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## OUR AWARD IS A TIE!



Ben Allan

**THE \$2000 6NR-Westside ratings award has resulted in a tie!**

Perth mid-fielder Joe Santostefano and Claremont centreman Ben Allan will share the Bucaneer of the Year Award of a \$1000 gold medallion and \$1000 cash after receiving 132 points each.

Santostefano led the competition for most of the season, after being dropped from the West Coast Eagles development squad. His intensive training with the Eagles saw him start the WAFL season in superb fashion.

Santostefano's hard-running, clever skills and excellent disposal ensured that he was one of Perth's most valuable players throughout the season.

Allan, operating from the centre, displayed all his football skills, winning the Simpson Medal against South Australia earlier in the year and being a key Tiger player all season.

The 20-year-old business student has excellent disposal, is a strong mark and with his cool football brain he is guaranteed of a VFL career.

East Perth's Sandover Medal favourite David Bain topped his club's tally with 129, ahead of George Giannakis on 126; Craig Turley shone out for West Perth with 127, while rookies Neil Jackson and Mal Williams received 119; East Fremantle's Shane Ellis was their best on 129, with John O'Sullivan on 115; Don Pyke and Grant Povey had 127 and 123 respectively for Claremont; Perth rover Mark Watson had 118; South Fremantle's Scott Watters was top on 126 with Craig Edwards on 118 and at Subiaco Shane Cocker received 127, one ahead of Brian Taylor.

The unique Westside ratings award — in its 10th year — is based on each player in every WAFL side being rated out of 10 for his performance.



Joe Santostefano

## RANCE SET FOR BLINDER

### Foster can't beat a Swan

By **Harvey Deegan**



**EAGLES** defender Murray Rance is geared to play the game of his life when the West Coasters tackle Footscray in Sunday's winner-take-all clash at the Western Oval.

The powerfully-built centre-half-back played 40 games for Footscray before joining the Eagles this season and nothing would give him greater pleasure than pulling the mat from under his old club.

The confrontation between Rance, in peak form, and the Bulldogs' brilliant State centre-half-forward Peter Foster is certain to have a major bearing on the result.

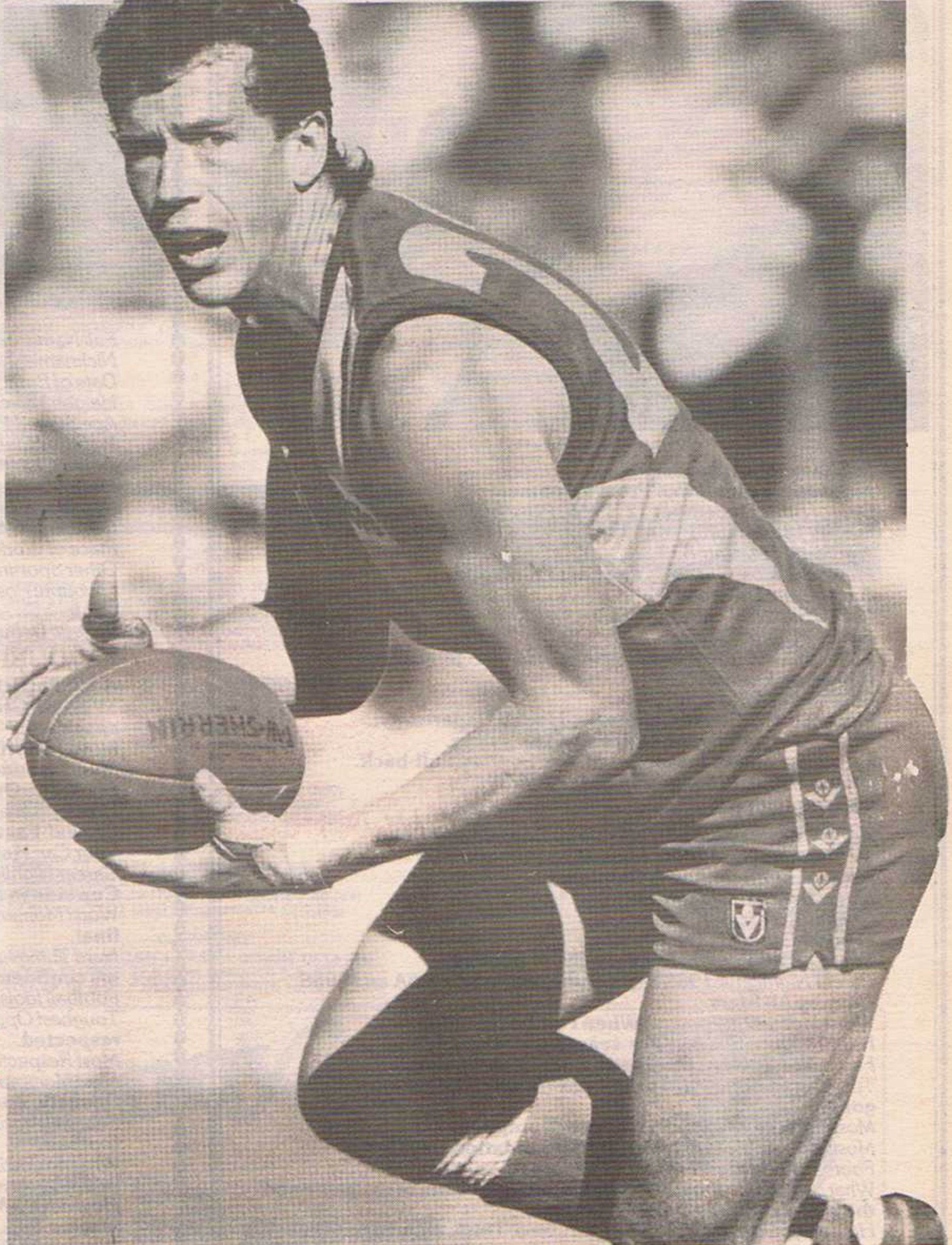
"I'm looking forward to this one," said the 26-year-old Rance. "Sure, Foster's a very good player but that only adds to the challenge.

"We can win at the Western Oval. The ground will suit the Eagles' style of play.

"The way we're hitting the ball should enable us to outgun the 'Dogs."

It is the most important match in the two-year life of the Eagles. Win and they're into the VFL finals for a history-making first time.

Lose and they can still make it but that thought must not enter their minds.



Murray Rance ... keen to do well against his former VFL side, Footscray.

IT'S finals time ... and the first semi-final this Saturday is a classic Fremantle derby between the Bulldogs and the Sharks.

The first of Westside's many articles on this week's big game is on page three ... and there's plenty more derby reading inside the paper.

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# SCIO PLAYER PROFILES

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**Mark Bayliss**

BULLDOGS



**Finals Fever**



**Full Name:** Mark Bayliss.  
**Nickname:** Bailes. *Why?* From surname.  
**Date of Birth:** December 12, 1965. **Place of Birth:** England.  
**Height:** 185cm (6ft 1 1/2in). **Weight:** 95kg (14st 13lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** 8.  
**Previous Clubs:** Gosnells and East Fremantle.  
**Junior Club:** Lynwood.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Fiance's Name:** Deidre.  
**Children:** One (previous marriage). **Name/Age:** Michael (4).  
**Residence:** Ferndale.  
**Occupation:** Pest controller.  
**Place of Work:** City of Canning — Health Department.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Golf and water skiing.  
**Favourite Position:** Full-forward. **First Position:** Full-back.  
**League Debut:** 1988. **Versus:** East Perth.

**FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Clint Eastwood. **Drink:** Jack Daniels and Coke.  
**TV Show:** Beyond 2000. **Food:** Hamburgers.  
**Movie:** An Officer And A Gentleman.  
**Music:** Bruce Springsteen.  
**Holiday Resort:** Bali.  
**Ground:** Gosnells Oval.  
**Your Car:** XE Falcon. **Favourite Car:** Mercedes.  
**Career Highlights:** 1988 State game against the VFA and 1986 Country All Stars.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** When I broke my ankle.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Pre-season training.  
**Football Idols:** Ken Hunter and Ross Glendinning.  
**Toughest Opponent:** All tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** Haven't got one.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** I respect all umpires.  
**Most Memorable Game:** The 1988 Foundation Day Derby.  
**Football Ambitions:** To play VFL football.  
**What do you like about Football:** Competitiveness of the game and the friends you meet along the way  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Think about what I have to do.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** My father.  
**Guernsey Number:** 20. **Any Reason:** No.  
**Superstitions:** None.  
**Worst Injury:** Broken ankle and knee.  
**Luckiest Break:** Joining South Fremantle.

**Jon Derecourt**

SHARKS



WAFL



**Full Name:** Jon Derecourt.  
**Nickname:** J.D. *Why?* My initials.  
**Date of Birth:** February 13, 1968. **Place of Birth:** Perth.  
**Height:** 185cm (6ft 1in). **Weight:** 88kg (13st 12lb).  
**Age Started Playing:** 8.  
**Previous Clubs:** Gosnells.  
**Junior Club:** Gosnells.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Residence:** Gosnells.  
**Occupation:** Self-employed upholsterer.  
**Place of Work:** Belmont.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Golf and windsurfing.  
**Favourite Position:** Anywhere on the ground. **First Position:** Half-back flank.  
**League Debut:** 1987. **Versus:** South Fremantle.

**FAVOURITES:**  
**Actor:** Patrick Swayze. **Drink:** Bourbon and Coke.  
**TV Show:** Growing Pains. **Food:** Roast dinners and also spaghetti.  
**Movie:** Short Circuit.  
**Music:** Wanderers and latest hits.  
**Book:** The Outsiders.  
**Holiday Resort:** Queenstown, New Zealand.  
**Ground:** East Fremantle Oval.  
**Your Car:** Holden WB Ute. **Favourite Car:** Holden Jackaroo.  
**Career Highlights:** State Schoolboys in 1983 and winning Teal Cup side in 1985.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Not playing in the 1987 preliminary final.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Maintaining consistent form and keeping my confidence up.  
**Football Idols:** Robert DiPierdomenico and Keith Grieg.  
**Toughest Opponent:** All tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** All respected.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** All respected.  
**Most Memorable Game:** The 1983 Under-19s grand final with Gosnells and my League debut.  
**Football Ambitions:** Winning the 1988 flag and to play VFL football.  
**What do you like about Football:** Winning, camaraderie and the people you meet.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Have a kick with the players.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** My family, Graham Melrose and Lex Howden (junior coach).  
**Guernsey Number:** 9. **Any Reason:** Because Graham Kickett left.  
**Superstitions:** None.  
**Worst Injury:** Back and hamstring.  
**Luckiest Break:** Being able to play League football.

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# Bulldogs v Sharks



Sharks coach Graham Melrose talks with key defender Shane Ellis.

## Semi-final is tough to predict

by  
**MIKE KNUCKEY**

A TWIST of the facts may see some people regard East Fremantle as favourites to win this week's derby semi-final against South Fremantle.

This is despite South's unblemished record in the past eight games and the fact that the Sharks have won only two of their last six outings.

Many believe that East Fremantle's performance against Claremont last Saturday is evidence enough that they have returned to peak form.

The same people will argue that their finals experience in recent years will help tilt the scales.

The return of Colin Waterson, the "borrowing" of Murray Wrensted from the Eagles and encouraging glimpses of form by Clinton Browning and Brian Peake add to the convincing evidence.

On the other hand, the Bulldogs have oozed confidence of late; team morale is high and they possess a number of potential match-winners, all of whom have been in brilliant form.

Peter Sumich and Mark Bayliss up front are capable of goal orgies, while Maurice Rioli, Scott Watters and the Collard trio, Brad, Cliff and Derek, will ensure that they get plenty of opportunities.

And Craig Edwards' dominance of the ruck has coincided neatly with South Fremantle's climb up the table.

The last finals Derby was the 1979 grand final, which saw East Fremantle take the honours by 33 points.

THE traditional derby brings out the best in players and Saturday's semi-final between the highly-rated South Fremantle side and a rejuvenated East Fremantle promises to be an outstanding clash.

South Fremantle's run to the finals has been exceptional, with eight wins on end, going through the third round undefeated.

East Fremantle are starting to peak, winning their last two games and beating the highly-fancied Claremont last Saturday to stay in the finals.

A prominent player in that game was East Fremantle's Murray Wrensted, who convincingly beat Tiger centreman Ben Allan. But Wrensted's place in the Sharks side this Saturday is in doubt as he obviously played well enough to earn an Eagles recall for the clash with Footscray at the Western Oval on Sunday.

### SETBACK

If he makes the trip to Melbourne, it will be a setback for the Sharks, with Mr Magic, Maurice Rioli, making a return for Souths.

South Fremantle's dynamic duo in Mark Bayliss and Peter Sumich will have a big effect on the match. In the last derby, Sumich kicked seven goals and Bayliss four.

John O'Sullivan will have the job of looking after Sumich, who will line-up at centre-half-forward. The pair clashed heavily last time they met and O'Sullivan came out a little worse for wear.

### ABILITY

Consistent defender Shane Ellis will be assigned to Bayliss, who will play at full-forward, where he has the ability to change a game off his own boot, as he did last Saturday against Subiaco, kicking six goals in the second quarter.

Ellis is an experienced campaigner and will play the burly full-forward very tightly.

East Fremantle rookie Peter Quill has been in excellent form this season on a wing or a half-back-flank and he has the ability to turn defence into attack with his excellent disposal.



by  
**REECE HOGAN**

Another player in this mould is Souths Scott Watters who rates as one of WA's most talented midfielders and he can have a big effect on the outcome.

The ruck duel takes another dimension with the debut of Sharks rookie Clinton Wolf last Saturday. He showed

outstanding promise and when combined with Guy Baxter, the Sharks ruck will have a big influence. However, Souths Craig Edwards has been in good form and will be hard to beat.

The Bulldogs half-backline of John Ditchburn, John Macdonald and Ned Fimmano has been solid and reliable, despite their inexperience and they will have to work closely together to keep Clinton Browning and Colin Waterson from kicking goals.

Other players who need to fire for the Sharks are Jon Derecourt, Ray Sterrett, George Christie and Lance Durack, who have all been consistent this season.

Players in the Souths camp who will have an influence are the Collard brothers, Cliff, Derek and Brad and Kevin Williams, whose game last week against Subiaco was of outstanding quality.



The South Brains trust — coach Stan Magro (left) and selector Tony Ryan.

## 1988 FORM GUIDE

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

SOUTH FREM. W(104) 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) W(7) W(37)  
EAST 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) W(36) W(32)

### PREVIOUS CLASHES THIS YEAR

SATURDAY, JULY 30

At East Fremantle Oval — South Fremantle 26.20 b East Fremantle 13.13 — Margin: 85 points.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

At Fremantle Oval — South Fremantle 16.10 b East Fremantle 12.12 — Margin: 22 points.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

At East Fremantle Oval — East Fremantle 11.19 b South Fremantle 10.12 — Margin: 13 points.



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WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	S. Frem. v E. Frem	Eagles v Footscray
RON ALEXANDER	52	East Fremantle	Eagles
ROBERT BENNETT	61	East Fremantle	Footscray
PETER BOSUSTOW	52	East Fremantle	Footscray
DENNIS COMETTI	54	East Fremantle	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	55	South Fremantle	Footscray
HARVEY DEEGAN	57	South Fremantle	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	57	East Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	50	South Fremantle	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	55	East Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	52	East Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	55	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	58	East Fremantle	Eagles



In check ... that's what East Fremantle's Jon Derecourt would like to do again this Saturday to Bulldogs dangerman, Peter Sumich.

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**GNR**

Teac Footballer-of-the-Year

**DAVID BAIN**  
(East Perth)

FINAL VOTES:

23: David Bain (EP)  
13: Ben Allan (C)  
George Christie (EF)  
12: Peter Sumich (SF)  
Peter Menaglio (WP)  
Scott Watters (SF)

THIS WEEK'S BROADCAST GAMES

WAFL — Saturday from 2pm — South Fremantle v East Fremantle  
VFL — Sunday, from noon Footscray v Eagles

TOTAL FOOTBALL



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## What they said...

"We're taking this game serious; we cannot afford not to go into the finals in top form." Collingwood's selector and former WA player Wayne Richardson.

"I will start the pre-season training and see how I feel." Former Swan Districts captain Don Langsford on a comeback possibility in 1989.

"It's an exciting new challenge and a change in director for my career." Eagles marketing man Graham Moss, resigning to join a public relations firm to help promote trotting.

"We have until March to put the team together and because of this, we have other more urgent matters to attend to." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on opposition to an Eagles reserves team.

"The game has to be won... and we will win because the players realise the urgency of the situation." Eagles coach John Todd.

"Some of our blokes weren't challenged for their places early in the season, but it's a different matter now with more depth." East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose on the Sharks improved form.

"It's no good relying on other teams to win or lose so you can get there." Perth coach Robert Wiley after missing the finals.

"There will be proper recruiting over summer and there are enough astute people here to be able to do that." Swan Districts president Bill Walker on the club's hat-trick of "wooden spoons".

"The establishment of another VFL team based in Perth should be the impetus for football to get its house in order and we need to get back to a suburban-based competition." West Perth chief executive, Graeme Pleydell.

"I didn't want to take anyone into the game who wasn't 100 per cent fit and that includes myself." Perth coach Robert Wiley.

"He's a little bit prone to get carried away with things is Mr Higgins." Radio 6WF commentator Ken Armstrong on the reporting of Claremont's Peter Higgins.

"For that reason I'm thinking — and hoping — that East Fremantle can get over the line." Former East Fremantle player and radio 6PR critic Trevor Sprigg previewing the East Fremantle-Claremont match.

"We still have a way to go; things can change so dramatically." Eagles coach John Todd after the Collingwood win.

RETIRING Fitzroy coach David Parkin once said he would have seven troubles each week as coach of a VFL club.

And in his time as Carlton boss, Parkin admitted that five of those troubles each week was Peter Bosustow. The one-time mercurial forward uses his column this week to speak out on his former coach:

# Why not get Parkin as back-up for Todd?

IT will be a major crime against football if David Parkin does not continue in the game.

Parkin this week announced he would resign as coach of Fitzroy after Friday's match against Richmond at the MCG.

It is not clear yet whether Parkin will remain in football.

But knowing the intensity with which the great man approaches his football, and has done so for more than 20 years, it is a safe bet Parkin will find a role within weeks.

His immense knowledge of the game would be a big asset to the Eagles.

Parkin is by far the best coach I have had the pleasure to play under and that list of coaches includes Mal Brown, Ken Armstrong, Ian Miller and present Hawthorn coach Alan Joyce.

Parkin was methodical in the way he prepared a team for a match each week and his approach to the players was first-class.

## FINE TUNING

Unlike some of the more decorated coaches of our time, Parkin made premiership teams.

Some coaches have inherited teams ripe and waiting only for fine tuning to become successful.

Parkin had the innate capacity to bring the best out of footballers, make them hungry for success and to make the most of their natural talents.

Every week in my time at Carlton under Parkin the players received a dossier on the opposition and on his immediate opponent for the next game.

And from Parkin's analysis of the previous game, each player was given a report on his previous performance.

He didn't keep tabs merely on kicks and handballs. The coaching guru knew just how many smotherers, knock-ons and shepherds his players had made during a game.

Parkin was a genius and the players had enormous respect for him.

He made a player confident in his own ability. He made the team totally confident in its ability to tackle any task and emerge triumphant.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

## A derby bottler!

After a long and troubled winter At last the finals are here. The business end of the season To determine our champs for the year.

And what a final to start A traditional derby clash. To be game to pick a winner Would surely be acting rash.

East Freo have the experience And know how finals are won. Wrensted, Peake and Christie Are sure to give a ton.

But Souths are right in form The boom side of the comp. With Watters, Sumich and Bayliss To a flag they'd love to romp.

To all lovers of our game Whoever you tip to win. To miss a derby final Is committing a football sin.

## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant PETER BOSUSTOW



His coaching methods created Carlton's two premierships in 1981 and 82 and it wasn't at all his fault when the Blues lost their hunger for another flag in 1983.

It was also significant that Parkin took Fitzroy to a preliminary final in his first season with the club in 1986 after the Roys had finished 11th the previous year.

## RUMBLINGS

During this season, a pretty troubled time for Fitzroy, there have been rumours of discontent among players who didn't like Parkin's style.

I can't believe that the rumblings were serious, for Parkin is clearly one of the finest exponents of coaching in the modern era.

# FOOTY PUNCHLINES

## UNLUCKY EAGLE

MILESTONES are important in the lifetime of any footballer and therefore Eagles veteran Dean Turner was quite right to point out to us that we had an error in his games-played tally. A typographical error last year credited him with 51 games for Fitzroy, instead of 54. This was carried over to this season, which meant that his tally of 195 heading into last week's Collingwood game, when it should have been 198 games all up. This gave Turner the incentive of playing his 199th against the Magpies and then notching 200 against Footscray in the final qualifying game. But, as they say, the best-laid plans go astray — a calf straining forced him out of last week's side, so now his milestone is in the balance.

## MAGPIES NEST

THE growth of Perth-based supporter groups for VFL teams coming West to tackle the Eagles is expanding at a rapid rate. More than 500 people attended a Collingwood breakfast in Perth last Sunday before their clash with the Eagles and it's good for football to see strong supporter groups building up in the West. There's even a move to set up a regular meeting place for Magpies fans — Laurie Hurley, of McHenry, Dunstan and Hurley liquor fame — has recently taken over the Rivervale Hotel, in Great Eastern Highway, and is setting up a special Magpies bar.

## ... AND 'PIES PORT

AND talking about the Magpies, Doug Riky, the State Manager of Angoves Wines, one of football's strong supporters, especially via radio 6PR, is a Victorian — and a Collingwood fan from way back. He has supported moves to build a Magpies supporter base in Perth and recently launched a special Magpies Port. At a soccer seminar last week — where 6PR were involved — one bottle of the Magpies Port was auctioned for \$75 and more bottles from the 300-strong brew went at Sunday's breakfast.

## BATting ON ...

FOOTBALL critic Percy Johnson has a love of all sports and cricket is no exception. Johnson showed his sporting generosity when he paid \$170 at the Collingwood breakfast auction for Graham Wood's cricket bat. The State cricket captain donated one of his run-scoring machines to help raise funds for the Collingwood cause.

Parkin has been linked to the Brisbane Bears, St Kilda and even Geelong, who are yet to confirm whether John Devine will return for 1989.

With the Eagles sure to be looking for support staff for John Todd in 1989, Parkin should soon get a telephone call from Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr.

After all, it was about this time last year Parkin received the call to replace Ron Alexander as coach of the West Coasters.

But I suspect, as he did on that occasion, Parkin would be extremely reluctant to join the Eagles, though he has proved his capacity to accept and beat challenges in the past.



The Hungry Jacks Eagle-for-a-day, Daryl MacDonald, of Safety Bay, with one of his favourite players, Karl Langdon.

## LOSING OUT

STRAIGHT-talking Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews summed up his team's trip to Perth last weekend pretty well when he said that they had everything to lose and nothing to gain. With two key players out and three others injured in the clash with the Eagles, it was a battered Magpies nest that flew home (with the comforts of Australian Airlines, of course). But as Matthews said, jokingly, "maybe we should have forfeited." Matthews said that coming to Perth when they had cemented their own spot in the top three and the Eagles were in a desperate situation to win, was a no-win situation.

## OVERDOING IT

EAGLES coach John Todd was ready for the inevitable after-match question about his tactics in removing exciting youngster Chris Lewis from the ground in the first quarter against Collingwood. He said that Lewis was really trying to hard — as were some of the other team members. With a lot at stake as the Eagles searched for that finals appearance, the players were obviously over-anxious and Todd saw too much exuberance in Lewis' game. "He was over-running the ball, going the wrong way and generally trying too hard," said Todd. "I felt that if he came off for a while and settled down it would help him." And how right Todd was. Lewis proved to be a real match-winner in the third term.

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# MILESTONE MEN

## 50 GAMES

Dean Wilson (South Fremantle) 49\*  
Stephen Mount (P) 48  
Kevan Sparks (Subiaco) 47  
Tony Cope (Subiaco) 47\*

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Dean Wilson 25 South Fremantle, 24 Subiaco, Tony Cope 7 Subiaco, 40 Swan Districts.

## 100 GAMES

Shane Cocker (Subiaco) 98\*  
Mark Zanotti (Subiaco) 98\*  
David Hart (Eagles) 98\*

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Shane Cocker 44 Subiaco, 54 East Perth; Mark Zanotti 36 Eagles, 62 Subiaco, David Hart 36 Eagles 55 South Fremantle, 7 West Perth.

## 150 GAMES

John Annear (Eagles) 148\*  
Mick Rea (Perth) 147\*

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: John Annear 40 Eagles, 65 Richmond, 43 Collingwood; Mick Rea 121 Perth, 22 West Perth, 4 Melbourne.

## 200 GAMES

Dean Turner (Eagles) 198\*

\* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Dean Turner 31 Eagles, 54 Fitzroy, 113 East Perth.

## 250 GAMES

Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 243

## 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 the player's current club unless indicated by an asterisk\*

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Warren Nicholas (Perth) 21 on August 25th  
Murray Wrensted (Eagles) 24 on 26th  
Bill Monaghan (Subiaco) 20 on 28th  
Bob de Graaf (Swan Districts) 21 on 29th  
Joe Cormack (Eagles) 22 on 30  
Neil Jackson (West Perth) 24 on Sept 1st  
Dean Irving (South Fremantle) 22 on 1st  
Maurice Rioli (South Fremantle) 31 on 1st  
Allan Montgomery (Perth) 30 on 2nd  
Tony Solin (Swan Districts) 31 on 3rd  
Ray Holden (West Perth) 29 on 3rd

LUNCH FRIDAYS

## SHY COACH

IT seems as though Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton is not only a low-key, unobtrusive football coach, but a shy, modest one as well. There was a bit of an after-match confrontation in the Subiaco rooms following their loss to South Fremantle when the official photographer for the Football Budget (and Westside Football) went into the rooms seeking a couple of special pictures. Our photographer, the lovely Annaliese Frank, just happens to be a female — and that shocked Bunton. Not only did he indulge in some surprised indignation as he evicted her from the rooms, but he indicated quite clearly that females weren't welcome in football changerooms. In this day and age of equalisation — not to mention the number of female trainers and physiotherapists around clubs — it seems a pretty old-fashioned attitude. And we were only trying to get a couple of nice promotional Lions pics!

## SPOT ON

RADIO 6PR "mega-mouth" Gary Carvolth was put on the spot last Friday when guest panellist Stan Nowotny posed a sensitive question on the Football Forum show. "Why are you doing a breakfast function for Collingwood in Perth when you should be doing something to promote the Eagles?" asked Nowotny, which was fair enough. Carvolth's answer was also fair enough: "We have offered to do something for the Eagles, but they didn't want it."

## DOUBLE DATE

THE cross-flow between Eagles players and their WAFL clubs has been cause for concern in the two years that WA's VFL team has existed. West Perth's Graeme Pleydell gave an insight as to how difficult the problem is last week. A guest on the 6PR Friday footy show, he indicated that Falcons rover John Gastev would be a busy player at the weekend. Pleydell suggested that if Gastev was listed in the Eagles team, he would be pretty tired "as he is also listed to play with West Perth on Saturday". As it turned out, Gastev lined up for the Eagles, so West Perth must have had to overcome a last-minute team change.

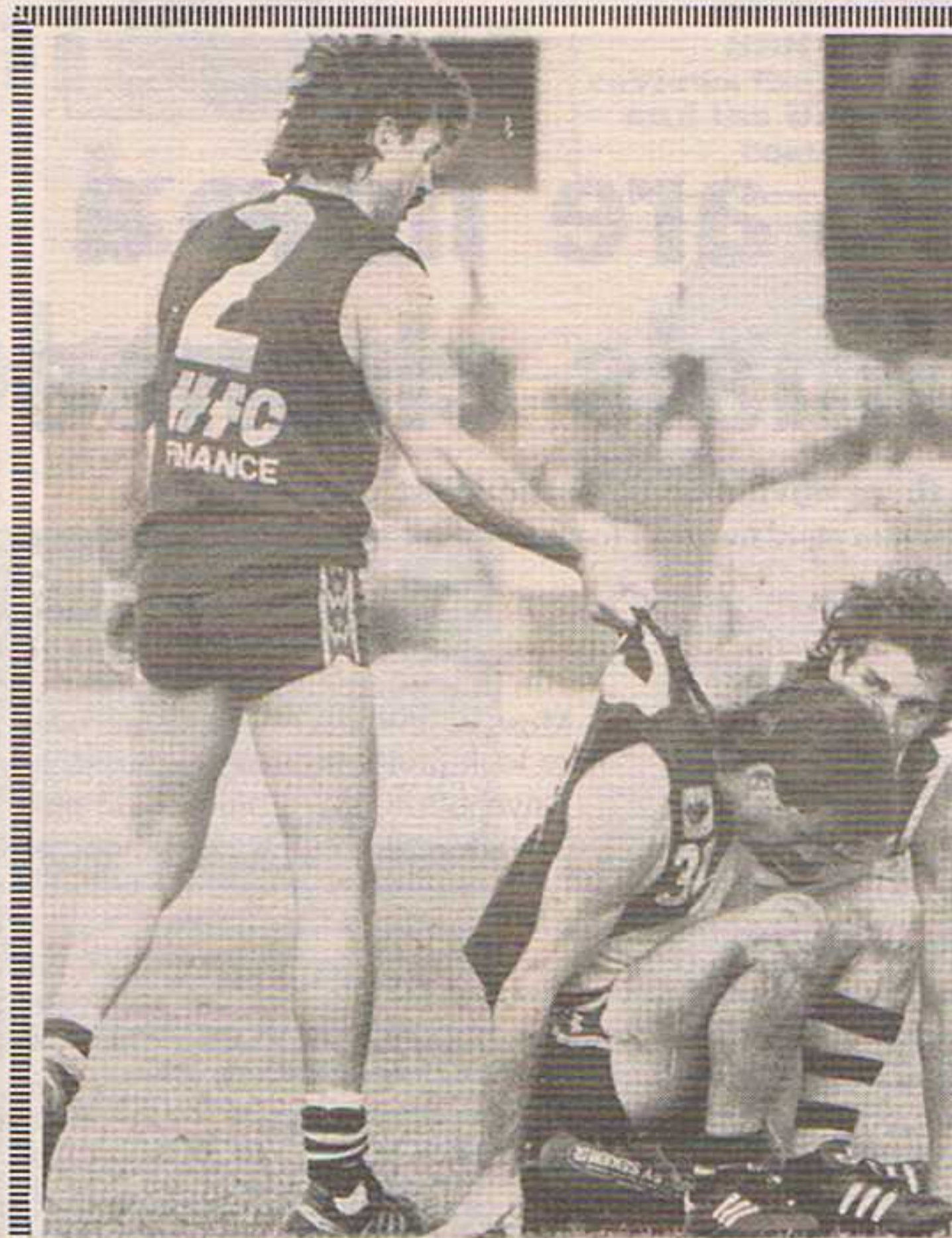
## ROYALS REGRET

EAST Perth fans are quite happy about the side hand-balling the wooden spoon (again) to Swan Districts at the death-knock. But some are still lamenting that loss to Perth after the siren. Not only did the Demons "cheat" when they conned umpire Grant Vernon into letting sharp-shooter Wayne Ryder take that vital kick for goal — when at least two other Perth players were entitled to the free kick — but the time-on factor for the day didn't help them. With the area behind the goals deserted of fans, umpires or players have to make numerous trips into the front rows to collect wayward footies. In fact, someone estimated that there were 14 minutes of time-on in that game as a result of people fetching footies. When you add that to the length of the game and the concentration time-span that the young Royals had to endure, it's no wonder a more experienced Perth side out-thought them at the end.

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What's this? Tigers wingman Mark Hann seems to be "hatching" a golden egg at Claremont Oval last week.

Team-mate Peter Thorne reckons he's been sitting down long enough and Sharks rival Clinton Wolf is having a real close look at the situation.

## FALCONS PLEA

STILL with the Falcons, Rod Brown suggested that it's probably time for the West Perth players to have a look at their attitude. He's right, of course, for a club that looked set to really go on with it this year — considering their strong finish to last season and their fairly strong player situation — their end-of-year fade-out was a big disappointment. League coach Bruce Monteath has blooded a lot of youth this year ... so obviously he hopes to get the chance in 1989 to build on that.

## TOUGH TIMES

IF football fans want to see some tough, no-holds-barred action in the WAFL finals, then they'll be kept happy, judging on Saturday's Claremont-East Fremantle game. There was no shortage of B & G in the opening term, with the Sharks fighting for their footy life in '88 and the Tigers not letting them get it too easy. The Sharks were on the receiving end of the tough stuff early on, with veteran Brian Peake copping a pretty nasty elbow to the face and Eagles reject Murray Wrensted getting filled in a couple of times.

## UNPOPULAR ... OR WHAT?

SOME country people just don't appreciate the hardships that umpires have to endure in order to control their matches. A team at Williams recently showed their appreciation of the umpiring efforts of WAFL panel member Brad Bietzel (son of the infamous Harry of 3AW fame) by flushing his gear down the toilet after a match! Is that unduly rough play, or what?

## ROYALS ROOKIES

FORMER West Perth president Rod Brown has had a pretty vocal time this year in his new role as a critic on radio 6PR. In his preview of last week's WAFL games, Brown said that the West Perth-East Perth game would be one of skill (the Falcons, obviously) versus attitude (of which the Royals have plenty of). Well, Brown's old team let him down and one could rightly assume that their attitude wasn't spot-on. But one could also draw the conclusion that while the Falcons might have plenty of potential in their camp, the Royals aren't all that short of future skill, either.

## TOUGH TIMES

YOU had to feel sorry for Eagles ruck-rover John Annear as he was dragged from the ground in the last quarter of Sunday's game against Collingwood. There's no doubting that JA is one of the team's hardest workers, never shirking the issue and putting his body on the line more than most. But Sunday wasn't his day. A first-quarter incident, where full-back Andrew Lockyer short-passed out of goals only to see JA drop a simple mark, was forgiven, of course. And even his last-quarter effort when he missed an easy goal, with skipper Ross Glendinning standing solo in the goal square, could be put down to a rush of blood. But then the man in green delivered his message and the plucky Annear was banished to the bench. Even the most experienced players have to pay the ultimate penalty at times.

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**BENNETT'S BURST**

By **ROBERT BENNETT**  
of The Sunday Times



# Eagles are now a real finals chance

**SOMEONE** up there obviously likes the West Coast Eagles. Everything has fallen into place for them to make the VFL finals for the first time.

A few weeks ago they looked only a rough chance to make the final five.

As coach John Todd said after their demolition of Collingwood on Sunday, nothing is guaranteed in VFL football.

While they look to have the cards stacked in their favour, the Eagles still aren't certain of making the five. But to miss out they would need to put in a shocker against Footscray.

If they can be competitive, even if they lose, then they should sneak into the qualifying finals. If they do, most Victorians will write them off as a chance in the finals, moreso if they lose to Footscray and still get in.

That really isn't the point.

**EXPERIENCE**

While it will be a major achievement for them to make the finals in only their second session of VFL — despite an abysmal record in Melbourne — it will provide the Eagles with the opportunity to find out what it is like to play in a final in Melbourne.

No amount of money can buy that experience.

It's a pity all the finals have to be played in Melbourne.

While a lot has been made of the Eagles' lack of success in Melbourne,

one only has to look at the performances of Victoria-based teams in Perth.

Most of the sides who come over here look pretty ordinary.

Anyone who saw Collingwood play on Sunday must wonder how they occupied second position on the preliminary ladder before that game.

**PROPOSITION**

Yet, put them on Victoria Park and they are a different proposition.

Ground conditions in both States play a much bigger part than a lot of people realise. In that context, the Eagles' performances in Melbourne aren't as bad as many would be led to believe.

Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews' comments after their game, "perhaps we should have forfeited" was tongue-in-cheek, but just about sums up the attitude of most Victorian coaches who come over here.

They virtually expect to lose. Certainly they treat any game over here almost as an aberration.

Wouldn't it be great if we could play a final over here on neutral territory?

But that is unlikely to happen while the so-called national competition is in the hands of the VFL.

You can bet things will be made difficult for the Eagles should they make the finals in only their second year.

If we do, then every effort must be made to get a final in Perth should we make the top five in future years.

**RESISTANCE**

It will be met with vigorous resistance by the VFL, but if the competition is to expand, then every effort should be made to get some of the finals out of Melbourne.

That should be high on the list of priorities for the Eagles.

It may take a while, but the lever could be when SA decides to enter a team in the VFL.

That will be the time when the Eagles should get together with SA to thrash out a few points favourable to teams from other States.

And high on the list should be the use of at least one umpire from a State other than Victoria.



# Eagles hold destiny in own hands

IT was a little disconcerting to hear some critics working out a formula for the Eagles to get into the top five by conceding defeat to Footscray this Sunday.

There is no reason why the Eagles cannot beat the Bulldogs on their own turf, which is the only way they can be guaranteed a place in the elimination final.

And the Western Oval should not present any great problems.

Unlike some of the other grounds in Melbourne, the Western Oval is big and firm under foot. It is not unlike Subiaco Oval.

In addition, Murray Rance had a couple years' experience at the ground and that should help the Eagles prepare for what should be an exciting contest.

The Eagles are back to their best at the right time of the year and are doing the hard things which were so much a part of their early season success.

The chasing, tackling, pressuring and shepherding have slowly blended back into their play and these are very necessary in the rugged VFL competition. It is essential that teammates are protected.

The Eagles beat Collingwood by 10 goals here last Sunday and there is no reason why they should not be able to inflict a similar result on Footscray.

**BARRIER**

Obviously it will be tougher at the Western Oval against the Bulldogs than it was against the Magpies at Subiaco Oval, but the Eagles would break a massive psychological barrier by winning their second successive game in Melbourne.

That would give them three wins in Melbourne for the year — I count the Geelong match at the start of the season as being played in part of Melbourne — and that is not a bad record.

Obviously the Eagles required big contributions from their running players and Karl Langdon and Dean Laidley are exuding so much confidence and energy that they must inspire their teammates.

Laidley and Langdon are two players in the Eagles camp who can lift their teammates with their desperation and desire and that's what happened last week.

Chris Lewis showed signs of regaining some of his magic and with Andrew Lockyer, Laurie Keene, Ross Glendinning and David O'Connell in touch,



Footscray coach Mick Malthouse (left) ponders his next move.

by

**GARY STOCKS**  
of The West Australian

things could be rosy after Sunday's game.

Lockyer faces another tough assignment this week.

Last week he kept Brian Taylor down to 1.1 before the burly Collingwood full-forward limped from the ground with a knee injury and this week he must line up against Footscray sharp-shooter Simon Beasley.

**ACCURATE**

Beasley has been amazingly accurate this year, kicking 81.28 and obviously he holds the key to Footscray's chances.

With Beasley moving around confidently in the forward line and players like Brian Royal, Tony McGuinness, Steve McPherson, Steven Wallis and Terry Wallace delivering the ball into attack, Footscray look dangerous.

It was the Bulldogs' running players who carved up the Eagles to win by about four goals at the Western Oval last year.

McGuinness, Royal, Wallis and Angelo Petraglia were all extremely damaging players who helped their team run over the top of the Eagles in the last term.

Wallis and Royal were particularly effective and they again represent danger.

Keene faces another big challenge when he tackles big Footscray ruckman Peter Foster.

Many of the Footscray players were disappointing when they played in Perth earlier in the year, but you can forget about that form. They are not the only side to collapse in a heap in Perth and then take revenge in Melbourne.

This time, however, the Eagles will show that they are more than just elimination final candidates. They have the capacity to go further.

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Eagles ruckman Laurie Keene wards off yet another Collingwood foe, this time Graham Wright.

# Only one way to make

## certain

by  
**Harvey Deegan**

THE West Coast Eagles are on target for an historic VFL finals appearance, but they must beat Footscray on Sunday to make sure.

Melbourne, though out of form, will be desperate to topple Carlton, and Essendon will probably give St Kilda the hiding of their lives.

This drama may be enacted without the immediate knowledge of the Eagles' players. While Saturday's games are in progress, the Eagles will be 35,000ft above the continent, on their way to their date with the Bulldogs at the Western Oval.

The key to the game may rest with the Eagles' defence restricting Footscray's powerful battery of forwards.

The last time the sides met at Western Oval, the Eagles had every chance in the last quarter to snatch the game, but inexperience cost them dearly.

### WORRIED

Fog late in the game also did nothing to make the Eagles feel at home.

Ace Footscray full-forward Simon Beasley is very worried about the

Eagles, describing them as the form team of the competition.

Never one to mix words, he was highly critical of his own side after their shock loss to Fitzroy.

"We should have been beaten by 10 goals," said Beasley. "It was amazing the margin was only 14 points at the finish."

However, Beasley has promised a different Footscray this weekend.

"Depending on Saturday's results we'll really go for it on Sunday," said Rance.

"If it gets down to a them-and-us situation for the final spot we'll have to win the game by eight or nine goals, and we'll adopt an all-or-nothing approach."

# HAVE SOUTH RUN THEIR RACE?

## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

with Ron Alexander



HOW far will South Fremantle go in '88? I say only as far as the first semi-final.

It has been their aim all year to make the four.

Despite a heavy injury toll, they have fought their way through to the finals and are now planning their strategies for Saturday's big game.

But they have achieved their long-term goal for the year. Now they have to readjust this to read "Let's win the premiership."

A number of their players will feel satisfied with themselves and that genuinely desperate approach to the game may be missing in one or two.

In contrast, East Fremantle have been referred to as the big danger to Claremont all year and have had the premiership as their goal since day one.

Put this together with the final-round experience of the Sharks and South have a very big task in front of them.

The Bulldogs' task could be made easier if Murray Wrensted or Chris Waterman are included in the Eagles side or taken along for the ride as 21st man.

### Edwards key man in semi

CRAIG Edwards looms as the key player in the derby semi-final.

He has been the dominant ruckman of the competition and has taken complete control in many games.

He has been instrumental in South's taking the ball out of the centre. When in defence he plays well a kick behind the play and when he's in the forward line he can be relied on for two or three goals.

If East Fremantle are to win, they will have to pay special attention to the job of negating Edwards.

### Tigers need Neesham

GERARD Neesham will, I'm sure, have made up his mind to play in the finals.

His side is out of kilter at the moment and would benefit from the confidence that his on-field presence would imbue.

At this time of the year there is always talk of "yes but the coach has run them into the ground in preparation for the finals" or "they're not really trying."

Claremont have been on the back foot since Neesham was suspended.

With his reappearance on the field they will again become premiership favourites.

## Canuck view of our game

IT'S often interesting to get a different perspective on a game of football.

John Hogg, Canadian Olympic swimming coach in Perth on the Alcoa Department for Sport and Recreation coach in residence scheme, gave me his views on the Collingwood-Eagles game.

He was surprised at the number of unforced errors, in particular the number of times players kicked the ball straight to an opponent.

He was also surprised at the lack of padding worn. He believed that in view of the number of physical clashes out in the middle, some form of protective clothing should be worn.

He asked why more players weren't wearing a head guard like Don Holmes.

He said that all players should wear head gear — not wait until they have had concussion a number of times.

At the end of the contest he was amazed that there hadn't been more injuries, despite Collingwood's finishing with only 17 men.

VFL football is shown on TV in Canada and John has watched the game a number of times.

His suggestion to those who package the game for the overseas market is that more time should be given to explaining the rules and the finer points to the enthusiastic but slightly mystified Aussie Rules viewers.

He also mentioned that Canada's favourite player was ... wait for it — Mark Jackson!

### Stage is set for Bomber

IT was good to see Brian Peake cleared of a striking charge on Monday night.

Brian is very likely into the last two or three games of his career, which would have ended in a tragic way if he had been found guilty.

Instead, he is likely to go out on a high note.

He is a big-game performer and despite his ageing legs, I believe he will get out in style.



**CHRIS LEWIS**



DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17/3/69 Perth

HEIGHT: 185cm WEIGHT: 86kg

GUERNSEY NUMBER: 28

RECRUITED FROM: Claremont

FIRST SENIOR GAME: WAFL 1986 Claremont; VFL 1987 Eagles

GAMES PLAYED: 5 Claremont, 29 Eagles

FOOTBALL HONORS: 1984-85 Teal Cup

FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre

MARITAL STATUS: Single

BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two brothers, one sister

OCCUPATION: Footballer

SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Mirrabooka High and Junior; Christchurch Grammar (boarding)

CAR: Datsun 120Y

FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Golf, beach

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lemonade

FAVOURITE SPORT (apart from football): Golf

FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: George Thorogood

FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Alastair Maclean

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Carnarvon

FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Rumours

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Winners

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Midnight Express

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMEN: Greg Norman, Maurice Rioli, Stephen Michael

BOYHOOD IDOL: Maurice Rioli

MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Sleep-in, Carbo diet

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being injured

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing big games

FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco Oval

FOOTBALL AMBITION: To win and play well for the Eagles



**GARY'S GOSSIP**

with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk



**Nothing but the facts**

HERE are the facts about the much talked about Subiaco/Swans trip to Vancouver in October.

Subiaco will take a composite team and Swans will send only four players.

Subiaco have invited the six other WAFL clubs to nominate suitable players and one player from each of them will go to Canada. It will then be a representative WA side.

Meanwhile, in Adelaide similar arrangements are being made to form a representative South Australian side.

These two teams, South Australia and WA, will play an exhibition match in Vancouver on October 27 as part of the Aussie Festival week.

Subiaco general manager Michael Flanagan is now in Adelaide with local agent Craig Martin to tie up all the loose ends. I hope this brings the WAFL up to date as they have shown little interest in the project so far.

**TAKE A TIP**

TAKE it from me that there will be a WAFL reserves competition next season. There is also a strong possibility that the Falcons may move out to Joondalup.

**THE FAI CUP?**

Here is another rumour and it concerns long-time supporters of footy, FAI Insurance. This successful company is poised to take over all one-day cricket spectaculars from McDonalds for the forthcoming season.

The sponsorship deal is said to be worth more than \$175,000.

**NEVER ON SUNDAY**

THIS week we conducted a telephone poll during my Sports Connection program on 6PR.

We asked listeners to phone in and register their support for either a Saturday or Sunday grand final day.

We took calls on and off between 4 and 6pm. The result? There were 166 callers favouring Saturday and only 34 wanted Sunday for grand final day.

That's a ratio of five to one in favour of Saturday.

**HOME OF THE BRAVES**

REMEMBER I mentioned recently a report that the Braves Baseball Club could be finding a new home at the East Fremantle Football Club?

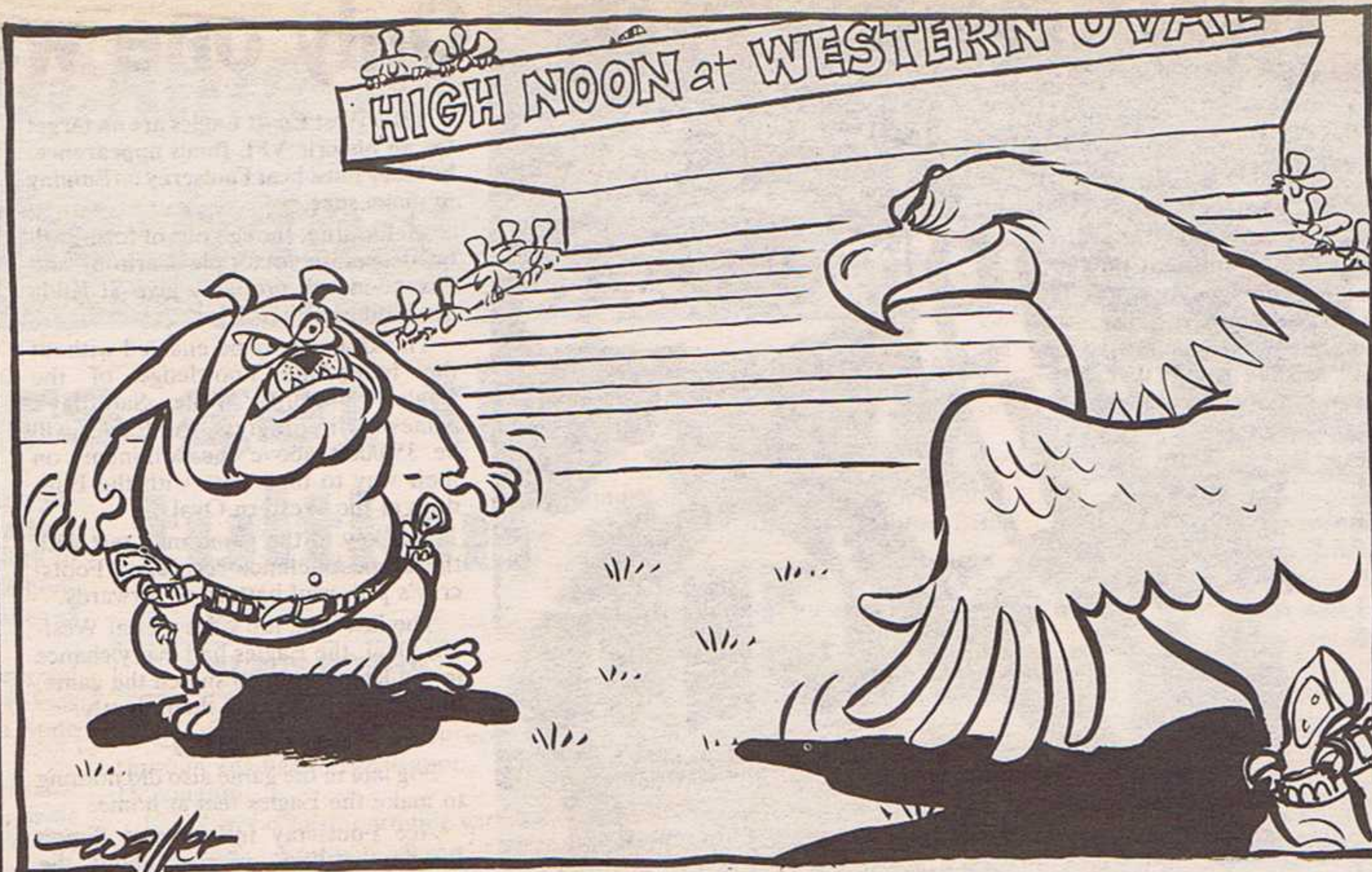
Well, they have, and as far as I am concerned this is good news for Sharks supporters, who will now be able to utilise their club during the summer season and see some top games of baseball at the same time.

To celebrate their move to East Fremantle, the Braves will play a special best-of-three series against arguably the best baseball team in Australia, the Auburn Orioles.

The first game will be played on Saturday, October 1, and, if necessary, a double-header the following day will be preceded by a champagne breakfast and panel show.



SOME quick snippets ... Young Perth footballers Brad Fox and Warren Nicholas are high on the shopping list of a number of VFL clubs, including the Eagles and Footscray ... Several clubs are interested in the services of Mark Zanotti, but I believe Melbourne are likely to gain the services of the estranged Eagle before the start of next season ... Warren Ralph has not been able to overcome his injury problems in Adelaide and will be out of action for the rest of the season. However, he has decided to fulfil his contract and will stay in South Australia next season ... Incidentally, 41,000 people attended footy over the weekend in Adelaide ... Finally, 500 people attended the 6PR Collingwood champagne breakfast and panel show last Sunday morning and the station has been urged to present another show on grand final morning, September 18, at the Langley Plaza Hotel in Adelaide Terrace. I will keep you posted.



**Wiley will rise from the ashes**

WHEN Perth coach Robert Wiley looked up at the scoreboard at Bassendean Oval, it must have left him with a sick feeling in his stomach.

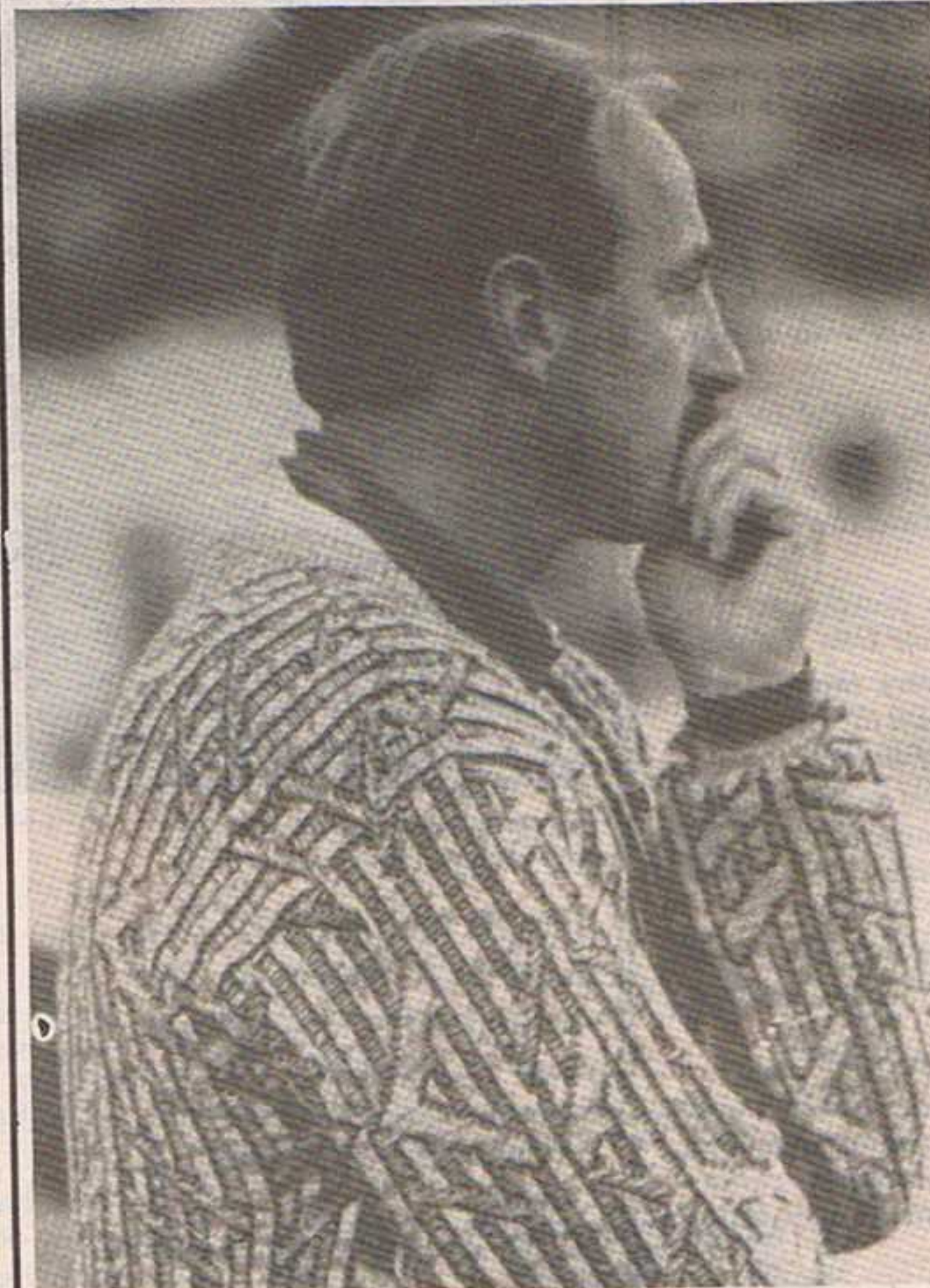
On a day when he was depending on top team Claremont to beat East Fremantle, at Claremont Oval, the Tigers let him down.

Perth completed their part of the contract required on the final day of qualifying fixtures, but with East Fremantle beating Claremont the Demons missed a place in the first semi-final.

Wiley was a well-photographed man last weekend, with his chin almost touching his shoelaces as he reflected on what might have been.

The Perth coach had every reason to feel dejected, but I'm sure that when he gets over his disappointment he will reflect on what really was not a bad season for the Demons.

It is unusual for a team to win 12 matches and still miss out



Rob Wiley ... improved the Demons.

**TAKING STOCK**

by GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



on the four. It's a tough way to bow out, but Wiley has shown that Perth should be an exciting team in the next couple of years and they should learn from that experience.

**STRONGER**

Certainly it should make them mentally stronger next year and when they get into a position where they should make the finals they will not relax and allow the opportunity to slip from their grasp.

Wiley has impressed in his first season as a coach and it was difficult not to feel sorry for him after Saturday's fixtures.

From a media point of view he has always been available and most co-operative. And as a coach he has set high standards to match his outstanding playing career.

Perhaps it was the fact that he spent so long on the sidelines with a calf injury that had a devastating effect on Perth's finals aspirations.

The good points to come out of his first year at the helm were the number of good young players who emerged at the club and that senior players responded to his coaching methods.

Stephen Mount enjoyed his best season since coming to Perth from Richmond; Gavin Whittington, Joe Santostefano and Mark Watson and Warren Mosconi were solid throughout the year and youngsters like Brad Edwards, Shane Cable, Merv Kelly, Clint Hunter and Brad Fox ensure a bright future for the club.

**SPOTLIGHT**

It will be difficult for Wiley to accept that his team has missed the chance to play for the premiership, but he succeeded in getting Perth back in the football spotlight after their disappointing 1987 season.

Wiley is one of football's nice guys and he assembled a solid team around him for his first season as a coach.

With assistant coach Tom Mullooly, team manager Mike Redenbach and under-19 coach Murray Couper as his support crew, Wiley is surrounded by a wealth of football knowledge.

Undoubtedly Wiley has already started planning for 1989—working out ways in which he can avoid the disappointment of again being an onlooker during the finals.

Perth produced some memorable performances this year, particularly in the early weeks.

John Todd has always said that teams need to serve an apprenticeship before they can be serious final-round contenders and perhaps Perth have just finished their first year at college.

They will be hungry for success next year and determined to erase the memories of 1988 from their minds.

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# EDWARDS THE QUIET ACHIEVER

CRAIG Edwards, on his day, is one of the best big men in the WAFL. His size, strength, leap and ball skill makes him one of the games most dominant players.

His performance for South Fremantle in the recent derby clash with East Fremantle was outstanding. His capacity to take complete control of a game was evident and he has gone on with that dominance in recent weeks.

Perfectly balanced and extremely hard to move when in a marking position, Edwards has the aerial strength and ground-level skills that few ruckmen in our game have.

Edwards started his football at East Perth as a big junior who had skill, but lacked the capacity to concentrate and would drop out of the game for long periods.

He competed with John Ironmonger for the No. 1 ruck position and therefore played most of his football out of a forward pocket.

Edwards was the equal to Ironmonger in the centre, but had far more agility and natural goal skill and was destined for a role as a permanent forward pocket.

## GOALSCORER

He regularly kicked 40 goals or more in a season and has been the leading ruckman/goalscorer in the WAFL for the past seven years.

There are few ruckmen in WAFL football who are regular goal scorers; most big men seem to lack the ability to perform at a consistent level when resting up forward.

When Edwards was at East Perth, North Melbourne tried to lure him to the VFL, but he resisted the temptation.

Had he gone, he would have been an ideal player in the heavy Victorian conditions. His strength to hold his position and his goal-scoring potential would have made him a star.

Edwards has matured in recent years and is a better player today than several seasons back. He would have been an excellent choice for the Eagles when they selected their inaugural squad.

With an Eagles reserves team being



Craig Edwards ... the key big man this week.

mooted, Edwards would offer valuable big-man strength and physical presence.

His immediate challenge is to help South Fremantle take out the 88 premiership. On his shoulders the fortunes of the Bulldogs will be carried. There are few big men in the top four teams who can stop him in full flight.

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON  
Football Development Trust co-ordinator



## Eagles show that they are learning

THE quality of football displayed by the West Coast Eagles against Collingwood last Sunday was outstanding.

Coach John Todd has received his share of criticism for his 'hard-line' approach this season, but he has continually emphasised that the Eagles must be harder if they are to achieve success in the VFL.

Watching the Eagles approach the ball, their aggression, fierce tackling and endeavour confirmed that the 'get harder' message is getting through.

With so many young players still learning their football trade, the Eagles' performance this season has been outstanding.

Like all new teams, you have to start at the bottom and work up.

The Eagles have often looked doomed to miss the finals, but with perseverance and commitment, they still have hopes of playing in the VFL finals in only their second year.

When you consider that clubs like Footscray, Fitzroy, Geelong and St Kilda have been in the VFL for 50 years or more with few finals appearances, it shows the extent of the Eagles 1988 achievement.

There is one thing for certain — it won't be long before the Eagles become one of the power teams of the VFL.

## Trio show style of a champion

A COMMON question facing many football people is just what makes a champion.

All coaches, officials or supporters have their own criteria to tag players with that ultimate title of champion.

Sunday's game against Collingwood saw three young Eagles players display ability that will one day enable them to wear the champion title.

Guy McKenna, John Worsfold and Karl Langdon have the necessary football skill and ability to be great players. But the reason why they can advance to champion status is through their magnificent attitude to the game.

Their appetite for hard work and total commitment to learning what it takes to reach the top has no limit.

Their performances have improved week by week; they have been disciplined for weaknesses in their game, but quickly returned to the team to rectify those deficiencies.

All three are committed team men who do the 'little things' such as blocking, tackling, smothering and displaying a fearless use of their body for their team's cause.

# DISCIPLINE A MUST

IN recent weeks there has been some pretty heated debate in various circles about the relegation of an Eagle or two for disciplinary reasons.

It seems pretty common knowledge who these players are and there has been plenty of sympathy with comments like "pretty rough; they were only having a couple of quiet beers."

A couple of lads having a quiet beer is nothing to get excited about and Eagles coach John Todd would obviously agree.

But the infringement goes deeper than that because it affects team morale.

There are always going to be men involved with football teams — and other sporting teams for that matter — who just want to do things their way.

## SINGULAR

If the coach says go left, they have to go right because they want to make their mark as an individual or maybe they're out to impress with their singular personality.

Such individuals often react on the spur of the moment and don't consider their position till it's too late. Once taken to task, they look ruefully at their feet and shrug their shoulders.

Under a coach like Todd, there's not a lot to be gained by apologising. It just doesn't wash; he expects the thinking to be done before stepping out of line ... not after.

In games where competitors are on their own, they can be excused because they generally hurt no one but themselves. If they want to turn everything

## FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
BILL MATHER-BROWN



## ... and players must always shape up

upside down, that's their worry and they have the right to succeed or fail according to their own dedication.

Team games are a different proposition because the coach has the responsibility of giving every member the same rules to go by. If they conform, then they can reasonably expect to succeed.

But if they step out of line, they must expect the coach to look at them closely when the side is picked.

## REBEL

What is annoying about people who sympathise with the rebel element is that they don't consider the players who are doing their best to play by the rules.

These men like a drink as much as the next fellow, but they have come to terms with what the coach wants and while they might not like his methods, they can see what he is aiming for.

Good club men fall into line for the benefit of the team.

The critics of a disciplinary action generally point the finger at a coach and accuse him of being hard on a particular player.

That is a ridiculous accusation because dinkum coaches like Todd must win to succeed and they have to go with the best players available, like them or not.

## PROFESSIONAL

Most of the Eagles are on a pretty good wage for the use of their talents. As professional footballers, they know that a lot is expected from them and they should toe the line.

The Eagles are not only a high-profile team, but they represent this State and are expected to shoulder that responsibility with pride.

It's disappointing when one or two fail to keep pace with their team-mates. The fact that they have shown a lack of self-control and discipline is as much a let-down to the WA football public as it is to themselves.

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# Three medals each to two champs



Big Mac ... Merv McIntosh.

THERE'S hardly an aspect of modern-day football history at the Perth club that doesn't feature the name Barry Cable.

His achievements adorn the Sandover Medal honour board, the Simpson Medal list, the premierships team collection, the All-Australian group — and, along with another club champion, Merv McIntosh, he also has a Tassie Medal in his collection.

But while Cable dominates, there have been plenty of other outstanding Sandover Medallists from the Demons camp.

McIntosh, the gentle giant over two decades, also matches Cable's three Sandovers (1948-53-54) and he carried

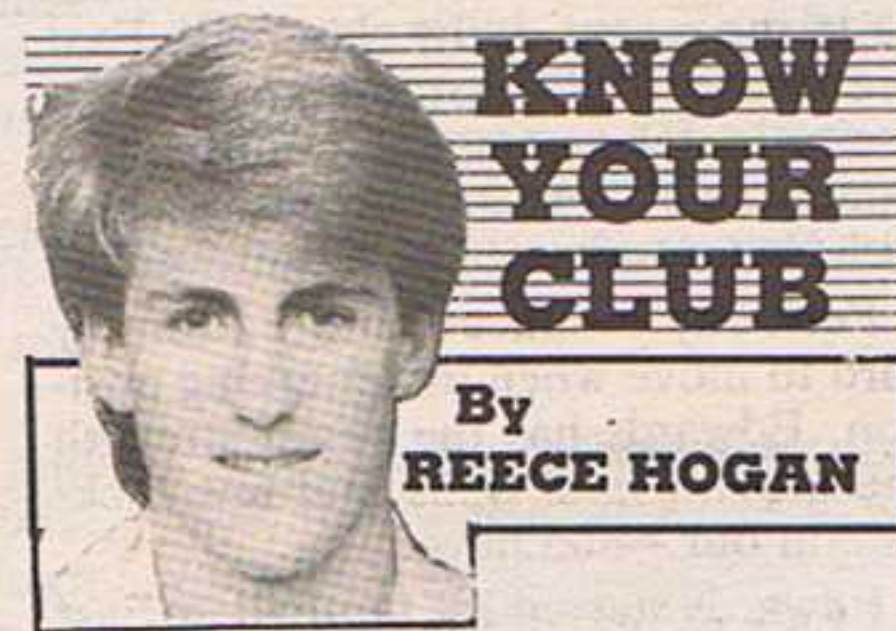
the Perth team on his broad shoulders for many a season.

The World War years saw Perth post their first Sandover Medal name on the board, with Terry Moriarty taking the honour in 1943 and going on to be the club's highest-games played performer.

George Bailey followed two years later and then McIntosh took the next three Medals back to the club.

Cable's three medals were in 1964, 68 and 73, but in that era there were also several other outstanding winners.

Star Demons defender Neville Beard was successful in 1961, centreman Pat Dalton won in 1970 — on a countback from Bill Walker — and then, in 1972,



By REECE HOGAN

Ian Miller became the first centre-half-forward to top the poll.

The 1987 Sandover Medal count will long remain one of the most controversial in football history, with Claremont's Derek Kickett polling an incredible 46 votes, but a late-season suspension ruled him ineligible.

That left outstanding Perth captain Mark Watson the recipient of the State's highest individual honour — accepting the Medal in sensitive circumstances, but showing that he was a worthy winner with his tribute to Kickett in his modest acceptance speech.

## 200 GAME PLAYERS

253 games  
 Terry Moriarty, half-back 1942-1959 ... A close-checking defender; tough and rugged with excellent skills. Perth's first Sandover Medallist in 1943.

240 games  
 Bryan Cousins, rover 1970-1987 ... A versatile player; pacy with a good kick and safe mark. Reliable and a good team man. Now a State selector.

233 games  
 Keith Harper, wing 1948-1960 ... A penetrating left-foot kick with good pace. Had the ability to go in and win the hard ball.

225 games  
 Barry Cable, rover 1962-1973 ... The greatest player to ever pull on a boot at the Perth Football Club. His deadly accurate kick and lightning handpass drew large crowds.

220 games  
 Tom Davis, ruckman 1955-1966 ... An under-rated player, who had an excellent leap and a good left foot kick. Also a good palmer of the ball and worked well with his rovers.

217 games  
 Merv McIntosh, ruckman 1939-1955 ... "Big Mac", as he was known, was the greatest ruckman to play at Perth. Possessed great strength and tremendous skills and had a penetrating drop kick and good disposal with the hand.

217 games  
 Pat Dalton, centreman 1960-1971 ... Came from a good footballing family with a reputation for being a fair player. Beautiful kick and a good mark and made excellent position throughout the game.

215 games  
 Pat Astone, ruckman 1962-1972 ... Had a tremendous leap and a good high mark. Was not a very tall player, but always took it up to opposing ruckman.

214 games  
 Doug Oliphant, utility 1927-1945 ... A club stalwart in the pre-war era. A versatile player with an accurate kick and was the league's leading goal-kicker in 1931 with 84 goals.

213 games  
 Roy Harper, half-back 1954-1965 ... Brother of Keith, a rugged player with a penetrating left-foot kick.

209 games  
 Reg Zeuner, ruckman 1949-1959 ... Commonly known as "Sleepy", an excellent position player with reliable disposal. Was a good club man who recently passed away.

## Cable the best ... naturally

BARRY Cable is undoubtedly one of football's all-time great ambassadors, both on and off the field.

To find a starting point for Cable's greatness is difficult; but maybe three games give an idea of his outright search for perfection — Perth's hat-trick of premierships in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

Cable, who was then a seasoned rover, was best on ground in all three matches, winning the Simpson Medal each time. The attitude of being the best in the business at the best time was always his philosophy.

The blond bombshell was always going to be a champion, even from his early days in Narrogin. Even when he was told that he was too small for the game, he did not waver in his attitude.

Cable worked tirelessly with weights, growing in size and strength to build up his upper body and he worked even harder and longer on his football arts like kicking and handballing.

His strength, pinpoint accurate kicking, lightning fast handball, coolness and football brain all culminated in an individual who was to take the football world by storm, both in WA and Victoria.

Cable won the Sandover Medal three times, four Simpson Medals, the Tassie Medal once, earned an All-Australian blazer twice, was Perth's fairest and best seven times and North Melbourne's fairest and best once.

He was also awarded an MBE for his services to football in 1979.

## Frank Sparrow's favourite ...

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



Barry Cable ... a master at the drop kick and the handpass.

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# What comes after mothballs?

ANOTHER season has ended for four League teams. Now it's time to reflect on what might have been and what the future holds.

**DEMONS:** Dropped out of the four at the wrong end of the season.

The loss to Subiaco at the WACA after leading by six goals was costly, though they stole the game from East Perth after the siren.

Potentially Perth could have been a real danger in the finals.

With 12 wins, Robert Wiley has done a good job in his first year as coach and considering all his injury problems, he may decide to coach from the bench full-time.

The team has a good nucleus to build on, and the reserves finished on top of the ladder.

Players like Mount, Montgomery, Watson and Gavranich must be retained.

Rea has retired and a question mark hangs over Daniel's future.

VFL draftees could be Brad Edwards, Brad Fox and Toby Jackson. (Perth used 39 players during their campaign.)

**FALCONS:** Started the season with the bonus of Andrew Purser and lost him after two matches in a political row.

Had a disastrous run mid-year when the wheels fell off, but coach Bruce Monteath stuck to his policy, continued to promote youth and players had to earn a game on performance.

The Falcons probably produced the best collective group of first-year players — Jackson, O'Brien, Williams, Higgins, Starr, Munro and others.

Injuries to key players proved costly and this must have been disappointing to coach Monteath.



Falcons rookie Mal Williams.



Gerard McNeill and his star Royal, David Bain.

West Perth again finished just out of the four after promising so much early.

They should retain all players, including Menaglio and Bradmore, but could lose Turley and Mifka in the draft (37 players used).

**ROYALS:** Finished the year strongly but could not play four quarters of football when it counted.

The Royals' commitment and enthusiasm could never be questioned.

They just lacked a few quality experienced players and depth. It is imperative that East Perth retain all players and go shopping for at least a key forward, centreliner and ruck-rover.

No imminent retirements but could lose Cransberg and Bain in the draft.

May have a bonus in the Sandover Medal winner — David Bain. (39 players used).

## WOODEN SPOON

**SWANS:** Finished with the wooden spoon and on face value the future looks pretty bleak when you consider the under-19s, reserves and League sides lost to Perth by a combined tally of 434 points.

The loss of experienced players Johns, Fitzgerald and Langford pre-season and Gandini and Skwirowski mid-season, and an injury to Alan Sidebottom, proved disastrous.

In addition key players from last year in Ugle, Caton, Hutton and Cormack were torn between duties with the Eagles. This aside, one still has to ask where is the depth in the club? Coach Ed Blackaby has an onerous task, one to which he will have to devote 100 per cent commitment and energy.

Blackaby will need plenty of support.

He will at least be able to recruit a key forward and defender.

Swans have some talented players to work with. Blackaby must retain them all.

No impending retirements or likely draft loses in '89. (43 players used.)

## SURPRISE?

AN invitation to join a host of past premiership coaches, captains and Simpson Medal winners at this year's grand final parade was greatly appreciated.

But I was somewhat surprised to get my invite from the Demons, and not the Royals. I hope it was only a basic typing error.

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## Top marks to Laidley

## Bayliss shows why he's a dangerman

**SOUTH Fremantle forward Mark Bayliss has been receiving plenty of attention from rival defenders this year after a superb season.**

Not surprising after the performance Bayliss gave in the second quarter of South Fremantle's clash with Subiaco at Fremantle Oval last Saturday.

The burly full-forward turned the game off his own boot. He had seven kicks, six marks and kicked 6.1. South Fremantle kicked 8.4 to 2.1 in the quarter and the game was turned around.

All of his goals were kicked over long distances, often lining up from outside the 50-metre mark.

Bayliss' marks were also of excellent quality, hitting the ball hard off his fast leads and making the ball stick with a strong grab.

In the last quarter, Bayliss was moved to full-back when it looked like Subiaco were making a late charge. However, the damage had already been done with the Bulldogs securing their place in the first semi-final.

OH, how the fortunes of football vary from week to week.

Dean Laidley, banished to Leeder-ville Oval after the Sydney Swans game and virtually forgotten, rose from the dead to be, in my opinion, the Eagles' best player against Collingwood.

He played his best game for the Eagles in the position where he made his name, half-back-flank.

It was a top effort, one that will need to be repeated this week, as he formed a resolute trio across the half-back line with Rance and McKenna, that set the standard for the Eagles in defence.

Karl Langdon was superb even though he was over-anxious early. But his courage, commitment, enthusiasm and, above all, mental application, was good to see.

Footscray at the Western Oval will not be easy and the stakes could never be higher, but the Eagles finally — after assistance from afar — hold their future very much in their own hands.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



# Been there, done that

**THE two Fremantle teams meet for the 23rd time in a final-round game on Saturday.**

Remember the last time they met? It was in the 1979 grand final.

According to the record book, they attracted the biggest crowd ever to witness a game in WA (52,781)

Their previous final-round meeting was in the first semi in 1960 and the Sharks won that one, too.

This week's game will be East Fremantle's 152nd appearance in a WAFL final. For South Fremantle it will be their 89th.

One surprising aspect of the game is that though this is the Port 284th derby, it is only the 11th to be played at Subiaco Oval.

South Fremantle's last success in a derby final was in the preliminary final of 1956.

## FROM GO TO WHOA

**HERE'S an unusual one.** In post-war football only two teams have headed the premiership table every week, from round one to round 21, and then won the premiership — South Fremantle in 1950 and Perth in 1966.

Now I know someone is going to ask what about East Fremantle's unbeaten side of 1946.

Well they didn't reach top spot till round three.

## NOT ENOUGH

**FOR the 10th time in history a team (Perth) has found that 12 wins were not enough to get them into the finals.**

Ironically, the first team to miss out with 48 premiership points was Perth in 1939 when coached by Austin Robertson.

Oh yes, there was a club that missed with 13 wins back in 1915. Midland Junction had every right to consider themselves unlucky.

## LATE RUSH

**AND here's another unusual one ...** Swan Districts are the only team to have won a premiership that never filled one of the top two positions on the ladder at any stage of the season.

They did this in 1983 under John Todd and in 1963 under Haydn Buntton, coming from the first semi-final to win both times.

## STRAIGHT-SHOOTERS

**SOUTH Fremantle's burly forward, Mark Bayliss, certainly gave the statisticians something to think about when he booted six goals in one quarter against Subiaco last week.**

Was that a record? Not by a long chalk.

Almost exactly 35 years ago - on August 15, 1953 - ace full-forward Bernie Naylor booted 12 goals in one quarter against Subiaco on his way to a league record of 23 goals.

In 1975 West Perth's Barry Day kicked seven (against South Fremantle) in the last quarter of the grand final.

The late Bonny Campbell, who started his career with South Fremantle, once kicked 10 goals in a quarter of an interstate game in Hobart back in 1924.

## FINALS FIRST

**THIS year's combination of finalists, Claremont, Subiaco, South Fremantle and East Fremantle, make up the final four for the first time ever.**

## ROYAL HABIT

**SINCE the Page system was introduced 57 years ago East Perth have played in most first semi-finals.**

The Royals have appeared in 22, remarkably the first 10 straight.





## Jumpin' John silences detractors

WHEN John Ironmonger was first signed to play in the VFL, with the Sydney Swans, many observers in Perth were stunned.

They thought he was too slow and cumbersome. One coach even likened him to Herman Munster.

Ironmonger still has his detractors, especially as he was transferred this year to Fitzroy.

However, his consistent personal-best performances with his second VFL club have been a credit to him. While he may not win any best and fairest awards this year, he has had his best season since winning the Sandover Medal in 1983.

He's likely to finish in Fitzroy's top three in their best and fairest award, behind another interstater Darren Kappler (SA) and skipper Paul Roos.

Last year Ironmonger played only 13 matches due to injury, yet polled 85 votes to finish equal sixth in the Sydney Swans award.

However, coach Tom Hafey believed the Swans would be better balanced with more mobile big men in his side and had no qualms when Ironmonger's release was considered.

His new coach, David Parkin, has been most impressed by Ironmonger's input.

### BEST AFIELD

"John has consistently played to his maximum ability in most games this year," Parkin says.

On Saturday, when Fitzroy upset the highly-favoured Footscray side, Ironmonger was best afield, having 26 hit-outs and 22 possessions. He even kicked a goal.

Several weeks earlier, against the Eagles, he'd also been among the best two or three on the ground, surprising



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



John Ironmonger ... in top form.

Eagles coach John Todd with his ability.

Todd said he'd never seen Ironmonger play better.

One of big John's ambitions is to make it back into the West Australian State team after twice missing out in 1988 — at the start of the season and also in mid-year when WA played Victoria.

Ironmonger was reported during the Footscray game on a striking charge against Bulldog Steve MacPherson. He considered the report trivial, saying it was "the best worst thing that could have happened to Footscray."

### PAIN-KILLER

Ironmonger played with a bruised heel, having a pain-killing injection before the game.

The 27-year-old follower has been such a prominent player this year that he's kept former Fitzroy skipper Matt Rendell out of the Lions' team for all but one match.

Originally he'd been bought as a support ruckman for Rendell, who had struggled with injuries in recent times and this year forfeited the captaincy to Roos.

Ironmonger's bulk and sheer size proved too much for the Footscray rucks, led by highly-rated Richard Cousins.

He provided an armchair ride for his small men, Leon Harris and Tim Pekin, who had more than 50 possessions between them.

The Lions have had a disappointing season and last Sunday coach David Parkin announced he would cut his ties with the club after next weekend's final round.

Ironmonger will have to prove his worth to a new coach all over again.

But he's one of football's most determined players and on current form could extend his VFL career by another three or four seasons, when many had originally thought he'd be lucky to play one game.

### PACE THAT KILLS

I LIKED the comment of Footscray coach Mick Malthouse in answer to a question on his inability to stop the influence of Fitzroy full-forward Richard Osborne (eight goals) last weekend: "The way the ball was brought into their forward line I would have needed Carl Lewis at full-back."

## Demons walk tightrope

FIVE losses in a row have provided a disastrous run into the finals for Melbourne, the glamour team of the VFL in the early weeks of the season.

The Demons are likely to be beaten this week by Carlton — making it six losses on end — yet may still slide into the elimination final.

Losses by Footscray and Sydney last weekend and by Geelong a week earlier have given Melbourne a chance of remaining in the five, as they have 12 wins compared with 11 by Essendon, Footscray and the Swans.

Ironically, Melbourne last year won their last six matches in a row to grab fifth spot and they would have made it into their first grand final since 1964 if it hadn't been for a goal after the siren by Hawk Gary Buckenara in the preliminary final.

The Demons' lack of goalkicking power has been their major problem lately and last Saturday, when beaten by Essendon by 38 points, they kicked only five goals after half-time.

Since round 16, Melbourne have slipped from second spot (with 12 wins) and averaged just 13 goals a game. Only one player, rover Ricky Jackson, appears in the top 20 VFL goalkickers. He's 20th with 31 goals.

Last year skipper Greg Healy was leading goalkicker for the Demons with 35, while the most goals kicked in a season by a Demon since the retirement of VFL giant Fred Fanning — who holds the VFL record of 18 goals in a game — was forward pocket Gerard Healy (now with the Swans) who booted 77 in 1982.

## Bucky 8/1 for medal

HAWTHORN star Gary Buckenara continues to press his Brownlow Medal claims. He had 34 possessions against St Kilda last weekend, while another medal fancy, Richmond's Michael Mitchell, was also brilliant against Geelong.

Buckenara is now rated an 8/1 chance on the third line of Brownlow Medal betting behind favourite Gerard Healy, Collingwood's Peter Daicos and Hawk teammate Jason Dunstall.

## End of road for Barker

SEVERAL leading players, including St Kilda star Trevor Barker, 31, are likely to be playing their last matches in this weekend's final round of home-and-away football.

Barker and suspended teammate Warren Jones, 34, head the list, which also includes Fitzroy's Matt Rendell, 29, who has played all but one match this year in the reserves.

Injuries have affected Barker's season but he gave a superb performance — his best in years — against Hawthorn last week.

### INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM  
Eastern States statistician  
for the West Coast Eagles



## Glendinning tops the century

EAGLES skipper Ross Glendinning scored his 100th goal for the West Coasters in the first quarter of Sunday's game against Collingwood.

Glendinning has now scored 102 goals in 36 games for the Eagles, after kicking 214 goals in 190 games for North Melbourne.

Six other players have scored over 30 goals for the Eagles. Chris Lewis has kicked 44, David Hart 38, Don Holmes 35, John Annear 32, Laurie Keene 32 and John Gastev 31.

## IRONMONGER GOAL FEAST

AFTER being kept goal-less for 3 1/2 seasons of VFL football, John Ironmonger has now kicked a goal in each of his last three matches.

It was noted in this column a fortnight ago that Ironmonger kicked only one goal in his first 63 VFL games and had played 54 games without scoring a goal.

Goals against Hawthorn, Sydney and Footscray in the last three weeks have boosted his tally to four goals from 66 games.

### TOP SCORERS

SUNDAY'S game against Collingwood was the fifth time this season that the West Coast Eagles have outscored their opposition in every quarter.

Only once this season — against Fitzroy in Round 17 — have the Eagles been outscored by the opposition in each quarter of a game.

### GOOD RECORD

THE Eagles' win against Collingwood was their third this season against a team who were in the top five.

The Eagles had previously defeated Essendon (who were on top of the ladder) in Round 2, and Melbourne (third) in Round 18.

Last year the Eagles won three games against teams in the top five. Two of those were against teams on top of the ladder — Carlton in Round 16 and Hawthorn in Round 18.

The Eagles have never beaten teams placed fourth or fifth on the ladder. They have never lost to teams placed sixth, 10th or 13th.

The Eagles' overall record against teams in the top five is six wins and 10 losses. They have won 17 games out of 27 played against teams outside the five.

### BEST EFFORT

ON the same day that the Eagles defeated a team in the five for the sixth time, the Brisbane Bears also recorded their best performance against a top five side.

The Bears have twice defeated teams placed sixth on the ladder, but are yet to win against a side in the five.

The only one of the sides currently filling the top six positions on the VFL ladder to have lost a game to Brisbane is Melbourne.

Sunday's loss by Brisbane was their first ever by less than a goal.

## How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	Handball	Score
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Gary Buckenara	25	14	9	3.2
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Alan Johnson	14	5	4	—
Earl Spalding	8	2	5	1.2
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	16	5	6	3.2
Phil Krakouer	1	1	2	—
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Michael Mitchell	13	7	8	4.0
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	14	6	5	3.0
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Craig Holden	7	1	2	0.1
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
Brad Hardie	10	6	4	2.2
Mike Richardson	16	5	8	—
Rod Lester-Smith	11	6	4	4.0
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Wayne Blackwell	17	5	6	—
John Dorotich	8	6	7	0.2
Ken Hunter	9	3	3	—
Peter Sartori	9	10	6	2.2
Steve Da Rui	1	1	—	—
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Michael Christian	9	5	11	0.3
Craig Starcevich	6	2	4	1.0
Brian Taylor	2	—	—	1.1
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Leon Baker	13	4	7	0.1
Darren Bewick	13	3	4	1.1
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Brett Stephens	9	3	12	1.0
John Ironmonger	9	9	13	1.0
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	4	3	—	2.1
<b>GEELONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	21	1	8	2.2

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## SETBACK FOR YOUNG STAR

**TALENTED** youngster Gareth John, keenly chased by several VFL clubs, has broken his ankle.

The son of former East Perth and South Melbourne champion Graeme John, young Gareth has been a star in under-age ranks and was destined for an early league appearance.

The family is considering moving to Sydney to allow Gareth to play with the Sydney Swans — though other clubs are after him in the draft.

## BAD HABIT HURTS BULLDOGS

FOOTSCRAY coach Michael Malthouse is concerned about a bad habit the Bulldogs have developed — wasting winning opportunities.

Footscray damaged their finals hopes when they lost to lowly Fitzroy and Malthouse couldn't believe it.

"It looks as though we've blown another chance," he said. "It's too much of a habit, unfortunately."

He said that the players tried too many basketball-style fancy plays and he was concerned at how their forward line crowded Simon Beasley too much.

"I wonder whether they thought it would just be a formality," he said. "We paid the supreme penalty."

## LEADING VFL GOALKICKERS

Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	114.61
Simon Beasley (Footscray)	81.28
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	79.59
Ross Glendinning (Eagles)	64.43
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	63.33
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	57.38
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	48.34
Warwick Capper (Brisbane Bears)	45.26
Nicky Winmar (St Kilda)	42.37
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	39.28
Michael Turner (Geelong)	36.20
Graeme Wright (Collingwood)	36.21
Tony Lockett (St Kilda)	35.19
Dermott Brereton (Hawthorn)	35.17
Paul Salmon (Essendon)	35.22
Adrian Gleeson (Carlton)	35.21
Jim Krakouer (North Melbourne)	34.15
Barry Mitchell (Sydney Swans)	33.33
Dale Weightman (Richmond)	33.22
Alister Clarkson (North Melbourne)	33.23
Michael Mitchell (Richmond)	31.24
Gary Lyon (Melbourne)	31.22
Ricky Jackson (Melbourne)	31.24
Simon Madden (Essendon)	31.08
Glen Coleman (Sydney Swans)	30.27
Chris Wittman (Hawthorn)	30.26
Gary Buckenara (Hawthorn)	30.24
Paul Roos (Fitzroy)	30.20
Brian Wilson (Melbourne)	29.20
David Williams (Melbourne)	28.14
Rod Owen (St Kilda)	27.13
Phil Krakouer (North Melbourne)	27.19
Bruce Lindner (Geelong)	27.15
Gerard Healy (Sydney Swans)	26.34
Michael Pickering (Richmond)	26.15



The 300-games star ... Simon Madden (right) celebrates with fellow Bomber Tim Watson.



## How the Eagles rate

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HUTTON, Brent										2				4	3	5	4r	6		32		
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# Beware the Bombers...

ESSENDON coach Kevin Sheedy is back on target for a VFL finals challenge. . . and he's moulding his dashing Bombers into a ferocious unit.

Sheedy, premiership coach of 1983-84, is a master of motivation and even though the Bombers are still a game out of the top five, they face bottom side St Kilda in this week's final qualifying match.

He's developing a 'them versus us' attitude at Windy Hill — spurred on especially by the report last week of No. 1 ruckman, Simon Madden. . . even though the charge was eventually tossed out.

### MISERY

The report spoilt Madden's great 300-game milestone day which saw Essendon continue Melbourne's misery with their 38-point win over the team at one stage touted as premiership favourites.

"There's a bit of a system against us at the moment," said Sheedy.

"With Madden's report, we'll have to go through another week like we did with Daniher," he added, referring to the recent report of skipper Terry Daniher, who was given a suspended two-week sentence.

Madden, only the second Essendon player to reach 300 games (joining im-



## Sheedy gears up for the final burst

mortal Bomber Dick Reynolds), appeared to hit Melbourne's Doug Koop with a legitimate shirt-front as he leapt off the ground in an aerial duel.

A magnificent 35-metre banner proclaimed Simon Madden as Australia's No. 1 ruckman and the fans gave him a standing ovation as he ran onto the ground.

He was carried off the ground — to another huge ovation — and, as is typical, was quick to praise his team-mates for making it a winning day.

"I'm glad it's all over, but when it's said and done, it's still just a game of footy," he said.

"It was great to have a win; that topped the day right off."

## Cronan on the move

FORMER WA player Phil Cronan will continue his football career in South Australia next season.

The tough half-back has now played with four major league clubs — and is looking for a fifth club when he moves to Adelaide over summer.

At 29 years of age, Cronan believes that he still has some football left after making his debut with South Fremantle in 1979. He moved to West Perth (in a high-priced clearance battle) and stayed for just one year, before tackling the VFL.

After joining St Kilda, Cronan switched to Footscray and took his total to 69 games before this season — which has seen him struggle in the reserves.

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## Report stirs big John into action

BIG John Ironmonger turned in one of his best performances in the VFL when he led Fitzroy to their upset 14-point win over finals aspirants Footscray.

The giant from East Perth was best-on-ground, with 26 hit-outs, nine marks, 13 handballs and nine kicks.

His day was dampened by a report — two in fact, alleging that he struck Footscray's Shane Macpherson — and even though he escaped a tribunal penalty, the report stirred him into action.

"Being reported was the worst thing that could have happened to Footscray," quipped Ironmonger after the match.

Ironmonger controlled the hit-outs, shutting Bulldogs star Richard Cousins out of the game so much that the rival rovers tried to feed off the Fitzroy big mans aerial dominance.

## Hawks mixture on the bench

THERE was a strange mixture of youth and experience on the Hawthorn interchange bench against St Kilda last week.

After the achievement of his 300th game a week earlier, veteran Russell Greene again started on the interchange bench. . . and his companion was first game player Sean Ralphsmith.

The 21-year-old student got his first taste of VFL senior action in the second quarter — replacing another veteran in Michael Tuck, in his 358th game.

Ralphsmith finished the game with three goals off a half-forward flank, having 18 disposals for the game.

But it was a typical low-key Hawthorn reaction, both by the youngster and coach Alan Joyce.

"Three goals was nothing; anybody can kick three goals," he said. Joyce commented: "I thought he did all right."

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Ross Glendinning	151	102	51
David Hart	228	45	60
Don Holmes	49	20	35
Brett Hutton	46	29	16
Alex Ishchenko	66	53	62
Laurie Keene	100	49	38
Dean Laidley	123	35	25
Dwayne Lamb	280	58	132
Karl Langdon	112	33	46
Chris Lewis	96	26	25
Andrew Lockyer	111	52	39
Chris Mainwaring	289	89	118
Stephen Malaxos	103	23	83
Wally Matera	150	39	77
Guy McKenna	145	62	139
Geoff Miles	166	65	65
David O'Connell	40	27	18
Michael O'Connell	71	34	22
Paul Peos	128	49	37
Murray Rance	214	89	102
Phil Scot	119	60	42
Dean Turner	162	45	88
Troy Ugle	71	22	43
Chris Waterman	89	27	18
John Worsfold	299	104	122
Murray Wrensted	139	35	75
Mark Zanotti	143	41	59



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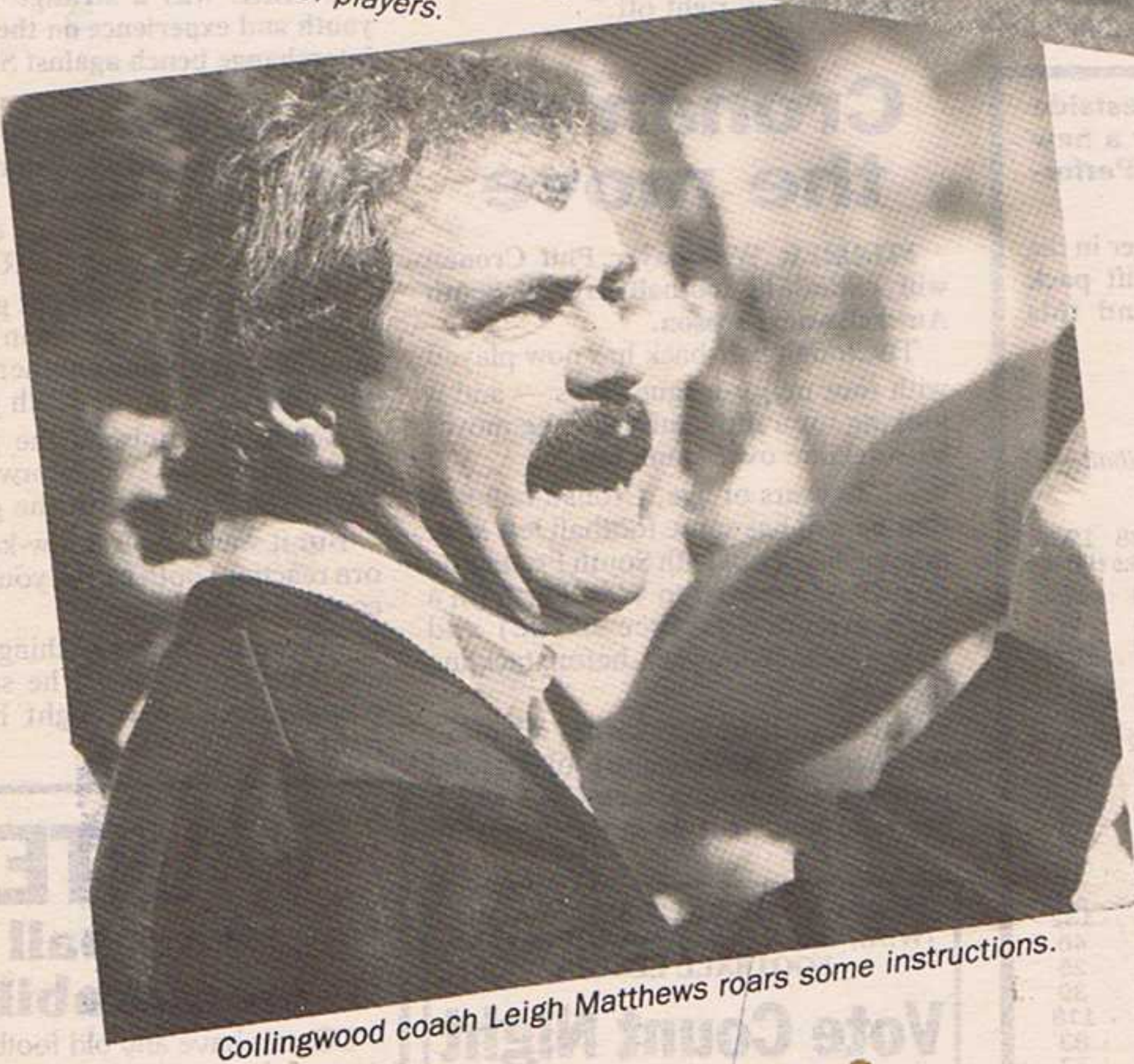
The second-last VFL qualifying game of the year saw the Eagles keep their hopes alive — and glamour team Collingwood limped home with an arm injury.

It was a fantastic weekend for football, with more than 52,000 people attending the football matches.

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John Worsfold flies high to take the mark of the day over a pack of players.



Collingwood coach Leigh Matthews roars some instructions.



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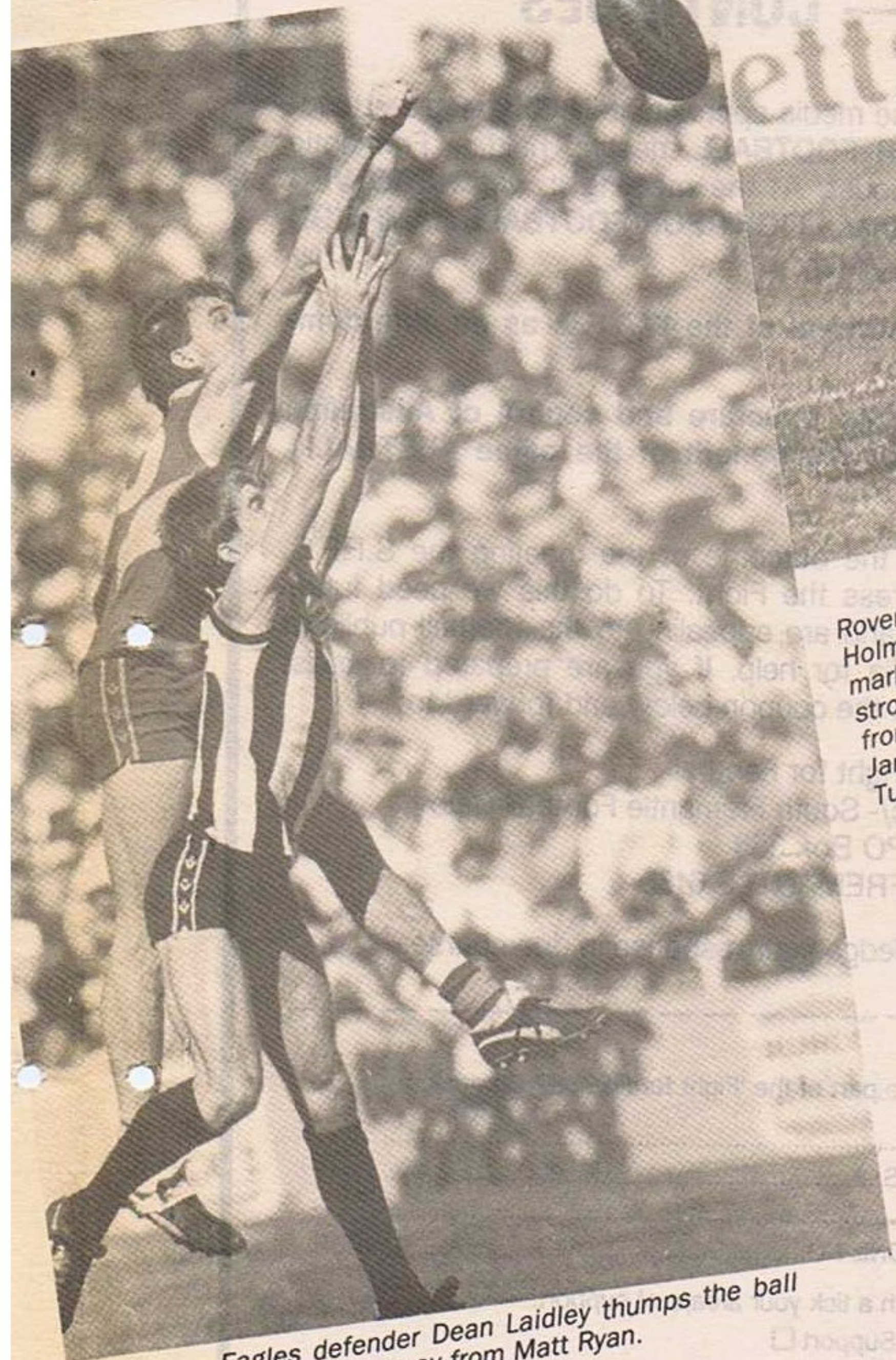
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Eagles defender Dean Laidley thumps the ball away from Matt Ryan.



Ruck giant Laurie Keene reaches for the ball over rival James Manson.

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# Four coaches have that "lost" feeling

**FOUR** League football coaches put their clipboards away this week — and took time out to review the year that was.

The unsuccessful aspirants for this year's final race — Rob Wiley (Perth), Bruce Monteath (West Perth), Gerard McNeill (East Perth) and Ed Blackaby (Swan Districts) — all shared that empty feeling at 5pm Saturday.

So what did they have to show for nine months hard labour, when you take into account their pre-season work.

Clubs are generally judged on the performance of their senior side, so no finals; no glory.

However, each coach remained optimistic about the future of their club and found plenty of positives in their season of disappointment.

Wiley says that the performances of the entire club greatly improved this year.

## IMPROVED

The league side doubled the number of wins they had in 1987, the reserves finished top of the table and the colts also improved their position on the ladder.

"The thing that will help the players most is the memory of despair that they shared after Saturday's game," said Wiley.

"It was a sickening feeling to know that we had missed the four, but now each player realises that they are responsible for their own destiny."

Wiley rated Brad Edwards, Dempsey Narkle, Shane Cable, Warren Nicholas, Brad Fox, Clint Hunter and Willie Dick as players to confirm their potential in '88.

"We have the makings of a final four side, but need a couple more running players to complement our big man brigade," said Wiley.

Monteath was quick to defend his players, pointing out that inexperience was a major problem.

"We had 14 players in their first or second year of league football," he said.

"Last Saturday's side had an average age of only 21.9 years."

Several Falcons players performed well in media Rookie-of-the-Year awards, particularly Malcolm Williams and Neil Jackson.

Injuries plagued West Perth this year and gave Monteath many selection nightmares.

"Not only did we lose key players, but we lost them to long term injuries," he said.

"South Fremantle suffered a similar fate last year and look at them now."

Monteath, a director of two companies, is still considering his future as



Bruce Monteath ... optimistic.

coach of the Falcons in view of his business commitments.

That is certainly not the case with McNeill, who is confident of seeing out the second year of his contract.

Just two days after the last game, McNeill was back at the club feeling a commitment towards the reserves and colts who have made the finals.

McNeill has some specific recruiting needs next season, mindful of the club's financial situation.

"We need another key forward to support Grant Campbell and an experienced midfielder, someone who can change the pace of the game and exert control.

## PROUD

McNeill is proud of the new breed of Royals players, describing them as the best crop of first year players that he has seen for some time.

Sandover Medal favourite David Bain, clearly East Perth's most outstanding performer, made a successful transition from a wingman to a rover...but that naturally makes him a prime target for VFL clubs.

Blackaby hasn't got as much to be enthused about at Swan Districts.

The club has embarked on an extensive junior development program in the last three years, but it will be at least another three years before the results will be seen.

There is a distinct lack of depth in the club at present, a problem that will not be easily solved.

One shining light at Bassendean has been young Steve Bazzo, who travelled up from Bunbury each week.

Blackaby's intentions for next year are perfectly clear.

"Every player will be treated as a priority player, we can't afford to let anybody go," he said.

## ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



### Old loses "direction"

**BUNBURY** veteran Peter Old was clearly Swan Districts best player last week in their drubbing at the hands of Perth, but in the opening minute of the last quarter, one had to question just who he was playing for.

After contesting the ruck knock, Old sharked the ball, broke loose from a tackle and booted the leather downfield...in the opposite direction!

However, Old's brilliant passage of play was saved as the bullet-like pass went straight to a Swan Districts defender's chest.

He obviously had faith in Old's memory returning as he kicked the ball straight back to Old. This time Old disposed of the ball in the correct direction.

Rumour has it that in the changerooms after the game, Old's team-mates were giving him directions on how to get to the shower!



Peter Old ... wrong way.

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Presentation of Trophies Night  
7.00pm Saturday, October 1  
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# Forwards see the other end of the story

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



THREE of the League's leading full-forwards found themselves defending the goals in the second half of last week's final qualifying fixtures.

At Fremantle Oval, Lions coach Haydn Bunton shifted an out-of-form Todd Breman to full-back in the third quarter, presumably to try and restore some confidence in his ball-getting skills.

At the other end of the ground, Bulldogs Stan Magro made an enforced move of Mark Bayliss to full-back when regular custodian Troy Wilson left the ground with a groin injury.

Bayliss, in contrast to Breman, had booted six match-winning goals to that stage.

Down the road at Claremont Oval, Tigers full-forward Peter Melesso was also struggling for form — along with the rest of his teammates.

Melesso was switched to centre-half-back, a position he readily admits to enjoying.

It must be a worry for Gerard Neesham to have the State full-forward struggling to kick goals with the finals here.

However, he has flexibility in John Hutton or Michael O'Connell available to fill the position.

It was generally a down year for forwards, with no-one going close to the century and only three passing the 50-goal mark — Breman (72), Grant Campbell (58) and Mick Rea (52).

## Sweden has its footy stars too!

JONAS Lindberg sounds just like another up-and-coming Swedish tennis player rather than an Australian Rules footballer.

But there it was at Subiaco last week, an 18-year-old Swedish born giant making his league debut.

Lindberg stepped into the vacancy left by regular Lions centre-half-forward John Georgiades and he proved to be more than capable of filling his shoes.

Georgiades is expected to be fit for Subiaco's second semi-final clash with Claremont, so despite a promising debut, Lindberg may find that his lack of experience will count against him come finals time.

He has qualified for the reserves finals and will have an opportunity this week to further enhance his selection chances with a solid display.

## Rookie Shark shows class

TALENTED first-year players have cropped up all season and East Fremantle's new boy, Clinton Wolf, is the latest rookie to make an impressive debut.

The tall ruckman has enormous potential and should get more chances during the coming finals.

Wolfe has a strong, athletic build for his age, which enabled him to step into the fold to replace injured ruckman Guy Baxter, who strained a thigh muscle last week.

In what seemed a rather desperate bid, Sharks coach Graham Melrose wisely went for youth, obviously aware of the youngster's potential.

It will be a decision that he will never regret, as the move helped East Fremantle to their most important victory of the season and a shot at the finals.

## Tough Bulldog back again

SOUTH Fremantle's Kevin Williams made an impressive return to league ranks last week — his first game for the season.

It was mid-way through last season when Williams broke his leg after sliding heavily into a fence.

The injured leg has stood up to the test in the last four reserves games and on Saturday coach Stan Magro chose to use him in a back pocket on the resting ruckman.

The 24-year-old played strongly and is tipped to remain in that position for this week's semi-final Derby.

## Kickett on the other side now

IT is well-known that South Fremantle got into the first semi-final with little experience in finals football.

However, one player who has been there is Graham Kickett.

The skilful wingman will line up against his old side, East Fremantle, and will be out to eliminate some old friends.

Kickett was a member of East Fremantle's 1979 premiership side, ironically against South Fremantle.

## Goals galore ... but Swans drought

THERE were goals galore at Bassendean Oval last week — and unfortunately for Swan Districts, most of them belonged to Perth.

In fact, the Demons may well have gone close to breaking some sort of record with the combined score they kicked in the league, reserves and colts grades.

The Perth under-19s posted their highest score for the season when they ran away with victory 27.24 to 1.3.

In the reserves, the margin was even bigger — 34.20 to 3.5 — with Mick Rea retiring in style with 14 goals.

At three-quarter time the league match looked likely to be the lowest scoring of the three at Bassendean Oval. But then the goal orgy returned with 19 majors coming in the last quarter...with Swans kicking nine, only to be pipped by Perth with 10.

This made Perth's total score for the day 87.7 to Swan Districts 21.9. Or from a scoring point of view, 144 to 40.

The total winning margin was 334 points, an average of 111 per game.

To further rub salt into the wound, Perth's total of 579 points for the day exceeded the total score of the three Swan Districts teams combined from the previous four weeks (504 points).

## Clubs average 41 players each

A TOTAL of 326 players tackled league football action in the WAFL this season — an average of nearly 41 per club.

Swan Districts and Subiaco used the most — 44 each — followed by East Fremantle (43), South Fremantle (41), Claremont (40), East Perth (39), Perth (38) and West Perth (37).

## DEADLY TRIO

THREE players who will have an effect on this Saturday's derby clash will be the Collard brothers, Brad, Derek and Cliff.

Brad Collard, the Bulldogs captain last year before handing over to Maurice Rioli this season, has gained from the experience and his 1988 performance has been outstanding.

Cliff and Derek are both in the same mould, making it almost impossible to tell the difference between the two on the field.



## "Baby face" Richard in the news!

DO you recognise this face?

Yes, it's Richard Peel, or "Peely" as he is affectionately known out Lathlain Park way.

This advertisement appeared in last Monday's West Australian to publicly announce his 40th birthday.

Peel was a regular member of Perth's league team in the late 1960's and early 1970's, being a reliable and rugged centre-half-back.

This year Perth coach Rob Wiley used Peel's expertise on the Demons training staff and running water during their games.

## LONG DELAYS

TALKING about time-spans ... how about the long delays in the starting times of two of last week's matches? The West Perth-East Perth game was about seven minutes late starting, while the Swan Districts-Perth game was at least 10 minutes behind the supposed start time. If footy is to kick off at 2.20pm, then that's the time it should start. If the delays are caused by long quarters in the reserves because of time on and so forth, then maybe time-on has to be abolished in the minor grades.

Richard Peel ... still in the Demons camp.



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# Bunbury draw level with Carey Park

BUNBURY drew level with Carey Park in the battle for second place in the South-West League when they beat them 22.10 to 12.12 on Sunday.

Ruckman Greg Fletcher exploited Carey Park's weakness in the big-man area to dominate the hit-outs, while Kim Gibbs played well, as did Angelo Conti in the unaccustomed role of back pocket.

The losers were best served by the evergreen Keith Narkle, together with Michael Dye and Glen Dehring.

Donnybrook kept their flickering finals hopes alive by outplaying fifth-placed Busselton 17.11 to 9.14.

Shane Atherton and Kim Young were best for the victors, with Danny Omedei (five goals) and Anthony Curry (four goals) proving dangerous in the forward line.

The reliable Michael Krygger, along with Hayward Medallist favourite Robert Poepjes, led the way for Busselton with Craig Earnshaw (four goals) still hampered by an injured ankle.

## GOAL-HAUL

Led by a brilliant nine-goal performance from rover Dom Crognale, Harvey-Brunswick comfortably accounted for Augusta-Margaret River 25.10 to 17.15.

Others to show out for Harvey were Anthony White, in a welcome return to form and Paddy Papalia.

Wanneroo's newly-appointed cricket coach Darrin Ramshaw (five goals) was best for AMR, along with Jeff Mitchell and Peter Adams.

After an even first half when the teams were only separated by two points, Collie ran out easy winners against the hapless Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup 16.17 to 6.15.

Brothers Ross and Jeff Davidson, four goals each, were prominent for Collie, along with Brendan Retzlaff and Bruce Jackson.

Larry Patane, Jamie Ninyett and Tim Batt tried hard for the Cardinals.

Premiership favourites South Bunbury (32.23) continued their goal-scoring spree by demolishing Mines Rovers (6.7).

## OUTSTANDING

Leigh Wright, Shane Stempel and Chris Raykos were outstanding, with Ian Bennell kicking six goals. For Mines, Steve Dabrowski, Peter Rowe and Brett Hansen battled manfully.

The final round of qualifying fixtures this week sees Busselton at home to Bunbury and if victory goes to Bunbury as expected, Donnybrook can snatch fifth spot if they beat Harvey-Brunswick.

South Bunbury should slaughter Boyanup, while Mines Rovers should be too strong for A.M.R. and Carey Park should cling to second spot by defeating Collie.

## Falcons into grand final

NORTH Pilbara power-side Falcons stormed into the 1988 grand final with an impressive 12-point win over Karratha Kats in a tight second semi-final on Sunday.

There was never more than a kick either way in the game, with Falcons leading by a goal at half-time, but the Kats one point in front at the last change.

However, Falcons finished strongly to win 14.17 to 13.11, with Mulvey kicking five goals and Ray Smith four. For the Kats, Solin kicked five and Morris three.

This Sunday's preliminary final sees Kats get a second chance when they play first semi-final winners, Rovers. Kats won the reserves second semi-final, beating Falcons 12.8 to 10.11.

by  
**DENIS HEANEY**

## South West League

SOUTH WEST LEAGUE						
	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
South Bunbury	17	-	2658	970	274.0	68
Carey Park	13	4	2468	2453	169.8	52
Bunbury	13	4	2004	1294	154.8	52
Harvey-Brunswick	11	6	1718	1692	101.5	44
Busselton	9	8	1564	1622	96.4	36
Donnybrook	8	9	1516	1772	85.5	32
Mines Rovers	6	11	1490	1919	77.6	24
Collie	3	14	1240	1869	66.3	12
Aug-Marg River	3	14	1290	2050	62.9	12
Boyanup-Capel	2	15	1171	2478	47.2	8

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## Centrals survive tough semi-final against Towns

CENTRALS emerged victorious in the Fortescue Leagues first semi-final at Tom Price on Saturday, beating Towns by 10 points, 13.14 to 12.10.

Centrals' coach Paul Giddons and veterans Sandy Risely and Les Gleeson set a hard-working example in a physical game.

Towns led by 20 points at half-time with Rakich, Watkins, Crotty and Della Santina all prominent, but Centrals' spearhead Alan Stobaus dominated the third term and they trailed by only a point at the last change.

In a heart-stopping last quarter, Centrals led by 18 points at one stage, but Towns came back to hit the front by four points.

However, Stobaus steadied Centrals again to kick the match-winning goals.

## ... and Tigers now the favourites

REIGNING premiers Tigers handed Saints a finals lesson on Sunday with a 73-point defeat over the previous premiership favourites.

Even though the game was played at Saints' home ground at Paraburdoo, Tigers were a team with a mission from the first bounce, winning 22.10 to 10.9.

Tigers led by three points at quarter-time and stretched the margin to 21 points at half-time. They kept the pressure up in the second half to become premiership favourites in fine style.

Tigers coach Charlie Salmon used the unobtrusive David Stott to tag Warren Hoare and Mal Franke on Gavin Wright, which restricted Saints scoring potential.

Paul Blakers played well at full-back for Tigers and teenager Mark Cunningham celebrated his 50th game, playing like a veteran.

For Saints, Lee Hutton was their best, with Colin Guy, John Marantelli and Geoff Hawkins doing well.

Centrals are in good form and should win this Sunday's preliminary final at Paraburdoo against Saints.

## Wesfarmers present ... COUNTRY ROUND-UP

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## Nth Albany too strong for Railways

NORTH Albany had little trouble beating Railways 17.16 (118) to 12.3 (74) in the Southern Districts Football League first semi-final at Collingwood Park on Sunday.

Railways hit the front briefly in the second quarter, but were outclassed overall.

Kleemann Medallist Gerard Cameron and triple winner Robbie Sutton turned the game in North Albany's favour when they dominated the last half in the ruck and defence respectively.

Kanga wingman Justin Pass played consistently throughout, to be his sides best and centre-half-forward John Jarzabek was outstanding.

Railways' best was coach Kim Mayfield, who ruck-roved tirelessly and they had good players in captain Craig Bevan, rover Wayne Shearer and back-pocket Darren Blackwell.

Murray Wynne kicked four goals for the Kangas and Ray Horne, Cameron and Jarzabek each scored three. Tim Scott booted four for the losers.

North Albany came from behind to win the reserves 10.11 (71) to 9.9 (63) against Royals.

Best for Kangas were Donald Buktenica, Jason Cordon and Darren James, while Nick Powell, Lindsay Dean and Michael Poyner were top Royals.

Denmark beat Railways 14.16 (100) to 7.9 (51) in the colts. Best were Ashley Platter, Brad Holdman and Wayne Barrett (Denmark) and Andrew Geddes, Robert Swift and Rob Madden for Railways.

In Sunday's second semi-finals, North Albany play Royals in the colts, South Barker face Railways in the reserves and in the league, Royals front North Barker.

## Jerramungup into preliminary

THE first semi-final in the Ongerup Football Association saw favourites Jerramungup prove too strong for Kent, winning 20.13 to 15.15.

In the reserves, Gnowangerup accounted for Jerramungup 11.17 to 3.7 and in the juniors, Pingrup scored a meagre 3.8 but still beat Ongerup, who kicked only 2.6.

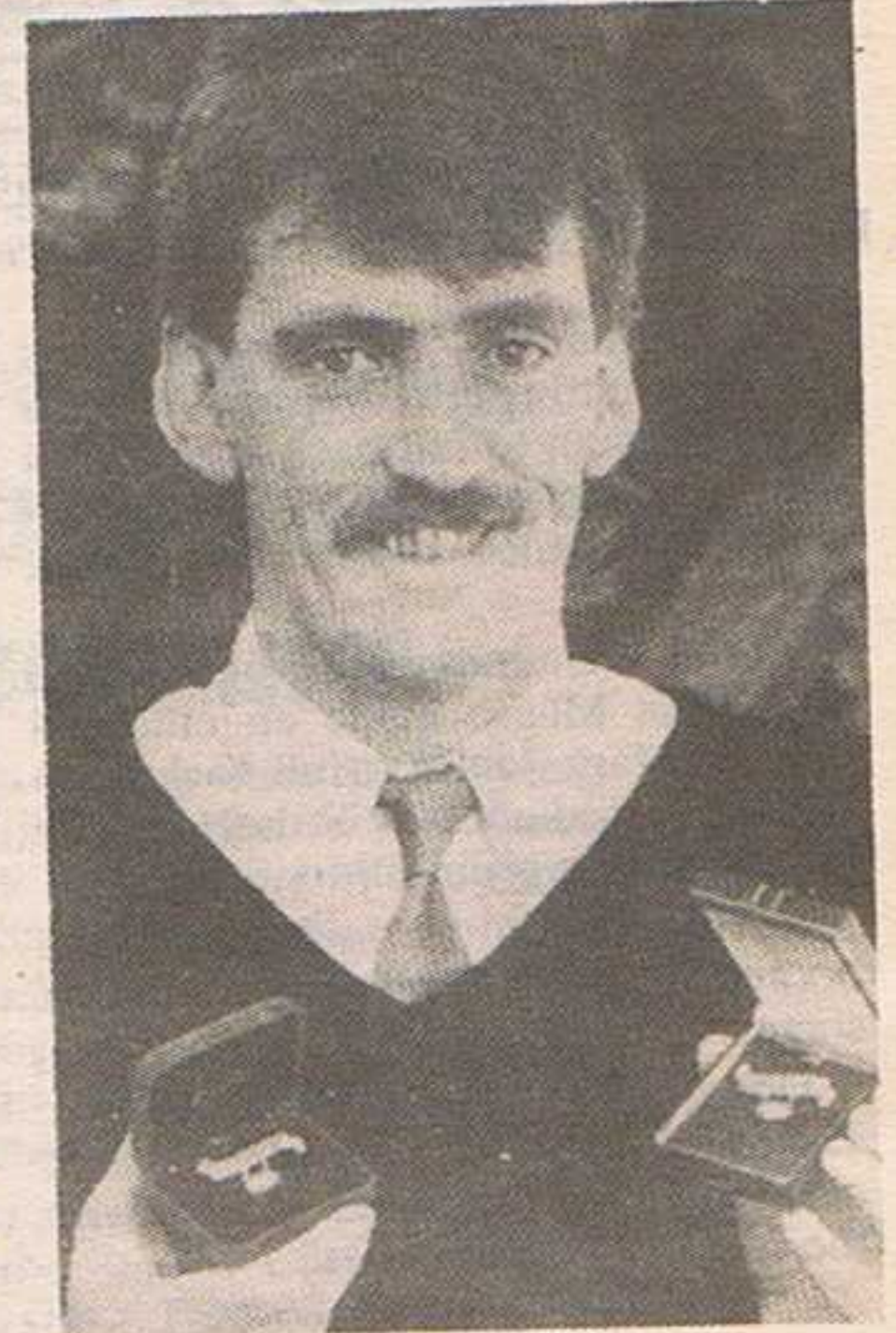
In Sunday's second semi-final, league leaders Ongerup take on Newdegate at Jerramungup Oval.

In the reserves, Ongerup and Newdegate play off again and in the juniors Jerramungup play Boxwood Hill.

Fairest and best winners were decided during the week with K. Siviour (Jerramungup) taking out the League Medal from B. Badgor (Kent) 14 votes to 11.

In the reserves, O. Kowal (Newdegate) won with 12 votes from J. Humphries (Gnowangerup) on 7.

The juniors' fairest and best winners was C. Drew (Boxwood Hill) with 28 votes. R. Eades (Ongerup) was runner-up with 22 votes.



Dual Medal winner Gerard Cameron.

## Cameron takes Albany medal

TWO former WAFL players fought out the finish of the 1988 Kleemann Medal for the fairest and best player in the Southern Districts League.

North Albany ruckman Gerard Cameron, who played with South Fremantle, polled 20 votes to finish two votes clear of one-time East Fremantle rival Russell Jones, now captain of South Barker.

Cameron became only the fifth player to win the coveted medal more than once — repeating his 1984 effort after overcoming a poor first half of the season.

Cameron had a late start and then his fitness was questioned by North Albany coach Rod Walsh.

"He took every opportunity to let me know that I was overweight," said Cameron. "When you're being told all the time, it finally sinks in and you realise you had better do something about it."

Cameron embarked on a get-fit program and his form improved as a result — as did his vote-getting, picking up top votes in five games towards the end of the season after failing to get a vote in the first seven matches.

## Country results

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS:** Lake Grace 27.12 b Pingelly 10.8, Boddington 11.13 b Wickelup 10.12, Williams 15.21 b West Arthur 8.15, Railways 16.23 b Wagin 10.13.  
**AVON:** 1st semi-finals — League: Cunderdin 21.18 b Tammin 9.6, Reserves: Railways 11.8 b Quairading 7.15.  
**CENTRAL GREAT SOUTHERN:** Tambellup 28.18 b Wanderers 14.13.  
**GREAT NORTHERN:** Railways 17.5 b Mullews 11.16, Brigades 12.10 b Rovers 12.9, Towns 15.22 b Northampton 10.20.  
**CARNARVON GASCOYNE:** Preliminary final — Ramblers 24.14 b Warriors 12.12.  
**SOUTH-WEST:** Harvey Brunswick 25.10 b Augusta Margaret River 17.15, Donnybrook 17.11 b Busselton 9.14, Bunbury 22.10 b Carey Park 12.12, South Bunbury 32.23 b Mines Rovers 6.7, Collie 16.17 b Boyanup Capel Dardanup 6.15.  
**NORTH PILBARA:** 2nd semi-final — Karratha Falcons 14.17 b Koorda 11.8.  
**CENTRAL MIDLANDS LEAGUE:** 1st semi-final — Moora Rovers 11.16 b Dandaragan 7.9.  
**EASTERN DISTRICTS:** Burracoppin 12.13 b Nukarni 11.13, Hyden-Karigarin 20.15 b Narambeen 15.18, Kondinin 19.7 b Bruce Rock 16.14, Kulin 34.24 b Corrigin 5.3.  
**NORTH MIDLANDS:** 1st semi-final — Mingenew 12.13 b Coorow Latham 6.5.  
**LOWER SOUTH WEST:** 1st semi-final — Imperials 15.11 b Boyup Brook 10.8.  
**MORTLOCK:** 1st semi-final — Toodyay 20.19 b Calingiri 16.12.



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# MOTHBALLS TIME...

THE mothballs have come out for half of the footballers in this year's WAFL competition — a fact that is probably a relief for some amidst the disappointments.

For the next four months or so, those footballers in the bottom four teams will be forgotten men.

Most will continue training, working, sweating and toiling to be better performers next season.

Some will holiday overseas; others will knuckle down to studies, return to the family farm, take it easy around the beaches or just return to their normal five-day-a-week work routine.

There have been plenty of success stories in the eight WAFL clubs this season, ranging from the exciting batch of rookies who debuted into league ranks; to the young players who blossomed as genuine league performers and to the veterans who soldiered on for another season.

Two such men who can feel happy about their 1988 achievements and fairly confident that the future is bright were rivals at Leederville Oval last Saturday.

Lanky Peter Cransberg was a star for East Perth, while the bicycle-helmeted Neil Jackson emerged as a ready-made league footballer with West Perth.



Neil Jackson ... taking over from where dad left off.

## Swans have confidence in future

SWAN Districts have spelt out a strong and confident message to members, supporters and sponsors that football is alive and well in their area with a prosperous future to look forward to.

Peter Mahoney, the Development Officer at Swans, organised a special presentation in the clubrooms at Swan Districts just before the League game in Perth last Saturday.

The captains of the 13s, 14s and 15s State Championship sides were at the function, confirming that there is talent in the area. Swan Districts have two combined Little League sides and the respective captains were also at the function.

CIG winners Guildford Grammar and Quit Cup winner Eastern Hills also had their respective captains attend.

## But these two have plenty to smile about

by  
**ALAN EAST**

Cransberg, 21 recently, showed no fears about the second-year blues as he emerged to be one of East Perth's most talented and versatile performers during the season.

Plagued last year by a broken jaw pre-season (a setback in his summer preparation) and a knee injury, he went into this season determined to improve on his eight 1987 games.

A broken wrist mid-season (which cost him five weeks) was his only hiccup — and he's now in the recruiting sights of a few VFL clubs.

Standing an impressive 190cm tall, but weighing in at a fragile 77kg, Cransberg has been wooed by the West Coast Eagles — and has been eyed off by North Melbourne, to mention just one other VFL club.

But the agricultural student isn't breaking his neck to get into VFL ranks; in fact, he's happy to have another year with the Royals to build up his physical strength.

"We've started to develop a real good young team at East Perth," says Cransberg.

"I've found it much easier this season as the players get to know each other better.

"It's certainly been a frustrating season at times, but we have plenty of spirit and we got back up every week to be competitive."

It was a jubilant Cransberg in the Royals rooms after Saturdays victory over West Perth — which enabled the team to slip out from under and hand the wooden spoon to Swan Districts.

Sharing Cransberg's joy at having been a key performer in the team was

his brother Alan, a 112-game dual premiership player with Swans back in the early 1980s.

Cransberg seems to be a natural forward, with his strong marking, but says that he actually prefers playing in defence, where he showed out early at centre-half-back.

And it was at centre-half-back that Neil Jackson, a candidate for best first-year honours this season, has shone out for the Falcons.

One of only five players to line-up with West Perth in all 21 games this season, Jackson becomes one of the games oldest rookies, breaking into WAFL ranks at the age of 24.

A member of the prominent Jackson farming family from McAlinden, just south of Collie, the lightly-framed but hard-as-nails defender was part of a major Falcons recruiting effort from the coal mining town.

West Perth, who took over the South-West township in a zoning reshuffle three years back, encouraged a group of players — mainly from Collie's 1987 premiership team — to travel up to Perth together to tackle city ranks.

### STUDYING

While studying for a business course at the WA Institute of Technology back in 1982, Jackson played with the Swans colts and reserves, but the club showed little interest in him when he returned to the family farm in 1983.

His father Don had played six games with Subiaco back in the mid-1950s and that brief career, in fact, led to Jackson tackling the WAFL this season.

"Dad was always sorry that farming commitments forced him to abandon his league football aspirations," said Jackson.

"He had played six games on permits, but it was always going to be tough with the farm, so he resumed back in Collie.

"He played footy till he was 32 — and retired from local cricket when he was 48, so he didn't miss out on much!

"However, he always felt that if the chance came for me to come and try out in Perth, he'd encourage it, so here I am."

Jackson is continually compared to former East Fremantle and State captain Doug Green, with his lean frame and loping style ... with the helmet helping him stand out.

A problem with migraine headaches forced him to don the helmet a few years back and Jackson also finds another use for it — waving it around his head to put off rival forwards having a shot at goal.

So it will be a summer with the sheep for Jackson, but he'll be back fit and fresh for the next Falcons season.

## Mt Lawley into women's grand final

PREMIERSHIP favourites Mt Lawley continued their winning run with a convincing 27-point victory over Carlisle, 10.6 to 6.3 in the women's football league second semi-final.

Mt Lawley now go straight into the grand final on September 4.

In the first semi-final, Melville had an impressive 71-point victory over Innaloo.

Melville were too strong with their attacking division working together well and the defensive unit playing a tight game.

Melville now clash with Carlisle in the preliminary final on Sunday, August 28.



Peter Cransberg ... chasing his brother's football record.

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



EAST Fremantle's inspiration to down premiership favourites Claremont and stay in the finals contention came from the class and experience of Murray Wrensted.

His performance was simply outstanding, reproducing the form that saw him take out the prestigious Sandover Medal in 1985.

He played on Claremont's Ben Allan, with the assignment of cutting the young Tigers star out of the game, a task he achieved in superb fashion. Wrensted was all class, with his outstanding skills, astute football brain and VFL experience all compounding to produce a marvellous performance.

His game served as a reminder to the West Coast Eagles that he deserves to be selected against Footscray at the Western Oval this Sunday.

Wrensted is adamant that it would be good to play for East Fremantle against South Fremantle in the first semi-final, but his priorities lie with the Eagles.

The ability of Wrensted to turn defence into attack was often evident, ensuring plenty of opportunities for Sharks forwards Colin Waterson and Clinton Browning.

This courageous effort by Wrensted, after clashing heavily with Claremont's Peter Higgins in the first quarter, showed just what the nuggety centremen is capable of.



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A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## University lose in upset to West Coast

WEST Coast, inspired by captain-coach Bernie Dunn, finished their season on a high note with a 13-point win over finalists University in last week's A-grade games.

The Coast needed a win to ensure their appearance in A-grade in 1989 and they did so in fine style.

Dunn had excellent back-up from Ian Montague and State player Mark Taylor, while for University Rohr, Prindiville and another State member in Mike Lill weighed in with a good game.

Wembley had little trouble making sure that Nollamara had no chance of being a part of this year's finals when they demolished them by nearly 19 goals.

Wingman Dean Stichlings was again best on ground and had great support from Grant Ryan, Peter Mertusi and Grant Callaghan.

Nollamara finished the season on a disappointing note after a start that promised so much and coach Don Sloper must be perplexed by their second-round form.

Old Wesley tuned up for next week's elimination final with a brilliant 13-goal victory over North Beach.

The Old Boys were full of running and moved the ball fluently, giving their forwards every chance of making useful position.

Their best were Sibson, Shimmon and Bockman, while for North Beach Dave Perry, Dave Hoskins and Craig Dargie were willing.

Mt Lawley made certain of North Fremantle's relegation to B-grade next year when they won by 15 goals.

The Hawks had too much skill for their opponents, who were floundering in the second half.

Best for Mt Lawley were Phillip Warren, Justin Cook and the evergreen Leigh Sprlyan, who once again led by example.

North have a lot of work to do next season if they are to come back to A-

by  
**TREVOR SCHORER**



### FINAL ROUND SCORES

ALL winning teams in the final rounds are requested to phone the quarter by quarter scores in for publication in Westside Football. The scores, plus best players and goalscorers (from both teams if possible) should be phoned to John Davies 447 3774, between 8-9.30am and after 6pm on Sunday.

grade and the first thing is to develop their colts division to give themselves some player depth.

Trinity-Aquinas had a good finals hit-out, beating Scarborough by 10 goals and they now have a week's break to wait for the winner of the qualifying final.

They were untroubled to win as their runners, Phil Green, Terry Pendall and John Price and full-back Chris Loughman were good performers.

Scarborough were well served by Mark Douge, Peter Raynor and Major, but also must gain depth through their colts development.

This week's qualifying final is between arch rivals Mt Lawley and Wembley.

The Hawks must stop Wembley's powerful forward line and, in return, Wembley must counter Mt Lawley's marking power.

The elimination final appears to be a stepping stone for Old Wesley as they play University.

# HIGHLIGHTS

### C-GRADE:

Morley continued their fine form by beating Lynwood-Ferndale by 48 points to move into the second semi-final against Cockburn Lakes.

Morley will rely on last week's better players in Stocks, Klumen and Muller to repeat their efforts if they are going to beat the strong Cockburn combination.

In the first semi-final, Nollamara meet Lynwood-Ferndale in what should prove to be the best game in this grade this year.

With ruckmen Alex Murray and Wayne Desmond hitting their best form and rover Mark Flemming being a solid contributor, Nollamara look to have the edge over the Lynwood Panthers.

### D-GRADE:

Rockingham's strong season, finished three games clear of their nearest rivals, could change this week when they take on Wembley in the second semi-final.

Wembley have taken all before them in recent weeks and will be competitive against Rockingham, who should be the fresher side.

WACAE, disappointed at their loss in the qualifying final, can prove too strong for Brentwood in the first semi at Melville Reserve.

### G-GRADE:

Collegians Old Scotch showed that they deserved a second semi-final berth with a character win over Wanneroo.

## Finals fixtures

- A GRADE: Qual — Mt Lawley v Wembley, Perth Oval; Elim — Old Wesley v University, Leederville Oval.
- B GRADE: Qual — Bayswater v Swan Athletic, Bassendean Oval; Elim — CBC v Mt Lawley, Lathlain Oval.
- C GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Cockburn Lakes v Morley, East Fremantle Oval; 1st Semi Final — Lynwood Ferndale v Nollamara, Inglewood Oval.
- D GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Rockingham v Wembley, Fremantle Oval; 1st Semi Final — WACAE v Brentwood, Melville Reserve.
- E GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Hamersley v R&I Bank, Hillcrest Reserve; 1st Semi Final — Bull Creek v Trinity Aquinas, Peet Park.
- F GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Sawyers Valley v West Coast, Robinson Reserve; 1st Semi Final — John 23rd v Innaloo, City Beach Oval.
- G GRADE: 2nd Semi-Final — Bayswater v Coll/Old Scotch, McGillivray Oval No. 1; 1st Semi Final — Wanneroo v Girrawheen, Kingsway.
- H GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Swan/Nedlands v West Coast, Millington Reserve; 1st Semi Final — Wembley v Maylands, Yuluma Park.
- I GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Riverton v University, Ernest Johnson Oval; 1st Semi Final — Lynwood Ferndale v Swan Athletic, Higgins Park.
- J GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Scarborough v Trinity Aquinas, Allen Park; 1st Semi Final — MHWP v Morley, Coolbinia Oval.
- K GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Coolbinia Yokine v Bayswater, Hamer Park; 1st Semi Final — Cockburn Lakes v Rockingham, Beasley Reserve.
- L GRADE: 2nd Semi Final — Carlisle v Bull Creek, Karoonda Park; 1st Semi Final — Ocean Ridge win through default over Coolbellup.
- A COLTS: 2nd Semi Final — Trinity Aquinas v Mt Lawley, Perth Oval; 1st Semi Final — North Beach v Wembley, Leederville Oval.
- B COLTS: 2nd Semi Final — Coll/Old Scotch v Innaloo, McGillivray Oval No. 1; 1st Semi Final — Maylands v Bayswater, Bassendean Oval.
- C COLTS: 2nd Semi Final — CBC v Wembley, Lathlain Oval; 1st Semi Final — Lynwood Ferndale v Bassendean, Inglewood Oval.
- D COLTS: 2nd Semi Final — Forresterfield v Applecross, East Fremantle Oval.

Only percentage separated Wanneroo and Bayswater at the end of the qualifying rounds and both sides are evenly balanced.

Bayswater may have the edge due to the week's rest, but it will be close.

Girrawheen easily defeated Redcliffe to move into the first semi, though they will find Wanneroo much tougher opposition. The 'Roos should bounce back from last week's loss and play off in the preliminary final.

### I-GRADE:

Swan Athletic showed far too much class for the hapless Mirrabooka, winning by a massive 92 points last week. They now come up against Lynwood-Ferndale, who will be rebounding from their loss to University.

This will be a very closely fought encounter with Swan Athletic favoured. Even though Lynwood have had the points on the board over the season.

Riverton have proved too strong for their opposition and should go directly into the grand final.

### J-GRADE:

MHWP should bounce back from their loss to Trinity Aquinas and beat Morley in the first semi.

Morley had a hard-fought victory over Innaloo last week and could struggle to go any further.

In the second semi final, Scarborough, who have shown the form all season finishing five games clear on top, should carry that performance through to the grand final.

A COLTS: North Beach failed to lure up to expectations against a slick Mt Lawley combination. The Hawks rattled on six majors before the Tigers settled down.

It was then a case of "catch us if you can" as the better-balanced Mt Lawley only had to do enough after quarter-time to keep the game under control.

The Tigers lacked run and commitment to chase, a factor that had previously been a story feature of their play.

Mt Lawley should give Trinity-Aquinas a good shake up this week and march into the grand final.

The North Beach-Wembley clash will be a line-ball decision with perhaps the first part of the game again determining the outcome.

### INFORMATION REQUIRED

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

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#### West Coast night

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INNALOO are red-hot favourites to repeat their 1985 premiership victory after finishing two games clear on top of the B-grade ladder.

The Bulldogs won their 14th straight game by ruthlessly disposing of Maylands and ending the Rams' five-game winning streak.

Under the astute coaching of Brendan McFaul, Innaloo have developed into a tightly-knit unit capable of destroying teams with slick teamwork and controlled aggression.

Players of the calibre of Craig Kettlewell, Martin Hall and Dave Nelson can control the midfield and create opportunities for their forwards, led by McFaul and Dave McLaurin.

Add Glen Kettlewell in the backline and Barry McGuire in the ruck and Innaloo look hard to beat.

Bayswater appear to be the team most likely to challenge Innaloo's supremacy.

## DRIVE

Coach Kevin McGinnity knows what finals football is all about, having been there the last four years in this grade.

Hard-working rover John Lawrence provides the Blues with plenty of drive while Ashley Taylor, Denis Roberts and Peter Ninyette also contribute to Bayswater's midfield division. Ruckmen Peter Smith and backmen Mark Oldfield and Claude McGuire also contribute to the Blues all-out attacking style.

Swan Athletic appeal as the other team capable of featuring for the flag, but a lot depends on whether they can cover their injuries.

Denis Volk, Matt Viskivich and Jerome Griffen have been under a cloud for the latter part of the season.

## Bulldogs make it 14 on end

by PETER RUSH



Add these players to the Swans other stars in Gavin McDiarmid, Peter Nuich, Troy Bosich and Steve Bertolli and Swan Athletic will be a danger at full strength.

CBC started the season well but fell away towards the end of the year. Coach Glen Hurst has a classy side at his disposal with Lou White, Peter and Shaun Brindley, Paul Hurst, Paul Piggott and Damien Cronin, but they may fall a little short of the class required to worry the top three sides.

## SLUMP

Mt Lawley also started the season well but had a drastic mid-season slump which saw their spot in the five being in jeopardy.

The Hawks fought back well to regain some form late in the season with good wins over Dianella and CBC. The Hawks also look to be a little short in class to make much impression on this year's finals.

A bad run of injuries crippled Maylands at the start of the year and effectively ruined their chances for a spot in the five.

The Rams lost key players Wayne McKinlay, Dwayne Naughton through injury early, but when at full strength later in the year, they won five on end.

The Rams have plenty of young players such as Paul Carlsen, Steve Burton, Rod Hayward, Gary Mawdesley and Steve Goddard for coach Wally Sidebottom to build on.

## DISAPPOINTING

Dianella had a disappointing year after starting so well. The Panthers are one of only two sides to have beaten Innaloo.

Graeme Fitzgerald took over the coaching reins from Terry Holtzman

## Past Reflections

by JOHN DAVIES

PALMYRA rejoined the amateurs competition in 1955. Barney Giles was elected a life member and W.R. (Billy) Orr continued his 33-year association with the amateurs.

Fees for A-grade clubs were \$124, \$118 for B1-grade and \$110 for B2. Clubs using enclosed grounds were still required to have a gate collection to off-set expenses.

The fine for winning teams not tele-

phoning scores in was increased to \$1.

Delegates were asked "to assist the central umpire by keeping supporters away from the playing area, particularly the goal mouth."

North Fremantle won their second successive A-grade premiership. University won their first premiership outside A-grade when taking the B1 honours (Uni had already won four A-grade flags). Fremantle won the B2 premiership.

early in the year but couldn't get the right formula.

The club has plenty to look forward to next year as their two-storey clubrooms should at last be finished after much controversy.

Collegians-Old Scotch also disappointed this year under Shaun Tilbrook's coaching. The Lions have a strong group of colts on which to build a competitive side and plenty of depth in lower grades. They should bounce back next year.

Curtin also had a bad year, finishing in the same position as last year. The Tigers had a strong nucleus of players, including Dave Fowler, Jeff Miller, Craig Dewes and Tim Reynolds but lacked the required depth to compete consistently.

MHWP have been in B-grade for six years and now must take the drop back to C-grade. The club is at a disadvantage in not having a suitable home ground or facilities and consistently struggles to field a competitive colts team.

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A GRADE	TRINITY AQUINAS	18	16	2	1969	1263	155.90	64
A GRADE	MT LAWLEY	18	15	3	1883	1245	151.24	60
A GRADE	WEMBLEY	18	13	5	1882	1343	140.31	52
A GRADE	OLD WESLEY	18	12	6	1720	1407	122.25	48
A GRADE	UNIVERSITY	18	8	10	1736	1887	102.90	32
A GRADE	Nollamara	18	7	11	1488	1654	89.96	28
A GRADE	West Coast	18	6	12	1478	1894	78.04	24
A GRADE	North Beach	18	5	13	1519	1898	80.03	20
A GRADE	Scarborough	18	5	13	1235	1828	67.56	20
A GRADE	North Fremantle	18	3	15	1231	1922	64.05	12
B GRADE	INNALOO	18	16	2	2128	1302	163.44	64
B GRADE	BAYSWATER	18	14	4	2088	1396	149.57	56
B GRADE	SWAN ATHLETIC	18	14	4	1830	1562	117.16	56
B GRADE	CBC	18	11	7	1756	1434	122.45	44
B GRADE	MT LAWLEY	18	10	8	1672	1610	108.85	40
B GRADE	Maylands	18	7	11	1722	1867	92.33	28
B GRADE	Dianella	18	6	12	1392	1649	84.41	24
B GRADE	Curtin	18	4	13	1279	1760	72.67	18
B GRADE	Coll/Old Scotch	18	4	13	1246	1943	72.16	18
B GRADE	MHWP	18	3	15	1439	2185	65.86	12
C GRADE	COCKBRN LAKES	18	16	2	2468	1357	181.87	64
C GRADE	LYNWOOD/FERN	18	14	4	1748	1090	160.37	56
C GRADE	MORLEY	18	14	4	1923	1412	136.19	56
C GRADE	UNIVERSITY	18	12	6	1938	1386	139.83	52
C GRADE	NOLLAMARA	18	8	10	1544	1586	97.35	32
C GRADE	Whitfords	18	7	11	1490	1496	99.60	28
C GRADE	Bassendean	18	7	11	1452	2033	71.42	28
C GRADE	Coolbellup/Yokine	18	6	12	1523	1952	78.02	24
C GRADE	Carlisle	18	3	15	1246	2266	54.99	12
C GRADE	Melville	18	2	16	1226	1968	62.30	8
D GRADE	ROCKINGHAM	18	15	3	1806	1135	159.12	60
D GRADE	WACAE	18	12	6	1921	1425	134.81	48
D GRADE	WEMBLEY	18	12	6	1725	1306	132.08	48
D GRADE	MUNDARING	18	11	7	1721	1462	117.72	44
D GRADE	BRENTWOOD	18	11	7	1721	1462	117.72	44
D GRADE	North AICA	18	9	9	1500	1619	92.65	36
D GRADE	Scarborough	18	8	9	1281	1319	95.60	34
D GRADE	Applecross	18	4	13	1257	1983	63.39	18
D GRADE	Northbeach	18	4	14	1326	1676	79.12	16
D GRADE	Forrestfield	18	3	15	1191	1857	64.14	12

GRADE	CLUB	P	W	L	F	A	%	PTS
E GRADE	HAMERSLEY	18	14	4	1900	1332	142.64	56
E GRADE	R&I	18	13	4	1975	1271	155.39	54
E GRADE	BULLSBROOK	18	13	5	2073	1255	165.18	52
E GRADE	TRINITY/AQUINAS	18	12	5	1829	1046	174.86	50
E GRADE	ST NORBERT	18	9	9	1651	1527	108.12	36
E GRADE	Hellenic	18	7	10	1593	1892	84.20	30
E GRADE	National Bank	18	7	11	1324	1712	77.34	28
E GRADE	University	18	7	11	1388	1919	71.29	28
E GRADE	Victoria Park	18	3	14	1155	2133	54.15	14
E GRADE	Mt Lawley	18	3	15	1159	1940	59.74	12
F GRADE	SAWYERS VALLEY	18	15	3	1923	1044	184.20	60
F GRADE	WEST COAST	18	15	3	1821	1131	161.01	60
F GRADE	JOHN XXIII	18	14	4	1823	1440	126.60	56
F GRADE	OLD WESLEY	18	12	6	1804	1320	136.67	48
F GRADE	INNALOO	18	9	9	1700	1435	118.47	36
F GRADE	Coolbellup	18	8	10	1414	1718	82.31	32
F GRADE	Dianella	18	6	12	1394	1802	77.36	24
F GRADE	MHWP	18	6	12	1236	1750	70.63	24
F GRADE	Nollamara	18	3	15	1185	1921	61.69	12
F GRADE	North Fremantle	18	2	16	1141	1984	57.51	8
G GRADE	BAYSWATER	18	14	4	2082	1127	184.74	56
G GRADE	COLL/Old SCOT	18	14	4	1865	1160	160.78	56
G GRADE	WANNEROO	18	13	5	1949	1401	139.11	52
G GRADE	GIRRAWHEEN	18	12	6	1882	1314	143.23	48
G GRADE	REDCLIFFE	18	10	8	1504	1431	105.10	40
G GRADE	Ocean Ridge	18	9	9	2063	1395	147.89	36
G GRADE	CBC	18	8	11	1371	1845	74.31	28
G GRADE	Navy	18	6	12	1264	2004	63.07	24
G GRADE	Muresk	18	3	15	903	1743	51.81	12
G GRADE	Whitfords	18	2	16	879	2184	40.25	8
H GRADE	SWAN/NEDLANDS	18	16	2	2031	1083	187.53	64
H GRADE	WEMBLEY	18	15	3	1966	963	206.23	60
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H GRADE	Mt Lawley	18	9	9	1300	1595	81.50	36
H GRADE	Curtin	18	4	14	948	2051	46.22	16
H GRADE	East Fremantle	18	3	15	1217	2076	58.62	12
H GRADE	Carlisle	18	1	17	967	2316	41.75	4

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I GRADE	RIVERTON	18	17	1	2276	908	250.66	68
I GRADE	UNIVERSITY	18	17	1	2196	1296	169.44	68
I GRADE	LYNWOOD/FERN	18	11	7	1820	1488	122.31	44
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I GRADE	ANZ	18	5	13	1431	1998	71.62	20
I GRADE	Bullcreek	18	5	13	1346	1912	70.40	20
I GRADE	Murdoch	18	5	13	1206	1992	60.54	20
J GRADE	SCARBOROUGH	18	17	1	2227	1014	219.63	68
J GRADE	TRINITY/AQUINAS	18	12	6	1875	1189	157.70	48
J GRADE	MHWP	18	12	6	1578	1287	122.61	48
J GRADE	MORLEY	18	11	7	1678	1382	121.42	44
J GRADE	INNALOO	18	10	8	1774	1461	121.42	40
J GRADE	Hammersley	18	10	8	1710	1528	111.91	40
J GRADE	WACAE	18	10	8	1387	1544	88.54	40
J GRADE	Hellenic	18	4	14	1352	1858	72.77	16
J GRADE	Whitfords	18	3	15	1290	1839	70.15	12
J GRADE	Forrestfield	18	1	17	727	2207	32.94	4
K GRADE	COOLBLP/YOKINE	18	15	3	2265	1116	202.96	60
K GRADE	COCKBURN LAKES	18	14	4	2311	973	237.51	56
K GRADE	BAYSWATER	18	14	4	2207	1158	190.59	56
K GRADE	ROCKINGHAM	18	13	5	2134	1333	160.09	52
K GRADE	COLL/Old SCTCH	18	12	6	2050	1676	122.32	48
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## Juniors get the right tuition

THE big crop of outstanding junior players in today's football world have a number of barriers to hurdle before they can reap the benefits and move up to higher grades of football.

The Town and Country-sponsored Football Development Trust realises this problem and has formed a State Development Squad.

Under talent squad co-ordinator Grant Dorrington, these promising players are shown the pit-falls of senior football and guided through the difficult times in a structured manner.

The State's most talented players in the 15, 16 and 17-year age bracket are eligible for the Development Squad. They will come from the State schoolboys team and players who competed in the Teal Cup, but are still eligible to play schoolboys, such as Lee Walker and Glen Jackovich.

Out of last year's State Development Squad, mainly members of the 1986 State Schoolboys, 14 players went on to this year's Teal Cup.

### OUTSTANDING

These players all have outstanding skills and ample ability and most can be assured of careers in the VFL. However, a move to the VFL is a big step and there could easily be a number of setbacks during their career.

The FDT is fully aware of this and they have set out a career path structure for players to follow before they can achieve VFL status.

The player in the Development Squad must serve out an "apprenticeship" in football.

In this way, the players must aim to play Teal Cup, WAFL Under 19s and/or reserves and then League. Their form is monitored during this time and various coaches brief the players throughout.

Once they have served their apprenticeships, they are ready to move on and play VFL football.

During this time, study commitments are of utmost importance and this is closely monitored by the FDT.

## Seven clubs share flags

THE grand finals in the Subiaco junior council saw seven different winners, with no club dominating the premiership stakes.

The traditionally strong Warwick club featured in four grand finals — but only took off one premiership.

Kingsley did well, playing in three grand finals and taking off one premiership, while Whitfords and Northern Districts were in two grand finals, winning one each.

In the associations fairest and best awards, Kingsley and Wanneroo were prominent with two players taking out awards.

These are the results of the grand finals and fairest and best winners.

### Grand finals:

13s maroon — Girrawheen 10.7 b Whitford Lions 4.3; 13s gold — Kingsley 7.16 b Warwick Black 4.6; 14s maroon — Ocean Ridge 11.4 b Northern Districts Blue 7.4; 14s gold — Warwick Black 8.10 b Kingsley 5.7; 15s — Koondoola 14.15 b Warwick White 9.6; 16s — Northern Districts Blue b Warwick Black; 17s Whitford b Kingsley.

### Fairest and best:

13s maroon — Louis Cheesman (Girrawheen); 13s gold — Samuel McFarlane (Kingsley); 14s maroon — Edward Lim (Sorrento/Duncraig); 14s gold — Jayson Bennett (Kingsley); 15s — Simon Blick (Wanneroo); 16s Justin Quinn-Scholfield (Wanneroo); 17s — Alex Browning (Koondoola).

By REECE HOGAN

"On-field success only comes through off-field organisation," said Dorrington.

If a player is having trouble with his school work, a tutor is allocated and also the FDT works with the school to help him out.

### BODY TESTS

The Development Squad trains together once a week and a variety of tests are carried out on the players

under the guidance of Eagles runner and FDT coaching co-ordinator, Brian Douge.

These tests check for weaknesses in muscles and look for strengths in certain body parts.

There is also a weight training program the players follow up as the season progresses.

The next Development Squad will be chosen from this year's State Schoolboys team. The coach and other administrators will rate the players on their performances and the prominent players will be chosen to join the squad.

The whole concept of the Development Squad is an excellent opportunity for the stars of the future to be led in the right direction and ensure an excellent career.

## Injury blow to WA schoolboys

A SERIOUS injury to State Schoolboys captain Lee Walker could jeopardise WA's chances of winning the Australian championships currently being held in Hobart.

WA started the Commonwealth Bank Championships with three wins on end, but received a setback when captain Lee Walker broke his collarbone.

Walker, an All-Australian Teal Cup player, was a star at the carnival and his loss could be the difference between WA winning or losing the championship.

Another Teal Cup player in Glen Jakovich has taken over the role as captain.

WA beat Northern Territory 6.8 to 5.5 in the first game, in wet and slippery conditions. Best players for WA were Walker, Chris Peel and Jakovich.

WA won their second game against New South Wales by 41 points, 13.11 to 7.4, with Jakovich, Craig Rinder and Mathew Teeuwissen the best.

It was in this game when Walker broke his collarbone in an unintentional clash with an opponent.

In the third game, WA had another strong win over the ACT, 9.10 to 5.7. Best players were Jakovich, Tony Davidson, Troy Foote and Todd Curley.

The early games gave the WA players time to adapt to the wet and slippery conditions, which seem to be getting worse.

An indication of this was the game between Queensland and South Australia on Tuesday, when Queensland won the game 1.7 to nil.

WA still have to play Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania in what promises to be an exciting finale to the championships.

## Scotch are top school

SCOTCH College are officially West Australia's best schools football team.

Last Sunday's curtain raiser to the Eagles-Collingwood game at Subiaco Oval saw Scotch maintain their unbeaten record, stretching their winning sequence to 36 matches.

Scotch, winners of the Public Schools Association Alcock Cup, beat Quit Cup champions Hamilton Senior High School, 11.9 to 9.12.

Both teams had not lost a game in the two years leading up to the clash, which is a credit to coaches Ian Shortland-Jones (Scotch) and Brian Grey.

In a hard-fought game, Hamilton came home strongly after a decisive three-quarter time break. However, they were not able to take over the strong Scotch defence.

Scotch took the Town and Country All Winners Cup and in future years, the Football Development Trust hope to take the winning school to Victoria to play the All Winner Champion School in Melbourne.

## Town and Country Little League

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

Subiaco were represented by Ocean Ridge and they took the points against South Fremantle (Cockburn No. 3).

Geoff Whitlaw, Adam McIntosh and Michael Dixon were the Lions best three, while Graham Kelly, Peter De Bali and Daniel Edwards caught the eye for Souths.

East Fremantle, with Willetton as their junior club, took the game from Claremont (Karrinyup) at Claremont Oval.

Peter Watson, Paul Marshall and David Martin were the Sharks best three and Bradley Dodd, Craig Lloyd and Mark Albones played well for the Tigers.

West Perth were represented by Mirrabooka and they beat East Perth (Maylands) with Baker, Keen and D'Aluerio standing out for the Falcons, while French, Mourish and Bransby played well for the Royals.

Perth, with Kelmscott as their junior side, were too good for Swan Districts (Metropolitan Combined). For Perth, Travis Turnbull, Scott Teymant and Adam Connell caught the eye and Swans best were Paul Johnstone, Peter Williams and David O'Connell.

Combined teams from the eight clubs will feature in a round-robin event at this week's first semi-final at Subiaco Oval.

### BUNBURY TRIP

THE East Victoria Park 12s team made the trek to Bunbury last weekend for their end-of-year football trip. However, the team's year is not quite over, after winning their second semi-final and moving straight into this Sunday's grand final. While the preliminary final was being played last weekend East Victoria Park enjoyed their trip, which encouraged team spirit and they are now ready to take off the premiership. They will play Forrestfield Blue in the grand final.

### CARNARVON KID

IT looks as though Carnarvon is starting to produce more league-quality footballers. The latest player from that region to show league potential is 16-year-old Darren Forbes, who is doing well with Swan Districts this season. A cousin of East Fremantle's Clinton Browning, the former captain of Carnarvon's Ramblers side is a back-pocket player with plenty of courage and dash.

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## The NFL scene

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## Gold Coast decision is wrong

SO the Brisbane Bears look like staying at Carrara on the Gold Coast — and that's a decision which could prove retrograde, if not downright disastrous, for Australian Football.

There are many disappointed officials and followers in Brisbane who are affronted.

They feel that they have been "dud-ded" by the small print in the contract between the Bears and the QAFL — which everyone thought contained a watertight requirement for the VFL team to be based in the metropolitan area of Brisbane.

People who know the area claim that there are many thousands of young men in a city of well over two million people who are potential Australian Football players.

The Gold Coast has only a few young men — most of whom are dedicated to surfing and the sun.

Yet another problem is the chaotic situation regarding vehicle access to Carrara — the are stories of people still languishing in, or adjacent to, the car park two hours after Carrara games.

In trying to take an unbiased view of the sorry saga — the ultimate resolution of which will cost an ill-afforded fortune in legal fees — it seems that Brisbane is the only reasonable place to domicile a team based in a predominantly national competition.

The Gold Coast has had its chance to attract the crowd volume required and, on most occasions, has failed; averaging no more than 7000 per game at Carrara.

The long-term prospects of Australian Football in Queensland would be best served by the presence of a team in Australia's third largest city, where the crowds must be capable of growing on that figure.

A fundamental problem is that a big proportion of the Bears players wish to reside in Brisbane — for financial, social and employment reasons. Obviously, the current situation will place continuing pressures on satisfactory attendance at training.

Brisbane is a vital, diverse and economically-viable city in the traditions of all other true cities in Australia and, theoretically, quite capable of sustaining a top-level sporting team.

The Gold Coast is a poor man's Las Vegas — tinsel town; nice to visit about once every 20 years, but certainly not the place to set up a professional sports team — particularly one featuring a "foreign" code.

The real reasons why the Bears are on the Coast — the power of the almighty dollar — will not change, but that decision is not in the best interests of Australian Football.

Rugby officials in Brisbane are undoubtedly very relieved men.

The one note of optimism may be that the local QAFL competition will not be decimated in the same fashion as the WAFL, with the Bears operating in isolation and away from the QAFL's power base.

# MINOR GRADES

## Royals will be missing key players

EAST Perth have had more than just Subiaco to worry about in the lead-up to this Saturday's reserves first semi-final.

The Royals have been struck with injury and illness problems, with as many as six players in doubt for the match.

Versatile youngster Gavin Rose (knee), defender Darren Best (knee) and experienced utility player Arnold Cox (influenza) are 50-50 chances to play.

Several others are feeling the effects of a flu virus, but the confident Royals have been in excellent form recently, having won seven of their last eight matches and are sure to be competitive.

Subiaco will have an experienced side for the game.

Players such as Alex Rattray, Kevan Sparks, Michael Mort, Glen Hutcherson, Garry Kemp, Paul Higgins and John Sullivan are available for selection.

However, league coach Haydn Buntton may choose to rest a handful of players in preparation for the league second semi-final against Claremont.

### CLASHES

Many important individual duels loom in this match.

The battle of the centre lines is particularly vital — not just for the two teams, but also for the playing futures of many contestants.

East Perth have Mark Blakely, Michael Chalmers and Andy Glendinning opposed to Richard Caldwell, Glen Hutcherson and John Bell.

Hutcherson, back from injury much earlier than expected, faces a tough task against the talented Chalmers.

Chalmers' league career was progressing nicely before he received a nasty eye injury mid-season.

Both players have important roles to play at the club and a strong performance will be a big boost for their respective careers.

Other key Royals include Matt Clape, who will line-up against Subiaco centre-half-foward Jonas Lindberg, Steve Wasley, who will take on big Stephen Hooper in the ruck and Gary Batt, who may be asked to mind dangerous youngster Steve Johnson.

Though Johnson plays on a half-forward-flank, he is the Lions most reliable goalkicker and can destroy opponents with his pace and sure ball handling skills.

## Tight clash in under-19s semi

EAST Perth and South Fremantle, traditional rivals at under-19 level, are opposed in the first semi-final this week.

South Fremantle have generally got the better of East Perth in recent under-19 final clashes, but this promises to be a much tighter encounter.

The Royals have won their last eight matches and are now equal favourites for the premiership with Subiaco.

They boast some outstanding talent such as utility player Gary French, utility player Brad Annison and wingman Ben Stewart.

South Fremantle will look to rove Brett Genefini, former Hamilton Hill CIG Shield star Bruce Fulton and regular contributors such as Peter Copeland, Mark Wylie, Paul Watson, Don Cruttenden and De Rummer for hard working performances.

## Prime award to Urquhart

YOUNG Claremont player Julien Urquhart has won the Prime Computers award for round three.

Urquhart is the third winner this season, joining East Perth's John Edmondson and Subiaco's Damien Read from rounds one and two.

Urquhart wins \$200 from Prime as part of their sponsorship of the WAFL reserves competition.



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



Mark Cartier ... an important player for the Royals.

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## Bottom three look ahead

THREE clubs will not be taking part in the minor grade finals this season — East Fremantle, West Perth and Swan Districts.

East Fremantle were unlucky not to snatch fourth place from Subiaco on the reserves premiership table.

They won their last eight matches and had it not been for an early season slump, they would have given the premiership a real shake.

During the season, several players emerged as genuine league prospects for 1989.

Heading the list was the talented big man combination of Clinton Wolf and Andrew Foley.

Both players came of age in the reserves competition this season and are sure to be given plenty of league opportunities next year.

Others to impress were forward Matthew Congleton, defender Craig McLean, midfielder Dwain Regan, utility players Brad Read, David Rowe and Bradley Rowe and half-back Ian Hill.

The Sharks under-19 side was a little disappointing, finishing fifth position.

### TALENTED CROP

However, East Fremantle Football Manager Clinton Pike predicts that next year's batch of under-19 players will be the best available for a number of years.

West Perth struggled in both grades for the majority of the season, though at one stage their under-19 side held a place in the top four.

The colts demise from the top half of the ladder can be attributed to injuries and player promotions.

League coach Bruce Monteath

promoted many rookies from under-19 ranks into the league side and this obviously had a detrimental effect on the playing strength of the colts team.

Players such as Nathan Higgins, Wade Starr, Greg Woodroffe and Dennis Repacholi should serve the Falcons well into the future.

And younger players such as Brett Stockman, Adrian Worrell, James Sing, David Elliot, Jon Hunter, Walter Woods and Simon O'Neill will also come under close scrutiny during the 1989 pre-season.

Swan Districts ended the season with all three grades on the bottom of their respective premiership ladders.

Their under-19 and reserves sides suffered some inglorious beatings during the season and the reason for this was the unusually high number of senior players who left the club in 1988.

No less than 32 players departed from Bassendean during the season — 23 of whom had played league football.

Subsequently, several young players were promoted from junior ranks to the under-19 and reserves a little prematurely.

Swans are hopeful of recruiting experienced players such as Jon Fogarty, Brad Shine and Don Langsford back to the club next year and younger players like Austin Ietto, Craig Treleven and Jamie O'Donohue may also return.

Both West Perth and Swan Districts are in favour of scrapping the colts and reserves competitions for an under-21 structure in 1989.

They will be lobbying strongly over the summer months for change, but will be hard-pressed to convince the other clubs that a new competition is needed.

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## Coach hits at tribunal

FORMER East Fremantle player and long-serving Great Northern coach Ron Bentley has fired a verbal barrage at the Geraldton-based tribunal.

Bentley, coach of top side Rovers, was outraged at the five-game suspension of vice-captain Geoff Farrell, which rules him out of football for the rest of the season.

Bentley alleged that the Protests and Disputes Board had based their findings on the evidence of 6GE football commentator Mike Murphy.

"He has a vendetta against our club," said Bentley. "He's also an umpire and he wants to get back at our reserves coach who reported him for language while umpiring a Rovers-Towns game."



Outspoken coach Ron Bentley.

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# Thornlie storm

## into first semi

## Top games in store

THORNLIE earned a Sunday Football League first semi-final berth with a resounding 69-point win over Kalamunda in the elimination final at John Dunn Reserve last Sunday.

The Lions stormed to a 21.19-11.10 win and now meet Mandurah in the first semi.

Mandurah were forced into the cut-throat first semi when they lost by eight points to a tenacious Maddington at Gosnells Oval.

Maddington's upset 9.11-8.9 win over the highly-fancied Southerners means they will take on the top-ranked Wanneroo in the second semi-final at Gosnells Oval this Sunday.

### DAY OF UPSETS

THE opening round of the SFL finals was a day of upsets in league, reserves and colts grades, with the lower-ranked teams winning all six matches.

The Thornlie Lions faced the Kalamunda Cougars with the knowledge that the Cougars would be stung into action after their dismal display against Wanneroo a week earlier.

The game was evenly fought in the opening term with the Lions snatching a five-point break at quarter-time.

But from that point the Lions took charge, their mobile running players making telling raids into attack.

Half-forward Todd Ashbolt, rover James Davies, ruck-rover Sean Pearce and centre-half-forward Doug Simms each booted three goals in an even blend of goal-scoring talent that the Cougars found hard to check.

By contrast, only full-forward Colin Wilkins was in touch for the Cougars.

In what was probably his last game of Sunday football, Wilkins kicked seven of his team's 11 goals in a superb solo effort.

### FIXTURES

#### SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Second Semi-Final — Gosnells Oval  
League: Wanneroo v Maddington, 2.15pm  
Reserves: Maddington v Osborne Pk., 11.45am  
Colts: Wanneroo v Gosnells, 9.45am

First Semi-Final — John Dunn Oval

— Kelmscott

League: Mandurah v Thornlie, 2.15pm

Reserves: Gosnells v Kelmscott 11.45am

Colts: Armadale v Applecross 9.45am

#### METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preliminary Final — Thornlie Oval

League: Kwinana v Manning, 2.15pm

Reserves: Cockburn v Midland, 12 noon

Colts: Midland v Fremantle 10.00am

The Lions had fine players in wingman David Brown, rover Chris Davies and centre-half-back John Morgan.

The only sour note for them was that outstanding ruck-rover Billy Jones was reported on a striking charge.

### MOVE PAYS OFF

THE tipsters looked to be correct when Mandurah booted 4.3 to Maddington's 0.3 in the opening term of the qualifying final.

But a move by Bulls coach Max Kieran to switch experienced big man Charlie Tenardi from full-back to the ruck lifted the team. At half-time, the Bulls had kicked 5.6 and held a one-point lead.

Andrew Kinross tagged Southerners' wingman Chris McMahon out of the game and centreman Shaun Davey got on top of Mandurah's Stephen Green.

Mandurah forward Kim Maisey kicked two goals in the final term to get the Southerners back into the contest but the final siren came too soon.

## COCKBURN INTO GRAND FINAL

COCKBURN kicked straight to upset Kwinana by 17 points in the Metropolitan Football League second semi-final.

Final scores were Cockburn 16.3 (99) to Kwinana's 11.6 (82). The Cockburn Eagles got on top in the third quarter to open up a 27-point lead at the last change.

Kwinana, unbeaten before this game, now play a confident Manning at Thornlie Oval in the preliminary final this Sunday.

When the teams last clashed Kwinana held on to finish six-point winners.

Kwinana coach Tony Morley will have his team fired up and the Knights should be able to obtain a re-match with Cockburn in the inaugural grand final on Sunday week.

THE stage is set for some top semi-finals on Sunday.

Mandurah will go into their game as slight favourites over Thornlie, while Wanneroo will start at odds-on to beat the Bulls.

However, Mandurah appear to have players carrying injuries. Forward Kim Maisey looks doubtful with hamstring problems, while forward Bruce Thomas and ruck-rover Darryl Wyllie have knee injuries.

Added to the Southerners' worries is that a number of players have been hit by a virus, which affected them last Sunday when they lacked pace against Maddington.

The Mandurah defence played strongly against Maddington and Thornlie will find it more difficult to kick a winning score against a more competent backline.

Wanneroo, fresh from their last game when they demolished Kalamunda, will be out to show Sunday football supporters that they are the No.1 team in the league.

### POOR RECORD

It would not surprise to see Wanneroo post a big win in this game. The Bulls were 54-point losers in round eight in their only clash so far this season.

Maddington's record in second semi-finals since 1946 is abysmal with only three wins in 18 appearances.

The only time the two clubs have met in a final-round contest was last season when Maddington were 58-point winners.

Wanneroo, with the promotion of younger players and selective recruiting, have improved tremendously this season and most Sunday League pundits cannot see them getting beaten.

The Wanneroo defence has had an average of only 56 points kicked against them this season.

Led by full-back Robbie Steel, centre-half-back Gavin Carter and backed up by Tony Fullgrabe, Joe Dellavanzo and Alan Hutchings, the Roos have reigned supreme in this area.



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## PREMIERSHIP TABLES

### SGIO WAFL LEAGUE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	14	6	1	2354	1796	131.07	58
SUBIACO	14	7	-	2296	1916	119.83	56
S. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	2306	2137	107.91	52
E. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	2226	2104	105.80	52
Perth	12	9	-	2397	2280	105.13	48
W. Perth	8	13	-	1992	2201	90.50	32
East Perth	5	16	-	1905	2408	79.11	20
Swan Districts	4	16	1	1991	2625	75.84	18

### WAFL PRIME RESERVES

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
PERTH	15	6	-	2398	1434	167.22	60
CLAREMONT	15	6	-	2055	1600	128.43	60
E. PERTH	12	9	-	1839	1920	95.78	48
SUBIACO	11	10	-	1993	1564	127.43	44
E. Fremantle	11	10	-	2016	1822	110.65	44
S. Fremantle	8	13	-	1846	2153	85.74	32
W. Perth	8	13	-	1614	2050	78.73	32
Swan Districts	4	17	-	1327	2545	52.14	16

### WAFL UNDER-19s

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SUBIACO	16	5	-	1729	1072	161.28	64
CLAREMONT	15	5	1	1715	1070	160.28	62
E. PERTH	15	6	-	1428	1123	127.15	60
S. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	1673	1165	143.60	52
E. Fremantle	8	12	1	1294	1483	87.25	34
Perth	8	13	-	1321	1354	97.56	32
W. Perth	7	14	-	1382	1564	88.36	28
Swan Districts	1	20	-	798	2507	31.80	4

### VFL PREMIERSHIP

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
HAWTHORN	18	3	-	2607	1873	139.2	72
CARLTON	15	6	-	2276	1865	122.0	60
COLLINGWOOD	14	6	1	1825	1634	111.3	58
WEST COAST	12	9	-	2146	1943	110.8	48
MELBOURNE	12	9	-	1907	1895	100.6	48
Essendon	11	10	-	2102	1952	107.7	44
Footscray	11	10	-	1851	1750	105.8	44
Sydney Swans	11	10	-	2088	2099	99.5	44
Geelong	10	11	-	2262	2117	106.8	40
N. Melbourne	7	13	1	2272	2454	92.6	30
Fitzroy	7	14	-	2074	2381	87.1	28
Richmond	7	14	-	2004	2486	80.6	28
Brisbane	7	14	-	1729	2340	73.8	28
St Kilda	4	17	-	1643	1997	82.3	16

### SANFL PREMIERSHIP

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CENTRAL DIST.	14	5	1	2396	1751	57.78	29
PORTADEL	14	6	-	2248	1790	55.67	28
NORWOOD	13	7	-	2251	1656	57.61	26
GLENELG	12	8	-	2208	1684	56.73	24
STURT	12	8	-	2253	2052	52.33	24
N. Adel	11	8	1	2017	1789	52.99	23
Woodville	8	12	-	2138	2368	47.45	16
W. Adel	7	13	-	1876	2218	45.82	14
W. Torrens	7	13	-	1780	2265	44.00	14
S. Adel	1	19	-	1371	2955	31.69	2

## SGIO PREMIERSHIP CUP COMPETITION

### SERIES ONE

**MONDAY, APRIL 4 (Round 1)**  
 Claremont 21.16 Subiaco 11.9, Claremont South Frem. 21.23 East Perth 6.12, Fremantle Perth 13.20 East Frem. 17.15, WACA West Perth 23.23 Swan Dist. 10.17, Leederville

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (Round 2)**  
 Subiaco 14.15 East Perth 10.10, Subiaco Claremont 8.18 Perth 10.14, Claremont East Frem. 14.19 West Perth 14.9, East Frem Swan Dist. 17.23 South Frem. 14.11, Bssdn

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 (Round 3)**  
 Subiaco 26.18 Swan Districts 9.11, Subiaco East Perth 10.10 Claremont 21.23, WACA West Perth 8.16 Perth 18.9, Leederville East Frem. 11.19, South Frem. 10.12, E. Frem.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 (Round 4)**  
 East Frem. 8.12 Subiaco 15.19, Geraldton

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**  
 Swan Dist. 16.16 East Perth 14.12, Bass'dean

**Double Header — at WACA Ground**  
 West Perth 20.13 Claremont 16.7  
 Perth 24.22 South Fremantle 16.13

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (Round 5)**  
 Subiaco 23.10 Perth 15.15, Subiaco East Perth 16.9 East Fremantle 17.23, WACA Claremont 18.19, Swan Dist. 13.11, Claremont S. Fremantle 16.26 West Perth 6.13, Fremantle

**SATURDAY, MAY 7 (Round 6)**  
 Perth 20.20 East Perth 15.6, WACA S. Fremantle 14.17 Claremont 18.19, Frem. West Perth 12.15 Subiaco 20.12, Leederville Swan Dist. 15.18 E. Frem. 22.19, Bassendean

**SATURDAY, MAY 14 (Round 7)**  
 Subiaco 25.23 S. Fremantle 11.13, Subiaco West Perth 10.9 East Perth 14.13, Leederville E. Fremantle 9.10 Claremont 11.16, E. Frem Perth 27.20 Swan Districts 11.15, at WACA

### SERIES TWO

**SATURDAY, MAY 21 (Round 8)**  
 E. Fremantle 18.13 Subiaco 11.13, E. Frem. Swan Dist. 21.17 E. Perth 19.16, Bass'dean Perth 13.11 S. Fremantle 18.18, WACA Claremont 18.15 West Perth 6.20, Claremont

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**  
 S. Aust. 17.17 W. Aust. 11.13, Football Pk, SA

**SATURDAY, MAY 28 (Round 9)**  
 E. Perth 14.10 Subiaco 20.10, WACA Claremont 22.10 Perth 16.13, Claremont West Perth 14.16 E. Frem. 18.14, Leederville S. Frem. 20.15 Swan Dist. 14.12, Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4 (Round 10)**  
 Subiaco 16.19 Swan Dist. 10.8, Subiaco Claremont 17.12 E. Perth 10.13, Claremont Perth 17.16 W. Perth 14.13, WACA

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
 S. Frem. 16.10 E. Frem. 12.12, Fremantle

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (Round 11)**  
 Subiaco 10.13, Claremont 15.13, Subiaco East Perth 14.15, South Frem. 13.12, WACA East Frem. 22.11, Perth 15.21, East Frem. Swan Dist. 10.15, W. Perth 16.17, Bassendean

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (Round 12)**  
 Subiaco 11.8, West Perth 16.19, Subiaco Perth 18.13, East Perth 11.1, WACA Claremont 18.18, South Frem. 11.9, Claremont East Frem. 18.17, Swan Dist. 18.6, East Frem.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25 (Round 13)**  
 East Perth 13.12, East Fremantle 22.24 Perth 9.19, Subiaco 9.8  
 Swan Dist. 11.10, Claremont 10.16, Bassendean W. Perth 17.22, S. Fremantle 8.9, Leederville

**SATURDAY, JULY 3 (Round 14)**  
 South Frem. 21.10, Subiaco 17.8, Fremantle. East Frem. 14.10, Claremont 17.19, Subiaco. E. Perth 15.11, W. Perth 18.12, Perth Oval. Swan Dist. 13.21, Perth 18.15, Bassendean.

**TUESDAY, JULY 5 (Round 15)**  
 Interstate double-header at Subiaco Oval.  
 WAFI 24.19, VFA 11.11  
 Victoria 21.23, WA 15.9

### SERIES THREE

**SATURDAY, JULY 9 (Round 15)**  
 Claremont 17.15, Subiaco 18.11, Claremont. E. Perth 9.17, South Fremantle 10.12, WACA. East Frem 21.14, Perth 13.20, East Frem. Swan Dist. 20.22, West Perth 11.12, Bass.

**SATURDAY, July 16 (Round 16)**  
 Subiaco 18.18, East Perth 13.3, Subiaco. Perth 13.16, Claremont 23.17, WACA. West Perth 17.19, East Frem 13.10, Leed. South Frem 25.6, Swan Dist 17.13, Fremantle.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23 (Round 17)**  
 Subiaco 6.7 East Frem. 3.9, Subiaco East Perth 10.12 Swan Dist 6.8, WACA South Frem. 13.13 Perth 10.12, Fremantle West Perth 7.7 Claremont 4.6, Leederville

**SATURDAY, JULY 30 (Round 18)**  
 Swan Dist 15.7, Subiaco 15.18, Bassendean East Perth 11.6, Claremont 20.21, WACA East Frem 13.13, St Frem 26.20, East Frem West Perth 13.8, Perth 19.14, Leederville

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 (Round 19)**  
 Perth 15.12, Subiaco 18.21, WACA East Frem 13.15, East Perth 16.15, East Frem Claremont 18.16, Swan Dist 11.7, Claremont South Frem 22.7, West Perth 16.15, Fremantle

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 (Round 20)**  
 South Frem 16.9, Claremont 13.20, Subiaco Subiaco 20.20, West Perth 7.17, Subiaco East Perth 15.13, Perth 16.12, WACA East Frem 16.19, Swan Dist 11.13, East Frem

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 (Round 21)**  
 South Frem 16.19, Subiaco 11.12, Fremantle Swan Dist 17.11, Perth 26.13, Bassendean Claremont 12.16, East Frem 18.14, Claremont West Perth 15.17, East Perth 16.17, Leederville

### FINALS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
 First Semi Final  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
 Second Semi Final  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
 Preliminary Final  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
 Grand Final

# VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(P) — Indicates matches to be played at VFL Park.

**Round 1 — (April 2, Saturday)**  
 Essendon 25.14 North Melbourne 12.10  
 Geelong 11.17 Eagles 14.20, Kardinia Park  
 Carlton 18.18 Hawthorn 15.21, Windy Hill

**(April 3, Sunday)**  
 Brisbane 10.15 Collingwood 11.17, Carrara Oval

**(April 4, Monday)**  
 Footscray 18.6 Sydney Swans 11.10, VFL Park  
 Richmond 16.12 Melbourne 23.16, MCG  
 Fitzroy 20.20 St Kilda 17.16, Princes Park

**Round 2 — (April 8, Friday)**  
 West Coast Eagles 26.19 Essendon 11.10, WACA  
**(April 9, Saturday)**  
 Hawthorn 26.15 Richmond 12.14, VFL Park  
 Collingwood 15.12 Fitzroy 9.16, Victoria Park  
 Footscray 9.12 Melbourne 13.8, Western Oval  
 Carlton 18.15 Brisbane Bears 7.19, Princes Park  
 North Melbourne 20.7 Geelong 21.16, MCG

**(April 10, Sunday)**  
 Sydney Swans 9.12 St Kilda 7.13, SCG

**Round 3 — (April 16, Saturday)**  
 Richmond 12.8 Collingwood 23.12, VFL Park  
 Essendon 11.13 Carlton 23.13, Windy Hill  
 Hawthorn 17.12, Swans 13.15, Princes Park  
 Footscray 16.12, Fitzroy 7.15, Western Oval  
 St Kilda 17.6 North Melbourne 11.16  
 Melbourne 9.18 Geelong 9.10

**(April 17, Sunday)**  
 Bears 10.14 Eagles 29.18, WACA

**Round 4 — (April 22, Friday)**  
 Melbourne 13.18 Bears 5.11, MCG  
**(April 23, Saturday)**  
 Collingwood 13.16 Eagles 8.7, Victoria Park  
 North Melbourne 19.11 Footscray 13.9, VFL Park  
 Hawthorn 17.18 Fitzroy 15.16, Princes Park

**(April 24, Sunday)**  
 Swans 10.19 Carlton 24.22, SCG

**(April 25, Monday)**  
 St Kilda 10.9 Essendon 14.7, Moorabbin  
 Richmond 11.16 Geelong 24.17, MCG

**Round 5 — (April 29, Friday)**  
 Eagles 14.16 Footscray 14.9, WACA  
**(April 30, Saturday)**  
 Carlton 10.9 Collingwood 14.13, VFL Park  
 North Melbourne 19.14 Hawthorn 31.19, MCG  
 Fitzroy 12.19 Richmond 23.15, Princes Park  
 Geelong 17.14 Essendon 13.14, Kardinia Park  
 St Kilda 12.12 Brisbane Bears 13.15, Moorabbin

**(May 1, Sunday)**  
 Sydney Swans 12.17 Melbourne 17.14

**Round 6 — (May 6, Friday)**  
 North Melbourne 17.21 Eagles 17.8

**(May 7, Saturday)**  
 Collingwood 13.13 Hawthorn 14.9 (P)  
 Footscray 12.19 Richmond 5.16  
 Carlton 10.12 St Kilda 4.8  
 Melbourne 9.14 Essendon 16.5  
**(May 8, Sunday)**  
 Brisbane Bears 17.11 Fitzroy 16.15  
 Geelong 16.15 Sydney Swans 17.12

**Round 7 — (May 13, Friday)**  
 Eagles 17.10 St Kilda 3.18, WACA  
**(May 14, Saturday)**  
 Geelong 15.14 Carlton 14.9, VFL Park  
 Fitzroy 15.16 Swans 9.13, Princes Park  
 Melbourne 15.21 Hawthorn 13.12, MCG  
 Essendon 17.17 Collingwood 11.9, Windy Hill

**(May 15, Sunday)**  
 Richmond 11.7 N. Melbourne 22.18, MCG  
 Bears 10.12 Footscray 9.17, Carrara Oval

**Round 8 — (May 20, Friday)**  
 Swans 11.21 Bears 17.12  
**(May 21, Saturday)**  
 Carlton 19.20 N. Melbourne 19.7 (P)  
 Fitzroy 12.17 Melbourne 17.13  
 Essendon 20.17 Richmond 13.11  
 Collingwood 13.10 Footscray 11.16  
**(May 22, Sunday)**  
 Eagles 9.9 Hawthorn 17.14  
 Geelong 16.12 St Kilda 17.12

**Round 9 — (May 27, Friday)**  
 Essendon 29.20 Bears 8.6, MCG  
**(May 28, Saturday)**  
 N. Melb. 4.11 Collingwood 11.17, VFL  
 Hawthorn 23.16 Footscray 9.11, Princes Park  
 Richmond 10.13 Sydney Swans 20.16, MCG  
 St Kilda 16.10 Melbourne 11.12, Moorabbin  
 Geelong 20.13 Fitzroy 15.10, Kardinia Park

**(May 29, Sunday)**  
 Eagles 12.15 Carlton 15.10, Subiaco

**Round 10 — (June 3, Friday)**  
 Swans 11.11, Essendon 8.7, SCG

**(June 4, Saturday)**  
 St Kilda 17.19 Hawthorn 21.11, MCG  
 Fitzroy 24.13 N. Melbourne 18.16 Princes Park  
 Footscray 11.19 Carlton 15.6, Western Oval  
 Collingwood 10.11 Melbourne 12.12, VFL Park  
**(June 5, Sunday)**  
 Bears 16.13 Geelong 24.18, Carrara  
 Richmond 16.20 Eagles 10.15, MCG

**Round 11 — (June 10, Friday)**  
 Sydney Swans 18.24, North Melb. 19.11, SCG  
**(June 11, Saturday)**  
 St Kilda 7.9 Footscray 11.12, VFL  
 Carlton 21.18 Fitzroy 15.11, Princes Park  
**(June 12, Sunday)**  
 Bears 23.13 Richmond 15.13, Carrara  
**(June 13, Monday)**  
 Melbourne 13.15 Eagles 10.13, MCG  
 Hawthorn 17.16 Essendon 10.8, Princes Park  
 Geelong 9.10 Collingwood 16.7, Kardinia Park

**Round 12 — (June 17, Friday)**  
 Richmond 15.20, Carlton 12.21, MCG  
**(June 18, Saturday)**  
 Fitzroy 7.9, Essendon 4.9, VFL Park  
 Hawthorn 10.20, Bears 2.5, Princes Park  
 Footscray 7.14, Geelong 3.12, Western Oval  
 St Kilda 3.12, Collingwood 7.9, at Moorabbin  
 Nth Melb. 10.14, Melbourne 7.19, MCG  
**(June 19, Sunday)**  
 Swans 14.20, Eagles 8.13, SCG

**Round 13 — (June 25, Saturday)**  
 Melbourne 10.6, Carlton 5.13, VFL Park  
 Hawthorn 17.10, Geelong 12.15, Princes Park  
 Essendon 10.15, Footscray 15.9, Windy Hill  
 Collingwood 9.14, Sydney Swans 2.11, Victoria Park  
 St Kilda 8.18, Richmond 5.11, Moorabbin  
 N. Melb. 22.19, Bears 13.7, MCG

**(June 26, Sunday)**  
 Eagles 17.19, Fitzroy 13.9, Subiaco

**Round 14 — (July 1, Friday)**  
 Swans 13.18, Richmond 19.17, SCG  
**(July 2, Saturday)**  
 Fitzroy 10.11, N. Melb. 15.20, VFL Park  
 Carlton 11.21, Collingwood 15.14, MCG  
 Footscray 11.11, Hawthorn 15.15, Western Oval  
 Geelong 8.8, Melb. 13.11, Kardinia Park  
 Essendon 16.16, Eagles 13.7, Windy Hill  
**(July 3, Sunday)**  
 Bears 14.15, St Kilda 12.17

**Saturday, July 2 (Round 14)**  
 Essendon 16.16, Eagles 13.7, Windy Hill

**Round 15 — (July 9, Saturday)**  
 Footscray 12.8, Richmond 8.7, VFL Park  
 Fitzroy 21.16, Collingwood 7.10, Princes Park  
 Melbourne 8.9, Sydney Swans 19.16, MCG  
 St Kilda 9.11, Carlton 10.9, Moorabbin.  
**(July 10, Sunday)**  
 Eagles 18.18, Geelong 16.





# NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

## WAFL



**SOUTH FREMANTLE** 2.6 10.10 12.12 16.19 115  
**SUBIACO** 4.2 6.3 7.7 11.12 78  
 GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Bayliss 6.2, P. Matera 3.5, Geary 2.4, Sumich 1.2, C. Collard 1.2, D. Collard 1.2, Kickett 1.1, Jackson 1.0, Collins 0.1. SUBIACO: Jennings 3.3, Heady 2.1, Carpenter 1.1, Lee 1.1, N. Taylor 1.1, Willet 1.1, Higgins 1.0, Keyser 1.0, Cocker 0.1, forced 0.3.  
 BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Edwards, Ditchburn, Bayliss, Watters, B. Collard, Firmano. SUBIACO: Jennings, B. Taylor, McDougall, N. Taylor, Willet, Hutchinson. Played at Fremantle Oval. Umpires Ken O'Driscoll, David Johnson. Attendance 6618.

**PERTH** 5.1 12.5 16.9 26.13 169  
**SWANS** 1.5 4.7 8.10 17.11 113  
 GOALS: NORTH PERTH: Narkle 6.1, Santostefano 5.1, Mount 3.2, Watson 3.0, B. Edwards 2.1, Ryder 2.0, Kelly 1.2, Papotto 2.1, B. Cable 1.0, Mosconi 1.0, forced 0.3. SWAN DISTRICTS: A. Holmes 4.4, Old 3.0, Partington 2.1, S. Stevens 2.0, Bazzo 1.0, Moss 0.1, Walker 0.1, forced 0.2.  
 BEST: PERTH: Fancote, Hunter, Edwards, Mount, Watson, Santostefano. SWAN DISTRICTS: Old, A. Holmes, Grasso, Walker, Bazzo, Jones. Played at Bassendean Oval. Umpires Trevor Garrett, Mike Ball. Attendance 3541.

**EAST FREMANTLE** 1.4 8.9 13.12 18.14 122  
**CLAREMONT** 2.5 7.7 11.12 12.16 88  
 GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Browning 5.3, Waterson 3.5, Ellis 2.1, Peake 2.1, Waterman 2.0, Dargcourt 1.1, Quill 1.0, Christie 1.0, Sterrett 1.0, Read 0.1, forced 0.2. CLAREMONT: Allan 2.3, Pike 2.2, O'Connell 2.1, Ahmat 2.1, Hann 1.1, Urquhart 1.0, Melesio 1.0, Edwards 1.0, Thorne 0.2, Higgins 0.2, Brayshaw 0.2, Hutton 0.1, Scott 0.1.  
 BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Wrensted, Ellis, Wolf, Rowland, Peake, Quill. CLAREMONT: Owens, Hann, Edwards, Begovich, Povey, Urquhart. Played at Claremont Oval. Umpires Grant Vernon, Glenn Lee. Attendance 3871.

**EAST PERTH** 6.2 10.5 11.14 16.17 113  
**WEST PERTH** 6.6 10.9 11.12 15.17 107  
 GOALS: EAST PERTH: Cransberg 4.1, Campbell 3.6, Ewen 2.2, Miller 2.0, Del Borrello 2.0, Dawson 1.1, Peos 1.1, Bennett 1.0, Bain 0.2, Lewis 0.1, forced 0.3. WEST PERTH: Howlett 5.3, Taylor 3.3, Williams 2.4, Holden 2.1, Munro 1.1, Menaglio 1.0, O'Neill 1.0, Higgins 0.3, forced 0.2.  
 BEST: EAST PERTH: Cransberg, Dawson, Baroni, Giannakis, Bain, Bartlett. WEST PERTH: Holden, Bradmore, Higgins, Howlett, Menaglio, Jackson. Played at Leederville Oval. Umpires Len Cooper, Trevor Rees. Attendance 2468.

## SANFL



**WOODVILLE** 8.3 13.10 17.14 22.16 148  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT** 4.2 7.4 15.6 16.12 108  
 GOALS: WOODVILLE: Nichols 6, Klug 5, Harper 3, Panizza 3, Harris 2, Cox 2, Parsons 1. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Mandemaker 5, Graham 2, Kickett 2, McAdam 2, Lally 2, Chaplin 1, Girdham 1, Handley 1.  
 BEST: WOODVILLE: Negri, Klug, McDonald, Harris, Dettmann, Panizza, Champion, Nichols. CENTRAL DISTRICT: McAdam, Van Dommele, Lally, Sullivan, Kickett.

**NORTH ADELAIDE** 7.4 10.6 13.10 16.14 110  
**SOUTH ADELAIDE** 1.2 1.3 8.5 16.6 102  
 GOALS: NORTH ADELAIDE: Roe 4, Burton 4, D. Jarman 2, Roberts 1, Sanders 1, Hamilton 1, Barratt 1, Simmons 1, Sims 1. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Butler 3, Hampel 2, Schmid 2, Dewhurst 2, Copping 2, Valente 2, Aitken 1, Whitford 1, Kappler 1.  
 BEST: NORTH ADELAIDE: A. Jarman, Burton, Craig, Hamilton, Simmons. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Brooksby, Butler, Dewhurst, Valente, Kappler.

**PORT ADELAIDE** 7.1 7.4 9.7 16.9 105  
**GLENELG** 2.4 10.9 13.13 14.18 102  
 GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Ginever 4, Harvey 3, Hodges 2, Foster 1, D. Smith 1, O'Brien 1, Kerrin 1, Williamson 1, Mahney 1, Taylor 1. GLENELG: Chgiwidden 4, Marshall 2, Melican 2, Hodgeman 2, Maynard 2, Carey 1, Christie 1.  
 BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Phillips, Ginever, Leslie, Harvey, Foster. GLENELG: Carey, McDermott, Marshall, A. Stringer, Hodgeman.

**NORWOOD** 5.5 9.8 16.15 20.18 138  
**STURT** 2.4 2.10 6.14 10.17 77  
 GOALS: NORWOOD: R. Maynard 5, McNeil 4, Ducker 3, Pettit 2, Rowe 2, Hall 1, Balme 1, Anderson 1, van der Meer 1. STURT: Schache 2, Wark 2, Kitschken 1, Paynter 1, S. Russell 1, Fieldin 1, Dilena 1, Ey 1.  
 BEST: NORWOOD: Rowe, McIntosh, Hall, Fosdike, R. Maynard. STURT: S. Russell, Kitschke, Paynter, Dilena, Richter.

**WEST ADELAIDE** 3.2 7.6 14.6 18.8 116  
**TORRENS** 1.4 4.7 8.9 13.12 90  
 GOALS: WEST ADELAIDE: Kreuter 5, James 3, Lamb 3, Grosser 2, Sporn 2, McKinnon 1, Shaw 1, Miller 1. TORRENS: Hanna 5, Werner 3, Long 2, Hodson 2, Edmonds 1.  
 BEST: WEST ADELAIDE: Lamb, Fielke, Sporn, Burgess, Shaw. TORRENS: Edmonds, Christensen, Long, Hanna, Lindsay.

## WAFL UNDER-19s

**SOUTH FREMANTLE** 15.11 (101) d **SUBIACO** 8.8 (56)  
 GOALS: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Fulton 3, Wyllie 3, Eves 3, Rummer 3, Mazurek 1, Watson 1, Genefini 1. SUBIACO: Stannage 3, Walker 2, Splicker 1, Johnson 1, Dwyer 1.  
 BEST: SOUTH FREMANTLE: Atkins, Wyllie, Wirth, SUBIACO: Walker, Buck, Garnaut.

**CLAREMONT** 10.9 (69) d **EAST FREMANTLE** 4.8 (32)  
 GOALS: CLAREMONT: J. Guard 4, Cunningham 2, Robins 1, Barros 1, B. Guard 1, Creed 1. EAST FREMANTLE: Billich 2, Stagg 1, Smith 1.  
 BEST: CLAREMONT: J. Guard, Creed, McLennan. EAST FREMANTLE: Vanduren, Hansen, Quarrell.

**EAST PERTH** 9.8 (62) d **WEST PERTH** 9.4 (58)  
 GOALS: EAST PERTH: Annison 4, C. Camp 2, Cumming 1, Salmon 1, Barron 1. WEST PERTH: Smith 2, Fonti 1, Nelligan 1, Elliott 1, Stevens 1, Zelich 1, Hunter 1, Tassiker 1.  
 BEST: EAST PERTH: Crook, Stewart, Taylor. WEST PERTH: Wood, Nelligan, Stockman.

**PERTH** 27.24 (186) d **SWAN DISTRICTS** 1.3 (9)  
 GOALS: PERTH: Cox 6, Clement 4, Jackson 3, Thompson 2, Murphy 2, Knite 1, McMurray 2, Pears 2, Cummings 2, Tussier 1, Noteboom 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Higgins 1.  
 BEST: PERTH: Thompson, Knite, Tussier. SWAN DISTRICTS: O'Donnell, Capobianco, Edmunds.

## SUNDAY LEAGUE

**LEAGUE: Elimination Final**  
**THORNIE** 5.4 10.10 13.14 21.19 (145)  
**KALAMUNDA** 4.5 5.7 9.7 11.10 (76)  
 GOALS: THORNIE: Ashbolt, J. Davies, Pearce, Simms 3, Jones, Smith, Waddell 2, C. Davies, Brown, Barns. KALAMUNDA: Wilkins 7, Doyer, Ellard, Garbellini, Moore.  
 BEST: THORNIE: David Brown, Chris Davies, John Morgan. KALAMUNDA: Colin Wilkins, David Anderson, Damien Gordon.

**Qualifying Final**  
**MADDINGTON** 0.3 5.6 8.8 9.11 (65)  
**MANDURAH** 4.3 5.5 6.7 8.9 (57)  
 GOALS: MADDINGTON: Williams 3, Aaren, Kiernan, Outridge 2, Clark, Tolan 1. MANDURAH: Wilson, Maisey, Gillam 2, Tom Williams, J. Wyllie 1.  
 BEST: MADDINGTON: Charlie Tenardi, Andrew Kinross, Paul White, Mark Bond, Shaun Davey. MANDURAH: Steve Doyle, Brad Graham, Stuart Glass, Ian Lockhart, David Todd.

**RESERVES: Elimination final**  
**KELMSCOTT** 5.3 9.6 10.11 13.18 (96)  
**WANNEROO** 1.5 6.9 12.13 13.14 (92)  
 GOALS: KELMSCOTT: Peake 5, Cooper, P. Greaves 2, Burke, Clement, Spilsbury, Walker 1. WANNEROO: Poole, Riches 3, Bairstow, Hunter, Jeffery 2, J. Kemp 1.  
 BEST: KELMSCOTT: Lindsay Smith, John Abrusci, Ric Uchtman, Joe McNamara. WANNEROO: Dave Walters, Dave Jeffery, Graeme Riches, Aaron Hunter.

**Qualifying Final**  
**OSBORNE PARK** 3.4 5.4 16.9 19.11 (125)  
**GOSNELLS** 2.0 7.2 7.2 11.2 (68)  
 GOALS: OSBORNE PARK: Craig Goodwin 5, Hart, Thomas 3, Cullen, Farmer 2, Gatsos, Page, Snow, Maher 1. GOSNELLS: Hoyer 6, Hansen 3, Hambleton, F. Zolti 1.  
 BEST: OSBORNE PARK: Kim Dellaqua, Merv Agramahs, Alan Thomas, Craig Goodwin, Michael Page. GOSNELLS: John Browne, Murray Johnson, Peter Taylor, Eddie Hoyer, David Stephens.

**COLTS: Elimination Final**  
**APPLECROSS** 4.2 7.4 9.4 14.4 (88)  
**MANDURAH** 0.0 4.4 5.4 5.5 (35)  
 GOALS: APPLECROSS: Henley 4, Tames 3, Schapper, Horn 2, Eiffler, Burton, Brearley 1. MANDURAH: Graham, James, Scott, Sloan, Stevenson 1.  
 BEST: APPLECROSS: Mark Horn, Michael Stirling, Brett Schapper, Mal Cooper. MANDURAH: Dean Hislop, Gavin Dover, Brad Perry, Wayne Stevenson.

**Qualifying Final**  
**GOSNELLS** 1.5 6.11 12.15 16.18 (114)  
**ARMADALE** 4.3 5.5 7.7 12.7 (79)  
 GOALS: GOSNELLS: Matthews 5, Wisse 3, Dominish 2, Baker, Bilich, Francas, M. Kemp, Lester, O'Sheehan 1. ARMADALE: Anjelini 5, Marwick 4, G. Atwell, Morfitt, Preedy 1.  
 BEST: GOSNELLS: Mark Kemp, Mark Dominish, John Francas, Brian Lester, Mark Oliver. ARMADALE: Lindsay Atwell, Darryl Clark, David Marwick, Peter Hunt, Noel Anjelini.

## METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

**LEAGUE: Second Semi-Final**  
**COCKBURN** 2.1 8.1 13.3 16.3 (99)  
**KWINANA** 2.2 6.9 7.12 11.16 (82)  
 GOALS: COCKBURN: G. McCarthy 3, Gumina, Ingraham, Pearce, Rodgers, Ugle 2, Dalessio, Senior, Skipworth 1. KWINANA: Jackson 5, Bennell, Little 2, Edgar, Osborne 1.  
 BEST: COCKBURN: Barry Ugle, Mick Garbin, Randall Prowse, Brett Patrick, Glenn Prowse. KWINANA: Peter Shaw, Roland Hayden, Stan Osborne, Tony Morley, Jeff Angel.

**RESERVES: Second Semi-Final**  
**KWINANA** 0.0 2.2 5.5 8.9 (57)  
**COCKBURN** 2.3 2.6 5.11 7.12 (54)  
 GOALS: KWINANA: M. Lloyd 3, Noble 2, Roberts, Coomer, Little, Councillor 1. COCKBURN: Not available.  
 BEST: KWINANA: Malcolm Winmar, Victor Little, Wayne Winmar, Cedric Indich, John Di Mattia. COCKBURN: John Florenca, Lawrence Hart, Phil Gerovich, Bart Sillich, Sam Konkurat.

**COLTS: Second Semi-Final**  
**KWINANA** 3.4 6.8 9.11 11.17 (83)  
**MIDLAND** 2.2 3.4 5.5 6.11 (47)  
 GOALS: KWINANA: Dowman 3, Grenchley 2, Alexander, Antulov, Campbell, Griffin, Starkie, Tassone 1. MIDLAND: Bergersen 3, Firkins 2, Gardiner 1.  
 BEST: KWINANA: Warren Ogden, Chris Dowman, Chris Hansen, Stephen Lloyd, Ross Greaves. MIDLAND: Robert Melville, Scott Hall, Darren Mullooly, Glen Caton, Austin Bayley.

## VFL



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**

**NORTH MELBOURNE** 5.0 9.3 12.8 16.17 113  
**SYDNEY SWANS** 6.3 11.8 12.11 14.17 191  
 GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: J. Krakouer 3, Allison 3, Arceri 2, Clarkson 2, Mossop 1, Fairlie 1, Larkin 1, Buckley 1, Harris 1, Schwass 1. SYDNEY SWANS: Coleman 5, Healy 3, Wright 2, Mitchell 1, Toohy 1, Bolton 1, Murphy 1.  
 BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Smith, Mossop, Allison, Larkin, J. Krakouer, Arceri. SYDNEY SWANS: Mitchell, Carroll, Potter, Coleman, Murphy, Bolton. Played at MCG. Umpires Peter Carey, Shane Harris. Attendance 14,772.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

**HAWTHORN** 6.5 9.8 12.11 18.15 123  
**ST KILDA** 3.3 7.5 10.8 11.12 78  
 GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 4, Buckenara 3, Ralphsmith 3, DiPierdomenico 2, Mew 1, Brereton 1, Schwab 1, Abbott 1, Platten 1. ST KILDA: Owen 3, Winmar 3, Harvey 2, Peter-Budge 1, Burke 1, Bowey 1.  
 BEST: HAWTHORN: Buckenara, Platten, DiPierdomenico, Hall, Dear, Schwab. ST KILDA: Barker, Winmar, Dwyer, Burke, Frawley, Coghlan. Played at VFL Park. Umpires Brendan Cartland, Phil O'Reilly. Attendance 19,222.

**ESSENDON** 3.5 8.5 14.9 19.14 128  
**MELBOURNE** 5.2 8.8 10.8 13.12 90  
 GOALS: ESSENDON: Salmon 4, Clark 3, T. Daniher 2, van der Haar 2, O'Donnell 2, C. Daniher 1, Bewick 1, Anderson 1, Madden 1, Watson 1, Walker 1. MELBOURNE: Wilson 3, Jackson 2, Lyon 1, Spalding 1, Johnson 1, Lovell 1, Stretch 1, Wight 1, Healy 1, Flintoff 1.  
 BEST: ESSENDON: Watson, Madden, van der Haar, T. Daniher, Harvey, Anderson. MELBOURNE: Stretch, Wilson, Yeats, Mandell, Jackson. Played at Windy Hill, Essendon. Umpires Ian Clayton, Bryan Sheehan. Attendance 19,863.

**FITZROY** 3.4 10.6 16.11 19.13 127  
**FOOTSCRAY** 4.3 10.5 14.5 17.11 113  
 GOALS: FITZROY: Osborne 8, Roos 3, Armstrong 2, Broderick 2, Ironmonger 1, Strooper 1, Stephens 1, Harris 1. FOOTSCRAY: Wallis 4, McGuinness 3, Hawkins 2, Beasley 2, Collins 2, Cousins 1, Foster 1, Royal 1.  
 BEST: FITZROY: Ironmonger, Osborne, Roos, Armstrong, Stephens, Pert. FOOTSCRAY: Wallace, MacPherson, McGuinness, Wallis, Royal. Played at Princes Park. Umpires Peter Cameron, John Russo. Attendance 13,028.

**GEELONG** 2.5 9.6 18.9 22.14 146  
**RICHMOND** 4.3 8.4 12.7 16.12 108  
 GOALS: GEELONG: Bairstow 3, Turner 3, Bruns 3, Alderice 3, Cameron 3, Ablett 2, Drum 2, Couch 1, Denham 1, Yeates 1. RICHMOND: Mitchell 4, Egan 3, Leys 3, Weightman 2, Manton 1, Thomson 1, M. Pickering 1, J. Pickering 1.  
 BEST: GEELONG: Bairstow, Yeates, Bruns, Couch, Denham, Bos. RICHMOND: Mitchell, Thomson, Frangalas, Leys, Weightman. Played at Kardinia Park. Umpires Hayden Kennedy, Martin Sneddon. Attendance 14,338.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**EAGLES** 3.3 4.6 12.8 16.15 111  
**COLLINGWOOD** 2.1 3.2 4.4 7.9 51  
 GOALS: EAGLES: Glendinning 4, Annear 2, Malaxos 2, Gastev 2, Lockyer 2, Langdon 1, D. O'Connell 1, Holmes 1, Hart 1. COLLINGWOOD: Taylor 1, Shaw 1, Turner 1, Starcevic 1, G. Crosisca 1, McGuane 1, Daicos 1.  
 BEST: EAGLES: Laidley, Langdon, Lamb, Keene, McKenna, Hart, Malaxos. COLLINGWOOD: Shaw, Turner, Daicos, Banks, Barwick, McGuane. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Rowan Sawers, Denis Rich. Attendance 36,116.

**CARLTON** 3.5 6.12 10.13 13.22 100  
**BRISBANE** 5.5 6.5 13.10 14.13 97  
 GOALS: CARLTON: Kernahan 5, Gleeson 2, Sartori 2, Herman 2, Murphy 1, Glascock 1. BRISBANE: Lester-Smith 4, Merrett 3, Hardie 2, Fidge 2, Raines 1, Walsh 1, McIvor 1.  
 BEST: CARLTON: Kernahan, Johnston, Gleeson, Madden, Silvagni, Meldrum. BRISBANE: Lester-Smith, Reynoldson, Raines, McIvor, Taylor, Merrett. Played at Carrara, Gold Coast. Umpires Martin Childs, Ross Castle. Attendance 16,727.

## VFL RESERVES



**NORTH MELBOURNE** 22.12 (144) d **SYDNEY** 9.10 (64)  
 GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: Dwyer 4, McCann 4, Ogler 4, Smith 3, Harris 2, Steele 1, McDonald 1, Hepburn 1, O'Donoghue 1, Rock 1. SYDNEY: Battiston 2, Davis 2, Parsons 1, Neagle 1, Quirk 1, Wright 1, Mitchell 1.  
 BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Lisle, Ogler, Dwyer, S. Smith, Murphy, Robertson. SYDNEY: Neagle, Mitchell, McAsey, Lloyd, Battiston.

**ST KILDA** 19.12 (126) d **HAWTHORN** 16.13 (109)  
 GOALS: ST KILDA: Devonport 8, Gamble 6, Brandhoff 2, Doyle 1, Cummings 1, Fode 1. HAWTHORN: Condon 5, Bourke 4, Dickson 2, Russo 1, Pritchard 1, R. Teal 1, Berry 1, S. Teal 1.  
 BEST: ST KILDA: Lamb, Dunkley, Fode, Brandhoff, Doyle, Gamble, Devonport, Jeffrey. HAWTHORN: Russo, Pritchard, Dondon, Dear, Cooper.

**ESSENDON** 26.10 (166) d **MELBOURNE** 7.4 (46)  
 GOALS: ESSENDON: N. Walsh 7, Plain 5, Barnes 3, O'Brien 2, Francis 2, Spencer 1, Stubbs 1, Bourke 1, Dell 1, Hicks 1, O'Sullivan 1, Merryweather 1. MELBOURNE: Eishold 2, Feebey 1, Fidge 1, Kennedy 1, Stoney 1, Aitken 1.  
 BEST: ESSENDON: Reynolds, O'Brien, Merryweather, Keane, Rogers, N. Walsh. MELBOURNE: Eishold, Kennedy, Turner, Gazzas.

**FOOTSCRAY** 19.19 (133) d **FITZROY** 9.13 (67)  
 GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: B. Cordy 7, Wynd 3, Williams 2, Cullen 2, James 1, Somerville 1, Nicol 1, Maloney 1, Swilar 1. FITZROY: Scott 4, Baldwin 1, Marcou 1, Lawrie 1, Rendell 1, Rossely 1.  
 BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Irvine, B. Cordy, Maloney, Nicol, Atkins, Cullen. FITZROY: Cameron, Baldwin, Scott, Lyon, Knight.

**RICHMOND** 20.18 (138) d **GEELONG** 13.12 (90)  
 GOALS: RICHMOND: Jess 3, Clark 3, Knights 3, Nicholls 3, Palm 2, Smith 2, Keighran 1, Ryan 1, Young 1, Mahony 1. GEELONG: P. Baldwin 4, Lindner 2, Exell 1, Brownless 1, Morgan 1, Gills 1, G. Cameron 1, Russell 1, Mithen 1.  
 BEST: RICHMOND: S. Clark, McLeod, Nicholls, Knights, Czerkaski, Barlow. GEELONG: Currie, B. Stoneham, Russell, Morgan, Christensen.

**CARLTON** 13.14 (92) d **COLLINGWOOD** 11.11 (77)  
 GOALS: CARLTON: Poursanidis 5, Evans 3, O'Sullivan 1, Robertson 1, Gallagher 1, Dyson 1, Phillips 1. COLLINGWOOD: Orval 3, Sinni 2, Eishaug 1, McKeown 1, Way 1, Simpson 1, O'Brien 1, Petruccelle.  
 BEST: CARLTON: Dunlop, Hanna, Evans, Phillips, Poursanidis, McKinnon. COLLINGWOOD: Sinni, Markov, Fellowes, Croall.

## WAFL PRIME RESERVES

**SUBIACO** 3.2 6.3 14.10 19.15 129  
**SOUTH FREMANTLE** 4.1 7.5 8.8 11.10 76  
 GOALS: SUBIACO: Cox 7, Golding 5, Mort 1, Caldwell 1, Piggett 1, Zampogna 1, Johnson 1, Hooper 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Worsfold 4, Christian 1, Glancy 1, Grant 1, Paunich 1, Gatti 1, Rioli 1, Baxter 1.  
 BEST: SUBIACO: Hutcheson, Cox, Golding, Sparks, Hooper, Zampogna. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Grijsulich, Gatti, Clancy, Turner, Worsfold, Morgan.

**EAST PERTH** 3.3 7.8 16.10 17.16 118  
**WEST PERTH** 1.6 8.9 11.12 16.16 112  
 GOALS: EAST PERTH: Bertram 4, Sharpe 2, Regan 2, Host 2, Higgins 2, Glendinning 1, Chalmers 1, Blakely 1, Cartier 1, Wasley 1. WEST PERTH: Soutar 3, Houston 2, Coyne 2, Nicolou 2, Madafari 2, Sing 1, Adam 1, Sadowski 1, McElroy 1, Maguire 1.  
 BEST: EAST PERTH: Bertram, Blakely, Clape, Higgins, Sharpe, Cartier. WEST PERTH: Tana, Soutar, McElroy, Houston, Woodroffe, Burns.

**EAST FREMANTLE** 5.5 7.10 8.12 14.14 98  
**CLAREMONT** 1.2 4.7 8.9 11.12 66  
 GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Congleton 3, Rowe 3, Regan 3, Grace 3, Taylor 1, Gepp 1. CLAREMONT: Buckley 2, Pollock 2, Elliott 1, Hall 1, Milne 1, Court 1, Burton 1.  
 BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Cooper, Symonds, Amaranti, Grace, Rowe, Forman. CLAREMONT: Passera, Tester, Elliott, Court, Beresford, Pollock.

**PERTH** 11.4 17.11 24.18 34.20 224  
**SWAN DISTRICTS** 1.2 1.2 1.4 3.5 23  
 GOALS: PERTH: Rea 14, Alvaro 4, Young 3, Hanley 3, Daniels 3, Clark 2, Zalcos 1, Styles 1, Taylor 1, Baker 1, Grijsulich 1. SWAN DISTRICTS: Biggs 1, Byrne 1, Quinlivan 1.  
 BEST: PERTH: Rea, Yukich, Newman, Dunne, Cummings, Alvaro. SWAN DISTRICTS: Quinlivan, Hooper, Jolly, Fisher, Biggs.

## OTHER STATES

### TASMANIA

**GLENORCHY** 17.7 (119) d **SANDY BAY** 10.7 (67)  
**BURNIE** 17.6 (108) d **NEW NORFOLK** 14.15 (99)  
**NORTH HOBART** 17.11 (113) d **CLARENCE** 14.13 (97)  
**HOBART** 18.10 (118) d **SOUTH LAUNCESTON** 5.13 (43)  
**DEVONPORT** 12.15 (87) d **NORTH LAUNCESTON** 8.9 (57)

### NTFL

**EAST DEVONPORT** 19.22 (136) d **GEROGETOWN** 4.5 (29)  
**LAUNCESTON** 12.15 (87) d **PENGUIN** 10.10 (70)  
**ULVERSTONE** 8.10 (58) d **SMITHTON** 8.6 (54)  
**BURNIE** 13.23 (101) d **LATROBE** 8.5 (53)  
**SCOTSDALE** 12.11 (83) d **DELORAINIE** 7.8 (50)

### ACT

**AINSLIE** 17.9 (111) d **MANUKA WESTON** 14.16 (100)  
**QUEANBEYAN** 19.13 (127) d **EASTLAKE** 14.9 (93)  
**BELCONNEN** 23.17 (155) d **TUGGERANONG** 10.6 (66)

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**ST GEORGE** 23.33 (171) d **SYDNEY UNI** 9.9 (63)  
**HILLS** 16.21 (117) d **WESTERN SUBURBS** 11.9 (75)  
**CAMPBELLTOWN** 10.12 (72) d **NORTH SHORE** 7.16 (58)  
**EAST SYDNEY** 39.21 (255) d **PARRAMATTA** 13.7 (85)

### QUEENSLAND

**SOUTHPORT** 25.16 (166) d **WILSTON GRANGE** 10.14 (74)  
**WINDSOR ZILLMERE** 32.8 (200) d **KEDRON** 9.8 (62)  
**MAYNE** 28.18 (186) d **WESTERN DISTRICTS** 16.19 (115)

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## MITCHELL FOR MEDAL

ON what I've seen this year Gerard Healy is the best footballer in the land.

If he wins the Brownlow Medal it will be a well and hard-earned reward but, if I'm not mistaken, there's a rover lurking in the woodpile.

I think Healy's own teammate, Barry Mitchell, unfashionable to be sure, is a genuine medal contender in his own right.

Forget about them pinching votes from each other. I expect both to poll very well.

The Swans have won a fair percentage of their matches in 1988 and the gutsy Mitchell has been a key.

More importantly, though, early in the season when things were tough, he must have earned the umpires' admiration.

The word sympathy in that context would be an insult to Mitchell but I think it's fair to assume that VFL umpires, just like fans around the country, respected how gritty the Swans players were in the face of their club's endless off-field dramas.

Some of that respect may be translated into votes and who better to collect them than a fearless, diminutive player like Mitchell?

### RUN HOME

Remember, he came to Perth and starred in the State of Origin match.

He'd done enough to win selection in the Victorian team after the first 13 games of the season and I'm sure his run home has been even stronger ... plus, the Swans have confounded a lot of people by winning more than they've lost.

Still, if the Swans aren't to provide this season's medallist, who will?

Well, Hawthorn, after years in the Brownlow wilderness, have become the flavour of the decade and, of course, St Kilda's Tony Lockett laid the full-forward bogey to rest last year —

## Barry or Michael ... take your pick

two good omens for the leading VFL goalkicker Jason Dunstall.

Collingwood have had Peter Daicos almost injury-free, while Footscray's Terry Wallace and Brian Royal have had outstanding seasons.

What a signing Wallace has been for the Bulldogs. Plucked from the footy scrapheap he's been inspirational in his new club's charge towards the finals.

Melbourne's best hope is probably former South Australian Steve Stretch.

### EYE-CATCHERS

Mark Bairstow (Geelong), Craig Bradley (Carlton), Nicky Winmar (St Kilda), Paul Roos (Fitzroy), Matthew Larkin (North), Mark Withers (Brisbane) and Michael Mitchell (Richmond) are likely to grab most votes at their respective clubs.

Essendon's best performer (whoever he might be) won't reach double figures.

Which leaves the Eagles!

I'd expect Chris Mainwaring (a legitimate VFL star), Ross Glendinning and perhaps John Annear to figure as the most prominent locals.

Mind you, I think the Eagles may have to wait a while yet to put the finishing touches on their entry into the VFL.

I've mentioned plenty of names but if pressed to nominate the winner I'd favour a Mitchell. That could make for a confusing night ... a quinella of Mitchells.

## COMETTI

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## Umpires can make the game

AS football goes through some teething pains in a transformation stage, growing into a new era, there's no shortage of remedies to cure the ills.

It's abundantly clear that one area of the WAFL that needs a polish is umpiring — the men-in-white are no longer right when it comes to pleasing the crowd.

Criticising umpires is generally a pointless exercise, be it juniors or seniors, because the coach, official or just plain old supporter, is always going to be accused of showing bias.

Bagging the whistle-blowers is not a good example to set our up-and-comers and screaming abuse from the hill doesn't achieve much because they either can't hear or don't want to hear.

But umpires just aren't the same today as they used to be ... and the game is suffering.

Football is a physical game; a contest between man and a sport where physical contact is an integral part of the action.

You only have to hear the paying public roar when there's a full-blooded clash to know what gets their adrenalin pumping. That's why hard-as-nails teams like Collingwood can draw the biggest crowds.

### CONTROLLED

We're not talking about or condoning violent football; behind-the-scenes knockouts are not on and unruly and careless play should be controlled quickly and decisively.

But many of today's whistle men are over-controlling the game and taking much of the fierce excitement out of the action.

For some strange reason, we've always accepted the fact that umpires in the WAFL should be more strict; more forceful and give more free kicks than their VFL counterparts — some of whom don't rate all that highly with Eagles fans but, nevertheless, let the action flow a lot more.

The main examples of where our current crop of WAFL umpires are letting the game down come in these general areas:

#### \* Too inconsistent.

Because of their desire to find a balance between letting the play flow and keeping control, they often pick the third or fourth free kick in a hectic passage — thereby destroying the good they had achieved in letting things go.

#### \* Over-regulating.

The passion to be the man-in-charge leads to an over-use of the whistle, particularly in the "tiggy-tiggy touchwood" decisions.

In a game of physical contact there must be many "hands-on" situations where players manhandle the opposition for a split second at the wrong time. After all, it's Australian Rules football, not netball or basketball.



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#### \* Inconsistency.

While suggesting that umpires over-regulate the game, there are some inconsistencies in their thinking.

For example, the kicking-in-danger rule seems to have disappeared. It's an area that should be eliminated because there's a tendency to soccer too much nowadays (are we being influenced by a rival code?)

And rules such as shepherding when the ball is more than five metres away seem to be ignored. It's a regular occurrence to shepherd opposition players out of the action anything up to 15 metres from the man with the ball — especially in today's run-on game.

#### \* Too dictatorial

Many of today's umpires are just too overbearing on the field.

It's a fact of biological life that most of our WAFL umpires are smaller than your average ruckman or defender and the way they shape up, nose-to-jaw, to lecture the "over-aggressive" player is inviting disaster.

So, at the risk of missing a beer with some of my umpiring mates, let's try to make the game more physical and the crowds will start coming back in droves.

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