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EAGLES ARE CHERRY RIPE

THE West Coast Eagles are cherry ripe to dominate Melbourne in Saturday's elimination final at VFL Park and take a giant step towards a possible grand final appearance.

The Eagles are the form side of the competition, and playing as well as any of the five sides, Hawthorn included, which remain in the finals.

If the Eagles' defence can maintain the solidarity it has developed in the past few weeks, Melbourne won't be able to kick a winning score.

It's illuminating to compare figures from the last five qualifying matches since the last time the two sides clashed in Perth.

Both sides have kicked almost the same number of goals (Eagles 71, Melbourne 72), but the Eagles have conceded only 46 goals in that period, while Melbourne's defence has let through 87.

Those figures don't worry Melbourne coach John Northey, who points out full-back and skipper Danny Hughes missed four weeks of football before returning last Saturday.

"Danny makes a great difference to our backline, and without him we had trouble achieving a balance," said Northey.

"I think our true defence was on display last week when he was back."

Up forward the Demons will rely heavily on the brilliant Gary Lyon to generate attacking moves, and this is where Eagles' backman Geoff Miles comes in.

Miles has the speed to cut off Lyon's fast leads and when the ball is airborne the high-flying Eagle has become one of the game's best 'destroyers.'

His two-fisted thumps while soaring above opponents have become a trademark, but it has meant curbing his natural urge to take big marks.

"It has taken some adjusting, but John Todd wanted me to destroy the ball in defence, so it was the only way to go," said Miles.

"Now it's second nature and the benefit of the strategy is plain to see."

Miles is looking forward to the challenge of playing on Lyon. "I've come up against him before, and there's no doubt he's very elusive," said Miles.

"If I'm selected there, I'll play either shoulder-to-shoulder or just in front, so he'll find leading very difficult."

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**Semi-final
will be
nice and
tough!**

by

BEN STINGA

IF it's good old-fashioned blood and guts you want to see, then this Sunday's second semi-final between Subiaco and Claremont should satisfy your thirst.

Both clubs are in a mean mood after their bitter clash at Claremont Oval on July 9 and an early confrontation is likely — and after-match drinks are out of the question.

The July 9 clash was the most brutal WAFL game of the year.

Several players received behind-the-play injuries — including Subiaco's Glen Hutcheson, whose broken jaw left Claremont coach Gerard Neesham suspended for four weeks.

Karl Langdon was felled behind the play, Brian Sutherland received serious kidney damage and required hospital treatment, Guy McKenna had his nose flattened and Ian Dargie copped one or two body-crunching blows.

Dargie, one of the toughest men in football, admitted that the game was really tough and he wasn't a lone believer in this regard.

This match should be no different.

HUTCHESON

The Lions are likely to bring Hutcheson back for the game, his first since July 9.

However, they will be without Laurie Keene, the man who instigated the Lions victory over Claremont in round 15.

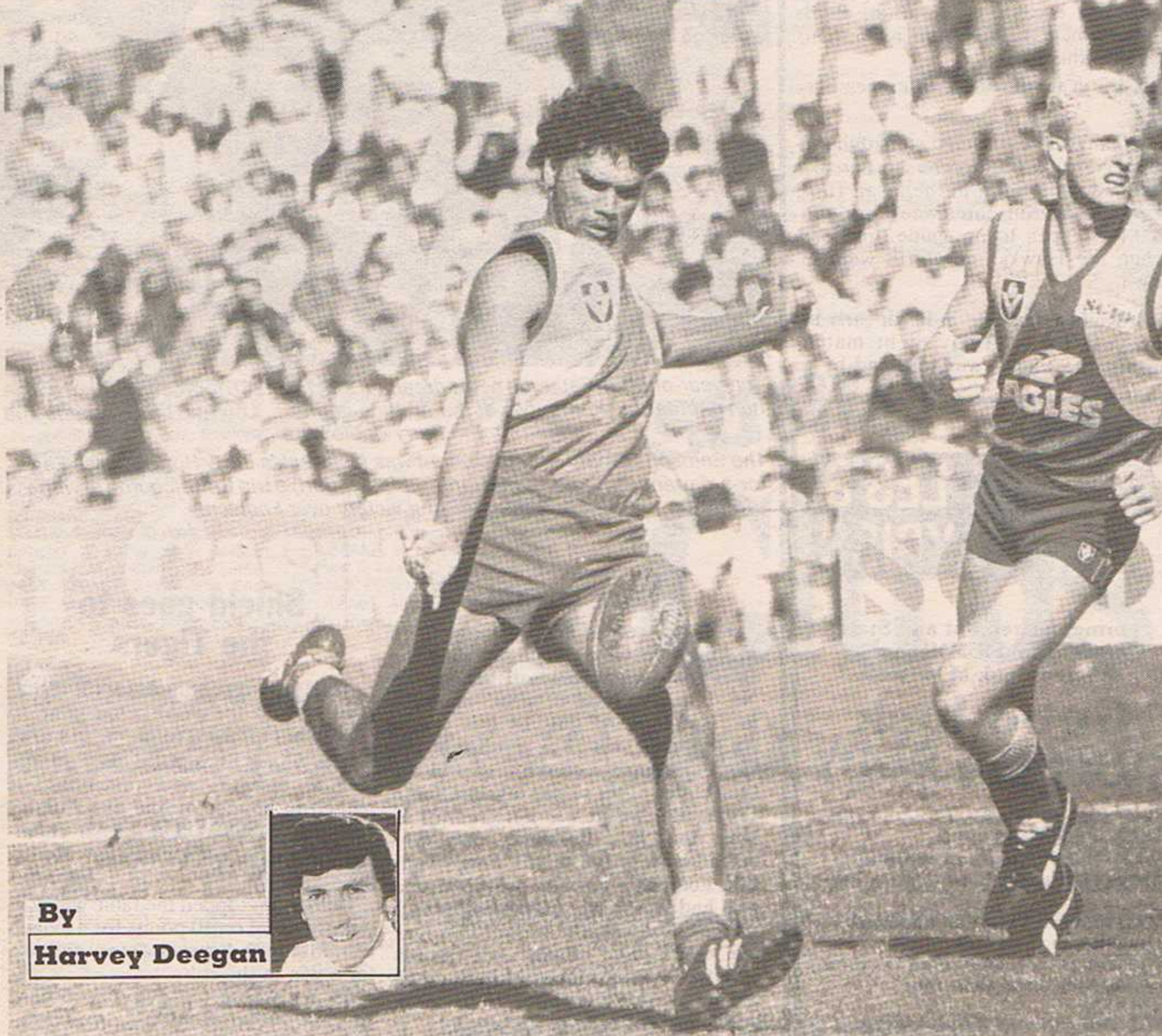
As usual, Subiaco will look to their small-man brigade consisting of Mick Lee, Neil Taylor, Michael Jennings, Brian Taylor and Dargie for midfield supremacy.

Claremont have key players Tony Beers (knee), Noel Morton and Don Pyke (hamstrings) and Michael O'Connell in doubt for the match with slight injuries.

This is where the WAFL's decision to switch the match to Sunday should suit the Tigers.

An extra 24 hours may be enough time for these players to get fit.

And make no mistake, Claremont will need those players to be totally fit if they are to win their way straight into the grand final.



By
Harvey Deegan



Eagle-power ... dashing forward Chris Lewis drives the team into attack with support from Karl Langdon.

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What they said...

"Claremont have been off the rails ever since Gerard Neesham was reported." Former Eagles coach Ron Alexander previewing the 1988 finals.

"Every day is a new day for tradition." Eagles assistant coach Graham Farmer.

"It would appear that he has a limited future with the Eagles, but we think he has a lot to offer." St Kilda football manager Murray Ablitt on their hopes of signing Alex Ishchenko.

"When I kick a bag of goals and the team does well, I get out of bed and think that footy training will be great tonight." Footscray's Simon Beasley.

"I'd worked it out that I won \$4805, but when I checked it the next day I found I was a point out." Eagles star Karl Langdon on his near-miss Footo bet against Collingwood.

"I know I can play well in Melbourne, whether it's wet or dry, and help us get into the finals." Eagles rover John Gastev before the Footscray game.

"I must ponder whether there is some comradeship between the players; at times I'm in the situation where I must question the evidence." WAFL tribunal chief Bernie O'Sullivan finding Brian Peake and Peter Higgins not guilty of striking charges.

"If it was an attempt to spoil, it was extremely reckless." Field umpire Grant Vernong giving evidence against Claremont's Peter Higgins.

"It would be intolerable if every time a footballer was not selected in a team or squad he could come to the Commission." Industrial Relations Commissioner Gavin Fielding, dismissing a claim by Eagles reject Glen Bartlett that he was unfairly sacked.

"I'll be making a decision in the next month or so." Former Claremont and WA wingman Darrel Panizza on reports that he will return home from South Australia.

"I have a family heavily committed to school here and I'm not certain that I actually want to get back into coaching." Former Eagles and East Fremantle coach Ron Alexander on suggestions that he will take over at Fitzroy.

"I'm sure that the football public will appreciate the need for a change; there's no way we want to clash with a direct telecast of the Eagles elimination final." WAFL chief Peter Cummiskey on changing this week's second semi-final to Sunday.

17 YOUNG WA PLAYERS ON CARLTON HIT LIST

CARLTON are the latest VFL club to have taken steps towards establishing a members' base in Perth.

With the expanded VFL competition moving closer to becoming a genuine national league, the Blues held a big function in Northbridge last Saturday night.

The reigning VFL premiers announced a \$5 membership offer to Perth-based fans in the first real move by a Melbourne-based club towards establishing a supporters base in this State.

For the small investment in Australia's richest VFL club, members would be entitled to expand their privileges if they visit Princes Park during the season.

And the Blues revealed that they have a list of at least 17 young WA footballers as potential draftees for next year.

Former Claremont president Wally Maskiell, Carlton's agent in Perth, confessed that the Blues had spread their net throughout WA with recruits being considered from country and Sunday Leagues as well as the WAFL.

RELATIONSHIP

It is no secret in football circles that Carlton have set their sights on Claremont's Ben Allan and South Fremantle's Peter Sumich.

Through Maskiell, Carlton have enjoyed a healthy relationship with Claremont for many years, with former Tigers Wayne Blackwell, Ken Hunter, Warren Ralph and Mike Aitken all spending time with the Blues over the past decade.

Collingwood, Hawthorn, North Melbourne and St Kilda have all already indicated strong Perth-based support by attracting big audiences to pre-game breakfasts at various Perth hotels when they've been in town to take on the Eagles.

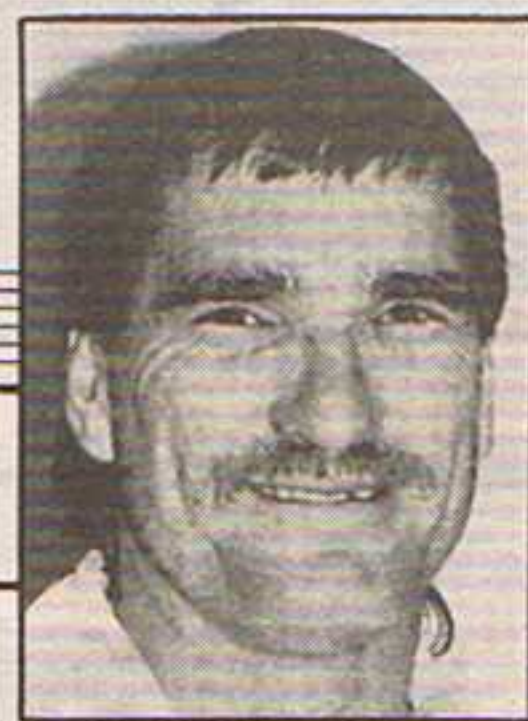
Carlton are the first to offer membership.

Collingwood attracted something in the region of 500 supporters to a breakfast and panel show at the Hyatt (formerly the Merlin) three weeks ago and 200 have been to pre-game functions when the Hawks and North were in town.

St Kilda's presence in Perth early in the year for a Friday night match against the Eagles was followed by a

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



breakfast for the next day and around 200 Saints fans attended that function.

But the membership drive from Carlton is a new dimension that will sweep Perth as the VFL concept hits home.

The Eagles are to be highly commended for their finish to the season and for qualifying.

I have bagged the West Coasters often this year.

But they have qualified for this play-off on their merits and they've beaten the odds.

Wins in Melbourne at two of the most intimidating grounds in the league, Moorabbin and the Western Oval, against St Kilda and Footscray, in the last three weeks of the year, were against all expectations.

With those wins under their belt the VFL finals newcomers can start with a degree of confidence.

But just as Carlton have injected a new dimension to football support here in Perth, the Eagles players are about to experience a new dimension, too.

Finals in the tough VFL environment are a step up in tempo again.

The Eagles have won a battle to make the finals and have thrown the 'monkey off their backs' in Melbourne.

But the fierce desire for success and recognition that was so prevalent in the way Melbourne brushed reigning title holders Carlton aside last Saturday is what the Eagles can expect, and more.

Melbourne, with something in the vicinity of 60,000 fans right behind them at VFL Park, will be relentless on the Eagles and the West Coasters, playing in their first final, are in for another lesson in VFL football.

FOOTY PUNCHLINES



Ten-year-old Alan Paterson never dreamed that his 1988 football year would see him photographed with two of the all-time greats ... Lou (the Lip) Richards and Barry Cable.

The Samson Primary School student was last week's lucky Hungry Jacks Eagle-for-a-day and that earned him (and his father Carl) a trip to Melbourne to witness the history-making victory over Footscray.

GOAL MIX-UP

FOR the second year in a row there has been controversy surrounding the final goal-kicking tally of the league's No. 1 scorer, Todd Breman. The Subiaco full-forward finished this season with 73 goals, not 72 as credited by the media. Breman scored a goal in the final match of the season (against South Fremantle) which was not credited to him. In 1987, Breman's tally was amended from 100 to 101 when Westside Football's records proved that a goal had incorrectly been credited to a team-mate during the season. This year the WAFL used official club records each week (except for West Perth, who did not provide them after the half-way mark) to verify all goalkeepers.

EAGLES SPIRIT

ANYONE who doubted the excitement created by the West Coast Eagles only had to be at Perth Oval for training last Wednesday. With the "sausage sizzle" barbecue turned on by the Eagles, a crowd of 1500 were to see the star team go through their paces. And the interest in the Eagles end-of-season finish prompted Channel 9 to fly Lou (the Lip) Richards to Perth for a live coverage from training.

Shield goes to the Tigers

THE Rodriguez Shield for the champion club in the WAFL has gone to Claremont for the second year in a row.

The Shield, based on wins in the league, reserves and under-19s, is named in honour of one of football's early-day pioneers and former champion Subiaco goalkicker Pat Rodriguez.

Claremont topped the table with 236 points, based on 10 points for a league win, four for a reserves victory and two for a win in the colts.

They finished 20 points clear of Subiaco, with Perth (196), East Fremantle (191) and South Fremantle (188) closely bunched.

Claremont's 1988 year was an impressive one, but not as dominant as last season.

The league side won 14 games and drew one, compared to 19 wins and a draw in '87; the reserves had 15 wins, the same as last season, when they also had a draw while the under-19s slipped from their 19 wins and a draw last season to 15 wins and another draw.



LES'S LYRICS

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

Good luck Eagles

Well done to the West Coast Eagles On making the final five, With all their adverse conditions They could easily have taken a dive.

With all their Victorian knockers Laughing in their face, The Eagles' season looked finished, Surely they'd run their race.

But with guts and determination They never gave up hope, Winning five games in a row Has put the Vics on rope.

Sunday's win was a tribute To John Todd and his team, But whatever happens next week, The boys will certainly be keen.

So best wishes to the Eagles And do all West Aussies proud When you tackle not only Melbourne, But the ground, the umps and the crowd.

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The day they did the Eagle rock

THE cramped Eagles' rooms were rocking. Admirers were chanting "Eagles, Eagles, Eagles".

Television camera crews were trying hard not to step on the toes of victorious players, scattered round the room in groups, revelling in their greatest day yet in the VFL.

The Eagles had buried the Melbourne barrier in most convincing style, snatching their seventh win in eight matches to take fourth spot on the League ladder.

Most importantly, they'd won their first date with September.

Coach John Todd, surrounded by media men, was parrying questions in most eloquent style. WA greats Graham "Polly" Farmer and Barry Cable were among the large entourage, signing autographs and heaping praise on the Eagles.

DIFFERENT STORY

So many times the club had come to Melbourne full of expectation and returned a loser. Invariably the rooms would be deserted, but it was a different story on Sunday at Footscray's Western Oval.

The Eagles emerged great winners — and at a venue that troubles even the best teams.

Light rain fell for much of the game, making it even more difficult for the Eagles, regarded as dubious mud-runners.

The loss of experienced John Annear with a shoulder injury didn't stop their flow and when fellow team leader Ross Glendinning used his terrific experience and skill against opposing skipper

From

KEN PIESSE in Melbourne

Rick Kennedy — kicking four goals in the low-scoring affair — the Eagles walked taller everywhere, ending up most convincing winners.

While high possession winners Chris Mainwaring and Steve Malaxos were generally rated as being two of the best afield, the contributions of others, like defenders Andrew Lockyer, Geoff Miles, Dean Laidley and Murray Rance, were also enormous.

SHIPPED OUT

The spoils of victory were particularly sweet for Rance, who had been virtually shipped out by Footscray less than 12 months earlier.

Rance outplayed his former teammate, State centre half-forward Peter Foster, while Lockyer was so dominant against the in-form Simon Beasley that the star Bulldog goalkicker was benched in the third quarter.

Miles continually outleaped promising rookie Adrian Campbell, punching the ball clear of packs and running hard at anyone who got in his way.

"We've broken the Melbourne hoodoo now," said Rance.

"We are setting our sights on winning and having a fair dinkum go.

"We lost our way and a bit of direction but now we are back on the rails. We are all together again.

"I'd love to say that we can go all the way ... we'd be happy to win the next one so we can have a dip at the big boys."

... and now they are set to roll the Demons

David O'Connell continues to be a bonus at centre-half-forward where his extra height is providing a target for running teammates. If he can't mark, he'll tap it on and he is also doing well in ruck duels, especially around the boundaries.

Lockyer says the Eagles are taking their first finals foray as a "week by week proposition".

"There can be no other way," he said.

Defender Guy McKenna said: "We peaked early. We were very determined to win and earn our spot without relying on help from other teams. It's a good way to enter the finals."

Now the Eagles face Melbourne in Saturday's elimination.

The clubs have a one-one record this year but the Eagles believe they can match it with the Demons, just as they did at Subiaco Oval a month ago when they inflicted a 44-point victory on the hesitant Demons.

Eagles officials say VFL Park will suit their running game.

Given their commitment of Saturday, they could cause another upset with a direct straight-down-the-ground approach.

No matter which way the game's fortunes go, however, the experience of playing finals football will help the club to be even stronger in 1989.

Better depth in Eagles squad

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

with Ron Alexander



THE Eagles' effort against Footscray was certainly one of their best wins in the past two years.

Footscray win more games than they lose at the Western Oval and with the ground being damp, the conditions didn't suit the West Coast side.

Having few injuries has been a huge bonus for the Eagles in the second half of the season.

And having the likes of Wrensted, Waterman, Zanotti, Ischenko and others waiting in the wings for a game gives the Eagles greater depth than other VFL sides.

Each year the Eagles will get stronger as the best four or five WA players are added to the squad.

Injuries in the future won't effect the side so badly. While the squad is at 35, eight or nine injuries can seriously unbalance it.

By season '89 the Eagles should have a solid group of talent at their disposal, particularly if more players of the calibre of McKenna, Rance, Langdon, Waterman and O'Connell are added to the squad.

Lucky pair of Demons

ALL year the VFL Tribunal has been handing out tough penalties and Rod Grinter and Steve O'Dwyer have been on the receiving end.

They were both reported last weekend and, with their poor records, it looked as though they might miss the elimination final against the Eagles.

They were lucky that the tribunal was in a lenient mood and now both will be allowed to play against the Eagles.

I'm sure Chris Waterman would have liked the tribunal to have been in the same mood when they heard how he brutally bashed an opposition VFL player with an open hand to the top of the head and was suspended for one week on his first appearance before any tribunal.

Coasters can take heart

HAWTHORN are raging hot favourites for the VFL premiership.

Carlton, Collingwood and Melbourne seem to be right out of kilter.

These sides aren't playing well at all and don't rate as great sides.

This should give the Eagles heart as they face their first final series.

Melbourne have lost five of their last six games and face the Eagles, who have now won an impressive five games in a row.

Melbourne lack genuine forwards and statistics show that they rarely kick big scores.

They don't have a player that regularly kicks more than three goals a game and really their forward line is very poor.

They rely on their great defence to keep the opposition's score right down and also have a strong ruck combination.

The Eagles are strong in every position on the ground.

They have players who, on their day, have the ability to be in the best two or three on the ground.

Bulldogs lost their way

SOUTH Fremantle gave the first semi-final a real go for three quarters and then lost their way.

They did extremely well considering that their much-vaunted tall forwards didn't get among the goals.

The last quarter of the Sharks was a case of the opposition being broken wide open.

South had a number of players who didn't cover their direct opponent at all in this quarter, and the burden became too great for their more disciplined teammates.

ROSS GLENDINNING



DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 17/9/56 Perth
HEIGHT: 190cm **WEIGHT:** 94kg
GUERNSEY NUMBER: 4
RECRUITED FROM: North Melbourne/East Perth
NICKNAME: Rosco
FIRST SENIOR GAME: WAFL 1974 East Perth; VFL 1978 North Melbourne, 1987 Eagles
GAMES PLAYED: 56 East Perth, 190 North, 39 Eagles
FOOTBALL HONORS: North Melbourne best and fairest 1982 and 1983, Brownlow Medal 1983, All-Australian 1983-84
FAVOURITE POSITION: Forward line
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Kerry
CHILDREN: Sharae, Lauren, Caitlin
BROTHERS/SISTERS: Two sisters
OCCUPATION: Marketing executive with West Coast Eagles
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Scotch College
CAR: Toyota
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Swimming, gardening

FAVOURITE FOOD: All types
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk shakes
FAVOURITE SPORT (apart from football): Swimming, beach
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Jimmy Barnes, John Cougar Mellencamp
FAVOURITE AUTHOR: Robert Ludlum
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Perth
FAVOURITE NIGHT SPOT AND/OR RESTAURANT: Pierre's/The Plum
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Good Movie/FMTV
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
MOST ADMIRER SPORTSMEN: BOYHOOD IDOL: Derek Chadwick
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Whatever the kids decide
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing games through injury
BIGGEST THRILL: Selection in first game
FAVOURITE GROUND: Subiaco Oval/M.C.G.
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To play as well as I can each game

SCIO PLAYER PROFILES

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Brian Taylor



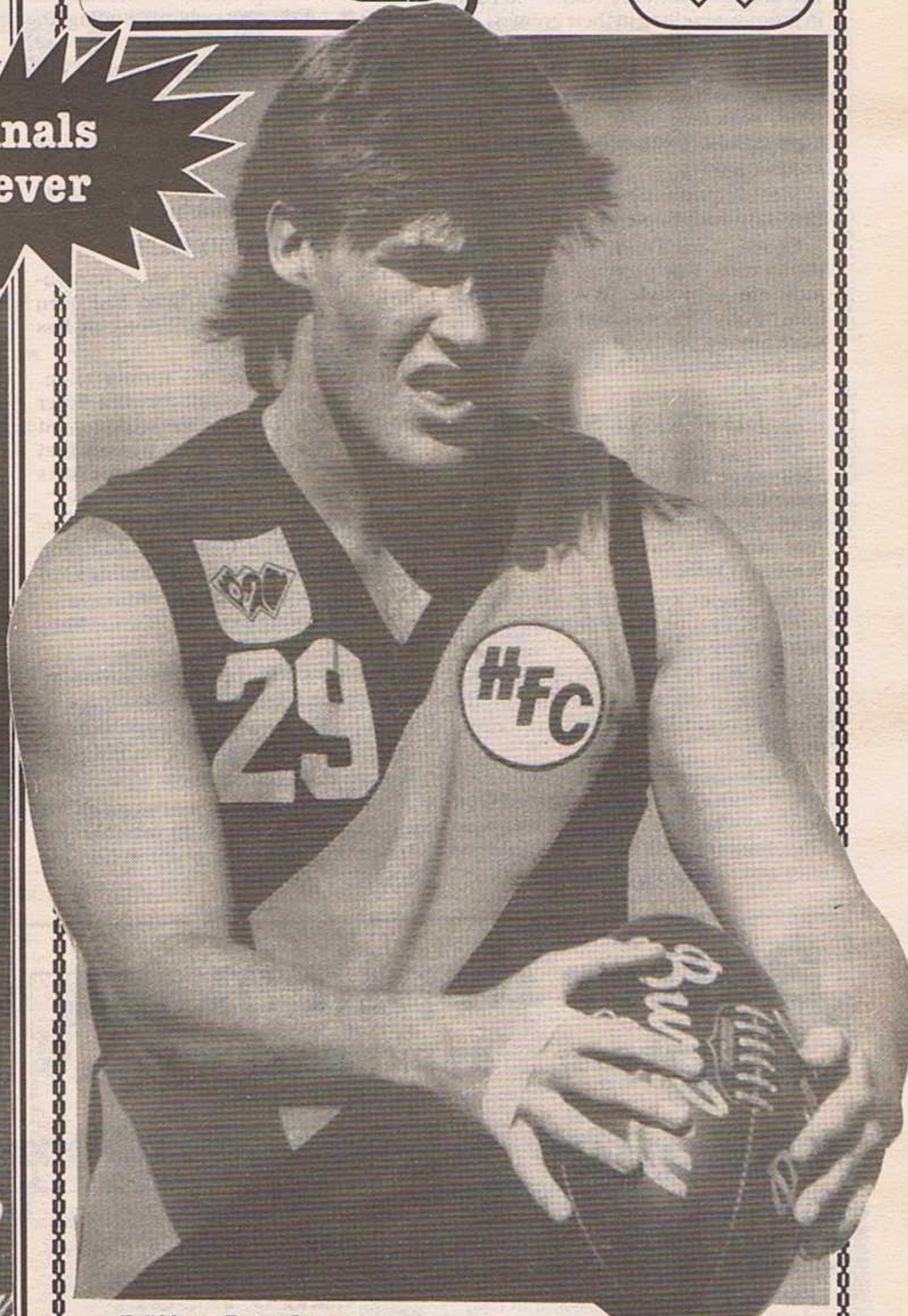
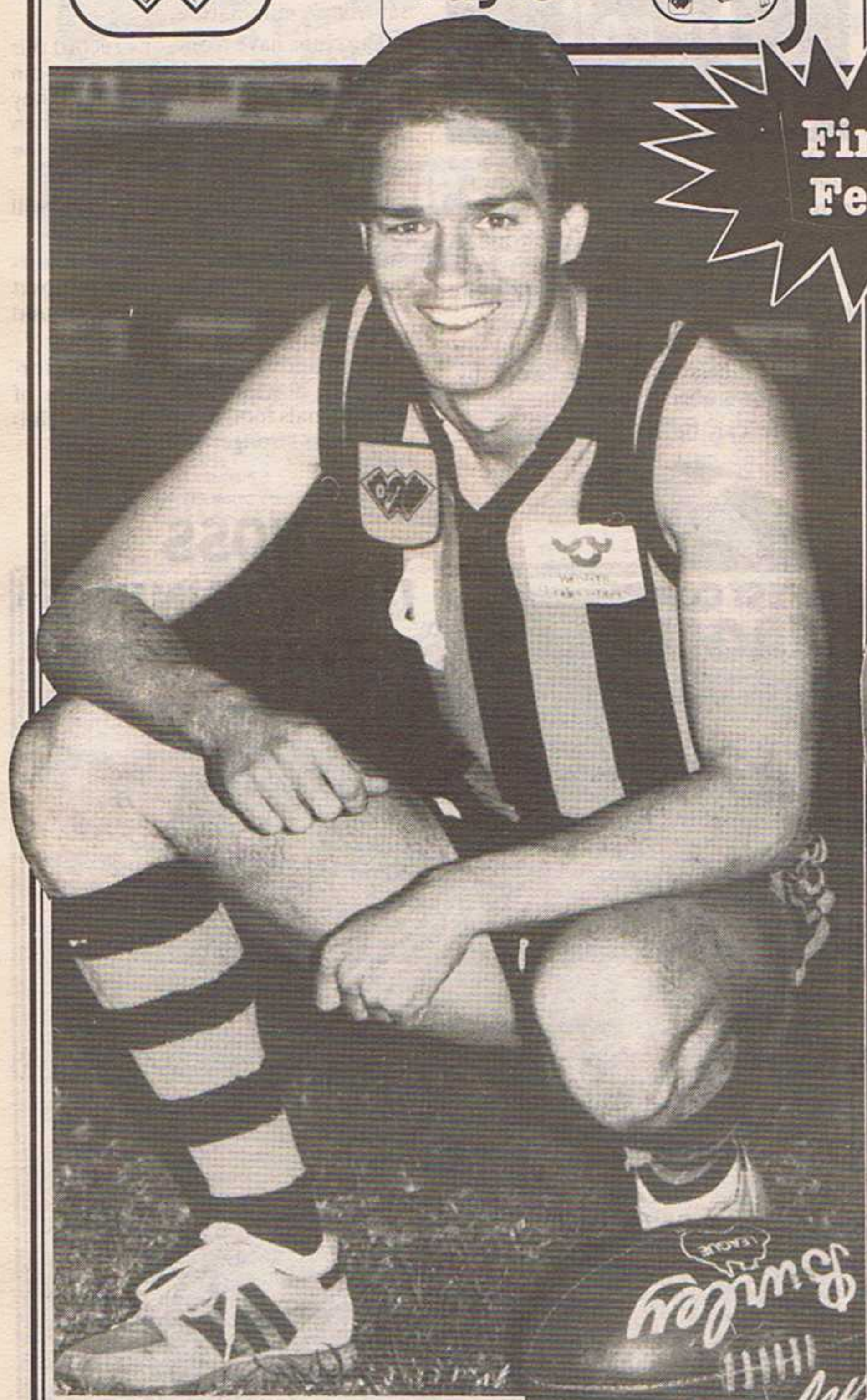
Peter James



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**Finals
Fever**



Full Name: Brian Taylor.
Nickname: B.T. or Tails. *Why?* From my name.
Date of Birth: October 7, 1960. **Place of Birth:** Cottesloe.
Height: 178cm (5ft 10in). **Weight:** 74kg (11st 10lb).
Age Started Playing: 6.
Previous Club/s: Merredin. **Junior Club:** Woodlands Junior F.C.
Marital Status: Married to Sue.
Children: One — Benjamin, 14 months.
Residence: Greenwood.
Occupation: School teacher.
Place of Work: Methodist Ladies College.
Other Sporting Interests: Tennis and cricket.
Favourite Position: Rover. **First Position:** Rover.
League Debut: 1979. **Versus:** West Perth.

FAVOURITES:

Actor: Jack Nicholson. **Drink:** Tequila and orange.
TV Show: Family Ties. **Food:** Any roast.
Movie: The Sting.
Music: Eurythmics.
Book: Kane and Abel.
Holiday Resort: Hawaii and Dunk Island.
Ground: Subiaco Oval.
Your Car: 1981 Ford Laser. **Favourite Car:** Mercedes Sports.
Career Highlights: 1985 Simpson Medal, 1986 Premiership and 1986 State selection.
Worst Moment in Football: Losing the 1985 and '87 grand finals and missing the 1982 season because of a groin injury.
Hard Things in Football: Maintaining consistency.
Football Idols: Denis Marshall.
Toughest Opponent: All tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** All respected.
Most Respected Umpire: All respected.
Most Memorable Game: 1986 Premiership win.
Football Ambitions: To win the 1988 Premiership.
What do you like about Football: Winning and competitiveness.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Watch TV before the game and try to relax. Go for a walk sometimes.
Who Influenced Your Career: Ken Armstrong and Haydn Bunton.
Guernsey Number: 4. **Any Reason:** None.
Superstitions: None.
Worst Injury: Groin injury in 1982.
Luckiest Break: Playing for Subiaco rather than some other club.

Full Name: Peter James.
Nickname: P.J. *Why?* My initials.
Date of Birth: January 9, 1968. **Place of Birth:** Adelaide.
Height: 180cm (5ft 10in). **Weight:** 88kg (12st 7lb).
Age Started Playing: 5.
Junior Club: City Beach, Swanbourne and Scotch College.
Marital Status: Single.
Residence: City Beach.
Occupation: Science student.
Place of Work: Curtin University.
Other Sporting Interests: Tennis and golf.
Favourite Position: Ruck-rover. **First Position:** Ruck-rover.
League Debut: 1987. **Versus:** East Fremantle at Mt Barker.

FAVOURITES:

Actor: Richard Gere. **Drink:** Lemon cordial.
TV Show: Happy Days. **Food:** Lasagne.
Movie: Breathless.
Music: AC/DC.
Holiday Resort: Rottneest.
Ground: Claremont Oval.
Your Car: Holden Kingswood. **Favourite Car:** Mazda RX7.
Career Highlights: 1986 under-19s premiership and last year's reserves premiership.
Worst Moment in Football: When Swanbourne went through the season undefeated and lost the premiership in under-14s.
Hard Things in Football: Monday and Wednesday night training.
Football Idols: Brad Reynolds.
Toughest Opponent: All tough. **Most Respected Opponent:** None of them.
Most Respected Umpire: All respected.
Most Memorable Game: League debut against East Fremantle in Mt Barker.
Football Ambitions: To win the 1988 flag.
What do you like about Football: Keeps you fit and the comradeship.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Have a quiet Friday night and watch the colts and reserves before the League game.
Who Influenced Your Career: Ian Shortland-Jones (Scotch coach) and Gerard Neesham.
Guernsey Number: 29. **Any Reason:** None.
Superstitions: None.
Worst Injury: No major injuries.
Luckiest Break: Making my League debut.



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Lions keen to settle an old score



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Miles has plenty of confidence

Miles is looking forward to the challenge of playing on Lyoh. "I've come up against him before, and there's no doubt he's very elusive," said Miles.

"If I'm selected there, I'll play either shoulder-to-shoulder or just in front, so he'll find leading very difficult."

Miles believes there has been an amazing turnaround in the Eagles' form in the past five or six weeks, and rates the team on the same level as Hawthorn.

Naturally he attributes much of the success to the backline players, who he says have developed an uncanon understanding.

"Last week when Footscray full-forward Simon Beasley returned to the field from the bench during the last quarter, the defenders immediately picked up the appropriate forwards without runner Brian Douge having to run on to the ground," said Miles.

He believes the key to the match will be the opening 20 minutes.

"Don't expect any fancy football in that time," said Miles.

"Part of our success this year has been due to making sure the opposition doesn't gain an early break and this strategy will continue on Saturday."

While the Eagles have peaked at the right time of the year, Northey also believes his side is also close to its top.

"We haven't been playing as badly as many people think," said Northey.

IT will be a case of de ja vu for many of the players taking part in Sunday's second semi-final between Claremont and Subiaco at Subiaco Oval.

Those two sides clashed at the same time last year and Subiaco who suffered a 70-point loss will be hoping history doesn't repeat itself.

However, this is a brand new ball game and last year's final will be the last thing in the mind of every Subiaco player.

Both teams have developed a fierce rivalry in their clashes this season.

No doubt this will reach fever pitch on Sunday with both sides striving to grab the advantage and take a smooth passage into the grand final.

SCIO WAFL preview

Remembering that at this stage the losers have to flag East Fremantle in the preliminary final just six days later. This is no easy proposition and who ever loses on Sunday may miss a grand final chance altogether.

Subiaco finished the season in fine style, winning six of their last seven games.

by
REECE HOGAN

After suffering a slump mid-season that threatened to dump them out of finals contention, they regrouped and came up with the formidable combination that will be striving to take the game away from Claremont.

Claremont did not finish the season in such good style. They only won three of their last seven games and looked only a shadow of the combination that dominated the 1987 season.

It seems that the Tigers were just holding back slightly during this period and are now ready to bring out all their big guns for the finals.

Both sides boast some outstanding footballers and a number of vital individual clashes could decide the game.

RUCK CLASH

In the centre Claremont's Ben Allan will match his skills with Brad McDougall. Winning the ball out of the centre will be of the utmost importance with both attacking units capable of kicking a high tally of goals.

The winner of this duel will be decided by the ruck performances of Subiaco's Shane Cocker and Claremont's Peter Higgins. Sandover Medal fancy Cocker has had a fine year and Higgins will have to lift if he is to get on top.

Claremont's half-back line of Noel Morton, Tony Beers and Grant Povey are capable of worrying Subiaco. Andrew Macnish and John Georgiades will return from injury and these two players, along with Todd Berman and Mick Jennings, are the Lions' main avenue for attack.

Dale Kickett is a talented player up forward for Claremont along with Mark Brayshaw, Peter Melesso and Joe Ahmat.

Clinton Brown, Brian Taylor and Tony Cope will be striving to keep these Tigers at bay.

Others players who will need to put in big performances for Claremont are Michael O'Connell and Peter Thorne, who usually shine in the big games.

Mick Lee and Neil Taylor will do their best to inspire the less experienced Lions.

1988 FORM GUIDE

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

CLAREMONT W(67) L(8) W(79) L(30) W(38) W(26) W(18) W(67) W(33) W(41) W(30) W(51) draw W(27) L(2) W(61) L(19) W(70) W(71) L(7) L(34).
SUBIACO L(67) W(29) W(109) W(49) W(43) W(45) W(92) L(42) W(36) W(47) L(30) L(41) L(11) L(26) W(2) W(45) W(16) W(11) W(27) W(81) L(37).

WHEN THEY LAST CLASHED

JULY 9: At Claremont Oval — Subiaco 18.11 b Claremont 17.5 — Margin: 2 points.
JUNE 11: At Subiaco Oval — Claremont 15.13 b Subiaco 10.13 — Margin: 30 points.
APRIL 4: At Claremont Oval — Claremont 21.16 b Subiaco 11.9 — Margin: 67 points.



Subiaco's Mick Jennings is flanked by Claremont youngsters Ben Allan (left) and Don Pyke.



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WESTSIDE'S EXPERT SELECTIONS

Tally does not include Eagles games	Tally	Claremont v Subiaco	Eagles v Melbourne
RON ALEXANDER	53	Claremont	Melbourne
ROBERT BENNETT	62	Claremont	Melbourne
PETER BOSUSTOW	53	Claremont	Melbourne
DENNIS COMETTI	55	Claremont	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	55	Claremont	Eagles
HARVEY DEEGAN	57	Claremont	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	58	Claremont	Eagles
ALAN EAST	50	Claremont	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	56	Claremont	Eagles
IAN MILLER	53	Claremont	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	55	Claremont	Melbourne
MOST FAVOURED	59	Claremont	Eagles



South Fremantle's Mark Sambrailo puts his East Fremantle rival John O'Sullivan under a little too much pressure.

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(East Perth)

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- 13: Ben Allan (C)
- George Christie (EF)
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- Peter Menaglio (WP)
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By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Eagles could face a let-down

CAN the West Coast Eagles go on with the job and make an impression in the finals?

There is a danger that players may subconsciously relax, feeling that their assignment of making the finals has been achieved.

You only have to look at the local competition to realise what can happen. South Fremantle had to win games to make the finals and the way they strung eight together indicated that they would play a very big part in the premiership battle.

Instead, they were bundled out of the first semi-final in an inglorious way.

The Eagles were in a similar position. They appeared to have a monumental task mid-way through the season to make the finals, but they managed to get there.

And the way they have played in Melbourne at their last two appearances, particularly last week, indicates that they are not in there to just make up numbers.

STRONG FINISH

The important thing about the win against Footscray was the way the Eagles went to the line — full of running. It was noticeable against St Kilda that they had started to run out of legs towards the end of the game.

Given the wide expanses of VFL Park, the Eagles should find the ground to their liking and if they can run out the game as they did against Footscray,

then they are obviously in with a big chance against Melbourne who, despite their win against Carlton, haven't been too flash over the past month or so.

Added to that is the psychological fact that the Eagles have performed well against Melbourne this season. They gave them a hiding in a pre-season game and again at Subiaco Oval and pushed them all the way when they met in Melbourne.

So, theoretically, having broken the psychological barrier in Melbourne, given that they appear to have adapted to the heavier grounds and that they should not be over-awed by their opponents, the Eagles stand a good chance of winning.

The only problem is, as I have already stated, the feeling that they have achieved their objective of making the finals.

While it would be asking a lot for them to make the grand final, every final the Eagles play in Melbourne will be an important learning experience.

Hopefully they will beat Melbourne on Saturday and get a further crack in the finals. . . a situation you would not have thought possible mid-way through the season.

DEFENCE

An aspect of the Eagles' game that has really picked up this season has been the way the defence has worked together.

I put that down to three factors.

Andrew Lockyer at full-back has become just about the best player in that position in the VFL.

The recruitment of Murray Rance has plugged a big weakness in last year's defence. He is a rebound player and this has enabled the Eagles to use Ross Glendinning in attack, another weak spot last year, instead of asking him to oscillate between defence and the forward line.

But the player who has made the biggest difference to the defence is Guy McKenna.

He rarely wastes the ball; you don't see him kicking the ball indiscriminately. He'll hang onto the ball until he can deliver it to a teammate, usually with pin-point accuracy.

He has given the Eagles a sure avenue out of defence, which is so important at VFL level.



The joys of victory ... and now for the Eagles. Melbourne stars (above) Stephen Newport and Peter Rohde and (right) Ricky Jackson and Steven Stretch.

Dashing Demons

EAGLES CLICK DOWN THE MIDDLE

THE West Coast Eagles silenced a few critics with their win at the Western Oval last Sunday, but, more importantly, they should have received a huge injection of confidence.

The Eagles have now won their last two matches on Victorian soil — against Footscray and St Kilda — and they have proved beyond doubt that they are adjusting to the VFL style of football and Victorian grounds.

And playing the game at VFL Park can only assist their cause, despite having one day fewer than Melbourne to prepare for their first final-round match.

The Eagles know they can win at VFL Park. They have done that in each of their two seasons in the expanded competition, winning matches in the National Panasonic Cup pre-season competition.

PLEASING

The pleasing thing about the Eagles is that their goal-to-goal line, after much shuffling and concern, is finally coming together.

Andrew Lockyer has been superb at full-back all season, Murray Rance was again brilliant at centre-half-back, David O'Connell is providing a target at centre-half-forward and Ross Glendinning continues to cap off the team's creative work by bagging goals.

Those four players, along with Chris Mainwaring, Guy McKenna, Steve Malaxos and Laurie Keene will be the men the Eagles depend on most when they play in their first final-round match.



by **GARY STOCKS**
of The West Australian

They know it is going to be tough against one of the VFL's glamour teams.

There is a lot of emotion in Melbourne about the Demons' performance and they were most impressive in dumping Carlton last Saturday.

Even when the Blues came back to get within 13 points in the middle stages of the final term, Melbourne were able to steady, answer the challenge and kick away to be impressive winners.

Apart from the absence of Warren Dean through injury, Melbourne were at their strongest since the start of their slide and with big Steve O'Dwyer and Jim Stynes in good touch, along with Earl Spalding, Ricky Jackson, Graeme Yeats, Greg Healy, Gary Lyon and Alan Johnson, they looked dangerous.

They are a much better team than the one which lost to the Eagles in Perth a month ago.

The Carlton-Collingwood clash at the MCG on Sunday is sure to attract plenty of attention and hype in Melbourne.

DOUBLE CHANCE

The arch rivals will again lock horns in a final-round match with the all-important double chance at stake.

Carlton go into the game fresh from a defeat at the hands of Melbourne and they will need bigger contributions from their running players if they are to advance to the second semi-final against Hawthorn.

The Blues will look to Wayne Blackwell, Wayne Johnston, Paul Meldrum and David Glascott to give the side more bite in that region as they match their talents with the likes of Peter Daiacos, Tony Shaw and Matthew Ryan.

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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) 99*

* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Shane Cocker 44 Subiaco, 54 East Perth; Mark Zanotti 36 Eagles, 62 Subiaco, David Hart 37 Eagles 55 South Fremantle, 7 West Perth.

150 GAMES

John Annear (Eagles) 149*
Mick Rea (Perth) 147*

* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: John Annear 41 Eagles, 65 Richmond, 43 Collingwood; Mick Rea 121 Perth, 22 West Perth, 4 Melbourne.

200 GAMES

Dean Turner (Eagles) 198*
John Annear (Eagles) 198*

* Denotes games played with all clubs as follows: Dean Turner 31 Eagles, 54 Fitzroy, 113 East Perth, John Annear 41 Eagles, 65 Richmond, 43 Collingwood, 49 Claremont.

250 GAMES

Neil Taylor (Subiaco) 243

300 GAMES

Robert Wiley (Perth) 291*

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Ray Holden (West Perth) 29 on 3rd
Peter Menaglio (West Perth) 30 on 4th
Ned Fimmano (South Fremantle) 24 on 6th
Wayne Golding (Subiaco) 23 on 7th
Malcolm Williams (West Perth) 19 on 7th
Brad Gwilliam (West Perth) 22 on 8th
Wally Matera (Eagles) 25 on 9th
Tim Scanlon (Swan Districts) 19 on 10th
John Scott (Claremont) 28 on 10th

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East Perth



ROOKIE TIPSTER

IT'S hats off to a rookie football tipster for 1988. Ross Lewis, a young football writer with *The West Australian*, was the only critic on the paper to correctly select the top four for this year. Not only did Lewis out-tip his more experienced opponents, but he had the final four teams in the correct order. And when you consider it's the first time that the Claremont, Subiaco, South Fremantle and East Fremantle combination has competed in the finals, then it was no mean feat by Lewis. Most tipsters had Claremont and Subiaco in their right positions, with all but Ken Casellas including South Fremantle. However, the choice of fourth position was split between Perth (Geoff Christian and Ken Casellas), West Perth (Ron McDonald) and Swan Districts (Gary Stocks and David Marsh). East Fremantle caught them all out, except for Lewis and Casellas.

ROYALS INCENTIVE

IF ever East Perth needed an incentive to get off the bottom of the table, it was the unanimous selection of most critics who tipped them to finish last. All six critics in The West, for example, had the Royals in the basement, so it was another last-game effort that avoided the wooden spoon for East Perth. Despite East Perth's recent residence in the bottom half of the table, they still only have one wooden spoon (1985) to their credit in a long and illustrious history.

GREMLINS AT WORK

TALK about gremlins getting into the working mechanisms of our newspaper — the Westside Ratings was a classic example. For those sharp-eyed fans who told us that Perth's Joe Santostefano had an incorrect tally in the final analysis, they were right — except that the computer had put an eight rating where a six should have been in the final game. A check of Westside's best-player list — which coincides with the ratings — confirms that Santostefano was ranked sixth best and therefore a genuine "six" in the ratings. Why, oh why, do these things happen right at the end?

UMPIRES' WOES

NATURALLY enough Umpires Coach Bob Phillips used his 6PR panellist's role to get stuck right into fellow columnist Alan East over his article last week criticising umpiring standards. After all, if Phillips didn't respond, then no-one would (except for Percy Johnson, of course). But the fact is that the WAFL umpires have gone "soft" in recent years — you only have to talk to some of the older, tougher, more cynical umps to confirm that.

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Talk about having your nose to the grindstone ... Sharks veteran Brian Peake certainly takes that saying literally. The East Fremantle games-played record holder was in fine form at Subiaco Oval last Saturday, guiding the team to victory over South Fremantle.

ON TARGET

THERE was plenty of divided opinion going into last week's match as to the prospects of the Eagles surviving at Western Oval. In the end, it was a fairly comfortable winning margin over Footscray, in view of the low scores and those critics who tipped an Eagles win were all smiles. Greg Denham, the Eagles writer for *The West Australian*, was spot-on with his forecast of a win by between 19 and 30 points (24 was the final margin) — and his match preview brought Denham's previous forte as a racing writer to the fore. Talking about bookmakers having Footscray at 2/1 on, the former turf writer said: "The wise men with the satchels are falling into the trap of not following form. The Eagles have won their past four matches, including a maiden win at Moorabin."

TIGHT-LIPPED

CHANNEL 10 sports presenter Ian Brayshaw could have been forgiven if he felt he had been sitting on a scoop as he tackled the station's football critic Ron Alexander on the sensitive Fitzroy coaching job. After all, big Ron was even wearing a Fitzroy tie on the Sunday night program and Brayshaw was confident of getting a decisive answer from the former Eagles coach about his immediate future. But Big Ron wasn't giving anything away, though he did in a way concede that no decisions had been made — which means he hasn't yet ruled out the possibility of taking the job.

EACH WAY BET

TALKING about Ron Alexander, it seems as though he had two bob each way in his tips on the Eagles-Footscray game. Ron told radio 6NR listeners that he hadn't actually tipped the Eagles in Westside Football — that was an error. He actually felt that Footscray would win "and win comfortably" according to his Sunday Times preview. Maybe he should have stuck with the opinion of his Westside "ghost" tipster!

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with GARY CARVOLTH of 6PR Sport-n-Talk



Will Mellie quit Sharks?

WHY was East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose in the Eagles' rooms during their last three home games?

Mellie has always been a "John Todd man." Could he be a candidate for the reserves job if the Eagles field a side in the VFL reserves competition next season.

Rumour has it that if Mellie does decide to quit the Sharks two possible candidates to replace him would be Andrew Purser or Ron Alexander.

BAIN AGAIN

CONGRATULATIONS to East Perth's David Bain for yet another brilliant win this season.

He is the inaugural recipient of the 6PR coaches' award.

We at 6PR feel that this is one of the most prestigious awards around, as our eight League coaches were asked to vote on a 3-2-1 basis for the best players from opposing sides throughout the season.

I will be talking to Bain during Sports Connection on Saturday morning between 10am and noon.

COMETTI NO.1

THERE will be a few damaged egos on the TV football commentating scene as the SEVEN Network team of callers begin to jockey for one of the three only berths to call this year's VFL grand final.

My spy tells me that WA's Dennis Cometti is emerging as favourite to head up the team which, in my opinion, will include Drew Morphett and Don Scott.

Talking about Dennis Cometti, one of my top insiders says that he may take up residence on the Eastern seaboard after the footy season.

Dennis will probably be used in a variety of presenter-anchorman roles during the Seven Network's 1989 sports coverage.

That is the big tip. Or could he be changing networks altogether? Either way, if the story is true we will miss you Dennis.

QUICKIES

SOME snippets ... If Bruce Monteath decides to step down as mentioned in the media during the week, I know there is a group of Falcon supporters who will move heaven and earth to obtain the services of current Trinity-Aquinas coach Les Fong as his replacement ... Former Subiaco star Gary Buckenara must have the elixir of life. He picked up two big Victorian football awards last weekend — Channel 7's Footballer of the Year and the Sunday Observer award. What an acquisition Gary has been for the Hawks. Wouldn't he be handy in the centre or in the half-forward line for Subiaco this week? ... Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has been pushing the VFL to change the rules and make way for three interchange players. According to my spies in Melbourne he has been receiving solid support from some unexpected areas within the VFL.

THE BIG DAY

TO take us out this week, we at 6PR have decided to add some spice, colour and entertainment to this year's grand final day celebrations on Sunday, September 18.

We will conduct another champagne breakfast-cum-panel show at the Langley Plaza Hotel on the morning of the grand final.

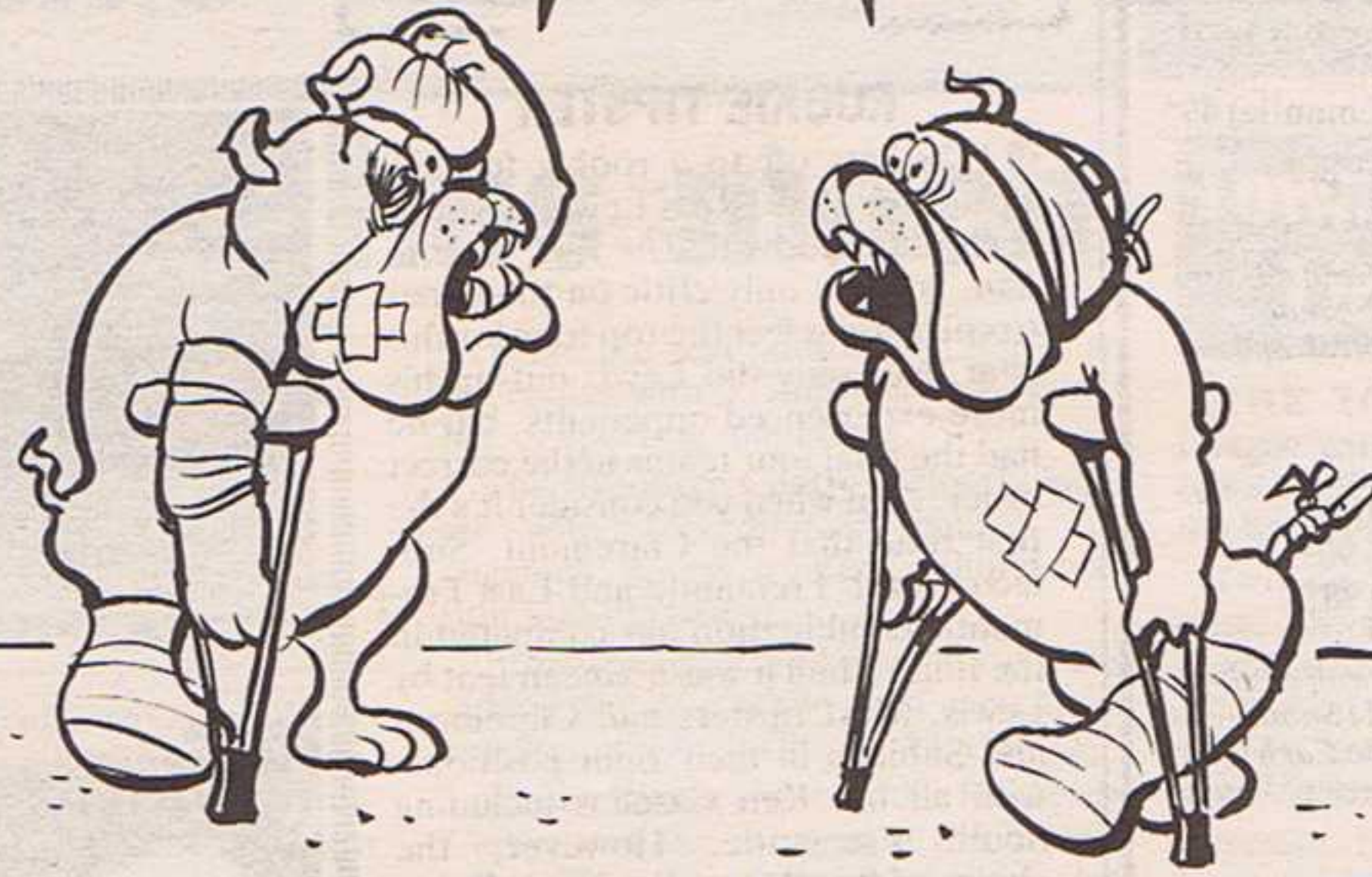
Tickets are priced at \$25 each — this includes breakfast, champagne, refreshments and panel show. Book up early by calling 447 8355.

It will be my pleasure to introduce panellists Percy Johnson, Mal Brown, J.K. Watts, Rod Brown and many other guest stars. Star guest of the morning will be WA's world long-distance swimming champion Shelley Taylor-Smith. Call that number ASAP to book your seat or table — 447 8355.

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GEE THOSE EAGLES PACK A WALLOP!

EAGLES? I THOUGHT THEY WERE SHARKS!



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Meet a real Victorian humble pie eater

TAKING STOCK

by GARY STOCKS of The West Australian



THERE is at least one man in Melbourne who was forced to take a big bite out of his humble pie when the Eagles beat Footscray at the Western Oval last Sunday.

There is a person — I couldn't call him a critic or a journalist because that would be a serious blight on the profession — named Chris de Kretser, who wrote most unflattering comments about the Eagles in particular and West Australians in general in the Melbourne Sun last week.

In his column he suggested there would be no justice if those "Johnny-come-latelys from the West made the five" and accused the Eagles players of being fair-weather players, just like the WA football fans.

Well, if it wasn't wet in Melbourne last Sunday and the Eagles weren't playing on a Melbourne ground, then I wasn't watching our boys give it to them.

JOB WELL DONE

The standard of football might not have reached great heights, but all the Eagles needed to do was win. They did that and they did it well.

This de Kretser chap was dirty because the Eagles had a favourable draw which he claimed "pandered to their ridiculous home-ground advantage and a berth in the finals would be another nail in the coffin for football as the majority of Victorian fans want it".

Well, let's remind the man of a few home truths.

Without the financial input of the West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears last year Victorian football as they know it would have been down the gurgler anyway.

Almost half of their clubs were in serious financial trouble and the injection of funds by the Bears and Eagles will simply prolong the agony for a couple of those clubs.

Where do these Victorians get off?

Do they think football is a game limited to their tiny little State and their tiny little minds?

How quickly they forget that most of the stars in the established VFL clubs are recruited from WA, SA or Tasmania.

Take a look at the man who leads the goal-kicking this year. Jason Dunstall is a Queenslander.

Take a look at the players who have won the Brownlow Medal in recent years.

Ross Glendinning is a West Australian; Brad Hardie is a West Australian; John Platten is a South Australian.

South Australia and Western Australia have dominated national championships since the inception of State-of-Origin football — another little fact they choose to ignore.

De Kretser continues: "And if you did an ad for their football the only thing you could say is that they all obviously eat quiche."

"It is a game of pretty patterns, criss-crossing the vast acres of rock-hard Subiaco or WACA Ovals.

"And the elimination finals with the Eagles, perish the thought, or any other finals, will be the most boring September action one could ever hope to see."

All I can say is that this de Kretser fellow only serves to reinforce my opinion of dim-witted Victorians. I wonder if he is on the VFL umpires' panel.

GOAL MOUTH

By CHRIS de KRETZER

THE... will be no justice in football if those Johnny-come-latelys from the West make the five next week. The only reason the Eagles are even in the fight for the finals is a favorable draw which pandered to their ridiculous home-ground advantage. A West Coast finals berth would also be another nail in the coffin for football the way the majority of Victorian fans want it — treven more fair-weather types and not an than their supporters are losing the Perth attendances sank and the State's governing football body whinged what a bad thing the WA team was for the local competition. What do Sandgroppers know about standing in the outer decade after decade, watching the Saints, Hawks, Scraggers or Roos losing.

WAFL FINALS

STARTING TIMES

Colts matches will start at 9.30am for the first three finals and at 9.00am on Grand Final Day. Reserve matches will start at 11.40am for first three finals and at 11.15am on Grand Final Day. All League Finals matches will start at 2.20pm.

GATES

All gates will open at 9.00am on the first three finals and at 8.00am on Grand Final Day.

ADMISSION PRICES

Gate admission for outer sections of Subiaco Oval for

the first three finals is \$6.50 for adults, \$2.50 for concession and \$1.50 for children. Reserved seating for these games is available at Perth Concert Hall and His Majesty's Theatre. Any unsold seats will be on sale at the ground on the day of the match.

GRAND FINAL

A limited number of reserved seating tickets are still available. Standing room tickets are available from the Perth Concert Hall and His Majesty's Theatre. \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for concession and \$2.00 for children.

AFTER MATCH

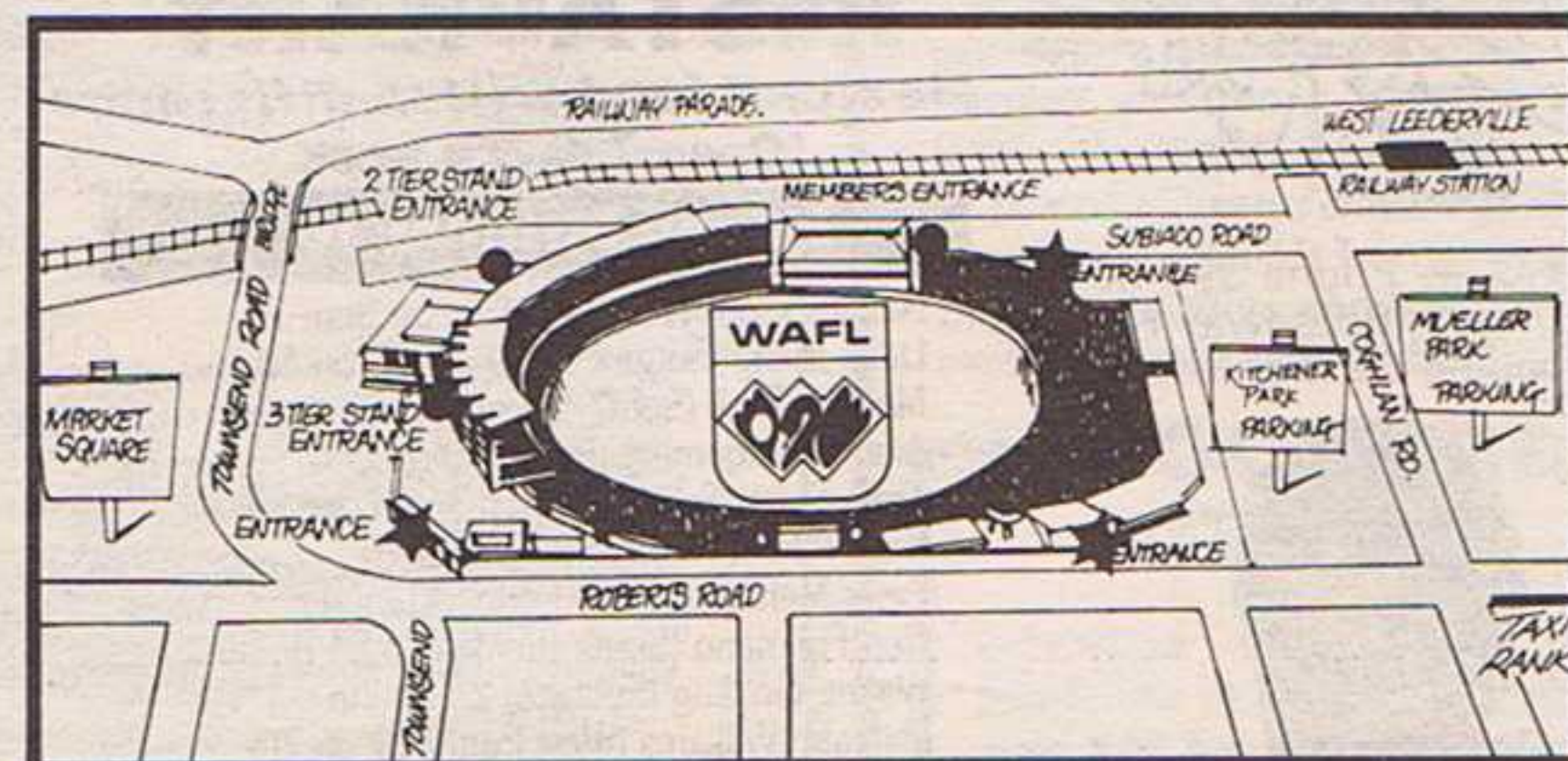
At the end of all final round games, the public is asked to refrain from entering the playing area until after all presentations are completed and the second siren sounds.

PARKING

All public parking areas adjacent to Subiaco Oval will be open (see map).

BUSES AND TRAINS

Buses and trains will run as normal to and from games.



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THE MEDAL MEN...

WEST Australian football's most prestigious award will soon be decided ... and every player in the game would love to have their name placed on the Sandover Medallists honour board.

Many of the game's greatest players have their name alongside the award and season '88 has seen some outstanding performances, making the selection of the Medallist as difficult as any year.

On a club by club basis, this is how I see the Sandover Medal contenders lining up:

South Fremantle:

Scott Watters is without doubt one of the game's most talented small men. He has a tremendous attitude and is the type of midfielder player who will come to the umpires attention.

East Fremantle:

The Sharks have not had a regular outstanding player, but veteran defender Shane Ellis has been a quiet achiever. His unobtrusive and committed style should reward him with votes.

Claremont:

Talented young centreman Ben Allan will split votes with Don Pyke and Tony Beers, but his style of play attracts attention. Allan is a well-balanced and skilful centreman who is scrupulously fair.

Swan Districts:

Swans have struggled all season to establish a competitive team, so the chance of the Medal going to Bassendean is remote. However, young mobile player Geoff Passeri has shown outstanding flair.

Perth:

Joe Santostefano has been a consistent performer in a Demons team that will see votes shared around. Though 1987 Sandover Medallist Mark Watson will poll well, his season has not been at the same level as last year.



David Bain ... Medal favourite.

West Perth:

Falcons rookie Malcolm Williams has been an outstanding player all season, though his thinly-framed body may not give football followers the right idea of his immense skill. Veteran captain Peter Menaglio will poll votes in some early-season games.

Subiaco:

Shane Cocker, runner-up for the 87 Medal, has produced another outstanding year. He is the League's most improved player since switching from the Royals, with the change in clubs

Let's look at some of the contenders

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON
Football Development Trust co-ordinator



giving him the self-confidence needed to perform at a higher level. This season he doesn't have Peter Featherby or an in-form Todd Beman to take votes off him.

East Perth:

Royals midfielder David Bain has shown tremendous courage and skill to lead the team by example. He has the exciting pace to catch the umpires attention and his efforts, in a team that struggled to be competitive early in the season, were outstanding.

THE WINNER

It seems as though the Royals can cap off their late-season improvement by celebrating the addition of the popular "Flea", David Bain, to their Sandover Medal club.

The runner-up should be Scott Watters, who can finish off his outstanding season, just ahead of another young centreman in Ben Allan.

Despite some adverse criticism of the WAFL competition, there has been an extremely high standard of individual performances and whoever wins the coveted Sandover Medal will be able to hold his head high.

On the outer... that's where it all happens!

IF ever our WAFL competition needed a positive injection of life, Saturday's crowd was it.

Good crowds create atmosphere and vocal supporters urging on their teams is what football was built on.

Saturday's Derby semi-final had all the ingredients of old-fashioned barracking, especially in the "outer".

The "outer" is where football lovers have congregated for over 100 years. Off-the-cuff supporter comments can leave the surrounding crowd in fits of laughter — or in a fighting mood!

"Outer people" don't see the game requiring glass sponsorship boxes or high-priced seating. They love the atmosphere, the weather and the unique ability to all be at the same level — yelling for their team.

Football's funniest comments come from "the outer" and for the past two seasons, the jokers have been on vacation.

But last Saturday they were back — in all their verbal jousting and it was fantastic to be part of the WAFL scene as it used to be.

There's no doubt that season '88 will go down as the year "the outer" returned to the game.

THE GRIP OF THE GROG FROM WHERE I SIT

THERE should be a crackdown on the drinking of booze at functions for junior footballers.

A fortnight ago I went along to the grand final in which my son was playing and had the pleasure of seeing his team win the flag to cap an unbeaten season.

The day, conducted by the Wanneroo/Subiaco organisations, was an outstanding success. It was pleasing to be able to buy a program that listed all the finals to be played over the weekend, the names of the players, coaches, clubs and colours etc.

When the game was over the boys were invited into the Wanneroo Football Club rooms for presentations, but then came the annoying part.

BARBECUE

My young bloke handed me a note from his club stating that his team, 13-year-olds, would be gathering at their home ground for a barbecue at 3 o'clock.

The club turned on the meat and rolls for the players and, oh yes, there would be a keg for the adults.

I have nothing against people having a drink, but there is a time and place for it and around junior sportsmen is neither.

If officials have to wet their whistles, they should organise it so that youngsters do not get the impression that football is about getting a kick and having a drink.

One year, when I was coaching a team of very good juniors, we were invited to be the guests of a league club. We all went along to hear the guests of honour speak and I was extremely pleased with the way my boys behaved.

ANNOYING

But it was pretty annoying when a number of senior officials wandered in from the bar next door with glasses in their hands.

My policy with kids has always been to preach fitness and self esteem.

I have emphasised that the good footballer will, through commonsense,

turn his back on liquor and cigarettes as these elements are detrimental to his health and, ultimately, his playing ability.

Boys who are shooting for the stars and have set their sights on becoming players of league class deserve something better than having their junior years marred by the boozy element.

Now it's up to you, Big Alex

A FEW minutes with big Alex Ishchenko at the Eagles versus Collingwood match left me with the impression that he is pretty despondent over the way his football is going at present.

"I'm having one of those runs when everything seems to be going against me," he said. "But I suppose it happens to all of us at some time."

Alex is a tall, well-proportioned ruckman who looked as though he was going to play a big part in any Eagles success.

He played as well as he thought he was capable, but his level of performance never quite attained the standard that John Todd expected of him.

"It is pretty frustrating for me," Alex said, "because the Eagles are a good team and I like being part of it."

The trouble with being a big big man in Australian football is that you automatically attract a lot of attention from the opposition, who fear you for your stature and the probability that you have a high degree of ability.

Your very presence alone is enough to make them wary. Conversely, your own team keeps looking to you for the high mark, the shepherd for the little

There is always a temptation for the kids to have a go at drinking and I don't think this is on at all.

If adults are running a function for kids then it should be a show for the players and not an opportunity for club officials to knock over a keg.

blokes and the catalyst to get things moving when no one else can.

Away from the game the tall men are under public scrutiny more than the little fellow because their build attracts attention. So it is fair to say that, on or off the field, they have some heavy responsibilities.

Some people, Graham Farmer, Jack Clarke, Graham Moss, Merv McIntosh, Brian Foley and Keith Slater, to name a few, carried the pressure easily.

Others had a hard job coming to terms with the fact that the biggest men often have the biggest jobs to do.

Alex Ishchenko is in the process of coming to terms with himself and, perhaps, is not quite sure whether he wants to step into the shoes of some of those champions.

My observation is that he has all the attributes to succeed with the exception of two.

One is the real desire to be a winner. The no-nonsense sweat, blood and tears factor that can lift a player from mediocrity to greatness.

The second thing lacking is a real belief in himself and his ability.



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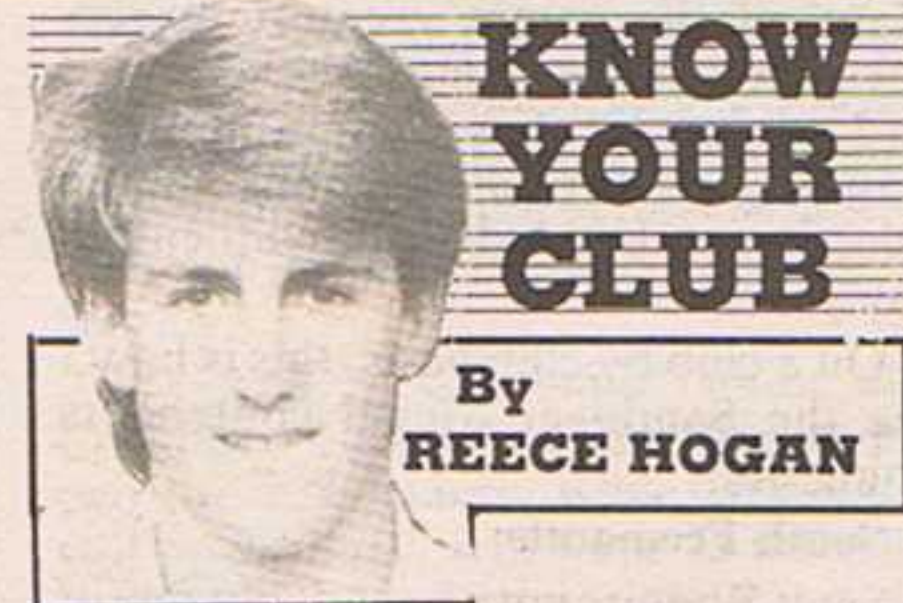
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Two Swans champions of the past ... Keith Narkle (left) and Billy Walker.



KNOW YOUR CLUB

By
REECE HOGAN

306 games

Bill Walker, rover 1961-1976 ... One of the greatest players to ever pull on a boot in WA. Superb reader of the play who could kick goals with either foot. Had the knack of being in the right place at the right time and possessed all the rare traits found in a champion.

277 games

Stan Nowotny, utility 1969-1983 ... A rugged, straight-through player with an excellent mark. Could play in most positions with authority and was always a good team man.

254 games

Keith Narkle, wing 1971-1983 ... A well-balanced player with blistering pace. Was an accurate kick and a reliable mark, often turning defence into attack. Excellent on-field leader with a clever football brain.

246 games

Tom Mullooly, full-back 1971-1986 ... A close-checking and reliable full-back. Possessed an excellent mark and a good kick and always worked hard to beat injuries.

235 games

Joe Lawson, full-back 1955-1966 ... Rock solid in defence. Possessed a magnificent drop kick. Reasonably short for a full-back, but there were not many full-forwards who kicked goals against him.

235 games

Tony Nesbitt, ruck rover 1955-1970 ... A versatile player with outstanding leadership qualities. Robust, with the knack of being where the ball was, he was a genuine hard worker without fear.

232 games

Ken Bagley, centre-half-forward 1958-1970 ... A big and strong left-footer with a prolific kick and a strong mark. Could play at centre-half-back when needed.

210 games

Duggan Anderson, defender 1945-1956 ... An outstanding mark despite injuries to his hand. Was a close-checking, hard defender and a real stalwart.

209 games

John Turnbull, centre-half-forward 1960-1971 ... A physically strong player who could hold his own in most positions. Had a safe pair of hands and was a reliable kick at goal.

206 games

Bill Skwirowski, defender 1971-1988 ... A close-checking player who thrived in a tagging role. A good reader of the play and a typical football battler made good.

205 games

Brian Gray, wingman 1951-1963 ... A pacy player with an accurate left-foot kick. Well-balanced with good skills and reliable.

201 games

Peter Manning, half-forward 1964-1975 ... An elusive player with ample natural talent. Covered a lot of ground and was a good reader of the ball off the pack. Very reliable.

201 games

Steve Gillespie, defender 1970-1981 ... A solid and tough defender with reliable disposal. Shirked no issue and was an unselfish team player. Retired to be a successful premiership coach of Kalamunda in the Sunday League.

201 games

Don Langsford, ruck-rover 1977-1988 ... A consistent leader who was also an unobtrusive worker in defence. Possessed excellent skills and a good reader of the play.

Little men take the honours at Bassendean

SWAN Districts have produced some outstanding big-man talent in their brief history, especially defenders. But it has been the little-man brigade that has taken the awards honours.

Sandover Medals have not been too plentiful at Bassendean, but naturally the dominance of rover Bill Walker compensates for some disappointments.

The champion topped the poll four times, in fact — in 1965 and 1966, being a one-point winner over another star rover in Perth's Barry Cable; in 1967 when he tied with Claremont's John Parkinson and again in 1970 when he

was level with Perth's Pat Dalton, only to lose on a countback.

Swans two other modern-day Medalists were also little men — dashing winger Phil Narkle in 1982 and former roving captain-coach Haydn Bunton jnr in 1962.

Swans joined the WA football competition in 1934 and had almost immediate success in the Medal voting when the brilliant George Krepp shared the 1935 Sandover with Subiacos Lou Daily.

Their only other Medallist was Jim Davies, in the under-age year of 1944. Davies later went on to be president of the WA Football League.

Swans have seen 15 of their players reach the 200 Club, which is an impressive performance considering their short history.

By comparison, clubs such as Claremont and Subiaco have only had six and nine players respectively reach that milestone.

Frank Sparrow's favourite ...

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

RIGHT from the day that Swan Districts recruited Bill Walker from the tiny country town of Naremben in 1961 it was obvious that they had a star of the future.

Walker had all those rare traits found in a champion. He could kick goals with both feet; he had the knack of being in the right place at the right time; read the play superbly and possessed that polish which makes good players stand out.

Walker was small in stature but was strong and fast, which enabled him to break many tackles.

The roving master-mind is one of the most decorated players the game has seen. He is the only player to win three Sandover Medals in succession (1965-66-67) and was runner-up in 1970.

Walker won the Lindy Medal as the WA Sportsman of the Year twice, earned All-Australian selection in 1969 and won a Simpson Medal in 1967, playing against South Australia and giving a performance that was rated as the best roving display seen at Subico Oval.

Walker was destined to be a star

He won the medal after steering WA to victory and went on to play 20 games for the State. The only thing Walker did not achieve was success in the VFL, however had he travelled east he would almost certainly have been a sensation.

Walker is now putting something back into the game as Swans president, a position he has held for six years.



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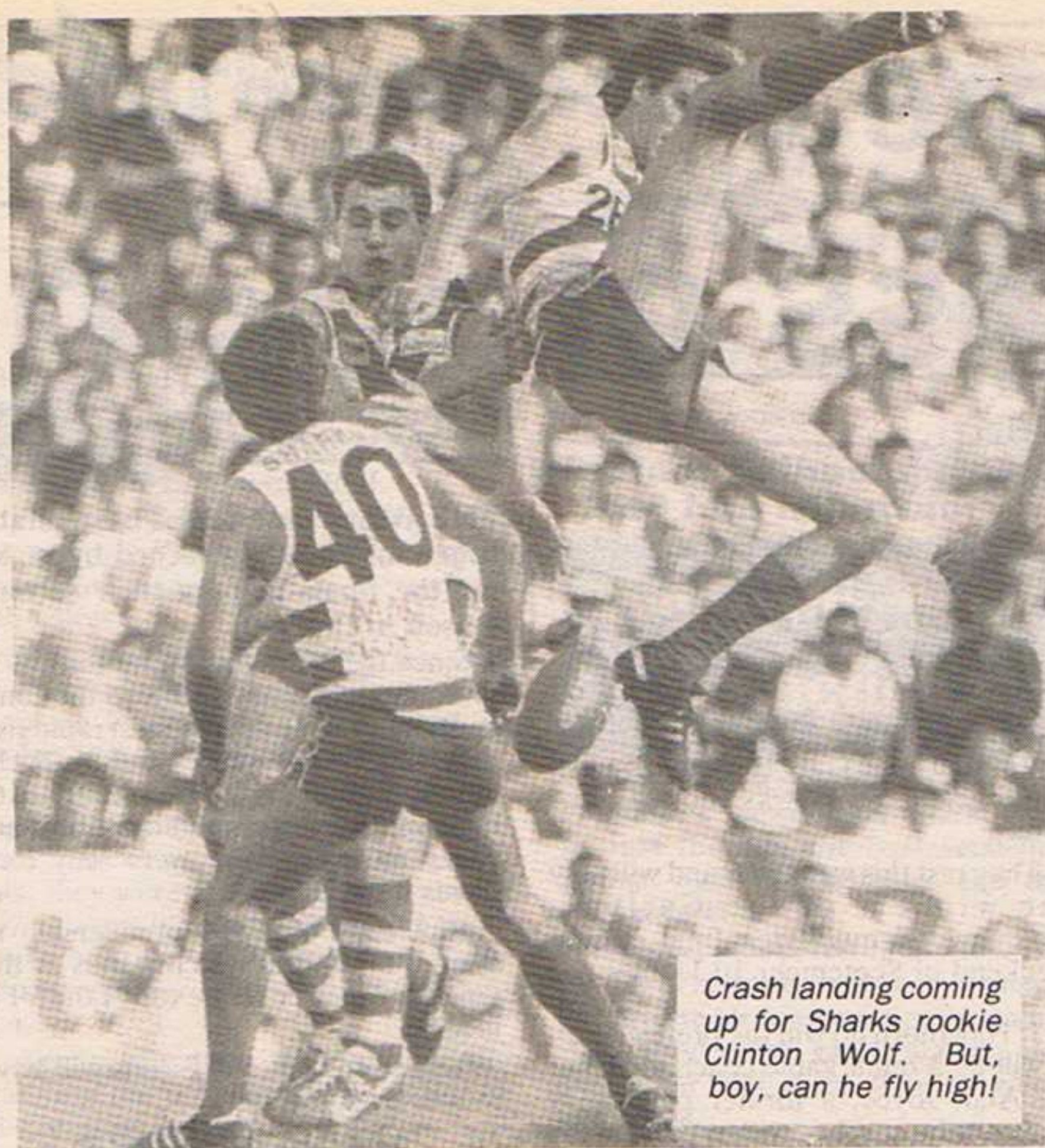
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Crash landing coming up for Sharks rookie Clinton Wolf. But, boy, can he fly high!

Nothing sheepish about this Wolf

THE question must be asked, where has this man Wolf been, the one who literally played like a werewolf as he destroyed South Fremantle last Saturday.

Young Clinton Wolf, 19 years of age and last year's under-19 fairest and best winner, took on the in-form and key South ruckman Craig Edwards and beat him.

While Edwards was still a strong contributor, Wolf's influence on the game was far greater.

He looks more like a tall marathon runner than a ruckman but was most impressive in his second League game.

He showed excellent agility, both in the air and at ground level, and his commitment to meet Edwards physically, despite his lack of bulk was terrific.

Wolf also used the ball effectively, especially with his handball.

On the eve of the match I spoke to football critic and Sharks ruck coach Percy Johnson and told him that I believed East Fremantle would struggle in the ruck.

Percy immediately countered by saying: "This boy Wolf can play, you just wait and see."

You were right Perc!

Durack tops as defender

BIG Lance Durack, at full-back, was another Shark who played a top game.

Durack possesses excellent skills for a player of his size (193cm) and though he enjoyed success early in the season as a ruckman, I believe he is best suited to a set position, probably in defence where he can meet the ball.

He has a good pair of hands and showed last Saturday that he can physically match it with anyone as he took on and beat South's Mark Bayliss.

The Sharks' flexibility with their big men is a key, when you consider that Durack, Browning and Waterson can play in any of the key forward or defensive positions and also that Durack and Waterson be used in the ruck if needed.

Old dog for a hard road

YOU'VE heard it before, that football cliché "it was a well-balanced team, a good blend of youth and experience."

That is exactly what East Fremantle had last week and while youngsters like Quill, Wolf, Cooper and Edgar did a great job, it was the experience of Ellis, Wrensted, Peake, O'Sullivan, Waterson, Waterman (VFL experience), and Christie, particularly that was too much for the valiant Bulldogs.

They say it takes an old dog for a hard road. East Fremantle proved that correct, but it did take the Sharks 2½ quarters to shake off their opponents.

I believe they are a big chance to go into the grand final, especially when you consider that the selectors have the option to use Sterrett (a certainty), Bushell, Miller and Cole for the preliminary final.

How the tide has again turned, and the light shines brightly at East Fremantle Oval.

Top marks for skill

JUST under 20,000 spectators at the first semi were treated to some excellent skills of our game.

Often finals can be either one-sided affairs or very desperate dour struggles with few skills.

Last week there were some spectacular marks by Quill, Brad Collard, Edwards, Bayliss, Sumich and Waterson particularly.

When 38 goals are kicked there have to be a few gems and they came from Wrensted, Waterman, Derek Collard, Collins, Kickett, Lester-Smith and Christie.

I'm sure the remaining finals will produce more goals of the day like the one Souths winger Mark Collins kicked from the boundary in the third term.



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Former Sandover Medallist and now Radio 6NR commentator



Eagles are form team

WELL done Eagles on making this week's elimination final.

Looking at the current form of all VFL finalists — excluding favourites Hawthorn — it is wide open when it comes to selecting winners.

Carlton have struggled, Melbourne have won one out of their last six games and Collingwood are vulnerable up forward.

The form side is the Eagles with five in a row.

Finals football is a new ball game, but winning form is good form and I wouldn't be surprised to see the elimination winners go all the way to the grand final.

In last week's victory against Footscray, I thought the Eagles players exploited a typical WA football style, with short chip passes. As a possession game, it was highly effective.

Waverley is a different ball park, which requires the direct way home from centre-half-forward. David O'Connell and Ross Glendinning hold the key to victory.

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



Second semi jinx haunts Lions

SUBIACO have a bad record in second semi-finals.

Not only have they appeared in the fewest of any of the eight clubs (they have played in seven), but they have lost the last six.

This includes a 1987 loss to Claremont and losses to East Fremantle in 1986 and 1985.

Subiaco's only second semi-final win was in 1935 — 53 years ago.

Subiaco and Claremont have met in only three finals before, the first semi of 1964 and the second semi and grand final last year.

The Lions are still waiting for their first win.

The Tigers' winning margins were 18 points, 70 points and 71 points, respectively.

GOAL FAMINE

THE big goalkickers were missing from football in 1988.

The biggest tally of the year in one match was Todd Breman's nine goals against South Fremantle in round seven.

Only three players — Breman 72, Grant Campbell 58 and Mick Rea 52 — managed more than 50 for the season. In 1985 there were ten.

The biggest goal drought in post-war football was in 1975 when Perth's Murray Couper was the only player to kick more than 50 goals (he finished with 63).

Fifty years earlier, in 1925, Ted Fleming, of West Perth, finished on top with just 50 goals.

LIONS ON TARGET

SUBIACO already have plenty to celebrate.

They have their three sides in the finals and Lions players headed all grades on the goalkicking charts.

Todd Breman topped the League with 72 goals, in the Prime Reserves

teammates Bernard Sloan and Stevan Johnson tied with 31 goals (the first time there has been a tie in this competition) and in the under-19s young Chris Stannage headed the list with 46 goals.

Three clubmates heading the goalkicking grades has happened only once before — in 1980. The Claremont trio of Warren Ralph, Brett Farmer and Peter Avery topped their respective grades.

DOGGONE

IT was a bad weekend for Bulldogs. The WA Bulldogs (South Fremantle) were eliminated in the first semi, the VFL Bulldogs (Footscray) lost their final chance to qualify and the SA Bulldogs (Central District), the league leaders, lost their second game in as many weeks.

WA FLAVOUR

AWARD winners in the Victorian Football Association this year have a WA flavour.

The Liston Medal was shared by Gary Sheldon, who played with East Perth in 1984, and Brett McTaggart (who played against WA in July).

The section two fairest and best award, the Fields Medal, went to former Subiaco sharpshooter Stephen Sells, who played for the Lions in 1984-85-86.

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

HAWTHORN have become the shortest-priced favourites to win the VFL premiership for years — even before a 1988 final has been played.

All the emotion of an action-packed round 22 of League football, when Melbourne and the Eagles secured places in Saturday's elimination final with gutsy qualifying victories, has already been devalued.

The Eagles lost key man John Annear (shoulder) at the Western Oval while Melbourne's fiery duo Rod Grinter and Steve O'Dwyer — regular past offenders — were booked and Brian Wilson was injured.

Most football fans don't believe either side will last more than a fortnight — or earn the right to take on the confident Hawks.

Most predict a Hawthorn-Collingwood grand final and that the Hawks, winners already of the night premiership, will add the prestigious day crown to their laurels.

Hawthorn have lost just three games in 26 this season — and with a whopping 76 points, finished three and a half games clear of second-placed Collingwood.

GOLDEN RUN

This is the biggest gap between first and second since 1950 when Essendon notched 17 wins and just one loss to North Melbourne's 13 wins and five losses. The Bombers duly won the flag, their third in five years.

It was part of a golden post-war run for the club that brought six consecutive grand final appearances.

Hawthorn are also heading for a sixth straight grand final, having won two and lost three since 1983.

Their form against North Melbourne last Saturday was awe-inspiring.

Boom full-forward Jason Dunstall kicked 10 goals straight (out of 28) and the Hawks won by a massive 95 points.

How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/bs	Score
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	22	11	12	3.2
MELBOURNE				
Alan Johnson	18	6	3	—
Earl Spalding	10	5	4	1.3
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	15	3	8	1.3
RICHMOND				
Michael Mitchell	15	4	16	2.3
Peter Wilson	11	9	13	1.0
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	17	3	2	1.2
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	7	3	3	1.2
BRISBANE BEARS				
Brad Hardie	9	3	—	2.1
Mike Richardson	22	8	—	1.0
Rod Lester-Smith	8	2	2	1.0
CARLTON				
Wayne Blackwell	11	3	1	—
John Dorotich	12	10	2	2.2
Ken Hunter	1	—	1	1.0
Peter Sartori	4	—	2	1.0
COLLINGWOOD				
Michael Christian	13	10	14	—
Craig Starcevic	14	7	9	4.2
ESSENDON				
Leon Baker	20	6	1	0.1
Bill Duckworth	10	5	4	—
Darren Bewick	18	6	7	—
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	11	6	14	—
John Ironmonger	2	5	8	—
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	2	1	—	1.1
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	22	4	12	2.0
HIT-OUTS: Michael Christian 5, Jon Dorotich 4, John Ironmonger 11, Peter Wilson 1, Craig Starcevic 1, Peter Sartori 1, Wayne Henwood 4.				

Dunstall has now booted 124 goals for the season and, with a minimum of two finals to play, could finish with the most goals in one season since legendary club-mate Peter Hudson equalled Bob Pratt's record with 150 in 1971. (Magpie Peter McKenna also kicked 143 in that season).

The Hawks have the best goal-to-goal line in football, the best rover in John Platten, and a formidable running game which is rarely challenged, let alone beaten.

Blond star Dermott Brereton took a dozen marks against North Mel-

bourne, kicking 4.5, and with Brownlow Medal hope Gary Buckenara again prominent, the Hawks looked awesome.

They rest this weekend, and will play the winners of the Carlton-Collingwood qualifying final on the weekend of September 10-11.

If Hawthorn do win the premiership, it will be a remarkable coaching debut by Alan Joyce, a former player (49 games) who coached with success in the VFA and in Perth before returning to Hawthorn as football manager in 1987.

IT WASN'T THEIR YEAR

THE most disappointing sides this year have undoubtedly been North Melbourne, who slipped from fifth (13 wins, one draw) to 11th (seven wins, one draw) and St Kilda (nine wins, 1987 — four wins, '88).

Both sides, however, are likely to keep their coaches, John Kennedy (North) and Darrel Baldock (St Kilda).

With a couple of extra big men, North are likely to be a power again in 1989.

The Kangaroos possess some of the most damaging small men in the game, including the Krakouer brothers, diminutive Mark Arceri and State star Matt Larkin.

Plenty to crow about

COLLINGWOOD are the season's biggest improvers, no matter what happens in the next few weeks.

The Magpies finished third last in 1987 with just seven wins.

But this year they won 15 and a half games to be second.

Captain Tony Shaw said: "It has been a giant step forward but I was confident after last year — and especially the last six or eight games in '87 when we played well and the young blokes were good."

"We did well this pre-season, winning almost everything except our quarter final of the night competition when Hawthorn came from behind to knock us off."

"On our day, we know we can beat anybody. It's a matter of reaching that standard when it counts, starting with Carlton this weekend."

"We're not scared of anybody in this year's premiership race."

"If we play to our potential, there are no worries — we can go all the way."

Another vastly improved combination is Richmond, who won eight matches to finish 10th (compared with five and last in 1987).

The Tigers won only one of their first nine games before winning seven of their last 13.

Last Friday night they knocked off Fitzroy by 103 points. It was Lions coach David Parkin's final game after he'd previously announced that he would be resigning at the end of the season.



Saints veteran Trevor Barker is chaired off ... but then he said he would play again next year.

Barker stays with Saints

ST KILDA veteran Trevor Barker will play with the Saints again next year.

The 31-year-old former captain has fought off injury this year and now feels that he can cope with another season.

Five weeks ago Barker suggested that he would consider retiring, but a top-class effort opposed to ace Hawthorn full-forward Jason Dunstall started to persuade him otherwise.

Barker's early retirement suggestion came after the club's loss to the Sydney Swans, when he had a miserable day and obviously wasn't fully fit.

"He thought he had let the side down," said Saints coach Darrel Baldock. "But since then he has improved with every game. He probably wishes the season was just starting now."

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CANN
Eastern States statistician
for the West Coast Eagles



THE West Coast Eagles have established an imposing record by making the finals in only their second season in the VFL.

Since the VFL was formed in 1897, seven new clubs have entered the competition. Previously, the most rapid rise to a finals appearance was by Richmond, who finished fourth in 1916, their ninth season in the VFL. That year, however, there were only four teams in the League.

Richmond won the premiership in their 13th season, which stands as the quickest advance to the top of the VFL ladder.

To better that, the Eagles will have to win a flag by 1999.

LOSING SEQUENCE

THE Eagles and Melbourne are the first teams to lose five games in a row during the season and still make the finals since Fitzroy in 1984.

Fitzroy won only one of their first nine games that year and later in the season lost a further three games in a row.

The Eagles and Melbourne each recorded only one sequence of losses this season.

LOWEST SCORE

FOOTSCRAY'S score of 3.11 on Sunday was the lowest against the Eagles, worse than the 3.18 by St Kilda, at the WACA Ground in Round 7 this year.

Before Sunday, the lowest score against the Eagles in Victoria was Richmond's winning score of 9.19 in Round 14 last year.

The Eagles' score of 7.11 was their lowest winning score, and their second-lowest score ever.

BULLDOGS LOW

THE Eagles' defence restricted their opposition to what was the lowest score by Footscray for 22 years.

Footscray kicked only 3.10 in their 104-point loss to Collingwood in the last qualifying round of 1966.

TOP SPOILERS

ANDREW Lockyer recorded 12 effective spoils in limiting Footscray full-forward Simon Beasley to only one goal on Sunday. It was only the second time this season that Beasley failed to kick more than one goal in a match.

The Eagles recorded a total of 53 effective spoils for the game and others to figure prominently were Geoff Miles with 11, and Murray Rance with 8.

GOAL RELIANCE

MUCH has been made of the Eagles' supposed reliance on captain Ross Glendinning to kick goals. Comparison of the performances of the Eagles, Footscray, and Hawthorn throughout 1988 suggests that the Eagles' reliance on Glendinning isn't that great.

In the 18 games he has played so far this season, Glendinning has kicked 25.4% of the Eagles' goals.

Beasley kicked 23.3% of Footscray's goals in the 21 games he played during 1988, and Jason Dunstall has kicked 31.4% of Hawthorn's goals in his 21 matches.

FIRST GOAL

MICHAEL Brennan became the Eagles' 32nd goalscorer for the year shortly after coming on to the ground in the last quarter of Sunday's game.

Brennan's goal, which resulted from some clever footwork in the goalsquare, was his fourth in VFL football and his first this year.

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Time for some serious thinking, says Cliff Collard.

Oh, no! Why did we play so bad ... asks Bulldog Peter Matera.

The jubilant Sharks are in a sing-song mood.

Sharks rookie Clinton Wolf gets some three-point...
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Sharks runner Peter Thomas takes another message from coach Graham Melrose.

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The Bulldogs to forget

o the slippery Sharks and advanced to the preliminary final — where they await with confidence the arrival of either Subiaco or Claremont.



Well done, boys, that's a handy goal.



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Two months ago the WAFL competition was developing into a cut-and-dried final-four with a complete series of fixtures remaining.

A new series ...

The Kresta 'Blinder'

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

Wolf takes League footy in his stride

THE rags-to-riches story of East Fremantle's Clinton Wolf was emphasised in Saturday's semi-final clash with South Fremantle.

His game was outstanding, playing like a man with years of experience, rather than someone who made his League debut two weeks ago.

Wolf's inexperience was tipped to weigh against him for his clash with Sandover Medal favourite Craig Edwards. However, he answered the critics with a superb game that saw him defeat the big man from Bulldogs territory.

The gangly ruckman seldom gave Edwards any ground and was successful in winning 23 tap outs, as well as producing some excellent work around the ground. His marking was a treat and he continually kicked long into the Sharks attacking zone.

Wolf's debut against Claremont a week earlier was also of a fine standard. However, finals fever is a whole new ball game and such a performance was only expected by the most optimistic East Fremantle supporter for such a vital game.

Wolf did it easily and one must wonder how much of a future this 19-year-old plumber has.

He is tall and slight in stature, yet very athletic and mobile for a big man. He also has fine skills and an astute football brain, with dedication and discipline some footballers should take note of.

A member of the East Fremantle under-19s premierships side last year, Wolf will be hoping to repeat the dose in 1988 for the League side.

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But a dramatic Bulldogs surge, combined with end-of-season slumps by Perth and East Fremantle, created the much-needed climax.

Never before has a team been three games clear of fifth spot, with one series of fixtures remaining and finish out of the four, as did the Demons.

Perth can take consolation, however, that it is only the seventh time a team has missed the four after winning 12 of the 21 qualifying games.

South won eight games straight to secure a finals berth. In the end, they were playing with confidence, but that was not the case at the start of their winning streak.

In the first of their eight consecutive wins, they came from behind to beat Subiaco.

The next week they trailed East Perth by 35 points at three-quarter time and miraculously clawed their way to a one-point win by kicking seven goals in the final term.

TURNING POINT

That was a turning point for the Bulldogs and though they bowed out last Saturday, the season has given the South Fremantle players a renewed taste for victory.

This will act as a good building block for next season, along with the announcement that Maurice Rioli intends playing again.

Stan Magro, the man behind South's rejuvenation, is contemplating retirement due to work and family commitments. But South are certain to work on that problem.

Magro is also very realistic when it comes to next year's player drain.

"Who isn't going to lose players" was his initial reaction.

"It should be the goal of every young footballer to play at the highest level," is his confirmed view.

Among those who appear certain to be drafted into a VFL side next season are Scott Watters, Mark Bayliss and Peter Sumich.

Watters is a consistent player who picks up numerous possessions mid-field and his tussle with Murray

Late message for Lions man

NOT too many people look at the scoreboard much after the final siren — but a glance at the electronic marvel last Saturday would have revealed a well-kept secret.

There it was, up in lights: "Happy birthday Mike Flanagan — 50 on Tuesday."

It was for the hard-working Lions general manager who has certainly put on a few years since quitting the back-room political scene for football.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Wrensted last week was a real highlight.

The explosive match-winning potential of Bayliss has made him an immediate draft target, provided this "football wanderer" maintains enthusiasm and thirst for success.

Sumich is a naturally gifted footballer. He has an awesome kick and a knack for freak goals, but his poor form in the first semi-final (probably due to finals nerves) didn't impress the Hawthorn talent scout at last week's game.

Nevertheless, he will be very much in demand as 13 other clubs can have a shot at drafting Sumich before Hawthorn.

Others who may be seconded are Sandover Medal fancy Craig Edwards, Peter Matera and Cliff Collard.

It is very much a case of "wait and see" for South Fremantle supporters in the ensuing months.

The decisions of their coach and many leading players will play an important part in their continued rise back to football prominence.

Vote counts coming up

THE fairest and best vote-counting nights for the eight WAFL clubs will be coming up soon.

South Fremantle, Claremont and Subiaco have yet to finalise a definite date, but the other clubs will hold their vote counts for all three grades at their respective clubrooms as follows:

West Perth — Wednesday, September 14; Perth — Friday, September 16; East Perth — Wednesday, September 21; East Fremantle — Saturday, October 8; Swan Districts — Saturday, October 22.

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Sharks unhappy over Jenkins criticism

EAST Fremantle aren't too happy with the criticism they received for failing to name Todd Jenkins in their list of 25 players for last week's first semi-final.

Sharks officials admit that they knew as early as Wednesday that a kidney infection would keep Ray Sterrett out of action.

But they claim that Jenkins was only called into the team on Friday night to replace Brad Read, who injured an ankle at training hours beforehand.

It is argued that while they are obliged to list 20 players, plus three emergencies in case of late withdrawals, they were also permitted to name two players in case Eagles squad members Murray Wrensted and Chris Waterman were called up for VFL duties.

Technically, they didn't infringe any ruling of the WAFL and face no fine or disciplinary action.

However, for the average football follower it was annoying to watch the entire first semi-final not knowing who No. 22 was.



Todd Jenkins ... in the hot seat.

ON THE BALL

By MIKE KNUCKEY



Symonds back in action

THE critics were claiming that South Fremantle's inexperience would weigh against them in the first semi-final against East Fremantle — and they were correct.

However, one player in the same boat for East Fremantle was Glen Symonds, but despite his inexperience the youngster played a fine game, making good use of the ball every time he gained possession.

Symonds played two games in the qualifying rounds and reappeared in the first semi-final League side after a heavy clash with East Perth's Glen Bartlett in the third round which resulted in a trip of hospital.

Symonds recovered to play the last qualifying game in the reserves, being their best player and going on to play League last Saturday.



Quill shows his class

ANOTHER Sharks rookie who played with authority on Saturday was Peter Quill, whose performance on the half-forward-flank was all class.

The 19-year-old university student has taken the WAFL by storm in the 1988 season after being a member of last year's Under-19s premiership team.

He is one of the fittest players in the League and this shows in his game.

He also has excellent skills and a fine kick and all this culminated on Saturday to put him in the Sharks top players.

Reserves set the standard

THE thrilling Prime reserves first semi-final last Saturday between Subiaco and East Perth was a high-class, hard-fought game that set the mood for the Derby clash to follow.

One Subiaco player who figured prominently in their seven-point victory, but should never really have even been playing, was Glen Hutcheson.

This show of courage from Hutcheson, who broke his jaw during Subiaco's league clash with Claremont in the third round, saw him combine superbly with Gavin Keyser.

They both ran hard throughout and handled the ball well, creating many opportunities for the forward.

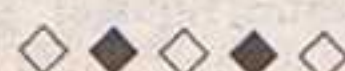
Keyser is also in the Lions League squad and his quick hands, good skills and fast running may see him in contention for a place in the main grade before the season ends.

Yet another Subiaco performer in the reserves who has played League is rover Paul Cox and his goal in the dying seconds of the final term sealed the game for Subiaco.



No so close after all

THERE were some tight moments for both sides in the final term of the reserves clash when both sides were battling goal for goal. When East Perth draw even with Subiaco in the last few minutes, the draw seemed likely. However, Subiaco retaliated with a goal moments before the siren, but as it turned out, the Lions had an extra point up their sleeve which the scoreboard did not indicate.



South stars were curbed

TALENT scouts watching the Derby first semi-final must have been disheartened at South Fremantle's Peter Sumich, who lined up on a half-forward flank. The talented forward had eight shots at goal, kicking 1.7 on a fine day with little wind.

However, talent scouts would have been impressed with East Fremantle's John Derecourt, who had the job of minding Sumich.

Derecourt did this superbly, with a close-checking game that cracked Sumich and cut off one of South Fremantle's main attacking avenues.

ANOTHER Bulldogs attacking avenue that was partly closed off was Mark Bayliss and it was East Fremantle big man Lance Durack who was assigned to the burly full-forward. Durack did a fine job and despite Bayliss' three goals, he was sufficiently held out of the game.

Durack, who usually combines with Guy Baxter in the ruck, must have enjoyed his stint at full-back, finding immediate success in the position.

Clinton Wolf is looking after the ruck duties superbly and if Baxter is to come back into the side when he recovers from a hamstring injury, Durack could stay in defence.

Percy weaves his spell on Sharks ruck

AN emotional Clinton Wolf, amidst post-game celebrations after the Sharks semi-final win, embraced football critic Percy Johnson claiming: "I owe it all to this man!"

High praise indeed coming from a fellow who has played just two games, but is already one of the football finds for 1988.

Wolf has impressed both with his ability and determination and there is little doubt that Johnson has played a large part in his development this season.

Johnson has worked regularly with all the East Fremantle ruck division, so it is no coincidence that Lance Durack has come on rapidly and Guy Baxter has enjoyed his best season in league football.

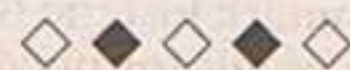
ALTERNATIVE

Wolf's rapid rise to stardom has given coach Graham Melrose another string to his bow.

Last week he used Durack at full-back on Bulldogs dangerman Mark Bayliss and the big fellow kept a tight rein on his opponent.

With regular full-back Shane Ellis in top form on a wing, Melrose may opt to keep a winning formula in the preliminary final.

But as he pointed out after the game: "We pick our side depending on the strengths and weaknesses of our opponents."



Falcons turn to the gallops

THE West Perth Football Club will hold their traditional Melbourne Cup luncheon at their Leederville clubrooms on Tuesday, November 1.

It is one of the best in town and when you consider the length of trouble the organisers go to, it's not surprising.

The day begins at 9.30am and patrons will be welcomed into a room that resembles the Flemington racecourse — complete with lake, bookies van, flowers, chocolate wheels and bales of hay.

Fashions will take pride of place so choose carefully what you are going to wear!

There will be over 30 Melbourne Cup sweeps running plus a crazy hat parade and a guest comedian-singer who will entertain the 350 people expected to attend.

A DJ will continue the entertainment into the evening so, for \$20 a head (including meal) this represents terrific value.

There will be no door sales, so make sure tickets are booked beforehand at the club.

Tigers colours dominate

BLUE and yellow will be prominent colours this Sunday at League headquarters.

All three second semi-final games at colts, reserves and league level involve Claremont teams.

Subiaco are well represented with their league and colts teams doing battle.

Perth are the only other club represented, with their reserves side ready to make up for the disappointment of their senior team failing to make the finals.

ROOKIE TIPSTER DOES IT AGAIN

THE Football Media Guild's annual tipping competition has been won by a Scottish soccer convert for the second time in three years.

Len Findlay, the sports editor of The West Australian, won a \$200 booty with 65 winners from a possible 84 to show that his 1986 victory was no flash in the pan.

And last year's winner, Sunday Times writer Lew Nathan, was second with 63 winners to maintain his consistency.

Fellow Sunday Times writer Peter Poat came home strongly to finish on 62 and the best Westside Football effort came from Robert Bennett on 58.

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Royals go straight into grand final

ROYALS stormed into their second consecutive Southern Districts grand final when they won a hard slog against North Mt Barker in the second semi-final at Centennial Oval last Sunday.

The Lions were 10-point victors 11.15 (81) to 10.11 (71) and were brilliantly led by captain-coach Larry Dwyer and Michael Waugh.

Darryl Byatt was outstanding at centre-half-forward, but was reported, along with team-mates Shaun Colbung and Ken Kelly.

The tribunal decision will have a big bearing on Royals chances for a second consecutive premiership.

Waugh scored three goals and Barry Ashton two for North Barker.

Railways made their fourth consecutive reserves grand final when they beat South Barker 10.5 (65) to 6.5 (41).

Best for the reigning premiers were Greg O'Donnell and John and Wayne Annandale. Tim Scott scored four majors.

TOP HAWKS

The top Hawks were Peter and Dave Hambley and Don Pomery, who kicked five goals.

North Albany easily accounted for Royals to win the colts 13.10 (88) to 8.6 (54). Best Kangas were Jamie Green, Geoff Rabac and Alan Petterson. Brendon Noakes scored three goals and John Fishwick (Royals) four.

Gavin Spence, Geoff Dean and Rod Kelly were best for the Lions.

This Sunday's preliminary finals at Frost Park see Royals play Railways in the colts (Denmark lost the first semi to Railways by default for playing an ineligible player) followed by the reserves between South Barker and North Albany.

The league game sees North Albany and North Mt Barker opposed.

Ongerup look safe

MINOR premiers Ongerup had a convincing 23-point victory over Newdegate in the second semi-final at Jerramungup last Saturday.

They won 14.17 to 11.12.

In the reserves, Ongerup were unable to produce the same form as their League counterparts, suffering a massive 118-point loss at the hands of Newdegate, 23.15 to 5.5.

In the juniors, Jerramungup's home ground advantage paid dividends when they beat Boxwood Hill by 12 points, 8.5 to 6.5.

The preliminary finals will be played at Nyabing this Saturday with Jerramungup and Newdegate clashing in the main game.

200 GAMES UP

Boddington's Phil Salmeri is a club stalwart on and off the field. The club president recently celebrated his 200th game for the Eagles, who are in fifth position, just a game out of the top four. Williams star David Kain has also posted his 200th game.

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Centrals in a two-point win

CENTRALS won their way into the Fortescue Leagues preliminary final by just two points in a tense match at Paraburdoo on Sunday.

Centrals, the Tom Price-based team, beat the Paraburdoo Saints 14.20 to 15.12.

It was one of the best finals games played in the league for years and it was Centrals perseverance that earned them the right to meet Tigers for this year's premiership pennant.

Centrals scored three goals before Saints posted a goal, but then Warren Hoare exerted his forward-line influence to reduce the margin to one point. But Centrals plugged away, mainly through their rovers, to lead by 16 points at half-time.

The visitors went 22 points up, but then the Saints showed resilience, with Lee Hutton heading the defence, to lead by four points at the last change.

Led by captain-coach Paul Giddons, who kicked the goal to put his side in front again, Centrals held on to win.

Hutton was best-on-ground, backed up by Hoare at centre-half-forward and good displays from Colin Guy, Andy Han, Geoff Hawkins and the youngsters Jason Woodcoe and Darren Woodvine.

Sunday's grand final at Tom Price will see Centrals and Tigers clash for the first time.

Tigers were impressive in winning the second semi-final. They have a reliable full-back in Paul Blakers, good rovers in Dion Poole and Billy Snooke, a hard-running skipper in Dave Maher and Mark Cunningham in the ruck.

Centrals have a doubt about star forward Alan Stobaus being fully fit, but should still perform creditably.

Costly colts game for Denmark

THE Denmark colts side have lost their first semi-final victory after playing an ineligible player. The Southern Districts League stripped Denmark of their 49-point win over Railways when it was ruled that 17-year-old Rodney Ross should not have lined up with the team. Ross had played 10 league games with Denmark before returning to the colts side. Denmark colts coach Bill Lasse said the club wasn't aware of the rule stipulating 10 league games as a barrier.

Award goes to Centrals player

CENTRALS utility player Ross Brand has won the Bielski Medal for the Fortescue Leagues fairest and best footballer.

Brand polled 14 votes to beat Tigers skipper Dave Maher by two votes and become the sixth Centrals player to win the award.

It is the fourth time that Maher has been runner up.

The club leaders were: Ross Brand, Centrals 14; Dave Maher, Tigers 12; Lee Hutton, Saints 11; Alan Thomas, Demons 10; Jim Crotty and Greg Della Santina, Towns 9; Tony Oakford and Geoff Dawes, Hill 4.

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Busselton surprise on eve of finals

by DENIS HEANEY

BUSSELTON caused a major surprise in their finals build-up by thrashing third-placed Bunbury 26.8 to 10.19 in the final qualifying round of the South West League on Sunday.

Key forwards Craig Earnshaw (nine goals) and Ross Gibson (seven goals) led the way for Busselton, with strong support from Neil Foster and the consistent Michael Krygger.

Bunbury's best were Steve Eaton, Steve Larsson and Ric Dawson, after losing ruckman Greg Fletcher with an injury early in the game.

A strong four-quarter effort from Carey Park enabled them to comfortably account for Collie 28.24 to 11.10 and retain second spot on the ladder.

Michael Hastie (11 goals) turned in a best-on-ground performance and others to play well were Murray Colard and Keith Narkle, while Kernutt Thorne (four goals) showed that he has recovered from his recent injury.

For Collie Alan Michael, David Hollins and Brendan Retzlaff all tried hard, along with Jeff Davidson (three goals).

BIG SCORE

South Bunbury, led by Chris Raykos (six goals), Scott Meadows and Leigh Wright, were too strong for Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup winning 27.22 to 15.5 — which was the highest score kicked by South Bunbury this season.

Once again the Cardinals best players were Jamie Ninyett, Darren Mundy and Larry Patane.

Harvey-Brunswick, with a 72-point victory over Donnybrook, should have been pleased with their form and that of leading players Chris Macri, Derek Hall and Dom Crognale.

Donnybrook were best served by Peter Lunardi, who has had an excellent season, Grady Howlett and the promising Shane Atherton.

Mines Rovers (21.18) finished a disappointing season with a sound victory over Augusta-Margaret River (14.11).

Mines best was reliable Steve Dabrowski, while Peter Rowe — playing his 200th game — was also prominent. A.M.R. were best served by Kevin Smith, Gary Ryan and Peter Adams.

This week Harvey Brunswick meet Busselton in the elimination final at Kelly Park, Bunbury, with Harvey-Brunswick starting favourites.

Carey Park are expected to be too strong for Bunbury at Hands Oval.

South West League

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
South Bunbury	18	-	2842	1065	266.8	72
Carey Park	14	4	2660	1529	173.8	56
Bunbury	13	5	2083	1456	143.0	52
Harvey-Brun	12	6	1872	1768	105.8	48
Busselton	10	8	1726	1701	101.4	40
Donnybrook	8	10	1592	1926	82.6	32
Mines Rovers	7	11	1634	2014	81.1	28
Collie	3	15	1316	2061	63.8	12
Aug-Marg River	3	15	1385	2194	63.1	12
Boyanup-Capel	2	16	1266	2662	47.5	8

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Williams stay on top

WILLIAMS consolidated their position at the top of the Upper Great Southern ladder by easily defeating Wagin 28.19 to 11.16.

Wayne Coles, who kicked 13 goals to be the league's leading goalkicker with 59, was their best, along with Warren Cowcher, while Wagin were best served by Daryl Hart and Peter Ball.

West Arthur, aided by a seven-goal performance from Peter Tilbrook, were too strong for Wickepin, 16.14 to 13.15.

Boddington kicked 10 goals straight in the first term and eventually ran out easy victors against Pingelly 27.5 to 11.9. Craig Sherry (seven goals) and Mal Perry (five goals) were prominent for Boddington.

Second-placed Towns (24.22) annihilated Lake Grace (4.10) with Keith Ballard having 55 possessions.

The finals start this Saturday at Wickepin with the home side expected to account for Boddington in the elimination final. The qualifying final on Sunday at Narrogin between Towns and West Arthur should be an even contest with both sides capable of victory.

Karratha Kats in grand final

THE North Pilbara premiers aspirations of Rovers were eliminated last Sunday as a result of their 43-point preliminary final loss to Kats, 19.21 (135) to 13.14 (92) in the North Pilbara league.

The Kats started well with a five-goal break, but rovers hit back in the second quarter and went into the long break with a 15-point lead.

The third quarter was an even affair, with strong defensive play from both sides.

The last term was a different story, with Rovers running out of legs and the Kats kicked nine goals to one.

This strong finish must give Kats confidence for next Sunday's grand final against premiers favourites Falcons.

In the reserves, Falcons will join their League team at Bulgarra Oval on Sunday for the grand final after beating Rovers, 12.9 (81) to 5.7 (37) in the preliminary final.

Pearce wins

FORMER Claremont premiers player Tom Pearce has won the Charlie Punch Medal for the fairest and best player in the Central Great Southern Football League.

Pearce, captain-coach of Kukerin, went one better than his runners-up role last season by polling 11 votes, to win on a countback from Kojonup player Ivano Guidi.



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University ploy sinks Old Wesley

OLD Wesley bowed out of the 1988 season with a 15-point defeat at the hands of University in Saturday's A-grade elimination final.

University's ploy of using utility player Paul McNee as a stationary forward pocket had excellent results as he not only scored goals himself, but had a hand in creating others.

The first quarter saw both sides struggling to settle down, with the defences repelling all attacking moves and finally Old Wesley registered the only goal for the term.

In the second period, both sides came alive with 14 scoring shots between them, but University's accuracy was the difference, scoring 5.2 to 2.5.

DOMINANCE

University continued their dominance in the ruck hit-outs through Aaron Devitt and John Love in the third term and slammed on another six goals to two.

In the final quarter, Old Wesley fought hard, but they were to be denied as the students only had three scoring shots, but all were majors.

Old Wesley's biggest problems were up forward where Darryl Harris would have been handy and Gerry Hunt was injured in the first quarter leaving little marking power — something they have enjoyed all season.

STEAM-ROLLED

Good players were Love and Devitt in the ruck, wingman David Pell, Paul McNee, Brown and Milne for University.

Old Wesley's half-forward Marty Jackson, centreman Andy Bockman, full-back Damien Leeson and ruck-rovers Steve Rhodes and Bryn Chute were their side's best.

Mt Lawley steam-rolled their way to a clash with Trinity-Aquinas in the second semi-final by downing Wembley by 86 points.

The Hawks came on strong in the first quarter, especially through their following division and kicked five goals to two.

by
TREVOR SCHORER



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The second quarter saw a replica of the first and Mt Lawley led by six goals at the long break.

The Magpies were second in most marking contests and were not desperate enough to even be competitive, let alone win a final.

The forwards who had been so dominant in recent weeks, were not to be found and the following division — apart from Perducci and Symons — need to work a lot harder.

Mt Lawley were prepared to commit themselves and forwards such as Lowe, Cook, McAleer and the elusive Brad Stevens capitalised on the hard work.

RIVALRY

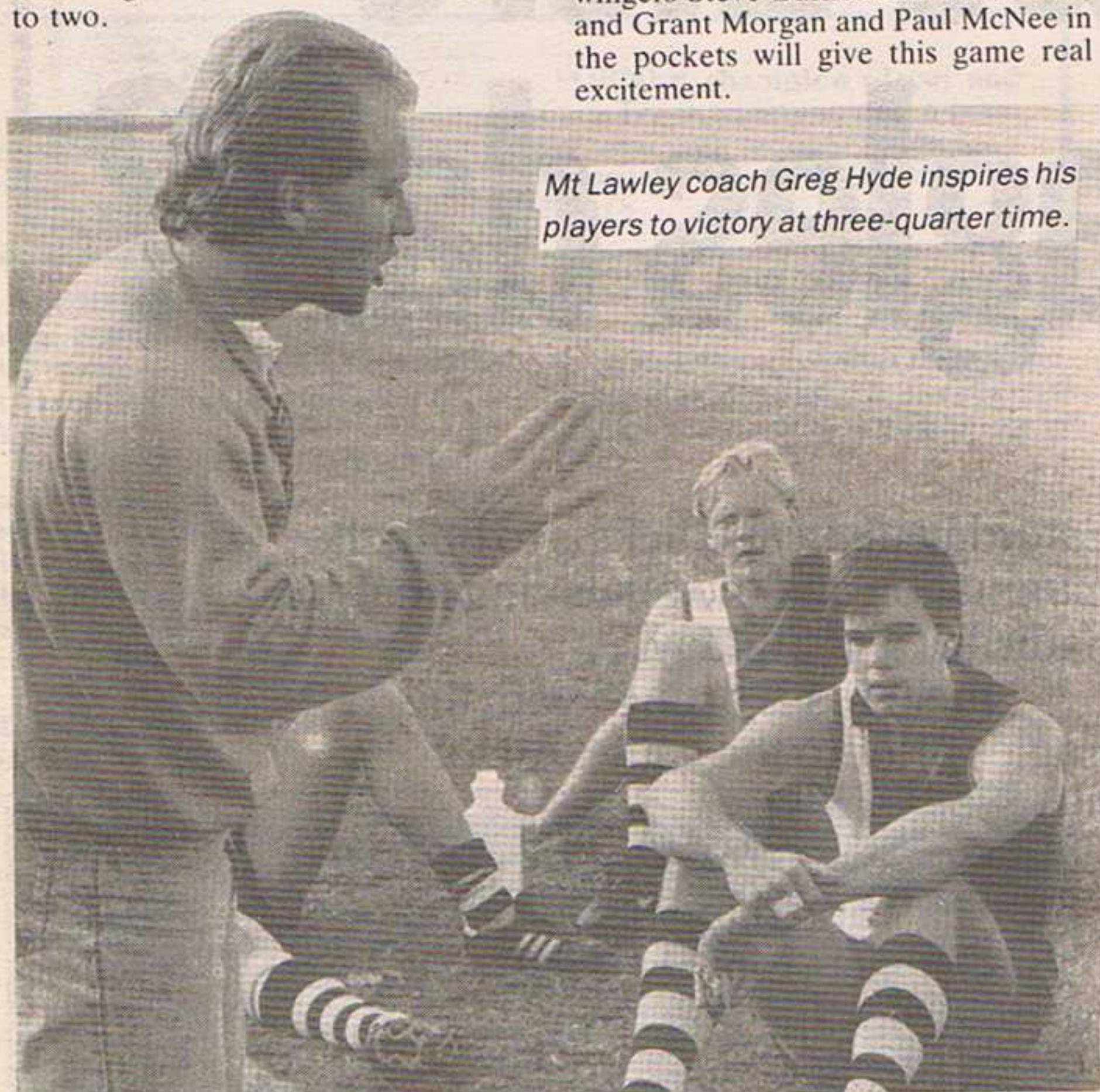
This week's games between Trinity-Aquinas and Mt Lawley in the second semi-final and traditional rivals Wembley and University in the first semi-final should attract good crowds.

Trinity-Aquinas go into this game as slight favourites, as they finished on top of the premierships table.

However, the Hawks have a lot of finals tradition and many top-class individual clashes should result.

In the first semi, the clashes between rovers Kevin Symons and Ian Rakich, wingers Steve Barnes and David Pell, and Grant Morgan and Paul McNee in the pockets will give this game real excitement.

Mt Lawley coach Greg Hyde inspires his players to victory at three-quarter time.



HIGHLIGHTS

A-GRADE: University, who struggled to hold off relegation in 1987 and only scraped into the final five in the last two weeks of this season, were this week's giant killers with a convincing win over the highly-rated Old Wesley.

Mt Lawley handed out the biggest drubbing to Wembley for the season.

B-GRADE: Bayswater surprisingly were no match for the obviously under-rated Swan Athletic combination.

C-GRADE: Cockburn Lakes will now have to win the premierships the hard way. The minor premiers were not up to third-placed Morley's standard, while fifth side Nollamara No. 2 moved into the preliminary final after downing Lynwood-Ferndale, who lost both their finals encounters.

D-GRADE: Third-placed Wembley ended Rockingham's hopes with a devastating last half, by restricting Rockingham to two solitary points after the big break.

Fifth-placed Brentwood (always a good bet to play in a finals round) ended WACA's 1988 football season in a one-point decision.

E-GRADE: R&I caused a boilover with a seven-goal upset over Hamersley. The Hawks may struggle against the rejuvenated Trinity-Aquinas No. 2 team.

F-GRADE: As expected, Sawyers Valley marched into the grand final and now have to wait for the winners of the West Coast No. 2-John 23rd clash, with the Coasters better defence making them favourites.

G-GRADE: Wanneroo were disappointing, losing both their finals appearances. Bayswater No. 2 (minor premiers) failed to go the distance against Collegians Old Scotch No. 2. Bayswater have the task of rolling the unpredictable Girrawheen Hedgehogs. Girrawheen, last-start winners, did the right thing for one of their founding members, back-pocket specialist Chris Brown, celebrating his 100th game.

H-GRADE: Swanbourne Nedlands, like several other minor premiers, could not keep up with the last-half onslaught of West Coast. Swanbourne were short of several top players (on army exercises) but should make amends against Wembley No. 3, who just finished in front of Maylands No. 2.

Finals fixtures

PRELIMINARY FINALS

C Grade: Cockburn Lakes vs Nollamara, at Fremantle Oval; **D Grade:** Rockingham vs Brentwood, at East Fremantle; **E Grade:** Hamersley vs Trinity-Aquinas, at Robinson Reserve; **F Grade:** West Coast vs John 23rd, at Inglewood Oval; **G Grade:** Bayswater vs Girrawheen, at Coolbinia Oval; **H Grade:** Swanbourne Nedlands vs Wembley, at McGilvray Oval No. 1; **I Grade:** Riverton vs Lynwood-Ferndale, at Melville Reserve; **J Grade:** Trinity-Aquinas vs MHWP, at Hillcrest Reserve; **K Grade:** Bayswater vs Cockburn Lakes, at Earnest Johnson Oval; **L Grade:** Bull Creek vs Ocean Ridge, at Yaluma Park.

A Colts: Mt Lawley vs North Beach, at Perth Oval; **B Colts:** Innaloo vs Bayswater, at Bassendean Oval; **C Colts:** Wembley vs Bassendean, at Leederville; **D Colts:** Applecross vs Rockingham, at East Fremantle Oval.

1ST SEMI FINAL

A-Grade: Wembley vs University, at Leederville Oval; **B-Grade:** Bayswater vs CBC, at Lathlain.

2ND SEMI FINAL

A-Grade: Trinity-Aquinas vs Mt Lawley, at Perth Oval; **B-Grade:** Innaloo vs Swan Athletic, at Bassendean.

Club officials take note

Club officials of teams listed FIRST in preliminary and grand finals are reminded to contact the club secretary (listed in the fixture book) of the ground to be played on, to make sure the changerooms are open and any other general instructions. Contact should be made at least two days before — not on the morning of the game.

I-GRADE: University's team of veterans (Dave Martino, Robbie Melville and Mike Salmon) over-ran the young Riverton minor premiers to slip into another grand final. Riverton will have to be more desperate if they have any chance of downing Lynwood-Ferndale.

J-GRADE: Scarborough made short work of Trinity Aquinas to become hot premierships favourites. MHWP's hope for a grand final appearance rose with their top effort against a hard-hitting Morley.

K-GRADE: Coolbinia-Yokine and Cockburn Lakes have emerged as the two top contenders, while Bayswater still in the race, will have to lift their game in two weeks time. The Blues are capable of an upset.

L-GRADE: At unbackable odds, the oldest group of players in amateurs, Carlisle, swept the opposition aside; this time second-placed Bullcreek failed by 180 points to topple them! Either Bullcreek or Ocean Ridge will face the formidable "Manuel's Maulers Machine".

A COLTS: Trinity-Aquinas stormed into their second successive grand final by downing a determined Mt Lawley combination.

The Hawks, coached by All-Australian amateur Brad Dunn, failed by 19 points to become the first team to topple Trinity.

North Beach shrugged off a spirited Wembley, who did not gain maximum points for their efforts.

The Tigers will have to improve on their last effort against Mt Lawley two starts ago if they want to contest their first A-colts grand final.

The Hawks, with more finals round experience, should have a slight edge over the young North Beach brigade.

B COLTS: Collegians OS confirmed their top ranking by almost doubling Innaloo's score. The Bulldogs junior brigade should down Bayswater this week to get another chance at the minor premiers.

C COLTS: CBC No. 2 set up a win in the first quarter against Wembley No. 2. The Magpies will have to improve if they are to be successful against Bassendean, who accounted for No. 2 team Lynwood-Ferndale.

D COLTS: Forrestfield marched into the grand final by downing a plucky Applecross. Forrestfield colts are the one bright light for the club in what has otherwise been an ordinary year.

SOCIAL SPOT

SWAN ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

1988 AWARDS DINNER

This function will feature the release of Dr Val Pervan's publication "History of Football in the Swan District". This publication is a history of the Herne Hill Swan Athletic Football Club since 1934.

Venue: Langley Plaza Hotel
Date: 7th October, 1988
Time: 7pm
Cost: \$25 single
Tickets are available from David Pavlinovich
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SOCIAL

THE Maylands presentation night will be held on Saturday, September 10.

The function is at the Maylands Bowling Club in Peninsula Road, Maylands. Cost is \$10, which includes dinner and entertainment.



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SWAN Athletic showed why they are premiership favourites by leading Bayswater all day to run out 15-point victors in the B-grade qualifying final at Bassendean Oval on Saturday.

Bayswater trailed by five-goals at three-quarter time and though they came back strongly in a torrid last term, Swan Athletic held on gamely.

With Troy Bozich back in form at full-forward the Swans forward line looked more potent than it has been in recent weeks.

Other contributors for Swan Athletic were Anthony Zurzolo, Brian Bozich and Peter Nuich. Good players for Bayswater were Ashley Taylor, John Lawrence, Peter Smith, Glen England and Denis Roberts.

In the elimination final, CBC turned the tables on Mt Lawley winning by eight goals.

Mt Lawley were narrow leaders at half-time, but were overhauled by CBC in the second half.

This week sees premiership favourites Innaloo take on Swan Athletic in the second semi final.

The Bulldogs have won both encounters this season and with Dave Nelson, Martin Hall, Craig Kettlewell and Brendon McFaul in form, they should continue the trend.

Bayswater and CBC's first semi-final will be a lot closer than at first thought.

CBC have clicked at the right time of the season and with players such as Peter Brindley, Paul Hurst, Lou White and Shaun Brindley, they will take it right up to the Blues.

Bozich leads Swan Athletic back to form

by PETER RUSH



Chute wins award

RUCK-ROVER Bryn Chute became Old Wesley's first A-grade player to win the coveted WAAFL fairest and best medal last week.

Chute, who started with the Old Boys in 1977, has played 103 amateurs games, interrupted by a four-year stint at Perth (1980-83 with 35 league appearances) and a working holiday overseas (1984).

In 1978 and 1979 he represented the Amateurs in State games (vs South Australia in 1978 and 1979 in Hobart).

He is currently Old Wesley's captain and he has been the club's fairest and best winner in 1987 and 1988.



Medal winners in amateur ranks are pictured at the presentation night. From left they are Bryn Chute (A-grade), G. Andrews (C-grade), T. Woodward (J-grade), M. Hodder (H-grade), Brendan McFaul (B-grade leading goalkicker) and in front, H. Hayward (B-grade).

Runner-up was Ross Bell (Mt Lawley), who was also his club's fairest and best runner-up, being headed by veteran State campaigner Brad Dunn.

Early medal favourite and 1987 winner Dave Perry finished with a creditable 14 votes after missing five games.

Other medal count highlights were:

★ The fairest and best presentations night was attended by over 400 amateurs players and supporters with a highlight being guest speaker, Malcolm Brown.

★ Wayne Mason (Navy) won his second successive amateur league fairest and best award (1987 'I', 1988 'G').

★ Glen Andrews (Coolbinia-Yokine 'C') also won his second medal in a row.

★ John Hird (North Beach), who is also the 'A' colts coach ran third in 'H', (five votes behind the winner) after playing in only five games and coming off the ground at quarter time in each game.

★ Veteran performer T. Woodward (Hellenics) added the 'J' medal to his awards which include the 1980 Sunday Division fairest and best with Hellenic and leading goalscorer in 1981 (Graylands), 1980 (Hellenics) and 1979 (Hellenics).

★ Harley Hayward — Maylands 'B' Medal winner, was also a winner in 1983 with Carlisle 'C' grade.

★ Life membership presentations were made to Bruce Wainwright, Doug Frame and Neil Browne. All three have been long serving members of the management of amateur football.



Bryn Chute ... 1988 medal man.

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FINALS RESULTS

ELIMINATION FINALS

A-GRADE:
 UNIVERSITY 0.2 5.4 11.5 14.5
 OLDWESLEY 1.3 3.8 5.11 10.15
 BEST: UNIVERSITY — Craig Nelmes, Paul Browne, Paul McNee.
 GOALS: UNIVERSITY: P. McNee 5, Nelmes 3, S. Lill 3.

B-GRADE:
 CBC 4.3 8.6 12.8 18.12
 MT LAWLEY NO. 2 4.3 7.6 10.8 10.10
 BEST: CBC: Rodgers, Piggott, Hart. MT LAWLEY: J. Baker, W. Grant, Copeland.
 GOALS: CBC: McDermott 6, Brindley 5, Howard 3. MT LAWLEY: Botsis 3.

QUALIFYING FINAL

A-GRADE:
 MT LAWLEY 5.4 11.10 16.13 20.19
 WEMBLEY 2.1 4.1 6.4 8.5
 BEST: MT LAWLEY: J. Cook, B. Armstrong, A. Chapman. WEMBLEY: Ryan, Callaghan, Morgan.
 GOALS: MT LAWLEY: V. Lowe 6, T. Williams 4, A. McAlleer 2, B. Stevens 2, P. Lynch 2, P. Hyde 1, G. Kearney 1, D. Raven 1, J. Cook 1.

B-GRADE:
 SWAN ATHLETIC 16.10 d BAYSWATER 13.8

FIRST SEMI FINALS

C-GRADE:
 NOLLAMARA NO. 2 14.12 d LYNWOOD FERDALE 9.11
D-GRADE:
 BRENTWOOD 1.6 3.10 6.12 7.14
 WACA 3.5 4.6 4.8 7.13
 BEST: BRENTWOOD: B. Watson, M. Sinden, R. Putland.
 WACA: Eppding, Tarbox, C. Mumme.

E-GRADE:
 TRINITY AQUINAS NO. 2 10.12 d BULLCREEK 7.13
F-GRADE:
 JOHN 23RD 16.14 d INNALOO NO. 2 12.10

G-GRADE:
 GIRRAWHEEN 1.1 5.5 6.6 13.6
 WANNEROO 5.4 5.8 9.9 10.13
 BEST: GIRRAWHEEN: D. Inns, W. Walley, S. Dicker.
 WANNEROO: G. Abbott, S. Game, I. Russell.

H-GRADE:
 WEMBLEY 13.12 d MAYLANDS NO. 2 11.16
I-GRADE:
 LYNWOOD-FERDALE NO. 2 11.12 d SWAN ATHLETIC NO. 2 10.13
J-GRADE:
 MHWP 5.3 9.6 10.11 13.13
 MORLEY 1.4 4.5 5.6 7.9
 BEST: MHWP: J. Ward, Block, Deppa. MORLEY: Perkins, Brown.
 GOALS: MHWP: J. Lay 4.

K-GRADE:
 COCKBURN LAKES NO. 2 13.7 d ROCKINGHAM NO. 2 11.10

A COLTS:
 N. BEACH 3.0 8.2 10.6 16.8
 WEMBLEY 1.1 2.2 2.7 4.8

B COLTS:
 BAYSWATER 14.9 d MAYLANDS 9.12
C COLTS:
 BASSENDEAN 2.1 2.4 7.8 13.15
 LYNWOOD-FERDALE 4.2 7.4 7.6 8.8
 BEST: BASSENDEAN: T. Thomason, D. Rickett, D. Hall.
 GOALS: BASSENDEAN: Bowle 5, Thomason 3.

SECOND SEMI FINALS

C-GRADE:
 MORLEY 2.2 7.4 11.9 19.13
 COCKBURN LAKES 1.6 7.7 10.10 11.14
 BEST: MORLEY: W. Brown, T. Panizza, P. Hawks. COCKBURN: Putza, Tortelli.
 GOALS: MORLEY: G. Black 3, R. Zwart 3.

D-GRADE:
 WEMBLEY NO. 2 2.1 3.2 7.6 11.8
 ROCKINGHAM 4.4 7.7 7.8 7.9
 BEST: WEMBLEY: Paddon, Garside, Evans. ROCKINGHAM: Shackles, Privevich, Millar.
 GOALS: Hoar 3.

E-GRADE:
 R&I 21.11 d HAMERSLEY 14.13

F-GRADE:
 SAWYERS VALLEY 13.16 d WEST COAST 8.12

G-GRADE:
 COLLEGIANS O.S. 13.9 d BAYSWATER 9.7

H-GRADE:
 WEST COAST 3.1 6.5 11.7 16.10
 SWANBOURNE 3.2 6.6 8.7 10.9
 BEST: WEST COAST: G. Venturus, E. Vlatko, C. Berri-man.

I-GRADE:
 UNIVERSITY 5.5 9.6 13.9 16.11
 RIVERTON 3.1 4.4 4.5 6.7
 BEST: UNIVERSITY: D. Martino, Dowland, P. Fitzpatrick.
 GOALS: Dowland 6, R. Melville 4.

J-GRADE:
 SCARBOROUGH 8.3 13.3 17.5 21.11
 TRINITY-AQUINAS 1.1 4.4 6.7 8.8
 BEST: SCARBOROUGH: A. Curtis, G. Budd, K. Edwards.
 TRINITY-AQUINAS: D. Longo, J. Thorne, R. Kossen.
 GOALS: SCARBOROUGH: I. Penny 8, G. Penny 5, D. Taylor 3.

K-GRADE:
 COOLBINIA-YOKINE 2.7 8.11 12.11 18.15
 BAYSWATER 1.2 3.3 4.3 8.5
 BEST: COOLBINIA-YOKINE: Broadhurst, Rakich, Andrews. BAYSWATER: Hart, Bagshaw, Dowsett.
 GOALS: Sadler 4, Elsegood 3.

L-GRADE:
 CARLISLE 11.5 20.8 23.12 35.15
 BULLCREEK 3.1 3.5 4.10 5.11
 BEST: CARLISLE: J. Manuel, C. Champion, C. Yarran.
 BULLCREEK: Wall, Whitley, Baker.
 GOALS: CARLISLE: D. Ford 9, R. Bamford 7, K. Finch 4, C. Champion 3.

A COLTS:
 TRINITY-AQUINAS 2.2 6.4 10.7 12.10
 MT LAWLEY 3.2 4.5 5.6 9.9
 BEST: TRINITY-AQUINAS: Dochery, McDonald, Field.
 MT LAWLEY: Barrett, Proctor, Moore.

B-COLTS:
 COLLEGIANS O.S. 4.3 6.5 8.8 13.6
 INNALOO 3.3 5.6 6.8 7.9

C COLTS:
 CBC 8.2 11.7 16.13 18.18
 WEMBLEY 1.2 3.3 3.6 6.6
 BEST: CBC: M. Cuocci, B. Fitzpatrick, R. Woods. WEMBLEY: Gillard, Court, Katlin.

D COLTS:
 GOALS: CBC: M. Caputi 5, R. Woods 4, C. Cicarese 3.
 WEMBLEY: Snashall 3.
 FORRESTFIELD 17.14 d APPLECROSS 9.12



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Resource Centre has much to offer

IT is amazing to discover that many people involved with coaching, administration and medication in sport actually know little about their particular role.

This is one major concern of the Town and Country Football Development Trust and one way they are trying to counteract the problem is through the emergence of a Resource Centre.

The Trust has set up the centre to educate the sporting public with various video tapes, books, manuals and magazines.

There is a selection of over 150 videos dealing mainly with football, ranging from educational to entertaining, with an extensive range in both areas.

The videos enable coaches to learn different techniques, drills and exercises for the players to use.

Sports trainers can learn proper rehabilitation techniques, how to make accurate diagnosis, operating ultrasound machines and learn to do strapings and rub downs.

By
REECE HOGAN

There are also videos on administrative roles within a sporting club. Presidents, secretaries, treasurers, committee members and other staff can learn about procedures to keep a club working efficiently.

This is always important because a successful club needs excellent backing from the administrators.

Such things as running a meeting and organising functions are covered.

The issue of eating the right foods and appropriate diets can also be examined with the educational videos.

Entertaining videos include replays of big games, highlights of past years in the WAFL and VFL and motivational tapes that can be seen at players' teas and before a big game.

There are several hundred books at the centre with 20 journals and a number of sporting magazines.

The Resource Centre is closely linked with accreditation courses in coaching, sports trainers, administration and umpiring.

Properly-accredited people can hire videos for \$1, while non-accredited coaches and so forth pay \$3 a hiring.

Judith Wragg controls the Resource Centre and she is based at the Trust's office in the Superdrome at Mt Claremont.

The Centre has been busy in its short existence, with over 1000 users. Revenue produced from the centre will be used to purchase more videos and books in the future.

The Centre has an amazing range of videos and books and there are many different varieties.

So if you are interested in gaining more knowledge on any particular aspects of football, the Resource Centre is your best option.

Town and Country Little League

THE Town and Country Little League entered the round robin stage last Saturday, with four matches during the first semi-finals at Subiaco Oval.

During half-time of the reserves game, Swan Districts defeated East Fremantle with Michael Vacca, Michael Martin and Scott Lane playing well for Swans, while East Fremantle's performance was a team effort.

South Fremantle accounted for Perth with Clinton Swar, John Johnston and Geoff Melbourne playing well for the Bulldogs. Mathew Foster, Graham Schuts and Ashley Keeps were the best players for Perth.

At half-time of the League game, Subiaco accounted for West Perth, with Brad Fletcher, Elliot Spicer and Simon Beotsis the Lions best and Ches D'Anlerio, Dean Troarello and Steven Dawe catching the eye for West Perth.

East Perth defeated Claremont with Glen Britten, Chris Zadow and Joe Mourish starring for the Royals, with Daniel Tavalien, Mark Gale and Anthony Vllinovich doing well for Claremont.

The round robin event will continue this Sunday during the second semi-finals at Subiaco Oval.

Junior council round-up

West Perth

OSBORNE Park and Westminster/Balga featured in two grand finals in the West Perth Junior Council, winning one premiership each.

North Innaloo won a hard-fought 17s flag and Aranmore were runners-up in the 13s.

Grand final results were:
 13s Osborne Park White 9.4 b Aranmore 3.5;
 15s Westminster/Balga 13.7 b Osborne Park 7.6;
 17s North Innaloo 11.9 b Westminster/Balga 10.12.

Association fairest and best winners were:
 13s Brady Leckie (Balga) 25 votes; Mike Merenda (Osborne Park White) 20. 15s Adam Fallows (Osborne Park) 17 votes; Brett O'Neill (North Innaloo) 14. 17s Robert Dale (Balga) 37 votes; Rowland Iellamo (Aranmore) 25.

Brad Leckie was champion clubman and North Innaloo were the champion club.

Perth

EAST Victoria Park featured in three grand finals in the Perth zone, but the only premiership won was in the 12s.

Canning had a close win in the 14s and Manning took home the prestigious 16s flag.

Grand final results:
 14s Canning 7.7 (C. Yarran, T. Collard, C. McLennon) b East Victoria Park 5.3 (Shane Smith, Hudson Travenen, Adam Bogaards).

16s Manning 13.6 (D. Rigby, C. Spencer, T. Urquhart) b East Victoria Park 11.8 (Brendan Hamilton, Peter Valenti, Robert Calcraft).

In the 12s Aussie Footy carnival East Victoria Park (John Stratton, Shane Ward, John David-

son) b Forrestfield Blue (Mike Brylewsk, Scott Boyle, Brad Till).

Association fairest and best results were: 14s Kim Dagnall (Centrals) 48 votes; Robert Valentino (East Victoria Park) 32. 15s Peter Valentini (East Victoria Park) 39 votes; Mathew Worth (East Victoria Park) 32.

East Perth

MT Lawley-Inglewood won two premierships in the East Perth knockout carnivals last weekend.

The grand final winners in the East Perth Junior Council higher age groups will be decided next weekend.

The Association's fairest and best vote count saw East Perth/Highgate and Noranda take the honours.

Aussie Footy carnival winners were:
 9s Mt Lawley/Inglewood; 10s Morley PCYC;
 12s A Morley PCYC; 12s B East Perth/Highgate;
 12s C Mt Lawley/Inglewood.

Fairest and best results were:
 13s Shane Gardner (Bayswater) 19 votes; Michael Micallef (Noranda) 18. 15s Blue Rocko Cutri (East Perth/Highgate) 20 votes; Bruce McKnight (Noranda) 18. 15s Black Adam Szilglet (Noranda) 18 votes; Joe Acuri (Morley PCYC) 17. 17s Lennis Connors (East Perth/Highgate) 20 votes; Peter Woods (Swanleigh) 17.

South Suburban

THE South Suburban grand final results and fairest and best winners were:

13s A Kenwick 8.6 b Thornlie 3.7. Damien Brockman (Kenwick); 13s B Kenwick 4.1 b Armadale 2.4. Clayton Corney (Kenwick); 15s A Gosnells 15.7 b Kelmscott 4.6. Darren Peglar

(Gosnells). 15s B Armadale 15.11 b Roleystone 5.7. Andrew Hammah (Armadale); 17s A Gosnells 9.6 b Kenwick 7.10. Keith Francis (Kenwick); 17s B Roleystone 24.12 b Byford 2.2. Darren Cairns (Roleystone).

Fairest and best results were:
 11s B Ben Gurry (Kelmscott) 29 votes; Michael Brown (Forrestdale) 27; 11s A Stuart Mills (Huntingdale) 32 votes; Justin Bayles (Gosnells) 31. 13s B Justin Little (Thornlie) 33 votes; Ben Godfrey (Maddington) 21. 13s A Barry Miller (Armadale) 28 votes; Darryl Narkle (Gosnells) 27. 15s B Thomas Ford (Gosnells) 41 votes; Brad Piotrowski (Thornlie) 33. 15s A Robert Bernardini (Gosnells) 22 votes; Darren Peglar (Gosnells) 19. 17s B Robert Turner (Byford) 17 votes; Jason Hardwicker (Byford) 9. 17s A Michael Ware (Gosnells) 21 votes; Michael Cummings (Gosnells) 19.

Swan Districts

THE Swan Districts Junior Council finals saw five different teams contest the three grades with Swan View featuring in two matches.

The winning scores in two games were identical.

The fairest and best results were also evenly spread.

Results:
 13s Bassendean 9.10 b Swan View 7.4; fairest and best winner Paul Sorgiovanni. 14s Swan View 12.5 b High Wycombe 9.10; Paul Arvino. 16s Cloverdale 12.5 b Mazenod 6.7 Shane Renouf.

Fairest and best winners were: 13s Michael Scarpone (Swan View) 23 votes; William Knewstubb (Bassendean) 21. 14s Peter Kelly (High Wycombe) 25 votes; Craig Thomas (Redcliffe) 23. 16s Darren Newby (Bassendean) 26 votes; Chris Peel (Mazenod) 21.

WA Schoolboys finish third

THE Commonwealth Bank national Schoolboys carnival for under-16 players saw Western Australia finish third behind the strong Victorian team in Hobart this week.

Two West Australian players, Glen Jakovich and Craig Rinder, were selected in the All Australia team and Jakovich was runner-up in the carnival fairest and best medal.

BIG KICKER

BIG kicking is the forte of young Noranda footballer Tony Madafferi, so it seems. The solid defender won the long kicking competition when the annual 10s carnival was held at Houghton Reserve last Sunday. It was a repeat of his win in the 9's carnival a year earlier — but his 29-metre punt this time was a metre or so shorter than his 1987 effort.

Carlisle get second chance

SECOND semi-final losers Carlisle rebounded last Sunday to run away with a convincing 35-point victory over Melville in the women's preliminary final.

Carlisle were superior in attack, with strong marking and accurate kicking. The Melville defence had no answer and the forward line had no system.

Premiership favourites Mt Lawley now play Carlisle in the grand final this Sunday at Gibney Reserve, in Maylands, starting at 12.30pm.

These two teams clashed in the second semi-final, with Mt Lawley running out 27-point winners and will be hoping to continue that form on Sunday.

FOOTBALL CLUBS ...

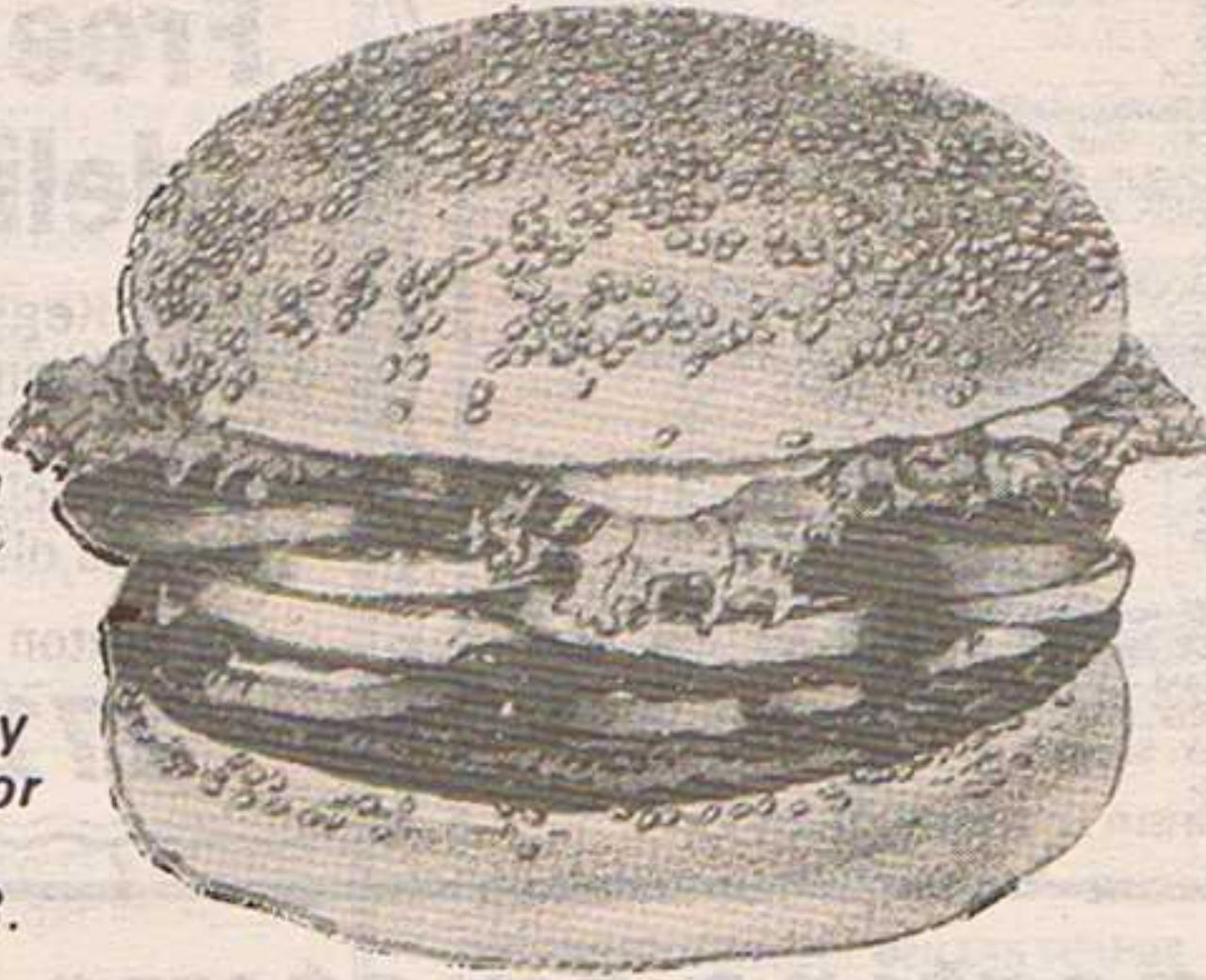
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Umpire bashing out of order

WHATEVER has happened to the good old Australian maxim of giving people a fair go?

Have we not really progressed above the disgraceful times when razor-toting, steel-capped boot gangs bravely kicked victims in the ribs or the head in our suburbs?

Recent incidents in Victoria — and probably in all States — see umpires (mainly soccer and rugby referees) attacked by players and so-called supporters.

Obviously, codes will take whatever measures necessary to protect their officials. In the case of Australian football, it is paramount that complete official support is given to all measures considered appropriate to ensure the safety of our umpires.

The on-court antics of tennis bad boy John McEnroe was always going to make it difficult to maintain discipline and decorum in sport — especially in the junior sphere.

Junior players were especially prone to ape their highly-paid "heroes".

The problems confronting tennis officials were mirrored in cricket, with incidents of bat-throwing, backside-kicking, umpire-disputing and "slogging" and, in some cases, actually defended.

LOWER STANDARDS

The upshot of all this has been a lowering of the standards of sportsmanship.

Is it "square" to mention the word "sportsmanship"?

It seems as though a reasonable proportion of the general public now have little or no respect for discipline in sport.

This being so, misguided souls seem to regard the insulting and attacking of umpires as legitimate — even desirable.

How can sport — especially a contact sport — be presented without the adjudication of an umpire or referee?

Some fans seem to only be happy if the umpires awarded their team ALL the free kicks and they win by 100 goals. They don't appear to want a contest at all!

I am constantly amazed at how normally intelligent, sensible and rational people can be transformed into raving lunatics by an umpire having the effrontery to award free kicks against "their" team.

If supposedly normally rational people behave in such a manner, what hope have half-drunk hooligans got of attaining any degree of sensibility?

It gets back to the all-embracing word "discipline". It is something good players exhibit in their games; something umpires must possess in their interpretation of the rules and it is something that, regrettably, a growing number of our population lacks.

It is lacked because of a growing trend in schools to allow "self-expression" — an excuse to let children virtually do as they like. It is exacerbated in the home, where many parents seem unwilling or unable to exert even the rudiments of justifiable discipline.

MINOR GRADES



Brian Hadley, the State manager for Prime Computers, congratulates East Perth's John Edmondson, the first-round winner of the \$200 Prime award in the reserves. Claremont's Julien Urquhart, the third-round winner, is in the centre. Subiaco's Damien Read was the second-round winner. The presentations were made at Subiaco Oval last Saturday.



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

Reserves is old versus the new

THIS week's reserves second semi-final between Perth and Claremont is a battle of experience versus youth.

Perth have experienced players such as Ian Newman, Rod Bogaards, Kim Fancote, Dean Farmer and Tony Tomizzi available to bolster their side.

Claremont will rely on young players such as Damon Buckley, Carlo Passera, Craig Tester, Ryan Dhue, Gerard Milne, Dale Govan, Scott Robbins, Bill Krakouer and Brian Beresford.

It's an inexperienced, but highly talented line-up.

Unfortunately for Claremont, 1987 Medallists Medal winner Nicky Yarran and regular reserves centreman Matt Elliot are in doubt with knee injuries.

However, the Tigers have players capable of filling those roles if required.

Utility player Michael Pollock should slot into the centre and Passera, a defender, could partner rover Krakouer, who was unlucky not to hold his place in the seniors after a couple of scintillating performances.

His form in the reserves has been outstanding since being dropped and he looms as a dangerman for the Demons.

Perth have their own black magic in the form of Merv Kelly, a big improver this season.

He will be supported by other running players like Brendan Baker, Andrew Young and Kim Yukich.

Perth should have a big advantage in the ruck with Newman, Farmer and Queensland recruit John Vanstam, who was one of the big improvers as the season progressed.

Claremont will ask youngster Milne to take on all three.

Subiaco tops in goals

This is how the top 10 goalkickers finished in the minor grades:

RESERVES:

Bernard Sloan, Steve Johnson (Subiaco) 31; Dean Farmer (Perth) 30; Matt Alvaro (Perth) 29; Mark Cartier (East Perth) 28; Colin Waterson (East Fremantle) 27; Chris Baxter (South Fremantle), Matthew Congleton (East Fremantle) 25; Michael Mort (Subiaco) 24 and Mark Quinlivan (Swan Districts) 23.

UNDER-19s

Chris Stannage (Subiaco) 46; Damien Eaves (South Fremantle) 35; Brandt Softly (East Perth) 32; Glen Jackovich (South Fremantle) 29; Lee Cox (Perth) 28; Craig Hunter (Subiaco) 27; Brad Annisson (East Perth) 26; Grant Johnson (Subiaco) 24 and Michael Jeps (West Perth) 24.

SEMI-FINAL SIDELIGHTS

SUBIACO rover Paul Cox is gaining a reputation for scoring match-winning goals.

He has kicked the sealer in three recent Subiaco matches, including the important last-minute goal against East Perth in the reserves first semi-final last week.

He kicked the winning goal for the Subiaco league side against Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval on July 30 and against Perth at the WACA Ground on August 6.

CLAREMONT and Subiaco are natural favourites for the Under-19s premiership, but East Perth are the team in the best form.

The Royals beat an undisciplined South Fremantle by 57 points in the under-19 first semi-final last week, to extend their winning run to 11.

The Royals also beat Subiaco and Claremont during the last round of qualifying fixtures.

SPECIAL praise was given to East Perth ruckman Darren Crook after his performance in the under-19 first semi-final.

Crook played one of his best games for the season and was rightly given the best player award at the club presentations.

Crook was promoted to the reserves mid-season during the Royals injury crisis, but was relegated when players returned.

Since then Crook has taken on a senior role in the under-19 side and now looks certain to play reserves football on a regular basis in 1989.

LIONS league coach Haydn Bunton will have some important selection decisions to make this week.

His task has been made difficult with some outstanding performances from border-line league players in the reserves first semi-final.

Wingman Gavin Keyser, utility player Garry Kemp and centreman Glen Hutcheson all gave solid exhibitions against the Royals and must be under close scrutiny for this week's league second semi-final against Claremont.

TOUGH TEST FOR TIGER

CLAREMONT defender Tim Creed, an unlucky omission from the West Australian Teal Cup squad, faces the toughest task of his short career against Subiaco in this week's under-19 second semi-final.

Creed is likely to look after dangerous Subiaco full-forward Chris Stannage, a potential match-winner for the Lions.

Regular full-back Alex McLennan is serving a two-match suspension and Creed, one of Claremont's best contributors this season, is the next best minder for Stannage.

Creed will be supported in defence by centre-half-back William Gill and back-pocket player John Perin.

Perin will mind Subiaco's resting rovers Nathan Spilcker and Craig Hunter.

Both players are brilliant around goals and will require close attention from Perin.

Ruck-rover Jason Walker and mid-fielder Damon Morris are also capable of kicking goals.

Skilful Claremont centreman Rob Malone should line-up on Morris and their duel will be a feature of the game.

Subiaco have a distinct height advantage in the ruck with Matthew Burton 205cm (6ft 9in) and Nathan Buck 193cm (6ft 4in).

Buck has shown patches of brilliance this season and Burton, the son of former Subiaco player and coach Peter Burton, has improved considerably.



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SUNDAY SCENE

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



Roos bounce back with 10-goal blitz

WANNEROO burst into the Sunday Football League grand final — but only after a big fight.

They had to produce a powerful 10-goal last quarter to swamp Maddington in the second semi-final last Sunday.

The Roos turned a 25-point three-quarter time deficit into a 42-point winning margin, 16.22 to 11.10.

After looking to have the game all wrapped up in the third term, the wheels fell off for Maddington.

They managed just one behind in the final term.

The Bulls now have to face Thornlie in the preliminary final.

Thornlie took one more step towards the grand final by beating Mandurah in an upset first semi-final result.

The Lions, with ruckman Steve Waddell dominating, ended the season for Mandurah, a team which went into the finals confident of reaching the grand final.

WORRIED

The way in which the Lions went about the business of winning 16.10 to 13.15 indicates they are capable of going one step further by beating Maddington at John Dunn Oval next Sunday.

Wanneroo coach Ian McCulloch must have been worried at three-quarter time.

But from then on it was a complete reversal of form as the Fullgrabe brothers, Troy and Tony, booted five goals between them while full-forward Tony Fraser kicked two others.

Evergreen rover Colin Blab was a clear winner around the packs all day, while centreman Paul Taylor and half-forward Paul Moyses took control mid-field.

FIXTURES

METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 1988
at THORNIE OVAL, THORNIE

2.15pm League — Kwinana v Cockburn
12 noon Reserves — Kwinana v Cockburn
10am Colts — Kwinana v Midland

SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WA) INC. PRELIMINARY FINAL
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER, 1988
at JOHN DUNN OVAL, KELMSCOTT

2.15pm League — Maddington v Thornlie
11.45am Reserves — Osborne Park v Kelmscott
9.45am Colts — Wanneroo v Applecross

After that disastrous last quarter, Bulls coach Max Kiernan will have to regroup his team.

WORTHY

Perhaps if all the Bulls play with the same dedication and desire as big Charlie Tenardi, they may beat the Lions.

But with Ramon Smith in form in attack and Sean Pearce appreciating a return to the forward line, the Lions look worthy grand finalists.

Smith kicked five goals while Pearce, just back from a trip to England, kicked four in a telling display.

As well, centreline players Russ and Rod Cooper took control, while defender Haydn Sangster played strongly.

One of the highlights of Sunday's preliminary final at John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott, will be the clash between Thornlie ruckman Waddell and the Bulls' Tenardi, both close to best-on-ground in their respective games last weekend.

Maddington could be without ruckman-forward Darren Williams (dislocated shoulder), John Begg who sustained broken ribs in the qualifying final against Mandurah and wingman Ron Davis, who has hamstring problems.

GRAND FINAL

The inaugural Metropolitan Football League grand final will see Kwinana play Cockburn in a rematch of the second semi-final.

Cockburn were 17-point winners in that game, and with the week's respite and all players available, the Eagles will take the game right up to the Knights.

Kwinana's reliable defender John Gordon, who sustained a back injury in the preliminary final, is a doubtful starter.

Finals results

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

THORNIE 16.10 (106) d MANDURAH 13.15 (93)
GOALS: THORNIE: Smith 5, Pearle 4, Waddell 2, Ashbolt, Brown, J. Davies, D. Davies, Simms 1. MANDURAH: Thomas 3, Williams, Gillam, Wilson 2, J. Wylie, Hall, Evans, Poulton 1.
BEST: THORNIE: Waddell, Russ Cooper, Rod Cooper, Sangster, Shaw. MANDURAH: Lockhart, Wilson, Graham, Doyle, Wylie.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

WANNEROO 16.22 (118) d MADDINGTON 11.10 (76)
GOALS: WANNEROO: Troy Fullgrabe, Fraser 3, Tony Fullgrabe, Waddell, Wynne 2, Moyses, Jansen, Collinge, Bonomelli 1. MADDINGTON: Williams, Aaren Kiernan 3, Outridge, Adam Kiernan, Tolan, Kinross, Colquhoun.
BEST: WANNEROO: Blab, Carter, Wynne, Waddell, Troy Fullgrabe. MADDINGTON: Tendardi, Kinross, Hewson, Adam Kiernan, Williams.

RESERVES

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

KELMSCOTT 23.13 (151) d GOSNELLS 3.8 (26)
GOALS: KELMSCOTT: Peakes, Burke, Knuckey 4, Walker 3, Clements, Pound 2, Cooper, Turner, Uchtman 1. GOSNELLS: J. Browne 2, Murphy 1.
BEST: KELMSCOTT: Uchtman, McGrail, Peake, Turner, Taylor. GOSNELLS: Ziotti, Browne, Clark, Armstrong, Johnston.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

MADDINGTON 18.14 (122) d OSBORNE PARK 15.11 (101)
GOALS: MADDINGTON: Patience 4, McIntyre, Olsen 3, Harbrow, Potente 2, Dickenson, Harper, Hodgson, Okely 1. OSBORNE PARK: Cullen 5, Hart 3, Gatsos 2, Abraham, Begg, Goodwin, Page, Snow 1.
BEST: MADDINGTON: McIntyre, Olsen, Harbrow, Potente, Patience. OSBORNE PARK: Thomas, Dellacqua, Begg, Maher, Abrahams.

COLTS

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

APPLECROSS 8.9 (57) d ARMADALE 6.11 (47)
GOALS: Horn, Giffler, James 2, Taylor, Schaper 1. ARMADALE: N. Anjelini, L. Atwell 2, D. Austin, McGuinness 1.
BEST: Stirling, Horn, Simpson, Taylor, Cooper. ARMADALE: Clarke, Atwell, McGuinness, Hunt, McKenzie.

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

GOSNELLS 14.10 (94) d WANNEROO 8.11 (59)
GOALS: GOSNELLS: Wisse 4, Dominish 3, Francas, Matthews, O'Sheehan 2, Kemp 1. WANNEROO: Cleaver 3, Grey 2, Chapman, Phillips, Toth 1.
BEST: GOSNELLS: Kemp, Zoi, Matthews, Goddard, Wisse. WANNEROO: Lawrence, Harman, Mitchell, Collier, McLennon.

PRELIMINARY FINALS

LEAGUE

KWINANA 19.20 (134) d MANNING 11.10 (76)
GOALS: KWINANA: Bennell 5, Brazier, Little 4, Jackson, Osborne, Simpson 2. MANNING: Flinn, Hayden, I. Smith 2, Mansbridge, Haunold, D. Kickett, Carson, Corrigan 1.
BEST: KWINANA: Morley, Osborne, Cullinane, Simpson, Hayden. MANNING: Bernotavicius, Caric, Kickett, Hayden, Corrigan.

RESERVES

COCKBURN 18.9 (117) d MIDLAND 8.8 (56)
GOALS: COCKBURN: J. Florenca, Hart, Eoannidis 4, Fortini 3, Evans, J. Kawarcki, Wilkinson 1. MIDLAND: Kickett 3, Egan, O'tway, Taylor, Narkle, Baker 1.
BEST: COCKBURN: Hart, Prowse, Hunter, Dobson, Karwacki. MIDLAND: Brazier, Reid, Lloyd, Kickett, Taylor.

COLTS

MIDLAND 13.10 (88) d FREMANTLE 5.8 (38)
GOALS: MIDLAND: Waaka, Furina, Firkins 3, Melville, Wilcocks 2. FREMANTLE: Boyd, Lyngaee 2, Brown 1.
BEST: MIDLAND: Gardiner, Collins, Mulloly, Furina, Bates. FREMANTLE: Ryan, Boyd, Loo, Baudaines, McDonald.

SATURDAY COMPETITION

GRAND FINAL

WANNEROO 15.4 (94) d OSBORNE PARK 4.10 (34)
BEST: WANNEROO: Dave Jeffery, Steve McGowan, Kim Rigby, Phil Ukich. OSBORNE PARK: Pearce, Priolo, Pin-tabona.

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FIRST SEMI-FINALS

EAST FREMANTLE 3.6 9.8 6.12 24.14 158
SOUTH FREMANTLE 2.9 5.12 10.16 14.20 104
GOALS: EAST FREMANTLE: Lester-Smith 5, Waterson 4, Peake 2, Waterman 2, Christie 2, Ellis 2, Wrensted 1, Browning 1, Quill 1, Little 1, Jenkins 1, Symonds 1, Wolf 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Bayliss 3, D. Collard 2, B. Collard 2, Collins 2, Sumich 1, Kickett 1, Jackson 1, Matera 1, Rioli 1.
BEST: EAST FREMANTLE: Wolf, Ellis, Wrensted, Waterman, O'Sullivan, Quill. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Fimmano, D. Collard, Gibb, Edwards, Watters, Collins. Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires David Johnson, Grant Vernon. Attendance 19,668.

PRIME RESERVES

SUBIACO 6.1 7.1 11.3 17.7 109
EAST PERTH 3.0 6.4 11.6 15.12 102
GOALS: SUBIACO: Mort 3, Cox 2, Higgins 2, Heady 2, Lindberg 2, Zampogna 2, Caldwell 1, Keyser 1, Pethick 1, Kemp 1. EAST PERTH: Cartier 4, Evans 2, Dirou 2, Host 2, Edmondson 1, Wasley 1, Higgins 1, Best 1, Chalmers 1.
BEST: SUBIACO: Hutcherson, Keyser, Kemp, Heady, Rattray, Zampogna. EAST PERTH: Evans, Blakely, Cartier, Higgins, Edmondson.

WAFL UNDER-19s

EAST PERTH 4.2 5.4 8.9 14.11 95
SOUTH FREMANTLE 1.2 2.4 4.5 5.8 38
GOALS: EAST PERTH: Taylor 3, Softley 3, McGuire 2, Cumming 2, Croty 2, Annon, Salmon 1. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Watson, Fulton, Wyllie, Clancy, Mazurek 1.
BEST: EAST PERTH: Cook, Baron, Stewart. SOUTH FREMANTLE: Caradus, Clancy, Burton.

VFL



FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

RICHMOND 3.4 8.7 13.15 23.19 157
FITZROY 2.3 4.7 5.10 7.12 54
GOALS: RICHMOND: Hogg 9, J. Pickering 5, Mitchell, Thomson, Knights 2, Weightman, Wilson, Egan. FITZROY: Broderick, Osborne 3, Thomas 1.
BEST: RICHMOND: Hogg, Manton, J. Pickering, Leys, Weightman, M. Pickering. FITZROY: Gale, Ross, Broderick, Osborne, Ironmonger. Played at the MCG. Umpires Phil O'Reilly, Martin Childs. Attendance 19,496.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

HAWTHORN 5.7 13.10 22.12 28.16 184
NORTH MELBOURNE 4.2 7.5 10.9 13.11 89
GOALS: HAWTHORN: Dunstall 10, Kennedy 5, Brereton 4, Buckenara 3, Pritchard 2, Wittman 2, Langford, Greene 1. NORTH MELBOURNE: Spargo 6, Fairley 2, Arceri, J. Krakouer, German, Clarkson, McCarthy 1.
BEST: HAWTHORN: Buckenara, Dunstall, Brereton, Hall, Dear, DiPierdomenico. NORTH MELBOURNE: Schwass, Spargo, Ackerley, J. Krakouer, German, Mossop. Played at Princes Park. Umpires Rowan Sawers, Hayden Kennedy. Attendance 12,117.

ESSENDON 7.2 9.3 11.7 12.12 84
ST KILDA 1.6 5.7 7.12 8.17 65
GOALS: ESSENDON: Clark 4, Wallis 3, Watson 2, Harvey, Plain, Anderson 1. ST KILDA: Owen 3, Sheldon, Daniels, Harvey, Winmar, Bowey.
BEST: ESSENDON: Watson, Harvey, Clark, Bewick, Baker, Walsh. ST KILDA: Dwyer, Sheldon, Cunningham, Winmar, Coghlan, Barker. Played at VFL Park. Umpires Peter Cameron, Mike Sneddon. Attendance 26,134.

MELBOURNE 8.2 9.7 11.12 14.12 96
CARLTON 3.3 4.4 5.5 10.6 66
GOALS: MELBOURNE: Jackson 4, Lyon 3, Stynes 2, O'Dwyer, Spalding, Williams, Lovell, Stretch 1. CARLTON: Kernahan 2, Dorotich 2, Johnston, Hunter, Gleeson, Naley, Sartori, Murphy 1.
BEST: MELBOURNE: Yeats, Stynes, Healy, Johnson, Lyon, Stretch. CARLTON: Johnston, Meldrum, Alvin, Dorotich, Glascott, Kernahan. Played at the MCG. Umpires Peter Carey, Denis Rich. Attendance 50,178.

COLLINGWOOD 4.5 6.6 13.10 19.15 129
GEELONG 3.2 6.5 8.6 14.10 94
GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Starcevich 4, Barwick 3, Morwood, Banks, Cloke, Ryan 2, Croall, Wright, Shaw, McKeown 1. GEELONG: Ablett, Russell 3, Bairstow, Hamilton, Drum 2, Couch, Turner 1.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Morwood, Milllane, Shaw, Christian, Turner, Starcevich. GEELONG: Bruns, Bairstow, Troy, Bews, Denham, Hamilton. Played at Kardinia Park, Geelong. Umpires Shane Harris, Brendan Carland. Attendance 19,818.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

SYDNEY 3.3 6.7 8.15 10.21 81
BRISBANE 3.4 8.6 11.7 11.11 77
GOALS: SYDNEY: G. Williams 2, B. Mitchell 2, G. Coleman 2, D. Bolton, I. Roberts, W. Henwood, J. Silvestro 1. BRISBANE: B. Hardy, B. Harris 2, R. Merrett 2, M. Williams, B. Phillips, S. McIvor, R. Lester-Smith, M. Simpson.
BEST: SYDNEY: G. Williams, Carter, Mitchell, Potter, Kellett, Bayes. BRISBANE: M. Williams, Richardson, Taylor, Raines, Simpson, Reynolds. Played at Carrara, Gold Coast. Umpires John Russo, Ian Clayton. Attendance 12,718.

EAGLES 2.2 3.3 4.7 7.11 53
FOOTSCRAY 1.2 2.5 3.8 3.11 29
GOALS: EAGLES: Glendinning 4, Lamb, Hart, Brennan 1. FOOTSCRAY: McGuinness 2, Beasley 1.
BEST: EAGLES: Mainwaring, McKenna, Malaxos, Rance, Hart, Worsfold, Lockyer. FOOTSCRAY: Wallace, McGuinness, Hunter, Royal, D. Baxter. Played at the Western Oval. Umpires Bryan Sheehan, Ross Castle. Attendance 18,456.

VFL RESERVES

Team	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
FOOTSCRAY	19	3	-	2573	1496	172.0	76
NTH MELBOURNE	17	5	-	2573	1998	128.8	68
HAWTHORN	15	7	-	2640	2170	121.7	60
CARLTON	15	7	-	2277	2153	105.8	60
ESSENDON	12	9	1	2342	2077	112.83	50
Collingwood	12	10	-	2125	2009	105.8	48
Fitzroy	10	12	-	2545	2572	99.0	40
Richmond	8	14	-	2120	2578	82.2	32
Melbourne	7	14	1	2031	2408	84.3	30
Geelong	6	15	1	2290	2494	91.8	26
St Kilda	6	15	1	1943	2592	75.0	26
Sydney	3	19	-	1891	2803	67.4	12

VFL Under-19s

Team	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
NTH MELBOURNE	18	2	2047	946	216.4	72
CARLTON	14	6	1638	1545	106.0	56
GEELONG	12	8	1811	1835	98.7	48
ESSENDON	11	9	1648	1473	111.9	44
FOOTSCRAY	11	9	1645	1479	111.2	44
Collingwood	10	10	1584	1662	95.3	40
Melbourne	8	12	1587	1641	96.7	32
St Kilda	8	12	1662	1900	87.5	32
Richmond	7	13	1735	1780	97.5	28
Hawthorn	6	14	1667	181.8	91.7	24
Fitzroy	5	15	1455	1949	74.7	20

SANFL



TORRENS 3.7 6.11 12.16 18.20 128
WOODVILLE 5.1 11.6 13.8 14.11 95
GOALS: TORRENS: Werner 7, Foote 4, Christensen, Edmonds, Enright, Graham, Lindsay, Spiel, Graham 1. WOODVILLE: Nichols 4, Klug 3, Klemm, Jolly, Harper 2, Grant 1.
BEST: TORRENS: Geyer, Spiel, Lindsay, Werner, Foote. WOODVILLE: Champion, Lunn, McDonald, Fuller, Panizza.

PORT ADELAIDE 2.2 4.5 11.8 13.16 94
CENTRAL DISTRICT 0.3 2.7 3.9 6.12 48
GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Hodges 5, Smith 2, Ginever, O'Brien, Williams, Brown, Foster, Kerr 1. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Graham, Kickett, Bubner, Lally, Hocking, Thomas 1.
BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Delaney, L. Leslie, Chynoweth, Obst, Harrison. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Bubner, Braddy, Girdham, McAdam, Boettger.

STURT 4.3 9.7 13.13 19.16 130
SOUTH ADELAIDE 4.4 6.7 8.11 9.13 67
GOALS: STURT: Kitschken, Ey 3, Field, Paynter, Underwood, Willmott, Schache 2, Whittlesea, Lennon, S. Russell. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Schmid 4, Smart, Hampel, Tatterson, Copping, Whitford.
BEST: STURT: Paynter, Whittlesea, Kitschke, S. Russell, Ey. SOUTH ADELAIDE: Schmid, Smart, Dewhurst, Brooksby, Baker.

NORWOOD 3.4 3.5 8.9 11.11 77
NORTH ADELAIDE 3.1 6.5 9.7 10.7 67
GOALS: NORWOOD: R. Maynard 4, Payne 2, Balme, McNeil, Fosdike, Ducker, B. Maynard. NORTH ADELAIDE: D. Jarman 3, Sims, Klomp, Roberts, Roe, Parker, Arnold, Hamilton.
BEST: NORWOOD: Aish, Hall, Francis, Fosdike, Ducker. NORTH ADELAIDE: A. Jarman, Craig, D. Jarman, Dilsby, Arnold.

WEST ADELAIDE 3.3 6.4 9.6 14.11 95
GLENELG 3.7 8.12 11.14 11.17 83
GOALS: WEST ADELAIDE: L. Lamb 4, Burgess, Larkins, Kreuter, Sporn, Shaw 2. GLENELG: Hodgeman 3, Gibbs 2, Carey, Schneebichler, McDermott, Mactavish, Hewett, Maynard.
BEST: WEST ADELAIDE: Lamb, Goss, Burgess, Larkins, Sporn. GLENELG: West, Maynard, McDermott, Marshall.

VFL RESERVES

FITZROY 27.19 (181) d RICHMOND 25.12 (162)
GOALS: FITZROY: Conlan 9, Scott 7, Knight 2, Mahoney 2, Lynch, Keane, Trewella, O'Dowd, Baldwin, Bunn, Woods 1. RICHMOND: Jess 6, Powell, S. Peters 5, Clark 4, McKellar, Mahony, Ryan, James, Young 1.
BEST: FITZROY: Conlan, Rowe, Trewella, Scott, Knight, Lawrie. RICHMOND: Jess, McLeod, Smith, Ryan, Peters, Hamilton.

ESSENDON 19.11 (125) d ST KILDA 9.16 (70)
GOALS: ESSENDON: Flood 7, Stubbs 5, Bourke 2, Spencer, O'Brien, Walsh, Chirgwin, Filandia. ST KILDA: Devonport 2, Cummings 2, Pearce 2, Simpson, Evans, Jeffrey.
BEST: ESSENDON: Spencer, Johnston, O'Brien, Flood, Rogers, Stubbs. ST KILDA: Evans, Doyle, Devonport, Dunkley, Carter, Cummings.

COLLINGWOOD 19.19 (133) d GEELONG 20.8 (128)
GOALS: COLLINGWOOD: Tuddenham 5, Rizonico 3, Robertson 3, Mancini 2, Mrazov 2, Elshaug, M. Taylor, Saunders, Tarpey. GEELONG: Gillis 5, Brownless 5, G. Cameron 3, Morgan 2, Stoneham 2, Baldwin, Whyte, Scott 1.
BEST: COLLINGWOOD: Robertson, Gloury, Monkurst, Sinni, Richardson, Tuddenham, Mancini. GEELONG: Excell, Stoneham, Currie, Baldwin, Brownless.

NORTH MELBOURNE 20.21 (141) d HAWTHORN 20.12 (132)
GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: McCann 5, Lisle 4, Love 3, Furey 3, S. Smith 2, Scholl, Steele, Hepburn. HAWTHORN: A. Condon 4, Jencke 3, Dickson 3, Bingham 2, Anderson 2, R. Teal, Berry, Ralph-Smith, Wicks, Cummings, Ghan 1.
BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Lisle, Love, McGann, S. Smith. HAWTHORN: G. Reeves, P. Cooper, P. Dear, R. Jencke, R. Dickson, A. Condon.

GOALS: CARLTON: Minton-Connell 8, Majerzak 5, Starbuck 4, Evans 3, Gallagher, McKinnon, Cox 1. MELBOURNE: Dean 2, Campbell, Bailey, Johns, C. Smith, Rennie.
BEST: CARLTON: B. Evans, A. McKinnon, M. Majerzak, A. Phillips, S. Minton, Connell, D. Noonan, G. Butto. MELBOURNE: T. Campbell, J. Viney, Bidge, S. Smith, D. Duursma.

FOOTSCRAY 24.25 (169) d SYDNEY SWANS 10.4 (64)
GOALS: FOOTSCRAY: Somerville 4, Nicol 3, B. Cordy 3, Cronan 2, Kolyniuk 2, O'Keefe 2, Sviar 2, James, Allday, Cullen, Liberatore, Wynd, Symons. SYDNEY: McAsey 2, Elias 2, Lockman 2, Wheeler, Wright, Brunton, Davis 1.
BEST: FOOTSCRAY: Cullen, Wynd, Kolyniuk, Williams, Nicol, Sviar. SYDNEY: McAsey, Smith, Phylard.

OTHER STATES

VFA — FIRST SEMI-FINAL

WILLIAMSTOWN 5.0 8.1 15.6 24.15 159
PORT MELBOURNE 7.8 9.16 13.21 14.24 109
GOALS: WILLIAMSTOWN: Rickman 9, Smith 3, Del-Re 3, V. Dimartino 3, Sleivson 2, Cahill 2, Nilsson, Rowsell 1. PORT MELBOURNE: Hetherton 5, Hicks 4, Harkins 2, Ramsay 2, Bradbury 1.
BEST: WILLIAMSTOWN: Smith, Rickman, Sleivson, Murphy, Round, Del-Re, Raeburn. PORT MELBOURNE: Hetherton, Rainsford, Chadband, Strooper, Bradbury, Hicks. Played at Port Melbourne. Attendance 4,596.

RESERVES: COBURG 15.14 (104) d SANDRINGHAM 12.16 (88)
DIVISION II: SUNSHINE 15.10 (100) d DANDENONG 11.13 (79)
QUEENSLAND: WILSTON 14.15 (99) d COORPAROO 13.13 (91). SANDGATE 17.14 (116) d KEDRON 14.6 (90). WINDSOR ZILL 17.12 (114) d MORNINGSIDAY 10.11 (71). SOUTHPORT 11.18 (84) d MAYNE 9.10 (64).

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TFL — QUALIFYING FINAL

GLENORCHY 17.12 (114) d SANDY BAY 15.13 (103)
GOALS: GLENORCHY: Mansfield 5, Styles 3, Queen 2, Barwick, Cresswell, Ling, Fletcher, Groenewegen, Curley, Howlett. SANDY BAY: Dunne 3, Dolliver, Sneddon 2, Williams, Kidney, Hills, Becker, Burnett, Manadue, Henderson, Johnston.
BEST: GLENORCHY: Bowden, Fletcher, Mansfield, Linton. SANDY BAY: Bennett, Hills, Kidney, Dunne.

ELIMINATION FINAL

BURNIE 21.15 (141) d NORTH HOBART 12.6 (78)
GOALS: BURNIE: Cross 5, Knight 4, Robertson, Newman, Bourn 2, Clarke, Neal, Keygan, Radcliffe, Heath, Wish-Wilson. NORTH HOBART: Howard 4, Christensen 3, Divine, Noble, Sutton, McQueen, Mawbey.
BEST: BURNIE: Weller, Cross, Newman, Knight. NORTH HOBART: Divine, Elmer, Mawbey, Noble.

NTFL — ELIMINATION FINAL

BURNIE 11.10 (76) d SCOTSDALE 11.8 (74)
GOALS: BURNIE: Cox 4, Walker, Bowen 2, Grey, Jones, Lavell. SCOTSDALE: Hall 3, Hill 3, Hedley 2, Lovegrove, Stingle 1.
BEST: BURNIE: Bowen, Hayes, Simms, Lucas. SCOTSDALE: Coniston, Hall, Hadley, Taylor.

QUALIFYING FINAL

EAST DEVONPORT 18.10 (110) d WYNYARD 14.17 (101)
ACTAFL — FIRST SEMI-FINAL
EASTLAKE 10.18 (78) d MANUKA 10.10 (70)
GOALS: EASTLAKE: Hanna, Weideman, McCurdy, Box, O'Connell. MANUKA: Weston, Seymour, Broomby, Postal, Archer, Adams.

NEW SOUTH WALES

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

CAMPBELLTOWN 17.21 (123) d HILLS 6.7 (43)
GOALS: CAMPBELLTOWN: W. Cope 3, R. Haines 3, W. Martin 2, R. Matheson 2, S. Noack 2, G. Noack, G. Nicholson, W. Darnell, D. Layton, S. Smith. HILLS: A. Gardiner 3, P. Whelan, G. Spillane, B. Hawke.
BEST: CAMPBELLTOWN: G. Noack, R. Matheson, R. Podbury, B. Kershaw. HILLS: G. Spillane, B. Smith, M. Lee, A. Harris. Played at Erskineville Oval. Umpires: F. Kalayzich, M. Jackson.





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EAGLES IN FAST LANE

AFTER jumping on the Eagles bandwagon in the middle of their slump, I must say that I'm feeling pretty smug at the moment.

The local boys have finished the season full of running and earned their shot at the big time.

At the risk of repeating myself, Melbourne and Collingwood are very ordinary offensive teams and the Eagles will have a chance of springing a surprise or two against either of them.

I covered last Saturday's game at the MCG between the Demons and Carlton and for the first time in a couple of months last season's beaten preliminary finalists played with some real conviction and aggression.

Still, with only 10 minutes to go, Carlton were right in the game and that must be the most frustrating thing about being a Melbourne supporter... the constant battle the team has in shaking off their rivals.

OUT OF FAVOUR

Back in round 11 Melbourne kicked 13 goals to beat the Eagles at the MCG. David Williams kicked five goals but at the moment he seems to be out of favour.

It's interesting to note that the Melbourne side that beat the Eagles in Melbourne was altered by only two players to the one that beat the Blues last week.

Bret Bailey and Steven Febey, who started on the bench back in June, were absent on Saturday and in their place were Todd Viney and Peter Rhode.

The Eagles have always had, and continue to have a huge benefit in depth against all but the elite VFL clubs. Proved league footballers ready to fill a gap.

... and they're going to get better

Nine players who took the field for the Eagles back on June 13 are likely to be missing this Saturday, yet the team is playing far better for having fallen back on what were perceived as second stringers.

NO COINCIDENCE

The key undoubtedly is Laurie Keene. He was the man that propelled the Eagles to their best victories in 1987 and it's no coincidence that the upswing in his form and the upswing in the team's fortunes are intertwined again.

He is so visible that he's easy to knock but the truth is that if the Eagles are to play a major part in this finals series, Keene's role will be pivotal.

Not far behind Keene, and another who was pressed into action more in desperation than anything else, has been David O'Connell.

O'Connell has taken over from Phil Scott and his mobility has troubled opposing defences since his introduction against Geelong.

Dean Laidley, John Gastev and Wally Matera have all suffered at the hands of the selectors. Now they are back, not just to make up the numbers but as vital elements in the Eagles' success.

WAITING IN WINGS

This week Chris Waterman is likely to push for selection. Not bad... a best on ground performer in a WAFL final waiting in the wings.

COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



I guess the moral is that if you continue to turn over quality players within a group of 35 your chances of rekindling form and victories are pretty good.

A lot better certainly than the Collingwoods and Melbournes of this world, who have shown that their depth runs little past 23 or 24 league quality players.

The VFL draft is a blueprint for Eagles' success and with Alex Ishchenko likely to be traded for an

early pick, this weekend's game against the Demons is likely to be the forerunner of many finals appearances for the West Coasters.

The VFL has put the West Coast Eagles in the fast lane and by the time it moves to curb them, an outstanding team will be in place.

What a superbly timed slump it was!

Five coaches at the crossroads

AND LASTLY

with ALAN EAST

WHO would want to coach a league football team — especially in the WAFL?

It seems to be a pretty thankless task in today's difficult times... the money isn't great, the players aren't too plentiful, the crowds don't jam the turnstiles.

But, as usual, there's plenty of ambitious young men who want the jobs and with five of the eight WAFL teams now in mothballs, there's typical speculation about coaching positions.

From the bottom upwards, there's Ed Blackaby keen to improve things at Swan Districts; Gerard McNeill anxious to go on with the job at East Perth; Bruce Monteath not sure about his future at West Perth; Robert Wiley pleased with his debut and Stan Magro having some doubts about his ability to continue the improvement.

At this stage, the only major uncertainty is in the Falcons camp, with growing signs that Monteath might abdicate the position after just two seasons.

Despite having a camp with plenty of potential and looking capable of contesting the finals, Monteath was an onlooker both years, slipping out of contention at the crucial time.

COMMITMENT

A businessman with growing interests in the financial world, Monteath must be asking himself if the football commitment is worthwhile.

It will be a shame if he doesn't go on for a third year, because no-one has yet been able to really ascertain if he has what it takes or not. He proved himself at colts level, but it has taken him a little while to master the league situation.

McNeill wants to complete the second year of the contract he was given at the end of 1986, the year in which he replaced Greg Brehaut, who had struggled to get the Royals into a winning mood.

In those two years, East Perth have only won nine games and McNeill has had more than his share of frustrations.

But there's no value in East Perth disposing of McNeill; any replacement would face the same problem — that is, to produce winning football consistently from a bunch of raw rookies.

Swans must stick with Blackaby; after all, the man quit his fairly well-paid job as a transport manager to concentrate full-time — without any extra pay — on the coaching task.



Falcons coach Bruce Monteath... what's his future?

Swans were disappointing, but Blackaby's dedication means that he deserves another chance. To refuse that would provoke a major revolution in the Swans camp.

Wiley says that he enjoyed his first year as a coach even though his playing role was restricted to just three games because of injury. But it seemed as though Wiley was content to coach from the boundary line.

He will have learned much from his debut year and he should be able to improve the Demons even further in '89.

Magro has been the mastermind behind the Bulldogs revival; no mean feat after their 18 losses in a row last season.

Magro is a man's man and that's what South Fremantle need. He's now had two up-and-down years and is certainly capable of learning from those experiences in a third term. He has the potential to be a long-term coach and, hopefully, South can convince him of that.

It would be nice for football stability to see all five out-of-work coaches stay in their jobs next year.

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