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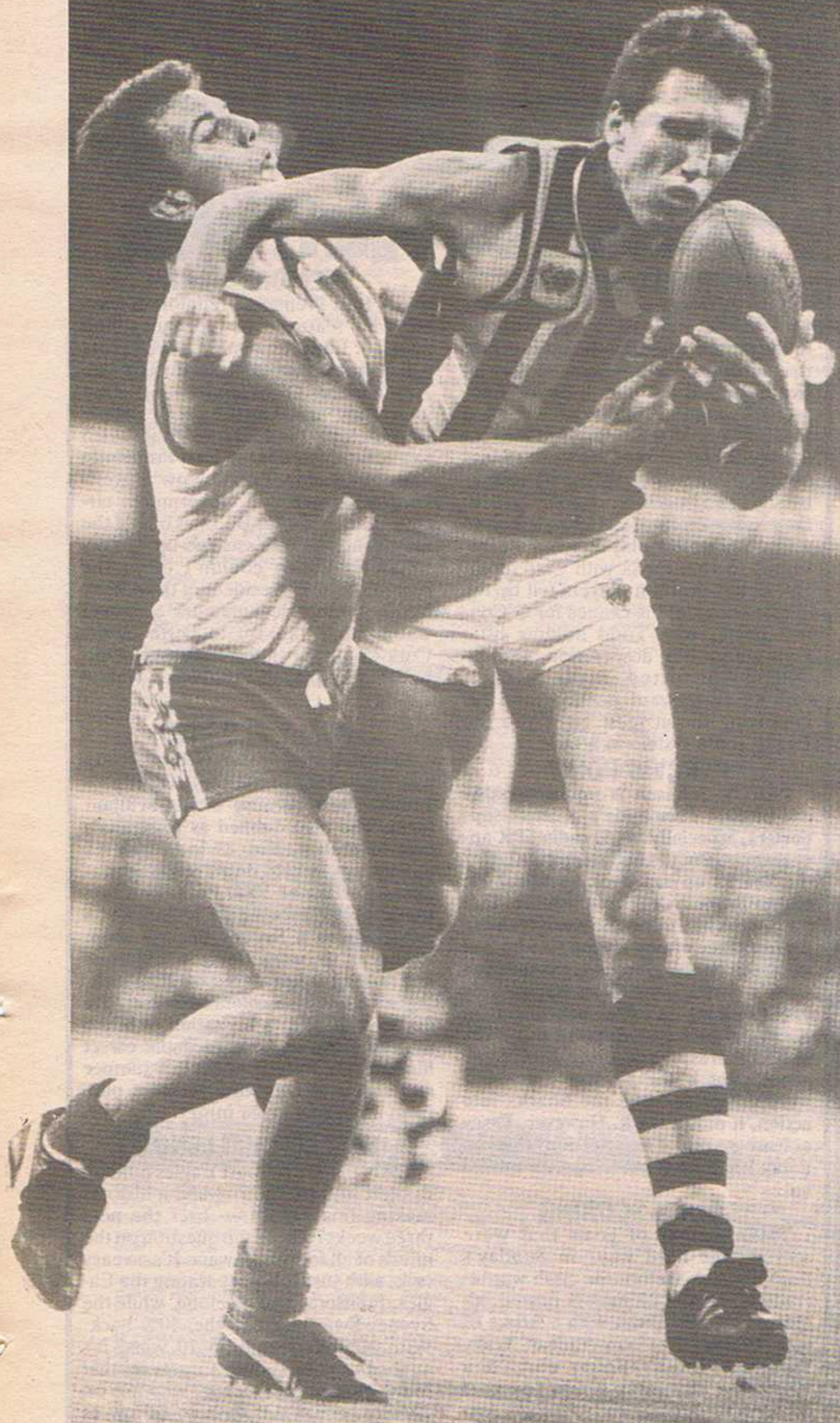
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## BATTLING BULLDOGS?

*No way! A flag's  
now the target!*



South Fremantle's Peter Sumich (left) and Subiaco's Shane Cocker... both are key men for their respective clubs in this year's finals battle. Sumich has been the player who has given the Bulldogs an important injection of life, while Cocker, the Sandover Medal favourite, has maintained his consistent form and is now considered to be one of the genuine stars of the WAFL.

by

Harvey Deegan

**DON'T BE** surprised to see South Fremantle coach Stan Magro holding the 1988 premiership cup aloft in a few weeks time!

That's an incredible statement considering the Bulldogs were out of the finals running just a few weeks back.

But this Sunday — in the special WAFL double-header at Subiaco Oval — South Fremantle can enhance their premiership prospects up against reigning titleholders, Claremont.

And what an amazing turnaround it's been for the battling Bulldogs!

Turn the clock back to the last qualifying match of 1987. South Fremantle's reputation was in tatters.

After winning the first three matches of the season, they lost the next 18 to inherit the wooden spoon.

It was not the sort of year coach Magro would have wanted to make his debut. But he tackled the problem the same way he played his football — straight down the middle with no nonsense.

### CLOSED RANKS

As soon as the season ended, Magro's players closed ranks behind him and pledged to put in the most intense off-season build-up of all the League clubs.

The South Fremantle hierarchy ignored the inevitable calls from supporters and members to replace Magro and gave him their full backing.

The hard work paid off almost immediately this year when the Bulldogs won the pre-season Kresta Cup competition, putting \$10,000 prizemoney into the bank.

But more importantly, they're now in a position where they can take part in this year's final round.

Magro had a single-minded approach to football as a player and that philosophy shines through in his coaching.

"There is no way success can be gained overnight," says Magro.

"You have to devise a plan and stick to it. Above all, you never lose faith in yourself or your players."

There is no doubt Magro commands the respect of all his players and in the case of some of the younger ones, the respect borders on hero worship.

One of his greatest attributes is his ability to relate on a one-to-one basis with his players.

It's possible that West Coast Eagles rover Wally Matera may not have made the grade this year had it not been for the personal encouragement of Magro.

### MAINTAIN ENTHUSIASM

Critics had tipped that Matera would miss this year's Eagles squad, but Magro urged the diminutive rover to maintain his enthusiasm.

Many Eagles' players drop their rating on being relegated to the WAFL competition, but in contrast, Matera and co-rover David Hart inevitably wind up in the best-player list when they find themselves in the red-and-white colours.

Another example of Magro-style coaching success is the development of bustling forward Mark Bayliss.

An overweight Bayliss came to the club via East Fremantle and the Sunday League.

Many coaches would have advised him to keep moving. Magro gave him a chance.

"It was obvious that Mark had the talent to succeed in League football," said Magro.

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## What they said...

"I received a document in the last week on a submission of the two clubs joining the VFL." VFL executive commissioner Alan Schwab on joint proposals from East Fremantle and South Fremantle.

"The WAFL seems certain to scrap its reserves and colts competitions next season, replacing them with an under-21 competition." Kim Hagdorn, writing in the Daily News.

"Maybe he is trying to manipulate the umpires before the finals." East Perth coach Gerard McNeill on criticism by Claremont coach Gerard Neesham of the umpires in their recent clash.

"The next step has got to be analysing the ideas put forward and forming a campaign committee." South Fremantle managing-director Harold Harper after a 600-strong meeting supported a Bulldogs move to launch an Australian-wide campaign for Government action on the VFL draft.

"You either lay back and enjoy it or fight back." Mal Brown, comparing the VFL's influence on local football with being raped.

"We disassociate ourselves with the comments. We acknowledge the contribution of women to football." A WAFL statement reprimanding Mal Brown for his comments.

"We are having discussions with South Australian officials about their entry into the VFL and we will not consider clubs from other States till an agreement has been reached with SA." VFL executive chief Alan Schwab on proposals from six WAFL clubs to join the VFL.

"I'd always rather win than lose." Eagles coach John Todd after beating North Melbourne.

"I think I must have run over a busload of Chinamen." Eagles rookie Kevin Caton after breaking a thumb in his VFL debut.

"While he is being muzzled by people with little or no football background, the Eagles will not be a success." Sacked Eagles runner John Hayes calling for more off-field support for coach John Todd.

"John Todd owes it to John Hayes to come out and tell what really happened." Radio 6PR critic Percy Johnson on the Hayes sacking.

"There's been talk for three weeks that a couple of clubs were planning a no-confidence vote, but I'm not sure which clubs are involved." WAFL Commissioner Mal Brown.

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# Eagles will sink in the Moorabbin mud

THE West Coast Eagles will NOT make the final five.

It would be embarrassing for the Eagles if they were to sneak into the finals.

Perth's beloved VFL team would get belted in an elimination final in Melbourne.

All this talk of an Eagles appearance in the pressure-cooker atmosphere of VFL finals will, hopefully, end this weekend anyway.

The Eagles will get beaten by St Kilda in the Moorabbin mud on Saturday, ending once and for all this rubbish about an Eagles finals appearance.

The Eagles cannot win in Melbourne and once people realise that, this weekly "on-again, off-again" saga of finals talk will stop.

Then Perth's VFL team can start working towards their ultimate goal of knowing how to win in Melbourne conditions.

### DREADFUL

As I have said all season, there are simply too many members of the Eagles staff who have not come to terms with the slippery Melbourne surfaces.

Despite an impressive winning record at home, key Eagles players have established dreadful records in Melbourne.

Murray Rance, Dwayne Lamb, Dean Laidley, David and Michael O'Connell, Murray Wrensted, Karl Langdon, Troy Ugle and Chris Lewis have all shown inadequate ability to hold their footing in Melbourne and an inability to dispose of the footy quick enough and with sufficient purpose in the close confines of the VFL packs.

They can bank on there being plenty of packs and lots of tough, close-checking from the Saints on Saturday.

The Eagles can also bet that the surface at Moorabbin will be wet.

### COW Paddock

It is surprising that Eagles coach John Todd this week opted out of training in the mud at Guildford in the build-up for the trip to Moorabbin, the filthiest and most unattractive football ground in the country.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

## Let's cheer them on

The season of eighty eighty  
Was always going to be hard  
The spotlight was on the Eagles  
By inequality, our camp was marred.

But with Claremont on their own  
And Subi assured of second spot  
The rest of the ladder is even  
And the finals fight is hot.

Can East Fremantle hold on?  
Their form is getting worse  
Unless they halt the slide  
Their season ends in a hearse.

The Demons and the Falcons  
Have been steady, if not slow  
And whichever of them makes it  
Will be sure to have a go

And final thanks to the Bulldogs  
For adding life to our year  
Congratulations to all the WAFL  
Let's get to the finals and cheer.

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
PETER BOSUSTOW



St Kilda have that cow paddock surface wet even in March if there has been a drought for six months.

It is well known in Melbourne that if it hasn't rained all week, or all month for that matter, Moorabbin is always wet when you play there.

The Saints turn the sprinklers on at Moorabbin if the ground isn't wet enough for them. They are real mud-larks.

St Kilda invariably beat top sides on their slop heap of a home ground and the Eagles will be no exception.

The Eagles then face another daunting prospect the following week when they take on second-placed Collingwood, now in a premiership mood.

The Magpies, with the biggest following in Australia and also with a large contingent here in Perth, should become the third team to beat the Eagles in Perth this year.

Hawthorn (May 22) and Carlton (May 29) both beat the Eagles at Subiaco Oval.

And to complete what looks a pretty drab three weeks for Eagles fans, the West Coasters take on Footscray at the Western Oval, another intimidating arena with some parochial fans and tough footballers, who will also make life unpleasant for the boys from Perth.

The Eagles won't make the five.

## FOOTY PUNCHLINES

### O'CONNELL SURVIVES

THE performance of Eagles rookie David O'Connell last Sunday was one of the most pleasing of the season. Not that his eight kicks, seven marks and five handballs put him in the best-on-ground category. Simply that it showed that O'Connell had survived one of football's biggest tests. O'Connell was put under enormous personal pressure by State and Eagles coach John Todd at the pre-season carnival in Adelaide and was a shattered player when he returned to club ranks with Claremont. But as key-position players fell by the Eagles wayside, the chance for O'Connell came, with Todd holding little hope; more like desperation. O'Connell has persisted in the difficult centre-half-forward position and his improving for at least gives you the Eagles some system in attack.

### PERCY'S POINT

PERCY Johnson is unquestionably one of East Fremantle's greatest supporters, especially in his radio 6PR appearances. But did his attempts to "stir" the Sharks up last week backfire? He told 6PR Football Forum listeners that the Sharks had put in the worst training performance of any league side he had ever seen on the Wednesday before last week's games — and he tipped East Perth to win! As fellow-panellist John K. Watts (a Loyal Royal) said: "The holiday must have done him some good!" But if the Johnson comments were meant to sting the Sharks into action, it didn't work. However, Percy at least got one of his selections right on a day when most other tipsters missed out.

### TOUGH SCORING

THE number of goals that were scored "the hard way" in Sunday's Eagles-North Melbourne clash was incredible. Of the 28 majors posted, almost half came about with a stroke of luck. Players like John Annear, Wally Matera, Phil Krakouer and John McCarthy saw snap shots for goal bounce through; Brent Hutton soccered a handy goal and David Hart had to rely on the wind to drift one through. Then Matera and Don Holmes hit the post in quick succession. In the midst of all that "difficult" goal-scoring, Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning was picking up yet another six-goal haul — his seventh tally of five goals of more this season.

### IN MEMORY

EAST Fremantle players wore black armbands last week in memory of former club president Tom Booth, who passed away during the week. Booth was president of the club from 1962 to 1969 and was a stalwart over several decades. He was aged 77.

### MEMORY BANK

AN East Fremantle reunion of players who featured in the club's first match at East Fremantle Oval 25 years ago was a big success last Saturday (see Around the Clubs, page 16). One interesting name in the list of people who took part in that historical switch to a new venue was the East Fremantle mascot, Baden Pratt. Now a well-known journalist in Government circles, Pratt's brother Bob was one of the players in the Old Easts line-up. Unfortunately, Baden couldn't be at the reunion as he is president of the nearby North Fremantle amateurs club and was hosting the visit to Perth of the Cork County Irish team of school footballers who played at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

### HEALY FLUSHED

SYDNEY Swans star Gerard Healy was flushed up to his ears recently — and not just because of his brilliant form. The man dubbed as Australia's best footballer, had 23 kicks and 15 handpasses to help down reigning premiers Carlton at VFL Park — a fact that probably escaped the attention of a sales lady in a Sydney lingerie shop. Earlier in the week Healy had blushed and flushed as he entered the shop seeking a tight, flesh-coloured corset. He declined the lady's invitation to buy a matching bra as he needed the corset himself! He wore it under his jumper and shorts to help ease constant pain from a nagging groin injury.

### EAGLES CHALLENGE

CAN the West Coast Eagles hold on to their fifth position — and a history-making finals berth — over the next three weeks? That's the question on the minds of all footy followers. It's no easy task, with just 1.4% separating the Eagles, Footscray and Geelong, while the Sydney Swans lag a further 10% back. With all four teams on 10 wins, it's anybody's race — not forgetting that fourth-placed Melbourne, who are on 12 wins, could still drop to as low as eighth if they can't end their losing slump. This is how the five teams shape up for the three-game trip home: Melbourne: Footscray (MCG), Essendon (Windy Hill), Carlton (MCG). West Coast: St Kilda (Moorabbin), Collingwood (Subiaco), Footscray (Western Oval). Footscray: Melbourne (MCG), Fitzroy (Princes Park), West Coast (Western Oval). Essendon: Collingwood (VFL Park), Melbourne (Windy Hill), St Kilda (VFL Park). Sydney: Fitzroy (SCG), North Melbourne (MCG), Brisbane (Carrara). Geelong: Hawthorn (Kardinia Park), Richmond (Kardinia Park), Collingwood (Victoria Park).

# Keene can carry the Eagles load

LAURIE Keene towers above most footballers ... and he must walk even taller if the West Coast Eagles are to stay in the VFL five.

With Phil Scott battling a spate of injuries, Alex Ishchenko struggling with indifferent form and David O'Connell settling in at centre-half-forward, the ruck burden is squarely on the shoulders of the 202cm giant.

And that's just how he likes it.

Keene has always regarded himself as a ruckman rather than a permanent forward and is quite happy to carry the mantle as the Eagles' No 1 ruckman.

"I think any ruckman prefers to do the job on his own," said Keene.

"However, if I have to ruck for the whole game, I'll need to improve my stamina."

Keene genuinely believes that the Eagles will beat St Kilda this Saturday.

He realises the side came unstuck in the Moorabbin mud last year, but there are significant changes going into this contest.

By **Harvey Deegan**



"Last year we took three ruckmen into the match and were top-heavy," he said.

"The side we're taking east this time is far better balanced and well equipped to keep St Kilda on the bottom of the ladder."

The Saints are missing spearhead Tony Lockett and the Eagles have enough strength in defence with Geoff Miles, Guy McKenna and Michael Brennan capable of restricting the Saints forwards to a losing score.

"We have a lot to prove to the critics here and interstate," said Keene.

"It's disgraceful that we haven't won one game in the Melbourne metropolitan area this season.

"I realise that I'm not playing as well

# Bulldogs back in business

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"I pointed out he had a lot of hard work ahead of him and that his future lay in his own hands. But I was happy to help."

Another success story is Peter Sumich, one of football's hottest properties.

South Fremantle managing-director Harold Harper believes Magro has been one of the main reasons for Sumich's success.

"Peter had a concentration problem and it was Stan who kept at him to put four quarters of football together," said Harper. "Stan also instilled in Sumich the necessity for him to be an on-field leader given his great skill level."

South Fremantle can cement their place in the four this Sunday. Should they take part in the finals, their enthusiasm could see them go all the way.

as I can and my general work around the ground needs to sharpen up.

"Better sides than us have left Moorabbin with their tails between their legs, so four quarters of concentration and dedication by each player is an absolute must."

It has been a frustrating year for

Keene with injuries and poor form hampering his progress early on.

But the signs are there that the 27-year-old surveyor is probably only a game away from his best.

If that game is this Saturday, it could well determine the immediate future of the West Coast Eagles.

# What makes the wheels fall off?

with **Ron Alexander**



IN THE past two weeks the Perth Demons have experienced the highs and lows of football.

Against West Perth they were 43 points down at quarter-time and came back to win by 42.

On Saturday they played Subiaco and had a 28-point lead at half-time — 9.8 to 4.10. By three-quarter time they were 24 points behind, 9.10 to 12.16. They had scored only two points to Subiaco's 8.6.

What happens to a team that is leading comfortably and playing well and then the wheels fall off?

There are any number of variables that people interested in sport put forward.

## CREATIVE

Can it be that the reason they play well is because they take risks, attack the ball and generally play creatively?

Team-mates can read what's likely to happen and play accordingly. Thus the team game and flow is really spot-on.

When they get far enough in front some sides change their style of play.

They play conservatively and this allows the opposition to seize the initiative (they have nothing to lose, they're behind anyway).

The opposition then play creatively and get on a roll, which is hard to stop.

Some footballers choke. By this I mean they become scared of making a mistake.

## TENTATIVE

They think about the negative things that can happen, lose their confidence and when the ball is in their area they approach it tentatively.

These are the players you can do without on your side.

Often it is inexperienced players who fall into this trap or those who haven't proved themselves for a hard goal-for-goal struggle. But more often than not, it's that small group of players who can't think their own way through tough times and panic when they're under siege.

Of course, there are all the other variables of coaching moves and tactics but there is no greater influence than a player's mental skills.

## Bain shows way

DAVID Bain has been in great form for East Perth and must be favoured to win the Fred Book Medal — the club's fairest and best award.

His pace, stamina and courage carry him a long way and I'm sure all at East Perth have great respect for him.

## ZANOTTI APPLIES HIMSELF

MARK Zanotti has displayed a lot of character over the past couple of weeks. Many people in football circles see him as a sacrificial lamb for the shortcomings of others.

He hasn't made any derogatory comments to the Press, as have those in his club administration who are supposed to give him support when the going gets tough.

He has gone back to Subiaco and applied himself to the task of ensuring that they finish in second spot.

He won't be able to play in the finals because he will be one game short of the qualifying number of games required, so he loses out all round.

His game against Perth was average in the first half, but when switched to the left half-forward flank in the second half, he really lit up and had eight shots on goal for a total of 4.4.

Haydn Bunton can obviously get the best out of Mark Zanotti and I'm sure Zanotti appreciates the support and encouragement he received from Subiaco and the especially the coach.

I'm equally as sure that Zanotti will get great support in 1989 — from Essendon, Collingwood, Geelong or perhaps Fitzroy.



Laurie Keene fists the ball down field as North Melbourne's Ben Buckley looks on in anticipation.

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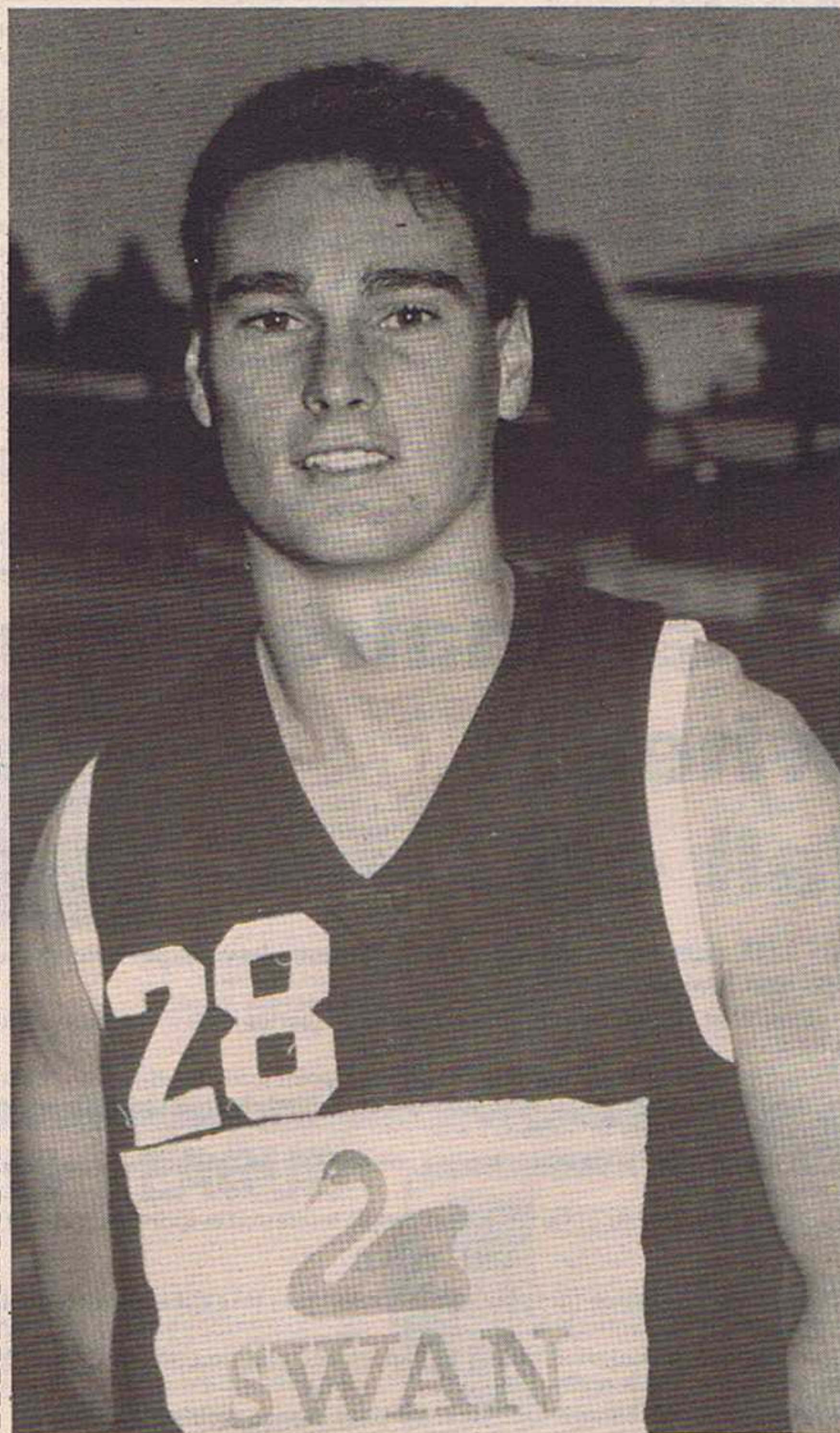
**WALLY  
MATERA**



**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 9/9/63 Katanning, WA  
**HEIGHT:** 170cm **WEIGHT:** 69kg  
**GUERNSEY NUMBER:** 1  
**RECRUITED FROM:** South Fremantle/Wagin  
**NICKNAME:** Wally  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** WAFL 1982 South Fremantle, VFL 1987 Eagles  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 88 South Fremantle, 20 Eagles  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Rover and wing  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Married to Carolyn  
**CHILDREN:** No  
**BROTHERS/SISTERS:** Six brothers, one sister  
**OCCUPATION:** Plant operator  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Wagin High School  
**CAR:** Honda  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Golf, tennis, beach  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Coke

**FAVOURITE SPORT** (apart from football): Golf  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** John Cougar Mellencamp  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT:** South West  
**FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT:** Any pub  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Murder She Wrote  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Crocodile Dundee  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Past coaches  
**MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN:** Robert De Castella  
**BOYHOOD IDOL:** Michael Tuck  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Be by myself, think about the game  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** 1987 injuries  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** First Eagles game  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:** Fremantle Oval  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** Play as many league games as possible

**Andrew  
Holmes**



**Full Name:** Andrew Holmes.  
**Nickname:** Holmesy. *Why?* From name.  
**Date of Birth:** January 23, 1967. **Place of Birth:** Middle Swan.  
**Height:** 175cm (5ft 9in). **Weight:** 75kg (11st 11lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** 6.  
**Junior Club:** Swan View.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Residence:** Greenmount.  
**Occupation:** Teacher.  
**Place of Work:** Beverley District High School.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Cricket and badminton.  
**Favourite Position:** Rover. **First Position:** Rover.  
**League Debut:** 1986. **Versus:** Claremont.  
**FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Paul Hogan. **Drink:** Ouzo and Coke.  
**TV Show:** Alf. **Food:** Steak.  
**Movie:** Crocodile Dundee. **Music:** Midnight Oil.  
**Book:** Lord Of The Flies. **Holiday Resort:** Pattaya.  
**Ground:** Bassendean Oval.  
**Your Car:** Kingswood. **Favourite Car:** Volkswagen.  
**Career Highlights:** Colts fairest and best in 1985 and first League game.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Losing and getting injured.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Sunday morning training.  
**Football Idols:** Billy Picken.  
**Toughest Opponent:** They are all tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** All respected.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** All respected.  
**Most Memorable Game:** First League game.  
**Football Ambitions:** To play State and VFL football.  
**What do you like about Football:** Comradeship.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Relax and watch cartoons on the morning before the game.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** John Todd.  
**Guernsey Number:** 28. **Any Reason:** No.  
**Worst Injury:** Fractured wrist and thumb.  
**Luckiest Break:** First league game.



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## MILESTONE MEN

### 50 GAMES

Dean Wilson (South Fremantle) 49\*  
Cam Lewis (Claremont) 49  
Joe Cormack (Eagles) 49\*  
Kevan Sparks (Subiaco) 47

\*Denotes games played with all clubs  
as follows: Dean Wilson 25 South  
Fremantle, 24 Subiaco; Joe Cormack 44  
Swan Districts, 5 Eagles.

### 100 GAMES

Lance Kelly (East Perth) 99  
David Court (Claremont) 99\*  
Shane Cocker (Subiaco) 96\*  
Mark Zanotti (Subiaco) 96\*

\*Denotes games played with all clubs  
as follows: David Court 58 Claremont,  
41 Subiaco, Shane Cocker 42 Subiaco, 54  
East Perth; Mark Zanotti 36 Eagles, 60  
Subiaco.

### 150 GAMES

John Annear (Eagles) 146\*  
Mick Rea (Perth) 146\*

\*Denotes games played with all clubs  
as follows: John Annear 38 Eagles, 65  
Richmond, 43 Collingwood; Mick Rea  
120 Perth, 22 West Perth, 4 Melbourne.

### 200 GAMES

Dean Turner (Eagles) 194\*

\*Denotes games played with all clubs  
as follows: Dean Turner 30 Eagles, 51  
Fitzroy, 113 East Perth.

### 250 GAMES

Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 241

### 300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 291\*

\*Denotes games played with other  
clubs as follows: Robert Wiley 178 Perth,  
95 Richmond, 18 Eagles.

Special note: Games tallies refer to  
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Rob Fitzgerald (Claremont) 20 on 15th  
Mark Quinlivan (Swan Districts) 19 on 16th  
Warren Mosconi (Perth) 25 on 17th  
Peter Owens (Claremont) 23 on 18th  
Stephen Pears (Perth) 18 on 20th

LUNCH  
FRIDAYS

## KRAKOUER THEORY

CRITICS naturally wonder why former WA players don't always perform that well when they return to play against the West Coast Eagles in Perth. Such is the case with former Claremont duo Jim and Phil Krakouer, who have never really destroyed their hometown team on their four trips West with North Melbourne. One theory put forward is that Jim Krakouer, especially, finds it hard to "destroy" opponents whom he once played with and developed a respect for. Looking at the way his former Claremont team-mate Steve Malaxos tagged him out of last Sunday's clash, one wonders whether there is some truth in the theory.

## BIG FUTURE

DID you happen to notice the young blond-headed junior wearing guernsey No. 17 in the Eagles Little League team doing battle at Subiaco Oval last Sunday? He showed a lot of talent, actually, which caught the eye of a few media men having a cuppa tea and cream scones in the Press Box. He especially caught the eye of former Eagles coach Ron Alexander. "That's my son! he exclaimed. "What's he doing in an Eagles jumper?" Alexander had earlier watched his son Brad play with the Manning 12s (home club of such champions as Peter Spencer, Robert Wiley and Brian Peake), but had to leave at half-time to get to the Eagles game. Apparently, some of the stars from that 12s side were then called on to fill the Eagles team later in the afternoon and Brad (along with a couple of other promising youngsters) impressed the spectators with their second game in two hours.

## ONE-EYED FAN

THERE'S a strange sort of one-eyed East Fremantle fan who gets pretty excited about his Sharks activities. Old and obviously loyal, he sits in the members area down at East Fremantle Oval and gets really wound up about the goings on. Hopefully, he won't have a heart attack and spoil the day for other people around him. But he can't really enjoy the game all that much — he found too many things to complain about! At one stage last week — with the Sharks struggling a little against East Perth — he screamed abuse at the umpires, blaming them for everything that was going wrong. He even suggested that the umps were to blame for the whole WAFL troubles, from Eagles down to declining crowds.

## OFF THE RAILS

EAST Fremantle are really in football's hot seat, almost slipping out of the top four last week, saved by virtue of Perth's inability to beat Subiaco. There are unhealthy rumblings from the Sharks den that all is not good in the camp, with coach Graham Melrose under considerable pressure to lift some flagging spirits. East Fremantle loyalist and 6PR panellist Trevor Sprigg light-heartedly suggested that "some sort of virus sweeps down Moss Street at this time of the year". And he could be right — but what is the cause?

MARLOWS  
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Come back, we're only just good friends! That could be the plea from Claremont's Peter Melesso as he wrestles with Swans Shane Renfree ... while Tigers team-mate Scott Edwards makes tracks!

## LOYAL SERVANT

THERE'S been plenty of speculation about the sacking of Eagles runner John Hayes and the relegation of defender Mark Zanotti. It was suggested in this column last week that Zanotti and Hayes had an altercation during the Fitzroy-Eagles match recently — a fact that 6PR critic Percy Johnson says is just not true. Johnson was quite adamant last week that fist-cuffs never occurred. "Hayes got the sack for being too loyal to his coach John Todd," said Johnson. "He was only relaying messages to the players and doing the job Todd asked him to do. If it has been suggested that Hayes didn't have any rapport with the players, then Todd owes it to him to come out and state the real truth."

## WRONG MESSAGE

SORRY about this one being late, but we missed it first time around. Trevor Sprigg's nice little comment on 6PR about the sacking of Eagles runner John Hayes. "If you don't like the story, shoot the messenger," he said.

## EASY MISTAKE

GEE, we have some pretty astute readers, don't we? There's not much that gets published in this column that escapes the attention of football people. Take last week's little snippet about The West Australian referring to the Eagles non-winning efforts in Melbourne. We mentioned the Eagles "one" point win over Hawthorn last year — and were quickly picked up. Of course, it was a "12" point win — our typist just left the second digit off! Yes, mistakes are easy, aren't they. But we'll keep trying.

## HELPING HAND

A LOT of critics have felt that Victorian umpires give the West Coast Eagles a hard time — but cop this statistic. At one stage in last week's battle with North Melbourne — a tight match for most of the afternoon — the Eagles had received seven kicks inside the 50-metre line, compared to just one for North Melbourne. The Eagles didn't capitalise on such generosity as they only kicked one goal from a free kick.

## WANNEROO-BOUND

AMIDST all the speculation about an expanded WAFL competition and where any new teams should come from, there's plenty of talk about Wanneroo's future role in league football. It's not so many years back that the WAFL almost sent a financially-troubled Subiaco out to Wanneroo, but the move just didn't quite come off. Now that there seems to be an urgent need to have a suburban team based at Wanneroo, the tip is that West Perth are quite happy to relocate out there.

## POOR SHOW

THAT little snippet in Ian Miller's column last week about former Subiaco defender Ian Cunningham receiving a photograph of himself via the rubbish dump was a shocker. Apparently the photo had been ditched out in a clean-up at Subiaco and a friend of Cunningham's saw it at the dump. At a time when we're fighting to save West Australian football as we know it, surely it's too early to start dumping our bygone heroes!

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# Junior councils are under review

A POLICY manual aimed at bringing uniformity to major decisions affecting junior football will be debated at this week's WAFL Junior Council Board meeting.

Under the proposed FDT manual, all Junior Councils will become affiliated with the WAFL and adhere to a number of agreed policies.

In the past, the 10 Junior Councils have operated autonomously under individual constitutions and the Board has only been a forum for councils to share ideas.

Now, the FDT hopes that the decision making will be centralised under the one authority.

The Councils have already agreed to the concept of a policy manual and Wayne Loxley, of the FDT, tabled a draft at the July meeting for the delegates to take back to their Councils for discussion.

Loxley said that the manual had included provisions for domestic by-laws which would ensure that Councils retained some autonomy with decisions which exclusively affected their domain, like the organisation of fixtures and times.

## MANUAL

Loxley stressed that all recommendations in the proposed manual had been rigorously researched and would be discussed and debated among the councils.

"Most issues have never been debated before and the Junior Councils will not be railroaded into making quick decisions. It will take months," Loxley said.

One of the areas badly needing uniformity is the send-off rule, which is currently operating under several guises in different Junior Councils, causing much conjecture.

Loxley says there needs to be a uniform decision made on exactly what constitutes a send-off. Should there be a warning issued before to its im-

by

**DENISE MURPHY**

plementation and for what time period should offending players be sent off?

A cadet administrator with the FDT has been researching the send-off rule in Australia, compiling data on all of its different interpretations and implementations.

Another area the policy manual would address is that of monitoring all junior coaches.

Loxley said WA's Director of Coaching, Brian Douge, needed the uniform acceptance of all Junior Councils before he could closely monitor coaches to ensure that they were adhering to the Coaches' Code of Conduct set out by the Junior Sport Report.

Loxley said once in place, the monitoring scheme would allow Dr Douge to take appropriate action towards those coaches who continued to flout the spirit of junior football by undermining the Code.

Yet another consideration in the draft is the policy of umpire payments.

## VARY

These vary dramatically between Junior Councils, even to the extent that some councils pay boundary umpires, while others do not.

Despite the fact that members of the FDT are only working in the best interests of junior football, Loxley said there is still some resistance to change and to bringing the Junior Councils under one policy-making umbrella.

"In what appears to be the logical progression for junior football to make, opposition by some individuals can only be interpreted as their fear of the removal of some of their authority," he says.

"The demands of junior football development have changed and we need to become more competitive and develop the game in a different manner," Loxley said.

"We would like to see those expressing their opposition directing their energies and ideas towards the benefit of everyone in junior football, not just their own Junior Councils."

## Irish party has plenty of ancestry

THE Australian tour by an Irish Gaelic schools football team has opened on a successful note in WA.

The Cork County Post Primary schools team is being hosted by the North Fremantle Amateur Football Club and the touring party contains some good old-fashioned names that are traditional in their romantic Irish ancestry.

Names such as MacCarthaigh, Mulcahy, Mulvihill, O'Mahony, Murphy and Donegan conjure up thoughts of past Irish ancestors who were full of so much character and charm.

The Irish team definitely has its fair share of unusual christian names — such as Donncha, Declan, Peadar, Aindrias, Niall and, of course, Paddy.

All these names take time to learn, but it doesn't take much time to realise that their footballing ability is good after a fine performance last Sunday against the WA secondary schools team.

The Permanent Investment Building Society and Whim Creek Consolidated NL have proudly sponsored the Irish tour which heads to Melbourne this Friday.



Laurie Keene ... landing heavily after a good mark during the Eagles win over North Melbourne at Subiaco last Sunday.

**THERE is no way that the West Coast Eagles will be taking St Kilda lightly this week.**

They will remember what happened to them when they were buried in the Moorabbin mud last year and that defeat proved costly in their quest for final-five honours.

St Kilda might have been dumped by 59 points by Footscray last week, but that does not suggest they are an easy target for the Eagles.

History has shown — short as it is and obviously the Eagles don't need reminding of the fact — that the WA team in the expanded VFL competition has struggled to win games in Melbourne.

## SOIL

Almost two full seasons have produced only two wins on Victorian soil. The first was a magnificent win over Hawthorn at Princes Park last year and the second came in Round One this year when they beat Geelong down at Kardinia Park.

The Eagles will need to improve on their effort of last week if they are to enhance that record.

They played well enough to win against North Melbourne — but that was all.

Goals will be a bit tougher to find at Moorabbin and it will be interesting to monitor Ross Glendinning's performance.

## HEAVY GOING

Obviously, he has much more experience in the heavy going than many of his teammates, but there is no doubt he enjoys the flat surface and sunshine which generally basks Subiaco Oval.

His opponent is likely to be tough St Kilda full-back Danny Frawley, an uncompromising player who rates among the best defenders in the competition.

St Kilda are one of those sides with the capacity to reach dizzy heights, but they can also plummet to forgettable lows. The result of this week's game hinges on what sort of mood they are in when the Eagles run out to do battle.

# Saints post a major problem — again



by

**GARY STOCKS**  
of The West Australian

They are not without a touch of brilliance in the form of Stuart Lowe, Rod Owen, Nathan Burke, David Grant and Ricky Nixon and if those players can trigger some hope for their teammates, the other players are capable of lifting.

It certainly will not be the cake-walk witnessed at the WACA Ground a few weeks back when the Eagles dominated in wet and wild conditions.

The Eagles might ignore the tagging tactics that they used so effectively against North Melbourne and Melbourne in the past fortnight — freeing Steve Malaxos, John Annear and Dean Turner to use their creative skills rather than their negating tactics.

As well John Worsfold, Wally Matera, who has struck top form, and David O'Connell loom as key players for the Eagles.

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**Chance for  
Royals upset**

BATTLES between East Perth and Perth are traditionally torrid affairs and now that the two clubs share the same home, this Sunday's WACA Ground clash should be no exception.

The Royals did Perth a favour last week when they sprung an upset victory over East Fremantle, producing their most consistent four-quarter effort of the season.

They had strong work midfield from rejected Eagle Alex Ishchenko and that could pose problems for a Demons side that must win to stay in contention to regain their top-four spot.

East Perth's speed, generated by David Bain, could worry a Demons side that lacks pace; relying more on midfield creativity, particularly now that Brett Yorgey is back in the team.

Perth have been forced to utilise the big-man skills of Stephen Mount in several positions this season and the stability creeping into East Perth's goal-to-goal line could be the downfall of the Demons.

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	S. Frem. v Claremont	Subiaco v W. Perth	E. Perth v Perth	E. Frem. v S. Dist.	St Kilda v Eagles
RON ALEXANDER	47	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
ROBERT BENNETT	56	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
PETER BOSUSTOW	47	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
DENNIS COMETTI	50	Claremont	West Perth	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	49	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
HARVEY DEEGAN	50	South Fremantle	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
GRANT DORRINGTON	53	Claremont	Subiaco	East Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	46	South Fremantle	West Perth	East Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	51	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
IAN MILLER	47	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	49	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda
MOST FAVOURED	53	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle	St Kilda

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**Sunday double-header has many highlights**

THIS Sunday's double-header at Subiaco Oval provides some outstanding football highlights, especially in the clash between top side Claremont and South Fremantle, who have jumped to third position.

South Fremantle have won their last six encounters and while Claremont continue to dominate the competition, the Bulldogs look exciting challengers.

South need to win if they are to ensure a finals appearance after being out of the race a month ago.

Claremont's Ben Allan and Bulldog Scott Watters will battle for supremacy in the centre. Watters has been in scintillating form and will take the game right up to the talented Simpson Medallist.

State players Mark Brayshaw (Claremont) and Mark Bayliss have been playing well in key forward positions and could determine the outcome.

Claremont will be looking for good performances from Noel Morton, Grant Povey and Peter Thorne, while

South will need Peter Sumich and Craig Edwards to dominate in the big-man department.

The other clash in the double-header sees Subiaco and West Perth do battle and the Lions will not be taking the game lightly, as the Falcons are out to restore some lost pride.

Subiaco are on a high after excellent performances in recent weeks, winning their last five encounters.

West Perth, who are now out of contention for a finals berth, will be out to show that they can still mix it with the top teams.

The Lions have got some of their key players back in form, with Shane Cocker still dominating in the ruck.

However, good performances from Phil Bradmore, Dean Laidley, Sean King and Craig Turley could see West Perth take the game away from Subiaco.

SUNDAY football in the WAFL this week has led to several fixture changes. The League double-header at Subiaco Oval sees South Fremantle play Claremont at 11.40am and Subiaco meet West Perth at 2.20pm.

The Under-19s and reserves matches for both games will be played on Saturday, with the Bulldogs and Tigers at Fremantle Oval and the Lions and Falcons at Subiaco Oval.

They will be played at the normal times of 9.30am and 11.40am.

The other two league games — East Perth versus Perth at the WACA Ground and East Fremantle-Swan Districts at East Fremantle Oval — will be at normal times, preceded by their Under-19s and reserves.



**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**

VFL Saturday — from noon  
St Kilda v Eagles  
WAFL Sunday  
from 11.30am — South Fremantle v Claremont  
from 2.20pm — East Perth v Perth

TOTAL FOOTBALL

**Sharks are struggling**

EAST Fremantle seem to have lost their finals target, facing elimination from the top four.

However, they can regroup against a plucky, but inexperienced Swan Districts this Sunday.

The Sharks had good service from relegated Eagle Murray Wrensted and veterans Brian Peake and Clinton Browning, but their football lacks purpose and system.

Thankfully, they are at home to Swans — even though that ground advantage did not help them last week. They will need more desperation from their midfielders and more purpose in attack to return to the winners list.

Swans just didn't have the experience to keep with Claremont last week, with their many rookies like Steve Bazzo, Stuart Stevens, Mick Grasso and Andy Holmes working hard, but without support.

**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), W(18).  
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), W(28).  
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), L(18).  
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), L(27).  
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), L(28).  
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, L(24), W(64), L(41), L(28), L(11), L(71).  
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), W(71).  
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), W(27).

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At the WACA — Perth 18.13 b East Perth 17.11 — Margin: 8 points.  
At Claremont Oval — Claremont 18.18 b South Fremantle 11.9 — Margin: 51 points.  
At East Fremantle Oval — East Fremantle 18.17 b Swan Districts 18.6 — Margin: 11 points.

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3 Tier Stand Ground 1M - 1R	\$8.50	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$2.50
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Ground 1F - 1L	\$16.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$6.00
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**GARY'S GOSSIP**



with GARY CARVOLTH  
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**JUDGE WANTS TO COACH**

MY top spy tells me that former East Fremantle, Hawthorn and now Brisbane Bears star Ken Judge will return to Perth next season if he can secure a coaching job.

As the Sunday Football League could be looking for up to five new coaches next season, don't be surprised if Judge becomes playing coach of one of their teams.

**WHAT A WASTE**

AFTER speaking to big Alex Ishchenko during the week, I say what a waste, what a farce.

Surely somebody at the West Coast Eagles could sort out the situation that presumably exists between coach John Todd and the "Russian."

I don't know who was right or wrong but the big fellow needs an injection of confidence, care and understanding.

Should the Eagles make the final five, it would be nice to think that a fit and enthusiastic Alex Ishchenko was waiting in the wings.

**WHAT'S WITH BIG MAL?**

ONE fellow who must make a decision soon as to where he wants to be in football is Mal Brown.

Will he remain within the constraints of officialdom as a WAFL commissioner or will he opt to shift back into the mainstream of the media and/or coaching?

Personally, I feel that Brown could be marking time waiting for the proposed Fremantle side to be admitted to the expanded VFL competition.

Maybe then he would consider it an opportune time to resume coaching in the nation's major competition.

Either way I think football, Brown and the media would be better served if he was free of the yoke of authority.

**GOLD STRIKE**

WHY did Scotty Waters, Peter Sumich and Stan Magro depart for Kalgoorlie immediately after the South Fremantle versus West Perth game last Saturday.

I thought Kalgoorlie was traditionally a Subiaco domain.

Maybe the Bulldogs have discovered gold in Kalgoorlie. You will hear more of this story later.

**SYDNEY BECKONS**

I CONFRONTED WAFL Chief Executive Peter Cummiskey about the rumour I had broken earlier regarding him being a candidate for an executive position with the QAFL or the Sydney Swans.

He denied the Queensland connection, but was evasive about a possible Sydney posting, saying the Swans were looking all over Australia for suitable applicants.

My "gut feeling" is that he has been approached by the Swans, but with the restructuring of the WAFL, he is obviously playing his cards close to his chest until the end of the season.

**RUMOUR DEPT**

HERE are some of the rumours still circulating the traps this week: the Brisbane Bears are still interested in Joe Santostefano and Adrian Barich. Mark Zanotti being closely looked at by Carlton and Essendon. Malcolm Blight keeps being mentioned as a possible future coach of the Eagles. The rumour mongers will also tell you that captain Ross Glendinning will eventually replace John Todd as coach.

**GRAB A TABLE**

The East Fremantle Football Club intend to "host" Con Regan on Saturday night, August 20.

Guests will include Steve Marsh, Jack Clark, Wilson Onions, Harry Riseborough and J.K. Watts. The compere will be none other than Percy Johnson.

It is going to be a terrific night of football memories. So come on Sharks supporters, book your table asap. Tickets can be purchased from the club at \$15 each.



**Demons need more from senior players**

**TAKING STOCK**

by GARY STOCKS  
of The West Australian



**DON'T** ask me how, but if Perth are going to be a serious premiership threat, they must get some of their senior players back into form.

When the Demons were going well early in the year, Mark Watson and Joe Santostefano were dominant midfielders and Allen Daniels was a reliable avenue to goal, combining well with Mick Rea.

Last Saturday when Perth had opportunities to beat Subiaco, three of those players contributed little.

Santostefano is carrying an ankle problem, but once a player takes the field he is considered fit and is looked upon to live up to the high standards set previously.



Allen Daniels ... needs to return to form.

**STRUGGLED**

Santostefano, a hard-working ruck-rover or midfielder has not played well since the State game against the VFA and Watson has also struggled in that period.

Perhaps Perth might be best served by using Watson in the centre — the position where he played predominantly last year and where he won this State's most coveted individual honour — the Sandover Medal.

Daniels also has something to offer, though he was well below his best last Saturday.

Final round experience is important if clubs are to be successful and Daniels has been there, done that.

It is a matter of mixing the right blend.

And don't be surprised if goal-kicking wizard Wayne Ryder finds this way back into the league team after two weeks with the reserves. He is a player of exceptional skill and one who can swing a game with his own performance.

There is no reason for Perth to panic after last week's defeat, even though they slipped to fifth. Robert Wiley has already proven to be an astute coach and his vast experience as a player will serve Perth well as they prepare for their assault on the finals.

There is no reason why they can't win their last two matches and, in fact, finish third.

**TOUGHER**

South and East Fremantle will find things a little tougher and East Fremantle could be the team that finds itself watching from the wrong side of the fence in a fortnight.

They seem to have lost the poise and precision in their football and from all accounts played well below their accepted standards in losing to East Perth. Of course, that's not taking anything away from East Perth.

The Sharks could find themselves in trouble because they play Claremont at Claremont Oval on the final week.

South have won their last six games and East Fremantle have won only one game in the same time.

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# Pilbara displays its footy wealth



Robert Solin ... coaching an impressive Karratha side.

**FOOTBALL** in the Pilbara region of Western Australia is in a healthy state — and that's good news for the future development of the game.

Last week I spent four days travelling through the Pilbara region to assess the level of Australian Football to help devise a plan for future growth through the Football Development Trust.

The Pilbara team recently won the annual Wesfarmers country carnival in Perth and obviously the injection of quality players from the metropolitan area has contributed to the high standard of their senior level football.

Players with WAFL experience such as Robert Solin, Russell Sparks, Neil Parks and Alan Jackovich have all played well in the Pilbara league.

## IMPRESSED

During a coaching session with Solin's Karratha Cats I was impressed with the team's overall skills and application. Their kicking and approach to the ball was comparable to league football in Perth.

Being a mining town, there are players from all over Australia enjoying the high wages and adding class to the local competition.

Unfortunately, the status of senior football is not carried into the junior area, particularly in the 14 to 17 year bracket.

Competitions in that age group have all but disappeared in many country towns. The young people are still living there, but a lack of organisation seems to restrict the competition.

Youth football across the State has experienced a drop in numbers and re-establishing interest at that age is one of the FDT's major thrusts.

## DORRO'S DIARY

By **GRANT DORRINGTON**  
Football Development Trust co-ordinator



## CIG series expands to schools in Pilbara

**THE** inaugural Pilbara CIG competition for school children in years 8,9 and 10 was staged in the North West last week.

The competition gave boys in the 13 to 15 years age bracket their first game for 1988, as there is no local community football in most N-W towns.

The Paraburdoo District High School team was too strong for Tom Price District High School in a high standard game at Tom Price.

The Karratha Senior High School proved too strong for St Lukes College and Wickham District High School at Karratha. These games were played with great endeavour and achieved a high level of skill.

In Port Hedland, the four different house teams were most impressive in the way they played the games. Over 100 young players competed against each other in four games at the South Hedland oval.

CIG General Manager Dennis Myler travelled to the carnivals and his support of football was greatly appreciated by the young players and teachers in the Pilbara.

TALK about football dedication, it's hard to beat people such as those in the North-West.

Our recent Pilbara expedition saw the Robe River Iron Ore Company as our hosts at Panawonica, where the general manager, Russel Tippett, is a staunch junior football man.

Every second weekend he does the 400km round trip to Karratha to enable his local juniors to compete against other teams.

Tippett's football goes back to 1969 when he represented Queensland in the State schoolboys carnival in Perth and he also went on to the Teal Cup level.

Tippett and his local junior president, Jeff Everingham, do a tremendous job for football and without those dedicated workers, the game wouldn't survive.

CIG provided trophies and new footballs for all schools.

Along with the secondary schools carnivals, long kicking and handball skill tests were held, with prizes going to players displaying the highest skills.

Local primary schools were visited, with each school having a 90-minute clinic. Both boys and girls were involved, with the girls showing great enthusiasm to learn how to handle the football.

About 1000 young people took part in clinics at Paraburdoo, Tom Price, Karratha, Wickham, Dampier, Panawonica and Port Hedland in the four days.

## DISCUSSIONS

In addition, several discussions on the future of football in the Pilbara were held with teachers and football administrators.

The Pilbara not only has enormous mineral wealth, but its football potential is unlimited.

Visits to the North West will become an annual event and the FDT will continue to work with the people in the north to develop the game.

## Bulldogs get the ball rolling

**THERE** was plenty of hot air and heated opinions in the South Fremantle clubrooms the other week when 600 people crammed the Bulldogs headquarters to help save their favourite game.

The Southerners labelled it a "fight for football" but it goes further than that.

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Those with the desire to stand and be counted were well to the fore. But there were plenty of big names conspicuous by their absence.

They were missing because they either didn't believe in what the meeting was all about, or because they had already thrown in the towel on the issue of whether Victoria should have the right to claim WA players for a pitance.

Ron Edwards, the forthright Federal MHR for Stirling and an outspoken

supporter of WA football, was encouraged by what happened at the meeting — and by the calibre and determination of those who attended.

"We now have to put in a real effort to make sure that all the work done to build a strong WAFL doesn't just dissipate under a VFL onslaught," he said.

"We will achieve our ends if people come together and work as one."

## MEETING

South's next move is to call a meeting of the eight club presidents. Two attended the Bulldogs meeting apart from South president Wayne Ryder — Hans Beyer (East Fremantle) and Bill Walker (Swan Districts).

Subiaco's general manager Michael

## FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
**BILL MATHER-BROWN**



Flanagan has indicated that his club would offer support and it will be interesting to see the reaction from the remaining four.

One of the meeting highlights was when Mr Volatile himself, Percy Johnson, was called to the floor. As he walked to the microphone, it was almost a standing ovation.

"Who do this mob think they are?" he roared.

"Let's test this draft business in the courts."

"They can't tell some kid who he will or won't play for. Let's set some kid up so that when he is drafted, he can test the legality of it."

The draft seems to be the crux of the whole problem.

As Edwards pointed out: "If a challenge is mounted, it should be through the WA Industrial Commission. This will have more impact than the Trade Practices Act."

It would seem likely that if a footballer goes to court against the draft and wins, then all players would once again go on the open market — and, accordingly, the costs of procuring star players would rise to unacceptable levels.

The only good thing is that it would push Victoria to the conference table very quickly.

The Bulldogs have started the ball rolling with the objective of doing West Aussie football a big service. I hope that they can keep the momentum rolling.

## It was Mal-Confucius

**NEVER** let it be said that Malcolm Brown doesn't cater for everyone.

His now infamous comment at Souths "fight for football" meeting about laying back and enjoying it has got him in hot water.

When he uttered the comical lines, I had the impulse to grab my head and duck. But instead I looked for a reaction from the crowd, particularly the female members.

From where I was sitting, they seemed to find as much humour in the comment as the rest of us.

But we should have known that a member of the Nit Pickers Association would be in the audience and had to make an

issue out of a remark uttered purely in humour.

What did surprise me is that a WAFL Commissioner had to get into the act also. Instead of passing the comment off with a laugh, he tabled it for the media to get hold of.

For the record, Confucius made many comments, some attributed to him, but not really by him, were a little risqué, but humorous nonetheless.

Hoping I don't upset another nit-picker, the one about "Couple who make love on hillside, not on level" certainly applies to the critic who tried to use this issue to have a go at Brown.

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# Moss heads the Medal winners

IT'S ironical that Claremont don't figure prominently on the Sandover Medal honour board for West Australian football — but one of their greatest players holds a unique place in history when it comes to the VFL.

Graham Moss, 254-game player and 10-year coach, was the first West Australian to win the Brownlow Medal, the best and fairest award in Victorian Football.

Moss went to Victoria to join Essendon in 1973 as a quickly-improving 23-year-old ruckman.

He immediately stamped his class on the VFL by being runner-up to Brown-



Graham Moss ... WA's first Brownlow Medal winner.

## winners

low Medallist Keith Greig, two votes behind the North Melbourne champion.

In 1975 he was again just two votes behind the winner, this time filling third spot with Gary Dempsey and Stan Alves the only players in front of him.

In 1976, with the Brownlow voting changing to allow both umpires to vote 3-2-1, Moss was a three-vote winner over Peter Knights, with a big gap to the rest of the field.

On his return to WA in 1977, Moss was at the peak of his form, but twice had to settle for the runners-up role behind Brian Peake (1977) and Phil Kelly (1978) with a three-vote margin both times.

Claremont players have a couple of rare achievements to their credit, including featuring in the only two dead-heats in the 67 years of awarding the medal.

Two players share the honour of being the clubs last Medal winners — Steve Malaxos and Michael Mitchell featured in the three-way tie with East Perth's Peter Spencer in 1984.

Back before that, John Parkinson tied with Bill Walker (Swan Districts) when they couldn't be separated on a countback in the 1967 award.

But you then have to turn the clock back a long way to find the clubs previous Medal winner — in 1949, when George (Sonny Maffina) took the honour. Before that it was another George in 1936 — the incomparable George Moloney, the only man in WA football history to top the goalkicking ladder and also win a Sandover Medal.

The clubs first Medallist was Keith Hough, in 1932 when the team played as Claremont-Cottesloe. That feat was repeated in the next two years by Sam Clarke, one of the all-time greats before the World War.

## 200 GAME PLAYERS

258 games

Ken Caporn, fullback 1943-1958 ... A hard-working, robust defender. Possessed a beautiful drop-kick and was well built.

254 games

Graham Moss, ruckman 1970-1985 ... A champion ruckman, known as the gentle giant. Took a strong mark in a pack and could run fast for a big man. One of only three West Australians to win a Brownlow Medal.

231 games

Kevin Clune, centreman 1954-1956 ... Affectionally known as the Carnamah Kid, he was noted for his prodigious kick and remembered for his long run down Fremantle Oval in 1964 to kick the winning goal that put the Tigers in the finals; going on to win the premiership.

230 games

Lorne Cook, half-back flank 1959-1972 ... A classical halfback with close-checking defensive work. Possessed a beautiful mark and had a long, raking kick.

218 games

Wayne Harvey, full-forward 1959-1970 ... Solidly-built with a superb leap and an excellent mark. Perfected the drop punt with an excellent kick at goal. He was also used in the ruck.

204 games

Les Mumme, rover 1955-1967 ... Arrived at Claremont as a State schoolboy from Collie. A tough, solidly-built rover who had a good kick and read the ball well.



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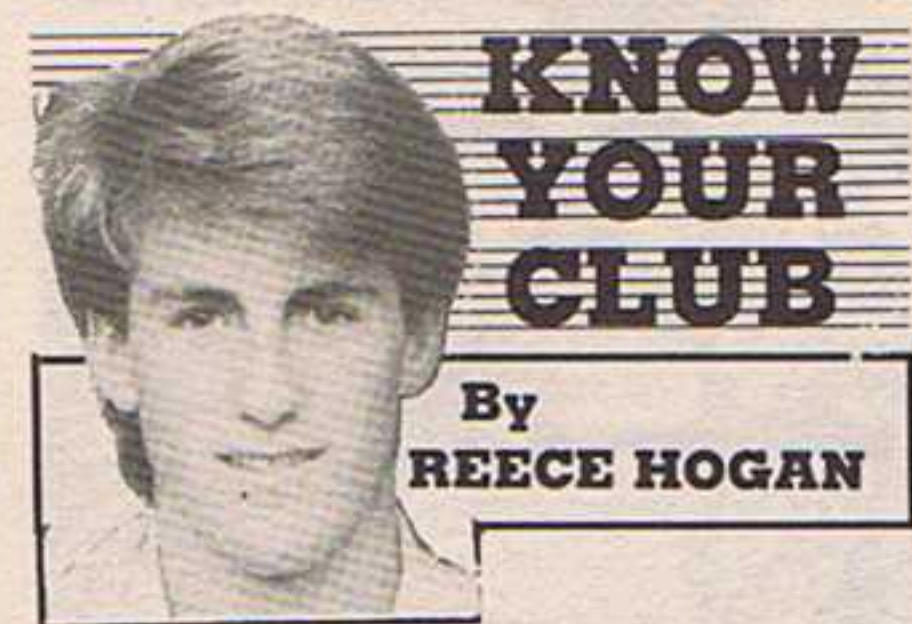
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By **REECE HOGAN**

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

# Marshall was a classic star

**ONE** of the greatest players to don a Claremont guernsey was Denis Marshall.

In 1958, the solidly-built Marshall joined the Tigers and quickly showed that he was a brilliant player with outstanding skills on either side of his body.

Marshall had an excellent mark, but his greatest asset was the drop-kick. He had the ability to pinpoint the ball to a player with either foot.

In 1964, Marshall departed for Victoria, leaving behind a number of achievements. He won Claremont's fairest and best award three times and was runner-up in the Sandover Medal to Haydn Bunton in 1962.

When Marshall left to play for Geelong, he was being tipped as the hottest football property to hit Melbourne for many years.

However, it was not till the 11th game of the season that Marshall made his first appearance for the Cats. At the time all 12 VFL clubs had an agreement on player payments and there was a strong reaction against Geelong's reported big money bid for Marshall.

This became known as the Coulter Law and was set up to ensure that clubs did not pay too much for recruits, in order to keep player payments at a minimum.

A hearing lasted 10 weeks and Marshall was not allowed to play during this period. He won the case, which opened the way for massive player payments and high recruiting fees.

However, once Marshall did eventually play, he showed why the club paid so much for his services.

During his time with Geelong, Marshall won the fairest and best trophy in 1966, earned an All-Australian blazer, was runner-up to Bob Skilton for the Brownlow Medal in 1968 and played in one of the greatest grand finals in the history of the game — the 1957 clash between Geelong and Richmond. Both teams had some ex-

traordinary talent and Richmond won by nine points.

In 1969, Marshall returned to Claremont and coached the side for three years.



Denis Marshall ... a fine player.

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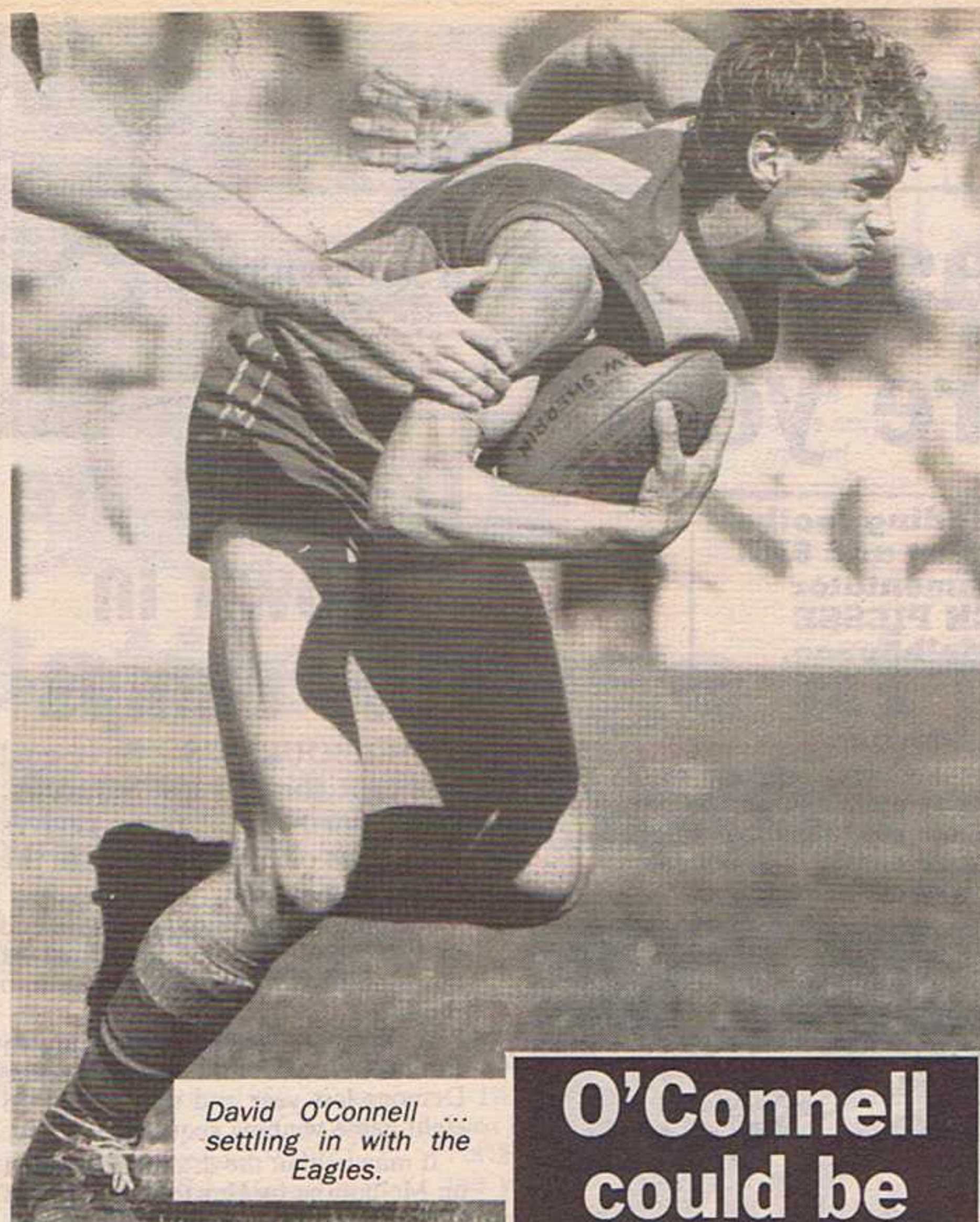
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David O'Connell ... settling in with the Eagles.

## Morphett's on Eagles short list

THE selection of five priority draft choices for the West Coast Eagles is not going to be easy come October.

What makes it harder is that two the five must be under the age of 19.

The Eagles have done plenty of homework and one of the young players under consideration was their special guest at the North Melbourne game last Sunday.

Present at Subiaco Oval with his family was Teal Cup representative Kane Morphett, who performed with distinction in the recent series in Canberra.

The talented schoolboy athlete, who is zoned to East Fremantle, is the son of former Shark player Richard Morphett.

## Kangaroos build for '89

IT WAS great to catch up with an old foe last Sunday, North Melbourne's Wayne Schimmelbusch.

Schimmelbusch used to give me (and a few others) the runaround a few years ago.

He has been a great champion for North and Victoria, a real quiet achiever.

His 306 games is a club record and though he is still club captain, a serious knee injury will not allow him to play this year. He is even doubtful to continue in '89, but one never knows.

### YOUTH POLICY

Schimmelbusch has been a selector this season and even though it has been a difficult year for the club, coach John Kennedy has continued to promote youth.

So far this year North have played 43 players, of whom 10 have played fewer than eight games each.

Schimmelbusch pointed out that Collingwood tried 45 players in 1987 and that policy has produced dividends this year as the Magpies are in the five.

Maybe next year will be North's turn.

## O'Connell could be the answer

THE Eagles have been looking for a centre-half-forward for most of the past two seasons.

Now there is a new contender for the job — David O'Connell.

His form in the past two weeks has been most encouraging.

O'Connell's mobility and marking presence has given the Eagles a target across the half-forward line, especially in the second half against North Melbourne.

While O'Connell is still learning how to play the key forward spot — and how coach John Todd wants him to play — he is proving an end-of-season bonus.

I liked the way O'Connell moved the ball on against North. His disposal was quicker and more precise than the previous week.

O'Connell is a big man but physically he is underdone.

This week against St Kilda in the Moorabbin mud, O'Connell will have to quickly come to terms with being able to hold his ground and footing at centre-half-forward.

Physically and mentally, the Eagles are equipped to win at Moorabbin, and remain a final-five contender.

## RESERVES A PROBLEM

THE form of Swan Districts and Eagles rover Joe Cormack was rather disappointing against Claremont.

He never really fired a shot for Swans and on numerous occasions was uncharacteristically caught with the ball.

I'm not sure if it was just an off day or mentally he wasn't prepared.

The form, availability, application and attitude of Eagles players moving up and down from VFL to WAFL, and vice versa, certainly is a problem.

This situation unfortunately is only short term, because the Eagles need a VFL reserves side.

It will prove costly for the Eagles to provide one and it means that more players will be lost to the WAFL.

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# Vintage year for new boys

ONCE again we have seen the introduction of some outstanding first-year players into League ranks in WA.

At a time when the WAFL competition is still in a transition period, opportunities have been plentiful.

These are my best first-year performers with each of the clubs:

CLAREMONT — Scott Edwards, Dale Kickett.

EAST FREMANTLE — Peter Quill, Dwayne Regan, Dean Cole.

PERTH — Barry Cable, Barry Taylor.

EAST PERTH — Michael Chalmers.

SUBIACO — Garry Kemp, Gavin Keyser.

SWAN DISTRICTS — Steve Bazzo.

SOUTH FREMANTLE — Mark Bayliss, Stevan Jackson.

WEST PERTH — Neil Jackson, Darren O'Brien, Malcolm Williams, Nathan Higgins.

The Falcons have unearthed some good young talent and are building a solid base for the future.

If I had to select the top five my votes would go to Neil Jackson, Bayliss, Edwards, Quill and Bazzo.

## Wrong time slot for Eagles

I'M staggered that the Eagles administration haven't jumped up and down about the virtual instant replays of Eagles home games being shown on Sundays at 3.30pm just 30 minutes after the game is completed.

While it is a real bonus for Channel 7, and rates well, it undoubtedly keeps a few thousand spectators away from Subiaco Oval.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



# Memories of 10-goal Bob

EAST Perth and Perth, co-tenants at the WACA Ground, clash this weekend for the 250th time (East Perth 143, Perth 105, one draw) and this will be their 72nd meeting at cricket HQ.

The Royals are slightly ahead with 37 wins to 34.

The 200th game between the clubs back in 1973 was won by Perth.

It's a funny thing that if you were to ask a Royals supporter who was the East Perth player to kick 10 goals against Perth they would probably come up with a name like Paul Arnold, Archie Duda, Phil Tierney, Bill Mose, Neil Hawke or Jack Smith.

But it was Bob McCracken, who played only 46 games with the Royals between 1940 and 1946, who kicked a 10-goal bag on June 1, 1946.

And the last Perth forward with a double-figure score against the Royals was Ron Tucker in 1950.

### BEWARE SHARKS

A LOSS to Swan Districts this weekend could see East Fremantle tipped out of the finals for only the 13th time in their 91 years in the WAFL.

Their present losing sequence of four is their worst since the last round in 1982 when they went down in six games on end.

### FIVE'S ENOUGH

EAST Perth's win last week ended what would have been their longest losing sequence at East Fremantle Oval.

They have lost their last five encounters there.

The Royals don't stay out of the winner's circle very long at any ground but the records show Leederville Oval as their boggy ground. Between 1945 and 1955 they lost 13 straight there.

### GOOD OLD DAYS

HOW times have changed. Back in 1903 Fitzroy and Collingwood became the first VFL teams to play a qualifying game in Sydney.

Gate takings for the game were 600 pounds and the two clubs, who paid their own expenses for the trip, gave all proceeds to the NSW Australian Rules League to help promote the game there.

### TOUGH GOING

ST KILDA, the Eagles' opponents this week, had as much trouble winning in Melbourne in their early years as the Eagles do now.

They won only two of their first 84 games!

This is how the Eagles have fared since joining the VFL:

	Perth	Melb.	Sydney	Bris.	Total
IN	18	2	—	1	21
WON	5	13	2	—	20
LOST					

### CARN THE GORILLAS!

REMEMBER the days when Perth were called the Redlegs, Subiaco were the Maroons or the short period when East Perth were the Eagles?

I wonder how many of today's footy fans know that Geelong were once the Seagulls, Melbourne were called the Fuchsias, North Melbourne were the Shinboners, Fitzroy were the Gorillas and Hawthorn were the Mayblooms.



## Bulldogs want Beasley for one more year

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM  
Eastern States statistician  
for the West Coast Eagles



## Demons are down in the dumps

MELBOURNE'S three-goal loss to Richmond last Saturday, their third in a row, revives memories of their advance to the finals last season.

Melbourne lost three games on end in 1987 before winning their final six home-and-away games to sneak into the five.

A 40-point win over Geelong in Round 17 was the turning point for the Demons last year and the start of an eight-game winning sequence.

It may be that the drubbing inflicted on Melbourne by Hawthorn in Round 17 was the turning point in 1988. Two further losses since have raised doubts about Melbourne's ability to stay in the five.

Melbourne have to win two of their last three games to be assured of playing in the elimination final — a tough proposition given their run home as they play Footscray, Essendon and Carlton.

### TOUGH TEAM

HAWTHORN continue to set the trend in the competition. Not only have they proven extremely difficult to beat throughout the season, their opponents have had trouble rebounding the following week.

Of the 15 teams Hawthorn had beaten this season before last Saturday, only two won the following week — North Melbourne, who beat the Eagles in Round 6; and Footscray, who won over Richmond in Round 15.

### ON TARGET

FORMER East Perth and Sydney Swans ruckman John Ironmonger kicked his first goal for nearly 3½ seasons of VFL football on Saturday.

The 27-year-old ironmonger, now with Fitzroy, has kicked only two goals in 64 VFL games. He kicked his first goal, for Sydney, in Round 9 of 1985 (his first season), but had to play another 55 games before registering his second.

### BEASLEY MOVES UP

FORMER Swan Districts full-forward Simon Beasley continues to move up the VFL's list of all-time top goalkickers.

Beasley's six-goal performance for Footscray on Saturday took him to 18th position, with 548 goals from 145 matches.

Beasley is the highest-ranking West Australian on the list.

Collingwood's WA-born full-forward Brian Taylor moved into 27th place with his eight goals against the Brisbane Bears on Friday night. Taylor has kicked 455 goals since making his debut for Richmond in 1980.

### EAGLES LIFT

THE West Coast Eagles' win over North Melbourne on Sunday was their second after trailing at each change in the last month.

The 3½ win was the biggest of the Eagles' three wins after being behind at the end of each of the first three quarters.

SIMON Beasley deserves to be ranked with the great West Australian sharp-shooters after another consistent season with Footscray in the VFL.

The 32-year-old veteran has showed such vibrant form, after having been undecided about playing this year, that he is now expected to have an eighth League season in 1989.

"I still love playing but it could depend on whether we play off successfully in the finals," Beasley said. "You could say the odds are in favour of my playing again."

Last year Beasley set a Footscray record by winning the club goalkicking for the sixth consecutive season. His best season was 1985, when the Bulldogs missed reaching the grand final by just two goals.

So far this year, he's kicked 70 goals at an average of almost four a game and if Footscray happen to take fifth place and perhaps stay in the premiership battle for a week or two into September, he may have a chance of joining Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall as a 1988 100-goal man.

Last Saturday Beasley booted six goals, all in the first half, as Footscray skipped to a 69-point victory against bottom team St Kilda.

### STICKY FINGERS

Beasley's goalkicking consistency in two States — he had 82 games with Swan Districts and now has played 146 with Footscray — entitles him to equal ranking with some of the very best WA full-forwards.

Beasley's strong leading and sticky-fingered marking remain his major strengths. His goal conversation rate has also been excellent.

Beasley says his stockbroking duties and his recent marriage were "greater priorities" than football, but as long as he remains an influence at Footscray, he seems set to stay with the club.

Against one of the VFL's most com-

petitive full-backs, Saints' captain Danny Frawley, the blond-headed full-forward kicked 6.3 and took 12 marks.

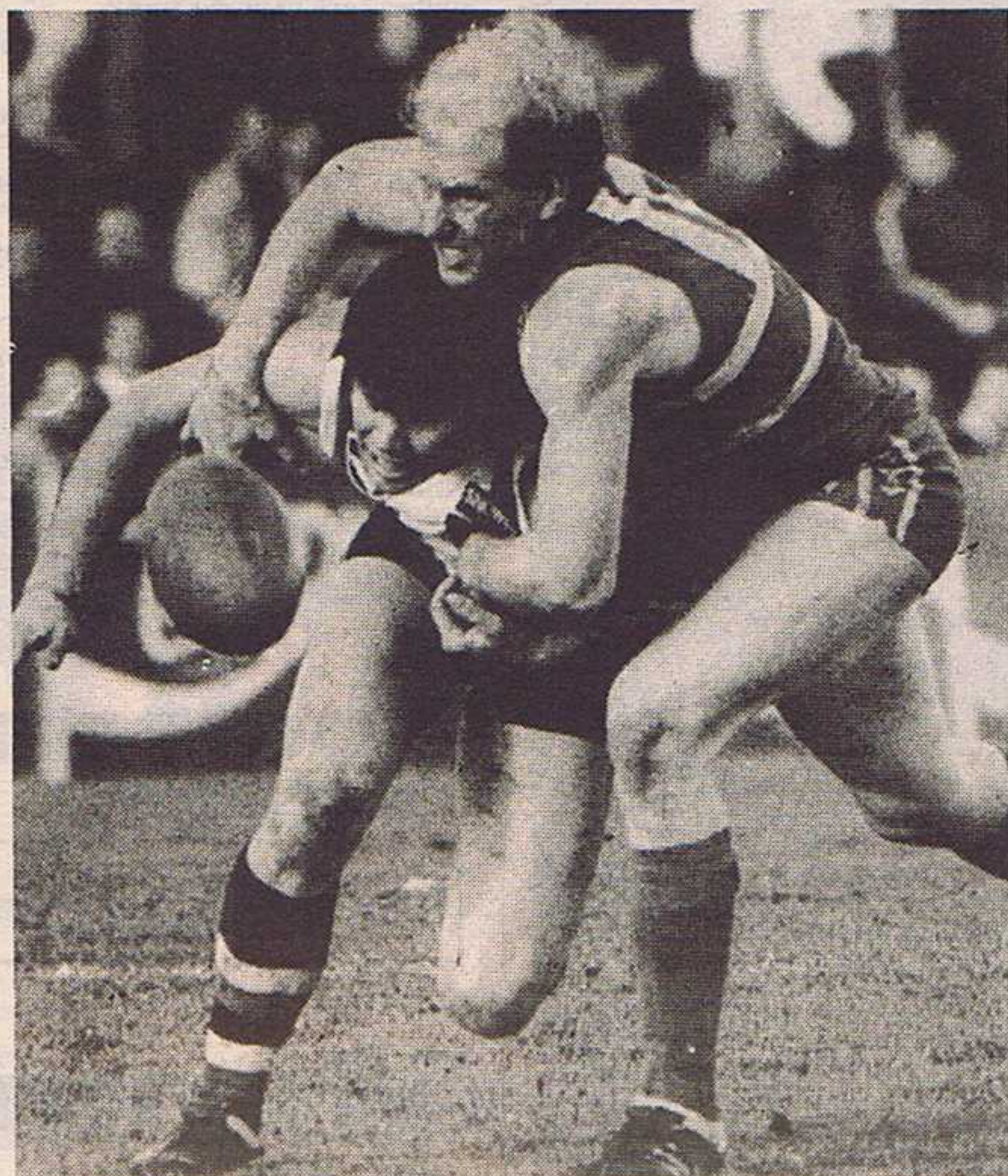
He says his year-to-year contract with Footscray expires at the end of

September.

Footscray are keen to see Beasley play again and he has been showing such good form that it appears likely he'll remain in senior football for at least one more season.



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



Footscray forward Simon Beasley tackles Saints captain Danny Frawley during last week's game at the Western Oval.

## 'Big Fish' suddenly all at sea

FOUR years ago football followers were acclaiming Essendon giant Paul Salmon as the hottest property in the game.

He had booted 63 goals at an average of five a game at the start of the '84 season and seemed unstoppable.

But the big Bomber suffered a serious knee injury, which necessitated reconstructive surgery, and though he played in Essendon's '85 premiership team, he's never consistently recaptured his best touch.

He's had an injury-interrupted year again in 1988 and with Essendon slipping out of the five for the first time in more than a month, he's been one of the "name" players blamed for his club's demise.

The Bombers lost an important home ground game to fast-finishing Geelong by 67 points last weekend and Salmon had just eight kicks and four handballs.

"He's not playing up to his potential and ability," said coach Kevin Sheedy.

"He's missed matches with a hamstring and has lost a bit of confidence.

## Hardie's a hero again

BRAD Hardie has been having his best season since winning the 1985 Brownlow Medal.

After an uncomfortable 1986 season, when he had several run-ins with coach Mick Malthouse over his role in the Footscray team, Hardie had a disastrous 1987 with his new club, the Brisbane Bears.

Having transferred for \$270,000, at that time the most expensive deal in VFL history, Brisbane had expected far more from their star recruit.

But his interrupted pre-season training schedule stopped him from playing at anywhere near full fitness and he hadn't shown his best '85 or WA representative touch until this year.

He's been Brisbane's best player for the past two weeks and last Friday night, against Collingwood, he kicked six goals from full-forward against one of football's best defenders, State half-back Shane Morwood.

The Bears are again headed for a 13th-place finish at the end of the home-and-away series. Last year the Bears won six games and have equalled that record with three matches to go.

### How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/ball	Score
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Gary Buckenara	18	4	10	1.1
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Alan Johnson	10	1	1	—
Earl Spalding	5	3	3	—
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	7	2	7	—
Phil Krakouer	5	2	5	1.1
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Michael Mitchell	17	10	15	3.1
Peter Wilson	13	7	9	0.1
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	14	3	—	4.3
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
Brad Hardie	13	2	—	6.2
Ken Judge	2	1	2	0.1
Mike Richardson	11	3	5	—
Rod Lester-Smith	11	7	3	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Wayne Blackwell	13	3	1	—
John Dorotich	13	7	4	1.1
Peter Sartori	5	6	4	2.1
Steve Da Rui	5	3	2	—
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	8	8	9	—
Craig Starcevich	3	3	5	0.1
Brian Taylor	11	9	4	8.3
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	18	4	5	0.1
Bill Duckworth	8	1	4	0.1
Darren Bewick	21	5	5	1.4
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Brett Stephens	8	1	5	—
John Ironmonger	7	5	6	1.2
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	12	12	—	6.3
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	13	3	12	1.0
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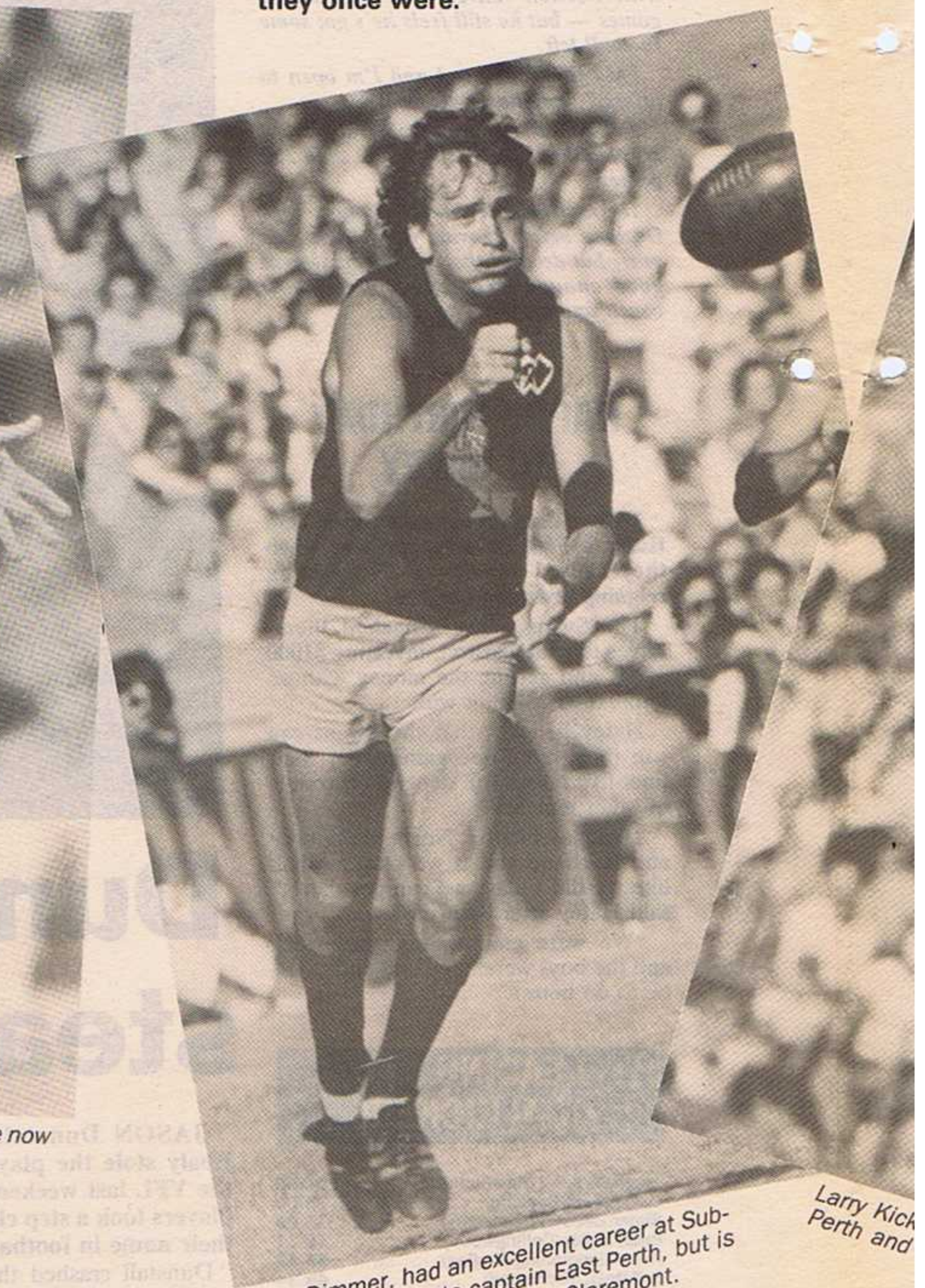
# AS THEY ONCE WE

A number of former top league footballers have returned to the game in coaching roles.

These nine players of a bygone era are back in action with the reserves sides in the WAFL ... and we have dug into our archives to find out who they once were.

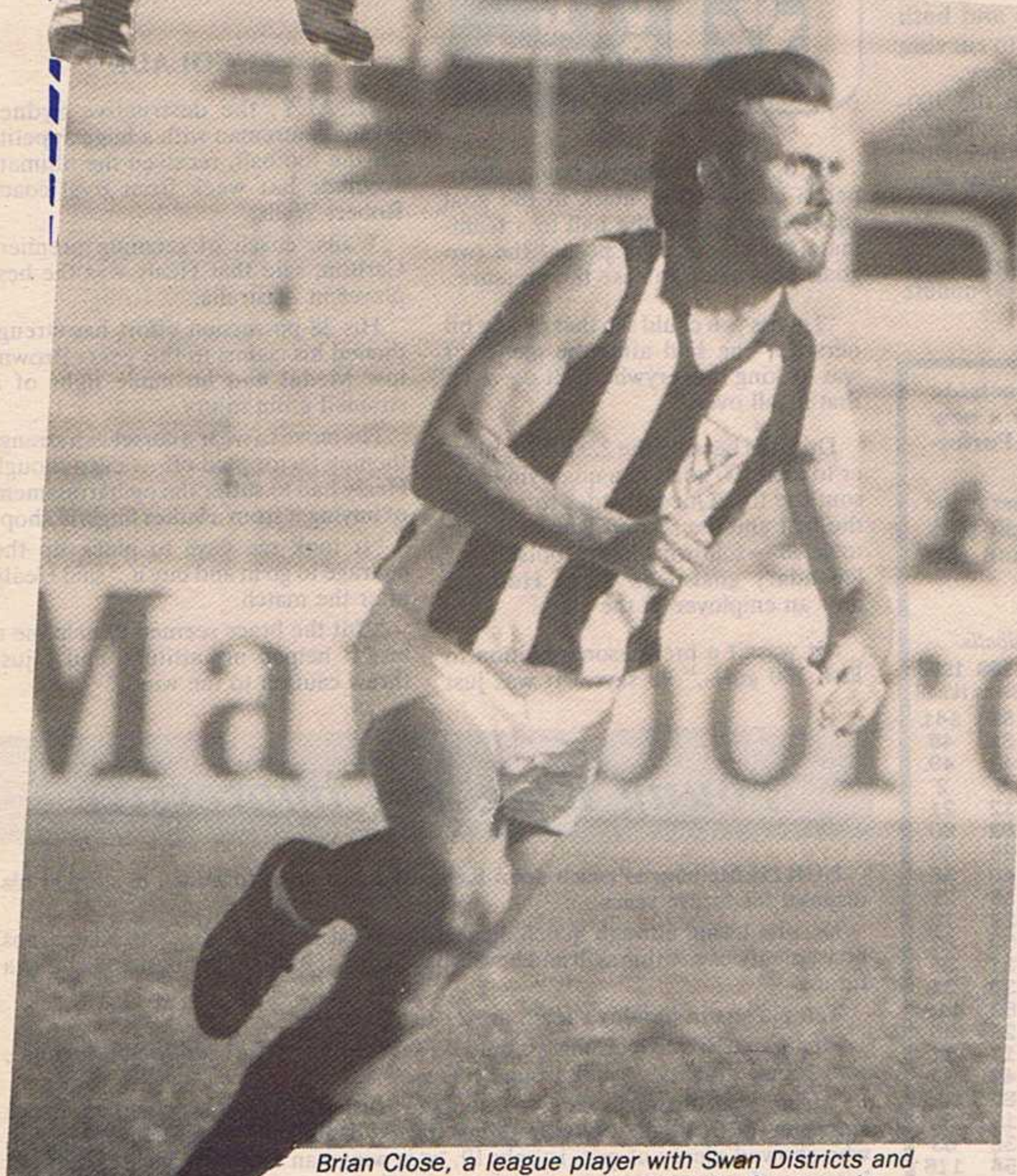


Kerry Coates, a tough player with East Fremantle where he now coaches the club's colts side.



John Dimmer, had an excellent career at Subiaco and went on to captain East Perth, but is now reserves coach at Claremont.

Larry Kick  
Perth and



Brian Close, a league player with Swan Districts and South Fremantle. now coaching the Swans colts.



Tom Mullooly, a champion club man at Swan Districts, but mastering the art of coaching at Perth.



Eddie Pitter, a stalwart ruckman at Perth, but has been a long-standing coach at Subiaco.

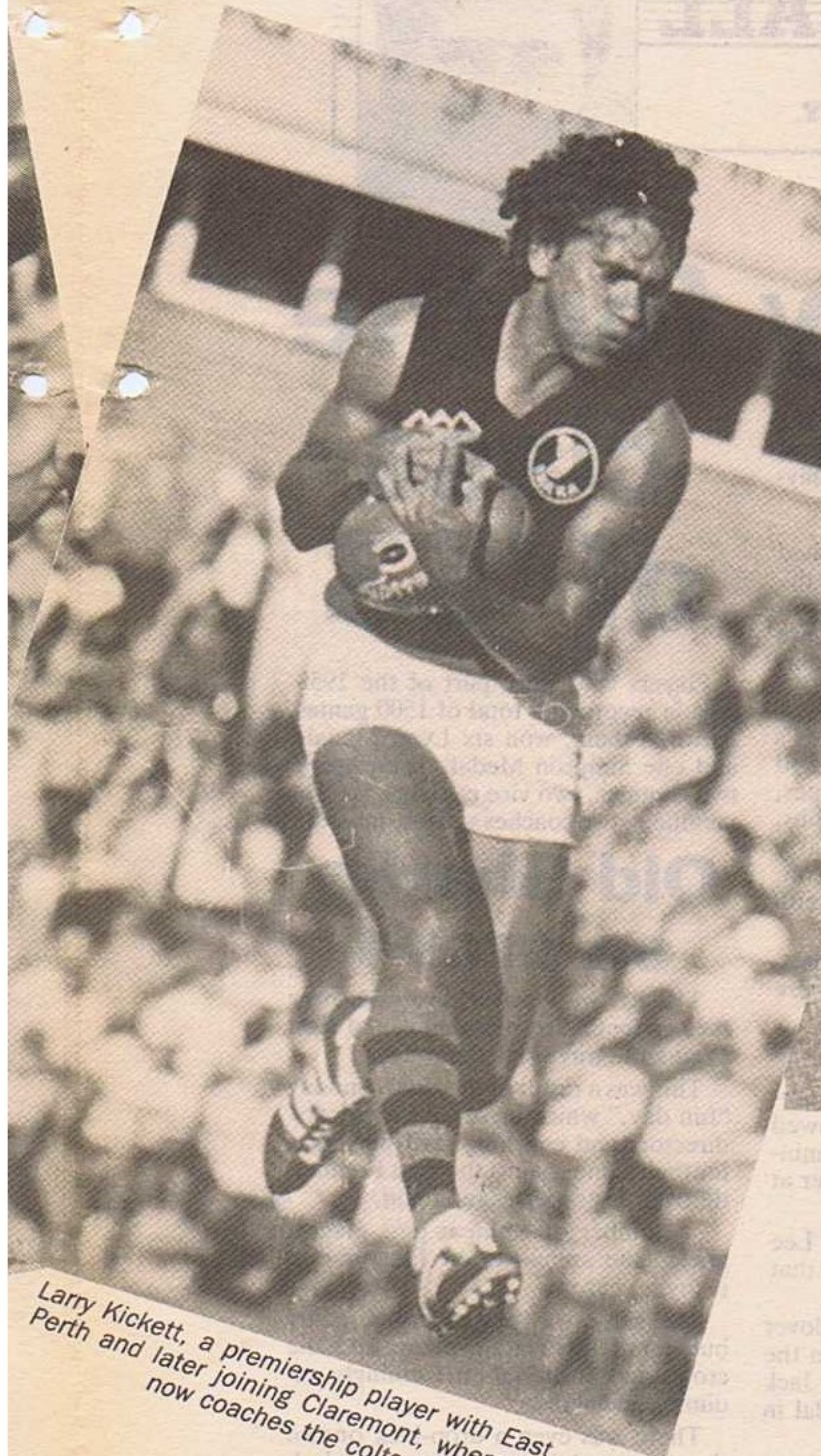
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Larry Kickett, a premiership player with East Perth and later joining Claremont, where he now coaches the colts.



Tony Micale, after a long career with East Fremantle, he's now well-entrenched as reserves coach at Swans.



art ruckman with East a long-standing colts Subiaco.



Wayne Loxley, a Subiaco (and briefly East Perth) player who now looks after the Lions reserves side.



Murray Couper, a champion forward with Perth (and briefly East Perth) is still a Demon, coaching the colts.

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**Moment of truth for Bulldogs**

SOUTH Fremantle can expect Richard Geary back for their clash against Claremont in what is looming as the match of the season.

Geary was instrumental in setting up a Bulldogs' victory in the derby two weeks ago but his performance was nipped in the bud when he took a heavy blow early and was taken off with concussion.

To that point early in the third term Geary had kicked four goals and was arguably the best player afield.

Sunday's match will show just how much improvement Souths have made in the past couple of months.

A big crowd is expected at the double-header and with the game being played at Subiaco Oval it should assume the atmosphere of a final.

**TOUGH**

South Fremantle's lead-up to the finals is tough with the game against Claremont being followed by a clash with second-placed Subiaco.

They need to win at least one of those games to be guaranteed a place in the top four.

Their post-game celebrations assumed a different atmosphere last week after their win against West Perth when about 30 of the South Fremantle senior players and officials piled into the Prospector train and spent the rest of the weekend in Kalgoorlie.

Their trip was part of the 50th birthday celebrations of one of the club's major sponsors, Max Viscovich.



Richard Geary ... a valuable Bulldog recruit.

**NETTING WINNERS**

FOOTBALL tipping competitions around Perth will be starting to hot up with only two rounds of fixtures remaining.

Competitions of this nature are run all over the State but perhaps the most remote is the one organised some 70km off the coast of Carnarvon.

The crews of prawning trawlers spend up to a month at a time out at sea and they eagerly await the telecast of the ABC's game of the day on Saturday afternoons.

It's not uncommon for a boat to travel more than 25km just to pick up a good TV reception.

A local named "Spider" has taken it on himself to organise the competition and all tips must be into him by 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Most people radio their tips through but some take their tipping so seriously that they deliver them in person — in case of spies!

"Spider" is quite a character. He's an avid football follower and is proud of the fact that he once shared a house with "Budgie" Buhagiar.

About 27 boats are involved in the tipping syndicate with more than \$1000 up for grabs.

The lads tell me that this year's prize is pretty well sewn up by Barry Burton, who has bagged 54 winners (as well as about two million prawns) out of a possible 76.

Barry's knowledge of football is obviously quite impressive, for his score would place him second only to Robert Bennett (Sunday Times) in our media competition.

Barry's tips for this week are South Fremantle to beat Claremont, Perth to beat East Perth, East Fremantle to beat Swans and Subiaco to beat West Perth.

All is not lost for the other 50-odd competitors in the prawning fleet syndicate. There is still the booby prize — a 4ft long wooden spoon, which will be hung in the Gascoyne Hotel with the winner's name clearly engraved.

**ON THE BALL**

By **MIKE KNUCKEY**



**Big day for the class of '53**

EAST Fremantle have marked the 25th anniversary of their move to East Fremantle Oval with a reunion of players and officials.

In 1953, East Fremantle switched from Fremantle Oval and many of the players and officials who took part in the first game at their new home were guests of the club last Saturday to commemorate the day.

Players who attended Saturday's reunion were Don Creedon, Bill Heathcote, Jack Sheedy, Frank Capes, Alan Christian, Bob Pratt, Ken Ebbs, Merv Cowan, Frank Conway, Harry Regan, Ken Wake, Percy Johnson, Bob Hicks, Harold Jefferys and Keith Bishop.

Officials John Tonkin, Roy Corbett, Alan Trott and Charlie Lundgren were also guests.

**HISTORIAN**

That 1953 side was a team of outstanding talent and though they bowed out of the competition in the preliminary final, it was a year to remember at their new home.

East Fremantle's historian Jack Lee recalled some of the highlights of that team.

In that year's team were Sandover Medallists Jim Conway (who won the prestigious award in 1950) and Jack Clarke, who was to win the medal in 1957.

Both men also won the Lynn Medal. Others in the '53 line-up who won the club's fairest and best were Sheedy, Ken Ebbs, Alan Preen and Jefferys.

Cowan was captain, with Sheedy as his deputy. Others who were considered legends of the time were Hicks, Johnson and Con Regan.

Other solid contributors were Ray French, Harry Regan, Frank Conway, Ray Laurie and Laurie Peake, who did the club a favour by playing more than 50 League games and making son, Brian, eligible to play for East Fremantle.

Other players included Kevin Higgins, Geoff O'Sullivan, Laurie Nugent, Keith Stewart and Neil Scott.

Players who were part of the 1953 season recorded a total of 1500 games between them, won six Lynn Medals and one Simpson Medal. There were two captains, two vice captains, six life members, two coaches and one mascot.

**Old Sharks on prowl**

THERE were a few sore and sorry former footballers limping round East Fremantle way early this week.

This was a result of the club's Sunday "fun day," which involved the Sharks' directors and coaching staff playing a football game against the East Fremantle over 40s superleague team.

A number of eminent past players graced the arena for the first time in many a year.

The game was played in a friendly but competitive atmosphere and the crowd appreciated their seemingly undiminished skills.

There was even a drop-kick or two that skimmed the turf like a tracer bullet into a leading team-mate's hands.

Perhaps that's what we need to bring the crowds back through the gates.

A glance at the team list shows an impressive list of names — Kerry Coates, Ron Wilcocks, Hans Beyer, Wilson Onions, Ricky Prouse, Frank French and Keith Shorthill to name a few.

Then there was Len Anderson, who came on in the last quarter to boot two brilliant goals.

Graham Melrose was a notable absentee as he was recovering from a recent nose operation.

Who could blame him? It would seem a bit senseless to make a comeback after you've just had your nose straightened up.



Desperate Swan Simon Moss (left) tangles with Claremont's Grant Povey during last week's game at Claremont Oval.

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Royals coach Gerard McNeill... the thought of a wooden spoon does not appeal.

# Battles rage at both ends

WHILE the battle for the final four continues to intensify, a similar war wages at the foot of the table.

Neither East Perth nor Swan Districts relish the thought of another wooden spoon in the clubhouse, but one of them is going to have to accept it.

Both Gerard McNeill and Ed Blackaby have adopted realistic approaches to what's left of the 1988 season.

"Each game assumes added importance when you consider we have a chance to influence the outcome of the final four," said McNeill.

"The thought of finishing last doesn't greatly appeal to the players either," said McNeill making it clear that motivation was not a problem.

East Perth take on Perth this Sunday in a game that is crucial to the immediate objectives of both teams.

## HAUNTED

For Perth it's to get back in the four while for East Perth it's to get off the bottom of the table.

A similar thought haunts Ed Blackaby when he turns his mind to the remaining two qualifying games.

"The season is far from over for us," he said. "We still face a couple of big challenges."

Reflecting on the year that's been, Blackaby added: "It's been a disappointing season. We've had our problems but we make no excuses."

"As far as next year is concerned every player will be treated as a priority player. The club needs to rebuild and restore its pride."

Swan Districts have a realistic chance of winning their last two games of 1988. They play two out-of-form teams in East Fremantle and, to a lesser extent, Perth. Both matches will help to shape this year's final placings.

## Watters in superb form

THERE is an air of excitement at South Fremantle as players and supporters enjoy some superb performances in the third series.

The Bulldogs have won their last six games in succession and their form in the last three is especially good, beating West Perth, East Fremantle and Perth — all without Mr Magic, Maurice Rioli.

The man who has filled the shoes of Rioli is 19-year-old Scott Watters and his ability to be where the ball is can only be described as uncanny.

He creates many opportunities in attack, after retrieving the ball from defence and it is a rare occurrence if he does not do something with the ball when in possession.

# FALCONS PAIR DO WELL

SOUTH Fremantle's key forwards Peter Sumich and Mark Bayliss have been a defender's nightmare with their excellent 1988 seasons — but that didn't worry two Falcons players last week.

Phil Bradmore had the job of minding Bayliss, who was playing his favourite position at full-forward and rookie Neil Jackson had Sumich to handle.

Bradmore battled the big man perfectly and did not give him an inch all day.

It was the first time in his 151-game career that Bradmore has played at full-back and after Saturday's performance, he may find himself there more often.

Bayliss was moved out of attack in the last quarter, taking on a defensive role where he played with a lot more confidence and determination.

Jackson had the unenviable job of minding the dynamic Sumich.

Jackson kept the left footer goal-less for almost three quarters where he spoilt, tackled and ran hard. Sumich had no answer for the close checking defender however, he broke the shackles in the last quarter, kicking three goals. He also kicked a goal in the time on period of the third quarter.

Jackson's performance was to be admired, considering that players with far more experience have failed to keep Sumich at bay.

## ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



# Kickett shows his old class

SOUTH Fremantle wingman Graham Kickett finally threw off some indifferent form to produce a superb performance against West Perth at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

The former Geraldton player started his league career with the Bulldogs arch rivals, East Fremantle, playing 79 games and was in their premiership side in 1979 — against South Fremantle.

He is now in his third season with South and despite a consistent 1987 season, Kickett has been up and down in 1988, through various injuries and lack of form.

However, Saturday's game showed that Kickett is still a player of class. His ducking and weaving, strong marking and accurate kicking was a feature of the game.

If Kickett can continue this form, he will definitely be a threat to teams in coming games and with the finals just around the corner, South Fremantle's chances are made that much better.

# Great way to start

THE WAFL boasts two more promising League players after last weekend's round of fixtures when John Edmondson and Tim Scanlon made their debut for East Perth and Swan Districts, respectively.

East Perth coach Gerard McNeill had high praise for the 19-year-old Edmondson, saying that his first half was an outstanding performance in a very physical game.

Edmondson became a casualty after falling awkwardly in the third term and injuring an ankle.

Treatment for his ankle shouldn't be a problem, however, as the former captain of the Royals colts is studying to be a physiotherapist.

Edmondson's promotion to senior ranks caps a great year for him.

At the end of the first series of fixtures he won an award from Westside Football for best player in the Prime reserves competition for series one.

## AGGRESSIVE

Ed Blackaby was equally impressed by Tim Scanlon's first-up match against Claremont. The 192cm (6ft 4in) 18-year-old rucked strongly in the second half when given an opportunity on the ball.

He is not gangling and awkward-looking like some tall teenage ruckmen. He is strongly built and played with aggression and confidence.

Scanlon has been working with the experienced Alan Sidebottom at training after coming up from Bunbury and graduating through the colts and under-19s.

# Wakey, wakey, Demons

HAVE you ever experienced that sensation when you feel as if you have been there before?

They call it *de ja vu* and Rob Wiley must have been scratching his head and wondering just that at 5 pm last Saturday.

Exactly a week earlier Perth were celebrating a huge win after being in a seemingly impossible position at half-time.

At that stage they trailed the Falcons nine goals to three but a storming second half saw Perth take charge with a goal avalanche of 16 to four in their favour. They turned a 43-point deficit into a 42-point victory.

At half-time at the WACA last Saturday, Perth were leading nine goals to four against Subiaco, apparently cruising towards a comfortable win.

Then it happened. Subiaco shifted up a cog and Perth slipped down several to change the face of the game completely.

By three-quarter time a 28-point lead had been converted to a 24-point deficit.

While Perth were still in the game at that point there is no doubt that this third quarter catnap cost Perth four premiership points.

## SYNDROME

Wiley admits to being very concerned about the blackout syndrome, which has plagued his side for much of the season — the last five games in particular.

In the match against East Fremantle the Demons trailed seven goals to nil at quarter-time.

Then Claremont kicked the first seven goals in the next game. South Fremantle led six goals to three at quarter-time on July 23 and West Perth jumped the gun to lead by eight goals to one at the first break at Leederville a fortnight ago.

What made it particularly frustrating for Wiley was that it was his team that got the flying start last Saturday, only to take their customary snooze an hour or so later.

Wiley must find a remedy for Perth's tendency to go to sleep if they hold genuine ambitions of being a realistic threat in this year's finals.



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# Barney leaves his mark at Wembley

MENTION the name Barney Giles and the activities of the Wembley Amateur Football Club quickly spring to mind.

Few people in football would have devoted as much time, effort and expertise to a football club as has Barney, a sprightly 78 years of age and still a regular footy-goer.

Barney's involvement with Wembley goes back to 1926 when he was a handy half-forward for the club, playing in what was then known as the AAFA. At the age of 17, he was elected secretary to start a long, unbroken sequence of administrative roles.

When it became the Wembley Athletic Club in 1933, incorporating sports other than football, he continued as club secretary, a role he filled from 1933 to 1983 — an incredible 50 years.

In 1954, Barney joined the WA National Football League as a clerk and served football at the highest level in this State for 20 years, retiring in 1973 — but still not departing the scene.

In those years, one of his roles was as organising secretary for the annual country championships and he maintained that involvement with the current Wesfarmers carnival up till recently.

The country championships were originally staged at Northam, when Barney and WANFL secretary Dick Orr would travel up each year. When the carnival came to the city in 1965, Barney's role became even more active.

During his League years, one duty was as secretary of the Members Club — which is still a favourite haunt to talk football.

However, even though he had official duties at League level, Barney still couldn't drag himself away from Wembley amateurs.

On Saturdays, when he was naturally required at League Headquarters, at Subiaco Oval, he would still find time to duck over to Wembley's home ground at Henderson Park, where there is now a Barney Giles pavilion in his honour.

And talking about honours, Barney has four life memberships to his credit — the first coming from Wembley back in 1933. He was subsequently honoured by the WAFL, the Members Club and the Amateurs Association.

A National Football League Merit Award in 1956 was in recognition of his services to football and in 1985, the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) was bestowed on Barney for his service to sport, football in particular.

It was only recently that Barney stepped down from a delegates role at the WA Amateur Football League, but he can still be found watching the leather being kicked around at Wembley on most Saturdays.



Barney Giles... a veteran amateurs man.

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

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## 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 u 18 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

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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 straight forward. 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.

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## The Kresta 'Blinder'

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



## Morton back in top form

FORMER Claremont captain Noel Morton returned to the form that once labelled him one of WA's most reliable defenders when he put in an excellent game against Swan Districts at Claremont Oval last Saturday.

Starting on a half-back flank, Morton played consistently for four quarters, having 21 kicks, five marks, seven hand-balls, four tackles and one smother.

Morton read the ball well and his marking was a feature. He played with confidence and assurance, especially early in the game when the Tigers ran away from hapless Swans.

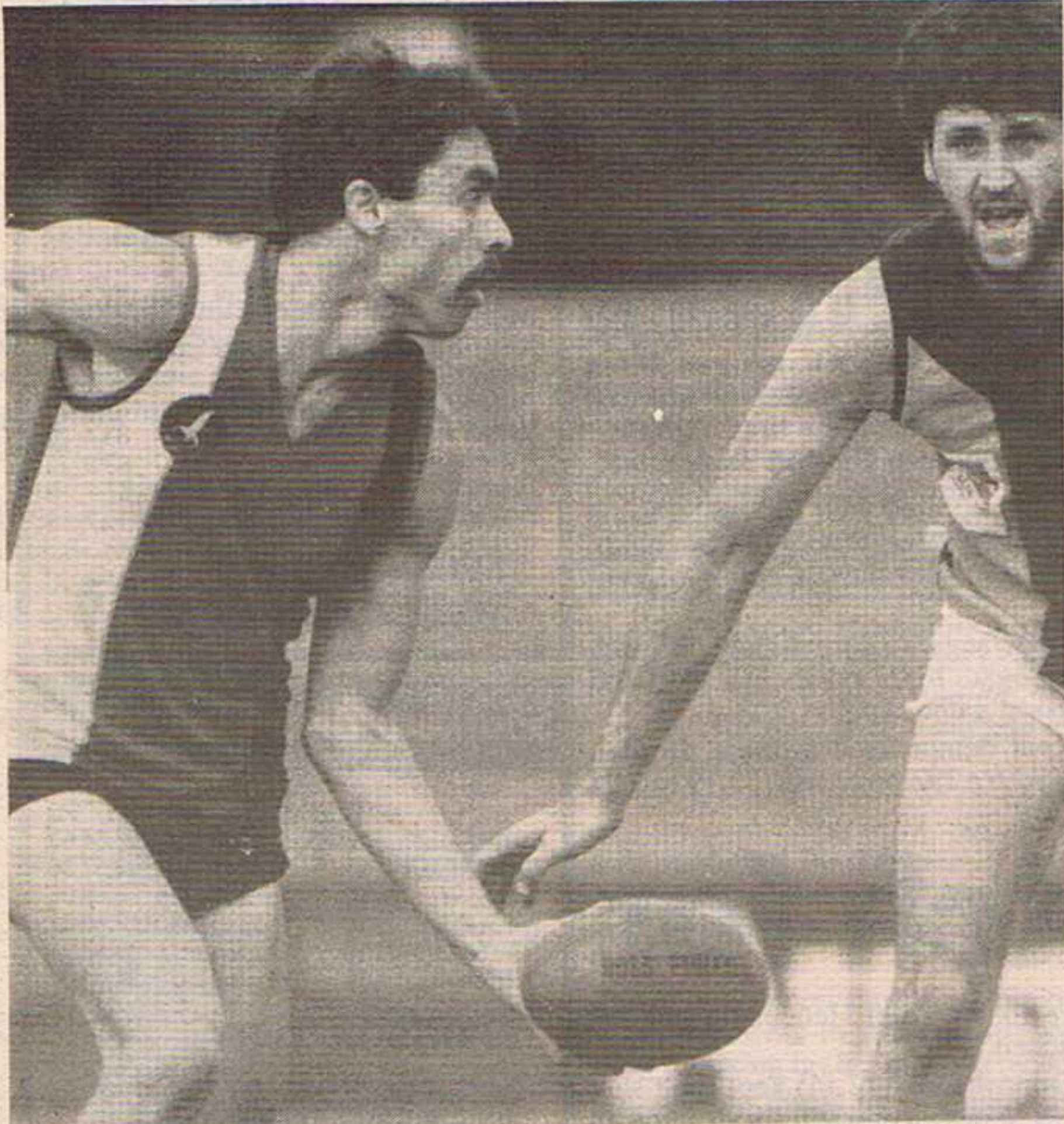
Throughout the game, Morton was a spring-board for many attacking moves, showing his leadership qualities and experience which inspired players in front of him like Peter Thorne, Mark Hann and Joe Ahmat.

Morton has had an indifferent season after missing the first six games with a back injury. However, he persisted and is now playing a major role in the Tigers defensive

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**A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League**



Mt Lawley's Gerard Kearney (left) prepares to handpass as Old Wesley's Chris Holliday moves in.

# University move towards finals

UNIVERSITY took another step closer to a finals berth with a sound 64-point win over Scarborough in last week's A-grade matches.

The last five weeks have seen an improvement in the University side that is a warning to other finals contenders, especially Nollamara, who only hold fifth spot by percentage.

Nollamara have to face third-placed Wembley which could decide their fate, while University play lower-placed sides in the last two games.

Wembley had a comfortable 10-goal margin over North Beach in a one-sided affair at Leederville Oval.

Once again it was the potent Magpie forward division, led by half-forward Peter Falconer with seven goals, who put paid to North Beach's chances.

North had only one clear winner in centreman Dave Perry, who again led the side with his usual courage and ability.

Ironically, Wembley's best was centreman Dobbie Callaghan, who had good support from Falconer, Grant Ryan, Todd Haley and Brad Roberts.

Mt Lawley gained revenge for their first-round drubbing by Old Wesley when they reversed the result and ran out 81-point winners.

The Hawks were determined to crush the opposition and all players were desperate for the ball for four quarters.

One of the most consistent players for Mt Lawley this season has been Gerard Kearney, who led the onslaught with numerous possessions.

Kearney was well backed up by Leigh Sprlyan and Anthony McAleer, while for Old Wesley, Leeson, Peter Wilson and Steve Whittleston were best.

Trinity-Aquinas more than doubled Nollamara's score in a solid 71-point victory.

The former Collegiates had too much class for their opposition, with players such as Darren Croft, Mark Shaw, Mark Johnston, Phil Green, Mark Taylor, Chris Loughnan and Tony Power all major contributors.

Nollamara's best players were the experienced brigade in Neale Fong, Noel Knights and Russell Henry, who all tried hard for four quarters.

West Coast had to pull out all stops against North Fremantle, who came

**A COLTS:** The final five was settled when Trinity Aquinas ended Nollamara's hopes of making the finals.

In an exciting game, Nollamara cut back a four-goal deficit at half-time to get within three points of Trinity, with the Roos inaccuracy costing them dearly.

The interest now remains with who will take third spot and the double chance.

North Beach will have to contend with the in-form Nollamara, while Mt Lawley play Scarborough and University meet North Fremantle.

**C COLTS:** Bassendean consolidated their position in the five when they beat Carlisle by a massive 32 goals. Young full-forward Lyall Bowie kicked 18 goals and he then followed up in the seniors with another two.

Others to feature for Bassendean were Willie Bennett and Darren Ricket. University moved into the five after Whitford's defeat of Coolbinia Yokine.

With only one game to go, Whitfords cannot make the finals, as University and Coolbinia-Yokine have easy games.

**C GRADE:** Carlisle caused an upset by defeating Bassendean.

In a hard-fought game Carlisle put the game beyond doubt midway through the final quarter. Best players for Carlisle included Charlie Champion, Ian Callahan and Terry Dunlea, while Bassendean's best were Dave Shearer, playing his first C-Grade game, captain Dean Martin and Steven Kealey.

Morley moved into third spot with their victory over Nollamara and University's surprise defeat by Melville.

Whitfords moved into sixth position and all hinges on this week's last game as to who will miss out on a finals berth.

**D GRADE:** Wembley and Brentwood, both winners last Saturday, will fight it out this week for the vital third position.

Mundaring moved a game clear in fifth spot and should maintain that their closest rivals, Northbridge AICA, play top side Rockingham.

WACAE, who defeated Rockingham last week, should not have any problem with Scarborough and hold onto second position.

## Big day for Carlisle champ

CARLISLE veteran Roy (Bam Bam) Bamford celebrated his 200th game in fine style last Saturday — kicking a club record of 20 goals to reach 100 for the season.

A big crowd gathered at Carlisle Reserve for the much talked-about game against Riverton in the L-grade.

Bamford's 20-goal haul beats the club's previous record of 19 goals in one game, set in 1983 by Rob Byles.

For the record, Carlisle won 31.12 to 3.3, with Danny Ford, coach John Manuel and David Mitchell also doing well.

## SOCIAL SPOT

### SCARB. FESTIVAL

THE Scarborough Football Club will hold their annual beer festival this Sunday, August 14, starting at noon.

The festival will be held at the Scarborough Tennis Club pavilion on Deanmore Road, with a \$4 entry free.

There will be a multitude of beers to choose from with ample food. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## MILESTONES

BASSENDEAN congratulate three of their players on reaching milestones this week.

Robbie Cooper and E. Paterniti play their 150th games, while Bradford Coruna celebrates his 100th game.

### RUSSELL BURNETT Wanneroo 100 games

RUSSELL was one of the founding members of the Wanneroo AFC back in 1985.

From that time he has held down the position of senior vice president until this year, when he was elected president.

Russell was also a member of the 1985 grand final side.

BASSENDEAN will hold their annual end of year presentation night on September 3 at the Ashfield Tavern. Tickets can be obtained through Dean or Gary at the club.

THE Wembley Amateur Football Club congratulates Alan Howe and Alan McCaw who play their 300th and 200th games respectively this week.

There will be a combined function on Saturday night at the clubrooms for the two players, plus Grant Callaghan, who played his 100th game two weeks ago.

## Club Profile Curtin

THE WAIT Amateur Football Club was formed in 1969 with their senior side in F-grade and a B-colts team.

The seniors performed well, narrow losers in the first semi-final in their debut, but the colts only won three games.

A second senior side was added in 1972, with the top side advancing to B-grade and the colts won the club's first premiership with C. Biris coaching them to an 11-point win.

The move to A-grade came in 1974, but was not successful, while the third senior side — D-grade — recorded a year best forgotten. They lost all 18 games, finished with a percentage of just 13.3 and had a massive 61.17 kicked against them in one game.

The next few years saw few finals performances, but one strong season came in 1977 when the colts, after losing only two qualifying matches, were ousted in the preliminary final.

While 1981 was a dark year — the top side was relegated to C-grade — the club bounced back in 1982 when Ted Kosicki led the colts side to a premiership win and in 1982, three players won league medals — Stuart Crole (C-grade), Eddie Jakovich (C colts) and Paul Carroll (K grade).

The colts made it back-to-back premierships in 1983, coached by Ross Bradley and the C-grade, coached by Ken Bell, lost the preliminary final.

B-grade promotion was earned in 1984 and another preliminary final loss, but the club's first senior premiership came with Paul Carroll's K-grade combination.

A number of narrow misses occurred in the next few years and in 1977 the club became the Curtin University of Technology Amateur Football Club.

The club now has two senior sides, B and H grads, and a B colts, with club membership of about 75 players.

Curtin's own clubrooms have been completed at South Oval and A-grade status is still the major objective as the B-grade side works hard to consolidate.

by

**TREVOR SCHORER**



home with a rush just failing to bridge the difference by only three points.

One of the surprise packets for the Coasters this season has been ruckman Robbie Mann, who put in another tireless effort.

This week Trinity-Aquinas should dish out the second defeat in two weeks to Old Wesley; Wembley can beat West Coast, Mt Lawley look too strong for Scarborough, University should beat North Fremantle and Nollamara have their chance to be winners for the first time in a while when they come up against North Beach.

Other good players for West Coast were Kevin Osborne, Clay Allen, Lynsay Warner and veteran Steve Leishman.

North had many fine performers, but none better than Drew Herrington, Kennedy and Gavan Ferraz.

## RESULTS

### DETAILS — A-GRADE

Mt Lawley 23.14 d Old Wesley 11.5  
Wembley 24.12 d North Beach 14.16  
Trinity-Aquinas 20.10 d Nollamara 9.5  
West Coast 16.16 d North Fremantle 16.13  
University 19.13 d Scarborough 9.9

### A-GRADE FIXTURES

Nollamara v North Beach at Bassendean Oval  
Old Wesley v Trinity-Aquinas at Lathlain Park  
Scarborough v Mt Lawley at Perth Oval  
North Fremantle v Uni. at Gil Fraser Reserve  
West Coast v Wembley at Leederville Oval.

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## Young talent time at Hamilton

THIS year's Quit Cup secondary school's series has been a great success and the standard of many games was outstanding.

Players of extreme talent and high skill were present in all games and the winners of the Barry Cable Division, Hamilton Hill, were not short in this department.

Hamilton have always been regarded as a strong football school.

"They love football down here. It just comes naturally to them," said Hamilton coach Brian Grey.

Last year Hamilton won the Secondary Schools Trophy, which was the forerunner to this year's Quit Cup series. They also won the combined year 8, 9 and 10 CIG Shield in 1986, were runners-up in 1987 and reached the semi-finals in this year's competition.

Hamilton has produced some outstanding footballers in those years.

By REECE HOGAN

One of these is Michael Dunstan, who plays in the centre and has explosive pace. It is not unusual for him to have more than 30 possessions in a game and his disposal is a treat.

### COURAGE

Dunstan showed great courage in the Quit Cup final against Warwick when he broke his arm. Despite this he continued to play and helped his team over the line with an exciting four-point win.

Hamilton is in the South Fremantle zone and Dunstan is a member of the Bulldogs' under-19 line-up. If he continues to develop he should become a regular in South's League team before long.

Another prominent member of the

South Fremantle under-19 side is Glen Jakovich, who also attends Hamilton and played a major role in their Quit Cup and the CIG Shield campaigns.

Grey rates Jakovich as the best 15-year-old in the State.

The big ruckman has excellent skills and was a member of the 1988 Teal Cup team which played in Canberra. He is also in the State Schoolboys' team, which makes him the fifth WA representative to play Teal Cup and still be eligible for the State Schoolboys' side.

He follows Richard Bewick (East Perth), Joe Angelo (Subiaco), Chris Lewis (Claremont/Eagles) and Lee Walker.

### TOUGH

Another promising young player at Hamilton is Nick Bolton. He plays at centre-half-back and is a tough close-checking defender.

At 16 Bolton is still developing and has the talent to go on and play League football.

Hamilton ruck-rover Justin Cornish is another player of class. He won the fairest and best medal in the Quit Cup final and was also best on ground in the semi-final against Mazenod College.

Cornish relishes pressure situations and this will be a valuable asset when he plays League football.

At this stage Cornish is not playing club football because of his studies. However, school football is keeping the 17-year-old in touch.

All these players have great talent and, with time, hard work and determination, they should all graduate to League ranks.

## NORTH BEACH OUT OF TIGERS CUP

NORTH Beach have relinquished fourth spot in the Prestige Toyota Tigers Cup series and bowed out of the final four to Wembley Downs.

In the match of the round, North Beach lost to Wembley by three points, which cost them a finals appearance.

The first semi will be contested between Wembley Downs and Marist this Sunday at Claremont Oval.

Last week's results saw Hawks 22.18 beat Churchlands 5.9; Carine 19.10 down Karrinyup 11.8 and Wembley Downs 10.9 narrow winners over North Beach 9.12.

The final ladder was: Hawks 40; Carine 34; Marist 26; Wembley Downs 24; North Beach 20; Karrinyup 12; Churchlands 12.

## Royals plan big day for 14 schools

FOURTEEN schools in the East Perth Junior Council will take part in the annual lightning carnival at Perth Oval on Wednesday, August 24.

A number of League players and officials will help run the carnival, handling duties such as umpiring, time-keeping and scoring.

Perth Oval will be divided into two smaller grounds with a corridor running down the centre.

Handball and kicking stations will be set up, where league players will demonstrate those skills. The junior players will compete for points which will

go to their respective schools.

The emphasis will be on skill exercises which will take place during rest periods when they are not playing.

In the warm-up area of the changerooms, a video will be shown on Aussie Footy.

McDonald's (Dianella) and the Football Development Trust are sponsoring the day, which will give a number of young footballers the chance to show off their talent.

## League stars at clinics

EAST Perth Development Manager Andrew Komp and his loyal band of league players in David Bain and George Giannakis have been extremely busy running football clinics.

Last week they held clinics at seven schools in their metropolitan and country areas.

The players went to Kingsley Primary school for a Sports Star day to follow up clinics associated with Aussie Footy days.

Footy days are skill and-exercise demonstrations shown to teachers and the school kids. These drills are then carried out in physical education over the next two months.

Komp then returns for the Sports Star day and monitors the progress of the juniors as they carry out the exercises. The day finishes with an Aussie Footy match.

The appearance of Oscar Aussie was a highlight for all the youngsters.

### SUPER CLINICS

The Royals trio then travelled to Armadale and Narrogin for Super Clinics, demonstrating skills for the junior players to tackle in their training.

In contrast to Aussie Footy, the Super Clinics last for only one day and involve a bigger group of 60 or 70 children.

Super Clinics were also carried out in Pemberton, Northcliffe and Walpole during the trip.

On their return, Komp and the players engaged in some Aussie Footy days at Coolbinia and Carmel Primary Schools.

Komp said that all the clinics were successful, with the children learning a number of skills and enjoying themselves at the same time.

### MILESTONES

50 games

James McDonald 14s Koonga/Valley  
Wayne Hillyard 9s Maylands  
Ben Parker 10s Maylands

100 games

Brett Stork 12s Maylands  
Max Prager 14s Maylands

150 games

Brett Baston 14s Maylands

### HILLS ASSOCIATION

THE first and second semi-finals for the Hills Association 14s competition will be played this Sunday. Mundaring will battle Parkerville in the first semi, with the loser having to hang their boots up.

The winner will advance to the preliminary to face the loser from the second semi between Koonga/Valley and Swanleigh, who are favourites to win the grand final.

## Town and Country Little League

LAST Saturday's winners in the Town and Country Little League fixtures were Swan Districts, South Fremantle, Perth and East Fremantle.

Swans were represented by the Hills Association combined side and took the points against Claremont (West Coast) with Mathew Inston, Adam McKenzie and Brad Monk playing well for the Swans. The Tigers best three were Troy Harvey, Craig Turner and Vivian Hill.

South Fremantle (Mandurah/Murray) defeated West Perth (Balga) with Todd Connors, Brett Bury and Brock McDonald starring for the Bulldogs. Shane Sadowski, Robert Green and Leslie Benton caught the eye for the Falcons.

Perth had a combined side from Beverly-Brookton-York as their junior team and they took the honours against Subiaco (Koondoola). Craig Allington, Daven Petchell and Richie Baston were the Demons best, while David Turoch, Perry Crea and Dale McTee played well for the Lions.

East Fremantle (Applecross) accounted for East Perth, who had Mundijong as their junior team.

The junior clubs to represent their League teams this week are East Fremantle (Rossmoyne), West Perth (Osborne Park), Swan Districts (Metropolitan Combined), Claremont (Swanbourne), Subiaco (Moora), East Perth (Bayswater/Morley), South Fremantle (Kwinana No. 3) and Perth (Centrals).

## Milestones for EVP youngsters

THREE young players have achieved the 50-game milestone with the East Victoria Park Junior Football Club.

Brett Hull and Kingsley Trevenen, of the 10s team and Troy Dunstan (14s) have all played their 50th game.

East Vic Park also had a number of representatives in the combined Perth team competing in the State championships.

Troy Dunstan played three games, with Shane Ward, Ian Davidson and Brad Smith all playing two games in the 13s section.

Dion McDonald played four games and team-mate Gavin Davidson played one game in the 14s section.

### RECORD SCORE?

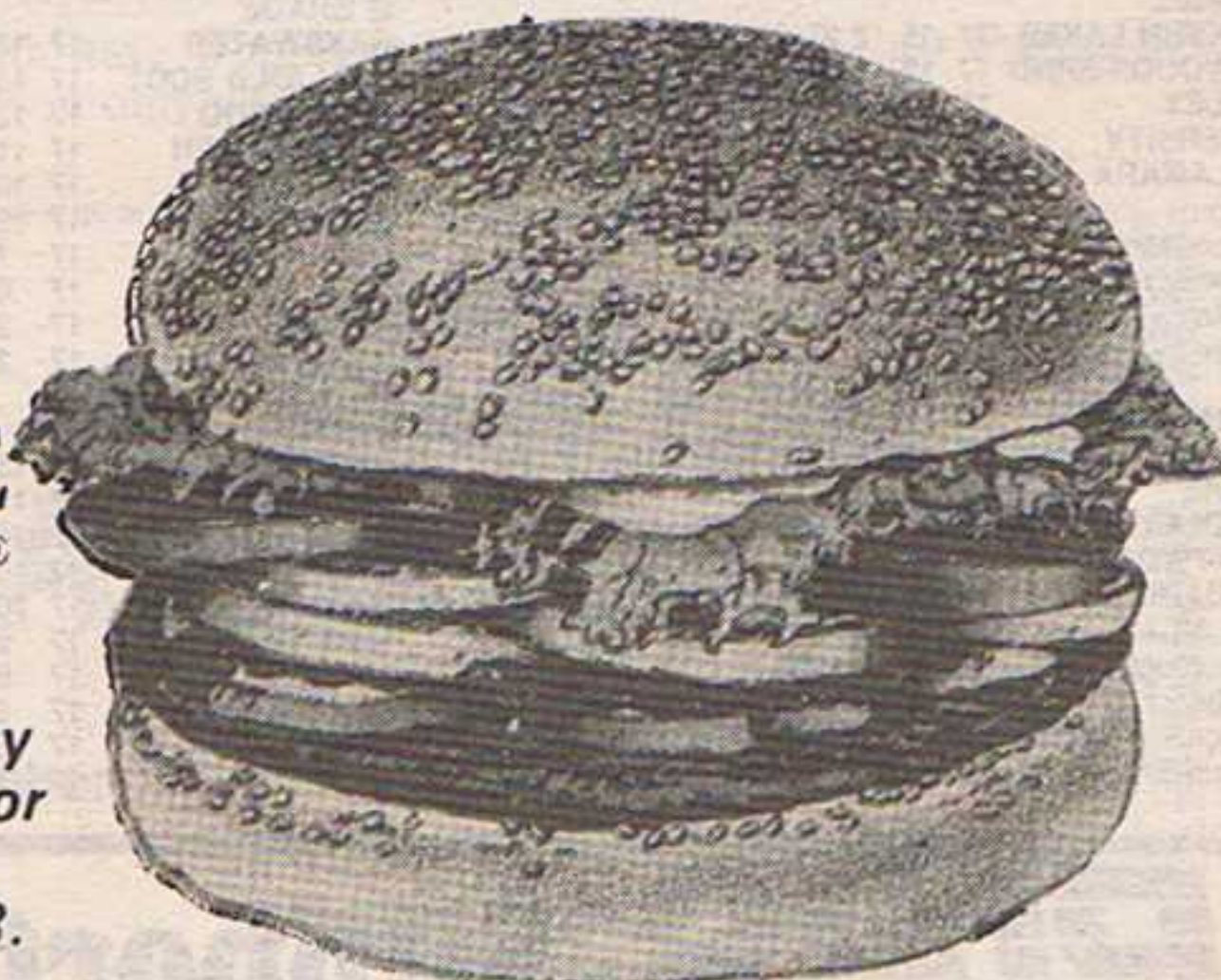
CLUB officials were searching their records recently when the Cardinals 15s side notched a 217-point victory over Kojonup in the Central Great Southern competition. Cardinals kicked 33.14 while restricting Kojonup to just one point. Best players in Cardinals huge win were Stuart Mead, Chris Collins and Paul Mitchell.

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## Concerns over funding for junior series

IN the aftermath of this year's waterlogged Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup, it is relevant to pay some heed to the concerns being expressed about the cost of presenting such a junior championship.

Unfortunately, gone are the days of teams being billeted in private homes by the host State at no cost.

The reasons for this demise are many, but it is undeniable that the transition into "professionalism" even by junior teams has its problems.

When it comes to national competitions, it seriously escalates costs and, in so doing, jeopardises the possibility of some States competing.

### COSTS

As the overall costs of staging the under 17 championship have expanded so too (fortunately) has the Commonwealth Bank's sponsorship. This is fine in relation to staging costs.

Unfortunately, this is of no assistance to the State authorities when they are making their actual attendance arrangements.

Air fares continue to inflate — as do meal and accommodation costs.

So serious is this problem that at least two States are questioning the wisdom of spending big money promoting elite players for a series such as the Commonwealth Bank Teal Cup.

While sympathising with the problems being faced, it would be an absolute tragedy if a lack of finance became the final arbiter as to whether a State attended the championship or not.

The series is now so prestigious — and recognised as the pinnacle of junior Australian Football achievement — that authorities just have to support their States attendance by some form of levy or grant out of the senior football sphere.

### THREAT

If the attendance of some individual State teams is under serious threat, senior officials should address the problem.

Before doing so they would rightly research the genuine ability of a State to compete with the current resources available to it.

One of the great achievements and advantages of the NFL Junior Council, as an advisory body to the NFL, has been its ability to convey the realities of the current junior spectrum direct to the NFL delegates.

Delegates are now in a position (as never before) to be aware of any problems which are emerging in junior football.

While reflecting on the Teal Cup it appears that the Big V is almost unconquerable at this level.

Despite meticulous preparation by all States, it was obvious that the boys selected to represent Victoria out of the extreme competitiveness of under 19 or reserve grade VFL football were in another class compared to the elite performances from other areas.

# MINOR GRADES

## RESERVES DEBATE IS TOUGH ONE

SHOULD the reserves be scrapped in favour of an under-21 competition next year?

That is a question the WAFL will have to think long and hard about in the next month or so.

The majority of WAFL clubs think that the reserves should be retained, particularly East Fremantle and Subiaco, who have big under-19 and reserves squads.

Subiaco reserves coach Wayne Loxley believes strongly in the reserves competition and is hopeful that the structure remains the same next season.

Loxley believes that many players who can't find a place in under-21 sides will quit football in preference to a career or study.

Other players who join Sunday clubs, amateurs or country leagues will probably sever their ties with the WAFL.

### PROFESSIONAL

Swan Districts development officer Peter Mahoney disagrees with that theory.

He would like to see the under-21 competition introduced as soon as possible in a bid to make football clubs more professional.

He believes that only the best junior footballers should be accepted into the WAFL in a university style situation.

He also thinks that junior footballers should wait till they are ready for league football before they contemplate joining a WAFL club.

Mahoney's views are understandable as he has seen a number of Swans players leave the club for the more lucrative country leagues this season.

As a result, Swans are struggling to fill their under-19 and reserves teams.

## Sharks attract a young Lion

EAST Fremantle have recruited former Wesley College student Steven Lawson, a son of former Subiaco player Doug Lawson.

Lawson had the choice of playing for East Fremantle or Subiaco, but being a Sharks supporter, he had no trouble making a decision.

As a youngster, Lawson showed potential as a javelin thrower, but has opted to concentrate on football.

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## Young stars in Eagles' sights

THE West Coast Eagles could have some problems recruiting their two players aged 19 or under from the WAFL next season.

Under the new VFL agreement, two of the additional Eagles players can be in that age group and there have been suggestions that they may come from the 1988 Teal Cup squad.

However, most of the State's young talent has been signed up on contracts with their WAFL clubs, who are in no mood to release them.

South Fremantle reserves player Phil Clancy, Subiaco's Aaron Zampona and East Fremantle under-19 star Clayton Anderson are all possible targets.

Players like that trio have made commitments to their WAFL clubs and are unlikely to join the Eagles until they have established themselves at league level.

And then the question of money comes into it . . .



**BEN STINGA**  
reviews the Prime reserves and the Under-19s colts competition

## Demons at work in Gosnells

WHEN the Gosnells Junior Football Club was allocated to Perth this season, it signified one of the most important zoning changes in recent times.

Perth have made their feelings clear about their junior zone; claiming that their breeding grounds compare poorly with the other seven WAFL club zones.

Gosnells was a big boost to the Demons and already they have picked up several handy under-19 players who could develop into senior footballers.

Perth's latest recruits, Craig Pegler and Michael Cummings, come from the under-17 competition and were impressive in the Demons under-19 side two weeks ago.

Pegler played effectively on a wing and Cummings received one of the club's awards after the game.



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## Top Pilbara side beaten

DAMPIER, holding fourth place on the table, scored a surprise seven-point win over top side Falcons, 14.13 to 13.12, in the North Pilbara Football League last Sunday.

Rovers predictably had a strong win over bottom-placed Wickham by 105 points, 26.23 to 10.14.

Rovers have peaked at the business end of the season and are a threat to take the 1988 flag, especially after Falcons' loss.

Karratha had a convincing win over South Hedland, 22.24 (156) to 17.10 (112) and hold second place on the ladder, with only six per cent separating them from Rovers.

In the first semi final this week, Rovers play Dampier at Port Hedland in what promises to be an exciting game.

## Centrals back in top form

FORTESCUE League team Centrals (third) reproduced their good early-season form to beat second-placed Tigers by 50 points last Sunday.

In a tough physical encounter, Mark Cunningham rucked hard all day and the Maher brothers worked well in attack.

Towns had a good win over Demons after strong second and third quarters, 16.16 to 13.18.

Top side Saints won on a forfeit over bottom team Hill, who have not won a game during the season.

There will be a general bye this week, with teams working hard over the next two weeks for the first and second semi-finals to be played on August 20 and 21.

## Close game in women's league

MELVILLE had an exciting 10-point win over Carlisle, 12.7 to 10.9, in the women's football League.

Best players for Melville were Pauline Hardwick, Lynley Taylor and Tarnya Bain, while Sharon Woods, Keren Wood and Marie Ainsworth contributed strongly for Carlisle.

Mt Lawley easily accounted for Innaloo with an 81-point victory, 14.19 to 3.4.

Shelly Michelle and Margy Holland caught the eye for Mt Lawley, while Melanie Bond and Chris Artemis worked well for Innaloo.

Next week Mt Lawley take on Melville at Hammer Park and Carlisle play Innaloo at Carlisle Reserve.

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## Irish boys make it a double

THE visiting Irish team of Gaelic schoolboy footballers made it a double in Western Australia when they beat a combined secondary schools team in Bunbury this week.

After an impressive win over a Perth schools side on Sunday at Subiaco Oval, the Irish trounced the Bunbury team 75-15.

The Irish youth proved to be a clever, fast-running side who handled the round ball with tremendous skill.

Even though the game was played under composite Australian Rules-Gaelic football regulations, the Irish were seldom in trouble.

The WA players, both in Perth and Bunbury, had trouble kicking the ball underneath the soccer-high goal posts to record the maximum six points.

After the Bunbury game was completed, the two teams indulged in an experimental Australian Rules match — with the locals winning easily.

### REGAN'S NIGHT

FORMER East Fremantle champion Con Regan will be honoured with a special function at the club on Saturday, August 20 at 7.30pm.

A special "Host Con Regan" night is almost certain to turn into a "roast" night as many great players from over the years will pay tribute to the former games-played record holder.

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# SUNDAY SCENE

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



## SAINTS CATCH ROOS ON THE HOP

OSBORNE Park did last Sunday what no other club has been able to do in the 1988 season — beat Wanneroo.

The Saints, reigning Sunday Football League premiers, ended the Roos' unbeaten run with a hard-fought 11-point win, 13.10 to 10.17, at Balcatta Reserve.

The game was played before a crowd of about 3000 and was a pressure contest from start to finish.

When Saints coach Barry Beecroft left the ground just before half-time with a calf injury, Saints supporters thought their chances of winning had almost gone.

However, late goals by interchange player Tony Mirco, centre-half forward Clinton Roberts and rover Darryl Woods enabled Osborne Park to hold off Wanneroo.

But the win probably came too late for the Saints.

With only one qualifying game remaining, they are still one game and 18 percentage points outside the five.

The Saints would have to beat Kenwick by something like 30 goals and hope that Maddington beat fifth-placed Thornlie by a huge margin before they could snatch a place in the five.

### LAST-QUARTER BURST

MANDURAH slammed on 12.5 in the final term to overrun Canning 19.29 to 7.4.

Former Subiaco player and now Southerners' forward Tom Williams booted seven goals.

Chris McMahon put in another dynamic performance on a centre wing.

The Southerners have uncovered another talented youngster in Brett Hall, who has played well as a half-forward and is destined for greater heights.

### SUNDAY

Kenwick v Osborne Park, Mills Park. Armadale v South Perth, Gwynne Park. Kelmscott v Willetton, John Dunn Oval. Wanneroo v Kalamunda, Kingsway. Gosnells v Mandurah, Gosnells Oval. Canning v Applecross, Wyong Oval. Maddington v Thornlie, Maddington Recreation Ground.

### METROPOLITAN

First semi-finals at Thornlie Oval. League (2.15pm) Manning v Mosman Park Reserves (noon) Fremantle v Midland Colts (10am) Fremantle v Cockburn

### 13-GOAL BAG

MADDINGTON showed their finals potential by crushing Applecross, 24.20 to 13.12.

Ruckman-forward Darren Williams finished off a strong midfield game with five goals.

Maddington were inspired by a brilliant display of goalkicking by their reserves full-forward, Chris Patience.

He kicked 13 goals for the second week in a row to take his tally for the season to 100.

### CLASSY COUGARS

KALAMUNDA were far too strong for Gosnells and their 14.11 to 7.7 victory indicated that they will be hard to beat in the finals.

Ruckman Ken Bell led the way with versatile utility player Colin Wilkins relishing a return to the attack by kicking six goals in his 100th appearance for the Cougars.

Kalamunda, currently third on the ladder, travel to Kingsway in the final set of qualifying fixture to play Wanneroo, who will be on the rebound.

The Cougars' Ric Ellard will relish the conditions of this game and his tussle with Roos centreman Paul Taylor could be the key.

### HARD BATTLE

KENWICK had to battle hard to beat gutsy bottom side South Perth, 14.12 to 13.11.

Royals coach Peter Ashworth booted seven majors to take his tally for the season to 65.

South Perth played well for three quarters but faded in the final term.

Rob Kane, Steve Cuff and Jamie Giancola all stood out for the Tigers.

### THIRD TERM

WILLETTON, with a devastating 9.3 third term, beat Armadale, 21.10 to 12.7.

Demons coach Kevin Worthington, obviously disgusted with Armadale's first-half effort, switched his forward line to defence and vice versa. This had no effect.

Worthington, who is in his first season as coach of Armadale, will not be available to coach in 1989 due to business commitments.

### FIVE SEWN UP

A blistering third-quarter goal-scoring burst by veteran centre-half forward Doug Simms in the match against Kelmscott virtually assured Thornlie's finals place.

From that point the Lions rattled on 15.14 in the second half to the Bulldogs' 5.3 to win 21.23 to 12.6.

### METRO LEAGUE

LAST Sunday saw the conclusion of the qualifying rounds in the inaugural season of the Metropolitan Football League.

All six clubs who make up the competition have teams playing in the finals of the league, reserves and colts competitions.

### Sunday Football League

Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
WANNEROO	17	16	1	2101	1007	208.63	64
MANDURAH	17	12	5	1855	1421	130.54	48
KALAMUNDA	17	12	5	1453	1257	113.59	48
MADDINGTON	17	11	6	1799	1454	123.72	44
THORNIE	17	10	7	1795	1491	120.38	40
Osborne Park	17	9	8	1478	1447	102.14	36
Gosnells	17	9	8	1670	1644	101.58	36
Canning	17	8	9	1554	1607	96.701	32
Willetton	17	7	10	1527	1540	99.155	28
Applecross	17	6	11	1413	1738	81.300	24
Armadale	17	6	11	1437	1612	79.304	24
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Kelmscott	17	3	14	1503	1801	83.453	12
South Perth	17	1	16	989	2248	43.994	4

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Team	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
KWINANA	15	15	-	2082	835	249.34	60
COCKBURN	15	10	5	1319	939	140.46	40
MANNING	15	7	8	1247	1204	103.47	28
MOSMAN PARK	15	6	9	1279	1432	89.31	24
Fremantle	15	5	10	1092	1425	76.53	20
Midland	15	2	13	700	1810	38.67	8

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## Fasten your seatbelts

LAST season the final round of home and away matches provided the VFL with a superb finale.

Judged on the way things are going, 1988 may rival it, though we won't reach the stage (as it was in 1987) where all five finals spots were undecided going into round 22.

This year the drama is likely to be spread over the remaining three weeks.

This week's round of fixtures contains only one match, Richmond versus Brisbane, that doesn't affect the five.

Last week provided three different clubs holding fifth position in the space of 27 hours.

The shaky distinction passed from Essendon, to Footscray and finally to the Eagles.

If you sit down and rationally examine the contending clubs in their respective runs home, Sydney appears the club most likely to win all of its remaining matches.

### POOR PERCENTAGE

The Swans will meet Fitzroy (home), North Melbourne (away) and Brisbane (away).

Sydney's percentage is poor, so three wins in themselves may not be enough.

They'll need a couple of their rivals to drop games, a likely happening since several are scheduled to play each other.

While the Swans may win their remaining matches, it's really Melbourne that holds the key to this year's placings.

It's ironic that the Demons won their last six games last season to storm into the finals.

This season they face the prospect of

## VFL drama about to boil over

losing their last six games and if that happens two positions could be freed up for the congested group behind them.

Melbourne finishes against Footscray (home), Essendon (home) and Carlton (home).

The decision last week by the VFL to shift the August 20 match between the Demons and Essendon from Windy Hill to the MCG has eased the noose slightly on last year's beaten preliminary finalists.

Still, their form in recent games has been lamentable.

I'm sure Melbourne fans would much prefer to look on the brighter side — a late surge could see their side regain the double chance, a situation that looked a formality a month or so back.

If the Demons do manage to turn their pallid state around then Collingwood, riding high in second place at the moment, could be the side destined to fall.

### OUT OF DANGER

The Magpies finish with Essendon (VFL Park), Eagles (away) and Geelong (home).

Carlton appear out of danger, despite their indifferent form, with North Melbourne, Brisbane and Melbourne remaining on their schedule.

The biggest problem may be that

## COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator  
**DENNIS COMETTI**



their last two are away but the good news for the Blues is that none of the games are at the MCG or VFL Park. Their record is one out of six on those two grounds this season.

And what about the Eagles? Well, I think they're certainties this week against St Kilda.

The Saints are bleeding youngsters and last Saturday they promoted two teenagers (one only 16). . . I expect more of the same this week, and a win for the Eagles at Moorabbin.

The following week, all things being equal, I think the Eagles will beat Collingwood at Subiaco.

The Magpies will lose for all the reasons I expected Melbourne to fold a fortnight ago.

So, really it gets down to round 22 at the Western Oval.

Footscray will beat the Eagles if a victory means the Bulldogs can make the five, so an enormous game in the whole structure of the run home is Saturday's match at the MCG. . . Melbourne versus Footscray.

Another key match amid a host of vital ones remaining is likely to be Geelong and Hawthorn this Sunday.

A loss by the Cats will probably defuse their charge. At the moment they're the second best team in the competition and very dangerous.

The heat stays on for Essendon versus Melbourne (round 21) and Footscray versus Eagles and then Geelong (depending on round 20) versus Collingwood (round 22). What a finish!

## Review Committee has plenty of problems



**AND LASTLY**  
 with **ALAN EAST**

THE broad range of topics being investigated by the trio of men reviewing the structure of football in Western Australia is rather mind-boggling.

After some three months, the sub-committee comprising WAFL chairman Harry Morgan, Commissioner Ian Goldie and chief executive Peter Cumiskey are nearing the end.

Within the next week they will take a few days off and head to a secluded hide-away to compile their report.

Providing the report is accepted by one and all, it should prove to be a blue-print for football's future.

The trio don't propose to be able to solve all of the problems besetting the game. But after speaking to many people involved in football, they should come up with some pretty solid thoughts and recommendations.

Some of the sensitive topics that they will have to make a decision on obviously include:

### \* The reserve competition.

Does the WAFL do away with the current reserves sides and elevate the Under-19s to an Under-23 competition, with allowances for, say, five players over that age? It certainly seems a sensible move in the current financial — and player — situation where WAFL clubs are spreading their talent fairly thinly.

With the colts — as they are still generally called — providing the cream of tomorrow's talent, with many outstanding youngsters graduating quickly to reserves level on their way to league status, it seems natural to make that grade our second tier of football.

### \* An expanded competition.

Is it time to expand the current eight-club WAFL competition?

Remembering that the SANFL still regrets expanding to a 10-team competition some years back, such a move will need careful consideration.

However, with the WAFL obviously now a lesser league in light of the Eagles, it makes sense to expand the broad base of that football foundation.

### \* Ground rationalisation.

It seems inevitable that the Review Committee will have to make some resolutions on the use of our eight WAFL grounds.

It's time for some bullet-biting on this issue, as it's an exercise in extravagance for our eight clubs to use their existing grounds.

We've seen East Perth and Perth move to the WACA Ground (which is not an ideal football venue) and there's a need for even more ground sharing.

However, if expansion is the name of the game, then we'll see extra grounds being used out in the back blocks.

Clubs also have to look at ways of utilising their current facilities. It's time to swallow the football pride and invite other organisations, sporting to otherwise, into the fold.

### \* Zoning, the draft and so forth.

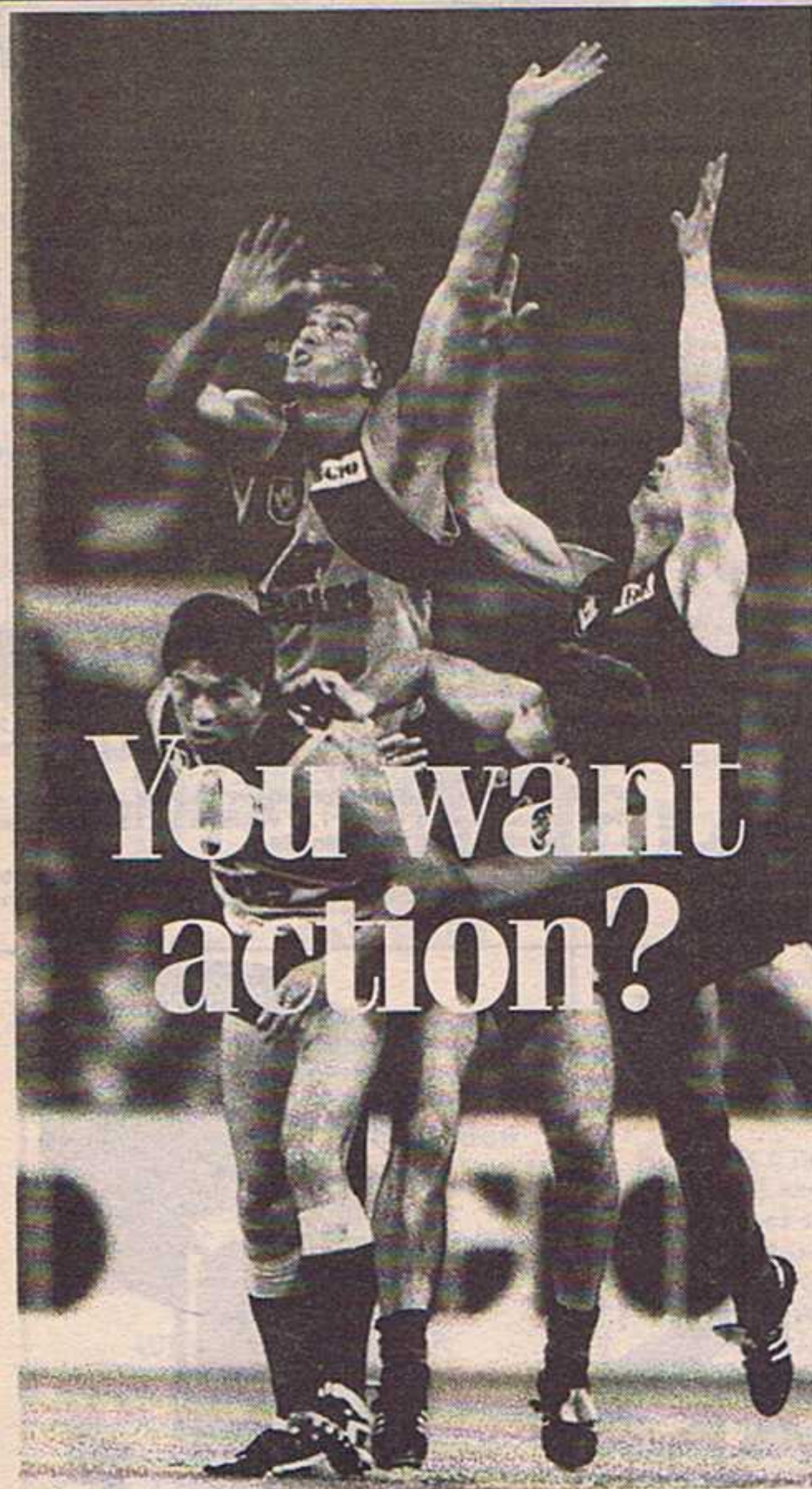
There's a growing move to scrap zoning, either metropolitan and country or both.

The implementation of the VFL draft opens up a whole new realm of what zoning really means. Do we even need it in any shape or form? Unlikely.

One thing that the Review Committee is aiming to do is be positive about the future of the game.

The trio say that the management of Indian Pacific Ltd and the administration of the West Coast Eagles are sympathetic to the problems facing the WAFL.

Hopefully, when this review is released, there will be enough common ground to establish one overall administrative body to propel the game into tomorrow's difficult times.



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