have been on top of the ladder after a completed round during the 1980s.

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FOR the second consecutive year the two teams suffering the worst start to the VFL season have recorded their first wins in the same round.

Last year Collingwood and Footscray both lost three games before winning. This year Richmond and the Brisbane Bears opened the season with four consecutive losses before their first win.

The worst opening to a VFL season in the past 10 years was by St Kilda in 1986, their first win being recorded in round 13. The Saints were wooden-spooners after getting away to the worst start in each of the years from 1983 to 1986.

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LAST Friday night's West Coast Eagles-Footscray game was the closest of the 1988 VFL season to date.

There has yet to be a game decided by a margin of a goal or less, not only in the VFL, but also in the WAFL competition.

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FOOTBALL panel shows usually contain a certain element of comedy.

Media coverage of football in Victoria now features two radio programs in which comedy appears to be every bit as important as the game itself.

One of the programs, "Coodabeen Champions," (on the ABC's 3LO) isn't described as a football show at all, but as "comedy satire."

The other, commercial station 3XY's "Kick to Kick," is at least described as a "footy panel" in radio guides.

"Kick to Kick" features awards such as 'Half-back Flanker of the Week,' and the 'Golden Mouthguard Award' for the most regrettable comment of the week.

## SYMPATHISER

Last Saturday the latter was awarded to Drew Morphet by Peter Daicos and Dennis Cometti (described by the panel as a "well-known Sandgroper sympathiser").

In Saturday's program the Fitzroy-Richmond game was described as likely to be "more exciting than synchronised swimming," Mark Jackson made an appearance; and St Kilda's No.1 ticket-holder, Ian "Molly" Meldrum, was a studio guest.

The "Coodabeen Champions" team are renowned for their football songs.

Saturday's show included the song "Long-haired Defender" (sung to the tune of Return to Sender) about Carlton's Tom Alvin.

Also in their repertoire are songs such as Go, Plugger, Go (about St Kilda's Tony Lockett) and I'm DiPierdomenico.

The panel profess a general hatred for Collingwood — arguably the most-loved club in Victoria, and also the most-hated.

The sentiment to emerge on Saturday was that the better that Collingwood do early in the season, the sweeter will be their downfall.

In the panel's eyes, Collingwood have been the common enemy for supporters of the other Victorian-based clubs.

That may be all changing. In the words of one panelist: "I think that Collingwood are just like Fitzroy or anyone else now. There is a new enemy ... and they are the West Coast Eagles. They are the Darth Vader of the League..."

## Hardy's Wines

**TOP PERFORMER**



HARDY's Wines and Westside Football join together for a new award... the Eagles Top Performer.

Each week the best performer in the Eagles team will receive a gift pack from Hardy's Wines — and this week's winner is:

**JOHN WORSFOLD**  
20 kicks, 6 handballs

The progressive statistics tally for the Eagles players is as follows:

	1988	1988	1988
	Kicks	Marks	H/ball
John Annear	15	-	15
Adrian Barich	16	2	9
Michael Brennan	48	13	10
John Gastev	66	22	37
Ross Glendinning	61	45	18
David Hart	58	14	18
Brett Hutton	5	3	-
Alex Ishchenko	34	33	37
Laurie Keene	5	1	2
Dean Laidley	59	19	15
Dwayne Lamb	76	19	45
Karl Langdon	24	10	5
Andrew Lockyer	30	17	7
Chris Mainwaring	78	19	28
Stephen Malaxos	19	4	11
Guy McKenna	22	14	37
Geoff Miles	47	24	23
Michael O'Connell	39	25	10
Paul Peos	15	8	6
Murray Rance	57	20	22
Phil Scott	33	16	13
Dean Turner	71	17	37
Troy Ugle	26	4	14
Chris Waterman	1	1	-
John Worsfold	98	27	28
Murray Wrensted	58	9	28
Mark Zanotti	52	15	34

## The Hardy Collection



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## SA rumours abound

SPECULATION continues that a South Australian team could form an extra side in the national competition for 1989.

VFL officials are already preparing a possible draw which includes a 15th side.

However, as a maximum of 22 home-and-away games will be played, it leads to an "uneven" fixture list with sides still not playing each other twice.

There has already been dissension from some clubs and that problem would be magnified next year if a 15th side was to be included.

It appears a formality that SA will come in, probably sooner, than later.

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## WELCOME CHANGE

FORMER East Fremantle player Peter Wilson has had a change for the better at Richmond.

The dashing ruck-rover has switched from the No. 5 he had in his debut year with the Tigers to the No. 19 he wore with the Sharks — and in his earlier football days.

"No. 5 makes me look fat," quipped the Melbourne publican who returned to Richmond's senior side last week and celebrated their first victory of the season.

Wilson has the distinction, therefore, of being the only player in the seniors not to be involved in a losing side this year.

# Magpie talk floods Melb.

THE Collingwood revival is all people in Victorian football circles can talk about this week.

The Magpies have taken control at the top of the VFL premiership table and are already talking about an appointment at the MCG on Saturday, September 24 — grand final day.

The Leigh Matthews-inspired revival that saw them down reigning premiers Carlton in no uncertain fashion last Saturday has brought the Collingwood fans out in their tens of thousands.

And even Matthews, the normally conservative and humble champion, was moved to get carried away with his praise of his young 'Pies.

He fired off words like "great", "terrific", "excellent" and "magnificent" to describe their 28-point win.

"We're happy to have the spotlight on us," he says. "It's great to win five matches in a row and the big crowd was fantastic for football and for our players.

"Our blokes now know that they don't have to go out there alone."

## TOUGH APPROACH

Collingwood's best performance in five years was achieved with good old blood and thunder football — they hit Carlton hard in the opening minutes and never let the pressure off as the Blues crumbled away one by one.

Collingwood's aggression was inspired by their backline, which harassed the big-name Carlton forwards out of the game.

The hit-'em-hard approach had Hawthorn written all over it and the former champion Hawk rover has obviously been able to instill a new-breed of determination into his charges.

Matthews has revealed some new-found talent in Michael Gayfer, Gavin Brown and Shane Kerrison have all emerged as key members of a close-knit team.

## The Collingwood revival

### Lucky Daicos

THERE was one very relieved Collingwood player at VFL Park last Saturday — superstar Peter Daicos. The dashing half-forward was cursing the huge 76,000-crowd as he struggled to get to the ground for the big clash with Carlton. It was 1.15pm when Daicos arrived in the rooms — 45 minutes late and wondering whether he might have been cut out of the team. He had left his Northcote home at 11.30am — and spent nearly two hours battling through traffic before being able to take his place in the victorious side.

### BLUES BLASTED

CARLTON coach Robert Walls was in a fiery mood after the Blues went down to the Collingwood machine. He said that his players lacked discipline and was critical of their inability to man-up and contest. "We let ourselves down by making a lot of skill errors, even when not under pressure," he said. Walls also praised Collingwood, saying they had applied more pressure than any other team the Blues had met this season.

### High praise

ONE-TIME Collingwood great Des Tuddenham described the Magpies team as the best he had seen since the days when Tom Hafey was coach back in the mid-to-late 70s when they were never out of the top three, even though premierships eluded them. Tuddy said that he had seldom seen so many defenders in a black and white jumper with such an aggressive commitment. "There is a bond developing at Collingwood and Leigh Matthews must take the credit," he said. "There's no place in this team for individuals and that's how it should be."



Oh, how sweet ... Collingwood star Peter Daicos and coach Leigh Matthews.



## Joyce plays it cool

HAWTHORN coach Alan Joyce is becoming as cool and low-key as the man he has replaced for 1988, Allan Jeans.

Jeans, the master of the understatement in his after-match comments, was more than watched by Joyce last Saturday after the Hawks had slaughtered North Melbourne by 12 goals.

In typical taciturn style, Joyce said that he was taking each week as it came and wasn't getting carried away with the awesome 77-point victory.

Joyce wasn't going to be enticed into any rash comments about this week's clash with giant-killers Collingwood — saying it had no more significance than any other game.

"It was the first time we had played a full four quarters of football," said Joyce.

"We worked very hard, though we ran out of puff in the last quarter."

Joyce wasn't interested in speculating on the build-up and euphoria that will obviously surround this Saturday's game, which should attract another sell-out crowd at VFL Park.

## New name in the goalkickers

THE recognised VFL full-forwards are being challenged by a new name in the goal-kicking department — Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall.

The former Queensland is still heading the VFL goalkicking table with 28 goals from five games.

He has opened up a three-goal break on West Coast Eagles skipper Ross Glendenning, who is on target to achieve his "dream" of kicking 100 goals in a season.

The goalkicking pacesetters of last season — Warwick Capper and Tony Lockett — are lamenting well back in the field with 15 and nine goals respectively.

Strangely enough, all 14 VFL clubs are presented in the top 15 goalkickers, with only Geelong have two players featured — Gary Ablett (third on 24) and Bruce Lindner on 14.

## HOODOO ROLE

FORMER West Perth player David Palm fell victim to the Richmond full-back hoodoo last week.

Palm was given the unenviable job of watching Fitzroy full-forward Paul Roos and even though the Tigers won their first game of the season, Palm didn't actually enjoy the day.

Roos kicked 7.5 despite being held goal-less by Palm in the first term.

In the opening five games, the rival full-forwards have kicked a bag of goals against Richmond — 40 all told, or an average of eight a game.

Roos took 14 marks over the shorter Palm and should have kicked 12 goals if he had been on target.

## BIG COMEBACK

SILVIO Foschini was once the most talked-about footballer in Victoria — but he's been out of the limelight since his controversial clearance from the Sydney Swans to St Kilda.

Until last Saturday, that is.

The 24-year-old rover returned to VFL ranks for his first senior game since the middle of 1986 when a shoulder injury forced him out of action.

Now, three shoulder operations later, he has fought his way to fitness — and is on the way back.

"My biggest problem was working out all the new rules," he said.

The "hi-ho Silvio" call went up from the Saints fans when he got the first of his 11 kicks and coach Darrell Baldock is confident that Foschini will get better with match practice.



Simon Beasley... joining the 500-goal club in VFL.

## BEASLEY'S NIGHT

THERE weren't too many smiling faces in the Footscray camp after their last-quarter fade-out to give the Eagles victory on Friday night. But full-forward Simon Beasley at least produced a stirring performance that put him into the club's record books. He kicked six goals to achieve his pre-match target of 500 goals for the Bulldogs, with his first coming early in the opening quarter to break Kelvin Templeton's club record of 494 goals. Beasley was put under constant pressure by Eagles coach John Todd, who always had two or three players crushing in on the former Swan Districts star. "I knew it would be tough out there," he said after the game. "But it was satisfying to kick that first goal and then bag five more."

## GOOD PAIR

RICHMOND have used a blend of the old and the new to help shatter their poor start to the season. After four straight losses, Kevin Bartlett was pulling out his few remaining strands of hair — until they downed Fitzroy last weekend. The old and new combination saw veteran full-forward Michael Roach back in front of the goals with new boy Jeff Hogg taking up residence in forward pocket. Roach booted seven goals to stamp his return, while Hogg contributed only two, but was a valuable foil alongside the fast-leading spearhead. "I was worried that I wouldn't get back to full-forward after Jeff's good form there," said Roach, who has now kicked 597 goals in 192 games for the Tigers.

## How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/ball	Score
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Gary Buckenara	4	2	2	2.0
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Warren Dean	14	5	3	0.6
Alan Johnson	11	5	3	—
Earl Spalding	7	2	1	1.1
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	12	2	5	4.1
Phil Krakouer	11	3	11	2.2
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Michael Mitchell	12	5	12	1.1
Peter Wilson	3	3	7	—
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Steve Turner	9	9	4	—
Nicky Winmar	11	—	1	2.1
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Wayne Henwood	11	5	1	—
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
Brad Hardie	10	5	3	—
Ken Judge	11	4	1	2.4
Mike Richardson	14	5	7	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Wayne Blackwell	13	4	6	1.1
Jon Dorotich	10	6	4	—
Ken Hunter	7	3	2	1.2
Brad Shine	5	3	4	—
Steve Da Rui	6	2	4	—
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	10	7	8	—
Craig Starcevich	15	14	4	1.5
Brett Yorkey	3	4	1	2.1
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Bill Duckworth	9	1	5	—
Darren Bewick	12	2	2	2.0
<b>FITZROY</b>				
John Ironmonger	—	3	5	—
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	7	5	—	6.0
Phil Cronan	5	1	2	—
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Mair Bairstow	20	4	13	1.0

HIT-OUTS: John Ironmonger 17.



Tired, but happy ... Michael Christian.

## STOCKS CRASH

THERE was a stock market-type crash out at VFL Park last Saturday — and it was Carlton's stocks that crashed. One of the best — and most decisive — clashes was between rival stockbrokers, Michael Christian, the new-found Collingwood centre-half-back and Stephern Kerna-han, the Carlton skipper and often match-winner. Christian, a former East Perth player, turned in his finest game in two seasons with the Pies to cut the high-flying Blue out of the forward-line action. "I was looking forward to the challenge of playing on him and it was certainly good to play well in such a big game," said Christian.

# Royals catch 'em young

EAST Perth are relying heavily on their young talent to come through and boost their senior side this year.

Several youngsters who showed promise in the reserves last season have already been promoted to senior ranks.

The Royals have also acquired several players from other clubs who they hope will develop into reliable contributors.

Ken Seymour was an impressive performer pre-season after receiving a clearance from East Fremantle.

The big key-position player was struggling for opportunities at East Fremantle last season and returned to his home in the country.

However, the farmer from Bindimiling will form an important part of the Royals goal-to-goal line.

Robust follower Wayne Dawson was snared from Subiaco during the summer and was another to impress pre-season.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By **RON McDONALD**  
of The West Australian



Dawson was an excellent reserves player for the Lions, but also struggles for opportunities at League level and his no-nonsense approach to football will be a big help for East Perth.

Subiaco teammate Darren Mundy also followed Dawson across to East Perth.

### HARD TIME

Only 20, Mundy is a strong defender, who gave his opponents a hard time getting a kick in his three senior ap-

pearances for the Lions spread over the past two years.

Another former Lion starting to get into stride is wingman Bevan Warner.

Warner made his League debut with Subiaco six years ago and played 53 games before looking for greener pastures.

A player who uses the ball thoughtfully, Warner and his former teammates will be handy players when they become more acquainted with their new surroundings.

East Perth took advantage of having WA's contingent of amateur players for the Bicentennial carnival training with them pre-season by signing big-hearted ruckman Dave Higgins.

### RESPECTED

Although not tall for a ruckman, Higgins is highly respected in amateur circles and could prove a good foil for Mal Bennett.

The South-West has produced a strong contingent of players for Swan Districts in recent years and East Perth have not been left out.

Phil and Lance Kelly, Michael Christian, Shane Cocker and Rod Duggan are just a few to come from the deep South and the Royals snared another late in pre-season.

Andy Glendinning, no relation to Eagles skipper Ross, is a handy midfielder or half-forward and has had success with South Bunbury.

Glendinning quickly made his presence felt by earning his first League guernsey for the match against Swan Districts.

### HANDY

Sunday League players such as Mark Bayliss and Doug Gibb have started to make their mark at South Fremantle and East Perth have gained a handy SFL player in Bruce Atwell.

Atwell, 22, formerly with Armadale, is a lively ruck-rover type who can be used equally well on a wing.

He uses his speed to advantage and should be back in the League side soon after a hamstring injury.

St Marks has been a good breeding ground for East Perth in previous season and 1988 is no exception.

John Edmondson, 18, has made his League debut and looks set for a successful career.



Ken Seymour ... from the Sharks.

He has good skills and is well balanced, while another St marks boy Eric Maroni is a tight defender.

Maroni, also 18, is a close-checking defender who remains cool under pressure.

Another youngster to have made his League debut this season is former Bridgetown player Michael Chalmers.

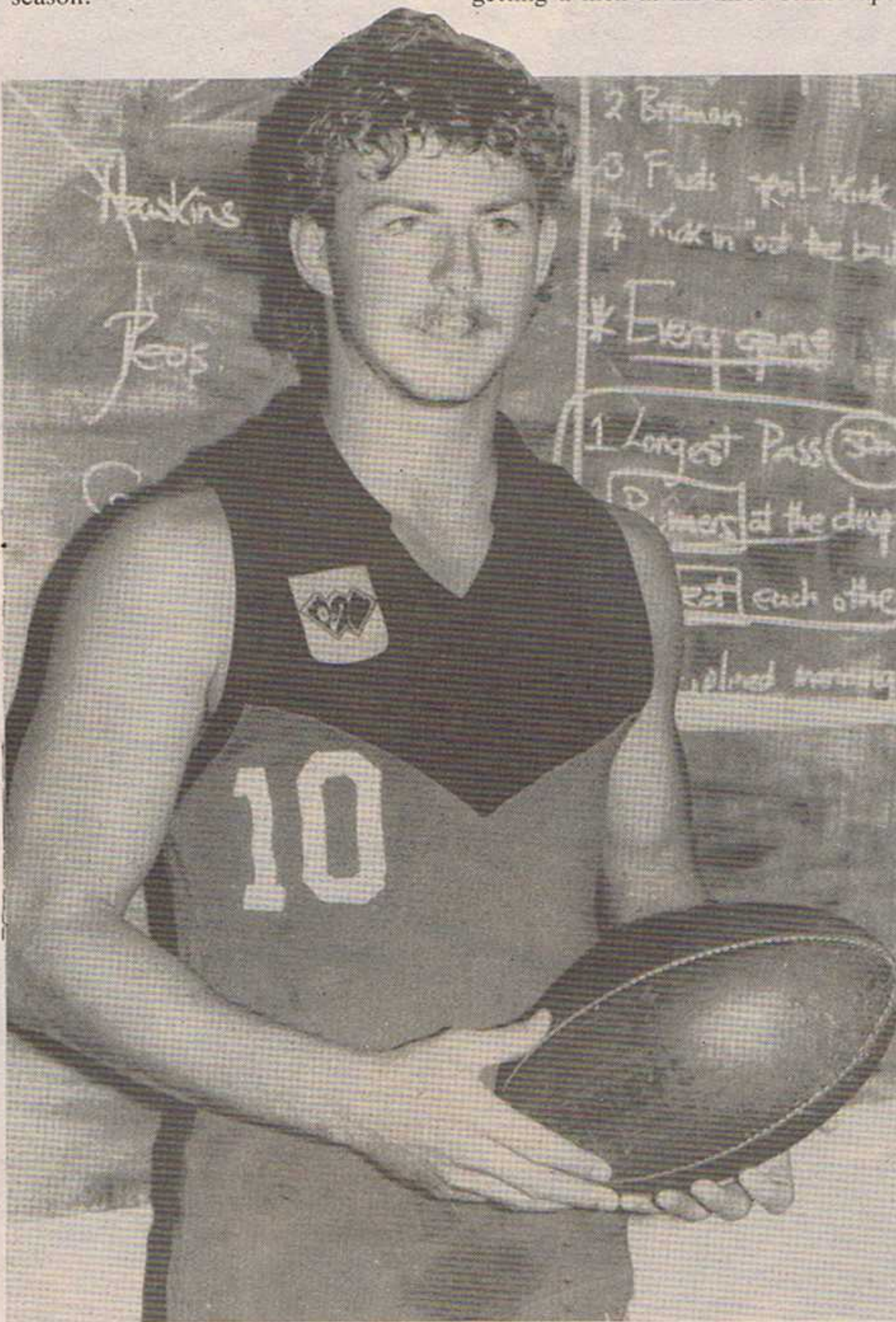
Chalmers is a running player who takes a good overhead mark and likes to run with the ball.

While Cowaramup has some of the best surf in the State, the tiny resort has also produced a handy young player in Peter Miller.

The sturdily-built 19-year-old possesses good goal sense and never lets anything put him off.

Half-forward Anthony McAleer is another first-year player to make an impression at Perth Oval this season.

From the Mt Lawley amateurs, McAleer could be a handy goalkicker with a few games under his belt.



Wayne Dawson ... a Subiaco recruit.

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Coach John Todd puts his feet up for a train ride with attractive West Coast Eagles secretary Gill Harris and the club's propertyman Hank Gloede.



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**The West Coast Eagles held their annual family fun day at Adventure World, in Bibra Lake, recently in aid of Telethon.**

Despite some poor weather, hundreds of youngsters turned out to be with their football heroes ... and a fun day was had by all.



Little Wanneroo six-year-old Patrick Talbot realises a dream come true by getting his hero Murray Rance's signature.



Eagles champion Ross Glendinning is swarmed by young fans chasing his autograph. ... something the former Brownlow Medallist has got used to over his magnificent career.

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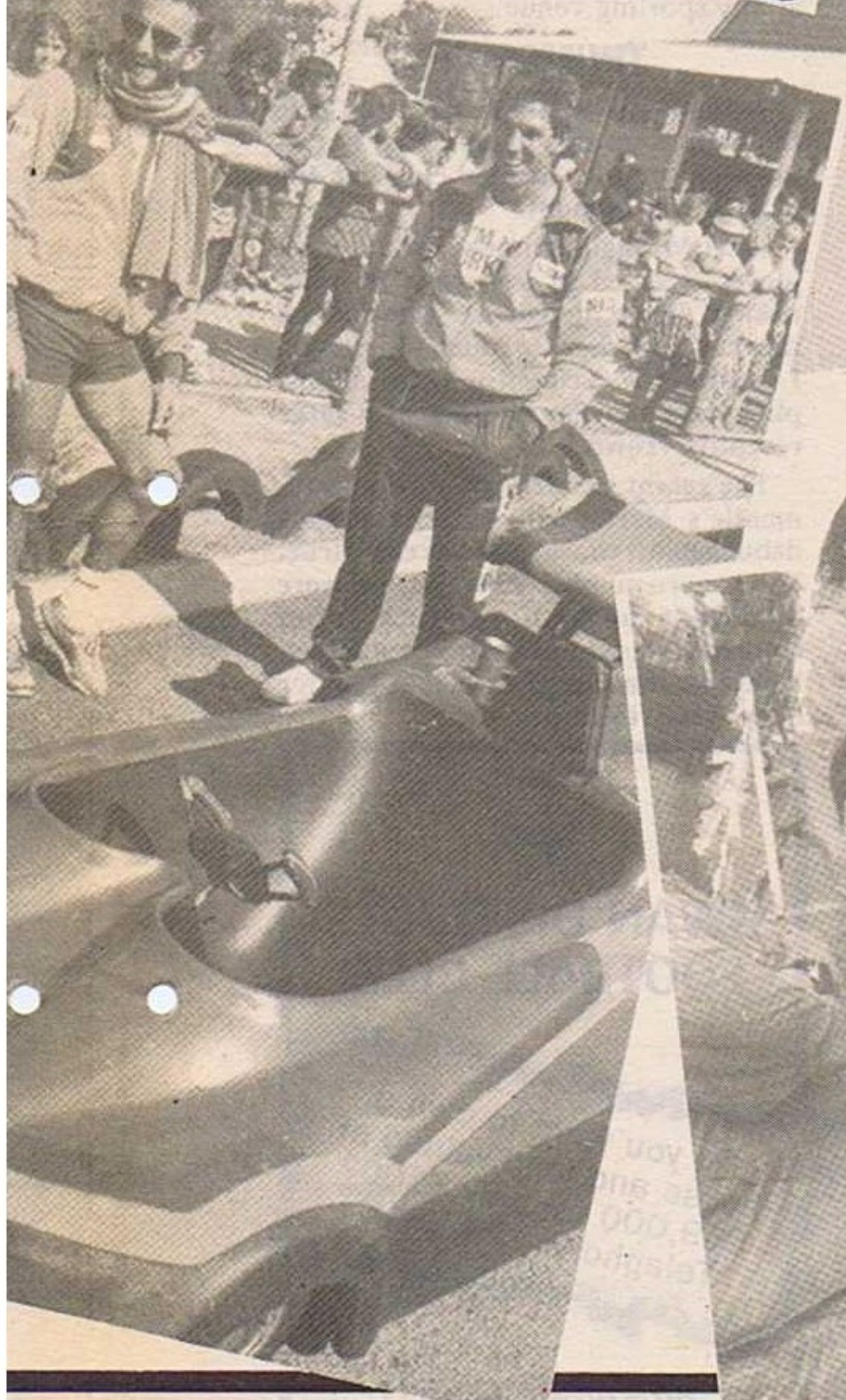


Chris Mainwaring and John Gastev with two adoring fans, Elizabeth Warwick and Kirsty Saville, both 17 of Armadale.

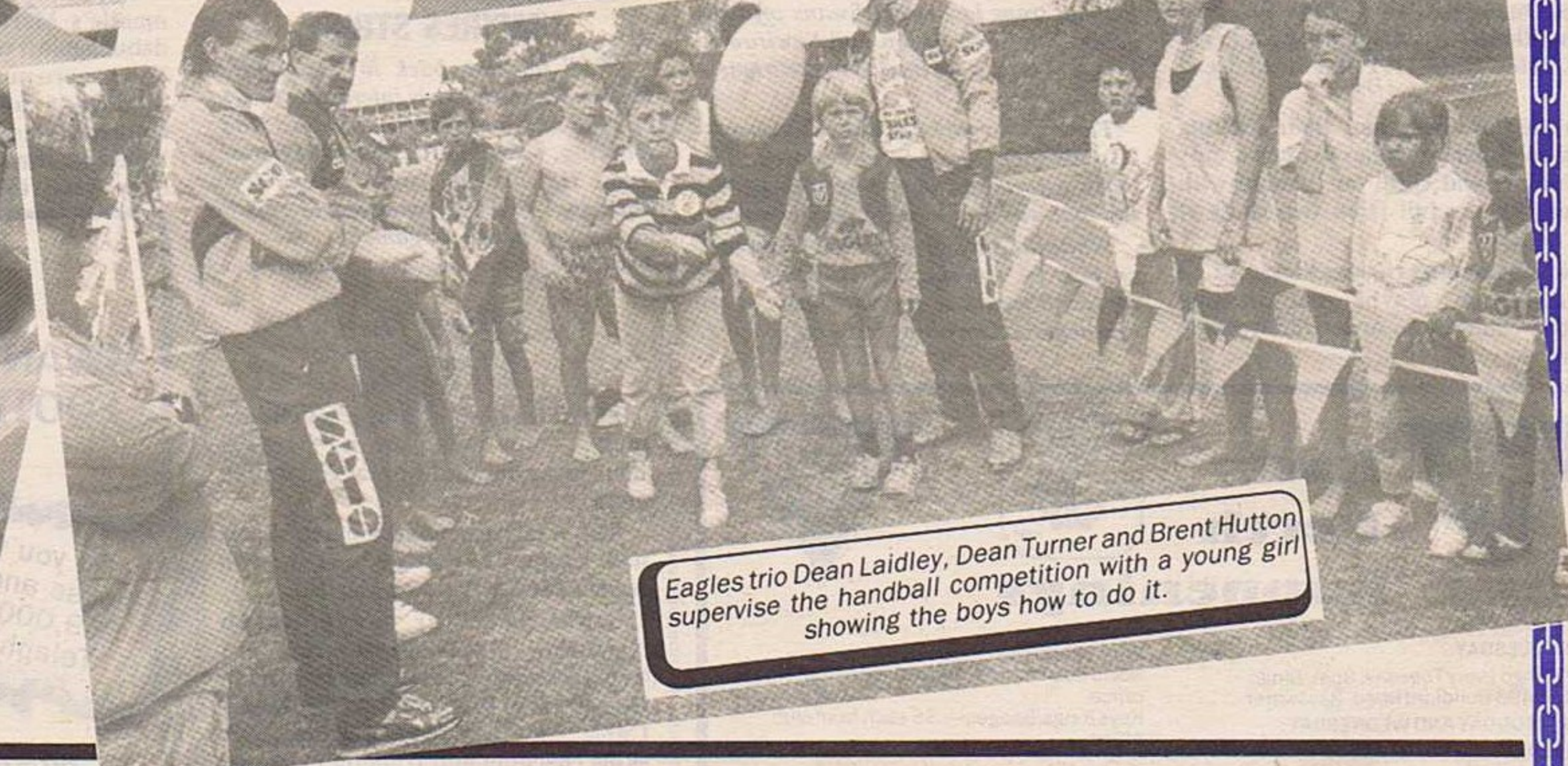


Giant Laurie Keene towers over two young fans Ruth (right) and Suzanne Biduka as he uses one of his big hands to sign autographs.

Eagles trio Karl Langdon, John Gastev and Dwayne Lamb gear up for their grand prix drive.



Young Darryl Jones, of East Cannington, takes it on the shoulder from his hero Dean Turner, while his mate Daniel Clune, from Bentley, waits his turn.



Eagles trio Dean Laidley, Dean Turner and Brent Hutton supervise the handball competition with a young girl showing the boys how to do it.

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Sharks rookie Dean Cole... a memorable debut

## Cole impresses first up ... but it was nervy!

THE auspicious debut by East Fremantle rover Dean Cole was highly-regarded by many Sharks followers at the WACA Ground last Saturday.

Cole picked up four goals and many possessions in a lively display of roving, which put him among East Fremantle's best players.

However, the 20-year-old junior's dream debut looked like developing into a nightmare at one stage.

By the 18-minute mark of the second quarter, Cole had posted seven consecutive points without registering a goal.

It was just before half-time that a set shot from 30-metres out, found the correct opening.

"After kicking each point I kept telling myself that the next one has to be a goal," said a beaming Cole after the match. "It was certainly a relief when it came."

### NERVOUS

Cole confessed to being very nervous before the game, but overcame those nerves in the second half to finish with 4.8.

Also making their debuts for East Fremantle last week against East Perth were Peter Quill (19) and Brad Read (21).

Neither of them had their kicking boots on either, as Read managed only four points and Quill one behind with one out on the full from two shots at goal.

With the Sharks rookies kicking 4.13 between them, maybe goal shooting practice could be in order for training this week.

## McGuire looking forward to overseas challenge

AMONG the former league footballers who re-appeared on the arena in the midst of the umpires strike recently was John McGuire, who still has cricket on his mind.

The talented sporting all-rounder who played with East Perth and Perth before going to the country in a coaching role, is still playing pennant cricket.

In two week's time he flies off to Eng-

land as captain of an Australian Aboriginal Bicentennial cricket team.

His pennant cricket career with Mt Lawley has been an illustrious one and perhaps it was only his commitment to football that prevented him from playing first class cricket.

Perth defender John Clarkson, who turns 19 this Tuesday, must have found conditions a bit warm in the second

quarter of the match against South Fremantle on Monday.

Clarkson lost his shorts in a scrap for the ball midway through the second term, but seemed in no hurry to get another pair on. There were no frantic waves to the bench or embarrassed tugs of the jumper. In fact, Clarkson walked casually from the field at half-time still only half-dressed, but decided to return fully clad for the second half of play.

## ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



### QUICK CHANGE

EAST Perth's Darren Best must have wondered what he had done wrong last Saturday when he was dragged from the field in the opening minute of play.

The Sharks had posted a goal in that time, but neither Best nor his opponent had contributed to the action.

It was simply a question of one big man too many in the Royals backline as the Sharks opened up with little men in both forward pockets.

Best's replacement, Eric Moroni, wasn't going to argue as it gave him his first opportunity in league football. He went into a back pocket and played serviceably after working his way up through the colts and reserves ranks.

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### CAMPBELL'S FORM

GRANT Campbell's strong performances of late must be starting to turn the heads of the State selectors.

Campbell bagged six goals in his return to league football against Claremont three weeks ago and a further five goals against East Fremantle last week.

His ability to score goals in a losing side against two of the league's strongest teams won't be overlooked and his performances will be closely monitored by the State selection panel in weeks to come.

Campbell's fast, intelligent leading, strong marking and long accurate kicking make him a candidate to fill either key attacking position.

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### JUST A RUMOUR!

*BILL Skwirowski to be dumped from Swan Districts? Surely not!*

However, that was the rumour circling football traps last week. Swans officials denied any such action and Skwirowski says that he has no immediate retirement plans.

The rumour was sparked by Skwirowski's absence when Swans played East Perth a fortnight ago. But both parties say that was due to work commitments.

While the 32-year-old, 203 game veteran may be entering the twilight of his career, it would be a great shame to see him depart on anything but a happy note.

### DEMONS AT LATHLAIN

The Perth Football Club will be holding their post-game presentations back at Lathlain Park in weeks to come despite playing their home games at the WACA.

For the next three weeks Perth will provide transport by bus from Lathlain Park to the WACA for members to watch the game and then go back to Lathlain Park.

Along with the presentations will be entertainment in the form of singer Wayne Pride.

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### DEMONS LUNCH

COMING up for Perth members and guests is a luncheon feast at the Chalet Healey on Sunday, May 15. The day is a compulsory outing for senior list players and an ideal opportunity for members to meet and mingle with this year's big improvers.

Just \$35 will get you a spot in the beautiful Log Tavern restaurant and includes transport, which will leave Lathlain Park at 11am and arrive back at 5pm.

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### Wiley sets standards

PERTH coach Rob Wiley has established a tough discipline in the Demons this year and much of that has been realised by the standards he has set himself.

Wiley was an automatic selection in the Eagles eight months ago, but last week could only fit himself into the reserves after a return from a calf strain. This served as a reminder that no individual is bigger than the team.

### UMPIRES STRIKE

JUST flashing back to the umpires strike, one particularly interesting face to crop up as a boundary umpire was Andy Hocking, who umpired in the 1969 grand final. He has long since retired from umpiring, but still managed to raise a gallop for the whole game.

### Ladies footy kicks off

FOOTBALL is no longer a male domain... the ladies are now getting their kicks out of the great Australian game.

The West Australian Amateur Football League has helped set up two teams, Mt Lawley and Carlisle.

State Amateur coach Ralph Needham, Football Development Trust coaching co-ordinator Brian Douge and football legend Barry Cable have assisted the ladies with skills coaching and training methods.

The first match between the two teams saw Mt Lawley take the points 9.5 to Carlisle 5.8.

Best players for the winners were Jenny Benpasciuto, Sharon Wood and Lynlee Taylor, while Laura Nussbaum, Julie Bullen and Lyn Kay were the three best for Carlisle.

### Two rookies show style

TWO recent debutants in the game between West Perth and Claremont saw West Perth's Shayne O'Neill and Claremont's Ryan Dhue opposed to each other.

They lined up on each other at the opening bounce and had a good contest in the first half. As the game wore on O'Neill got on top and finished the game kicking six goals, playing out of a forward pocket.

To add a touch of irony for Claremont, they released O'Neill to West Perth last year. He was the leading goalscorer in the under-19s two years ago.

### FALCONS SAVING

WEST Perth have always had a big supporter base and they're looking to increase that this season with a new concept.

The scheme called 'Half Your Age Membership' is aimed at supporters in the 20 to 40 age bracket.

It simply means that 20-year-olds will pay only \$10 to enjoy the club's facilities this season, while those in 30-year-old age group will pay \$15.

### UMPS OVATION

It was more than a pat on the back and perhaps a couple of bucks that field umpires Noel Carter and Dave Fletcher received on leaving the field after the West Perth-Claremont clash. They walked from the WACA to a standing ovation from a large segment of the crowd — surely something rarely seen at any sporting venue.

### THUMBS UP

A number of West Perth players gave the thumbs up sign for the WAFL's innovative double header clash at the WACA last Monday.

Peter Menaglio summed up how most players seemed to feel when he commented "Even though you know not all the crowd are there to watch your game, I enjoyed the excitement of the atmosphere and playing in front of a large receptive crowd."

The recent prediction for South Fremantle's Mark Grljusich to make his debut against cousin Rod has come true. Mark wore number 45 while Rod wore number 46 for Perth. Grljusich, one of the most famous names in WA football, looks like continuing on in that vein for a few years to come.



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# Aussie footy full steam ahead

## Clubs move into schools in big way

THE Football Development Managers at each of the eight League clubs have been extremely busy lately promoting the junior 'Aussie Footy' program.

The development officers, along with league players from their respective clubs, have been holding coaching clinics at many schools in both metropolitan and country areas.

According to Wayne Loxley, the coordinator of Junior Development at the Football Development Trust, the program has been extremely successful.

"Our aim is to have Aussie Footy being played in all West Australian primary schools by 1990," says Loxley.

"That will cover over 600 schools. We are in our third year of running the concept and we've now been able to iron out any initial problems."

The schools each have grade 4-7 students, boys and girls, both shown the skills and rules of the game by many of the widely admired league players. The course also provides teachers with a knowledge of how to teach and promote the game with a special kit explaining lessons and activities.

Development officers have been very positive in their comments concerning the success of Aussie Footy.

"We have been to places that many people have never heard of before — Kununoppin, Koorda, Gabbin, to mention a few," says West Perth's Allan White.

"But the coaches and the kids have had a great time."

Steve Woodhouse, from Perth, adds: "We have been lucky to have the services of many of our senior players who have been only too willing to come along as coaches, including last year's Sandover Medallist Mark Watson."

## ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Development officers Steve Woodhouse (left) and Alan White.



Peter Mahoney, of Swan Districts, believes that the Aussie Footy campaign is a vital base for the football pyramid.

"You need a wide base to be able to provide good depth in all clubs, senior and junior," he said.

Subiaco's Trevor Nisbett added: "We have endeavoured to pick schools that

don't play a lot of football to encourage more kids into the game. We are extremely happy with the response; it's a terrific program."

Aussie Footy falls under the umbrella of the Football Development Trust and the theme they have appropriately come up with is 'Footy can be fun'.

THE Football Development Trust has been formed at a time when young children are spending their time in a greater number of activities like video games, television, minor sports or just doing their own thing.

This is the challenge that football must tackle if administrators want to continue seeing our kids kicking footballs around the park.

For the past 10 years kids have been selecting from a greater range of activities and football has slowly put more money and people in the development of the game to combat this.

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East Fremantle rookies (from left) Dean Cole, David Rowe, Peter Quill and Bradley Read are delighted after last Saturday's victory over East Perth.

## Hutton back in action

CLAREMONT'S John Hutton made a welcome return to league football against Swan Districts last week after almost a complete season out with injury.

After receiving a severe head injury, Hutton missed the last 14 weeks of last season and as a result now wears a helmet when playing football.

Hutton's playing future was facing a premature end when he was diagnosed as having fluid on the brain. But determination and a complete recovery have led to a remarkable re-entry into league ranks.

Hutton's return may have been achieved sooner had it not been for a troublesome leg injury that had kept him out of action since the pre-season program.

Hutton booted two goals in Claremont's 38-point win over Swan Districts, after a seven-goal effort the week before in the reserves had earned him a league place.

## ROYALS BALL

THE first Royals Ball in over 10 years will be held in the Pagoda Ballroom on July 4 — the Monday before Western Australia clash with Victoria at Subiaco Oval.

Bookings can be made through the East Perth club at \$35 a ticket, which will include supper, drinks and special entertainment.

The evening starts at 8pm, with East Perth all-time great John K. Watts the comper.

It should make for a good laugh and be an enjoyable night, particularly for those who intend to take a 'sickie' for the big match the following day.

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Todd Breman (Subiaco)	20
John Georgiades (Subiaco)	17
Neil Lester-Smith (East Fremantle)	16
Mick Rea (Perth)	16
Paddy Madaffari (West Perth)	14
Allen Daniels (Perth)	14
Peter Melesso (Claremont)	14
Craig Edwards (South Fremantle)	12

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# SUNDAY SCENE

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



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## Wanneroo backline holds firm

**WANNEROO** retained their unbeaten record for 1988 by winning the northern Derby against Osborne Park at Kingsway.

In a tough, physical encounter the Roos' backline held firm in the final term to give their team a 13-point victory.

Wingman Paul Moyses, ruckman Jon McElwee and utility player James Waddell, who booted four majors, were their best players.

Wanneroo travel to Kalamunda this Sunday for what should be another bruising encounter.

### BOSUSTOW MAGIC

**FORMER** Carlton and Perth star Peter Bosustow pulled off the upset of the season when he coached Canning to victory against previously unbeaten Mandurah.

Canning are first winning combination Bosustow has coached.

Bosustow used the interchange bench to perfection with all his running players having a run on the ball to maintain relentless pressure on the Southerners.

Mandurah paid the penalty for going into the game with injured players. However they are not as strong, especially away from Rushton Park, as some people think.

### THIRD WIN

**MADDINGTON**, with all their big guns firing, proved too strong for Applecross.

The Bulls had many fine players. Youngster Warren Cushing continues to impress and ruckman Charlie Tenardi gave his best performance so far for his new club.

Gary Taylor, Steve Latimer and Andrew Becker were all solid contributors for the Hawks.

### This week's games

OSBORNE PARK V KENWICK  
SOUTH PERTH V ARMADALE  
WILLETTON V KELMSCOTT  
KALAMUNDA V WANNEROO  
MANDURAH V GOSNELLS  
APPLECROSS V CANNING  
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### SECOND-TERM BLITZ

**KALAMUNDA** virtually sealed the game against Gosnells in the second term when they rattled on five goals while Gosnells scored five behinds.

Centreman Ric Ellard and youngster Damien Gordon (five goals) were the stars for Kalamunda.

Gosnells have a long list of injured players and their performance in losing by 34 points was full of merit.

### MIGHTY ROYALS

**KENWICK** crushed South Perth to record a 112-point victory and set the stage for a clash with reigning premiers Osborne Park in what will be this weekend's match of the round.

Captain-coach Peter Ashworth kicked seven goals to take his tally to 23 in the first four matches.

Kenwick have improved a lot this season and their young players are much more mature.

Alan Boundry, one of the most exciting players in the competition, and Alan Wheelock (from Canning) have been two of the club's best acquisitions.

### VASOLI PROVED RIGHT

**KELMSCOTT** coach Paul Vasoli was criticised by club supporters for playing youngster Adam Bloomer in the reserves after his return to the club from Perth.

Vasoli had the last laugh when his team were 26-point winners in the league and Bloomer performed poorly in the reserves game.

Kelmscott play Willetton and South Perth in their next two games and should confirm they are definite finals contenders.

### FIRST WIN

**ARMADALE** fell across the line against Willetton to record their first win for 1988 by the slender margin of four points.

Evergreen Darryl Stokes was the Demons' best player with a four-quarter effort in the centre.

Both clubs have lost a lot of players through retirement, giving several young players the chance to play at league level.

However, it may be two to three seasons before the clubs become a major force in Sunday League football.

### PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KENWICK	4	4	-	438	232	188.79	16
WANNEROO	4	4	-	404	246	164.22	16
MADDINGTON	4	3	1	450	367	122.61	12
MANDURAH	4	3	1	508	422	120.37	12
THORNIE	4	2	2	442	361	122.43	8
Kelmscott	4	2	2	415	344	120.63	8
Gosnells	4	2	2	468	412	113.59	8
Canning	4	2	2	390	356	109.55	8
Kalamunda	4	2	2	351	324	108.33	8
Osborne Park	4	2	2	410	386	106.21	8
Armada	4	1	3	302	486	62.139	4
Applecross	4	1	3	245	421	58.194	4
Willetton	4	-	4	245	417	58.752	-
South Perth	4	-	4	230	524	43.893	-

### Sunday Football League

**KELMSCOTT 19.9 (123) d THORNIE 14.13 (97)**

**GOALS:** KELMSCOTT: D. Beattie 5, Davis 3, Brierty, O'Donnell, Peake, Zupanovich 2, Abruci, Morgan, Vasoli 1. THORNIE: Sims 5, Barns, C. Davies, Waddell 2, D. Davies, Hardie, Jones 1.

**BEST:** KELMSCOTT: Dobson, Nizich, Gorton. THORNIE: Waddell, Davies, Sangster.

**ARMADALE 8.12 (60) d WILLETTON 7.14 (56)**

**GOALS:** CLYNE, Cornell 2, Harris, J. Menzies, Townsend, Broxton 1. WILLETTON: Hutcheson 2, Butler, Calais, Clementi, Sherriff, Woolfitt 1.

**BEST:** ARMADALE: Stockes, Wilcox, Hamielton. WILLETTON: Flowers, Perejimbida, Miller.

**CANNING 21.9 (135) d MANDURAH 12.6 (78)**

**GOALS:** CANNING: Hayward, Morich 5, E. Johns 4, Watson 3, Hunter, Hickey, D. Johns, Bogaards 1. MANDURAH: Todd, Thomas, Wren 2, M. Wyllie, Rowe, Wilson, Maisey, D. Wyllie, Burns 1.

**BEST:** CANNING: Davis, Johns, Bogaards. MANDURAH: Lockhart, Wyllie, Kelly.

**WANNEROO 16.8 (104) d OSBORNE PARK 13.13 (91)**

**GOALS:** WANNEROO: Fraser, Waddell 4, Moyses, Patterson, Poole, Rogers 2. OSBORNE PARK: Clauson, Gomm 3, Muschialli, Roberts 2, Stephenson, Woods, O'Connell 1.

**BEST:** WANNEROO: Moyses, McElwee, Waddell. OSBORNE PARK: Muschialli, Bevan, Roberts.

**MADDINGTON 17.17 (119) d APPLECROSS 8.14 (62)**

**GOALS:** MADDINGTON: Richardson, D. Williams 4, Kiernan, Kiernan 2, Cushing, Kinross, Outridge, Reid, Tenardi 1. APPLECROSS: Henley, Becker 2, Harding, Taylor, Reeves, Eiffler 1.

**BEST:** MADDINGTON: Quinn, Johnston, Tendardi. APPLECROSS: Taylor, Latimer, Becker.

**KALAMUNDA 15.14 (104) d GOSNELLS 9.16 (70)**

**GOALS:** Gordon 3, Hambleton, Matthews, McGilvray, Norman, D. O'Rourke, S. Ward 1.

**BEST:** KALAMUNDA: Ellard, Fuller, Gordon. GOSNELLS: Strickland, Hill, O'Rourke.

**KENWICK 19.28 (142) d SOUTH PERTH 4.6 (30)**

**GOALS:** P. Ashworth 7, Wheelock 4, Williams, A. Boundry 2, Moore, Rhodes, Steinbock, Walker 1. SOUTH PERTH: Courtney 2, Eramiha, Zubrich 1.

**BEST:** KENWICK: Ashworth, Wheelock, Criddle. SOUTH PERTH: Howard, Eramiha, Cameron.

### Metropolitan League

**METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE** — LEAGUE: Mosman Park 12.21 b Fremantle 12.17; Kwinana 30.17 b Manning 2.7. RESERVES: Fremantle 15.12 b Mosman Park 9.16; Kwinana 21.18 b Manning 2.3. COLTS: Fremantle 13.14 b Mosman Park 10.9; Kwinana 24.21 b Manning 3.1.

## Send-off rule in Avon

**THE Avon Football Association** has introduced a send-off rule similar to the rule that operated in amateur football.

Jeff Murray, a director with the Avon association said the rule was adopted after several incidents last season which should have resulted in reports, but did not.

The problems were compounded at the association tribunal hearings as umpires and players had to travel long distances — and on many occasions, the reported player did not show.

The result was that reportable incidents were sometimes overlooked because of the time and paperwork involved for all those concerned.

Under the new ruling, the umpire may send any player from the ground for minor offences and that player must remain off the field until the start of the next quarter.

Not all of the Association's eight clubs have supported the introduction of the rule, as they feel it places too much power at the discretion of the umpire.

## Round-up of country tables

### Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Williams	2	2	-	233	136	171.32	8
West Arthur	3	2	1	326	200	163.00	8
Wickepin	3	2	1	379	252	150.39	8
Pingelly	3	2	1	336	279	120.43	8
Towns	3	2	1	213	280	76.07	8
Boddington	2	1	1	190	124	153.22	4
Wagin	3	1	2	282	312	90.38	4
Railways	3	-	3	218	472	46.18	-
Lake Grace	2	-	2	102	223	45.73	-

### Wesfarmers

### North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
SWANS	2	2	-	253	172	8	147.09
FALSONS	2	2	-	248	169	8	146.74
SHARKS	2	1	1	222	198	4	112.12
KATS	2	1	1	195	208	4	93.75
ROVERS	2	-	2	196	239	-	82.01
WOLVES	2	-	2	148	276	-	53.62

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### Fortescue League

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Centrals	2	-	401	94	426.60	8
Tigers	2	-	245	131	187.02	8
Saints	2	-	239	146	163.70	8
Towns	-	2	153	256	53.25	-
Demons	-	2	113	256	44.14	-
Hills	-	2	105	373	28.15	-

### Central Wheatbelt

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mukinbudin	2	-	320	85	376.47	8
Bencubbin	2	-	234	157	149.04	8
Southern Cross	2	-	207	114	181.58	8
Koorda	1	1	357	180	198.33	4
Beacon	1	1	255	134	190.30	4
Nungarin	-	2	92	235	39.15	-
Kalannie	-	2	107	292	36.64	-
Towns	-	2	80	455	17.58	-

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### Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dalwallinu	3	2	1	421	141	298	8
Rovers	3	2	1	434	277	156	8
Warriors	3	2	1	290	250	116	8
Dandaragan	3	2	1	310	301	103	8
Watheroo	3	1	2	401	391	102	4
Bindi Miling	3	-	3	102	498	20	-



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### Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
NMT BARKER	4	3	1	358	205	174.63	12
ROYALS	4	3	1	420	321	130.84	12
RAILWAYS	4	2	2	418	287	145.64	8
NORTH ALBANY	4	2	2	393	397	98.99	8
S Mt Barker	4	2	2	303	378	80.16	8
Denmark	4	-	4	181	485	37.32	-

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### South West League

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Carey Park	3	-	582	187	311.2	12
South Bunbury	3	-	454	182	249.5	12
Mines Rovers	2	1	330	235	140.4	8
Busselton	2	1	335	287	116.7	8
Bunbury	2	1	306	277	110.4	8
Aug-Marg. Riv.	1	2	301	421	71.4	4
Harvey-Bruns.	1	2	226	393	57.5	4
Donnybrook	1	2	210	344	61.0	4
Collie	-	3	226	323	69.9	-
Boy-Capel-Dard	-	3	216	537	40.2	-

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# South rally after slow Derby start

SOUTH Bunbury came from behind to beat arch rivals Bunbury in the South West League last week.

In a sub-standard Bunbury Derby, South Bunbury gradually gained control to win comfortably, 14.19 to 9.14, after trailing by three goals at quarter-time.

Rover Craig Watson was best for South while reliable full-back Peter Upton and Clayton Lewis also played well.

Good players were hard to find for Bunbury, who missed the services of ruckman Steve Larsson. However, Kim Gibbs, Mick Shinner and Tony Deighton all battled manfully.

The Collie Derby, however, was a typical tough, torrid affair with Mines Rovers (11.17) beating Collie (10.9) who have yet to win this season.

Centremen Steve Dobrowski continued his good form and was ably assisted by young ruckman Ashley Cook and backman Rodney Martin.

Collie were best served by Ross and Jeff Davidson (4 goals) together with Troy Shepherd.

## INEXPERIENCE

Only inexperience prevented Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup from causing a major upset when they led Busselton early in the last quarter.

However, led by Craig Earnshaw (7 goals), Busselton steadied and won by 28 points, 15.13 to 10.15.

Wingman Ross Griffiths and half-back Rodney Griffiths played strongly for the winners while recruits Dean Goodwin and Jason Ninyette and veteran Peter Scott were best for the Cardinals.

Donnybrook caused the upset of the day when they beat Augusta-Margaret River at Margaret River after trailing by five goals at quarter-time.

Carey Park (29.17) crushed Harvey-Brunswick (6.10) with only captain Sam Strand and Brad Offer being worthy of mention for the Maroons.

Carey Park had many good players, including Kernutt Thorne (9 goals),

Michael Dye (6 goals), wingman Leigh Brenton while in a back pocket Keith Narkle showed plenty of the old magic.

This weekend sees Carey Park opposed to Mines Rovers. Winless reigning premiers Collie will be struggling to open their account against South Bunbury. Bunbury will be at home to Augusta-Margaret River and should win comfortably. Donnybrook meet a revitalised Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup, but should be too strong and Busselton should account for Harvey-Brunswick, who were most disappointing last Sunday.

## Country results

**UPPER GT SOUTHERN:** Williams 12.6 b Wick-epin 11.10; West Arthur 15.11 b Lake Grace 7.8; Towns 12.18 b Wagin 12.13; Pingelly 22.11 b Railways 11.12.  
**FORTESCUE:** Saints 20.18 b Towns 13.18; Tigrers 18.19 b Hill 9.10; Centrals 22.23 b Demons 7.11.  
**AVON:** Brookton 14.16 b Railways 8.12; York 16.11 b Quairading 10.9; Beverley 8.12 b Kellerberrin 6.14; Tammin 12.7 b Cunderdin 11.10.  
**GREAT NORTHERN:** Brigades 13.20 b Towns 12.11; Railways 20.16 b Chapman Valley 11.10; Rovers 19.17 b Northampton 8.11.  
**CENTRAL WHEATBELT:** Mukinbudin 12.10 b Nungarin 4.6; Southern Cross 17.6 b Kalannie 6.16; Bencubbin 10.14 b Beacon 10.7; Koor-da 40.27 b Towns 3.2.  
**EASTERN DISTRICTS:** Merredin 14.15 b Burra-coppin 14.12; Nukarni 20.10 b Bruce Rock 10.8; Kulin 14.15 b Kondinin 12.8; Naram-been 23.13 b Corrigin 3.5.  
**CENTRAL MIDLANDS:** Dandaragan 12.11 b Dalwallinu 9.7; Watheroo 22.25 b Bind-i-Miling 9.7; Warriors 19.18 b Rovers 8.7.  
**MORTLOCK:** Toodyay 19.10 b Calligiri 15.15; Goomalling 13.13 b Gingin 7.4; Dowerin 15.22 b Wyalkatchem 13.7.  
**NORTH MIDLANDS:** Dongara 14.13 b Three Springs 12.9; Perenjori 16.15 b Carnamah 15.11; Mingenew 15.11 b Corooow-Latham 8.14.  
**SOUTH WEST:** Donnybrook 14.11 b Augusta-Margaret River 11.8; Mines Rovers 11.17 b Collie 10.9; Busselton 15.13 b Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 10.15; Carey Park 29.17 b Harvey Brunswick 6.10; South Bunbury 14.19 b Bunbury 9.14.  
**MURRAY DISTRICTS:** Centrals 16.22 b Harvey Towns 7.13; Waroona 12.14 b South Man-durah 12.11.  
**NORTH PILBARA:** South Hedland 14.6 b Port Hedland 13.11; Karratha Falcons 16.11 b Wickham 9.11; Karratha 13.13 b Dampier 10.13.

# Rain a nuisance in Pilbara games

SPECTATORS and players at the North Pilbara match-of-the-day in Karra-tha were treated to a rare occurrence when rain dampened spirits during the second half at Millars Well Oval.

The match between second-placed Sharks and fourth side Kats opened up in cloudy, but dry conditions, but the wind and rain soon had an effect.

The Kats took control early and after a scramble beginning, led 7.7 to 3.8 at half-time.

The Kats ruck, through Hodgeson, Vanthag and Morris, was equally matched by the Sharks Smith, Bell and Dunstan, and at the last change the Kats led by 38 points.

The Kats faltered in attack in the final term and the Sharks began to peg back the score, led by Oral McGuire.

But the Kats lead was too great and they ran out winners 13.13 (91) to 10.13 (73).

Kats best were Shane Vanthag, Phil Chamberlain, Fredo Hodgeson and brother Hondo Hodgeson. Sharks centreman Oral McGuire was best on ground after a great duel with Chamberlain and coach John Duckworth kicked five goals despite only playing for 1½ quarters.

## REPORTS

There were 10 player reports from the match.

Fredo Hodgeson (Kats) was reported by four umpires for kicking and pleaded guilty, taking the automatic suspension of four playing dates. Fry (Kats) pleaded guilty to striking and was suspended for two weeks.

The remaining five reports were against Sharks players and will be heard at the tribunal.

Falcons proved too strong for Wick-ham Wolves, 16.17 (113) to 9.11 (65).

Best players for Falcons were Gre-

gory, Sparks and Thomas and for Wickham Collie, Weedon and Cook.

The local Hedland derby between Swans and Rovers was a cliff-hanger, with the game being decided in the closing seconds.

The scores were tied when a Rovers player took the ball through the Swans goal, believing that his team was ahead, but giving Swans victory by one point, 14.6 (90) to 13.11 (89).

This week Wickham play Kats; Rovers meet Falcons and Dampier clash with South Hedland.

## Four teams at the top

FOUR teams share top-of-the-table status separated only by percentage in the Central Midlands competition.

The match of the day last week saw the Dandaragan Saints cause an upset by beating the Dalwallinu Bulldogs by 22 points, 12.11 to 9.7.

The Moora derby proved one-sided as Warriors posted 19.18 to Rovers 8.7, with the Demons kicking 6.3 in the last quarter to add some respectability to their score.

Watheroo, on the comeback trail, easily beat the improving Bind-i-Miling Bombers 22.25 to 9.7.

Dandaragan are home to Rovers this week with second position available for the winner.

Warriors travel to Miling for what should be a comfortable win and Dalwallinu are home to Watheroo, where victory will keep them table leaders.

## COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Country news and information can be sent to West-side Football FAX 275 1405.

## Williams win with last kick

IN the top-of-the-table clash in the Upper Great Southern League, Williams scored a thrilling two-point victory over Wickepin when captain-coach Wayne Coles kicked the winning goal with only seconds to play.

Wickepin, who led all day, were unlucky to lose (12.6) to (11.10).

Veterans Michael Kain and Murray Ford led the way for Williams with the three goals kicked by Wayne Coles proving decisive. Greg Doyle and prominent boxer Dean Colbung were best for Wickepin.

West Arthur (15.11) continued their good early-season form by comfortably beating a disappointing Lake Grace (7.8).

Brothers Brett and Mark Duffield, with seven goals between them, were a constant danger to the Lake Grace defence. Charlie Staite chipped in with three goals.

Gary Abbott and half-forward Brad Barton played strongly for West Arthur. Andrew McGovern, recruited from Claremont, played well in his first game for Lake Grace with only Andy Gannon being the only other player worthy of a mention.

## EARLY BURST

In a poor standard game Towns (12.18) hung on long enough to beat Wagin (12.13) after opening a lead of five goals at quarter-time.

Robert Klasztorny and Bruce Johnson, each with three goals, were best for Towns while Wagin were best served by ruckman Kevin Spencer (3 goals), Brett Bilston and Darryl Hart.

Pingelly (22.18) were comfortable winners against Railways (11.12), thanks mainly to a 10-goal last quarter.

Youngster Dean Tunney (9 goals) and Rick Williams (3 goals) together with Brett Blechynden and Craig Farmer led the way for Pingelly. For Railways former Claremont and East Perth rover Dean Winning was best with captain-coach Mark Riley chipping in with four goals.

Competition leaders Williams are at home against Pingelly in the game of the round this week while West Arthur should consolidate their position when they meet Boddington. Wagin and Lake Grace will both be anxious to win when they meet at Wagin while Towns should prove far too strong for Railways.

## Three undefeated in Fortescue

CENTRALS, Tigers and Saints remain undefeated after two rounds of the Fortescue Football League.

Saints easily accounted for a below-strength Towns at Paraburdoo, winning by 52 points.

Big Saints full-forward Brian Joiner was the star of the match with eight goals, while better players for Towns were Jimmy Crotty and Craig Rackich.

At Tom Price, spectators were treated to an entertaining game despite a difference of 63 points in Tigers favour over Hill.

Centrals had a percentage-booster over Demons, winning by a massive 102 points.

This big win followed a 205-point thrashing of Hill in the first round and means Centrals now have the impressive percentage of 426.59.

Centrals should make it three from three starts this Sunday against Towns; Demons and Hill clash in the battle of the bottom sides, while the undefeated Tigers and Saints meet at Tom Price in a game expected to draw a big crowd.

## Top sides challenged down south

THE Southern Districts Football League is experiencing its best competition for many seasons and produced three good results on Sunday.

Royals and Railways beat teams above them on the ladder and lowly Denmark gave an encouraging performance against South Mt Barker at Souness Park when the home side won 8.21 (69) to 8.9 (57).

Best Hawks were defender Benny Lionetti, wingman Peter Hambley and rover Winston Williams. Denmark's best were centre-half-back David Myles, centremen Geoff Simpson and ruck-rover Rob Woods.

Richard Ugle, Keith Punch and Ian Brown each kicked two goals for the winners and Craig Hickey scored three for the Magpies.

Royals beat the previously undefeated North Mt Barker at Centennial Oval when they came from behind to win 7.16 (58) to 7.6 (48).

## UPSET WIN

Ken Kelly, Shane Roden and Michael Riches played best for the Lions and North Barker's best were Brad and Alan Smallwood and Ian Higgins.

Four players kicked two goals each — Royals pair Kim Crabb and Damon Vincent and North Barker's Greg Saunders and Reynold Williams.

Railways improved their ladder standing when they thrashed second placed North Albany 20.11 (131) to 5.5 (35) at Collingwood Park.

Railways new full-forward Ian Monday kicked six goals and was among his side's best, along with followers Kevin Firth and Dean Maroni.

North Albany's best were the Williams twins, Paul and Russell, and outstanding young rover Jason Roebuck. Centre-half-forward Geoff Oreo and flanker Craig Blight kicked two goals each for the losers.

There should be two exciting clashes this Sunday when the final four shuffle must take place.

## FIXTURES

Top side North Mt Barker will host fourth placed North Albany at Frost Park and both will be searching to salvage some pride after last week's losses.

An equally top game is expected at Tigerland where Railways (third) will attempt to open a one game gap between themselves and opponents South Mt Barker.

Royals travel to Denmark to face the Magpies in th other match.

The SDFL tribunal handed down three strong decisions last week which will affect two clubs.

Royals coach Larry Dwyer was ousted for five weeks for striking Peter Braimbridge (Railways), who was suspended ridge for three weeks for abusive language.

Triple Kleemann Medallist Robbie Sutton, of North Albany, received two weeks for abusive language.

## Country boys selected

NINE boys from the East Perth country areas have been selected to represent the junior council. The team played the Swans combined side last Saturday.

This Saturday sees a team from the Lower South West play against boys from the South West. Based on this match, boys will be selected to represent the Country Teal Cup side.

# AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## Wembley take tough derby

IN the style of years gone by, this season's derbies between Wembley and University promise to be tough affairs judged on last week's A-grade clash.

Wembley were under siege all day, but finally broke through to take the premiership points by 29 points.

The Magpies were well led by centre-man Grant Callaghan, who was best on ground with another polished display.

There were many other top performers in the side, with Peter Falconer, Mark Wratten and Steve Barnes in the best players list.

University had clear winners in ruckman Aaron Debit and Craig Nelmes roving, but missed players such as John Love and Ian Rakich due to injury.

Trinity-Aquinas were disappointed with their own performance despite beating West Coast by 31 points.

The Old Boys were six goals up at quarter time and only improved this to 10 goals at three-quarter time.

West Coast then came back and out-scored them by four goals.

West Coast could have been a lot closer but for the solid defence of John Diviney, Darren Croft and dashing back pocket specialist Danny Mulligan, who played with fearless desperation.

West Coast are struggling to break through for their first win in A-grade, but have been creditable in performances to date.

Centre-half-back Richard Bevan played magnificently all day, as did rover Andrew Lane, centreman Steve Leishman and back pocket Andrew Timmings.

A last-minute inclusion in the side was colts player Dave Digham, who acquitted himself with all the aplomb of a veteran and coach Bernie Dunn will find it difficult to leave him out.

Mt Lawley won a scrappy affair against North Beach by eight points.

Both coaches would have been disappointed with their sides as it was just a case of who made the least mistakes.

Mt Lawley's Bill Armstrong, Geoff Horton and Neil O'Brien played well, while Dave Perry, Horace Davenport and Clive Mitchell did their best for the Tigers.

### THRASHING

Nollamara had no trouble in dumping North Fremantle by 94 points.

Nollamara have worked hard on their fitness this season and it showed as they did as they liked for most of the game.

North Fremantle's Drew Herrington once again played a lone hand for his side and is an early fancy for the League medal.

Old Wesley were far too good for the injury-riddled Scarborough and won by nine goals.

Old Wesley's coach Barrie Quick came back to form and received excellent back-up from Greg Chatfield and the ever-reliable Peter Van Noort.

The Old Boys were slow to start this season, but are now playing good football and should give North Fremantle a continuance of their nightmare this week.

by

TREVOR SCHORER



Wembley look too good for Mt Lawley, but the Hawks are always a tough side to toss.

Trinity-Aquinas, with players like Mulligan, McGrade and Shaw Firing, will be too much for North Beach, while Nollamara appear to have University's measure.

The game between West Coast and Scarborough will give one side their first win of the season.

**DETAILS:**  
Mt Lawley 12.9 b North Beach 11.7  
Trinity-Aquinas 17.23 b West Coast 13.10  
Nollamara 19.18 b North Fremantle 5.8  
Old Wesley 15.18 b Scarborough 7.12  
Wembley 16.12 b University 11.13

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES:**  
Wembley v Mt Lawley, Henderson Park  
North Beach v Trinity-Aquinas, Chas Riley Reserve  
West Coast v Scarborough, Lathlain Park  
Old Wesley v North Fremantle, Collins Oval  
Nollamara v University, Perth Oval

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Scarborough coach Alan Walker urges his charges on at three-quarter time but to no avail. Picture MIKE PINE.

## Join our State touring team

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The team departs on Saturday, June 11, and returns on Sunday, June 19.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

### A GRADE COLTS:

A five-goal first quarter set up a 48-point victory for North Beach over Mt Lawley at Bassendean Oval.

In a tough affair, both teams showed a high degree of skills and fierce determination.

North's coach John Herd said after the game that his charges had put in a solid four-quarter effort and attributed their win to team work and being prepared to do the hard things such as chasing, backing up and running on for the ball.

It was difficult to find best players for North Beach with every one contributing. However, Troy McMillan, Chris Pugh and Mack Williams stood out.

### B GRADE COLTS:

When Curtin forced a point with only a few minutes to go in the final quarter against Maylands, the players did not realise it would be the winning margin.

Both sides produced some excellent football, with Maylands running out winners.

Curtin were naturally disappointed, but were not consistent enough for the entire four quarters.

Better players for Curtin were Richard Willis-Jones (three goals), Damien McCarthy and Murray Horak.

Anthony Martin also kicked three goals for Curtin.

### D GRADE COLTS:

Wanneroo notched up their first win for the season in the colts competition by defeating Mundaring at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

A strong four-goal effort in the second quarter helped the Roos snatch their first premiership points.

Good players for Wanneroo included Tim Neville on a wing, centre-half-back Leigh Bloomfield, ruckman Shane Smith and Todd Russell, on the half-forward flank.

### D GRADE:

Wembley lost their first game after three consecutive wins to go down by 10 points to WACAE. At College Park Upper last Saturday, Wembley kicked 10 consecutive points in the second quarter before registering their fourth goal. It was this inaccuracy which eventually cost them the game.

Percy Smith, experiencing his first year as a senior coach having been in charge of Wembley's colts for three years, has played 38 players so far this year.

This all goes well for the depth at Wembley.

Consistent performers this year for the Magpies include Ken Welsh, captain Bill Boylan, Craig Austen and Peter Merritt, making his return to the club after being a member of the 1984 premiership team.

### G GRADE:

Ocean Ridge accounted for Redcliffe by 28 points at Heathridge Reserve.

Ocean Ridge started well to outscore Redcliffe by four goals in the first term.

Coach John Hardman is pleased with the way both the new and older players have combined, however he believes they made a slow start to the season before crushing Whitfords by 20 goals in round three.

Good players for Ocean Ridge were Con Samakovidis, captain Greg Moore and Tony Rylander. It was also pleasing to see another good umpiring exhibition by G. Badge.

### G GRADE:

Wanneroo G grade notched up their first win for the season by defeating Girrawheen at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

It was a close game throughout and the result could have gone either way. The ever-reliable Greg Campbell (centre-half-forward) and Gary Early again led their side by example.

They were ably backed up by colts player Paul Maindock, playing in his first senior game.

Another colt in Shane Chaisty played well as a rover.

Wanneroo now have the task ahead of them as they take on top side Bayswater this week.

### K GRADE:

Collegians Old Scotch were too strong for a much-improved Bassendean at Ashfield Reserve.

A lack of discipline and only 17 players for the last quarter cost Bassendean the premiership points.

However, they fought it out well before being beaten by 42 points.

Better players included newcomers Hedley Haywood and Vern Patience, along with Frank Osborne, Brett Harkins and Mick Rutter.

Final scores were Collegians 16.22, Bassendean 14.10.

### INFORMATION REQUIRED

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## INNALOO SNATCH NARROW VICTORY

THREE goals in the dying minutes by Innaloo State player Craig Kettlewell enabled the Bulldogs to come from behind and record a hard-earned victory over previously unbeaten CBC in last week's B-grade round.

Innaloo led for most of the day, but in the last quarter, CBC were able to put their nose in front.

Other good players for Innaloo were Scott Uglow, Norm Wirth, Paul Kurzke and Paul Livingstone. For CBC, Nigel Rogers, Price Scanlon and Mike Snell all played well.

Mt Lawley's strong backline was again responsible for many attacking manoeuvres in the Hawks easy victory over MHWP.

Laurie Saunders, Nick Formica, Kevin Copeland and Dave Raven were all part of an efficient, hard-running backline.

Other winners for Mt Lawley were Brett Wellstead and Nigel Grazier, while captain-coach Phil Botsis chipped in with five goals.

Swan Athletic are fast becoming a force in B-grade as their massive 16-goal victory over Collegians-Old Scotch shows.

Steve Bertoli, Ric Bath and Gavin McDiarmid were best for Swan, while Troy Bosich and Matt Viskovich were handy forwards.

by **PETER RUSH**



Swan Athletic's deliberate long kicking brand of football will worry all sides.

Curtin outplayed Maylands all day to win comfortably by seven goals.

Good players for the Tigers were Dave Fowler, Glen Oliver, Chris Lavell, Jeff Jones and Clay Baxter. Best for Maylands were Ossie Dikolli, Marcus Harrold, Paul Carlsen, Clay Bingham and John Mallard.

Bayswater easily defeated Dianella in the other game.

This week's match-of-the-day sees Bayswater take on Swan Athletic.

The Blues narrowly won a pre-season encounter, but will find Swan a lot tougher proposition this time round.

CBC take on an indifferent Dianella and should win as the Panthers have suddenly lost form.

Innaloo should beat Curtin in a close encounter and MHWP should down a demoralised Collegians-Old Scotch.

Maylands have snared a couple of giant recruits in ruckman Mike McQuonski and former wrestler Jim McLaren and they will make their debut for the Rams against Mt Lawley.

**B-COLTS:**

Collegians-Old Scotch continue to dominate the colts with another huge victory over MHWP.

Innaloo also scored a big win at the expense of CBC and remain the Lions' main threat at the moment.

The Rams led for most of the day until a late surge by the Tigers almost won it for them.

Best for the Rams were Gary Mawdesley, Brett Campbell, Paul Briotti and Paul Emmett.

**H-GRADE:**

Maylands continues to dominate H-grade with an easy victory over a determined North Beach. The Rams lead for most of the day and it wasn't until the last quarter that North came back. Best for Maylands were Ray Whitfield, Mark Dowding, Bob Purvis, Dave Stone and tough backman Geoff Brown.

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Barrie Quick (No. 17) punches the ball away from Scarborough's Peter Dwar, watched by Dean Smith. Picture MIKE PINE.

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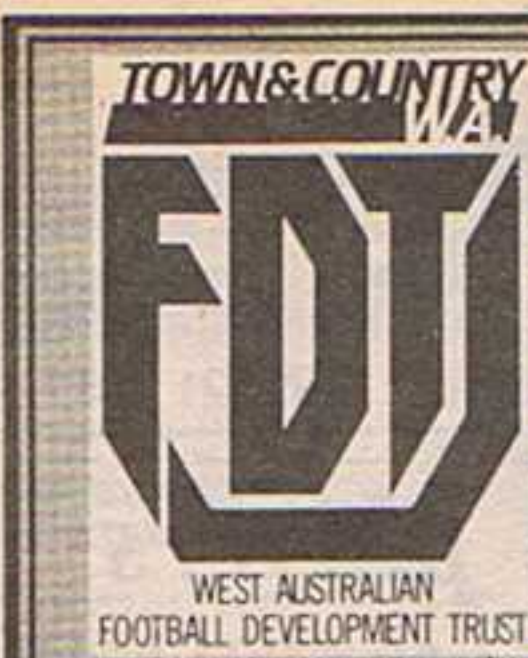
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<b>A GRADE</b>						
NOLLAMARA	4	4	495	284	174.30	16
WEMBLEY	4	4	439	262	167.56	16
TRINITY AQUINAS	4	4	467	319	146.39	16
MT LAWLEY	4	3	415	325	127.69	12
NORTH BEACH	4	2	411	344	119.48	8
Old Wesley	4	2	355	345	102.90	8
University	4	1	342	456	75.00	4
West Coast	4	4	359	464	77.37	-
Scarborough	4	4	263	493	53.45	-
North Fremantle	4	4	260	534	48.69	-
<b>B GRADE</b>						
MT LAWLEY	4	3	447	280	159.64	12
WEMBLEY	4	3	435	292	148.97	12
BAYSWATER	4	3	519	357	145.38	12
CBC	4	3	370	266	139.10	12
INNALOO	4	3	374	330	113.33	12
Curtin	4	2	389	356	109.27	8
Dianella	4	2	327	427	76.58	8
Maylands	4	1	323	451	71.62	4
MHWP	4	1	314	439	71.53	4
Coll/Old Scotch	4	4	286	585	48.89	-
<b>C GRADE</b>						
LYNWOOD/FNDLE	4	4	544	229	237.55	16
COCKBRN LAKES	4	4	525	321	163.55	16
UNIVERSITY	4	3	446	297	150.17	12
MORLEY	4	3	429	337	127.30	12
WHITFORDS	4	2	378	358	105.59	8
Coolbinia Yokine	4	1	330	412	80.10	4
Nollamara	4	1	337	438	76.94	4
Bassendean	4	1	320	520	61.54	4
Carlisle	4	1	270	455	59.34	4
Melville	4	1	255	479	53.24	4
<b>D GRADE</b>						
ROCKINGHAM	4	4	434	283	153.26	16
WEMBLEY	4	3	441	258	170.93	12
WACAE	4	3	453	346	130.92	12
BRENTWOOD	4	3	386	364	106.04	12
MUNDARING	4	2	459	376	122.07	8
North AICA	4	1	352	379	92.88	4
Scarborough	4	1	239	290	82.41	4
Northbeach	4	1	297	383	77.55	4
Applecross	4	1	317	445	71.24	4
Forrestfield	4	1	313	537	58.29	4

## PREMIERSHIP TABLES

GRADE	W	L	P	F	A	% PTS
<b>E GRADE</b>						
TRINITY AQUINAS	4	4	592	175	338.29	16
HAMERSLEY	4	3	411	295	139.32	12
UNIVERSITY	4	3	374	334	111.98	12
NATIONAL BANK	4	3	286	427	66.98	12
BULLCREEK	4	2	506	343	147.52	8
R&I	4	2	470	332	141.57	8
St Norbets	4	2	469	373	125.74	8
Mt Lawley	4	2	365	393	92.88	8
Hellenic	4	4	230	526	43.73	-
Victoria Park	4	4	195	600	32.50	-
<b>F GRADE</b>						
SAWYERS VLY	4	4	561	193	290.67	16
WEST COAST	4	3	509	324	157.10	12
OLD WESLEY	4	3	457	376	121.54	12
JOHN XXIII	4	3	349	354	98.59	12
INNALOO	4	2	382	366	104.37	8
Dianella	4	2	373	372	100.27	8
MHWP	4	2	327	370	88.38	8
Coolbellup	4	1	309	464	66.59	4
Nollamara	4	4	266	477	55.77	-
North Fremantle	4	4	279	518	53.86	-
<b>G GRADE</b>						
BAYSWATER	4	4	587	173	339.31	16
CBC	4	3	452	339	133.33	12
COLL/Old SCTCH	4	3	405	319	126.96	12
OCEAN RIDGE	4	2	448	353	126.91	8
GIRRAWHEEN	4	2	375	339	110.62	8
Recliffe	4	2	368	336	109.52	8
Navy	4	2	248	496	50.00	8
Muresk	4	1	328	318	89.31	4
Wanneroo	4	1	372	476	78.15	4
Whitford	4	4	192	482	39.83	-
<b>H GRADE</b>						
MAYLANDS	4	4	472	262	180.15	16
WEST COAST	4	3	470	257	182.88	12
WEMBLEY	4	3	402	238	168.91	12
SWANB/NEDLNDS	4	3	406	265	153.21	12
NORTH BEACH	4	2	466	361	129.09	8
Bassendean	4	2	325	287	133.24	8
Mt Lawley	4	2	299	364	82.14	8
Carlisle	4	1	339	444	76.35	4
East Fremantle	4	4	255	565	45.13	-
Curtin	4	4	175	516	33.91	-
<b>I GRADE</b>						
UNIVERSITY	4	4	514	386	133.16	16
LYNWOOD/FERN	4	3	453	303	149.50	12
RIVERTON	4	3	372	314	118.47	12
SWAN ATHLETIC	4	2	437	358	122.07	8
RAAF	4	2	312	325	96.00	8
Bullcreek	4	2	320	349	91.69	8
North Fremantle	4	1	328	386	110.88	4
Murdoch	4	1	349	454	76.87	4
ANZ	4	1	320	425	75.29	4
Mirrabeeka	4	1	316	421	75.06	4
<b>J GRADE</b>						
TRINITY AQUINAS	4	4	670	153	437.91	16
MHWP	4	4	467	269	173.61	16
SCARBOROUGH	4	4	546	368	148.37	16
WACAE	4	2	376	346	108.67	8
HAMERSLEY	4	2	364	335	108.66	8
Innaloo	4	2	392	452	86.73	8
Whitford	4	1	328	338	97.04	4
Hellenic	4	1	347	449	77.28	4
Morley	4	4	201	529	38.00	-
Forrestfield	4	4	154	656	23.48	-
<b>K GRADE</b>						
ROCKINGHAM	4	4	586	224	261.61	16
BAYSWATER	4	3	553	229	241.48	12
COCKBRN LAKES	4	3	413	227	181.94	12
COLL/Old SCTCH	4	3	581	349	166.48	12
COOLB/YOKINE	4	3	404	276	146.38	12
Dianella	4	2	280	317	88.33	8
West Coast	4	2	235	347	67.72	8
Applecross	4	4	228	405	56.30	-
Bassendean	4	4	299	573	52.18	-
Melville	4	4	116	808	14.36	-
<b>L GRADE</b>						
BULLCREEK	4	4	524	243	215.64	16
WANNEROO	4	4	414	246	168.29	16
CARLISLE	4	3	347	377	92.04	12
MUNDARING	4	2	492	306	160.78	8
OCEAN RIDGE	4	2	411	354	116.10	8
Nollamara	4	2	357	312	114.42	8
Sawyers Valley	4	2	334	372	89.78	8
Riverton	4	1	301	472	63.77	4
Coolbellup	4	4	274	452	60.62	-
Brentwood	4	4	241	561	42.96	-

GRADE	W	L	P	F	A	% PTS
<b>A COLTS</b>						
TRINITY AQUINAS	4	4	477	93	512.90	16
WEMBLEY	4	3	439	200	219.50	12
NORTH BEACH	4	3	270	201	134.33	12
NOLLAMARA	4	3	272	206	132.04	12
SCARBOROUGH	4	2	263	212	124.06	8
Mt Lawley	4	2	272	242	112.40	8
University	4	2	276	320	86.25	8
Old Wesley	4	1	355	290	53.45	4
North Fremantle	4	4	102	455	22.42	-
West Coast	4	4	63	370	17.03	-
<b>B COLTS</b>						
COLL/Old SCTCH	4	4	528	61	865.57	16
INNALOO	4	4	441	97	454.64	16
BAYSWATER	4	3	354	209	169.38	12
MAYLANDS	4	3	346	205	168.78	12
CURTIN	4	2	340	223	80.72	8
Mt Lawley	4	2	155	275	56.36	8
CBC	4	1	317	406	43.60	4
Dianella	4	1	307	431	24.83	4
MHWP	4	4	174	348	50.00	-
SA	4	4	117	313	37.38	-
<b>C COLTS</b>						
CBC	4	4	658	45	1462.22	16
UNIVERSITY	4	3	350	84	416.67	12
WHITFORDS	4	3	459	190	241.58	12
LYNWOD/FNDLE	4	3	253	281	90.04	12
COOLB/YOKINE	4	2	364	221	164.71	8
Wembley	4	2	248	317	78.23	8
Melville	4	1	359	303	52.48	4
Bassendean	4	1	319	446	42.83	4
Morley	4	1	314	484	29.13	4



# Kicking football into the future



## Colleen enjoys job as team boss

COLLEEN Carter, 16, of Wembley loves football. So when the opportunity to become manager of her school team arose, she jumped at the chance.

Colleen, a Year 12 student at Newman College, Churchlands, is manager of their Quit First XVIII football team.

The Quit Cup competition involves 61 Government and private schools in the metropolitan area who compete in two divisions each Wednesday afternoon. The competition is administered by a Youth Commission, which has set stringent codes of behaviour for all players.

As manager, Colleen is responsible for making sure all the gear is ready for Newman's game each Wednesday.

She keeps a record of goalkickers and best players and ensures that results are rung through to the Football Development Trust and forwards umpire's report.

### SURPRISE

Colleen said it was the girls rather than the boys who had expressed surprise at her decision to become the only female involved with the team.

"Most of the boys know I am interested in football and they expected me to be there," she said.

Colleen is busy studying English, Chemistry, Economics, Human Biology and Maths Two and Three for her TEE.

She plays pennant squash and would love to play football.

"I was brought up on footy," she said. "Every week I go to watch Subiaco and would love to play, but at this stage it's not possible so I may as well become involved where I can."

Colleen said Newman's Quit team had begun the season well with a welcome win against arch rivals John XXIII College.

### CODE

She said the traditionally rough game between the schools had been overcome by the competition's code of behaviour, which promoted sportsmanship and good spirit.

"In past years in the Associated Catholic Colleges' competition there have been fights between Newman and John XXIII, but at the end of this game the umpire awarded both teams two points for good behaviour," she added.

Colleen said the players know they would be sent off if they abused the code and this made it easier for the umpires.

She said football needed to be promoted and supported more. The Quit competition was giving students the chance to compete against schools they would not normally meet on the football field.

### QUIT CUP RESULTS

#### Barry Cable Division.

NORTH EAST ZONE: Mt Lawley 13.6 d John Forrest 3.6; Guildford Grammar 10.3 d Swan View 3.4; Girrawheen 8.8 d St Marks 8.7; Hampton 6.6 d Govnr Stirling 4.6.

NORTH WEST ZONE: Churchlands 10.4 d Servite 1.1; Craigie 5.5 d Carine 4.4; Aranmore 4.6 d Scarborough 2.11; Newman 6.7 d John XVIII 3.3; Warwick 11.7 d Greenwood 3.5.

SOUTH WEST ZONE: South Fremantle 5.10 d Applecross 6.3; Hamilton 8.7 d Rossmoyne 3.5.

SOUTH EAST ZONE: Belmont 5.6 d St Norberts 4.3; Mazenod 5.7 d Thornlie 3.5; Kelmscott 8.8 d Gosnells 4.3.

#### Graham Farmer Division.

NORTH EAST ZONE: Eastern Hills 15.11 d Cyril Jackson 5.3; Lockridge 21.13 d Wanneroo 1.1; La Salle 8.1 d Swan Christian 5.5.

NORTH WEST ZONE: St Stevens 6.9 d Sacred Heart 3.5; Perth Modern 13.5 d Hollywood 3.8; Ocean Reef 19.11 d Woodvale 5.3; Balcatta 5.7 d Duncraig 4.0.

SOUTH WEST ZONE: Safety Bay 13.8 d Melville 4.5; All Saints 13.7 d North Lakes 6.5; St Brendans 4.5 d Corpus Christi 4.4.

SOUTH EAST: Kent Street 9.9 d Maddington 6.9; Lynwood 11.5 d Kalamunda 4.4; Forrestfield 7.6 d Armadale 2.8; Kewdale 11.7 d Como 3.2.



Bomber boys

The Boys from the Bombers had the thrill of a life-time when they donned the Eagles guernseys at the WACA Ground recently.

The Bombers side was formed in the East Perth Junior Council this season as an amalgamation of Coolbinia-Yokine and Dianella.

They represented the Eagles Little League team against Footscray, who were from the Warwick Junior Football Club.

## TRAINERS BREAK NEW GROUND

THE first sports trainers' course designed exclusively for Australian football began last Friday at the Subiaco Football Club.

Twenty trainers from League and junior clubs this week completed 16 hours of level one accreditation training under the guidance of a range of professionals, including physiotherapists and doctors.

The Football Development Trust convened the course on behalf of the Australian Sports Medicine Foundation, which has been conducting trainers' courses for all sports.

This is the first course catering specifically for football trainers, a group the FDT believes has been largely ignored in the past.

They have been the poor relation of football. There has been no-one to organise or help promote them," said the FDT's Wayne Loxley.

Loxley said the WA Sports Trainers Association had been around for about 40 years but they were a small group who needed a career objective like other football groups.

by

DENISE MURPHY

### ACCREDITED

He estimated that the WAFL has 60 trainers, around 50 per cent of whom are accredited. The FDT hopes that all sports trainers will be accredited by 1990.

Loxley said sponsorship of sports trainers by Smith and Nephew (Elastoplast) over the last few years and had given more prominence to the important role trainers played in football. It has also provided an incentive.

"Trainers care for all on-field injuries with expert on-the-spot attention," he said.

"Their initial diagnosis is critical. It could mean the difference between a player appearing next week or being sidelined for a long period.

Loxley said sports trainers helped rehabilitate injured players during the week, operated ultra-sound machines and were responsible for all strappings and rub-downs.

He added that there was a shortage of trainers, a dedicated group who worked on a voluntary or honorary basis several times a week.

## FALCONS ON THE MOVE

WEST Perth development manager, Allan White and FDT co-ordinator Wayne Loxley took league players Paddy Madaffari and Colin McGuire to the wheatbelt area recently to hold some Aussie Footy clinics.

One of the schools targeted was, in fact, the breeding ground of Swan Districts champion Bill Walker.

West Perth have also released the names of their coaches for combined teams. They are:

13s coach — David Hunter  
14s coach — Ross Prunster  
17s coach — John Nykyforak  
State School Boys — Ron DeBoer



### ROYALS COACHES

EAST Perth have selected their State junior coaches as follows:-

13s coach — Kerry Menner  
14s coach — Ron Hawkins  
17s coach — Vince Moroudo  
State School Boys — Andrew Kom

### KEEP IN TOUCH...



JUNIOR football clubs and councils can provide news items for this page by telephoning IAN CLARK on 294 3860 (after hours)

### Town and Country WA Little League results

Last week's Town and Country WA Little League results were:

EAST PERTH (John Didier, Joel Duscha, Antony Benich) d EAST FREMANTLE (Glen Crisbin, Daryl Cattacini, Ben Bagg).

PERTH (Matthew Foster, Graham Shuts, Daniel Carr) d SUBIACO (Justin Mastrangelo, Glen Hicks, Ross Brandli).

WEST PERTH (Ryan Breen, Stephen Dawe, Chris Rule) d SOUTH FREMANTLE (Shayne Parker, Leigh Johnston, Adam Anderson.)

SWAN DISTRICTS (David McGibbon, Craig Ellery, Lloyd Dolman) d CLAREMONT (Paul Parkinson, Keith Branigan, Jason Wood.)

## Hungry Jack's sponsor 13s championships

PLAYERS and umpires taking part in all metropolitan junior council matches will have an added incentive to perform well this season.

Hungry Jack's will sponsor a weekly award to the best team player in each of the 636 teams competing each weekend.

Recipients will receive a junior merit award and a complimentary Hungry Jack's food voucher.

The program covers school football, the Town and Country WA Little League and the best-performing Junior Council umpires.

The awards are part of Hungry Jack's sponsorship of this year's State 13's championships, which will see each WAFL club select its best 25 players from its country and metropolitan zones and will play over four rounds, plus finals, from Saturday, June 4 till Sunday, July 10.



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### C.I.G. Shield

Lynwood 15.17 def Leeming 6.4  
Albany 11.6 def North Albany 3.3  
Kent Street 17.9 def Xaviour 3.7  
Aquinas 12.15 def Kewdale 1.1  
Swanview 16.10 def Eastern Hills 2.4  
Lesmurdie 9.10 def Belmont 4.0  
Guildford Grammar 28.12 def Cyril Jackson 1.0  
John XXIII 6.8 def Hollywood 4.5  
Christ Church 30.18 def City Beach 1.1  
Corpus Christie 9.11 def All Saints 2.3  
Newman College 8.8 def Carine 8.6  
Lumen Christi 11.10 def Maddington 7.7  
Cannington 15.10 def St Norbert's 6.1

Round robin country fixtures to note:  
Venue: Dongara. Schools competing: John Willcock, Morawa, Carnamah, Central Midlands. Date: May 18.

Venue: Katanning. Schools competing: Katanning, Kojonup, Lake Grace, Gnowangerup. Date: May 5.

Venue: Narrogin. Schools competing: Wagin, Narrogin, Boddington, Williams. Date: May 6.

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## Lee Walker a name to remember

TWO weeks ago this column briefly acknowledged the performances of East Perth under-19 player Lee Walker.

After his recent outstanding form the talented youngster deserves more recognition.

Walker is just 15 years of age and eligible for Teal Cup and State schoolboy selection this season.

He represented WA at schoolboy level last season and even then was considered good enough to be selected in the All-Australian side.

He is already 193cm (6ft 4in) and has the agility to play in virtually any position except rover.

Recently East Perth under-19 coach Greg Henderson used Walker on a wing and, despite his great height he was still mobile enough to play the position efficiently.

Henderson is impressed with Walker both as a player and as a person, and believes his attitude, attentive listening and well balanced mental approach will help him to mature quickly as a player.

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### TEENAGE STAR

**SOUTH Fremantle** also have a talented 15-year-old in their under-19 side.

He is Glen Jackovich, the brother of former South Fremantle League player Allan Jackovich.

Like Walker from East Perth, Jackovich is eligible for Teal Cup and State schoolboy football this year.

However, Jackovich has declined the opportunity to play in the Teal Cup. He prefers the State Schoolboy and club competitions, knowing he will still be eligible for the Teal Cup in 1989 and 1990.

His application to football is excellent. In fact, club officials have advised him to take it a bit easier, particularly in the gym where he has been doing weights virtually every day this season.

He already stands 188cm (6ft 2in) and looms as a key forward of the future.

### From umpire to coach

**FORMER** league umpire Brian Hearne has put away the whistle for the time being to coach the South Perth 10s team. Taking the role of coach is by no means an easy one, as Brian has probably found out. But with Brian's experience as an umpire and his ability to handle difficult situations, the boys should benefit from his coaching.

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### Swan View's achievement

ONE of the junior clubs in the Swans zone are proud to report that they are the only club in the Swans Junior Council with accredited coaches in all grades.

Swan View, who opened their new clubrooms last year, have achieved that feat with encouragement from the FDT.

The club will hold an auction on May 21 at the Bruce Douglas Pavilion.

## COLTS CORNER with BEN STINGA

### EYE-CATCHER

THE list of young talent doesn't stop there. Swan Districts have promising 16-year-old Shane Marshall in their under-19 side and he rates with Jackovich and Walker.

Marshall is another product of the 1987 State schoolboy team and he is in contention for a Teal Cup berth this season.

According to Swans under-19 coach Brian Close, Marshall has made the transition from juniors to colts with ease.

The 185cm (6ft 1in) youngster stands out on the field with his blond hair, athletic movements and penetrating left-foot kicks.

He is on the Swan Districts reserves training list and is in line to play them later in the season.

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### ZONE PROBLEM

**FOR** a League club to be successful, it must have a strong Colts side to draw from.

And when a club has a struggling junior zone, finding enough capable under-19 players can be a problem.

At present East Perth are doing reasonably well at under-19 level but if the WAFL boundaries are not changed in 1989 they may really have problems.

Their zone is made up of mainly older areas such as Highgate, Mt Lawley, Inglewood and Bedford, which can no longer be relied on to provide young footballers as they have done in the past.

This season Noranda, their only growth club, was cut in half and West Perth now have a share of this area.

Surely a better idea would be to give Noranda plus developing clubs Lockridge and Ballajura back to East Perth. This could be balanced by giving strong junior clubs such as Girrawheen, Koon-doola, Wanneroo and possibly Edgewater to West Perth from Subiaco.

## Chalmers ready for promotion

YOUNG East Perth Reserves player Michael Chalmers looks certain to be included in the senior side shortly.

The former Teal Cup player has been in sparkling form on a wing in the Reserves and looks skilful enough to make the transition to League ranks.

He is strong, quick and tall enough to compete for the ball in the air.

Chalmers can also kick with either foot and this enables him to play on either wing.

Only a nagging back injury prevented him from being selected in the Royal senior side last season.

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## Comebacks on cards

EAST Perth midfielders Glyn Williams and Bruce Atwell also look set to play for the senior side soon.

Williams has been sidelined from a knee injury and Atwell has been suffering from shin soreness.

Williams made his League debut for the Royals back in 1979 but has been prone to injury and loss of form.

Last Saturday in the Reserves, his game against East Fremantle followed a similar pattern.

After starting the match quietly, he injured a hamstring muscle and had to leave the field.

However, he insisted on going back on the field and then proceeded to kick six goals from a half-forward flank.

Atwell impressed in three League games earlier this season and a quick recovery should see him regain his spot.

Unfortunately for the Royals, Atwell's comeback game was on the hard WACA Ground and he could only be used in short bursts to prevent further shin damage.

## RESERVES ROUNDUP with BEN STINGA

The bad news is that East Perth play at the WACA Ground again this week and because of this Atwell may again struggle.

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### HARD WORKER

SUBIACO defender John Bell may not be one of the most skilful players in the Reserves competition but he is certainly effective.

He has been a solid contributor for the Lions this season after being converted from a wingman into a back-pocket player.

The former Queenslander works hard each game and is rarely out of the Lions best eight or nine players, despite his unobtrusive style.

Smothering, chasing and tackling are his main assets though his disposal can be a little untidy at times.

Bell is unlikely to be included in Subiaco's senior side immediately but if he improves his ball handling and kicking skills he may get an opportunity before the season is out.

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### SKILLS APLENTY

KEEP an eye on big Claremont Reserves key-position player Damon Buckley.

The 18-year-old former Teal Cup player has been in great touch this season and appeals as a League player of the future.

For a big man, he has exceptional skills and also capable in the air.

Buckley would probably have already played League football if he was with a weaker club.

### Stalwart is still coaching

LES Cooper, of the Midvale Junior Football Club, probably holds the some kind of long-serving coaching record — 30 years at the same club.

Les has coached a lot of boys throughout his career, with the likes of the Richardson brothers, Mike and Steve, Robbie Gray and many more going onto league ranks.

He has devoted his life to sport, especially football, cricket and basketball. A life member of Midvale, he also received a certificate of merit from the Swan Districts Football Club.

Les is still coaching with the 12s and 16s and also fills a committee position.

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### TEAMS FOLD

THE Koongamia/Helena Valley and Kalamunda 16s teams have folded due to a lack of players.

The Kalamunda's 14s were with-

drawn early in the season, but most of the boys have joined the High Wycombe 14s to finish the season.

With the falling away in players over several seasons, many more clubs face having to withdraw their teams or amalgamate with another club.

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### FREEBALL BOOM

FREEBALL is really booming in some districts.

The strong Carine club has nearly 80 youngsters aged eight or under playing Freeball every week.

The fun game, with no scores and completely modified rules, are staged at the Monyash Reserve in Carine every Sunday morning.

Over in the East Perth council, the strong Noranda Club started a Wednesday afternoon Freeball session — and found themselves with 25 boys almost overnight.

The youngsters are taught the fundamentals of the game from 4.3pm to 5.30pm at Strutt Reserve.



Noel Morton ... former Claremont skipper who was in top form in the reserves last week after a long injury.

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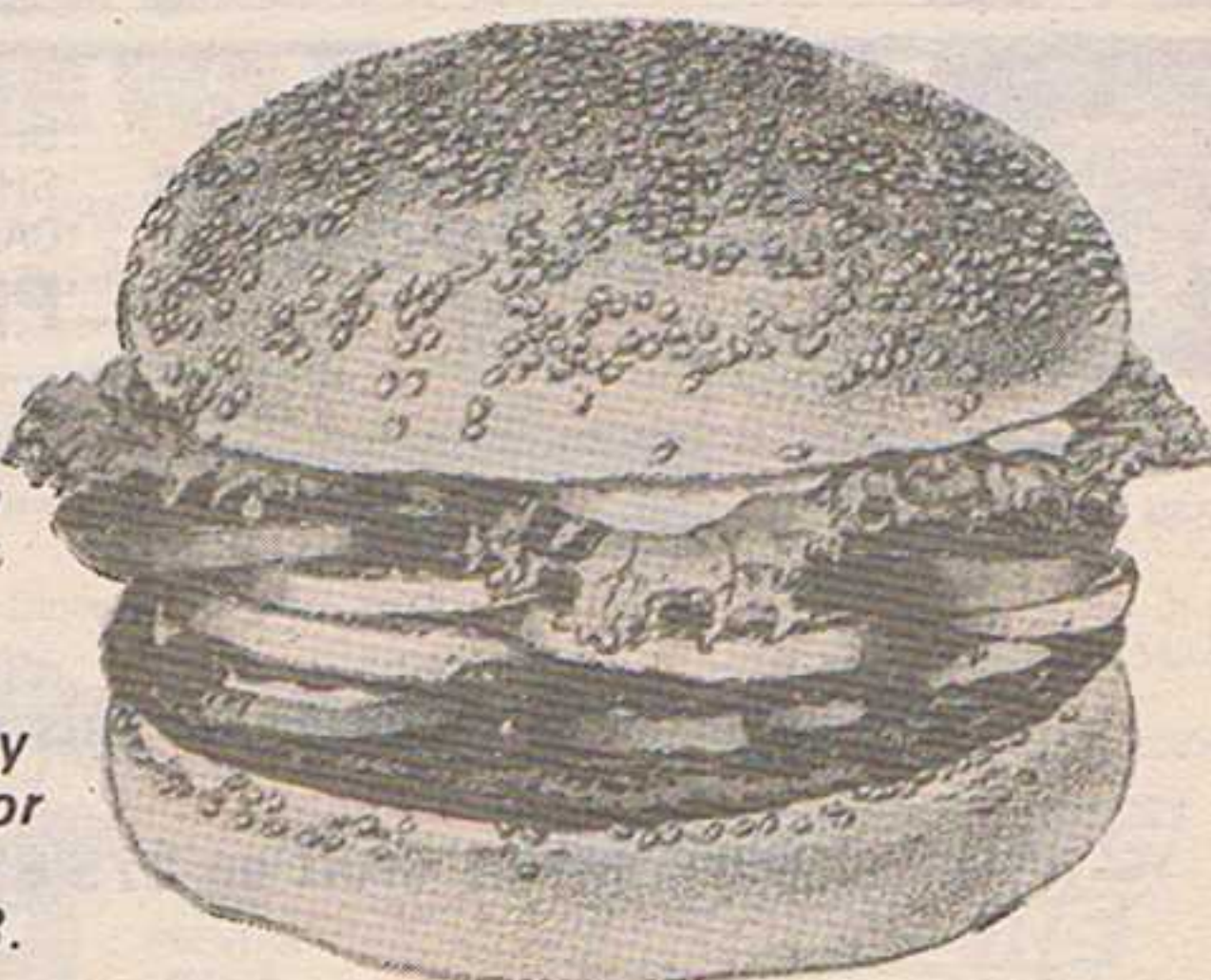
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## Personality

# "Chappy" still a loyal Tiger

MOST fathers follow the early football careers of their sons — and often become involved in volunteer-type duties as a result.

But it's not often you find a father still involved in the game 25 years after first going down to see his youngster have a kick.

Such is the case with Claremont's head trainer, Ron Chapman, who has been associated with the Tigers for more than quarter of a century.

Chappie, as everyone in Tigerland and beyond knows him, wandered down to Claremont Oval around 1973 when son Wayne decided to have a try out with the colts, as they were known then.

"It wasn't hard to get landed with a job in those days," recalls Chapman now. "I found myself filling in as a time-keeper initially and the second year I was working with the trainers."

Son Wayne didn't go on with his football, but father Ron did.

He became interested in the trainer's role, sat for and passed a number of first-aid courses, did a St Johns Ambulance test and worked hard to become proficient and professional as a trainer.

It's a seven-day-a-week commitment.

Footy fans certainly don't realise just how hard a trainer's role can be — especially head trainer, where

the whole medical support team is relying on your leadership and organisation.

Chapman worked closely with former Tigers head trainer Alan Shaw for many years and they were a very recognisable pair, putting in an enormous contribution to the club.

Chapman is at the club every day of the week, ranging from just an hour or two on non-training nights just attending to one or two injured players, to four hours or so on training nights and then anything up to 10 or 12 hours on match day.

"It doesn't end there," says Chapman. "You often find yourself going out to junior clubs giving lectures on first aid or how to organise trainers for things like the Tigers Cup."

"Then you have seminars and such like. I'd probably clock up 38 or 40 hours a week."

And that's a modest summary from a dedicated man who does get paid for the job — but such a pittance that it's hardly worth getting on speaking terms with your bank manager about!

"It's just such an enjoyable pastime," says Chappy, who admits that you need a tolerant wife to help support such a role. "My wife Rona loves Claremont as well and doesn't miss a game; though we never see much of each other at the footy."

A regular feature on people who serve the game in an unselfish manner.



Ron Chapman... long-serving Claremont head trainer.

Chapman is reluctant to commit himself when it comes to great players at the club, but concedes that Graham Moss, Ken Hunter and Wayne Blackwell are among the best Tigers he's seen in the last 25 years.

Now 55, the self-employed painter still enjoys his WAFL activity as much as he did two decades ago — and after supporting the Tigers since "about the age of three" he's not likely to change.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

### Hats off to Menags

He's one of their favourite sons  
Who's been around for years.  
West Perth's Peter Menaglio  
Is a man without any fears.  
He's only small in stature  
Not built for "all in" fights.  
A blow to the head last week  
The week before — in the tights.  
He has played in many games  
One ninety nine to be exact.  
And in each and every one  
Skill and courage was never lacked.  
200 games is a milestone  
A feather in anyone's cap.  
And for all you Falcon Fans  
He deserves your heartiest clap.  
He will join an elite few  
Such as Foley, Whinnen and Fong.  
And just like these other greats —  
He'll be remembered long.

## Beitzel can save Swans

By JOHN WARREN,  
Rothmans National  
Director of Coaching

THERE are those who have loved Australian football all their lives and, as a consequence, understand our great game from the grass roots up.

There are also those who have "come in on the grouter" who now purport to understand Australian football with all its associated idiosyncrasies and peculiarities.

These people are usually well-heeled — even wealthy — and enjoy the game from the sanctity of corporate boxes and VIP areas.

Latterly, many such people have become embroiled in the actual running of clubs. A select few have been recruited into club ownership.

Obviously this association with the rich and famous has worked well for some individual clubs, though it could be argued that as a result of this association, some of the less-glamorous clubs obviously find it difficult to compete in the big-money league.

Unfortunately for football — especially in the development of the game nationally — the association with those perceived to the rich and famous has not worked for the beleaguered Sydney Swans. That unhappy club's flirtation with the "Edelsten concept" has proven an unmitigated disaster.

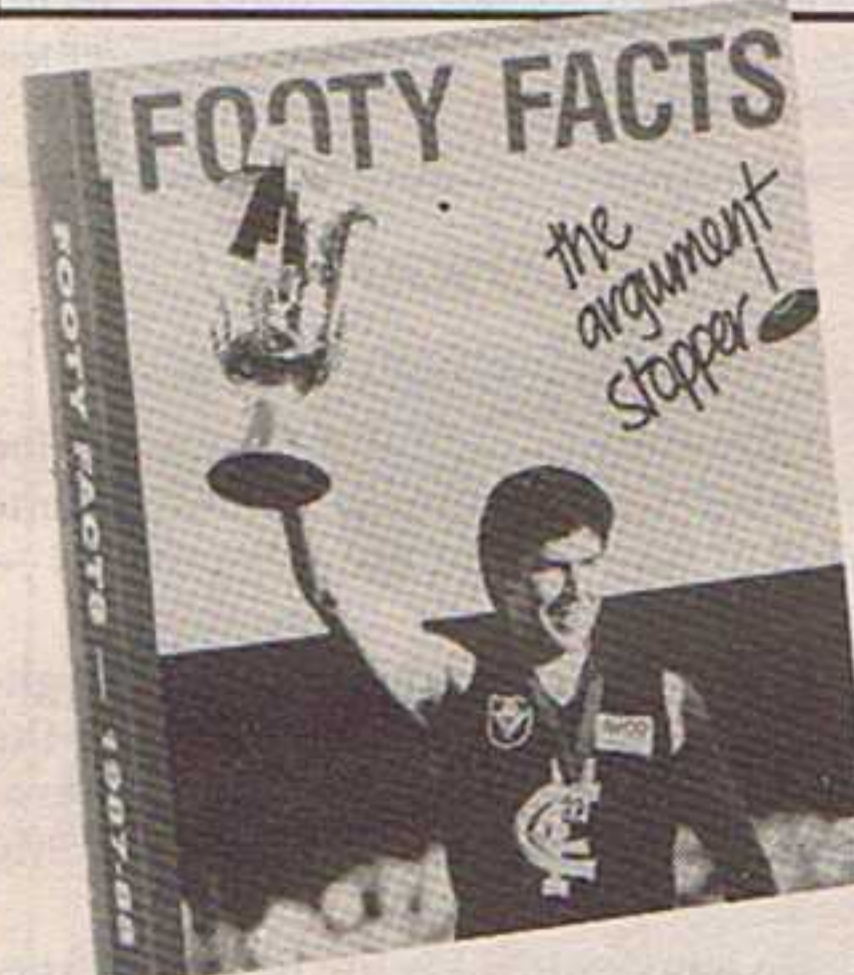
### SYNDICATE

With the benefit of hindsight, it would be extremely interesting to be able to cogitate on an ownership of the Swans overseer by FOOTBALL people. The syndicate that immediately comes to mind is the "runner ups" headed by South Australia entrepreneur Basil Sellars.

There is no doubt in my mind that had the Sellars syndicate not been drastically outbid at the eleventh hour to the tune of nearly a million dollars (which naturally proved too much of an incentive to many financially desperate VFL clubs) by the Edelsten group, there would be no problems in the Harbour City now.

VFL are to be congratulated on their continuing commitment to ensuring that the Sydney Swans survive. It must be a real temptation to cut their losses and pull out, thus making a licence available for the formation of a team in a more sympathetic environment.

But they haven't. They properly recognise that there can never be a truly national competition — be it named VFL or Australian Football League — with representation from Australia's most populous city.



## Footy Facts solves all arguments

WHO was the VFL player who lasted just 15 seconds in a grand final?

WHICH team has won the most number of VFL wooden spoons?

WHO was the West Australian Premier who played football for East Perth?

These and countless other football questions can be answered in a Victorian football publication called, quite appropriately, "Footy Facts."

The book is designed to be an argument stopper and has been put together by Dave Pincombe, a radio and television columnist and stats wizard, Ray Young.

Apart from the meticulous detail given to facts and figures, the book also has other features.

Every football team has produced its heroes and a selection of these appear in the "Favourite Son's" stories.

Refreshingly, the book is not confined to the VFL. Details of South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland are included.

Footy Facts is distributed by Corgi Bantam and retails for \$14.95. It is available at most major newsagents and bookstores in Perth.

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## THE SINISTER SILENCE

NOW it's not funny any more. My mates keep getting hit. First Rod Brown and now Peter Menaglio.

The gods work in mysterious ways. Well, maybe I can understand Rod Brown.

I know Peter Cummiskey claims Mal Brown's comments were reported inaccurately in the wake of the State of Origin carnival in Adelaide.

The League's biggest director didn't advocate more violence and fights, says Mr Cummiskey, and even if he did the League doesn't. So there!

Mind you, any of Mal's brethren at the WAFL will be quick to tell you "off the record" that they've torn strips off the former Sandover Medalist behind closed doors (I guess just in case the journalist in question had got it right).

Then again, as one who read the works of Hunter S. Thompson, I'm quick to ask the question: did they really tear strips off him or are they just telling me that to shut me up?

The good thing about Malcolm Brown is that he says what he thinks and believes. My only problem is that I'm getting three different interpreta-

### No end to on-field violence ... unless

tions. "Processed" Malcolm is never as good as pure grade.

Lest I join the ranks of the hit and maimed, let me quickly point out that I've got no squabble with Mal.

My only concern is that the League chose not to say anything in public after that ill-fated story appeared.

The WAFL didn't claim the journalist concerned was bedevilled with booze and was quoting a large potted palm in the foyer of the team hotel or that their director, Mr Brown, if quoted correctly, didn't speak on behalf of the League or his colleagues.

Any bleating as late as last Monday morning now sounds a little hollow.

Meanwhile back at the stretcher... Peter Menaglio's body abuse continues. Is there a conspiracy?

One week one club takes the bot-

### COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator  
DENNIS COMETTI



tom half and the next week another club takes the head and shoulders?

Now, if you're one of those deep-thinking football followers who subscribes to the widely-held belief that 'Muscles' Menaglio is a punk and a rascal who deserves his comeuppance then I urge you to substitute the name of Noel Carter, Peter Spencer, Alan Johnson, Robert Wiley, Steve Malaxos or a dozen others.

If you decide to deal with Menaglio simply because he's the most recent then it's worth noting that his present assailants were just impressionable fledgling footballers when he was decked behind the play in the first game of the 1982 season.

Although the numbers are decreasing I'm sure today's crop of fledglings have been watching Peter Menaglio's

chosen leisure path with interest. 'Hey, what a neat way to spend your weekends.'

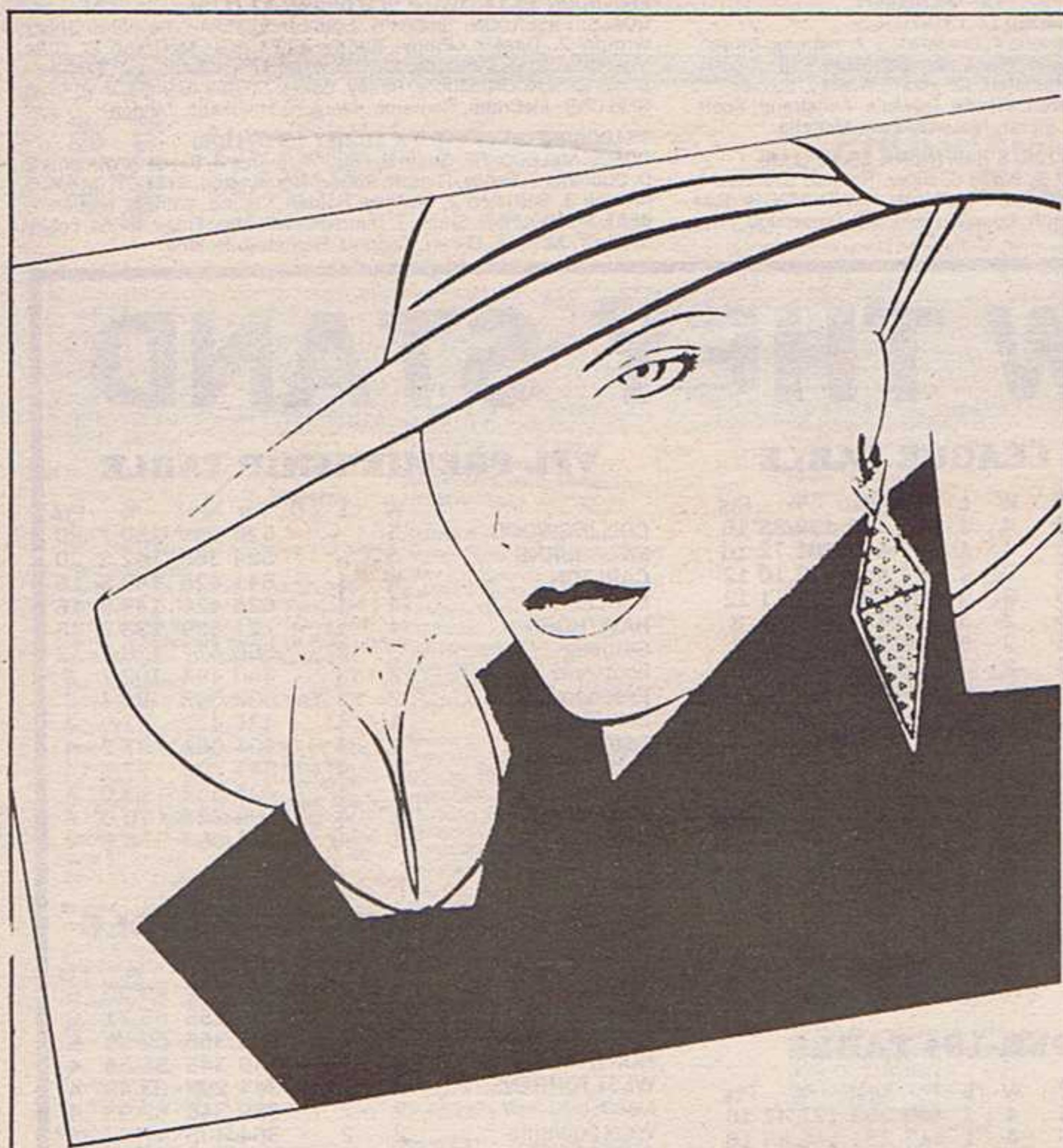
Maybe the officials and players and coaches of the early 1980s are to blame for the present situation. Maybe they were products of their earlier years and maybe we'll be making the same excuses for the same troubles in the early 1990s. Maybe? No, certainly.

Why do I say Certainly? Well, if you want to know what's frustrating stamping out footy violence, just look at the Perth Football Club's answer to the problem.

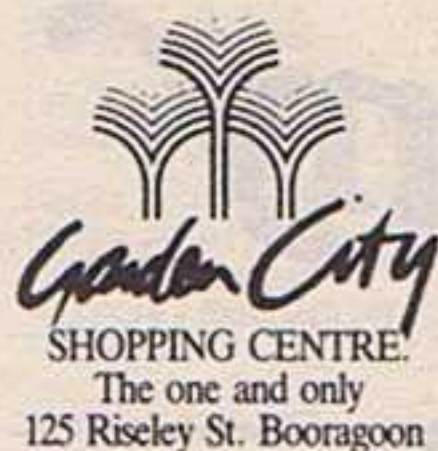
The Demons say it's unfair to have video of only one match. They want all matches videoed or none at all. Remarkable!

Imagine that an armed bandit gets acquitted when his counsel claims the chemist shop he robbed had surveillance equipment installed. The judge agrees, saying that not all chemist shops have similar equipment and until they do all such cases should be thrown out of court.

No, you're right Perth. Bugger the chemist.



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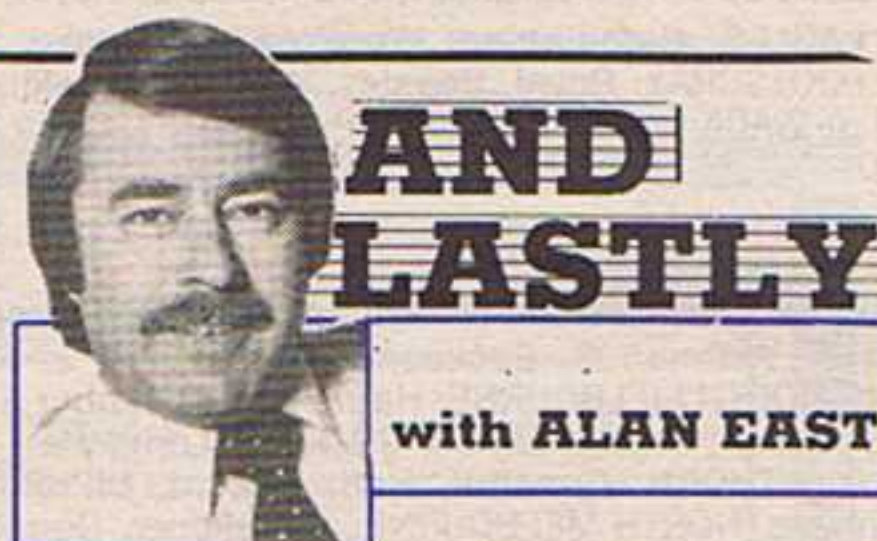
Peter Menaglio and wife Michelle.

### Menaglio earns his high ranking

SOME people get frightened when they watch Peter Menaglio in action.

The diminutive West Perth captain seems hell-bent on self-destruction with the fearless way he displays his skills.

Slightly-built and always going for the ball, he is an open invitation to get "filled-in" — as he has been a few times.



### AND LASTLY

with ALAN EAST

But the football thugs have failed to quell the magnificent skills of the former Tuart Hill youngster and he is now ready to join an elite club — the WAFL 200 Club.

All things being equal, the 29-year-old schoolteacher should play his 200th game for West Perth this Saturday, becoming only the 19th player from the 102-year-old club to do so.

It is surely coincidence that Menaglio has been on the receiving end of a kick to the groin and a punch to the face in recent weeks. One almost thinks someone was out to prevent his achievement.

Hopefully, they have failed. There are few more magical moments that seeing mighty Menaglio duck, weave and twist his way out of football packs.

As his first league coach, Graham Campbell, recalls: "He was always going to step straight into league ranks despite his small size."

"He played a season with the West Perth thirds in 1976 and we had no hesitation in bringing him straight into the seniors at the start of '77."

"He always looked vulnerable, but, thankfully, I never saw him badly mangled. Maybe he had too much speed and skill to get filled in."

"There's no doubt that Menags, along with Brian Adamson, was the most skilled footballer I coached in Perth," was Campbell's tribute from Adelaide this week.

Menaglio is one of the "nice guys" in football. In fact, some people rate him as too nice.

"You could never get into him," recalls another coach, fellow Westside columnist Dennis Cometti.



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