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Well done, mate

OUT with the old and in with the new ... that's almost the situation in this picture by JULIAN COWAN.

Subiaco rookie Gavin Keyser (left) is congratulated by Bret Hutchinson after the Lions snared a spirited win against East Perth last week.

It was Keyser's debut in the seniors ... and Hutchinson will be leaving the Lions Den this week bound for Sydney with a promotion in his work. He has been a handy player for Subiaco and was one of their best last week.

Sharing the after-match enjoyment are Todd Breman (second from left), who was a six-goal performer and best-on-ground Mick Lee.

Tigers' tail wagging

RICHMOND coach Kevin Bartlett has no intention of "doing a Dennis Conner" when his Tigers take on the battling West Coast Eagles at the MCG this Sunday.

Bartlett, in his first season at the helm for the Tigers, doesn't want to be remembered as the first coach to lose a match to a WA side at football's Mecca.

Some may say that dubious distinction has already gone to Melbourne coach John Northey, but nobody takes much notice of what happens in pre-season games.

Ignore the fact that Richmond are wooden-spoon candidates. There are clear signs that Bartlett is close to producing a winning combination.

Injuries have had a crippling effect at Punt Road this season, but, ominously for the Eagles, players of the calibre of Mark Lee and Peter Wilson seem to be regaining touch.

And you can guarantee that quicksilver Michael Mitchell will be keen to exploit the Eagles' perceived midfield problems.

"We've put some good halves of football together this year," said Bartlett. "In fact, there have been times when we've played well for three quarters and once almost for the whole match."

Bartlett is convinced the Tigers are close to turning the corner. "The morale in the club is excellent," he said. "We could not be approaching this game in a more positive manner."

Bartlett aims to avoid 'doing a Dennis Conner'

by
Harvey Deegan

There has never been a more desperate period than now in the short history of the Eagles.

They MUST beat Richmond or lose touch with the five, probably for the rest of the year.

If they can't beat the Tigers, they're likely to be murdered by Melbourne at the same venue eight days later. And the chances of beating Sydney at the SCG in round 12 wouldn't be much better.

But break the MCG hoodoo this weekend and it's a whole new ball game.

If the Eagles win, it will be one of the greatest achievements in WA sporting history.

Never has a team ventured East more handicapped by injury, ineligibility and the indifferent form of some individuals.

There will probably be no more than 14 players on the plane for Melbourne who, by their consistency, can truly say they've earned their place in this week's team.

Those 14 will have to play to their best. The other six will have to draw on reserves that perhaps even they don't know they possess.

The injury list is acute and sadly cuts a swathe through the midfield. Mainwaring, Wrensted, Ugle and Malaxos are all carrying injuries, Narkle is anything but match fit, and Annear, Gastev, Peos and Holmes are among a worrying band of players who are "off the boil".

But Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning believes that the players who run out on to the MCG on Sunday will defy the odds and cover themselves with glory.

He makes one good point.

"Just about every time we've gone to Melbourne, we've come off a big win at home," said Glendinning.

"This time it's entirely different. We've dropped our last two at home and there's not one player unaware of the critical situation we're in."

Glendinning believes the Eagles not only have to beat Richmond but will also have to take out Melbourne or Sydney for a 2-1 "on-the-road record".

He's dead right, and all Eagles' fans hope he's right in another theory.

"We've never really had our backs against the wall as we do now," he said. "That, coupled with the incentive to become the first WA team to produce a win on the MCG will cause us to lift like never before."

The Eagles may be under-manned on paper going into this crucial game and bookmakers have installed Richmond as favourites.

There are 20 Eagles players desperate to fling those odds right back in the bookies' faces.

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What they said...

"It will be a good opportunity for our players to have another crack at the State team and get a win under our belt." WA coach Gerard Neesham on the proposed game against VFA.

"People in WA don't prepare the Eagles for defeat at home games." Eagles coach John Todd.

"You never give up hope of making the finals." Swan Districts coach Ed Blackaby.

"It will only be a matter of time before an individual player or a club challenges the proposed draft in the courts." Kim Hagdorn writing in the Daily News.

"The Eagles have had too many players in the best three one week and in the bottom level of performers the next." Eagles coach John Todd on the axing of four players.

"Hawthorn invited me to come down and try out at league level, but I didn't bother to turn up because I knew I was too slow." Carlton president and Elders IXL chief John Elliott.

"I felt tired." Subiaco veteran Peter Featherby coming off at three-quarter time in the reserves on his comeback after eight weeks out.

"Only a small percentage of players get to play league football and even fewer get the chance to play for their State." WA coach Gerard Neesham before the clash with SA.

"If I'm not in the club's new youth policy, then I must consider what is available to me." Phil Bradmore, dropped from West Perth's league team.

"This is the birth of a new era in WA football." Mal Brown, chairman of the State selectors, after WA's determined effort against SA, losing by 40 points.

"The kids did well. The tackling and pressure was outstanding." Gerard Neesham, State coach.

"We expect they'll be in a savage mood." Carlton coach Robert Walls on the clash with the Eagles.

"If our association had known of the auction, we would have made moves to procure the medal." Clive Lewington on the sale of the late Ted Flemming's 1930 Sandover Medal at auction.

"I guess we'll cop the \$1000 fine." Eagles coach John Todd on the move to drop Alex Ishchenko out of the named line-up.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES

ROUGH DAY

THE medical men at the WACA Ground had a busy day last Saturday. There were more casualties in the afternoon than some clubs handle in a month or so. The reserves battle between East Perth and Subiaco saw Royals ruck-rover Wayne Dawson cop a few stitches in his head and Lions player Wayne Golding was laid out on a bench after the game, also being stitched up. The league game wasn't any less physical. Royals pair David Bain and Eric Maroni received stitches to cuts in their head, team-mate Michael Chalmers went to hospital with an eye injury and Mark Blakely damaged his shoulder again. Subiaco didn't escape unscathed with Eagles star Andrew MacNish having a few stitches above an eye as well.

PROUD BROWN

WAFL Commissioner Mal Brown was more than happy with the effort of the plucky young West Aussies when they did battle with an experienced South Australian combination in Adelaide last week. As Percy Johnson said on 6PR last week: "Mal Brown seems to be taking some pride in the WAFL — and that's what we need right now." Johnson was backing up 6PR's Sport-Talk compere, Gary Carvolth, who has been running a campaign for the WAFL to get tough and stand up to the VFL, especially on issues such as the draft. Both critics feel that it's time for the WAFL to stand up and be counted — or fall completely by the wayside.



How did she get here! Vicki Ilich (right), of Perth, has been a Carlton supporter for 20 years and she was showing her loyalty at Subiaco Oval last week. But fortunately, Sharon Hardy (above), of Kewdale, balanced the scales for the Eagles.



DOUBLE SUCCESS

THERE'S always plenty of humour when John K. Wats has his "half-time" draws of special prizes at the 6PR Football Forum show — and last week was no exception. The show was at the Belmont Hotel, but the Hamilton Hill drinking establishment came out well in front. Firstly, publican Ron King snapped up the Watsonia ham (big enough to do the sandwiches for Saturday's lunch trade) and then one of his regulars picked up another surprise.

STRONG SUPPORT

SUBIACO defender Bill Monaghan has some pretty loyal supporters, so it seems. In good cricket tradition, his fans at the WACA Ground last Saturday "re-named" a section of the public seating on the southern side of the ground as the "Bill Monaghan Stand". The fact that three Lions fans were the only occupants, didn't worry them!

Umpires must learn to cop it sweet

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOV



THE WAFL and the VFL should do away with the system of having \$5000 fines hanging over the heads of coaches and officials who criticise umpires.

And it's time media men covering football also hit the men in white between the eyes with a few home truths and stopped protecting them.

Umpiring standards in both the VFL and WAFL have hit rock bottom. Some umpires seem to think crowds go to see them in action.

Inconsistent interpretations of rules is causing increasing frustration among players and coaches and it's time someone stood up and made a few strong decisions.

Umpires are just like the players in that they take the field every weekend put their reputations on the line.

Well, umpires around the nation and more particularly here in Perth take note. Very few of them have the gumption to accept criticism of their own inadequacies.

HIDING

In recent weeks, since taking a coaching appointment in the Sunday Football League, I have seen umpiring at all three levels of the game.

Unfortunately it appears umpires are hiding behind the protection of league rules more than ever before.

With the national competition here to stay, there must be a consistency of rules and interpretations across the board.

Eagles coach John Todd should speak with VFL umpires adviser Bill Dellar as soon as possible because his players are getting the raw end of the stick.

Now I don't think it is any secret that I am a Carlton man when it comes to

supporting a team in the VFL.

But the Eagles were on the wrong end of at least four touchy free kicks against the Blues last Sunday and they all cost the homeseid goals.

DIFFERENT

Yet at the other end of the ground, with another umpire in control, similar situations resulted in different decisions.

Umpires have been protected for far too long. Some penetrating criticism, with umpires, like players, being asked to explain their mistakes would quickly weed out those characters who haven't got what it takes to be involved in our game.

Playing football with umpires like Ross Capes, Ron Buckey and Ron Powell in control, players knew within 10 minutes of the first bounce exactly how they would interpret certain rules on a day.

When I watch some of our present rookie umpires I note that even at the end of a match players are still guessing at some of the inconsistencies.

CONSISTENCY

There is no consistency among WAFL umpires on the holding the ball — holding the man rule and nor is there an set interpretation of whether a player dragged forward receives a free kick for in the back or be called for holding the ball.

Try to take to an umpire about it and you get nowhere.

I could take the easy way out here and say something like "umpires have a

difficult job and everyone is on their backs".

Well you're not going to hear that from me.

Umpiring is the bane of footballers and officials throughout the land every winter.

PROTECTED

But umpires have been protected for too long and if they can't cop criticism like players and coaches who constantly fail or make mistakes, they should get out of the game and let a few ex-players into the system.

Unfortunately the system is what turns so many retired players away from umpiring.

The ridiculous policy of making umpires do lengthy stints in the country and minor grades while being watched by observers in the stands and a system that lets a good, experienced umpire like Buckey remain in WAFL reserves, is one reason why there are so few good umpires around.

So come on you umpires. Clean up head-high tackling with consistent interpretations in all tiers of football; be consistent in protecting the man going for the ball and pay free kicks where ever they occur. Don't be scared of paying them to a forward in front of a goal.

And one more thing, you men in white. Don't whistle up a touchy free-kick in a contest between two players in a one-one-one duel. Call play-on more often.

The players like it that way and the best man will win.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT A PORT DERBY



High-flying derby excitement with (from left) John O'Sullivan, Mark Bayliss and Lance Durack.

FREMANTLE Oval can hold 22,000 people. There will be some gaps in the crowd this Monday, but goodness knows why.

If ever a Derby deserved a capacity crowd, this is it.

For South Fremantle, it's simply a game they must win.

Foundation Day marks almost the halfway point of the season. Assuming Perth snap back to the winning list, the Bulldogs would be effectively three games out of the four should they lose to the Sharks.

For the Sharks, it's almost as important, as this game could well determine ultimately whether East Fremantle secure the double chance in September.

The corresponding game last year drew 13,700 fans and, surpris-

ingly, officials are saying they'd be happy with a repeat of that crowd.

I say that unless a bare minimum of 15,000 turn up there's something radically wrong.

There's no competition, from the Eagles or from other WAFL matches.

PRIORITY

It should be top priority for every genuine fan, whether he or she lives north or south of the river, to attend Fremantle Oval.

It's worthy the trip just to watch the wizardry of Maurice Rioli. He must surely be the key to the match, having returned close to his best form over the past two weeks.

There's no doubt coach Stan Magro relies heavily on Rioli, but, like all good coaches, he's reluctant to single out one player.

Magro does concede, though, that South perform well when Magical Maurice is firing.

"But the team as a whole is playing well," said Magro. "Maurice on his own is not the reason we're winning matches."

Both coaches are conscious of the injury situation.

Magro is keeping his fingers crossed that Brad Collard and Willie Roe will be back in business.

"Whatever the composition of the team, we're far better equipped to take on East Fremantle than we were in the corresponding Derby last year," said Magro.

SIDELINED

Never a truer word spoken.

The boot is on the other foot this year, with the Sharks struggling with injury.

Christie, Lamb, Edgar, Sims, Water-son and Cooper are some top-class players who are sidelined. Throw in



by
Harvey Deegan

Neil Lester-Smith (under suspension) and it's easy to see the Sharks' problem.

"There's no doubt we'll have to play above ourselves," said East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose.

"Regardless of injuries, it's a game we have to win, and I can guarantee we'll be very competitive indeed."

Perhaps modern Derbies don't stir the emotions as they used to, but they are still special events.

Long-time East Fremantle stalwart and now award-winning critic Percy Johnson is one who follows this line of thinking.

"An era of Derbies ended in 1952 when East Fremantle left Fremantle Oval and went to their present location," said Johnson.

"Before then both teams trained on Fremantle Oval and the agro started there."

ANIMATED

"If you lost a Derby, there was very little joy in turning up to training the following Tuesday, but it was a lot of fun having a run after a win."

Johnson also pointed out that many of the players from both sides worked together on the wharves in those days, so there was plenty of animated discussion there before and after a Derby.

He believes there is no atmosphere like Fremantle Oval on Derby Day.

"There's a jail up one end and a hospital up the other," said Johnson. "You never knew which building you'd finish in at the end of the day."

Let's hope neither institution has its numbers swelled by the events of next Monday.

Equally, let's hope around 20,000 people witness an event that may well herald a new era of Fremantle Derbies.

Eagles no orphans with injuries

IT'S amazing to read football reports in Western Australia.

The Eagles have terrible trouble with injuries and their opposition appear to suffer very little.

But when speaking to coach Robert Walls in the Carlton rooms after the game, I got the impression that other sides also have their problems.

Stephen Kernahan nearly didn't take the field at all. He had influenza and is affected more than most people because he is an exercise asthmatic. Before the game he was violently ill.

In the last quarter he took his only mark for the game after holding 12 the previous week.

Carlton had a number of players unable to make the trip due to injury. Of these, Walls felt that Mark Naley and Peter Sartori were his biggest losses.

PROBLEMS

Stephen Silvagni had his problems during the game and David Rhys-Jones fell on Wayne Johnson's boot midway through the first quarter, damaged his tailbone and had great difficulty continuing.

Add the absence through suspension of Justin Madden, the tallest player in the VFL, and you can see there is always another point of view.

As Walls said on the Channel 10 news, because of the many difficulties his side faced and the fact that they were one point down at three-quarter time and facing the breeze in the last, this was their best win for the year.

Dwayne Lamb certainly is a great competitor. Dropped from the side after one poor performance and then given a last-minute reprieve courtesy of Steve Malaxos, he played a really solid game.

Lamb has great balance and is rarely knocked off his feet. Consequently he is very difficult to beat in one-to-one situations.

He is a team oriented player and always offers encouragement to his teammates.

He has a tendency to change direction in order to kick with his favoured left foot, but after that sensational right-foot goal on Sunday, he might be tempted to use his right foot more than once every five weeks.

Wilson the danger man

RICHMOND are making a habit of sitting at the bottom of the VFL ladder and the Eagles shouldn't have any trouble in becoming the ninth team to beat them this year.

One player they will have to look out for is former Sharks player Peter Wilson.

with Ron
Alexander



ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

They're not softies

THE Eagles aren't soft. They have players with as much courage as any other team.

When a team loses usually the first cry is that they are not fit.

This usually comes from the traditional football experts, but now we have another line to go with this and the familiar "the grounds are too heavy" routine — they're too soft.

If the Eagles are told this often enough by people who are supposed to be supporting them, they just may end up being convinced that they really are soft.

BULLDOGS BARKING

THE Foundation Day Derby at Fremantle Oval on Monday should be a cracker.

Souths have won their last two games and now can sight the teams in the top four.

They haven't beaten the Sharks for many years and face a difficult task to do so now, but this will be their best opportunity.

This game should attract the biggest crowd of the year. You can expect a very tough, close contest as the crowd reaction spurs these two teams on.

Maurice Rioli alone makes the trip to Freo worthwhile and, with exciting players of the calibre of Sterrett, Browning and others, you have the makings of a class contest.

Peter damaged a cruciate ligament during a pre-season game and has struggled to find form after missing 10 weeks.

He has been frustrated in his endeavours to reach top form and will be looking for a big game this week.

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SCIO PLAYER PROFILES



**TROY
UGLE**



DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 18/4/68 Narrogin

HEIGHT: 175cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg

GUERNSEY NUMBER: 35

RECRUITED FROM: Swan Districts/Carey Park

FIRST SENIOR GAME: WAFL 1987 Swan Districts; 1988 Eagles VFL

GAMES PLAYED: 5 Eagles, 22 Swan Districts

FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre

MARITAL STATUS: Engaged to Sharon

BROTHERS/SISTERS: Three brothers, three sisters

OCCUPATION: Labourer

SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Newton Moore School, Bunbury

CAR: Holden Sunbird

FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Golf, having a good time

FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything

FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer

FAVOURITE SPORT (apart from football): Golf

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: John Farnham

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: South West

FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Any night club

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The news

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Any true story

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents and coaches

MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMEN: Mohammed Ali

BOYHOOD IDOL: Krakouer brothers

MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Go for a walk and eat spaghetti on toast

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being able to play footy through injuries

BIGGEST THRILL: First child

FAVOURITE GROUND: Bassendean Oval

FOOTBALL AMBITION: Play VFL as long as I can

**Mark
Watson**



Full Name: Mark Watson.
Nickname: Watto. **Why?:** Abbreviation of surname.
Date of Birth: 4/4/60. **Place of Birth:** Denmark.
Height: 172cm (5ft 8in). **Weight:** 71kg (11st 4lb).

Age Started Playing: 8.

Previous Clubs: Denmark, Claremont.

Junior Club: Denmark.

Marital Status: Married to Gail.

Children: Lauren 2, Caris 1 month.

Residence: Forrestfield.

Occupation: Turf manager (self-employed). **Other Sporting Interests:** Basketball, tennis, beach, cricket.

Favourite Position: Ruck rover/rover. **First Position:** Rover.

League Debut: 1980 (Claremont). **Versus:** Swan Districts.

FAVOURITES:

Actor: John Belushi. **Drink:** Jack Daniels.

Movie: Blues Brothers. **Music:** Anything.

TV Show: L.A. Law. **Food:** Peppered steak.

Book: Over And Out — Dennis Liuea.

Holiday Resort: Penang.

Ground: Any.

Car: Tarago.

Career Highlights: Grand final 1981; 1987 Sandover Medal, 1987

Fairest and Best, Perth; 1987 Sheraton Hotel Footballer of the

Year; State captain 1988.

Worst Moment in Football: Losing 1982 grand final with

Claremont.

Hard Things in Football: Pre-season training.

Most Respected Opponent: Ed Blackaby.

Most Respected Umpire: All.

Ambitions: To play in another grand final.

What do you like about Football: It teaches you how to work in a

team and gets me fit for beach cricket in summer.

How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Have a run and a kick.

Who Influenced Your Career: Harry Riseborough and my family.

Guernsey Number: 3. **Any Reason:** Given to me.

Superstitions: None.

Worst Injury: Broken arm.

Luckiest Break: Moving to Perth from the country.



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100 GAMES

George Christie (East Fremantle) 98
Wally Matera (South Fremantle) 98*
Phil Scott (Eagles) 97*

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Wally Matera 12 Eagles, 86 South Fremantle, Phil Scott 79 Subiaco, 18 Eagles.

150 GAMES

Tony Solin (Swans) 147
Laurie Keene (Eagles) 146*
Brian Taylor (Subiaco) 144
Craig Edwards (South Frem) 143
John Scott (Claremont) 143*
Phil Bradmore (West Perth) 142*
Shane Ellis (East Fremantle) 142*

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Tony Solin 3 South Fremantle, 36 East Fremantle, 108 Swan Districts. Laurie Keene 126 Subiaco, 20 Eagles. Craig Edwards 70 South Fremantle, 73 East Perth. John Scott 70 Claremont, 73 East Perth. Phil Bradmore 127 West Perth, 15 Footscray.

200 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 196

250 GAMES

Maurice Rioli (South Frem) 247*
Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 235

*Denotes games with other clubs as follows: Maurice Rioli 118 Richmond, 129 South Fremantle.

300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 289*

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

350 GAMES

Peter Featherby (Subiaco) 331*

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

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Leigh Painter (Claremont) 19 on 5th
Damon Buckley (Claremont) 18 on 5th
Steven Rosich (Subiaco) 18 on 7th
Paul Mifka (West Perth) 23 on 8th
Cam Shepherd (Claremont) 27 on 9th
Brad Mumme (Claremont) 20 on 10th

LUNCH FRIDAYS

BACK PEDALLING

SUBIACO seem to have reverted to some old-fashioned football — Subiaco style, that is. The Lions indulged in a lot of back-peddalling against East Perth last week, often sending the football backwards and criss-crossing the ground. Twice within minutes in the second term this became evident. Firstly, experienced defender Brian Taylor kicked the ball 20-metres backwards, from the back pocket towards Bill Monaghan at full back and minutes later Monaghan repeated the effort to Taylor. On both occasions, the Lions defenders swung the ball out to the opposite side of the ground, where a loose man was waiting.

SLOW LEARNERS

IT'S taking our league footballers a long time to learn about a new rule brought in this season — you cannot handball after a free-kick. There were at least four examples in the Subiaco-East Perth game where players went for the handball after receiving a free kick — only to be penalised with a bounce-down. And it wasn't only rookies guilty of the offence. Several senior East Perth players fell foul of the new rule, as did one of Subiaco's most experienced campaigners. One of the Royals mistakes resulted in a goal to the Lions at a crucial time of the match.

BACKING OFF

BIG Ron Alexander hasn't shirked many issues in his turbulent football career — but he balked at a recent challenge. Now that the former Eagles coach is in the media — he writes for Westside Football and the Sunday Times and comments on Channel 10 — he's joined the watchers from the Press box for Eagles clashes. He seems to enjoy sitting on the other side of the fence — but when a couple of media boys told him that he'd be required to ask the coaches (including his successor, John Todd) some leading questions at the after-match press conference, he backed right off!

TOUGH VICS

EAGLES coach John Todd has always preached how tough the Victorians can be — and now he hopes some of his players are learning fast. Todd told 6PR Football Forum listeners last week how Hawthorn players like Robert DiPierdomenico had intimidated some of the Eagles players behind the scenes at Subiaco a couple of Sundays back. "Youngsters like Chris Lewis found out how difficult it can be and they have to learn to stand up to players like Dipper," said Todd.

TOUGH SHARKS

EAST Fremantle continue to play steady, if unspectacular football — and a few critics around town are coping it hard. Reticent coach Graham Melrose doesn't have much to say to the media — except that he loves pointing out to critics how the Sharks won again after certain commentators tipped their opponents to topple them. One of the contentious issues about East Fremantle is that they are a group of individual "champions" and not performing as a team. But with seven wins from nine outings, Melrose has got the score on the board and that's all he's concerned about.

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UMPS COME UNDER FIRE

THERE'S no doubting that most of the 27,124 people at Subiaco Oval last Sunday were barracking for the West Coast Eagles — and field umpires Ross Castle and Brendan Carland weren't their most favourite personalities.

The two Victorian umpires were right out of favour with the parochial crowd at half-time when the free kick tally went something like 25 to Carlton and 12 to the Eagles — with hardly an Eagles free being awarded inside the 50-metre line.

At that stage, Carlton had kicked four of their eight goals from free kicks and the commentators were getting a little hot under the collar.

Trevor Jenkins, on 6WF, quite openly described one decision as disgraceful, saying: "They (Carlton) seem to get free

kicks right in front."

He added: "We are not supposed to comment very much on umpires, but this is pretty poor."

Co-commentator, George Grljusich — the ABC's Director of Sport in WA — has been under fire in the past for his criticism of umpires and he wasn't to be tamed last Sunday.

He continually pointed out that Carlton were getting free kicks inside shooting range, while the Eagles were lucky to get them anywhere.

In the final analysis, the Eagles picked up quite a few frees in the last 1 1/2 quarters, to see the match statistics balanced up with 36 to the Blues and 31 to the Eagles.

"But it's where Carlton got them that counts," said Grljusich.



Let's hope former tough man Mal Atwell isn't giving Eagles rookie Karl Langdon any advice on how not to get reported! Atwell, chairman of selectors of the Eagles, has a few words of encouragement to Langdon, one of the team's most aggressive players — but, unfortunately, now out suspended for five weeks.

COSTLY LOSS

THE West Coast Eagles were quite happy to meet the likelihood of a \$1000 fine for dropping big ruckman Alex Ishchenko out of the team to play Carlton. Eagles coach John Todd felt that Ishchenko's presence in the team — along with Phil Scott and Laurie Keene — would leave the Eagles top-heavy. Many critics felt that the move was designed to "con" the Blues into playing three big men — as Geelong did in the opening game of the season. But Carlton coach Robert Walls poured cold water on that idea by saying that the Blues would have used their three big men anyway. "We needed them all in the team," said Walls.

FOND MEMORIES

RADIO 6NR's Tim Flynn has been around a bit, that we know. Apart from calling the kicks on every station in Perth — not to mention television — he also has a football past that many fans don't know about. He was enticed to reminisce a little when Carlton's Jim Buckley ran through a banner to mark his 150th senior game when he led the Blues into battle against the Eagles last week. Flynn was actually playing at Carlton back in 1976 when the skinny, 15-year-old Buckley turned up to play his first league game. Pity Timmy didn't take a few lessons from Buckley about how to stay skinny!

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BENNETT'S BURST

By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Have the wheels fallen off?

THE wheels that the West Coast Eagles hoped would carry them through to the VFL finals this year may well have fallen off last Sunday. A pity, because they should not have lost.

The Eagles were a better side than Carlton for most of the game, yet when the game was there to be won, we fell short.

Carlton should not have been in touch at three-quarter-time.

The thing with a side like Carlton is that they are professional and proficient enough to punish a team that makes errors... and did the Eagles foul up in defence!

Even though the Eagles appear to have a much easier draw this season than last year, by not having to play Hawthorn and Carlton twice, they have the job ahead of them now to stay in touch with the top five, let alone fight their way back in.

They could be battling to win two of their next five games.

While some would say the Eagles should be able to budget for a win against Richmond this Sunday and Fitzroy at home in four matches time, their chances of beating Melbourne at the MCG, Essendon at Windy Hill and the Sydney Swans at the SCG look slim.

To be a chance to make the finals, the Eagles have to win at least three of their next five games.

Loss to Carlton a bitter blow

The big danger is dropping the game against Richmond.

If that happens, then the claim the Eagles are wimps will really reverberate in Melbourne.

Which will be unfortunate because they were anything but soft, even though as coach John Todd said, they gave away soft goals against Carlton.

Also unfortunate was the hefty suspension handed out to Karl Langdon. It could be said that in his exuberance, he was quite crude in his tackling of Stephen Silvagni. But he gave the WA forward line aggression and class — which will be sadly missed in the coming games, particularly in Melbourne.

IF the SANFL decides to join the VFL, I hope they are a lot tougher in their negotiations than WA was.

One thing they should insist on is that the umpires' panel comprise more personnel from other States. When games are played in SA and WA, there should be at least one independent umpire on the ground.

I don't think I need to elaborate on that point.

FOR years the Foundation Day derby between South Fremantle and East Fremantle has been one of the highlights of the WAFL season.

But it has to be played at Fremantle Oval — it has lost its atmosphere at East Fremantle Oval.

With South back on the winning track and East Fremantle vying for top spot, this week's game promises to be a big crowd-puller.

With the Eagles away from home for their next three matches, it is to be hoped — for the sake of the WAFL — that the match draws a traditional Foundation Day derby crowd.

Based on current crowd figures since the Eagles joined the VFL, anything over 10,000 would be good.

I doubt that estimates of around 20,000 are likely to be achieved, but given a fine day it wouldn't surprise me if the crowd exceeds 15,000.



Murray Rance handpasses despite some physical attention from Carlton's Jon Dorotich.

by **GARY STOCKS**
of The West Australian

IF the West Coast Eagles look back on last season and list their most disappointing performances, the loss to Richmond, the VFL's 1987 wooden spooners, would head the list.

Now the challenge is there to regain some lost prestige against one of the VFL's more traditional clubs — and a club desperate to buff up its tarnished pride.

The Tigers were ferocious after last week's heavy loss to the Sydney Swans — it's a pity they weren't as angry out in the middle where it counted — and coach Kevin Bartlett threatened that heads would roll.

He said some players who have been permanent fixtures in the past, would find their heads on the chopping block.

It will be interesting to discover which players the comment was aimed at.

CREDIBILITY

The Eagles, on the other hand, are also in search of some football credibility. After a superb start to the season, when they were sitting on top of the premiership table after three successive wins, the Eagles have now won only two of their last six matches.

Their inability to win in Melbourne has returned to haunt them.

Despite winning in Geelong, they have lost to Collingwood and North Melbourne on the east coast and this game gives them the chance to show that they can play on the softer turf in Melbourne.

Much has been said about the hoodoo of the MCG in the last 18 months and this is a golden opportunity to put that ghost to rest.

If the Eagles can't beat Richmond, they can forget about playing in the 1988 finals.

Last week's loss saw them slip out of the top five for the first time this season and a loss to Richmond would be disastrous.

Essendon, the team which has come from the clouds to sneak into fifth place, play Sydney on Friday night and they face the prospect of falling two games away from fifth position.

The Eagles will need to lift their mid-field standards.

Ball handling errors under pressure were again costly against Carlton and that simply cannot be allowed to happen again.

Eagles chance to square up with Richmond



They must be more positive in their use of the football and will look to strong contributions in attack.

They fell down across half-forward as well last Sunday, but that situation in attack could be appeased to some extent by the presence of Ross Glendinning, who looked about 75 per cent fit last week.



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MAGRO FACES DERBY HURDLE

THERE haven't been too many tougher footballers than Stan Magro to emerge from Fremantle. But he could be reduced to tears on Monday night.

The Bulldogs would almost need to call on their oldest member to relate the tale of their last victory in a Fremantle derby and Magro must be wondering when the drought will be broken.

South have been in with a chance in a few of the recent matches, but still they cannot break through. East Fremantle seem to have an unbreakable psychological hold over them.

And if ever there was a game when Magro would like to break that hold, it is this Saturday where the atmosphere should be electric at Fremantle Oval.

It is a ground conducive to great atmosphere and with South desperate for victory, the attendance should be big.

CONSOLIDATE

South need to win to keep within striking distance of Perth, while East Fremantle need to win to consolidate their place in the top four, which could become a little shaky if they can't continue their winning run.

South will again rely on Maurice Rioli, the magician from Melville Island, to set their midfield action into top gear. South faltered in the last derby when Rioli could not run out the game.

They will also need Scott Watters, Peter Sumich, Peter Matera and John Ditchburn to continue their impressive form.

And Ray Sterrett will be expected to blaze the Sharks trail for David Bushell, John O'Sullivan, Chris Waterman and Michael Broadbridge to follow.

GNR's Teac Footballer-of-the-Year award

PROGRESS VOTES:

- 10 George Christie (East Frem)
- 9 Mal Bennett (East Perth)
- 7 Shane Cocker (Subiaco), Sean King (West Perth)
- 6 Ben Allan (Claremont), Willie Dick (Perth), Mark Watson (Perth), John Georgiades (Subiaco), David O'Connell (Claremont)

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THIS WEEK'S BROADCAST GAMES

WAFL from 2pm - Saturday: Subiaco vs. Swan Districts
Monday: South Fremantle vs. East Fremantle
VFL (from Noon) - Sunday: Richmond vs. Eagles

LIVE AND UNINTERRUPTED FOOTBALL

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

EAST PERTH L(101), L(29), L(79), L(16), L(20), L(44), W(37), L(13), L(36)
SOUTH FREMANTLE W(101), L(30), L(13), L(57), W(73), L(26), L(92), W(37), W(39)
EAST FREMANTLE W(19), W(10), W(13), L(49), W(20), W(43), L(18), W(42), W(22)
PERTH L(19), W(8), W(53), W(57), L(43), W(44), W(101), L(37), L(33)
WEST PERTH W(84), L(10), L(53), W(30), L(73), L(45), L(37), L(67), L(22)
SWAN DISTRICTS L(84), W(30), L(109), W(16), L(38), L(43), L(101), W(13), L(39)
CLAREMONT W(67), L(8), W(79), L(30), W(38), W(26), W(18), W(67), W(33)
SUBIACO L(67), W(29), W(109), W(49), W(43), W(45), W(92), L(42), W(36)

WHEN THEY LAST CLASHED

APRIL 16

At Subiaco - Subiaco 26.18 b Swan Districts 9.11 - Margin: 109 points.
At the WACA - Claremont 21.23 b East Perth 10.10 - Margin: 79 points.
At Leederville - Perth 18.9 b West Perth 8.16 - Margin: 53 points.
At East Fremantle - East Fremantle 11.19 b South Fremantle 10.12 - Margin: 13 points.



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WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Subiaco v Swan Dist.	Claremont v E. Perth	Perth v W. Perth	S. Frem. v E. Frem.	Richmond v Eagles
RON ALEXANDER	23	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	28	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle	Richmond
PETER BOSUSTOW	21	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
DENNIS COMETTI	25	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	22	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
HARVEY DEEGAN	26	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Richmond
GRANT DORRINGTON	26	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	22	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	26	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	23	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	21	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	26	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles



how about you?



Swans face a stiffer test

IF Swan Districts thought that last week's game against South Fremantle was an elimination final, then they had better prepare for their last battle.

But the fact is, there is still a chance they can make the final four if they are good enough.

Unfortunately for them, their final fling comes against a Subiaco team which has been methodical in its destruction of some of the best sides in the competition and will probably have too many guns for Swans.

But Swans would have taken heart from the effort of East Perth last Saturday when they pushed the Lions for all but the last 10 minutes before crashing to a 36-point defeat.

Subiaco's big guns have been key forwards Todd Breman and John Georgiades and those team men again represent the main dangers on Saturday.

If they strike top form the Swans defence will be like a cat chasing its tail.

The task of minding those elusive forwards is likely to go to Tony Cope and Kim Hetherington, who held down those positions against South Fremantle last Saturday.



Kevin Caton ... Swans ace.

Royals need to stay competitive

EAST Perth have been on the improve in recent weeks, taking the game right up to some of the best sides in the competition. But this week they face their biggest test.

The Royals tackle top team Claremont, who showed last week that they are approaching their ruthless best in disposing of Perth.

It is important for East Perth that they remain competitive and they would go into this game confident that they can maintain the high standards they have set in the past month.

They would also rate themselves a chance to upset the Tigers, something they have been able to achieve consistently in recent years despite being at the opposite end of the premiership table.

The Royals will look to senior players like George Giannakis, Grant Campbell and Glen Bartlett to lead the way, while Claremont's vast array of talent will pose problems for the determined East Perth side.

Lot at stake at WACA

PERTH, after losing two games in succession, will be desperate to return to the winners list when they tackle West Perth at the WACA Ground on Saturday.

The Demons have lost their way a little with defeats by South Fremantle and Claremont on successive Saturdays and they have left the door ajar for South to snatch fourth place and a berth in the finals.

Those two lessons — and two victories at the same time to South Fremantle — means that there is now only a gap of one game between fourth and fifth.

But West Perth have not yet given up hope of figuring in the finish for fourth spot and they will be desperate to win this game, which represents their last chance to have any finals aspirations.

If Perth beat them, the gap will be simply too wide to bridge.

EXPLOSIVE FOOTBALL ACTION

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GARY'S GOSSIP

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Sidey on the way back?

BIG Garry Sidebottom, who has played some country football of late, lined up with Midland last weekend in the Metropolitan Football League.

Apparently "Sidey" is playing on a weekly permit from Swan Districts.

Although Garry is overweight, don't be surprised if Ed Blackaby gives some thought to swinging him back into the Swans League side later this season.

SKIN THOSE TIGERS

THE one-sided umpiring catastrophe of last week, the unbelievable first-up sentence meted out to Karl Langdon, the bias of the frenzied Victorian media, the lack of gumption from certain quarters of the football hierarchy in this State ... all of this should inspire the Eagles to overcome the negatives and belt the living daylight out of Richmond at the MCG on Sunday.

GUTSY EFFORT

I WAS talking to Ken Cunningham during the week and he told me that when the West Australian team came off the field at Football Park, they received a generous round of applause from the South Australian spectators.

Cunningham said he couldn't remember this ever happening before and added that it was a fitting tribute to a gutsy effort from the young Sandgroper team.

SA SCHEME

TALKING about South Australia, their controversial player retention scheme has raised \$500,000.

Apparently, the South Australians have auctioned a house, raffled a car and engaged in a series of fundraising activities which has resulted in a cheque for a half-million dollars being lodged with their State Bank.

The money will go a long way towards keeping most of their young football stars in Adelaide.

BREAKFAST SHOW

WE'VE have lots of inquiries about the "Black and White" champagne breakfast show to be held on Sunday, August 21, by the Collingwood Football Club.

My undercover detective work has revealed that this breakfast-cum-panel show will be held in the Merlin Hotel Ballroom, starting at 8am.

My spies tell me that several tables have already been booked, so if you would like to be in it telephone 447 8355 to reserve your seat or table.

Investigation has revealed that apart from the presence of Collingwood players and a special guest appearance by Magpie coach Leigh Matthews, local football personalities John K. Watts, Percy Johnson and Mal Brown will also attend.

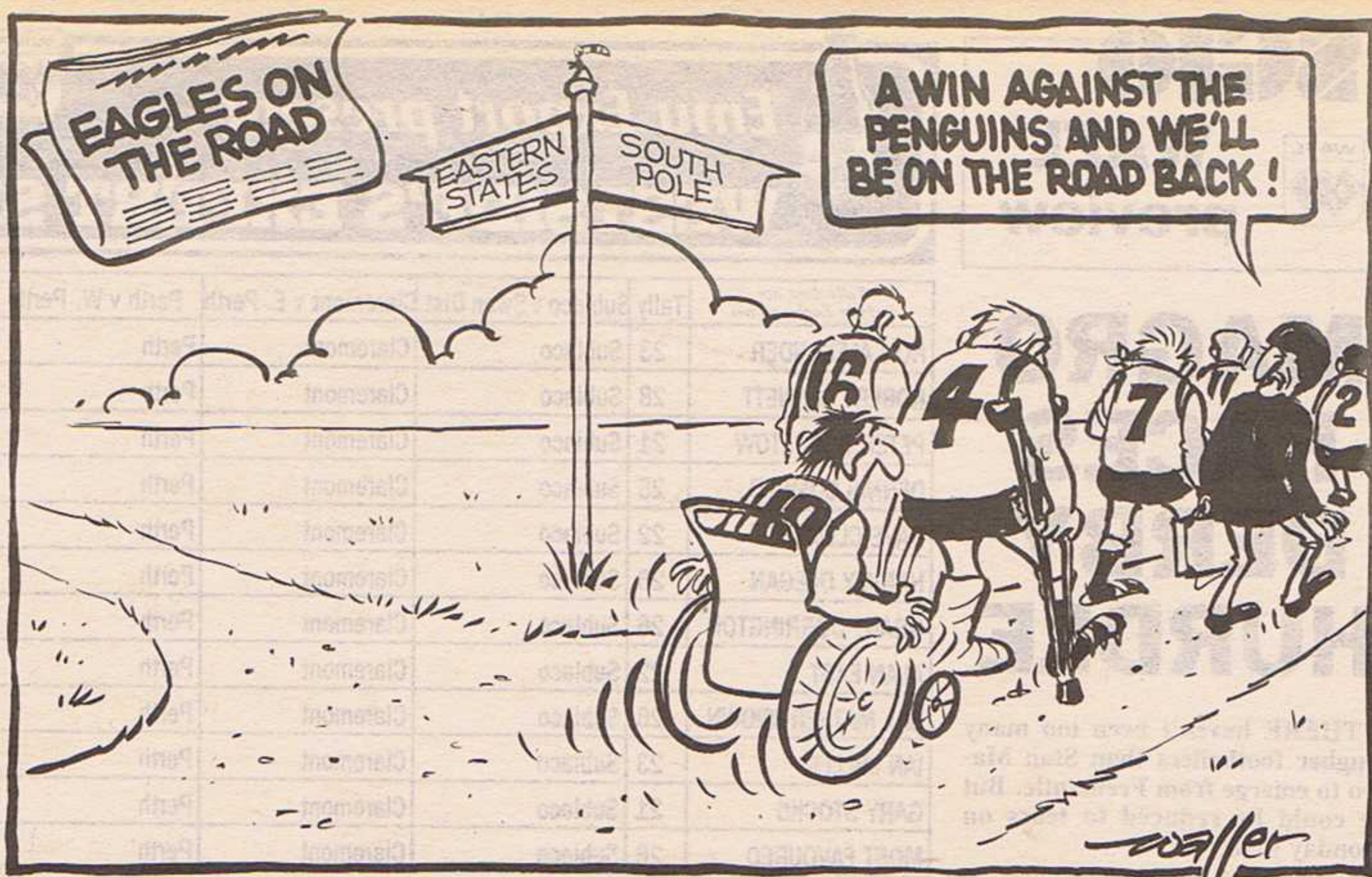
IT MAKES ME WONDER

FOR the life of me I cannot understand why Channel 7 are allowed to screen the delayed telecast of the local West Coast Eagles Sunday games only 40 minutes or so after the match.

In my opinion it is inviting football supporters to stay home, get their Sunday chores done, then sit back, tinny in hand, and watch the game in the comfort of their own living or lounge room.

Full marks to Channel 7. It is a great program coup but it doesn't do much to ensure the ongoing support of our game from the "on and off" football enthusiasts.

I just wonder who made such a ludicrous football decision!



Club games are on trial

TAKING STOCK

by GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian



THE WAFL faces its moment of truth this week.

The competition for fourth place is back on, with South Fremantle just a game off Perth's pace and the four local matches are not competing against the Eagles at home this week.

Last Saturday it was disappointing to see only 12,500 fans turn out to the WAFL matches, when there was the attraction of four close games.

But, as was the probably the case the week previous, people can now afford to attend the football only once a week and the majority chose to watch the Eagles play Hawthorn and Carlton on the Sunday.

That is hardly surprising, considering the Hawks and Blues are two of the greatest sides in the VFL and the Eagles were expected to be highly competitive against both.

This week, however, there is no competition from the VFL and WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey will be hoping the crowds turn out in force.

WA players show spirit

THE WA players who travelled to Adelaide last week proved that the local competition is thriving.

WA continues to promote exciting young talent and it was obvious that with players of the calibre of Ben Allan, Don Pyke, Scott Watters, Ray Sterrett and Co, that WAFL football is worth going to see.

Certainly in the last couple of seasons I have not walked away from a ground feeling as though I had been cheated.

If ever there was a case for that, it was at the WACA Ground when bottom team East Perth played second top team Subiaco. But it was a highly entertaining game, with East Perth applying tremendous pressure to the Lions.

That Subiaco were able to absorb the pressure, come through the challenge and win by six goals was testimony to their ability.

But 20 minutes into the last term, the Royals trailed by only two goals and were making a challenge for the four premiership points.

PERHAPS it's the service at the football — not the football itself — that is disappointing the public.

At the WACA Ground, the only venue in WA with a TAB within its confines, football supporters who like to have a bet on the races are not fed any information concerning results.



Who said the Eagles aren't tough enough? Vice-captain John Annear had a heap of stitches in his head after this cut eyebrow last week — but it didn't stop him!

And on several visits to East Fremantle Oval, food outlets have not been open for business at 12.30pm. If food vans don't open till nearly kick-off time, you face a 10 minute wait to be served.

I could go on about parking, undercover seating, over-officious gatekeepers, cold pies and warm beer... but I won't!

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Walls shows his character

IMMEDIATELY after the Carlton-Eagles game finished at Subiaco Oval last Sunday, Blues coach Robert Walls changed his role from working against the West to working for the West.

Walls was a guest of the Australian Football Coaches Association and though Carlton were due to leave Perth at 5pm, Walls agreed to speak between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

This gesture by a coach who had just finished the stress of a top class game, was a tremendous example of the genuine commitment to improving the Australian game by coaches.

Walls session was both stimulating and educational. There is no doubt he is a trendsetter in moulding the "old

Carlton coach shares his knowledge

coaching" techniques with the latest modern-day research.

Speaking on his coaching philosophy, Walls revealed his great knowledge and the extremely warm and co-operative personality that has made him one of the VFL's top coaches.

The sharing of knowledge at this level will develop the future of our game.

Just rewards for footy's battlers

THERE was plenty of praise and rightfully so, lavished on the young WA players in last weeks interstate clash with South Australia.

Interstate rookies like Ben Allan, Scott Watters, Don Pyke, Lance Durack and Brian Sutherland, to mention a few, all showed tremendous endeavour and commitment.

This experience will be of enormous value to these football apprentices. To play under lights on a different surface against some of the games best players, was a beneficial football education.

Watching the game, I couldn't help but feel pleased that the older players such as John Scott, Clint Brown, Stephen Mount, Shane Cocker and Mark Watson, had been able to achieve one of footballs highest honours — to play for the State.

Those players have been in the WAFL competition for more than five years and it could have been said that they would never have played State football if the Eagles had not come into existence.

But the facts are these men have earned the right to play for their State in season 88 by being the best player at that time for their position.

They have all been great football ambassadors; their perseverance and dedication to play in the local competition has to be respected by all football followers.

Most of these players know all about the hard knocks football offers. They have had to overcome injury and lack of football chances at one club and make the move to another WAFL club to prove their ability.

A change of clubs usually brings increased commitment to prove a point. This can see a player go from being a good reserves player to a State player.

Cocker is an example of one door closing and another opening. His improvement is one of the best success stories in the WAFL.

We read and hear about the very talented, naturally gifted players, but not often do you see stories about the battlers; the player who loves the game and keeps plugging away week by week.

They deserve to reap the rewards the game can offer for their perseverance and dedication. Last weeks State game was a tremendous thank-you to these men from football.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



Time is the key for all coaches

HOW do you judge a good coach from a bad coach is a question the football world never stops debating.

Supporters, players and club officials are involved with this question from well before the first game of the season.

How many times do you hear a coach's ability being questioned during the season? The coaches put through the mill are those who are in charge of a team not having success.

To the supporter and, in many cases club directors, what makes a good coach is based purely on his win-loss ratio and his personality.

Coaches are "too quiet" so he yells and becomes "too aggressive". A coach switches a player during a game to improve the teams performance, but finds that the player can't accept the challenge, so the coach has made a "dumb" move.

The facts are that coaches are human beings and, like supporters and club administrators, aren't perfect. They do make mistakes.

Watching the games best coaches in VFL games each week still reveals coaching decisions that are questionable.

No matter how good coaches are, they still make mistakes. But due to years of first-hand experience, senior coaches don't make as many mistakes as the novice coach.

A classic example is the Melbourne team. Coaching legend Ron Barassi had the Demons for six years and couldn't achieve enough wins to get into the top five.

John Northey, a novice to VFL coaching, had performed reasonably well with the newly-established Sydney

Swans, but felt the sharp edge of the axe.

So he went to struggling Melbourne and has seen the club climb out of footballs doldrums.

On the local scene, East Perth coach Gerard McNeill sits in one of the games hottest coaching seats. Lack of onfield success by the Royals begs the question can he coach?

The answer depends on where you sit. If you blame the coach for the teams failure, then he is a failure.

Those who can spend the time to analyse the Royals playing strength, skill levels and experience, without letting prejudices interfere with their judgement, come up with the answer that maybe he is doing a good job.

Having been involved with McNeill as his coach and then see him coach Osborne Park and South Bunbury, I have no doubts that he has very sound coaching credentials.

Getting the message to the players is the coach's major task. The example of the great player turning out to be an ordinary coach is directly related to his ability to communicate with each individual.

EXPERIENCE

McNeill is an excellent communicator with a sincere concern for people. Like every coach, he will learn through experience. Like all coaches, his No. 1 requirement is TIME.

Coaches need time to achieve the results supporters and clubs want every year — the premiership.

Without time, Graham Moss and John Todd would have been thrown onto the "failed coaches heap" very early in their 10-year stints at Claremont and Swan Districts; both of which produced premierships.

The "failed coaches heap" has men who love the game, given their lives to their clubs, but have not been given time.

Given that winning skill comes through hard work, time is the only component McNeill needs to lift the Royals.

Subi parking is one big con

ONCE upon a time you could go to Subiaco Oval with the reasonable expectation of finding parking.

This could have been at (a) a small park some 200 or 300 metres west of the ground, or (b) a slightly larger area on a level just outside the main gate, or (c) on a pretty big park at the eastern end.

The fourth option was to take any kerbside space that was available.

The four choices had one thing in common — they were free.

Then, in the course of time, charitable organisation thought they might make a quid if they controlled the parking on the larger of the two areas on the western end, and they approached the powers that be for permission to do so.

MINIMAL FEE

This was given and motorists paid a minimal fee for the convenience on the one hand, and also because he didn't mind helping the cause that was soliciting his patronage on the other.

The smaller ground to the west also took its share of vehicles while the larger park to the East was available for free parking.

I reckon the organisations that were the beneficiaries made a nice little profit at the end of each Saturday, particularly when big games were on.

It wasn't all that many years later that local government authorities got the scent of money. They wanted a slice of the action, so they moved in on the

footy follower and set about slugging him for parking.

The little ground to the west has been turned into some kind of scenic park. This effectively chopped off a couple of hundred parking spots. Then the large park at the eastern end was fenced and entrance to it could be gained by going through a gate which became guarded by a ticket-producing machine.

Then the last remaining parking spot, the possie just outside the main gate, was turned into some kind of road complex and that skittled most of what was left.

Motorists were forced to head for the kerbsides but a fair percentage of spaces, particularly in the near vicinity were strategically dotted with little signs that said the car owner could park for an hour or so but would then be subject to a \$12 fine if he exceeded the limit.

As I recently walked into the trap I am fairly fuming, not so much because I got hit in the hip pocket, but because I thought that one of the signs was just so blatantly obvious on its desire to bleed the footy follower.

It read: "One hour parking limit. 11am-6pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays 1st March to 30th September."

NO PROBLEMS

If some crowd-drawing events were staged at Subi during the summer motorists could park without problems.

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic BILL MATHER-BROWN



So the reasons for the restrictions during winter have nothing to do with crowding or traffic.

We are being played for suckers by a mob of sharks and I believe the matter should be looked into.

If anything, I would be of the opinion that as Subiaco is the best ground in WA the authorities should be trying to provide parking for the patrons of the major stadium and not doing their best to harass car owners for a quick quid.

I hope that when, or if, a new ground is built in the future that steps will be taken to make sure that adequate parking is included in the concept.

Non-event in Adelaide

I SAID it before the match and I'll say it again. The game in Adelaide did nothing for out interstate prestige and I don't agree with those who had the cheek to say that a 40-point thrashing was a good performance.

The truth is that our team was not much more than a State thirds combination.

If you don't believe me then keep tabs on how many of the players who wore the black and gold in Adelaide will be given another jumper for the State of Origin clash on July 5.

Maybe one or two at the most. The rest will come home from Melbourne or be chosen from the Eagles.

I hope this is the last time they send boys to do a man's job and that they get rid of this type of rubbish.

All interstate matches, which are supposed to be the best of Australian Rules, should be held under State of Origin conditions.

If Victoria will not recognise the games by releasing players to play for their respective home States then the games should be scrubbed until such time as they do.

BASIC ERRORS PROVE COSTLY

ON Saturday it was East Perth against Subiaco and on Sunday the Eagles against Carlton. Basic errors, most of them unforced, cost both East Perth and the Eagles dearly.

East Perth, two goals down with 10 minutes to play, virtually gave Subiaco two goals, first by kicking into the man on the mark at centre-half-back and then when an ill-directed handpass was easily intercepted.

This led to another Subiaco goal and the game was over.

The Eagles, on the other hand, kicked poorly for goal in the first half, points coming from lack of concentration in disposal and many times they turned the ball over to Carlton through lack of second effort.

That second effort, or lack of it, by some West Coasters is proving costly.

UNATTENDED

I'd be the first to agree that the Eagles put up a top effort in spirit and commitment. But how many times did we see players like Craig Bradley and David Glascott unattended.

Maybe the game has changed so much that nowadays when the opposition has the ball you don't have to find an opponent, making sure every man in the team takes one each.

I don't think so. Football is a TEAM game. Without that intense concentration and having players prepared to give a little extra to find an opponent when necessary, it's left to too few to carry the load.

That's the recipe for certain failure.

WA regain pride

CONGRATULATIONS to Gerard Neesham and his players for their performance against South Australia.

Unfortunately it wasn't good enough to win but it was good enough to suggest that in the space of 12 months WA football has regained some pride and stature on the national scene.

Neesham is to be complimented on the attitude and character shown by his players. No doubt he had great success in getting his message across.

In the aftermath I see three points arising.

(1) Just how many players from this State team will be considered for the State of Origin clash against Victoria in July and how many, if any, will make the final 22?

(2) How many will be lost to Eagles or other VFL clubs in 1989?

(3) If we progress down the track a little, who will be the survivors and really make the grade in three years' time?

Heavy grounds suit Barich, Ishchenko

TWO of the Eagles' better performers on Melbourne soil last year were Adrian Barich and Alex Ishchenko.

Their return to the line-up for the first of three away games is imminent.

Both players have the strength and capacity to work hard on the heavier grounds.

Barich's pace, strength and sure footing should make him an automatic selection this week.

He was the Eagles' best player last year when they failed dismally against Richmond at the MCG.

PENANCE

Ishchenko, having served his penance last week, will be needed against Richmond's big Mark Lee.

Young forward Karl Langdon's aggression and enthusiasm will be missed up forward.

His five-week suspension is a costly result of some over-enthusiastic play, though I believe he showed no malicious intent when reported for the second incident.

Two weeks ago the Eagles had a clean slate with the umpires.

Now, in the space of two games, they have incurred seven weeks of suspensions.



George Giannakis ... key Royal.

Royals' defence solid

THE scoreboard showed that Subiaco kicked 20 goals against East Perth. But it really didn't indicate the tenacity and commitment of the Royal defenders last Saturday.

At the finish it was only sheer weight of numbers by the Subiaco midfielders that overwhelmed them.

The half-back line of Hawkins, Cransberg and Ewen, supported by Giannakis in a back pocket, took on some of the best forwards in the business, led by Breman, Georgiades and McDougall, and did it well.

While Giannakis cut McDougall out the game, it was the half-back line that rebounded and set up many forward moves.

Last year Peter Cransberg, in his debut season, played some good games up forward. Last week, in the key centre-half-back role, he took on John Georgiades, one of the best centre-half-forwards in the State, and beat him.

While Georgiades chipped in with three goals for the game, two in the last quarter, I liked Cransberg's approach to his task.

He played closely all day, punched well from behind and took some strong marks overhead.

There's no doubt Cransberg has the ability to hold down the key defensive position if last Saturday's form is any criterion.

Captain Glen Bartlett's game at centre-half-forward was one of the best I've seen from him, especially his marking, which is a good sign for the Royals.



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IAN MILLER

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Hutchinson big loss for Lions

IT'S a sign of a good team when they have a number of players down, as Subiaco did last week, and still have the capacity to withstand a spirited East Perth challenge and win.

It was Subiaco's midfield runners that caused chaos for the Royals and one of these, Bret Hutchinson, will be missing for the rest of the season.

His decision to move to Sydney is a big loss for Subiaco because he has been a most impressive performer with his pace and skilful ball handling.

Now the pressure goes back on players like Neil Taylor, Mick Lee, Mick Jennings and Andrew MacNish.

Hutchinson gave Subiaco an alternative attacking avenue. Now he's gone, I expect Taylor and Co to lift accordingly.

Rover Michael Jennings continues to impress and on Saturday his accurate disposal, especially his handball, was a delight.

First-gamer Gavin Keyser looks a likely prospect. He attacked the ball strongly, was disciplined in his play and used the ball effectively.



Mick Jennings ... big improver for Subiaco.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



SHARKS CHASE DERBY DOZEN

A DERBY win for East Fremantle next Monday will make it 12 in a row and equal their best run against their Port neighbours.

The Sharks last won a dozen straight during the 1902-3-4 seasons, an era when the Blue and Whites were dominant.

South Fremantle, who joined the League in 1900, won only 12 of their first 50 encounters with the Sharks.

Their last Derby win was on June 4, 1984, and it was a resounding one at that — 24.27 to 15.14.

Five of Souths leading goalkickers that day are now in the VFL — Hardie, Dorotich, Matera, Hart and Winmar.

BOMBERS' FEAT

ESSENDON may have created some sort of a record when they thrashed the Brisbane Bears last week.

Sixteen different players kicked their goals.

In the WAFL I can find two occasions where the winners had 13 different goalkickers — when Subiaco beat South Fremantle in 1986 and when Claremont beat East Perth in 1987.

EARLY WINNERS

RECORDS show that most League games are won by three-quarter time, more than 90 per cent in fact.

One rare occasion when the trend was reversed was August 3, 1968,

when three teams who were trailing at the last change got up and won.

So what is the biggest leeway a team made up to win? The distinction is held by Subiaco. On June 13, 1964, when coached by Keith Slater, the Lions were 46 points down at the last change and won by four points, 17.7 to 15.15, against Claremont.

The next best recovery was also by Subiaco. Down 36 points against Claremont in 1970, they won by one point.

ODD TEAM

PICKING teams has been a favourite pastime of many football fans through the years.

How's this line-up for an assortment of odd names in some teams I've seen:

BACKS: Holland, France, Ireland.
HALF-BACKS: Hawke, Sparrow, Finch.
CENTRES: Mountain, Peake, Valli.
HALF-FORWARDS: Sweet, Currie, Rice.
FORWARDS: Fathers, Uncle, Cousins.
RUCK: Peel, Onions, Carrot.
INTERCHANGE: Young, Old.

DEMONS' CHANCE

THE Demons are hot favourites to put this one right this week. Perth have not beaten West Perth at the WACA Ground for 30 years.

Perth won on May 24, 1958, by three points. Their coach was Ern Henfry and the losing coach that day was Ray 'Homer' Schofield, who will be back at the WACA on Saturday as a trainer for the Falcons.



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Tigers have plenty of bite off field

OVER the last decade, Claremont have been one of the most consistent performers in the WAFL — playing in four grand finals with two premierships and they are hot favourites to be there again this year.

This is just reward for all the behind-the-scenes people who dedicate themselves to help the club in any way possible.

The league team manager, Jim Cross, is one of those hard workers and backed up by reserves manager Phil Badock, while Chris Boulton looks after the Under-19s.

Cross started with Claremont in 1972 as a statistician, working in that position for five years and, therefore, he has a very forthright opinion on statistics.

"Statistics are useless unless used correctly," he says.

Players look at the stats and get a big head because they've had a lot of kicks, yet they may still have performed poorly."

In 1977 and '78 Cross took over as Under-19s team manager, winning the grand final in both years. The team was made up of such players as Jim Krakouer, Wayne Blackwell, Steve Malaxos, and Allen Daniels.

Between 1979 and '80, Cross took over as reserves team manager, but then left the senior level to concentrate on junior development within the club. During his three years with the Tigers Cup, he was President of the organisation.



Claremont league team manager ... Jim Cross.

KNOW YOUR CLUB



By REECE HOGAN

Cross returned to manage the reserves side under coach Lloyd Christopher, between 1982 and 1985 and advanced to League manager under Graham Moss in 1986 and continues to work alongside Gerard Neesham.

"Gerard is a very easy man to work with and the players are easy to work with because of him," said Cross.

Cross describes his job as wide and varied. Most of his work, however is based around administration.

"Managers should be like kids, seen and not heard," he says.

"Too many managers think they are there to give advice. This should be left to the coach.

Official functions, paperwork, Football Budget names and players interchange are among the many duties Cross carries out during the week.

Cross has a lot of respect for Neesham, describing his technique as the new era in coaching.

"Gerard is a great analyser of the game and of the players," says Cross.

TRAINERS

The head trainer at Claremont is Ron Chapman, ably assisted by Merv Nitschke. Other trainers are Peter Cassidy and Don Hunt, with three doctors — John Harvey, Tunbridge and Fitzpatrick.

Chapman has been associated with the Tigers for more than a quarter of a century, starting off as a time-keeper. However, it was not long before Chapman started working with the trainers.

Being a trainer is a seven day a week commitment and is a hard role to fill.

This is especially true for the head trainer, where the whole medical support team is relying on his leadership and organisation.

Chapman worked closely with former Tigers head trainer Alan Shaw for many years and they were a very recognisable pair, putting in an enormous contribution to the club.

He is at the club every day of the week, ranging from just an hour or two on off nights attending to injured players, to four hours or so on training nights and then anything up to 12 hours on match day.

Chapman has to co-ordinate all the trainers and doctors, provide treatment for injured players and assessments of

players fitness, both on and off the ground.

He has had to deal with many serious injuries and he describes an incident with Colin Barns as the worst in his experience. Barns swallowed his mouth guard and went into spasms and convulsions. Thanks to Chapman and Shaw, they may well have save Barns life.

All the trainers at Claremont are qualified. A compulsory Level One certificate in the Accreditation Trainers Course, run by Football Development Trust, is needed before you can work as a trainer.

QUALIFICATIONS

Trainers also must pass the St Johns Ambulance course and other qualifications are helpful.

Chapman is reluctant to commit himself when it comes to great players at the club, but he concedes that Denis Marshall, Graham Moss and Ken Hunter are among the best Tigers he's seen in the last 25 years.

Now 55 and self-employed as a painter, he still enjoys his WAFL activity as much as he did two decades ago — and after supporting the Tigers since "about the age of three" he's not likely to change.

Head property man at Claremont is Jack Watkins, ably assisted by Alan Hickling.

Watkins started with Claremont in 1960 when he was asked to help look after the thirds and fourths. In those days fourths were under 19's and thirds were under 21's.

Throughout this time Watkins assisted the propertyman of that time, Gordon Thompson.

When Thompson retired in 1977, Watkins took his position as property man and has continued in that role.

Being in charge of the property is a big responsibility. The property man looks after all the footballs, jumpers and shorts, as well as all the players' private possessions when they train and on match days.

Watkins was rewarded for his services by the club with a life membership in 1978.

Watkins son Bill is also a life member at Claremont for his services to the



Claremont head trainer ... Ron Chapman.

training staff. Jack's wife washes the jumpers and does repairs when they are needed.

Watkins remembers the 1964 grand final vividly. He places it above all the others because the team was made up of battlers who worked as a team to take out the premierships.

Another long-term member at Claremont is Percy Smith, who has been with the club since 1935, involved in a number of roles behind the scenes.

Three times during a week, as well as on match days, Percy ventures down to Claremont Oval and replaces boot studs and laces — and always carries some spare boots for the forgetful players.

Other behind-the-scenes workers at Claremont are physical fitness instructor, Perry De Lacy and special squad co-ordinator Tony Beers.



Jack Watkins ... property man.

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Saints marching to victory

THE revived St Kilda side has its sights set on this year's VFL finals — and coach Darrel Baldock believes the target is possible.

The super-charged Saints knocked Melbourne off their perch on top of the VFL premiership table to record their third win of the season from nine matches.

Despite trailing the top sides by a wide margin in premiership points, coach Baldock believes that the Saints have found their feet and will march on even more impressively.

The sides effort against in-form Melbourne was in stark contrast to the lack-lustre team thrashed by the West Coast Eagles in Perth just a few weeks back.

Ironically, the Saints are in a similar win-loss position to the one Melbourne were in at this stage last season — and the young Demons stormed their way right through to the preliminary final.

Baldock believes that his players, inspired by goalkicking ace Tony Lockett, can repeat Melbourne's effort.

"It's very tough," he said. "It's a tough, even competition, but we probably need less wins to make the five now than we thought we would have at the start of the season."

COSTLY INJURY

However, the Saints suffered a major setback when tireless ruckman Warren (Wow) Jones broke his arm — the same arm he broke against Melbourne last year.

Baldock says that the second half of the Saints debacle against the Eagles at the WACA Ground three weeks ago was actually the turning point for the young side.

"Our last half in that game was very good actually," he said.

"We were still rubbished for the display, but we had turned the corner."

Since then the Saints have beaten



Saints coach Darrel Baldock with his ace full forward Tony Lockett.

Geelong — at Kardinia Park — and then Melbourne, on the muddy Moorabbin ground.

The Demons lacked goalkicking power with coach John Northey trying six different players in the key attacking position. In contrast, Lockett beat three opponents at the other end of the ground, finishing with seven goals, but could easily have kicked 10.



A despondent Warren Jones ... another broken arm.

COOLING DOWN

THE Eagles clash with Carlton was a pretty spirited affair, but they had a pleasant "cooling down" function to enjoy after the 13-point loss. Eagles sponsor and stalwart Golden Eagles Club member Nigel Satterly put his luxurious launch at the disposal of the Eagles players for a river cruise after Sunday's match.

TOUGH APPROACH

THE Victorian selectors are taking a tough approach to the preparation of their team for the July 5 State-of-Origin clash with WA.

The chairman of selectors Ted Whitten, has adopted a tough line with players when it comes to training — and even admonished fellow selector Ron Barassi for failing to attend a selection meeting.

Whitten says that everyone involved with the State team was being asked for total commitment and players had been reprimanded for missing training.

Barassi missed a selection meeting recently, saying there had been a "foul up" in communications.

"I let the league know there was something else I had to do," said Barassi.

TOUGH LIFE

EAGLES coach John Todd — and his players — are quickly learning how tough life can be in the VFL. Todd has now seen his Eagles slip out of the VFL five and they face a tough battle to get back in over the next few weeks. The Eagles go on the road with away games against bottom sides Richmond and the Sydney Swans, with a top side Melbourne sandwiched in between. "Anyone who doesn't believe that it's a tough competition is being a bit silly," said Todd.

GOLDEN GIFT

THE Golden Eagles have been to the forefront once again in the community service area. The club — an integral part of the Eagles supporter-base — joined forces with the Variety Club to present a special bus to Armadale Police and Citizens Youth Club at Subiaco Oval last Sunday. Advertising executive Barrey Williams, the inaugural president of the Gold Eagles Club and president of the Variety Club, instigated the joint fund-raising venture last year.

SURPRISE VISITOR

CARLTON, the power-team of the VFL, are under the astute control of John Elliott, one of the most powerful men in Australia. Not only does the Blues president control Elders IXL — major sponsors of the VFL — but as president of the Liberal Party, he exercises great control of the country's politics. Elliott took Eagles officialdom by surprise when he turned up at Subiaco Oval last Sunday to see his premiership team down the spirited Eagles. He was a guest of one of the Eagles major box-holders and flew in and out of town quickly — with \$10,000 in his hip pocket after a couple of side-bets on the result!

ANOTHER RECOVERY

ONE of Victoria's top players made a welcome return to competition last week.

Hawthorn veteran John Kennedy played his first game for the season after doctors discovered early on that he had an irregular heartbeat.

He didn't set any possession records in his reserves appearance, but was just happy to get through the game.

"I've got a long way to go and I'm out of touch," said the classy defender. "But that's not surprising seeing I haven't played a game of football since last year's grand final."

Kennedy played on a half-forward flank and is now keen to get his match form and confidence back to his usual high standard.



FIERY WORDS

THERE was a VFL-WA confrontation in Adelaide recently that went unnoticed by the football fans.

It came in the unlikely place of the WA dressing rooms after the clash with South Australia.

As usual, the WA players were besieged by Victorian talent scouts after the game, where the plucky Sandgropers revealed a host of new and exciting talent.

Somehow Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy was in the rooms immediately after the game — and was even interviewed on television about his thoughts on the game.

One Eagles official blew his top and threw Sheedy out, declaring: "How do you think John Todd would be received in the Victorian dressing rooms after a match?"

Leave us alone, pleads coach

GEELONG coach John Devine wants the press to lay off his players.

Devine accused the media of placing too much pressure on the players by publicising the team every week.

The exasperated coach, desperately seeking reasons for their inconsistency, said that the players were over-exposed.

"It's unbelievable the pressure you place on us," he said after the game.

"Every week I pick up the paper and all I read about is Geelong. Why do you have to pick on us?"

Geelong downed Fitzroy to atone for their shock loss to St Kilda a week earlier, but their win was far from impressive.

Tongue-in-cheek, Devine said that he would give the media men a night out at the Hilton at the end of the season if they promised not to pick the Cats again this year.

Devine has been under pressure to solve Geelong's inconsistency and their record this year hasn't changed — loss, win, loss, win, win, loss, win.

This week the Cats face the Brisbane Bears, who beat them twice last season and almost certainly cost them a place in the finals.

DAICOS DANGER

PETER Daicos, a vital cog in the exciting Collingwood forward line, is being troubled with a rib injury.

For the second week in a row, the Magpies have lost Daicos on the eve of a match with his withdrawal from the side that beat North Melbourne.

Daicos was forced from the field three weeks ago with bruised ribs and with Craig Starcevic and James Manson also missing from the attack, the Pies are struggling a little.

COMBACK TIME

MUCH-travelled Mark Kellett has joined the Sydney Swans after playing at St Kilda and Footscray.

Kellett, 27, has played his first game with the Swans reserves side after being out of action for 12 months with tendonitis at the back of his knee.

The injury forced Footscray to terminate his services last season — and he received a reported \$20,000 in a settlement over his contract.

Business reasons have taken Kellett to Sydney and Swans coach Tom Hafey invited him down for a run.

How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/ball	Score
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	21	8	14	1.0
MELBOURNE				
Alan Johnson	14	2	2	2.2
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	20	1	4	—
Phil Krakouer	12	4	2	2.2
Mark Hepburn	1	—	—	—
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	13	4	7	1.1
Peter Wilson	15	5	4	—
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	7	4	2	2.0
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	9	6	3	2.0
BRISBANE BEARS				
Ken Judge	6	—	4	0.2
Mike Richardson	18	3	7	1.0
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	14	7	5	—
Richard Dennis	14	6	3	1.1
Jon Dorotich	9	5	2	2.0
Ken Hunter	8	8	9	1.1
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	4	4	6	1.0
Brian Taylor	8	7	1	4.3
ESSENDON				
Bill Duckworth	16	6	4	4.1
Darren Bewick	10	5	5	1.1
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	8	4	8	—
John Ironmonger	5	5	15	—
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	5	5	1	4.1

HIT-OUTS: John Ironmonger 16, Brian Taylor 1, Wayne Henwood 5.

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Bucky shows critics

he's not over any hill



Gary Buckenara ... still a star in the VFL.



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

A FORTNIGHT ago, pre-match speculation in Perth suggested that "old-boy" Gary Buckenara was only a shadow of his past self and appeared to be slipping out of the top echelon of VFL footballers.

The 29-year-old former Subiaco star's form had been patchy and coming off a poor performance against Melbourne, some WA critics suggested that Buckenara was no longer a footballing force.

Bucky read it all before the Eagles-Hawthorn clash in Perth — and proceeded to tally 23 kicks and four handballs, booting three goals in a near best afield performance.

Last Saturday against Footscray, he was again dynamic, having 21 kicks and 14 handballs, showing he is still one of Hawthorn's major "playmakers" and with key forwards Jason Dunstall and Dermott Brereton is capable of kicking match-winning bags of goals.

"We never lost faith in Gary," said Hawthorn football manager John Look. "It was the WA media who brought it all up."

"Basically he's been fairly good for us. He did have a downer against Melbourne when we lost, but a lot of players were down that day."

"The previous week against Collingwood he had 28 possessions and was one of our very best players."

INJURIES

"He had a few niggling injuries and that hasn't helped, but overall, he's been playing quite well and is a very valuable team member."

Buckenara has played at centre or ruck roving for the last two weeks and has obviously enjoyed the extra freedom.

South Australian star Tony Hall has been released from the centre back into the forward line and Hawthorn's 89-point win against Footscray, he kicked three goals in another good performance.

The match was dominated by Dunstall and Brereton who kicked 12 goals between them. Dunstall, likely to be at full-forward for Victoria against WA in July, has now kicked 56 goals in nine rounds, at an average of 6.2 goals a game.

Hawthorn regained top position and held it on percentages despite Carlton overcoming the West Coast Eagles on Sunday.

Buckenara's 35-possession game against Footscray was unsurpassed in Round Nine, though Geelong pair Neville Bruns and Andrew Bews also had 35 and another Cat Sean Denham, had 33.

Buckenara's long kicking and goal sense is a key in Hawthorn's very-best game and he remains one of the most likely West Australians to re-win a WA guernsey for the coming State-of-Origin clash.

RECALLED

Others likely to be recalled include Phil and Jim Krakouer (North Melbourne), Mark Bairstow (Geelong), Michael Richardson (Brisbane Bears), Nicky Winmar (St Kilda) and Darren Bewick (Essendon).

Richardson has been in excellent form for Brisbane, helping the Bears to four wins in their last five games.

He's been playing mainly out of defence and with Scott McIvor and Mark Withers, has been among Brisbane's best players in the last days of autumn.

Essendon's Bewick continues to impress as one of the leading interstate recruits of the season. He had eight kicks in the first half against Brisbane and 15 possessions for the game, kicking 1.1.

Winmar's skills continue to delight. One mark he took — an outstretched finger-tipper in wet conditions against Melbourne — was a fine effort. He finished it off with a goal as St Kilda caused the upset of the round to topple Melbourne from top spot.

West Australian-born Brian Taylor has lifted his form at Collingwood, kicking four goals out of 11 in his team's win against North Melbourne.

The previous week, he kicked 8.2 against Footscray and after starting the season in the reserves, is now the VFL's fifth leading goalkicker with 30, behind Dunstall (56), Geelong's Gary Ablett (44), the consistent old Bulldog Simon Beasley (39) and Eagle Ross Glendinning (33).

Leading VFL goalkickers

Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	56.28
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	44.30
Simon Beasley (Footscray)	39.7
Ross Glendinning (Eagles)	33.23
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	30.17
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	28.17
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	26.12
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	25.11
Warwick Capper (Brisbane Bears)	24.17
Graeme Wright (Collingwood)	24.10

Dunstall on target for record

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM
Eastern States statistician
for the West Coast Eagles



COMPARISONS are already being drawn between the performance of Hawthorn full-forward Jason Dunstall this season and that of the great Peter Hudson in 1971.

Hudson kicked 150 goals in 1971 to equal the long-standing record for a VFL season set by South Melbourne's Bob Pratt in 1934.

Hudson had finished the qualifying rounds 10 goals ahead of Collingwood's Peter McKenna, who kicked four goals in Collingwood's losing first semi-final side to take his tally to 134 for the year.

Dunstall's tally of 56 after round nine is greater than Hudson's in 1971. However, to match Hudson's feat, Dunstall must kick an average of 6½ goals a game for the rest of the season.

Hudson averaged exactly seven goals a game in the last 14 home-and-away matches of 1971.

After nine rounds last season, Dunstall was sixth on the goalkicking list with 30 goals, behind joint leaders Tony Lockett and Warwick Capper, who had each kicked 42.

Dunstall has kicked 263 goals in 71 VFL matches since being recruited from Queensland club Coorparoo.

CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCKS

ANOTHER forward recruited from Queensland by Hawthorn is one of two Hawk players whose fathers were prominent international sportsmen.

Stephen Lawrence, a tall 19-year-old from Morningside, has played two games for the Hawks this year. He kicked five goals from centre-half-forward in his first match, but was dropped after one more game.

Lawrence's father, Godfrey, played Test cricket for South Africa. Reputedly the tallest player in South African cricket (according to "The Complete Who's Who of Test Cricketers"), 'Goofy' Lawrence took 28 wickets in five Tests, including a career best of 8-53.

Star centre-half-forward Dermott Brereton's father played rugby union for Ireland.

FOUR ON END

ESSENDON became the sixth side to win four consecutive games during the 1988 season when they thrashed the Brisbane Bears last Friday night. Brisbane (eighth) are the only side outside the top five to win four games in a row.

Eight sides achieved the feat last season, including each of the top seven teams.

EAGLES OUT

THE West Coast Eagles' loss to Carlton caused them to drop out of the five for the first time this season.

Melbourne are now the only side to have been in the five at the end of each completed round in 1988.

The Eagles spent a total of four weeks in the five during the 1987 season. At this stage of last season they were placed fifth.

NEW LEADERS

HAWTHORN became the sixth side to head the VFL ladder this year when they displaced Melbourne after round nine.

Melbourne and the Eagles are the only two clubs to spend two consecutive weeks at the top of the ladder.

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John Gastev	116	36	52
Ross Glendinning	77	50	22
David Hart	114	25	27
Don Holmes	2	1	8
Brett Hutton	5	3	-
Alex Ishchenko	52	45	47
Laurie Keene	24	12	5
Dean Laidley	98	28	20
Dwayne Lamb	136	32	61
Karl Langdon	62	21	20
Chris Lewis	33	3	14
Andrew Lockyer	58	28	13
Chris Mainwaring	100	23	31
Stephen Malaxos	19	4	11
Guy McKenna	50	30	61
Geoff Miles	71	29	30
Michael O'Connell	42	25	11
Paul Peos	47	21	12
Murray Rance	98	37	40
Phil Scott	55	29	18
Dean Turner	87	22	46
Troy Ugle	41	11	22
Chris Waterman	1	1	-
John Worsfold	137	45	42
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STAN MAGRO ... erratic, to say the least, have been the South Fremantle Bulldogs. Early-season form made them premature premiership favourites, but some inconsistent efforts have seen them slip into the bottom half of the table. But Magro is determined they can fight back.



HAYDN BUNTON ... confident is the coach of the Subiaco Lions as they plan for a third successive grand final. A slow start, with plenty of new talent in the side, has seen Subiaco sneak under the guard of a few tipsters. But they are on target with just two losses and looking good.

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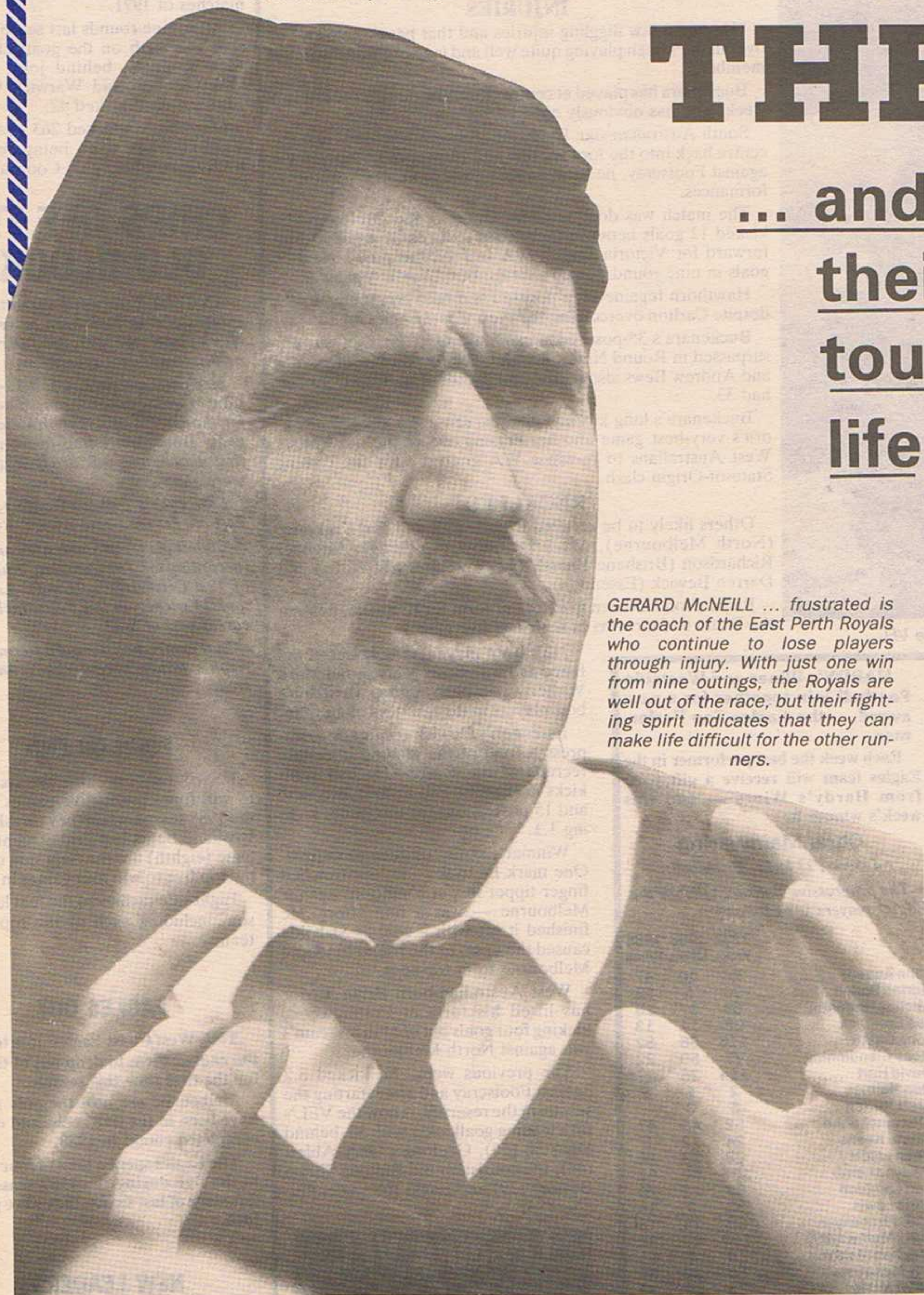
THE COACH

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TODAY'S eight league coaches are a mixed bunch; a couple of rookies, a veteran, some outstanding players of bygone times and some well-credentialed men in the art of communication.

They all have a tough job. Succeed and they are heroes; adored by their teams fans and revered by their players. Fail and the supporters, not to mention the club officials, want their heads.

As we near the half-way mark of the season, this is how the form guide on the 1988 WAFL coaching race is looking....



GERARD McNEILL ... frustrated is the coach of the East Perth Royals who continue to lose players through injury. With just one win from nine outings, the Royals are well out of the race, but their fighting spirit indicates that they can make life difficult for the other runners.



GERARD NEESHAM ... successful is the coach of the Claremont Tigers after taking the flag first-up last season. They have lost a few stars from the stable, but there's plenty of yearlings in the camp and top-of-the-table is their current position.

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BRUCE MONTEATH ... puzzled is the only way that the West Perth Falcons coach can be feeling. After a promising finish to last years race and with an injection of talent, they looked capable of being the big improvers. But not so and some fairly disappointing efforts leave them struggling.



ED BLACKABY ... angry, at times, has been the coach of Swan Districts as he struggles to get a fit and full complement of players together. Injuries, country travellers, inexperience and uncertainty over Eagles players have affected their preparation and that shows in some erratic form.

CHES ...



ROBERT WILEY ... fairly satisfied must be the coach of the Perth Demons. Unheralded, the rookie coach dropped out of the Eagles to take on his old side and has them in the top four - even though there are some challenges looming. Stern and low-key, he is in control of the most improved team.



GRAHAM MELROSE ... defying the critics is the coach of the East Fremantle Sharks. Despite forecasts of a gloomy year for a team mix of evergreen champions and youthful rookies, the Sharks have been consistently good and are right on the pace, with plenty of stamina showing in their runs.

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Royals hard-hit by injuries

EAST Perth's character is really going to be put to the test this week.

They have suffered a dreadful spate of injuries, highlighted last Saturday at the WACA Ground when both league and reserves teams finished with 17 players on the field.

Several other players weren't fit to keep playing, but stayed on in the hope of contributing in some way.

Potentially, the most serious of the injuries was to young Michael Chalmers, who damaged the retina in his eye.

Chalmers has been resting in hospital waiting for medical advice on the extent of the injury and an operation may be required to save complete vision.

Rover David Bain and first-year player Eric Moroni both received stitches to the head from accidental blows, but showed courage to keep playing and be in their side's best.

Other key players to receive injuries were Darren Best (groin) and Wayne Dawson (stitches to the head) in the reserves and Mark Blakely (shoulder) and Glynn Williams, who continues to play despite recurring leg troubles.

DEPTH

East Perth's playing depth will be tested to the maximum and they could struggle to find 40 fit players this week.

They may have to lean on their country reserves and local leagues to offset their crippling run of injuries.

East Perth have won the hearts of the football public in recent weeks with their tremendous fighting qualities and spirit in the face of adversity.



Mark Blakely ... one of eight injured Royals last week.

Subiaco players and officials were impressed, not only by these qualities, but also by their skills, which seem to be improving each week.

It seems most unfair that the Royals should be further depleted by unfortunate mishaps. But there is no breaking point of the Royals courage and they will continue to fight on.

On a positive side for East Perth, many of their young players continue to impress.

Maroni, on a half-back flank, Peter Miller, as a rover and Dean Bertram, on the half-forward line, are all developing well with consistent performances each week.

This is particularly satisfying from a Royals point of view, especially as they are young enough to be still eligible for colts.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Skwirowski earns his reprieve

SWAN Districts veteran Bill Skwirowski has shown typical dogged determination to win back a league berth.

Coach Ed Blackaby has taken a tough stance with Swans players in his debut season, especially those who don't play to their potential.

One of his early decisions involved Skwirowski and the 32-year-old was encouraged to retire gracefully, being told that he wouldn't be required in the senior side.

The thought of playing reserves football for the remainder of the season didn't appeal to Skwirowski, so he stood out for a couple of weeks to consider his future.

Several clubs were interested in obtaining his services, but before Skwirowski could make a decision, several senior players at Swans coaxed Blackaby into bringing the veteran back into the league team.

A simple phone call was all that it took and now it appears that all is forgiven.

Blackaby even had the confidence to use Skwirowski as a "tag" on the brilliant Maurice Rioli last Saturday.

The move was partly successful. Rioli was one of South's best players, but he often received free kicks from mistakes made by Swans players other than Skwirowski.

Blackaby was again critical of his players after the game, questioning the commitment of several individuals.

A handful of players, including Skwirowski, were spared from the criticism.

Blackaby made it clear that Skwirowski was one of the few players in the club who was prepared to do a job when asked. He always has been that kind of player.

QUIZ NIGHTS

QUIZ nights, that reliable money-making venture, will be in action at most football clubs in the next couple of months.

Subiaco are holding their Golds, quiz nights on Wednesday, June 15 at 7.30pm.

Likewise, Claremont are having theirs on July 6 at the clubrooms and will boast league coach Gerard Neesham as the compere for the evening.

Featherby on the way back

THE ageing warhorse, Peter Featherby, is back in action.

Only a month after an Achilles operation, Featherby showed his enthusiasm and love of the game when he donned the boots for the Subiaco reserves and played the first three quarters, before resting in the last to prevent possible injury to his tiring legs.

Featherby, who turns 37 this year, can obviously smell a premiership in the air and would love to go out on that high note should he follow through with his anticipated plans of retirement at the end of this season.

Now in his 18th season of league football, Featherby needs only for more games to notch up another personal milestone — 200 leagues games for Subiaco.

Featherby pulled up well after the game with little soreness, and though he is likely to play reserves again this week, coach Haydn Bunton will certainly have him in mind the week after for their top-of-the-table clash against the in-form Tigers.

What a goal kicking orgy!

HERE'S an interesting statistic you won't often see.

In last Saturday's all-important clash between Swan Districts and South Fremantle at Fremantle Oval, 17 players posted goals before anyone kicked a second goal.

South Fremantle's first nine goals, all before half-time, were scored by Richard Geary, Peter Sumich, Cliff Collard, Derek Collard, Peter Worsfold, Ashley Flugge, Mark Sambrailo, Gordon Gatti and Steven Grant.

Swan Districts kicked eight goals in the first half, attributed to Len Gandini, Geoff Passeri, Brent Hutton, Danny Penny, Finton Maguire, Jamie O'Donohue, Peter Old and Andy Holmes.

Radio 6NR's Kim Hagdorn commented at half time: "I'm going to need the 15-minute break to get through all the goalscorers."

Grant spoilt the fun immediately after the break when he kicked his second goal four minutes into the third quarter and, for good measure, added another within two minutes.

The game finished with 34 goals and 22 goalscorers!

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Ryder shows old touch

PERTH followers and the football public in general, would have welcomed Wayne Ryder's return to competitive football last Saturday.

Ryder, an exciting player who has kicked 107 goals in his 51 league games, has recovered from a knee injury which required surgery in April to remove part of a damaged cartilage.

Along with bulky forward Mick Rea, Ryder forms one of the most damaging combinations in league football.

The two players complement each other and will no doubt add another string to the Perth bow once Ryder's confidence and fitness return.

That may not be too long if Ryder's form in the reserves is any indication. He booked five goals and was a creative player in the forward line.

Collard confusion

WITH their similar builds and features the Collards are difficult to identify at the best of times, but last Saturday fate made it even more difficult.

Cliff and Derek ran onto the field in their customary numbers of 14 and 16 respectively, making identification reasonably easy from close range.

The problems started when the back of Cliff's jumper was ripped beyond recognition, forcing him to make a jumper change early in the second quarter. No worries as the property man brought out a long-sleeved No. 14.

But soon after commentators were scrambling for their Football Budget as a No. 3 emerged from a pack to kick long into the forward line for South Fremantle.

There was no sign of a No. 3 in the South Fremantle line-up, but a close inspection showed it was Cliff Collard. His long-sleeved jumper had become too hot, so he had to settle for a short-sleeved variety and No. 3 was the best available.

Birthday hangovers in Sharks territory

THE East Fremantle Football Club celebrated their 90th birthday in style with a huge party last Saturday night in the Interdominion Room at Richmond Raceway.

Some 450 people were in attendance and many people missed out.

The evening kept a lively pace all night with music from The Mixtures and plenty of dancing, celebrating and reliving of old stories.

Many past players came out of the cupboards and the premiership teams of 1965-'79, '79 and '85 were all well represented.

Of course, each laid claim to having been the strongest team to represent East Fremantle and could reel off an impressive list of players to support their case.

No-one won the argument, but there were plenty of sore heads in the morning to remind them that they had been in one.

Already there is talk of the next party. As a small group of people left Richmond Raceway one was heard to say, "Just wait until we turn 100."

Bradmore was in demand



WEST Perth's Phil Bradmore (above) received several offers from other league clubs after being dropped to the reserves a fortnight ago.

Amidst rumours of him being sacked from the Falcons, other clubs were quick to the fore in an attempt to pick up his valuable services.

Bradmore was not overly impressive

in his only reserves game before being given a reprieve and recalled to league ranks for the game against East Fremantle.

It's been a riches-to-rags season for the 29-year-old, now one of West Perth's most experienced players. Less than three months ago he was representing NSW at the Bicentennial carnival in Adelaide.

Demons rookie back in style

CLINT Hunter slotted straight back into the Perth league team last Saturday after a four-week enforced lay-off through suspension.

Hunter was suspended for being found guilty of kicking West Perth's Peter Menaglio at Leederville Oval in Round Three.

The incident went unreported at the time by the umpires but was referred to Chief Executive Peter Cummiskey by a member of the media who witnessed the incident. A television replay showed clear evidence for Cummiskey to warrant an inquiry.

Hunter fitted neatly into his niche across the half-back line, where he was one of Perth's best players at Claremont Oval.

PURSER HELPS OUT

ANDREW Purser is continuing his involvement with West Perth.

Though no longer playing, Purser is a regular at training, working with the young ruck brigade.

While they would prefer his playing services, Purser's experience and knowledge has been gratefully accepted at West Perth. There is a dearth of class ruckmen at the club and with strongman Craig Nelson struggling for form, Purser's help will be invaluable.

A sizeable \$27,000 transfer fee and increasing work commitments were Purser's reasons for severing his playing contract with West Perth after only two games.

Demons get off to early start

EARLY starters can catch lone yachtsman Jon Sanders and many of the Perth league players this Friday at the Carlisle Hotel.

The Lone Sailor's Breakfast will begin at 7.30am, with club coach Robert Wiley addressing those in attendance.

Sanders will no doubt have an entertaining few words to add — he appreciates being able to talk to people now that he's back on land.

Tickets are \$20, which includes a door prize of a weekend for two at the luxurious Silver Sands Hotel in Mandurah.

Another feature of the morning is the auctioning of a VIP box at Subiaco Oval for the Eagles versus Fitzroy clash on June 26.

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FALCONS fans are suffering a little lately as they cop a few poundings — and dreams of making the finals fade into the sunset. But where there's life, there's hope ... as one loyal fan pointed out this week. The thrashing at the hands of Claremont wasn't all that bad. If the 6.20 West Perth kicked had been 20.6, the Falcons would have won by three points!

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Boyanup upset Mines Rovers

BOYANUP-Capel-Dardanup coach Terry Douglas saved his coaching life when his side caused the upset of the season by beating fourth-placed Mines Rovers by nine points in the South West League last Sunday.

The Cardinals were well served by their imported players Darren Mundy and Jamie Ninyett, from East Perth and Peter Thomas.

They finished strongly by holding Mines to two goals after half-time.

Ted Riley (three goals) and Phil Napoli also performed creditably.

Mines performance can only be described as disappointing, but Alan Fontana, Gary King and Dean Rakich were best, along with Peter Rowe, who kicked four goals.

After losing two games in a row, Busselton returned to the winning list and moved into the five by easily defeating Augusta-Margaret River 14.16 to 7.13, after a hard-fought first half in which neither side was able to gain the ascendancy.

South Bunbury, through the agency of their mobile players Watson and the Bennell brothers, Todd and Craig, outclassed a disappointing Harvey-Brunswick 29.14 to 10.12.

Despite game performances from Dom Crognale (five goals), Bruno Italiano and Brad Offer were run off their feet.

For the victors, Gavin Thornton (six goals) and Shane Stempel dominated, while Geoff Hayres, with six goals also contributed strongly.

NORTH GO SLIDING OUT OF FOUR

SOUTH Mt Barker moved into the Southern Districts Football League four when they beat North Albany, who they displaced, 16.15 (111) to 13.13 (91) at Collingwood Park.

Steve Mead, Russell Jones and John Drummond (five goals) were best for the Hawks while Gerard Cameron, Brett Hunt and Robbie Sutton played well for the losers. Kangas' rover Jason Roebuck also kicked five goals.

Royals proved too strong for Railways to win 14.14 (98) to 6.10 (46) at Centennial Oval.

Captain Michael Waugh was outstanding for the Lions, who also had Mick Colbung and Darryl Byatt playing top games. Tim Hunter and Shaun Colbung both kicked four goals for Royals.

Railways' best were Kelvin Gleave, Colin Pearson and Tom Palfrey.

North Mt Barker moved back to the top of the ladder with a 19.28 (142) to 4.4 (28) percentage-boosting win over bottom side Denmark at Frost Park.

BEST AGAIN

North's Brad Smallwood was again best on ground — that's four times in eight games.

Teammates Kelvin Hardy and Vince Saunders, both former Katanning Australs' players, also put in top games.

Denmark's best were Steven Nairn, Craig Mickey and Michael Watt. Ian Pope kicked five goals for the Demons.

The next games will be played on Monday when North Barker meet Royals at Frost Park.

Royals are the only side to have beaten the Demons this season, so this promises to be a great contest.

Third-placed Railways will front North Albany at Tigerland and Denmark play host to South Barker.

On Saturday the Ravensthorpe and District Football Association will play the SDFL at Ravensthorpe in a Elders Pastoral Great Southern Carnival elimination game. The colts will start at 11am and the league at 1pm.

by
DENIS HEANEY

STRONG FINISH

Collie, who led until half-time, were overwhelmed by a magnificent 10-goal third quarter from Bunbury, who finally ran out comfortable winners 23.13 to 16.6.

A good team effort from Bunbury was led by Shane Taylor, Steve Eaton and Tony Deighton, with Neville Jetta (eight goals) being a constant danger in the forward line.

Collie were best served by Bruce Jackson, David Hollins and Jeff Davidson.

Carey Park (26.14) survived a vigorous opening from Donnybrook (8.5), but their class told and they ran out easy 117-point winners.

Mobile players Stan Willis (five goals), Michael Martinson and Mark Skehan, along with Michael Hastie's five goals, had too many skills for their opponents, who battled manfully led by Shane Hickman, Danny Omedei and Peter Tenardi, who limited Kernutt Thorne to three goals.

There will be a break from normal fixtures this weekend as the combined South West side flies to Geraldton to play the Great Northern League as part of their preparation for the Wesfarmers country championships.



Former Subiaco rover Glenn O'Loughlin ... he'll be a key member of the Wesfarmers All Stars side now that he's playing back in Kalgoorlie.

LONG DROUGHT

HATS off to the South Barker colts side who have finally broken the drought. Their 10.9 to 4.6 victory over North Mt Barker was their first in at least five years and they have overcome plenty of hurdles. Only two games previously the young Barker boys had failed to score in a game against Royals.

Wesfarmers present ...

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GROUND BOOST AT KATANNING

THE Katanning Showgrounds will once again become a focal point in Great Southern football.

A cash contribution of \$10,000 plus hundreds of hours of voluntary labour has seen the ground restored to be suitable for football.

Last Sunday saw the first senior game of football at the Showgrounds since 1966 when Central Great South-

ern teams Australs and Wanderers staged the local Katanning derby at the venue.

The ground has now become the home of Wanderers, who have worked closely with the Katanning Shire Council to develop the playing surface.

The club has joined with other sporting organisations in towns to generally improve the image of the Showgrounds and extend its use.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN SQUAD PREPARES

THE Upper Great Southern League has named a strong combined squad for its clash with Eastern Districts on Sunday, July 2.

UGS coach Murray Ford and his co-selectors Greg Astbury, Ron Barton, Terry South and Bill Waldoock will use the match as a build-up for the annual Wesfarmers carnival in Perth on July 21-22-24.

Prominent players in the squad include Noel Bairstow, Gary Winterton, Wayne Coles, Michael Kain and Brett Bilston.

The squad will train at Williams on June 15 and again on June 29 at a venue to be decided.

The squad is:

Towns — David Webb, Harold Webb, Keith Ballard; Railways — Scott Heil, Mark Riley; Pingelly — Russell Lathwell, Rodney Williams, Brett Blechynden, Donald Turvey; Wickiepin — Greg Doyle, Andrew Snow, Reece Barrett, Brendon Ugle, Dean Colbung; Williams — Glen Cowcher, Warren Cowcher, Steven Gillett, Wayne Coles, Michael Kain, Gavin Fowler; Wagin — Kevin Spurr, Brett Bilston, Darryl Hart, Justin Pearce, Paul Rowe; West Arthur — Charlie Staitie, Brett Duffield, Wayne Duffield, Ray Speck, Peter Slater, Brad Barton; Boddington — Craig Sherry, Shane Wienman, Gary Winterton, Michael Buswell, Richard Hardie; Lake Grace — Noel Bairstow, Ken Kirk, John Walton.



Country brothers Warren and Glen Cowcher, from Williams.

TRIPLE MILESTONE

THE Towns club in the Upper Great Southern had plenty to celebrate recently when three league players reached personal milestones.

Veteran Bruce Johnson recorded his 150th game, former South Fremantle ruckman Lindsay Borthwick reached 100 and key position player Robert Klasztorny played game number 50.

The trio have helped Towns gain a place in the top five with consistent performances in the early stages of the season.

Borthwick and Klasztorny, in particular, have been outstanding with their marking a feature.



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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Old Wesley shorten in premiers stakes

OLD Wesley shortened dramatically in the premiership stakes with a surprising 51-point win over highly-rated Mt Lawley in last weeks A-grade matches.

Old Wesley started with a flourish and never gave the Hawks a chance with runners at the fall of the ball.

Mt Lawley looked only a shadow of the side that has been so dominant in the last five years and will have to pick up if they are going to be a real threat.

Old Wesley had many good players, but none better than Bockman, Chatfield and Gerry Hunt, while the Hawks were best served by Wayne Hardman, Neil O'Brien and Paul Hyde.

Wembley, with all their big guns firing and showing excellent fitness, overran North Beach to run out winners by 58 points.

Three names that have been synonymous with success at Wembley since 1979 are Kevin Kosovich, Simon Proud and Grant Callaghan and this trio were again responsible for a big Magpies victory.

Other big contributors were Rod Alderton (six goals), Peter Falconer and in-form half-back Mark Wratten, who is having his best season since joining Wembley.

In the top-of-the-table clash undefeated Trinity-Aquinas eventually took the four premiership points from Nollamara by four goals.

The old boys were dynamic in defence with big game players John Diviney and Danny Mulligan having total control.

However, Nollamara were not disgraced, proving once again that they are real contenders this season.

Ruck rover Alan Chitty was again Nollamara's best player and he had solid back up from Dines and former State player Ed Bencic.

North Fremantle have finally shown that they are on the improve, but still failed to get to the line, going down by 14 points to West Coast.

North have been working hard to overcome injuries and will improve even further when they stabilize a full side and they will trouble sides in the second round.

West Coast, with Steve Leishman and Kevin Osborne in great touch, played well enough to take the points, but the worrying aspect was a lack of teamwork which must be improved.

University once more served notice on the competition that they are on the way back as a power when they demolished Scarborough.

by
TREVOR SCHORER



Rover Ian Rakich was in explosive form with numerous effective possessions and with the experienced Simon Lill playing brilliantly, the students had little trouble taking the points.

Best players for Scarborough were Conn, McNeil and Ellis, but there was little else outside that trio.

This week Trinity-Aquinas should be too classy for Old Wesley; Mt. Lawley will bounce back over Scarborough and Nollamara are due for a win and should do so over North Beach.

The other two games could be one-sided, with University taking on North Fremantle and Wembley up against West Coast.

DETAILS:

Old Wesley 20.5 d Mt. Lawley 11.8
Wembley 18.16 d North Beach 12.14
Trinity-Aquinas 14.13 d Nollamara 11.7
West Coast 13.14 d North Fremantle 11.12
University 29.12 d Scarborough 13.5

North Beach's 25th

THE North Beach club will hold their 25th Anniversary Cabaret on June 25 at the North Beach Community Hall. The club is asking any past players and officials to contact club stalwart Perry King for details and complimentary invitations.



Les Fong ... urging his Trinity-Aquinas players on.

GUEST SPEAKERS

NORTH Beach continue to hold their popular guest speaker nights with their last guest being Greg Maskiell, the former State and All Australian amateur player. He is currently the State Amateur team physiotherapist and WAAFL management committee member and spoke on sports injuries, showing some informative video tapes as well.

A previous speaker was former Perth champion Bryan Cousins, while Test umpire Peter McConnell and Claremont legend Kevin Clune will be appearing this Thursday night.

WAAFL DEVELOPMENT

WAAFL Coaches Accreditation Course Level 1

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HIGHLIGHTS

B COLTS:

A five-goal final term saw Curtin run out winners over Bayswater at Hillcrest Park last Saturday.

With the scores almost even all day, Bayswater faltered when Curtin kicked the first goal in the last quarter and were unable to hold back a determined side.

Chris Lavell finished off his good game with two goals. He was supported by Damien McCarthy, Murray Horack and Brian Robinson. The final scores were Curtin 10.9, Bayswater 7.10.

D COLTS:

Wanneroo beat John 23rd by two points in a tight clash at the Wanneroo Showgrounds.

John 23rd, fifth on the premiership ladder coming into this game, could not combat the ruck strength of the Roos.

Wanneroo were not able to capitalise on their good ruck work and missed many forward moves.

Better players for Wanneroo included Shane Smith, John Game, Troy Anderson and Graham Purcell.

Wanneroo face up to fourth side Trinity Aquinas this week.

F GRADE:

Old Wesley made it six wins in succession when they defeated MHWP by 53 points.

With their back line in superb form, Old Wesley kicked away in the second half to consolidate second spot on the ladder. Defender Brenton South and ruckmen Chris Holliday and Mal Harris were winners all day in their respective positions while Shane Daly and Peter Bockman continue to play well.

Full forward Ken Pride again played an

outstanding game and is well on target for 100 goals this season.

G GRADE:

Sixth-placed Ocean Ridge defeated Collegians Old Scotch (second) by 34 points at Dalkeith Oval. Ocean Ridge started strongly to lead at the first break and were not headed for the rest of the game. Led by full forward Darrel Ball (seven goals) Ocean Ridge have set their sights firmly on a finals berth. Others to stand out included Mark Drummond, Chris Lever, Con Samakividas and Nat Sullivan.

G GRADE:

Wanneroo defeated a determined Redcliffe at the Showgrounds to keep in contention for top five. The Roos kicked 1.7 in the second quarter but settled down to lead by four goals at three-quarter time. Redcliffe fought back to arrest the lead from Wanneroo midway through the final term. However, the Roos were able to steady and ran out winners by 13 points.

Wanneroo's full forward Adrian O'Connor kicked four goals and was instrumental in two others to be voted his side's best player.

Others to come under notice for the Roos were Ian Russell, Jamie Barnett and Steve Game.

I GRADE:

The RAAF team finally broke through for their first win away from home when they defeated ANZ Bank by 81 points at Haig Park.

In recent weeks the Roodogs have had problems lasting out the four quarters, due to the team taking part in the 1988 Interservice Carnival played on Wednesdays (when they defeated both the navy and army).

Since this carnival, the RAAF have enjoyed a full week's rest between games. Af-

ter an even first quarter, RAAF applied the pressure and were not in danger from then on.

Full forward Mark Schenk booted 11 goals to bring his tally to 31 goals in just three games.

Other good players for the Roodogs were Tom Kneebone (five goals), Fred Semmler and Nigel Dennis.

L GRADE:

Ocean Ridge defeated top side Wanneroo in a game which could have gone either way up to three-quarter time where only eight points separated the two sides.

Ocean Ridge kicked 8.4 in the last term while Wanneroo could only manage one goal. In a hard but clean game, Ocean Ridge ruckman Mark Platt and Gary Lewis dominated while rover Cameron Cane chipped in with seven goals. Others to come under notice were centreman James McDonald and forward Brad Retes.

Good players for the Roos included Ray Connolly (four goals), Rob Burns and Duncan Bruce.

B colts:

In the clash of the top two sides, Collegians Old Scotch run out convincing winners over previously unbeaten Innaloo and kept their unbeaten run intact.

The Lions are now short-priced favourites to go one better than last year.

Curtin upset Bayswater to consolidate their position in the five, CBC defeated Swan Athletic, Mt Lawley beat Dianella and Maylands recorded a massive 38-goal victory over MHWP.

Best for the Rams were Alex Jones, Jason Ingles, Josh Farmer, Gary Mawdesly and Brett Campbell.

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Depleted Swans still too good

DESPITE finishing with 16 fit players, Swan Athletic were good enough to outlast a disappointing CBC in Saturday's B-grade match-of-the-day at East Fremantle Oval.

The first three quarters belonged to the brilliant Swan Athletic combination and by three-quarter-time, they had set up a match-winning lead.

CBC were able to come back in the last quarter, only because of the injuries the Swans had suffered.

John Hill, Paul Mitchell and Gavin McDiarmid were best for Swan Athletic, while Troy Bosich and Graeme Yukich kicked three goals each.

In a hard-fought high-standard game, Innaloo just managed to shake off the much-improved Collegians-Old Scotch to win by 10 points.

Half-back Mick Rippingale was best for the Bulldogs, while half-forward

by
PETER RUSH



Tim Kettlewell was also a solid contributor. Full-forward Dave McLaurin, back in the seniors after a stint in the reserves, was a focal point up forward for Innaloo and had it not been for inaccurate kicking, would have finished with better figures than 3.6.

Maylands accounted for a lack-lustre MHWP with an all-the-way 29-point victory after leading by eight goals midway through the third quarter.

Best for the Rams was Brett Bolger, with a strong display at centre-half-forward.

CREATIVE

Centreman Clay Bingham dominated midfield and set up many attacking moves with creative midfield play. Harley Heywood was inspirational up forward, finishing with five goals, while others to contribute included Paul Carlsen, Glen Dowding, Ossie Dikolli and Rod Heywood.

In other games, Bayswater defeated Curtin and Mt Lawley beat Dianella.

This week's game should see Mt Lawley defeat Bayswater, Collegians Old Scotch down Dianella, CBC too good for Curtin, Swan Athletic should account for Maylands and Innaloo dispense with MHWP.

SOCIAL NOTICEBOARD

THE RAAF Roodogs will farewell coach Graeme Fitzgerald with a BBQ at Geoff Hongell's residence on June 6. Graeme has been posted to RAAF base Tindell, in the Northern Territory, and assistant coach Peter O'Driscoll will take over his coaching duties.

NOLLAMARA will hold their 25th anniversary ball on July 9 at the Bridgeleigh Reception Centre, Mary Street, Wanneroo. All past players, members, supporters welcome. Details available at the club.

FOR SALE: 1 tackle bag, \$100 ono. Phone Joe Casper 336 9464.

Past Reflections

by JOHN DAVIES

SIX clubs began the 1930 season on May 3, with all clubs allowed to include seven players who are not members of their business house or school.

University's colours were gold guernsey, blue cuffs and collar, blue trousers and sox.

The club affiliation was a guinea and umpires' fees the same per game. Grounds used were the Showgrounds (2), Beatty Park and University occasionally.

A new standard league football had to be used at each match. The Gosnells Football Club applied for admission, but were refused.

A new holding-the-ball rule was brought to the notice of the umpires and Mr W. Orr was asked to give an official (WAFL) version of the new rule.

Winning teams were required to notify the Association not later than 7pm Saturday or face a 2/6d fine. A total of 35 applications were received for seven umpires positions, with two held in reserve.

Complaints were made about the state of the Showgrounds changeroom showers and the grass not cut properly.

Match expenses paid to the Association each week by the clubs increased to a guinea.

The Maddington Football Club (through the WAFL) made application to join the Association.

The late starting of games cost clubs a 2/6d fine. Throughout the season there were no disputes or protests in the 43 matches played.

Gosnells joined in 1931, replacing the D. and W. Murray Football Club. The Hurlingham Football Club was also admitted, provided they recruit their members solely from the area of the South Perth Road Board.

The Commonwealth Bank (one of the original clubs) did not affiliate for this season.

Players registration fee was fixed at 5d. Due to the acute shortage of suitable grounds, two clubs — Goode Durrant and Shell — were denied admission. All games were due to start at 3pm and no later than 3.15pm, with four 25-minute quarters.

One player was suspended for one week for "dirty play".

Postal Institute defeated Gosnells in the grand final.

The Association appointed a treasurer and several times during the season, delegates altered the ruling of the number of "outsiders" allowed to play for various clubs.

An interesting issue arose when delegates decided that two umpires "were not considered satisfactory and improvement must be shown".

A meeting of umpires called "with a view of it being the means of arriving at a more uniform interpretation of the laws of the game".

Hurlingham Club player C. Watson won the goalscoring with 119 majors; Burley footballs were used officially for the first time and the grand final was broadcast on two stations at a cost of five shillings each.

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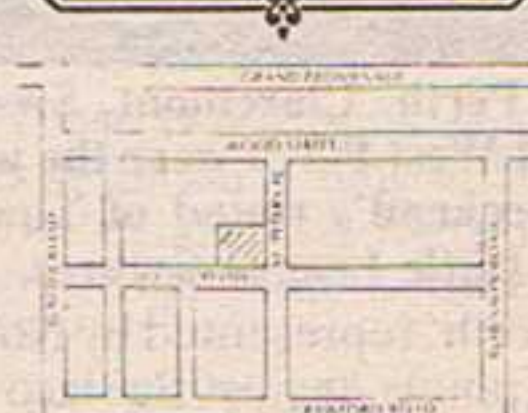
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State junior series starts this week

THE State junior football championships will kick off the first round of two weekends of fixtures this Saturday.

Previously known as the Interdistrict Championships, the competition has been renamed to uplift its image and to involve youth from all over the State.

The State's best footballers from each junior council zone will take part in the Town and Country 17's and 14's and the Hungry Jacks 13's age-groups.

Wayne Loxley, the co-ordinator for Junior Development at the Football Development Trust, expects the standard to be high.

He said that a change in fixture format, where the winner of one game will have to play the loser of another, would ensure that the best teams meet in the grand finals.

Loxley said that a group of 40 young footballers, selected from the 14's championship, would form the basis of a development squad for the 1989 State schoolboys team.

Last week, coaches of the participating teams, all of whom are accredited, met with WA's Director of Coaching, Brian Douge, to discuss the players and coaches Codes of Conduct for the championships.

It was decided that before each game, players would line up on the

by

DENISE MURPHY

ground and shake hands with their opponents. Coaches will also shake hands.

SEND-OFF

Loxley said the send-off rule would also apply.

"The coaches have agreed that codes of behaviour are an integral part of junior sport and it is a necessary part of the game to uphold player discipline," he says.

The codes of behaviour are the same as those now operating successfully in the Quit Cup first 18 secondary schools competition.

Loxley said some of the coaches recommendations raised at the meeting last week would be presented for consideration at the next Junior Council Board meeting.

"We hope the recommendations will be viewed favourably," he said.

"It will be a positive step toward improving junior football if coaches, who are actively involved in teaching the game, can be supported by the administrators."

The second round of fixtures will be played on the first weekend in July and the grand final in each age-group will be played at Perth Oval on July 10.

Hungry Jack's have provided a voucher and a certificate of achievement for each player in the 13's championship. The best and fairest player over the four rounds in each age-group, chosen by the umpires, will be awarded a medal.

FIXTURES FOR THIS SATURDAY:

Swan Districts v Perth, at Gosnells Recreation Ground; Claremont v Subiaco, at Kingsway Reserve; West Perth v Perth, at Delawney Street Reserve; East Fremantle v South Fremantle, at Burrendah Reserve, Willetton.

Strong tussle in 17s

THE combining of the East Perth and Swan Districts 17s competition has produced a very close tussle at the top of the table.

St Marks head the table with 20 premiership points, followed by four teams with 16 points.

The two Swans sides are just a game out of the four. Here is the table as at May 23:

St Marks, 20 points, 136.3%; Bayswater, 16 points, 229%; Swanleigh, 16 points, 203.1%; East Perth Highgate, 16 points, 170.2%; Noranda, 16 points, 148.5%; Swan View Black, 8 points, 89.7%; Swan View Maroon, 8 points, 59.4%; Morley PCYC, 4 points, 42.5%; Bombers, 4 points, 25.2%.

YOUNG STARS

SUBIACO and South Fremantle juniors were the lucky footballers when the Eagles played Carlton at Subiaco Oval last Saturday. With 27,500 people watching, the Subiaco (Whitford Tigers) 12s represented the Eagles in the Elastoplast Little League competition, beating South Fremantle (South Coogee) wearing the navy blue colours of Carlton.



The Melville Hawks freeballers ... a pretty good-looking bunch of under-8s.

Two teams into finals

THE CIG Shield is reaching its final stages with only 16 schools left in the competition, with all zone finalists decided by June 3.

The Subiaco and West Perth zones have been decided, with the Lions represented by Girrawheen, while Mirrabooka have taken the honours for the Falcons.

Perth's zone will be decided with the play-off between Aquinas and Wesley. These two Public Schools Association teams are abundant in skill, but Aquinas should be favourites, having won the Shield in 1985.

There are still seven country schools left, which is a great achievement considering that their schools are smaller in comparison to the metropolitan competition.

One promising side is Bunbury Catholic, who will play Guildford Grammar to decide the Swan Districts zone representative.

Another interesting game involves Geraldton and Lynwood for the East Fremantle zone champions. Lynwood will be making the long trip to Geraldton for the match.

Hamilton Hill will play the winner of Kwinana and Safety Bay to decide South Fremantle's zone.

Albany and Katanning will play off for a finals berth in the Claremont zone. The other team in the final will be decided in the game between Newman and Christchurch.

These zone winners will play quarter finals in a knock-out type competition until only two schools are left.

The grand final to decide the CIG Shield winner will be played as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles versus Geelong match on Sunday, July 10, at Subiaco Oval.

CONSISTENT

HAMILTON Hill have been the most consistent school in the CIG Shield since its inception in 1981.

Hamilton have been South Fremantle zone finalists five times; won the CIG Shield in 1986 and were runners-up to Trinity last year.

Hamilton have continued their good record this year with a place in the South Fremantle zone final; playing the winners of Kwinana and Safety Bay.

Over the years Hamilton Hill have produced some good players and this year is no exception. Glenn Jakovich heads the list of outstanding players, representing WA as a State schoolboy

CIG Shield update

last year at the age of 14 and likely to do so again this year.

Hamilton will be relying on players like Travis Michale and Wade Cornish, but coach Brian Grey is adamant that if they are to win the Shield, it will be a team effort.

COLLEGE STRENGTH

Aquinas have performed well in the CIG competition and are one of the favourites to win the Shield.

Aquinas coach Joe Audino believes the team has great depth.

"We are improving with every game we play," said Audino.

Aquinas recently defeated Wesley in the Public Schools Association competition and go into this game as favourites.

Better performers for the Aquinas side this season are Troy Foote, Craig Doyle and captain Simon Ness.

Another team that has performed well this season are last year's winners, Trinity, who play Hampton to decide East Perth's zone winner.

Better players for the Trinity side this season are captain Rod Cusack, Kim Findlay and Jarrad Losts.



SUBI ON AIR

SUBIACO have taken the football development of junior players another step with the advent of coaching clinics on the School of the Air.

Subiaco's Football Manager Trevor Nisbett and players Todd Breman, Bill Monaghan and John Sullivan, travelled to Kalgoorlie for coaching clinics.

Students at Boulder, Coolgardie and Kambalda each had the opportunity to learn basics of football from some of the WAFL players.

These players also talked to children in the outback through the School of the Air.

"We spoke to 10 children in remote areas of the Goldfields region," said Nisbett. "It was quite an experience."

Town and Country Little League

EAST Perth, Claremont, Swan Districts and West Perth were the winners of last weekend's round of Town and Country Little League fixtures.

East Perth, represented by Noranda, took the points against Subiaco (Warwick - Red) with David Clinton, Alex Viney and Raymond French starring for the Royals.

Better players for the Lions were Trevor Chant, Robert Evans and Paul Shannon.

Claremont (Ravensthorpe) ran out winners against Perth (Manning) at Claremont Oval.

Best three for the Tigers were Grant Edwards, Hugh Skreiner and Toby Swinger, while Headley, Cooley and Artlurson played well for the Demons.

Swan Districts (South Bunbury) beat South Fremantle (Baldivis) at Fremantle Oval, with better players for the Swans being Paul Gasmier, Aaron De Passey and John Ingham.

For the Bulldogs Graham Davies, Clinton Ward and Jarrad Murphy played well.

West Perth (Collie) were too good for the Sharks (Thornlie) at Leederville Oval.

Better players for the Falcons were Ryan Breen, Darren Demasi and Paul Hopkins, while Ryan Jansen, Anthony Brewer and Grant Olsen caught the eye for East Fremantle.

The junior clubs to represent the League sides this week are East Perth (Mt Lawley), Subiaco (Kingsley - Red), Claremont (Marist), Perth (Centrals), Swan Districts (Redcliffe), South Fremantle (Kwinana), West Perth (Mirrabooka), and East Fremantle (Huntingdale).

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SUNDAY LEAGUE

KENWICK 13.15 (93) d APPLECROSS 13.11 (89)
GOALS: KENWICK: Ashworth 4, D. Boundry, Jago, Wheelock 2, McDonald, McFadden, Sorrell. **APPLECROSS:** G. Terpsis 3, Tincombe, Argoon 2, O'Brien, J. Varney, Muir, Simmons, Rowlings, Faulkner.
BEST: KENWICK: Peter McFadden, Steve Tenardi, Arthur Jago. **APPLECROSS:** Wayne Henley, Steve Latimer, David Watson.
WANNEROO 16.15 (111) d MADDINGTON 7.15 (57)
GOALS: WANNEROO: Fraser, Moyses, Wynne 3, McElwee, Rogers 2, Crute, Troy Fullgrabe, Kickett. **MADDINGTON:** Aaren Kiernan, Williams 2, Davis, Adam Kiernan, Tenardi 1.
BEST: WANNEROO: Colin Blab, Troy Wynne, Tony Fullgrabe. **MADDINGTON:** Sean Davey, Robert Quinn, Mark Bond.
GOSNELLS 20.8 (128) d CANNING 17.13 (115)
GOALS: GOSNELLS: McGilvray 8, Triplett, Valli 4, Gordon, D. O'Rourke, Ward, Wilkinson. **CANNING:** Minter, Narkle, Corbett, E. Johns.
BEST: GOSNELLS: Peter McGilvray, Mark Triplett, Andrew Strickland. **CANNING:** Ashley Corbett, Dean Johns, John Lombardini.
OSBORNE PARK 13.20 (98) d WILLETTON 12.16 (88)
GOALS: OSBORNE PARK: Gomm 5, Acott 3, Bownes, Komp 2, Hart. **WILLETTON:** Flowers, Horsman 3, Calais 2, Clementi, Kujawski, Hutcheson, I. Millar.
BEST: OSBORNE PARK: Murray Gomm, Brian Dawson, Clint Roberts. **WILLETTON:** Gavin Miller, Eddie Rigg, Craig Flowers.
THORNLIE 21.14 (140) d SOUTH PERTH 7.9 (51)
GOALS: THORNLIE: Smith 5, D. Davies, Simms 3, Hardie, Waddell, Williams 2, Brown, C. Dvaies, Evans, Taylor. **SOUTH PERTH:** Hayward, Courtney, Eramiha 2, McCague 1.
BEST: THORNLIE: Chris Davies, David Davies, Steve Waddell. **SOUTH PERTH:** Martin McCague, Shane Eramiha, Laurie Liddelov.
ARMADALE 16.8 (104) d MANDURAH 14.16 (100)
GOALS: ARMADALE: Townsend 4, Michael 3, Clyne, Regan 2, Cornell, Greenwell, Henderson, Hill, Paull. **MANDURAH:** Reynolds 4, Gillam, Wilson, Cant, Evans 2, M. Wyllie, McBride.
BEST: ARMADALE: David Michael, Robbie Geerson, Ray Greenwell. **MANDURAH:** Chris McMahon, Stephen Green, Paul Gillam.
KALAMUNDA 15.16 (106) d KELMSCOTT 12.12 (84)
GOALS: KALAMUNDA: Wilkins 5, Dover 4, Moore 2, Bell, Ellard, Peczka, Trindle. **KELMSCOTT:** Leggett, Morgan, O'Donnell, Senior 2, Aaron, O. Beattie, Davis, Zupanovich.
BEST: KALAMUNDA: Gary Armstrong, Ric Ellard, Ken Bell. **KELMSCOTT:** Chris Leggett, Glen O'Donnell, Mitch Nizich.
METROPOLITAN RESULTS
MIDLAND 14.14 (98) d FREMANTLE 10.17 (77)
GOALS: MIDLAND: Egan 5, Mills 3, C. March 2, Thomas, Bowen, Waaka, Biggs. **FREMANTLE:** G. Abreu 3, Corcoran 2, Allen, S. De Agrela, Perring, Slater.
BEST: MIDLAND: Simon Mills, Kevin Dolman, John Biggs. **FREMANTLE:** Steve De Agrela, Dean Thorne, John Allen.
KWINANA 15.10 (100) d MOSMAN PARK 14.13 (97)
GOALS: KWINANA: Bennell 8, T. Morley, Brazier 3, Little. **MOSMAN PARK:** Southam 7, Haydinger 3, Glasson 2, Bailey, S. Earl.
BEST: KWINANA: Bevan Bennell, Brad Winmar, Peter Shaw. **MOSMAN PARK:** Craig Tierney, Tim Shackleton, David Holmes.
MANNING 15.15 (105) d COCKBURN 11.11 (77)
GOALS: MANNING: Hauold, Flinn 4, Angel 2, Mansbridge, May, Bernotavicius, McPhee, Smith. **COCKBURN:** G. McCarthy 6, Ingraham, N. McCarthy, Patrick, Pearce, T. Shuttleworth.
BEST: MANNING: Neil Smith, Brad Cox, Dennis Flynn. **COCKBURN:** Wayne Colleran, John Rodgers, Randall Prowse.

Armadale take points in cliff-hanger

A TOUGH approach by angry Mandurah coach Peter Betti to his team's poor first half against Armadale on Sunday had immediate, but only temporary, results at Gwynne Park.

Instead of taking his players into the changerooms for a motivational talk at half-time, Betti sent them to an adjoining oval to do some training routines.

The Sothners, who had trailed the Demons by 32 points, responded by kicking eight goals in the third term and looked to have the game — and their place in the five — sewn up.

But Armadale full-forward John Townsend had other thoughts. He booted two late goals to snatch a four-point victory for the Demons to stay in touch with the top five.

The Demons had solid players in half-forward David Michael, ruckman Rob Geerson and ruck-rover Ray Greenwell, while the Sothners had top players in midfielders Stephen Green, Chris McMahon and Paul Gillam.

COUGARS CONSOLIDATE

KALAMUNDA, with Harry Mumford defending strongly and ruck-rover Colin Wilkins creating scoring opportunities, moved towards the five by beating Kelmscott 15.16 to 12.12.

Cougar's Gary Armstrong completely shut out the Bulldogs key forward Rob Zupanovich.

The Bulldogs have a big player-injury list with Glen Smith, Phil Latham, Phil Timmermans, Craig Brierty, Glyn Dobson, Paul Vasoli and Paul Victory all sidelined.

Sunday Football League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WANNEROO	8	8	-	934	525	177.90	32
OSBORNE PK	8	6	2	817	655	124.73	24
GOSNELLS	8	5	3	912	856	106.54	20
KENWICK	8	5	3	701	676	103.69	20
THORNLIE	8	4	4	885	732	120.90	16
Maddington	8	4	4	817	760	107.50	16
Mandurah	8	4	4	932	873	106.75	16
Kalamunda	8	4	4	723	699	103.43	16
Armadale	8	4	4	721	850	84.823	16
Kelmscott	8	3	5	810	739	109.60	12
Willetton	8	3	5	801	739	108.38	12
Canning	8	3	5	819	866	94.572	12
Applecross	8	3	5	638	845	75.502	12
South Perth	8	-	8	464	1163	39.896	-

Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KWINANA	6	6	-	1081	250	432.40	24
COCKBURN	6	4	2	474	404	117.32	16
MANNING	6	3	3	396	581	68.15	12
FREMANTLE	6	2	4	429	568	75.52	8
Midland	6	2	4	421	638	65.98	8
Mosman Park	6	1	5	408	768	53.12	4

LEAGUE GOALKICKERS

- Peter Ashworth (Kenwick) 32.
- Ken Hayward (Canning) 30.
- Aaren Kiernan (Maddington) 27.
- Tony Fraser (Wanneroo) 24.
- Craig Brierty (Kelmscott) 22.

ALL Sunday Football League and Metropolitan Football League teams have a bye this long weekend.

Normal fixtures resume for both competitions on Sunday, June 12.

EASY WIN

THORNLIE moved into the five with an easy win over South Perth 21.14 to 7.9. The Lions shook off a determined South Perth win with a last quarter blitz of 11 goals.

PLAYERS OUT

MADDINGTON, depleted by the loss of top mid-fielders Kim Lambkin and Gavin Outridge, slumped to their consecutive loss; outclassed by the only unbeaten team in the League, Wanneroo, 16.15 to 7.15, at Kingsway Reserve.

The Bulls could be lamenting their decision to sack respected coach Wayne Riekie three weeks ago, as they have dropped from third to sixth.

The Roos were again superbly served by half-back Tony Fullgrabe, half-forward Troy Wynne and rover Colin Blab.

But the big news for the Roos was the first appearance of former State full-back Gavin Carter. The former South Fremantle player lined up at centre-half-back where he showed he will boost the team's premiership hopes.

ROYALS REBOUND

KENWICK clung to fourth place with a four-point win over Applecross, 13.15 to 13.11. The Royals can thank a strong defence led by Peter McFadden and Steve Tenardi as well as another creative game by Arthur Jago.

Applecross came home strongly in the final term, kicking four goals but just failed to get up. Bernie Vale, Steve Latimer and Tony Reeves were among the Hawks better players.

WORTHY FINALISTS

GOSNELLS shot into the five and served notice that they will be worthy finalists with a fighting 13-point win over Canning.

Canning, now in 12th spot, could not counter the Hawks' goal scoring trio of full-forward Peter McGilvray (eight goals) and rovers Mark Triplett and Mark Valli (four each) and won 20.8 to 17.13.



Willetton coach Don Haddow.

BIGGEST IMPROVERS

WILLETTON, the fastest improving team in the League, blew a chance of dowing reigning premiers Osborne Park with some woeful kicking at goals late in the game at Burrendah Oval.

The Blues had four easy set shots at goal late in the final term, but all registered behinds, allowing the Saints to hang on to win by 10 points, 13.20 to 12.16.

The loss left the Blues sitting in 11th place.

But with the competition so tight, that is not as bad as it seems with the Blues only one game out of the five.

Despite their jittery finish, the second-placed Saints still look to be a power in the competition with centre-half-back Clint Roberts, centreman Brian Dawson and half-forward Murray Gomm (five goals) all continuing to play well.

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Osborne Park ruck-rover Peter O'Connell.

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MINOR GRADES

Featherby's eye for talent could pay off

PETER Featherby did not have the best of luck when he coached Geelong Amateurs for a short while last season.

Players with talent were rare and totally-committed footballers were even harder to find.

However, he did have a couple of promising players at his disposal, including a youngster by the name of Richard Field, who is now playing in the Subiaco reserves side.

Featherby suggested to Fields that he should give the Lions a try and that is just what the youngster has done.

Earlier this season Field struggled to adapt to the unfamiliar conditions in Perth and his form in the reserves was poor.

But in the last four or five weeks, he has found his niche in the side, playing mainly in defence.

His strong marking and long left foot kicking has lifted the Lions dramatically and it now seems that Featherby's assessment of Field was correct.

Injuries to Clinton Brown and Greg Wilkinson have left a gaping hole in the Lions league side and despite his inexperience, Field appears to be an ideal replacement.

Young Swans show maturity

SWAN Districts gutsy win over South Fremantle in the reserves last Saturday pleased coach Tony Micale for two reasons.

Firstly, his side was without a number of experienced reserves stalwarts, which put the responsibility firmly on the shoulders of his young players.

Secondly, he was delighted with his players character in the match, particularly in the last quarter when the game was in the balance.

Young players such as Glen Dehring, John Ninyett, Greg Jones, Matt Stevens, Grant Jolley, Marcus Zorich

and Barry Hooper revelled under pressure and showed great maturity for such inexperienced footballers.

Hooper has proved to be a real surprise packet since returning to the club from Jarrahdale.

He played for the Swan Districts under-19 side several years ago under present league coach Ed Blackaby and as a youngster, he showed a lot of promise.

Ideally, Hooper should have returned to Bassendean for pre-season training late last year, but his duties as a volunteer fireman prevented that.

Depleted Royals

THE East Perth reserves side suffered one of their worst losses against Subiaco last week — but they were at a serious disadvantage.

The Royals finished with only 15 fit players, which enabled Subiaco to set up loose men with incredible ease.

The trouble started in the first quarter when Wayne Dawson received a nasty cut above an eye. Club doctors stitched him up, but his return was brief as he immediately pulled a hamstring and took no further part in the match.

More trouble followed when Shane Evans twisted an ankle, Andy Ward was knocked out and carried off on a stretcher, Andy Glendinning broke a wrist and Paul Evans wrenched a knee.

Paul and Shane Evans courageously remained on the field, playing in the forward pockets.

BEN STINGA reviews the Prime reserves and the Under-19s colts competition



Carnarvon produces

ANOTHER Carnarvon recruit has bobbed up in the under-19 competition, this time at Swan Districts.

Darren Forbes has followed in the footsteps of East Fremantle's Andrew Durmanich and Peter Bilcich and Subiaco's Gavin Keyser to become the fourth Carnarvon player to make an impression at a WAFL club this season.

Forbes is a rugged, no-nonsense player who has been used with success as a half-back.

Swan Districts Under-19 coach Brian Close rates Forbes as a player with outstanding potential.

HECTIC START

SUBIACO have two players who turn 16 this year in their Under-19 line-up.

One of those players, Nathan Buck, has really hit his straps in recent weeks after a hectic beginning to the season.

Buck had to cope with Under-19, Quit Cup, CIG Shield and Teal Cup duties all at the same time and subsequently, he was used sparingly at the height of those activities.

However, he is still under consideration for a Teal Cup berth and judging by his performances in recent matches, a player of his height, strength and versatility would be a welcome addition to the squad.

PROMOTION COMES AS A BONUS

PROMOTIONS from one grade to another can come about in the most unusual ways.

Just ask talented East Fremantle youngster Craig MacLean, who has recently been promoted from the Under-19s to the reserves.

MacLean has just taken up an art scholarship at Applecross High and one of the school's rules is that all students must attend Saturday morning classes or forfeit their scholarship.

Fortunately for MacLean, East Fremantle are well aware of his undoubted potential and have had no hesitation in promoting him to the reserves.

This allows MacLean to continue his scholarship as well as play football.



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Personality

Rugby convert thrives on coaching

VAL Murphy had no thoughts about Australian Rules football when he was a schoolboy playing rugby league and union in Sydney in his teenage days.

But last year, when he was named as the Football Coaches Association junior coach-of-the-year, it was a fitting reward for many years of dedicated service to Australian Rules.

The 48-year-old Murphy recently coached a combined Bunbury schools team to victory over a Geraldton schools team - yet another example of his coaching prowess.

Based in Bunbury, where he is principal of the Catholic College, Murphy has coached a variety of school teams - and has still maintained his interest in rugby.

Last year he guided the Bunbury Catholic Colleges team in the CIG Shield series, being the first country side to make the finals, losing to eventual premiers Trinity in the semis.

Murphy was transferred to Bunbury in 1958 as a Latin teacher at the College - and when he found little interest in rugby in the town he tackled Aussie Rules.

He adapted to the game instantly and quickly reached league ranks with SWNFL side Carey Park.

At the same time he took up coaching - and coached the College team to a premiership.

He returned to Sydney and later moved to Papua New Guinea, representing that country at rugby league, earning life membership of the junior association and coaching the senior side.

Back in Australia in 1976, he was stationed at CBC Leederville, where he coached the schools first 18, winning two premierships.

His posting to Bunbury as school principal in 1981 didn't deter him from coaching and it wasn't just football - he also coached the school hockey and cross-country teams.

His involvement with young people in sport is renowned in Bunbury and he has influenced the football careers of many youngsters in the South West.

The advent of the Teal Cup series, the CIG Shield and now the Quit Cup has spurred his interest even more in junior coaching and the Bunbury College - plus the towns combined side - have become powerful football units.



Bunbury coach Val Murphy ... proud of his success, is pictured with school team captain Zane Kenny.

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A regular feature on people who serve the game in an unselfish manner.



Kicking football into the future



Cards are stacked against us

"THE beginning of a new era." That's been the catch-cry since last week's courageous performance by Gerard Neesham's State side against South Australia in Adelaide.

I must confess it's an interpretation that worries me.

"A new era" and the impending national draft seem diametrically opposed.

A new era indicates a secure future based on stability. The draft would appear certain to render such stability impossible.

Unless the VFL's basic attitude on the national draft changes dramatically, "the new era" may last only four months.

Two weeks ago I suggested that the Eagles and the WAFL may threaten, in the wake of the final draft document, to withdraw from the VFL. This is becoming more and more likely.

If the draft doesn't meet the aspirations of our local football authorities I'm sure they will at least threaten to play their trump card.

Mind you, it mightn't be a united they. It's not necessarily the case that the aims of the Eagles and the WAFL will be one and the same.

Perhaps, for the first and last time, WA football has a bargaining chip in the evolution of an extended VFL competition.

So it's time to do some bluffing

Two years ago, insecure in the knowledge that no further clearance agreements would be entered into by the VFL, the ailing WAFL had little option but to put a Perth-based team into the VFL.

It can be argued that the Eagles were put together poorly, both on and off the field, but I don't think it can be argued coherently that we should have followed the South Australian example and stayed out. Clearly South Australian football was, and still is, in far better shape than the WAFL.

To have stayed out would have meant trying to build an Eagles squad this year or next year with the majority of the current Eagles having joined existing VFL clubs virtually free of charge.

I don't throw all that up again simply to score a few long past points but to try to underline the need for pragmatism and skilled negotiations in the coming months.

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



SHORT-SIGHTED

When and if the threat comes, it is likely to be as a result of the Eagles seeing the draft as unfair, either to themselves or, perhaps, to the eight local clubs.

That would be short-sighted!

This game of bluff poker will be the biggest card game local football has ever sat in on.

The other player holds all the aces and already has \$4 million of ours and most of our very best players.

Our only real weapon is the threat to embarrass him. It doesn't look too good, I know, but the prospect of embarrassment in Sydney led to unprecedented actions. Who knows?

What do they say? In for a penny, out for \$4 million. Or something like that.

Look, I don't perceive the VFL as the bad guys in all of this.

But if we expect a warm-hearted response to our threats over the draft simply because it's going to stop us winning the VFL premiership, then think again.

To play such a strong card on such a paltry stake deserves to be scoffed at and it would be.

Why should our on-field competitors help us to win their premiership and prop up our competition?

IMPOSSIBILITY

I think the broader view has a chance. Threaten the big card on the big issue — a second WA-based VFL team next year.

It's our last chance to put it together because if the draft comes the "new era" goes. Suddenly the task of building a second WA-based VFL team would be impossible.

The VFL can't be expected to rubber stamp a premiership for the Eagles in the next five years by changing its views on the draft.

But just maybe, a radical step like burning one of its own under a veiled threat and at the same time diluting our strength, could save face in the East and save footy in the West.

Fears over the future of footy



AND LASTLY

with ALAN EAST

THE struture — and success — of football in Western Australia is under a fair bit of pressure right now.

The West Coast Eagles are fighting for their on-field survival, their parent company, Indian Pacific Ltd, has its shares trading at less than half par value and their foundation, the WAFL, holds genuine concerns for its future existence.

A WAFL sub-committee is currently holding a Review of Football to assess where the game is going, particularly with its overall structure and administrative procedures.

The forthcoming draft, drawn up by the VFL with Victorian interests at the forefront, is spelling doom and gloom for all those West of the River Yarra and the financial situation of the eight WAFL clubs sees some heading for the bottom drawer.

In the midst of all this, we see the Sunday Football League expanding into a Saturday competition and the Football Development Trust making huge — and speedy — inroads into the school's areas with the CIG Shield, the Quit Cup and the Hungry Jack's State schoolboys.

Suggestions that the existing reserves competition will disappear under a restructuring of football makes sense, with the emphasis switching to a more elite Under-21 competition, replacing the existing Under-19s.

There would have to be a proviso that the Under-21s would have a maximum, say, of five players over-age to cater to for the likes of a Peter Featherby returning to action after injury.

But what's wrong with extending this

scenario to include Sunday football and country areas?

Is it viable for the sub-structure of WA football to have two divisions — A and B — with a promotion and relegation system?

The growing strength — and appeal — of Sunday football clubs must give some of the struggling WAFL clubs food for thought. If that suburban growth could be incorporated into the traditional WAFL arena, then everyone would benefit.

There is also urgent need for football administration in WA to come under the one roof.

The current system of having the Eagles administration based in Kings Park Road and the WAFL officialdom at Subiaco Oval won't continue to work. They need to come together under the one roof.

One also asks when will the Eagles find a permanent home?

It seems ironical that East Perth have vacated Perth Oval to play their home games at the WACA Ground, while the elite Eagles have taken advantage of turning Perth Oval into their "home" for training and social events.

Is there room in the WACA Ground plans for the Eagles to set up a permanent home, both playing and administrative? If not, then what about Subiaco?

If the Eagles strike out at both those venues, then a new stadium must be found — and soon.

Yes, there are many problems for the Football Review committee to examine — and in the background, the Government awaits.



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