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# ALL FIRED UP!

by **GEORGE TEMPLE**

**FIERY** Karl Langdon has no plans to curb his aggressiveness in his second season of VFL action.

In fact, the man who was rubbed out for six weeks by the VFL tribunal in 1988 for over-indulgence in rough play, wants to get even tougher.

"I've put what happened in 1988 out of my mind," says Langdon. "I can't wait for the season to start."

## Tough cookie Karl aims to get tougher

"I'm ready and the Eagles are ready, but is the rest of the VFL ready for us?" the peroxide-headed Langdon asked.

"I think the Eagles will make the first three this season. My form was indifferent in '88, but I plan to make amends this year."

Indifferent or not, Langdon certainly made a big impact in VFL ranks.

His aggressive tactics in forward positions and on the ball made him a fearsome opponent. He believes he has even become a marked man.

"When we played Melbourne, Rod Grinter started on me, but they quickly switched Steven Stretch onto me," the Eagles ace said.

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## WE'RE BACK

FOOTBALL 1989-style is ready to kick off... and WA's only weekly newspaper is right there at the centre bouncedown.

The West Coast Eagles launch their '89 VFL finals bid at the WACA Ground on Friday night against Essendon and on Saturday week, the WAFL competition kicks off with a full round of club fixtures.

And your favourite writers are back... PLUS... we've added Claremont premiership coach Gerard Neesham to our team and we have plenty of other big names on the line-up as well.

State coach Ron Alexander talks about the West Coast Gypsies; flamboyant Peter Bosustow is having a shot at the player-drain from the Eagles; Grant Dorrington has high hopes about the WAFL standard this season and Ian Miller farewells one of the game's greats.

AND, on the interchange bench coming into action next week is Australia's foremost TV commentator, Dennis Cometti...

Known to his mates as Boris, Langdon accepted the Princess sponge like a true champion. Miss Maud thought it was the best way for the youngster to start his second year of VFL football. The Eagle is looking to celebrate the occasion by blitzkriegering the Bombers at the WACA Ground on Friday. After the match he'll celebrate his birthday properly with 250 friends in the East Perth function rooms. It was 21st birthday time on Tuesday for Eagles star Karl Langdon and Perth restaurateur Miss Maud presented the young firebrand with a surprise cake.

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## SHARK ATTACK

READERS of the East Fremantle annual report would have smirked at the story about the one that got away from Ray Sterrett, Brad Rowe and Clinton Wolf during an end-of-the-season fishing trip. The sun-bronzed trio turned a lighter shade of pale as they pulled up a weighted line off the Abrolhos Islands. The catch was white, pointy and big — and it was a quick vote that agreed to let it go and get out of the area! With a few more Sharks like that, East Fremantle would be putting the fear of God into all WAFL players this season.

## COACHES GROUP

THE development of Australian Rules Football in Queensland has been further emphasised with the formation of a Coaches Association similar to the trend-setting group first established in WA. Former East Perth and Fitzroy player Kevin O'Keeffe, who is coaching Coorparoo, in the QAF, is the group's initial convenor and Brisbane Bears coach Peter Knights is association president.

## MERCY MISSION

THERE was a special reason for media man and umpire Brad Bietzel making the trip to Ireland with the North Fremantle amateurs last October — he wanted to extricate the famous trophy that father Harry had left in Ireland on his last trip with the Galahs when they found the opposition a little tough. Brad succeeded in unbolting the historic trophy and guarding it with his life on the long plane journey home. However, he had trouble convincing the Irish air hostess on British Airways that this big box would be much safer sitting on his lap than being shoved down in the cargo hold.

## Royals Reunion

EAST Perth are planning a reunion of their 1972 premiership team at Mal Brown's Peppermint Grove home on April 9. The controversial Brown, who was captain-coach of that Royals side, is organising the reunion. The function would be a great opportunity for East Perth's current league squad to meet such past champion players as Ron Alexander, who helped make up the side that beat Claremont by 15 points in the 1972 grand final. Brown said there would be a barbeque and the past players would be challenging the "youngsters" to a tennis competition. Knowing Brownie, he will have devised a set of rules to ensure that his side cannot lose.



Peter Featherby ... signing off after 19 years.

## BYE BYE FEATHERS

WELL, it seems as though football fans can really say farewell to Peter Featherby now that he's taken on a coaching job down in the South-West. His 1988 career was an on-again, off-again affair as he struggled to beat injuries and then jostled with the retirement decision. It seems as though he will have finished his illustrious 19-season career in WA and the VFL with one final notation against his name. In those 332 games, he has posted 278 goals and heavens-knows how many points. But the only score in his farewell season was one solitary point, posted against Swan Districts on June 4 — the last score from one of WA football's most famous sons.

## STRONG INFLUENCE

THERE will be a strong VFL influence in the VFA coaching ranks in 1989. Former Perth player Brett Yorgey — a star when he was enticed back to the Demons camp for the last half of the '88 season — will coach Port Melbourne, who are tipped to be big improvers. Geelong champion Michael Turner will coach Werribee and former ruck giant Len Thompson is in charge of Preston.

## FOOTY FEVER

FOLLOWERS of the 6PR Footy Forum show will be pleased to hear that the first programme for 1989 is at Lathlain Park this Friday.

Radio 6PR are promising plenty of vibrant entertainment, plus heaps of gossip and football controversy. Panel chairman Gary Carvolth will do his best to keep Percy Johnson and J. K. Watts quiet at the same time, with the controversial Browns — Malcolm and Rodney — having their say also. Claremont coach Gerard Neesham and commentators Dennis Cometti and Trevor Sprigg will also come in as interchange panellists on a weekly basis.

## DOUBLE BILL

SPRINGVALE, one of the improving clubs in the Victorian Football Association, have assembled a fairly healthy captain-coach and assistant coach double to their 1989 campaign. Former South Australian and Carlton ace Phil Maylin is the Springvale coach and one-time West Perth player David Palm is his assistant. Palm, who got himself into some hot water at Richmond with his over-physical tactics, was always regarded by former Falcons coach Dennis Cometti as a key player in the team's on-field planning. Palm will certainly add some bite to the VFA competition!

## SIDEWAYS SHOVE

GEELONG coach John Devine might have got the "sideways shove" when he opted out of the coaching role down that way for 1989 — but he could end up in an even more high-level post. Devine has returned to Tasmania, where he is tipped to be appointed State coach for the Apple Island's 1989 interstate battles.

## UMPIRES NEEDED IN JUNIOR RANKS

ALL junior councils in WA are in desperate need of umpires. There are about 700 football teams throughout the metropolitan area, so umpires are in demand.

Young people aged from 16 years and over have the opportunity to gain umpiring experience as well as keep physically fit.

WAFL rates of pay for junior umpiring vary from \$13 for under-9s to \$27 for under-17s, with boundary umpires for under-17s receiving \$10.

Interested people can contact their junior council or the FDT.

At a more senior level, the WAFL is still short of boundary umpires.

# Langdon set for his second year surge

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But while his 190cm, 82kg frame and cropped hairstyle make him easy to spot, the young Eagle believes it has its advantages.

"They know who I am and know they've got to move the ball fast if they don't want to get caught with it because I play the game only one way — and that's hard," he said.

At the same time Langdon's on-field appearance has given the 21-year-old insurance salesman a much higher profile.

He was just another footballer with Subiaco in 1987 until he emerged with his new hair cut and colour against South Fremantle, who then boasted peroxide-headed Mark Jackson as their full forward.

### Bold gamble

Next day the papers were full of pictures of Langdon and he became a new star.

"I like the image," Langdon says. "But I only did it for a bet. My mates said I wouldn't do it for the match with Souths. "They didn't think I had the guts to have a dig at Jacko like that."

Langdon will be in the centre for the first bounce against Essendon at the WACA Ground on Friday night.

But coach John Todd has the option using the young dynamo at centre-half—forward or full—forward.

Langdon says he doesn't care where Todd uses him.

"I just want to play," he said.

"I played full—forward in one game last season. If John had persisted with me there, I'm certain I would have bagged a heap of goals."

"He told me he moved me because he needed more aggression on the ball."



Karl Langdon ... ready to fire.

## FOOTBALL FANS!

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# FOOTY WEEK

## TRUST LAUNCHES BIG BUILD-UP FOR '89 SEASON

NEXT week is Footy Week and all West Australians are being urged to support it.

An initiative of the Football Development Trust, Footy Week is designed to enhance the standing of Australian Football in the community, and to encourage more young people and adults to play 'our game.'

FDT general manager Grant Dorrington said that Australians had a commitment to make sure the national game never died. This was one of the major reasons for the creation of the FDT.

"Australian Football is part of Australia's culture — like the kangaroo it was born and bred here," Dorrington said.

"It's unique. No-one else in the world plays it. Aussie Rules is part of our heritage.

"But it's more than a game — it's a massive sporting industry. When you take into account ground staff, food vendors, printers, journalists, coaches, players, administrators and sponsors it's surprising just how many people are involved."

Footy Week starts on April 2 and ends the following Sunday, April 9.

### Time for talks

All affiliated football bodies are involved, from the FDT, WAFL and Eagles through the junior councils, amateur, country and Sunday leagues to the women's competition.

Dorrington said it was also time that all football bodies sat around the same

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table and discussed the future of football.

We all agree that Footy Week and its aims are right for the game," he added.

Footy Week will start with a family fun day and opening ceremony — to be televised by Channel 7 — at Subiaco Oval.

All junior clubs have also been encouraged to hold their own fun days at their own grounds.

This will be followed by coaches' day on Monday, April 3, and then parents' day, umpires' day and administrators and sports trainers' day.

### Breakfast show

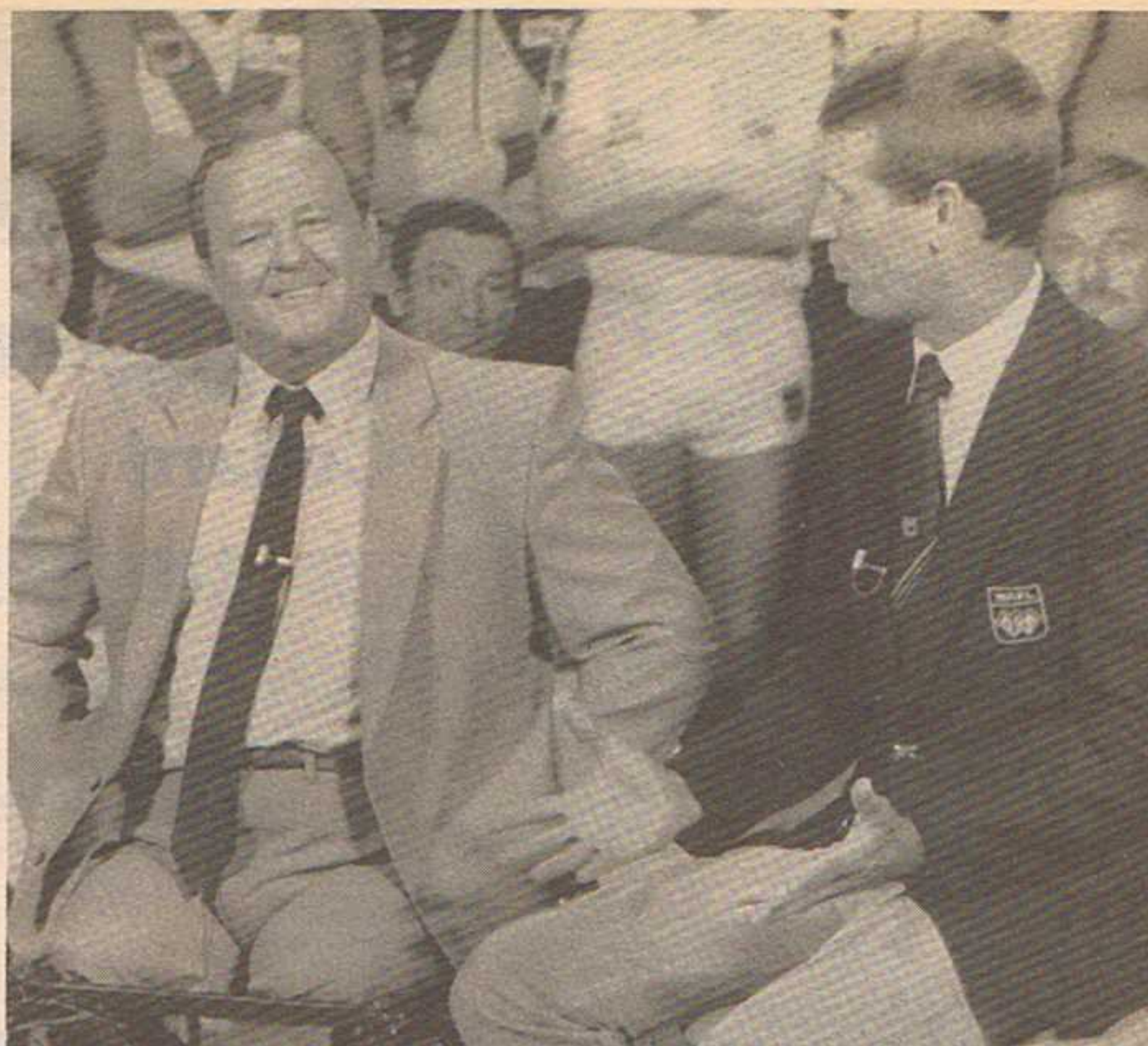
On Friday the Great Footy Breakfast, to be broadcast live on 6PR's Watts/Newman show, will see senior WAFL and Eagles players cooking sausages for primary school and Quit Cup football teams.

The WAFL season starts on the Saturday and Footy Week will conclude with the opening junior council games throughout the metropolitan area.

"Footy Week is another first in Australia," Dorrington said.

"No other Australian football code, or other sport for that matter, has endeavoured to hold a week of activities promoting their game.

"We started in a small way in 1987 but this year we've gone Statewide."



Sports Minister Graham Edwards launches last year's Footy Week with Grant Dorrington.

## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 2: Family Fun Day at Subiaco Oval. Players to be nominated by their junior clubs.

Monday, April 13: Coaches Day — Series of events to emphasise the role of the coach. Introduce 'Code of Behaviour' for all junior coaches in 1989.

Tuesday, April 4: Parents Day — Parents role to be highlighted by Radio 6PR. "Code of Behaviour" for all parents to be introduced.

Wednesday, April 5: Umpires Day — Educate students on the need and role of the umpire. Students interested in umpiring to attend sessions at local WAFL club.

Thursday, April 6: Administrators and Sports Trainers Day — Educate the need and role of both in football, particularly at secondary school level.

Friday, April 7: The Great Footy Breakfast — Clinics and competitions at Subiaco Oval, followed by "sausage sizzle" cooked by WAFL and Eagles players. Broadcast live on Radio 6PR.

Saturday, April 8: WAFL 1989 season starts.

Eagles versus Geelong, at Geelong.

Sunday, April 9: All junior council games start throughout metropolitan area.

Contact the Town and Country Football Development Trust (387 53559 for further details.



## LES'S LYRICS

6NR commentator and former Claremont and State champion LES MUMME has a different look at football.

## Time to get out and go!

Here we are in '89  
Another season set to dawn.  
The victors have had their spoils  
And the rest some time to mourn.

With the days getting shorter.  
Just one cricket game to go.  
The coaches are tuning their sides  
To put them on open show.

The start of a new season.  
Brings hope to every team.  
Could this be the year  
That in September, they'll beam.

So get out and support your sides.  
The Eagles and WAFL as one.  
There's only one sport that counts.  
For our season without sun.

## Eagles must find a permanent home

THE West Coast Gypsies will do well this season.

That's not a misprint, because gypsies they have certainly become.

The Eagles were born in October, 1986, a full 2½ years ago and they're still being shunted around.

This disgraceful situation must end soon. I've heard what the players and coaching staff are saying about their lack of a home — how it doesn't bother them and how it will help them prepare for playing under different Victorian conditions.

But the truth of the matter is that they just don't want to criticise their own administration.

That's understandable. But it's about time whoever is responsible for finding the Eagles a permanent home took account of themselves and did the job they're paid for.

So far the Eagles have trained at Leederville Oval, the Superdrome, Perth Oval, Mt Lawley Teachers College, McGillivray Oval, one of Guildford Grammar's "outback" ovals, the WACA ground and, when they're lucky, Subiaco Oval.

Being moved around like that really doesn't help the team.

Leederville Oval or Perth Oval would be fine. If not, why can't they move to one of the suburban grounds and develop facilities to suit their own requirements?

## Eagles fly out of their nest

AS the Eagles enter Year Three, half of the inaugural squad selected in 1987 are no longer wearing the coveted blue and gold.

Five players — Alex Ishchenko, Mark Zanotti, Murray Wrensted, Wally Matera and John Gastev — have left for reasons which have been well documented. Rob Wiley, Don Langford and Ross Glendinning have retired; Darren Bennett, Glen Bartlett, Paul Mifka, Glen O'Loughlin, Sean King and Dean Warwick were asked to play elsewhere, while Michael O'Con-

nell, Peter Davidson and Phil Narkle have been placed on the injured list.

Under normal circumstances, that would be a bad thing. But in the Eagles case, it was to be expected.

And I agree with John Todd that the

## Top three is the target

BACK to my original statement — the Eagles will do well this season; well enough to finish in the top three on the VFL ladder.

John Todd has 30 players of VFL standard at his disposal. Though the VFL will regard some of the new players as rookies, in fact, many of them are seasoned footballers.

The WAFL competition is a higher standard than the VFL reserves and therefore our new players are able to adjust more quickly to the faster pace of national league football.

And, for the first time, the Eagles have a tremendous advantage over the Victorians in respect to fixturing.

The Eagles will play 11 games at home and 11 away before the finals and after

squad has been strengthened. Players such as Peter Sumich, Chris Waterman and Don Pyke provide a depth the Eagles didn't have before.

We don't see these wholesale changes again. The team will settle down in the next two years, with fewer recruits and departures.

two years in the competition, they have become accustomed to the travel. It's something like 25 times now that they have flown over to Melbourne, whereas Geelong have been West just once.

The Eagles have a routine for travelling interstate, other teams don't.

Eastern States teams find it difficult to stay with the Eagles for four quarters in Perth — especially on the hard, fast Subiaco Oval open spaces.

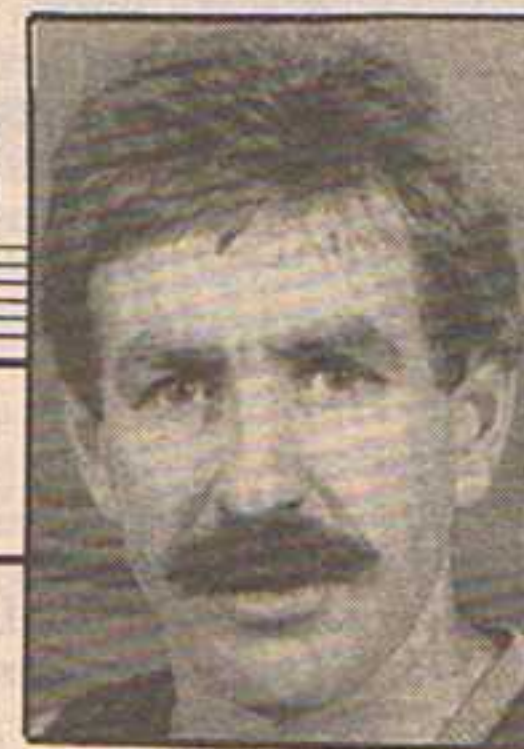
The Eagles will generally be pushed by their opposition until midway through the third quarter, when they take command and run away with the points.

Other teams haven't got the fitness to keep pace with the Eagles' running, open style of play. They get tired and lose concentration.

It happened last year and will happen again in 1989.

## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

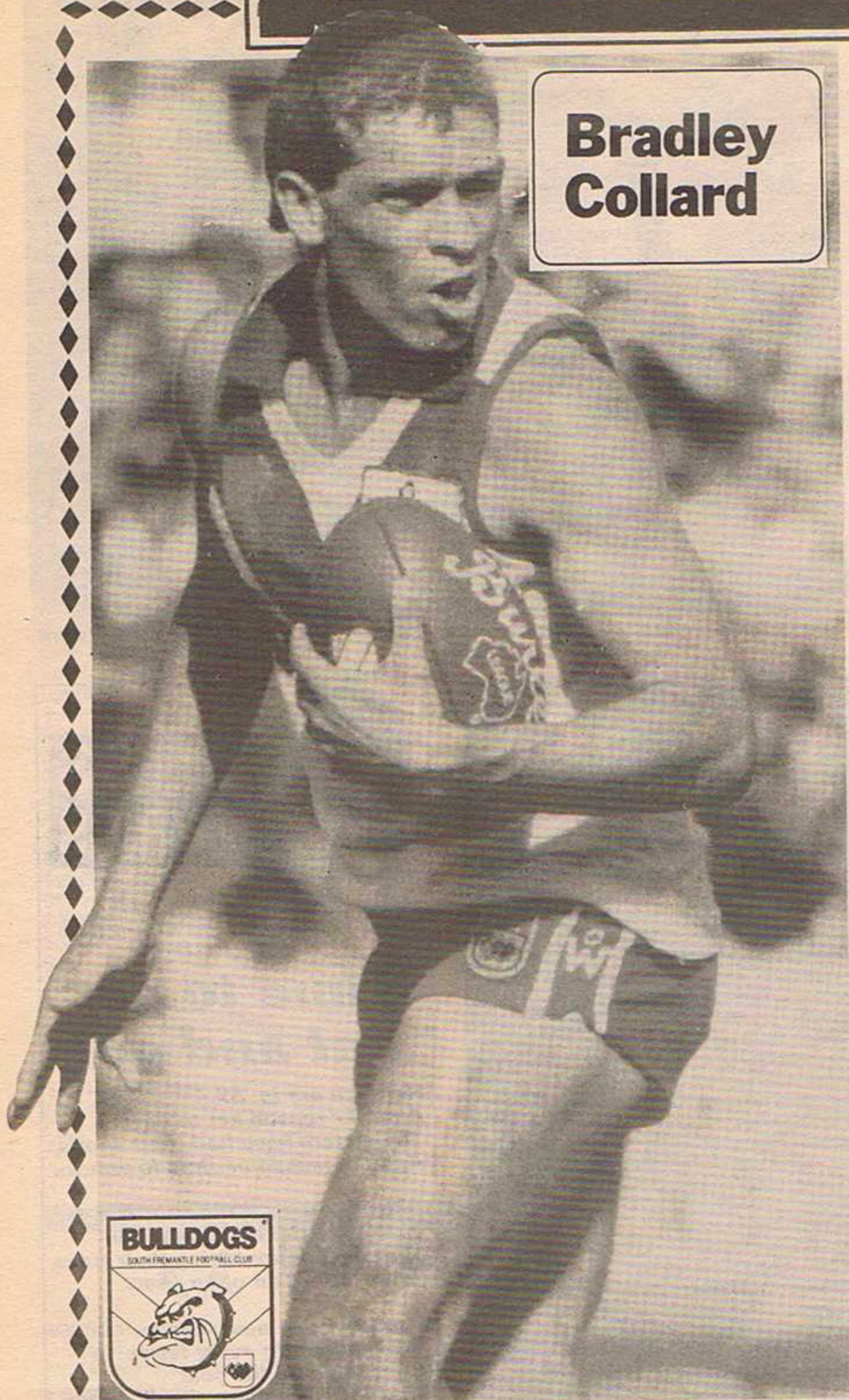
By **RON ALEXANDER**





# PLAYER PROFILES

**Bradley Collard**



**Full Name:** Bradley Collard.  
**Date of Birth:** 25/2/64. **Place of Birth:** Quairading, WA.  
**Age Started Playing:** Eight years.  
**Previous Club/s:** Quairading, Kwinana.  
**Junior Club:** Quairading.  
**Marital Status:** Single.  
**Residence:** Parkwood.  
**Occupation:** Probation officer.  
**Place of Work:** Corrective Services.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Beach, horse racing and sports in general.  
**Favourite Position:** Wing. **First Position:** Rover.  
**League Debut:** 1982. **Versus:** Swan Districts.

**FAVOURITES:**

**Actor:** Harrison Ford.  
**Drink:** Beer.  
**TV Show:** LA Law.  
**Food:** Chicken and spaghetti.  
**Movie:** Raiders of the Lost Ark.  
**Music:** All popular music.  
**Book:** Sports books.  
**Holiday Resort:** Kalbarri.  
**Ground:** Fremantle Oval.  
**Car:** Ford Laser. **Favourite Car:** Alpha Romeo.  
**Career Highlights:** Selection in the State squad, captain South Fremantle 1988, first semi-final 1988.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Losing first semi-final.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Training and playing consistently well each week.  
**Football Idols:** Stephen Michael and Maurice Riohl.  
**Toughest Opponent:** All tough.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Peter Menaglio (West Perth).  
**Most Respected Umpire:** All umpires.  
**Most Memorable Game:** First league game.  
**Ambitions:** Win a premiership with Souths and eventually play in the VFL.  
**What do you like about Football:** Comradeship and people you meet on and off the field.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Think about opposition, who I'm playing on and relaxing, listen to music.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** My father, Mal Brown and Stan Magro.  
**Guernsey Number:** 35. **Any reason:** It was given to me.  
**Superstitions:** Take the same towel to the game each week.  
**Worst Injury:** Torn cartilage and ligaments in knee.  
**Luckiest Break:** Moving from country to Souths.



**PETER SUMICH**



**NICK NAME:** Suma  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Centre-half-forward  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Centre-half-forward  
**NUMBER:** 4  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 11/1/68 Fremantle, WA  
**HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** South Fremantle/Cockburn  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** 1986 South Fremantle  
**GAMES PLAYED:** South Fremantle 57  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** 1985 Teal Cup (All Australian) 1988 WAFL side.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**OCCUPATION:** Market Buyer  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** St Brendan's College  
**CAR:** Ford Falcon XF  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Music, TV

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Soup  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Water  
**FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):** Cricket and soccer  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** Brian Ferry  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Sledge Hammer  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Twins and Aliens  
**MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER:** Stephen Michael  
**OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE:** Tony Beers  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Relaxing  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing first semi-final in the WAFL last season  
**FOOTBALL INJURIES:** None  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Playing in the Teal Cup final  
**FAVOURITE GROUND:**  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play in a VFL grand final



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# Time the Eagles helped local footy



## THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
**PETER BOSUSTOW**

**JOHN Todd made his first blunder for the 1989 season when he let exciting full forward Darren Bennett go to Melbourne in last year's national draft.**

Then, in a flood of talent away from the Eagles, Alex Ishchenko, Mark Zanotti, Murray Wrensted, John Gastev and Wally Matera all left the West.

Now let's not kid anybody here. Those players left because they couldn't get along with Todd and the Eagles boss doesn't tolerate problem players in his camp.

But footballers like Bennett deserved better than the shoddy treatment and lack of confidence that Todd and his hierarchy handed him in their decision—making late last year.

Bennett will be one of the 1989 success stories and Toddy blew the chance to have the leaping forward replace Ross Glendinning on the West Coast forward line.

Bennett can offer Melbourne in the region of 80 goals this season—40 or 50 of his own and the rest from handball or constructive footy in front of goals—something the Eagles will not get from any one of their forwards.

### Struggled

The West Coasters struggled to kick goals last year and have shown little in early—season matches to indicate things have improved.

Forget the night matches. They're glorified scratch matches and little can be gauged from them.

Karl Langdon is not a full forward. Langdon's aggressiveness and straight-through approach is handy across the half-forward line, but his recovery is too slow.

He turns like the Queen Elizabeth II. He can hardly be expected to step into Glendinning's shoes.

The decision not to have Bennett back in the fold is ridiculous.

Todd and the Eagles were prepared to carry the likes of limping Phil Narkle and Andrew Macnish throughout last season, they bungled their internal draft last week and yet Bennett, Ishchenko, Wrensted, Gastev and Matera have been allowed to slip through the Eagles' fingers. What a joke.

And that's not all the blame that must be laid at the feet of the Eagles.

It's time the Eagles did something for the sake of the WAFL competition.

The doom and gloom that has surrounded footy in this State throughout the summer needs a positive outlook.

Leadership in that field must come from the Eagles.

For decades the Melbourne clubs were accused of pillaging and raping WA football.

### Rubbish

Now it's the Eagles. The cry of keeping footballers here in the West is rubbish.

## Our Irish correspondent reports ...

### GOOD LOOKING

THE Irish were quite intrigued by the assorted bunch of footballers turned out by WA amateur club North Fremantle, at Carrignavar, just outside Cork, back in October. Everyone looked quite impressive in their PIBS track suits, especially team trainer and/or runner Brett Hesketh. But he wouldn't part with his newly-acquired Akubra hat and as he dashed out into the arena looking somewhat different, a dear old Irish lady behind the fence commented: "That's just how I imagined Australians to look."

### BIG BONUS

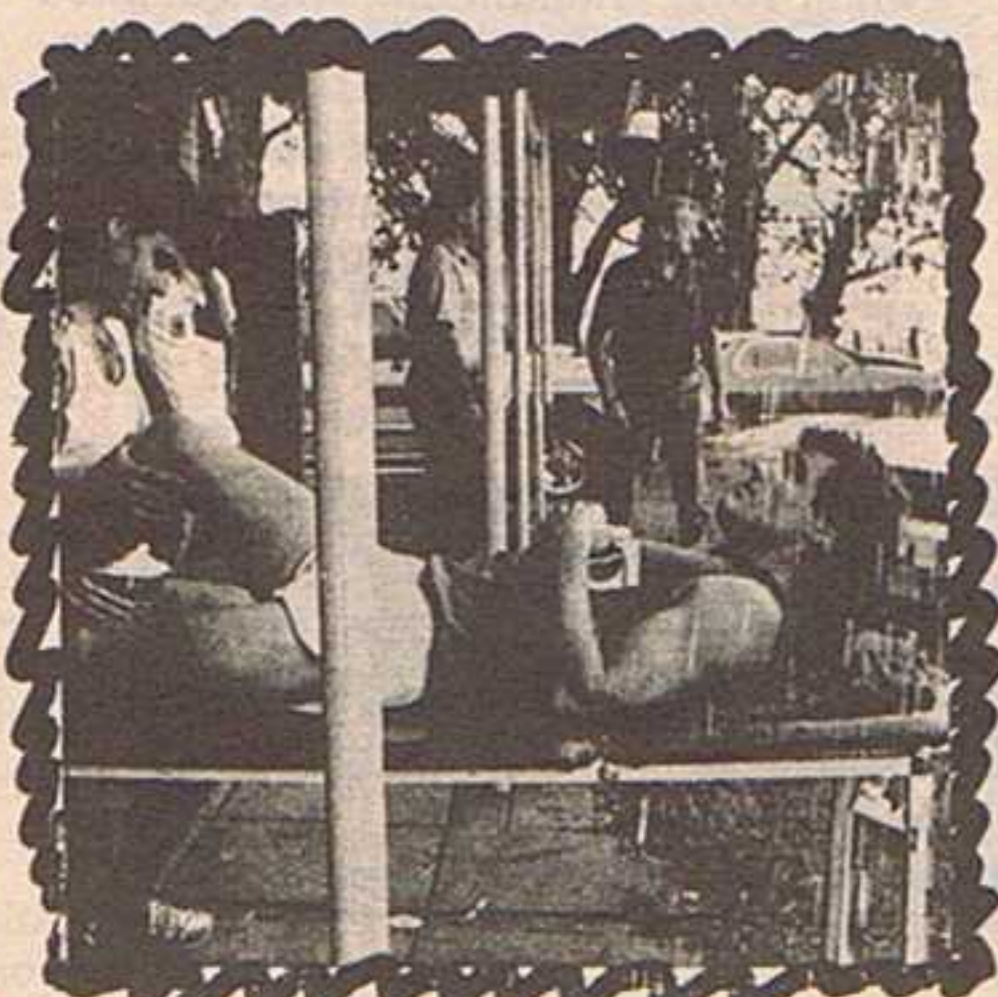
BURLY Maggie Jeff (mad-dog) Shea was the star of the game against Cork. In the opening minutes he flattened one of the dangerous-looking Irishmen and the crowd came to life in no uncertain terms. Mad-dog continued with his aggressive style and collected a handsome trophy (someone said it was a hundred quid) from former WA Premier Brian Burke for his effort. Naturally, the booty was deposited on an Irish bar later on ...

### BIG BAD MAL

WAFL Commissioner Malcolm Brown was on the Irish trip ... and how that lovely wife of his puts up with football's most controversial personality puzzled members of the touring party. On the steps of City Hall, in Cork, Malcolm was asked about the plastic shopping bags he was carrying, with the inference being that he had been spending more money. No way; the bags were full of Kaye's underwear, which Mal had proceeded to pull out for all to see. He had been looking for a laundry to do some washing.

## New voices on the air waves

IT'S a case of out with the old and in with the new as Radio 6NR embarks on a new era of football broadcasting in 1989. Gone from their commentary team are the familiar voices of Geoff Christian and Tim Flynn, with some new names coming into the front-line action. Radio 6NR's sports director, Peter Vlahos, will call all the Eagles matches, with Kim Hagdorn, Ian Miller and John Hayes for Perth games and Melbourne "master" Ken Piesse on the East Coast. Around-the-grounds voices will include Phil Lamb (cleared from 6PR), Stuart Hillier and Ken Judge.



### TOUGH TIMES

EAGLES coach John Todd and his hardy bunch of players made light of the inadequate facilities they endured while training out the back of Guildford, on an oval akin to a Melbourne cow paddock. But, really, it was a comedown for our elite footballers, wasn't it? These two pictures (one reproduced from the West) show how primitive the conditions were. Let's hope the experience toughened up the guys!



Chris Waterman gets some outdoor treatment at Guildford.



### WA's most feared football critic

### FAXED UP

THOSE new-fangled fax machines have revolutionised the art of communication, with their speedy transfer of words on paper. But some people over-use them... as a couple of local newspaper sporting editors have discovered. At a time when the struggling WAFL clubs need every word of publicity and co-operation they can get, one over-enthusiastic GM is making a habit of sending Monday-morning faxes to newspapers criticising their weekend footy coverage. That's a good way to get less coverage next week.

### CAREFUL, JT!

JUST happened to be reading Inside Football recently where our West Coast Eagles coach John Todd writes a very forthcoming column—mainly for Eastern States consumption, I guess. He was having a few words to say about the Sydney Swans and their recruiting campaign and how they were paying telephone number-type figures to their players. Don't forget, JT, that you inherited a couple of Eagles players with similar salaries—and one of them hasn't played a game since the inaugural year of '87... but he still got paid.

### WARNED OFF

MOST critics rated talented Claremont centreman Ben Allan as a top priority choice when it came to the Eagles draft choices last November. But, strangely, the mop-haired Simpson Medallist was left out of everyone's choice and will play with the Tigers again this season. Could it be that interested VFL clubs, including the home-town boys, were "warned off" about drafting the young man till he was ready to make his own choice?

### ...AND TOUGH GUYS

TALKING about the tough Eagles, the club's new football director, Brian Douge, has promised fitter and tougher players this season. And Douge, one of the real iron-men in sport, isn't talking just about physical fitness. He's looking for increased mental toughness as well. "Our training methods teach players to stand up for a whole season and they should handle stress better and become mentally tougher," he said.



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Rod Grjusich (Perth) 25 on 3rd  
Peter Matera (South Fremantle) 20 on 3rd.  
Stephen Dabrowski (East Perth) 23 on 4th.  
Mark Watson (Perth) 29 on 4th.  
Steven Grant (South From) 21 on 5th.  
Peter Miller (East Perth) 20 on 6th.  
Matthew Brennan (East From) 20 on 7th.  
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# Kickett to kick off in reserves

**DEREK Kickett**, one of football's most-wanted men during the summer months, will start his VFL career on Sunday — in the reserves.

The exciting 26-year-old had a poor game against St Kilda in Saturday's final set of practice matches and will join many other WA name players in the first of 1989's VFL "matinee" matches.

"Derek has played only one and a half practice games after injuring his hand," said North Melbourne football manager Greg Miller. "He was just feeling his way against St Kilda."

North may also play Phil Krakouer in the reserves, purely for match practice.

He has been worried by a knee injury, missed much of the pre-season activity and lasted only a half in Saturday's reserves match.

Kickett headed WA's Sandover Medal count by a record 15 votes in 1987, but was ineligible because of suspension.

He spent last season in Adelaide with Central District before signing with North Melbourne.

Many Melbourne clubs had been interested in his services.

Phil Krakouer's brother, Jim, and another ex-Claremont player, high-marking Paul Hepburn, appear certain to be named in North Melbourne's senior side for Sunday's game against Geelong.

## Four goals

Hepburn, 20, kicked four goals from centre-half-forward in a beaten side against St Kilda and, according to administrator Miller, is headed for his best season in three VFL years.

"We got his clearance only halfway through 1987 and he did well on occasions that year," Miller said.

"Last year, after starting like a bomb in Darwin, he was injured and missed half the games.

He's had three and a half practice games and has done well in each of them."

While North are disappointed that they cannot play either Phil Krakouer or Kickett at this stage, other clubs have similar problems with their WA imports.

South Fremantle's Mark Bayliss, who has signed with Collingwood, has had an enforced rest after receiving a one-week suspension against Footscray in a Panasonic Cup game.

The strongly-built 23-year-old is expected to make an immediate impression when he becomes available for round two.

Maggies' skipper Tony Shaw said: "Mark has a lot of ability, is a good mark and a thumping kick. His best is worth about three of mine!"

## Flair

"He moves around and is one of those players with the flair to kick a lot of goals in a hurry.

"He wasn't fit enough early but stayed over here at Christmas, worked very hard and lost 6-7kg."

West Coast Eagles discard Wally Matera, who made his debut for Fitzroy on Saturday, is likely to be in the reserves. However, former teammate Kevin Caton may play after an impressive debut against Footscray.

Both Matera and Caton, named in the VFL's internal draft, arrived in Melbourne last Friday night and didn't meet their new teammates until the morning of the match.

Perth's Brad Edwards should also play in Fitzroy's senior side.

He has made an immediate name for himself with his aggressiveness at centre-half-forward.

He broke Melbourne skipper Greg Healy's nose in a pre-season game and before the season is out is likely to cause some discomfort to quite a few others!

Claremont's Grant Povey (signed by Carlton) will probably play in the reserves.

## Finals star

But Subiaco's John Georgiades is likely to be rushed straight into Footscray's No. 1 side after kicking three goals in his team's 31-point victory against Fitzroy.

The 23-year-old from Warwick

starred in the WA final series last year, booting 17 goals.

East Fremantle's Darren Bennett, who booted five for Melbourne in their night grand final victory, has had more knee problems and will probably be sidelined this weekend.

However, the Demons regard him highly and are likely to rush him straight back into their No. 1 side when he's fit.

The Brisbane Bears are likely to play Alex Ishchenko in their No. 1 side at the weekend, but former fellow Eagle Mark Zanotti will not be considered.

Zanotti has had a groin operation and won't play for a month.

Ishchenko could be joined in the seniors by 1988 Sandover Medallist David Bain, who played a dominant role in the WAFL last year with East Perth.

Bain (groin strain) missed Brisbane's final intraclub practice match on Sunday but will be considered for senior selection along with another West Australian John Gastev, who did exceptionally well on Sunday in his first match since being drafted last week.

# Eagles' firepower under microscope

**THE moment we have all been waiting for has finally arrived.**

**It is now that we get the chance to assess the effectiveness of the West Coast Eagles attack under premiership points conditions.**

The Eagles struggled to kick goals when Ross Glendinning was sidelined through injury in their first two seasons.

With Glendinning out of the game when he seemingly had plenty more to offer, the Eagles face a stiff 1989 opener against Essendon at the WACA Ground on Friday night.



Derek Kickett ... slow start.

by **GARY STOCKS**  
of The West Australian



The Eagles lost their National Panasonic Cup semi-final against Melbourne for one reason and one reason only — they could not find a reliable focal point in attack.

During the second term of that match, the Eagles dominated play against a team which is regarded as one of the premiership favourites.

That they were able to kick only 1.12 for the quarter was indicative of their problems in finishing off some fine mid-field work.

That performance also reflected the dominance of an Eagles midfield unit which was in complete control.

It also proves that if the Eagles can unearth a player capable of taking advantage of scoring opportunities, they can make their way into the finals for the second successive year.

## Capable

Players like Karl Langdon, Todd Breman and Peter Sumich are all capable of providing the answer on a given day or night, but there must be a long-term solution to the problem if the Eagles are to fulfil their final five aspirations.

Breman, perhaps a surprise choice as the No. 1 draftee back in November, is best suited to football on the drier West Australian grounds and he could get his big opportunity on Friday night.

His form against Melbourne in attack, even on the dew-affected VFL Park ground against Melbourne, was good enough to suggest he deserves an early chance to prove his worth.

The two teams go into battle with contrasting lead-ups, the Bombers having played seven pre-season games in succession and the Eagles having had a three-week lay-off.

Simon Madden, Paul Salmon, Tim Watson and Magarey Medallists Tony Antrobus and Greg Anderson are familiar big-name players, but the Bombers have also recruited strongly.

South Australians Kieran Sporn, David Grenvoid and Andrew Underwood, as well as nippy Northern Territory rover Michael Long, one of the sensations of last year's Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide, are new faces with an abundance of talent.

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DAVE CLEMENT	Eagles	East Fremantle	Claremont	Subiaco	South Fremantle	East Fremantle
GARY STOCKS	Eagles	East Fremantle	Claremont	Subiaco	South Fremantle	East Fremantle
IAN MILLER	Eagles	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle
ALAN EAST	Eagles	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle
RON ALEXANDER	Eagles	East Fremantle	Claremont	Subiaco	South Fremantle	East Fremantle
GRANT DORRINGTON	Eagles	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Claremont	Perth	East Fremantle
GEORGE TEMPLE	Eagles	East Fremantle	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	East Fremantle
BILL MATHER-BROWN	Eagles	East Fremantle	Subiaco	East Fremantle	Claremont	East Fremantle

how about you?



# FAREWELL, ROSCO...

## ...and now to find his successor

IT is never easy to replace a true football champion — especially a player who was team captain and the major goalscorer in the past season.

There is no doubt that the West Coast Eagles will miss Ross Glendinning now that he has retired after an illustrious career.

His experience, strength and skill will be hard to replace.

He has been an outstanding footballer, both early in his WA career and then in the VFL, culminating in a magnificent return home to captain the inaugural Eagles.

But time stops for no man and his decision to call it quits while on top was a good one.

He has already moved easily into a media chair — and maybe he could follow his predecessor on the Channel Seven commentary team, Malcolm Blight, and finish up with a coaching role!

### PROBLEM

While the Eagles will miss Glendinning, particularly in attack, he has gone and therefore the recurring problem that the Eagles have faced at centre-half-forward and full-forward rears its head again.

Eagles coach John Todd has already shown in pre-season games that the Eagles forward pattern will change and he can be successful in his new tactics.

He has thrown a number of players around in the key forward positions, but he is seeking a more even blend of goalkickers.

### Duper's new VFL role

FORMER Claremont, St Kilda and Footscray champion Bruce Duperouzel was in town recently and that led to a mini-reunion for a couple of his former teammates.

Duper was in the original State-of-Origin team that created its own little piece of football history under Leon Larkin's influence back in 1977 — and that win over Victoria is always a pleasant topic.

Larkin, who was Subiaco's promotions man in those days, is now a consultant at the Burswood Hotel and a few of us got together there for some reminiscing.

No party is complete without George Young, a former St Kilda teammate of Duper's and now league runner with Subiaco and plenty of football gossip was exchanged.

Duper has teamed up this year with two former teammates in Barry Breen and Kevin 'Cowboy' Neale, who are now with the Sydney Swans.

Duper will act in an advisory capacity at all Melbourne games for his one-time Saints compatriots.



Ross Glendinning ... the boots come off for the last time.

### Watson set to spark Bombers

IT was pleasing to see Tim Watson take over as captain at Essendon.

He is one of the VFL's real superstars, a player who can set his team alight and a key member of the Bombers "older brigade".

It's early days yet and one can never underestimate the coaching prowess of Kevin Sheedy, but looking at Essendon's two Panasonic Cup games, heavy reliance is placed on their senior players.

Key men like Watson (27), Simon Madden (31), Terry Daniher (31), Gary Foulds (32) and Bill Duckworth (30) are needed to ignite the team.

Sheedy will be looking for greater support from his younger players this season to help ease the pressure on the senior group.

Back in 1977, I played on Watson in his first year of VFL football; a 16-year-old lining up on a half-forward flank. He has certainly realised his great football promise and I don't think I could contain that explosive 'body' now!

### Rugby success a good lesson

WHILE our attention is focused on the opening of the VFL season this week, it's still timely to look back at the recent Rugby League clash at the WACA.

The battle between the Sydney teams Parramatta and Balmain was tremendous exposure for the code — and the promotion of the game was well worth noting.

The star of the game was Parramatta captain Peter Sterling, now in his 12th year of rugby and a real credit to the sport.

Despite his rather small stature, he survives in the tough rugby arena and he would have made a handy ruck-roller if he could have been converted to Aussie Rules.



Don Pyke ... classy rover.

THE top two WAFL players of last season in Claremont rover Don Pyke and South Fremantle forward Peter Sumich have naturally been called up for Eagles duties.

They have shown impressive pre-season form, especially Pyke and both look capable of settling quickly into VFL ranks.

Top sides require a class rover and Pyke certainly qualifies there, with skills on both sides of his body, genuine pace, reads the ball well off the pack and, above all, has good goal sense.

Sumich can fill the vacancy at centre-half-forward even though he lacks a little experience and concentration.

Coach John Todd has already tried to work on this by playing Sumich in defence, where he looked capable and handled the extra concentration quite well.

Todd Brennan, a surprise No. 1 draft choice, has also shown flashes of form, but at this stage his consistency, in relation to his skills, aren't high enough.

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### IAN MILLER

Former VFL, WAFL star Sandover Medallist and league coach



## Strong men in coaching roles

A QUICK glance at the WAFL league coaches this year shows that all men are strong football characters and what I call "winners."

Subiaco's Haydn Bunton is the longest-serving by a "country mile" and the other seven were playing stars of the 1970s.

Newcomers Ian McCulloch (East Perth) and George Michalcyk (West Perth) slip nicely into the group, while Claremont's Gerard Neesham still stands alone as a playing coach — at least I hope he continues to play; he should.

### CONSISTENCY

Ed Blackaby looks to have greater depth at Swan Districts this year; Rob Wiley will be able to concentrate totally on coaching now that he has retired and Stan Magro will be looking for consistency at South Fremantle.

Bunton already looks as though he's playing pre-season tricks with his playing line-up, while Graham Melrose at East Fremantle has come off the best in terms of player strength, depth and ability.

With just a week or so to go before round one, it will be a tense time for all coaches.

Former teammates McCulloch and Michalcyk will be desperate for that first-up victory — and I know that Big Macca is not a good loser!

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# DON'T GO TOO EARLY!

**THERE'S no shortage of football talent in the West.**

The WAFL should once again unveil plenty of young talent in the coming season — and prove what an excellent breeding ground it is for footballers.

The recent twilight game between Claremont and South Fremantle indicated that there's ample exciting young talent on the horizon.

One particularly impressive player was tall Bulldogs forward Glenn Jakovich, who has the strength and marking power to develop into a real star.

Players of his size and ability are rare commodities and if they are handled properly they should reach the highest level — and stay there.

## Maturity

TALKING about young stars, it's important that today's up and coming players don't attempt to graduate to the VFL too quickly.

Ross Glendinning was a 20-year-old when he made his VFL debut and critics still talk about Essendon's Tim Watson starting out as a 16-year-old.

But not too many players around that age survive. There have been plenty of 18-year-olds whose careers were over before they were 20.

It's far better to tackle the VFL at a later age when players are more mature, physically and mentally.

The football is intense; a real pressure-cooker atmosphere to succeed. With big dollars at stake, competition for places in VFL teams is cut-throat and many a young player is sacrificed by tackling the big-time too early.

## Patient

THAT'S one reason why Claremont's Ben Allan didn't go into the VFL draft. He wants at least one more season, maybe two, in the WAFL to make sure he is ready.

When I was at Swan Districts, club president Bill Walker advised Peter Sartori to be patient and hold off going

# Maturity.... it's important for young footballers



Ben Allan ... showing patience.

to Melbourne. Sartori reluctantly agreed and maybe that's helped him succeed. He could easily have got swallowed up by going too early.

The attraction of the VFL's bright lights are not as great as they seem when the going becomes too tough.

Players who wait till they are 24 or 25 before tackling the VFL often have a greater success rate...take Mark Bairstow and Leon Baker for example.

So, stay home till you're really ready for the big time; that's my advice and then you'll survive longer.

## STRAIGHT TALKING

With Claremont coach  
**GERARD NEESHAM**



We have to be careful that the player genuinely going for the ball doesn't get penalised simply because opponents fall all over him.

## Rule changes

RULE changes are with us again...some good, some bad.

The 50-metre penalty is a good one as it cuts out a lot of unnecessary infringements.

But it has to be strictly policed by the umpires.

Too many players are abusing the situation and hitting the deck as soon as they take a mark...looking for the 50-metre bonus to take them right upfield.

Players are now being penalised for lying over the ball when it's on the ground...and that's good also; providing it's watched carefully as well.

Umpires will have to determine whether a player has made every effort to shovel the ball out before the pack falls on him.

## Ridiculous

AND that leaves my last comment for a ludicrous rule — having to kick the ball after being awarded a free kick.

That rule was introduced in a bid to bring back high marks and long kicks. But it's backfired.

An average game sees about 200 kicks, of which 20 or so are free kicks. With only about four of those kicks leading to a play-on situation, we're talking about 2 percent of the total number of kicks in a game...and that won't bring back the high mark and long kick.

It's so minimal it doesn't matter...we've simply deprived our fast, play-on game of one of its main features.

# Draft decisions hard to follow

**SITTING back and looking in at the VFL draft taking shape over the last few months must have been confusing for football fans.**

It was confusing enough for those of us who were watching proceedings closely and had some knowledge of a complex system.

Some intriguing decisions were made during that time, some of which were forced upon the West Coast Eagles and some of which were not.

Perhaps the most puzzling of all was the Eagles choice to allow both Alex Ishchenko and John Gastev to move to the Brisbane Bears.

Ishchenko, in his debut season in the VFL, was the outstanding "find" for the club and even last year showed enough to suggest that he could develop into one of the finest ruck prospects in the land.

Though Laurie Keene and Phil Scott are capable of playing their part for the Eagles and they have recruited some back-up support through Peter Higgins of Claremont, the departure of Ishchenko could leave the Eagles thin in the ruck.

## Buffeting

Keene finished last season in sensational form and produced some of the best individual ruck performances seen in the VFL, but it is asking a lot of him to carry the big man burden for the whole season.

For the Eagles' sake, let's hope he can, but the physical buffeting ruckman must endure at the bounce-downs must surely take its toll before the 1989 season is over.

Ishchenko's problems with the Eagles last year were well documented and it was not surprising to see him return from an end-of-season trip to America and Europe preparing for his next destination — Brisbane.

The ghosts of Ishchenko and Gastev could return to haunt the Eagles.

Gastev was one of the most skilful players in the squad in the Perth club's first two seasons and will slot neatly into a Bears line-up which has a distinct West Australian flavour.

With Mark Zanotti also making the move, along with East Perth rover David Bain — the last player lopped from the Eagles squad two years ago — there will be plenty of local support when the Bears come to Perth to play.

Add Brad Hardie, Rod Lester-Smith and Mike Richardson and a third of the Bears line-up could conceivably originate from the West — though Zanotti will miss much of the season with a groin injury.

Gastev is a player who can destroy an opposing team.

## TAKING STOCK

by **GARY STOCKS**  
of The West Australian



His ability to do things out of the ordinary can baffle other teams and one feels that more could have been done to ensure he remained with the Eagles.

## Tough contract

Now the Eagles must get on with the business of winning games with the players they have available to them.

But earning enough premiership points to ensure they make the finals could become a more difficult proposition than it would have been had they been able to maintain more of their own playing expertise.

The Eagles did not lose every round in the draft, however, and should be commended for their selections last week.

By the time their first selection came around last week there was little available to them in the internal draft.

Anticipating that, they nominated Shane Cable, Richard Geary, Shane Ellis and Clinton Browning.

It was a smart ploy by the Eagles hierarchy. Three of the four have had a taste, albeit only an appetiser, of VFL football and they are better players than the others available.

At the same time Cable is a promising young player.

Had they recruited Victorian players, there was no guarantee they would move to Perth and the Eagles saved themselves the cost of finding employment and living quarters for their recruits.

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# Eagles for the top five?

THE West Coast Eagles are no certainties to make the VFL finals this year. If you believe all the pundits, it would appear that the Eagles will have no trouble walking into the final five.

The Eagles pre-season form and their narrow loss to Melbourne in the elimination final last year presents a strong case for them doing well this season.

As has been the case in their first two years in the competition, the Eagles can budget on winning most of their games at home.

That should provide any side with a flying start into a season.

The fact that they appear to have become accustomed to the heavier Melbourne grounds and have also picked up the tempo of VFL football are other pluses.

But it will still be a long, hard slog to get there.

## Tough Draw

Two factors could prejudice them making it.

Firstly they have been presented with a much tougher draw than last year ... and they will be battling to cover the loss of Ross Glendinning in attack.

On pre-season form, four teams stand out as finals prospects. Last year's grand finalists Hawthorn and Melbourne, Geelong and the Eagles.

But how soon is pre-season form? For instance, would anyone discard Carlton as a finals prospect? Their form has been abysmal, but that's their style in practice games.

If Hawthorn reproduce last season's form, then they should be head and shoulders above the opposition.

But I believe the competition is going to be a lot tighter than it would appear on paper.

The other two out-of-town teams, Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears, look as tough they will be more competitive.

Overall, the Eagles task won't be any easier this year than when they made the finals last year.

## Dominant

On the positive side, Laurie Keene looks set to become an even more dominant ruckman in the competition. But the Eagles may find it necessary to use him in reasonable spells in the forward line.

They look a bit brittle in attack, particularly for games in Melbourne. Even

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By **ROBERT BENNETT**  
of The Sunday Times



*But it will be much harder*

Glendinning, with all his guile and ability, found it hard to score goals over there.

While Karl Langdon has great ability, he does not have the overhead marking skills necessary in Melbourne. If the Eagles are to get value out of a focal point in attack, they will not be able to spray the ball indiscriminately into the forward line, which has been one of their weaknesses.

They get the ball into attack a lot, but don't get value for their efforts.

It is interesting to note the low-key approach the Eagles have adopted to the start of this season. You would hardly know John Todd was still around. This is in striking contrast to last year.

The Eagles have gone about the business of preparing for this season without any ballyhoo — which may give a more realistic appraisal of their chances.

There is little doubt that the Eagles should again give their fans their money's worth. They have shown they are a gutsy band of players.

Let's hope the expectations for them aren't unrealistic. We shouldn't take it for granted that they are going to breeze into the top five.

It will be a big achievement just to make the finals again.

If that can be accomplished, then the Eagles will have had a top season.



Laurie Keene, a key player.

## YOUNG MAGPIES HEAD WEST

THE future of the Collingwood Football Club will be on display when their 16-year-olds will play the Football Development Trust's State development squad at the WACA Ground this Friday.

The Town and Country Interstate Challenge will be the curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles versus Essendon match and will be the highlight of the young Magpies tour.

The touring team, coached by former WA, South Fremantle and Collingwood footballer Max Richardson, arrived in Perth last Thursday.

They have already matched themselves against teams for the Swan Districts and East Fremantle areas as well as playing South West's combined 17's at Busselton.

## OPPORTUNITY

Apart from giving the country boys valuable match practice, the trip to Busselton gave the Collingwood youngsters the opportunity to see the home town of one of their current league stars, former East Perth player Michael Christian.

Christian started his football career in Busselton and the Busselton Football Club, now coached by former State, Subiaco, Geelong and Footscray footballer Peter Feartherby, helped to entertain and house the visitors on their trip to the South West.

The team from not-so-sunny Victoria enjoyed the S-W sun and asked to see the much-talked about surfing spots of Margaret River and Yallingup, so the Busselton Football Club gladly obliged by taking the boys on a bus tour.

The Carine Junior Football Club, who regularly visit Collingwood, have been playing host to the Magpies juniors since their arrival in Perth.

# Women in the rooms?

I HAVE a feeling that it might be my fault women have become so entrenched in football!

Even if I am against it in general terms, it was me who took my mother along to a final once, years ago, and somehow coerced her into passing quickly through the change-rooms of Subi Oval and on to the boundary fence.

The reserves had just come off the ground and players were ambling around in next-to-nothing, or just nothing, when Mother appeared momentarily.

The coach of that particular team is to be congratulated on the fitness of his players.

They had just completed a tough, torrid and hard-fought game, but those boys still had enough zip left to dive for any sort of cover available.

## Quick

By gee, they moved quick. But Mum moved quicker and though she had one of the best views of a game you could wish for, she never let me forget her walk through the change rooms of a football club.

Time has passed, the years have come and gone and attitudes have changed.

We now find ourselves with female trainers, physios and sports presenters, once centrefold material only, ambling about football rooms as though they have been there from day one.

For the life of me — and I've got to be careful here in case I upset some-one — I can't get used to a 200-game footballer-turned-commentator having

## FROM WHERE I SIT

Wheelchair sports critic  
**BILL MATHER-BROWN**



**Well, I just don't know!**

one microphone and his counterpart with the other mike being a "chick little piece" sporting more curves than a scenic highway.

Maybe it's a ploy by the television stations to keep us awake!

Some of the commentators are so deadly-dull that someone has to supply the off-field action and snap us to attention.

The on-camera appearance of Dixie Marshall is enough to make me forget that the Channel Seven replays don't come on until the middle of the night!

Forget the footy, you blokes, let's get on with the show.

## Serious

To be serious about it, there are some keen and very studious women involved in the game; helping players overcome sports injuries and so forth.

I'm sure that the talented physiotherapists, trainers etc are a great asset to their clubs.

It must be recognised also that women have given solid support behind the scenes for many years and maybe it is time they took a more prominent role in the administrative side of the game.

Having said all this (maybe to keep myself out of hot water) I still can't accept that it is a good idea to have a woman enter a change rooms to present awards when it is packed with men.

She seems out of place — unless a new arrival can be appointed to be her "off-sider." His job would be to signal the arrival of the female with cries of "Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye. A damsel is entering gentlemen and I suggest you scarper."

With that, every player dressed, undressed or half-dressed can dive for cover.

But then again, that's only if they are a little old-fashioned like some of us!

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## Geelong the bridesmaids once again

MELBOURNE'S nine-point win over Geelong in the grand final of the Panasonic Cup competition gave the Demons their second night premiership in three seasons.

For Geelong, it was their second year in succession as runners-up in the night competition.

Last year the Cats lost to Hawthorn by three points in the grand final, kicking 9.13 — exactly the same score that they kicked against Melbourne this year.

*HAWTHORN are the most successful side in the VFL night series since its inception in 1956.*

*Hawthorn have won six of the 29 premierships decided (no matches were played during the years 1972 to 1976), as well as playing in a further five grand finals.*

*Hawthorn have won over 70 per cent of the games that they have played in the night competition since its inception.*

*The only other club to have won over 60 per cent of their games in the VFL night series is the West Coast Eagles.*

*THE Eagles and the Brisbane Bears are the only two clubs yet to win a VFL night premiership. While the Eagles have performed well in the competition, reaching the semi-finals twice in three years, the Bears are yet to win a game. They have been beaten easily in the first round in each of the past three years.*

*INJURIES to Dwayne Lamb and Geoff Miles appear certain to result in the Eagles clash against Essendon on March 31 being the first official VFL fixture in which both players are missing from the West Coast line-up.*

*Lamb and Miles have missed only one and two games respectively since the Eagles entered the VFL in 1987. They both played every game in 1988.*

*Lamb has played the Eagles last 29 games without a break, while Miles has played 41 games without interruption.*

### INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CAMM



THE Eagles will be attempting to open their season with a victory — for the third consecutive year.

The Eagles opponents for the WACA clash, Essendon, have won their opening-round game in each of the last five seasons. A win by the Bombers would allow them to equal their greatest consecutive number of opening round wins, between 1953 and 1958.

St Kilda will be attempting to win the first game of the season for the first time since 1981.

*THE quarter-final of the Panasonic Cup competition between the Eagles and Hawthorn was the first senior match organised by the VFL to go into extra time. It was also the first time that a VFL night series game has been a draw at the completion of full time.*

## FOOTBALL FACTS

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## HISTORY IS ON MACCA'S SIDE

EAST Perth's new coach, former player Ian McCulloch, will be looking to emulate another Royals great in Malcolm Brown by bringing a flag to Perth Oval.

Though the Royals have won 13 premierships, only once were they coached by a local boy — the talented Brown, who was a playing-coach in 1972.

East Perth's other successful coaches have come from a variety of clubs — East Fremantle provided Jack Sheedy, Cecil Rowland and Jerry Dolan; from Perth came Barry Cable, while Phil Matson played with West Perth, North Fremantle and Subiaco.

Heartening for McCulloch is that two former East Perth players won premierships in their first year as coach of other clubs — Brad Smith at East Fremantle in 1979 and Malcolm Atwell at Perth in 1966.

### TODD AND BUNTON ARE SURVIVORS

A GLANCE back at the coaching records reveals some interesting changes.

*Among the league coaches 10 years ago, there is only one survivor — John Todd, now the Eagles coach, who was in control at Swan Districts at that stage.*

*However, go back another 10 years to 1959, Todd reappears in his first year as coach of South Fremantle...at a time when Bunton had two years as a coach behind him.*

*And if you go back another 10 years to 1949, Todd reappears in his first year as coach of South Fremantle...at a time when Bunton had two years as a coach behind him.*

### ... and for George, too!

THE other "rookie" coach in this year's field, George Michalczyk, takes charge at Leederville and there is a big omen for the former East Perth and West Perth player.

West Perth might be outsiders in the 1989 premiership race, but the boost for Michalczyk is that a first-year coach has been successful five times at Leederville.



Haydn Bunton.

### Bulldogs have hoodoo to hurdle

*SOUTH Fremantle face a jinx at Leederville Oval in the opening set of WAFL fixtures.*

*They have not beaten West Perth in an opening-round game since 1933 — though they have only met first-up nine times in 90 years.*

*Souths nearly won in 1972 at Fremantle Oval, but West Perth recruit, Ian Anderson, kicked the winning goal after the final siren.*

### FORWARDS GOAL SHY IN ROUND ONE

DON'T go betting on a forward kicking 10 goals or more this week — it is a rare occurrence in opening games.

In fact, only two players have achieved this feat in over 100 years.

The last was East Fremantle's Jim Sewell, who kicked 12.5 against Subiaco in 1977, while Subiaco's Austin Robertson kicked 13.2 against Swan Districts in 1968.

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## MILESTONE MEN

(NOTE: Games played are for current club unless denoted by an asterisk \*)

### 50 GAMES

- 48 Peter Owens (Claremont)
- 47 Shane Cocker (Subiaco)
- 48 Sean King (West Perth)
- 46 Tony Begovich (Claremont)
- 46 Mal Bennett (East Perth)\*
- 45 John MacDonald (South Frem)
- 45 Mark Brayshaw (Claremont)
- 48 Jon Derecourt (East Frem)
- 48 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
- 48 Mick Grasso (Swan Dist)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Mal Bennett 55 East Perth, 15 West Perth.

### 100 GAMES

- 99 David Hart (Eagles)\*
- 96 Ray Holden (West Perth)
- 95 David O'Connell (Eagles)\*
- 94 Craig Holson (West Perth)
- 93 Adrian Barich (Eagles)\*
- 93 Bryce Forman (East Frem)\*
- 92 Tony Beers (Claremont)\*
- 92 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: David Hart 57 Eagles, 55 South Fremantle, 7 West Perth; David O'Connell 7 Eagles, 58 Claremont; Adrian Barich 58 Eagles, 68 Perth; Bryce Forman 79 East Fremantle, 18 Perth; Tony Beers 58 Claremont, 7 Collingwood; Glen Bartlett 55 East Perth, 4 Eagles.

### 150 GAMES

- 149 John Annear (Eagles)\*
- 148 Don Holmes (Swan Districts)\*
- 148 David Rankin (East Frem)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: John Annear VFL — 41 Eagles, 45 Collingwood, 68 Richmond; David Rankin 158 East Fremantle, 10 Fitzroy.

### 200 GAMES

- 198 John Annear (Eagles)\*
- 194 Grant Campbell (East Perth)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: John Annear 41 Eagles, 45 Collingwood, 68 Richmond, 49 Claremont.

### 250 GAMES

- 246 Neil Taylor (Subiaco)

### 300 GAMES

- 278 Brian Peake (East Frem)

### 350 GAMES

- 344 Brian Peake (East Frem)\*

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Brian Peake 278 East Fremantle, 66 Geelong.

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**ANDREW** Geddes is a talented ruck-rover from Katunga, in Victoria, who may take time to develop. At 18 he is a player for the future.

# The New Eagles



**SCOTT** Williamson was recruited from Wangaratta in Victoria. An 18-year-old, he is an aggressive centremen/ruck-rover who may take time to develop to his full potential.



**CRAIG** Turley, a 23-year-old from West Perth, can be used in a number of roles between half-back and half-forward with the key note of his play being his determination and fearless aggression.



**RICHARD** Geary, recruited from South Fremantle, has played 18 VFL games for Richmond and the 25-year-old showed great skills as a half-forward last season.



**CLINTON** Browning is having his second crack at VFL football, at the age of 26. His attempt with Hawthorn in 1986 proved fruitless, but he joins the Eagles after several outstanding seasons at full-forward with East Fremantle.



**SCOTT** Watters, 19, is a promising rover/centremen who won South Fremantle's fairest and best award in 1987. His build makes him ideal for the heavier Melbourne conditions where he should excel.



**PETER** Melesso emerged as an effective forward for Claremont, using his size and strength to good effect. The 27-year-old had previous spells with Sydney Swans and St Kilda without establishing himself.



**SHANE** Cable is a tall centreline player who emerged for Perth at the end of last season. Still only 19, he is much in the mould of his famous father Barry and is an Eagle star of the future.



**STEVAN** Jackson, an 18-year-old recruited from South Fremantle, was a surprise selection after just 10 games for the Bulldogs. He can be used in several key positions.



**TODD** Breman, a talented 23-year-old forward kicked more than 100 goals for Subiaco in 1987 and should thrive as a half-forward where his pace and marking ability can best be exploited.



**DON** Pyke, a talented rover, won Claremont's fairest and best award last season and the 20-year-old made a stunning interstate debut in the State-of-Origin match against Victoria.



At 28, **Shane Ellis** was a surprise Eagles recruit, despite a superb season with East Fremantle in 1988, when he collected the club's fairest and best award. An athletic defender, he returned to the Sharks in 1986 after failing to gain a League place with Essendon.



**FORMER** Carlton recruit Peter Higgins proved himself a rugged ruckman with Claremont and the 22-year-old is versatile enough to be used in defence.



**PETER** Sumich is a tall, mobile 22-year-old forward from South Fremantle with a superb overhead mark and a long, raking kick. He can be used in all key positions down the middle of the ground.



"The decision to take over as caretaker coach was made a year ago and that involved being senior coach for just one season." Hawthorn premiers coach Alan Joyce on his successful one-year reign.

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"The money didn't really come into it. I believe I have a chance to be part of a great team that's about to have a big impact on the VFL." Eagles recruit Peter Sumich.

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"Being bitter opponents on the field's fair enough, but that's where it should stop. For the WAFL to survive we must all work together." East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose.

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"Ron Barassi took me from a soft player to a harder player and Tommy Hafey made me a running player." Sydney Swans Brownlow Medallist Gerard Healy.

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"The media think I'm hard to get on with, but all they have to do is ask me why I do certain things." Graham Melrose on his reappointment as East Fremantle coach.

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"I need a new challenge." West Perth general manager Graeme Pleydell on his resignation.

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"I am confident that I can break into the Eagles." West Perth's Craig Turley.

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Chris Lewis ... feeling the pressure.



David Bain ... off to Brisbane.

"I'm bitterly disappointed; I've put in a lot of training and now I'm not going to get the chance to prove myself." Darren Bennett on being dropped from the West Coast Eagles squad.

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"We're looking for players to fulfil our needs and obviously there's a question mark over Darren's fitness." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on Darren Bennett's sacking.

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"I've heard a lot about the second-year blues and want to see how I get through another year with the Bulldogs before tackling the VFL." South Fremantle's Mark Bayliss, signing on for another two years in the WAFL.

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"We will release Alex (Ishchenko) from his contract in exchange for the Brisbane Bears No. 2 draft position." Eagles chief Bill Kerr.

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"An enormous number of country people work voluntarily to help the club they are zoned to and that will be lost to the detriment of football." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer on the move to drop country zoning.

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"I believe the club is fair dinkum when they say they feel that I can play another season and I believe I'll get through." Veteran 35-year-old Hawthorn captain Michael Tuck.

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"The Review of Football Structure says little that has not been known over the past two years." Brian Lawrence, chairman of the Fight for Football campaign.

"It is the realisation of a long-held dream and I'm excited about the prospect." New West Perth coach George Michalczyk.

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"I was surprised when the phone call came, but I didn't take much convincing." South Fremantle rookie Stevan Jackson on being signed up by the Eagles.

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"It's great to be back." Allan Jeans on resuming the coaching role at Hawthorn after stand-in Alan Joyce took the side to the 1988 premiership.

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"I was physically prepared to commit myself to another season, but mentally I was a bit flat." Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning on his retirement.

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"These days you can't pick and choose which club you join. I'd just be happy to play VFL." East Perth Sandover Medallist David Bain accepting the Brisbane Bears draft choice.

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"There are some deeper problems in football and we have got to address them. Football is not just champagne and orange juice and air tickets across Australia." Premier Peter Dowling on prospects of the Government bailing football out of financial difficulty.

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George Michalczyk ... new challenge.

"I've got a life after footy and there are commitments on the farm that I have to meet." Sandover Medallist Mark Bairstow talking about possible retirement plans.

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"It's not just a Government handout; people in the football industry have to show strength." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on the Government's \$850,000 grant to football.

# Who's what's summ



Harry Morgan ... well pleased.

"This will allow football to benefit directly from the future growth and profitability of the Eagles." WAFL chief Harry Morgan on the establishment of an independent commission.

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"My job has been cut into pieces and instead of working 15-20 hours a day, I can work more manageable hours." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on the appointment of Brian Douge as football director.

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"We simply can't afford him; hell have to play in the country." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer on the \$25,000 clearance fee request from Port Adelaide for Sharks rover Roger Kerr.

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"I want to restore my football credibility and regain some of the self-confidence I have lost while playing for the Eagles." Murray Wrensted on his decision to quit the Eagles and rejoin East Fremantle.

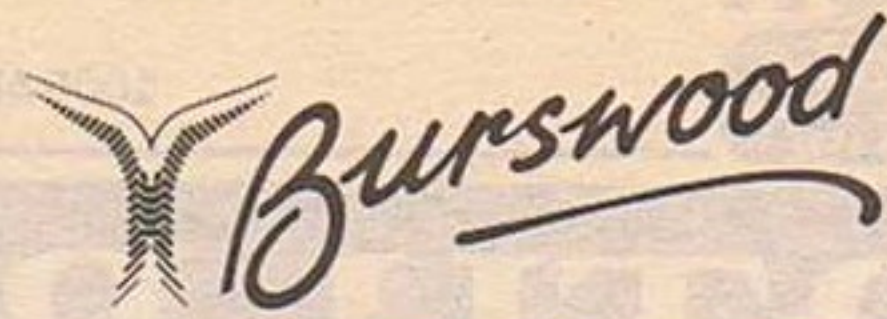
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"Let's face it, I'm never going to be overburdened with muscle, but I've put on a few kilos and I'm really looking forward to the challenge of playing VFL." Sandover Medallist David Bain, joining the Brisbane Bears for 1989.



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Roger Kerr ... too expensive.

"The visitors changerooms are not fit for human habitation." Claremont team manager Jim Cross on suggestions that Perth return to Lathlain Park for home games.

"The players must learn how to win; they've lost confidence." New East Perth coach Ian McCulloch.

"I am not satisfied that the Eagles and WAFL clubs can continue to be joined without the clubs suffering further." Claremont president Peter Kyle.

"I would be much happier to say that we had broken even, but we still remain viable and, importantly, solvent." West Perth president Brian Atkinson on 1988's loss of \$168,392.

"It would be ideal for West Perth to relocate with a new headquarters in the northern suburbs." Sports Minister Graham Edwards on plans for soccer to move to Leederville Oval.

"The Lotto win certainly set us up for life, but it didn't affect my football; I just can't get myself fired up anymore." Former Claremont star Warren Ralph on retirement plans

"WA football has become a very community-based sport, but the WACA would not allow us to get a public identity." Perth general manager Howard Manley on the clubs return to Lathlain Park.

"Football is my love and I'm glad to be taking an active part in the game once again." Ron Alexander on being appointed coach of WAS State-of-Origin side

"In 1990 there will be no transfer fees. How can we afford to pay for good coaches and develop players without more money." Claremont general manager Allan Moore claiming an outstanding balance of \$11,000 owed by the Eagles for Geoff Miles clearance.

"We would like to have Roger (Kerr) back, but he places a higher value on himself than we do." East Fremantle president Hans Beyer on a stalemate over Roger Kerr's clearance.

"The statements were certainly not helpful at this time; and the figure is only \$7.7 million." WAFL chief Harry Morgan on claims that football was \$10 million in debt.

"The question of whether the sub-licence should be surrendered was one option raised." WAFL interim commission chairman Terry O'Connor on suggestions that the League buy the Eagles VFL licence back from Indian Pacific Ltd.

"I'm confident both players will sign; they are simply looking at the best deals available to them." Eagles football director Brian Douge on suggestions that rovers Wally Matera and John Gastev would quit the club.

"We went looking for key position and mobile players and we got what we wanted." Eagles recruiting officer Mick Moylan after the initial VFL draft.

"When I was asked to join the WAFL, I reckoned on being here for two or three years and now is the appropriate time to move on." WAFL chief executive Peter Cummiskey on his resignation.

"I wish VFL clubs would get off my back." West Adelaide's Darren Bartsch after being drafted by the West Coast Eagles.

"I never thought I'd get another chance to play at the top level, but Toddy has thrown me a challenge." Claremont's Peter Melesso after being picked as an Eagles draft choice.

"The Eagles put plenty of pressure on, but I want to try my luck in Victoria." South Fremantle's Mark Bayliss after being drafted by Collingwood.

"All of the gentlemen have one strong common interest — a love of football." Sports Minister Graham Edwards naming the new independent football commissioners as lawyer Terry O'Connor, WAFL chairman Harry Morgan, Eagles chief Bill Kerr Treasury head Ross Bowe and businessman Peter Rowney.



"If I can play with the ankle at about 80 per cent of what it used to be, I'll be OK." Eagles star Phil Narkle on plans to make it back to VFL ranks this season.

"Given the current restructuring of WA football, we thought it prudent to compromise for the benefit of the game in this State." Eagles chief Bill Kerr on a decision not to seek an Eagles reserves side in 1989.

"How can football accept Government help on one hand and then have one of our arms setting up something that will help destroy the game?" Swan Districts chief Bill Walker on Eagles plans for a reserves side by 1990.

"I don't know where he is; he's gone camping or something." Eagles football director Brian Douge on the absence of Chris Lewis from training.

"He went away to think, but he now has a very positive attitude and is back in business." Eagles assistant coach Barry Cable confirming that Chris Lewis had returned to training.

"I guess I cracked under the pressure a little; I just needed to get away by myself for a while." Eagles star Chris Lewis on his absence from the camp.

"I just sulked around all weekend." Injured Eagles star Peter Davidson on discovering that he was not eligible to play VFL football this year after some confusion over his eligibility as a 'retired' Eagle player.

"The last thing I wanted to do was leave; I'm happy it has been resolved." East Perth veteran Grant Campbell after player-lobbying convinced the club to end a contract dispute with him.

"It's a relief in some ways; I would like to keep playing, but my body just won't stand it." Michael O'Connell on his retirement decision after being dropped off the Eagles squad.

"I'm loathe to go down to the club and make an official announcement because I still live in hope." Injured Subiaco skipper Greg Wilkinson, facing retirement after a knee injury.

"It wasn't a willy-nilly approach as some people suggest; there has been a lot of thought put into building this football team." Eagles coach John Todd on the team's latest draft choices.

"We are delighted with the players we have drafted." Eagles football director Brian Douge.



Peter Davidson ... ruled out.

"The Eagles should have persevered more with what they had; they should have tried harder in their negotiations with some of the players they have lost." Former Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning.

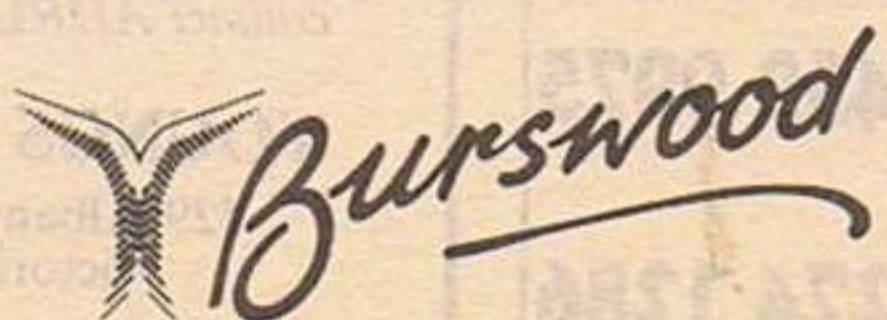
"I'm really pleased because I have always been a Collingwood supporter." Discarded Eagle Murray Wrensted on being drafted by Collingwood.

"While West Coast Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr was having an appendectomy yesterday, the WA football public was having a haemorrhage." Greg Denham, writing in The West Australian about the Eagles final four draft choices.

"I was in total shock — I didn't even know I was available." Richard Geary on his surprise drafting to the Eagles.

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# PERTH BOOST SQUAD FOR FINALS PUSH

PERTH were denied an appearance in last season's finals only by a cruel twist of fate.

Third and fourth-placed South Fremantle and East Fremantle overcame eventual grand finalists Subiaco and Claremont in the final round of preliminary fixtures to keep the Demons back in fifth place.

That will not happen again this season, says general manager Howard Manley.

His optimism is shared by coach Robbie Wiley, who starts his second season as a League coach without experienced Stephen Mount, Brad Edwards and evergreen full-forward Mick Rea.

Mount and Edwards are serious losses but Perth have found replacements and improved in other areas.

Returning from spells in the country are wingmen Ashley McCracken and Grant Hatch and speedy rover Troy Davis.

Wiley was pleased that Brad Fox turned down an option to play with Essendon this season.

## Contenders

Edwards' role at centre-half-forward could go to either Toby Jackson or Shane Stiles, who held down that position in Perth's 1988 premiership-winning reserves combination.

Both have strong claims to the key attacking position.

Jackson made his League debut in 1987 and has 18 games to his credit, many at centre-half-forward. He can also be used at half-forward.



Geoff Moore ... fleet-footed.

Stiles, like Jackson, is 193cm tall.

The 21-year-old from Wesley College made his debut in round 17 last season as a reserve against minor premiers Claremont, so had little chance to impress.

The most likely replacement for big Mick Rea is Cunderdin recruit Shane Darmody.

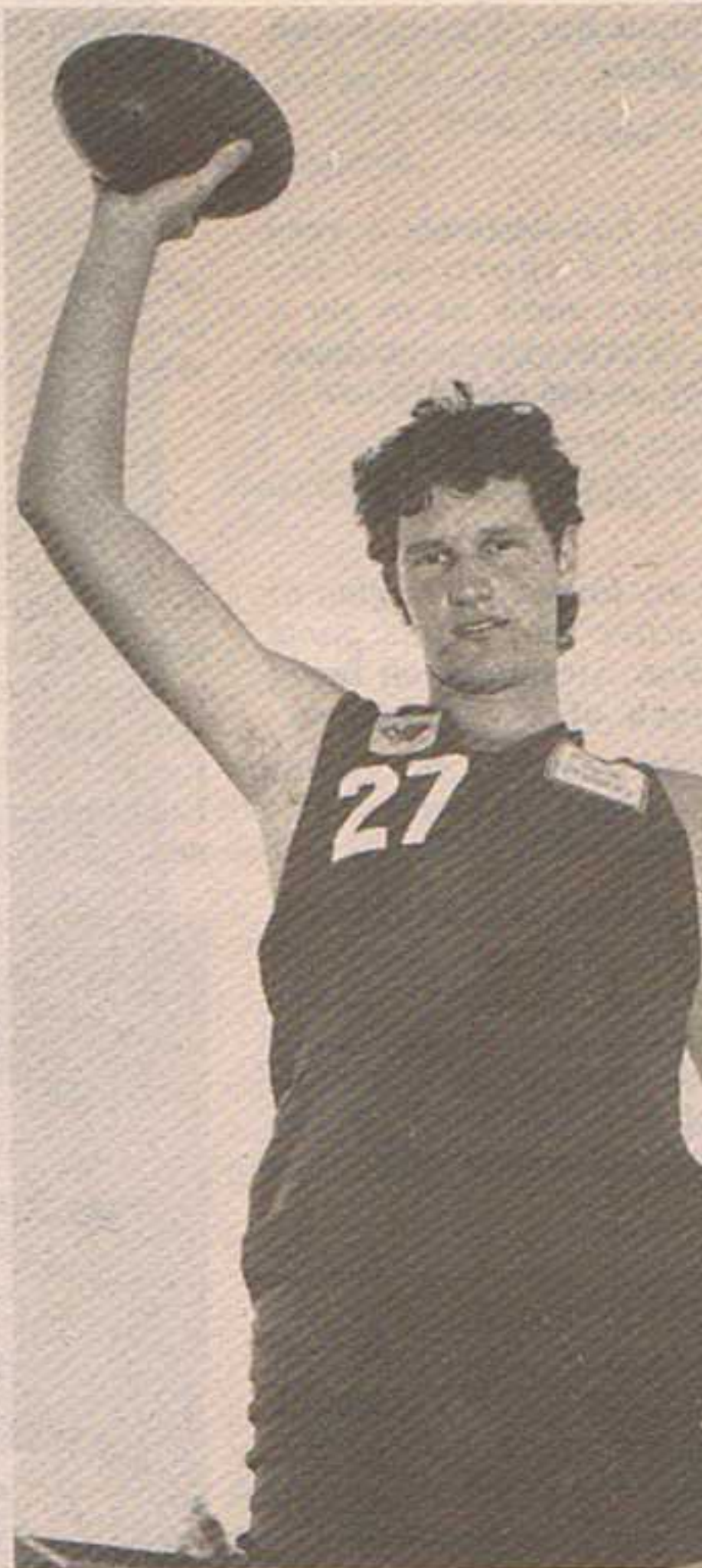
Perth have been trying to attract the 19-year-old to Perth for some seasons, but he has always refused, opting to complete his apprenticeship as a mechanic first.

## Handful

He stands an imposing 190cm tall and his height coupled with his 89kg frame will make him hard to contain in the goalsquare.

In the ruck Perth already have the experience of captain John Gavranich and the height of Ian Newman, which enables them to win a lot of duels at the bounces.

Wiley can now add to those a new name in Stephen Pears. The 18-year-old Pears was recruited from Madding-



Stephen Pears ... 195cm tall.

ton, and was an outstanding youngster with the Demons under 19s last year.

He is 195cm tall and, despite his tender years, is an awesome 94kg.

Perth have good reason for believing he is a star in the making.

Wiley says that fleet-footed Kenwick recruit Geoff Moore could burst on to the league scene this season as could Damian Gordon, a goalkicking forward from Kalamunda.

Other Demons with aspirations for league positions are Hank Yarran, Barry Taylor, Barry Cable jun. and Tony Tomizzi.

All made their debuts last season and will be seeking to cement their spots.

## In and out

A greater effort will be asked of defender Rod Bogaards, half forward John Clarkson, Clinton Hunter and John Zaikos. All have made their league debuts over the past few seasons, but have often had spells in the reserves because of poor form.

Wiley says the big three of Subiaco, Claremont and East Fremantle will again be in the hunt, but prefers Perth



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to either South Fremantle or East Perth for a finals appearance.

"We've covered our few losses," Wiley says. "We are a season older and wiser and should be there at the finish."



Damian Gordon ... goalkicking forward.

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# ONLY THE BLUES CAN STOP EASTS

THE first bounce is still more than a week away and already East Fremantle are being widely tipped for their 27th League premiership.

But is that a good or bad sign for the Sharks?

Pundits predicted an East Fremantle premiership in 1987 and 1988 but on both occasions their season finished in the preliminary final.

Will it be third time lucky or will the tag of being favourites again prove too much for the highly-rated Port side?

Coach Graham Melrose is naturally guarded about his team's chances this season. All coaches are, only he is more so.

Not because of his losses in the close season.

Melrose believes he has the players to replace Gavin Miller, Ray Sterrett and Murray Wrensted. He welcomes back ruckman Brad Tunbridge and looks to another ruckman in Lance Durack, who made his State debut in 1988, and defender Jon Derecourt to assume more responsible roles.



John Lawrence ... surprising.

## Experience

And although Lynn Medallist Shane Ellis and full forward Clinton Browning may be called up for duty with the Eagles, both should be in a Sharks' guernsey for most of the season.

This would add further experience to the side which already boasts George Christie, Brian Peake, David Bushell, Scott Rowland, David Rankin and the ever-improving Neil Lester-Smith.

No, Melrose's worry is his vast number of second-year players.

He cites Craig Maclean, Glen Symonds, Colin Lamb, Brad and David Rowe, Dean Cole, Bradley Regan, Andrew Foley, Revis Ryder, Michael Little, Robert Weber, Peter Quill and Clinton Wolf as prime examples.

"Our strength has always been our depth," Melrose said. "We prefer to blood our own kids and our performance this season will depend on how well we have brought them through."

"They're all good players and if they come up trumps the club is fairly safe."

"But it's the nature of the beast to be a little slow in starting. The young ones, especially those in their second season,



David Hewitt ... key position player.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By George Temple



often forget what they did to get in the League side in the first place."

If they don't perform, the premiership-hardened coach has other options.

Melrose has made 11 additions to his squad, four of whom he believes will become regular League players before the season ends.



Michael Taylor ... strength.

## Surprise packet

At the top of the list is talented half-forward flanker John Lawrence. Recruited from Rossmoyne, he has been impressive in pre-season matches.

Melrose said: "He surprised me. He picked up the faster tempo of League football very quickly."

At 175cm and 69kg, Lawrence has speed, agility and the necessary ball skills to equip himself well in the WAFL competition.

Melville recruit David Hewitt is a 187cm key position defender. He has strength and good speed for a big man.

So has Lee Gordon, recruited from Kelmscott, who is a big, versatile defender.

And on the ball, Melrose has ruck-rover Michael Taylor. Although only 74kg, the 21-year-old has height and surprising strength.

The Sharks coach expects this season will be much like the last.

"There were six teams legitimately vying for four places last season," he said. "This year will be the same."

"Claremont, Subiaco and East Fremantle will certainly be in the final frame. The final spot will be a fight between Souths and East Perth, who are the big improvers."

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# Youngsters poised to give WAFL new lease of life

By GRANT DORRINGTON

SEASON '89 is already shaping up as one of the most important years in the history of the WAFL.

Over the past five years attendance figures have been on the decline.

The football family has been at loggerheads over their newest member, the West Coast Eagles.

Many of football's old-timers have not been able to come to grips with the new era in the expanded VFL competition.

Season '89 provides a unique opportunity for everyone in football at all levels to re-establish their support for the game.

Amateur and Sunday League Football is alive and well with the junior base increasing its number of participants in 1988 for the first time in a decade.

## Close results

Crowd attendances at WAFL pre-season scratch matches have been encouraging and there have been some excellent games and close results.

Media interest and support has never been better, as was evident by the attendance at the WAFL media awards evening last week.

More than 60 of the State's leading media personalities expressed optimism about season '89.

Media support is without doubt one of the key requirements for any sport to develop.

The old saying that the power of the pen is greater than the sword will surely apply to the WAFL competition in '89.

Football supporters are generally keen to be part of the revival of the local WAFL competition.

Gone are the big crowds of the 1960s and 70s but crowds of five to eight thousand are expected at most games this year.

The key to crowd resurgence is an even competition.

## Strong chance

Season '89 will feature eight teams with little between them.

The draft has taken key players out of the top teams, creating a situation where every team will be in with a strong chance of playing in this year's finals.

Subiaco, East Fremantle and Claremont will again be the early favourites because of club stability and excellent junior development programs.

Perth is the team which should rebound with a vengeance after a disappointing '88 season that should have seen them play in the finals.

South Fremantle, East Perth, Swan Districts and West Perth have some outstanding youngsters who enable their clubs to fight for a top four position.

The key to the revival of the WAFL is a closely-contested season.

## New coaches

East Perth and West Perth must become leaders again as their supporter base is among the strongest in the competition.

With both these clubs having new coaches, the new season will see Perth Derbies assuming their former importance.

Ian McCullough and George Michalzyk have great knowledge of the game, and are devoted to the WAFL competition in which they grew up.

Both men have the enthusiasm to make a big impact on their new clubs.

Early success for East and West Perth will attract supporters back to the game.

# Medallists get VFL call-up

THREE winners of WAFL club fairest and best awards in 1988 will play VFL football this season.

East Fremantle's runaway winner of the Lynn Medal, Shane Ellis, and the P.R. Kyle trophy winner at Claremont, Don Pyke, were both drafted by the West Coast Eagles.

Sandover Medallist David Bain, who won the F.D. Book Medal at East Perth, will spend this winter with the Brisbane Bears.

The outstanding football skills of Ellis for the Sharks last season were reflected in their fairest and best voting. He won by a staggering 124 votes from runner-up Michael Broadbridge.



Mark Watson ... another top year.

Ellis polled 219 votes while none of his team-mates could top the century mark.

Pyke recorded 164 votes to beat Peter Thorne, the 1987 winner of the Tigers' fairest and best award, by 35 votes.

## No surprise

Bain, the final player to be cut from the original Eagles squad in 1987, derived some satisfaction from winning the Sandover Medal in 1988.

It came as no surprise when he outpolled Gavin Hawkins by 32 votes to notch his second major award in a matter of weeks.



Craig Edwards ... his best season.

# Young Sharks work over the summer

SOME of West Australia's most promising young footballers were put through their paces in Geraldton over the summer months preparing for the coming season.

The 1988/89 East Fremantle country zone's Shark Pack were drilled by former North Melbourne and Swan Districts star Maurie Drennan from November to March.

Though the emphasis was on fitness, the 25 youngsters, ranging from 14 to 17 years of age were shown how to improve their game.

Two squad members, Michael Warren and Nathan Williams, have both played State junior football with Shane Schmlon having already made senior ranks in the Great Northern League.

## BULLDOGS WINNER

SOUTH Fremantle's big fund-raising event for 1989 is called the "Winthrop Home Project".

Souths have LRC Homes building a magnificent two-storey home on a quarter-acre Winthrop block which will be auctioned in August.

Numerous other Bulldogs sponsors are assisting in the building stage, which will greatly help Souths meet their financial commitments for this season.

## ON THE BALL

by GEORGE TEMPLE



The ever-reliable Brian Taylor won his first Outridge Medal at Subiaco. His 265 votes beat State ruckman Shane Cocker into second place by four votes.

The same margin separated Swan Medallist Mick Grasso and rookie Steve Bazzo at Swan Districts.

Another rookie, Malcolm Williams was the surprise of the bunch, heading the voting for West Perth's Breckler Medal with 49 votes from West Coast Eagle draftee Craig Turley (43) and captain Peter Menaglio (41).

At South Fremantle, hard-working big man Craig Edwards won the W.J. Hughes Medal. He outpolled Eagle Scott Watters and 1989 Eagle draftee Peter Sumich.

## Two in a row

At Perth, Mark Watson followed his 1987 Sandover Medal success with his second successive Butcher Medal. State wingman Joe Santostefano was second.



Brian Taylor ... first medal.

Full club voting details:  
**SUBIACO** — Outridge Medal: Brian Taylor 265, Shane Cocker 261, John Georgiades 247. Reserves: John Bell. Under 19s: Ray Riches.  
**CLAREMONT** — P.R. Kyle Trophy: Don Pyke 164, Peter Thorne 129, Gerard Neesham 113. Reserves: Brad Pollock. Under 19s: William Gill.  
**EAST FREMANTLE** — Lynn Medal: Shane Ellis 219, Michael Broadbridge 95, Peter Quill 93. Reserves: Bradley Read. Under 19s: Brad Mather.  
**SOUTH FREMANTLE** — W.J. Hughes Medal: Craig Edwards 136, Scott Watters 124, Peter Sumich 82. Reserves: Gordon Gatti. Under 19s: Martin Atkins.  
**PERTH** — Butcher Medal: Mark Watson 91, Joe Santostefano 78, Warren Nicholas 70. Reserves: Merv Kelly. Under 19s: Russell Thompson.  
**WEST PERTH** — Breckler Medal: Malcolm Williams 49, Craig Turley 43, Peter Menaglio 41. Reserves: Ross Dunkeld. Under 19s: Walter Woods.  
**EAST PERTH** — F.D. Book Medal: David Bain 144, Gavin Hawkins 112, George Giannakis 89. Reserves: John Edmondson. Under 19s: Darren Crook.  
**SWAN DISTRICTS** — Swan Medal: Mick Grasso 84, Steve Bazzo 80, Kim Hetherington 63. Reserves: Barry Hooper. Under 19s: Darryl Peck.

# ROYAL ROOKIES HEAD SOUTH

THE cream of East Perth's developing footballers will be on show at Manjimup's Rae Park this Saturday.

The inaugural WA Chip and Pulp Shield challenge will see young Royals up against the best under-22 players from the Lower South West League.

Since 1985, the record stands at 2-1 in East Perth's favour.

On show from East Perth will be the full squad chosen from this year's training list, including LSW recruits Grant Johnson (Manjimup Tigers), Max Rees (Manjimup Imperials), Marcus McQueen and Ben Palmer, both from Bridgetown.

The team is coached by Greg Henderson, the Under-19's coach for the past six years at East Perth.

Players from the Warren Districts who have successfully progressed through the East Perth Football Club include George Giannakis (Imperials), the Royals fairest and best in 1988, Paul Peos (Deanmill) now a West Coast Eagle, Darren Crook (Imperials), fairest and best in his first year of Under-19's at East Perth, Andrew Embry (Boyup Brook), Michael Chalmers (Bridgetown) and this year's new recruit Peter Adams, from Deanmill.



## LEAGUE-SENIOR TRAINING

Perth Oval — Every Tuesday and Thursday plus Sunday morning.  
**SATURDAY 1st APRIL**  
 Practice Match — Perth Oval  
 East Perth v West Perth  
 Reserves 11.45am. League 2.30pm.  
 East Perth's Under-19 team will be in Manjimup for the WA Chip and Pulp Cup.  
**THURSDAY 6th APRIL**  
 Presentation of Jumpers — Perth Oval  
 5pm — Senior training, Perth Oval.  
 5.30pm — Sausage Sizzle for members, Players, Supporters, Families & Children.  
 7pm — Presentation of Jumpers.  
 8pm — Announcement of League Side.  
**SUNDAY 9th APRIL**  
 14th Premiership Reunion.  
**SATURDAY 15th APRIL**  
 East Perth v Swan Districts at WACA Ground.  
 6pm — After match trophy presentation, Perth Oval.  
 7pm — Licensed gambling night, Function Hall. Restaurant open.  
 John the fun and win \$, win \$.

## ROYAL BONUS

EAST Perth members will get an added bonus with their \$35 membership package this season. The Royals are installing a giant television screen in the main function room of the Southern Stand at the WACA Ground on East Perth home match days so members can watch the West Coast Eagles fixture live from Melbourne.



# EAGLES SHOWN CLEAN PAIR OF HEELS!

WHO would have believed it — John Todd's mates up at Swan Districts giving his Eagles a hammering.

It was on the athletics track, actually, and the Eagles, in fact, were beaten into third place as Swans ran away with the celebrity 4 x 100 metre relay event at the Commonwealth Bank invitation track and field meet at Perry Lakes.

The Swans team of Greg Walker, Derek Markwell, Geoff Passeri and Chris Stannage, ran a sizzling 46.1 seconds to blitz the star-studded field by 20 metres.

The Basketball Association were second in 48.8 seconds, then came the Eagles in 49.2 seconds with WAIS volleyball quartet bringing up the rear in 49.8 seconds.

## Winning

The winning team claimed that they didn't think about winning — they just wanted to beat the Eagles!

"We thought the basketballers were the team to beat," Markwell said. "They were wearing some supercool sunnies and did this impressive-looking warm-up. But they didn't get anywhere near us."

Athletics director Tony Rice said that the Swans time was only six seconds outside the State Allcomers record. The world record is 37.83.

"They certainly showed some talent" he said. "Club teams who continually practice relays usually run 42 or 43 seconds."

The relay was a personal triumph for Walker, who two weeks earlier had been battling against pneumonia. Ironically, at the same time in 1988, he was stricken with grandular fever.

But after some impressive pre-season performances, it appears as though he will be lining up for the black and whites on April 8.

## STAMPED OUT!

AN East Fremantle under-19s player, whose name has been withheld for non-embarrassment reasons, will certainly tread warily this season after a recent experience.

The Shark was put out of action pre-season when a cow he was milking at his parent's farm stomped on his foot!

He was naturally worried that he wouldn't make the cut for the under-19 squad, but development officer Clinton Pike assured him that he was safe...at least in the football arena.



The quick quartet ... (left to right) Derek Markwell, Greg Walker, Chris Stannage and Geoff Passeri.

## SHARKS CLINIC

EAST Fremantle will hold the first of their super clinics for 1989 from April 10 to 14.

The coaching team of Sharks development officer Clinton Pike, WA great Barry Cable, Football Development Trust coaching co-ordinator Gerry McNeill and three East Fremantle league players, will hold sessions for young players in the towns of Geraldton, Northampton, Mullewa, Moora and Carnamah.

The team will also assist with the Hungry Jack's primary schools' lighting carnival and direct Level One coaching courses.

## SOCIAL UPSURGE

THERE will be plenty of opportunities for Perth Football Club members to meet the players this year — the players are making sure of that.

They have formed their first social committee in three years and will host one function a month, starting with a Champagne Brunch at Lathlain Park on April 2, starting at 10.30am.

That will be followed by a family trip to Pinjarra on May 7 and a Gala Ball on July 15. More events are planned for June and August.

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SOUTH Fremantle have taken a leaf — or a sausage, rather — out of the West Coast Eagles social book.

The Bulldogs will hold a Sausage Sizzle each Friday after the teams are announced at Fremantle Oval.

Members are invited to get down to the club and meet the players.

## LOST CAUSE

AND still at East Fremantle Oval, how about the youngster who had trouble getting to training on time.

The Karratha rookie was on his first trip to the big smoke and completely missed the turn-off to Fremantle, finishing up on a day trip to Rockingham!

He asked for directions to East Fremantle Oval and when he realised how far out he was, he rang the club with one of the best excuses for a late arrival at training that a coach has ever heard.

There were no complaints from league coach Graham Melrose, who saw the funny side of the situation.

## ON THE BALL

by GEORGE TEMPLE



## LEAGUE SQUADS

EAST Fremantle, Perth and South Fremantle will announce their league squads this weekend.

Perth will be aiming not to make fools of themselves when they present jumpers to players at Lathlain Park on Saturday (April 1) at 7.30pm.

Former Sharks star Tony Buhagiar will host East Fremantle's presentation ceremony at East Fremantle Oval on Sunday, at 4pm, while down the road at Fremantle Oval, the Bulldogs will be taking a few chances.

Souths have planned a gaming night to coincide with their jumper presentation at 7.30pm Sunday.

On Monday night, West Perth announce their squad in the club social hall at 8pm, while premiers Subiaco will do likewise the following evening in the Lions function room, starting 7.30pm.

## FALCON FLASHBACK

WEST Perth want to save their glorious history from the ravages of time and progress, so they are calling on all past and present members and players with any special memorabilia to contact them.

The Falcons have arranged sponsorship with Perpetual Finance to pay for any restoration work and the souvenir items will then be displayed on the clubroom walls.



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**COMING EVENTS**

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Commencing at 4.30pm

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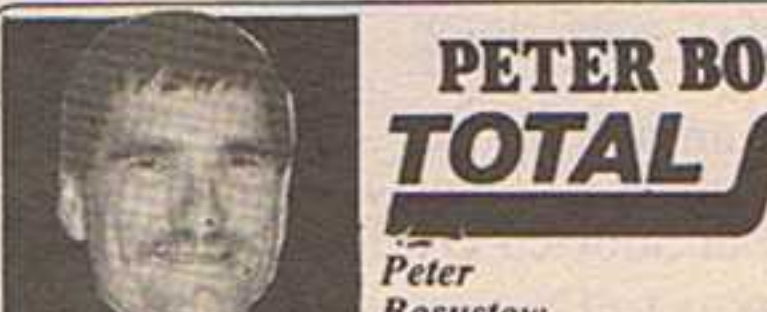
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# Kicking football into the future



## Four players in new coaching roles

Four of the eight WAFL clubs will have new reserves coaches this season with East Fremantle, Perth, Subiaco and Claremont retaining their assistant coaches from last year.

WAYNE LOXLEY will enter his sixth year as assistant coach at Subiaco; TOM MULLOOLY is in his second with Perth; it will be RON WILCOX'S third year at East Fremantle—after he graduated from their Under 19s and JOHN DIMMER is entering his second year at Claremont.

Former East Perth player WAYNE DUKE has returned to familiar territory in his new coaching role at East Perth.

Duke played 61 games with the Royals in the late '70's after being leased from Fitzroy and was a member of East Perth's 1978 Premiership side. He also played at Claremont, then Sunday football with Canning, plus another two games in a brief comeback at East Perth in 1987 before retiring.

This will be his first year of coaching, though he assisted with the reserves in 1987.

### SHINE ON!

The Royals motto for this year is "Shine in '89" and Duke believes that his team will do just that.

"The aim of our reserves is to play a supportive role to the league side," said Duke. "I'm hoping to develop players to a level where they will be ready and available to play league football."

"We're out to win this year and we

by TANIA ARMSTRONG



are in the process of teaching our players how to win. Our aim is to make the final four and anything can happen from there."

Former Claremont and Subiaco footballer ALAN WALKER is the new assistant coach at Swan Districts. It will be his first stint as coach with a WAFL club after spending the last four years with amateur football league side Scarborough.

Walker took Scarborough's senior side from wooden-spooners to grand finalists in his first season and he believes history can repeat itself at Bassendean, where all teams finished bottom of the ladder in 1988.

"I'm no stranger to the situation of finishing last," he says. "I lifted Scarborough up and I'll try to do the same at Swans."

Swans have recruited players from the country, Sunday League and Amateur ranks and Walker believes that this can greatly benefit the club.

"We have a lot of players to pick from, so there will be plenty of competition for all spots in both the league and reserves teams," he added.

PETER CURLEY is the new coach of West Perth and he will be continuing his long association with the club where

he played 37 leaguer games in the early 1970's.

He has spent the last five years at West Perth, alternating as runner for the league and reserves teams.



Wayne Duke.

Curley has also played for Sunday Football League side Wanneroo and enjoyed a coaching stint in Karratha.

### BACK HOME

Newly appointed South Fremantle reserves coach, TONY MICALÉ has welcomed the switch from Swan Districts to Fremantle.

Micalé was Swans reserves coach last year and colts coach from 1985-87.

A promotion at work restricted his time which forced him to move to a club closer to home.

A fire officer at Fremantle Port Authority, he decided he could no longer go on making the long trip from the Port to the hills.

"I live in Fremantle and travelling to Bassendean regularly was getting a bit much as it's about an hour each way," he said.

Micalé is no stranger to South Fremantle; starting his league career with the Bulldogs and playing 20 games before switching to East Fremantle for another 80 games and being a member of their 1974 premiership side.

Micalé is enjoying the new challenge and is looking forward to a successful season for all three Bulldogs teams. "There is a wealth of talent at the club," he says.

"I'm hoping to develop and promote as many players through to the league ranks as possible and as long as we can stay relatively injury free, the league team will be there at the end of the season."

## More schools in Quit Cup

NEARLY 90 per cent of all West Australian high schools will take part in this season's Quit Cup football competition.

Sixty-three teams have entered the competition this year, compared with 61 schools last year.

The Football Development Trust's sponsorship from Quit has enabled the first 18 interschool competition to grow from a 22-school contest in 1987 to a strong carnival involving the whole metropolitan area.

Teams in the Quit Cup are divided into two divisions. The 1988 winners were Hamilton Hill in the Barry Cable Division and Eastern Hills triumphed in the Graham Farmer Division.

The Quit Cup official launch will be held on March 30 and the competition will begin on April 5.

## New coaches in Under-19s

TWO WAFL clubs will have new Under-19s coaches this season.

Kevin Cornell takes on the job at South Fremantle after being assistant colts coach last year and Kevin Bolton will have his first taste of WAFL football as colts coach at Swan Districts.

Bolton spent his playing days in the South-West town of Collie before coaching Hills and metropolitan sides and a carnival team in Bunbury.

"It's always been my ambition to coach a WAFL colts side and I was fortunate the opportunity came up at Swans," he said.

### NO MIRACLES

He is not expecting any miracles at the club after the Under-19s finished on the bottom of the ladder last season and he plans to take every game as it comes.

"My aim is basically to improve the players," he says. "We're aiming to do better than last season and make the competition more competitive."

Bolton has been happy with pre-season training and has had around 75 players at training nights.

Swans went through a thorough process of interviewing each of the colts hopefuls, as Bolton doesn't believe in just cutting players off the list.

"We're getting all of the 17-year-olds to go into our 17s teams, as it is important for the club to make that competition as strong as possible" he said.

"I want the boys to enjoy their football and be competitive—and winning will then come as a result."

Cornell was a stalwart in the Bulldogs league side for many years and his tough, disciplined approach to the game was respected by all.

## Big chance for juniors

Half-time break at all Eagles home games this season will differ from the usual marching girls and cheer leaders of recent years.

The Football Development Trust will hold "Oscar's Presentation" giving one lucky child the chance to show off their footy skills.

Young readers of Footy Fever, the Trust's newsletter, have the opportunity to enter a poem or a story on football and a winner will be chosen to take part at each of the Eagles home games this season.

The segment will be compered by radio personality Ted Bull and the winning junior will be presented with a football by junior football character Oscar Aussie.

Eagles players will be on hand to have kick with the youngster and try out their new prize.

Injured West Coast Eagle Dwayne Lamb will take part at the WACA this Friday when the Eagles take on Essendon.

## Junior councils combine teams

THE East Perth and West Perth junior councils have joined together in a bid to strengthen their juniors.

The two councils have formed the East-West Junior Football Competition, though they still remain as two separate councils.

The competition was formed to generate a more viable and interesting contest for 13 to 17-year-olds.

There will be 45 teams in the new competition, instead of each council having a competition with only half that number as in previous years.

The amalgamation was decided upon in the middle of last season and a six-member management team from the two councils worked over summer to get the competition underway on April 8.

# No vacation as FDT keeps going

WHILE many people may think that summer is the quiet season for football, it is, in fact, just the opposite.

Footballs may be exchanged for surfboards by many juniors but not at the Football Development Trust.

The key to the Trust's many programmes is organisation and good programmes don't just happen overnight.

"A lot of people think that over the summer months the FDT staff go down to the beach and sit on their backsides, which is just not the case," said Grant Dorrington, FDT General Manager.

"The success of this year depends upon the work put in by the FDT team over football's off season," he added.

Trust employees spent the months of October, November and December re-assessing programmes, pin-pointing their strengths and weaknesses and deciding where they should go in 1989.

### Sponsorship

January, February and March were largely spent gathering sponsorship and setting up networks in both the country and city to run and launch programmes.

"I would say that the people I work with at the Trust are as busy in those months as they are in the footy months," said Dorrington.

"During the footy months the programmes are well under way—we come along and advise, ascertain and have a look.

"But the past few months have been absolutely hectic. While footy sleeps, these people are working."

Dorrington said that one of the problems facing football was the fact that many people did not know what was going on and what organisations such as FDT were doing.

In an attempt to enlighten some of the public, a Country Seminar '89 was held at Subiaco Oval on March 11.

The FDT invited all key administrators of country football to attend the seminar and hear speakers like Brian Cook, the acting Chief Executive of the WAFL, and FDT employees Grant Dorrington, Gerard McNeill and Ross Luckman.

The 60 people who attended were then asked for their suggestions on how to improve football and Dorrington believes the day was a great success.

"The more people who find out what's going on the better," he says. "The country people's reaction has been tremendous and I think they all left realising that football was in good hands."



A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## Nollamara can be the big improvers

THE signing of former top WAFL goalkicker Mick Rea as captain-coach should signal the return to A-grade power of Nollamara this season.

This is how the A-grade clubs are looking for season '89:

**NOLLAMARA:** Mick Rea could fill the major gap in attack that Nollamara have had, since the retirement of Colin Northcott.

**UNIVERSITY:** The students have gained many recruits over the summer months and have had a thorough preparation under Bruce Robinson. They displayed a new desire for success when easily accounting for Mt Lawley in a practice match.

**TRINITY-AQUINAS:** The retirement of Les Fong as a player should give him more time to concentrate on the tactical aspect and will keep the Old Boys side in the limelight.

**MT LAWLEY:** Player losses and a lack of recruiting in the off-season will see the Hawks struggle. But, beware, as they are still strong enough to surprise.

**WEMBLEY:** They should just make the five in a battle with North Beach and Old Wesley. Coach Rod Alderton has a few new players to unveil and the Magpie tradition should see them in the finals.

**NORTH BEACH:** New coach Corry Bewick will instil confidence into the Tigers and a lot will depend on the ability of some Victorian and country recruits. If they perform, this side is capable of taking a top-three berth.

**OLD WESLEY:** Another capable side who will ensure that 1989 is a most competitive season. The question hanging over Old Wesley is have they recruited well enough and how much can they improve on last year?

**WEST COAST:** Rumours are aplenty of recruiting coups over the summer months and if half of them come off, this side would improve dramatically. However, the lack of depth will be the problem as new coach Tim Gepp will discover if there are any injury problems.

**SCARBOROUGH:** New coach Darryl Freame is extremely keen and will work hard, but will this be enough? Scarborough could surprise with a few tall recruits and with some of their former players returning to the fold.

**INNALOO:** The Bulldogs have a lot of work in front of them now that they are back in A-grade. The goal of surviving should be the first year's theme and then building from there. However, a word of warning — Innaloo are a dangerous side at Yaluma Park, their home ground!

The season is sure to attract a lot of interest with coaching performances being monitored by more than our own clubs.

by  
**TREVOR SCHORER**



Mick Rea ... big bonus.

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### LAST YEAR'S GRAND FINALS

A-GRADE	MT LAWLEY	TRINITY-AQUINAS	GOALS
3.4	6.5	11.6	15.9
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.

BEST: MT LAWLEY: R. Bell (winner of B.J. Giles Fairest and Best Medal), W. Hardman, J. Cook, T. Williams. TRINITY-AQUINAS: P. Green, M. Shaw, L. Fong, J. McGrade.

B-GRADE	INNALOO	BAYSWATER
7.2	10.10	16.10
6.3	9.6	13.9
		17.12



Premiership coach Greg Hyde.

## Amateurs introduce card

THE Western Australian Amateur Football League has set a precedent in the battle to curb increasing on-field violence with the introduction of a red and yellow card disciplinary system in the under-20 competition.

The system is utilized by umpires when, in their opinion, a player transgresses the laws of the game.

If the offence is minor, a yellow card is shown to players and coaches.

This gives the coach the opportunity to replace him and address the player for his behaviour before he becomes a liability to the team.

If the same player offends again, he is sent from the ground with no replacement for the rest of the match, leaving the team with 17 men.

Should a player receive three yellow card warnings in one season, he shall have his players' permit withdrawn for one week.

### VIOLENT

The umpire also has the option of producing a red card if a player offends the laws of the game in a manner that is deemed overly violent.

He is sent from the field not to return for the remainder of the match, with no replacement and must appear before the WAAFL Protests and Disputes Tribunal.

In order to fully support the umpires efforts to maintain control over matches and players, the WAAFL has introduced compulsory Level 1 Coach Accreditation for all coaches employed by amateur football clubs.

The coach education programme will benefit all amateur footballers because coaches will know how to get the best from their players while maintaining an enjoyable environment.

Coaches are also expected to provide an exemplary role model for players to follow. This includes behaviour toward umpires.

## New structure in S-W League

**SOUTH-West National Football League president John Silcock — has introduced a new management structure for the League.**

Mr Silcock told the annual general meeting that a management board comprising all of the SWNFL presidents would replace the previous 20 club delegate system.

"I believe this will greatly benefit the league," Mr Silcock said. "Especially as it comes to grips with changes forced upon it due to the introduction of the Eatles team out of the WAFL."

### FINANCIAL

The president added in his report that despite a fall in attendances last season, the league remains in a sound financial position.

Mr Silcock claimed that realistic budgeting was the only way to keep South-West football in a healthy state, while maintaining the viability and high profile it enjoys.

The new senior vice-president for the SWNFL is Les Hackett, replacing Ray Jones, who stood down after many years of dedicated service.

Neville Miller was re-elected junior vice-president and Ray Kelly remains the League's secretary.

It is Mr Silcock's third successive term as president.

## SWANS' NEW WEAPON



John Mills ... big prospects.

**SWAN Districts may gamble in their opening league fixture against Perth at Bassendean next weekend by selecting a Ron Boucher look-alike they discovered working at the Burswood Casino Resort.**

Ruckmann John Mills played a handful of games for Tasmanian Football League clubs Clarence and North Hobart before moving to Perth last year.

His preparation this season has been hampered by injuries he sustained in Swans opening practice match on March 4th.

"He's a genuine worker who could also be used at centre-half-forward," Blackaby said.

Blackaby said that Mills was working as a security guard at the Casino when Swans were told about him.

"We asked him down for a hit out," the Swans coach said. "He signed on, so we'll just see how things go."

Mills has certainly made an impact at Bassendean, if only for his striking resemblance to former tough-guy Ron Boucher — only Mills is bigger!

Mills, (23), is a strapping 195cm and weighs in at 103kg. And he aims to be as awesome as big, bad Ron ever was.

Boucher needed only to look at a rival player to intimidate him. He also had the strength to win the big-man duels — both on and off the ball.

Mills believes his own intimidating appearance will be a big asset for him this season.

"No-one will be able to stand in my way and if anyone does, I'll run right through them," the Success Motivation Institute sales graduate said.

"I want to be a State ruckman and I believe that I have the determination to achieve that ambition."

Ironically, Mills had no ambitions of playing league football when he lobbied in Perth last year and looked up his uncle, Peter Mills, the course professional at the Cottesloe Golf Club.

"I wanted to play some golf and do some professional caddying," said Mills.

"That's why I was working at the Casino. It gave me plenty of free daylight hours to do that. But when my club in Tasmania won the TFL premiership, I began to get itchy feet and naturally jumped at the chance when Ed rang me."

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# THE HIGH-FLYING MAGPIES

NORTH Fremantle's venture into the very hospitable territory of southern Ireland to tackle the locals at Gaelic Football must rank as one of the success stories of the 1988 football season.

While the team was never destined to win the important clash at Carrignavar, a cosy little village just outside Cork, plenty of other victories were posted in this exchange of football philosophies.

The playing odds were well stacked against the hearty band of Magpies, with their A-grade side depleted through absentees, injuries and jet-lag — not to mention the over-indulgence at the hands of their genial hosts; the ankle-high grass; the drizzling rain and last, but not least, that confounded round ball.

The on-field battle took place just 24 social-filled hours after arriving in Cork, via Heathrow Airport, where the concrete jungle sights were taken in during a four-hour stopover, not forgetting the beauty of Bahrain and sultry Singapore.

That indefatigable parish priest, Father Donncha McCarthaigh (who led an excursion of Cork junior footballers to Perth last year), was ever-present as the party of 60 assorted men, women and children were allocated their billets or dispatched to their hotels. The billeting system provided a few nervous moments as Aussies were matched up with Irish and some strange combinations were effected.

But one factor was to emerge — there wasn't a member of the touring party who didn't completely enjoy their stay in the Irish homes. The hosts were simply magnificent.

Few of the visiting party fully realised just how big an event the match day was.

## VOLUNTEERS

It was the official opening and blessing of the playing field and clubrooms established over many years with hard work and voluntary labour by the small Carraig na Bhfear — or the Carrignavar GA as we came to know them.

The specially-selected local side had a few "outsiders" in the team to make it competitive — as did the North Fremantle side, bolstered by Irishmen Thomas Conway, Eddie Carey, James Galvin (a star on the earlier Cork Combined Schools tour to Australia) and Keith Horgan.

The off-field line-up of dignitaries was equally impressive.

North Fremantle's president Baden Pratt was representing the visitors in the VIP grandstand — a table-top truck covered with a tarpaulin — and the Australian Ambassador, former WA Premier Brian Burke, headed the official Aussie contingent. He was backed up by WA Development Corporation chief John Horgan, who was visiting Ireland at the time and travelled down from Dublin with Mr Burke for the game.



Former WA Premier Brian Burke is flanked by Magpies coach Terry Sayers and Carrignavar's skipper, Dan Joe Foley.

By ALAN EAST  
Editor of  
Westside Football



## Breaking down the barriers



Football's No. 1 character, Malcolm Brown, was on the sidelines giving North Fremantle coach Terry Sayers some advice.

The locals were well represented by the clergy, including the Bishop of Cork who blessed the playing field; the Gaelic Athletic Association — the governing body of sport in Ireland — and the County Cork Board.

The 1500-strong population of Carrignavar had planned for this event for nearly a year and seemingly every member of the community was involved, from making sandwiches for afternoon tea to driving buses to show the visitors around.

## PERSONALITY

Nothing was too much trouble for the hosts. Meals were ever-present; as were refreshments and it was no coincidence that the local GA club president, that effervescent personality Tim Hegarty, was, in fact, a sales consultant with local brewers, Guinness — and he never stopped promoting his product!

# MAGPIES



North's skipper Terry Sayers leads his team into battle.

The Cork visit was highlighted by a number of official, if informal, functions culminating in a dinner hosted by the Cork County Colleges.

There was much exchanging of gifts and pleasantries, with Baden Pratt particularly producing numerous souvenirs of Fremantle and Australia for exchange with the Irish.

The Cork City Council hosted a brief function; the big brewers Beamish and Co. turned it on (including Foster's, which they brew in rapidly expanding quantities for the Irish market) in fine style and the Mellow GA club provided a night with a difference at their headquarters, with much song and dance.

## FUNCTIONS

The overwhelming hospitality of the Carrignavar people remained the highlight of the trip and it was interesting to see a number of the tourists return there a day earlier to spend extra time with their hosts.

The bond of football friendship was certainly strengthened by the North Fremantle expedition — and a return trip to Perth is already being planned in Cork.

W AFL Commissioner Mal Brown was one of the many people on the trip impressed with its success — and the benefits that should be derived from the exercise.



North Fremantle president Baden Pratt (left) welcomes PIBS Personality of the Year winner Ben Seabrook on board for the trip to Ireland.

Carrignavar boasted three small and typically-Irish pubs, two with attractive-sounding names and the third simply called "The Local".

It was there that the publican had demolished a wall on the afternoon of the Magpie invasion to create some impromptu extensions to cater for the first-night welcoming ceremony. It was his biggest day behind the bar in seven years, achieved despite the reluctance of many of the visitors to indulge in huge pints of the black brew that was to become synonymous with forthcoming activities.

This visit by Australian Rules footballers — brought about by Baden Pratt and his tour committee — was to re-establish the links forged with Ireland on earlier trips first instigated by VFL personality Harry Beitzel.

The local children were captivated by the Australians and souvenired anything from football boots and socks to business cards and beanies.

## ATTRACTIVE

There were some interesting comparisons of Gaelic football with the Australian Rules version, with many senior Irish officials believing that the compromise rules provided for a more attractive game than their own version.

The Gaelic game is a stop-start affair, with too many fouls creeping into the match-play and too frequent interruptions stopping the flow of the game.

Dennis Conroy, one of Ireland's foremost sporting officials and chairman of the Cork GA Association, was strong in his praise of the compromise rules.

Criticism of the traditional Gaelic game was voiced in several major Irish papers the day after the All-Ireland Gaelic Grand Final replay (won by Meath, much to the disappointment of the strong Cork contingent at Croke Park, Dublin) suggesting that the game needed to be quickened up.



# The media's awards night



Channel 10's Lisa Dalton — Best TV news story.

**... and Lisa  
steals  
the show**



Left to right: Dwayne Lamb and Ben Allan proudly show off their Simpson Medals and Steve Malaxos his All-Australian jumper.

A FULL complement of media personalities turned out for the football media's night of nights at WAFL headquarters.

The awards, held over from 1988, recognised the best contributions by photographic, electronic and print media for last season.

Channel 10's Lisa Dalton became the new station's first football award winner for the best TV news story, while Simpson Medals were also presented to West Coast Eagle Dwayne Lamb, Claremont's Ben Allan and an All-Australian jumper to Steve Malaxos.



Radio 6PR's Gary Carvolth — Best football personality.



ABC's Trevor Jenkins — Best radio commentator.



Gary Stocks, of The West Australian — Best match report.



Ken Matts (Sunday Times) — Swan Districts award for the best picture of a Swans player.



Ray Wilson (Sunday Times) — Claremont's award for sports journalism excellence.

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## The Laws certainly pose a problem

AS we open proceedings for yet another year of Australian Football, it's pertinent to reflect on one of the most controversial aspects of the game — the Laws or Rules.

Like many sports, football has had difficulty formulating a set of playing rules which prove satisfactory over a reasonable time frame.

It's an occupational hazard for administrators to be burdened with unworkable or unpopular Laws.

Cricket has changed, re-changed and changed again the no-ball conditions and the leg-before-wicket requirements have been plagued with controversy.

Rugby League has grappled for decades with the six tackle rule and Rugby Union has tried all sorts of combinations in regard to kicking out on the full.

These are just a few illustrations from other sports to demonstrate that arriving at a workable and visually

attractive formula for Laws is obviously a difficult exercise.

In the case of Australian Football, there is the ludicrous situation where ours is probably the only major sport where the Laws of the game cannot be purchased at a newsagent or book store.

Members of the public who contact the NFL seeking Law books are incredulous at the non-availability of the Laws and feel that they are formulated and distributed in an aura of secrecy!

Australian Football, perhaps more than any sport, has undergone many radical changes in playing style.

It is understandable that continual reviews, with subsequent changes in Laws, have been found necessary; a

situation proving taxing for umpires and galling for spectators.

One of our problems is that senior coaches have been able to exert undue influence on how the game is played.

The 15-metre penalty degenerated into a shambles as a direct result of some coaches deliberately formulating unattractive and totally negative tactics.

These tactics were adopted by coaches with no heed given to the grave damage done to the game in terms of its visual presentation to the public.

Unfortunately, Joe Public has a disconcerting habit of having the final say by withdrawing support.

In spite of what some administrators and officials say, there ARE many thousands of former Australian Football supporters — mostly in the 40-60 age bracket — who do not now relate to a game which has drastically altered.

Of course, there can be no argument that athletically and physically, today's players are infinitely fitter and more multi-talented than their forebearers.

## The national view

by JOHN WARREN

And the game is much faster. The salient question though is — "is the game now ENJOYED by a greater percentage of the population on a per capital basis?"

The answer is "no".

The Laws Review Committee contains some eminent and dedicated people who have come up with some good suggestions.

Much work however, is yet to be done.

Some of this surely must be in the area of the now almost total ignoring of designated field positions.

Even experienced journalists and commentators find it impossible to nominate where many players are supposed to be stationed.

This has got to be a minus — in fact, an absolute joke!

Let's hope the Committee can come up with important recommendations which can be adopted — and responsibly interpreted by umpires AND eventually appreciated by the public.

After all, we rely on the public to support the game.

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# YOUR 1989 FIXTURES

## How they finished last season

### SGIO WAFL LEAGUE

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
CLAREMONT	14	6	1	2354	1796	131.07	58
SUBIACO	14	7	-	2296	1916	119.83	56
S. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	2306	2137	107.91	52
E. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	2226	2104	105.80	52
Perth	12	9	-	2397	2280	105.13	48
W. Perth	8	13	-	1992	2201	90.50	32
East Perth	5	16	-	1905	2408	79.11	20
Swan Districts	4	16	1	1991	2625	75.84	18

### WAFL PRIME RESERVES

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
PERTH	15	6	-	2398	1434	167.22	60
CLAREMONT	15	6	-	2055	1600	128.43	60
E. PERTH	12	9	-	1839	1920	95.78	48
SUBIACO	11	10	-	1993	1564	127.43	44
E. Fremantle	11	10	-	2016	1822	110.65	44
S. Fremantle	8	13	-	1846	2153	85.74	32
W. Perth	8	13	-	1614	2050	78.73	32
Swan Districts	4	17	-	1327	2545	52.14	16

### WAFL UNDER-19s

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
SUBIACO	16	5	-	1729	1072	161.28	64
CLAREMONT	15	5	1	1715	1070	160.28	62
E. PERTH	15	6	-	1428	1123	127.15	60
S. FREMANTLE	13	8	-	1673	1165	143.60	52
E. Fremantle	8	12	1	1294	1483	87.25	34
Perth	8	13	-	1321	1354	97.56	32
W. Perth	7	14	-	1382	1564	88.36	28
Swan Districts	1	20	-	798	2507	31.80	4

### VFL

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
HAWTHORN	19	3	-	2791	1962	142.3	76
C'WOOD	15	6	1	1948	1728	112.7	62
CARLTON	15	7	-	2342	1961	119.4	60
WEST COAST	13	9	-	2199	1966	111.8	52
MELBOURNE	13	9	-	2003	1961	102.1	52
Essendon	12	10	-	2186	2017	108.4	48
Sydney	12	10	-	2169	2176	99.7	48
Footscray	11	11	-	1880	1803	104.3	44
Geelong	10	12	-	2356	2246	104.9	40
Richmond	8	14	-	2161	2540	85.1	32
N. Melbourne	7	14	1	2361	2638	89.5	30
Fitzroy	7	15	-	2138	2538	83.8	28
Brisbane	7	15	-	1806	2421	74.6	28
St Kilda	4	18	-	1708	2081	82.1	16

### SANFL

	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
PORT ADELAIDE	16	6	-	2426	1903	56.04	32
CENTRAL DIST	15	6	1	2572	1923	57.22	31
NORWOOD	14	8	-	2384	1808	56.87	28
GLENELG	13	9	0	2456	1854	56.98	26
STURT	13	9	-	2458	2284	51.83	26
North Adelaide	11	10	1	2182	1983	52.39	23
Woodville	9	13	-	2350	2594	47.53	18
West Adelaide	9	13	-	2112	2403	46.78	18
West Torrens	8	14	-	1986	2488	44.39	16
South Adelaide	1	21	-	1540	3226	32.31	2



### SERIES ONE

**ROUND 1**  
Saturday 8 April  
Subiaco vs Claremont Subiaco  
East Frem. vs East Perth East Frem.  
Swan Dist. vs Perth Bassendean  
West Perth vs South Frem Leederville

**ROUND 2**  
Saturday 15 April  
Claremont vs West Perth Claremont  
South Frem vs East Frem. Fremantle  
East Perth vs Swan Dist. WACA  
Perth vs Subiaco Lathlain

**ROUND 3**  
Saturday 22 April  
Claremont vs Swan Dist. Claremont  
East Frem. vs Perth Kelmscott  
West Perth vs East Perth Leederville

**ROUND 4**  
Saturday 29 April  
East Perth vs Claremont WACA  
South Frem vs Perth Fremantle  
Subiaco vs West Perth Wanneroo  
Swan Dist. vs East Frem. Bassendean

**ROUND 5**  
Saturday 6 May  
Claremont vs South Frem Albany(P)  
East Frem. vs West Perth East Frem.  
Perth vs East Perth Lathlain  
Swan Dist. vs Subiaco Bassendean

**ROUND 6**  
Saturday 13 May  
Claremont vs Perth Claremont  
Subiaco vs East Frem. Subiaco  
South Frem vs East Perth Fremantle  
West Perth vs Swan Dist. Leederville

**STATE OF ORIGIN**  
Tuesday 16 May 6.30pm  
WA vs VIC (WACA)

**ROUND 7**  
Saturday 20 May  
East Frem. vs Claremont East Frem.  
East Perth vs Subiaco WACA  
Perth vs West Perth Lathlain  
Swan Dist. vs South Frem Bassendean

### SERIES TWO

**ROUND 8**  
Saturday 27 May  
Claremont vs Subiaco Claremont  
East Perth vs East Frem. WACA  
Perth vs Swan Dist. Lathlain  
South Frem vs West Perth Fremantle

**ROUND 9**  
Saturday 3 June  
West Perth vs Claremont Leederville  
Subiaco vs Perth Subiaco

**ROUND 10**  
Sunday 4 June  
East Perth vs Swan Dist. Dampier(P)  
Monday 5 June  
East Frem. vs South Frem East Frem.

**ROUND 11**  
Saturday 10 June  
Swan Dist. vs Claremont Bassendean  
Perth vs East Frem. Lathlain  
East Perth vs West Perth WACA  
South Frem vs Subiaco Fremantle

**ROUND 12**  
Saturday 17 June  
Claremont vs East Perth Claremont  
Perth vs South Frem Lathlain  
Subiaco vs West Perth Subiaco  
East Frem. vs Swan Dist. East Frem.

**ROUND 13**  
Saturday 24 June  
South Frem vs Claremont Fremantle  
West Perth vs East Frem. Leederville  
East Perth vs Perth WACA  
Swan Dist. vs Subiaco Bassendean

**ROUND 14**  
Saturday 1 July  
Perth vs Claremont Lathlain  
East Frem. vs Subiaco East Frem.  
East Perth vs South Frem WACA  
Swan Dist. vs West Perth Bassendean

**ROUND 15**  
Saturday 8 July  
Claremont vs East Frem. Claremont  
Subiaco vs East Perth Subiaco  
West Perth vs Perth Leederville  
South Frem vs Swan Dist. Fremantle

### ROUND 16

Saturday 22 July  
Claremont vs West Perth Claremont  
South Frem vs East Frem. Fremantle  
Swan Dist. vs East Perth Bassendean  
Perth vs Subiaco Lathlain

### ROUND 17

Saturday 29 July  
Claremont vs Swan Dist. Claremont  
East Frem. vs Perth East Frem.  
East Perth vs West Perth WACA  
Subiaco vs South Frem Subiaco

### ROUND 18

Saturday 5 August  
East Perth vs Claremont WACA  
South Frem vs Perth Fremantle  
West Perth vs Subiaco Leederville  
Swan Dist. vs East Frem. Bassendean

### ROUND 19

Saturday 12 August  
Claremont vs South Frem Claremont  
East Frem. vs West Perth East Frem.  
Perth vs East Perth Lathlain  
Subiaco vs Swan Dist. Subiaco

### ROUND 20

Saturday 19 August  
Claremont vs Perth Claremont  
Subiaco vs East Frem. Subiaco  
South Frem vs East Perth Fremantle  
West Perth vs Swan Dist. Leederville

### ROUND 21

Saturday 21 August  
East Frem. vs Claremont East Frem.  
East Perth vs Subiaco WACA  
West Perth vs Perth Leederville  
Swan Dist. vs South Frem Bassendean

Venues for matches marked "P" are provisionally scheduled and subject to satisfactory arrangements being concluded. In the event this does not eventuate for any such match/matches, games in question will be re-scheduled at the discretion of the WAFL.

### SGIO PREMIERSHIP FINALS

Sat 2 Sept 1st Semi Final Subiaco  
Sat 9 Sept 2nd Semi Final Subiaco  
Sat 16 Sept Preliminary Final Subiaco  
Sat 23 Sept Grand Final Subiaco



# VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### ROUND 1

Friday 31 March  
West Coast vs Essendon (W)

**Saturday 1 April**  
Collingwood vs Hawthorn (P)  
Carlton vs Footscray  
Melbourne vs Fitzroy  
St. Kilda vs Brisbane

**Sunday 2 April**  
Sydney vs Richmond  
North Melbourne vs Geelong

**ROUND 2**  
Saturday 8 April  
North Melbourne vs Hawthorn (P)  
Richmond vs Footscray  
Fitzroy vs Collingwood  
St. Kilda vs Carlton  
Essendon vs Melbourne

**Sunday 9 April**  
Brisbane vs Sydney  
Geelong vs West Coast

**ROUND 3**  
Saturday 15 April  
St. Kilda vs Fitzroy (P)  
Hawthorn vs Essendon  
Collingwood vs Brisbane  
Footscray vs North Melbourne  
Richmond vs Melbourne

**Sunday 16 April**  
Sydney vs West Coast  
Geelong vs Carlton

**ROUND 4**  
Friday 21 April  
Melbourne vs Brisbane

**Saturday 22 April**  
Collingwood vs St. Kilda  
Fitzroy vs Sydney

**Sunday 23 April**  
West Coast vs Nth Melbourne (W)  
Footscray vs Geelong

**Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day**  
Richmond vs Hawthorn (P)  
Carlton vs Essendon

**ROUND 5**  
Saturday 29 April  
Hawthorn vs Carlton (P)  
Melbourne vs Footscray  
Fitzroy vs Geelong  
Essendon vs St. Kilda

**Sunday 30 April**  
North Melbourne vs Richmond  
Sydney vs Collingwood  
Brisbane vs West Coast

**ROUND 6**  
Friday 5 May  
West Coast vs Fitzroy (W)

**Saturday 6 May**  
Carlton vs Richmond (P)  
Melbourne vs Collingwood  
Hawthorn vs Geelong  
St. Kilda vs Sydney

**Sunday 7 May**  
Brisbane vs Footscray  
North Melbourne vs Essendon

**ROUND 7**  
Friday 12 May  
Sydney vs North Melbourne

**Saturday 13 May**  
Richmond vs West Coast (P)  
Melbourne vs Carlton  
Collingwood vs Footscray  
Hawthorn vs Fitzroy  
Geelong vs St. Kilda

**Sunday 14 May**  
Brisbane vs Essendon

**STATE OF ORIGIN**  
Tuesday 16 May 6.30pm  
WA vs VIC (WACA)

**ROUND 8**  
Saturday 20 May  
Carlton vs Collingwood (P)  
St. Kilda vs North Melbourne  
Footscray vs Fitzroy  
Hawthorn vs Sydney  
Essendon vs Richmond  
Geelong vs Brisbane

**Sunday 21 May**  
West Coast vs Melbourne (S)

**ROUND 9**  
Saturday 27 May  
Essendon vs Collingwood (P)  
Richmond vs Geelong  
Carlton vs Fitzroy  
St. Kilda vs West Coast  
Brisbane vs North Melbourne

**Sunday 28 May**  
Sydney vs Melbourne  
Footscray vs Hawthorn

**ROUND 10**  
Friday 2 June  
North Melbourne vs Melbourne

**Saturday 3 June**  
St. Kilda vs Richmond (P)  
Footscray vs Sydney  
Essendon vs Fitzroy  
Collingwood vs Geelong  
Carlton vs Brisbane

**Sunday 4 June**  
West Coast vs Hawthorn (S)

**ROUND 11**  
Friday 9 June  
Sydney vs Carlton

**Saturday 10 June**  
Footscray vs St. Kilda (P)  
Fitzroy vs North Melbourne  
Essendon vs Sydney

**Sunday 11 June**  
West Coast vs Collingwood (S)

**Monday 12 June**  
Hawthorn vs Melbourne  
Richmond vs Brisbane  
Geelong vs Essendon

**ROUND 12**  
Friday 16 June  
West Coast vs Footscray (W)

**Saturday 17 June**  
Collingwood vs Richmond (P)  
St. Kilda vs Hawthorn  
Melbourne vs Geelong  
Carlton vs North Melbourne  
Essendon vs Sydney

**Sunday 18 June**  
Brisbane vs Fitzroy

**ROUND 13**  
Friday 23 June  
Hawthorn vs Brisbane (MCG)

**Saturday 24 June**  
Fitzroy vs Richmond (P)  
Melbourne vs St. Kilda  
Collingwood vs North Melbourne  
Essendon vs Footscray  
Carlton vs West Coast

**Sunday 25 June**  
Sydney vs Geelong

**STATE OF ORIGIN**  
Saturday 1 July  
VIC vs SA (MCG)

**ROUND 14**  
Friday 7 July  
North Melbourne vs St. Kilda

**Saturday 8 July**  
Essendon vs Carlton (P)  
Hawthorn vs West Coast  
Richmond vs Sydney  
Geelong vs Fitzroy

**Sunday 9 July**  
Brisbane vs Melbourne  
Footscray vs Collingwood

**ROUND 15**  
Saturday 15 July  
Collingwood vs Carlton (P)  
Melbourne vs North Melbourne  
Fitzroy vs St. Kilda  
Essendon vs West Coast  
Brisbane vs Geelong

**Sunday 16 July**  
Sydney vs Footscray  
Richmond vs Hawthorn

**ROUND 16**  
Saturday 22 July  
Geelong vs Melbourne (P)  
Richmond vs Essendon  
Hawthorn vs Collingwood  
Footscray vs Carlton  
Brisbane vs St. Kilda

**Sunday 23 July**  
West Coast vs Sydney (S)  
North Melbourne vs Fitzroy

**ROUND 17**  
Friday 28 July  
Richmond vs Fitzroy

**Saturday 29 July**  
North Melbourne vs Hawthorn (P)  
Geelong vs Collingwood  
St. Kilda vs Essendon  
Carlton vs Melbourne

**Sunday 30 July**  
Sydney vs Brisbane  
Footscray vs West Coast

**ROUND 18**  
Friday 4 August  
North Melbourne vs Brisbane

**Saturday 5 August**  
Carlton vs Hawthorn (P)  
Collingwood vs Sydney  
Fitzroy vs Melbourne  
St. Kilda vs Geelong

**Sunday 6 August**  
West Coast vs Richmond (S)  
Footscray vs Essendon

**ROUND 19**  
Friday 11 August  
Richmond vs Carlton

**Saturday 12 August**  
Melbourne vs Hawthorn (P)  
North Melbourne vs Collingwood  
Fitzroy vs West Coast  
Essendon vs Brisbane

**Sunday 13 August**  
Sydney vs St. Kilda  
Geelong vs Footscray

**ROUND 20**  
Friday 18 August  
West Coast vs Geelong (W)

**Saturday 19 August**  
Fitzroy vs Collingwood (P)  
Footscray vs Richmond  
Melbourne vs Sydney  
Essendon vs North Melbourne  
Carlton vs St. Kilda

**Sunday 20 August**  
Brisbane vs Hawthorn

**ROUND 21**  
Friday 25 August  
Sydney vs Essendon

**Saturday 26 August**  
Fitzroy vs Brisbane (P)  
Hawthorn vs Footscray  
Collingwood vs Richmond  
Geelong vs North Melbourne  
St. Kilda vs Melbourne

**Sunday 27 August**  
West Coast vs Carlton (S)

**ROUND 22**  
Friday 1 September  
North Melbourne vs Sydney

**Saturday 2 September**  
Hawthorn vs St. Kilda (P)  
Melbourne vs Essendon  
Fitzroy vs Footscray  
Geelong vs Richmond  
Collingwood vs West Coast

**Sunday 3 September**  
Brisbane vs Carlton

**VFL FINALS**  
Sept. 9, 16, 23, (VFL Park) (P)  
Sept. 10, 17, 30 (MCG)

(P) Indicates matches to be played at VFL Park.  
(S) Indicates matches to be played at Subiaco Oval.  
(W) Indicates matches to be played at WACA.

**WEST COAST EAGLES**

Friday, March 31 (Round 1)  
Eagles v Essendon at WACA  
Sunday, April 9 (Round 2)  
Geelong v Eagles at Geelong  
Sunday, April 16 (Round 3)  
Sydney v Eagles at SCG  
Sunday, April 23 (Round 4)  
Eagles v Nth Melbourne at WACA  
Sunday, April 30 (Round 5)  
Brisbane v Eagles at Carrara  
Friday, May 5 (Round 6)  
Eagles v Fitzroy at WACA  
Saturday, May 13 (Round 7)  
Richmond v Eagles at VFL Park  
Sunday, May 21 (Round 8)  
Eagles v Melbourne at Subiaco  
Saturday, May 27 (Round 9)  
St Kilda v Eagles at Moorabbin  
Sunday, June 4 (Round 10)  
Eagles v Hawthorn at Subiaco  
Sunday, June 11 (Round 11)  
Eagles v Collingwood at Subiaco  
Friday, June 16 (Round 12)  
Eagles v Footscray at WACA  
Saturday, June 24 (Round 13)  
Carlton v Eagles at Princes Park  
Saturday, July 8 (Round 14)  
Hawthorn v Eagles at Princes Park  
Saturday, July 15 (Round 15)  
Essendon v Eagles at Windy Hill  
Sunday, July 23 (Round 16)  
Eagles v Sydney at Subiaco  
Sunday, July 30 (Round 17)  
Footscray v Eagles at Western Oval  
Sunday, August 6 (Round 18)  
Eagles v Richmond at Subiaco  
Saturday, August 12 (Round 19)  
Fitzroy v Eagles at Princes Park  
Friday, August 18 (Round 20)  
Eagles v Geelong at WACA  
Sunday, August 27 (Round 21)  
Eagles v Carlton at Subiaco  
Saturday, September 2 (Round 22)  
Collingwood v Eagles at Victoria Park





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## Last year's grand finals

### WAFL



#### GRAND FINALS

##### SGIO BICENTENNIAL LEAGUE

SUBIACO ..... 3.3 6.4 10.7 19.8 122  
 CLAREMONT ..... 2.3 5.6 5.9 8.12 60  
**GOALS:** SUBIACO: Georgiades 6.2, Cocker 3, McDougall 2.2, Jones 2.1, Breman 2, Jennings 1.1, B. Taylor 1, Lee 1, Carpenter 1.  
 CLAREMONT: Melesso 3.1, Brayshaw 2, Ahmat 1, Allan 1, Neesham 1.  
**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

**Backs:** Kevan Sparks, Rod Willet, Graham Jones.  
**Half-backs:** Bret Hutchinson, Clinton Brown, Andrew Brice.  
**Centres:** Ian Dargie, Brad McDougall, Greg Carpenter.  
**Half-forwards:** John Georgiades, Shane Cocker, Glen Hutcheson.  
**Forwards:** Brian Taylor, Todd Breman, Brett Heady.  
**Ruck:** Laurie Keene, Neil Taylor, Mick Lee.  
**Interchange:** Garry Kemp, Mick Jennings.

#### CLAREMONT

**Backs:** Peter James, John Scott, Peter Owens.  
**Half-backs:** Grant Povey, Tony Beers, Noel Morton.  
**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  
 EAST PERTH ..... 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 Scoop.

### VFL



HAWTHORN 4.4, 10.9, 14.16, 22.20 (152)  
 MELBOURNE 1.5, 2.8, 5.14, 6.20 (56)  
**Goals — HAWTHORN:** Dunstall 7, Abbott 6, Brereton 5, Di Pierdomenico, Schwab, Kennedy, Morrissey. MELBOURNE: Lyon, Williams 2, Johnson, Healy.  
**Best — HAWTHORN:** Ayres, Schwab, Morrissey, Brereton, Platten, Abbot. MELBOURNE — Lovett, Stynes, Healy.  
**Crowd:** 93,754 at the MCG.

### SANFL



PORT ADELAIDE 0.2, 4.6, 7.10, 12.12 (84).  
 GLENELG 3.3, 3.5, 4.7, 8.7 (55).  
**Goals — PORT ADELAIDE:** Hodges 4, Ginever, Brown 2, Harrison, Williams, Smith, Foster 1. GLENELG: Budarick 3, Mansell 2, Hewett, Hodgeman, A Stringer 1.  
**Best — PORT ADELAIDE:** Abernathy, Phillips, Leslie, Boyd, Fiacchi, Williams. GLENELG: Seebohm, Stringer, Russell, Hewett, Budarick, Stringer.



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### 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). Willston-Grange 12.12 (84) b Morningside 8.17 (65).

#### Panasonic Cup Grand Final

MELBOURNE ..4.5 8.8 8.11 10.16 76  
 GEELONG ... 2.3 4.5 6.11 9.13 67  
**GOALS:** MELBOURNE: Bennett 5, Wilson 2, Lyon 1, Johnson 1, Eishald 1. GEELONG: Brownless 3, Scott 2, Stoneham 2, G. Cameron 1, Ablett 1.  
**BEST:** MELBOURNE: Stynes, Bennett, Johnson, Spalding, Stretch, Wight. GEELONG: Ablett, Yeates, Stoneham, Brownless, Russell.



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## Confused?

IF Perth's magnificent weather left you feeling a little complacent over summer, then the State's off-field football activities will leave you even more lethargic.

The off-season months have been filled with wheeling and dealing of the type we've never seen before...and where has it left us all?

Months of talk about a new "football commission" to run the game — and hopefully inject some much-needed confidence into our beloved sport — have been slow coming to fruition.

Speculation about how the West Coast Eagles would improve their playing strength in the confusing jungle-jumble that is the VFL draft, has left the elite side looking under-manned compared to last year.

Clubs — and that includes the Eagles — are still in the financial doldrums, but at least there are signs of a return to the good old-fashioned "let's-get-in-and-have-a-go" attitude from a couple of WAFL clubs.

Amidst the talk of consolidating club activities with things like ground decentralisation, we've seen Perth move back to Lathlain Park; far from consummating their WACA Ground marriage with East Perth.

And the grounds mystery continues to puzzle everyone as the State's elite

## ...then join the club!

football fighting force, the Eagles, are still without a home, training everywhere from the back of Guildford to Leederville Oval, where they've never been before.

We've had months of talk about how a football commission was needed and then suddenly, on the day of decision, the WAFL policy-people, led by the club presidents, deferred the inevitable.

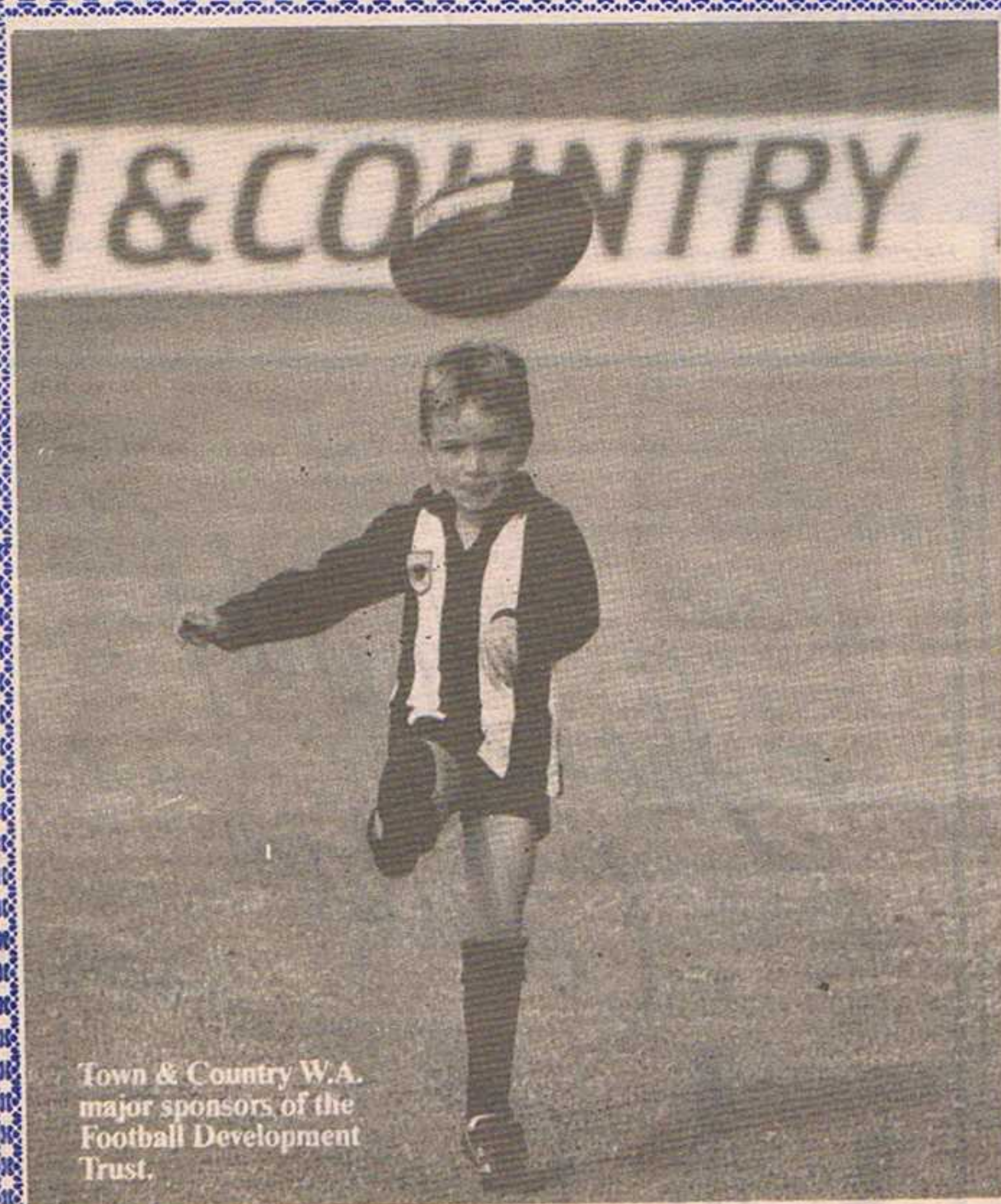
Back in October, the clubs speedily agreed to accept a Government suggestion that a financial band-aid would be applied to the game providing the major body agreed to undergo a full-scale operation.

But much prodding and probing by a variety of specialists since then has failed to cure the ailing patient. Why, no-one can really explain.

A host of VFL-introduced rules and regulations were supposed to restrict the number of Sandgropers migrating to Victorian-based clubs. But at the fin-



Murray Wrensted ... ready to join Collingwood.



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ally, some eight WAFL players still accepted the bait to cross the border, plus the six VFL players who flew out of the Eagles nest.

Not to mention the solid summer preparation job the Eagles did for Richmond in the shape of Victorian rookies Jeremy Crough and Matt Richardson. And the five pre-draft choices that the Eagles grabbed, especially a trio of young talent from South Fremantle.

And what about South Australia? Have their dollars done more damage to our playing depth this year?

The draft was certainly a confusing issue for the average footy fan — especially when players like South Australian Darren Bartsch told the Eagles to get lost after they declared him as their fourth pick.

The lure of Victorian football proved once again (as if there was any need) that it is bigger than home-town loyalty or personal philosophies.

South Fremantle's battling Bulldog Mark Bayliss said that he needed another season in the domestic competition before tackling the big boys, but changed his mind as soon as he was nominated in the draft.

And Murray Wrensted, banished once too often from the Eagles line-up, couldn't resist the call from Australia's greatest club Collingwood, despite all his personal desires to regain some confidence back in the Sharks den.

Footy clubs generally find it hard nowadays to lure big crowds through the gates, but Claremont found ball-game fans easy to come by when they introduced American grid-iron teams to Tigerland on Summer Saturdays.

And the healthy crowds at WAFL practice matches indicate that some people are still hungry for the action to start.

The saddest thing about the summer was Ross Glendinning's decision to re-

tire after a most illustrious career. And it wasn't a decision based totally on his football prospects for 1989, either.

Glendinning proved more than an able leader of the fledgling Eagles as they took off from their West Aussie nest and invaded the VFL arena. Not only was he way out in front as the team's focal point in the scoring department, but his personal influence was enormous.

A glance at the personal profiles of many of the Eagles players shows the name Ross Glendinning alongside the question:— What player do you admire most?

WAFL club activities have resorted to the voluntary status, but it was disturbing to see where one club failed to even attract enough nominations to fill the vacancies on the board.

### Penetrator

One of the most penetrating articles in a summer of media speculation came from an unusual source — Len Findlay, the Scottish sports editor of The West Australian. He pointed the bone directly at football officialdom — and the sharp point pricked a few sensitive spots.

Findlay, a novice in the art of solving WA's football woes via his typewriter (some of us have been trying for years to achieve that task) was on the mark when he suggested that an outsider could quickly see what was wrong.

Basically, he said that procrastination was a major problem — people knew the problems, but couldn't (or wouldn't) find the solutions.

Things were left to roll along for just too long, he suggested.

So if you feel confused about the political side of football as you weigh up your tips for the opening games, then you're no orphan. Most of us pundits are pretty confused also, especially as nothing has really changed in the last year or three.

But fortunately, there's one saviour — the real action starts this week, thank goodness.