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BACK IN BUSINESS

Steve Malaxos (left) has thrown off the injury shackles after a frustrating season ... and, along with players like John Gastev (rear), helped destroy Melbourne last week.
Picture: Annaliese Frank

Eagles hit their straps

by
Harvey Deegan

WEST Coast Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning believes his players are fast running into their best-ever form.

They looked a million dollars against Melbourne and can remain in the hunt for a finals berth by beating North Melbourne this Sunday.

"We've now got great momentum and more and more players are returning to form," said Glendinning.

"Steve Malaxos showed he is back to match fitness and he's going to get better and better.

"John Annear is in superb touch and the whole team is starting to knit together. Things are looking good."

More good news from the Eagles camp is that Andrew Lockyer and Phil Scott are ready to resume.

For the first time for several weeks there is real pressure on all players to make the final 20.

Everything in the garden looks rosy but the fact remains that the Eagles are still in the danger zone.

As soon as they appear to be lining up for a comfortable win they find an excuse to lose and put themselves on the skids again.

Last Sunday the Eagles comfortably rolled a team that less than a week ago was being touted as potential premiers.

HUMBLED

Twenty-four hours earlier North Melbourne, their opponents this Sunday, were humbled by one-time candidates for the wooden spoon Richmond.

The Eagles are always capable of beating the best at Subiaco.

It's almost too good to be true.

But there's a chilling reminder that last year it was a visit to Perth by North Melbourne in the latter half of the season that sank any hope the Eagles had of making the finals.

Admittedly that game was at the WACA, but the attitude of the West Coasters going into the contest left a lot to be desired.

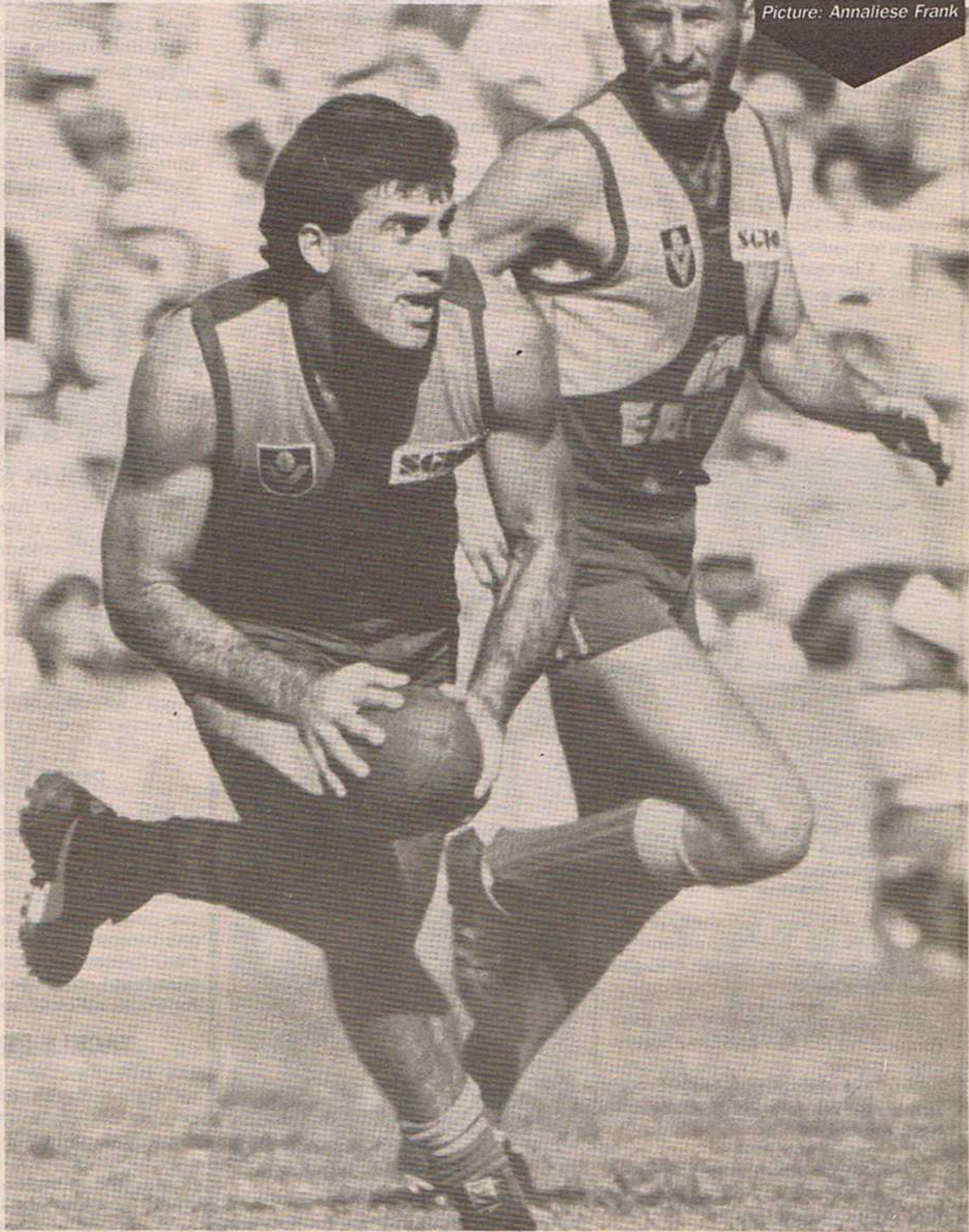
It was going to be just so easy. Of course it wasn't, and when the Eagles finally got into gear, the Kangaroos had pinched a break that even a sensational last quarter couldn't salvage.

This time the situation is slightly different. The Eagles are a chance to make the finals.

But one slip and that's that. Not only do they have to keep winning, but they have a percentage differential to overcome before they can leap-frog over Essendon.

North Melbourne have almost an Eagle-like propensity to do exactly what nobody expects, but they do have a 2-1 record against the West Coast.

The only Eagles success against the Kangaroos was at Subiaco Oval, but the flying start achieved by the Eagles



against North Melbourne under the MCG lights earlier in the season should have been the springboard for another easy win.

"We certainly have a score to settle," said Glendinning. "We need to cover their prime movers, such as Matthew Larkin and Jim Krakouer."

Logically, Dean Turner and John Annear should be again pressed into tagging roles, given their fine effort against Melbourne.

As usual, much will depend on Glendinning to direct the forward line traffic against his old side.

"I'll be happy to get as much of the ball as I did last week," he said.

"But I'll be most unhappy if I don't kick straighter."

North Melbourne have not much more than pride to motivate them, because they have no chance of making the five.

However, they have shown their ability to rise to the occasion in times of adversity.

Their performance against Collingwood a fortnight ago at Victoria Park should cause some flutters in the Eagles camp.

Injured captain Wayne Schimmelbusch says the team got its attitude right in that game and it was a great disappointment to find the opposite against Richmond last Saturday.

"Coach John Kennedy will be working on that aspect of our game this week," said Schimmelbusch.

"We are determined to put together four solid quarters against the Eagles."

"We have beaten the Eagles in two out of three starts," he said. "We know how to beat them, and we're heading west full of confidence."

Sunday will tell whether the Eagles live to fight another day.

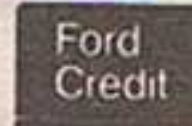
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What they said...

"I'm very disappointed with Subiaco's attitude; not only did they put my head on the block, they made sure it was chopped off." Claremont's Gerard Neesham after a four-week suspension.

"I don't think Melbourne are a real classy side; they get hyped up on enthusiasm, particularly at their home ground." Eagles coach John Todd after beating Melbourne.

"I believe it was a deliberate blow and could have been avoided." Subiaco player Karl Langdon giving evidence against Claremont's Gerard Neesham in the Glen Hutchison case.

"John Hayes has failed to develop the rapport with the players that is essential for a coach-player link in the capacity of team runner." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on the sacking of runner John Hayes.

"That effectively retires me. I wouldn't go straight back into our league team after three weeks, let alone seven." Claremont's Gerard Neesham on his seven-game tribunal penalty.

"If the Eagles don't want him, we would love to have him." Perth coach Robert Wiley on the dropping of Eagles midfielder Adrian Barich.

"There is no question about Todd's future being in doubt." Eagles chief Bill Kerr, confirming that John Todd will coach the Eagles next season.

"John Todd asked me to do the job and after considering my other commitments to football, I was pleased to accept." Football Development Trust coaching co-ordinator Brian Douge on becoming Eagles runner.

"As well as the financial hardship, he could miss playing in a grand final team and we believe there is an injustice to the victim." Subiaco general manager Michael Flanagan on the club's appeal over the leniency of Gerard Neesham's sentence.

"We are looking for young VFL-oriented people who are positive in their approach to the game." Eagles chief Bill Kerr.

"His discipline level off the field continues to fall well below the acceptable standard for a professional athlete." An Eagles statement confirming the relegation of Mark Zanotti back to Subiaco.

"I have too much pride to fly to Perth each week and play a game of football like an idiot or a tart." Perth's Brett Yorgey on his good comeback with the Demons.

Neesham's close to flashpoint

GIVE Gerard Neesham a fair go, or the 'Little General' may be lost to West Australian football.

The Claremont coach is likely to consider one of the many offers he will get from financially-sound Adelaide clubs before the 1989 season, if he continues to cop abuse and remain as frustrated with the system as he appears to have become over the past month.

Neesham, against all the style and charisma that dominated his coaching strategy last season, has become outspoken towards the authorities of the game here in WA.

But he has good reason.

The system is not supportive of his frustrations and, despite his good record and immense knowledge of the game, his cry for improved umpiring, revision of the tribunal system and better promotion of the game is a lone voice.

PERSECUTED

Neesham, despite all he has done for the game in this State, is being persecuted in some quarters.

He has gone from a record-breaking introduction to senior coaching with Claremont last year to being regarded as a villain of the game.

The 33-year-old veteran of four premierships teams and more than 200 senior games deserves something better.

When no-one else would stand up for the good of the game in this State, he took a young team to Adelaide, took on the Australian champions and restored some pride to interstate performance.

Then he suffered the indignity of being overlooked as State-of-Origin coach when John Todd withdrew earlier this year and the WAFL plucked Malcolm Brown from retirement to prepare the WA team to play Victoria.

Following events at the WAFL tri-



Gerard Neesham ... at breaking point.



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

Learning takes time

The West Coast Eagles "wimps" Has been Melbourne's cry, The way they play over here Surely they don't even try.

Over on Victorian grounds The Eagles struggle every game But when the Vics venture West Surely for them it's the same.

Melbourne heading for the finals Are a VFL glamour side, But Sunday at Subi Oval They were looking for somewhere to hide.

So congratulations to the Eagles And let's give them a go, They're trying their best in Melbourne But the learning process is slow.

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant PETER BOSUSTOW



bunal over the past month and some justified criticism of umpiring, which is pretty poor too often, Neesham now finds himself in premature retirement and on the end of some hefty criticism for standing firm on what he believes is right.

BITTER

As a result Neesham is becoming bitter in his battle with the system.

That is not a normal part of his character.

He is at breaking point and it would be a pity to run the risk of losing such an ambassador for the game.

Neesham's record is not impeccable.

He has handed out plenty of biffs around the ears in his time and taken plenty.

But he has never been a squealer and for him to be making so many noises now about umpires, threatening legal actions to clear his name and talking retirement, he is at the end of his tether.

His criticism of umpires is not in the best interest of the game nor his own reputation as potentially, one of the brightest coaching prospects in the State.

The game in WA, in its current time of crisis, needs people like Neesham.

Don't run him out of the game. Get off his back and admire his unique coaching qualities that will unquestionably see him graduate into VFL ranks in the near future.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES

BACK IN ACTION

TWO stalwart footballers from a bygone era made their appearance in a new role last weekend — as umpires. Former East Perth veteran Hans Versteegen and his West Perth counterpart Ian Logan graduated to league ranks as whistle-blowers in the Sunday Football League. It's been a bone of contention for some time that not enough former players go into umpiring, so hopefully this determined duo will continue with their careers.

ROYALS LOSS

EAST Perth fans must be shaking their heads in disappointment when they see West Perth's latest rookie, Wade Starr, doing well in the Falcons line-up. His uncle, Ray Starr, was a one-time Royals player, but his nephew has become a Falcon. Starr attended CBC Leederville and had a number of friends at Leederville Oval, so he opted for life as a Falcon instead.

TACKLE PROBLEM

THERE are too many head-high tackles in today's football — that's the opinion of veteran critic and newly-elected board member of the Football Development Trust, Geoff Christian. Calling the game on radio 6NR last week, Christian urged football officials to do something about the continued spate of head-high tackles.

ROYALS TRIBUTE

EAST Perth players wore black armbands last Saturday to honour one of the club's stalwarts, Ritchie Thomas, who died during the week, aged 73. Thomas was a familiar figure at Perth Oval over many decades, playing 207 games between 1935 and 1948 — with a long break for World War II. He was the son of the club's first Sandover Medallist, the 1923 winner, Digger Thomas. Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning also wore a black armband on Sunday as a mark of respect for a player who had enjoyed many football moments with his father, Gus Glendinning.

TIGERS' LAMENT

CLAREMONT captain-coach Gerard Neesham is far from happy at the way his young, skilled players are copping whacks around the head in recent weeks. Neesham believes that the umpires aren't watching such incidents closely enough. He cites several examples where talented little-men like Ben Allan have received heavy knocks to the head, with no free kicks being given. "Other clubs have obviously worked out that it's the only way to stop our talented players," says Neesham.



Isla Henderson, 12, of Kenwick, was last Sunday's Eagle-for-a-day winner and is seen here with Steve Malaxos (left) and Chris Waterman. Her Scottish father, Graham, is a devout Eagles fan and keenly follows the team each week. The Hungry Jack's competition saw 12-year-old Isla receive a complete Eagles outfit — which made her the envy of brother Andrew, who plays junior football with Kenwick.

EDWARDS SHINES

THE performance of South Fremantle's Craig Edwards in the derby at East Fremantle Oval last Saturday was of outstanding quality, picking up 10 kicks and a staggering 18 marks. His effort in the ruck brought the Souths little men into the game at centre bouncings, providing a feast for players like Derek and Cliff Collard and Scott Waters. Many of Edwards' marks were taken in defence, cutting out the Sharks attacking moves with his size, strength and skill. Edwards has been playing well for the past five games since his comeback from injury and will be one of South's key players as they strive for a finals berth.

DEADLY DUO

ANOTHER two players who will have an effect on South Fremantle's finals aspirations are key forwards Peter Sumich and Mark Bayliss. The pair combined superbly last Saturday with Sumich kicking 5.9 and Bayliss 4.0. Sumich operated from centre-half-forward, while Bayliss was at full-forward, however both players can perform in either position. Sumich's game revolves around strong, one-grab marking and long kicking, even though he was off target last Saturday. Bayliss uses his strength to break open packs and take strong marks. He is also fast for a big man and can kick the ball over long distances.

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Sumich stirs Bulldog revival

THERE'S that whiff of a premiership in the air at Fremantle Oval.

The Bulldogs should take an extra step towards their first flag since 1980 when they play host to West Perth this Saturday.

No individual can be given the credit for the return to power of South Fremantle, but one of the reasons is undoubtedly centre-half-forward Peter Sumich.

Sumich (who, incidentally, pronounces his name as it is written, not as nearly every commentator insists, "Soo-mich") is producing the sort of form that can turn the tide of games.

He booted 5.9 in last weekend's derby and could be in for another bag this Saturday.

Football fans are lucky to be able to see Sumich in action. He could just have easily been propelling that round ball across a soccer pitch.

His introduction to sport came as a six-year-old for Spearwood/Dalmatinac and he pursued his junior career in soccer until the age of 12.

Not entirely happy with the junior soccer scene — and with gentle persuasion from father Laurie — Sumich



By **Harvey Deegan**

switched to Australian Rules with the Cockburn club.

Laurie Sumich was biased, of course, having played league football with South Fremantle. But it's fortunate for the game he steered his second son in that direction, with elder brother Ross preferring basketball.

SACRIFICE

What is largely unknown about Sumich is the sacrifice he makes to line up in League football every week.

He keeps the sort of hours that would make most of us yawn at the thought. As a fruit buyer for the Sumich family fruit and vegetable group, he finds the alarm ringing at 2am three days a week. And if you think that means he knocks off mid-morning, think again.

Work isn't completed until around 3pm when it's off to training and then home to bed.

"Saturday night is about the only time I get to socialise a bit," said Su-

mich. "Then it's usually just a few beers with the rest of the players after a match."

However, as a firm believer in the "all work and no play" philosophy, Sumich manages to pursue several other sporting interests.

"Apart from footy in the winter, I play indoor cricket, basketball and golf," he said. "In summer I like to play outdoor cricket."

He is no slouch in that regard either, playing first grade for Fremantle, where his ability as an all-rounder frequently comes under notice.

The classy 20-year-old left-footer enjoys centre-half-forward, even though he was moved to full-forward late in the game last weekend. He's also played plenty of footy at centre-half-back.

"I was pleased with my effort in the Derby, but I would have liked to kick straighter," said Sumich.

Trying to draw a parallel between Sumich and former South Fremantle key position player Jon Dorotich is difficult.

"Dorotich was unbeatable," said Su-

mich. "He was more classy and had the ability to take control of a match."

That may be Sumich's opinion, but there are many keen judges who feel at this stage of his career, he's developing along the same lines.

Given that fact, it's surprising to hear him say there have been no firm offers from the VFL.

EAGLES LOSS

This would indicate he's prime recruiting material for the West Coast Eagles, but sadly this may not happen — and he's already turned them down once.

"If I play at that level, I think I'd like to move East," said Sumich. "Hopefully, I could get a game with one of the top five teams."

In the meantime, all that matters is this Saturday and a clash with a foe that Sumich believes will be harder to beat than most experts are predicting.

As he rightly points out, the Falcons will be on the rebound. But that will count for nothing if they can't contain one of Western Australia's most exciting half forwards.

Demons lack fire power up front

MELBOURNE were simply not able to withstand the pressure applied by the Eagles.

It was a close game to half-time but after that Melbourne didn't make it much of a contest.

They didn't cover their opponents when required, and this allowed the likes of John Annear, Wally Matera and John Worsfold to take control of the game.

Annear was able to get 11 kicks in the third quarter and this begs the question — who was his opponent?

Having lost three of their last four games, Melbourne will need a huge form reversal to make any impact in the finals.

John Northey discussed the loss with his players for about 20 minutes after the game before talking frankly to the media about the Melbourne performance.

He believes their forward line lacks potency. They have players there who aren't natural forwards.

And they haven't had a player to kick a regular bag of goals since the days of Mark Jackson and Gerard Healy.

It would appear that Melbourne played to their maximum potential in late '87 but now, with a lack of forwards and class running players, they are having trouble maintaining their standard of enthusiasm to remain near the top.

MEDIA MINDED

MELBOURNE certainly co-operate with the media.

In my role as a television journalist I wanted interviews with John Northey, Alan Johnson, Robert Flower and Jim Stynes and, even though the camp wasn't exactly a happy one, they were most helpful.

It's an interesting transition going from giving interviews and answers to asking questions.

Remove the gag!

ONE of the disturbing elements of players' contracts these days are some of the restrictions on talking to the media.

If the player contravenes this clause, he can be fined heavily.

This could make it extremely difficult at times for a player to defend himself against public criticism administrators of his own club.

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

with **Ron Alexander**



Hooked on our game

JIM Stynes told me he intended to play Australian football for as long as possible.

He likes our brand of football immensely.

The Gaelic game is run on fairly amateur lines and the big difference for Stynes is that he enjoys being paid to play. This allows him to study full-time.

He returns to Ireland during our summer and plays the occasional game of his old code.

One of the difficulties in making the switch to Australian Rules has been the tackling, but his main adjustment has been the length of the game.

He feels that 120 minutes of physical action spread over such a big field makes Australian footy one of the most demanding sports in the world.

In Ireland the players go out on the town the night before a game and Stynes finds the discipline of professional sport very demanding.

That's another reason why he appreciates being able to return to Ireland and indulge his old habits.

Standing two metres tall (6ft 8in), he must rate as the biggest centre-half-back of all time.

However, he has great mobility and agility for a man of his size.

Sean Wright and Jim Stynes add another dimension to our game.

Stand-in forward

ROBERT Flower, former captain and Melbourne champion, was looking a little dejected with his old side's performance.

I suggested that as he's only 32 and still fit and healthy, he could slot into a forward pocket with ease.

He said he had lost too much pace, that he had trouble taking the buffeting handed out to forwards and he wouldn't last a season out.

He countered by suggesting that I could stand in a forward pocket.

I agreed that I could STAND in a forward pocket, but if I had to run, then I'd want a heart-lung machine on the boundary.



Peter Sumich ... match-winner for the Bulldogs.

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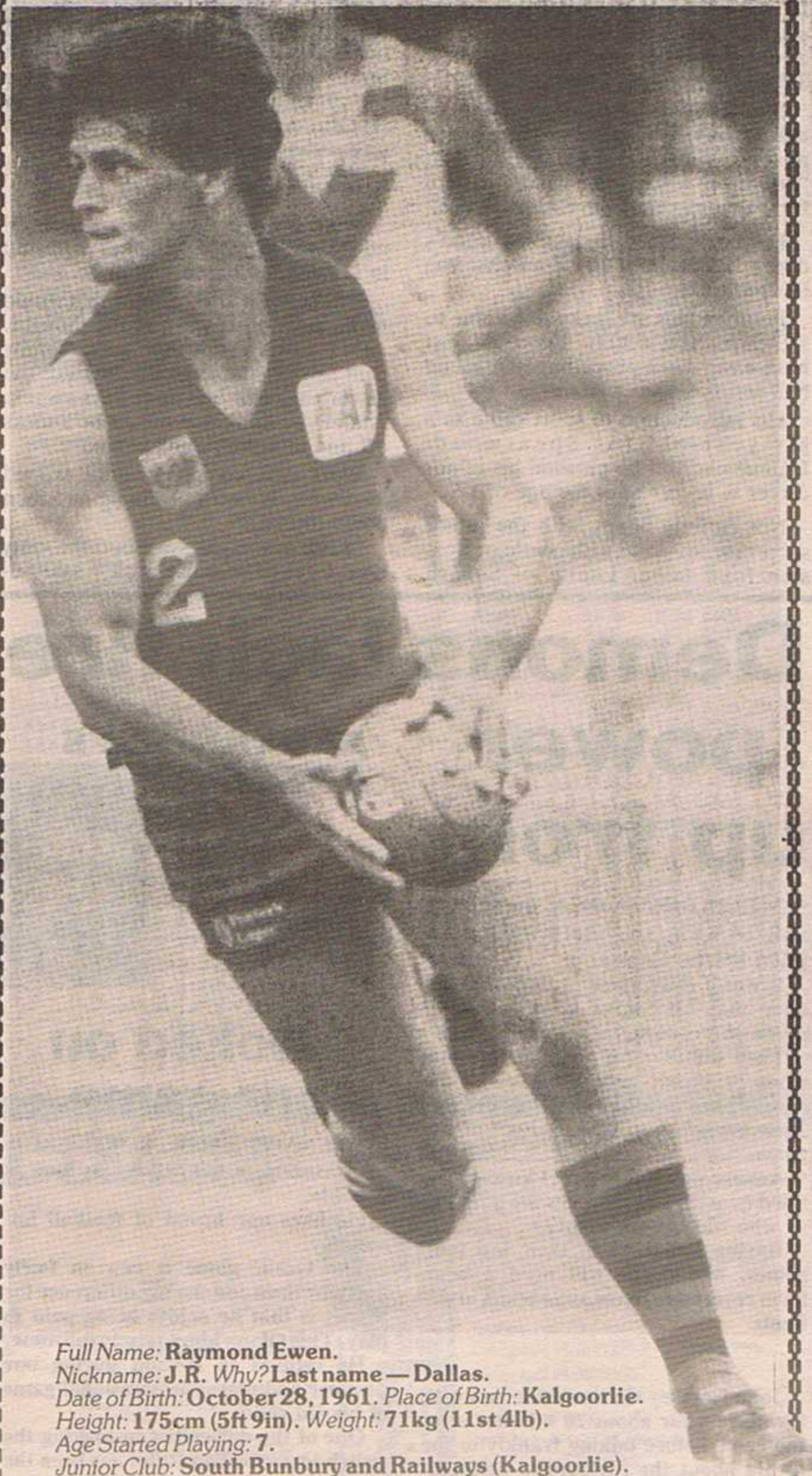
**JOHN
ANNEAR**



DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17/6/60 Norseman
HEIGHT: 181cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg
GUERNSEY NUMBER: 2
RECRUITED FROM: Richmond/Claremont
NICKNAME: J.A.
FIRST SENIOR GAME: WAFL 1978 Claremont; VFL 1981 Collingwood; 1984 Richmond; 1987 Eagles
GAMES PLAYED: 49 Claremont, 37 Eagles, 65 Richmond, 43 Collingwood, 2 WA
FOOTBALL HONOURS: Runner-up fairest and best 1984, Richmond
FAVOURITE POSITION: Ruck rover
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Kim
BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two brothers
OCCUPATION: Physiotherapist
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Christchurch Grammar, Boulder Central
CAR: BMW
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Surfing, triathlon
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian
FAVOURITE DRINK: Chocolate Quik

FAVOURITE SPORT (apart from football): Surfing
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Van Morrison
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Wilbur Smith
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Yalingup
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Daniels Den
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: David Attenborough (Life On Earth)
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Monty Python
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Graham Moss, Tom Hafey
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Scott Tinley (triathlon)
BOYHOOD IDOL: Barry Cable
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Go for walk with dog (Pip) and have a kick
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries and lack of finals success
BIGGEST THRILL: First VFL game and representing WA
FAVOURITE GROUND: MCG
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To do well with the Eagles and win a grand final

**Ray
Ewen**



Full Name: Raymond Ewen.
Nickname: J.R. *Why?* Last name — Dallas.
Date of Birth: October 28, 1961. **Place of Birth:** Kalgoorlie.
Height: 175cm (5ft 9in). **Weight:** 71kg (11st 4lb).
Age Started Playing: 7.
Junior Club: South Bunbury and Railways (Kalgoorlie).
Marital Status: Single.
Girlfriend's Name: Tracey.
Residence: Tuart Hill.
Occupation: Boilermaker-Welder.
Other Sporting Interests: Touch football and golf
Favourite Position: Wing. **First Position:** Wing.
League Debut: 1987. **Versus:** South Fremantle.

FAVOURITES:

Actor: Charles Bronson. **Drink:** Emu Export.
TV Show: Growing Pains. **Food:** Steak.
Movie: The Champ. **Music:** The Angels.
Holiday Resort: Anywhere.
Ground: Perth Oval.
Favourite Car: HQ Holden.
Career Highlights: Premierships in 1984 and '85 with South Bunbury.
Worst Moment in Football: When I ruptured my cruciate ligament.
Hard Things in Football: Sunday morning training.
Football Idols: Graham (Polly) Farmer.
Toughest Opponent: All tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** All respected.
Most Respected Umpire: All respected.
Most Memorable Game: Grand final with South Bunbury in 1985 (undefeated)
Football Ambitions: Play as many games as possible with East Perth.
What do you like about Football: It's the best sport in the world.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Relax.
Who Influenced Your Career: My father.
Guernsey Number: 2. **Any Reason:** No.
Worst Injury: Knee injury.
Luckiest Break: Breaking into League football with East Perth.



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Joe Cormack (Eagles) 48*
Kevan Sparks (Subiaco) 47

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Dean Wilson 25 South Fremantle, 24 Subiaco; Joe Cormack 43 Swan Districts, 5 Eagles.

100 GAMES

Mick Lee (Subiaco) 99
Lance Kelly (East Perth) 98
David Court (Claremont) 98*

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: David Court 57 Claremont, 41 Subiaco.

150 GAMES

John Annear (Eagles) 145*
Mick Rea (Perth) 145*

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: John Annear 37 Eagles, 65 Richmond, 43 Collingwood; Mick Rea 119 Perth, 22 West Perth, 4 Melbourne.

200 GAMES

Dean Turner (Eagles) 193*

*Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Dean Turner 29 Eagles, 51 Fitzroy, 113 East Perth.

250 GAMES

Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 240

300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 291*

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Special note: Games tallies refer to the player's current club unless indicated by an asterisk*

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TACTFUL STYLE

THERE'S one thing for sure about the football critics around town this season — we've seen a very tactful Ron Alexander join the media. The sacked West Coast Eagles coach had every reason to thrive in his multi-media role (he was a natural for most media outlets to pick up as a critic) but he has adopted a "soft" approach. He has continually resisted situations where he could well and truly slip the old boot into the Kings Park Road gang who gave him the axe so suddenly last summer. But he hasn't — except for the odd fairly pointed remark, such as the one on 6PR's Football Forum last Friday. "It's pretty obvious that they (the Eagles) aren't enjoying their football."

SLIP UP

RADIO 6NR's Tim Flynn had a minor slip-up of words last week ... but, really, what came out was spot on! About to cross over to around-the-grounds man Rod Lohoar, at Bassendean Oval, he said that it was "the game between Rod Lohoar and ..." We all know how one-eyed Subiaco Lohoar is ... so it would have been Lohoar versus Swans, that's almost the case!

REVEALING ROD

TALKING about Rod Lohoar, he's the only critic to come close to receiving the full story about the sackings of West Coast Eagles defender Mark Zanotti and runner John Hayes. He referred to an "altercation" that led to the boys getting their marching orders. Obviously, Lohoar had heard about the fist-cuffs the pair indulged in on the boundary line (out of sight of TV cameras and media, of course) at the MCG recently when Fitzroy sank the Eagles finals hopes. It was described by those who witnessed the accident as one of the worst cases of internal bickering ever seen at a VFL game. And Lohoar came up with a great line on Zanotti. "He's been banned from the classroom and is back out in the playground."

ROYALS DEFECTOR

THERE'S not much joy ahead for players in the WAFL unless they can look at VFL promotion or coaching roles, so it's only natural that "average" footballers will look for where the dollar is. That's why a hard worker like East Perth's Mal Bennett has to think seriously about lucrative offers from other sources. Maybe he'll give some serious consideration to a very attractive offer to play with Kelmscott, in the Sunday Football League, next season!

SUBI CAMPAIGN

WHEN Subiaco president David Williams denied that the Lions were conducting a "vendetta" against Claremont coach Gerard Neesham, you had to snigger. The Lions obviously went after Neesham over the Glen Hutcheson jaw-breaking incident and when the Tigers man was rubbed out up to preliminary final day, they felt that the penalty fell short. How else could you explain their appeal to the WAFL — accompanied by a \$1000 cheque, so it must have been serious — that the penalty was "too lenient". We've had clubs appeal against tribunal sentences being too severe, but never too lenient.

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WA's most feared
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Flashback to bygone days in the Royals camp ... that's Paul Peos and Alex Ishchenko on the East Perth bench in their early days — and they were sharing the same bench last week. That's former Royals half-back and Greg Brehaut's runner Gary Gillespie on the left.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

IF Subiaco were so relentless in their pursuit of Gerard Neesham, the mastermind behind Claremont's football strategy, how come they didn't take the same approach to East Fremantle. Young Lions player Stephen Rosich made his debut two weeks ago against East Fremantle — but his season was cut short immediately. He was unceremoniously slung to the ground after getting rid of the ball, suffering a severe shoulder injury that sidelines him to 1989. Such an aggressive action by the Sharks player was unnecessary and, if Subiaco claim that Neesham should be ousted for as long as his "victim", why doesn't the same rule apply to the Sharks aggressor?

EAGLES RESERVES

THERE'S no doubt that a couple of the WAFL clubs must secretly be praying that the West Coast Eagles get a reserves team in the VFL. How many times do you see a relegated Eagles player put in a shocker for his WAFL club? Not only do they obviously unbalance a WAFL team, but when they are in the side, many young players naturally look to them for leadership. How else could you explain the jeers that East Perth's Alex Ishchenko received from the Royals members — those few who have stuck with the club in troubled times — throughout last Saturday's clash with Claremont.

ONE-SIDED

OBVIOUSLY the fair-play junior football gospel as preached by the Football Development Trust hasn't reached the coal mines of Collie. The South-West town sent their Mines Rovers 12s team of juniors to Eaton, near Bunbury, recently and they won by 160 points — 24.16 to nil. The FDT philosophy in such cases is that you try to balance the teams up — not indulge in football slaughter.

JACKO'S SNIPE

THERE was never any love lost between football's clown prince, Mark Jackson and John Todd, now resident Eagles coach. On a recent Howard Sattler 6PR interview, Jacko was talking about his many talents, particularly his movie exploit. And he couldn't resist a snipe at his old mate Toddy: "As I've always said Howard, when you've got it, you've got it; when you haven't got it, you're John Todd!"

... AND REJECTS

THE West Coast Eagles threw some shock waves into local footy when they axed Mark Zanotti last week, banishing him back to Subiaco. But stand by — there's three more players getting the same treatment shortly. And word has it that they were all at the same drinking establishment two weeks ago!

BUCK UP, MELLY

TALKING about talking, when is East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose going to accept the fact that he has an obligation to the football public to be more out-going? Melrose continually refuses to comment to the media after losing matches and is seldom very forthright when questioned after winning games. Coaches in today's football are required to provide words for the press — who are only looking to pass thoughts and philosophies on to their readers, the paying public. VFL coaches, win or lose, are magnificent in their after-match attitude; they never sulk about losses.



Graham Melrose. ... speak to us please!

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By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Ishchenko must be kept in WA

THE Eagles cannot afford to let Alex Ishchenko go to another club. He is obviously out of favour and now out of form, but he gives the Eagles presence on the football field.

I know there is a feeling that he is lazy and the team is over-endowed with ruckmen.

Big Alex is really only good for one position and that's in the ruck. While he has to compete with Phil Scott and Laurie Keene for a spot on the ball, it would appear that Eagles have too many ruckmen.

Keene did a great job against Melbourne, but if he was used as a key forward, his height would give the Eagles something to kick to in attack. It was evident on Sunday — and in matches in Melbourne — that the Eagles fall down too often up forward when forced to blaze the ball into attack.

FUNCTION

The forward line only started to function when John Worsfold went to a half-forward flank against Melbourne.

The forward line relies too heavily on Ross Glendinning. In Perth, he gets room to move. In Melbourne, rival teams know if they can blanket him, then the Eagles have little else up forward.

There needs to be a diversionary player in attack and Keene is that player.

But back to Ishchenko. It would seem he was told to take the

aggression out of his play after being on report this season — and several times last year.

Whether or not it had a bearing on his fall from the team only Ishchenko (and John Todd) really knows.

But when he was firing earlier in the season, he was able to not only be a constructive ruckman, but also a strong contributor in defence by drafting across the half-back line taking marks.

You only have to see Dermott Brereton in action to realise the value of a player who has the ability to ruffle the feathers of opponents.

Big Alex comes into that category.

He would be a handy player for the Eagles, particularly in the important game against St Kilda at Moorabbin which will virtually decide the team's fate this season.

Imagine the backlash if Ishchenko is given the flick and he becomes a real success, which he has the ability to do, with another club.

While the Eagles should stay in the race for fifth spot by beating North Melbourne at Subiaco on Sunday the hurdle of winning in Melbourne has to be overcome for them to make the finals.

Todd said after last week's game that he believed the team was close to winning in Melbourne.

If you forget the dreadful performance against Fitzroy, there is some hope. But even though the Saints are languishing at the bottom of the premiership ladder, they are always a difficult proposition at home.

Mending the Eagles cracks

THE win against Melbourne helped cover up some of the cracks that have started to appear in the Eagles' camp.

There seems to be a fair amount of dissension there at the moment.

If the Eagles are to give the finals a big shake, then it will require a team effort on and off the field.

The sacking of John Hayes and banishment of Mark Zanotti because of their blue during the Fitzroy game could have been handled a lot better.

Both should have been given hefty fines. The Eagles don't need the kind of acrimony that has developed over the incident.

Understandably, Zanotti has kept a cap on his feelings. It would not serve him any purpose to grizzle about his treatment as he is still a member of the team.

It was predictable that Hayes, who obviously believes he has been unfairly treated, would give someone a serve over his axing.

Such incidents only put more pressure on the team at a time when there will be more than enough pressure on them to win enough games to make the finals.



Eagles star John Worsfold checks on team-mate Wally Matera as he receives some attention to his leg from trainer Wayne Davies.

JOHN Annear and Steve Malaxos, regarded as two of the most constructive midfield players in the Eagles team, showed another side of their games with outstanding displays against Melbourne last Sunday.

Used as taggers, the performances of the two experienced players went a long way towards establishing victory over the Demons.

And they could find themselves cast in the same roles when North Melbourne came to town this week.

Their targets could be the Krakouer brothers, Jim and Phil, and again their efforts will go a long way towards establishing victory.

Annear shadowed Ricky Jackson, the damaging little Demon rover and Malaxos had the task of curbing the skills of captain Greg Healy and so effective were they that both opponents spent time on the interchange bench.

Forecasting an Eagles performance is as dangerous as predicting a victory for West Perth when they are 43 points in front at quarter-time! As each week goes by, critics are forced to re-think the Eagles final-four prospects.

After their success against Melbourne, the Eagles are now back in the hunt for fifth place and the game against North Melbourne is of extreme importance.

If Annear and Malaxos are used in the tagging role again, their efforts will be closely monitored. Success for them could mean success for the Eagles.

SUPPORT

And they will again look for support from John Worsfold, Wally Matera, Chris Mainwaring and John Gastev.

That midfield unit was devastating against Melbourne and with Ross Glendinning and David O'Connell giving them a target in attack, the Eagles looked well-balanced.

The defence was also superb with Guy McKenna, Murray Rance and Michael Brennan combining brilliantly with their goal-kicking backman, Geoff Miles.

Eagles duo star in tagging roles



by

GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian

North Melbourne might have lost to Richmond last week, but they are a capable unit — as they showed against the Eagles in Melbourne earlier this year.

The Eagles jumped the Kangaroos early, but North fought back strongly to claim the four premiership points.

Apart from the Krakouers, they have a talented band of young players who have been moulded into an efficient unit by coach John Kennedy.

Peter German, Donald McDonald, Matthew Larkin and Ross Smith form the nucleus of their experienced group — as well as Jim and Phil Krakouer — and talent is not a commodity which is light on in that group.

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Severe penalty for losing this one

AT this stage of the season, most games carry some degree of importance. At the WACA Ground on Saturday, the penalty for defeat could be devastating.

Perth need to win to continue their enthralling battle with South Fremantle for fourth place on the ladder.

Subiaco need to win to ensure that they hang on to second place and earn a show-down with Claremont in the second semi-final.

It is a game which should attract enormous interest, particularly after the Demons' brilliant victory last week, when they came from 43-points down at quarter-time to beat West Perth by 42 points.

Individual clashes of quality should abound in this contest.

RUCK DUEL

The clash of ruckmen is often played down these days, but last week Shane Cocker was best-on-ground against Swan Districts and John Gavranich won similar status against West Perth.

The outcome of that duel could well decide the result.

The ruckman who dominates could be responsible for setting the midfield players on the path to victory. And both sides have running players capable of destroying the opposition.

Robert Wiley, Mark Watson, Joe Santostefano and Adrian Barich lead the Perth brigade, while Subiaco rely on Neil Taylor, Mick Lee, Ian Dargie and Mick Jennings.

Sharks are vulnerable

IT would be a mistake for East Fremantle to regard a game against bottom team East Perth as a formality.

The Royals are licking their wounds after being mauled by the Tigers and will be anxious to do well at a ground which has traditionally been a graveyard for Royals teams.

The Sharks are a bit shaky at the moment and it is not beyond the realms of possibility for them to drop out of the top four.

East Fremantle's experienced players have been down on form in recent weeks and will need to return to peak form this week.



Emu Export present ...

WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS



Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Perth v Subiaco	E. Frem. v E. Perth	Clare. v Swan Dist.	S. Frem. v W. Perth	Eagles v N. Melb.
RON ALEXANDER	45	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	53	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	45	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
DENNIS COMETTI	48	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Claremont	West Perth	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	47	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
HARVEY DEEGAN	48	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	49	Subiaco	East Perth	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	44	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	49	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	45	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	46	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	51	Perth	East Fremantle	Claremont	South Fremantle	Eagles



how about you?



Tigers look too strong

IN the early 1980's, contests between Claremont and Swan Districts sent a tingle of anticipation down the spine.

But this week when the traditional rivals clash at Claremont Oval, it hardly raises an eye-lid.

Swans can't make the four, Claremont are sitting at the top of the table and the Tigers should win comfortably.

Had the game been at Bassendean Oval, the Tigers could have expected a tough fight. But away from their home ground, Swans have found limited success.

They were competitive in a great game at Bassendean Oval last Saturday against Subiaco, but Claremont appear to have too much talent in the running department.

FALCONS CAN PLAY A FINALS ROLE

THE mood adopted by West Perth could have the biggest effect on the game at Fremantle Oval against South Fremantle.

Now that the Falcons are virtually out of the race for fourth spot, it will be interesting to see how keen they are to win this game and put an end to a run of horrors at Fremantle Oval.

The Falcons played with great confidence for the first 30 minutes last week, but lost their drive and the game and that must put a dent in their hype for this week.

HARD HITTING

However, the Falcons and the Bulldogs have been involved in some hard-hitting, aggressive confrontations this year and that might be enough to get them charged up.

And if they are pumped up, they are tough to beat.

South will again look to key forwards Mark Bayliss and Peter Sumich, who completely destroyed East Fremantle, to again lead their team to victory.

As well, ruckman Craig Edwards has been in exceptional form in the last month and his contest with Craig Nelson could be a highlight.

West Perth will look to captain Peter Menaglio and his deputy Craig Turley to lead them back to the successful trail.



Teac Footballer-of-the-Year

VOTING has now gone into camera for the 1988 award and this is how the line-up looked as at two games ago:

- 15: David Bain (East Perth).
- 11: Mark Watson (Perth), George Christie (East Fremantle).
- 10: Ray Sterrett (East Fremantle), Ben Allan (Claremont), Shane Cocker (Subiaco), Peter Sumich (South Fremantle).
- 9: David Bushell (East Fremantle), Mal Bennett (East Perth), Peter Menaglio (West Perth).

THIS WEEK'S BROADCAST GAMES

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VFL from noon Sunday

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1988 FORM GUIDE

(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), L(41), W(9), L(8), L(66), L(19), L(1), L(45), W(28), L(70).
 S. FREM. W(101), L(30), L(13), L(57), W(73), L(26), L(92), W(37), W(39), W(22), L(9), L(51), L(67), W(26), W(1), W(41), W(19), W(85).
 E. FREM. W(19), W(10), W(13), L(49), W(20), W(43), L(18), W(42), W(22), L(22), W(32), W(11), W(66), L(27), W(42), L(33), L(16), L(85).
 PERTH L(19), W(8), W(53), W(57), L(43), W(44), W(101), L(37), L(33), W(21), L(32), W(8), W(11), W(24), L(42), L(61), L(19), W(42).
 W. PERTH W(84), L(10), L(53), W(30), L(73), L(45), L(37), L(67), L(22), L(21), W(38), W(41), W(67), W(19), L(64), W(33), W(19), L(42).
 SWAN DIST. L(84), W(30), L(109), W(16), L(38), L(43), L(101), W(13), L(39), L(47), L(38), L(11), draw, W(27), L(2), W(61), L(19), W(70).
 CLAREMONT W(67), L(8), W(79), L(30), W(38), W(26), W(18), W(67), W(33), W(41), W(30), W(51), draw, W(27), L(2), W(61), L(19), W(70).
 SUBIACO L(67), W(29), W(109), W(49), W(43), W(45), W(92), L(42), W(36), W(47), L(30), L(41), L(11), L(26), W(2), W(45), W(16), W(11).

WHEN THEY LAST CLASHED

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

At the WACA — Perth 9.19 b Subiaco 9.8 — Margin: 11 points.

At the WACA — East Fremantle 22.24 b East Perth 13.12 — Margin: 66 points.

At Bassendean Oval — Swan Districts 11.10 drew with Claremont 10.16 — Margin: 0 points.

At Leederville Oval — West Perth 17.22 b South Fremantle 8.9 — Margin 67 points.

with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk



Rivals work together

THIS week I would like to give a pat on the back to the presidents of East Fremantle and South Fremantle Football Clubs — Hans Beyer and Wayne Ryder.

These two stalwarts are working together in a positive manner in an effort to do something about the plight of the local football competition.

Here's one of their ideas that I hope will be supported by all of the WAFL clubs. It's that major sponsors will be able to not only enjoy the privilege of their own VIP area and all the little extras that go with sponsorship, but that some time in the future one club's major sponsors will be able to utilise every other club's VIP facilities as well.

I repeat that this is only an idea at the moment but it is a good one and if it does come to fruition it is one positive step towards keeping those football sponsorship dollars with our WAFL clubs.

"ROYAL RUMOUR"

MY latest coaching rumour concerns big Ron Alexander.

My top informer says that if Alexander does not coach Fitzroy next season he will take over from Gerard McNeill at East Perth.

This might well prove to be my "Royal Rumour" of the week.

ZONING TO END?

ONE of my other rumours of the week concerns the WAFL.

I believe that country zoning is about to be abolished and that a drafting system will be introduced which, on the surface, looks like a practical idea and should save our local clubs a lot of money.

ON THE MOVE

I HAVE heard there will be several movements in the not too distant future in the area of league football club general managers.

Don't be surprised if West Perth's hard-working chief executive, Graham Pleydell, departs the Falcons at the end of the season. I have heard that Graham intends to open a newsagency business.

NEW UMPIRES

FORMER League players Ian Logan and Hans Verstegan umpired their first Sunday Football League games last weekend.

I hope we get to see more of our former League players taking on umpiring duties in the future. The game needs these men who have so much to offer and a lot to gain.

RUSH FOR BOXES

THE dreaded FBT (Fringe Benefits Tax) has seen the downturn of the famous Aussie business lunch scene.

In Victoria many business houses are turning to sponsorship of super boxes at the MCG.

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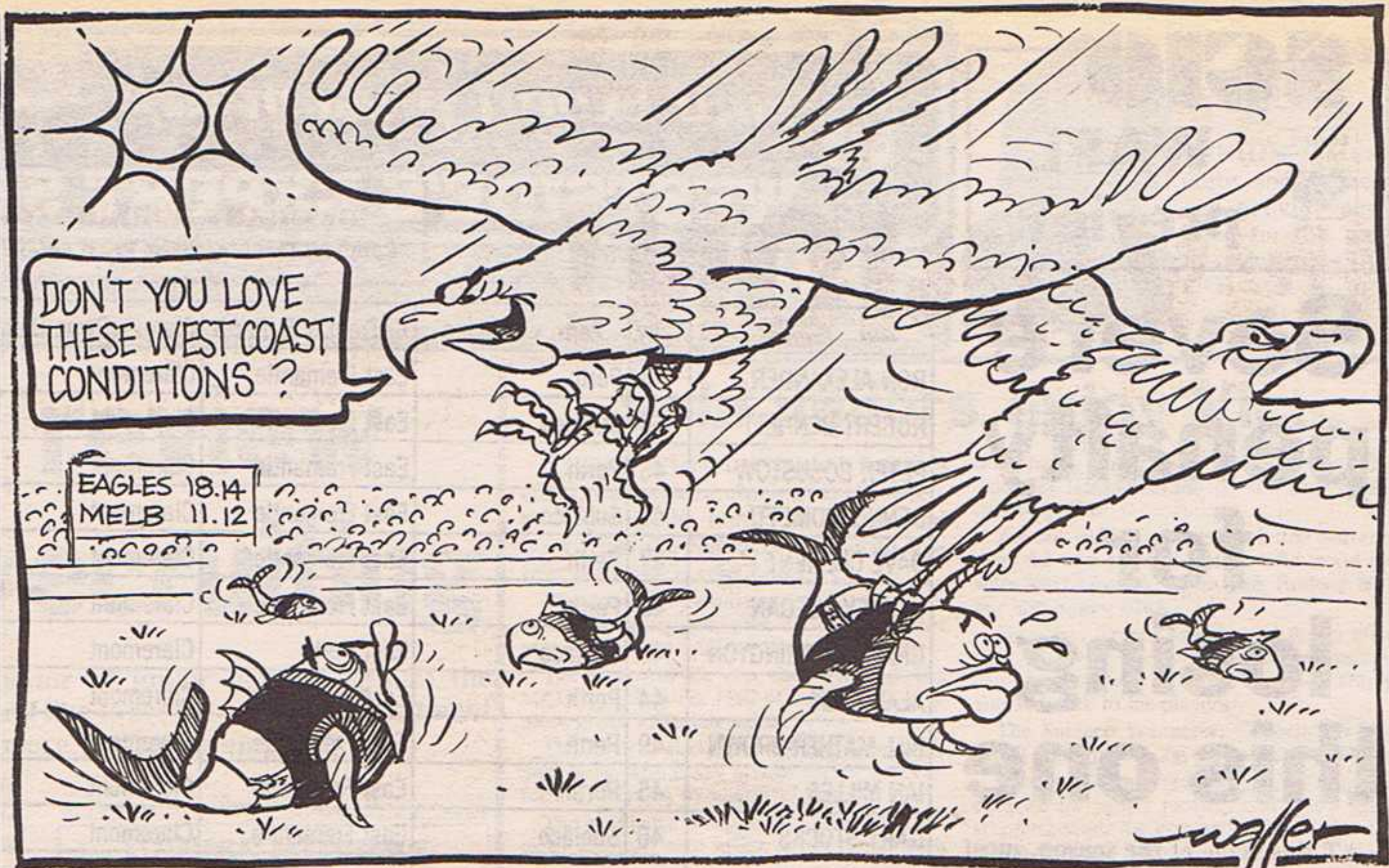
CANADIAN CAPERS

LAST Saturday morning I interviewed the Premier of British Columbia, William N. Van-der-zalm.

Among other things, we discussed the Canadian entrepreneur Tom Bryant and his plan to conduct an "Aussie Festival Week" in Vancouver, starting on October 21, 1988.

Swan Districts and Subiaco have been approached to play at least one and maybe two exhibition matches as part of the festival.

The Premier of British Columbia spoke out strongly on Bryant's behalf and also pledged his support for the festival. Further details will be released soon.



Bulldogs bark is an exciting one

TAKING STOCK

by GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



FROM a purely selfish point of view, I am hoping that the South Fremantle machine will gather momentum and keep their place in the top four.

Not only would that make life more comfortable because interest will be maintained right to the wire, but I also believe that they are one of the most exciting teams in the competition.

If they can get into the four, they can cause some real damage.

It's not that I have anything against Perth — it would be nice to have them play off as well. Fresh blood in the finals would be appreciated. It gives supporters of clubs who have struggled for success in the past few years the chance to get excited about their team's prospects.

A first-up appearance in the finals would be of great benefit to new coach Robert Wiley as well.

But I get the impression that South have the ability to go a bit further if they manage to sneak in.

DEMOLITION

The demolition of East Fremantle last week was indicative of just how well South can play.

And don't forget they've won their last two games without Mr Magic, Maurice Rioli.

It was something of a theory that without Rioli, the young Bulldogs lost concentration, lost confidence and generally dropped games they should have won.

Rioli could be ready for action this week and his presence would give them a boost for another game they must win.

The Bulldogs would be a bit annoyed with West Perth, the team they play this week.

West Perth had the chance to give South a four-point break in fourth position when they had Perth on the ropes at quarter-time last Saturday.

They led by 43 points, but could not deliver the knock-out blow when the Demons were reeling, staggering and almost ready to lay down on the canvas.

Perhaps South can make West Perth pay for that this week.

The only danger with the Bulldogs is complacency and that can happen to young sides.

The Bulldogs showed in the Kresta Cup pre-season competition that they boast some of football's most gifted players.

Peter Sumich, Mark Bayliss, Craig Edwards, the Collard brothers, Richard Geary and, of course, Mr Magic himself are all crowd-pleasing players.

Claremont would rate as premiers favourites at this stage of the season, but South appear to be the best-equipped side to topple the Tigers.

They are strong where Claremont are strong and have an attacking unit capable of kicking a big score — as was seen last week.



Bulldogs excitement ... winners of the 1988 Kresta Cup pre-season and a team capable of challenging Claremont.

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THE IRISH INVASION!

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON
Football Development Trust co-ordinator



Bicentenary visit by Ireland's top youngsters

AUSTRALIAN football owes a lot of its origin to Gaelic influence, so it's fitting that history is created this week with a visit to Perth by an Irish schools team.

It is the first time that an overseas youth football team has visited the State and the tourists are returning a trip made by a VFL schoolboys team to Ireland in 1985.

With the Irish people having close links with Australian history from our early settlement years, to have a team of Irish youth arrive during our Bicentenary celebrations is tremendous.

The Irish convicts and settlers who pioneered our country 200 years back played an integral part in the development of what is now our national game — Australian Football.

Australian football's earliest days were based around the Irish game of Gaelic Football and in recent years we have witnessed a growth in competition between the two countries.

The 26-strong Irish touring party comprising mainly 17-year-old players gives local fans a chance to witness some fascinating football.

The Irish team will clash with a WA secondary schools team as the curtain raiser to the Eagles v North Melbourne game at Subiaco Oval this Sunday.

COACHING ROLE

The WA team has been selected from schools that competed in the Quit Cup and Sunday's international battle will be played under the rules agreed to by the Irish and Australian senior leagues in recent years.

A round ball will be used; only hand tackling is allowed and the use of soccer-type goal posts are the main changes to Australian football rules.

The WA team has been coached for six weeks by Eagles star Steve Malaxos, who captained the successful Australian team to Ireland in 1986.

The energetic approach to the coaching role adopted by Malaxos has given the young players a magnificent opportunity to be closely involved with one of the game's foremost players.

The match starts at 10.15am and will be played over four 20-minute quarters.

On Monday, the Irish boys travel to Bunbury to play a



Flashback to some Gaelic footy practice. LEFT: Derek Kickett and Guy McKenna try the round ball out. RIGHT: Former West Perth player Brian Adamson gets some hints from Gaelic star Colin Slattery.



combined South West secondary schools team, coached by Bunbury Catholic College principal Val Murphy, who is naturally of Irish descent, which should be interesting.

The Irish will be guests of Dr Ernie Manea, the Mayor of Bunbury and interest in the South West has been high, with a big crowd of students and local football followers expected at the game.

The Irish players will also be guests of the East Fremantle colts team at a players tea after training with them next Tuesday.

On Wednesday, they will be guests of the Eagles at training, followed by dinner with WA's VFL team.

Australian football's contribution to our Bicentenary celebrations is a major one and is boosted by this visit from some ancestors of our game — the Irish.

NORTH FREMANTLE ARE FOOTY TRENDSETTERS

THE North Fremantle amateurs must be one of the most progressive and innovative football clubs in Western Australia.

The Magpies are hosting the Irish youth team in WA this week and will return the visit to Ireland later this year, playing a series of games against Gaelic teams.

Behind every successful club is a dynamic leader and club president Baden Pratt is one of those energetic "go-getters" you often come across in football.

Through his ability to set goals and then organise club members to achieve them, a party of 60 North Fremantle amateurs are ready for a football trip with a difference.

Pratt's organisational ability has a message to all football clubs.

With a positive outlook and plenty of drive, there is nothing a club cannot achieve no matter how bleak critics paint the future.

THE CROWEATERS VIEW...

WHAT'S really happening in South Australia as far as the VFL draft and a national competition is concerned?

Forever the optimist, I chased some inside information on how the Croweaters viewed the current situation and how they saw a truly national competition.

The president of the South Australian National Football League was the man to ask and after a variety of telephone calls, I found a polite, extremely friendly Max Basheer.

What he had to say amounted to exactly nothing.

Most of my questions were answered with statements like "That isn't for me to say. It's up to our 10 directors to make those decisions."

Basheer didn't have any personal opinions when it came to some ticklish queries and if he's a good lawyer, then he would be a magnificent politician.

However, I did gain one or two impressions drawn from the way he spoke; not from what he said.

It seems as though the Croweaters are more than toying with the idea of

Well, I'm
not too
sure!

FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic
BILL MATHER-BROWN



joining a competition that covers the entire country.

Whether it be an expanded VFL competition or a legitimate national series I'm not sure. But one thing is for sure — they'll have a better deal with the Vics than the one we negotiated!

DECISION

The SA decision isn't all that far off and I'd expect a statement by the end of this football season or early in the New Year.

The SANFL seems pretty interested in this week's public meeting organised by South Fremantle, which had overtones of taking the whole matter up to Canberra level.

The Croweaters must be looking for ways to combat the VFL intrusions into their territory and it only seems logical that WA and SA get

together on a common front for the good of the game.

After striking out with Basheer, I tackled another Croweater Country contact who confirmed that the SANFL had made a pretty comprehensive study of the national scene. One major conclusion was that any enlarged competition would not be viable if it stretched beyond the 14 teams now competing.

If this is so, then someone has to drop out to make room for the South Aussies. Does that mean the long-awaited amalgamation of some VFL clubs might be just around the corner?

All of this is pure speculation on my part and I might be accused of just waffling on.... but isn't that what most of our administrators are doing right now?

SITTING IN THE OUTER!

LEON Dutton is one of those people who supports the Eagles through thick and thin and when they play at home, he'll be there.

He likes to cheer them on, but the night they fronted the Brisbane Bears down at the WACA Ground, Leon found little to cheer about.

He celebrated the opening of the new southern stand by forking out \$17 to secure a seat — row N, No. 2.

The only problem was much of the area he wanted to view was

obscured by the wire over the players race. Instead of a comfortable, relaxed view he had stop-start vision, depending on whether he stood up or sat down.

A little common sense was exhibited by a jacket-coated official who surveyed the problem and seated our Eagles fan in another part of the stand — a refreshing approach in such circumstances.

Leon appreciated the change, but he feels something should be done to make sure other people aren't affected. After all, 17 bucks is a lot of loot to part with for a part-time view of the footy.

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South Bunbury crush main rivals

LEAGUE leaders South Bunbury gained a huge psychological advantage over second-placed Carey Park when they annihilated their main premiership rivals by 119 points in the South-West League last Sunday.

In a semi-final preview, South Bunbury won 26.22 to 9.7.

The excellent team effort was led by Scott Meadows, who was outstanding in the centre. He was ably assisted by Chris Raykos (six goals), Craig Cahill and Craig Watson, with five goals each.

Carey Park, who now have some serious thinking to do before the finals, were best served by Mark Skehan, Reg Stack and Glen Dehring.

Reigning premiers Collie returned to the winning list when they comfortably accounted for Augusta-Margaret River, 16.11 to 8.17.

Jeff Davidson (eight goals) was best for the victors, backed up by veteran Bruce Jackson and Alan Michael. The reliable Les Ayan again was best for Augusta-Margaret River, together with Michael Abbey.

GOAL ORGY

A brilliant 18-goal second half by Harvey-Brunswick enabled them to easily defeat Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 30.16 to 13.9.

Graham Jeffrey, with a best-on-ground performance, led the way for Harvey and others to show out were Dom Crognale (nine goals) and Derek Hall (six goals).

Boyanup's best were the reliable Darren Mundy, along with Ross Williams and Larry Patane.

Busselton (20.10) ensured that they will be competing in this year's finals by comfortably defeating Mines Rovers (8.6).

Continuing his good Wesfarmers Carnival form was Michael Krygger, Craig Earnshaw, who was not expected to play because of an ankle injury, made a surprise appearance and bagged seven goals, as did Chris Kemp.

For Mines, Dean Rakich tried hard, along with Adrian Bell and coach Peter Rowe.

In a fiery encounter which saw three players reported, Bunbury (19.10) defeated Donnybrook (14.7).

Ric Dawson was best for Bunbury, assisted by Kelvin Gribble and the volatile Barry Allen, while Steve Larsson (four goals) also contributed strongly.

Anthony Currey (three goals) was best for Donnybrook, along with Shane Hickman and Nigel Bedford.

This weekend, Carey Park should return to the winning list at Augusta-Margaret River's expense; Donnybrook look too strong at home for Collie; Bunbury will defeat Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup; South Bunbury should account for Busselton and Harvey-Brunswick should be too strong for Mines Rovers.

Karratha hand out thrashing

KARRATHA'S 83-point victory over Rovers has given them a tight grip on second position on the North Pilbara League ladder.

Falcons continue to dominate the competition, with a 54-point victory over South Hedland, 18.16 to 9.16.

South Hedland tried desperately, but had no answers for the Falcons strong following division.

Dampier accounted for Wickham by 74 points, 22.13 to 10.11 giving their percentage a big boost.

TOP PLAYER

ROYALS defender Don Nesbitt maintained his excellent 1988 form when he won the Warburton Medal as the best player in the Southern Districts combined side at the recent Wesfarmers championships. The veteran 29-year-old was selected in the All-Stars side after another typical tigerish display in defence during the carnival.

by

DENIS HEANEY

Close games in Albany league

THE Southern Districts Football League experienced two great games last Sunday when Railways beat North Mt Barker by nine points and Royals downed South Mt Barker by 11 points.

Railways moved back into the final four with a 14.10 (94) to 13.7 (85) win at Frost Park, after trailing by four points at three-quarter time.

North Barker are one game ahead of North Albany in second spot, after looking certain second semi-finalists. With two qualifying games remaining, the competition is enthralling.

Railways were best served by ruckman Dean Maroni, centre-half-forward Rick Swarbrick and forward-pocket Tim Scott, who kicked five goals.

North Barker's best were Paul Garbellini, Greg Saunders and Gary Sandilands. Kelvin Hardy and Ken Hunt each kicked four goals.

South Barker led league leaders Royals by two points at the last change, but went down 12.11 (83) to 10.12 (72) at Centennial Oval.

GOALKICKING

Captain Michael Waugh, Don Nesbitt and Brad Eastough were best for Royals, while Russell Jones, Winston Williams and Murray Walinge played excellent games for the Hawks. Williams, who heads the goalkicking on 40, scored four majors.

North Albany had a huge win against Denmark at Collingwood Park, 27.14 (176) to 9.11 (65).

Rookie Jason Roebuck starred for the Kangas and was backed up by triple Kleemann Medallist Robbie Sutton and Russell Williams.

Denmark's top trio were Rob Woods, Rob Studham and Paul Ellard. The Wynne brothers Keith (6) and Murray (5) were the major goalscorers.

This Sunday will see two grand final type matches. Railways, fourth on percentage over South Barker, meet them at home and second-placed North Barker meet third side North Albany at Frost Park. Denmark will play Royals at McLean Park.

The Studio 10 footballer-of-the-year award is evenly-poised after Michael Waugh's fine performance on Sunday. His effort took him level on 17 votes with North Barkers Brad Smallwood.

FINE EFFORTS

THE Central Great Southern League was reasonably satisfied with the fighting effort put up by their under-19 side in the recent clash with the State amateur colts team. The bigger and stronger amateurs won comfortably, 14.12 to 4.5, but only after a spirited first-half. CGSFL players who did well against superior opposition were Scott Whitmore, Darren Ballard, Brendon Hendry and Darren Byrne.

Wesfarmers present ...

COUNTRY ROUND-UP

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Warriors survive

THE highly-rated Central Midlands derby between fourth-placed Rovers and third side Warriors was played in perfect conditions at Moora last Sunday, with Warriors surviving.

The close first half saw the lead change five times, but Warriors took over in the second half to win 15.17 to 11.9.

Top side Dalwallinu showed too much class for second-placed Dandaragan, winning by 47 points, 18.13 to 11.8.

Bindi-Miling recorded their first win of the season when they accounted for Watheroo, 15.11 to 7.21 with the Roos inaccurate kicking their downfall.

This week's games see the top three sides play the bottom three sides.

The most interesting clash will be between Dandaragan and Rovers at Dandaragan; Warriors meet Bindi Miling at Moora and Dalwallinu will be at home to Watheroo.

Final four is decided

ROUND 14 in the Fortescue League has seen the final four decided with Saints, Tigers, Centrals and Towns to contest the finals.

At Paraburdoo, Tigers held on to defeat Demons by three points, but were not impressive and will have to improve if they are to be a serious threat in the finals.

In the early game at Tom Price, Saints kicked away in the third quarter to beat Centrals by 58 points after an even first half.

In the late game, Towns served notice that they again will be competitive at finals time with a 134-point win over Hill. Jimmy Crotty kicked 15 goals for the winners — a promising sign for the Eagles with the finals coming up.

In next Sunday's games with the final four decided, clubs will be out to improve their team work.

At Paraburdoo, Saints should give their percentage a boost at the expense of bottom team Hill.

At Tom Price, Towns should be too strong for Demons and in the late game Tigers, in spite of recent indifferent form, should beat Centrals.

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Munglinup	11	8	3	1612	843	191.22	32
Tigers	11	6	5	993	1140	87.01	24
Lakes	11	4	7	912	1000	91.02	16
Southerners	11	4	7	864	1396	61.89	16

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North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Falcons	14	12	2	-	1797	1191	150.88	48
Karratha	14	8	5	1	1566	1360	115.15	34
Rovers	14	8	5	1	1446	1391	103.95	34
Dampier	14	7	7	-	1343	1383	97.11	28
Sth Hedland	14	5	9	-	1380	1530	90.20	20
Wickham	14	1	13	-	1224	1901	64.39	4

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South West League

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
South Bunbury	14	-	2152	808	266.3	56
Carey Park	11	3	2070	1090	189.9	44
Bunbury	10	4	1569	1096	143.2	40
Harvey-Brun	9	5	1393	1367	101.9	36
Busselton	8	6	1330	1312	101.4	32
Donnybrook	6	8	1195	1496	79.9	24
Mines Rovers	5	9	1286	1524	84.4	20
Aug-Marg River	3	11	1053	1649	63.9	12
Collie	2	12	1014	1640	61.8	8
Boyanup-Capel	2	12	1016	2096	48.5	8

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Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
ROYALS	15	14	1	1626	806	201.74	56
N. MT BARKER	15	9	6	1261	937	134.58	36
N. ALBANY	15	8	7	1175	1245	94.38	32
RAILWAYS	15	7	8	1218	1051	115.89	28
S. Mt Barker	15	7	8	1118	1245	80.80	28
Denmark	15	-	15	637	1751	36.38	-

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Ongerup	11	10	1	1294	723	40	178.97
Newdegate	11	9	2	1711	561	36	304.99
Jerramungup	11	9	2	1617	783	36	206.51
Kent	11	6	5	1343	1105	24	121.53
Gnowangerup	11	5	6	1176	1103	20	106.61
Pingrup	11	2	9	722	1699	8	45.43
Boxwood Hill	11	2	9	709	1672	8	42.40
Borden	11	1	10	550	1557	4	35.32

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Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Mukinbudin	12	11	1	1438	757	189.9	44
Bencubbin	12	11	1	1697	917	185.1	44
Beacon	12	8	4	1288	957	134.6	32
Koorda	12	7	5	1437	943	152.4	28
Southern Cross	12	5	7	1276	1292	98.8	20
Towns	12	3	9	943	1489	63.3	12
Nungarin	12	2	10	759	1442	52.6	8
Kalannie	12	1	11	696	1651	42.2	4

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Fortescue League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Saints	14	12	2	1619	885	182.93	48
Tigers	14	10	4	2595	1186	134.48	40
Centrals	14	8	6	1591	1249	127.38	32
Towns	14	8	6	1590	1338	118.83	32
Demons	14	4	10	936	1519	61.61	16
Hill	14	-	14	645	2842	35.01	-

Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Dalwallinu	13	12	1	1684	677	248	48
Warriors	13	9	4	1504	986	152	36
Dandaragan	13	8	5	1435	1006	142	32
Rovers	13	7	6	1160	1224	94	28
Watheroo	13	2	11	1013	1540	65	8
Bindi Miling	13	1	12	587	1908	30	4

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Malaxos, Annear a fine tag team

THE move by Eagles coach John Todd to tag dangerous Melbourne rovers Greg Healy and Ricky Jackson out of a back pocket with Steve Malaxos and John Annear paid handsome dividends.

They completely shut the Melbourne pair out of the game and in the second half became very attacking players themselves.

The commitment, attitude and stamina shown by the experienced pair was excellent.

Malaxos showed he is getting back to last year's form after a disastrous run with injury.

Vice-captain Annear always sets a fine example and has had a fine year. His third-quarter performance was an absolute blinder.

When people talk of football professionalism, both Annear and Malaxos rate very high on the list.

Mount magic swings game

PERTH had been struggling in the past few weeks but from quarter-time last Saturday they found direction and gained a great character victory against the Falcons, who completely dominated the first quarter and then capitulated.

The midfield dominance in the second half by Demons Yorgey, Fancote, Watson, Barich and Santostefano was too much for the opposition.

But the prime move was that of Stephen Mount from defence to attack.

He took on Falcons centre-half-back Neil Jackson, close to best on ground in the first half, and turned the tide for the Demons, kicking four goals and presenting a target at centre-half-forward that was missing earlier in the game.

Returning from injury, Mount proved that he is a key player for the Demons.

Mount's form has been most consistent since he moved to the WAFL from Richmond.

Young Demon and second-gamer Barry Cable gave an impressive, hard-working display on a half-back flank.

A night to remember!

SOME weeks back I mentioned the 25th anniversary reunion of the successful 1963 State schoolboy team at the Brisbane Carnival.

Well, it took place last Friday and was a resounding success.

Most of those present were apprehensive at the start as they encountered names and faces they had not seen, in some cases, for the full 25 years.

But as the night progressed and everyone relaxed into the spirit of the occasion, it was not only the stories that flowed.

For the record we beat the Vics by just two points in 1963.

With 30 seconds to go and WA trailing by four points, the ball was bounced, kicked up forward and Ian Cunningham (Subiaco) scored the winning goal.

It goes to prove that you never give in until the final siren sounds. Some of the boys last Friday night needed a second siren!

Who did you say you were?

IT WAS good for football that crowds were up in the WAFL last weekend but chief executive Peter Cummiskey still had a small hiccup to overcome.

Peter suggested to a few people at the WACA on Saturday they should walk around the ground from the members' reserve to check out the new WAFL super box in the southern stand.

After walking up four flights of stairs the group was confronted by a most efficient WACA attendant who would not admit Cummiskey and the rest of the party.

The attendant was adamant that the only person authorised to have the super box opened was Bill Kerr, of the West Coast Eagles.

After some discussion and an assurance that Cummiskey would take full responsibility, the door was opened.

May I suggest, Peter, that next time you wear a name tag.

Coach with a winning way

CONGRATULATIONS to Quit Cup division winners Eastern Hills and Hamilton Senior High Schools and to the Football Development Trust for organising such a fine program.

Hamilton Hill are coached by Brian 'Spider' Gray, a former phys-ed colleague of mine.

He has put together an amazing record over the last five years and remains undefeated in interschool football.

I managed to listen in to Gray's last-quarter address and found it enthusiastic, inspirational and emotional.

Brian certainly has done a tremendous job with his boys, though his predicted five-goal win was cut down to five points by a spirited Warwick Senior High. But the record stays intact.

DOWN IN THE DUMP

IAN Cunningham, a member of that '63 schoolboys' side and who went on to play many games for Subiaco, recently had an interesting experience.

It seems that in a Subiaco club clean-up a large framed photo of Cunningham was disposed of and ended up on the local rubbish dump.

By pure chance a neighbour found it and delivered it to Ian.

Naturally he was disappointed that his photo had been taken to the dump because he had told Subiaco that when they did not require his photo he would like to have it back.

Anyway, all's well that ends well. Foxy's photo, complete with frame, is back with its owner.

SIX STRAIGHT TO TIGERS

CLAREMONT last week recorded their sixth win straight against East Perth.

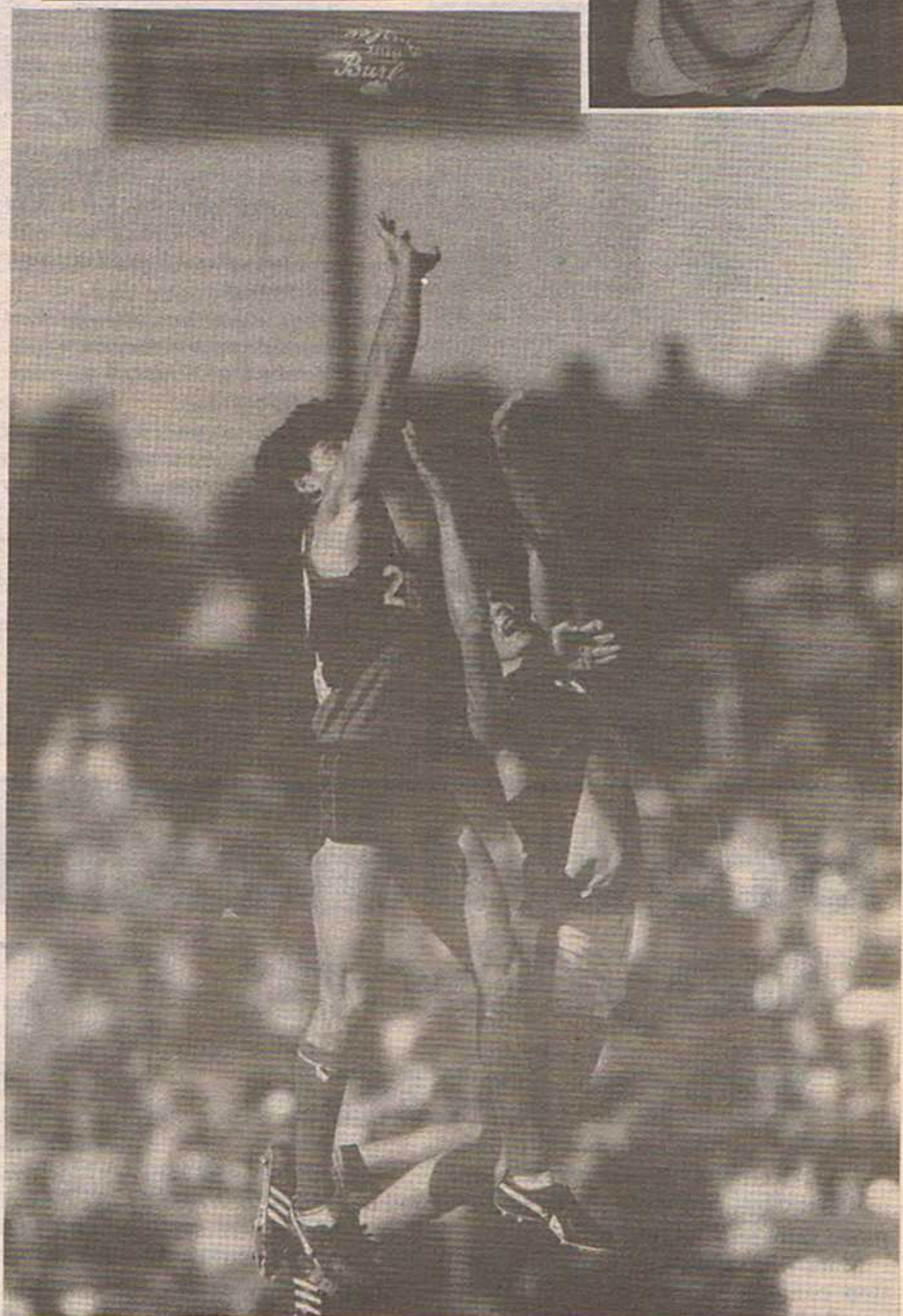
This equals their six straight wins over the Royals back in the 1939/40 seasons.



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Perth's Stephen Mount (left) struck top form against West Perth last week and is a key player in the Demons bid for a premiership.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian
DAVE CLEMENT



Sharks tasty for Bulldogs

IS this the start of another South Fremantle revival?

Their hollow Derby win last week was just five points short of their highest score ever at East Fremantle Oval.

The Bulldogs' 85-point win has been bettered three times at that ground, the high point being their record 107-point win in 1980.

Last Saturday's win was their fifth straight, a feat they last achieved five years ago under Mal Brown.

TURNED ON — OR OFF

HAVING worked in the Port City for 40 years, I tell you nothing has changed. Only half the town wants to talk football after any Derby.

My South friends love to talk about the 1954 Derby grand final when they won by a then record 78 points or the time when they ended the Sharks' record run of 35 straight back in 1947.

TIME TO PRAY

WEST PERTH supporters will need to take their four-leaf clovers and rabbit's feet as well to Fremantle Oval this week.

It was back in May 1978 when they last won there — by four points, 19.10 to 18.12.

RICHES TO RAGS

WHEN West Perth led Perth 8.1 to 1.0 at quarter-time it was hard to envisage them losing.

After all, how often does a side lose after leading by 43 points at the first change?

Well, I did find an instance of a team being 44 points up at the end of the first term and they, too, were well beaten.

On July 17, 1965, Subiaco led Claremont 7.3 to 0.1 but lost 9.4 to 16.9.

The highest first-quarter score by a losing side is 9.6 by Claremont in 1982 when they went down to South Fremantle by two points.

CABLE'S 400th

FLASHBACK to 1979. It was round 19 and Barry Cable's 400th senior game.

As captain-coach of East Perth, he helped his team beat his first love Perth by 10 goals in front of 16,167 fans.

That's as many as crowd for the VFL match last Sunday between the Eagles and Melbourne.

Cable along with Richmond coach Kevin Bartlett and the South Australian pair of Russell Ebert and Peter Carey have played more than 400 games.



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Dermies just a wild Irish kid!

HAWTHORN firebrand Dermott Brereton was branded as just another wild Irishman by Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy last weekend.

The flamboyant Brereton stirred up the Bombers camp when he charged through their three-quarter time huddle — and had a nose-to-nose confrontation with umpire Ian Clayton and Essendon tough guy Bill Duckworth.

The charge came just after a third quarter wrestle with Duckworth which cost the Hawks a goal kicked by teammate Jason Dunstall.

The three-quarter time incident looked likely to explode as several Bombers turned to tackle Brereton... but it quickly cooled.

Sheedy laughed it off, saying that Brereton was a great player.

"He's an emotional sort of player," said Sheedy. "I very rarely knock the Irish."

We're just good friends... Dermott Brereton has a few words with umpire Ian Clayton and Essendon's Bill Duckworth.



INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM
Eastern States statistician
for the West Coast Eagles



Dunstall ready for his "ton"

HAWTHORN full-forward Jason Dunstall didn't quite make it to the 100-goal target for the season on Saturday — but he will be long odds-on to do so against Fitzroy at Princes Park this weekend.

Dunstall is now only five goals ahead of Tony Lockett's tally at the same stage of last season. Lockett needed seven goals against Footscray in Round 19 last year to reach the "ton" — and he kicked eight.

Collingwood's Peter McKenna was the last player to reach 100 goals before Round 19 — a feat he achieved in three consecutive years, 1970, 1971 and 1972. Since then, St Kilda's Lockett (1987) and Footscray's Kelvin Templeton (1978) both reached 100 goals in Round 19.

ROSCO'S MILESTONE

ROSS Glendinning has become the fifth player this season to reach 50 goals in the VFL. At the same stage of 1987, eight players had kicked over 50 goals.

Glendinning's VFL career tally of 304 goals includes 90 goals for the Eagles.

CATON'S DEBUT

KEVIN Caton became the 33rd player to represent the West Coast Eagles this season, when he made his VFL debut against Melbourne on Sunday.

When Caton goaled in the opening minutes of the final quarter, he became the Eagles' 30th goalscorer for the year. David O'Connell and Guy McKenna are now the only players in the Eagles' squad yet to score a goal in VFL football.

NORTH'S TARGET

NORTH Melbourne will attempt next Sunday to become the first team to defeat the West Coast Eagles at both Subiaco Oval and the WACA Ground.

Carlton and Fitzroy are the only other teams to play the Eagles at both grounds. Fitzroy are the only team to lose at both venues.

HAWKS RUN

AFTER Melbourne's loss to the Eagles on Sunday, Hawthorn are now the only side not to lose two games in a row at some stage during 1988.

It is over a year since Melbourne last lost consecutive matches — in rounds 14 and 15.

CRITICS MISS

THE Victorian press didn't give the Eagles much chance of beating Melbourne in last Sunday's game at Subiaco Oval. Only three of a total of 31 tipsters in *The Age*, *The Sun* and *The Herald* picked the Eagles to win.

Geoff Poulter wrote in *The Herald* (in an article titled "Demons to bury Eagles") "... the Eagles are so dis-oriented that it's difficult to imagine they could beat the third-ranked Demons this week..."

The *Sunday Press* noted "... smart punters should take out their second mortgage and back Melbourne today. They are the greatest certainties since Placid Ark won at Belmont last Wednesday and they will win just as easily..."

Like racing, nothing is certain in football.

Brownlow bid by the boy from the bush



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

LAKE Grace, 260km south-east of Perth, has probably never had a more famous sporting son.

Mark Bairstow's footballing reputation continues to grow in the Melbourne big-time, while he maintains his love of the bush and horses through his work in country Victoria at Moriac, near Geelong.

When the season is over, Bairstow will head back to WA and Lake Grace, where his parents run sheep and harvest wheat on their 10,500 acreage.

Mark is happiest in a bush environment, and when he's not playing or training for football the Geelong champion works as a farm hand, crutching and rounding up sheep, harvesting, digging post holes and anything else asked of him.

He's been having another brilliant season and, if anything, he's considered an even more valuable player now than when he won the 1986 Sandover Medal, the year before he came to Melbourne.

Such has been Bairstow's advancement that many believe he is among the most valuable players in the game.

Key Hawthorn forwards Jason Dunstall and Dermott Brereton are generally conceded by most league coaches to be the most valuable but others, including Carlton's athletic Steve Silvagni and ruck-rover Bairstow, also have their fanciers.

Bairstow, an All-Australian representative, was made deputy vice-captain at Geelong this year.

INSPIRATION

Coach John Devine says Bairstow's application is an inspiration to everyone.

"He's a good player because he's committed and uncomplicated," says Devine. "He believes you must train hard to be successful... he plays his backside off for this club."

Bairstow says he'll always return to WA, but probably not for a year or two until he has fulfilled some of his VFL ambitions, which include being a part of a successful Geelong team and playing in the finals.

The Cats are outsiders to make it this year — being two games out of fifth place. Three of their last four matches are against clubs higher than them on the ladder — Essendon (Saturday), Hawthorn and Collingwood.

EAGLES ARE HOLDING ON

THE Eagles' win over Melbourne ensured that their ladder position at the end of the round was again better than at the same stage of last season.

The Eagles moved up to seventh by defeating Hawthorn in round 18 of 1987; had they lost on Sunday they would have fallen to ninth.

TAGGED

Like some of the game's most consistent champions such as Hawthorn's John Platten, Richmond's Dale Weightman and Sydney's Gerard Healy, Bairstow is invariably tagged most weeks, but his natural fitness and running powers still enable him to win kicks in enormous numbers.

He had almost 30 possessions against Sydney on Friday night, leading the Cats to an impressive round 18 victory which maintains the club's slim hopes of making the finals.

After finishing third in last year's best and fairest count and polling the most Brownlow votes of any Geelong player, he is again expected to figure in the top three along with veteran Neville Bruns and State player Andrew Bews.

Bairstow, 24, is one of the WA form players in the VFL competition, along with Richmond's Michael Mitchell, Hawthorn's Gary Buckenara, Carlton's Wayne Blackwell and North Melbourne's Krakouer brothers.

He is expected to poll in the top 12 in this year's Brownlow and, given his brilliant run-on game, appears likely to remain one of the key players in the VFL for years to come.

How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	Handball	Score
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	22	5	6	—
MELBOURNE				
Alan Johnson	15	5	8	—
Earl Spalding	10	6	3	1.3
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	11	5	7	3.0
Phil Krakouer	10	8	7	3.0
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	19	7	13	5.2
Peter Wilson	15	2	7	1.1
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	16	6	6	2.1
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	7	5	7	—
BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	17	5	3	1.0
Mike Richardson	9	5	9	—
Rod Lester-Smith	9	3	1	—
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	11	2	6	—
John Dorotich	4	3	2	0.2
Ken Hunter	3	2	—	1.0
Peter Sartori	4	2	2	3.0
Steve Da Rui	4	—	2	—
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	1	4	6	—
Craig Starcevich	1	1	3	—
Brian Taylor	5	4	2	4.1
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	18	6	4	2.0
Bill Duckworth	12	3	2	—
Darren Bewick	12	2	1	—
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	6	1	3	—
John Ironmonger	5	4	5	—
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	13	10	1	4.3
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	19	—	9	2.1

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Classic battle of Aboriginal quartet

THE undeniable ball skills of Aborigines went on display when Richmond and North Melbourne did battle last Saturday.

Richmond pair Michael Mitchell and Phil Egan battled with North's duo of Jim and Phil Krakouer — and all four featured in their team's best-player lists.

Egan and Mitchell tipped the scales Richmond's way, kicking 12 goals between them, while the Krakouers managed three goals each in a losing team.

The quartet finished with 18 of the 37 goals and at one stage had kicked 12 of the first 16.

PIES TOP THE TABLE

VFL attendance figures released last week confirm that Collingwood are still the most popular club in the competition.

An average of 36,639 people have watched each of Collingwood's 17 matches going into last week's round of fixtures.

The Pies are well ahead of Melbourne, whose new-found top-four status has seen an average of 29,889 people watch each game this season.


Carlton, the reigning premiers, are next with 27,579 fans per game and going down the list the figures are Hawthorn 21,611, Essendon 21,471, Geelong 19,785 and St Kilda on 18,205.

Filling an impressive eighth position considering a small Melbourne support base are the West Coast Eagles, with an average of 17,531 people — ahead of six other VFL clubs.


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Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	98.51
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	70.51
Simon Beasley (Footscray)	64.23
Ross Glendinning (Eagles)	52.39
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	51.28
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	47.34
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	46.32
Warwick Capper (Brisbane Bears)	45.26
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	35.19
Graeme Wright (Collingwood)	34.20
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	33.21
Nicky Winmar (St Kilda)	32.31
Michael Turner (Geelong)	32.17
Adrian Gleeson (Carlton)	30.16
Jim Krakouer (North Melbourne)	29.11
Dermott Brereton (Hawthorn)	29.13
Bruce Lindner (Geelong)	27.15
Paul Salmon (Essendon)	27.18

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Phil Krakouer evades Richmond defender Brendan Bower in the MCG mud.



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CATON, Kevin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
CORMACK, Joe	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	22
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KEENE, Laurie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	3	-	-	-	-	7	5	7
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LEWIS, Chris	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	4	-	-	4	3	3	4	-	-	31
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PEOS, Paul	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	3r	6	7	4	6	4	-	-	3r	49
RANCE, Murray	6	6	4r	5	6	4	6	4	7	4	7	7	6	4	5	5	7	98
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UGLE, Troy	-	5r	3r	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	4	30
WATERMAN, Chris	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	6	41
WORSFOLD, John	6	6	6	5	7	6	4i	6	-	-	8	7	6	6	7	6	5	99
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Hall shows his class

SOUTH Australian Tony Hall elevated his status in the VFL with an outstanding 38-possession effort for Hawthorn last Saturday.

The 23-year-old wingman stunned Essendon with his 18-kick, 20-handpass effort — not forgetting his 12 marks.

Hall steadied the Hawks in the last quarter, with only a four-point margin in their favour at the final change. His 14 final-term possessions helped set up many of their five goals.

Blues are back in business

REIGNING premiers Carlton are building up to defend their premiership status — despite the challenge from Hawthorn and Co.

The Blues have been overlooked in recent media speculation about the likely 1988 premiers because of their mid-season slump and a general low-key approach.

But their 76-point crushing of Fitzroy last Saturday showed that the team is getting into top gear — and there are still a lot of senior players out injured.

Key players like Wayne Johnston, Jim Buckley, Wayne Harmes and David Rhys-Jones are almost ready to bolster the line-up and coach Robert Walls has been pleased with the gradual improvement in recent weeks.

"We are slowly starting to put



together four quarters of football," says Walls.

"There's been good signs in recent games; we slogged hard against St Kilda, kicked 20 goals for the first time against Geelong and put three quarters together this week."

PIES HAPPY

Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews is also sleeping easier now that the Pies appear to have got over their mid-season slump.

The Magpies overcame a tardy start to beat a dogged St Kilda by 33 points and Matthews says that the team hasn't been playing all that bad.

"I wouldn't say that we were in a slump," he says.

"Fitzroy played well to beat us and Melbourne outplayed us.

"We still have areas of improvement and there's a lot of good football ahead of us."

Leon shuns limelight

ESSENDON'S "quiet man" Leon Baker, the footballer who loves to avoid press interviews, was at his nimble best again last weekend after a promising comeback game against Hawthorn.

Baker (two goals) had a big hand in Essendon's fighting start against the premiership favourites.

He gave an excellent display and had 22 possessions compared with his opponent Gary Buckenara's 28.

As usual, Baker said little in response to media enquiries and remained low-key about his effort.

By contrast, teammate Bill Duckworth, who was involved in a scuffle with in-the-news strongman Dermott Brereton, was perfectly happy to chat, saying Brereton and he get on famously and that the on-field clash was just "part of the game".

HORSES FOR COURSES

COLLINGWOOD are hoping for sunny spring weather next month for the start of the VFL finals.

The Magpies tend to flounder in heavy conditions and the club's star WA pair Michael Christian and Craig Starcevich have been struggling for form in recent weeks.

Last weekend coach Leigh Matthews again had to shift Starcevich away from centre-half-forward. His replacement, State backman Shane Morwood, helped to turn a potentially close game into an easy win against hard-working St Kilda.

Starcevich had only one kick and three handballs while centre-half-back Christian had one kick and six handballs.

Both played for WA this year in the State of Origin challenge against Victoria, but have not recaptured the form which earned their spots originally.

Coach Matthews said he expects his two key WA men to be far better players on "drier tracks".

"It's horses for courses with them," he said.

Mitchell a chance

MICHAEL Mitchell's five-goal performance for Richmond against North Melbourne at the weekend had Tiger coach Kevin Bartlett enthusiastically assessing the West Australian as an "outside chance" for this year's Brownlow.

"He has been electric at times for us," said Bartlett, "which is a credit to him as he struggled last year. I wouldn't be surprised if he polls well in the Brownlow."

Mitchell had 32 possessions against North (19 kicks and 13 handballs) and booted 5.2 in a most impressive effort reminiscent of his effort against Sydney when he was a star six weeks ago.

Richmond won their fifth game in nine matches to ensure they will finish higher than last year's wooden spoon ranking.

The Tigers are currently 12th, with six victories for the season, ahead of Brisbane on percentage and St Kilda, who have won just four games.

Eagles give the

THE Eagles bounced back to winning form with a big 44-point victory over Melbourne at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

In fine weather, the Eagles showed too much class for the Demons, playing their strong run-on open game.



All smiles. . . (from left) Kevin Caton, David O'Connell, Geoff Miles and Dean Turner.



Trainer David Jones
Rance c



Former League player Gary Greer has a drink after the game, while Murray Wrensted and Steve Malaxos do likewise.

Time out for an autograph. . . Chris Waterman obliges for this youngster.



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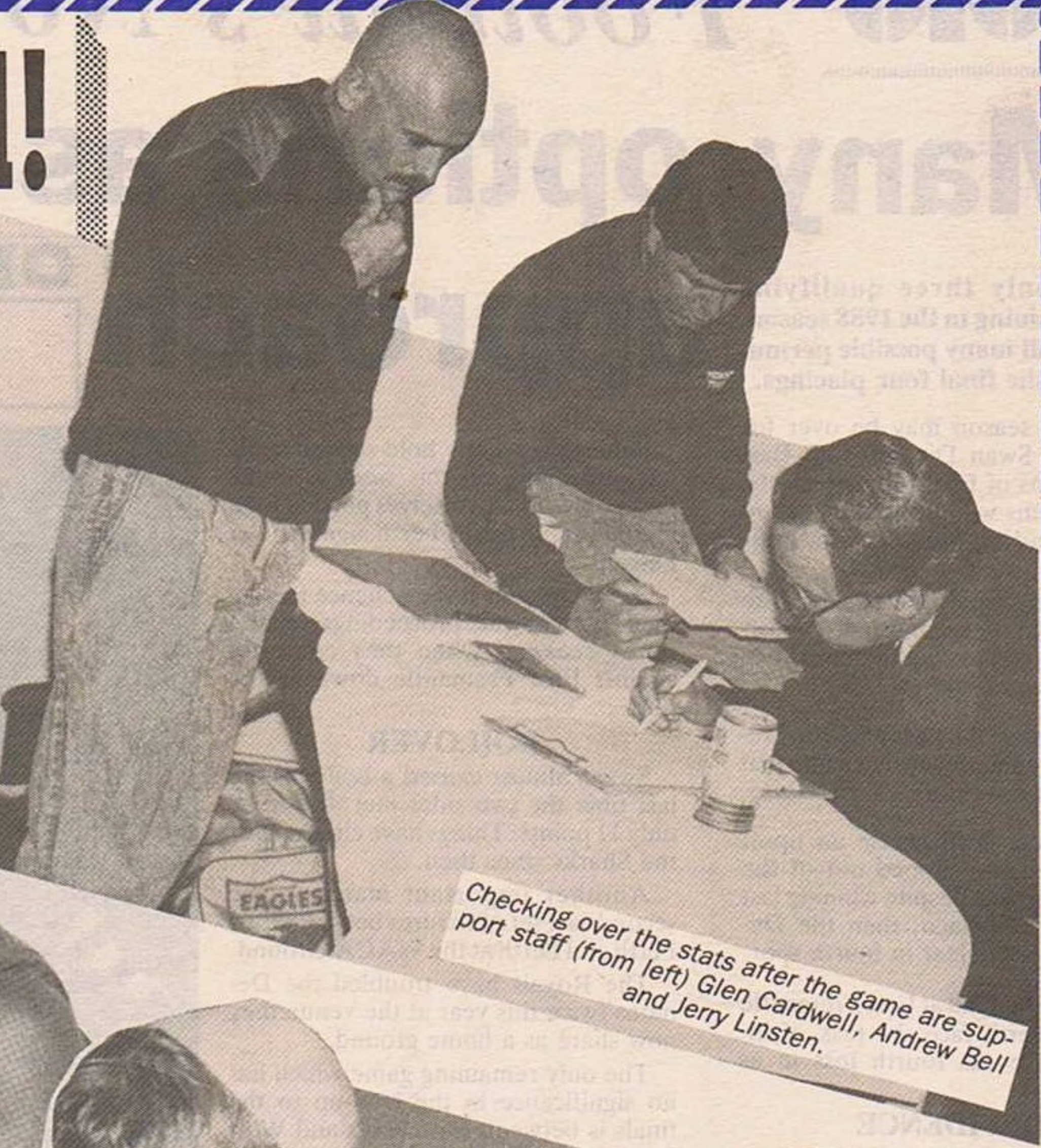
The Eagles have now won three of their last four games and still hold a slim chance of making the five.

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Our photographer, Annaliese Frank, went behind the scenes to capture the atmosphere in the rooms.



David Jones helps a battered Murray Rance out of his boots.



Checking over the stats after the game are support staff (from left) Glen Cardwell, Andrew Bell and Jerry Linsten.



Packing up (from left) Hilton Fitzmaurice, Dr Rod Moore and propertyman Hank Gloede.



Guy McKenna discusses the game with David Hart and John Annear, while Karl Langdon and Laurie Keene have their own chat.

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Many options as finals approach

ON THE BALL

By **MIKE KNUCKEY**



WITH only three qualifying games remaining in the 1988 season, there are still many possible permutations for the final four placings.

While the season may be over for West Perth, Swan Districts and East Perth in terms of final-four prospects, the three teams will play an important part in deciding this year's finals line-up.

West Perth's finals hopes sank with Perth's ferocious second-half performance last Saturday, but their next two games hold great interest.

This Saturday they play South Fremantle, at Fremantle Oval; a game that Stan Magro's boys can't afford to lose.

Should West Perth cause an upset and Perth — who slipped out of the four on percentage despite winning last week — beat Subiaco, then the Demons are a game clear in fourth spot.

Just down the road at East Fremantle Oval, East Perth face the task of inflicting the Sharks fourth loss in as many weeks.

CONFIDENCE

East Fremantle's confidence is a little shattered and an upset is not out of the question.

Should this happen — and Perth and South Fremantle both win — then Sharks coach Graham Melrose would find his side out of the four for the first time in over two years.

West Perth are involved in another crucial game a week later when they play Subiaco at League headquarters.

Subiaco currently hold second spot, but depending on this week's results they could find themselves playing for a second semi-finals berth against the Falcons.

Swan Districts have a chance to play their part in the proceedings on the same weekend when they come up against East Fremantle down at the port.

BOILOVER

Swans almost caused a boilover the last time the two sides met, losing by only 11 points. Things have changed for the Sharks since then.

Another important match is the second-last set of fixtures between East Perth and Perth at the WACA Ground.

The Royals have troubled the Demons twice this year at the venue they now share as a home ground.

The only remaining game which has no significance in the lead-up to the finals is between East Perth and West Perth in the last round.

INTRIGUING

Swans play Perth at Bassendean that day, while South play Subiaco and Claremont meet East Fremantle — all making for an intriguing finish to this year's preliminary rounds.

For what it's worth, my tips for final placings are: Claremont, Subiaco, South Fremantle, Perth, East Fremantle, West Perth, Swan Districts, East Perth.



Craig Edwards... outstanding game.

Edwards puts the boots in!

BIG South Fremantle ruckman Craig Edwards was again in "blistering" form last Saturday against arch rivals East Fremantle — and he had the feet to confirm it!

Another best-on-ground performance by the 27-year-old ruckman set his side up for an inspired victory, but amidst the post-game celebrations, Edwards admitted to being a bit of a tender foot.

"I was wearing new boots after half-time to try and break them in slowly," he says.

"As a result my feet are pretty sore right now."

There was no mistaking which boots belonged to Edwards. The size 14s (specially made to fit him) are a bright red and white to show that he is a true Bulldog from head to toe.

While Edwards retired to the shower, the boots lay there like two planks of wood waiting for a forklift to load them into his bag.

Sensitive start for a Shark

JON Derecourt had a pretty painful start to last Saturday's derby.

The East Fremantle defender saw his rival, Peter Sumich, mark some 60 metres from goal early in the first quarter and the two players were then involved in a brief scuffle.

Derecourt copped a knock in a fairly sensitive part of his anatomy that could well have caused a severe voice change if it had been serious.

To rub salt in the wounds (ouch!) Sumich was given a 50-metre penalty which allowed him to walk up to the goal square and post the first of his five majors for the afternoon.

Derecourt recovered to be one of his side's best players and obtain many more kicks during the game — in the regular fashion.

HARD-WORKER

THOUGH East Fremantle suffered an 85-point loss in the derby last Saturday, Peter Quill's performance and attitude was one that other Shark players should well follow. Despite his tender 18 years, Quill played with experience and class that easily earned him East Fremantle's top player. The young winger is a hard-runner and extremely skilful with a big future ahead if he continues to play with the discipline that he displayed last Saturday.



Howard Manley, the former East Perth league team manager, has gone into full-time football administration.

Manley has taken up the role as Perth's General Manager.

He takes over from Mick Moylan, who has joined the West Coast Eagles.

Manley has shown himself to be a diligent worker this season and his loss will be felt by the Royals.

South Fremantle

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PETER Sumich's brilliant exhibition last Saturday was marred only slightly by his inaccurate kicking which netted him five goals, nine behinds for the day.

Most people would ignore this blemish considering the ease of the Bulldog victory and the fact that most of these points were kicked once the game was shot to pieces.

But the last of those inaccuracies at the 30-minute mark of the final quarter cost his side a record score against the "old enemy" East Fremantle.

From 30 metres out Sumich missed to the left with the final scoring shot for the game. South Fremantle finished with 26.20 (176) — only five points behind the record of 181 points set in 1980.

RARE FEAT

LAST week's round of fixtures saw all four away teams take the honours for the first time this season. Only twice this year have all four home teams won on the same day.

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Falcons still shaking

"NO injury problems — just 20 broken hearts."

That's how one West Perth official described the feeling among the players when quizzed over their performance against a "Jeckyl and Hyde" Perth last Saturday; turning a 43-point lead into a 42-point drubbing.

At a Sunday morning function many of the league players were still shell-shocked at what they had witnessed the day before.

West Perth team manager Greg Simpson described Perth's comeback as one of the greatest performances he had seen.

"They played for their football lives — West Perth didn't," he said.

Former VFL and WAFL veteran Andrew Purser, who has maintained his close association with West Perth, admitted to never seeing anything like it.

At the post-mortem, league players huddled in small groups shaking their heads in disbelief at what had happened.

There was no abuse from coach Bruce Monteath after the game; no knife-throwing or finger pointing.

He was quick to defend his players, saying that they didn't give up. The Demons just produced an amazing second-half surge.

ENDEAVOUR

An unbiased man close to the scene of the action, umpire David Johnson, backed up Monteath's view that West Perth had played with the same endeavour over four quarters.

So what could possibly cause such a dramatic turnaround?

Wiley admits to being lost for words at quarter-time after West Perth's opening eight-goal blitz.

"I just told them to man up and try and peg them back a little. What more could I say — we were outplayed in every position," he says.

Perhaps Wiley's injury which forced him to leave the ground in the first quarter was a blessing in disguise.

His off-field leadership took over with a couple of match-winning moves.

Wiley shifted Warren Nicholas off Dan Foley as the West Perth half-forward was proving too strong in the

their heads



Rob Wiley ... lost for words.

air and he utilised his running players better on the ball.

The real matchwinner came with the move of Stephen Mount to centre-half-forward, where he booted four second-half goals.

By coincidence, the same move turned the game around the last time the two sides met on June 4.

On that occasion Perth trailed by eight points at three-quarter time and the switch of Mount to centre-half-forward enabled him to boot three goals and Perth cruised to a 19-point victory.



Brian Sutherland ... injured knee.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Campbell works for his goals

GRANT Campbell's lone performance in the East Perth forward line against Claremont last Saturday saw him bag five goals and move into equal second spot on the WAFL goal-kicking table.

Campbell has been one of East Perth's most reliable scoring avenues all season, with fast leading and strong marking a feature of his game.

Campbell overtakes Neil Lester-Smith, who was held goal-less and remains on 46.

It's been a quiet year for full-forwards in general. Todd Breman has an unassailable lead with 66 majors to date, but he struggled on the weekend, managing to add only one to his tally.



George Giannakis ... kept busy coaching clinics.

SWANS RAUNCHY NIGHT OUT

SWAN Districts have organised a "Men's Night Out" for this Friday, August 5. For \$25 you will receive a meal, all the beer and wine you can drink, plus a first-hand look at the "Raunchy Review".

It would certainly be an unusual pre-match psychology move for Ed Blackaby to use on his players on the eve of their big game against Claremont.

However, the only players in attendance will be injured ones.

Sutherland is a Tigers casualty

CLAREMONT'S apparently effortless victory over East Perth proved a bit more costly than first thought.

Promising midfielder Brian Sutherland fell awkwardly and tore the cruciate ligaments in his left knee and isn't likely to play again this year.

He was in hospital on Sunday to try and determine the extent of the damage.

Sutherland has not been enjoying good luck of late, as he had only just come back after missing a game with bruised kidneys.

Another Tiger out for the season is rookie winger Todd Beveridge, who received a broken jaw several games back.

Beveridge is only 20 and was playing in his second league game. But he's a talented youngster and should be back next season.

Country tour helps injuries

ONE of the most consistent and reliable players at East Perth this year has been defender George Giannakis.

In the week leading up to last Saturday's game, Giannakis was unable to train due to a troublesome ankle injury.

But in true Royals spirit, he joined East Perth development officer Andrew Komp and in-form player David Bain (who was also unable to train) on a coaching trip through the Busselton/Margaret River area.

The players were kept busy with coaching clinics at school and club level and recovered from their niggling injuries to be in their side's best players on their return.

Welcome change for Bulldogs

SOUTH Fremantle's triumph over a deflated East Fremantle last weekend was their first victory at East Fremantle Oval for five years.

The Bulldogs last win at that ground came with a kick after the siren by skipper Noel Carter.

He was leading in the race for the ball when he received a free kick for an illegal tackle from current Eagle defender Michael Brennan.

The siren sounded seconds later with the scores level and Carter right on the limit of his kicking range — which he says is 65 metres.

From deep in a pocket he aimed a spiral torpedo punt kick straight at his closest scoring option — the left hand points — and it just fell over the line for a behind and a Bulldog victory.

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Seabrook....a veteran to top them all

THERE would be very few, if any, footballers in Australia who can match the playing achievements of Ben Seabrook.

The Kelmscott High School teacher has shattered most games-played records in a 35-year career that has seen him pull on the footy boots more than 800 times.

His list of football achievements go back to his early teenage days in Norseman when he started playing as a junior and graduated to senior ranks with the Rovers club at the age of 15.

His biggest involvement has been in the Hills Association where he has been a stalwart, both on and off the field.

Seabrook set a record of an incredible 432 games for the Wundowie

Football Club, winning every award possible including eight association fairest and bests, five footballer-of-the-year honours, five Sunday Times Medals and 13 club fairest and best trophies, including 11 in succession.

STILL PLAYS

He played for Wundowie over a 25-year span and still plays in veterans games when he gets the chance.

A record 20 association games have been credited to Seabrook and he coached the combined five five times.

He coached the Wundowie Warriors for eight years and played in their only premierships side, back in 1960.

A life member of the Hills Association and the Wundowie Football Club, he spent many years researching the early football history of both groups.

He has already published one book about the Hills Association (A



Schoolteacher and football veteran Ben Seabrook.

Resource History of the Hills Football Association, 1985) and is tackling a similar project on the Wundowie club.

His many other publishing ventures include the annual Football Focus for Wundowie and the Associations football budget.

His years of involvement have seen Seabrook hold many positions including club vice-president, tribunal chairman, association presidency and a strong worker in the junior area.

MEMBER

As a foundation member of the Wundowie Junior Football Club, he coached the 12s team for 10 years, the Hills Little League side on three occasions and the Wundowie high school and primary school teams for 17 years.

Through his 15-year association with the Wundowie Affiliated Sports Recreation Council, he helped football get a well-grassed and flood-lit oval and also raised more than \$1000 for the club to have a specially-researched honour board installed in the clubrooms.

Seabrook had a brief stint with Subiaco in his early football days, but his enjoyment of the country scene was to ultimately benefit Wundowie and the Hills Association.

Each week Westside Football will feature an article on a person who devotes time and effort to football.

At the end of the season a panel of judges will select the State's leading male or female personality ... who will win a trip to England and Ireland courtesy of Permanent Investment Building Society and Westside Football (accompanying the North Fremantle Amateur Football Club, who are making an end-of-season trip).

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Rodney Mapstone (long jump), Lyn Foreman (track, 800m — WA Champ), Gary Edmiston (track, 100m — WA Champ), Dany Pavlovich (track, triple jump — WA Champ), Murray Keen (javelin: WA Champ), James Highland (javelin) Dean Capobianco (track, 100m, 200m, 400m, long jump, decathlon — WA Champ) and Glen Bartlett (Captain of East Perth football team).

Pain relief for top athletes at Salo Clinics

SALO CLINICS has been helping thousands of people with relief from terrible pain which in some cases have been unrelieved for more than 16 years. Therefore it may not come as a surprise to learn that Mr Aare Salo is also very successfully treating some of WA's foremost athletes and sportsmen and is used and recommended by the two leading sports institutions on Western Australia for the treatment of pain and injuries.

The athletes shown above are some of the cream of West Australian athletic and sporting talent. Most of them are record holders in their class and sustain this level of physical activity. Injury and pain are virtually inevitable.

Normally there is not much they can do about it but since the arrival of Salo Clinics on the scene, they now have access methods for the rapid relief from pain caused by injuries to muscles, tendons and fractures.

Dean Capobianco is far and the best u18 track performer in WA holding records in sprinting, long jump and decathlon. He had a strained hamstring and a stress fracture in his foot and after Salo treatment he was without pain within 5 days.

Murray Keen and Glen Bartlett both suffered from stress fractures of the vertebrae which threatened to put

them out of action for up to a year. Both felt relief after treatment and were almost pain-free soon after — in Murray's case within two weeks.

Olympic Games

Mr Salo was so successful in treating these types of injuries that he was appointed as Health and nutritional Advisor to the Finnish Olympic Team for both the 1984 Winter and Summer Olympics at Sarajevo and Los Angeles.

He took personal care of almost all the very top Finnish athletes for a period of three years leading up to the games and most of the athletes under his care achieved the personal best performances and won medals. In fact 1984 was the best performance for the Finnish team ever and many of those athletes firmly believe that Mr Salo deserves most of the credit for that.

Pain treatment: A genuine money-back guarantee

When Salo Clinics opened 10 months ago offering a money-back guarantee on the treatment of all types of pain, it was predicted that it would go bankrupt within a very short space of time. Instead the clinic has become the most famous pain clinic in the West.

The success of the clinic is based on the extremely high success rate and the speed with which most clients respond to treatment even if, despite other forms of treatment, they have been suffering from intense pain for many years. (For newscippings of these cases, please call the clinic.)

Some people are under the impression that the clinic specialises in back pain. This is only because back pain and degenerative conditions are the most common ailments they deal with and the clinic actually deals with virtually all ailments.

Salo Clinics do not claim to be able to help everybody and, in fact, the main reason for instituting the unique money-back guarantee

is to make sure that people who can ill afford it do not pay for treatment which does not work for them.

Last resort

During the first few months of operation, because of the unorthodox nature of the treatment, most people are sceptical and turn to Salo Clinics as a last resort.

In fact, statistics taken after two months of operation showed that fully 86% of the clients at the time were there after they had "tried everything".

The results with these cases have been extremely impressive and since then word-of-mouth recommendations have spread so fast that they rapidly had to move to larger premises in Victoria

Park and now it is entirely usual for entire families from kiddies to grandparents to be regular visitors to the clinic. They also have many clients from places like Canada, USA, South Africa, France, and even Albania.

Guarantee

The guarantee is pretty straightforward. If clients have been to the clinic for 5 visits and they have not had satisfactory results, they go onto a period of free treatment to make sure all avenues are explored.

If still no results, they receive a full refund on all the consultation fees paid to that date.

This guarantee covers all ailments and conditions — including rheumatic aches and pains.

A new series ...

The Kresta 'Blinder'

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Westside Football writer REECE HOGAN highlights an outstanding performance in WAFL club football last week.

Cocker thrives under pressure

LAST year's Sandover medalist runner-up, Shane Cocker has maintained his consistent form this season — as his excellent performance against Swan Districts last Saturday confirmed.

The Subiaco ruckman played superbly throughout, with more than 35 possessions and finishing as best-on-ground.

A highlight was his battle with Swans ruckman Bob DeGraaf. However, Cocker's added experience won out, especially in the final quarter when the game became intense.

Cocker rucked hard for the Lions all day and his marking was a feature of his game. His work at ground level in smothering and diving to the bottom of packs also stood out.

The 27-year-old bank officer hails from Busselton, playing 54 games for East Perth after making his debut in 1981, before moving to Subiaco last year where he has played 41 games.

Cocker's consistent form this year must rate him as one of the favourites to win the Sandover Medal.



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Impressive line-up of champs on West Perth's honour board

WEST Perth, one of the game's most traditional football clubs, could field an impressive team of stars from their 200 Club.

The Falcons have the biggest group of 200-game players in the WAFL — 18 in all — and they would make a pretty formidable team if they ever lined up together.

How about a ruck division of Bill Dempsey, Don Marinko senior, Jack McDiarmid and Brian Foley? Add to that big-man quartet the outstanding roving talents of legends like Les Fong and Eddie Wylde and ruck-rover Alan Watling.

In the middle of the ground its only natural that the highest-games performer in the whole league would take up the position — Mel Whinnen, a centre-man of real class.

Versatile goal-to-goal line players like Ray Schofield, Ted Flemming, Ted Tyson and Max Tetley could fill any key position.

Some of the club's defenders were outstanding in their eras — and would

hold their own in today's football. Men like Wally Price, Ken Ashdown, Len Harman and Norm McDiarmid were rock-like.

Sandover Medal winners from the West Perth camp have been rare in recent times — in fact, the club's last Medallist was nearly 30 years ago when Foley took out the 1959 award.

But in earlier days the club boasted some of the game's all-time greats as winners of the most prestigious award.

Players such as Fred Buttsworth (1951), John Loughridge (1946), Checker O'Keefe (1940), Ted Flemming and, of course, that famous half-back line of Harold Boyd (1922), Jim Gosnell (1924) and Jim Craig (1927) were worthy Medallists.

In addition, Laurie Bowen has his name on the Sandover Medal honour board as the winner in the 1942 underage competition.

KNOW YOUR CLUB



By REECE HOGAN

Frank Sparrow's favourite ...

FORMER champion player and coach Frank Sparrow, now a commentator with radio 6PR, recalls a favourite player from EAST FREMANTLE.

Whinnen was one of the game's fairest

EVERY one of Mel Whinnen's 371 games was stamped with consistency and class in a career that spanned 17 years with West Perth.

At 17, Whinnen made the West Perth team as a reserve for the 1960 grand final and experienced the sensation of a premiership in his first year.

Whinnen's superb balance, great pace and fine skills complemented his position in the centre.

His 371 games was 28 more than team-mate and good friend Bill Dempsey, but it was 66 more than the previous highest tally of games by an individual for one WA club. He won the fairest and best award nine times and was awarded an MBE for his services to the game.

Whinnen is regarded as one of the game's true gentlemen and earned the reputation as one of the fairest players ever.

In total, Whinnen played in four premiership sides and also won the Simpson Medal for his fine performance in the 1975 grand final.



Mel Whinnen... on top of the list and Bill Dempsey (top) a champion ruckman.

200 GAME PLAYERS

371 games

Mel Whinnen, centreman 1960-1977 ... One of the classic performers in West Australian football. A superbly balanced player with great pace and fine skills and a long, outstanding career.

343 games

Bill Dempsey, ruckman 1960-1976 ... One of the all-time great ruckmen. Had an exceptional leap and a good pair of hands and also possessed a very reliable kick.

284 games

Alan Watling, ruck-rover 1969-1983 ... A tough, nuggetty player with a good kick and an excellent mark. Played most of his career as a ruck-rover, but was very versatile.

284 games

Les Fong, rover 1973-1987 ... One of the most courageous rovers in the game. A reliable and consistent player who possessed outstanding skills and excellent leadership qualities.

277 games

Ray Schofield, full-back/full-forward 1943-1958 ... Achieved excellent results at both ends of the ground. Was West Perth's leading goalkicker twice, but it was at full-back that he achieved legendary status. His clashes with South Fremantle's Bernie Naylor drew many big crowds.

256 games

Wally Price, defender 1942-1954 ... A close checking defender with an excellent kick; backed up his full-back admirably.

248 games

Ted Flemming, forward 1922-1937 ... A reliable and consistent player with an outstanding kick. Was always accurate around goals.

247 games

Norm McDiarmid, centre-half-back 1931-1946 ... A very tough and courageous centre-half-back. Used his large frame unsparingly, but fairly and could kick over long distances.

234 games

Don Marinko Snr, ruckman 1926-1939 ... A great mark with a beautiful drop kick. Captain of the 1934 and 1939 premiership teams. Ever reliable and regarded as the greatest ruckman of his era.

228 games

Bill Rainoldi, rover 1929-1941 ... Played in three premiership teams in the early '30s. The understanding between him and McDiarmid created countless opportunities in attack. He was noted for the clever way he evaded pursuers.

227 games

Ted Tyson, full forward 1930-1945 ... Kicked 1203 goals to be one of WA's all-time great full-forwards. Possessed an uncanny knack of knowing where the goals were, even on the most extreme angles.

218 games

Ken Ashdown, defender 1949-1961 ... A member of the 1949, '51 and '60 premiership teams. A versatile player who made a name for himself as a defender. A brilliant drop kick.

216 games

Jim Craig, half-back 1918-1930 ... One of the greatest half-backs ever. Winner of the 1927 Sandover Medal and teamed up with Harold Boyd and Jim Gosnell to form one of the most formidable half-back lines — "The Dauntless Three" — as they were known. Great aerialist with a long, penetrating drop kick.

210 games

Jack McDiarmid, ruckman 1923-1934 ... A champion ruckman of the '20s and '30s. Very reliable and consistent footballer who always developed a great relationship with his rovers.

210 games

Max Tetley, full-back 1931-1941 ... An excellent reader of the play with outstanding skills. A significant contributor who later went on to coach. A steady and consistent player with a sure kick.

202 games

Brian Foley, ruckman 1954-1965 ... Commonly known as 'Blue' he was one of West Perth's greatest ruckmen with a huge capacity for hard work. Very reliable around the ground.

201 games

Len Harman, defender 1942-1954 ... A member of the 1942, '49 and '51 premiership teams. Close-checking back-line player with tough and courageous qualities.

200 games

Eddie Wylde, rover 1953-1963 ... Excellent player with a good kick. Had an exciting turn of pace and was always reliable.

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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

Wembley celebrate Callaghan's milestone

WEMBLEY celebrated Dobbie Callaghan's 150th game with a morale boosting six-point win over top side Trinity-Aquinas in last Saturday's A-grade games.

The Magpies were 16 points down at the 20-minute mark of the last quarter, but some slick team football saw them surge to the lead and hold on till the final siren.

It was the ascendancy of the Magpie forwards who dominated with full-forward Brad Roberts kicking six goals, followed by Rod Alderton and Dean Falconer, who added another six between them.

Wembley also did well in the following division with Todd Haley feeding smaller players such as rover Kevin Symonds and centreman Dobbie Callaghan, who outclassed his opposition number Les Fong.

Trinity-Aquinas were well-served by Taylor, Hunter and Hamish Valentine, but missed their injured players more than Wembley, who also had many players out.

LITTLE TROUBLE

Mt Lawley had little trouble with the out-of-form Nollamara, winning by a huge 115-point margin.

The Hawks were inspired by a great performance from Brad Dunn, who celebrated his 150th game for Mt Lawley.

Dunn had excellent support from Ross Bell, Anthony McAleer and Neil O'Brien, while for Nollamara, Nesbitt Smith and Russell Henry were best.

In the best game of the day, Old Wesley got home by nine points over University, who are fighting for fifth spot.

Old Wesley are also in a titanic struggle with Wembley for third spot and they displayed more desire to win to keep their hopes alive.

Good players for Old Wesley were O'Dea, Collins and Bryn Chute, who was best on ground once again, adding to his good medal prospects.

UNLUCKY

University were a little unlucky to drop this game, but Aaron Devitt, Paul McNee and Roger Steinepries worked hard.

West Coast, led by former rugby player Robbie Man, who rucked tirelessly to be best on ground, had a 29-point win over North Beach.

The Coasters, striving to avoid relegation, were desperate and had a few breaks go their way; something that has cost them a few victories this season.

Other good players to perform well for West Coast were back pocket Craig Allen, Duncan Macnish, Clayton Allan and captain-coach Bernie Dunn, who roved brilliantly all day.

North Beach's Captain Dave Perry

by
TREVOR SCHORER



RESULTS

DETAILS — A-GRADE

Mt Lawley 26.14 d Nollamara 8.7
Old Wesley 14.13 d University 14.4
Scarborough 14.12 d N. Fremantle 9.11
Wembley 16.16 d Trinity Aquinas 15.16
West Coast 16.13 d North Beach 10.20

A-GRADE FIXTURES

Mt Lawley v Old Wesley at Perth Oval
North Beach v Wembley at Leederville
Trin.-Aquinas v Nollamara at Bassendean Oval
N. Fremantle v West Coast at Gil Fraser Res.
University v Scarborough at Lathlain Park

had about 40 possessions, as he did everything possible to inspire his side, but to no avail as only Cousins and Melsom were worthy of mention.

Scarborough defeated North Fremantle by 31 points in a predictable result.

Neither side has been inspiring this season and should be looking at promoting younger players for the future.

This week Wembley should beat North Beach, Trinity-Aquinas will be too strong for Nollamara, West Coast will have to work hard to win over North Fremantle, while University have too much class for Scarborough.

The game of the round is the replay of last year's grand final between Mt Lawley and Old Wesley at Perth Oval.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Information on game scores, best players, goal scorers and how your game was won or lost is required between 9-10 Sunday mornings:

A1-grade - Trevor Schorer — Phone 276 7171
B1 grade - Peter Rush — Phone 277 2260
Other grades - Dave Eggleston — Phone 342 8749

SOCIAL SPOT

Mt Lawley's A and B grade review this Saturday night at the Hamer Park Club Rooms, starts at 8pm with free entry to all members and guests.

History search

THE WA Amateur Football League is compiling a history of its activities.

Management members John Davies and Ken Finch are asking former players, officials, clubs (past and present) with any photographs, results (especially finals), premiership tables, fixture books, etc. in the pre-1980 era to contact the League office on 382 1799, or either John 445 2485 (wk) 447 3774 (h) or Ken 451 7312 (h).

All information will be returned immediately after any documents or photos are copied.

HIGHLIGHTS

G GRADE: Ocean Ridge kept their finals hopes alive with a strong win over Navy at Stirling Oval.

Full-forward Julian Colangelo kicked 14 of his team's 26 goals in a fine exhibition of forward play.

Other goal scorers included Con Samokauidis and Ken Power with four goals each.

Fifth placed Girrawheen play Navy and Muresk in the next two games and providing they win both games, they should play off in the elimination final.

Wanneroo went one game clear in third position by beating Whitfords and if they down Redcliffe this Saturday, they are assured of the double chance.

There should not be any change to the top two positions as both Bayswater and Collegians OS play bottom sides.

B COLTS: Fourth and fifth place on the ladder is wide open after Mt Lawley's defeat by Innaloo. This leaves the Hawks, Bayswater and Curtin with only two premiership points separating them. Bayswater have the tough run home, playing both Curtin and Mt Lawley while Curtin have to contend with CBC in the last home and away game of the season.

Mt Lawley should hold onto fourth spot, facing bottom side Dianella this week.

All other positions in this grade are finalised with Collegians OS and Innaloo holding down the top two spots.

A COLTS: North Beach and Wembley will be fighting for third place on the ladder when they lock horns this week at Leederville Oval.

With University only one game behind them and looking too good for Scarborough this week, it could come down to the final round to decide who gets the double chance.

Nollamara proved they are not to be taken lightly by any of the top sides when they defeated Mt Lawley.

The Roos have reached top form over the last three weeks and could cause the upset of the round next week when they play Trinity-Aquinas.

K GRADE: Things are tight at the top of the table with four sides chasing top place. Cockburn lakes dropped to third after being beaten by Rockingham on the weekend. Coolbinia-Yokine take over top spot temporarily and will fight it out with Rockingham this week to see who gets the week's rest.

Bayswater, currently in fourth position, shouldn't have too much trouble with Dianella this week, but will have to pull out all stops in the final round to defeat in-form Rockingham and forcing their way into third place.

I GRADE: Only one game separates fifth-placed Mirrabooka and ninth side ANZ Bank after they defeated North Fremantle last weekend.

With the top three positions settled, it is going to come down to the last round of fixtures to see who will take out that vital fifth spot and have a chance in the finals.

H GRADE: West Coast took over third spot by virtue of percentage from Maylands after their defeat by top side Swanbourne/Nedlands.

West Coast have the harder run home having to play Wembley (second) and North Beach (fifth).

Maylands must face Swanbourne/Nedlands (first) and East Fremantle (ninth).

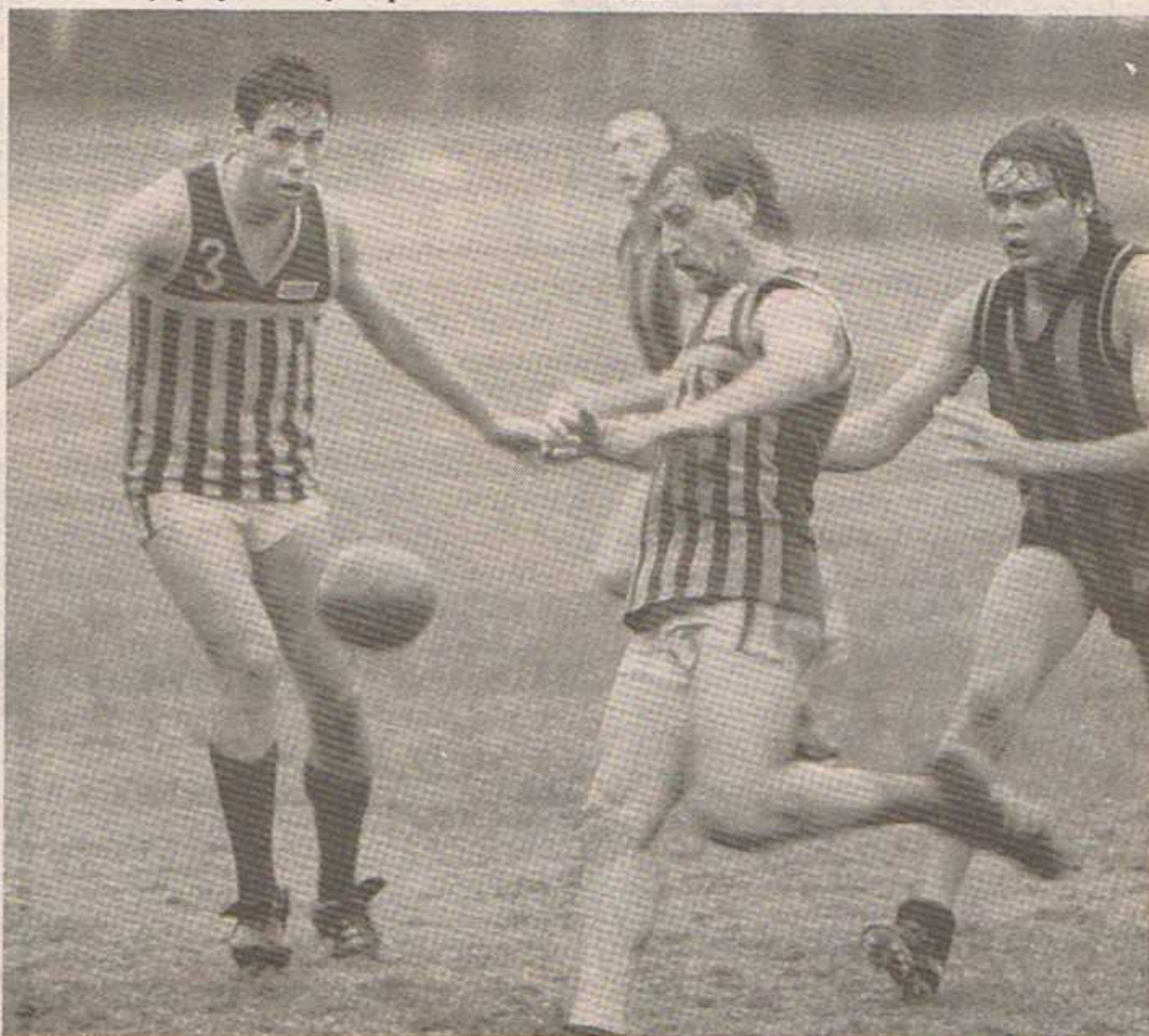
North Beach are precariously balanced in fifth, with Bassendean and Mt Lawley hard on their heels.

All three teams have tough games this week — playing the top three sides in the competition and the finals position should be resolved in round 18 when Mt Lawley and Bassendean meet.

UMPIRES REQUIRED

GOAL and boundary umpires are required for the qualifying and elimination finals for C-grade down to L-grade.

All clubs are requested to bring this to the attention of their members and any interested person can ring the Amateur League on 382 1799 for more information.



Some hard slogging wet-weather action between West Coast and Scarborough showed what amateur footy is all about. West Coast, second last on the ladder, have avoided relegation, while Scarborough are seventh and are looking to finish the season strongly. Both teams had strong wins in their respective games last Saturday.

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INVITATION

Come and see the evergreen Bluey Watson in action at Carlisle Reserve 2.30pm Saturday, 6th August, 1988.

The "L" Grade Cougars (top of the ladder) v's Riverton (improvers) Does President Gary (Stykers) Stickman still play? Is it true that Rick Tyers still uses drop kicks? Is captain coach John Manuel really older than Bluey? Will Ray (Sherro) Sheridan survive his 11th comeback? Can Roy (Bam Bam) Bamford kick another 13 goals?

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Call to review umpire recruiting

WAYNE Loxley, the co-ordinator of junior development at the Football Development Trust, would like to see the umpires recruitment structure overhauled to attract more players to umpiring.

Loxley says there needs to be a shift in emphasis at junior level in the traditional recruitment of umpires, from people who have not played at all, to those who have played.

"The biggest need in umpiring is to recruit people and to provide incentives and career-path structures," says Loxley.

Players from amateurs, colts and reserves ranks could be attracted to umpiring with attractive incentives. Training should be varied and enjoyable and umpires should be looked after like a coach looks after his players.

Umpires were traditionally an alienated group, isolated at all levels with no group affiliation, particularly those involved with junior councils.

Loxley said that former players might not have the same flair and technique as seasoned umpires, but they could bridge that isolation by bringing increased understanding and communication to the role.

SPONSORSHIP

In recent years sponsorship from HBF, plus the efforts of the FDT's part-time umpire's development officer, Darryl Sinclair, had given umpires the support and recognition they traditionally lacked.

This year 200 junior council umpires had been outfitted with HBF sponsorship of more than \$8000.

There were now two FDT-appointed umpire's advisors in each junior council, one representing standard rules and the other for Aussie Footy.

Each umpire's advisor has the responsibility of holding weekend accreditation courses for umpires and the FDT wants all umpires accredited by the end of next year.

Loxley praised the energy and enthusiasm of Perth junior council umpire's advisor, Murray Robbins, whose efforts had increased the number of umpires this season from five to 38.

ATTENDANCE

However, despite an overall increase in numbers, some junior councils are still short of umpires and attendance at training sessions continues to be poor.

Loxley said there are about 300 fixtures to be covered in the junior area each weekend and in addition there are

by

DENISE MURPHY

Quit Cup, CIG Shield and State championships games.

From these fixtures, 26 junior umpires have been selected to form the umpires State Development Squad, which trains once a week with senior umpires at the WACA.

Attempts had been made to provide a consistent approach towards the uniform training of umpires, but until the development of umpires and their recruitment becomes a big priority, they will just fall behind.

"It all ultimately depends on increased funding to the FDT to enable the employment of a full-time umpire's development advisor and to attract continued and expanded support from HBF in 1989," he said.

Big carnival at Bassendean

ALL 36 junior clubs in the Swan Districts zone took part in a Lightning carnival at Bassendean Oval last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Peter Mahoney, the Swan Districts development manager, organised the big event where the emphasis was placed on participation more so than winning.

Behaviour played a major part in obtaining points, as well as dress standard — socks up and jumpers tucked in.

Points were also given for a skills relay that took place before each game.

Bassendean Oval was divided into three grounds and the carnival was played in a round-robin series, with each school graded into size and skill.

The seven development officers from the other WAFL clubs were there to help Mahoney handle the umpiring duties and a number of past players and officials helped with the goal umpiring.

The carnival was a complete success, with excellent sportsmanship and a high grade of football shown by the youngsters.

Subi juniors enjoy Vic.

THREE Victorian junior football clubs, Parkmoore, Springvale Districts and Springvale, hosted 23 15-year-old boys from the Subiaco-Wanneroo district over the recent holidays.

The touring party mixed football with sight-seeing, being treated to the sights of Adelaide as well during a brief stop-over.

The West Aussies were shown through the MCG including the Hall of Fame and many more great Victorian sights.

The three host clubs combined to play the Subi boys, who easily accounted for the Victorians, winning by nearly 17 goals.

The next game was against a team from the club, Enpean, with many of the home-town

boys trying out for the Victorian Teal Cup side. The last kick of the day saw Enpean win by five points.

All the visiting players gave 100 per cent over the two games and four who stood out were Scott Morgan, Gavin Bell, Rodney Winner and Simon Blick.

Organiser Trevor Mundy said that a highlight was being guests of St Kilda and visiting the changerooms to listen to coach Darryl Baldock talk to his players.

The Subiaco Wanneroo Council will host the St Kilda juniors on a future trip to Perth.

Mundy said that the trip was an excellent exercise for junior football and was a great stepping-stone to cement relationships between WA and Victoria.



BACK ROW (L TO R): Adam Harby, Glen Bailey, Bradley Hiscock, Darren Von Bergheim, Jamie Wendi, David Lloyd, Michael Britton.

MIDDLE ROW: Andrew Burns (umpire), Michael Thomas, Jason Lucev, Phil O'Donnell, Peter Standish, Simon Blick, Rodney Winner, Mathew Garnaut, Trevor Mundy (secretary), Martin Trewhella (team co-ordinator).

FRONT ROW: Peter William, Mark Goldenberg, Craig Collie, Gavin Bell (vice-captain), Scott Morgan (captain), Phil Crannage (coach), Steve Trewhella (deputy vice-captain), Brendan Parker, Heather McArthur, Blake Brunkhorst.

East Vic Park trio work hard

THE East Victoria Park Junior Football Club boast three of the game's best stalwarts in Rod Gorey, Kim Hall and John Hansen.

Gorey was a junior player at the club before embarking on a junior coaching career in 1973. He has filled a number of roles at the club, including team manager and committee man. He has no children of his own, but this has not dampened his enthusiasm.

Hall has also served in a number of different roles. Ironically, he was deeply involved with rugby before he took up Australian Rules coaching at East Vic Park in 1975.

Hall, who also has no children, was awarded a life membership in 1986.

The club's main fund-raiser in the last 13 years is Hansen, whose three children have all played with the club, including eldest son John who notched 150 games.

Town and Country Little League

LAST Saturday's winners of the Town and Country Little League were East Perth, Subiaco, East Fremantle and Perth.

East Perth were represented by St Marks and took the points against Claremont (Karrinyup) with Greg Miceli, Jarred Graves and Nathan Collinson played well for the Royals. The Tigers best three were Trenton Schofield, Mathew Smith and Dean Gray.

Subiaco (Northern Districts Blue) defeated Swan Districts (Mary's Mount) with Ben Airdrie, Nathan Eldrige and Stephen Lymovich starring for the Lions. Lewis Viljoen, Dannel Percival and Michael Martin caught the eye for Swans.

East Fremantle had Great Northern as their junior team and they took the points against South Fremantle (South Coogee No. 2). Glen Wilson, Rhys Carson and Ryan Green were the Sharks best three, while Brett Dorey, Glenn Donald and David Plunkett played well for the Bulldogs.

PERTH

Perth (Canning) accounted for West Perth (Merredin) with Damien Yarren, Greg Howard and Ryan Marriner starring for the Demons. Ross Clark, Ray Darren and Chris Stoner caught the eye for West Perth.

The junior clubs to represent their League teams this week are East Fremantle (Applecross), West Perth (Balgga), Perth (Beverly/Brookton/York), Subiaco (Koondoola), East Perth (Mundijong), Claremont (West Coast), Swan Districts (Hills Association combined) and South Fremantle (Mandurah/Murray).

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It's time for officials to smarten up

AUSTRALIAN football is currently witnessing a situation where players suspended by properly-convicted tribunals are appealing against the sentences imposed.

They are often aided and abetted by aggrieved club officials who claim that justice has not been done.

The most infamous case of all involves a player who professionally "dropped" several opponents in an interstate league grand final — and even now involves the possibility of a Queen's Pardon being sought!

Irrespective of whether individual appeals are successful or not, it is an indictment on our current attitudes that so-called responsible officials are prepared to lend support to recalcitrant players who, quite rightly, have fallen foul of the system.

REPORTABLE

Unfortunately, because our game is a heavy-contact sport, it always has a high number of reportable incidents — and some of these create extreme emotionalism and ill feeling.

The recent suspension of Dermott Brereton confirms that.

It was gratifying to see that the responsible Hawthorn Football Club made no endeavours to have Brereton's case reviewed once sentence was passed. This attitude is in direct contrast to some other VFL clubs.

Football officials (and, of course, the players) should realise that, in direct contrast to past eras when our game was the undisputed king, it is not acceptable to place Australian Football's reputation in jeopardy when it is under siege from other activities.

Years ago our sport could readily survive in spite of occasional, or even frequent, criticism.

Other sports were either in their infancy, not invented or entirely unpublished.

TELEVISION

Now television, money and new attitudes to contact sport have changed all that and sensible people, both in the playing and administrative spheres, recognise the fact.

A recent completely unsavoury incident has seen the untimely and completely regrettable death of a young country player as a result of injuries sustained in a 20-player brawl.

Is such an occurrence the result of a deteriorating attitude to discipline and fair play?

If it is — and I for one certainly think it is — then the game's coaches, in particular, should be paying more attention to the competitive attitudes of their players.

The sooner people in charge of presenting our game on the field of play accept their responsibilities to the importance of the game's image, the better.

Australian football no longer has the winter field to itself.

MINOR GRADES

Tigers big man will be back next season

THE absence of Claremont big man Stephen Cook has puzzled Tigers fans this season ... but he should be back next year.

The reason for his disappearance from the football scene is due to a knee injury which he sustained pre-season.

Cook will not play a game this year, but he is determined to be fit for the start of the 1989 season.

Cook captained the Claremont reserves side during last year's final round and has also played 10 league games.

Rob Fitzgerald, a promising teammate of Cook's, is also sidelined with a knee injury, but should be back in action next season.

Another Tigers reserves player in Todd Beveridge has had his 1988 season come to a sudden end.

He received a broken jaw in an accidental incident against the East Perth reserves on Saturday.

Award goes to Clancy

WAFU past players and officials will present South Fremantle reserves player Phil Clancy with the best player award for the Teal Cup carnival on Wednesday, August 10, at Leederville Oval.

The award will be presented as part of the West Australian State Schoolboys jumper presentations.

Clancy was considered unlucky not to be included in the All Australian Teal Cup squad in Canberra and this award will make up for that to a degree.

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Young Bulldog learns fast

MANY talented youngsters find it difficult to adapt to under-19 football after promising junior careers.

Despite having above-average natural ability and a bundle of trophies to prove it, many good juniors often struggle to adjust in the higher standard competition.

South Fremantle under-19 player Bruce Fulton was no exception.

He joined the club with a big reputation and probably expected under-19 football to be a little easier than it is.

Many football fans would remember Fulton captaining the 1986 Hamilton Senior High School team in the CIG Shield competition.

He also won a district medal for the fairest and best 16's player in the South Fremantle competition before joining the Bulldogs.

CONSISTENT

After some early problems, Fulton has worked hard at his game and is now one of the most consistent players in the Bulldogs under-19 camp.

According to South Fremantle Football Manager Brian Ciccotosto, Fulton's improved form stems from a change of attitude and a more dedicated approach.

A continuation of this attitude may see Fulton realise his junior potential — his new-found application should see to that.

Demons on a roll

WATCH out for the Perth reserves in this season's finals.

They have won their last nine games and have beaten all their likely premiership challengers.

Their winning streak has seen them jump from sixth place to second in the last two months.

East Perth are on a similar run in the under-19 competition.

They have won their last seven games and are now just half a game, plus percentage, behind second side Claremont.



Ian Newman (left) and Wayne Ryder ... both players are having a big impact on the Perth reserves side as they head for the finals.



BEN STINGA
reviews the Prime reserves and the Under-19s colts competition

Double trouble in Lions den

SUBIACO have two players in their reserves side who are causing plenty of havoc — and not just for the opposition.

Twin brothers Grant and Steve Johnson began the season in the under-19s and have now graduated to the reserves.

Steve has played the last 10 games in the reserves, giving some outstanding displays on a half-forward-flank.

He wears the number 58 guernsey and when Grant joins him in the reserves, he plays in jumper No. 57.

Both boys are identical in height, weight and running style, which makes the job of identifying them doubly difficult.

In the summer months the Johnsons turn their attention to baseball with West Stirling.

Plenty of support in Tigers camp

CLAREMONT have an abundance of eye-catching youngsters in their minor grade teams — something that has been well documented in the past.

They also have a group of less-spectacular, but equally-efficient players who deserve praise as well.

One player in this bracket is reserves defender Nathan McIntosh, the son of former Claremont star ruckman John McIntosh.

Young Nathan has avoided the attention that most sons of famous footballers receive and is finding his own niche with the Tigers.

He has quietly worked his way through the under-19s and reserves and looks a likely league player in 1989.

At this stage McIntosh is rather gangly and a little frail, but he has good skills and is sure to be given every opportunity to prove himself at Claremont.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tassie no "backwater"

I wish to take exception to a statement made by Robert Bennett (July 14), in which he referred to Tasmania as a "backwater" of Australian football.

This may well have been the case a couple of years ago, but Tasmanian football is well and truly on an upward trend, which is quite the opposite to Western Australia.

Since my return to Tasmania from WA 18 months ago, I have been both impressed with and delighted by the high standard of football evident in Tasmania's new State-wide competition.

This re-born competition has a number of interstate players including Bill Picken, Mark Browning, Ian Paton, Colin Robertson and Robert Groenewegen (from the VFL).

Even West Australian clubs have contributed Steve Goulding, Craig Hoyer and David Martin.

In addition, clubs have been actively recruiting in the Victorian country areas and have attracted a number of good players, some of whom fly in on a weekly basis, including last year's William Leitch medalist, David Code, of Devonport Blues. Not a bad effort for a "backwater".

Young Tasmanian players who once languished in VFL reserves teams are now returning to play in their home State and crowds are breaking records.

One game, Burnie Hawks v Devonport Blues, had an unofficial attendance of about 7000.

Tasmania defeated the VFA just as convincingly as the WAFL and I'm sure that the top team, Devonport, would be more than a match for most WAFL sides.

The main feature of this year's competition has been the incredible evenness of the competition, which has led to a most exciting battle for positions in the final five.

I enjoy reading your paper and keeping abreast of what's happening in WA football.

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SUNDAY SCENE

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



Roos at long odds-on to scoop the pool

WANNEROO continued to dominate not only the Sunday Football League competition with a 34.21 to 6.4 thrashing of bottom team South Perth, but also the awards.

Full-forward Tony Fraser heads the goalkicking award with 72 goals after booting 13 against South Perth and, barring injury, should bring up the magic ton during the finals.

Wanneroo's reserves and colts teams are also in line for finals appearances and so is their Saturday competition team.

Steve Hill is the leading goalkicker in the colts competition with 74 majors to date.

The club also has a mortgage on the Coca-Cola sponsored champion club award and also the Sports Club Promotions Challenge Table Award.

League players Jon McElwee, Mark Bonomelli, James Waddell and Paul Taylor should poll well for the Dr Bowden Medal.

SOUTHERNERS HOT

MANDURAH served notice that they will be strong premiership contenders when they convincingly beat Maddington at Maddington Oval.

The Southerners wrapped up the game, and second spot on the ladder, with a blistering six-goal burst in the last 15 minutes of the second term.

It put them on the way to their 16.12 to 10.10 win.

The recent good form of centreline players Chris McMahon and Stephen Green has coincided with the Southerners' winning run and Sunday's performance was no exception.

Green took control in the centre and McMahon was outstanding on a wing as Mandurah's running game was at its best.

Kim Maisey played strongly at centre-half-forward, freeing Paul Wilson to play as a ruck-rover.

The Southerners have rover Paul Gillam and utility player Bruce Thomas to come back into the line-up.

This Sunday Mandurah are at home to Canning and the following week will have a practice run on Gosnells Oval when they take on Gosnells.

PERCENTAGE BOOSTER

THORNIE, thanks to key forwards Ramon Smith and Doug Simms, gave their percentage a boost by thrashing Applecross 29.14 to 16.10.

The match saw the Lions move into the five in place of Gosnells, who suffered an upset loss at the hands of Osborne Park.

Simms booted nine goals while Smith followed his eight last week with a similar bag.

Thornlie and Gosnells now have 36 points each, but with two games remaining, the Lions have a handy 11 per cent advantage. They also play Kelmscott at home and Maddington away in their final two qualifying fixtures. Given their superior percentage and that they should record an easy victory over Kelmscott their final clash against Maddington could be repeated in the elimination final seven days later.

DROUGHT BROKEN

OSBORNE Park's 15.13 to 11.16 win over Gosnells broke a five-game drought for the Saints and gave them faint hope of making the finals.

Dangerous half-forward Murray Gomm was their star with six goals in a creative display. Rover Darryl Woods and wingman Justin Kickett were in brilliant form.

The Saints hopes of making the finals are slim.

They must win both their remaining games while hoping that Canning, Gosnells and Thornlie crash.

CREATIVE FORWARD

KALAMUNDA cemented third place by beating Canning 12.12 to 7.15.

The Cougars were set on the road to victory by a creative display by forward Colin Wilkins, who kicked four goals.

Youngster Damien Gordon also bagged four goals for the winners.

Canning coach Peter Bosustow was disappointed after the game. The Tigers held a six-point advantage at three-quarter time but lacked the necessary desire to go on and win the game.

Kalamunda are at home to Gosnells this Sunday and, with forward Colin Wilkins playing his 100th League game, the Cougars should record their 12th victory and a berth in the qualifying finals, possibly against Mandurah.

DEMONS' DERBY

STRAIGHT-KICKING Armadale beat Kelmscott 17.6 to 14.17 in the closest game of round 16.

The Demons fully deserved their sixth win of the season under first-year coach Kevin Worthington.

Armadale won eight games in 1987 and club supporters will be hoping that the team can emulate 1987's performance with wins against Willetton and South Perth in their remaining qualifying games.

It has been a dismal season for Kelmscott. The League team finished with six wins in 1987 and under new coach Paul Vasoli the Bulldogs have only three wins in 1988 — against Armadale, Thornlie and South Perth — to their credit.

Two of the wins were in rounds two and three. The club's last win was in round six on May 15.

Club supporters saw 1988 as a year of moving sharply up the League ladder. This has not occurred and obviously the recruiting policy of the club needs to be monitored closely for the 1989 season.

TOUGH ENCOUNTER

WILLETTON and Kenwick fought out a tough encounter with the Blues emerging good winners 17.16 to 13.12.

The Royals saw their chances of qualifying for the finals disappear with this loss.

Also a number of their top players were reported and coach Peter Ashworth was extremely disappointed after the game.

However, the Royals have already improved on their 1987 record of six wins and should have no difficulty in recording their ninth victory for 1988 this Sunday against South Perth.

Sunday Football League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WANNEROO	16	16	-	2024	919	220.23	64
MANDURAH	16	11	5	1722	1375	125.23	44
KALAMUNDA	16	11	5	1358	1208	112.41	44
MADDINGTON	16	10	6	1635	1364	119.86	40
THORNIE	16	9	7	1646	1413	116.48	35
GOSNELLS	16	9	7	1621	1549	104.64	36
CANNING	16	8	8	1508	1474	102.30	32
OSBORNE PARK	16	8	8	1390	1370	101.45	32
KENWICK	16	8	8	1321	1435	92.055	32
WILLETTON	15	6	10	1392	1461	95.277	24
APPLECROSS	16	6	10	1323	1574	84.053	24
ARMADALE	16	6	10	1358	1677	80.977	24
KELMSCOTT	16	3	13	1425	4552	86.259	12
SOUTH PERTH	16	1	15	900	2152	41.821	4

Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KWINANA	14	14	-	1976	735	268.84	56
COCKBURN	14	10	4	1241	844	147.03	40
MANNING	14	6	8	1064	1176	90.47	24
MOSMAN PARK	14	5	9	1184	1354	87.44	20
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Catchcry is wearing thin

I CAN'T recall just who it was who said 'patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.'

It certainly sounds the stuff of the French Revolution.

And as the football revolution continues, the game is indeed fortunate to have so many individuals and groups concerned with it's well being.

Nobody is sitting idly by knitting as the guillotine hangs ominously above each of the eight local League clubs. In some cases a little blood has already been drawn.

No, eager patriots are buzzing about, first to the State Government, then to the Federal Minister and then to League headquarters itself.

Last Sunday's unsigned note given out at Subiaco Oval damning the Eagles and pointing to the virtues of the WAFL shows that a section of the minority is sure it knows what's best for the majority. But like it or not the numbers fall with the Eagles!

INEVITABLE

The aggressive anti-VFL, anti-draft stance taken by some clubs is not even unanimous across the eight WAFL clubs ... the bodies most endangered.

A couple, at least, are resigned to the inevitable.

Those zealots arguing the case for the retention of the WAFL competition as we know it have been given a lot of latitude by the factions supporting the push to a national competition.

However, the constant catchcry, 'For the good of football' is wearing a little thin.

Having the market cornered on sympathy is one thing ... thinking you've

Spare some thought for the players

got it cornered on principle is something else again.

Nobody wants to run gloating into Fremantle Oval or Leederville Oval and say to the players and administrators, 'Hey boys, you're stuffed'.

There are two reasons why not. The first is that if you've grown up with the WAFL you don't like to admit radical changes are essential and the second is, you assume, full time executives would be aware of their plight anyway!

I'm one who happens to think a national competition is good for football, even one calling itself the VFL.

Do people honestly believe that the toothless NFL or even the United Nations running a national Australian Rules competition in which the majority of clubs are based in Victoria will prevent a Victoria power base. How?

INCOMPATIBLE

I guess when it comes to a national competition I've never fitted snugly into any camp.

My contention has always been that the Eagles and the WAFL could never be compatible.

I've always argued for the existence of the Eagles but felt that the eight WAFL clubs were owed the cruel realities up front.

Billy Walker and I were on the same platform when we warned of a 50 per cent fall off in attendances.

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



Mind you, the upgrading of sponsors' facilities at Bassendean in recent years has always seemed a remarkable contradiction in the face of those arguments.

Let's set the record straight ... again! John Walker's WAFL was told there would be no transfer agreement with the VFL in 1987.

VFL clubs would have taken players without paying their WAFL clubs a transfer fee.

NO FUTURE

Can you imagine that scenario unfolding to the present day?

Fewer players, as few sponsors, little or no television payments, no Eagles and no future.

The weekends of 1986 weren't the good old days ... the rot had well and truly set in.

Crowds were down, interest was

down, television ratings were down, radio stations were dropping off covering the game. Let's face it ... footy had the staggers.

We had a football economy based on the transfer market. It would have gone. It's going now.

Either way the house of straw had to come down but now the real hypocrisy of those arguing the case for some artificial buffer to counteract the will of the majority is their scant regard for the local players.

Those players have the right to remain exactly where they are if they wish, drafted or not, but the voices raised 'for the good of football' demand they remain \$150-a-week serfs. For whose pleasure?

Douge set to play decisive role

THERE'S probably no better-equipped person in football to join the West Coast Eagles in their current difficult times than Brian Douge.

In the midst of player relegations, sackings and ever-changing rumours, the Eagles are far from stable when it comes to their public profile.

But Douge is seen to be the man to bring stability to the camp. His role as runner sees him as the man to liaise between coach John Todd and his players. He is a strong, positive personality ready to show the way to VFL success.

Douge, now a tough and hardened fitness fanatic of 36, grew up in Hawthorn, one of the toughest and hardest camps of all to learn the art of football.

He was never a skilled or polished star; simply a hard-working defender who knew that the team was bigger than the individual and that's why he played in a Hawthorn premierships team, along with current VFL coach David Parkin.

Douge later tried his own hand at coaching, handling Subiaco for two years (1977-78) as a player, but didn't particularly thrive in the job. He showed his strength of character by staying on for two more years as team captain under new coaches.

DEVELOPMENT

His role in recent years as Coaching Co-ordinator, firstly with the WAFL and now with the Football Development Trust, has helped football catch up on its development program at a rapid rate. Under Douge's positive and enthusiastic approach, football development — particularly in the junior and mid-teenage area — has made rapid strides.

So why switch back to the senior status of the VFL arena?

"It wasn't an easy decision," says Douge, who became involved in his first Eagles training session last Friday and was then Todd's message-carrier in their win over Melbourne on Sunday.

"But I saw it as a chance to enhance the credibility of the coaching philo-



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sophies of the FDT and to establish a healthy link between the senior level of football, the Eagles and the development programs of the FDT.

"I discussed it at length with the people at the FDT and we all felt that it would complement our activities. I certainly wouldn't have accepted the invitation to do the job if we saw any conflict with my current role."

Douge has never been one to turn down a request for help from a coach, be it senior or junior, country or city. He'll travel to Leederville or Lake Grace to help promote coaching and Aussie Rules football.

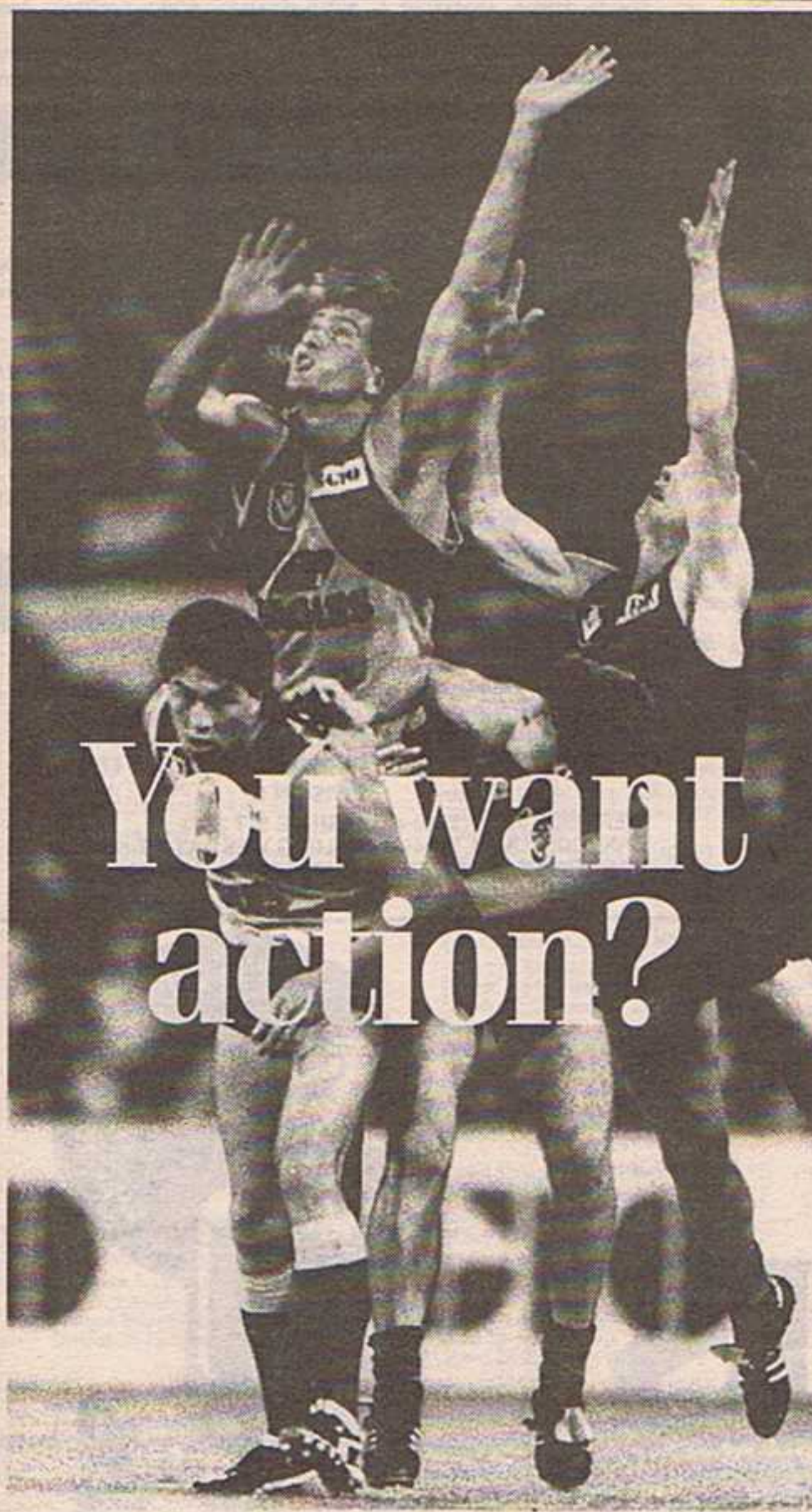
As the instigator for coaching accreditation within junior ranks, Douge has seen vast improvement in this area; with some 2000 coaches achieving accreditation qualifications in recent years.

He doesn't plan to back off from that area, though there will naturally be some diversification of his current work-load.

So what of the Eagles and their bid to win more matches in Melbourne?

"We have to learn to play their style of football," he says. "We must run straight at the ball, deliver long kicks into attack and learn to play it close and tight."

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