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Eagles stars face the Todd chop

AT least six members of the West Coast Eagles team thrashed by Hawthorn last week have their heads on the chopping block.

Eagles coach John Todd pulled no punches after last week's 53-point blitzkrieg from the Hawks — and the players copped his heart-to-heart comments sweetly.

This Sunday's clash with reigning VFL premiers is the moment of truth — win and the Eagles can consolidate in the five. Lose and they could slip out of the finals race for '88.

The awe-inspiring Hawks demoralised the Eagles last Sunday.

If Carlton repeat the dose this Sunday, it will break the Eagles spirit and leave them facing matches at the MCG against Richmond and Melbourne and then the Swans at Sydney — all tough contracts for a team shattered in confidence.

But Todd rejects claims about confidence. . . or the lack of it.

He told the Eagles last week that they couldn't use a drop in confidence as an excuse — you're either good enough or not.

Todd's after-match speech, delivered quietly and with plenty of home truths, left no player in any doubt about where he stood.

Question marks have appeared over the heads of John Annear, Dean Laidley, Murray Rance, Mark Zanotti, Paul Peos, Alex Ishchenko and Laurie Keene, to name a few.

Todd suggested that if the current crop of Eagles players can't lift up to the required VFL standard, then he would have to start again.

The problem is how to stop Carlton, who, on paper, appear just as strong as Hawthorn and will approach the game in the same frame of mind.

The Blues also suffered a loss in Perth last year, when the Eagles pipped them by two points at the WACA Ground.

The post-match sensation was the $5,000 fine imposed on David Rhys-Jones on a striking charge.

by **Harvey Deegan**

The fiery defender has just completed yet another term of suspension and is keen to get hold of the Eagles again.

Former South Fremantle big man Jon Dorotich made a welcome return to form for Carlton last weekend, playing in the ruck after some dismal efforts at centre-half-back.

Dorotich says that the Blues are building up for a big performance

"The Eagles knocked us off last year, so we have a point to prove," said Dorotich. "We will apply the same midfield pressure as did Hawthorn last Sunday and the Eagles won't find kicks easy.

"The West Australians in the Carlton side always give a little bit extra when they play in front of their old home crowd," said Dorotich.

Big ruckman Alex Ishchenko is one of the Eagles whose head is on the line. Picture JULIAN COWAN.

Plucky State rookies earn accolades

From **GRANT DORRINGTON** in Adelaide

WEST Australia's rookie State side put up a meritorious performance against South Australia at Football Park on Tuesday — despite their 40-point losing margin.

This WA side was the most inexperienced ever — and was given no chance against a powerful SA combination.

Yet the Gerard Neesham-trained players took the game right up to the Croweaters and showed that WA football still has plenty of young talent emerging.

Take this comparison of experience as a guide to the relative sides — the 22 SA players had a combined games-played total of 4099, with 115 State appearances, while the WA youngsters (plus Maurice Rioli) have only 1300 club appearances and 20 State matches between them.

It was only the last five minutes of the second term that saw the game slip away from WA after they had gone to a handy lead.

The destructive Jarman brothers, Andrew and Darren, did the damage, kicking valuable goals and gaining midfield ascendency to bring SA back into the match.

SA's half-time lead of 11 points was stretched to 23 at three-quarter time and the WA players ran out of legs.

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What they said...

"The supporters in the grandstand were a bit upset with certain players and I suppose they had a right to be." **West Perth coach Bruce Monteath on plans to drop players from the league side.**

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"It is not a satisfactory situation, especially when an innocent player is inconvenienced." **Eagles chief Bill Kerr on David Hart having to fly to Melbourne and back as a witness in a report arising from a Perth game.**

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"It's a hard decision to leave Swans, but I would hope to keep playing at the top level." **Swan Districts veteran Bill Skwirowski on his retirement.**

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"Ron Alexander is likely to be offered the senior coaching position at Fitzroy." **Kim Hagdorn, writing in the Daily News.**

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"The public are a vital ingredient in the system and have potentially as important a role as administrators in fashioning football in the future." **WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey on plans to call for submissions from the public for the future structure of the game.**

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"I'll certainly be revved up if I get a game in Adelaide; who wouldn't be?" **East Fremantle's Ray Sterrett on his State squad call-up.**

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"We're prepared to bite the bullet. It might take two years, but we will build our league team around young guys." **West Perth coach Bruce Monteath.**

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"We wanted to erase from history the fact that Hawthorn had never beaten the Eagles." **Hawks coach Alan Joyce after their crushing victory.**

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"We fell short of the mark. We didn't face Hawthorn head-on. Too many players are living in the comfort zone." **Eagles coach John Todd after the Hawthorn loss.**

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"Laurie Keene is one of the most maligned footballers in the Eagles camp." **TV critic Dennis Cometti.**

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"West Perth have never been a patient club when it comes to development. They have shown no interest in their local zone." **Percy Johnson on West Perth's lack of young local talent.**

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"Lifting the salary cap is the only way to create a better standard of players in the WAFL." **Geoff Christian on radio 6WF.**

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"I hope the media become a bit more forthright about some of our players." **Eagles coach John Todd after their disappointing loss to Hawthorn.**

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FOOTY PUNCHLINES

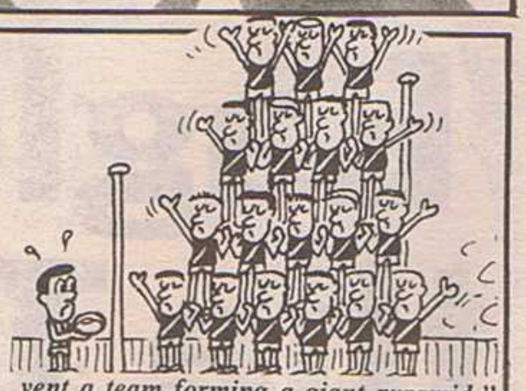
BUCKY'S FUTURE

Subiaco fans listening to Hawthorn ace Gary Buckenara being interviewed on radio 6WF last week would have been pleased to hear that he's keen to return to the West shortly. But in the next breath, he said that it would be another couple of years before that day arrived! Bucky now works for Australian Airlines and said he was hopeful that a transfer would be available when he and his wife decided to make a move back home to Perth. He won't ever play for the Eagles — the costly legal battle last year proves that — but he could finish his days back with Subiaco.

Taking defence a step higher

FOOTSCRAY have expressed concern to the VFL that a human pyramid could one day create a goal-mouth barricade to alter the course of a match.

Sunday Press sports editor Scot Palmer has reported that the Bulldogs raised the issue after Brisbane Bears Mike Richardson climbed on to a teammate's shoulder to try and stop Simon Beasley's after-the-siren shot for goal two weeks ago.



"There is nothing in the rules to prevent a team forming a giant pyramid," said Footscray's Denis Galimberti, confirming his club's written complaint to the VFL.

"Can you imagine how ugly that would look," he said.

BLEAK FUTURE

RADIO 6PR critic Percy Johnson doesn't pull any punches as he calls the shots, both at the game or on the weekly Football Forum show. He certainly put a cat among the pigeons last Friday when he suggested that seven of the eight WAFL clubs would trade at a loss this year, on current financial trends. A strong critic of the draft, Johnson says that unless someone in the WAFL stands up to be counted, it won't be the lack of players that affects the WAFL competition, but the fact that clubs will be bankrupt.

HANDBALL HAPPY

FOOTY stats tell some funny stories, at times. Take last week's game between Swan Districts and East Perth where Swans set up a match-winning effort with their nine-goal second term. The Royals had matched Swans in the first term, outscored them in the third and again in the fourth. But all the damage was done in the second — when East Perth's handball tally soared to 42, compared to the low 20s in the other three terms. That statistic obviously indicates that the Royals had plenty of use of the ball, but didn't take advantage of it.

TOUGH DAY

RUCK-rover John Worsfold has emerged as the Eagles most consistent player this season — but one wondered whether he was going a bit far last Sunday. Worsfold is gaining a reputation of being a physical player, refusing to shirk any tough action. But to shirt-front Hawthorn's strongest player Robert DiPierdomenico and their most aggressive, Dermott Brereton, in the same game was being a bit adventurous!

LONELY DAY

TALKING about John Worsfold, he copped a report card from the umpires for an elbow on Hawthorn rival Robert DiPierdomenico, which meant a lonely trip to Melbourne and back on Monday. However, as a part-time pharmacy student, Worsfold didn't waste the trip across Australia — he used it to catch up on some study.

BLUES BOYS

A group of local football fans are trying to establish a Carlton cheer supporters group in Perth. A small gathering were at the Sundowner Hotel recently to watch a live telecast of a Blues match and further information can be obtained from Shaun D'Souza (325 9599) or Mark Howard (325 3388).

WA seek a finals match

MELBOURNE'S Sunday Observer columnist Ray (Slug) Jordan has expressed concern over a rash of media bans and gags with VFL clubs.

In recent weeks North Melbourne and Richmond have denied the media access to players for interviews and three other clubs were recently accused of lack of co-operation with the media.

As Jordan says: "I would have thought that the clubs could do with all the publicity they can generate, especially considering the poor crowds going to the MCG."

A number of Melbourne journalists have expressed concern in recent weeks about a lack of co-operation and even the VFL's media director, Mike Sheahan, was in the hot seat when he suggested a story that raised the ire of one club.

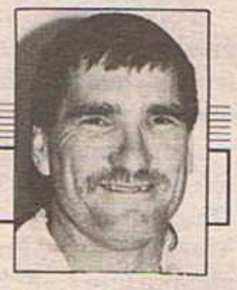
Sheahan, a former journalist, had suggested that North Melbourne's Alistair Clarkson might be worth an interview in view of his pre-season London clash with Carlton.

That upset Norths — but they didn't tackle Sheahan; just banned the media.

EAGLES BLOW THEIR CHANCE

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant PETER BOSUSTOW



The West Coast Eagles ARE soft.

The much-publicised, to the tune of over-exposed, West Coasters had their chance to explode claims of weakness last Sunday — and they blew it.

And they blew the chance to dispell my doubts on their ability to play when the premier focal point, Ross Glendinning, is out of the side.

If Glendinning doesn't prove fit enough to play against Carlton on Sunday, the West Coast wimps will get canned again.

Too many of the Eagles are weak under the immense pressure of Victorian football.

John Todd has called on the Perth media to be tougher and more educated in their appraisal of the Eagles' performances.

Well, they can certainly get that from this critic.

The Eagles capitulated under the strain of a professional Hawks unit last Sunday and can expect a dose of the same this week against the reigning VFL premiers.

But while Toddy is calling for the media to appraise this players a little more closely, Toddy himself must cop some of the blame.

Todd has lauded the flexibility of this Eagles squad.

Mark Zanotti ... is he up to it?

That was not the case against Hawthorn. They were not flexible and every Todd move was countered by Hawthorn boss Alan Joyce.

FLEXIBILITY

Some of the moves Todd initiated showed a distinct lack of flexibility in some of the players.

Alex Ishchenko is not a full-forward; Chris Lewis is nothing but a forward; Andrew Lockyer is too slow on a fast-leading opponent and the immediate future of Mark Zanotti must be under review.

Todd will pray to the high heavens this week that Glendinning, Steve Malaxos and Michael Brennan are fit to take on the Blues.

And even then the Eagles boss will gamble on their ability to sustain four quarters in the tense atmosphere of a VFL game.

Glendinning and Brennan haven't played for two weeks, while Malaxos has been absent now for a month.

Perhaps a run with the State side on Tuesday night would have provided valuable service to WA football and given the trio a decent hit-out before Sunday's game.

Todd's claim of them being on "standby" for the Carlton game is ludicrous.

This is a day and age of national football where professional footballers are fast becoming accustomed to two games in the space of, at times, four days.

Eagles players who should have played on Tuesday, would have had five days to recover before Sunday and they would have played in a team of 22.

Robert Wiley ... the quiet achiever

Perth coach Robert Wiley. . . contemplates where his side is heading this season.

Demons coach has a refreshing style

by **Harvey Deegan**

Nice guys run last, so the saying goes.

So what's gone wrong at Perth?

If the old adage is true, Perth should be near the bottom of the ladder with Robert Wiley at the helm, rather than looking good things to play off in the finals.

But under Wileys nice guy approach is a will of steel.

Wiley knows exactly where he's going and he commands the total respect of his players.

Perhaps it's because he's an intelligent man and treats his players the same way.

Last Saturday I spent the day with Wiley at the WACA Ground, seeking an insight into what makes the man tick and why the Demons are firing for him.

The game plan is well in place long before Saturday, explaining why he painstakingly spoke to each player individually, reminding them of their particular role in that overall plan.

There is a mood of relaxation in the Perth dressing room almost up to the moment the players run onto the ground.

Just 25 minutes from bouncedown Sandover Medallist Mark Watson is chipping a footy with a group of kids, an experience they'll remember for a lifetime.

During the pre-match stretching exercises under the guidance of physical education instructor Merv White, Wiley has time to chat with a visitor from Melbourne and pat the curly mop of a wide-eyed four-year-old, who somehow remained in the room after the 2pm "everybody out" call.

The pre-match "pep-talk" was a measured speech, delivered quietly with plenty of pauses to allow the points to sink in.

The players had to attack the football, lead hard and protect their teammates.

"I don't ask you for anything more than a red hot dip today," said Wiley.

And so to battle, with Wiley and chairman of selectors Noel Carter busy working out where various South Fremantle players have lined up.

As the game develops, mistakes are made, but there are no histrionics. Just a phone call from the coach's box to runner Wim Rosbender with a message for the player.

At half-time, it's clear South are having a good day, while Perth are playing below their best. Wiley showed his annoyance during the long break, eyeballing the players and making no secret of his disappointment at their approach.

But no individual was made an example of, nor did Wiley name the seven players he felt were the only ones playing well.

Just another plea to keep in front, kick long and be on hand at the fall of the ball.

History now records that South Fremantle won the match. They were the better side on the day and did the things Wiley wanted his players to do. He had every reason to blow the fuse, but it didn't happen.

The players knew they had let themselves and their club down.

Wiley analytically pinpointed what had gone wrong, left no-one in doubt that he was bitterly disappointed and then went on to turn the negatives around to positive thoughts about the next game.

Wiley hasn't modelled himself on any one coach.

"I've been lucky enough to have played under a number of excellent coaches," says Wiley. "I suppose I've picked up some of their good ideas.

"I'm not a coach who becomes visibly upset because that doesn't achieve anything — except that you lose sight of what is going on."

It's a good bet that a long coaching career lies ahead of this 33-year-old and, like his football achievements, it won't only be in WAFL ranks.

WE NEED CHRISTIE BACK IN A HURRY

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

with Ron Alexander

NOW that I'm in the media arena (Channel 10, Sunday Times, Westside Football), I'm a real football expert at last and with little chance of making mistakes.

After all, making comments with the aid of hindsight isn't all that dangerous.

George Christie certainly suffered a severe setback when he dislocated his shoulder while playing against Subiaco.

George had been chosen to represent WA against SA in Adelaide and was appointed vice-captain.

Christie has played in a premiership side (1985) and was a member of an Australian champion side (1986) as well as representing WA in baseball as catcher and, more lately, as team manager.

George is second to none in the eyes of his teammates and is certainly a worthy captain of his club.

The WAFL needs players of Christie's calibre. Let's hope he's back in action soon.

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UMPS ON BALL

UMPIRES seem to have kept out of the WAFL news lately.

This generally means they are umpiring well.

There is now a good bunch of young umpires who seem to be backing their judgement. They need continued strong support from the WAFL.

One who seems to be umpiring consistently is Glen Lee. He must be close to VFL selection.

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Smorgasbord for scouts

THE State game in Adelaide is really a smorgasbord for VFL talent scouts.

All 14 VFL clubs will be hanging over Football Park like vultures and the SA clubs will be picking up any crumbs.

You can reasonably expect eight or nine of the WA team to be drafted for season '89.

Outstanding performance by rookies such as Ben Allan, Don Pyke, John O'Sullivan, Ray Sterrett, Lance Durack and Scott Watters will enhance their chances of playing VFL football in the future.

Hawks gave us lesson

HAWTHORN certainly took the Eagles by storm last Sunday.

Even with Platten off the ground after quarter-time they hardly missed a beat.

Their forward line was being supplied with continuous quality attacking moves, and Brereton and Dunstall made the most of them.

The Eagles had little potential to score with Lockyer off after five minutes of the first quarter and Lewis and Gastev playing in the middle of the ground.

The Eagles will have to wait for the finals to get another crack at the Hawks.

SHOCKERS WANTED

EVEN with a marked split in the WAFL ladder there is still great interest in forthcoming games.

East Perth may not have won many, but they are commanding some respect.

We need more surprises like the one South Fremantle supplied on Saturday.

There still isn't a clear-cut premiership favourite with Subiaco, East Fremantle and Claremont all on the same line of betting, closely followed by Perth.

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Watch 'em rebound

THE Eagles will rebound on Sunday. There are too many good players in the side to allow a repeat of the Hawthorn game.

The players know what to expect from Carlton and will certainly be looking forward to a big challenge.

Carlton are generally considered a safer side than Hawthorn and finesse slightly more.

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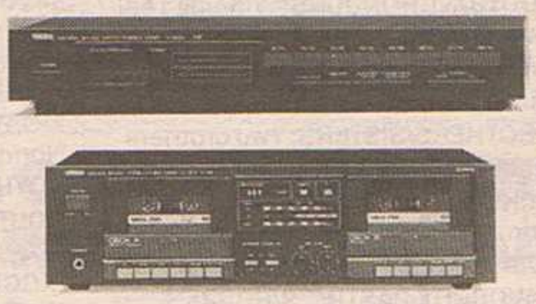

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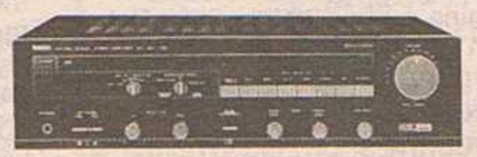

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SGIO PLAYER PROFILES

WEST COAST EAGLES

CHRIS WATERMAN

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 19/9/68 Subiaco
HEIGHT: 183cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg
GUERNSEY NUMBER: 31
RECRUITED FROM: East Fremantle
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1987 East Fremantle vs Subiaco
GAMES PLAYED: 32 East Fremantle, 1 Eagles
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Winning Teal Cup in 1985
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two brothers
OCCUPATION: Electrician
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Rossmoyne Primary, Rossmoyne Senior High
CAR: Cortina Wagon
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Fishing, surfing, holidaying in Bali with East Fremantle Colts.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese
FAVOURITE DRINK: Rum & Coke
FAVOURITE SPORT (apart from football): Basketball
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Jimmy Barnes
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Don't read books
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Bali
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Rumours
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Cosby Show
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Rocky III, Top Gun
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Greg Norman, Allan Border
BOYHOOD IDOL: Ken Hunter
ROUTINE BEFORE A MATCH: Keep occupied
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the Colts grand final in 1986
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in finals in my first league year
FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To carry the VFL premiership Cup around the MCG.

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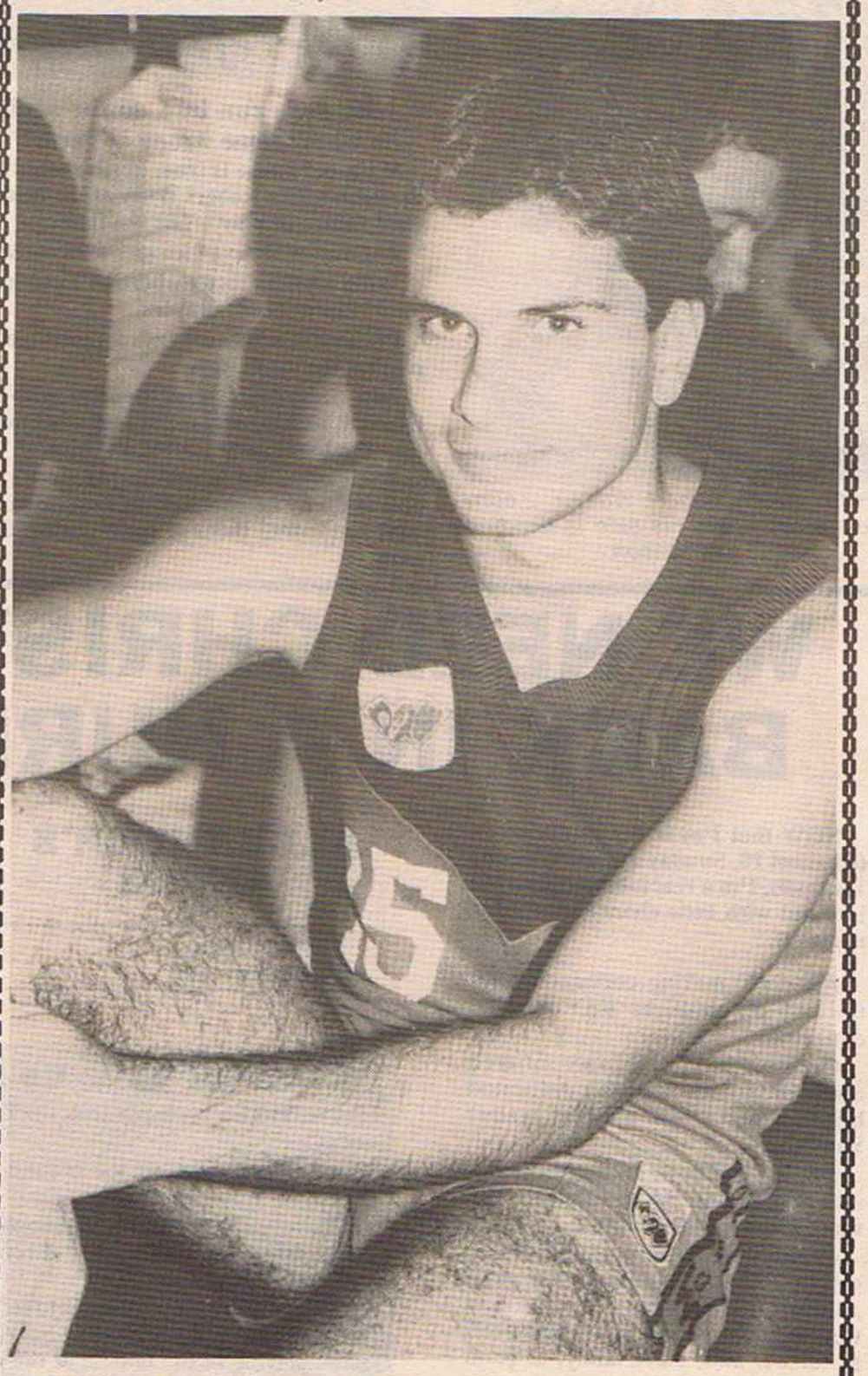
Angelo Del Borrello

ROYALS



Full Name: **Angelo Del Borrello.**
Nickname: **Delbo.** *Why?:* **From last name.**
Date of Birth: **16/7/66.** *Place of Birth:* **Busselton.**
Height: **174cm (5ft 8in).** *Weight:* **71kg (11st 3lb).**
Age Started Playing: **9.**
Junior Club: **Morley Police Boys.**
Marital Status: **Single.**
Residence: **Morley.**
Occupation: **Investment consultant.** *Place of Work:* **A. Del Borrello & Associates.**
Other Sporting Interests: **Cricket, golf.**
Favourite Position: **Anywhere.** *First Position:* **Rover.**
League Debut: **1983.** *Versus:* **Claremont.**

FAVOURITES:

Actor: **Burt Reynolds.** *Drink:* **Southern Comfort & Coke.**
Movie: **Beverly Hills Cops.** *Music:* **Cold Chisel.**
TV Show: **Get Smart.** *Food:* **Schnitzel.**
Holiday Resort: **Busselton.**
Ground: **Perth Oval.**
Car: **Camry.** *Favourite Car:* **Ferrari.**
Career Highlights: **Reserves premiership 1983, Teal Cup.**
Worst Moment in Football: **Missing out on 1984 first semi-final.**
Hard Things in Football: **Training pre-season.**
Football Idols: **Barry Cable, Wayne Otway.**
Toughest Opponent: **All hard.**
Most Respected Opponent: **All respected.**
Most Respected Umpire: **All respected.**
Most Memorable Game: **First league game.**
Ambitions: **To play consistent league football, to win league premiership.**
What do you like about Football: **Teammates, winning.**
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: **Do the same things every week.**
Who Influenced Your Career: **Eddie Pitter, Greg Brehaut, Gerard McNeill.**
Guernsey Number: **15.** *Any Reason:* **No.**
Superstitions: **None.**
Worst Injury: **Broken wrist twice.**
Luckiest Break: **No such thing as luck.**

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Wally Matera (South Fremantle) 97*
Phil Scott (Eagles) 96*

**Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Wally Matera 11 Eagles, 86 South Fremantle, Phil Scott 79 Subiaco, 17 Eagles.*

150 GAMES

Tony Solin (Swans) 146
Laurie Keene (Eagles) 145
Brian Taylor (Subiaco) 142
Craig Edwards (South Frem) 142*
John Scott (Claremont) 142*
Phil Bradmore (West Perth) 141*

**Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Tony Solin 3 South Fremantle, 36 East Fremantle, 107 Swan Districts. Laurie Keene 126 Subiaco, 19 Eagles. Craig Edwards 69 South Fremantle, 73 East Perth. John Scott 69 Claremont, 73 East Perth. Phil Bradmore 126 West Perth, 15 Footscray.*

200 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196

250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 246*
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 234

**Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Maurice Rioli 118 Richmond, 128 South Fremantle.*

300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 289*

**Denotes games played with other clubs as follows: Robert Wiley 176 Perth, 95 Richmond, 18 Eagles.*

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Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 331*

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

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UNFAIR UMPS

CHANNEL 7 critic and fellow Westside columnist Dennis Cometti was upset recently at accusations by some WA media that VFL umpires were "cheating" when it came to free kicks against the Eagles. Well, we're not taking sides, but there were some blatant free kicks that went against East Perth at Bassendean Oval last week that irked Royals fans — and officials. There was one classic decision where a boundary umpire whistled the ball out, the East Perth player in possession naturally stopped, but the field umpire penalised him for holding the ball! When Royals coach Gerard McNeill sent runner Kevin Bryant out seeking an explanation, the field umpire claimed he had whistled play up first!

AND ANOTHER

THEN there was the classic goal-front incident where Royals ruckman Mal Bennett was blatantly shoved in the back — so much so that he hit the deck — but the kick was ignored and Swans rebounded to goal. That was at a crucial stage for East Perth as they were within a goal or two of succeeding in their last-half fightback. A Swans goal from a much more dubious in-the-back to Swans Alan Sidebottom took the sting out of the Royals revival.

OUT OF BOUNDS

WELL, after months of waiting to see how Perth's new television station would treat football, I must report their first effort as being out of bounds on a full! A shocker! On a day that had plenty of footy activity, they brushed over the Eagles defeat, didn't even give the scores for the other VFL game, failed to provide a VFL premiership table, did a quick, rushed and inadequate job on the State team selection — and left most footy fans bewildered at their approach! Then they covered the English cricket scene at about the same length as football!

KICKER DIPPER!

ONE hates to see a footballer kick another player, but Hawthorn's Brownlow Medal start Robert DiPierdomenico certainly tried to put himself in that category at Subiaco. Dipper was frustrated and tried to "back-kick" his Eagles opponent Dean Laidley. The kick backwards didn't seem to connect — which was just as well, maybe.

SELECTION PUZZLE

FORMER West Perth president Rod Brown is obviously not too pleased with some recent decisions at his old club in relation to players. Speaking on 6PR's Football Forum, Brown indicated that an injustice had been done with the decision to relegate Paddy Madaffari, along with big man Phil Bradmore and Dan Foley. He said that Madaffari, a successful goalkicking specialist last year, was not cut out to be a ruck-rover. He suggested that maybe West Perth shouldn't have let the mobile talents of Les Fong, Corry Bewick and Gavin Chaplin leave the club.

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It's amazing what some people will do to stay dry at the football. These two fans used motorcycle helmets to avoid the occasional raindrops at Subiaco Oval.

SLUG KNOWS!

THOSE of you who listen to radio 6PR's Man-in-Melbourne, Ray (Slug) Jordan will know that he comes up with some pretty spicy stuff.

His column in Melbourne's Sunday Observer newspaper is akin to this columnist — and the reaction he provokes from club officials etc is also similar.

He really let the cat out of the bag recently by suggesting that the West Coast Eagles were applying to the VFL to play a finals match outside of Melbourne if an interstate team was competing.

Slug says that the Eagles will back up their case with a claim that only 31,000 sets of finals series tickets were sold last year — and that a finals match in Sydney or Perth would produce a packed house.

The Eagles believe that the finals series tickets should cover just the last four finals matches — and the first two finals, the elimination and the qualifying, should be left open for sale.

ON THE OUTER

WE know that rookie ABC caller Greg Keeley has had a few hectic moments in his first season as a kick-by-kick commentator, but surely his superiors allow him to share their afternoon tea! Keeley was spotted over on the outer at Bassendean Oval last week sharing a cuppa and a scone with some friends while George Grljusich and Ken Armstrong had all the goodies up in the Press box!

BOARD BUNGLE

THE scoreboard at the WACA Ground has been mentioned on this page before, but it really excelled itself last Saturday. Only people with radios would have had the foggiest idea what was happening at all other grounds in the final quarter. Up went the three-quarter-time scores and that was it. No updates for the entire last quarter. Not good enough.

BROWN'S BOILOVER

WAFL Commissioner Malcolm Brown let fire a few rockets on last week's 6PR Football Forum when he was a guest at the Vegas Hotel. As the debate raged over a draft, football finances and the future, he said that the Government had cuased most of today's problems. He suggested that the appointment of the Task Force a few years back had taken the game out of the hands of people who knew football. "The Government appointed people to change the game and look where we've ended up," he said.

NO PROTECTION

TALKING about umpires, several of the contributors to this column have, in recent weeks, been critical of the men in white not being particularly protective of players going for the ball. It seems the trend nowadays is to get in front, but don't be too fussed about picking up the ball. If you do pick it up, you immediately get "buried" and, more often than not, get penalised for holding the ball! There were a couple of classic cases of the player in front getting penalised at Bassendean Oval last week.

OUTSPOKEN CRITIC

FORMER player and now respected ABC critic Keith Slater, served a short term on the Board of Directors of the WAFL two years ago — and it's common knowledge that he resigned because he didn't agree with a few coming changes. You only had to listen to his scathing criticism of the VFL last Saturday to have confirmation that he was against the WAFL's move into the VFL arena. "The draft is scandalous," said Slater. "It only benefits the VFL and will further wreck the WAFL." Slater suggested that the legal fraternity would have a feast with the expected rush of legal wrangles over players rights.

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BENNETT'S BURST

By ROBERT BENNETT
of The Sunday Times

Joyce deserved to enjoy Hawks victory

DESPITE the humble approach of Alan Joyce last Sunday, one wonders how he really felt after Hawthorn demolished the West Coast Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

He has always been stoical in his approach and didn't give any indication of emotion at the press conference after the game.

But it wouldn't have surprised me if a glimmer of satisfaction creased his face sometime after the win.

The victory enabled him to settle an old score.

Back in 1972, he was pushed aside by East Fremantle to allow John Todd to take over as coach.

Joyce was not happy with the decision. A close associate of his told me later that he felt Todd eroded his position when he was a columnist with the Daily News.

BULLETS

Joyce felt I was culpable, as I had ghosted Todd. In fact, Joyce believed that I prepared the bullets and Todd merely fired them.

From that time on, Joyce gave me a wide berth. So it was interesting to see his attitude at the press conference after the game. His professionalism was such that any personal differences were shoved aside when I fired questions at him.

Joyce went back to East Fremantle after Todd decided to end his coaching stint there and take on Swan Districts.

He almost achieved what he may have been deprived of the first time around, a premiership. Some would say Joyce developed the team that won a premiership under Todd two years later.

When he went back in 1977 he took East Fremantle into the grand final.

When he coached Perth in 1980-81, they were on their way to the basement of the competition because of a player drain.

So while he had success in the VFA, Joyce, unlike Todd, has never tasted success at a major league level.

But that may change this year.

It would be too easy to down-play Joyce's role with Hawthorn. It is a team that some say needs very little coaching on match days. With Joyce being in a caretaker role while Allen Jeans recovers from illness, critics feel that all the preparation has been done.

I disagree.

Since they joined the competition last year, the Eagles have been almost invulnerable at Subiaco Oval.

Yet they were never a chance against the Hawks.

I don't know about other Eagles supporters, but I enjoyed Sunday's game even though we received a hiding.

Not since before the State-of-Origin games, when Victoria ruled the roost, have I seen as polished a performance as that given by the Hawks in the first half against the Eagles.

It was football at its best.

Those critics who predicted the Eagles would win, some said we'd bury the Hawks, were obviously blinded by our record at home and the fact that the Hawks had not beaten the Eagles.

RIDICULOUS

In hindsight, it was a ridiculous assessment given the playing talent of the Hawks. They have arguably the best full-forward, centre-half-forward and full-back in the competition and one of the best centre-half-backs.

Around that framework are some of the most talented players in VFL football.

They have what the Eagles lack, a top centre-half-forward, key backmen and a goalkicking rover, even though John Platten missed most of the game through injury after a seven-kick first term that helped set up the victory.

End of the match, end of story.

WALLS GUEST AT SEMINAR

ROBERT Walls will be the guest at a Coaches Associations seminar this Sunday at 3.30 in the Subiaco Oval changerooms immediately after the Eagles match.

Walls, in his third year with Carlton after spending five years with Fitzroy, will discuss the objective strategies of addressing the team

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Carlton coach Robert Walls will be asking for a special effort from his players this Sunday against the West Coast Eagles to avenge the side's loss in Perth last season.

WEST COAST EAGLES — BLUES

VFL PREVIEW:

Eagles cannot afford another shocker

by
GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian

SO John Todd wants the media to be tougher on his players. He thinks they've had it too easy.

Perhaps he's right.

It is natural for West Australians to support a West Australian team in an expanded VFL competition and it is natural for the media to hope for success from the Eagles.

If success is to come more regularly, the Eagles will not be able to repeat their performance of last Saturday ... ever.

The Eagles players were intimidated by the size, physical presence and determination of Hawthorn. Several of them appeared to be looking over their shoulder during the afternoon and the pressure applied saw the locals dispose of the ball with the precision, timing and thought of eight-year-olds — and no disrespect to the youngsters!

And if they thought that was tough, what's going to happen this week?

It took the Eagles until the 26-minute mark of the final term to overhaul Hawthorn's first term performance. And the Hawks were without John Platten after quarter-time.

How are they going to handle a Carlton team which is equally determined, perhaps more skilful and steeped in tradition?

The Blues came through a tough game against North Melbourne last Saturday, winning by 13 points, and the key position players will again provide some headaches for the Eagles.

Jon Dorotich and Stephen Kernahan were both strong contributors for the Blues last Saturday, in much the same fashion as Dermott Brereton and Jason Dunstall created all sorts of headaches for the Eagles defence last Sunday.

As well, their midfield band of running players ensure a steady flow of opportunities for their star forwards.

Wayne Blackwell is back to his very best. Perhaps he is the best player to have left WA for Victoria in the last six or seven years.

He is aggressive to the ball, puts his body on the line and is at his best in big games. Who could forget that magnificent smother in the dying stages of a game against Victoria a couple of years ago?

That smother won the game for WA and Blackwell thrives on doing the hard things. At the same time he has the poise and polish of a star.

The Eagles will look better balanced with the return of Ross Glendinning, but the midfield players will need to lift their rating to ensure he gets enough opportunities.

They must be single-minded in their quest for the football, rather than take a look and see where the next bump is coming from.

LES'S LYRICS

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SGIO WAFL preview

Neesham needs to square up with Perth

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham has had few opportunities to seek revenge during his time as a coach.

Losses have been infrequent, but he has still been able to exact the odd dose of revenge.

And revenge will be on his lips when he addresses his players before Saturday's game with Perth.

Last week the players were reminded of the weak manner they folded to West Perth on Anzac Day. Last Saturday, West Perth were crushed into the Claremont Oval turf as Neesham's warriors crushed their way to a massive victory.

IMPROVERS

This week Perth are on the menu and Neesham will be desperate to atone for their surprise first-round defeat at the hands of football's big improvers.

Neesham will lead from the front and he will look to his State team members — Peter Melesso, Brian Sutherland, Ben Allan, Don Pyke, Cameron Lewis and David O'Connell — to give him the support he needs.

The Tigers are sitting in second position on the ladder, though their form has not been anywhere near as convincing as last season when they lost just one qualifying game.

Perth coach Robert Wiley has not lost two games in succession and he will see this match as an important link in the chain he hopes will see the Demons earn a place in the final round.

A second win over Claremont would be the tonic Perth need to rebound after last week's surprise defeat.

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ROBERT BENNETT	24	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
PETER BOSUSTOW	17	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
DENNIS COMETTI	21	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
DAVE CLEMENT	18	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
HARVEY DEEGAN	23	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
GRANT DORRINGTON	23	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
ALAN EAST	19	Subiaco	Claremont	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	22	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	19	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton
GARY STOCKS	17	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	22	Subiaco	Claremont	East Fremantle	South Fremantle	Carlton

how about you?

Royals cannot be ignored

COMPETITIVE ... that is the goal of East Perth for the rest of the season.

The Royals, though sitting on the bottom of the premiership table, are never easily beaten and against Subiaco at the WACA Ground on Saturday they will be looking to continue the trend.

And the chance of an upset is not entirely remote. The Lions had several players engaged on Tuesday night who will now play their third game in seven days and all the Royals players will be fresh.

But Haydn Bunton has not lost two games in a row very often during his stint with Subiaco and his mind will still be fresh.

East Perth saw a number of their senior players back in form last week and with an exciting crop of rookies emerging, they could cause an upset.

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SATURDAY, May 28 could well be the biggest day of the season for both South Fremantle and Swan Districts.

If Swans thought they had a crisis last week, they had better get down from the clouds of celebration after beating East Perth by a couple of goals and ponder their next problem.

That win over East Perth has kept them in touch with the leading four teams in the competition and South Fremantle did the same by beating Perth.

One of them will close the gap today and a desperate battle should emerge as they fight to claw within one win of fourth spot.

South have looked brilliant at times and ordinary on many other occasions. The moment of truth has now arrived for the Kresta Cup premiers.

And Swans, who have been under enormous pressure, will be equally keen to grab the four premiership points. Fremantle Oval could be the scene of great enjoyment on Saturday night.

Falcons face final chance

WEST Perth are just about on their last chance.

The Falcons won only two of their first seven games and are well behind schedule in their plans to make the top four.

A loss to East Fremantle on Saturday could be the first of the nails in the coffin. Though they are unlikely to fall further out of touch with the top four this week, it is time they started beating teams above them.

They showed in beating Swan Districts and Claremont that they have ability. Producing it on a regular basis, however, has proven a major hurdle.

And East Fremantle have rarely looked slicker than they did last week in disposing of Subiaco.

The Sharks teamed together superbly and showed that when they combine as a unit, they are capable of producing outstanding results. It will be West Perth's task to upset the Sharks and that will not be easy.

1988 FORM GUIDE

(Figures in brackets are winning (W) or losing (L) margins).

EAST PERTH L (101), L (29), L (79), L (20), L (44), W (37), L (13)
SOUTH FREMANTLE W (101), L (30), L (13), L (57), W (73), L (26), L (92), W (37)
EAST FREMANTLE W (19), W (10), W (13), L (49), W (20), W (43), L (18), W (42)
PERTH L (19), W (8), W (53), L (43), W (44), W (101), L (37)
WEST PERTH W (84), L (10), L (53), W (30), L (73), L (45), L (37), L (67)
SWAN DISTRICTS L (84), W (30), L (109), W (16), L (38), L (43), L (101), W (13)
CLAREMONT W (67), L (8), W (79), L (30), W (38), W (26), W (18), W (67)
SUBIACO L (67), W (29), W (109), W (49), W (43), W (45), W (92), L (42)

WHEN THEY LASH CLASHED

April 9 at Subiaco — Subiaco 14.15 b East Perth 10.10 — Margin: 29 points.
April 9 at Claremont — Perth 10.14 b Claremont 8.18 — Margin: 8 points.
April 9 at East Fremantle — East Fremantle 14.19 b West Perth 14.9 — Margin: 10 points.
April 9 at Bassendean — Swan Districts 17.23 b South Fremantle 14.11 — Margin 30 points.

EXPLOSIVE FOOTBALL ACTION SATURDAY

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GARY'S GOSSIP

with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk

Reserves merger?

HERE'S my rumour of the week. A trusted informant tells me that plans have been discussed by associates of the WAFL to abandon the Reserves competition as we know it.

This plan, according to the rumour, would be carried out in conjunction with the Sunday Football League.

The proposed move could see SFL participation in our WAFL competition.

I don't have the complete story yet, because the topic is a hot potato and is being discussed behind closed doors.

However, I believe I am on to something and will be looking into this one very carefully.

UPSET ON CARDS

EVERY armchair critic around town seems to be wiping off the Eagles and forecasting a Carlton whitewash at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

However, the Eagles have some support from an unexpected quarter — Hawthorn's Chief Executive John Lauritz, who told me he would not be surprised if the Eagles upset Carlton.

Lauritz said that Glendinning, Malaxos and Mainwaring expect to be available for the match.

The Eagles could easily reverse last week's form and their method of play.

I hope he's right as I'm sick and tired of Carlton supporters ramming it down my throat that the Blues will annihilate the Eagles by a minimum of 10 goals.

Some of this pre-match posturing has been perpetrated by a handful of well-known business people around town, including the managing director of a radio station.

We will see who has the last laugh.

GABBA PLAN

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Sally Ann Atkinson is pushing hard for a multi-million development of the Brisbane Cricket Ground.

Alderman Atkinson is eager for a multi-purpose Gabba to allow the staging of night cricket and football and also to incorporate a home for the Bears.

The Queensland Football League is believed to have taken the plan to the VFL and urged them to direct the Bears to make Brisbane their home instead of Carrara on the Gold Coast.

GOING BANANAS?

DAVID Hookes, who was one of 6PR's commentators for the WA versus SA game, is tipped to knock back an offer to play cricket for Queensland in 1988-89.

My information is that he will captain SA again.

South African Barry Richards (married to a WA girl) is expected to be appointed coach of South Australia in about three weeks' time.

Bulldogs breath new hope

WHEN WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey walked up to the press box at East Fremantle Oval after last Saturday's game, he did not look a happy man.

In his hand were the attendances for the round of matches and provisional figures showed a little more than 12,500 had attended the four games.

Cummiskey did not show a lot of emotion. But apart from the disappointing crowds, he would have felt, inwardly at least, a contented man.

A gap which threatened to emerge between the top four and the bottom four was, at least temporarily, avoided by South Fremantle beating Perth at the WACA Ground.

As well, East Perth and Swan Districts were involved in an epic battle at Bassendean Oval and at least the threat of a tight competition, promised preseason, is still conceivable.

GAP CLOSES

Instead of an insurmountable four-game break separating the top four from the also-rans, there is now only eight points between fourth and sixth.

And that gap cannot widen this week.

Perth play Claremont at Claremont Oval and will find that a difficult proposition, while South Fremantle (fifth) and Swan Districts (sixth) play each other at Fremantle Oval. All things being equal, the margin could narrow to just four points after Saturday's round of fixtures.

But it is a dangerous practice in football to bet on the obvious. All too often the unexpected happens and as they say, all the best laid plans ...

For the sake of this argument, let's take a look at the probabilities of the next four rounds.

After Saturday, Perth play West Perth, East Fremantle and East Perth and at the same time, Swans play Subiaco, West Perth and East Fremantle, while the Bulldogs play East Fremantle, East Perth and Claremont.

The next three weeks could be crucial to the changes of Cummiskey wearing a smile when he hands the attendance list to the media each week.

They are vital to the prospects of each of the clubs competing for fourth places (let's assume Subiaco, Claremont and East Fremantle are safe) and to the prospects of luring the fans back to WAFL games.

What the WAFL needs is for South Fremantle and Swans to beat teams ahead of them on the premiership table in the next few weeks.

What is also needed is for West Perth to become more consistent. It is not over for them yet, but they are tempting the hangman to tighten the noose around their necks.

TAKING STOCK

by GARY STOCKS of The West Australian

Eagles TV coverage a worry

THE Great Northern Football League is concerned about the effect of an agreement between the Golden West Network and TVW 7 to telecast Eagles matches to country areas.

Eagles matches on Sundays will now be added to those Friday and Saturday games that are telecast to country areas.

GNFL president Dennis Pearce believes that the move could signal the end of traditional country football matches on Sundays.

"I think it is the end of an era," he says. "To survive, we must now look at changes."

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BIG THRILL FOR JUNIORS

Eagles games a highlight

THE decision to use the curtain-raiser match before Eagles VFL clashes in Perth as a development phase in local football has proved to be an outstanding success as far as the Football Development Trust is concerned.

At the end of last season, the FDT asked the West Coast Eagles if their curtain-raiser would be available and they were enthusiastic in their support.

A schedule of games was then drafted, with the emphasis being placed on school matches.

The selection of school-based football was made after careful analysis of the following facts:

The number of students aged between 13 and 17 who were playing organised football in the community. This had dropped markedly and under-18 teams, particularly, were decreasing.

The number of students at schools who were playing football. This was also at an all-time low, with many schools not playing football at all.

ENCOURAGING

Playing school matches as the VFL curtain-raisers not only boosts young men who are already playing community football, but encourages youngsters not playing anywhere to return to the game.

An example of this was shown last weekend when St Mark's College played Hampton Senior High School in the CIG game played before the Eagles-Hawthorn clash at Subiaco Oval.

The interest created in those schools when they were invited to play was tremendous. Teachers and students alike get a tremendous "buzz" from such an opportunity.

The schools must provide the correct dress and a commitment to play the game by the rules and according to the Code of Conduct drawn up by the students in the Quit Cup competition.

St Marks had 26 students involved in the game; 15 of whom do not play football anywhere else.

So Sunday's game helped attract 15 former players from other areas back to football.

In both the Quit Cup and CIG Shield competitions, about 50 percent of the players involved are not playing community football.

School football provides the opportunity for many young players to stay involved after having opted out of weekend competition for various reasons.

Playing before the Eagles is an enormous thrill for all players.

It is a once-in-a-life time experience for these players, an opportunity they will never forget.

Australian football's future development has received an enormous boost through the co-operation of the VFL and the Eagles in allowing juniors to play as a curtain-raiser to the level of football most youngsters strive for.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON

An unsung hero

ONE of the biggest thrills in football is meeting people who are totally committed to the game and the community and spend countless hours working for the future development.

The game could never pay for the hours of work these men and women put into the young people of our State.

One of these outstanding football workers is Claremont stalwart Arthur Smith, the clubs Director of Football Development.

His role covers everything to do with junior football in the Tigers country and metropolitan regions.

Arthur is a quiet, hard worker who is not after personal glory by being a director.

YOUNGSTERS

He has a genuine love of the game and his club and will do anything to support footballs development.

It was Juniors Day at last weeks Claremont-West Perth clash, a day when hundreds of youngsters parade and then swarm like ants to fleece anyone they can for a donation.

These days require co-ordination and direction and there among the throng of juniors, in his normal quiet manner, was the familiar face of Arthur.

The Arthur Smiths of the football world don't receive much praise, as many junior club administrators are quick to criticise their parent WAFL club for lack of effort.

The people in the Tigers area have developed enormous respect for this doyen of junior workers and Arthur is, without doubt, one of football's genuine workers.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE

THE Teal Cup trials for the 1988 Bicentennary carnival in Canberra continued last Sunday with the Country All Stars playing the Metropolitan All Stars.

This match started four years ago to help the Teal Cup selectors identify the best 17-year-olds available in the State.

The Teal Cup is a high-profile carnival that provides a great challenge for players from every State to display their talents.

It is football's comparison to racing's yearling horse sales.

The best boys in Australia are in one venue competing for the title of Australian champions.

WA has got one of the most professional selection campaigns in Australia, with coach Greg Brehaut and his selectors Trevor Nesbitt, Brian Ciccotosto, Peter Mahoney and Ian MacRae leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to select the best squad.

The Country-Metropolitan game creates great interest and is a tremendous promotion for young talent.

Whether players make the Teal Cup or not, games like these provide a unique football educational experience for all our youth.

Last Sunday saw the Country All Stars win for the first time in what was a top-class game. No holds were barred as the players totally committed themselves to the game.

Greg Brehaut ... Teal Cup coach.

A squad of 40 players now move on to the next trial game, knowing that the day of decision is about six weeks away when the final team is announced.

Whether players make the final team or not, they have been involved in trial games against the best players of their age in the State.

The experience should provide the challenge to work hard and get to the top.

Junior gradings puzzle

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic
BILL MATHER-BROWN

GRADING teams for junior football is a bone of contention in many areas and Trevor Munday, the secretary of Subiaco's junior council, is no exception when it comes to trying to solve puzzles.

"Last year," he says, "we had a Girrawheen team who won just four games and had to draw to finish with only 18 premiership points.

"We graded them accordingly and put them down to the B-grade, or Gold division in the 13s age group.

"Now they've turned it into a one-horse race, with six starts for six one-sided victories, kicking 135 goals to 12.

EMBARRASSING

"It's pretty embarrassing for the grading committee, but they did what seemed obvious."

We can all sympathise with this problem and how many times do you see it happen.

One year a team is down, but the next they come out with players who sweep all before them. Cycles turn in all football clubs, but when it happens in juniors, it can be almost devastating.

Girrawheen coach Glen Hislock agrees that the grading people were fair in their assessment, based on performance. But he would like to see teams who suddenly emerge as a power, to be able to tackle sides in the grade above them.

Though he was happy to be winning games he didn't believe his team was learning anything and they certainly were not having the experiences that normally result from close competition.

The boys play constructive football, backing up, handballing or kicking to players in the best position. They are running past to receive the ball, shepherding and kicking accurately. But they are doing it at a pace just a little above a training gallop and, as a consequence, the players are gaining a false impression as to how good they are.

Winning the B-grade premiership appears to be a mere formality at present, but moves are afoot to pit the Gold division premiers against the Maroon (A) division winners.

REAL TEST

That game would see Girrawheen jump from easy street right into the fire in a week. If the team wants a real test during the '88 season, then that will be it.

Where teams in in the lower grade are unbeaten, or if they have a wide margin separating them from second place, they should have the opportunity to tangle with the top team of the top division.

This gives the second group a chance to prove themselves and to play in a game that will have a lot more importance.

GOOD SUPPORT

A YOUNG friend of mine, Craig Collie, who plays as a stationary pocket with the Girrawheen High School team, says that when they played Warwick in the Quit Cup, there were about 200 students watching from the banks around the oval.

This emphasises that the schools competition is going to attract a lot of attention. In the not-too-distant future, the grand finals will attract considerable crowds.

REAL LIFE

PETER Cummiskey, the Waffle's Chief Executive, was spotted walking around the outer at East Fremantle Oval with his cup of tea and bucket of chips.

When I asked him if he was lost, he replied: "Not in the least, I like to take the opportunity to get to know the people who support our game and to get a feel for the issues that affect them."

As I often get the impression that the people controlling football are pretty detached from the general public, it is good to know that this is not necessarily so.

People like Cummiskey are genuinely doing their best for the game.

Umpires man sets example

THE development of umpires is one of our game's most urgent needs.

One junior council umpires' advisor who has achieved enormous success with recruiting young men to the role of an umpire is Peter Sherwood.

He is in control of the Subiaco Junior Council umpires' panel and has more than 60 umpires at training when many other umpiring panels are battling to get 10 or so.

Peter runs a tight professional unit, with strict codes of behaviour. He doesn't tolerate people who don't want to learn or come into umpiring for the wrong reason.

STANDARDS

Having seen some of his umpires at Teal Cup trial games, their presentation and professionalism is obvious. He sets high standards and then works with his umpires to help them get there.

The game needs more people like Peter Sherwood to help revive the art of umpiring. Without an umpire, you dont have a game. Their role is extremely important and it is essential for the WAFL panel to grow, with more people competing for a position.

Through competition, the standard will continue to grow. to grow.

Sterrett's ready for the big time

I CAN recall rating East Fremantle's Ray Sterrett a couple of years back as a player with a big future.

Certainly my thoughts haven't changed after watching him last Saturday when his form at centre-half-forward earned him best-on-ground.

He absolutely dominated in attack and controlled the key forward position.

He takes a strong mark, is not afraid to mix it physically with the opposition and is prepared to bring the players around him into play with constructive handball.

Though not super quick, he's an astute reader of the play.

ADAPTABLE

At 23 years of age and 185cm tall, he's a highly adaptable player capable of filling a key forward role or ruck-roving off a half-forward flank.

Depending on the Eagles priority recruits for next year — and how many they grab before the final draft — Sterrett would be good value.

Fong lines up for coach job

I WENT for a jog after work last Thursday night and ran round Ernest Johnson Oval in South Perth, home of amateur side Trinity Aquinas, whose current coach is former West Perth captain and rover Les Fong.

Under the minimal lighting available I couldn't help but be impressed by the enthusiasm, participation and noise level of not only the A grade but all teams.

But it's the old story ... when you're winning confidence is high and training enjoyable — as was the case for Trinity Aquinas because prior to last Saturday's fixtures they had been undefeated after six games in A, E, J grade and A grade colts. Not a bad effort, eh!

I wouldn't be surprised to see Les Fong's name among coaching candidates in the WAFL for 1989.

Ron back in town

IT'S been a while since North Melbourne's "top gun," Ron Joseph, was seen quietly moving into a public grandstand seat to watch a WAFL game.

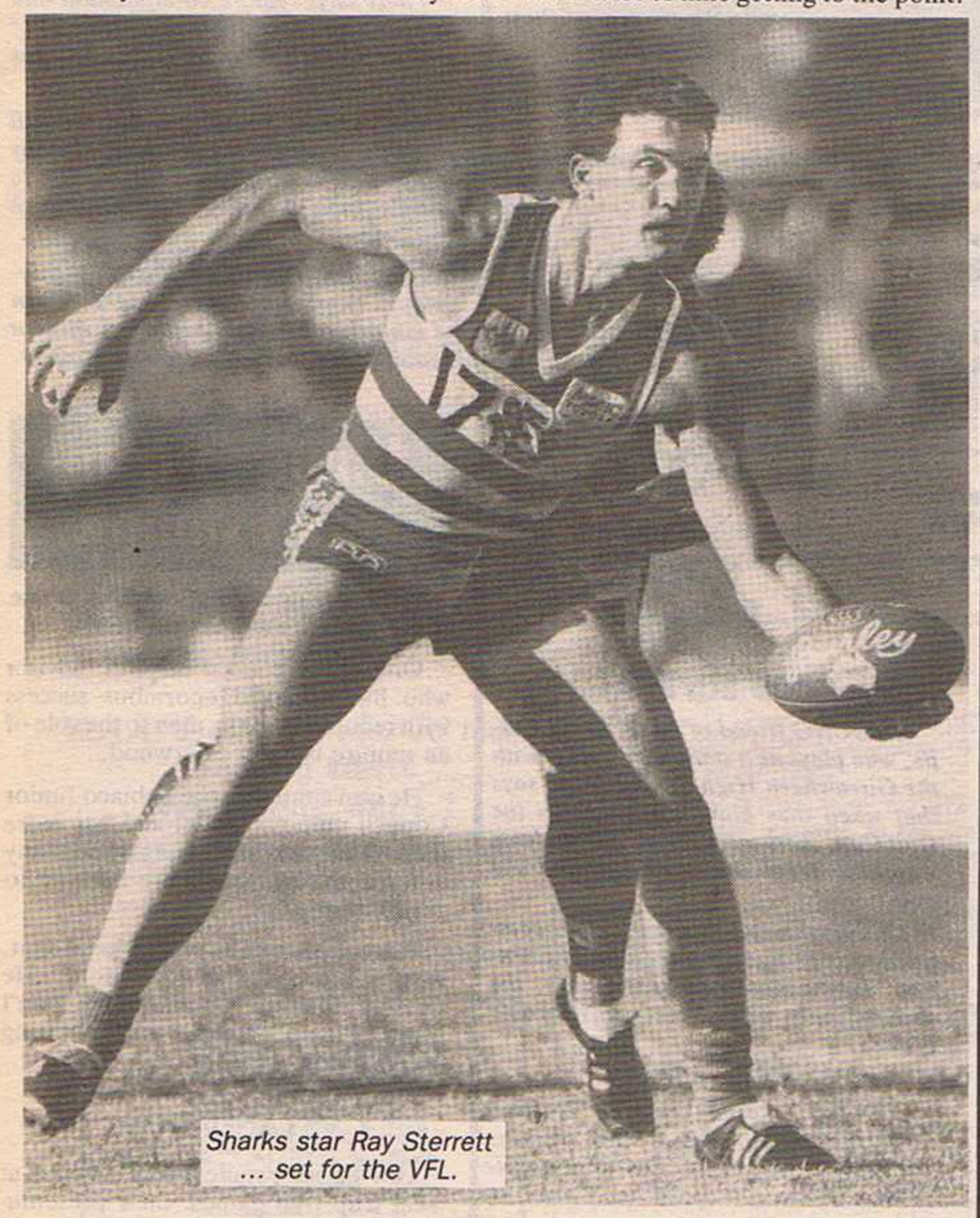
I caught up with Joseph at the East Fremantle-Subiaco game. Joseph, North's general manager, was one of the VFL's most efficient recruiting people in the 1970s.

A prime mover in North's surge to power— and the 1975 and 1977 premierships — Ron Joseph has been involved at North on administrative duties for two decades.

He told me he hadn't been so active in recruiting in recent times but with the new VFL draft coming up he is back in action — though I believe mellowed in his approach, but still ruthless in attitude.

He said that under coach John Kennedy North will continue to push and develop their young players, adding that the club was fortunate to have a man of Kennedy's character and ability to lead them.

FOOTNOTE: I still remember Ron Joseph coming to my home in the middle of season 1972, walking in, sitting down and, without even pausing to draw breath, saying: "We want you to play at North Melbourne. This is how much we'll give you. What do you want to do?" Ron really didn't waste a lot of time getting to the point!



Sharks star Ray Sterrett ... set for the VFL.

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Time to be counted

IT was the Eagles' worst home-town performance but really it wasn't the fact they lost the game but HOW they lost.

You never get premiership points for losing but you gain points for pride and character by giving it your best shot right to the finish.

Hawthorn's first hour was relentless and the Eagles failed dismally to stem the flow.

It was one of those games when it was time to be counted as an individual and as a team against one of the toughest and most professional outfits in the land.

At the end coach John Todd wouldn't have had to use all five fingers on one hand for his best players.

Too many of his men went missing in the physical clashes and their disposal under pressure was disappointing.

I believe there should be some competitive work on the training track this week with an opportunity for 20 committed players to restore some pride into the Eagles before they take on Carlton.

Everybody loves a winner, but if you don't win the fans will still support you if the commitment was there to the end. The Eagles can ill-afford to fail so miserably again.

Melly has right blend

LAST Saturday was my first opportunity to watch East Fremantle in action this year and I was most impressed with their team performance and victory over Subiaco.

Coach Graham Melrose has placed a heavy emphasis on developing and promoting young players at East Fremantle and their enthusiasm was too much for Subianco.

At present Melrose has at his disposal a good blend of players with plenty of time to mature when you consider Miller (aged 21), Quill (18), Ryder (18), Grace (19), Lamb (18), Cole (20), Broadbridge (20) and Derecourt (20) make up nearly 50 per cent of the team.

Throw in best-on-ground last week, Ray Sterrett (23), and State centre-half-back John O'Sullivan (23) along with other experienced campaigners and the Sharks are looking good.

Melrose's attitude is to give the kids a go and they're not letting him down.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT

Those were the days

FOOTBALLERS of yesteryear certainly didn't have to undergo the long pre-season preparation that coaches set their charges today.

I spotted an item with an accompanying photo in an old paper the other day.

It showed the great Haydn Bunton senior and a group of his Subiaco players out for their first training run.

The date was March 16, 1939, and the season opened on April 22.

Subiaco finished with only three wins that year.

It's interesting to note that the coaches of the top three teams that year all started their training even later. They were John Leonard (Claremont), Ross Hutchinson (East Fremantle) and Mick Cronin (East Perth).

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SUBIACO play East Perth at the WACA Ground this week, their first meeting at that ground since October 10, 1926.

They played off for the premiership that day, East Perth 11.19 beating Subiaco 5.5 to give legendary coach Phil Matson his sixth success with the Royals.

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IT was 19 years ago this week that the record attendance for a WAFL club game was established.

In 1969 a crowd of 26,760 saw West Perth 16.15 beat East Perth 12.11 at Perth Oval.

John Wynne gave a best-on-ground performance for the winners.

Ironically, when these two sides met two weeks ago they were watched by only 2417 fans.

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MORE than one coach has expressed a little disappointment that not enough of his players were in the State squad.

Recently I was reading through cuttings from last year and spotted this one: "Gerard Neesham is angry that only five Claremont players are in the 32-man squad for the forthcoming game against South Australia."

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WHAT'S the fewest number of players used by a club in one season?

Records over the last 25 years show that three clubs got through the season using only 28 men — West Perth in 1975, Claremont in 1981 and Swan Districts in 1985.

I once read where Port Adelaide in SA used only 22 men in the 1914 season, playing the same 18 men for nine consecutive games.

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EAST Perth's total of 130 points last week would be good enough to win three out of four League games but was still a few points short of the highest losing score.

There are a dozen instances where 140 points and more was not enough. The three highest losing scores were: 1982 — West Perth 24.7 (151 points) lost to East Perth 26.15 (171); 1982 — Swan Districts 20.28 (148 points) lost to East Fremantle 23.17 (155); 1978 — East Fremantle 23.9 (147 points) lost to West Perth 23.16 (154).

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Demons have a strong off-field team

MUCH of the credit for Perth's revival this season, winning five out of the first eight games, has gone to coach Robert Wiley and his loyal band of players.

But a special mention must go to the behind-the-scenes workers who have helped prepare the team week in and week out, with little joy in recent years.

The team managers are headed by Mike Redenbach, ably assisted by Jack O'Dea, with Richard Peel looking after the reserves and Brian Sweetapple the Under-19s.

Redenbach originally hails from the North Melbourne Football Club, joining Perth under the player-swap deal with Barry Cable in 1974. North Melbourne originally negotiated for two of their players to join Perth in return for Cable's services and the Demons obtained a bonus when two more players from North came across with Redenbach.

LIVING HERE

The other three players were Phil Doherty, David Pretty, and Doug Farrant, and all except Doherty are still living in Perth.

After his playing career finished in 1975, Redenbach had a five-year spell in Singapore on business and on his return to Perth, he took up a role behind-the-scenes at Lathlain Park.

The duties of a team manager are wide and varied, as Redenbach explains:

"I have to make sure players, umpires and trainers are all in attendance. We look after the interchange of players and the after-match trophies and entertainment.

"There have been times when I've had to take players to hospital and get them home after matches."

Redenbach says that the grand final side of 1974 remains the most vivid in his memory, while Barry Cable and Robert Wiley head the list of his most-admired players.

Among some of his more interesting moments at Perth were when Allan (Chubby) Stiles was coaching the reserves and colts.

Playing an equally important role as the team managers, are the training staff.

The trainers at Perth are a highly qualified and well-equipped medical team. George Sertis, Keith Collins and David Wright make up the three trainers, while Steve Kargotich and Felix McNight serve as the doctors.

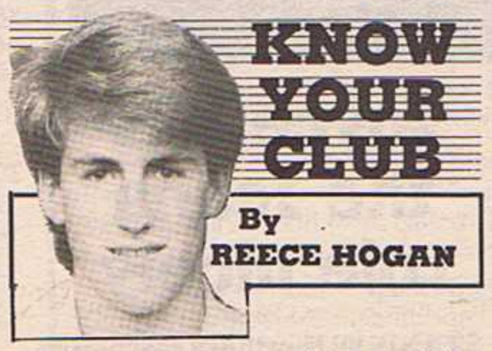
ACCREDITATION

All the trainers at Perth have obtained a Level One in the Accreditation Trainers Course run by the Football Development Trust.

Sertis is the head trainer at Perth after a long history at two other clubs. He spent 11 years with West Perth and two years with the Royals before going to the Demons.

"After spending time at all the Perth-based clubs this is definitely my last home," said George.

Collins, a loyal member for 15 years, joined Perth's team of trainers after



obtaining the appropriate qualifications. Collins says that it was something he always wanted to do.

The trainers' main object is to prepare the player physically for the game. The trainer is also responsible for treating injuries.

The role of property man is taken up by three people at Perth — Arthur Tansted, veteran Jim Green and Peter Pope.

Tansted is one of the ornamental figures at Perth. He has been with the club for over 20 years.

Tansted works tirelessly to satisfy everyone's needs. Passing out jumpers, pumping up footballs, arranging shorts and socks are among the jobs he carries out on training nights and before games.

GREAT ERA

Tansted remembers the premierships treble of 1966, '67 and '68 vividly and admits that the era was great to be involved with.

Another long-term member at Perth is Dr Kargotich, who has been with the Demons since 1962 and enjoyed every moment of his association.

Dr Kargotich was awarded a life membership in 1974 for his services to the club.

On the question of serious football injuries, he described Peter Bosustow's severed artery in his wrist as one of the worst he had experienced as well as a number of eye injuries.

Dr Kargotich was also involved with the 1966-67-68 teams, describing the era as the best of his time.

The former No. 1 ruckman at Perth during the mid-70's was Wim Rosbender, who is now playing a prominent role behind the scenes, as Wiley's league runner and selector.

Rosbender started playing colts with Perth in 1970, or thirds as it was known then and worked his way into the league side after a number of years.

Now Rosbender uses his past experience to help select winning teams and run those all important messages.

Perth head trainer George Sertis.

Being fit for football is every player's main priority and this is the job of Merv White, who is in charge of the physical training and team warm-ups at Perth.

White's main duty is to keep all the players physically fit and conditioned for the rigours of football.

If the success of Perth this season is any indicator, White is doing a good job.

White knows his job — after all, he has worked closely with Mal Brown in coaching stints at South Fremantle and Perth and there are few harder task masters than the volatile Brown.

Perth team manager Michael Redenbach takes directions from coach Robert Wiley as trainer Richael Peel watches intently.

Perth runner Wim Rosbender and team manager Mike Redenbach pass on some last-minute advice to young interchange player John Clarkson.

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Hawthorn had plenty of fans after their convincing victory over the West Coast Eagles last Sunday, as shown in these photographs by JULIAN COWAN. Hawks star Robert DiPierdomenico (above) is matching moustaches, it seems, with brothers Jeff and Terry Chandler, while Hawks glamour boy Dermott Brereton (below) signs a beanie for excited youngster Michael Boscarn.

Footscray don't plan to squeal

FOOTSCRAY, two games out of the VFL five and plagued by bad luck, aren't planning any complaints about their frustrating finish to last week's clash with Collingwood.

The Bulldogs saw a very dubious last-minute free kick to Collingwood rob them of a draw with the third-placed Magpies.

The match-levelling goal for Footscray came when Darren Davies had snapped truly in the goalsquare — but umpire Ross Castle disallowed the goal, claiming that Simon Beasley had interferred with his opponent. The Magpies cleared the ball and the siren gave them victory.

"No, we're not going to lodge any official complaint; I would only be wasting my energy," said Bulldogs coach Michael Malthouse.

"But to pick a free kick out like that. . . it's soul-destroying."

The narrow loss came a week after the Brisbane crowd invaded the ground as Beasley kicked for a match-winning goal after the siren at Carrara Oval. The resultant point left the Bears winners by two points.

Footscray also suffered a seven-point loss to the West Coast Eagles and with three wins from eight games, they are starting to lose touch with the five.

TAYLOR STARS

While Beasley was lamenting his bad day, fellow West Australian Brian Taylor was the toast of Collingwood.

The burly boy from Mandurah booted eight goals from 10 scoring shots and was toast of the Magpies with his best-on-ground ranking.

Taylor set up the victory in an evenly-balanced match when he posted four goals in a 13-minute streak in the third term.

The oft-maligned goalsneak has received total support from coach Leigh Matthews all season, but he wasn't being singled out as the match-winner.

"I love to see him kick eight goals, but I prefer to see the side kick 20 goals," said Matthews.

VFL Report

Capper gets "warm" time

SYDNEY Swans defector Warwick Caper was urged by umpire Peter Cameron to leave the ground before the final siren when he returned to the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday.

Capper looked dejected as he trudged to the Bears interchange bench in the dying minutes of the clash with the Swans — but he confirmed that coach Peter Knights hadn't "dragged" him.

"Umpire Peter Cameron didn't want any crowd incidents after the siren," said Capper. "He felt that there was a lot of crowd animosity towards me and believed the fans might have a go at me."

Capper admitted to being nervous at his first visit back to his old SCG stamping ground.

The crowd of 13,222 were all Sydney Swans — and even included an anti-Capper squad, loudly hooting the blond star with his pink boots every time he went near the ball.

Swans full-back Rod Carter had the better of the duel with Capper, keeping his former teammate down to two goals.

Bombers thrive on training

ESSENDON, quickly moving into contention for a finals berth come September, are thriving on a new training routine — a hard session on the eve of a match.

Bombers coach Kevin Sheedy got the idea of the last-minute training session from an old teammate — WA's Mal Brown.

Essendon had received some early-season thrashings, so Sheedy's decision to try Friday night indoor training sessions was a bold gamble.

They notched a third consecutive win with their 48-point victory over Richmond — but Sheedy felt it should have been a much bigger margin.

"We should have kicked 30 goals," he said. "We missed 12 shots that were all kickable."

Joyce fills the Jeans role nicely

STAND-IN Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce has never been a man to throw around unnecessary words — WA fans discovered that when he coached Perth and East Fremantle.

And he certainly follows the reticient style in his current role as coach of Hawthorn.

Joyce, the club's football manager last year, stepped into the breach this season to replace the ill Alan Jeans — and he follows the Jeans style to the finest detail.

Joyce is a Hawthorn born and bred man; a player, administrator and now coach and he lives for nothing else than the gold-and-browns.

He had every reason to craw about the thrashing handed out to the West Coast Eagles last Sunday — but he was as humble in victory as he is low-key in defeat.

"We played very well," was the master-understatement after the 53-point win.

"I was pleased at the way the players worked hard and we applied plenty of pressure. Our tackling was first class, particularly early in the match and it's years since I've seen a team have as many possessions as we did in the first half.

TODD TACTIC

"You couldn't blame them for tiring a little as the game neared its end. They had done what we came over here to do."

Hawthorn took a leaf out of Eagles coach John Todd's book by staying on Melbourne time — and it certainly paid off. They ate, drank, slept and prepared for the game on the basis that they were still on Melbourne time.

The 53-point defeat was the biggest the Eagles have suffered in Perth and Joyce was a little surprised at how they capitulated.

He admitted that even a victory by a point would have been acceptable in Perth, but he wasn't worried about the runaway win.

"Coaches are under enough pressure every week," he said. "It's good to rest awhile."

Joyce has tackled one of football's toughest tasks, stepping in to replace Jeans, the man who has been at the helm for the last seven years, taking them to six consecutive grand finals, two of which were successful.

It was only natural that Joyce could continually be referred to as a "stand-in" coach; he has accepted the role for one year, depending on Jeans' future health.

But if Joyce succeeds — and he is obviously well on the path with the Hawks again proving to be a powerful side — the club will face a difficult choice — retain him or reinstate Jeans.

Hawks have a good day

HAWTHORN started the day off well last Sunday with a breakfast for 200 people at the Merlin Hotel.

The function was organised by the Hawks Supporters Club, which was set up last season by several WA people including former Swan Districts and Hawthorn player, Bill Cocks.

Channel 2 personality David Gran compered the breakfast, with Hawks officials Trevor Cooter and John Lauritz special guests.

The Hawks cheer squad excelled themselves with a huge run-through banner before the match.

How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	Hiball	Score
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	25	6	2	3.2
MELBOURNE				
Alan Johnson	18	8	6	1.0
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	13	2	4	2.0
Phil Krakouer	7	2	6	2.0
Steve McCann	6	1	2	—
Mark Hepburn	10	3	2	—
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	14	4	9	0.1
Peter Wilson	8	2	2	0.1
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	9	1	4	3.2
SYDNEY SWANS				
Craig Holden	4	1	1	—
Wayne Henwood	14	4	5	—
BRISBANE BEARS				
Ken Judge	9	1	2	0.2
Mike Richardson	18	4	5	1.0
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	19	4	6	2.1
Richard Dennis	10	8	8	1.3
Jon Dorotich	9	4	3	2.0
Ken Hunter	6	5	6	—
Steve Darui	5	1	3	—
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	9	7	7	—
Brian Taylor	11	8	—	8.2
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	10	3	1	0.1
Bill Duckworth	8	5	3	2.1
Darren Bewick	15	7	6	2.5
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	16	4	8	0.1
John Ironmonger	6	7	9	0.0
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	5	2	1	4.0

HIT-OUTS: John Ironmonger 10, Jon Dorotich 10, Brian Taylor 3, Wayne Henwood 2, Michael Christian 5.

POOR OLD SIMON!

SIMON Beasley, the dashing young Melbourne man-about-town, has cracked plenty of big wins on the Stock Exchange and at the racecourse, but he can't take a trick on the football field lately.

On successive weekends he has been involved in an incident that could have prevented a Footscray defeat — but luck was against him both times.

Last Sunday week it was that after-the-siren kick at goal that could have snatched the game from the Brisbane Bears, but only a point resulted.

Last Saturday, Footscray lost to Collingwood by a goal when Beasley gave away a free kick in the last minute of play as he desperately strove to allow teammate Darren Davies to kick a goal.

The Davies kick was on target, giving Footscray fans a nail-biting draw. But Beasley was penalised; the goal was disallowed and the Magpies survived.

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Doro triumphs in new role

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

JON DOROTICH'S third VFL season appeared to be heading for heartbreak.

He's been playing in the reserves and opposing clubs had contacted Carlton asking if he was to be placed on the open market.

He took on tall North Melbourne follower Darren Harris and helped Carlton take the ball out of the centre more often than not.

The Blues established a 50-point three-quarter-time lead, but suddenly North charged, kicking eight goals to one in 17 minutes to trail by only seven points mid-way through the final quarter.

Jon Dorotich. . . back in top form.

Just when North looked likely to cause a boilover, it was Dorotich who made the game safe with his second goal of the game. The Blues won by 13 points.

"Big Dorro" had to concede centimetres in height, but used his body well in the clinches and finished with nine kicks, three handballs, four marks and 10 knockouts.

Carlton coach Robert Walls said the club had never lost faith in Dorotich, even though his form since making such a favourable impression in his opening VFL season two years ago, had been up-and-down.

In last year's grand final, Dorotich had only three kicks and two handballs and outsiders doubted that he'd be in Carlton's best 20.

However, his effort last weekend showed fans he's not finished and still has much to offer.

VINEY BACK IN ACTION

TODD Viney's successful return to VFL ranks at the weekend was one of the untold football stories in an eighth round dominated by the reporting of Collingwood he-man James Manson and the showdown in Perth between Hawthorn and the Eagles.

Playing his first match of the season, Viney was a bouyant second-half contributor in top team Melbourne's strong 26-point win against Fitzroy.

The South Australian started as an interchange and had 10 possessions as Melbourne motored away to record their seventh win in eight games.

Viney says that Melbourne have improved this year with every player combining well. There is a closeness between the players, which is matched by only a few of the clubs.

Melbourne, beaten preliminary finalists last year, shape as one of the top three qualifiers in 1988, especially as victories have been achieved against good sides.

Last weekend, forwards Gary Lyon and Warren Dean were absent while vice captain Danny Hughes, an All-Australian full-back, was also on the sidelines.

TOP PERFORMER

THE best-performed interstater in the VFL competition at the weekend was Carlton Steve Kernahan who had 16 kicks, five handballs and took 12 marks again North Melbourne.

He kicked six goals to be easily best afield and was the main difference between the two sides.

STARCEVICH BACK

FORMER East Perth star Craig Starcevich is one of three top-liners expected back in Collingwood's 20 for Saturday's important game against North Melbourne at VFL Park.

Starcevich, Peter Daicos and skipper Tony Shaw will add star quality to the Magpie line-up, which stopped in the final quarter to almost forfeit the points to Footscray.

"We missed Craig last week as he runs all day and gives you a moving target across half forward," said his skipper Shaw.

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Michael Brennan	56	16	12
Joe Cormack	20	7	9
John Gastev	116	36	52
Ross Glendinning	71	46	21
David Hart	98	20	27
Brent Hutton	5	3	0
Alex Ishchenko	52	45	47
Laurie Keene	14	9	3
Dean Laidley	98	28	20
Dwayne Lamb	117	28	55
Karl Langdon	52	20	19
Chris Lewis	33	3	14
Andrew Lockyer	50	25	12
Chris Mainwaring	78	19	28
Stephen Malaxos	19	4	11
Guy McKenna	45	30	56
Geoff Miles	69	29	28
Michael O'Connell	42	25	11
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Demons pair on fire

MELBOURNE'S big-man/little-man pairing of Steven O'Dwyer and Ricky Jackson seem set to be Victoria's opening ruck combination in the State-of-Origin clash with WA in July.

The redheaded O'Dwyer and the diminutive Jackson combined once again in the centre circle to destroy Fitzroy and keep Melbourne on top of the VFL table.

O'Dwyer had 11 marks, 11 kicks and five handballs, plus 10 tap-outs, while rover Jackson feasted well on the crumbs, picking up 19 kicks and six handballs.

The lively Jackson, rejected by Richmond before succeeding with Melbourne, kicked five goals and the tireless O'Dwyer is probably the VFL's most improved big man this year.

Leading VFL goalkickers

Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	48.26
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	37.29
Simon Beasley (Footscray)	35.6
Ross Glendinning (Eagles)	30.21
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	26.14
Warwick Capper (Brisbane Bears)	23.15
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	23.14
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	22.11
Graeme Wright (Collingwood)	21.9
Ken Hunter (Carlton)	20.6
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	19.9
Nicky Winmar (St Kilda)	17.16
Rod Owen (St Kilda)	17.8
Phil Krakouer (North Melbourne)	16.9
Jim Jrakouer (North Melbourne)	16.6
Michael Turner (Geelong)	16.9

Bears winning run equals the Eagles

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM
Eastern States statistician for the West Coast Eagles

THE Brisbane Bears current sequence of four wins is their best ever and equals the best winning sequence by the West Coast Eagles.

The Eagles four-win sequence started in round 22 of 1987, (against St Kilda) and continued with wins in the first three rounds of this season — against Geelong, Essendon and Brisbane.

The Eagles worst losing sequence is three, in rounds two, three and four of last year against Essendon, Sydney and Carlton. The Brisbane Bears twice lost six games in succession, while losing 12 of their last 14 games in 1987.

Each of the other clubs have recorded a winning sequence of at least eight matches and a losing sequence of at least nine matches, at some time during their history.

AGE DIFFERENCE

THE Eagles players may have been conned by inaccurate reports in the Perth press of a 6½-year difference in the average age of the Hawthorn and Eagles teams for last Sunday's game.

While Hawthorn were older, the difference was only two years and four months. The average age of the Hawthorn team was 26 years; the Eagles' average age was 23 years, eight months.

Though regarded as a young side, the Eagles are not the youngest side in the VFL. The average age of the side fielded by Melbourne, who are on top of the ladder, against Fitzroy on Saturday was 23 years and six months; Collingwood (fourth) took the field against Footscray with a team average of 23 years and three months.

SCORING TREND

IN each of their three losses during the 1988 season, the West Coast Eagles have outscored the opposition in only one quarter. In their five winning games, the Eagles have been outscored in a total of only three quarters.

The Eagles outscored their opposition in every quarter of their first three matches, against Geelong, Essendon and the Brisbane Bears.

BIG WINNERS

CARLTON will be seeking their 1100th win in VFL football in Sunday's match against the Eagles at Subiaco Oval. Carlton's win against North Melbourne last Saturday was their 1099th in 1777 matches. They have lost 650 games and drawn 28.

Carlton have won more games than they have lost against every side in the competition — except the Eagles. They have the opportunity to make it a clean sweep on Sunday as a win would give them a 2-1 advantage.

CLOSE GAMES

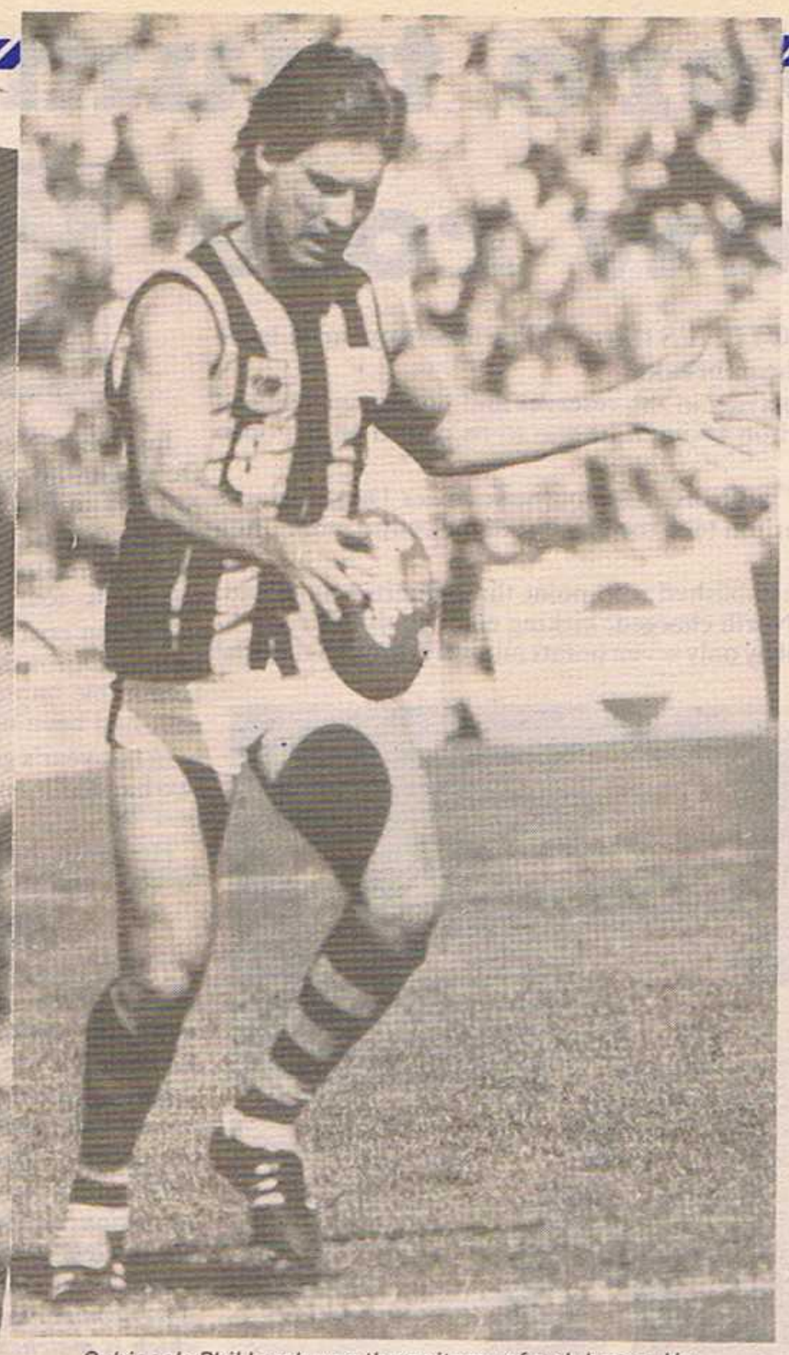
AFTER the first five rounds of the 1988 VFL season failed to produce a game with a margin of six points or less, there have now been six such games — one more than at the same stage of 1987. Geelong and Footscray have each lost two of their last three games by a goal or less.

WHERE IT HURTS

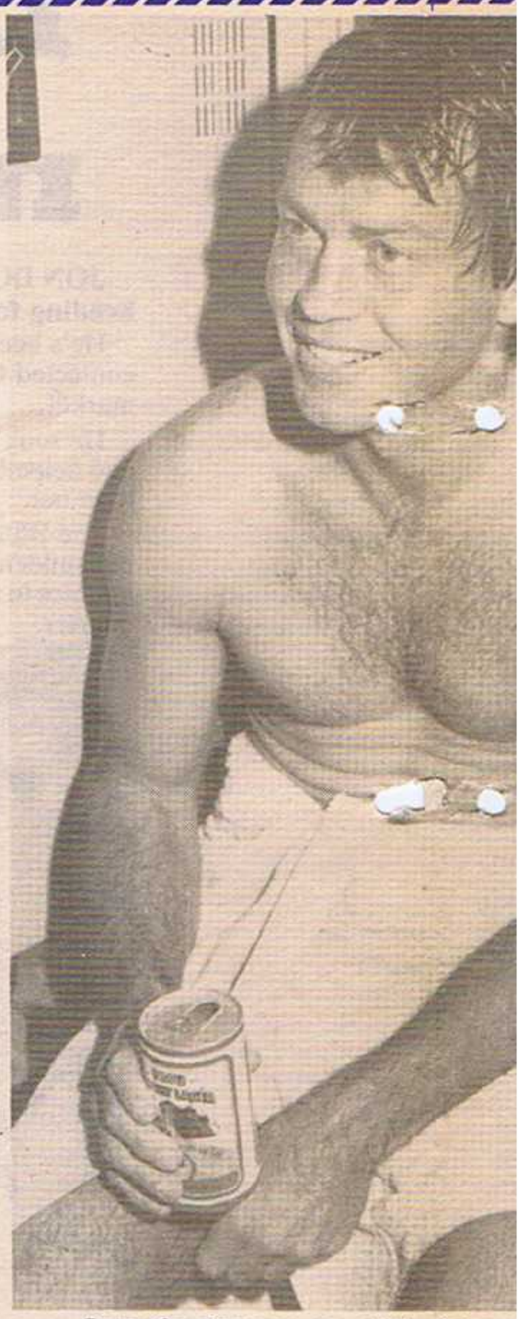
SOUTH Australian footy is in a state of uproar over recent fines handed out to coaches following arguments with umpires.

Neil Kerley is incensed and has decided not to talk to the media again this season unless something is done about this situation.

Chris Allen retired as the reigning captain of East Perth, where he played 152 games, plus 17 with Swan Districts. A skilful utility player, he was a member of East Perth's last premiership side in 1978 and retires at the age of 29.



Subiaco's Phil Lamb was the epitomy of a clubman. He played all of his 227 league games with the Lions, mainly as a wingman or half-back, tasting the highs and lows of football. He started back in 1976 and it is disappointing to see him retire at the relatively young age of 30.



Bryan Cousins was one of the fairest play in WA football. He started as a 1 Perth in 1970 and went on to play 240 Demons, plus another 72 with Geelong lost the 1983 Sandover Medal on a cou Ironmonger.

Farewell to some familiar faces

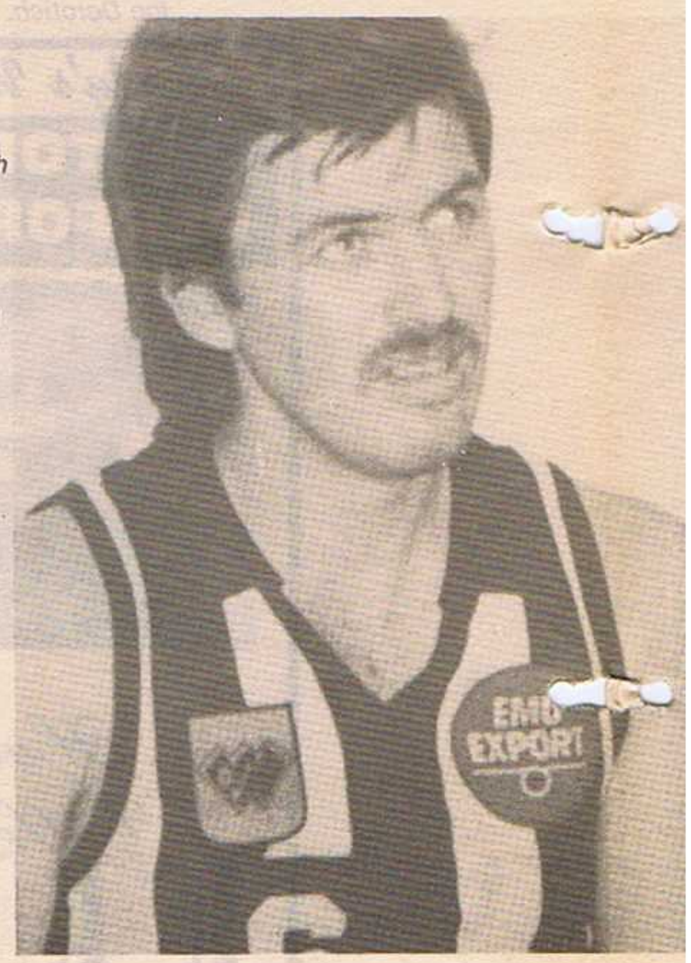
WITH the 1988 football season in a number of familiar faces are miss who hung up their boots over sum some distinguished careers.

Some will say that these retired p made the move a little prematurely at a time when the WAFL needs a perienced players as possible to gu rent crop of exciting youngsters.

But these stars of the past wi missed and we send them off with pictorial tribute.

Stephen Green was a tough, no-nonsense utility player who was a consistent performer for East Fremantle over 12 seasons. A noted big-game player, he was in the Sharks 1985 premiership team and played 185 games before his retirement at the age of 30.

Ross Fitzgerald was a much under-rated footballer whose versatility was a bonus to his coaches. After starting with Swan Districts in 1978, he moved to Perth for 40 games in the 1980s. He finished up back at Bassendean, where he played a total of 112 games, retiring at the age of 28 with the Swans 1982 premiership a highlight.



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Mick Johns (30) proved to be a talented ruckman who never really reached his full potential in league football. After starting with Subiaco in 1978, where he played 64 games, he switched to Swan Districts to add another 88 games and lead the Swans ruck in their 1984 premiership triumph.

Don Langsford was an unobtrusive, but highly effective footballer who has retired at the young age of 29. He was a key member of Swan Districts triple premiership triumph from 1982-84 and captained the side for two years after that, finishing with 201 games.

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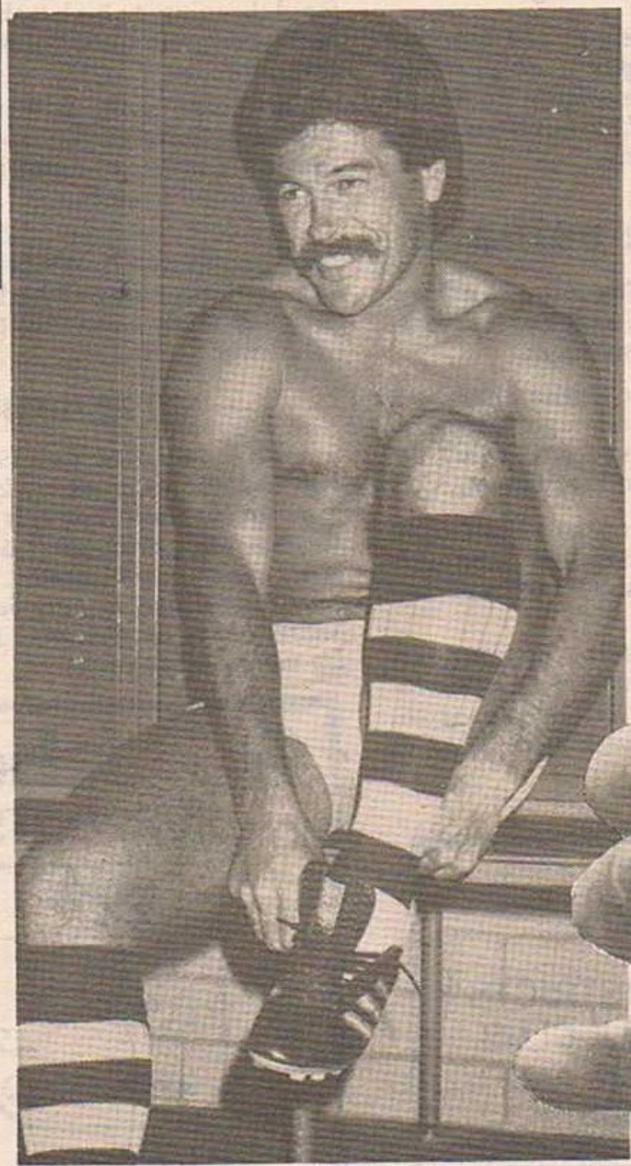
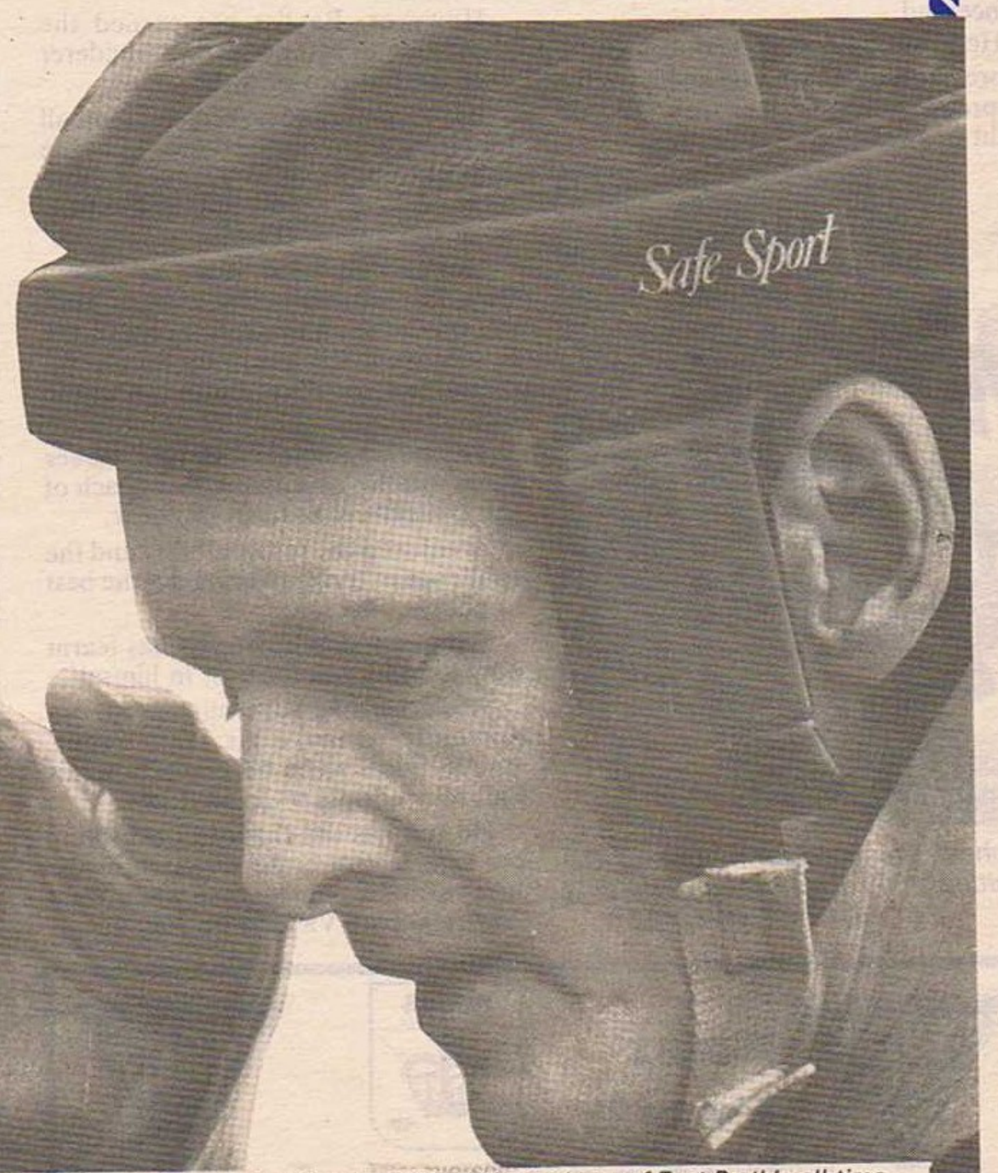


Les Fong earned the nickname Captain Courageous in his 15 seasons at West Perth, leading the club for a record seven years. He broke into league ranks at the tender age of 16, played in the Falcons last premiership side in 1975 and retired at 31 after 284 games.



Peter Spencer was a dual Sandover Medallist and one of East Perth's all-time greats. Serious head injuries in the twilight of his career forced him out of the game at the age of 31, after 185 games with the Royals, plus 21 with Subiaco and two in a short stint at Claremont. He will be remembered as a player with great skill and courage.

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Two Port youngsters show their styles

THE Port clubs have taken their turn in revealing a couple of up and coming stars.

Mike Broadbridge and Mark Bayliss, from East Fremantle and South Fremantle respectively, have certainly made an impact on the WAFL scene this year.

Broadbridge, tall and athletic, made his league debut last year, but registered only two games before returning to the reserves.

This year Broadbridge is playing consistently good football, as his Westside Ratings indicate.

Weights training has given him some extra muscle in the past 12 months and he no longer has that "boyish" look.

When asked who has shaped his career, Broadbridge turns to coach Graham Melrose and nods his head.

"Melly's coached me since I was in colts and knows my game probably better than I do," he said.

Being a gifted sportsman does have its drawbacks, however.

Broadbridge is also an extremely talented cricketer, and at present is a little confused as to which path to follow.

He is training with the WAIS cricket development squad, but hints that football may get first priority in the future.

"I'll keep playing cricket while I can, but if I get a chance to play at a higher level of football, then I guess that's when a decision has to be made," he said.

Bayliss shares little in common with Broadbridge where appearances are concerned.

He is strong and powerful, looking more like a tough wharfie and gives the impression that he has seen the odd fight or two!

Michael Broadbridge. . . one of the exciting breed of youngsters emerging at East Fremantle.

Mark Bayliss. . . big improver

Nevertheless, his football has been of such outstanding quality that he earnt a spot in the State squad and his aggressive style of play and ability to kick long goals has impressed.

Unfortunately, an ankle injury sustained against Subiaco saw him miss any chance of selection in the final 20 for the game against South Australia.

At 22 years of age the question must be asked: "Where has this man Bayliss been?"

One would have thought that such a gifted and versatile player would have made his mark at league level at an earlier age.

However, Bayliss has earned the reputation of being a bit of a wanderer over the last two or three years.

Bayliss played some brilliant football for Gosnells, in rugged Sunday League competition, as an 18-year-old before successfully trying out at East Fremantle at the start of the 1986 season.

During that same year, he moved back to Gosnells before putting himself on the open market to play in the South West League, but finally returned to Gosnells to finish the season off.

The turning point of Bayliss' career came with his appointment as coach of the Gosnells colts team last year.

"I enjoyed the responsibility and the challenge of trying to bring out the best in people," he said.

Without a doubt, Bayliss has learnt how to bring out the best in himself.

While he may have missed the opportunity to make his State debut, Bayliss hopes to be back in action this Saturday against Swan Districts.

He still has the chance of achieving the rare feat of State selection in the first year of league football when West Australia play Victoria on July 6.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY

LONGER QUARTERS ARE BACK IN

COACHES of all league clubs are happy to see the return of 25-minute quarters for the reserves competition.

The WAFL chose to experiment with 20-minute quarters, plus time on, for the first series of fixtures. But the feedback they received was not encouraging, so they have reverted back to standard times.

The main criticism of the shortened quarters was that budding league players, or those returning from injury through reserves, were not being match conditioned.

Five minutes per quarter may not sound much, but it is a 20 per cent reduction in the players' overall workload.

Bashing around

SUBIACO'S break in their training schedule didn't pay dividends for their game against East Fremantle.

Lions coach Haydn Bunton took the league and reserves squads down to "Cricket Wicket" in Osborne Park for a casual game of indoor cricket on the Tuesday.

Casual it may have been, but traditional sporting rivalry surfaced, making it a competitive bash and an appreciated break from normal training.

Bunton is unlikely to call any such stunts this week after a disappointing 43-point loss. The emphasis this week is on running around Subiaco Oval rather than between wickets.

MacNish setback

TALENTED forward Andrew MacNish can't take a trick as his recent spate of bad luck continues.

After returning to league action with Subiaco three weeks ago, MacNish showed encouraging form, giving the Eagles selectors food for thought.

But, on the eve of the State match, he was forced to miss last Saturday's game due to a virus, but he still earned a State guernsey.

MacNish missed the opening few rounds of fixtures due to an ankle injury sustained in a Kresta Cup match, courtesy of the rock-hard WACA Ground pitch area.

George Christie. . . unlucky to miss the State game against South Australia after dislocating his shoulder last Saturday against Subiaco.

Christie faces tough choice

GEORGE Christie's dream season came to a shuddering halt last Saturday at East Fremantle Oval when the Sharks skipper dislocated his shoulder.

This is the second time he has suffered the injury to his left shoulder and he looks certain to be out of action for several weeks.

Christie faces the difficult decision whether to have surgery now or at the end of the season to repair and tighten the stretched ligaments.

Until last Saturday, Christie was third in this year's Westside Ratings and obviously enjoying his first season as captain of the Sharks and playing as a ruck-rover.

BIG RETURN

A FEW dollars on East Fremantle to beat Subiaco last week could have won you a lot of money. A 50 cent outlay paid the handsome dividend of $66.30 with WA's latest betting device, Footo. Of course, you had to have faith in the Sharks ability to upset the Lions by the big margin of 42 points.

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11.40am — Reserves
2.20pm — League
6.30pm Presentation of Trophies, Members Bar — Perth Oval.

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Falcons unveil two promising youngsters

DISAPPOINTMENT continues to linger at Leederville Oval after their woeful 67-point hiding at the hands of Claremont.

Every cloud has a silver lining as the familiar phrase goes and this was the case with two promising youngsters making their debuts.

At 16 years of age, Nathan Higgins becomes the League's most junior player this season.

His performance as a rover were highly regarded and his statistics showed that he had over 20 possessions in his debut.

Higgins is likely to be the only Teal Cup representative at League level this year, though Craig Ranson (Swan Districts) should also make the final squad.

Ranson played in the pre-season Kresta Cup competition, but school commitments at Swanleigh High School have delayed his inevitable entrance into League football.

Joining Higgins for his first game last week was Wade Starr, who lived up to his name by "starring" in a back pocket and was among West Perth's best players.

Some well-respected names stepped aside for Higgins and Starr to play their first games. Paddy Madaffari, Phil Bradmore and Dan Foley all fell under the selectors' axe and played reserves against Claremont.

Though Bradmore struggled, Foley and Madaffari showed an impressive return to form and are likely starters at 2.20pm against East Fremantle this Saturday.

After all, the Falcons forwards managed only six goals in their last game and they need these potential match-winning players firing at their best.

West Perth players in general are concerned at their declining form and have requested an extra training session Sunday mornings.

Sunday has normally been a day reserved for treatment of injuries, but coach Bruce Monteath has obliged.

Mark Sambrailo. . . welcome return for South Fremantle after injury.

ONE IN, ONE OUT

MARK Sambrailo's courageous return to league football was an integral part of South Fremantle's success over Perth.

Sambrailo hasn't played since midway through 1987, when a serious knee injury forced him out.

Extensive surgery to the damaged knee has resulted and the 25-year-old centre-half-forward hopes to have seen the last of his injury problems.

Not so fortunate though, is his brother Matt, who after only two league games this year has suffered a severe groin injury. Matt is not expected to rejoin his brother on the field for at least another five or six weeks.

BLOWING OFF!

TALK about blowing your own trumpet! Whoever was in charge of the siren at East Fremantle Oval last Saturday had an itchy finger — it sounded no less than four times during the quarter-time interval! A couple of these were for lengthy 20 to 30 second periods and it became frustrating, particularly if you were trying to hold a conversation or happened to be standing beneath a speaker.

South turn the tables

IT was obvious in their Anzac Day battle with South Fremantle, that the Perth troops eased off on the mortally-wounded Bulldogs.

Trailing by 94 points at three-quarter-time, South Fremantle were facing a hiding as Demons fans flicked through the Budget and noticed they needed only another seven goals for a record score.

It wasn't to be however, as South took advantage of Perth's leniency and recovered some lost ground to eventually go down by only 57 points.

An angry Robbie Wiley tongue-lashed his players after the game, insisting that they learn how to crush sides, so that when they meet again, the opposition would limp back expecting more.

The wisdom of those words was seen last Saturday when a refreshed South Fremantle continued the spirit of their previous last quarter against Perth to run out comfortable 37-point victors.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY

Another player from "Railways"

IT would be a fair bet that "Railways" have produced more league footballers than any other club in Australia.

Hardly surprising when you consider that virtually every country town in Australia has a local team called "Railways".

Well, they've done it again and Gary Kemp is the most recent addition to the Railways clan and hails from the Kalgoorlie variety. After playing only one reserves game in 1987, Kemp did some serious thinking about his football future and decided to give 1988 his best shot.

FIRST CHANCE

It culminated last Saturday when the 23-year-old got his first chance at league level with Subiaco, coming from the bench onto a half-forward flank in the second quarter.

Kemp impressed with his ball handling skills. Unfortunately, he wasted a couple of early confidence-boosting opportunities when he kicked successive points from his first two touches.

Last Saturday was a tough initiation against a top side in East Fremantle, but his performances in the reserves show that he is a regular goalkicker.

If he is given the opportunity in a winning league team, he should come up with the goods.

Double up

DAVE Higgins, no relation to Nathan Higgins (West Perth) made his debut for East Perth last week.

Higgins, a 23-year-old ruckman from the North Beach amateurs, had the distinction of playing in the Bicentennial Carnival, representing the All Australian amateur team.

He showed only moderate form against Swan Districts and will have to improve if he is to warrant further opportunities.

Scott Watters. . . proved to the State selectors that he deserved his chance in interstate ranks with a brilliant performance against Perth.

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Mandurah move back into top five

MANDURAH hit back at their critics by ending a three-match losing sequence with a resounding victory against aspiring finalists Kenwick at Rushton Park on Sunday.

The Southerners, out of the five after losses to Canning, Gosnells and Wanneroo, worked their way back into fourth spot at the expense of the Royals with a 23.11 to 7.6 win.

A top performance by Paul Wilson, with five majors as well as a strong roving performance from Paul Gillam saw the Southerners emerge easy winners.

Full-back Bruce Thomas played his part by keeping the league's leading goalkicker, Peter Ashworth, goal-less.

Mandurah play Armadale (away), Kelmscott (home), Willetton (away) and South Perth (home) in their next four fixtures and would be favoured to notch up four victories to consolidate their place in the five.

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NOT IMPRESSIVE

OSBORNE Park have moved into second place with a 23-point win over Kelmscott at Balcatta Reserve.

But the reigning premiers were far from impressive after their first term when they kicked 5.6 to Kelmscott's solitary point.

After their strong start, with rover Darren Wood kicking four goals, it was left to in-form Saints centre-half-back Clint Roberts and defender Tony Caratti to hold out the tenacious Bulldogs.

Despite being outscored in the final three terms, the Saints held on to win a tight game.

Kelmscott's Leigh Gorton turned in a superb display at centre-half-back, where he had the better of his duel with Barry Beecroft.

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BIG UPSET

ARMADALE caused one of the biggest upsets of the season when they snatched a two-point win over Kalamunda in a thriller at Ray Owen Reserve.

A snapshot goal by David Michael two minutes before the final siren sealed the win for the Demons and kept alive their finals hopes.

Creative play by half-forward David Michael (four goals), a return to form by centre-half-forward Kevin Cornell and strong performances by defenders Alex Menzies and Richard Harvey set up the win.

Kalamunda ruckman Ken Bell put in another solid performance to gain top votes and is having his best season since joining the Cougars from Kelmscott.

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MORE TROUBLES

MADDINGTON, plagued by the controversial sacking of coach Wayne Riekie two weeks ago and the loss of four premiership points for starting a player whose name did not appear on the official match list, were in more trouble when beaten by Gosnells by four points.

Gosnells edged into the five on percentage after their 19.9 to 17.17 win with wingman Darren Preedy, half-forward flanker Kenley Gordon, rover Mark Valli, centre-half-forward Gary Foster and defender Dennis O'Rourke all playing strongly.

One of the stars of the game was elusive Maddington half-forward Aaren Kiernan, who booted six goals.

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CANNING'S BLOW

THORNLIE delivered a body blow to Canning's final hopes with a resounding eight-goal win, 21.18 to 14.12, at Thornlie.

The Lions wrapped the game up with a nine-goal third term with centre-half-forward Ramon Smith (six goals) combine with fellow forward Doug Simms and ruckman Steve Waddell.

THREE STRAIGHT

WILLETTON made it three successive victories by beating South Perth 30.25 to 6.6 in the season's most lopsided game.

The Blues are now in eighth place and have a finals chance as they become stronger each week.

On Sunday they had outstanding players in ruck-rover Ian Millar (six goals), rover Roger Calais (four) and full-forward Barry Hutcheson.

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UNBEATEN RUN

WANNEROO continued their unbeaten run by easily accounting for Applecross at Shirley Strickland Oval.

Except for a disappointing last quarter, Wanneroo were never in trouble in recording a 55-point victory.

However, big ruckman Jon McElwee will play his last game for Wanneroo this Sunday and will miss the next two fixtures due to a minor operation on his elbow.

His playing stint will then be cut short due to work commitments in Canberra.

The club will arrange for McElwee to fly back to take part in the final round series.

Sunday Football League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WANNEROO	7	7	-	823	468	175.85	28
OSBORNE PK	7	5	2	719	567	126.80	20
MADDINGTON	7	4	3	760	649	117.10	16
MANDURAH	7	4	3	832	769	108.19	16
GOSNELLS	7	4	3	784	741	105.80	16
Kenwick	7	4	3	608	587	103.57	16
Kelmscott	7	3	4	726	633	114.69	12
Willetton	7	3	4	713	641	111.23	12
Thornlie	7	3	4	745	681	109.39	12
Kalamunda	7	3	4	617	615	100.32	12
Canning	7	3	4	704	738	95.392	12
Armadale	7	3	4	617	750	82.266	12
Applecross	7	3	4	549	752	73.005	12
South Perth	7	-	7	413	1023	40.371	-

Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kwinana	5	5	-	981	153	641.17	20
Cockburn	5	4	1	397	299	132.77	16
Fremantle	5	2	3	352	470	74.89	8
Manning	5	2	3	291	504	57.73	8
Midland	5	1	4	323	561	57.57	4
Mosman Park	5	1	4	311	668	46.55	4

LEAGUE GOALKICKERS

Ken Haywood (Canning) 30; Peter Ashworth (Kenwick) 28; Aaren Kiernan (Maddington) 25; Tony Fraser (Wanneroo) 24; Lloyd Richardson (Maddington) 23; Craig Brierty (Kelmscott) 22.

This week's games

HOME TEAMS MENTIONED FIRST

WILLETTON V OSBORNE PARK
SOUTH PERTH V THORNLIE
KELMSCOTT V KALAMUNDA
ARMADALE V MANDURAH
WANNEROO V MADDINGTON
GOSNELLS V CANNING

Metropolitan League

MIDLAND V FREMANTLE
MOSMAN PARK V KWINANA
MANNING V COCKBURN

Last week's results

THORNLIE 21.18 (144) d CANNING 14.12 (96)
GOALS: THORLIE: Smith 6, P. Vance 4, D. Davies 3, Evans, Taylor 2, Cadle, Hardie, Waddell, Williams. CANNING: Hayward 4, Bropho 3, E. Johns, Narkle 2, Corbett, D. Johnson, Watson 1.
BEST: THORNLIE: Steve Waddell, Ramon Smith, Roger Cadle. CANNING: Tony Watson, Ashley Corbett, James Norrish.

OSBORNE PARK 11.13 (79) KELMSCOTT 8.8 (56)
GOALS: OSBORNE PARK: Woods 4, O'Connell, Hart 2, Beecroft, Farmer, Gomm 1. KELMSCOTT: Logue 2, Arbon, Brierty, Davis, R. Morgan, Peake, Walker 1.
BEST: OSBORNE PARK: Clint Roberts, Andrew Komp, Tony Caratti. KELMSCOTT: Leigh Gorton, Mitch Nizich, Mark McAllister.

WANNEROO 21.15 (141) d APPLECROSS 12.10 (82)
GOALS: WANNEROO: Rogers 6, Fraser, Wynne 4, Moyses, Paterson, Waddell 2, Kickett. APPLECROSS: W. Henley 4, Tincombe 3, Watson, Muir, O'Sullivan, Carter, Becker 1.
BEST: WANNEROO: Peter Rogers, Paul Taylor, Troy Wynne. APPLECROSS: Glen Tincombe, Greg Terpsis, Dave Watson.

MANDURAH 23.11 (149) d KENWICK 7.6 (48)
GOALS: MANDURAH: Wilson 5, Gillam, Cant, Wren, Evans 3, Reynolds 2, Henry, McMahon, Rowe, McBride. KENWICK: Boundry 3, Jago 2, McDonald, S. Smith 1.
BEST: MANDURAH: Bill McBride, Paul Gillam, Bruce Thomas. KENWICK: Alan Wheelock, David Rhodes, Kevin Tenardi.

ARMADALE 16.8 (104) d KALAMUNDA 15.12 (102)
GOALS: ARMADALE: Michael 4, Cornell 3, Harris, J. Menzies, Regan 2, Geerson, Greenwell, Henderson. KALAMUNDA: Dover, Wilkins 3, Ellard, Virgo 2, Anderton, Armstrong, Bell, P. Garbellini, Spowart 1.
BEST: ARMADALE: David Michael, Richard Harvey, Alex Menzies. KALAMUNDA: Alan Trindle, Ken Bell, Joe Peczka.

GOSNELLS 19.9 (123) d MADDINGTON 17.17 (119)
GOALS: GOSNELLS: Valli, Gordon, Mathews 3, Curtis, McGilvray, D. Preedy, Wilkinson 2, Norman, Ward. MADDINGTON: Aaren Kiernan 6, Potente 3, Williams 2, Colquhoun, Davis, Richardson, Tenardi, Clark, Cushing 1.
BEST: GOSNELLS: Gary Foster, Kenley Gordon, Denis O'Rourke. MADDINGTON: Aaren Kiernan, Craig Robertson, Morris Potente.

WILLETTON 30.26 (206) d SOUTH PERTH 6.9 (45)
GOALS: WILLETTON: I. Millar 6, Hutcheson 5, Calais, Woolfitt 4, Clementi, Horsman, Kujawski 2, Flowers, George, Pilsworth, Rigg, Whittaker. SOUTH PERTH: Eramiha 3, Stewart, McCague, Walsh.
BEST: WILLETTON: Greg Horsman, Paul Kujawski, Ian Millar. SOUTH PERTH: Tony Capriotti, Shane Eramiha, Martin McCague.

METRO FOOTBALL

MANNING 12.7 d (79) MIDLAND 9.21 (75)
GOALS: MANNING: Hayden 3, A. McPhee, D. Spencer, Garic, S. McPhee 2, Haynold 1. MIDLAND: Smythe, Agnew 2, Gamble, March, Bowen, Dolman, Marron 1.
BEST: MANNING: Ric Bernotavicius, Paul Frost, Dean Hayden. MIDLAND: Tim Smythe, Simon Mills, Greg Sims.

COCKBURN 18.11 (119) d MOSMAN PARK 10.19 (79)
GOALS: COCKBURN: G. McCarthy 4, Pearce, Dalessio 3, Ingraham, Rodgers 2, Miles, G. Prowse. MOSMAN PARK: Southam 4, Burke 3, Head 2, Litterick 1.
BEST: COCKBURN: Ian Coleman, David Miles, Glenn Prowse. MOSMAN PARK: Scot Earl, Daniel Burke, Barry Haydinger.

KWINANA 23.16 (154) d FREMANTLE 8.7 (55)
GOALS: KWINANA: Brazier 8, Little 5, Jackson 4, Bennell 2, Cedrick Indich, A. Morley, Simpson, Winmar 1. FREMANTLE: Cooper, P. Gonella, J. Gonella, Grimes, Rebelo, Stewart, Slater, Vinci 1.
BEST: KWINANA: Mark Brazier, Tony Morley, Graham Jackson. FREMANTLE: Steve De Agrela, Roy Slater, Dean Thorne.

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Round-up of country tables

Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Williams	5	5	-	621	370	167.8	20
Wickepin	5	4	1	611	402	151.9	16
West Arthur	5	3	2	508	362	140.3	12
Boddington	5	3	2	438	378	115.9	12
Wagin	6	3	3	575	548	104.9	12
Towns	6	3	3	441	583	75.6	12
Pingelly	5	2	3	511	492	103.8	8
Lake Grace	5	1	4	357	610	58.5	4
Railways	6	-	6	449	759	59.2	-

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North Pilbara League

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Falcons	5	4	-	1	626	496	126.21	16
Dampier	5	3	-	2	555	475	116.84	12
Rovers	5	2	1	2	530	513	103.31	10
Karratha	5	2	1	2	478	496	96.37	10
Sth Hedland	5	2	-	3	506	549	92.17	8
Wickham	5	1	-	4	430	596	72.15	4

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Fortescue League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Centrals	5	5	-	777	263	295.43	20
Saints	5	4	1	576	365	157.80	16
Tigers	5	3	2	526	394	133.50	12
Towns	5	2	3	429	582	73.71	8
Demons	5	1	4	385	574	67.07	4
Hills	5	-	5	259	774	33.46	-

Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mukinbudin	5	5	-	616	256	240.62	20
Bencubbin	5	4	1	498	380	131.05	16
Koorda	5	3	2	723	359	201.39	12
South. Cross	5	3	2	568	328	173.17	12
Beacon	5	3	2	521	380	137.10	12
Nungarin	5	1	4	278	490	56.73	4
Kalannie	5	1	4	293	687	42.64	4
Towns	5	-	5	290	821	35.32	-

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Ongerup Football Association

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Jerramungup	4	4	-	675	256	263.36	16
Ongerup	4	4	-	448	277	161.73	16
Newdegate	4	3	1	757	224	337.94	12
Gnowangerup	4	2	2	562	385	145.59	8
Kent	4	2	2	543	438	123.97	8
Pingdup	4	1	3	329	541	61.95	4
Boxwood Hill	4	-	4	290	801	36.20	0
Borden	4	-	4	126	703	17.92	0

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Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Royals	7	6	1	722	453	159.38	24
N. Mt Barker	7	6	1	627	407	154.05	24
Railways	7	4	3	677	489	138.45	16
North Albany	7	3	4	530	633	83.73	12
S. Mt Barker	7	2	5	516	648	88.89	8
Denmark	7	-	7	323	765	42.22	-

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South West League

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
South Bunbury	6	-	944	400	236	24
Carey Park	5	1	1083	519	208.6	20
Bunbury	5	1	776	429	180.8	20
Mines Rovers	3	3	674	651	103.5	12
Harvey-Bruns	3	3	596	659	90.4	12
Busselton	3	3	597	705	74.6	12
Donnybrook	2	4	525	691	75.9	8
Aug-Marg River	2	4	555	807	68.7	8
Collie	1	5	460	743	61.9	4
Boy-Capel-Dard	-	6	450	1056	42.6	-

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Collie snap back with upset win

LAST year's South-West premiers Collie caused an upset when they scored their first win for the season at the expense of Donnybrook last weekend.

by DENNIS HEANEY

Kicking accurately, Collie ran out 10-point victors over pre-match favourites Donnybrook 18.6 to 15.14.

Forwards Jock Davidson (eight goals) and Paul Carpenter (seven goals) were dangerous in attack for Collie, while Brendan Retzlaff turned in a best-on-ground performance.

Donnybrook's best were Danny Omodec and Kim Young.

Bunbury put their best four-quarter effort for the year by annihalating Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 33.20 to 7.4. Steve Eaton, at centre-half-forward, dominated the game and finished with seven goals.

Others to play well for the victors were Jeff Nitschke (six goals) and Alan Wyburn. Ruckman Tim Batt tried valiantly for Boyanup, as did sacked Canning coach Peter Thomas and full-forward Peter Scott.

Carey Park (28.21) humbled a disappointing Augusta-Margaret River, who could only manage 10.14.

Kernutt Thorne was well held for three quarters before breaking free in the final term to kick six goals, finishing with a total of eight. Stan Willis, Michael Dye and centreman Sean O'Callaghan were best for the victors, while lion-hearted ruckman Gary Ryan (best on ground) was outstanding for AMR, assisted by Darren Ramshaw and Kevin Smith.

DEPLETED

South Bunbury (23.21) thrashed a depleted Busselton (7.15). Souths were well led by former city players Danny Platts, Shane Strempel and Scott Meadows, while best for Busselton were Michael Kryger and half-forward Jeff Trott.

Harvey-Brunswick (18.21) remained in contention for the top five by comfortably accounting for Mines Rovers (10.8), who kicked seven goals against the breeze in the first quarter, but only managed another three goals for the game.

Key forward Derek Hall, with seven goals, led the way for the Maroons, ably assisted by consistent small man Dom Crognale and defender Sean Mooney, while Mines were best served by captain-coach Peter Rowe, Shane Sherwood and youngster Ashley Cook.

The highlight of this week's fixtures is the clash between AMR and Busselton, where both sides must win to remain in contact with the top five.

Mines Rovers are at home to BCD and will return to the winning list, as should Carey Park, who clash with Donnybrook.

South Bunbury should prove too strong for Harvey Brunswick and though Collie will be hoping that their 1987 form has returned permanently, they face a tough clash with Bunbury.

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S-W squad looks strong

AT least 10 former WAFL players have been chosen in the Wesfarmers country carnival South West squad for 1988.

South Bunbury have 10 representatives, with Carey Park nine and Busselton seven.

Leigh Brenton (Carey Park), who played for Swan Districts and East Fremantle and Busselton pair Craig Earnshaw and Robert Poepjes should all figure prominently in the combined side.

Gavin Thornton, Peter Hodyl, Scott Meadows and Clayton Lewis have been selected from South Bunbury and all will give the combined side a wealth of experience.

The coach of this year's side is Terry House, well-known in the South West for his coaching both at club level and SWNFL teams.

The squad is:

CAREY PARK: Brett Whittaker, Leigh Brenton, Murray Collard, Kurnut Thorne, Michael Lane, Glen Coyle, Shaun Widdeson, Michael Hastie, Shaun O'Callaghan.

BUSSELTON: Russell White, Michael Krygger, Ross Gibson, Rodney Griffiths, Craig Earnshaw, Peter Kelleher, Robert Poepjes.

DONNYBROOK: Danny Omodei.

SOUTH BUNBURY: Gavin Thornton, Danny Platts, Peter Hodyl, Scott Meadows, Craig Watson, Shane Strempel, Clayton Lewis, Craig Bennell, Chris Raykos, Leigh Wright.

COLLIE: Greg O'Brien, Brendon Retzlaff, Bruce Jackson.

HARVEY BRUNSWICK: Don Crognale, Peter Hough, Bruno Italiano, Derek Hall, Graham Jeffery.

AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER: Gary Ryan, Peter Adams, Kevin Smith, Darren Ramshaw.

BOYANUP-CAPEL-DARDANUP: Larry Patane, Tim Batt.

BUNBURY: Kevin Bassett, Steve Larsson, Steve Eaton, Kim Gibbs, Mitchell Walerk, Greg Fletcher, Tony Venturini.

MINES ROVERS: Peter Rowe, Gary King.

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Wagin hold on to shock West Arthur

EARLY-season improvers West Arthur suffered their first major setback when they were beaten by 17 points by the struggling Wagin in the Upper Great Southern League last Sunday.

Thanks mainly to a brilliant eight-goal burst in the third quarter, Wagin held on against the breeze in the final term to win 14.9 to 10.16.

Rover Brett Bilston continued his good form with five goals and Darryl Hart (four goals) also played strongly. Charlie Staite and Brad Barton were best for West Arthur, with captain-coach Peter Slater scoring four goals in a vain effort to lift his side.

Boddington (12.19) consolidated their position with a comfortable win over a disappointing Railways (8.15).

The mobile Gary North picked up numerous kicks for Boddington as did Mal Perry after coming off the interchange bench early in the game. Craig Sherry spoilt an otherwise good performance by kicking 3.8.

Good players were hard to find for Railways, with only Troy Bogaards and Les Denholm showing any consistency and Mark Riley, with three goals, making the most of limited opportunities.

Wickepin (19.13) moved into second position when they easily accounted for Towns (9.7).

Rover Darren Banfield (five goals) played strongly all day, as did captain-coach Greg Doyle.

GOAL ORGY

Key forward Wayne Coles (nine goals) led the onslaught by competition leaders Williams when they crushed Lake Grace 28.16 to 10.9.

Others to play well for Williams were Warren Cowcher and Antony Dowling (six goals). Only Greg Pinney and Noel Bairstow performed creditably for Lake Grace, with Wes Mason kicking three goals.

League leaders Williams should have too much all-round strength for Boddington when they meet at Boddington this Sunday.

Towns will be at home to Pingelly in a game vital to both team's prospects, while Wickepin will easily account for an undermanned Lake Grace.

West Arthur should return to the winning list at Railway's expense.

Wesfarmers present ...

COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Country news and information can be sent to Westside Football FAX 275 1405.

League critical of fixtures plea

THE Great Northern Football League executive has criticised the club presidents over a request to change the fixtures for the June 5 long weekend.

The League has reluctantly agreed to re-fixture the matches from Monday to the preceding Saturday.

GNFL media director Ron Hayward said the league was not happy at the presidents decision at this late stage.

"The junior council will have to transfer to the Monday as there are not enough grounds and umpires to go around on the Saturday," Mr Hayward said.

"There is also the factor that our GNFL team members will have played against the South West on the Saturday before.

"The league is concerned that such an important clash against the South-West will be soured by the GNFL not fielding the fittest side possible."

Barker teams in superb duel

THE Barker derby in the Southern Districts Football League on Sunday lived up to its expectations when North and South fought out a magnificent contest at Sounness park.

North Barker won — but still slipped from top spot when they held on to beat South Barker by one point — 13.7 (85) to 12.12 (84).

North's centreman Brad Smallwood continues to stand out and was his team's best with Greg Saunders and Ian Pope. Best Hawks were Winston Williams, a former North's player, Steven Mead and Murray Wallinger.

Smallwood kicked five goals for the Demons and South Barker's Keith Punch scored four.

Another highlight from this venue was South Barker's colts win over North Barker. The Hawks won by 39-points to record their first win in five years — after having looked likely to drop out of the competition after three forfeits early in the season

ROYALS TOPS

Royals moved to the top of the table on percentage with a 12.13 (85) to 4.6 (30) victory over North Albany — the only side to beat them in two seasons.

Shane Roden, Don Nesbitt and Steven Woods were best for Royals while Darren James, Gerard Cameron and Jason Cordon played well for the losers. Shaun Colbung scored four goals for the Lions.

Railways struggled hard for three quarters to shake off a determined Denmark, but eventually cruised to a 13.11 (89) to 5.11 (41) win at Tigerland.

Best players were Tom Palfrey, Peter Braimbridge, Greg Hopkins (Railways) and Denmark's Rodney Ross, Rob Studham and Paul Anderson.

Two exciting matches should eventuate this Sunday when Royals host Railways at Centennial Oval and South Barker travel to Collingwood Park to meet North Albany. North Barker play Denmark at Frost Park in the other game.

Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dalwallinu	6	5	1	832	305	272	20
Dandaragan	6	5	1	774	479	161	20
Warriors	6	4	2	712	371	191	16
Rovers	6	3	3	628	659	95	12
Watheroo	6	1	5	633	772	82	4
Bindi Miling	6	-	6	239	962	24	-

Wesfarmers

Dalwallinu in strong finish

A FINAL-quarter surge took top side Dalwallinu to victory in a close match-of-the-day in last week's Central Midlands league.

Dalwallinu won 12.10 to Warriors 8.14, with victory coming via a strong last quarter effort of 4.5 to just four points.

Dandaragan stayed equal top, trailing Dalwallinu on percentage, with their 17.15 to 11.10 win over Watheroo, who led by a point at half time.

Moora Rovers survived a disastrous third quarter when they were outscored 5.3 to 1.1 by Bindi Miling, to win 16.19 to 9.5.

This week's top match should be at Dandaragan, where the Saints are home to Warriors. Rovers play Watheroo in Moora and Dalwallinu are at home to Bindi Miling.

TOP SIDE BEATEN

MUNGLINUP had their first loss in last week's Ravensthorpe association — and the Tigers celebrated their first win.

After three straight victories, Munglinup's percentage was still good enough to leave them on top of the four-team table, despite losing to Southerners, 15.13 to 15.8.

Tigers put themselves on equal points with Lakes with their 14.12 to 12.8 victory.

Ravensthorpe

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%
Munglinup	4	3	1	515	299	172.34
Southerners	4	3	1	351	416	84.76
Tigers	3	1	2	256	335	76.28
Lakes	3	-	3	237	358	66.93

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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

State side takes their revenge

THE State amateur side atoned for last year's 20-goal thrashing by the Wesfarmers All Stars country side when they produced a top-class display in the re-match last Saturday.

by TREVOR SCHORER

The amateurs were determined to seek their revenge in the annual match and they ran out winners at Perth Oval, 16.16 to 10.15, proving that they have a very formidable combination this year.

The side is a typical Ralph Needham team and the State coach has instilled a tough and unrelenting attitude, with the emphasis on keeping the opposition under constant pressure.

The team has an excellent mosquito fleet and the performances of Steve Leishman, Brad Dunn, Mark Shaw and Brad Metcalf augers well when its remembered that State captain Dave Perry and Ross Bell are yet to come into the side.

STRONG DEFENCE

Both are injured at present, but their availability should keep pressure on all the centreline and following division players.

The WA side was well-served by a solid defence led by Jeremy McGrade, at centre-half-back and John Diviney at full-back. The defence will also be strengthened by Geoff Horton and Bill Armstrong, currently on the injured list.

A pleasing aspect for WA was the performances of some of the younger players, especially Craig Dargie, who started off a little scratchy, but played well after picking up the pace of the game.

The ruck division had plenty of youth with Andrew Chapman, Aaron Devitt and Nigel Rogers all putting in solid efforts.

Rogers showed courage to come back after having his nose broken in the second quarter.

Another good sign was the fact that the goals were shared by eight different names with Lowe, Nelmes and Booth leading with three goals each.

The WA side has had little success over the last few years, but this squad has the ability to beat the other States, especially if they work hard together as a team.

DETAILS:

W.A. Amateurs 16.16 (112) def. Wesfarmers All Stars 10.15 (75)

Best: Amateurs J.McGrade, M. McNee, J. Diviney, C. Dargie, M. Lill, S. Leishman.

Wesfarmers All Stars: P. Slater, B. Marsden, C. Patterson, J. Hooper, W. Marshall.

This week's game :

Old Wesley vs Mt. Lawley at Collins Oval, Wembley vs North Beach at Perth Oval, Nollamara vs Trinity Aquinas at Bassendean Oval, West Coast vs North Fremantle at Lathlain Park, Scarborough vs University at Millington Reserve.

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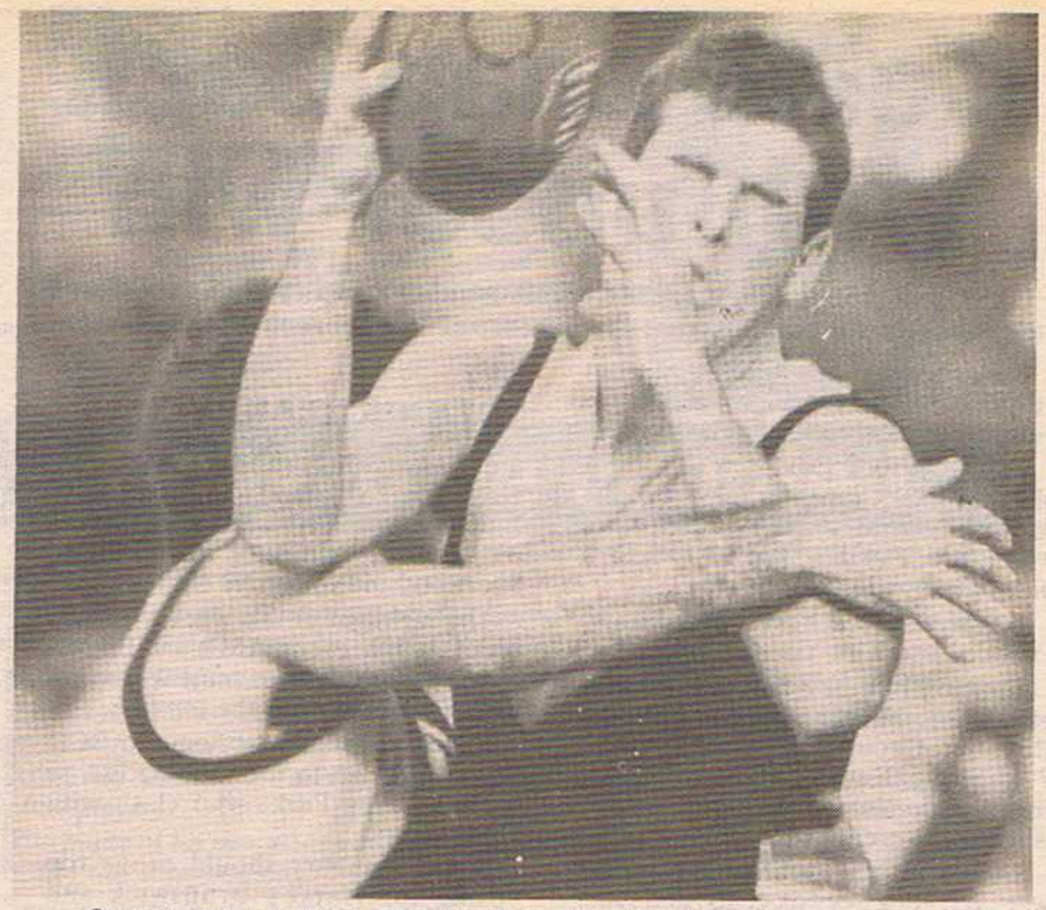

State amateurs player Kim Booth marks strongly under pressure. Picture MIKE PINE.

Big year for Nollamara

SINCE its inception late in 1963 with a D-grade and colts side, heavily supplied with players from the Pearce RAAF base, the Nollamara club has made striking progress.

The oval was cleared in 1961 but games did not begin there till 1964 when the D-grade side were runners-up in the club's first year.

Nollamara were runners-up again in 1968 before breaking through for their first premiership in 1972 when the B Reserve side was successful. They were runners-up in 1973.

Season 1974 yielded two premierships when both the B Colts under Barry Pearson and the B-grade under Kerry Langlands were successful.

This resulted in the club being promoted to A-grade where they have remained ever since.

In 1980 the club fielded five sides for the first time and undoubtedly had its finest hour when the A-grade team won their first premiership under the guidance of Colin Tincknell.

Further premierships came the club's way in 1982 (I grade), 1986 (D grade) and 1987 (G grade).

The club has also provided its share of players who have represented the State in amateur games.

Other achievements include C. Murphy (Amateur Medal for best and fairest in colts 1983) and N. Fong (Amateur Medal for best and fairest in A-grade 1983, 1984, 1985).

The club's 25th Anniversary Ball will be held on July 9 at the Bridgeleigh Reception Centre, Mary Street, Wanneroo. All past players, members, supporters welcome. Details available at the club.

HIGHLIGHTS

B COLTS: Swan Athletic took early control of their game against Curtin at South Oval, but Curtin fought back to kick four goals to one in the third quarter to take the lead.

Rod McCathy's move to centre at half-time was a vital one, giving Curtin supremacy in the middle and he created many forward moves.

Full-back Brian Robertson, ruckman Paul Eaglefield and forward Chris Lavell (three goals) all played well.

Curtin held on in the last quarter to run out winner by 16 points, 9.13 to 7.9.

C COLTS: Bassendean completed the quadrella on Saturday when they returned four wins.

The C colts defeated Whitfords in a close tussle at Jubilee Reserve, with only one straight kick between the two sides until the latter part of the final quarter.

With the aid of newcomer Darren Kickett at centre-half-back, Bassendean kicked away to win by 30 points.

The young Bassendean players are showing greater maturity as the season progresses, which is showing in their team work.

Following on from the colts, the C Grade senior side defeated Whitfords by 33 points.

Bassendean jumped out quickly to hold a comfortable lead at half-time.

However, a lack of team effort in the second half saw Whitfords fight back and Bassendean must be disappointed they did not win by a greater margin.

Better players for Bassendean were Frank Keough, Dennis Murray, Glenn More and Warren Sutton. Bassendean's seventh position on the premiership table is not a true indication of their current form and they are capable of beating the top sides.

In the H Grade, Bassendean kicked with the aid of a five-goal breeze to 30 points in front at quarter-time against Carlisle at Ashfield Reserve.

Inaccuracy in front of goal cost Bassendean a greater winning margin, but they had too much overall strength around the ground.

John Lennon carried the ruck duties all day and was his side's best player, supported by Malcolm Hodder and Geoff Newton.

K-Grade enjoyed official umpires taking control of their game and this showed out when Bassendean and Applecross produced a high standard of football.

Bassendean held control up the centre of the ground and led at every change to win by 65 points.

Good players for Bassendean included Frank Osborne, Brett Harkins and Kim Osborne.

D Colts: Wanneroo again failed to run out four quarters when they went down to Hamersley at Carine Reserve.

Hamersley played well all day and deserved their 12-point win. Wanneroo kicked eight points in the third quarter with the wind. Good players for Wanneroo were, Mark Hawes, Steve Cherry, Brendon Carey and Rod Tanner.

C Grade: Lynwood Ferndale continued to set the pace with a 55-point win over Morley. Their in-form centreline of Brian Williams, Justin Raak and Michael Keesan again proved to be focal points and created many forward thrusts for the Panthers.

Ruckman Tony Fioraso worked tirelessly and was a contributing factor to their win.

Coach "Gus" Gutheridge has developed his charges into a fit and competent unit, and with seven straight victories this season, Lynwood Ferndale again look as if they will play off in the grand final.

G Grade: Wanneroo's policy of promoting their younger players proved correct once again with their defeat of Whitfords.

Led by colts player Paul Maindock, who kicked five goals from the wing, Wanneroo produced their best team performance for the season. To run out winners by 88 points.

Other players to come under notice were rover Steve Game, ruck-rover Jamie Barnett and centreman Ian Russell.

I Grade: Lynwood Ferndale came back from five goals behind with 15 minutes to play to beat Bull Creek by one point.

Led by Glenn Jackson, who was best on ground, Lynwood showed why they have six wins from seven games and hold second position on the ladder.

Phil Cox could have easily kicked 12 goals and had he not been so inaccurate, finishing with 7.8.

Other to stand out for the Panthers were Darren Cox, Bruce Mentz and Roman Wydra.

L Grade: A six-goal third quarter saw Wanneroo take a firm grip on their game against Riverton at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

Riverton had some winners around the ground, but could not combat the strength of the Roos following division in Glenn Bagley, Ray Connolly and Duncan Bruce.

Wanneroo's centre-half-back, Ed Cook, repelled many forward moves and was instrumental in the 48-point win.

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Swan Athletic look the favourites

by PETER RUSH

AFTER the first six rounds of B-grade competition, Swan Athletic have emerged as the team most likely to take out this year's flag.

Apart from a first-round loss to Innaloo, the Swans have strolled along to five wins straight, including victories over four of last year's final five sides.

With players of the calibre of Denis Volk, Matt Viskivich, Troy and Shane Bosich and Graeme Yukich, Swan Athletic are sure to figure prominately in this year's finals.

Mt Lawley appear the main threat to Swan Athletic.

The Hawks game is based around a strong defence and disciplined teamwork.

With players such as Glen Fleisher, Nigel Grazia, Paul Holly, Kevin Copeland and Darryl Cox, the Hawks are sure to be there come finals time.

CBC have continued last year's revival and under astute coach Glen Hurst also look likely to figure in this year's finals.

The next three weeks will be a testing time for the Old Boys as they come up against Mt Lawley and Swan Athletic.

Last year's B-grade Medallist, Paul Hurst, plus Lou White, Peter Brindley, Paul Piggot, and Damien Cronin are all key players for CBC.

Innaloo and Bayswater appear as the only other sides capable of taking part in this year's finals.

Both sides have injury problems, but at full strength will worry every side.

Innaloo, with former Subiaco forward Brendan McFaull coaching have a strong blend of talent. With centreman Dave Nelson, half-forward Craig Kettlewell and ruckman Barry McGuire, they have three players capable of dominating a game.

Bayswater rely heavily on agile ruckman Dave Mueller, nuggetty rover John Lawrence and rugged wingman Rod Harrison to provide their drive.

PATCHY

Curtin and Dianella's have shown patchy form and they will have to improve to be finals prospects.

The Panthers have lost All Australian amateur Terry Holtzman through injury and have many players out of form.

Curtin, at full strength, are a good side, but don't have the club depth to worry sides consistently.

Collegians Old Scotch are starting to get their act together and may worry a few sides in weeks to come, while MHWP, under former East Fremantle player Merv Carrott and Maylands (with Swan Districts player Wally Sidebottom coaching) are struggling to find form.

This week's games should see Mt Lawley demolish Dianella; Innaloo will be far too good for a rejuvenated Collegians Old Scotch; Bayswater will bounce back at Curtin's expense and, in the match of the day at East Fremantle Oval, Swan Athletic are likely to down CBC.

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The Trinity-Aquinas A-colts team. . . delighted after recording its seventh straight victory.

Past reflections

THE 1928 season saw University apply for admission, but as their delegate was not present, a decision to admit them was deferred.

However, they were part of the Association in the opening round of April 28, with colours of emereld green, blue and gold. They were admitted on the condition that University players be limited to members of the Guild of Undergraduates in attendance at the WA University.

Teachers College offered to withdraw, allowing the six remaining teams to have a better draw.

There was a notice of motion to change the name to the WA Amateur Football Association.

The 1929 season began under the new name (WAAFA) and was "subject to alteration and amendment by Mr Orr, with the constitution of the SA Amateur Football Association to be adopted."

Delegates' meetings continued to be held in the Commonwealth Bank staff clubrooms, or the WANFL rooms, in Forrest Place.

Teachers College could not field a team of current students, so they were permitted to play old students for the year.

Teams were allowed to field five outside players, where previously only bonafide members of business houses could play.

Umpires continued to be given trial games before being fully admitted as association central umpires.

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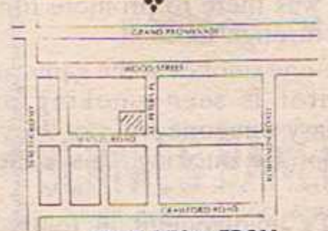
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	P	W	L	F	A	%	PTS
A GRADE							
TRINITY AQUINAS	6	6	-	649	440	147.50	24
NOLLAMARA	6	5	1	647	434	149.08	20
MT LAWLEY	6	5	1	577	467	123.55	20
WEMBLEY	6	4	2	595	423	140.66	16
OLD WESLEY	6	3	3	562	482	116.60	12
North Beach	6	3	3	571	554	103.07	12
University	6	2	4	528	638	82.76	8
West Coast	6	1	5	547	649	84.28	4
Scarborough	6	1	6	477	773	74.88	4
North Fremantle	6	-	6	344	773	44.50	-
B GRADE							
MT LAWLEY	6	5	1	644	424	151.89	20
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	5	1	656	446	147.09	20
CBC	6	5	1	555	407	136.36	20
INNALOO	6	4	2	583	475	122.74	16
BAYSWATER	6	3	3	689	573	120.24	12
Curtin	6	3	3	509	556	91.55	12
Dianella	6	2	4	435	580	75.00	8
Coll/Old Scotch	6	2	4	504	720	70.00	8
MHWP	6	1	5	448	630	71.11	4
Maylands	6	-	6	473	681	69.46	-
C GRADE							
LYNWOOD/FNDLE	7	7	-	851	393	216.54	28
UNIVERSITY	7	6	1	839	501	161.47	24
COCKBRN LAKES	7	5	2	870	656	132.22	20
MORLEY	7	5	2	773	605	127.77	20
NOLLAMARA	7	4	3	694	614	113.03	16
Bassendean	7	3	4	598	766	78.07	12
Whitfords	7	2	5	548	668	82.04	8
Cool/Yokine	7	2	5	623	800	77.88	8
Carlisle	7	1	6	439	850	51.15	4
Melville	7	-	7	429	819	52.38	-
D GRADE							
ROCKINGHAM	7	7	-	754	478	157.74	28
WACAE	7	6	1	869	550	158.00	24
WEMBLEY	7	5	2	698	536	130.22	20
MUNDARING	7	4	3	752	617	121.88	16
BRENTWOOD	7	4	3	615	596	103.19	16
Scarborough	7	2	5	453	570	79.47	8
North AICA	7	2	5	520	689	75.47	8
Applecross	7	2	5	550	749	73.43	8
Forrestfield	7	2	5	533	842	63.30	8
North Beach	7	1	6	544	761	71.48	4

	P	W	L	F	A	%	PTS
E GRADE							
TRINITY AQUINAS	7	7	-	1016	314	323.57	28
R&I	7	5	2	737	527	139.85	20
HAMMERSLEY	7	5	2	684	500	136.80	20
BULLCREEK	7	4	3	833	575	144.87	16
UNIVERSITY	7	4	3	651	663	98.19	16
St Norbetts	7	3	4	706	711	99.30	12
National Bank	7	3	5	515	659	78.15	12
Mt Lawley	7	2	5	495	732	67.62	8
Hellenic	7	2	5	527	830	63.49	8
Victoria Park	7	-	7	369	1012	36.46	-
F GRADE							
WEST COAST	7	6	1	844	471	179.19	24
OLD WESLEY	7	6	1	807	529	152.55	24
SAWYERS VALLEY	7	5	2	757	375	201.87	20
JOHN XXIII	7	5	2	683	585	116.75	20
MHWP	7	4	3	611	549	111.29	16
Innaloo	7	3	4	619	650	95.23	12
Dianella	7	3	4	575	624	92.15	12
Coolbellup	7	3	4	585	698	83.81	12
Nollamara	7	-	7	471	939	50.16	-
North Fremantle	7	-	7	444	906	49.01	-
G GRADE							
BAYSWATER	7	7	-	980	341	287.39	28
COLL/OLD SCTCH	7	5	2	666	496	134.27	20
CBC	7	5	2	686	575	119.30	20
REDMOND	7	4	3	596	519	114.84	16
GIRRAWHEEN	7	4	3	638	629	101.43	16
Ocean Reef	7	3	4	746	603	123.71	12
Navy	7	3	4	491	761	64.52	12
Wanneroo	7	2	5	640	731	87.55	8
Muresk	7	2	5	475	607	78.27	8
Whitfords	7	-	7	334	990	33.74	-
H GRADE							
SWANB/NEDLNDS	7	6	1	779	444	175.45	24
WEST COAST	7	6	1	825	464	127.71	24
WEMBLEY	7	5	2	694	445	155.96	20
MAYLANDS	7	5	2	720	567	126.98	20
BASSENDEAN	7	5	2	663	501	132.34	20
North Beach	7	4	3	724	542	133.58	16
Mt Lawley	7	2	5	478	712	67.13	8
Carlisle	7	1	6	451	820	55.00	4
Curtin	7	1	6	407	762	53.41	4
East Fremantle	7	-	7	460	944	48.73	-

	P	W	L	F	A	%	PTS
I GRADE							
UNIVERSITY	7	7	-	851	654	130.12	28
RIVERTON	7	6	1	788	570	138.25	24
LYNWD/FRNDLE	7	6	1	788	570	138.25	24
SWAN ATHLETIC	7	3	4	695	646	107.59	12
RAAF	7	3	4	539	618	87.22	12
ANZ	7	3	4	589	702	83.99	12
Bullcreek	7	2	5	622	672	92.56	8
Murdoch	7	2	5	587	730	80.41	8
Mirrabooka	7	2	5	536	797	67.25	8
North Fremantle	7	1	6	542	657	82.50	4
J GRADE							
SCARBOROUGH	7	7	-	969	400	242.25	28
TRINITY AQUINAS	7	6	1	918	385	238.44	24
MHWP	7	5	2	704	505	139.41	20
HAMMERSLEY	7	4	3	685	599	114.36	16
INNALOO	7	4	3	659	676	97.49	16
WACAE	7	3	4	609	645	94.42	12
Morley	7	3	4	514	730	70.41	12
Whitfords	7	1	6	536	741	72.33	4
Hellenic	7	1	6	526	788	66.75	4
Forrestfield	7	1	6	397	1048	37.88	4
K GRADE							
ROCKINGHAM	7	7	-	981	391	250.90	28
BAYSWATER	7	5	2	829	451	183.81	20
COOL/YOKINE	7	5	2	810	448	180.80	20
COLL/OLD SCTCH	7	5	2	840	623	134.83	20
COCKBRN LAKES	7	4	3	711	476	149.37	16
West Coast	7	4	3	576	546	105.49	16
Bassendean	7	2	5	609	818	74.45	8
Dianella	7	2	5	459	784	58.55	8
Applecross	7	1	6	506	752	67.29	4
Melville	7	-	7	227	1086	20.90	-
L GRADE							
WANNEROO	7	6	1	702	520	135.00	24
CARLISLE	7	6	1	702	568	123.59	24
OCEAN RIDGE	7	5	2	1000	516	193.80	20
BULLCREEK	7	5	2	788	516	152.71	20
NOLLAMARA	7	4	3	637	575	110.78	16
Mundaring	7	3	4	754	605	124.63	12
Sawyers Valley	7	2	5	540	701	77.03	8
Riverton	7	2	5	539	826	65.25	8
Coolbellup	7	1	6	496	861	57.61	4
Brentwood	7	1	6	505	965	52.33	4

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A COLTS							
TRINITY AQUINAS	7	7	-	753	196	384.18	28
WEMBLEY	7	5	2	679	367	185.01	20
NORTH BEACH	7	5	2	484	327	148.01	20
UNIVERSITY	7	5	2	589	412	142.96	20
SCARBOROUGH	7	4	3	427	394	108.38	16
Mt Lawley	7	4	3	468	469	99.79	16
Nollamara	7	3	4	391	436	89.68	12
Old Wesley	7	2	5	344	468	73.50	8
North Fremantle	7	-	7	218	728	29.95	-
West Coast	7	-	7	116	712	16.29	-
B COLTS							
COLL/OLD SCTH	7	7	-	821	149	551.01	28
INNALOO	7	6	-	664	233	284.98	26
BAYSWATER	7	5	2	626	364	171.98	20
MAYLANDS	7	4	3	549	392	140.05	16
CURTIN	7	4	3	321	410	78.29	16
Mt Lawley	7	3	3	312	488	63.93	14
CBC	7	2	5	344	622	55.31	8
MHWP	7	1	6	362	576	62.85	4
Swan Athletic	7	1	6	259	561	46.17	4
Dianella	7	1	6	226	689	32.80	4
C COLTS							
CBC	7	7	-	975	152	641.45	28
WEMBLEY	7	5	2	595	403	147.64	20
LYNWD/FERNDLE	7	5	2	486	463	104.97	20
COOL/YOKINE	7	4	3	627	386	162.44	16
WHITFORDS	7	4	3	637	443	143.79	16
Bassendean	7	4	3	551	600	91.83	16
University	7	3	4	501	344	145.64	12
Morley	7	2	5	325	699	46.49	8
Melville	7	1	6	217	732	29.64	4
Carlisle	7	-	7	137	881	15.55	-
D COLTS							
FORRESTFIELD	7	7	-	868	219	396.35	28
APPLECROSS	7	6	1	754	230	327.83	24
ROCKINGHAM	7	5	2	773	253	305.53	20
TRINITY AQUINAS	7	4	3	745	343	217.20	16
JOHN XXIII	7	2	5	280	573	48.87	8
Hammersley	7	2	5	286	866	33.03	8
Wanneroo	7	1	6	263	749	35.11	4
Mundaring	7	1	6	205	836	24.52	4

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Student heads up "new generation"

SEVENTEEN-year-old Paul Bestwick is heavily involved in football — he plays, promotes, administers the game and watches it whenever he can.

by DENISE MURPHY

A Year 12 student at St Marks' College in Highgate, Paul is the inaugural chairman of the Youth Commission for the Quit First XVIII Cup.

Paul is a member of his school's Quit team and also represents St Mark's in the Sunday competition, where he plays as rover or on the wing.

As Youth Chairman Paul and a selection of 11 other students, represent the 61 government and private secretary schools currently competing for the Quit Cup.

The schools battle it out in four metropolitan zones, each offering two divisions. Players and coaches have signed contracts or Codes of Behaviour which have been set down and are administered by the Commission.

Paul said the Commission, who meet every three weeks at the WAFL, were pleased with the competition so far.

"What we have asked for is being implemented," he says. "Students who would not normally play football are wanting to play in Quit teams because of the spirit of enjoyment," he said.

"We introduced the send-off rule to promote anti-violence and the good behaviour point system and both are being well used. We're serious about what we are doing, players can go to a boxing match if they want to see a fight."

Paul said everyone was very aware of the no smoking rule at Quit games, which was there to promote fitness in youth through football.

"No-one smokes at the game and if a spectator is seen smoking on the boundary someone will say 'Hey, they shouldn't be smoking, this is the Quit Cup.'

Paul's involvement in football has kept him very busy.

Quit Cup co-organiser Paul Bestwick

The Commission has now undertaken to produce a newsletter to keep schools informed on how the competition is going and Paul hopes team captains will contribute each week with Quit Cup news.

Aside from his football commitments, Paul is studying Maths 1, English, Physical Science, Art, Economics and Biology for his TEE.

He has his sights set on physiotherapy or perhaps professional running as he has been the 800 metres champion for the last three years in the Associated Catholic College's athletics competition. He has also faired well in the 1500 metre event and at the State championships.

Paul believes the new concept of school football developed by the youth for the Quit Cup will replenish the spirit of the game and contribute to the continuance of the tradition of Australian rules football.

"We hope higher competitions might look at our ideas and perhaps implement them in their games," he said.

Town and Country WA Little League results

CLAREMONT, Swan Districts, South Fremantle and East Fremantle were the winners of last weekend's round of Town and Country Little League fixtures.

Claremont, represented by Wembley, took the points against West Perth (Ballajura) with Mark Gray, Chris Reid and Gary Wearne starring for the home side.

Better players for the Falcons were Trevor Sadowski, Robert Brown and David Green.

Swan Districts (Norseman) ran out winners against East Perth (East Perth Highgate) at Bassendean.

Best three for the Swans were Michael Vacca, Gaston Taylor and Andrew Townsend, while Eddie Partington, Ken Brawsby and Mark Artry played well for the Royals.

South Fremantle beat Perth at the WACA with the better players for the bulldogs being David Fawcett, Stephen Lowrey and Paul Edgar.

For the losers Arnold Trestle, Tony Garmony and Mark Rempta played well.

East Fremantle (coastal) were too good for Subiaco (Kalgoorlie) at East Fremantle Oval.

The junior clubs to represent the League sides this week are Claremont (Ravensthorpe), West Perth (Collie), Swan Districts (South Bunbury), East Perth (Noranda), South Fremantle (Baldivis), Perth (Manning), East Fremantle (Thornlie) and Subiaco (Warwick-Red).

DISMAL TURNOUT

THE Hills Association paraded before a good crowd at Bassendean Oval last Saturday — but a disappointing few clubs took part.

Representing the Hills were Darlington, Koonga/Valley, Mt Helena, Mundaring and Parkerville.

The Koonga/Valley club amused spectators as their kangaroo mascot, with three little joeys, walked around the ground with the teams.

Parkerville were judged the best dressed team on the day and won two autographed black and white footballs presented by Swans player Andrew Tigchelaar.

A well-deserved round of applause was given to the two boys from Mt Helena who represented their club. These boys deserved a pat on the back for their efforts — while their club officials and other players warrant a rap over the knuckles.

Country boys win at last

HISTORY was made on Sunday at Leederville Oval when the Country All-Stars team had their first win over Metropolitan All-Stars.

The game was the culmination of metropolitan and country trials for the 1988 Town and Country West Australian Teal Cup team.

Fifty of the best young players from country and city played in the high-standard match, with country winning 12.3 to 9.8.

These games have been played for the past four years, with the metropolitan team usually winning comfortably.

From this game, 45 players were selected to play in the Probables vs Possibles game this Sunday at Perth Oval, at 9.15am.

The Teal Cup carnival is in Canberra from July 3-10.

The Country All-Stars side was coached by Denis McKenna, from Katanning.

PARENTS' BEHAVIOUR

LAST week we had a column on the Coaches Code of Behaviour and this week we look at parents in football.

Parents who wish to become involved in their sons game must realise that the appointed coach is solely in charge of his team, as is the team manager.

Parents can become too involved by yelling out to their son, or abusing players of opposing teams. In the last two weeks there have been several instances of parents being reported for threatening players from the opposing side.

If the parents are unhappy with umpiring decisions or behind-the-play incidents, they should go through the proper channels by lodging a complaint to the club president or coach.

The boys are playing football for fun and enjoyment and too much parental pressure could see juniors turn away from the sport.

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QUIZ NIGHT

THE Koongamia/Helena Valley Junior Football Club will hold their annual quiz night on Saturday, June 11.

Former Test cricket star Bruce Yardley will compere the night at the Greenmount Hall, with tickets at $3.50 per head, tables of six and starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased from Ian Clark on 294 3860.

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QUIZ TIME

THE Bassendean Junior Football Club will stage a quiz night on Friday, May 27. The event is open to all comers and will start at the Swan Districts Football Club's social hall at 7.30pm. The quiz is to raise money for equipment for the juniors.

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INTERSTATE TRIP

THE Subiaco-Wanneroo league will be taking a l5s side to Victoria later this season. They will be hosted by the St Kilda Football Club and given the chance to see VFL action close-up and watch a club from the inside.

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KIDS GALORE

AT a time when many junior clubs are struggling to field teams, the Collie Saints are in the opposite situation. The club has too many players in its 12s division and has fielded two teams in the competition. However, they need adult help to keep things running smoothly.

Noranda starts to have effect

THE growth of new junior football clubs can often be a frustrating affair as teams struggle to attract good players and win matches.

Such has been the case with the Noranda Junior Football Club in the East Perth council — now celebrating their 10th year.

The balance of power in the area seems to be swinging Noranda's way after some pretty lean years, particularly in their older age groups.

A premiership in the 13s a couple of seasons back heralded their growth and this year Noranda's two senior teams, the 15s and 17s, are showing the way.

Some big victories in recent weeks over arch rivals have seen both sides at the top of their ladders.

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NIGHT MATCH

A MATCH under lights has been organised by two hills sides — Swanleigh and Koonga/Valley.

The game, a first for junior football, will be played at Parkerville Oval under lights in a few weeks time.

With most junior games played on Saturday or Sunday, it will be an experience for the two teams.

Two white footballs will be donated to the 14s teams by the West Coast Eagles.

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LIGHTNING START

THERE was plenty of good football on display when the Central Great Southern League's junior lightning carnival kicked off the 1988 season in Katanning. Boys competed in three grades — 11s, 13s and 15s, with each team playing two games. The respective winners were Kojonup, St Pats and Saints.

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CHEER SQUAD

THE newly-formed Bombers Football Club in East Perths Junior Council have introduced a cheer squad for the 10s team. The club is a combination of the old Dianella and Coolbinia-Yokine clubs, who merged as a result of falling numbers. The 10s mothers have organised a group of seven daughters all aged around eight years to cheer the youngsters on each week. The Rickett family are behind the innovative move — so watch out rival clubs!

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THE MINOR GRADES

BEN STINGA reviews the Prime reserves and the Under-19s colts competition

Thorne ready for return

CLAREMONT officials were pleased with the form of rover Peter Thorne in the reserves last Saturday.

The former State representative played his first competitive game of football since April 16, when he badly bruised a big toe against East Perth at the WACA Ground.

Claremont reserves coach John Dimmer allowed the experienced Thorne to rove for as long as he wanted to in a bid to test out his toe.

Thorne responded with a strong contribution and, more importantly, showed he has completely recovered from his painful injury.

He now looks certain to come straight into the Tigers league side this week.

Peter Thorne. . . heading back to league action.

COOL BROOKS

YOUNG East Perth reserves defender Nathan Brooks has been regarded as a bit of a hothead by opponents in the past.

However, this season Brooks has made a concerted bid to eliminate the undisciplined side of his game and to improve his efficiency and concentration.

The result is a number of outstanding performances, greater reliability and a definite "thumbs up" from reserves coach Ross Davis.

Davis describes Brooks as a highly-talented player who can sometimes become very emotional out on the field.

In previous seasons, players aware of this would bait Brooks in the hope that he would lose his temper and his concentration.

Those tactics have been wasted on Brooks this season, as he now has all his energies focused on winning the ball and avoiding the tribunal.

Brooks does possess talent. He represented West Australia in the 1984 State schoolboys carnival before graduating to the under-19's in 1985 and league football in 1987.

FALCON FIGHTER

NEIL Whatmore was one of the most impressive workers for West Perth pre-season — up until Christmas, anyhow.

It was then that he was hit with a crippling virus that saw him lose a lot of weight and any chance of making an early-season league debut.

More importantly, his hopes of playing any grade of football appeared slim.

However, he knuckled down at training on his return and was selected as the under-19 vice-captain.

His form in defence was hard to fault and in accordance with the Falcons policy of promoting youth, he was given an opportunity in the reserves two weeks ago.

The mature Watmore has tackled reserves football in the same way he tackled his virus, with determination and courage.

According to West Perth reserves coach Lloyd Christopher, Whatmore is now a candidate for a league berth later this season. A fine reward for persistence against overwhelming odds.

Mather beats injury to win award

EAST Fremantle under-19 ruckman Brad Mather is the first winner of a $250 round award from Sharks sponsors AFM Industries.

Mather has been a keen football fan since he was a young boy, but for the greater part of his teen years he has been unable to play because of arthritis.

He played a few under-19 games with the Sharks last season, after missing five seasons of football.

This season the 18-year-old has taken on and beaten all comers with his eye catching brand of ruck work.

Mather has a great leap, possesses endless stamina and is noted for roving his own ruck knocks in Stephen Michael fashion.

Apart from the cash, Mather was also awarded a special wooden trophy carved and donated by the Sharks multi-talented property man, Mike Mikus.

SPEEDY LIONS

SUBIACO have shown themselves to be one of the quckest Under-19 sides in the competition this year.

One of the reasons for this is the presence of two first-year rovers, Nathan Spilcker and Craig Hunter.

Both players possess a lot of speed and are also noted for their slick use of the handpass.

Spilcker hails from Warwick and represented West Australia at State schoolboys level in 1986, while Hunter is a product of the Wanneroo club, who has also played State schoolboys.

Both youngsters are in contention for a Teal Cup berth this season and have been fairly impressive in trial games.

UNLUCKY SHARK

WITH every State side, whether it be at Teal Cup or senior level, there has to be a few players who are unlucky to miss out.

East Fremantle Under-19 player Graham Thompson is one such player who was left out of the preliminary Teal Cup squad this week.

Thompson's form has been good this season, but there are only a limited number of places available in the squad and subsequently some players miss out.

East Fremantle Under-19 coach Kerry Coates considers Thompson to be a little unfortunate, but is sure the youngster will work even harder to reach his ultimate goal — league football.

Coates describes Thompson as a similar player to East Fremantle league newcomer Peter Quill — quick, well balanced and good in the air.

However, Coates would like to see Thompson position himself a little better instead of following or chasing a kick.

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CIG Shield update

Hampton now face Trinity

HAMPTON High School's CIG Shield victory against St Marks last Sunday sets them up for a clash with last year's winners, Trinity College.

The curtain-raiser to the Eagles-Hawthorn match was played in good spirit.

Playing off for the East Perth zone quarter final, Hampton proved too strong for St Marks, winning 14.14 to 4.8.

Though the match was one-sided, both teams are to be complimented on their presentation, self-discipline and skills.

John Sherriffs, assistant coach of the Hampton team, said that the game was hard fought and played in a good atmosphere.

Best players for Hampton were Adam A'Vard, Victor Hart and Revel Oakley, while St Marks best were Danny Hartley, Brad Hudson and Matthew Salliacus.

Sherriffs said that the game was won across the centreline, supported by their strong following division.

"The half-back line worked hard to stop the ball from going deep into the St Marks forward line," said Sherriffs.

This was Hampton's first game on Subiaco Oval in front of such a large crowd.

Hampton now play Trinity for the title of East Perth zone finalists.

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SUPPORTING JUNIOR FOOTBALL

32 SCHOOLS STILL LEFT

THE eight zone finalists in the CIG Shield should soon be decided with only 32 schools left.

Aquinas and Canning will play off for a spot in the Perth zone semi-final. The winner of Wesley College versus Lumen Christi will be the other semi-final.

Aquinas rate as favourites to win the final, having competed strongly in the CIG Shield since its inception, winning in 1985.

The West Perth zone representative have already been decided with Mirrabooka taking the honours.

The Subiaco zone will be decided when Girrawheen and Craigie play off in what promises to be a highly-skilled match.

All zone winners will be decided by Monday, June 13. The final will be played on July 10 as a curtain-raiser to the Eagles versus Geelong match.

Results:

Girrawheen 19.8 d Greenwood 2.5, John Wilcock 6.7 d Geraldton 6.4, Carnamah 6.3 d Morawa 1.3, Central Midlands 6.3 d John Willcock 1.6, Geraldton 17.11 d Morawa 1.0, Central Midlands 5.1 d Carnamah 3.1, Geraldton 5.11 d Central Midlands 1.4, Trinity College 13.12 d Cecil Andrew 5.5, Bunbury Catholic College 8.10 d Bunbury SHS 4.3, Eastern Goldfields 14.25 d Kambalda 2.9, Carine 23.18 d Scarborough 0.0, Aquinas College 15.6 d Gosnells 1.2.

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Personality

Cricket is the loser

AN avid interest in cricket has led to a life-long involvement in football for Pat Watson.

Confused? You're certainly entitled to be a little mystified, but that's the background to one of football's best-known property men — East Perth's Pat Watson.

The 52-year-old contracts officer with Westrail is one of the quiet achievers at Perth Oval, notching up more than 30 years in the property room.

Watson has handled the guernseys of some of the game's legends — headed by Graham (Polly) Farmer, who he naturally admits is the best player he's seen.

He also had a brief taste of Barry Cable's magic — WA's other all-time great, who was coach of the Royals at the end of his career.

Watson, slightly-built and never really keen on football, was a cricket fanatic playing with Mt Lawley, in the old meeting association.

"Some of the cricketers filled in time during the winter as trainers with East Perth, so I wandered down to Perth –Oval with them," recalls Watson.

"I was more interested in cricket, but when the property man's job came up and when someone asked me if I'd like to do it, I just said okay."

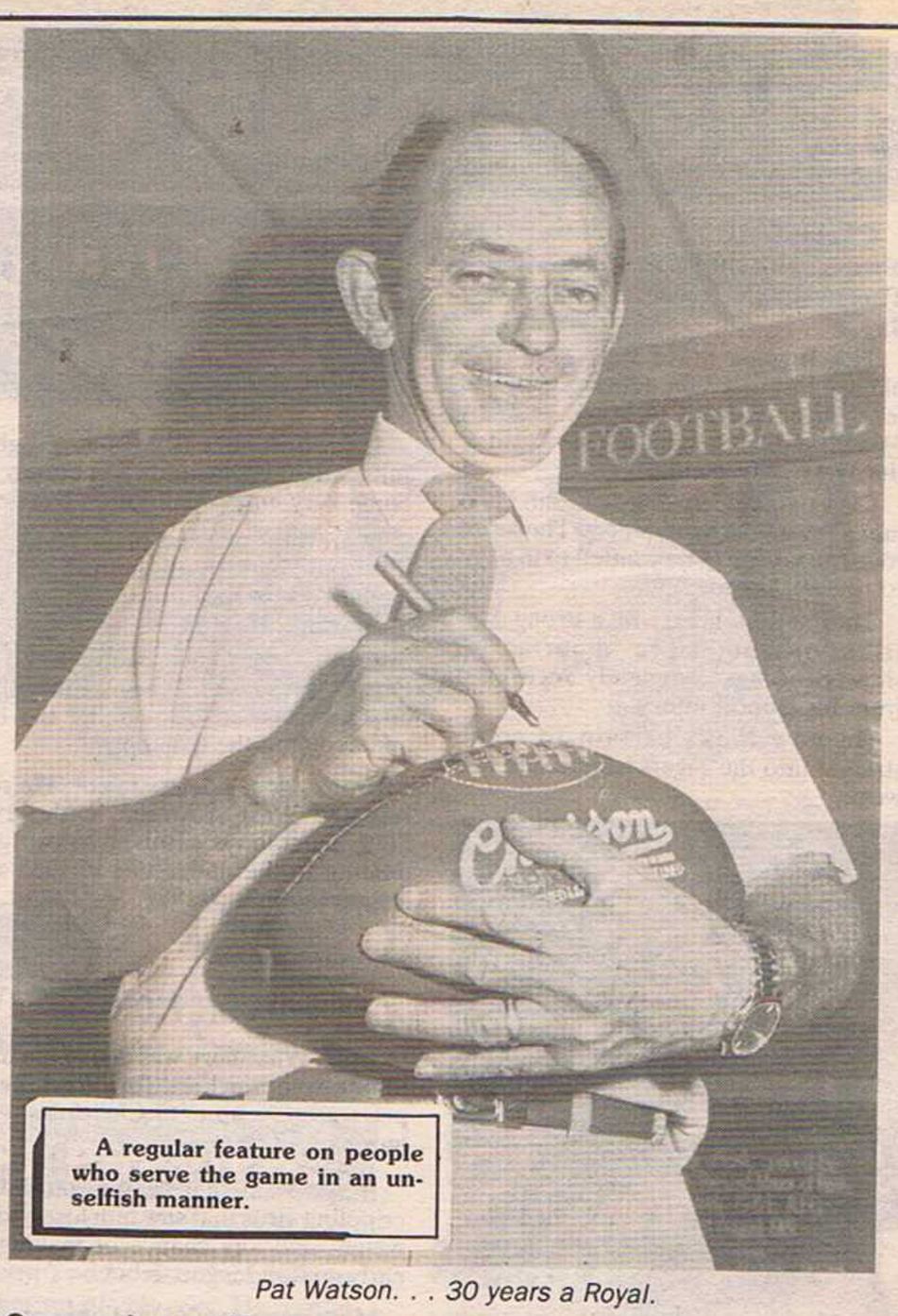
That was around 1957 and in the 650 or so games of league football since then Watson has handled plenty of football gear belonging to a host of players.

The demanding job is a seven-day-a-week commitment, not only involving league players, but reserves and under-19s as well. Watson is committed to about four hours a day on training nights and up to 12 hours on Saturdays.

"It's important that the gear is always in good condition," he says. "You can't afford to have sock or jumpers with holes in them or the footies going flat on training nights."

A married man with two girls, Watson loves his job and is as dedicated a Royal as you'll find anywhere.

Whether they be on top of the table or in the depths of despair, he's always ready to offer a word of advice to a player or provide some optimistic news for Royals fans.



A regular feature on people who serve the game in an unselfish manner.

Pat Watson. . . 30 years a Royal.

Overcoming problems such as turning up to play East Fremantle, for example, with similar coloured guernseys — and both clubs wearing white shorts.

"Fortunately, we seem to avoid those problems," says Watson.

"But making sure we have spare guernseys to fit everyone if one gets torn can be a problem."

Watson will never retire on the money he earns from East Perth — he can't even remember how much the job's worth — but recognition such as his 1977 life membership is all the reward men like Watson ever require.

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Fortescue ready for carnival

THE Fortescue squad for the BP Championships at Newman on June 4-5 is again being coached by successful coach Charlie Salmon.

Fortescue, the current BP champions, are missing seven players from last season's successful combination.

Players of the calibre of John Bedford, John Vaninetti, Gerry Rogers, Kevin Williams, Steve Murray, Dane Robertson and Jeff Johnston will be hard to replace.

But Salmon says that the team will comprise in-form players, with an even blend of youth and experience and a fierce determination to win.

"The players selected will be worthy representatives of the Fortescue league," said Salmon.

The team will be presented with their guernseys at the Tom Price sports pavilion on Wednesday, June 1, with former WAFL and VFL star Garry Sidebottom the guest.

UNDEFEATED

Centrals still remain undefeated and premiership table leaders after two goals in the dying minutes to beat Tigers by 13 points.

Tigers led at the last change by nine points, but failed to hold out this season's early premiership favourites.

Saints had a percentage booster by defeating Hill by 131 points and moving into second spot, ahead of Tigers on percentage over Tigers.

Town ran out winners over Demons by 11 points.

In Sunday's games, Demons and Saints clash in the derby at Paraburdoo, with Saints favoured; at Tom Price, Centrals will boost their huge percentage at the expense of Hill side and Tigers and Towns meet with Tigers favoured to survive.

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PLUCKY STATE ROOKIES

The heavy conditions stopped any WA fightback. Players were sinking almost up to their ankles in the lush green turf.

An indication of how plucky the Sandgropers were was the standing ovation given to them by the parochial SA crowd of 18,339 as the defeated team left the ground.

Make no mistake, a whole new breed of West Australian stars of the future burst onto the national scene in Adelaide this week.

INTERSTATE MATCH DETAILS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	4.5	9.7	14.9	17.17	119
WEST AUSTRALIA	3.3	8.6	10.10	11.13	79

GOALS: SOUTH AUSTRALIA — D. Jarman 4, Mandemaker 3, Bennett 2, Sporn 2, Paynter 2, A. Jarman 1, Anderson 1, McDermott 1, Aish 1. WEST AUSTRALIA — MacNish 2, Pyke 2, Watters 1, Melesso 1, D. O'Connell 1, Durack 1, Barich 1, Allan 1, Rioli 1.

BEST: SOUTH AUSTRALIA — A. Jarman, Aish, D. Jarman, Phillips, Redden, McIntosh, Sporn. WEST AUSTRALIA — Allan, Sterrett, O'Sullivan, Pyke, MacNish, Barich.

Played at Football Park, Adelaide. Umpires Trevor Garrett (WA), John Hylton (SA). Attendance 18,339.

HOW WA LINED UP

BACKS: Willie Dick, Clint Brown, Stephen Mount.

HALF-BACKS: Cameron Lewis, John O'Sullivan, Willie Roe.

CENTRES: Chris Waterman, Maurice Rioli, Adrian Barich.

HALF-FORWARDS: Ben Allan, Ray Sterrett, Brian Sutherland.

FORWARDS: Don Pyke, Peter Melesso, David O'Connell.

RUCK: Shane Cocker, Scott Watters, Mark Watson (captain).

INTERCHANGE: Andrew MacNish, Lance Durack, John Scott, Joe Santostefano.

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WAFL CLUBS

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

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

EAST PERTH

	V SF	V S	V C	V SD	V EF	V P	V WP	V SD	TOT
ATWELL, Bruce	5	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	13
BEST, Darren	5	4	4	-	4	5	4	-	26
BAIN, David	5	5	5	6	7	6	7	7	48
BLAKELY, Mark	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	12
BENNETT, Mal	4	6	5	6	5i	6	8	6	46
BARTLETT, Glen	5	5	4	4	4	3	5	6	36
BETRAM, Dean	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	34
BOCK, Gary	5	6	6	6	5	-	2r	-	30
BARONI, Lucio	5	6	5	4	6	7	6	6	45
CAMPBELL, Grant	-	-	7	5	7	4	7	5	35
CHALMERS, Michael	-	-	-	-	-	4r	5	5	14
CRANSBERG, Peter	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	7	45
DAWSON, Wayne	6	7	5	-	-	-	2i	-	20
CROPLEY, Howard	6	6	-	6	4	6	6	5	39
DEL BORRELLO, Angelo	-	-	4	3i	5	4	-	-	16
EMBRY, Andrew	-	4r	-	-	-	-	-	4	8
EVANS, Shane	4r	7	4	4	-	-	-	-	19
EWEN, Ray	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	9
GIANNAKIS, George	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	44
GLENDINNING, Andrew	-	-	-	3r	4r	4r	-	-	11
HAWKINS, Gavin	7	5	4	7	5	6	6	6	46
HIGGINS, David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
HOST, Andrew	3	7	4	6	4	-	-	-	24
KELLY, Lance	6	4	4	6	7	5	6	5	43
LEWIS, Rod	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
MARONI, Eric	-	-	-	-	5	4	7	5	21
MILLER, Peter	-	-	-	2r	4	5	7	7	25
SEYMOUR, Ken	5	6	3r	5	5	6	6	7	43
WARNER, Bevan	3	2r	5r	7	5	5	6	5	38
WILLIAMS, Glyn	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	6	17

CLAREMONT

	V Sub	V P	V EP	V WP	V SD	V SF	V EF	V WP	TOT
AITKEN, Michael	-	4	6	5	6	7	-	5	33
ALLAN, Ben	8	6	6	7	6	7	6	6	52
AHMAT, Joe	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
BEGOVICH, Tony	7	5	7	6	6	6	5	4r	46
BRAYSHAW, Mark	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	49
BEERS, Tony	5	6	5	4	5	6	5	6	42
BUCKLEY, Damon	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
COURT, David	-	-	-	4r	-	-	-	-	4
DHUE, Ryan	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
EDWARDS, Scott	-	6	7	5	6	5	7	7	43
ELLIOTT, Matt	-	-	5	4r	-	-	-	-	9
GILBERT, Phil	-	-	-	-	3r	3r	-	-	6
HANN, Mark	8	5	6	2i	-	-	5	6	32
HIGGINS, Peter	5	5	6	4	-	-	-	-	20
HUTTON, John	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-	11
JAMES, Peter	-	-	5	3	4	4	5	5	26
JONES, Geoff	-	-	-	-	5	3r	4r	7	19
KICKETT, Dale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	3
KRAKOUER, Billy	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	5	16
LEWIS, Cam	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	47
MELESSO, Peter	5	6	6	6	5	5	7	5	45
MORTON, Noel	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
NEESHAM, Gerard	8	8	6	6	6	5r	6	-	45
O'CONNELL, David	5	4	6	4	6	6	5	8	44
OWENS, Peter	7	6	5	-	-	-	-	5	23
POVEY, Grant	7	6	6	5	8	5	5	7	49
PYKE, Don	7	5	6	5	7	8	7	6	51
SHEPHERD, Cam	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
SUTHERLAND, Brian	4i	-	-	6	7	5	7	6	35
SCOTT, John	6	6	6	-	5	4	5	5	37
THOMSON, Mal	5	5	6	4	6	4	7	7	44
THORNE, Peter	6	6	3r	-	-	-	-	-	15
YARRAN, Nicky	6	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	14

PERTH

	V EF	V C	V WP	V SF	V S	V EP	V SD	V SF	TOT
BARICH, Adrian	7	6	6	7	-	-	-	-	26
BOGAARDS, Rod	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
CABLE, Shane	5	5	6	6	4	7	5	6	44
CLARKSON, John	-	-	-	6	5	4	4r	3	22
DANIELS, Allen	6	6	7	7	6	6	7	4	49
DAVIS, Troy	3r	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
DICK, Willie	-	7	7	7	6	6	6	4	43
EDWARDS, Brad	-	6	5	6	5	4	5	4	39
FANCOTE, Kim	4	4r	-	-	4	-	4r	4	20
FARMER, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	7
GAVRANICH, John	4	-	-	7	4r	5	5	5	30
GRLJUSICH, Rod	-	5	6	6	6	6	6	3	38
GRAY, Robbie	-	-	-	3r	3r	-	-	-	6
HUNTER, Clint	5	6	6	4	-	-	-	-	21
JACKSON, Toby	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	10
MOSCONI, Warren	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	44
MONTGOMERY, Alan	6	5	5	6	5	5	6	3	41
MOUNT, Stephen	6	6	7	7	5	6	6	5	48
NARKLE, Dempsey	7	6	6	8	4i	5	5	4	45
NICHOLAS, Warren	4	6	6	-	5	7	5	3	36
PAPOTTO, Tony	-	4	6	6	5	5	8	6	40
RAMSHAW, Troy	5i	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
REA, Mick	2	5	3	6	7	3	5	4	35
SANTOSTEFANO, Joe	8	7	7	8	5	7	8	6	56
TOMIZZI, Tony	2r	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TAYLOR, Barry	5	6	4	6	4	3r	5	3	36
WATSON, Mark	7	-	7	7	5	6	7	5	44
WHITTINGTON, Gavin	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	43
WILEY, Perth	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
YARRAN, Hank	4	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	12

Joe stays cool out in front

CONSISTENT Perth midfielder Joe Santostefano has increased his lead to four points in the Westside Football Ratings.

Santostefano scored the maximum six points in Saturday's clash against South Fremantle, to take his total to 56.

Claremont performer Ben Allan is running second on 52 points. Four players — Don Pyke (Claremont), Gavin Hawkins (East Perth), Stephen Edgar (East Fremantle) and Shane Cocker (Subiaco) — are locked in third place on 51.

SWAN DISTRICTS

	V WP	V SF	V S	V EP	V C	V EF	V P	V EP	TOT
AMONINI, Peter	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
BAZZO, Steve	4	7	3	5	4	5	4	7	39
BUCKLEY, Jim	-	3i	-	-	5	-	-	-	8
CATON, Kevin	5	5	4	-	-	6	-	-	20
COPE, Tony	3	-	3	6	6	6	4	6	34
CORMACK, Joe	-	-	3	6	5	5	-	-	19
DE GRAAF, Bob	4	6	3	5	5	5	3	5	36
GANDINI, Len	6	6	4	6	-	-	-	5	27
GOW, Paul	4	4	2	7	-	-	-	7	24
GRASSO, Mick	5	5	4	7	4	5	5	7	42
GLASS, Brett	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
HUTTON, Brent	4	6	3	-	7	7	5	-	32
HETHERINGTON, Kim	4	6	4	6	4	6	5	5	40
HOLMES, Andy	5	-	3	7	5	5	5	5	35
HOLMES, Don	4	-	4	6	4	4	4	8	34
IETTO, Austin	-	6	3	-	5	4r	3r	-	21
MAGUIRE, Fintan	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	6	16
MOSS, Simon	-	-	-	-	-	5	2r	-	7
NARKLE, Phil	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	12
O'DONOHUE, Jamie	3r	-	-	6	4	-	6	4r	23
OLD, Peter	3	4	4	5	6	5	3	6	36
QUINLIVAN, Mark	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
PASSERI, Geoff	5	7	2	5	5	5	4	7	40
PENNY, Danny	-	-	-	4	4	7	5	4	24
RENFREE, Shane	5	5	5	7	4	6	6	-	38
SIDEBOTTOM, Allan	-	6i	-	-	-	-	-	7	13
SKWIROWSKI, Bill	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	-	14
SOLIN, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
STEVENS, Matt	-	2i	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
STEVENS, Stuart	-	4	-	-	5	4	3	4	20
TIGCHELAAR, Andrew	4	6	-	6	5	5	5	-	31
THORNE, Kernut	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
UGLE, Troy	-	-	-	8	-	-	6	8	22
WALKER, Greg	-	6	4	6	-	-	-	5	21
WARE, Peter	4	4	3	6	3	-	-	6	26

EAST FREMANTLE

	V P	V WP	V SF	V S	V EP	V SD	V C	V S	TOT
AMARANTI, Mark	6	6	5	6	4	-	-	-	27
BAXTER, Guy	-	-	-	2r	-	-	-	7	9
BROWNING, Clinton	6	5	5	2	5	-	-	-	23
BROADBRIDGE, Mick	6	5	5	6	7	5	5	6	45
BUSHELL, David	-	4	-	2r	-	7	4	6	23
COLE, Dean	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	6	20
COOPER, Eric	5	4	5	6	6	6	5	6	43
CHRISTIE, George	8	9	6	6	5	6	6	4i	50
DURACK, Lance	6	7	6	8	6	5	5	5	48
DERECOURT, Jon	6	6	5	5	6	5	4	5	42
ELLIS, Shane	7	6	6	5	6	6	5	7	48
EDGAR, Stephen	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	51
FOLEY, Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
FORMAN, Bryce	5	4	4r	2	-	-	-	-	15
GRACE, Stephan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
LAMB, Colin	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	6	21
LESTER-SMITH, Neil	7	4	6	5	3	6	5	7	43
MILLER, Gavin	4	6	4	3	-	-	4	6	27
NANNUP, Wayne	5i	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
O'SULLIVAN, John	6	6	6	7	8	7	5	5	50
PEAKE, Brian	8	4	7	6	6	6	4	4r	45
PILL, Shane	2r	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
QUILL, Peter	-	-	-	-	4	5	5	6	20
RANKIN, David	-	2r	-	-	-	-	5	5	12
ROWLAND, Scott	5	4	6	4	6	5	-	-	30
ROWE, Bradley	-	-	3	3r	-	-	-	-	6
ROWE, David	6	2r	4r	5r	5	3r	-	-	25
RYDER, Revis	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	4	7
SIMS, Geoff	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
STERRETT, Ray	5i	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	19
THORN, Harry	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
WATERMAN, Chris	5	4	5	8	-	7	6	-	35
WEBER, Robert	-	4	6	5	6	6	5	-	32

SOUTH FREMANTLE

	V EP	V SD	V EF	V P	V WP	V C	V S	V P	TOT
AMOROSO, Tony	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
BAYLISS, Mark	6	6	6	7	6	6	4	-	41
COLLARD, Brad	6	7	7	4	8	2i	-	4	38
COLLARD, Cliff	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	43
COLLARD, Derek	-	-	4r	-	-	-	-	-	4
DELLAR, Merv	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
DITCHBURN, John	5	6	4	5	5	5	6	7	43
EDWARDS, Craig	7	4	4	3	5	6	5	8	42
FIMMANO, Ned	6	5	6	5	5	4	-	-	31
FITZPATRICK, Tony	-	-	-	-	-	3r	4	4	11
FLUGGE, Ashley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
GATTI, Gordon	-	4	-	3r	-	-	-	-	7
GEARY, Richard	7	4	6	3	7	5	4	-	36
GIBB, Doug	-	4	-	4r	3r	3	4	3	21
GRAHAM, Richard	6	5	5	4	5	5	4	3i	37
GRANT, Steven	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	4	12
GRLJUSICH, Mark	-	-	-	3	5	6	6	-	20
JACKSON, Stevan	5	3r	-	-	-	-	6	-	14
KERRUISH, Gavin	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	4	11
KICKETT, Graham	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
LYNCH, Richard	5	3	-	4	5	3	4	-	24
MacDONALD, John	-	-	4	3r	-	6	5	4	22
MATERA, Peter	-	3	-	6	3	5	5	5	27
MATERA, Wally	6	-	6	5	6	5	-	6	34
MASKOS, Arthur	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	12
NALDER, Dean	3r	4r	5	-	-	-	-	-	12
RIOLI, Maurice	7	-	7	3	6	7	6	7	43
ROE, Willie	8	2	6	5	7	6	4	4	42
ROGNETTA, Frank	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SAMBRAILO, Mark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
SAMBRAILO, Matt	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	8
SUMICH, Peter	6	-	6	4	6	4	4	6	36
WALTERS, Tony	5	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	13
WATTERS, Scott	7	7	5	5	4	5	5	7	45
WILSON, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
WILSON, Troy	-	-	4i	-	-	-	4	-	8
WORSFOLD, Peter	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	8

WEST PERTH

	V SD	V EF	V P	V C	V SF	V S	V EP	V C	TOT
ADAM, Tim	4	-	4i	6	3	-	-	-	17
BIFFIN, Gavin	-	4	-	5	2	-	4	-	15
BRADMORE, Phil	8	6	4	3r	4	4	4	-	33
BINDER, Craig	5	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	11
BUSH-JONES, Matt	-	-	3r	-	-	-	-	-	3
CUTLER, Peter	-	-	-	4	3	-	5	3	15
DAYMAN, Wayne	-	2r	-	6	3	3i	-	-	14
FOLEY, Dan	5	6	4	7	4	5	3	-	34
GWILLIAM, Brad	4	5	6	5	4	4	4	4	36
HAMPSON, Graham	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	10
HENRY, Lindsay	7	4	4	4r	3	-	-	-	22
HIGGINS, Nathan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
HOWLETT, Gavin	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	3r	10
JACKSON, Neil	7	6	6	5	4	5	5	5	43
HASLER, Paul	6	5	5	5	4	5	5	7	42
KING, Sean	7	6	5	7	3	5	4	7	44
MADAFFARI, Paddy	7	6	4	5	3	4	3	-	32
MENAGLIO, Peter	8	6	5	8	6	5	5	6	49
MICHAEL, Alan	-	-	4r	-	-	-	-	-	4
MIFKA, Paul	5	6	7	6	6	5	5	5	45
MUNRO, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	7
NELSON, Craig	6	4r	6	4	4	4	4	3	35
NICOLOAU, John	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	8
O'BRIEN, Darren	6r	4	3r	8	3	4	4	4	36
O'NEILL, Shayne	-	-	-	7	3	4	4	5	23
PURSER, Andrew	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
SANZONE, Paul	6	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	13
SOUTAR, Heath	-	-	-	7	3	4r	-	5	19
STAR, Wade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
TURLEY, Craig	8	6	6	7	4	4	5	6	46
TAYLOR, Warren	6	4	3	-	-	-	-	5	18
WAKE, Gavin	6	5	-	5r	3	5	5	4	33
WILLIAMS, Mal	5	5	4	-	-	6	6	7	33

It's over ... Lions skipper Neil Taylor.

EAGLES

	V Ge	V Es	V BB	V Col	V Ft	V NM	V SK	V H	TOT
ANNEAR, John	-	-	-	4r	7	5	7	5	28
BARICH, Adrian	-	-	-	-	7	4	5	-	16
BRENNAN, Michael	6	6	7	6	4	5	-	-	34
CORMACK, Joe	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	11
GASTEV, John	3r	8	6	4	5	5	5i	4	40
GLENDINNING, Ross	6	6	7	5	9	7	-	-	40
HART, David	5	7	5	4i	-	5	5	4	35
HUTTON, Brent	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
ISHCHENKO, Alex	8	7	6	6	6	5	7	4	49
KEENE, Laurie	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	9
LAIDLEY, Dean	-	7	6	6	4	6	6	4	39
LAMB, Dwayne	8	6	5	7	6	6	7	4	48
LANGDON, Karl	6	6	6	-	-	4	6	5	33
LEWIS, Chris	-	-	-	-	6	7	4	17	
LOCKYER, Andrew	4r	5	5r	-	5	6	6	5	36
MAINWARING, Chris	6	6	8	5	6	-	-	-	31
MALAXOS, Steve	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
MILES, Geoff	7	6	6	5	6	4	7	4	45
McKENNA, Guy	7	6	7	4	-	-	8	6	38
O'CONNELL, Michael	7	4	5	3r	3	-	5	-	27
PEOS, Paul	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	16
RANCE, Murray	6	6	4r	5	6	4	6	4	41
SCOTT, Phil	7	7	6	4	6	4	6	7	47
TURNER, Dean	6r	7	6	6	7	5	-	4	41
UGLE, Troy	-	5r	3r	-	6	3	-	-	17
WATERMAN, Chris	-	-	-	3r	-	-	-	-	3
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	6	5	7	6	4i	6	46
WRENSTED, Murray	5	6r	6	7	6	4r	7	5	46
ZANOTTI, Mark	7	5	7	6	5	3	6	4	43

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

SUBIACO

	V Cl	V EP	V SD	V EF	V P	V WP	V SF	V EF	TOT
BREMAN, Todd	3	5	6	7	6	5	7	3	42
BROWN, Clinton	6	6	7	8	7	6	7	3	50
BRICE, Andrew	6	6	4	6	6	6	7	-	41
CALDOW, Richard	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	16
COCKER, Shane	6	8	6	6	8	6	6	5	51
CARPENTER, Greg	4	6	4i	6	2i	3i	5	6	36
DARGIE, Ian	5	6	8	5	8	5	5	5	47
FEATHERBY, Peter	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
GEORGIADES, John	5	6	7	7	7	-	8	7	47
GOLDING, Wayne	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	18
HEADY, Brett	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
HIGGINS, Paul	-	-	4	4r	-	-	-	-	8
HOOPER, Stephen	-	-	-	-	4r	-	-	-	4
HUTCHINSON, Bret	5	5	7	-	6	6	6	5	40
HUTCHESON, Glen	5	5	-	7	6	4r	5	6	38
JENNINGS, Mick	4	7	5	6	7	7	-	6	42
JONES, Graham	-	-	-	3r	-	5	5	4	17
KEENE, Laurie	5	6	5	-	-	-	5	-	21
KEMP, Garry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	3
LEE, Michael	-	-	5	7	5	7	6	6	36
MacNISH, Andrew	-	-	-	-	5	7	7	-	19
MORT, Michael	4r	5	3	4	-	-	-	-	16
MONAGHAN, Bill	6	5	6	7	6	6	7	4	47
McDOUGALL, Brad	5	6	6	6	7	6	3	5	44
RATTRAY, Alex	-	-	-	5	6	5	-	4r	20
READ, Damien	-	3r	3r	5	-	-	-	-	11
SULLIVAN, John	-	-	6	7	5	6	6	4	34
TAYLOR, Neil	5	4i	-	-	5	8	6	6	34
TAYLOR, Brian	5	6	5	7	5	6	6	5	45
WILLET, Rod	3r	7	5	7	4	5	5	4	40
WILKINSON, Greg	6	3i	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

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SERIES ONE

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (Round 2)
Subiaco 14.15 East Perth 10.10, Subiaco
Claremont 8.18 Perth 10.14, Claremont
East Frem. 14.19 West Perth 14.9, East Frem
Swan Dist. 17.23 South Frem. 14.11, Bssdn

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 (Round 4)
East Frem. 8.12 Subiaco 15.19, Geraldton

MONDAY, APRIL 25
Swan Dist. 16.16 East Perth 14.12, Bass'dean

Double Header — at WACA Ground
West Perth 20.13 Claremont 16.7
Perth 24.22 South Fremantle 16.13

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (Round 5)
Subiaco 23.10 Perth 15.15, Subiaco
East Perth 16.9 East Fremantle 17.23, WACA
Claremont 18.19, Swan Dist. 13.11, Claremont
S. Fremantle 16.26 West Perth 6.13, Fremantle

SATURDAY, MAY 7 (Round 6)
Perth 20.20 East Perth 15.6, WACA
S. Fremantle 14.17 Claremont 18.19, Frem.
West Perth 12.15 Subiaco 20.12, Leederville
Swan Dist. 15.18 E. Frem. 22.19, Bassendean

SATURDAY, MAY 14 (Round 7)
Subiaco 25.23 S. Fremantle 11.13, Subiaco
West Perth 10.9 East Perth 14.13, Leederville
E. Fremantle 9.10 Claremont 11.16, E. Frem
Perth 27.20 Swan Districts 11.15, at WACA

SERIES TWO

SATURDAY, MAY 21 (Round 8)
E. Fremantle 18.13 Subiaco 11.13, E. Frem.
Swan Dist. 21.17 E. Perth 19.16, Bass'dean
Perth 13.11 S. Fremantle 18.18, WACA
Claremont 18.15 West Perth 6.20, Claremont

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SERIES THREE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINALS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
First Semi Final

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Second Semi Final

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Preliminary Final

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Grand Final

PREMIERSHIP TABLES

SGIO WAFL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	8	6	2	919	662	138.82	24
SUBIACO	8	6	2	989	729	135.66	24
E. FREMANTLE	8	6	2	826	746	110.72	24
PERTH	8	5	3	971	807	120.32	20
S. Fremantle	8	3	5	853	862	98.95	12
Swan Districts	8	3	5	800	1116	71.68	12
W. Perth	8	2	6	712	874	81.46	8
E. Perth	8	1	7	712	874	72.21	4

WAFL PRIME RESERVES

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	8	7	1	837	582	143.81	28
W. PERTH	8	5	3	569	619	91.92	20
PERTH	8	4	4	822	583	140.99	16
E. PERTH	8	4	4	659	700	91.14	16
Subiaco	8	4	4	598	669	89.38	16
S. Fremantle	8	3	5	689	793	86.99	12
E. Fremantle	8	3	5	641	769	83.35	12
Swan Districts	8	2	6	622	722	86.14	8

WAFL UNDER-19s

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	8	6	1	1	711	426	166.90	26
E. PERTH	8	5	3	-	557	396	140.65	20
SUBIACO	8	4	3	1	613	545	122.47	18
E. FREMANTLE	8	4	3	1	613	545	112.47	18
S. Fremantle	8	4	4	-	555	475	116.84	16
W. Perth	8	4	4	-	571	549	104.00	16
Perth	8	3	5	-	493	588	83.84	12
Swan Districts	8	-	8	-	306	942	32.83	-

VFL

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
MELBOURNE	8	7	1	818	648	126.2	28
CARLTON	8	6	2	940	685	137.2	24
HAWTHORN	8	6	2	1020	804	126.8	24
COLLINGWOOD	8	6	2	780	643	121.3	24
WEST COAST	8	5	3	911	695	131.0	20
Essendon	8	5	3	859	825	104.1	20
Geelong	8	4	4	889	798	111.4	16
Brisbane	8	4	4	643	853	75.4	16
Footscray	8	3	5	700	650	107.7	12
N. Melbourne	8	3	5	938	1023	91.7	12
Fitzroy	8	2	6	770	896	85.9	8
St Kilda	8	2	6	616	764	80.6	8
Sydney	9	2	6	672	884	76.0	8
Richmond	8	1	7	717	1105	64.9	4

SANFL

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
GLENELG	7	6	1	882	539	62.1	12
C. DISTRICT	7	5	2	861	587	59.4	10
NORWOOD	7	5	2	837	571	59.5	10
P. ADELAIDE	7	5	2	783	623	55.7	10
N. ADELAIDE	7	4	3	694	554	55.6	8
Sturt	7	3	4	714	846	45.7	6
W. Torrens	7	3	4	587	797	42.4	6
W. Adelaide	7	2	5	687	861	44.4	4
Woodville	7	1	6	678	925	42.3	2
S. Adelaide	7	1	6	518	936	35.6	2

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(P) — Indicates matches to be played at VFL Park.

Round 1 — (April 2, Saturday)
Essendon 25.14 North Melbourne 12.10
Geelong 11.17 Eagles 14.20, Kardinia Park
Carlton 18.18 Hawthorn 15.21, Windy Hill
(April 3, Sunday)
Brisbane 10.15 Collingwood 11.17, Carrara Oval
(April 4, Monday)
Footscray 16.6 Sydney Swans 11.10, VFL Park
Richmond 16.12 Melbourne 23.16, MCG
Fitzroy 20.20 St Kilda 17.16, Princes Park

Round 2 — (April 8, Friday)
West Coast Eagles 26.19 Essendon 11.10, WACA
(April 9, Saturday)
Hawthorn 26.15 Richmond 12.14, VFL Park
Collingwood 15.12 Fitzroy 9.16, Victoria Park
Footscray 9.12 Melbourne 13.8, Western Oval
Carlton 19.15 Brisbane Bears 7.19, Princes Park
North Melbourne 20.7 Geelong 21.16, MCG
(April 10, Sunday)
Sydney Swans 9.12 St Kilda 7.13, SCG

Round 3 — (April 16, Saturday)
Richmond 12.8 Collingwood 23.12, VFL Park
Essendon 11.13 Carlton 23.13, Windy Hill
Hawthorn 17.12, Swans 13.15, Princes Park
Footscray 16.12, Fitzroy 7.15, Western Oval
St Kilda 17.6 North Melbourne 11.16
Melbourne 9.18 Geelong 9.10
(April 17, Sunday)
Bears 10.14 Eagles 29.18, WACA

Round 4 — (April 22, Friday)
Melbourne 13.18 Bears 5.11, MCG
(April 23, Saturday)
Collingwood 13.16 Eagles 8.7, Victoria Park
North Melbourne 19.11 Footscray 13.9, VFL Park
Hawthorn 17.18 Fitzroy 15.16, Princes Park
(April 24, Sunday)
Swans 10.19 Carlton 24.22, SCG
(April 25, Monday)
St Kilda 10.9 Essendon 14.7, Moorabbin
Richmond 11.16 Geelong 24.17, MCG

Round 5 — (April 29, Friday)
Eagles 14.16 Footscray 14.9, WACA
(April 30, Saturday)
Carlton 10.9 Collingwood 14.13, VFL Park
North Melbourne 19.14 Hawthorn 31.19, MCG
Fitzroy 12.19 Richmond 23.15, Princes Park
Geelong 17.14 Essendon 13.14, Kardinia Park
St Kilda 12.12 Brisbane Bears 13.15, Moorabbin
(May 1, Sunday)
Sydney Swans 12.17 Melbourne 17.14

Round 6 — (May 6, Friday)
North Melbourne 17.21 Eagles 17.8

(May 7, Saturday)
Collingwood 13.13 Hawthorn 14.9 (P)
Footscray 12.19 Richmond 5.16
Carlton 10.12 St Kilda 4.8
Melbourne 9.14 Essendon 16.5
(May 8, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears 17.11 Fitzroy 16.15
Geelong 16.15 Sydney Swans 17.12

Round 7 — (May 13, Friday)
Eagles 17.10 St Kilda 3.18, WACA
(May 14, Saturday)
Geelong 15.14 Carlton 14.9, VFL Park
Fitzroy 15.16 Swans 9.13, Princes Park
Melbourne 15.21 Hawthorn 13.12, MCG
Essendon 17.17 Collingwood 11.9, Windy Hill
(May 15, Sunday)
Richmond 11.7 N. Melbourne 22.18, MCG
Bears 10.12 Footscray 9.17, Carrara Oval

Round 8 — (May 20, Friday)
Swans 11.21 Bears 17.12
(May 21, Saturday)
Carlton 19.20 N. Melbourne 19.7 (P)
Fitzroy 12.17 Melbourne 17.13
Essendon 20.17 Richmond 13.11
Collingwood 13.10 Footscray 11.16
(May 22, Sunday)
Eagles 9.9 Hawthorn 17.14
Geelong 16.12 St Kilda 17.12

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

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

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

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

Round 13 — (June 25, Saturday)
Melbourne v Carlton (P)
Hawthorn v Geelong
Essendon v Footscray
Collingwood v Sydney Swans
St. Kilda v Richmond
North Melbourne v Brisbane Bears

(June 26, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Fitzroy

Round 14 — (July 1, Friday)
Sydney Swans v Richmond

(July 2, Saturday)
Fitzroy v North Melbourne (P)
Carlton v Collingwood
Footscray v Hawthorn
Geelong v Melbourne
Essendon v West Coast Eagles

(July 3, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v St. Kilda

(July 5, Tuesday)
"State of Origin"
Western Australia v Victoria (Perth)

Round 15 — (July 9, Saturday)
Footscray v Richmond (P)
Fitzroy v Collingwood
Melbourne v Sydney Swans
St. Kilda v Carlton

(July 10, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Geelong
Brisbane Bears v Hawthorn
North Melbourne v Essendon

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

Round 17 — (July 22, Friday)
Fitzroy v West Coast Eagles (MCG)

(July 23, Saturday)
Melbourne v Hawthorn (P)
Collingwood v North Melbourne
St. Kilda v Sydney Swans
Geelong v Footscray
Carlton v Richmond

(July 24, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v Essendon

Round 18 — (July 29, Friday)
Sydney Swans v Geelong

(July 30, Saturday)
Hawthorn v Essendon (P)
Fitzroy v Carlton

Collingwood v St. Kilda
North Melbourne v Richmond

(July 31, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Melbourne
Footscray v Brisbane Bears

Round 19 — (August 5, Friday)
Collingwood v Bris. Bears (MCG)

(August 6, Saturday)
Carlton v Sydney Swans (P)
Hawthorn v Fitzroy
Essendon v Geelong
Footscray v St. Kilda
Richmond v Melbourne

(August 7, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v North Melb.

Round 20 — (August 12, Friday)
Richmond v Brisbane Bears

(August 13, Saturday)
Collingwood v Essendon (P)
St. Kilda v West Coast Eagles
Melbourne v Footscray
Carlton v North Melbourne

(August 14, Sunday)
Sydney Swans v Fitzroy
Geelong v Hawthorn

Round 21 — (August 19, Friday)
North Melbourne v Sydney Swans

(August 20, Saturday)
Hawthorn v St. Kilda (P)
Essendon v Melbourne
Fitzroy v Footscray
Geelong v Richmond

(August 21, Sunday)
West Coast Eagles v Collingwood
Brisbane Bears v Carlton

Round 22 — (August 26, Friday)
Richmond v Fitzroy

(August 27, Saturday)
Essendon v St. Kilda (P)
Collingwood v Geelong
Hawthorn v North Melbourne
Melbourne v Carlton

(August 28, Sunday)
Brisbane Bears v Sydney Swans
Footscray v West Coast Eagles

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

WEST COAST EAGLES 1988 EAGLES FIXTURES

Saturday, April 2 (Round 1)
Geelong 11.17 Eagles 14.20 at Geelong
Friday, April 8 (Round 2)
Eagles 26.19 Essendon 11.10 at WACA Ground
Sunday, April 17 (Round 3)
Eagles 29.18 Bears 10.14 at WACA Ground
Saturday, April 23 (Round 4)
Collingwood 13.16 Eagles 8.7 at Victoria Park
Friday, April 29 (Round 5)
Eagles 14.16 Footscray 14.9, WACA
Friday, May 6 (Round 6)
North Melbourne 17.21 Eagles 17.8
Friday, May 13 (Round 7)
Eagles 17.10 St Kilda 3.18, WACA
Sunday, May 22 (Round 8)
Hawthorn 17.14 Eagles 9.9, Subiaco
Sunday, May 29 (Round 9)
v Carlton at Subiaco
Sunday, June 5 (Round 10)
v Richmond at MCG
Monday, June 13 (Round 11)
v Melbourne at VFL Park
Sunday, June 19 (Round 12)
v Sydney Swans at Sydney
Sunday, June 26 (Round 13)
v Fitzroy at Subiaco
Saturday, July 2 (Round 14)
v Essendon at Essendon
Sunday, July 10 (Round 15)
v Geelong at Subiaco
Friday, July 15 (Round 16)
v Brisbane Bears at WACA Ground
Friday, July 22 (Round 17)
v Fitzroy at MCG
Sunday, July 31 (Round 18)
v Melbourne at Subiaco
Sunday, August 7 (Round 19)
v North Melbourne at Subiaco
Saturday, August 13 (Round 20)
v St Kilda at Moorabin
Sunday, August 21 (Round 21)
v Collingwood at Subiaco
Sunday, August 28 (Round 22)
v Footscray at Footscray

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WAFL

CLAREMONT	5.9	8.13	15.14	18.15	123
WEST PERTH	0.4	3.9	4.16	6.20	56

GOALS: CLAREMONT: Melesso 4, O'Connell 3, Begovich 3, Pyke 2, Krakouer 2, Jones 1, Allan 1, Sutherland 1, Brayshaw 1. WEST PERTH: O'Neill 3, Taylor 2, Soutar 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: D. O'Connell, Thomson, Brayshaw, Jones, Povey, Edwards. WEST PERTH: Hasler, King, Williams, Menaglio, Hampson, Turley.
Played at Claremont Oval. Umpires Ken O'Driscoll, Kevin Castensen. Attendance 3191.

SOUTH FREMANTLE	4.2	8.9	11.15	18.18	126
PERTH	6.2	9.5	13.8	13.11	89

GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Sumich 5, W. Matera 4, Grant 3, Roe 2, Gibb 2, Flugge 1, Sambrailo 1. PERTH: Montgomery 4, Rea 3, Santostefano 2, Daniels 2, Taylor 1, Mount 1.
BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards, Watters, Ditchburn, Rioli, Sumich, W. Matera. PERTH: Santostefano, Papotto, Cable, Mosconi, Watson, Whittington.
Played at WACA Ground. Umpires David Johnson, Glen Lee. Attendance 2713.

SWAN DISTRICTS	5.2	14.5	16.10	21.17	143
EAST PERTH	5.4	6.8	13.16	19.16	130

GOALS: SWAN DISTRICTS: D. Holmes 6, Old 4, Passeri 2, DeGraaf 2, McGuire 2, A. Holmes 1, Gandini 1, Walker 1, Ware 1, Sidebottom 1. EAST PERTH: Hawkins 5, Bartlett 3, Williams 3, Cransberg 3, Warner 2, Campbell 1, Bertram 1, Miller 1.
BEST: SWAN DISTRICTS: Ugle, D. Holmes, Sidebottom, Passeri, Bazzo, Gow. EAST PERTH: Bain, Seymour, Miller, Cransberg, Bennett, Giannakis.
Played at Bassendean Oval. Umpires Trevor Garrett, Neville Buckingham. Attendance 3028.

EAST FREMANTLE	6.5	8.7	14.9	18.13	121
SUBIACO	1.4	6.10	9.11	11.13	79

GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 7, Bushell 3, Durack 2, Cooper 1, Cole 1, Rankin 1, Pill 1, Baxter 1, Tunbridge 1. SUBIACO: McDougall 3, Breman 2, Cocker 2, Georgiades 1, N. Taylor 1, Jennings 1, Hutcheson 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Sterrett, Baxter, Lester-Smith, Ellis, Bushell, Broadbridge. SUBIACO: Georgiades, Carpenter, Hutcheson, Lee, N. Taylor, Jennings.
Played at East Fremantle Oval. Umpires Phil O'Reilly, Trevor Rees. Attendance 3593.

VFL

FRIDAY, MAY 20

BRISBANE BEARS	5.2	10.2	14.7	17.12	114
SYDNEY SWANS	1.4	4.7	7.15	11.21	87

GOALS: BRISBANE BEARS: O'Keefe 3, Raines 2, Capper 2, Reynoldson 2, Withers 2, Hein 2, Dickson 1, Harris 1, McIvor 1, Richardson 1. SYDNEY SWANS: Brown 3, Williams 2, Mitchell 2, Healy 1, Carroll 1, Morwood 1, Coleman 1.
BEST: BRISBANE BEARS: Raines, Richardson, O'Keefe, Campbell, Waterson, Gibson. SYDNEY SWANS: Healy, Smith, Brown, Roberts, Williams, Henwood.
Played at SCG. Umpires Peter Cameron, Brendan Carland. Attendance 13,322.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

CARLTON	4.8	11.11	17.17	19.20	134
NORTH MELBOURNE	3.0	8.2	11.3	19.7	121

GOALS: CARLTON: Kernahan 6, Silvagni 2, Dorotich 2, Blackwell 2, Gleeson 2, McKenzie 2, Dennis 1, Bradley 1, Murphy 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: German 3, J. Krakouer 2, P. Krakouer 2, Larkin 2, Spargo 2, McCarthy 2, Ogier 2, Arceri 1, Clarkson 1, Allison 1, Bryce 1.
BEST: CARLTON: Gleeson, Kernahan, Blackwell, Bradley, Hunter, Murphy. NORTH MELBOURNE: German, Arceri, Hepburn, McRae, Larkin, J. Krakouer.
Played at VFL Park. Umpires Shane Harris, Peter Howe. Attendance 22,978.

COLLINGWOOD	3.1	8.4	12.7	13.10	88
FOOTSCRAY	5.6	6.10	8.15	11.16	82

GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Taylor 8, Barwick 3, Brown 1, Millane 1. FOOTSCRAY: Beasley 4, Petraglia 2, Davies 1, Hawkins 1, P. Baxter 1, MacPherson 1, Royal 1.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Kerrison, Taylor, Brown, Millane, Morwood, Hawke. FOOTSCRAY: Royal, McGuinness, James, Hawkins, Athorn, Petraglia.
Played at Victoria Park. Umpires Ross Castle, Grant Vernon. Attendance 22,683.

MELBOURNE	4.2	8.5	12.8	17.13	115
FITZROY	4.2	6.11	10.15	12.17	89

GOALS: MELBOURNE: Jackson 5, Williams 3, Lovell 3, O'Dwyer 1, Campbell 1, Wilson 1, Johnson 1, Bailey 1, Newport 1. FITZROY: McGrath 4, Knight 3, Osborne 2, Roos 1, Handley 1, Lyon 1.
BEST: MELBOURNE: O'Dwyer, Jackson, Bailey, Johnson, Stretch, Lovell. FITZROY: Stephens, Handley, Harris, Knight, Thornton, Roos.
Played at Princes Park. Umpires Dennis Rich, David Howlett. Attendance 12,997.

ESSENDON	4.2	11.7	17.14	20.17	137
RICHMOND	3.4	7.7	8.10	13.11	89

GOALS: ESSENDON: Williams 4, Madden 3, Ezard 3, Bewick 2, Duckworth 2, Keane 2, Salmon 1, Hamilton 1, Bailey 1, Hawker 1. RICHMOND: Weightman 5, Hogg 2, M. Pickering 2, Thomson 1, Nicholls 1, Free 1, Hamilton 1.
BEST: ESSENDON: Williams, Hawker, Anderson, Ezard, Anderson, Hamilton. RICHMOND: Free, J. Pickering, Nicholls, Weightman, Leys, Eustice.
Played at Windy Hill, Essendon. Umpires Peter Saville, Brian Sheehan. Attendance 14,520.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

HAWTHORN	8.4	12.7	15.10	17.14	116
WEST COAST EAGLES	1.1	3.4	4.7	9.9	63

GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 7, Brereton 4, Buckenara 3, Russo 1, Wittman 1, Platten 1. EAGLES: Scott 4, Zanotti 2, Cormack 1, Ischenko 1, Lewis 1.
BEST: HAWTHORN: DiPierdomenico, Brereton, Dunstall, Gowers, Whitman, Dear. EAGLES: Scott, Worsfold, McKenna, Gastev, Landon, Lockyer.
Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Rowan Sawers, Brian Bulluss. Attendance 27,004.

ST KILDA	4.6	8.7	14.10	17.12	114
GEELONG	5.1	12.5	14.8	16.12	108

GOALS: ST KILDA: Lockett 7, Winmar 3, Dwyer 2, Burns 1, Coghlan 1, Gotch 1, Kourkoumelis 1, Burke 1. GEELONG: Turner 4, Ablett 3, Stoneham 3, Russell 2, Couch 1, Scott 1, G. Cameron 1, Bof 1.
BEST: ST KILDA: Kourkoumelis, Gotch, Lockett, Coghlan, W. Jones, Rice. GEELONG: Russell, Scott, Bews, Darcy, Bof, Bruns.
Played at Kardinia Park, Geelong. Umpires Mike Ball, Peter Carey. Attendance 20,345.

WAFL RESERVES

CLAREMONT	6.6	10.10	14.15	14.19	103
WEST PERTH	4.0	7.5	11.8	13.17	95

GOALS: CLAREMONT: Buckley 5, Ahmat 2, Burton 2, Ridley 2, Thorne 2, Hall 1. WEST PERTH: McCaffrey 5, Sing 3, Perry 2, P. Bradmore 1, Houston 1, Dunkeld 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Kickett, Court, McIntosh, Ahmat, Milne, Beresford. WEST PERTH: Foley, Sing, Quall, Holden, Diffin, McCaffrey.

PERTH	5.4	13.9	21.14	27.17	179
SOUTH FREMANTLE	3.5	8.8	10.12	15.17	107

GOALS: PERTH: Stiles 4, Tomizzi 3, Young 3, Aluaro 3, Newman 3, Zaikos 2, Farmer 2, Gray 2, Bitmead 2, Jackson 1, Cable 1, Cox 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Gatti 5, Baxter 2, Rognetta 2, Collins 2, D. Collard 1, Kickett 1, Clancy 1, G. Nalder 1.
BEST: PERTH: Tomizzi, Bitmead, Fox, Stiles, Kelly, Young. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Gatti, Hutton, D. Collard, Worsfold, Collins, Grierson.

SUBIACO	3.1	10.3	13.4	16.8	104
EAST FREMANTLE	2.8	2.8	6.13	10.16	76

GOALS: SUBIACO: Sloane 4, Piggott 3, Gadenne 2, Slade 2, Read 2, Monaghan 1, Cooper 1, Garnaut 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Brownings 3, Jones 2, Read 1, Amaranti 1, Pill 1, Rowe 1, Gepp 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Hooper, Keyser, Bell, Piggott, Read, Heady. EAST FREMANTLE: Reid, Sims, Weber, Jenkins, Amaranti, McLean.

EAST PERTH	4.4	8.10	11.12	13.16	94
SWAN DISTRICTS	1.2	5.8	7.9	12.15	87

GOALS: EAST PERTH: Cartier 6, Regan 3, Batt 3, Glendinning 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Carlshausen 3, Ogg 3, Jones 2, Turner 2, Amonini 1, Zorich 1.
BEST: EAST PERTH: Blakely, Evans, Delborello, Cartier, Edmondson, Brooks. SWAN DISTRICTS: Amonini, Cavalier, Partington, Jolly, Ogg.

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GLENELG	3.6	6.10	13.13	22.18	150
TORRENS	6.3	8.6	10.9	11.11	77

GOALS: GLENELG: Schneebichler 5, Budarick, Simons 4, Winton 2, Stringer, McDermott, Gibbs, Chigwidden, Maynard, Marshall, Deane 1. TORRENS: Payze 4, McGrath 2, Foote, Hanna, Hodson, Clarke, Niemann 1.
BEST: GLENELG: Carey, Marshall, Seebohm, Stringer, Scheebichler. TORRENS: Payze, Hanna, Geyer, Robson, Fotia.

PORT	8.4	12.8	21.11	29.16	190
SOUTH	2.3	4.6	6.9	9.10	64

GOALS: PORT: Hodges 8, D. Smith, Williams, Harrison 4, Abernethy 3, R. Smith, Brown, Kerry, Boyd, Ginever, Simpson 1. SOUTH: Stoeckel 4, Bennett, Jackson, Tatterson, Hewitt, Bode 1.
BEST: PORT: Abernety, Hodges, Brown, Sims. SOUTH: Bennett, Butler, Brooksby, Stoeckel.

NORWOOD	2.2	13.4	22.9	28.11	179
WOODVILLE	3.2	5.5	7.8	10.11	71

GOALS: NORWOOD: Aish, Payne, Rowe 5, Maynard 4, Anderson, Balme 3, Francis 2, Hall 1. WOODVILLE: Nichols 5, Panizza 2, Newton, Templeton, Jolly 1.
BEST: NORWOOD: Aish, Anderson, Payne, Rowe, Kelly. WOODVILLE: Panizza, Negri, Nichols, Grant, Odwyer.

CENTRAL	5.2	12.5	18.10	26.12	168
WEST	5.4	9.8	15.8	18.11	119

GOALS: CENTRALS: Chaplin 6, Kickett, Hocking 5, Girdham, Bubner, Mandemaker 2, Roe, McAdam, Lounder, Graham 1. WEST: Twomey, Miller 4, Malcolm 3, G. Fielke, Goss 2, T. Fielke, Sporn, Shaw.
BEST: CENTRALS: Lee, Chaplin, Mandemaker, Bubner, Boettger. WEST: Lamb, McKinnon, Miller, Twomey, Sporn.

STURT	6.2	8.7	10.7	14.12	96
NORTH	1.2	7.6	12.9	13.15	93

GOALS: STURT: Willmott 6, Dilena, Ey, K. Russell 2, Schache, Richter 1. NORTH: Sims, Riley, A. Jarman, D. Marman, Redden.

WAFL COLTS

CLAREMONT 15.9 (99) d WEST PERTH 5.7 (37)
GOALS: CLAREMONT: Cunningham 3, Edwards 3, Mann 2, Manchester, Perrin, Dowling, Weir, Southern, Molone, Ballantyne 1. WEST PERTH: Fonti, Dean, O'Neill, Elliott, Skinner 1.
BEST: CLAREMONT: Mann, Edwards, Weir. WEST PERTH: Bonaisin, Stockman, Stevens.

SUBIACO 10.8 (68) d EAST FREMANTLE 8.9 (57)
GOALS: SUBIACO: Stannage 3, Hunter 3, G. Johnson 2, S. Johnson 1, Snow 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Whittaker 2, Stagg 1, Smith 1, Van Duren 1, Durmanich, Pensenbene, Thompson.
BEST: SUBIACO: Sierakowski, Buck, Port. EAST FREMANTLE: Strett, Van Duren, Mackiewicz.

EAST PERTH 7.14 (56) d SWAN DISTRICTS 1.5 (11)
GOALS: EAST PERTH: Salmon 2, Peak 1, Dikoli 1, Annison 1, Starcevich 1, Walker 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Callow 1.
BEST: EAST PERTH: Rose, Annison, Baron. SWAN DISTRICTS: Brown, Ward, Ninyett.

PERTH 7.10 (52) d SOUTH FREMANTLE 6.10 (46)
GOALS: PERTH: Polak 2, McGill 2, Thompson 1, McMurray 1, Allardyce 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Jakovich 2, Scott 1, Mazurek 1, Pickett 1, Genefini 1.
BEST: PERTH: Buck, Thompson, Jones. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Collica, Porter, Burke.

VFL RESERVES

NORTH MELBOURNE 25.15 (165) d CARLTON 14.4 (88)
GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: S. Smith 7, Dwyer 5, Tudor 3, Steele 3, Rock 2, Crocker 2, O'Donoghue 2, Jones. CARLTON: Evans 3, Poursanidis 2, Williams 2, Minton-Collins 2, Phillips, Robertson, Satori, Hanna, Brown.
BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: S. Smith, Kerr, Hughes, Mossop, Steele, Rock. CARLTON: Brown, Poursanidis, Noonan.

FITZROY 21.19 (145) d MELBOURNE 13.11 (89)
GOALS: FITZROY: Scott 6, Broderick 3, Carafa 3, Dwyer 2, Lokan, Rendell, Rossely, Newman, McCormack, Stropper, Keane. MELBOURNE: Fidge 4, Walker 3, Graham 2, Kennedy 2, Johns, Eishold.
BEST: FITZROY: Broderick, G. Osborne, Lawrie, Louttit, Rossely, Lokan. MELBOURNE: Eishold, Fidge, Flintoff, Walker, Stoney, Aitken.

ESSENDON 23.18 (156) d RICHMOND 7.13 (55)
GOALS: ESSENDON: Stubbs 6, Eishaug 3, Moore 2, O'Sullivan 2, Winton 2, Reynolds, Sullivan, Daniher, Jukawicz, Wallis, Dell, Johnston, Flood. RICHMOND: Gale 3, Ryan, Holes, C. Elliott, Laffy.
BEST: ESSENDON: Somerville, Moore, Daniher, Stubbs, Johnson, Eishaug. RICHMOND: Mahoney, Bower, Nixon, Knights, Huntington.

FOOTSCRAY 12.16 (88) d COLLINGWOOD 11.9 (75)
GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Bamblett 2, Collins 2, Nicol 2, Liberatore 2, McLean 2, Cronan, Wynd. COLLINGWOOD: Yorgey 2, Howard, Doyle, Fellowes, Cloke, Clarke, Ryan, D. Way, Mrakov, Griffiths.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Cullen, Williams, Cordy, Cronan, Sommerville, Wynd. COLLINGWOOD: Croall, Richardson, Cloke, Sinni, Yorgey, A. Way.

GEELONG 14.18 (102) d ST KILDA 15.12 (102)
GOALS: GEELONG: Gills 4, Morgan 2, Alderdice 2, Brownless 2, Exell, Smith, Cameron, Malakellis. ST KILDA: Garrett 4, Quirk 3, Manning 2, Bowey 2, Cummings 2, Weeding, Zander.
BEST: GEELONG: Gills, Brownless, Malakellis, Cameron, Smith. ST KILDA: Nixon, Bowey, Lamb, Morley, Gamble, Cummings.

OTHER GAMES

QUEENSLAND	3.7	7.11	9.13	13.16	94
TASMANIA	5.2	9.4	11.7	11.9	75

GOALS: QUEENSLAND: James 3, Wagner 2, Cotter 2, Sculley 2, Crowley, McGarry, Kennedy, Dickfos. TASMANIA: Reynolds 6, Wilson 2, Williamson, Dunne, Christensen.
BEST: QUEENSLAND: Lynn, O'Neill, Cotter, Wagner, Grimley, Jennings, Crowley, McCarthy. TASMANIA: Williamson, Picken, Reynolds, Wade, Nicholson, Paton.
Played at North Hobart Oval. Attendance 3675.

NTFL

Wynyard 12.20 (92) d La Trobe 6.8 (44), Penguin 7.8 (50) d Delorane 3.5 (23), Ulverstone 7.13 (55) d Launceston 7.6 (48), Scottsdale 10.9 (69) d Burnie 6.14 (50), Smithton 15.23 (113) d George Town 8.8 (56).

SYDNEY

Pennant Hills 19.14 (128) d Campbelltown 10.12 (72), North Shore 21.16 (142) d St George 18.16 (124), Parramatta 14.23 (107) d Sydney University 14.15 (99), East Sydney 25.21 (171) d Western Suburbs 10.16 (76).

COMBINED MATCH

NEWCASTLE	2.6	4.10	10.11	14.17	101
SYDNEY	1.4	6.4	8.10	12.11	83

GOALS: NEWCASTLE: Hardy 3, White 3, Edwards 2, Cooksley, McMurray, Harrison, Liff, Macey, Kidd. SYDNEY: Tilyard 5, May 3, O'Dwyer, Eftinglouski, Shaw.
BEST: NEWCASTLE: Edwards, Higgins, White, Strudwick. SYDNEY: Tilyard, Hummell, Kelly, Delahunty.
Played at Newcastle No. 1 Sports Ground.

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Ainslie 15.16 (106) d Queanbeyan 7.11 (53), Eastlake 26.18 (174) d Tuggeranong 7.8 (50), Manuka Weston 14.8 (92) d Belconnen 12.12 (84).

Country Results Round-up

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: North Mt Barker 13.7 b South Mt Barker 12.12; Railways 13.11 b Denmark 5.11; Royals 12.13 b North Albany 4.6.

AVON: Brookton 14.7 b Cunderdin 9.17; Federals 15.12 b Quairading 9.11; Railways 23.27 b Beverley 11.9; Tammin 15.11 b Kellerberrin 7.12. Reserves: Brookton 16.20 b Cunderdin 11.6; Quairading 13.4 b Federals 11.8; Tammin 16.9 b Kellerberrin 8.5.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN: Wickepin 19.13 b Towns 9.7; Williams 28.16 b Lake Grace 10.9; Wagin 14.9 b West Arthur 10.16; Boddington 12.19 b Railways 8.15.

ONGERUP: Kent 38.18 b Boxwood Hill 12.10; Ongerup 14.17 b Pingrup 14.6; Gnowangerup 32.20 b Borden 4.5; Jerramungup 21.14 b Newdegate 18.13.

CENTRAL WHEATBELT: Koorda 16.19 b Beacon 8.4; Mukinbudin 10.10 b Southern Cross 3.8; Kalannie 15.10 b Towns 12.10; Bencubbin 14.17 b Nungarin 4.4.

FORTESCUE: Towns 13.24 b Demons 12.19; Saints 25.24 b Hill 5.13; Centrals 10.17 b Tigers 9.10.

CENTRAL GREAT SOUTHERN: Kojonup 25.24 b Tambellup 7.11; Kukerin 18.15 b Wanderers 17.9.

GREAT NORTHERN: Mullewa 20.20 b Towns 10.14; Rovers 18.9 b Chapman Valley 8.8; Railways 14.19 b Northampton 13.11.

SOUTH WEST: Harvey-Brunswick 18.21 b Mines Rovers 10.8; Collie 18.6 b Donnybrook 15.14; Bunbury 33.21 b Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 7.4; Carey Park 28.21 b Augusta-Margaret River 10.14; South Bunbury 23.22 b Busselton 7.15.

EASTERN DISTRICTS: Kulin 12.11 b Burracoppin 7.7; Hyden-Karlgarin 18.12 b Nukarni 12.16; Narembeen 19.18 b Merredin 13.10; Kondinin 14.19 b Corrigin 12.8.

GOLDFIELDS: Kalgoorlie 15.18 b Kambalda 15.4; Mines 21.17 b Railways 8.12.

NORTH MIDLANDS: Mingenew 15.17 b Perenjori 10.11; Morawa 27.28 b Carnamah 5.9.

RAVENSTHORPE: Southerners 15.13 b Munglinup 15.8, Tigers 14.12 b Lakes 12.8.

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Danger to join VFL, says Dave

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI

I DON'T think I've ever seen a side train in worse conditions than those that prevailed at Adelaide's Football Park on Monday night.

Gale force winds made things almost impossible for Western Australia and then, very briefly, South Australia.

At one stage while our boys were braving the sweeping rain and walking with an incline into the mini-cyclone, a couple of perimeter signs were ripped off their moorings on the fence and thrown up into the outer seating.

Through all of this Dave was impassive. Dave is that rare breed of supporter who always turns up to watch club training or, in this case, State training.

He proved invaluable to me. A devout Bays man, he was just like a taxi driver without the meter.

REMINDER

Dave knew all about the South Australians, had opinions about most things and even knew somthing about the current WAFL competition.

I guess it's safe to say the guy wasn't typical of a football scene anywhere. Not many people would venture out on a night like that but he did remind me of some of the great supporters that were part and parcel of club footy in bygone years.

Maybe they still exist — it's me that's stopped going to training. Still, Dave was a gale of fresh air.

South Australian football at the moment has a very strange feeling to it. The old values are still being maintained — against the odds.

I know it's a bad comparison to draw but Adelaide's footy must be a little like sport in South Africa. The world outside has gone on to other things but being one out, in South Africa's case, voluntarily, mean they keep trying to maintain what we once knew and what they still have.

Dave doesn't want an Adelaide side in the VFL. What'll happen to the boys?

He rated the current South Australian side as pretty good but acknowledged that the best players in Australia are the expatriate South Australians playing in the VFL.

Derek Kickett is a brilliant player ... one of the best at Centrals, according to Dave.

Surprisingly, Warren Ralph probably would have made the South Australian side if he hadn't been injured.

Players like Stephen Rowe Kevin Taylor and Gavin Chaplin "are all getting a few kicks" and Ross Gibbs is still taking "a few speckies".

Glenelg are lucky to have a supporter like Dave. He's the sort of guy you forget about with all the free passes, airline tickets and taxis at the gate.

As he disappeared into the Football Park car park he predicted a big South Australian victory and, hands in pockets and collar upturned, he gave me the impression he had no desire to come in from the cold.

Blackaby wins his bold gamble

AND LASTLY with ALAN EAST

EVEN hardened East Perth supporters, annoyed at their loss to Swan Districts, would have felt something for rival coach Ed Blackaby at Bassendean Oval last Saturday.

The likeable Blackaby was certainly sitting on a knife's edge as far as his seven-game-old coaching career was concerned.

Royals supporters have lived with coach-sackings in recent years and while they couldn't really care less about the survival of a rival man, there was a general sense of relief that Blackaby had got the Swans back on the rails.

In what was described by ABC commentators Ken Armstrong and George Grljusich as the best WAFL game they had seen this year, the League's two bottom sides produced a feast of goal scoring — including enough goals-of-the-day to dominate any award — over four hectic, high-standard quarters.

TRAINING RUN

And Swans win was the result of a couple of bold football gambles that even Blackaby's mentor, John Todd, might not have tried.

Firstly, he trained his players on the morning before the match, giving them a solid 60-minute workout at 9.30am in a bid to get the entire team together.

One of Blackaby's major problems — and it's been brought out in the open often enough — was that he couldn't get his "foreign legion" together. With Eagles players seldom at training and their country contingent only coming up from the South West at weekends, Blackaby was down to a dozen or so league regulars on the track.

So he was all smiles after the Saturday morning session.

But even bigger gambles were the decisions he took with experienced players Alan Sidebottom and Tony Solin.

Sidebottom had been out with a fractured cheekbone for six weeks, but once he was cleared by a doctor, Blackaby had no hesitation in swinging him straight back into the ruck. In all honesty, Swans don't possess a high-class, high-tapping ruck division even though Bob De Graaf and Jim Buckley are hard-doers.

But with Solin, Blackaby really gambled.

NEWCOMERS

Half the players weren't even at the club when he left at the end of 1985 and he had only been down at the rooms to try and build up his troublesome knee. He wasn't really considered part of the camp.

But when he trained soundly last Wednesday night, Blackaby made up his mind to go with him.

"I needed some experienced players out there," said the relieved coach after the 13-point win.

"As soon as I saw him kicking the ball okay at training, I knew he was worth the risk.

"He certainly helped the team play soundly, especially in the tough patches.

"They learnt to play together a bit more; they ran together and it's amazing how much better handball looks when teams run a lot."

Blackaby's problems are far from solved despite the win. But his young team have at least now got a couple of experienced players back in their midst and there is still plenty of talk at Bassendean that the black-and-whites can make the '88 finals.

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