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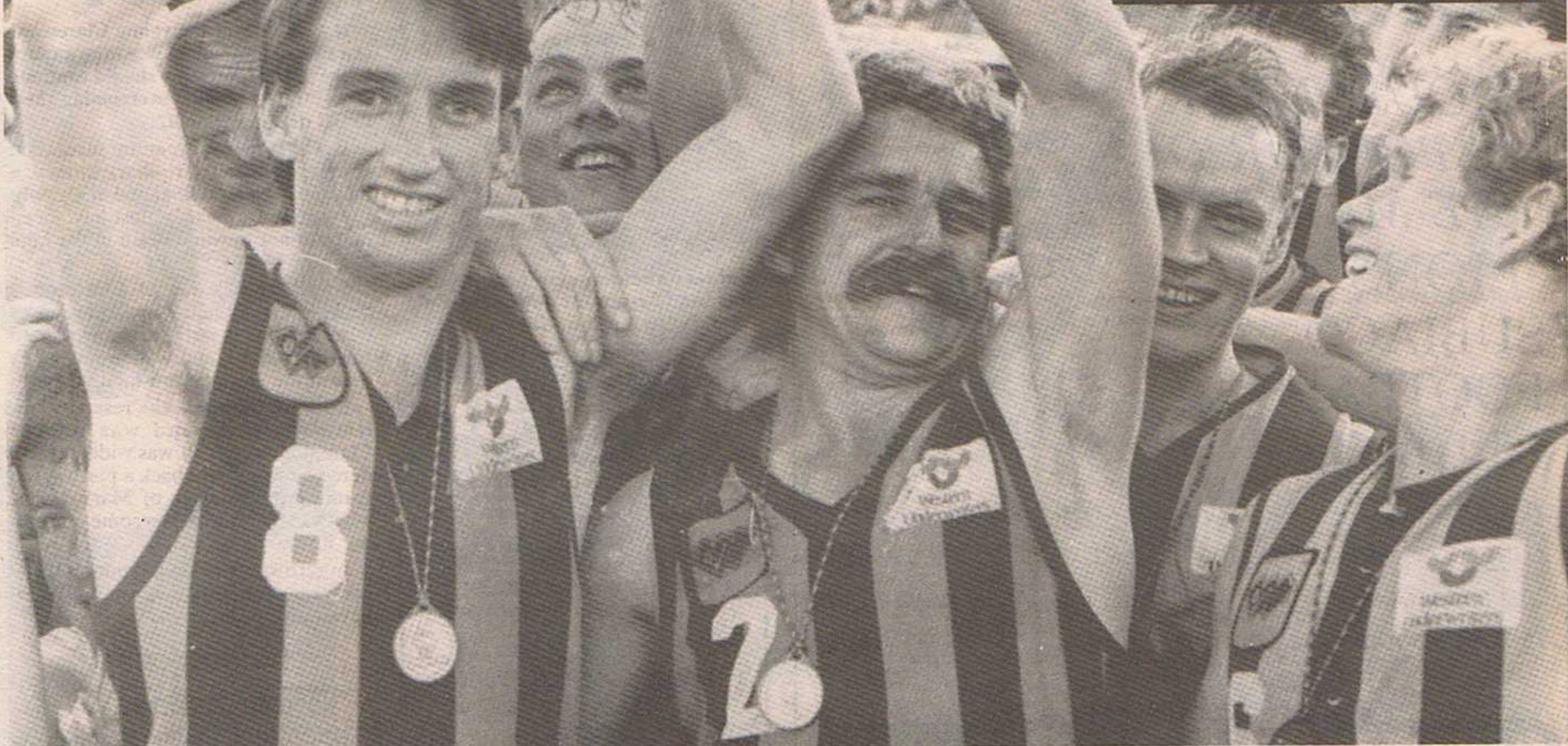
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Captains courageous ... Subiaco's acting skipper Greg Carpenter holds the Premiership Cup aloft — with the help of former captain Neil Taylor. INSET: Laurie Keene, exhausted, but well satisfied with a tremendous performance.



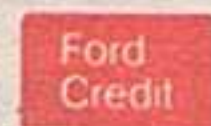
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The Lions triumph



Simpson Medallist Mick Lee tries his hand at some tunnel ball as he works his way through the legs of Claremont forward David O'Connell.



Where's it gone ... says Subiaco's Rod Willet as Claremont's Peter Meleso is out of the action.

Georgiades hits the target

TALENTED Subiaco centre-half-forward John Georgiades has proved to be an excellent pressure-game player with some superb goal-kicking results in all three finals games.

His goal tally of five, six and six was Subiaco's main focal point in attack — and, in fact, could have been a lot higher. He had 27 scoring shots in those three games, including several posters.

Strong in the air and fierce on the ground, Georgiades is abundant in talent and is certain to come into contention in the VFL draft.

"I've had a few offers, but I won't be making a decision until next week," said Georgiades.



Subiaco ruckman Graham Jones has his Claremont opponent Peter James well under control.

Tigers were proud bunch

CLAREMONT players could still hold their heads high after their losing grand final effort.

The Tigers gathered together and stayed on the oval to honour Subiaco's medal presentation and then regrouped back at the club to console each other.

The young team were no match for the ruthless Lions, but Claremont's performance over the season was still an outstanding one.

Their tight defence conceded fewer goals and points than any other side and no-one typified the backline determination more than former skipper Noel Morton.

He played strongly throughout, even when opposed to dangerous half-forward John Georgiades and seldom conceded an easy ball to the Subiaco attackers.

Claremont coach Gerard Neesham awarded Morton the traditional Coaches Trophy for his display.

Urquhart unlucky

A COUPLE of the young Claremont stars who were unlucky to miss a place in the grand final team should continue with the Tigers after overcoming their initial disappointment.

For the second year in succession wingman Julian Urquhart missed a place in the grand final and along with rookie Scott Edwards must have been unlucky not to win a berth in the final 20.

Urquhart was one of Claremont's best players in the last qualifying game when the Tigers were surprise losers to East Fremantle and was again to the fore in the second semi-final victory.

Edwards played in the reserves preliminary final and was one of Claremont's stars. It was widely considered he would win back a place in the team at the expense of Mark Hann, who was fighting to overcome a shoulder injury.

In retrospect Hann did not look 100 per cent fit and Edwards could well have been in the team.

McDougall's big moment

ONE of the big success stories for Subiaco this season has been former South Fremantle player Brad McDougall.

Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton has developed McDougall into a consistent centreman and he played a fine game from that position in the grand final.

"I was happy with my first half, but became sick in the stomach in the second half," said McDougall.

Nevertheless, he battled on and was an elated man after the game, which was his first grand final in WAFL football.

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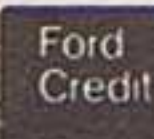
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The day started badly for Claremont when skydiver Stan Morris, wearing the Tigers colours, crashed to the turf near the centre circle and was stretchered from the arena.



Graham Farmer, Mark Zanotti, Jack Sheedy, Ron Alexander and Maurice Rioli ... a fine collection of Australian Football talent.

THAT ONE DAY IN SEPTEMBER

THE excitement and hubbub of a grand final is hard to beat and the pre-match entertainment is as much a part of it as the game itself.

Last Sunday local football fans were given the chance to acknowledge some past greats as well as some current sporting heroes.

And it wasn't just restricted to football.

Local swimming champion Shelley Taylor-Smith was part of the pre-match motorcade.

The pre-match entertainment gets the adrenalin going and then it's time for the start of the only match in the season which really matters ...



Ampol Miss Football 1988 Peta Simeon laps up the atmosphere as part of the grand final motorcade.

Subiaco crash through their banner.



With the band still beating out a tune, the Claremont players burst through their banner.



There was no doubt about where this fan's loyalties rested.



Players, spectators and officials stand to attention for the National Anthem.

GRAND FINAL SIDELIGHTS



Double glory for Simpson Medallist Mick Lee.



Lee's long wait was worth it

PACY Subiaco rover Mick Lee might have been a surprise winner of the Simpson Medal in the eyes of many fans — but he's been a key winner for the Lions all season.

Lee was one of many Subiaco players who relished the fine conditions, producing an outstanding display of hard, fast running and clean, effective ball skills.

It was just 12 months ago that a depondent Lee summed up the feeling of being a grand final loser ... as our flashback picture shows.

"I was keen not to make any mistakes this time," said Lee, proudly displaying his premiership medal. "I also wanted to do the hard things and just get the ball."

While Lee was a key player, there

were several other team-mates who could easily have won the Simpson Medal.

Giant ruckman Laurie Keene continued his excellent finals form, not only dominating the ruck, but also showing class around the ground with strong marking and hard, physical body work.

The player of the finals was undoubtedly Subiaco's half-forward John Georgiades, who produced another match-winning performance, kicking 6.2.

Brian Taylor also caught the eye for Subiaco with his experience and skills showing out.

DISCIPLINED

Taylor continues to be a big-game player for the Lions; a former Simpson Medallist in a losing grand final side, he again produced a highly-disciplined display.

The Simpson Medal was decided on the votes of field umpires Phil O'Reilly and David Johnson, plus one independent judge.

"I hadn't even thought about the Simpson Medal," said Lee. "In fact, I thought Todd Breman was going to win it."

Lee made his debut for Subiaco in 1980, but struggled for regular selection for a number of years.

The 1986 season was the turning point in Lee's career when he won the Prendergast Medal for the fairest and best player in the reserves competition.

That earned him more respect as a league player — and boosted his confidence to where he could capitalise on the league opportunities thrown his way.

Lee, a schoolteacher, turns 27 this Saturday and his football maturity has again confirmed that many players need more than the customary year or two to develop into league regulars.

Lee played his 100th game this year and represented his State in 1987. He has now added a Simpson Medal and a premiership medallion to that list.

Demons show depth to win reserves flag

THE Perth reserves players took home more than a premiership pennant when they triumphed in Sunday's grand final against Subiaco.

Thanks to Prime Computers, sponsors of the reserves competition, the Demons each collected a premiership medallion.

They also earned \$500 for the Perth Football Club — and utility player John Zaikos was named player of the finals, winning \$150 for his efforts.

Perth broke away from Subiaco in the second term, kicking five goals to two and finished up winners 10.20 to 9.8 — surviving some tense final-term moments as the Lions fought back tenaciously.

Other good players for Perth were Mick Hanley, Tony Tomizzi, Merv Kelly, Rod Bogaards and Matt Alvaro.

Subiaco's best players were Richard Caldwell, Jeremy Pethick, Alex Rattray, John Sullivan and Paul Cox.

The game was played in a hard, no-nonsense fashion, which led to some elementary errors from players in both sides.

However, that would not have bothered Perth coach Tom Mullooly and his charges, who displayed plenty of depth and personal character.

Reserves and Under-19s grand final reviews by BEN STINGA

TOUCHY FOR HUTCHY

IT was a pretty tough decision facing Lions utility player Brett Hutchinson mid-way through the season — work or football.

The former Sydney player had the chance to move back to the Harbour City in a job promotion — and give the Lions away — or stay in Perth and maybe see his career stiffered.

Believing that his career should take preference, he opted to move to Sydney — but still managed to savour the sweetness of a premiership.

He was so highly-rated as a team player, that Subiaco decided to fly him back to Perth for the last few qualifying games — and the finals.

"I wasn't very happy with my own game," said Hutchinson, all grins with his premiership medallion. "But all the time and flying was well worth it."

While in Sydney, Hutchinson trained by himself and had the odd run with the local rugby club.



Prime Computers "Android" Albert Ein-Prime presents John Zaikos with his best-player award in the reserves, with winning coach Tom Mullooly looking on.

Neesham has no regrets

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham had no after-match misgivings about his decision to play after a seven-week suspension.

The Tigers general turned in a superb game, even though cramp affected him midway through the final term and he walked off the ground before the final siren — ignoring the interchange bench.

Neesham said after the game that he didn't think he had kept anyone out of the side who might have made the difference.

"We just struggled to get into rhythm," he said. "They were simply too good."

"As a team, we didn't play well and I thought that Laurie Keene was probably the main difference between the two sides."

Neesham confirmed that he would coach the Tigers next season and the Claremont camp will certainly unveil even more exciting young talent under his guidance.



Tigers coach Larry Kickett.

Kickett earns his reward

THE happiest man in West Australia at 11.30am last Sunday was, without doubt, Claremont under-19 coach Larry Kickett.

The happy-go-lucky Kickett had just seen his talented young side take out the WAFL colts premiership, despite rigorous opposition from a never-say-die East Perth.

Last season, Kickett tasted life as a losing premiership coach, when his Tigers were surprisingly beaten by East Fremantle.

That bitter memory made last Sunday's victory all the more sweet.

The Tigers won 10.12 to 9.11, a seven-point victory that was achieved in a tense last-quarter, with only a point separating the two sides at the final change.

Premiership wins give a feeling that many players find hard to explain. Obviously there is joy, ecstasy and tremendous excitement, but there is also relief.

After the match, the Claremont rooms were alive with the sound of "We are the champions"; the gushing of champagne and almost continuous applause from the loyal band of officials who have supported the young Tigers this season.

East Perth were far from disgraced. They tried to the end and left Subiaco Oval with their heads held high.

Claremont's outstanding players were Peter Mann, Leith Painter, Steve Southern, Rob Malone and Brendan Guard.

East Perth were well served by Greg Baron, Cedric Taylor, Paul Ionnakis and Richard Roberts.



Eagles No. 1 supporter

Bunton shows his master style

"A SIDE is only as good as what it does at the end of the season."

Those prophetic words were quietly uttered by Subiaco coach Haydn Bunton after the Lions had gloriously stormed to victory in the 1988 grand final.

Bunton is the man who has regenerated the Lions on the field, turning them into fiercely competitive players with four consecutive grand finals in his five-year coaching reign.

His two premierships in the last three years stand magnificently alongside his hat-trick of flags with Swan Districts back in another era.

Bunton's ability to produce tightly-knit teams for the tense atmosphere of grand finals has been confirmed once again. Losing second semi-finals — by any margin — doesn't seem to bother Bunton or his players.

"I think they have done well," was his understatement after the game; his modest tribute to the players that he has moulded.

Much has been said and written about Bunton and former Subiaco president Michael Carlile, the man who orchestrated the off-field revival of Subiaco, transforming a financially destitute club into the most well-off of all WAFL organisations right now.

LOW PROFILE

That long-term bond was established back in 1984 — when many people felt that Bunton was "yesterday's coach" and he wasn't the man to take over after the club had just dispensed with their eighth coach in the 11 years since Bunton had previously coached the Lions.

But he has not only managed to maintain a low-profile while keeping his team at the top of the table, but he now faces the pleasant prospect of being signed on at Subiaco for many years to come.

"I'm definitely not going to coach in the VFL," said Bunton, confirming that there had been a couple of tentative inquiries from VFL clubs.

"Who would want to live there — and I was born in Victoria!" was his emphatic response to moving to Melbourne.

"The only team I'd ever consider coaching apart from Subiaco would be my old South Australian club, South Adelaide — and they hardly won a game this season.

"I can see no reason why I shouldn't

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be at Subiaco for a few more years — if they want me."

Bunton's ability to produce the best out of players was never better illustrated than in his handling of the League's top goalscorer, Todd Breman, over the finals.

The talented Breman struggled in attack, but did well when used in defence in a confidence-building move.

But Bunton never lost faith in Breman, giving the player the choice of where he would like to line up in the grand final.



Claremont coach Gerard Neesham (right) congratulates his conquering rival, Haydn Bunton.

SALES JOB

SELLING raffle tickets at big games like the grand final can be hard work. But one enterprising youngster, desperate to help raise funds for junior football, came up with the novel line — "invest a dollar now and enjoy 50 mid-dies at half-time". The lure of a \$50 cash prize obviously won many takers as he did a roaring trade.

COMPENSATION

OUT of every defeat some good can come and Claremont could benefit in 1989 from their grand final loss to Subiaco.

Senior players like Peter Thorne, Peter Melesso and Noel Morton could have been tempted to move on had Claremont won the flag.

But the Tigers trio would prefer to bow out on a winning note and they will now almost certainly decide to remain with Claremont and play a significant role in their quest for honours next year.

RAPID CHANGE

THE sporting life of Subiaco youngster Brett Heady has certainly changed dramatically in recent months.

At the start of the season, Heady was one of the WACA Ground gatekeepers.

His duties even extended to a Kresta Cup game between Perth and Subiaco, when he was playing reserves for the Lions.

Now he is the proud owner of a Grand Final premiership medallion.



Presidents past and present — Michael Carlile (left) and David Williams.

QUICK REWARD

DAVID Williams must still be shaking the dreams out of his head — half a season as president of a WAFL club and already one premiership flag to his credit. The young lawyer took over from accountant president Michael Carlile earlier this year and was overjoyed at the Lions success. "It's just great," he said, quickly paying tribute to Carlile. "I didn't have to do anything, just take over a boat that had already sailed over the rough seas."

MORE TO COME

WE might not have seen the last of Claremont coach Gerard Neesham as a player.

Unfairly heckled by a large section of the crowd whenever he went near the ball in Sunday's grand final, Neesham indicated in a post-match press conference that he might continue.

When asked if he had played his last game of senior football, Neesham replied: "For 1988 I have."

Neesham still has something to offer in an on-field role and with some intelligent assistants working off the bench he can afford to continue as a player.

Neesham will pick up the pieces

WHEN Claremont coach Gerard Neesham took away a young WA side to Adelaide in May he did not hesitate to implement his coaching philosophies and expose his ideas to players from other clubs.

His feelings were that he should put the interests of the State ahead of his own needs.

He also figured that it would benefit him in the long term in his coaching career. He would need to come up with new ideas to ensure success for Claremont.

Neesham will look at Sunday's grand final defeat by Subiaco in the same light.

Naturally enough he was a disappointed man after his team, who went into the game as odds-on favourites, had crumbled to a 62-point loss.

After the initial feeling of devastation, Neesham will sit down and systematically work out the ways he can turn that situation around in 12 months from now.

COMBINATION

Perhaps it was a combination of complacency and a lack of positive football when Claremont found themselves in trouble, which caused them the misery of a grand final loss.

On reflection their 11-goal opening quarter in the second semi-final was a little too good. Maybe the players thought things would be no tougher on grand final day.

Whatever the reasons, Neesham will analyse the game closely and when the 1989 season kicks off he will begin to eliminate the problems which caused him pain last Sunday.

Neesham was gracious in defeat after the game, acknowledging the performance of Subiaco.

In his two seasons as a league coach his record is most impressive, taking Claremont to two grand finals for a 50-50 result and that is outstanding in any language.

During that period Neesham proved to be an innovative and deep thinker and Claremont will be hard to topple next season, despite some pending player losses to the VFL.

"Subiaco played a much more direct pattern of football," Neesham said.

"Another part of their transformation from the team we beat in the second semi-final was the performance of Laurie Keene.

"He's as good as any ruckman in Australia."

Neesham and his Tigers might have left Subiaco Oval on Sunday with their tails between their legs, but again this year they had three teams in the finals, with the colts winning the premiership.

That shows there is a wealth of young talent at the club capable of winning their way into the senior team in 1989.

It happened this year when Claremont lost Derek Kickett, Darren Klemm, Steven Goulding, Warren Ralph and Guy McKenna from last year's premiership team and still managed to dominate for most of the year.

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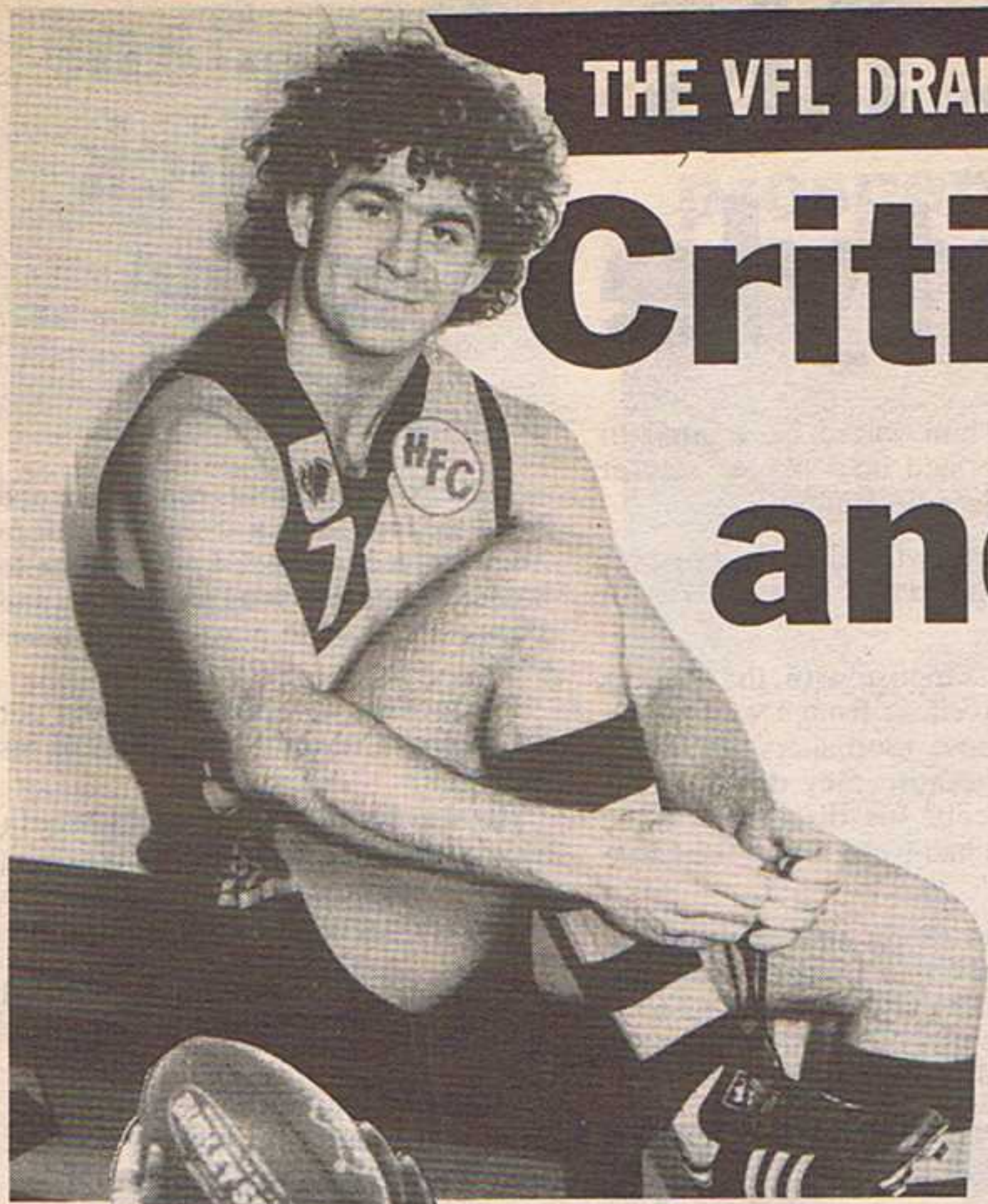
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Critics rate Allan and Sumich as priorities



ABOVE: Claremont's Ben Allan and (below) young East Perth star Peter Cransberg.

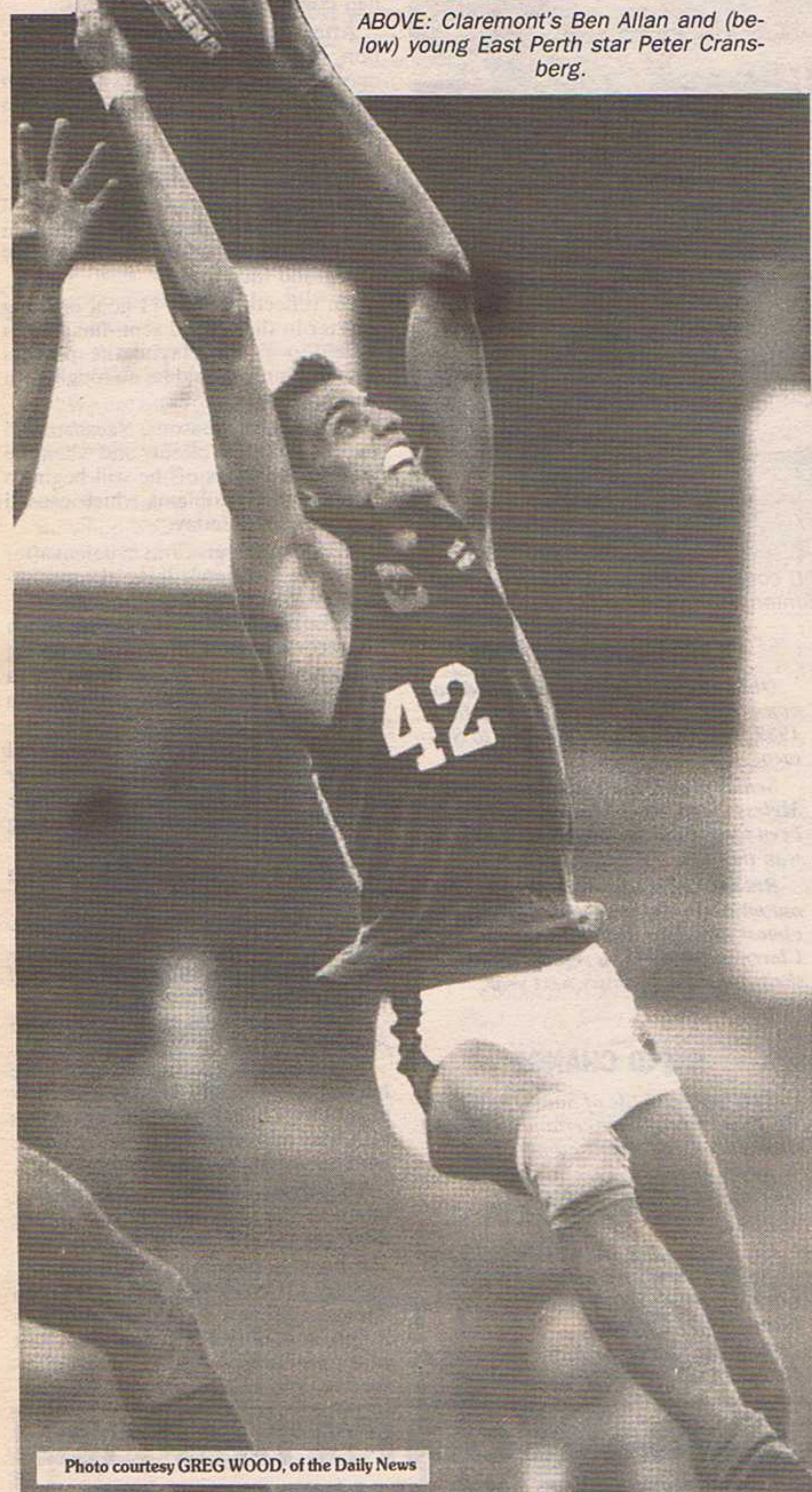


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BEN Allan and Peter Sumich have been rated as the top two VFL draft choices for 1989 — according to Westside Football's round-up of critics.

With the crucial VFL draft now an accepted fact of football life, the jostling for positions in the draw has been all VFL clubs sending talent scouts to Perth in recent weeks.

A maximum of 19 players can be included in the draft, with the West Coast Eagles having five choices and then all 14 clubs have their pick.

There has been plenty of recent pressure on local stars to make a decision about their futures.

Seven of Westside's leading critics have rated their top 10 choices — with Allan, the Claremont centreman and Sumich, South Fremantle's mobile forward, topping the list.

FINE SEASON

Sumich has had a fine season and his work at centre-half-forward, where he has displayed some strong marking and good, penetrating left-foot kicking, will ensure success in the VFL.

The same applies to Allan's superb work in the centre for Claremont. His skills also over-flowed to the interstate arena when he received a Simpson Medal for his game against South Australia in May.

St Kilda will have the first choice after finishing last and the clubs will then choose in ascending order of where they finished on the ladder, culminating with top side Hawthorn having the final pick.

Sumich was the No. 1 draft choice of four of the columnists and Allan was rated top by two critics.

Another Claremont player in Don Pyke was a highly-fancied draft choice and is a priority for the Eagles roving department.

FOOTBALL BRAIN

In the same mould is South Fremantle's Scott Watters and he was another popular draft choice. It is not unusual for Watters to pick up over 30 possessions and he has all the skills, build and football brain to succeed at VFL level.

Another fine player in the WAFL earlier this season was East Fremantle's Ray Sterrett; a text-book centre-half-forward, with an excellent mark and a fine kick.

Among the young talent is East Perth's Peter Cransberg; a fine attacking player with a strong mark and long left foot kick.

Rookies to feature in the draft were Peter Quill, Malcolm Williams and

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Mark Bayliss, all of whom have a big future after only one season in the WAFL.

Quill is very versatile and can play either centre-half-forward, wing or half-back flank. He has fine skills and his games in the finals show that he can handle the pressure.

Williams is a dashing rover or wingman who can get out of almost any situation and is a fine disposer of the ball.

Bayliss has been strong and purposeful at full-forward this year and his strength would help him survive in the VFL.

This is how the Westside critics rated their top 10 draft choices:

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- 7 Peter Quill (EF)
- 8 Peter Cransberg (EP)
- 9 John Georgiades (S)
- 10 Todd Breman (S).

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How the critics rate the WA chances

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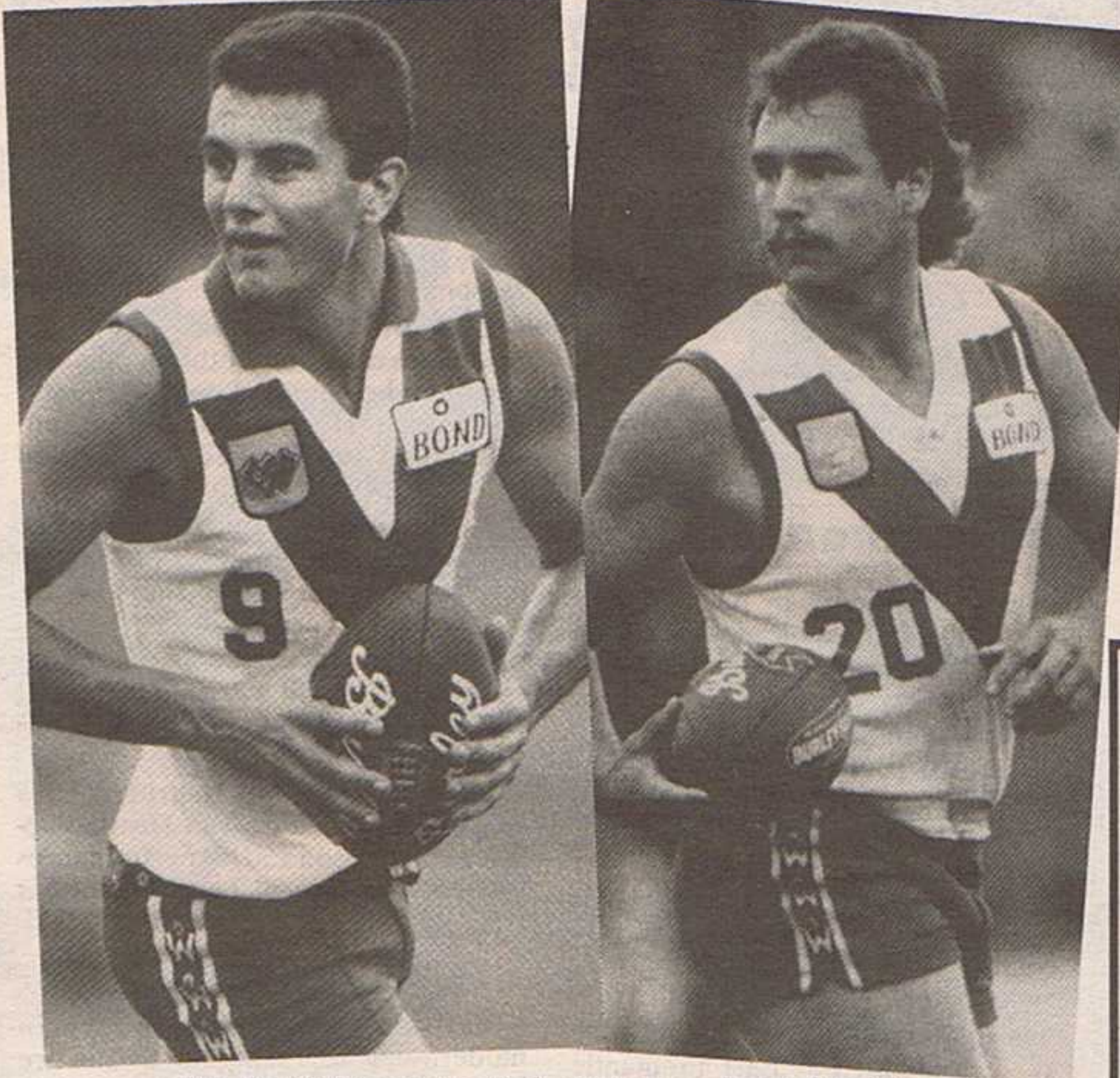
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West Perth's Mal Williams.

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Two South Fremantle draft choices ... Peter Sumich (left) and Mark Bayliss.

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Plenty of stars on the WA horizon

WEST Australian football has rebounded again in 1988.

A new group of young stars have emerged this season to replace those who will be seeking greener pastures in the VFL — and even across the border in South Australia.

That is nothing new. The WAFL has produced outstanding young players year after year, despite the player-drain.

However, a new threat looms on the horizon in 1989.

The well-publicised player draft will fully test the WAFL and its seemingly endless talent bucket.

When the established stars leave for the VFL next year, will there be enough good young players to keep the WAFL afloat — talent wise?

The eight League clubs believe that there will be ready-made replacements available and, more importantly, they are enthusiastic about the future of the WAFL.

West Perth's list of young talent is headed by **Adrian Worrell**, a tigerish back-pocket player or rover. He is an enthusiastic young man and his desire for success should see him in the Falcons senior side in 1989.

Walter Woods is a similar type of player to Perth ruckman **Dempsey Narkle** and he should develop into a league contender next season.

Former Guildford Grammar student **Denis Repacholi** is being groomed as a key-defender in 1989. He is a tremendously well co-ordinated athlete who possesses a fine leap and an excellent pair of hands.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...



Aaron Zampogna ... a talented Lion.



Teal Cup star Lee Walker.

velop into a league footballer next season.

Troy has similar qualities to those of his brother and, in time, may hold down the centre-half-forward position at East Perth.

Swan Districts will be hoping for another batch of country recruits to make their mark in the WAFL next season.

Craig Treleven was expected to develop into a league footballer this season, but he returned to the country mid-season. However, Swans are confident that the talented half-forward will be back next year.

South Bunbury midfielder **Derek Markwell** is another player who will be on the black and whites' shopping list next season.

Markwell impressed in Teal Cup trials last year and was an outstanding performer in the South-West competition in 1988.

Gutsy rover **Glen Dehring** had a short spell with the Swan Districts reserves this season and his performances suggest that he will be given further trials in 1989.

LUXURY

Tall wingmen are a luxury in modern-day football, but Swans are likely to give 190cm youngster **Todd Hawes** an opportunity to establish himself in that position next year.

Perth rovers **Matt Alvaro** and **Brendan Baker** are sure to be given opportunities in the league side next season.

They could not wish for a better mentor than coach **Robert Wiley** and he should be able to get the best out of the talented duo.

Lee Cox has been criticised for his attitude recently, but he does have the ability to reach league ranks next year. Cox can play in a variety of positions and is noted for his vigorous performances in important matches.

When assessing the young talent at Claremont, the name **Robert Malone** instantly springs to mind.

Malone was the clear winner in this year's Medallists Medal for the fairest and best player in the under-19s and his performances will not be overlooked by league coach **Gerard Neesham** next season.

Malone is best suited to a wing, but can also fill a ruck-roving berth if required.

Steve Southern has had a tough year — reserves selection one week, colts the next. But he has undoubted ability and should slot into the Claremont league side in 1989 — possibly on a half-back flank.

Ruckmen **Scott Robbins** and **Peter Mann** will also get league opportunities next year.

Keep an eye out for South Fremantle youngsters **Phil Clancy**, **Brett Genefini** and **Martin Atkins** next year.

Clancy and Genefini are tough, skillful rovers with a strong desire for hard work. Atkins had a superb season in a number of positions in the under-19s this year and keen judges are predicting that he will develop considerably over the summer months.



Demons rover Matt Alvara.

Ross Dunkeld has been one of the success stories of the reserves competition this season.

The hard-working ruckman was given his marching orders by Claremont earlier this year and, to his credit, he has fought back in great style. To cap off a fine season, he took off the Falcons reserves fairest and best award and his future in the WAFL now looks assured.

Glen Bewick would have played league football this season had it not been for a serious knee injury.

However, he has worked hard this winter and hopes to be fully fit in time for the start of the 1989 season. Glen is the youngest Bewick in a family that has produced **Darren**, **Corry** and **Richard** as senior footballers.

Subiaco have one of the strongest junior councils in the Perth metropolitan area and they also have some outstanding youth coming through their ranks.

SUBIACO

Aaron Zampogna had a fine season in the under-19s and reserves for Subiaco and was one of three West Australians to earn All-Australian Teal Cup selection in 1988.

He has an enormous kick and is not afraid to clash head-on with players far bigger and stronger.

Jeremy Pethick, the son of former Lion **Mike Pethick**, had a steady start to his career with Subiaco in 1988. He progressed from the under-19s to the reserves in just five weeks and missed league selection by a whisker.

He is a sure ball handler and a strong tackler.

Steve Johnson played some brilliant games for the Lions reserves side this season, particularly in attack.

He is an exciting, will-o'-the-wisp half-forward type and his progress will be watched with interest.

Adam Sierakowski has quickly gained a reputation for tough, no-

by

BEN STINGA

nonsense defending in the under-19 competition and, like his father **Brian**, has plenty of bone-crunching bulk to throw around.

East Fremantle officials are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Willetton junior **Kane Morphett** in 1989.

Morphett captained the West Australian State schoolboys side in 1987 and also represented the State in this year's Teal Cup carnival. He can play virtually anywhere and is tipped to play league football for the Sharks in 1989.

Players with height and ability are rare in football, but East Fremantle youngster **Sean Jones** is an exception.

At 19 years of age and 198cm, he looks certain to play senior football next year.

Matthew Congleton earned All-Australian Teal Cup selection in 1987 and a bright future was predicted for him this year. Unfortunately, the sprightly full-forward was plagued with injury problems in 1988 and was unable to realise his true potential. But he is sure to bounce back next season.

East Perth's **Lee Walker** established himself as one of the best junior footballers in Australia this season — and with good reason.

He gained All-Australian honours at Teal Cup level in 1988 and played a leading role in the Royals under-19 success. He has the height (193cm) and skills to play senior football in 1989.

Gavin Rose gained confidence as the season progressed and subsequently his form in the latter half of the year was outstanding.

Rose is easily distinguishable with his red hair and spectacular leap and if he can maintain his confidence, he should make a big impression in the league competition.

Troy Starcevic, the brother of Colingwood star **Craig**, should also de-



Kicking football into the future



THE SECOND YEAR OF THE EAGLES

IT'S been a pretty rough and rugged 12 months for West Coast Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr.

But when the 1988 season came to an end for the Eagles — at 5pm (Melbourne time) on Saturday, September 3 — he was a proud man.

And he was quite happy to tell anyone and everyone how he felt.

The Eagles had just bowed out of the 1988 season, losing a magnificent elimination final at VFL Park by just two points, conceding the lead with only 40 seconds of action left in the match.

After approximately 2640 minutes of official competitive football in season '88, the Eagles campaign was finalised in less than one minute — the last, as Melbourne's Garry Lyon snapped an incredible goal to put the Demons in front and put the Eagles out till next March.

Few people would have envied the last 12 months that Kerr has endured. After all, he has had to live with his comment that "John Todd is a better coach".

The quote of 1987 came after he had relieved inaugural Eagles coach Ron Alexander of his role and replaced him with Swan Districts triple-premiership coach John Todd — just a few hours before the Port-produced champion was about to fly to Adelaide and accept a new coaching challenge with SANFL club Woodville.

That quote haunted Kerr, as the football public was divided in its loyalties to the Eagles, not necessarily wishing Todd any ill luck, but ex-

... and it finished with a rush of blood

pressing overwhelming sympathy for Alexander and not a great deal of respect for the Eagles administration.

But Kerr, tough and unrelenting, had set his career path with the Eagles and while Todd rode some troubled waters during the season, the final result was what everyone had hoped for — an appearance in the VFL finals.

Kerr put two of the game's all-time great West Australian legends alongside Todd — big man Graham Farmer and little man Barry Cable — and rebuilt the off-field team as well. His reshuffling of positions saw former Claremont champion player and coach and WA's first Brownlow Medal winner in Graham Moss moved sideways in the administrative team.

It was no easy ride, this VFL roller-coaster.

The political battles with the highly-parochial Victorian Football League itself, an austere body of men acting as a Commission determined to prop up their clubs and expand the game nationally, was combined with the pressure from the West Australian Football League, a dedicated band of men fighting a rear-guard action to

keep the local competition alive.

Victories were notched pre-season in such areas as fixturing and live television coverage.

Agreements were reached that Eagles games in Melbourne would not clash with WAFL games (unless unavoidable) and live TV coverage of Eagles matches wouldn't keep the fans at home instead of at the local games.

There seemed a much better approach to integrated marketing, with football and receiver in a \$1.5 million three-year deal with the SGIO, covering both the Eagles and the WAFL.

With the impending VFL draft agreement hanging over football's head, the critics were waiting ready to help the axe fall. But Kerr led a determined delegation to the VFL Commissioners; he re-wrote the draft submission and won enormous concessions as far as the effect it would have on WA football.

Impartial judges now agree that the WAFL has come out of the draft agreement particularly well; the Eagles have certainly gained some important concessions in relation to the number of players they can have and

it's obvious that the Eagles administration has acted in the best interests of football on the West Coast with their VFL dealings.

Winning the respect of the Victorian football public has not been easy — or even successful.

But when 43,438 people travelled well out of town to VFL Park on a slightly-wet Saturday to watch an elimination final that featured an out-of-town team of would-bes, it was obvious that there was some public appeal.

The media were never really convinced of the Eagles' competitiveness and some of the other VFL clubs will never even concede that a team from outside of Victoria is actually playing with their same football!

That elimination final at VFL Park certainly earned the Eagles enormous credibility.

The polite applause for the fighting Eagles grew stronger in the desperate last quarter as the swinging supporters, those who were not necessarily devout Melbourne fans, got behind the rookies from the West.

There are already nearly two full teams of WA players lining up with other VFL clubs and the addition of another 35 in the Eagles squad has naturally taken its toll on the local breeding ground.

But the WAFL has once again unveiled some exciting young players in 1988 and the crop of rookies who made their debuts in the eight clubs is as potentially-exciting as in any recent year. The football tree continues to thrive in the West.

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It will be tough for the Demons

by

GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian

SOMEONE has to do it one day.

But Melbourne's chances of becoming the first team to finish the qualifying rounds in fifth place and go on to win the premiership are slim.

There is one very good reason why the Demons will not win the 1988 premiership. It's as simple as Hawthorn.

The Hawks have shown all year that they are the best team in the competition and there is no reason to expect them to falter at the last hurdle.

They have a wealth of final-round experience, an even blend of talent all over the ground and, particularly, some classy little men.

Although Melbourne were most impressive in dumping Carlton out of the race last Saturday, there were some dangerous signs during and after the game.

RELIABLE

Although Sean Wight has provided Melbourne with a reliable avenue to goal, since moving to full-forward for the second half of the elimination final against the Eagles, he will need support.

That has come from Earl Spalding and Garry Lyon, probably the star of the finals series, but Ricky Jackson has been down on form and needs to lift.

One of the dangerous signs came after the victory over Carlton when the players seemed satisfied as they basked in the ovation from the huge crowd.

They looked content with eclipsing their performance of last year when that Gary Buckenara goal after the siren sent them to mothballs one game short of this year's feat.

It would be dangerous to go into any grand final — let alone one against Hawthorn — with your guard down.

There is no doubt Melbourne will be the crowd favourites and the majority of fans would enjoy seeing them celebrate in style next Saturday night.



Jason Dunstall ... Hawks danger-man.

But that Hawthorn machine is simply awesome.

With the class of Tony Hall, John Platten and Buckenara, the defensive talents of Gary Ayres, Chris Langford and Chris Mew and the attacking skills of Dermott Brereton and Jason Dunstall, it is difficult to imagine how they can be beaten.

Dunstall could be the key to the game and Demons coach John Northey could run out of options if he gets the early advantage over All-Australian full-back Danny Hughes.

Dunstall is likely to do that and should he start with a couple of quick goals, it will be all over for the Demons.

Last year the Hawks had three tough finals before faltering on grand final day.

The majority of Melbourne fans now hope that the Demons can go one better after their three sudden-death matches.

It should be a tremendous last-man-standing affair.

The capacity at the MCG is now less than 105,000 because of extra seating which has been installed in recent times.

The record football crowd at the ground came in 1970 when 121,696 saw Carlton defeat Collingwood.

THE VFL GRAND FINAL TEAMS



HAWTHORN

- 2—Chris Mew
- 4—Peter Russo
- 6—Tony Hall
- 7—Gary Ayres
- 9—R. DiPierdomenico
- 10—Chris Wittman
- 11—Gary Buckenara
- 14—Greg Dear
- 17—Michael Tuck
- 18—Darrin Pritchard
- 19—Jason Dunstall
- 20—Scott Maginness
- 22—Richard Loveridge
- 23—Dermott Brereton
- 24—Chris Langford
- 29—Russell Greene
- 30—Peter Schwab
- 32—Dean Anderson
- 34—John Kennedy
- 35—James Morrissey
- 39—Paul Abbott
- 40—Andrew Collins
- 44—John Platten



MELBOURNE

- 1—Steven O'Dwyer
- 3—Garry Lyon
- 4—Tony Campbell
- 5—Earl Spalding
- 7—Brian Wilson
- 8—Graeme Yeats
- 9—Alan Johnson
- 10—Danny Hughes
- 11—Jimmy Stynes
- 12—Todd Viney
- 14—Rodney Grinter
- 15—David Williams
- 16—Andy Lovell
- 17—Brett Lovett
- 18—Steven Stretch
- 21—Steven Febey
- 24—Bret Bailey
- 27—Sean Wight
- 28—Jamie Duursma
- 33—Greg Healy
- 34—Stephen Newport
- 37—David Flintoff
- 45—Ricky Jackson

BROWNLOW BOY...

HEALY A WORTHY WINNER

THE run of favourites in the big individual football awards in the major States continued on Monday night when Sydney Swans champion Gerard Healy won the Brownlow Medal.

Healy's success came hard on the heels of the performance of David Bain, who was backed in from long odds to favouritism for the Sandover Medal and Sturt star Greg Whittlesea, who won the Magarey Medal.

Though Whittlesea was the longest-priced winner of the trio, he has been a member of the SA sides in recent years and was a worthy winner.

Healy was favoured by most pundits to win the Brownlow Medal after an outstanding year and did not let his supporters down.

Healy started the night as equal favourite with former Subiaco star Gary Buckenara and was a comfortable winner.

Healy's performance was even more commendable when the pre-season condition of the Swans is taken into consideration.

The club was in turmoil and there

was a danger they would lose many of their players.

Healy and partner in crime Greg Williams led the charge which eventually saw the Sydney side fall marginally short of a place in the top five.



Gerard Healy ... capped a great season with the Brownlow.

This Saturday, Dennis Cometti will make sure WA has its say.



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The fans want Melbourne

MILLIONS of football lovers have installed Melbourne as sentimental favourites for Saturday's VFL grand final.

Appearing in their first grand final for 25 years, the Demons will make history if they win — no team has ever claimed the premiership coming from the elimination final.

The Demons have not only won three cut-throat finals in a row, but they had to beat reigning premiers Carlton in Round 22 to guarantee a September finals place.

Previously their form had been diabolical, with five losses on end. But the team has displayed outstanding commitment to defeat the Eagles, Collingwood and Carlton in the first three weeks of the finals.

Melbourne have one of the biggest supporting groups in football and the majority of the 100,000 fans who will jam the MCG will be supporting the Red and Blue.

The grand final has been given fresh impetus with Melbourne's defeat of Carlton. The previous two grand finals had been played between Hawthorn and Carlton and the three before that by Hawthorn and Essendon.

While Hawthorn are the favoured club this week with the bookmakers, Melbourne's rapid improvement in the last month makes for a most competitive match.

The Demons defeated Hawthorn earlier in the year at the MCG, before losing by almost 12 goals in the return match at VFL Park in Round 17.

Three West Australians will be involved in the match — Melbourne's Alan Johnson and Earl Spalding (both from the Perth Demons) and Hawthorn's Gary Buckenara (Subiaco).

Johnson has been one of his club's best players all season in a back pocket or at half-back, rebounding deep into attack — as the Eagles will vouch for after his inspirational goal in the elimination final.

INFLUENTIAL

Buckenara was one of the most influential players in Hawthorn losing just three games (out of 23) for the season, leading up to Saturday's big one.

Hawthorn qualified first for the finals, thereby earning a week's break. Players also rested last weekend — other than a Saturday morning training run — which was their reward for winning the second semi-final.

Many fans believe that Hawthorn's freshness will be the all-important factor, especially if the scores are tight for three quarters.

The Carlton-Melbourne preliminary final was an exhausting affair and while Melbourne can be relied upon to be absolutely desperate, Hawthorn's skill, especially up forward, is seen to be a winning edge.

Rain has fallen on each of the last four weekends in Melbourne and could be a factor again this weekend.



Hawks veteran John Kennedy



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

... but Hawthorn won't have any of that!



Jamie Duursma hugs Demons coach John Northey.

If it's warm and dry, like last year, Hawthorn will have a decided advantage.

Collingwood skipper Tony Shaw, who played against the Demons a fortnight ago, believes if Melbourne can stop Hawthorn early and be in range at three-quarter time, they can win.

"But if Hawthorn get away to a good start and lead by five or six goals early, it'll be very hard to peg it back," he said.

The Hawks have won two and lost three of their previous five grand finals.

The key players for each side are:

HAWTHORN:

(1) **John Platten:** The No. 1 smallman in the game, tenacious and committed, he ferrets the ball out from under the packs and starts Hawthorn's revered running game. Will be tagged, but he's used to that and should be good for at least 25 possessions.

(2) **Dermott Brereton:** Is averaging seven marks a match this year and if he can lift that rate even more, will become a match winner. Must ensure that he plays the ball at all times as he could lose his concentration if he becomes involved in the rough stuff too often.

(3) **Jason Dunstall:** The leading goalkicker in the game and virtually unstoppable if Hawthorn players further afield are allowed to create space and deliver the ball with precision. His opponent, Danny Hughes, is an excellent, strong competitor, but may not have the pace to stay with Dunstall all day.

MELBOURNE:

(1) **Gary Lyon:** Skilled half-forward who has been the Demons' leading finals player this year after missing the 1987 campaign because of injury. Mobile and elusive, he had three opponents against Carlton and poses a problem for the Hawthorn selectors, who may be forced to stand rookie Maginnes against him as Langford will take Wight and Mew will stand the improved Spalding.

(2) **Sean Wight:** The athletic Scot was used as a permanent full-forward last weekend and did well. Is very unpredictable and capable of scoring some amazing goals or setting up play from seemingly impossible positions. Can produce five or six goals as a result of his acrobatic leaping.

(3) **Brian Wilson:** His duel with Gary Buckenara is very important. It could be that he starts at half forward against Michael Tuck, but he plays his best football in the pivot and is very dangerous near goal. One of the most brilliant players in an even Melbourne side.

Melbourne's lack of goalkicking power is seen as a problem. Saturday's 19-goal effort was commendable, but it was only the fourth time this season that they had scored 17 or more goals in a game.

In Round One, the Demons scored 23 goals against Richmond, but generally they have relied on a strong backline to stop the opposition from kicking enough goals to win, rather than creating enough goal-scoring opportunities themselves.

Coach John Northey believes that Melbourne "will be ready for Hawthorn this time" — a reference to the inglorious performance against the Hawks in Round 17.

"That Hawthorn loss brought us back to reality and showed us what finals pressure is all about," Northey said.

"We were a bit shell-shocked for a while ... it's not every day that you play in a grand final and I think the players will prepare themselves very well for it."

Both sides are expected to take virtually unchanged sides into the grand final, with Melbourne, of course, being without No. 1 ruckman Steve O'Dwyer, who was suspended by the tribunal on Monday night on a striking charge.

Hawthorn may consider playing another roving type to help back up Platten. Richard Loveridge, who missed last year's grand final, is back in contention.

Smallman Andrew Collins hurt his ankle in the second semi-final, but is expected to be fit for selection.

The two teams have never met in a grand final.

Their last finals meeting was in last year's titanic preliminary final and in the corresponding match in 1963. The Hawks won both games.

Last year, Buckenara kicked a goal after the siren to give Hawthorn an incredible victory. "Bucky" had marked 50 metres out, but was given a 15-metre penalty after Jim Stynes ran across the mark.

While Buckenara could have been expected to make the distance from 50 metres, the closer shot was seen as a "gimme" for a player of his outstanding skill.

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM
Eastern States statistician
for the West Coast Eagles



Melbourne hope for a better day

MELBOURNE are attempting to become only the seventh team to win a VFL flag from outside the top three positions at the end of the home and away matches.

Since the introduction of the final five in 1972, only two teams have made it through to the grand final from the elimination final. Collingwood, who had finished the qualifying rounds in fifth position, did so in 1980, and Essendon (4th) made it through to the 1983 grand final.

Melbourne will be hoping for a better fate than those two teams. Collingwood lost to Richmond by a then record margin for a grand final, of 81 points; Essendon did worse, losing to Hawthorn by 83 points.

TOUGH TASK

IN the past 50 years, four sides have won the VFL premiership from fourth position — Carlton (1945), Essendon (1949 and 1965) and Richmond (1969).

In 1900, the peculiarities of the finals system then in place, enabled Melbourne to win the flag after finishing the home and away matches in sixth position.

Melbourne are the only club to win the flag from sixth. On Saturday, the Demons will be attempting to become the first club to win from fifth place.

TOP EFFORT

THE other club to win a premiership from outside the top three positions was Fitzroy, in 1916. In doing so, they were the only club to ever win a VFL premiership after finishing the qualifying rounds with the wooden spoon — albeit in a four-team competition.

During the qualifying rounds, Fitzroy won only two games and drew one. They won all three games that they played in the finals series to win the premiership.

LOSING RUN

IT is rare for a team to recover from a slump like that experienced by Melbourne from Rounds 17 to 21 this year and win the premiership.

If Melbourne win on Saturday, they will be the first team since 1916 to win the flag after losing five games in a row during the season. Fitzroy lost the last nine games of the qualifying rounds that year.

Only two teams since then have been able to win the premiership after a four-game losing sequence during the season — Carlton in 1970 and North Melbourne in 1975.

BOUNCED BACK

MELBOURNE this year became the first team for five years to compete in the finals after losing the previous year's preliminary final.

Hawthorn bounced back from a 31-point loss in the 1982 preliminary final to win the 1983 premiership. Melbourne will be aiming to emulate that feat on Saturday.

FIRST TIME

SATURDAY'S game will be the first Hawthorn-Melbourne grand final. They have played each other in four finals matches, of which Hawthorn have won the last three — by a total of only 18 points.

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East Fremantle's Michael Broadbridge reaches high in the sky to take a fine mark.

East Fremantle rookie Clinton Wolf is set for a hard fall as George Christie (40) and Craig Edwards can only watch.



Laurie Keene plays keep-it-off inside a ring of Eagles and Collingwood players.

THE DOWNS



Talking about having your nose to the grindstone, Sharks champion Brian Peake is seen here in one of the more unusual pictures for 1988.



Laurie Keene suffers the pain of falling heavily, but despite this, he was not going to let that ball go.

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Sandover Medallist David Bain shows his high-flying style.
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Fiery moments as the Eagles clash with Melbourne.

IT'S A TOUGH GAME...



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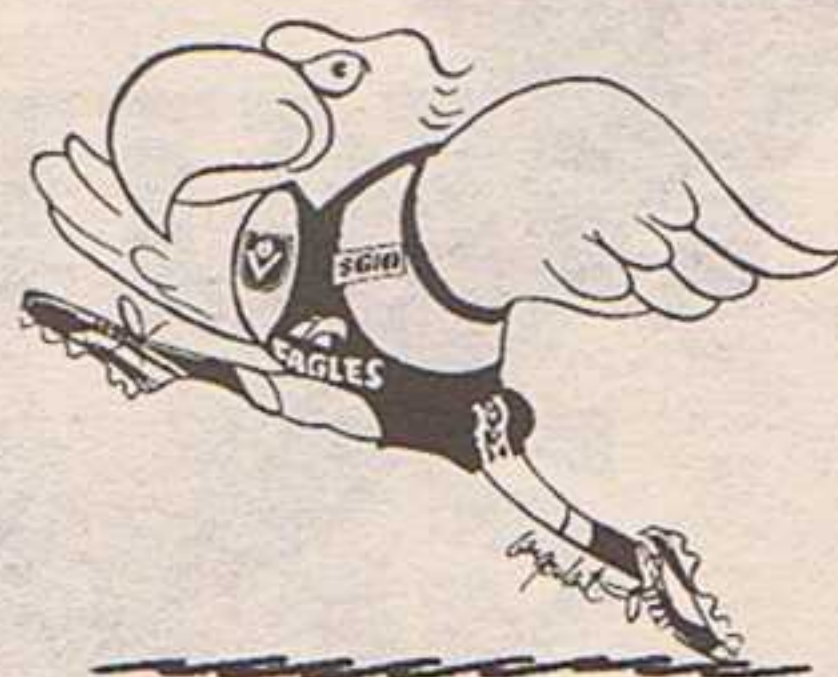
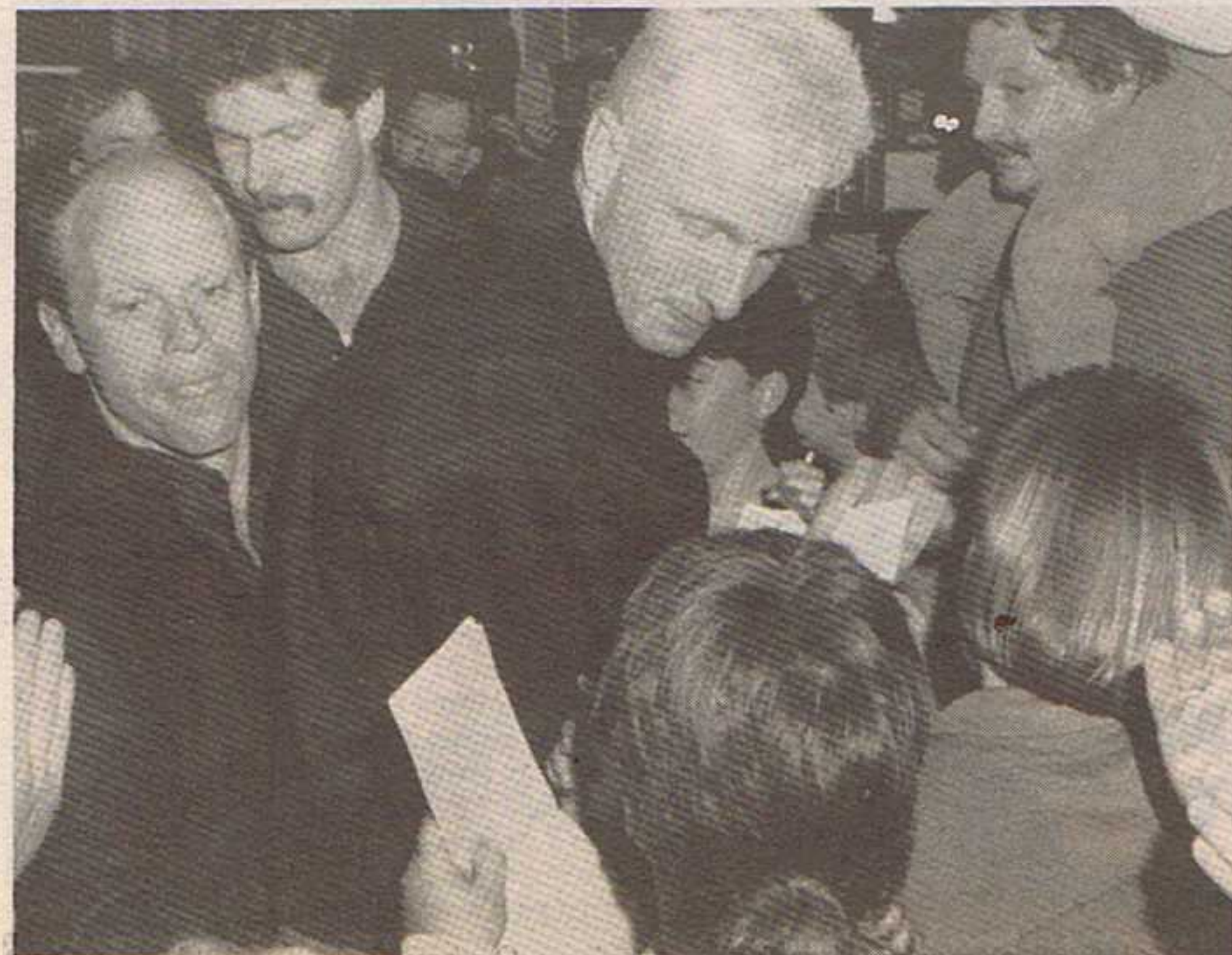


The Eagles burst through the magnificent SGIO elimination final banner at VFL Park.

EAGLE MANIA



ABOVE: This fan had no worries about showing his loyalty in Melbourne.
BELOW: Karl Langdon signs autographs amidst the big Perth Airport crowd.



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David O'Connell ... "Let me off — I'm all right."



Ian Dargie ... "Be careful mate — it hurts down there."



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Mark Hann ... "Ouch, that's a soft spot."



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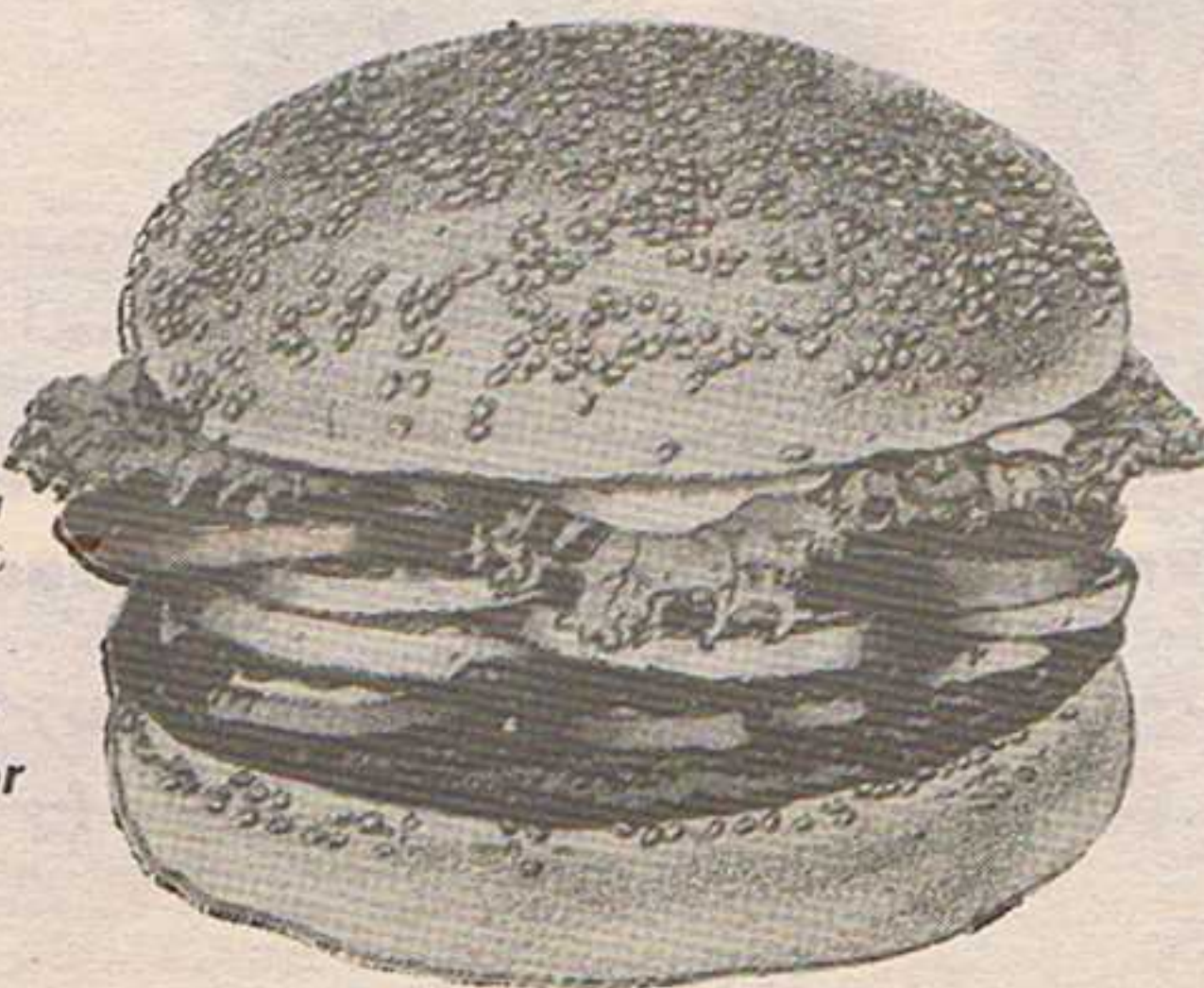


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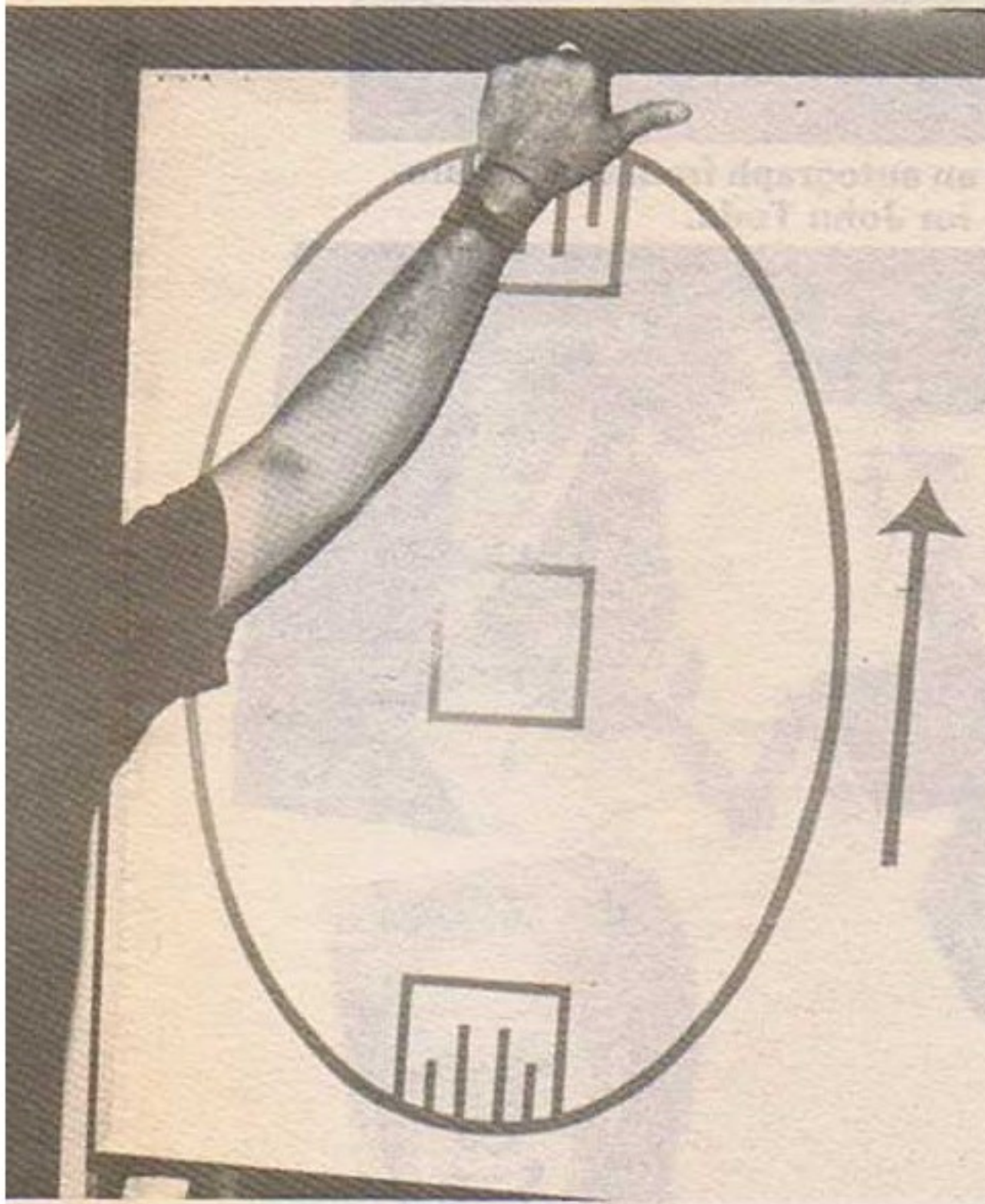


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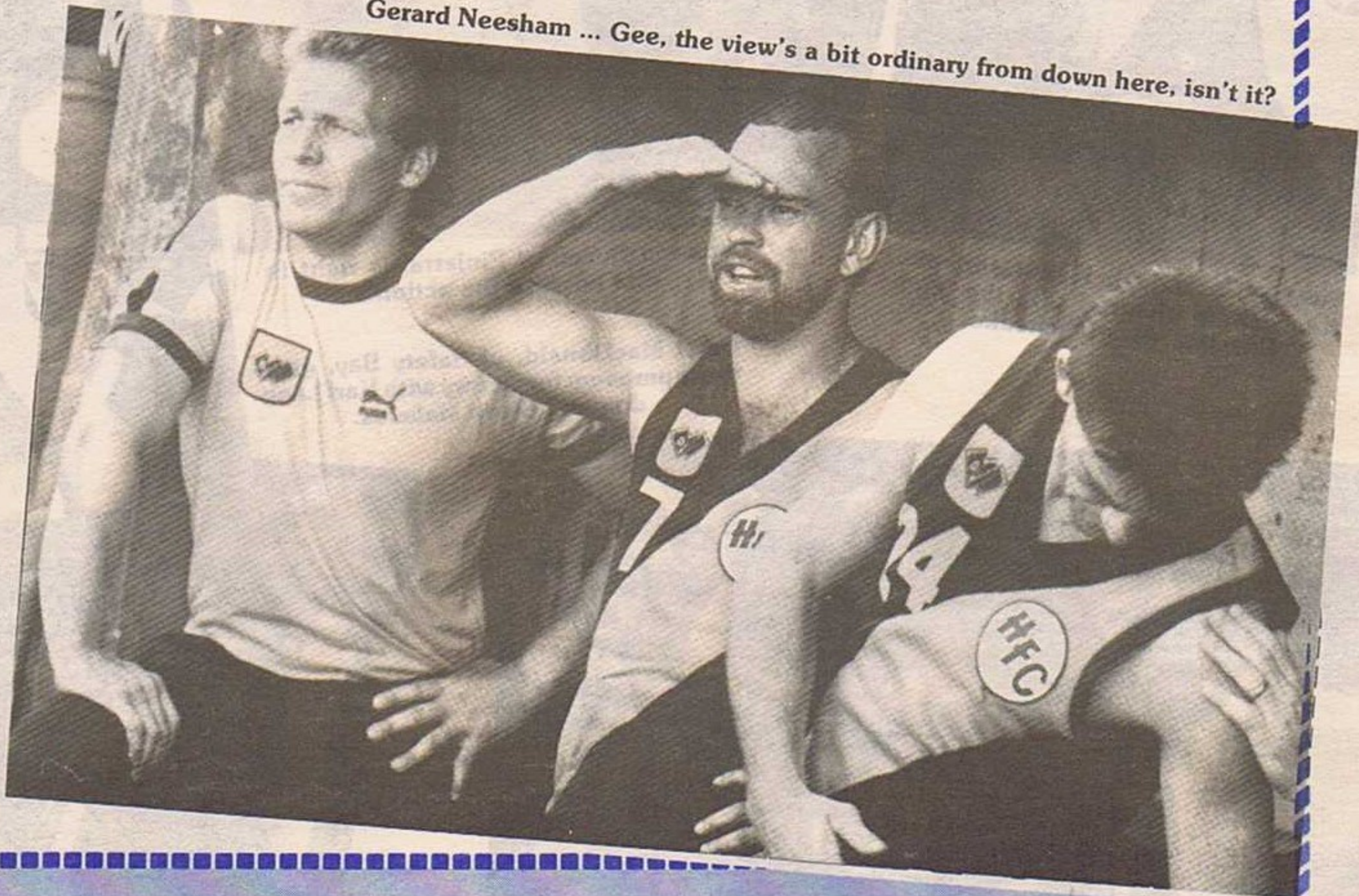


Robert Wiley ... Now listen here Dempsey, I'm allowed to sit here and take it easy — you get out there and do something!



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Michelle Wenzel (7), of Beechboro, gets an autograph from Chris Mainwaring ... and has a kiss for John Todd.

The Hungry Jack's Eagle For A Day competition was one of the most successful promotions of the year. Here are some of the winners.



Twelve-year-old Isla Henderson, of Kenwick, is pictured with the big "Russian" Alex Ishchenko.



Cameron Byers, of Pinjarra, is right in the heart of the action.

Daryl MacDonald, of Safety Bay, gives the thumbs-up for victory with Karl Langdon and Steve Malaxos.



Alan Paterson, 10, of Samson, is seen here with two legends of the game — Lou "the lip" Richards and Barry Cable.



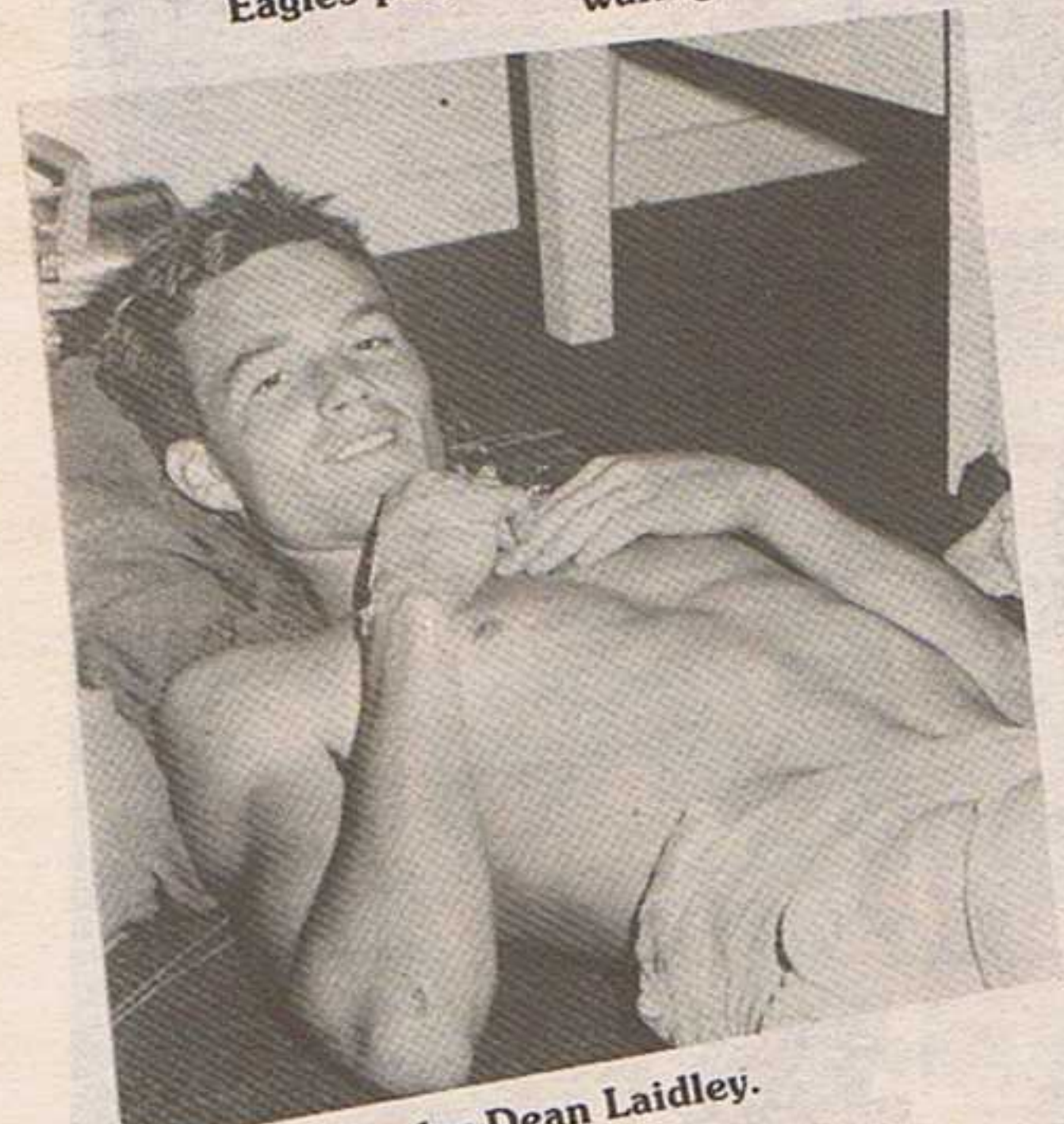
Luke Gray, of Chidlow, captures the atmosphere in the dugout with Eagles players Wally Matera, Mark Zanotti, Steve Malaxos and David Hart.



Eagles players Phil Scott and Chris Mainwaring.



Eagles pair John Gastev and Chris Mainwaring.



Eagles defender Dean Laidley.

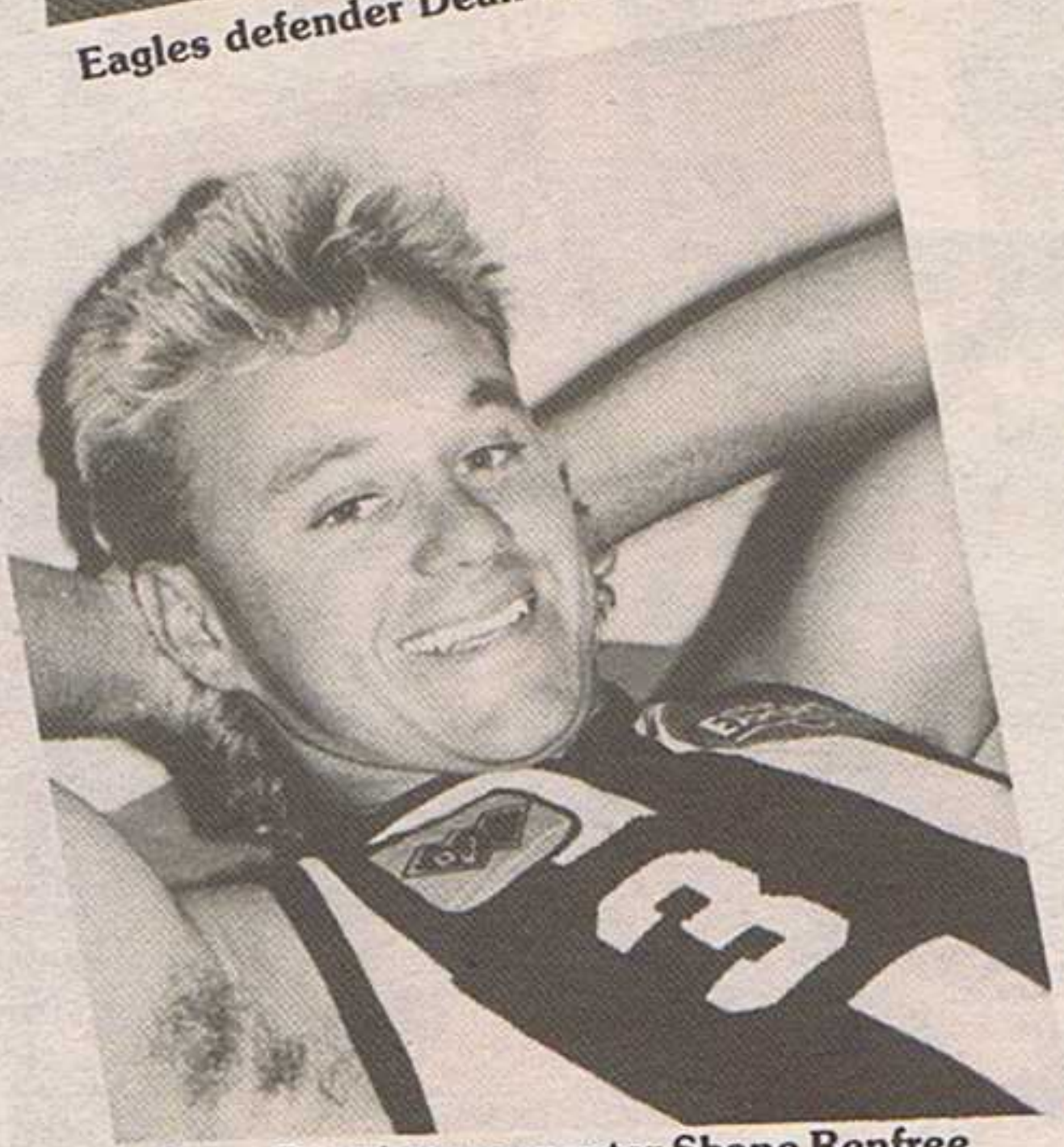


Claremont defender Cam Lewis.



Eagles rookie Troy Ugle ... pleased about his VFL debut.

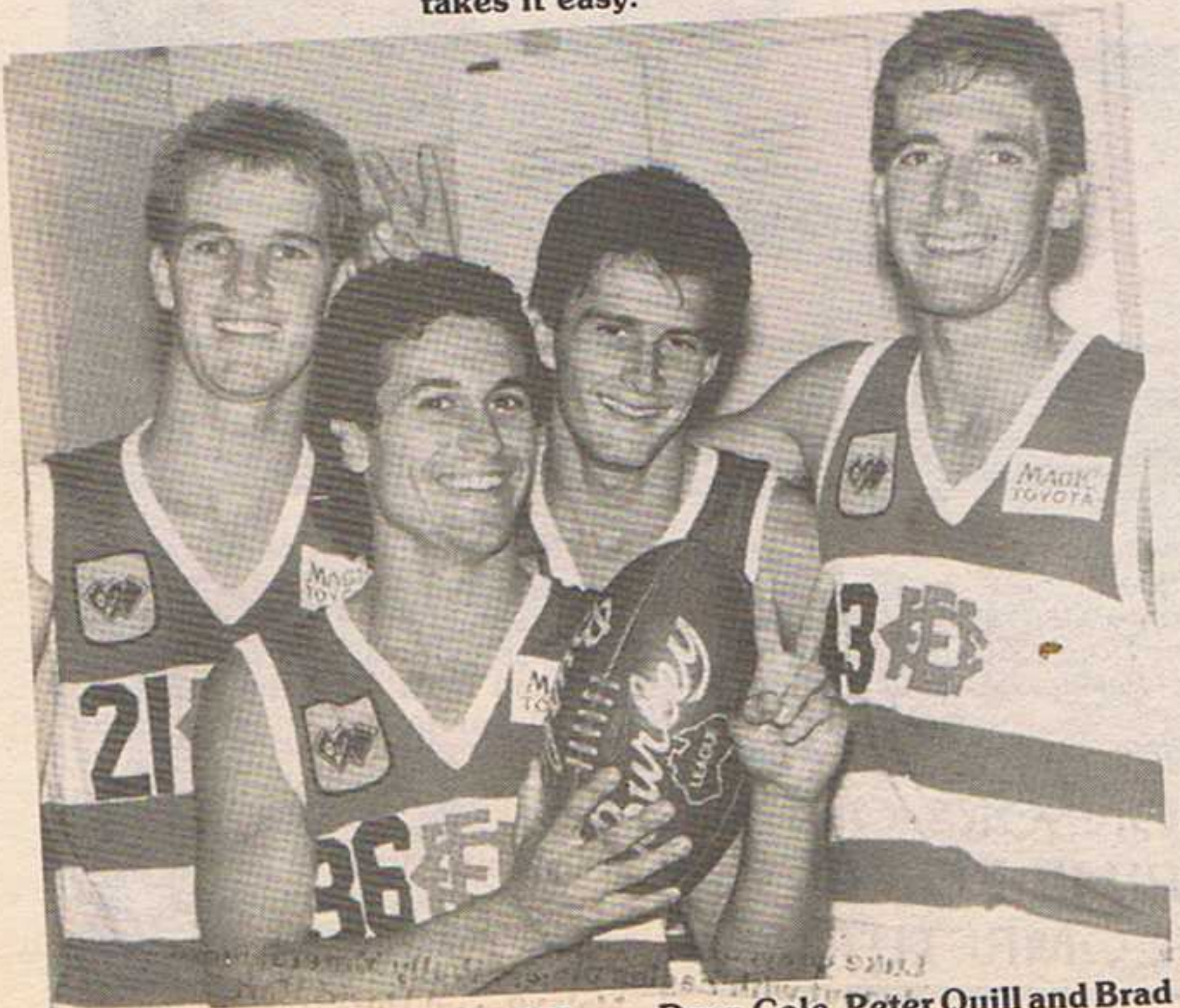
WINNING SMILES



Swan Districts youngster Shane Renfree takes it easy.



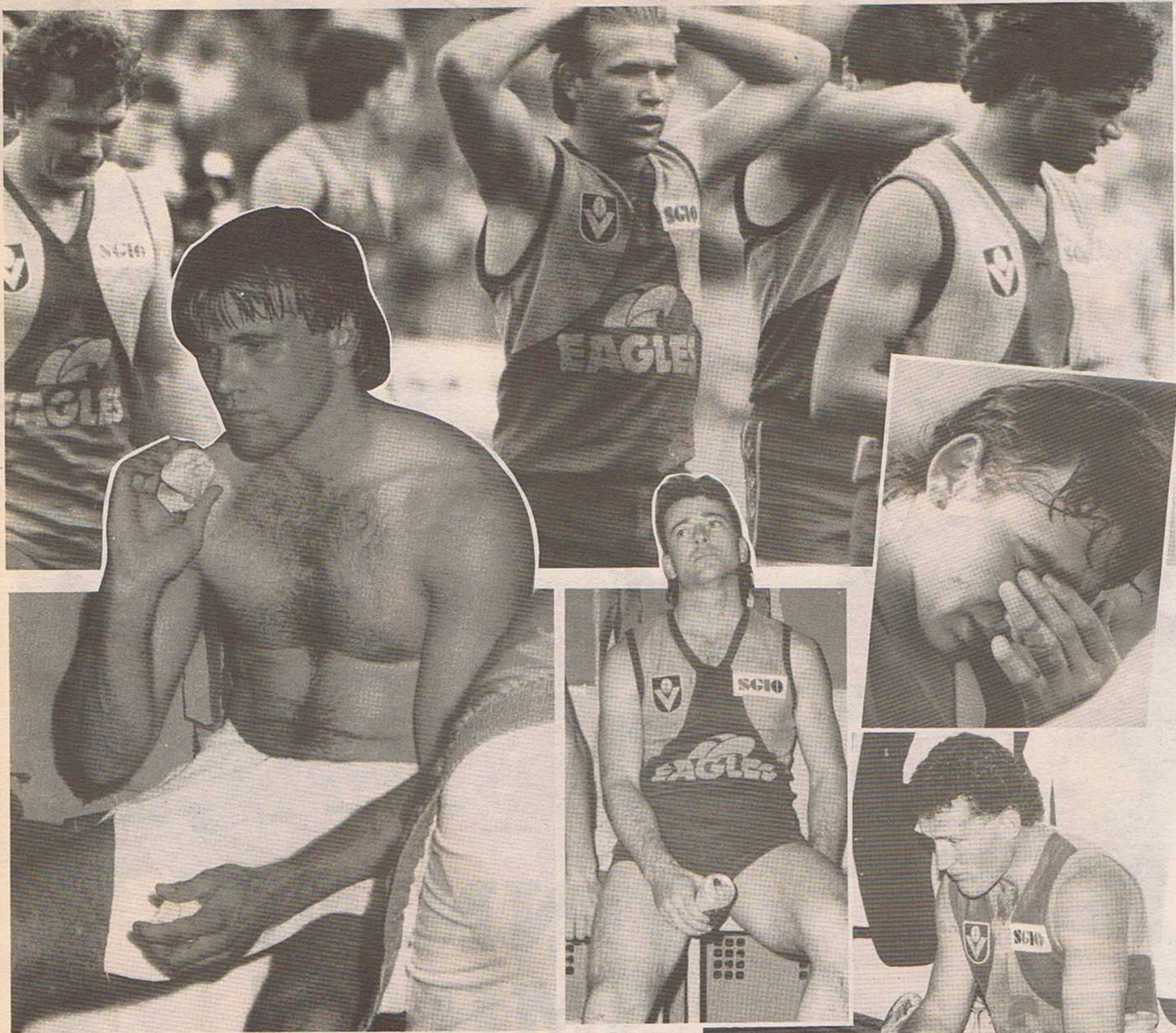
South Fremantle duo Scott Waters and Maurice Rioli.



East Fremantle rookies David Rowe, Dean Cole, Peter Quill and Brad Read.

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DESPAIR ...



Losing never comes easy as these pictures show. Clockwise (from above) they are Chris Mainwaring ... shows what it's like to lose; Eagles trio Murray Wrensted, Chris Mainwaring and Chris Lewis show the disappointment of their elimination final loss; South Fremantle's Peter Matera; Eagles rover David Hart and (right) skipper Ross Glendinning; Subiaco's Ian Dargie ... can't believe it.



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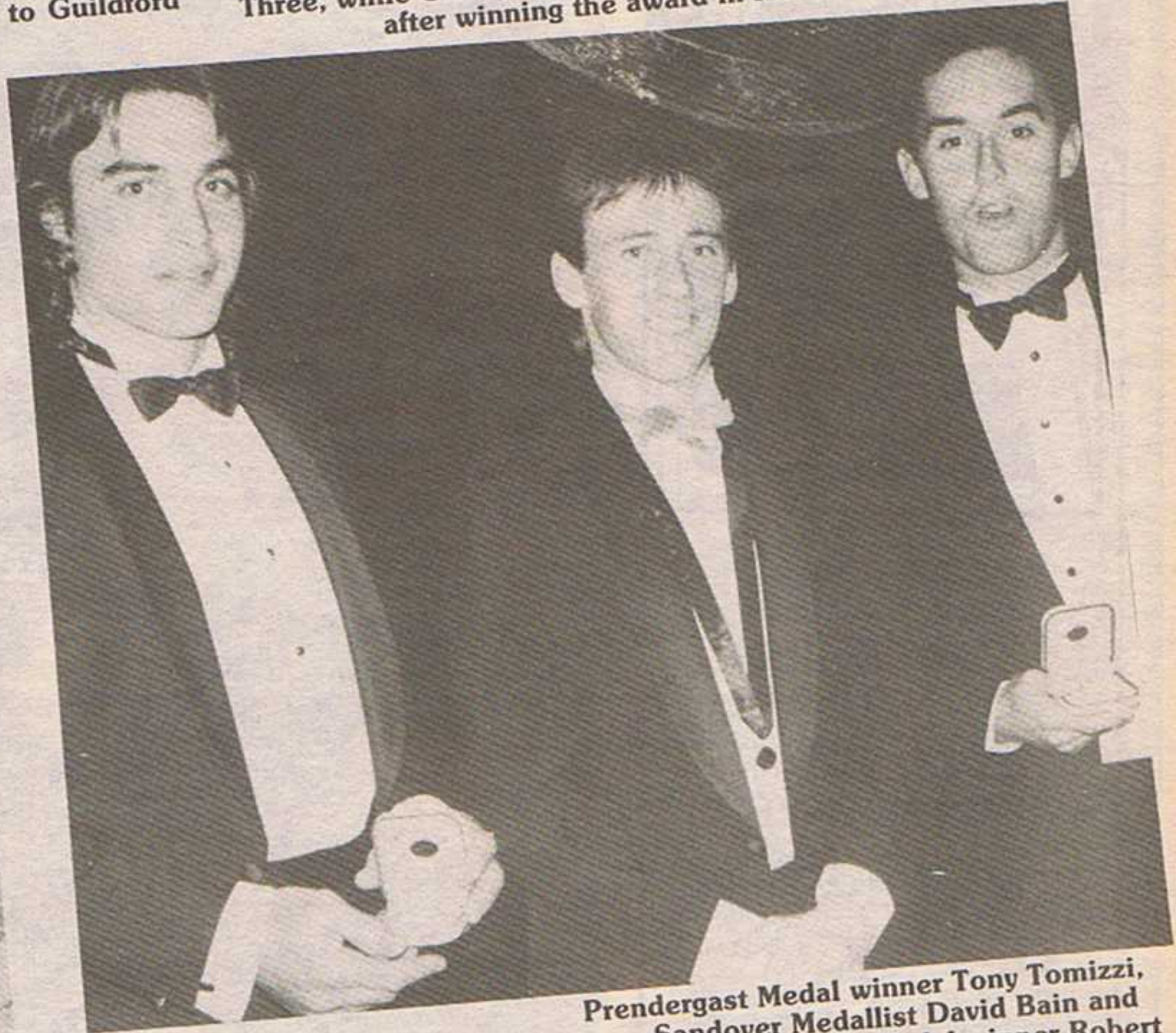


Brian Hadley, of Prime Computers, presents East Perth's John Edmondson with the \$200 reserves player of Round Three, while Claremont's Julian Urquhart (centre) looks on after winning the award in Round Two.

WINNERS OF '88



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South Fremantle are jubilant after winning the Kresta Cup pre-season series — and a handy \$10,000.



North Pilbara show their excitement after winning the A-grade 1988 Wesfarmers Country Football Championships. On the right is Wesfarmers Rural General Manager, Peter Wesley and holding the shield is captain-coach Paul Collie.



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Claremont's Joe Ahmat rides high for this mark ... on the back of team-mate Ben Allan.



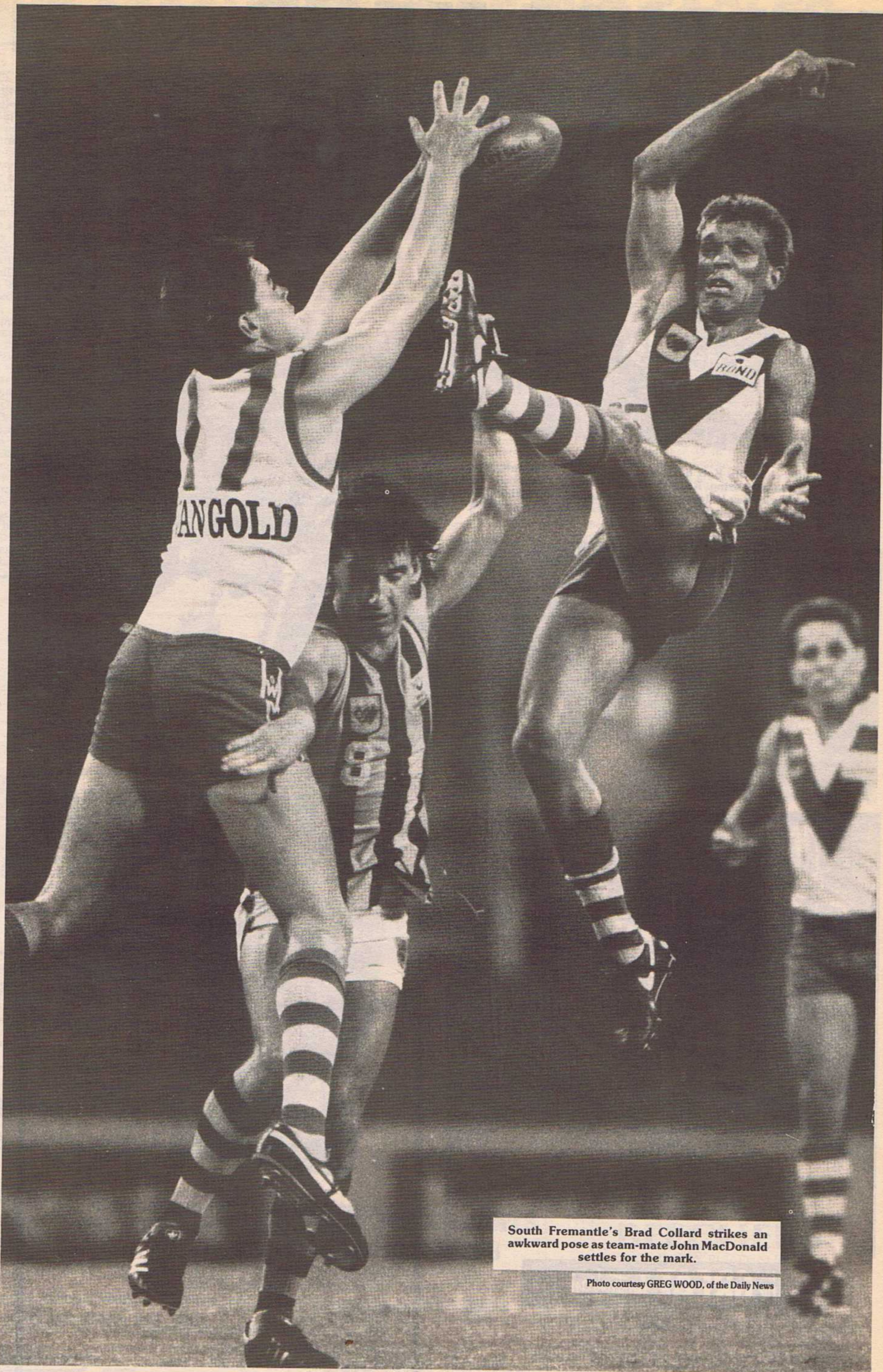
West Perth's Steven Munro takes an excellent falling mark.



Claremont's Peter Higgins is about to saddle East Fremantle's Clinton Wolf.

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South Fremantle's Brad Collard strikes an awkward pose as team-mate John MacDonald settles for the mark.

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ABOVE: Eagles chief Bill Kerr buys his boys a drink; (from left) Phil Scott and Chris Mainwaring. RIGHT: Eagles star Paul Peos signs an autograph for Rocky Bay Village youngster Brian Matthews. BELOW: Eagles assistant coach Barry Cable has a word of advice for rover David Hart.



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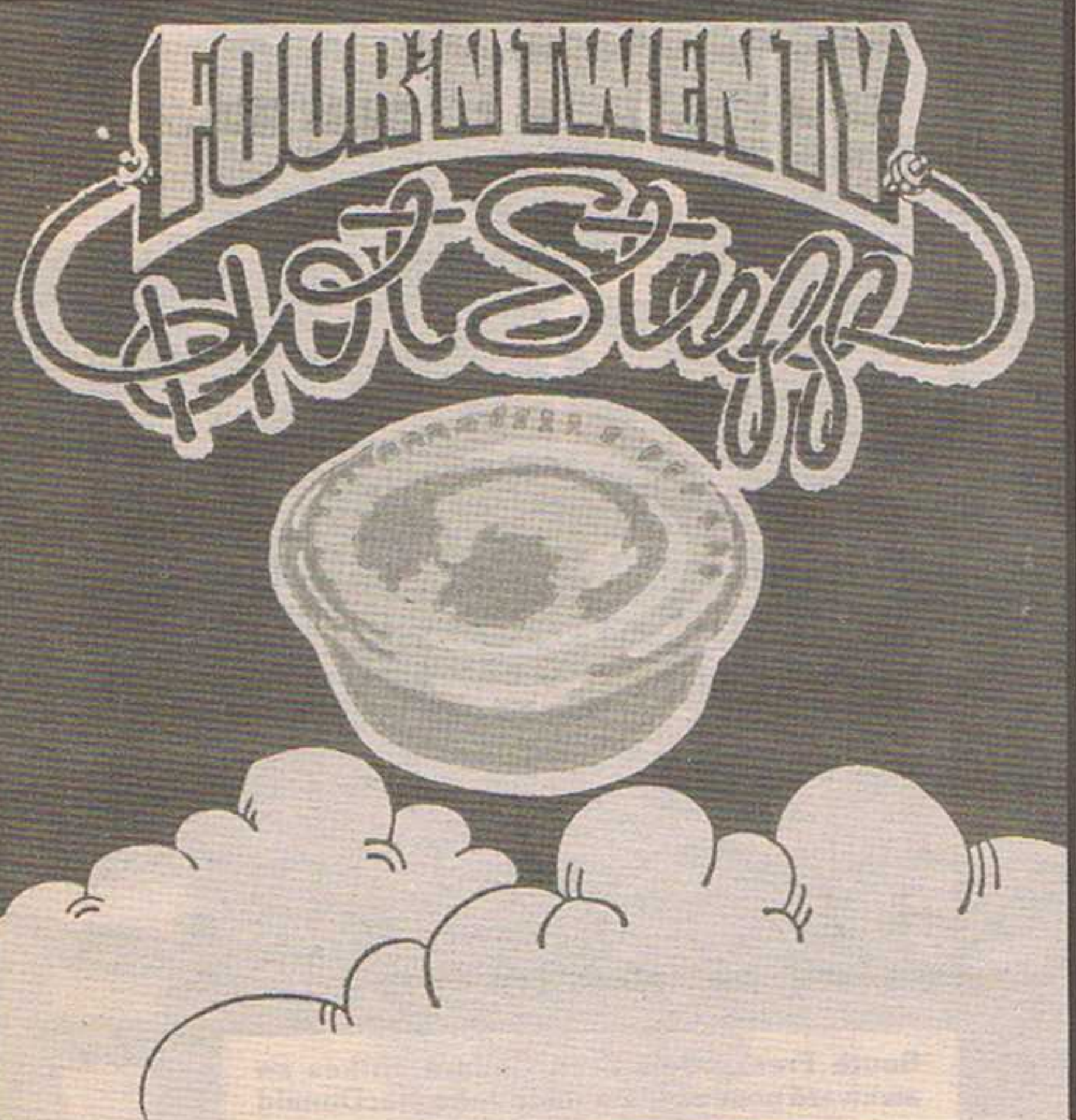
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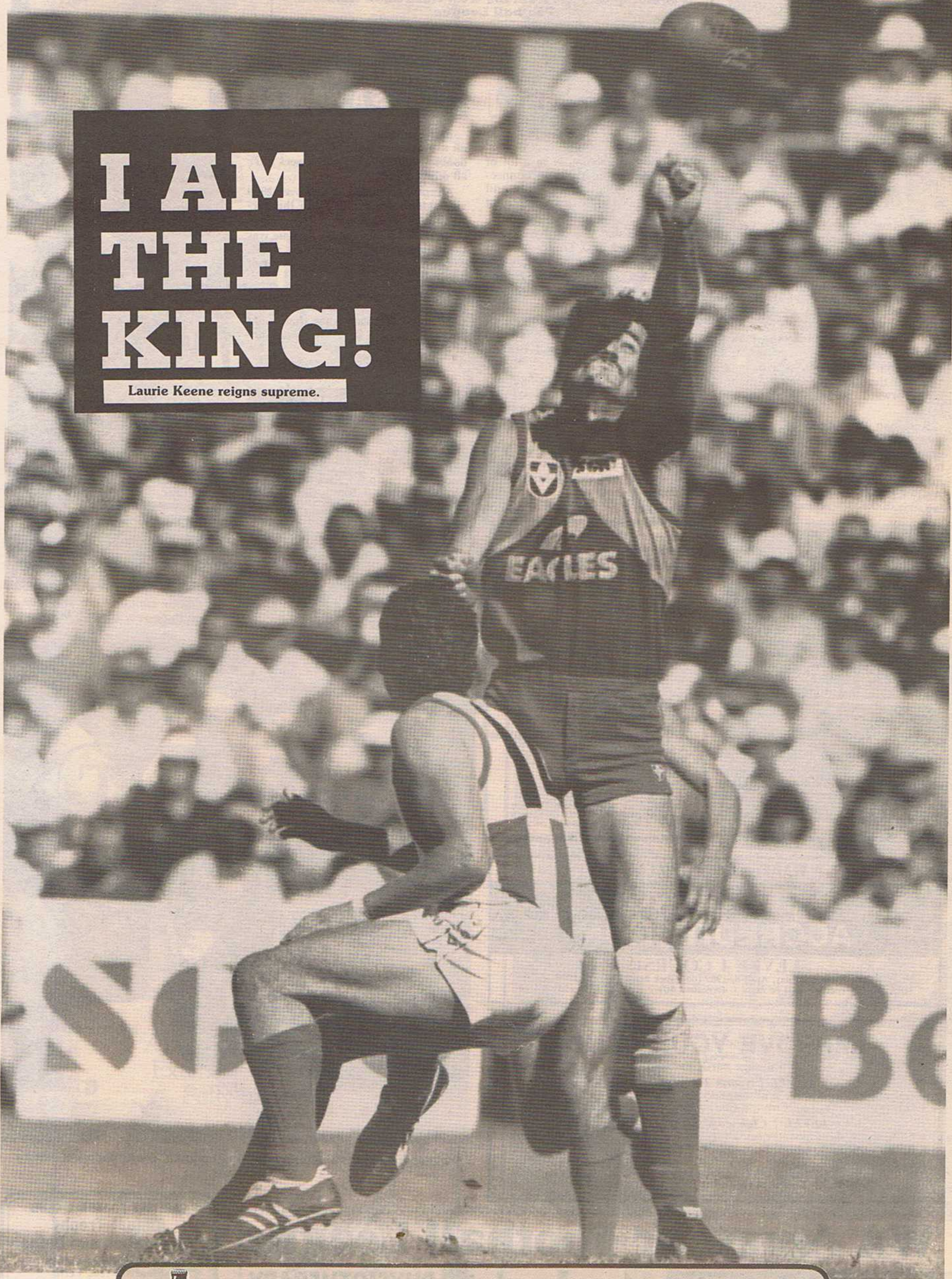
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Hyde guides Mt Lawley to another flag

STATE rover Ross Bell was in explosive form as he fired up Mt Lawley to win their fourth successive premiership in Saturday's A-grade grand final.

Mt Lawley ran out winners over Trinity-Aquinas by 21 points.

Trinity-Aquinas started quickly with Brad Calvin and Phil Green pushing the ball forward and led by six points at quarter time.

Mt Lawley had plenty of opportunities, but goalfrost inaccuracy was costing them and the pressure applied mid-field was intense.

Trinity-Aquinas maintained the pressure through their following division, in particular, Jeremy McGrade, Mark Shaw and Dominic Dwyer.

Mt Lawley were fortunate to be so close at half-time, just eight points behind.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Hawks were kept in the game through Bell, Gerard Kearney and Wayne Hardman, but they needed more players to break the shackles.

In the third quarter ruckman Paul Andrews, centreman Brad Dunn and centre-half-back Leigh Sprlyan all lifted dramatically to give key forwards Vic Lowe and Justin Cook many opportunities.

One goal from Lowe — a banana kick from the boundary line deep in the right forward pocket — lifted the Hawks.

Ruckman Paul Andrews' performance was even more meritorious considering that he has been out injured for the last eight weeks. He was a last-minute selection after No. 1 ruckman Andy Chapman broke down at training.

to another flag

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

by
TREVOR SCHORER



Andrews was obviously in a lot of pain, limping from the first bounce-down. But he battled manfully and topped his game off with a magnificent goal.

The Hawks slammed on five goals in the quarter and held Trinity-Aquinas to one solitary point.

Mt Lawley kept the pressure on and kicked another three goals to go to a seven-goal break.

After such an intense struggle, it would have been easy for Trinity-Aquinas to throw in the towel. But this didn't happen.

The Boomers kept plugging away and captain-coach Les Fong typified the character of his team as he was put under extreme pressure, but still pushed the ball forward.

Trinity-Aquinas came back with four goals and were on a roll. But a smother by Ross Bell was the catalyst for his teammates to hold on.

When the big strong arms of captain Tony Williams held a mark aloft for all to see — and then goaled — the Boomers were sunk.

Another goal to each side saw the final siren arrive with the Hawks victorious and coach Greg Hyde with his second successive flag.

DOUBLE-HEADER PROVES A WINNER

THE Amateur League executive hit on a winner with the A and B grades double-header grand finals a week after all other grades.

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GRAND FINALS

A-GRADE

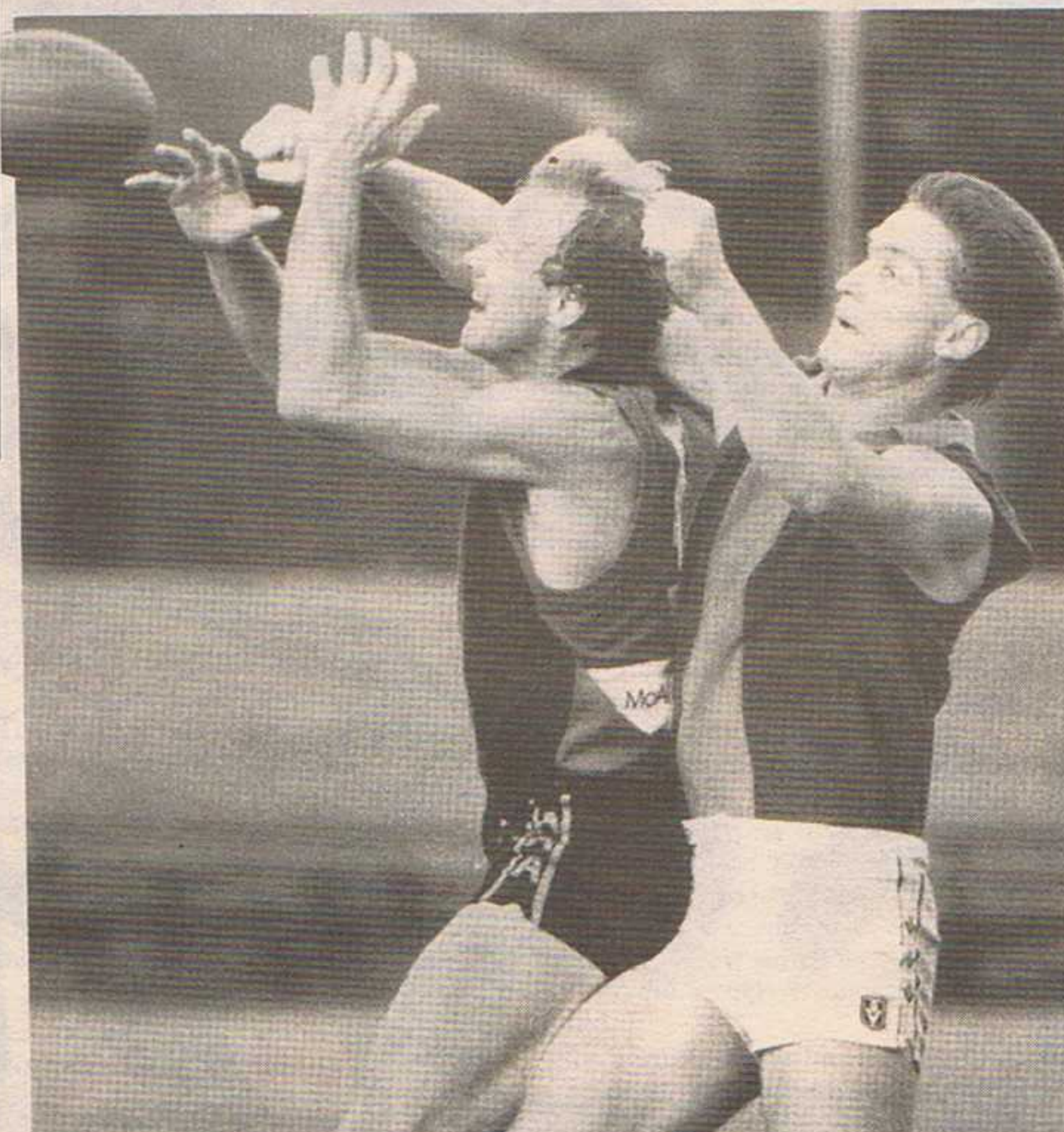
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TRINITY-AQUINAS 4.3 7.7 7.8 11.12
GOALS: MT LAWLEY: P. Hyde 3, T. Williams 3, V. Lowe 2, J. Cook 2, N. O'Brien, A. McAleer, P. Andrew, P. Lynch, B. Dunn 1 each. TRINITY-AQUINAS: S. Brown 3, McCollins 2, M. Shaw 2, L. Fong, C. Loughnan, J. McGrade, P. Green 1 each.
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B-GRADE

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Mt Lawley captain Tony Williams ... and three-year-old son Matthew.



Amateurs stalwarts Leigh Sprlyan (front) and his Trinity opponent Jeremy McGrade.

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Coaching contemplation ... rival coaches in last week's A-grand grand final. ABOVE: Trinity Aquinas coach Les Fong (right) with Corry Bewick (centre) and Greg Steinepreis. BELOW: Mt Lawley coach Greg Hyde (right) and his assistant, Phil Botsis.



Amateurs stalwart Barney Giles presents his medal to Ross Bell, the fairest and best player in the A-grade grand final.

by
PETER RUSH



INNALOO won the B-grade premiership by defeating a gallant Bayswater by one point in a grand final thriller at Perth Oval.

Despite leading from the start in a high-standard game, the Bulldogs could never quite shake off their spirited opposition.

Halfway through the last quarter Innaloo kicked away to a four-goal break, the highest margin between the sides all day.

Brilliant goals by inspirational wingman Dave Atkinson got the Blues to within five points with only minutes remaining, but Innaloo were equal to the task when Craig Kettlewell took a big mark in the square to give his side a well-earned victory.

Prolific ball-getter John Lawrence was brilliant throughout, picking up his usual swag of kicks to be best on the ground.

Denis Roberts was the most constructive forward, finishing with five goals, while Craig and Glen Kettlewell were useful forwards for Innaloo, kicking seven goals between them.

CONSTRUCTIVE

Dave Nelson was also a constructive player for Innaloo and he received good support from Robert Bowe, Paul Livingstone and Craig Horwood. Despite being well held by Steve Taylor, Brendan McFaull kicked three goals.

The Blues had many fine players besides Lawrence, Atkinson, Taylor and Roberts. Among them were Mark Oldfield, Mark Golisano, Scott Conway and lively ruckman Peter Smith.

Innaloo's win was a repeat of their 1985 success and sees them go back to A-grade with a much stronger team well coached by one of the most astute thinkers in the game in Brendan McFaull.

Though Kevin McGinnity has a fine record as coach, a premiership success still eludes him.

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Amidst the apparent turmoil and change of football in WA, the Amateur competition has held its ground to remain the single biggest football competition in WA.

With over 4150 registered footballers playing simply for the enjoyment of the sport, there appears to be no lack of direction in the future of the Amateur League.

Prominent former WAFL players such as Les Fong, Garry Sidebottom, Leigh Brenton, Doug Sims and Rod Alderton have been recent additions to the various clubs, playing a big part in the growth and input of amateur circles.

The All-Australian amateur team competed in the B-division of the Bicentenary Carnival in Adelaide, with WA's Dave Perry named captain of a team that included WA players Terry Holzman, Craig Kettlewell, Bill Armstrong, Leigh Sprylan, Simon Beasley (formerly University), Geoff Miles (Melbourne Amateurs), Sean King (MHWP) and Alex Ishchenko (Maylands).

WA finished a narrow second behind Victoria in the 18th Australian Amateur Football Carnival held in Launceston.

Players selected in the All-Australian team included Dave Perry (overall fairest and best in the Carnival), Dave Higgins, Justin Cook and Brad Dunn.

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The Bulldogs revival will continue

SOUTH Fremantle's resurgence this year, after a disastrous 1987 season, has been nothing short of a miracle.

The Bulldogs made a complete turnaround to reach the first semi-final against traditional rivals East Fremantle — and despite their loss to the Sharks, South Fremantle's 1988 effort was outstanding.

The club's managing director, Harold Harper, was happy with the way that Souths moved from last in 1987 to finish third on the premiership table.

"I am very pleased with the way the club is progressing," said Harper.

"Our success this year definitely made up for the disappointment of last year."

There were a number of first-year players who helped in Souths resurgence. One, in particular, was the burly Mark Bayliss, whose strong marking and long, accurate kicking saw him take the WAFL by storm this year.

John Ditchburn made his way to the city after a prolonged stint in the country and was a stalwart on the half-back flank. Doug Gibb was another first-year player and he also featured well in defence.

CAMPAIGNERS

Players who came of age in the 1988 season were Peter Sumich, Scott Waters and John MacDonald and their work with experienced campaigners Maurice Rioli and Craig Edwards ensured success.

South are looking to the future with great confidence.

"We are now looking at ways of making better use of our facilities at Fremantle Oval," says Harper.

"We are attempting to establish Fremantle Oval as a function centre and we will probably de-licence our bar so the people of Fremantle can make better of our facilities.

"We're confident that South Fremantle will continue to be a powerful football force in WA."



Bruce Monteath



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Rob Wiley

PERTH are destined to revive the prosperous years of the late 1970s after a highly-improved 1988 season that saw them double their premiership points from last year and miss the finals by just one game.

Coach Robert Wiley has finely-tuned the young Perth side into an economical machine and their 12 wins this season warranted a berth in the finals, after residing in the four for most of the year.

Wiley has helped seasoned players like Warren Nicholas, Willie Dick, Joe Santostefano and Dempsey Narkle develop into top performers and this was one of the main reasons for Perth's good year.

Youngsters such as Brad Edwards, the Cable brothers, Barry and Shane, Barry Taylor and Brad Fox all showed that they are worthy of League representation in the future.

DEPTH

Newly-appointed General Manager Howard Manly believes that there is enormous depth in the club and this can be seen with the reserves side winning the grand final.

"There are many players in that side who are about to make their move into League ranks," said Manly.

No doubt one of these players is Prendergast Medal winner Tony Tomizzi, who is expected to have a big impact on League ranks next year.

Now in their second year at the WACA Ground, Manly says that Perth will be waiting on the WAFL's Review Report before they send out their annual general meeting notice to members — who will then vote on whether or not the club should stay at the WACA.

Pennant Holdings, Western Valley Fruit Juice, John Holland Group, Falcon Australia and Minefields Exploration have been Perth's major sponsors this year.

"Without major sponsors such as those, it would be hard to exist," said Manly.

"For that reason I believe every sponsor is important to us and deserve their place in the club."



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SUBIACO'S long-range plan of becoming a football power has been achieved much quicker than anyone could possibly imagine.

The club's second premiership in four years and their fourth consecutive grand final confirms that their rise has not been an overnight success; more a solid foundation for the future.

Subiaco General Manager Michael Flanagan believes that this is a result of hard work and perseverance.

"Our fourth successive year in the grand final indicates that our long-term planning has paid off," said Flanagan.

"Our members have had good value for their dollar in the last few seasons.

PLAYER LOSSES

Coach Haydn Bunton had to deal with a major player-drain at the start of this year and last year — but his continual emphasis on hard work, perseverance and team loyalty has paid off.

Bunton used 44 players in 1988 and blended 12 first year players in with his experienced camp.

Players such as Andrew Brice, John Georgiades, Mick Lee and Paul Higgins came of age this year and worked in well with rookies Gavin Keyser, Brett Heady, Paul Cox and Garry Kemp.

The reserves and under-19s sides also performed well and only one straight kick prevented the Lions from playing in all three premierships when the under-19s lost by six points in the preliminary final.

This indicates that the club's metropolitan zone has continued to be a good breeding ground — and Subiaco are also now getting value out of the once-strong Kalgoorlie area.

"We have had excellent sponsor support and many of those people who backed us when we were down have stayed with us and enjoyed the success," said Flanagan.

"The influence of Western Underwriters has been tremendous and now we've added Bond Brewing as a major supporter as well."



Haydn Bunton



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Sharks plan to go one better



Graham Melrose

FOR the second year in succession, East Fremantle have fallen one game short of reaching the grand final — and the coming off-season will be spent planning on how to rectify that situation.

Under coach Graham Melrose, East Fremantle started the season in fine style, winning 10 of the first 13 games. But, unfortunately, the Sharks ran cold for the latter part of the season.

However, they hit their straps when it counted and earned a finals berth against traditional rivals South Fremantle. Their resounding win saw them play Subiaco in the preliminary final, which they lost by just three points right on the siren.

STRONGEST

Despite this loss, East Fremantle are one of the strongest clubs in the competition and their player-depth ensures that the club will stay in this position.

The Sharks used 43 players this season, 13 of whom were first year rookies with a reputation for having an exciting blend of youth and potential.

General Manager Bob Uittenbroek says that sponsorship was maintained at its usual high level and support for the club was strong.

"Sponsorship started slowly, but thanks to continued backing from Magic Toyota, who have been strong and loyal supporters of the club, it grew as the season progressed," said Uittenbroek.

East Fremantle's strong membership core continues to follow the on-field and off-field activities of the club.

HIGHLIGHTS

"Members have stuck with us throughout the season and we have had an excellent social programme, with a sell-out at many events," he says.

"Among the highlights of the year were Con Regan's special night, the club's 90th birthday celebrations and Brian Peake breaking the games-played record."

The minor grades at East Fremantle continue to be strong and this ensures a constant player base coming up through the club. Many critics believe that the emerging talent coming up is the best in the club's history.



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The Falcons plan for the future



Stan Magro

The season of '88 has seen West Perth unveil some exciting young stars and, despite the side's indifferent form, they can look forward to a bright future.

Off-field activities continue to prosper as membership maintains its usual high levels.

West Perth Chief Executive, Graeme Pleydell, believes that support for the club is as good as ever.

"The members have come back strongly this year and this is good because membership revenue is still important," said Pleydell.

The next three years are important for West Perth, as big changes are planned for football's future.

"West Perth see their future in the northern residential corridor and would like to think that the club can be re-located in the Joondalup region by 1992," said Pleydell.

"The membership is moving away from Leederville. There is tremendous growth out in the northern suburbs and that's where the club should be."

DIVIDENDS

While coach Bruce Monteath has relinquished the reins as coach, his policy of promoting young players has paid big dividends.

Players such as Malcolm Williams, Neil Jackson, Darren O'Brien and Nathan Higgins have impressed in WAFL ranks and will form the base of West Perth's playing strength.

Those youngsters, combined with the experience of Gavin Wake, Phil Bradmore, Craig Turley, Dan Foley and Craig Nelson, has the potential to form a powerful football force.

With Monteath's retirement, there are a number of experienced and highly-credentialed past players knocking on the coaching door to help the Falcons advance.

There is sure to be a strong "Back to West Perth" theme adopted by the new coaching regime.

The Falcons have developed a strong core of loyalty to their players in recent seasons and while that gap between their last premiership continues to widen, the determination to close it gets stronger.

Royals plan to start '89 in fine style

IT'S almost become traditional for East Perth to come good at the end of a season — and escape the wooden spoon with last-ditch encouraging performances.

But the Royals are confident that the 1989 season will definitely take off from where this year has finished — with some much-improved early-season efforts and a strong tilt at finishing in the top four.

East Perth's depth has increased considerably in the last two seasons, with both their reserves and under-19s becoming powerful sides again. The talent in the younger brigade is impressive and the club can expect to see plenty of new names pressing for league guernseys next year.

Support for the Royals is still strong. "Our members base has been tremendous," says Alex (Marbles) Wilson.

SPONSORSHIP

"We've been really pleased with our membership response and sponsorship particularly has been solid.

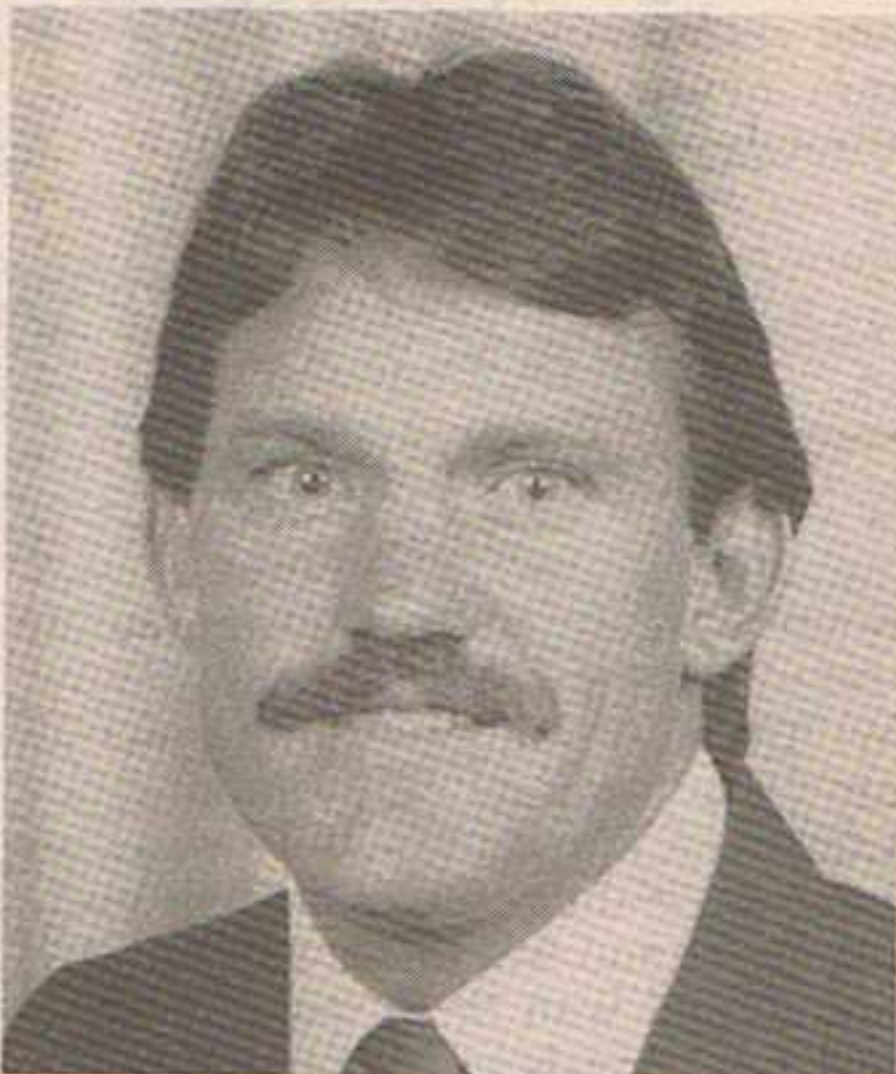
"Our move to the WACA Ground was hindered by quite a few little problems — particularly the late finish of the Southern Stand.

"But we'll iron out all those bugs for next season and members will be a lot better off at the WACA. It's made a huge difference to our sponsorship income and that can obviously increase more next season."

East Perth were again proud "owners" of the Sandover Medallist with dashing David Bain being the club's seventh winner in 11 years.

The club can also take pride in their continual development of top-quality footballers and while members can justifiably look with regret at former Royals playing elsewhere, there is still plenty of satisfaction knowing that they were East Perth originally.

Certainly the sight of former Royal Greg Carpenter holding up the Premiership Cup for Subiaco and another Royal in Craig Edwards being a gracious runner-up in the Sandover Medal, still generate a feeling of pride for East Perth people.



Gerard McNeil

Tigers still have plenty of depth



Gerard Neesham

CLAREMONT'S continued dominance at the top of the WAFL competition tree seems certain to guarantee their high-rating performances for the years to come.

For the second consecutive year, the Tigers have taken out the Pat Rodriguez Shield for the best-performed club over the three grades — and, again for the second successive year, all three teams competed in the second semi-finals.

The influence of captain-coach Gerard Neesham is mainly responsible for Clarendon's on-field success. But there has been a solid behind-the-scenes build-up in Tigerland for some years, going as deep as the junior ranks, where the Tigers Cup operation has been an integral part of the feeding of league-quality players.

"The work we have done in our metropolitan and country zones in the last few years has really paid off," says Alan Moore, Clarendon's general manager.

Under Neesham's influence, the Tigers have blooded 22 newcomers to senior ranks — many of whom have already established themselves as senior players and most of the others have promising futures.

OPERATIONS

His role as on-field leader of a young side was extended to the interstate arena this year, where he also showed his impressive coaching qualities, particularly his ability to communicate with young sports people.

Clarendon have tightened up their administrative operations this year, mindful of the restrictions now placed on WAFL clubs. There has been no reckless spending and the cash register has been tightly secured.

By contrast, the Tigers supporters have rallied to the cause and a number of functions proved to be outstanding successes. The traditional Tigers banquet auction drew the biggest crowd ever.

"Despite the difficulties in selling football this year, we have been most impressed with our member support," says Moore.

"We believe that the WAFL competition is on the way back with fans drifting away from the Eagles, or at least sharing their football loyalties. Next year will be even more of a stabilising year."

SWANS WORK TO GET BACK TO THE TOP

SWAN Districts might have slipped to the bottom of the premiership table on the playing fields — but off-field their team is working hard towards a revival.

Swans have experienced a considerable on the playing field — but lowing on from their hat-trick of premierships, the cost was high in terms of player losses and it will take time for the breeding ground to redevelop.

But president Bill Walker — a stern task-master when it comes to developing good players — is determined to see the black-and-whites return to power and has assured members that a long-range resurrection plan will be put in place over summer.

"We lost too many players over last summer and that won't happen again," says general manager Brian Close.

"Coach Ed Blackaby is already out and about speaking to potential footballers and we're confident that a lot of former players will be back at Bassen-dean next season.

OPPORTUNITY

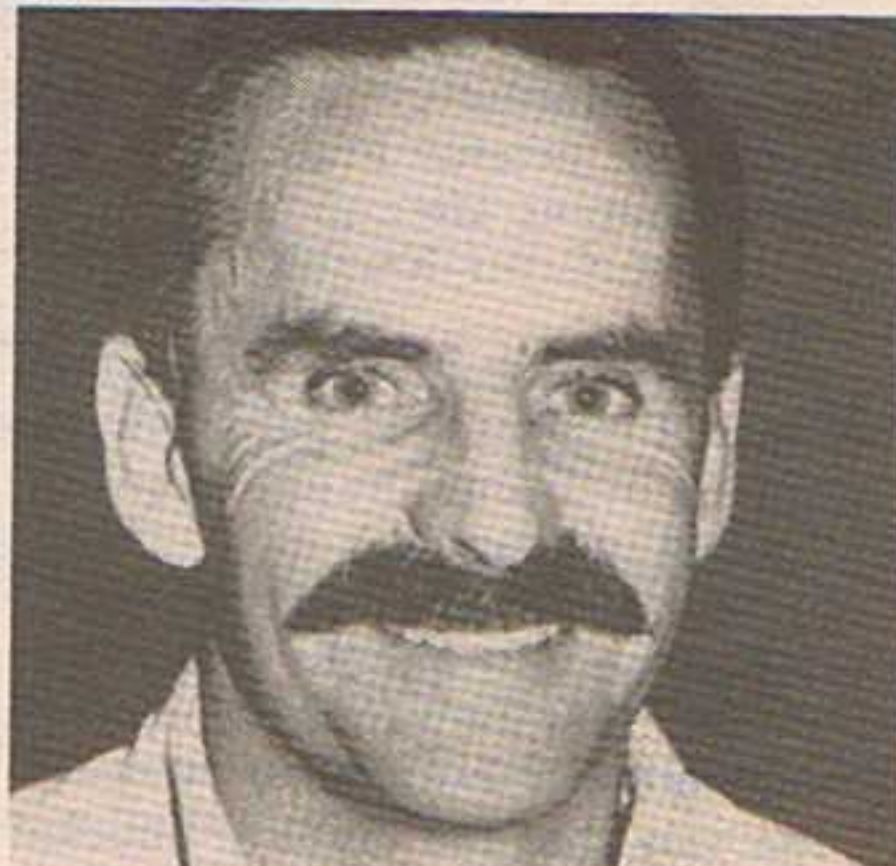
"We believe that the WAFL still offers a good standard of football; it's still the best opportunity to play league football on the way to the VFL and we're confident that there are enough good, young players out there to help us revive next season."

Swans have already made moves to entice such big-name players as Brad Shine and Jon Fogarty back to league ranks after spells in Victoria and there's a strong possibility that former captain Don Langford will return to action.

Sponsorship and membership continue to be healthy at Swans, despite the club's lack of success and many functions during the year attracted big crowds.

But it all comes back to the on-field performance and Close believes that Swans will have to revive their playing strength next season to prove that they are not a spent force.

"We'll be building up our depth and we're confident that will make for better competition within the club," says Close, who is adamant that the depth in the Swans junior ranks is healthy enough to keep providing young players.



Ed Blackaby



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Bunbury into grand final — just

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DENIS HEANEY

BUNBURY had to rely on the last kick of the day to beat Carey Park in a thrilling preliminary final at Hands Oval last Sunday.

Bunbury rover Kelvin Gribble kicked his team into the 1988 grand final when he ran into an open goal and steered the team's 21st major through the middle.

Bunbury won by two points — 21.11 to 20.15 — and now face South Bunbury in this Sunday's grand final.

Bunbury captain Steve Larsson led his side by example and turned in a match-winning performance, making life easy for rover Kim Gibbs, who also played well.

Live-wire half-forward Wayne Davis was a constant danger in the forward line as were Ashley Collard and Greg Fletcher, who each bagged five majors.

An unlucky Carey Park, who kicked inaccurately early in the game, were best-served by veterans Keith Narkle, Mark Skehan and Reg Stack.

INTERCHANGE

Sean O'Callaghan (five goals) played strongly after coming off the interchange bench midway through the first term.

The stage is now set for the first Bunbury derby grand final since 1962 and only the fourth grand final between these long-standing arch rivals, with Bunbury having won two of their three previous premierships battles.

There will be several spectacular duels such as Peter Upton versus Greg Fletcher, Gavin Thornton opposed to Steve Eaton and the important ruck duel between Jamie O'Donoghue and Steve Larsson.

The experienced running players of South Bunbury, who are ideally suited to the wide open spaces of Hands Oval, are expected to give them the edge.

However, the loss of motivator Clayton Lewis with a broken jaw is a serious blow to South, who are tipped to win a game which will be a lot closer than many people anticipate.

Umpires do well

UMPIRING at finals time often comes under great scrutiny. However, quite the opposite greeted Peter Mills and Murray Stevens after their performance in the Great Northern Football League.

Their display in the first semi-final between Brigades and Railways was one of the best umpiring efforts seen in Geraldton football.

The fiery encounter was controlled perfectly by pair and the match was allowed to flow on with their presence remaining relatively inconspicuous.

The way that the umpires handled the tough clashes won them many fans. The few skirmishes never looked like getting out of hand.

The flow-on game was well worth watching and the one point loss to Railways could not be blamed on bad umpiring.

HAT-TRICK

YOUNG Collie footballer Justin Drifill took out the hat-trick of trophies when the Bunbury and Districts Junior Football Association had its vote-counting night. He was a clear winner in the Mines Rovers 16s fairest and best, plus taking the association's fairest and best trophy and the Paul Motors overall junior champion.

Wesfarmers present ... COUNTRY ROUND-UP



Larry Dwyer enjoys his premiership speech.

TREBLE PROSPECT

FORMER South Fremantle player Larry Dwyer was considering retiring as coach of Southern Districts side Royals after this season — but that was before their grand final victory. Royals have now won back-to-back premierships and the prospect of being the first Southern Districts coach to make it three in a row could entice another year out of Dwyer.

DOUBLE DOSE

THERE were plenty of celebrations in Kojonup when the Central Great Southern grand finals were contested. In fact, it was a double dose with the Kojonup Magpies flying the 1988 league and reserves flags. Kojonup's league side denied Kukerin successive flags, winning their first since 1981, with a record crowd of 3404 people at Kupara Park for the big day.

Bairstow takes Graham Medal

LAKE Grace player and Wesfarmers All-Stars team member, Noel Bairstow, has won the Leo Graham Medal for the fairest and best player in the Upper Great Southern League.

He polled 19 votes to win from former East Perth and current Railways star, Ian Scrimshaw, who finished with 17 votes.

This is how players from their respective clubs polled:-

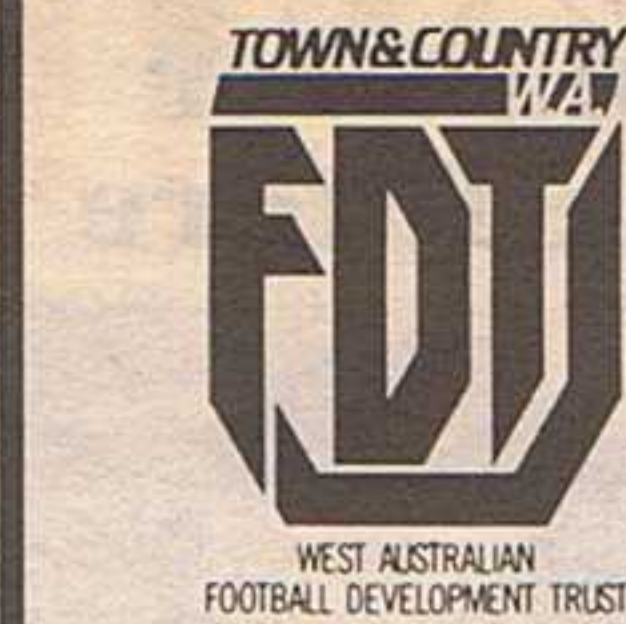
Lake Grace — (winner) Noel Bairstow 19, John Walton 8, Ken Kirk 3. Railways — (runner-up) Ian Scrimshaw 17, Dean Winning 11, Scott Heil 4. Towns — David Webb 16, Lindsay Borthwick 8, Rob Klasztorny 7. Wickpin — Greg Doyle 16, Brendon Ugle 8, Grant Davenport 6. Wagin — Darryl Hart 15, Paul Rowe 9, Michael Hutton 7. Williams — Warren Cowcher 13, Murray Ford 12, Wayne Coles 6. West Arthur — Peter Slater 11, Brad Barton 10, Charlie Staite 9. Pingelly — Brett Blechynden 11, Kerrin Ugle 7, Albert Humphries 7. Boddington-Ross Wharton 9, Gary Winter-ton 8, Glen Withers 5.

ROYALS CHAMPS

ALBANY club Royals have won the Southern Districts club championship award for the second year in a row. With three rounds remaining, Royals are in an unbeatable position. Their league side are on top with 13 wins from 14 outings; the reserves are third with nine wins and five losses and the colts are second with three losses from 14 matches. Royals win a cheque for \$100 from the Claremont Football Club.

COUNTRY FINALS

GREAT NORTHERN — Second semi-final — Colts: St Patricks 13.19 b Northampton 6.3. Reserves: Mullewa 26.17 b Railways 10.6. League: Mullewa 18.17 b Rovers 9.13.
SOUTH WEST — Preliminary final — League: Bunbury 21.11 b Carey Park 20.15. Reserves: Carey Park 16.16 b South Bunbury 10.14. Colts: Mines Rovers 14.11 b Bunbury 11.10.
UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN — Preliminary final — League: Towns 13.19 b Boddington 9.12. Reserves: Railways 16.10 b Towns 7.10. Colts: Pingelly 13.13 b Williams 6.3.
GOLDFIELDS — Preliminary final — Colts: Boulder 16.15 b Kambalda 4.6. Reserves: Boulder 15.22 b Kambalda 10.2. League: Kalgoorlie 11.17 b Kambalda 11.16.



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 BEST: SUBIACO: Keene, Georgiades, B. Taylor, Lee, Breman, N. Taylor. CLAREMONT: Neesham, Pyke, Povey, Allan, D. O'Connell, Thorne.
 Played at Subiaco Oval. Umpires Phil O'Reilly, David Johnson. Subiaco won the toss and kicked to the western end with the wind. Attendance 28,183.

HOW THEY LINED UP SUBIACO

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 Half-forwards: John Georgiades, Shane Cocker, Glen Hutchison.
 Forwards: Brian Taylor, Todd Breman, Brett Heady.
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CLAREMONT

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 Centres: Mark Hann, Ben Allan, Tony Begovich.
 Half-forwards: Dale Kickett, David O'Connell, Gerard Neesham.
 Forwards: Mark Brayshaw, Peter Melesso, Joe Ahmat.
 Ruck: Peter Higgins, Peter Thorne, Don Pyke.
 Interchange: Cameron Lewis, Michael O'Connell.

PRIME RESERVES

PERTH 2.7 7.9 8.15 10.20 80
 SUBIACO 2.4 4.7 7.7 9.8 62
 GOALS: PERTH: Zaikos 3, Farmer 1, Kelly 1, Baker 1, Alvaro 1, Young 1, Clarkson 1, Newman 1. SUBIACO: Mort 2, Zampogna 2, Cox 1, Sloan 1, Caldwell 1, Cope 1, Keyser 1.
 BEST: PERTH: Farmer, Fancote, Zaikos, Clarkson, Bogaards, Kelly. SUBIACO: Caldwell, Read, Bell, Cox, Rattray, Cope.
 Umpires Glen Lee, Mike Ball.

WAFL UNDER-19s

CLAREMONT 3.6 6.7 7.10 10.12 72
 EASTPERTH 2.1 6.5 7.9 9.11 65
 GOALS: CLAREMONT: Ridley 5, Mann 2, Geneve 1, Creed 1, Major 1. EAST PERTH: Cumming 2, Taylor 2, Softley 2, Gangemi 1, Anni-son 1, Crotty 1.
 BEST: CLAREMONT: Mann, Painter, Guard. EAST PERTH: Baron, Roberts, Ionnakis.
 Umpires Bryon Hadjimihalakis, Greg Scroop.

VFL

PRELIMINARY FINAL

MELBOURNE 6.3 9.4 16.5 19.6 120
 CARLTON 1.3 9.6 10.8 14.14 98
 GOALS: MELBOURNE: Jackson 5, Wight 4.1, Lyon 3.2, Lovell 1.1, Flintoff 1.1, Healy 1, Williams 1, Yeats 1, Wilson 1, O'Dwyer 1.
 CARLTON: Sartori 4.3, Kernahan 4.1, Blackwell 2, Murphy 2, Naley 1.1, Gleeson 1.
 BEST: MELBOURNE: Lyon, Jackson, Wight, Stretch, Flintoff, Duursma, Lovell. CARLTON: Bradley, Sartori, Madden, Gleeson, Naley, Kernahan.
 Played at VFL Park. Umpires Ross Castle, Rowan Sawers. Attendance 68,616.

VFL RESERVES

NORTH MELBOURNE 4.4 7.7 12.12 17.15 117
 ESSENDON 1.1 8.3 10.4 14.8 92
 GOALS: NORTH MELBOURNE: Love 5, S. Smith 3, Buckley 2, Romero 2, Lisle 1, Dwyer 1, Hepburn 1, B. Harris 1, Rock 1.
 ESSENDON: Plain 4, N. Walsh 3, Bourke 3, C. Daniher 1, Winton 1, Considine 1, Somerville 1.
 BEST: NORTH MELBOURNE: Romero, Buckley, S. Smith, Steele, Love. ESSENDON: Francis, Plain, Considine, Bailey, Bourke, Moore.
 Umpires Stephen Luckman, Bryan Sheehan.

UNDER 19s

ESSENDON 1.2 6.5 8.7 10.10 70
 GEELONG 2.3 3.5 7.6 7.12 54
 GOALS: ESSENDON: Lopson 5, Kennaway 2, Daffey 1, Barrow 1, Davies 1. GEELONG: Mansfield 2, Keast 1, Crosby 1, Hill 1, Wiffen 1, Wills 1.
 BEST: ESSENDON: Pannell, Boyden, Davies, Lopson, Tonks, Tranter. GEELONG: McDonald, Pacor, Payne, Peters, Mansfield.
 Umpires Brett Allen, Shane Urwin.

SANFL

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

PORT ADELAIDE 3.9 5.14 9.15 10.17 77
 NORWOOD 0.0 0.1 1.1 2.5 17
 GOALS: PORT ADELAIDE: Hodges 2, Brown 2, D. Smith 2, Ginever 1, Obst 1, R. Smith 1, Foster 1. NORWOOD: R. Maynard 1, Ducker 1.
 BEST: PORT ADELAIDE: Phillips, R. Smith, Foster, Leslie, Fiacchi, Ginever. NORWOOD: Fosdike, Helyar, Richardson, Scanlon, Warhurst.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL

GLENELG 1.0 9.3 10.4 12.9 81
 CENTRALS 1.10 4.10 6.16 7.18 60
 GOALS: GLENELG: West 4, Gibbs 3, Melican 1, Marshall 1, Hewett 1, Budarick 1, Hodgeman 1. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Mandemaker 3, Lee 1, Lally 1, van Dommele 1, Prior 1.
 BEST: GLENELG: Gibbs, McDermott, Salisbury, Hodgeman, West, Carey. CENTRAL DISTRICT: Kickett, Lee, Chaplin, Bubner, Girdham.

OTHER STATES

TASMANIA: TFL Grand Final: Devonport 15.7 (97) b Glenorchy 8.6 (54). NTFL grand final: East Devonport 20.7 (127) b Burnie 18.14 (122).
 VFA: Grand final: Coburg 16.18 (114) b Williamstown 12.15 (87).
 SYDNEY: Grand final: Campbelltown 13.10 (88) b East Sydney 8.9 (37).
 BRISBANE: Southport 6.12 (48) b Windsor-Zillmere 4.5 (37). Wilston-Grange 12.12 (84) b Morningside 8.17 (65).

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Total Points	Games Played	Ave Rating	2nd Semi	Prelim v EF	G. Final v C	Total Points	Games Played	Average Rating	2nd Semi	G. Final v Subl	
BELL, John	10	3	3.3	-	-	AITKEN, Michael	39	7	5.5	-	
BREMAN, Todd	104	21	4.9	4	6	7	ALLAN, Ben	132	21	6.2	6
BROWN, Clinton	81	14	5.7	4	5	6	AHMAT, Joe	36	7	5.1	7
BRICE, Andrew	116	20	5.8	6	6	6	BEGOVICH, Tony	98	17	5.4	7
CALDOW, Richard	27	5	5.4	-	-	-	BERESFORD, Brian	26	5	5.2	-
CARPENTER, Greg	61	13	4.6	6	6	6	BEVERIDGE, Todd	11	2	5.5	-
CALDWAY, Richard	127	21	6.0	6	4	5	BRAYSHAW, Mark	102	18	5.6	6
COCKER, Shane	4	1	4.0	-	-	-	BEERS, Tony	108	19	5.6	5
COOPER, John	39	7	5.5	5	-	-	BUCKLEY, Damon	4	1	4.0	-
COPE, Tony	18	4	4.5	-	4r	-	BURTON, Paul	4	1	4.0	-
COX, Paul	125	21	5.9	6	5	6	COURT, David	58	12	4.8	-
DARGIE, Ian	7	2	3.5	-	-	-	DHUE, Ryan	5	1	5.0	-
FEATHERBY, Peter	18	4	4.5	-	-	-	EDWARDS, Scott	100	17	5.8	-
FIELD, Richard	109	19	5.7	7	7	7	ELLIOTT, Matt	9	2	4.5	-
GEORGIADES, John	20	4	5.0	-	-	-	GILBERT, Phil	6	2	3.0	-
GOLDING, Wayne	44	9	4.8	-	6	5l	HANN, Mark	113	19	5.9	1
HEADY, Brett	25	6	4.1	-	-	-	HIGGINS, Peter	40	8	5.0	6
HIGGINS, Paul	7	2	3.5	-	-	-	HUTTON, John	41	8	5.1	5
HOOVER, Stephen	67	12	5.5	4	5	5	JAMES, Peter	61	13	4.6	5
HUTCHINSON, Bret	58	11	5.2	6	6	5	JONES, Geoff	23	5	4.6	-
HUTCHESON, Glen	111	19	5.8	4	4	6r	KICKETT, Dale	55	11	5.0	6
JENNINGS, Mick	60	13	4.6	6	4	6	KRAKOUER, Billy	39	8	4.8	-
JONES, Graham	27	5	5.4	-	8	8	LEWIS, Cam	93	17	5.4	4r
KEENE, Laurie	66	13	5.0	-	4	5	LEWIS, Chris	11	2	5.5	-
KEMP, Garry	23	5	4.6	-	-	-	McKENNA, Guy	6	1	6.0	-
KEYSER, Gavin	6	1	6.0	-	-	-	MELESSO, Peter	99	19	5.2	7
LANGSON, Karl	117	19	6.1	6	4r	6	MORTON, Noel	70	13	5.3	8
LEE, Michael	5	1	5.0	-	-	-	NEESHAM, Gerard	81	13	6.2	-
LINDBERG, Jonas	64	11	5.8	1	-	-	O'CONNELL, David	75	14	5.3	-
MacNISH, Andrew	23	6	3.8	-	-	-	O'CONNELL, Michael	30	6	5.0	5
MORT, Michael	60	11	5.0	4	-	-	OWENS, Peter	89	16	5.5	6
MONAGHAN, Bill	6	2	3.0	-	-	-	POVEY, Grant	123	21	5.8	7
MONAGHAN, Steve	115	20	5.7	4	6	6	PYKE, Don	127	21	5.8	7
MCDUGALL, Brad	3	1	3.0	-	-	-	SHEPHERD, Cam	12	2	6.0	-
PIGGOTT, Darren	44	10	4.4	-	-	-	SUTHERLAND, Brian	79	15	5.2	-
RATTRAY, Alex	24	6	4.0	-	-	-	SCOTT, John	100	20	5.0	6
READ, Damien	4	1	4.0	-	-	-	THOMSON, Mal	91	18	5.0	-
ROSICH, Stephen	23	5	4.6	4	4	4	THORNE, Peter	79	13	6.0	7
SPARKS, Kevan	53	10	5.3	-	-	-	URQUHART, Julian	12	2	6.0	4
SULLIVAN, John	89	15	5.9	6	6	6	YARRAN, Nicky	14	3	4.6	-
TAYLOR, Neil	126	21	6.0	7	5	7					
TAYLOR, Brian	105	21	5.0	4	-	6					
WILLET, Rod	9	2	4.5	-	-	-					
WILKINSON, Greg	15	3	5.0	-	-	-					
ZANOTTI, Mark											

Peter Borello's now-famous Buccaneer of the Year has two winners in 1988 — Claremont centreman Ben Allan and Perth midfielder Joe Santostefano.

They finished equal on points after producing some highly-consistent football during the season — and will share the Buccaneer Pools \$1000 gold medallion and \$1000 in cash.

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WAFL football administrator John O'Connell congratulates Lions coach Haydn Bunton as he threads his way through the crowd.



LEFT: Karl Langdon did not get the chance to qualify for the finals with Subiaco, but he still enjoyed the victory and was in the thick of things after the game, hugging defender Kevan Sparks and getting a pat on the head from Ian Dargie.

The Lions players had every reason to smile and Bret Hutchinson (left), Rod Willet (centre) and Mick Jennings were loving every minute of it.

Glory, Glory Subiaco...



There is no hiding the feelings of Brad McDougall ... and also Brian Taylor.



Two little men with big hearts ... former captain Neil Taylor embraces coach Haydn Bunton.