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### Mainwaring shrugs off his taggers

By George Temple

VICTORIAN clubs are out to stop dashing West Coast Eagles wingman Chris Mainwaring this season.

Mainwaring is now being tagged in every game...but it doesn't bother the blonde-haired dasher who is still averaging 20 possessions a match.

In fact, he takes it as a back-handed compliment.

"If coaches are prepared to use one guy just to stop me, it means I must be playing okay," says the usually-reserved Mainwaring.

"My only worry in a game is to be first to the ball.

"I don't have to think about manning-up when we lose possession, because I already know where my opponent is — right behind me doing his tagging job!"

#### Top votegetter

Mainwaring's ability to read the game enabled him to frequently arrive unmarked in empty spaces last season. He was the Eagles top vote-getter in the Brownlow Medal count and was one of the stars in the side's charge into the final five.

This has made him a marked man — and coaches want him stopped.

However, this has had no bearing on the Eagles poor start in 1989, with four losses before earning their first premiership points against the Brisbane Bears last Sunday.

"It's hard to fathom what went wrong," Mainwaring said. "We seemed to keep making fundamental mistakes at crucial times.

"The injuries to our top ball-getters and spoilers didn't help us.

#### Plenty of confidence

"But we never lost confidence in ourselves and when John Todd asked if we wanted to bet \$4000 on an Eagles win against the Bears, not one person said no. It shows we still believed in our own ability.

"It was good to have Geoff Miles and Dwayne Lamb back in the side. Their experience and talking on the field took the pressure off a lot of other players."

After their crushing Gold Coast win, Mainwaring believes the Eagles are ready to roll.

He promises that fans will see the Eagles reproduce their 1988 form against Fitzroy at the WACA Ground this Friday night.

"The win over the Bears was a big boost for us, but we won't be taking Fitzroy lightly," he says.

"They beat top-of-the-table Geelong last Saturday and they've got some good players in Matthew Armstrong and Darren Kappler.

"They'll probably have someone tag me, but I'm not worried about who it might be. I don't take a lot of notice of players names from other sides."

### TENACIOUS TURLEY

WEST Coast Eagle discard Craig Turley was a man with a mission last Saturday. Turley, surprisingly dropped by Eagles coach John Todd, was best-on-ground as West Perth over-ran reigning premiers Subiaco at Kingsway Reserve, Wanneroo. In his first game for the Falcons this season, the 24-year-old ruck-rover gathered 41 possessions all over the ground and answered his biggest critic in the best possible way. And not only was Turley's disposal at its very best, but his strong tackling unnerved a number of the younger Lions.

Turley admitted that he had a point to prove.

"John Todd told me there were a few things that I needed to tighten up on in my game," he said. "He wanted me to run harder and run right at the ball.

"I really wanted to play well, so I tried to do what he asked."

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## RIVAL RUNNERS

ONE Claremont contributor who was all smiles after their runaway win over East Perth was Larry Kickett — and he didn't even get a kick! The Tigers team runner really enjoyed the afternoon up against his old club — and he often crossed the path of a long-time friend and team-mate in Royals runner Archie Duda. "He's still running as slow as ever," quipped Kickett from the safety of the Tigers rooms after the match. But the colourful Duda had the final say: "He kept getting in the way — just like he did when he was playing at East Perth."

## FAMOUS NAME

CLAREMONT unveiled yet another talented youngster on Saturday when North Beach product Brad Smith made his league debut. The 19-year-old Smith lined up at full-back, but has played most of his football as a ruckman — the position where his famous namesake, Brad Smith of East Perth, North Melbourne and East Fremantle fame, made his name. "No, I'm no relation," says Tiger Smith, who admitted to being pretty nervous before his debut. No doubt he'll often be compared to Big Brad, a 225-game WAFL veteran, plus 22 games with North Melbourne. "But that doesn't bother me," says the youngster, who was given a tough first-up task opposed to experienced Royals full-forward, Grant Campbell.

## SKIPPER'S HOPES

EAST Fremantle captain George Christie has become something of a forgotten man in the strong Sharks camp. Four weeks into the season and Christie is yet to lead the Sharks into battle... but he's getting close. Last week he was due to resume with the seniors, but decided at the last minute to give his strained hamstring another week's rest. "Not too many players are remembered for their first round efforts," said Christie. "But people remember the finals."

## POOR SHOW

EAST Perth's under-19 side lost their unblemished record when they went down to last year's premiers, Claremont, on Saturday. The Royals rookies decided their performance was so disappointing that they didn't deserve any trophies. Coach Greg Henderson went along with their suggestion.

## Mixed feelings



IT was commiserations and congratulations for Subiaco veteran Neil Taylor, who played his 250th league game for the Lions last Saturday. Losing a match always sours a personal milestone and Tails deserved more for his dedicated 14 years of club service. However, Taylor now has his eyes on the club record of 252 games held by Colin Williams and barring injury, this will be achieved against East Perth at the WACA Ground on May 20.

## COOL CUSTOMER

YOUNG Claremont centreman Ben Allan is certainly one of the most talented players in Australian football — in or out of the VFL. The Tigers star, who made it clear that he didn't want to be drafted in 1989, will find it hard to resist the VFL offers next season — and hopefully the West Coast Eagles won't let this superstar slip through their fingers. The 20-year-old showed his maturity and coolness with a four-goal effort against East Perth, with several of them coming from standing shots as he gave himself plenty of time amidst the Royals defenders.

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

FORMER Perth champion Graham Ramshaw must wonder when the bad luck that has affected the careers of his two sons, Darrin and Troy, will change. Ramshaw, a veteran of almost 200 games with Perth, saw No. 1 son Darrin make league ranks a few seasons back, but was plagued by injury and finally opted for a successful first-grade cricket career. Then No. 2 son Troy entered the league arena in 1987, only to suffer a knee injury after three games. He finally made it back to league status for last week's clash with South Fremantle — only to suffer a recurrence of the injury before the game and is now destined to spend many more months on the recovery trail.

## The Freo connection

THE West Coast Eagles notched their first win of the 1989 season last Sunday — and what a day it was for Fremantle. The Eagles were led by goalscoring tyro Stevan (Action) Jackson, the 18-year-old whom few people had heard of until his inclusion in the Eagles squad over summer. Jackson not only showed good skills and safe hands in kicking six goals, but created goals for his team-mates — also from the Port. East Fremantle recruits Clinton Browning and Shane Ellis shared in the goals courtesy of Jackson and three more former Sharks in Chris Mainwaring, Chris Waterman and Andrew Lockyer were also prominent. South Fremantle's David Hart was another big contributor and his former Bulldog team-mate John Worsfold worked hard.

## Injury havoc

THE West Coast Eagles beat the Bears by 52 points at Carrara, on the Gold Coast, on Sunday — but it was a costly win. Two of the team's most consistent performers were injured. Steve Malaxos, who tore his left hamstring, will be sidelined for four weeks, while rover Don Pyke, who collided heavily with 1985 Brownlow Medallist Brad Hardie, could miss one game because of neck injury.

## Small start

SUBIACO ruckman Shane Cocker made it all the way to State ranks in 1987 and 1988 — but for the footballer they nicknamed "Joe" it was a case of big things little beginnings. As a 10-year-old, Cocker made his football debut as a rover playing for Country in the under-12 competition. See player profile, page 4.



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## Under pressure

EAST Perth's Grant Campbell knows what it's like to be in a Tiger sandwich...as he is here, marking under pressure ahead of Claremont rookie Brad Smith, with another Tiger in Cam Lewis hot on his heels. Campbell was a man in mixed moods on Saturday. He returned to some good form against Claremont with some strong marking. But he just couldn't find the goals, kicking 1.5 to half-time and finishing with 2.7 on a day that the Royals kicked a miserable 5.17. The veteran Campbell is heading towards the 200-game mark with East Perth and still remains one of their most consistent players.

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# THE COMEBACK DEBATE

ONE of the big talking points at present is whether or not former Eagles skipper Ross Glendinning should play at full-forward for WA in the State-of-Origin clash with Victoria at the WACA Ground on May 16.

Final team selections won't be made till next Wednesday, but the choice of goalsneak is a classic three-way battle.

Logically, the man for the job is Melbourne's Darren Bennett, who is playing in that position and kicking goals.

At the experienced end of the scale we have the temptation of luring Glendinning out of retirement. We all know he could do the job.

Now, at the other end of the scale, we have young Stevan Jackson throwing his name into the ring with a terrific six-goal VFL debut against the Brisbane Bears.

Bennett has the height and strength to spearhead our attack and he is a proven goalkicker. He also seems to have overcome the injury problems that have plagued his career.

However, I'm not discounting the possibility of Glendinning returning. I've discussed it with him and if he grabs the ball well in training, he could easily come into contention.

Another surprise selection could be South Fremantle ruckman Craig Edwards.

The ruck department is in a state of confusion with uncertainties about the fitness of Eagles duo Laurie Keene and Phil Scott and Fitzroy's John Ironmonger, while Alex Ishchenko will play for the Bears just two days before the State game.

That leaves St Kilda's Paul Harding and Edwards, who is probably the WAFL's best ruckman.

Edwards is big and strong and very effective in defence or attack, where he stands his ground well in the packs.

Richmond's Michael Mitchell was at his lightning-best last week and would be a big asset on the ball or midfield.

The debut of Murray Wrensted for Collingwood against the Sydney Swans indicated that he was coming back to form and he would be a handy midfielder.

The Victorians have some class players in form at present, but that doesn't bother us!

Everyone asks who can stop Tony Lockett? Sure, he's a brilliant full-forward, but any forward is only as good as his service. So to stop him, we negate the ball in his direction.

Eagles pair Andrew Lockyer and Murray Rance or Collingwood's Michael Christian are likely candidates to get the full-back's job, though I prefer to see Rance at centre-half-back.

## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By RON ALEXANDER



### Time to quit drinking!

IT'S good to see the "Safe Drinking" and "Quit" campaigns taking an active role in football.

The Quit campaign sponsor Fitzroy, while the 0.5 safe drinking logo is on Richmond's guernsey.

Does that mean there will be no smoking or drinking when the Lions clash with the Tigers!

## THE GOALSNEAK OPTIONS



The three contenders (from left) Stevan Jackson, Ross Glendinning and Darren Bennett.

## Fitzroy no threat

IT should be win No. 2 for the West Coast Eagles at the WACA Ground on Friday night.

I watched my old side Fitzroy play Geelong last Saturday and even if I say it myself — they fluked the one-point win!

The Lions never looked like winning and they didn't — the Cats lost it!

Fitzroy have some good players, but they don't work as a team.

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# PLAYER PROFILES



## CRAIG TURLEY



**NICK NAME:** Sparrow.  
**FAVOURITE POSITION:** Centre flank  
**CURRENT POSITION:** Half-back flank  
**NUMBER:** 6  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 24 April 1965, Fremantle  
**HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 80 kg  
**RECRUITED FROM:** West Perth  
**FIRST SENIOR GAME:** 1984 West Perth  
**GAMES PLAYED:** 55 West Perth, 4 Eagles, 1 WA  
**FOOTBALL HONOURS:** WA side 1987  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**OCCUPATION:** Student  
**SCHOOL/S ATTENDED:** Mirrabooka High  
**CAR:** Holden Camira Station Wagon  
**FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES:** Surfing, music  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Fried Squid

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Orange  
**FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS):** Surfing, cricket  
**FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:** The Saints  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Dr Who  
**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** Pink Floyd The Wall  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My Father  
**MOST ADMIRED FOOTBALLER:** Michael Tuck  
**OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE:** Most of them  
**MATCH DAY ROUTINE:** Swim and listen to music  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not playing in finals  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Beating South Fremantle by the biggest margin in WAFL history.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** As above  
**FOOTBALL AMBITION:** To play in a VFL premiership side

## Shane Cocker



**Full Name:** Shane Cocker.  
**Nickname:** Joe. **Why:** The Singer.  
**Date of Birth:** 2/3/61. **Place of Birth:** Busselton.  
**Height:** 193cm. **Weight:** 88kg.  
**Age Started Playing:** 10.  
**Previous Club/s:** East Perth, Busselton.  
**Junior Club:** Country's Football Club.  
**Marital Status:** Married to Joanne.  
**Residence:** Kalaroo.  
**Occupation:** Bank officer.  
**Place of Work:** National Australia Bank.  
**Other Sporting Interests:** Tennis, Fishing.  
**Favourite Position:** Ruck. **First Position:** Rover.  
**League Debut:** 1981. **Versus:** East Fremantle.

### FAVOURITES:

**Actor:** Peter Sellers. **Drink:** Scotch.  
**TV Show:** Fawlty Towers. **Food:** Fish.  
**Movie:** The Pink Panther.  
**Music:** All music.  
**Holiday Resort:** Cable Beach in Broome.  
**Ground:** Subiaco Oval.  
**Car:** Ford Telstar TX5. **Favourite Car:** Lamborghini Countach.  
**Career Highlights:** 1988 premiership, selection State side, 1987,88.  
**Worst Moment in Football:** Playing bad.  
**Hard Things in Football:** Sunday morning training.  
**Football Idols:** Len Thompson (Collingwood), Mike Fitzpatrick (Perth/Carlton), Barry Cable.  
**Toughest Opponent:** Stephen Michael.  
**Most Respected Opponent:** Stephen Michael.  
**Most Respected Umpire:** Phil O'Reilly.  
**Most Memorable Game:** 1988 grand final.  
**Ambitions:** To win another premiership.  
**What do you like about Football:** Comradeship.  
**How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game:** Try not to think about it.  
**Who Influenced Your Career:** My father Dennis Cocker, Peter Walsh, Eddie Pitter, Haydn Bunton.  
**Guernsey Number:** 1 **Any Reason:** Given to me.  
**Any Superstitions:** None.  
**Worst Injury:** Nothing serious — a lot of minor ones though.  
**Luckiest Break:** Recruited from East Perth to Subiaco.



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# IT'S A DYING ART

## Where are all the goalsneaks

THE artful craft of playing full-forward is disappearing from the game.

While the West Australian selectors are frantically searching for a full-forward for the coming State-of-Origin match football coaches and administrators should lament the diminishing stock of the old-fashioned goalsneaks.

A footballer with the ability to lead out at electrifying speed, take a mark from a skilful half-forward and turn and kick truly on goal is a dying art.

Only Hawthorn's almost super-human forward Jason Dunstall fits the category of a real goalsneak. Richmond's Jeff Hogg resembles the old-style full forward, but is not in Dunstall's class.

What's happened to such classy combinations as Cam Blakemore and Peter Metropolis who made Austin Roberston famous with Subiaco in the 1960's and 70's?

What about the combination of Warren Ralph and Jim and Phil Krakouer in the 1980's at Claremont and the fast-leading, long accurate kicking of Murray Couper at Perth in the 1970's? There is nothing in football today to rival them.

The half-forward flankers and "mid-fielders"—as they are called in the modern day game,—are driving the flamboyant, skilful full-forward into extinction.

Even the VFL's glamour-boy of the moment, Tony Lockett, is not of the old guard.

Lockett has the capacity to lead and to kick goals from long distances. But he is a victim of the modern day game which relies too heavily on "bombing" the ball from the half-forward line into one-on-one contests in the goal square.

In the Lockett case there is at least a chance of resurrection one of those combinations to get the turnstiles ticking.

Lockett has the skilful former South Fremantle star Nicky Winmar upfield and between them they carry the hope of resurrecting one of the showpieces of Aussie Rules—a tactic that has been the victim of the centre-square and the faster, flow-on style of football.

The WAFL is currently devoid of classy goal-sneaks.

### THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant  
PETER BOSUSTOW



Swan Districts forward Darren Williams heads the league goal-kickers list after four rounds with 19 goals, but he is a mark and kick man; not a leading forward and he has kicked most of his 19 majors from inside 25 metres.

Subiaco's Todd Breman has lost all confidence to lead, maybe because of his shuffling around with the West Coast Eagles or a lack of confidence within the reigning premiers.

But Breman is also a victim of the new football attitude to blaze the ball forward at all costs.

To play full-forward these days you need to stand at around 195cm (6ft 5in) and be strong in the goal square.

The pace of the game is forcing into the closet one of the great facets of Aussie Rules and it is probably why State coach Ron Alecander seems so serious about former Eagles captain and North Melbourne sensation Ross Glendinning playing against Victoria.

Make no bones, the talk of Glendinning making a comeback for one last swansong is not a publicity stunt to generate interest in the State-of-Origin concept, which has taken a hammering since the introduction of the Eagles.

Glendinning and Alecander are seriously considering a comeback for the 1983 Brownlow Medallist.

Consideration is, however, where it should rest.

Glendinning has nothing to gain by playing and would cop one of the biggest hidings seen in interstate football since toughman Leigh Matthews knocked Barry Cable senseless on the outer wing of Subiaco Oval in the early 1970's.

Forget it Roscoe. We all remember you as one of the all-time greats. Don't tarnish that wonderful memory all footy fans have of you.

### WATTSIE SWITCHES

THERE it was, the unmistakable voice of football funnyman John K. Watts on a rival radio station! The man who holds the radio 6PR team together with his football comments was being interviewed by radio 6NR's Countdown to the Bouncedown compere Colin Minson. The 6NR "coup" was part of their weekly "Memory Lane" segment and JKW was recalling some of his early-day glory and how he conquered the football world in three States — WA, Victoria and then Tasmania. When asked why he had gone into the media instead of coaching on his return to Perth, Wattsie said coaching wasn't all that fun... it was just a case of a coach being carted around by 17 donkeys!

### ANTI-CLIMAX

IN this day of financial restraints, we've become accustomed to WAFL ground scoreboards being a bit behind in their coverage of other games. But the situation at the WACA Ground was disappointing on Saturday. At the 28-minute mark of the last quarter, the scoreboard showed the Swan Districts-East Fremantle clash as being two points in favour of the Sharks. In fact, at that stage Swans had broken away to lead by nine points well into time-on and had the game sewn up.

### ROYAL RECRUIT

While John K. Watts was talking to radio 6NR about his early days, he recalled just how it came about that he became a Royal — certainly one of East Perth's most prominent players in recent decades. At the time Wattsie was playing with Bayswater, which was in Swan Districts territory. Along with team-mate Paul Seal — who also figured in East Perth's golden years — they went to Bassendean Oval in search of a game with the reserves, but were told that they were too young. So off to rival Perth Oval went the pair, where reserves coach Dave Miller gladly accepted the two 15-year-olds. Yet another case of a champion or two who "escaped" from their original club.

### MONEY... OR PRIDE

EAGLES coach John Todd recently expounded on the virtues of footballers playing for the club rather than playing for the money. Referring to some Eagles who fled the nest over summer, he said: "If the dollar motivates them, good luck to them." Well, the present Eagles are motivated by money also. The 21-man squad (plus Todd) placed a \$4,000 bet with a Queensland bookmaker at 9/4 on an Eagles victory on the Gold Coast last Sunday. The net return for their first win of the season was \$9,000 for the players' trip fund.

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### DIZZY DAZZLED

POOR old David (Dizzy) O'Connell — sometimes his Eagles team-mates just don't do the right thing by him. We still remember his unfortunate kick-into-the-man-on-the-mark incident a couple of weeks back and then he got penalised last Sunday for handballing after receiving a free kick. Eagles coach John Todd drew some humour from another grim press conference recently when he told a few anecdotes about Dizzy. He explained that players were under strict instructions not to call for handballs when O'Connell had a set shot within the forward zone. Yet, last Sunday three Eagles players were calling for the handpass after he had been awarded a kick. So who's to blame?

### FURIOUS FELLOWS

TALKING about scoreboards, the radio 6PR commentators were furious East Perth-Claremont score. time. As the siren sounded and the boys gathered their thoughts for a mid-game summary, the scoreboard switched to some sponsor announcements — and didn't come back to give the East Perth-Claremont score. The 6PR gang had to stumble through their half-time summary without knowing the exact score! PS: We're told that the WACA Ground scoreboard isn't manned by WAFL people — it's a Cricket Association responsibility.

### WANDERING WILLO

FORMER East Fremantle ruck-rover Peter Wilson hasn't forgotten how to kick goals even though he's now a recognised half-back flanker with Richmond. The flamboyant Wilson notched up the VFL Tigers 14th goal against North Melbourne on Sunday with a fabulous run downfield, ducking, weaving and bouncing to finish off with a long goal — and the symbolic fists-in-the-air salute that has been missing in recent years with his absence from the forward line.

### QUICK QUIP

IT was hard to tell whether Channel 7 commentator Dennis Cometti was being complimentary or sarcastic when he said that kicking against the strong wind at Carrara suited the West Coast Eagles style. "They love to chip the ball around," he quipped.



### Tough customer

YOU keep out of this... is that what tigerish Claremont defender Cameron Lewis is saying to his Royals rival James Waddell after running poor old umpire Grant Vernon into the ground. The dashing back-pocket specialist was one of Claremont's best players in their crushing win over East Perth — and he certainly didn't earn the wrath of the umpires in this accidental clash. However, the umpires did earn the wrath of spectators with their inconsistent performance, particularly when it came to penalising the physical bumps.

### CONFIDENT ROOKIE

EAGLES rookie Stevan Jackson certainly deserved all the accolades he got for his six-goal debut, but he should try to keep his exuberance in check till the score is on the board. As he ran into an open goal to post his fifth, he raised a fist into the air, clutching the ball in his other hand before goaling. Let's wait till the leather is safely through the goals next time please, Steve!

### SIMPLE FACT

RADIO 6WF panellist Geoff Christian summed up the situation facing football in WA quite simply last Saturday. "Football simply must come under the one umbrella," he said, explaining that the WAFL had a debt of \$6.5 million, which was costing them about \$2 million a year in interest at the current rate of 22%. "With only \$1.4 million in estimated gate receipts, it doesn't take long for the interest to crush you," he added.

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# RECRUITING COUP!

## North boss moved quickly on Hepburn

MARK Hepburn hadn't seriously thought about a VFL career until the 1986 "Clash of the Decade" — a showdown between the best teams over the previous 10 years from his own club, Claremont and Swan Districts.

Claremont "old boys" Jim and Phil Krakouer were invited back to play and wanted to know more about the teenager with the big leap and some obviously fine skills.

They recommended Hepburn as being VFL material to North's interstate sharp-shooter Ron Joseph and just days later the recruiting guru was in Esperance, Hepburn's home-town, waving a contract.

The Eagles had shown interest in the teenage forward, but North Melbourne moved quicker.

"I didn't play too bad in that game," Hepburn said. "It was a curtain-raiser to the Hawthorn-Subiaco clash, the champion teams from Victoria and WA."

"When Ron visited me, I just had five days to make up my mind."

"It had to be done quickly because of the moratorium on VFL clubs being able to recruit WA players."

### Tempting

Hepburn was enjoying his WAFL involvement, but the opportunity to shift to Melbourne was an enticing career advancement ... and VFL recruiting-king Joseph made it impossible to resist.

Hepburn has now settled in at centre-half-forward — the most difficult position on the ground — and has displayed such outstanding form that WA coach Ron Alexander is considering him for the State-of-Origin match against the Vics on May 16.

But the big forward might not be able to achieve that ambition.

Niggling injuries may make it difficult for him to play both club and State football.

### Struggling

"I'm struggling a bit with injury at the moment and have to be glued back together all the time," he said.

"I'd like to be able to play in the State game, but having to play three games in eight days is a bit much."

"We play the Swans on the Friday before and St Kilda the week afterwards. It'll be pretty hectic."

Hepburn has had to accept increased responsibility with injuries to key North Melbourne big-men Darren Harris and Mark Lisle.

But the 20-year-old is aiming to be more consistent and become a more valuable contributor each week.

His-four goal effort against the Eagles was a fine performance, with his sticky-fingered marking a feature.

His father, Barry and mother, Heather, were at the game — but left at half-time because of the rain.

"They didn't have tickets under cover," Hepburn said.

**GARY Buckenara would have to be the VFL's most uncanny sharp-shooter.**

The Hawthorn star, recruited from Subiaco, has a goal-sense which is second-to-none.

Footy fans cannot forget that it was Buckenara who coolly drop-kicked the winning goal after the siren to put Hawthorn into the 1987 grand final — a remarkable ending which left Melbourne supporters absolutely distraught.

Hawthorn players regard Buckenara as an even more deadly kick around goal than leading full-forward Jason Dunstall, who has kicked 26 goals in the first five weeks.

On Saturday against Carlton, Buckenara was shifted out of the centre to give him more freedom away from Carlton's on-ball "taggers" and one snap shot goal over his shoulder late in the game was a Bucky "special". He didn't even look at the goals, just boomeranged the ball back with unerring accuracy.

No wonder he smiled. It was a remarkable effort.

### ON THE EAST COAST

Leading football journalist and GNR commentator **KEN PIESSE** reports from Melbourne.



## Bucky has reason to smile!



Garry Buckenara... uncanny talent.

## End nears for Hunter

*KEN Hunter's big-time Melbourne career is almost over.*

*Hunter celebrated his 32nd birthday last Friday, but won just three kicks against Hawthorn, after being used off the interchange bench.*

*Carlton have a crippling run of injuries to senior players and it's fair to say that Hunter would be in the reserves if the Blues had a full list to choose from.*

*The former Claremont star has had a marvellous career in Melbourne, winning Carlton's best and fairest in his first year (1981) and playing in three flags, 1981-82-87.*

*He appears to have lost some of his zip and speed and is not making it to marking contests which he once dominated.*



Ken Hunter.

## VFL leading goalkickers

Tony Lockett	St Kilda	37.15
Richard Osborne	Fitzroy	27.21
Jason Dunstall	Hawthorn	26.17
Brian Taylor	Collingwood	23.15
Jeff Hogg	Richmond	22.12
Ian Fairley	North Melbourne	18.3
John Georgiadis	Footscray	16.9
Paul Salmon	Essendon	12.4
Phil Scott	West Coast Eagles	11.3
Darren Morgan	Geelong	11.10
Karl Langdon	West Coast Eagles	10.3
Leon Higgins	Sydney Swans	10.4
Darren Bennett	Melbourne	10.5
James Morrissey	Hawthorn	10.6
Paul Roos	Fitzroy	10.3
Stephen Kernahan	Carlton	10.11
Nicky Winmar	St Kilda	9.3
Mark Arceri	North Melbourne	9.3
Robert Scott	Geelong	9.7
Simon Beasley	Footscray	9.6

## HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED

1989	1989	1989	1989
Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
John Anear	70	15	0.3
Adrian Barich	27	5	1.1
Todd Brennan	16	4	4.3
Michael Brennan	50	19	20.1.3
Clinton Browning	14	6	5.2.1
Joe Cornack	8	2	2.0.1
Shane Ellis	42	17	18.8.3
Richard Geary	0	0	1.0.0
David Hart	60	19	18.4.7
Steven Jackson	11	4	5.6.1
Laurie Keene	15	8	4.1.0
Dean Laidley	22	5	9.0.1
Dwayne Lamb	21	7	1.3.1
Karl Langdon	43	18	13.10.3
Chris Lewis	22	11	4.1.2
Andrew Lockyer	33	12	9.0.1
Chris Malnward	77	26	24.0.4
Stephen Malazzos	69	23	34.0.3
Guy McKenna	57	26	30.0.1
Peter Melesso	5	4	0.1.1
David O'Connell	31	18	6.2.4
Paul Pece	8	6	1.0.1
Don Pyke	68	20	22.5.3
Murray Rance	54	37	28.0.1
Phil Scott	38	21	7.11.3
Peter Samich	14	4	1.1.0
Craig Turley	44	17	15.1.0
Dean Turner	40	17	6.1.3
Troy Ugle	3	0	3.0.0
Chris Waterman	16	8	7.1.1
John Worfold	77	33	24.1.0

## Dorotich earns State guernsey

FIERY Carlton star Jon Dorotich has assured his place in the WA State-of-Origin team with a succession of strong performances at centre-half-back.

His much-maligned Carlton are experiencing their worst opening to a season this century, losing five games for the first time since 1898.

Despite being beaten by 59 points, four, 53, 28 and 54, Dorotich has been a stalwart defender, restricting big-marking Hawthorn forward Paul Abbott last week.

Abbott took 10 marks in a quarter against Richmond on Anzac Day, but on Saturday he grabbed just five for the whole match.

## How WA players performed in VFL

Player	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Gary Buckenara	12	4	5	3.2
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Alan Johnson	15	3	3	—
Earl Spalding	11	7	6	0.3
Darren Bennett	7	6	—	4.3
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Mark Hepburn	7	2	3	0.1
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Michael Mitchell	15	6	8	0.1
Peter Wilson	12	3	6	1.0
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Steve Turner	6	4	1	—
Nicky Winmar	16	4	1	—
Paul Harding	12	4	8	—
<b>SYDNEY SWANS</b>				
Wayne Herwood	7	4	1	—
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
David Bain	13	3	9	1.2
John Gastev	8	5	3	—
Brad Hardie	7	2	4	0.2
Alex Ishchenko	8	4	2	—
Rod Lester-Smith	12	3	2	0.1
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Wayne Blackwell	5	2	4	—
Richard Dennis	11	7	3	—
Jon Dorotich	5	1	2	—
Ken Hunter	4	1	1	0.1
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Craig Starcevic	1	—	1	—
Brian Taylor	5	4	3	3.2
Murray Wrensted	7	4	5	—
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Brett Stephens	3	2	1	—
Kevin Caton	6	1	—	2.1
Brad Edwards	2	2	4	—
Wally Matera	12	5	7	1.2
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	8	7	—	6.2
John Georgiadis	2	1	4	1.1
<b>GEE LONG</b>				
Mark Bairstow	13	1	7	1.0

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2 Dwayne Lamb  
Don Pyke

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VFL — Eagles v Fitzroy  
Saturday — from 2pm  
WAFL — Swan Districts v Subiaco  
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## VFL PREVIEW

by GARY STOCKS  
of The West Australian



# Relieved Todd has to spur Eagles on



JOHN Todd must have felt like a great weight, which was threatening to crush him, was lifted from his shoulders when the West Coast Eagles broke through for their first win of the season at Carrara on Sunday.

It wasn't just the valuable premiership points, which saw the Eagles claw their way from the bottom of the table, but the manner in which victory was achieved which would have pleased Todd.

The game itself did not reach any great heights. But the level of commitment from the players was important.

For the first time this season, they charged at the football like they wanted it and they were desperate to beat the Bears.

It was Bears players Alex Ishchenko and John Gastev who had a point to prove in that match — but both faded after promising starts.

### Competitive

And it was the Eagles who proved a point; they showed how highly competitive they can be and can perform under pressure.

But the burden has been lifted only momentarily, with just five days to prepare for Fitzroy, who claimed a thrilling one-point victory against Geelong last Saturday.

There are several former Eagles players in the Lions den who are out to show that they should have remained in the Eagles camp.

Kevin Caton, who kicked the point which sank the Cats last week and Wally Matera have been reliable players for Fitzroy since switching this year.

The Eagles have a tough task playing the Lions, with just five days between games, particularly if wounded Eagles Steve Malaxos and Don Pyke, casualties of last week's win cannot play.

Just when things appeared to be turning for the WA-based club, the Malaxos injury is a severe blow to their chances of fighting their way back into the top half of the premiership table.

### Control

With Malaxos out of action, the Eagles will rely on John Annear, John Worsfold, Dwayne Lamb and David Hart to assume midfield control.

The difference last week was having a target in attack and Stevan Jackson must again shoulder great responsibility this week. That is a lot to ask of a raw 19-year-old, but he is a player of exceptional promise.

Moving captain Murray Rance into attack was another key factor.

Fitzroy have many talented players, including Darren Kappler, Gary Pert, Richard Osborne, Matt Rendell and Micky Conlan and they will be tough to beat at the WACA Ground on Friday night.



Dashing Eagles midfielder John Worsfold showed signs of coming back to his best form against the Brisbane Bears last week... and he is a key player in the clash with Fitzroy on Friday night.

## INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CANN



## Jackson — and Eagles — post record tallies

ROOKIE West Coast Eagles forward Stevan Jackson has set a record for goals kicked on debut by an Eagles player.

Jackson's six-goal debut bettered the previous best — four goals by Wally Matera in the Eagles first game in March, 1987.

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THE Eagles win over Brisbane on Sunday was their biggest margin outside of Western Australia.

The Eagles have now won six away games and before Sunday, their biggest win away from home was by 24 points against Footscray in the final qualifying game last season.

Carrara Oval becomes the first ground outside WA where the Eagles have won twice.

\*\*\*  
LAST Sunday's game was the first time that the Brisbane Bears have headed the Eagles at the end of a quarter. The Bears led at both quarter-time and half-time, by 11 points and six points respectively.

It was the fifth time in their 25 wins that the Eagles have recovered from being behind at half-time — and their biggest victory after trailing at the long break.

\*\*\*  
FOOTSCRAY full-forward Simon Beasley's six goals in his 150th VFL game, lifts his career tally to 569 goals. Beasley is presently 18th on the VFL's list of all-time goalkickers.

A further three goals will take him to 17th, past the great Norm Smith, who kicked 571 goals in 228 games.

\*\*\*  
For only the third time ever, Carlton have lost the opening five games of a VFL season. The last time that the Blues opened the season with five losses was 90 years ago, in 1899.

In each of the first three years of the VFL — 1897, 1898 and 1899 — Carlton won only one of the first six games. In 1897 and 1899, their first win was not recorded until they played St Kilda — also without a win — in round six.

The West Coast Eagles and the Brisbane Bears are the only two clubs not to have started a season with at least five losses. Both the Eagles and the Bears worst start is four losses — the Eagles this year and the Bears in 1988.

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THE Eagles last quarter against the Bears on Sunday equalled their most productive quarter in the past year.

The Eagles kicked 8.2 in the third quarter of the Round 21 match against Collingwood last year. That was their highest-scoring quarter since kicking 10.5, 8.4 and 8.2 in the first, third and fourth quarters respectively of the Round 3 match against Brisbane.

HAWTHORN supporter Richard Allsop, of Canterbury, Victoria, has pointed out that if the Hawks make the five this year, it will be the first time that they have played in the finals in a year ending in 9. The reigning premiers have played in the last seven finals series — but they fell to seventh in 1979 after winning the flag in 1978, missing the finals for the first time for six years.



Hi kids... welcome to the Eagles nest. That's Eagles star Chris Mainwaring having a word with brothers Aaron and Michael Caratti, the lucky Eagles-for-a-Day winners in the Hungry Jack's competition. The boys were guests of the Eagles — and Australian Airlines — for the Brisbane invasion last weekend.

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Ashley McCracken (Perth) 28 on 5th	Gay McKenna (Eagles) 29 on 11th
Rex Carlisle (Swans) 23 on 5th	Carle Passaro (Claremont) 22 on 11th
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LUNCH FRIDAYS

# Showdown in the deep South

IT'S the show-down the football world has been waiting for — and the clash at Albany between South Fremantle and Claremont could be the best match of the season.

The young talent on display in this game has been unequalled in the domestic competition in the last three seasons and it promises to be a thriller.

Claremont, who have had greater experience in big games in the last couple of years, should maintain their unbeaten record. But it won't be easy.

Souths lack of experience in important matches was their undoing in last year's first semi-final, with their young players making bad mistakes at crucial stages.

They have withstood strong challenges from both East Fremantle and Subiaco so far this season, but the Tigers, under the control of the little general, Gerard Neesham, will not make the costly errors which could lose them a tight contest.

## Bigger role

Neesham has taken a back seat as the Tigers have cruised to victory in their first four games and he can be expected to play a much bigger on-field role on Saturday.

Foremost in the success of Claremont this year has been a winning centreline and that is where the Bulldogs face their toughest challenge.

When the Tigers brushed aside East Perth last week, it was the fine work of Ben Allan and his wingers, Mark Hann and Julian Urquhart, which was a decisive factor. So, too, was the effort of centre-half-back Mark Brayshaw.

South will look to Greg Turner, Maurice Rioli and Brad Collard to at least break even with the Claremont trio across the centre. But with Stevan Jackson out of the side, South could struggle in the key attacking positions up against good defenders.

Albany fans should appreciate the chance to see the likes to Tony Evans, Rob Fitzgerald, Gerald Milne and Peter Mann, of Claremont and South's rising stars Glen Jakovich, Turner and Willie Rioli in the flesh.

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**WAFL PREVIEW**  
by Gary Stocks

## Tough task awaits the enthusiastic Falcons

EAST Fremantle are always a tough assignment at East Fremantle Oval — and on the rebound after a defeat, the task takes on even bigger dimensions.

That is the challenge in front of George Michalczyk and his West Perth side when they travel to the port city for one of the most important games of the season.

If the Falcons can win this match, they will move into the four and take their winning sequence to three.

They answered the challenge against Subiaco last Saturday, scoring a brilliant victory over the Lions at Wanneroo. But now they face their real acid test.

### Talented

This match will see some of the most talented midfield players in the competition in battle.

West Perth have unearthed a player of rare ball-getting qualities in Chris Davies and combined with Sean King, who plays his 50th game, Peter Menaglio and Malcolm Williams, they have a strong midfield presence.

Young East Fremantle rover Bradley Rowe, a John Platten look-alike, has been in sparkling form in the first four games and he needs support from Brian Peake, Peter Quill and Robbie Weber if the Sharks can bounce back to winning form.

### THE COVERAGE

#### RADIO

6WF — Friday 6.30pm: Eagles vs Fitzroy, Saturday noon: Melbourne vs Collingwood, Saturday 2.15pm: Claremont vs South Fremantle.

6PR — Friday 6.20pm: Eagles vs Fitzroy, Saturday noon: St Kilda vs Sydney Swans, Saturday 2.15pm: East Fremantle vs West Perth.

6NR — Friday 6.20pm: Eagles vs Fitzroy, Saturday 2.15pm: Swan Districts vs Subiaco.

RADIO WEST — Saturday 2.15pm: East Fremantle vs West Perth.

#### TELEVISION

CHANNEL 2: Saturday — East Fremantle vs West Perth, 2.15pm to regional stations; 4.10pm final quarter metropolitan area. Sunday — 9am-10am: WAFL highlights.

TVW CHANNEL 7: Friday — 10.30pm: Eagles vs Fitzroy, Saturday 5pm: VFL highlights, Sunday noon: Brisbane Bears vs Footscray.

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*Tally does not include VFL ops	Tally	Claremont v S. Frem.	E. Frem. v W. Perth	Perth v E. Perth	Swan Dist. v Subiaco	Eagles v Fitzroy
RON ALEXANDER	12	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
ROB BENNETT	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
DAVE CLEMENT	12	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	12	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
ALAN EAST	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
IAN MILLER	8	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	9	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	11	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
PETER VLAHOS	10	South Fremantle	East Fremantle	East Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	10	Claremont	East Fremantle	Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles

how about you?

## VICTORY CHANCE IS WELCOMED

THE 1989 season has hardly been aspiring for Perth and East Perth supporters, but half the crowd at Lathlain Park this Saturday will walk away smiling.

The Demons moved back to Lathlain on a wave of enthusiasm this year, but unfortunately they have not been able to match that joy with victories on the field of battle.

Perhaps this week presents them with their best opportunity against an East Perth side which was anything but inspiring last week, when they could kick only 5.17 against Claremont.

It could be argued that had the Royals been more accurate up forward in the first half, when they kicked 2.13, they could have been in the contest. But that is a false impression.

Perth, on the other hand, surrendered the early jump they achieved over South Fremantle.

## MINOR GRADES

THE Under-19s and reserves games between South Fremantle and Claremont will be played at Fremantle Oval this Sunday at the usual times of 9.20am and 11.35am.

## Swans survive the pressure

IT would have been easy for Swan Districts to take the soft option and buckle under the pressure against East Fremantle last Saturday.

But Swans worked hard when challenged, upset a side rated among the leading premiership contenders and are now ready to sink another final-four aspirant.

Swans looked ordinary against Claremont a fortnight ago, when they faced their first real challenge. But they bounced back brilliantly to beat the Sharks and now it's Subiaco's turn.

Subiaco are finding life tough at the moment, with only one win from their first four games and it is difficult to see them reversing their form and upsetting a Swan Districts team at Bassendean Oval; a team riding high on confidence.

Swans are aiming to prove that they are capable of winning the \$200,000 incentive offered by two sponsors to win the premiership.

To achieve their ultimate goal, they must first make the four — and even at this early stage of the season, a win over Subiaco would be a giant stride in achieving that objective.

## WHO PLAYS WHERE

### 1989 FORM GUIDE

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

SUBIACO L (69) W (39) L (6) L (50)

CLAREMONT W (69) W (42) W (46) W (93)

EAST FREMANTLE W (91) L (20) W (92) L (22)

EAST PERTH L (91) L (47) L (24) L (93)

SWAN DISTRICTS W (43) W (47) L (46) W (22)

PERTH L (43) L (92) L (92) L (45)

WEST PERTH L (43) L (42) W (24) W (50)

SOUTH FREMANTLE W (43) L (20) W (6) W (45)

WAFL — SATURDAY, MAY 6 (ROUND 5)  
Claremont v South Fremantle, at Collingwood Park, Albany; East Fremantle v West Perth, at East Fremantle Oval; Perth v East Perth, at Lathlain Park; Swan Districts v Subiaco, at Bassendean.

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CLAREMONT can thank their  
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ning the 1981 WAFL premiership.

The Tigers of '81 boasted a host of  
Southern Districts players — Royals  
pair Darrell Panizza and Baden Har-  
per, Denmark's Mark Watson, North  
Albany's Allen (Shorty) Daniels and  
North Mt Barker's Jim and Phil Kra-  
kouer.

Add to that list Noel Morton, Tom  
Pearce and Ray Smith, who came from  
the Lower Great Southern area, just up  
the track a little.

Most of those players notched some  
impressive achievements in their ca-  
reers — State representation; fairest  
and best awards; VFL selection and, in  
the case of Watson, a Sandover Medal.

Panizza moved to SANFL club  
Woodville; Watson is now with Perth;  
Daniels had a spell with Footscray and  
the Krakouers are stars with North  
Melbourne.

Morton, Pearce, Smith and Harper  
have all since retired from WAFL com-  
petition.

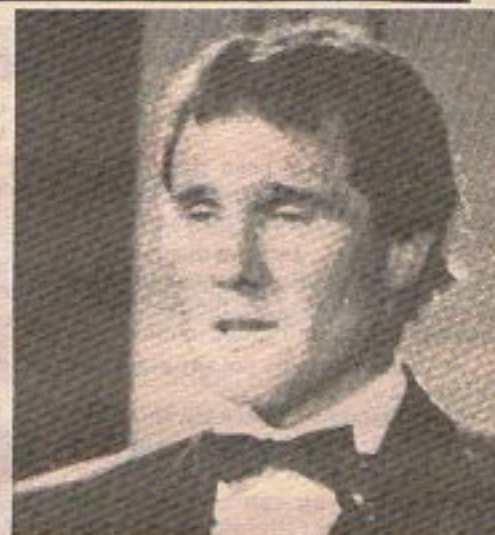
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will be busy!

well as the Ongerup and Ravensthorpe  
districts, represent a huge investment  
for the club.

"We've had a strong presence in the  
area ever since it became our zone," he  
said.

"Former club director Monty But-  
tfield did a lot of early work in the  
zones, backed up by coach Graham  
Moss, my predecessor Ron Webster,  
league player Tony Beers and former  
football development officer Ross  
Luckman.

"Tony was our part-time develop-  
ment officer in the mid-1980s and made  
numerous trips to the country for  
coaching clinics, as did Ross, who was  
seconded to the Football Develop-  
ment Trust this year."



Two Albany heroes... Mark Watson (top)  
and Darrell Panizza

## League players

Southern Districts have provided  
Claremont with many other league  
players such as ruck-rover Russell  
Cooper (Royals), full-forward Murray  
Smith (Royals) and ruckman Alan  
Rowe (Railways), while North Mt  
Barker's Russell Jones played league  
for East Fremantle after a stint in  
Claremont's reserves side.

In addition, current Subiaco captain  
Greg Carpenter hails from North Al-  
bany.

Claremont have continued their de-  
velopment in the Albany region and  
current Tigers star, 22-year-old Billy  
Krahouer, is an integral part of their  
midfield drive, while his former North  
Mt Barker team-mate Paul Burton  
made his debut last season.

There are many more Southern Dis-  
tricts recruits in Claremont's minor  
grades such as Dale Ballantyne, Craig  
Slark and Phil Gilbert, a member of the  
Tigers 1987 reserves premiership side.

Claremont general manager Alan  
Moore says that Southern Districts, as

## FOOTY FEVER HITS ALBANY

THE south coastal town of Albany has been gripped by footy fever as it awaits the  
big WAFL clash of unbeaten sides Claremont and South Fremantle at Collingwood  
Park this Saturday.

John Bray, the president of the Southern Districts Football Association, whose  
headquarters are in Albany, says that the whole town is buzzing with talk of the  
game.

"We can expect 6000 people at the match," he said.

"We've promoted it throughout the association and into neighbouring zones.

"I'm certain country people will support the game, not just because it's such a  
big match, but because the whole future of WAFL football outside of Perth is at  
stake.

### Jeopardised

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WAFL matches being played in the country could be severely jeopardised.

"We would like to thank the WAFL for being so courageous in sticking by their  
decision to let us have this game.

"It was decided we would have it last year, but back then they didn't realise just  
what an important clash it was going to be.

"The WAFL could have easily changed their minds and rescheduled it for a WAFL  
ground."

The curtain-raiser on Saturday will see Southern Districts (Albany), whose side  
includes former South Fremantle and Claremont ruckman Gerard Cameron, take  
on Central Great Southern (Katanning), who boast former Claremont stars Ross  
Ditchburn and Tom Pearce.

A feature of the day will be the parade of the town's WABL basketball team, the  
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# It's hats off to a new Jacko

WHAT a dream debut for South Fremantle's 19-year-old Stevan Jackson in his first VFL game.

Six goals off his own boot at full-forward looked too good to be true.

Jackson's debut may have been premature, but nobody could say it wasn't timely.

The Eagles have been struggling all season to find a spearhead and now they may finally have unearthed one.

For a big man, Jackson displayed fine skills in the air and on the ground as well as good judgment of the flight of the ball coming to him and great mobility.

He is also certainly not shy in terms of football awareness.

It was good to see Jackson show first-up his flair and confidence, which was even bordering on arrogance.

Of course you can make the play when everything falls into place for you.

I believe Jackson will be a good player, but one game doesn't make a star and this Friday could tell a different story.

Fitzroy's Gary Pert will be out to prove a point at the WACA.

Jackson is of a similar mould to players in other VFL clubs — a full-forward who can take a run on the ball.

Think of Paul Salmon (Essendon), Tony Lockett (St Kilda), Bill Brownless

(Geelong) Darren Bennett (Melbourne) Simon Breasley (Footscray), Ian Fairley (North Melbourne), Glen Coleman (Sydney Swans) and Brian Taylor (Collingwood).

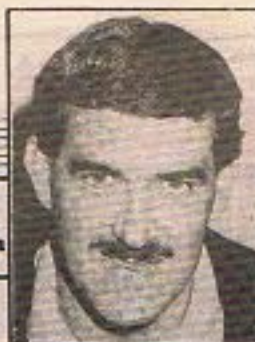
If Jackson performs like some of those players, he'll be a winner.



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## "Dizzy" turns into whizz

THE Eagles finally broke the ice for '89 to gain four invaluable premiership points against the Brisbane Bears, who were lamentable, especially in the second half.

But I guess the Eagles were not exactly fussed how the points came.

It certainly was a more positive, determined and better-balanced Eagles line-up and one of the most significant contributors to the win was ruckman David O'Connell.

O'Connell, thrown in at the deep end against Geelong four weeks ago after missing all the pre-season work, took on the ruck mantle with great gusto and played what I believe was his best game of VFL football.

He did well in the ruck contests and certainly did much better around the ground than the opposition's Alex Ishchenko and Mick Micken.

"Dizzy" O'Connell may make the odd mistake (which one usually remembers), but one could never question his genuine effort and willingness to give his best for the team.



David O'Connell... his best VFL game.

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- 49 Mal Bennett (East Perth)\*
- 48 Peter Owens (Claremont)
- 46 Scott Watters (South Frem)
- 46 Mark Brayshaw (Claremont)
- 46 Jon Derecourt (East Frem)
- 46 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
- 45 Mick Grasso (Swan Dist)
- 45 Joe Cormack (Swan Dist)

\*Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Mal Bennett — 36 East Perth, 13 West Perth.

### 100 GAMES

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

\*Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: David O'Connell 11 Eagles, 88 Claremont; Adrian Barich 28 Eagles, 50 Perth; Bryce Forman 79 East Fremantle, 12 Perth, Tony Beers 85 Claremont, 7 Collingwood, Glen Bartlett 92 East Perth, 4 Eagles.

### 150 GAMES

- 148 Don Holmes (Swan Districts)
- 143 Kim Heisterington (Swan Districts)
- 142 David Rankin (East Frem)\*

\*Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Kim Heisterington 90 Swan Districts, 53 East Fremantle, David Rankin 132 East Fremantle, 10 Fitzroy.

### 200 GAMES

- 197 Grant Campbell (East Perth)

### 300 GAMES

- 281 Brian Peake (East Frem)

### 350 GAMES

- 347 Brian Peake (East Frem)\*

\*Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Brian Peake 281 East Fremantle, 66 Geelong.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian DAVE CLEMENT



## ALL ROADS LEAD TO ALBANY

THIS week's clash of unbeaten teams Claremont and South Fremantle at Albany could be described as a promoter's dream.

On May 7, 1983, the Bulldogs and the Tigers were unbeaten after six games and they drew a crowd of 18,268 to Claremont Oval where the home side won by six points.

Swan Districts, who were in fifth place after round eight, eventually went premiers.

The 1980s have been good to Claremont. They have outscored South Fremantle 17 times to 11.

In fact, the Tigers have only lost one of their last ten games to the Bulldogs.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

FITZROY won the 1916 VFL premiership even though they only won two games in the qualifying rounds.

Because of heavy enlistment in World War I only four teams took part in the competition, so Fitzroy, with two wins, naturally played off, winning the three finals.

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## Still hope for Blues

HERE'S a ray of sunshine for Carlton fans. After five straight losses, I guess they are ready to grasp at anything.

In 1932 the Blues lost the first two games, then won 15 of the next 16 to finish on top of the VFL ladder.

However, their run finished on Grand Final day and were beaten by nine points.

## Left at the barrier

FOR the first time in their 93-year VFL history, Carlton have lost their first five games.

For comparison here are worst opening sequences by WAFL clubs.

East Fremantle have the best record. They lost five on end in 1967 when their coach was Bert Thornley.

South Fremantle lost their first seven in 1965 when Ray Sorrell was at the helm.

Perth's worst opening run was eight losses in 1983; East Perth lost the first 10 under Jack Sheedy in 1964; Claremont lost their first 11 in 1958 (Sonny Maffina was coach).

Swan Districts lost 13 in 1951, West Perth 15 in 1937 and Subiaco have the longest opening drought of 16 losses in 1982.

In an under-age competition during World War II South Fremantle lost all 19 games.

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## Up through the ranks

WEST Coast Eagles skipper Murray Rance is one of five former Teal Cup players currently leading VFL sides.

Other captains in Stephen Kernahan (Carlton), Paul Roos (Fitzroy), Damian Bourke (Geelong) and Steven Wallis (Footscray) all came up through Teal Cup ranks.



Shaun Davey... winning move.

## Davey to rescue

Swans first-year player Shaun Davey, last year's Sunday Football League fairest and best, has taken a little time to come to terms with league football.

Against East Fremantle he started to look much better and more confident in his game.

The tough defender probably made the play of the day to seal the game for Swans.

About the 25-minute mark of the last quarter, with Swans eight points up, East Fremantle crossed the ball to their centre-half-forward position, where they had three players to one (Davey).

Davey intercepted the pass, ran through the centre, cleared and Swans goaled giving them a 14-point lead, instead of what could have been two points if East Fremantle had goaled.

I'm sure East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose will remember that great interception.

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# Veteran has a few words of advice

**MET** an interesting guy this week... David Thorpe, former Footscray and Richmond star.

He's been living in WA for about 12 months and has just been appointed coach of the State amateur side.

He's got some very definite views on the West Coast Eagles. He is of the opinion that the Victorian teams have worked out the Eagles strengths and weaknesses and that is one of the reasons why they are not having the same success this season.

According to Thorpe, the Eagles have too many "lazy" players who wait for the ball to be dished out to them.

Melbourne-based teams are now countering those players by moving forward a line to cover them. For example, a half-back moves to cover a wingman and the back-pocket player covers the half-back's opponent.

He also claims that until the Eagles learn to play down the centre corridor,



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they will not be in the real hunt with other VFL teams.

One of the things the Victorian clubs do is build up the monkey muscles and triceps so that when the ball goes into a pack, players can hold opponents away and let a team-mate get the ball out.

Thorpe's own son put on three stone of muscle in five months when he joined Footscray and went on a weight programme.

Thorpe also says that star players rarely make good coaches. He cited Allan Jeans, John Kennedy, Tom Hafey and Kevin Sheedy as examples of that theory.

## Naturally

"Gifted players never have to really think about their game because it comes so naturally to them," he said. "It's the players who have had to think about their own game that makes them good coaches."

When Thorpe was at Richmond under Hafey, players had to fill in a sheet after the game outlining virtually everything about an opponent.

That info was punched into a computer and the next time they played that team, each player was given a fact sheet on his opponent before the match.

Thorpe says there is so little difference between the respective teams that it is the coach who is constantly able to change his game plan who succeeds.

Interesting bloke. Bill Kerr should have a chat with him some time!

That's David Thorpe's opinion — now for mine.

## Difference

What a difference two players make to Eagles — Dwayne Lamb and Chris Lewis.

The Eagles strength has been their ability to run the ball forward by creating loose men.

This is particularly noticeable at Subiaco Oval, where the ball is dished out to players on a wing and a chain of loose men is set up.

That has been lacking for most of the season but Lamb has the ability to get on his own and draw a player and Lewis has the ability to dislocate a defence.

He is a hard player to tag and while he is flitting around the forward line opposing sides, in trying to contain him, find they don't always have the luxury of two or three players tagging key forwards.

With these players in the side, the Eagles should get back to the semblance of the team that is hard to beat in Perth.

With a scalp under their belt, the Eagles should be able to get up the momentum that has made them such an exciting combination at home.

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## Umpires getting the message

**IT HAS** been encouraging see the umpires paying plenty of holding the ball decisions in recent games.

Most good tackles these days are acknowledged only with a "play on" or a ball up.

I am not one of the people who agree with an umpire giving a decision just to break up a melee.

But in a recent VFL game only one holding the ball ruling was given all night when between 20 and 30 could have been paid.

A strict interpretation of this rule would have put a stop to a continual melee that was going on and provided a better spectacle for the public.

## Some of that black magic

**DURING** my football career I have been fortunate enough to play against some great players.

It astounds me that so many Abor-

igines have succeeded in our game compared with other sports.

All the ingredients have been there from the aerial skills of Tom Thorne and Derek Kickett to the body-crushing hip-and-shoulder tackles of Basil Campbell.

Picking an all-Aboriginal side from the past 15 years was difficult from the point of whom to omit but here is a team made up of players with a presence in my mind.

**BACKS:** Cam Lewis, Dempsey Narkle, Larry Kickett.

**HALF-BACKS:** Benny Vigona, Basil Campbell, Willie Dick.

**CENTRES:** Phil Narkle, Maurice Rioli, Keith Narkle.

**HALF-FORWARDS:** Derek Kickett, Chris Lewis, Nicky Winmar.

**FULL-FORWARDS:** Derek Collard, Willie Roe, Michael Mitchell.

**RUCK:** Bill Dempsey, Stephen Michael, Jim Krakouer.

**RESERVES:** Phil Krakouer, John McGuire.

## Right of reply

**JOHN** Warren has taken me to task over a few points I made in a previous article and I feel the right of reply is appropriate.

I do not believe all changes to our game are necessarily good (for example, 50m on kicking after a free) but, as in everything we do in this world, development is inevitable.

To say that we are producing a rugby type game with the majority of players around the ball is not totally correct.

The Sydney Swans are the best example. They play on the sandiest ground in the VFL, yet they have turned on some of the most scintillating football ever seen by using two or three quick handballs and a long kick.

Sides with the great majority of players following the ball are easily exposed and, in my opinion, are of a low standard.

One thing in our game that will not allow a type of rugby to develop or for handballs to take over, is the ability to kick the ball quickly over long distances.

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# "TOP MARK"

East Perth forward Peter Cransberg marks strongly in front of Claremont defender Mark Brayshaw at the WACA Ground last Saturday.



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## Boy, it's a little hard to get revved up in Surfers



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**IN THE EAGLES NEST**

with GNR's PETER VLAHOS



THE West Coast Eagles could have been excused last weekend if football had been the last thing on their minds.

Surfers Paradise, the home of the Brisbane Bears, is not conducive to providing the tough mental approach required for professional sportsmen.

The Eagles' hotel was nestled among luxury highrise apartments and a stone's throw from the inviting waters of the Pacific Ocean.

The inhabitants of this never sleep hollow walk around in minimal attire, with beach wear the common form of dress.

With the temperature in the mid to high twenties, the Eagles could have been mistaken in thinking that this was the end of season holiday bash.

But coach John Todd, conscious of the pitfalls outside the Chateau Hotel walls, spelt the message out loud and clear to his troops.

The message was simple and to the point: "You are not up here for a holiday."

### Eagles didn't get psyched

IT SEEMS the Brisbane Bears left no stone unturned in order to gain a psychological advantage over the Eagles.

Throughout the Eagles' stay in Surfers Paradise, a double-decker London-style bus, decorated in the Bears colours and logos, kept passing the team's hotel with the Bears theme song blaring from a loudspeaker.

By check-out time I'm sure the Eagles players would have mastered the lyrics to the tune.

### Old mates get together

AFTER the morale-boosting 52-point win over the Bears, the Eagles party were quickly whisked by coach from Carrara to Coolangatta Airport for the long trek home.

On their arrival in Sydney, team manager Russell Cox informed the weary West Coasters that the connecting flight had been delayed an hour.

To kill time everyone decided to occupy the airport's watering hole for a refresher.

To the surprise of the players, Collingwood who had played the Sydney Swans that afternoon and lost by 11 points, had the same idea while waiting for their flight home to Melbourne.

Past acquaintances were immediately rekindled.

Former Fitzroy teammates Dean Turner and Doug Barwick got together for a chat and a drink for old-times sake and John Annear renewed his friendship with former Richmond team-mates David Cloke and Brian Taylor, now with Collingwood.

Geoff Miles felt right at home, having played his first VFL game with the Magpies in 1983 while former Eagle Murray Wrensted was delighted to catch up with the Sharks connection of Chris Mainwaring, Michael Brennan and Shane Ellis.

The next time the two teams meet will be on the battlefield at Subiaco Oval on Sunday June 11.

### Draftees answer critics

DRAFT choices Shane Ellis and Clinton Browning have come in for a deal of criticism from the local media with many doubting their ability to succeed at VFL level.

One man who has never doubted their ability is coach John Todd.

Todd has been a strong supporter of the pair and their performance on Sunday was the icing on the cake.

Todd was a happy man after the Eagles had collected their first points of the season.

He firmly believes that Ellis and, to a lesser extent, Browning have answered some of those critics.

## Streuth, have you seen Cables' son?

Everyone who knows their footy knows about the brilliant Barry Cable. Well, some people swear he's returned! They're seeing the spirit of the mighty Cables in his son Shane.

Don't believe it? Well, get to a game and check it out for yourself; you know it's never the same unless you're there at the game.



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## HELPING HAND

SWAN Districts and WAFL leading goalkicker Darren Williams gets some pre-match treatment from club nurse Marge Pervan.

After all, those fingers are playing an important part in the 1989 Swan revival.

Williams, in his second spell with the black and whites, has been a surprise improver and hopes to kick his side into the finals.



## Swans pack punch up front

## Time for a bit of give and take

IN SPITE of all the criticism of John Todd this season, the fact remains that he's still the best coach available to the West Coast Eagles.

After the Eagles went within an ace of appearing in the preliminary final last year, we were more than happy, not only with the team itself but with the prospect of doing better this season and even giving the flag a shake.

Since then quite a few Eagles have flown the nest and amid all the wailing and gnashing of teeth, Toddy has been seen as the villain of the piece.

Oh, if only we had Bennett in front of the sticks. Look how he is going for Melbourne.

Did you see Ishchenko put in for the Brisbane Bears? Todd must have had rocks in his head to let him go.

What about Georgiades... eight goals for Footscray!

Matera and Gastev aren't going to badly either... etc, etc, etc.

### Predicament

The knockers have been having the time of their lives, but the thinkers realise the Eagles had a string of injuries they could have done without.

The Eagles' predicament is pointing to the necessity of having a seconds team so that their playing philosophy can be taught and applied week in and week out.

Waterman, Miles, Narkle and company should still be under the direct control of the Eagles system, and not

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



SWAN Districts full-forward Darren Williams has made a fair-tale return to league football.

He is currently the WAFL's leading goalkicker and a key player in the resurgence of Swans.

Williams played in the 1984 Teal Cup and showed outstanding talent as a big-marking forward.

Strong and quick, he had the potential to develop into a top league player.

Like many young footballers, Williams lost the desire to keep persever-

ing as a colts/reserves player and decided to play in the country last season.

This allowed him to seek out what he wanted in his football life.

He returned to Swans and hasn't look back.

Williams will continue to develop into a leading WAFL player, as he has qualities that will attract crowds.

### Accurate

His ability to take high marks is exciting.

Although not a long kicker, Williams is accurate over short distances. He needs to keep working on these skills so that he continually improves his game.

Top teams require key forwards with the capacity to create goal-scoring opportunities through their own skill as well as assist the forwards around him.

Williams is capably-supported in the forward line by two quick and talented small men, Greg Walker and Andy Holmes.

With Williams competing for the high ball, many 'spilt ball' opportunities will occur and enable the Swans small men to score.

Swan Districts' performance against East Fremantle last weekend was most impressive.

Not only did the black and whites look like a top-class team, but they breathed a new and exciting interest into the WAFL competition.

By defeating the pre-season favourites, Swans have shown they are true contenders for a place in this season's finals.

## WACA not ideal for family viewing

CROWD figures continue to show that WAFL games are attracting an increasing following.

Top-class games such as the recent Derby and the Kalgoorlie clash have convinced followers that football is alive and well.

The only disappointing crowd was at the recent game between Claremont and East Perth at the WACA.

The Royals have one of the biggest followings, but in recent times have had little success to attract fans to Saturday games.

The WAFL competition needs a successful 'Blue and Black' team to stimulate the re-growth of WAFL football.

While the Royals hierarchy are attempting to develop a more competitive team, the WACA Ground will have to be monitored closely as a league football venue.

Although the WACA is a magnificent facility, it may be 'too good' for community-based teams to be using.

A factor in the return of crowds to league matches has been the opportunity for families to sit on the grass banks, while their children enjoy the freedom of having a kick.

This can't happen at the WACA, so parents decide not to go as it doesn't suit the children.

## TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOGIES  
of the West Australian



## Out-of-town facilities need to be improved

THE future of the WAFL policy to promote the game in country areas will be on the line when Albany host the clash of the season between South Fremantle and Claremont this Saturday.

When Subiaco and South played at Kalgoorlie a fortnight ago, only 4000 people turned out and the Albany attendance must be at least 50 per cent better to justify taking a game of this magnitude away from the city.

Potentially, it could have drawn the biggest audience of the year if held at Fremantle Oval, rivalling the drawing capacity of the traditional derbies.

It's time for the WAFL to revise its thinking on playing games in the country and outer metropolitan areas.

### Facilities

And part of that review should see the WAFL examine media facilities at these unorthodox grounds.

The ABC radio coverage is the best available, giving people throughout the State the chance to tune in and list to their respective teams every week.

But keeping tabs on games at Kelm-scott and Wanneroo was almost impossible and one could only feel sorry for the hardships endured by Paul Vasoli, the around-the-grounds reporter for 6WF at both venues.

The necessary facilities were not available to Vasoli and he had to telephone scores through to the studio, which were they relayed to listeners.

That is hardly acceptable and the WAFL must ensure that media facilities are up to scratch at these venues before going ahead with the fixtures.

At Kalgoorlie there was a similar problem.

Radio 6NR sent a commentary team to the Goldfields, but they had problems squeezing into a small box with a high bench, which made it impossible to see the action when sitting down.

Eventually, Kim Hagdorn and Ken Judge grabbed some bar stools which elevated their position and allowed an uninterrupted view of the game.

### Problems

After being in contact with Goldfields officials for several weeks before the game and being assured that an STD phone would be available, I also had problems communicating with our Perth office to report on the match.

It will be interesting to see what facilities are available to the media when they travel to Albany this week.

While it is commendable for the WAFL to reward country centres and outer metropolitan areas with official league fixtures, more must be done to ensure that a professional coverage is provided.

WA country areas have provided many champions of the past and it is right that they should be recognised with games in their district — but only if the standards, on and off the ground, are maintained.

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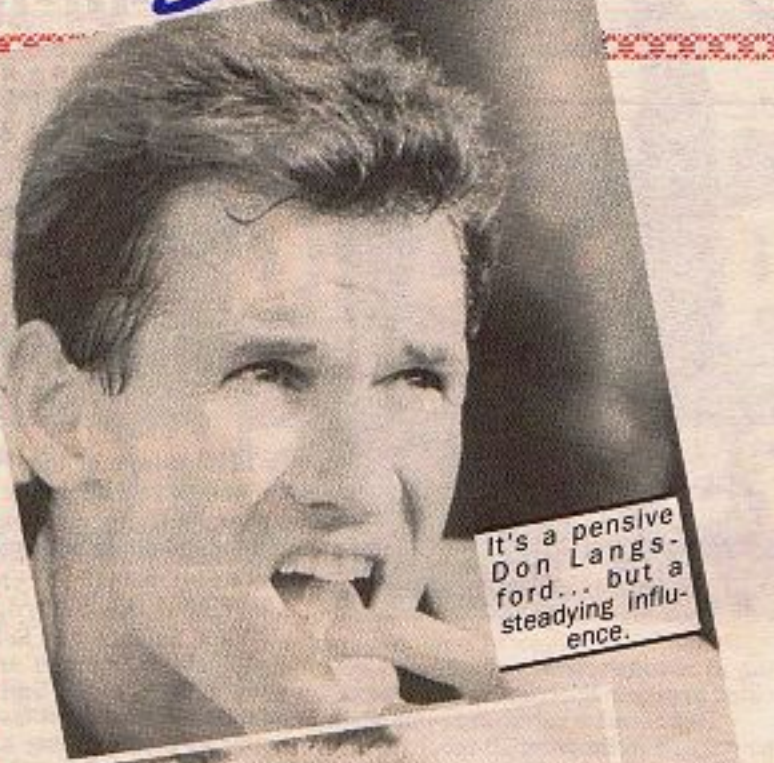


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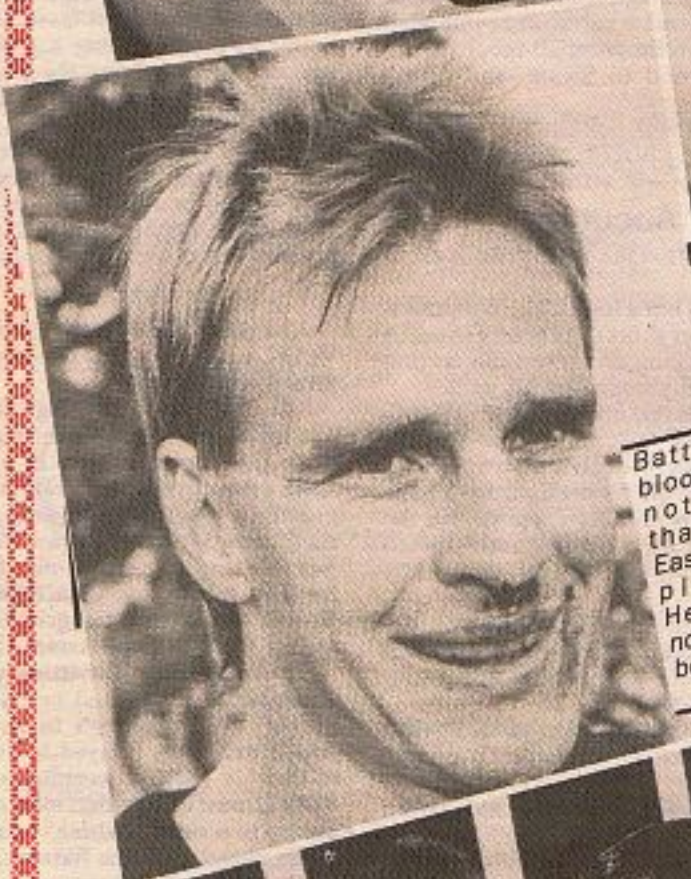
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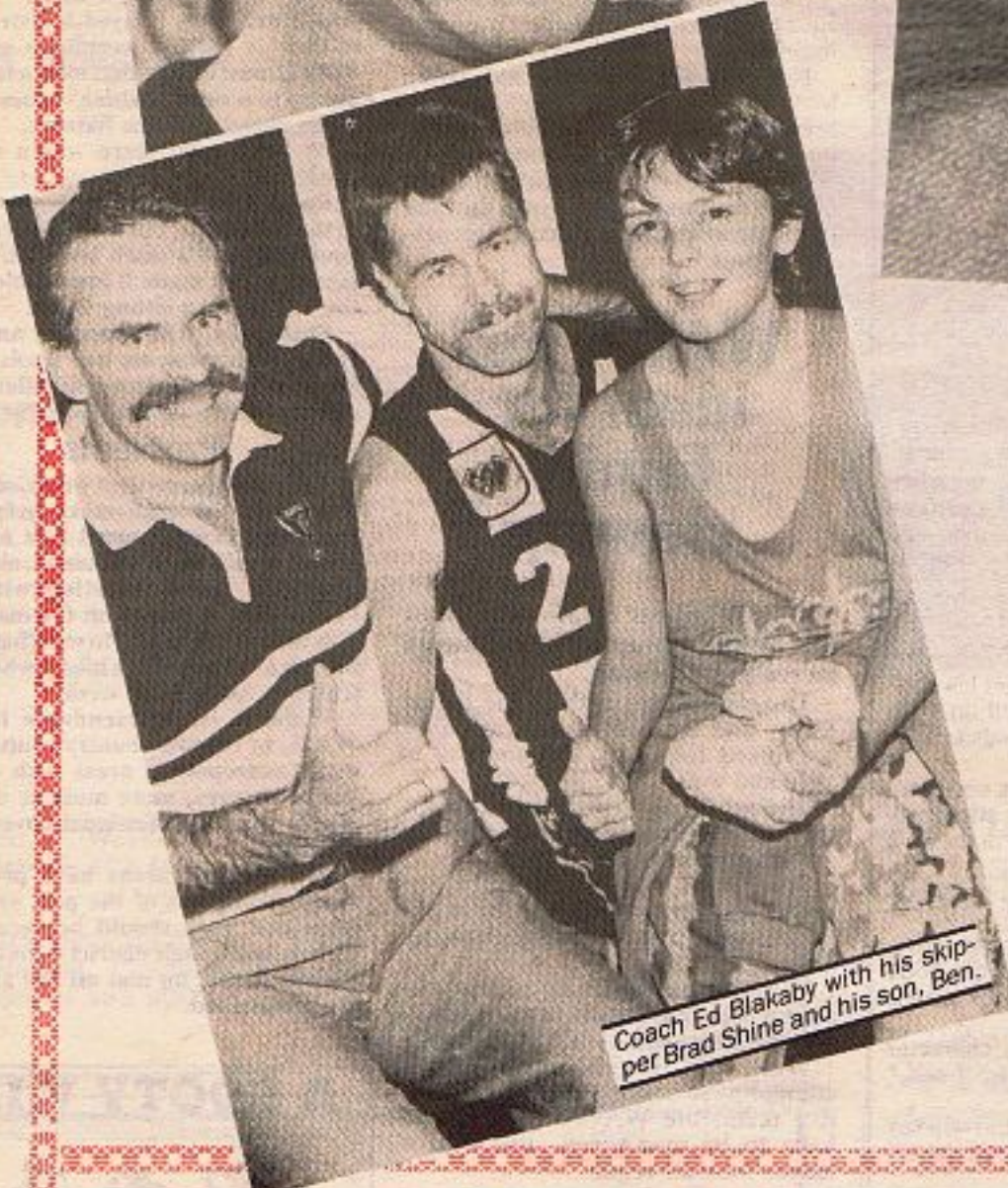
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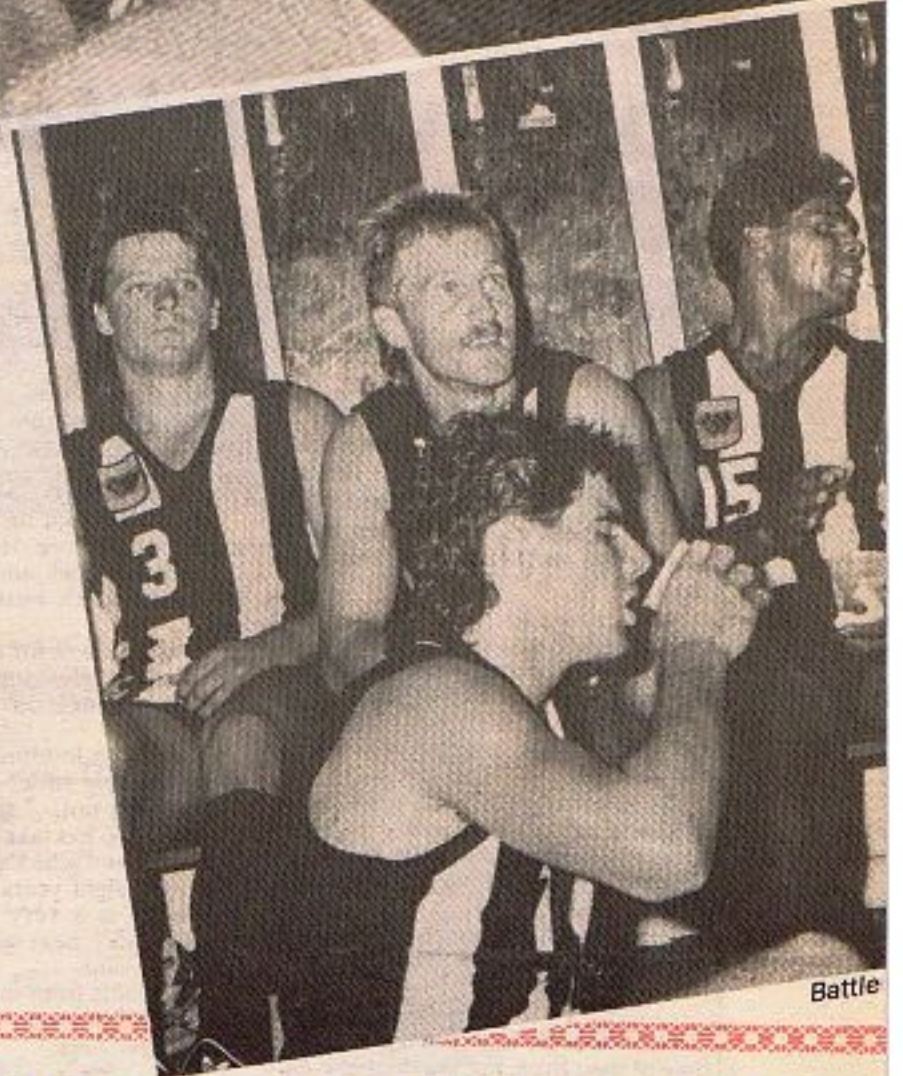
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Battered and bloodied...but not beaten; that's former East Fremantle player Kim Hetherington, now a key member of the Swans revival.



Coach Ed Blakaby with his skipper Brad Shine and his son, Ben.



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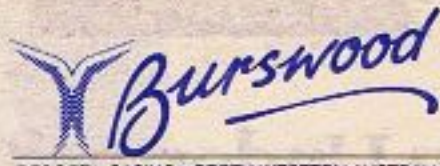
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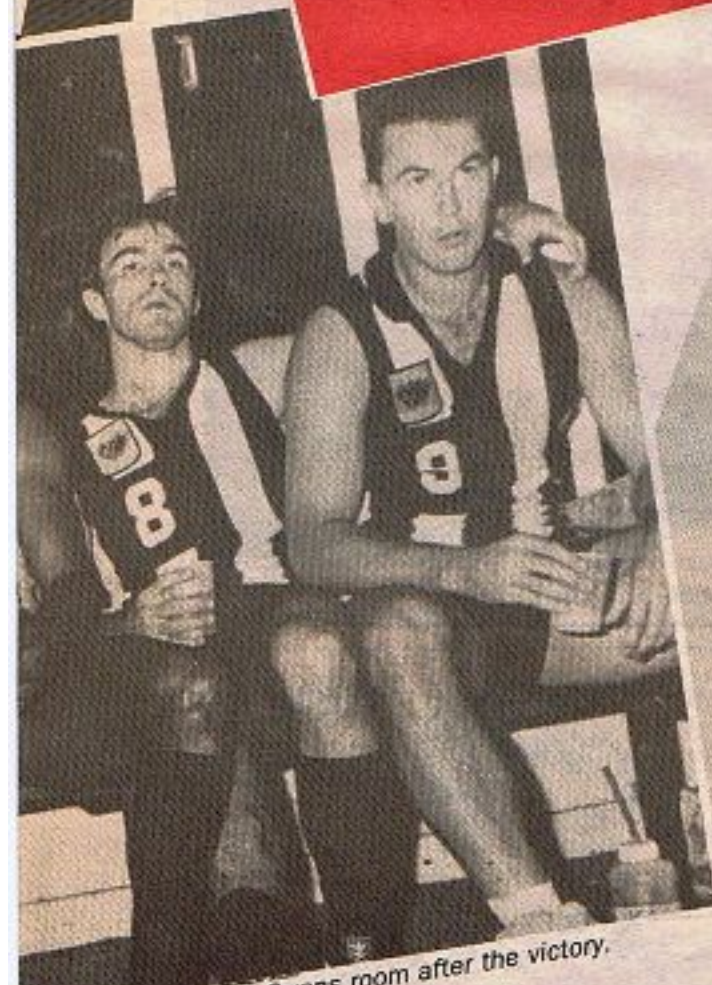


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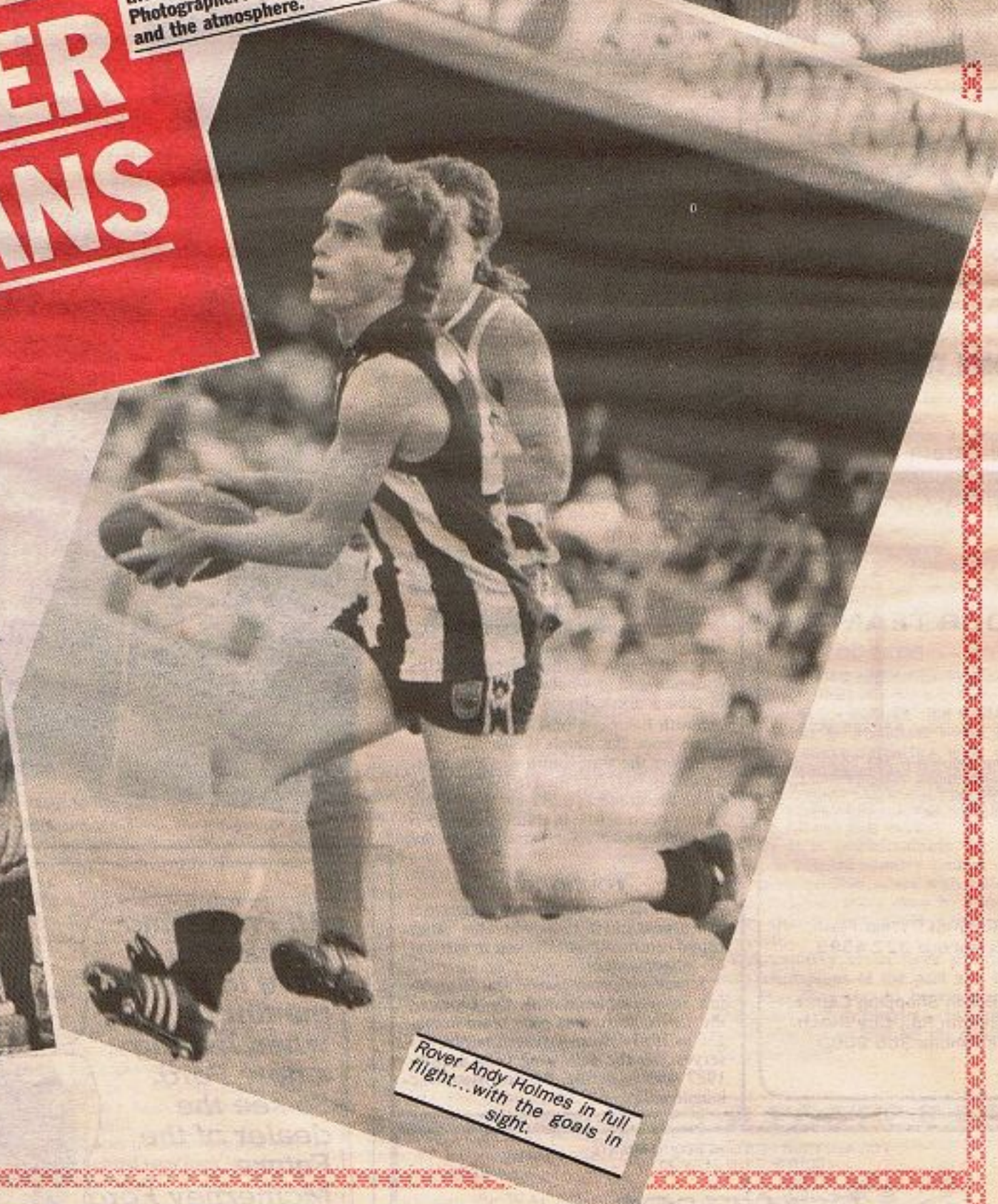


## THOSE SUPER SWANS

SWAN Districts have completed one of football's amazing turn-arounds... from wooden-spooners last season to premiership prospects this year. After downing pre-season favourites East Fremantle on Saturday, the black and whites had reason to celebrate and there were plenty of smiles up Bassendean way. Photographer JULIAN COWAN was there to capture the action and the atmosphere.



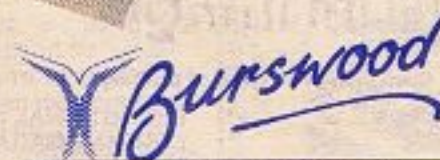
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# Lions back-up men work tirelessly



**KNOW YOUR CLUB**  
by **GEORGE TEMPLE**

SUBIACO coach Haydn Bunton is the man who has revitalised the Lions — but a lot of credit must go to his backroom team, especially Football Manager Trevor Nisbett.

When Nisbett joined the Lions in 1984, he faced the enormous task of developing the club's new metropolitan zone, Wanneroo.

To date, 20 league footballers — including eight currently playing with the club and the VFL's John Georgiades and Ian Dargie — have come from that district.

And Nisbett believes that Subiaco have yet to see the best of Wanneroo's immense potential.

Big Graeme Garnaut made an impressive WAFL debut in the forward line last Saturday and team-mates John Cooper, Steven Rosich, Andrew Brice, Brett Heady (all of whom played last Saturday), Stephen Hooper, Paul Cox and Damian Read all have promising futures.

They are all aged under 20 and are already carving league niches for themselves as Bunton reshapes his Lions for the 1990s.

### Programmes

During the football season, Nisbett has a seven-day, 70-hour working week with most of his time being spent on school coaching clinics, elite training squads, Teal Cup and CIG Shield matches and the 30 other development programmes he is co-ordinating.

Like Bunton, Nisbett is quick to mention all the other people — many of whom are volunteers — who keep the Subiaco machine running.

Trainer Albie Hawkins, property man John Smith (a club member since before the war) and league team manager Barry Strack, whose father was a State player and a former Lions skipper, are among the support staff.

Hawkins, a former head trainer with Subiaco, is currently the trainers' co-ordinator. Now in his fifth year with the Lions, after a two-year stint with Sunday League amateurs Belmont and five years with East Perth, Hawkins is a man with experience and know-how.

Hawkins says that the hardest part of his job is not diagnosing injuries but telling the coach that a player is unavailable — even when the player claims he is fit.

"Sometimes you have to be a mind reader," he says. "You know that he's injured, so in the long run it's for the good of the team if he doesn't play."

"Trainers must also learn players' idiosyncracies. You must know how certain players like their ankles strapped and at what times others like to take a drink during the game."

Smith has been part of the Subiaco scene since the tough 1930s.

Before the war, Smith was a supporter and in 1947 he failed in his efforts to make the grade as a player. Since then he has been active in numerous activities, acting as property manager in the past 10 years.

### Young fan

Strack started watching Subiaco as a seven-year-old in 1946, when his father Lloyd returned from the war to resume his league career.

Strack jnr, who played thirds and a few reserves games with the Lions in the 1960s, started as colts team manager in 1983. He progressed to the reserves job the following year and by 1987 was assisting Bunton with the league side.



Subiaco stalwarts John Smith (above) and Barry Strack (below)

Albie Hawkins... enjoying his work



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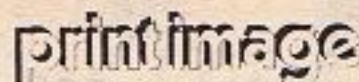
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## Sharks team is full of talent

EAST Fremantle's 51-year-old head trainer Ron Stevens has seen many changes rung in during the 25 years he has been involved with the famous Port club.

And that's not only in playing strength and management personnel, but medicine and the treatment of injuries.

The competitive life of a footballer has been increased with the advancement of surgical techniques. And their return to the training track — and match play itself — has quickened and with new methods.

Stevens said that a simple treatment such as ice was not commonly used in the 1960s, but it's now a major healing method.

"There is also new electrical equip-

ment," he said. "We now have the ultra sound device, which is good for healing muscle tissue injuries.

East Fremantle have eight trainers between their three senior grades and, like Stevens, who has been head trainer for the past eight years, they learn a lot of their skills on the job.

"We all do courses to keep up with latest methods, but there is no substitute for experience," Stevens said.

The Fremantle painting contractor spends three evenings a week and almost all weekend attending to injured players.

Former Swan Districts and East Fremantle league player Clinton Pike is the Sharks Football Manager.

Pike, an Australian under-19 cricketer in 1981, has the task of helping guide young footballers into WAFL and even VFL ranks.

### Clinics

Pike spends up to 12 weeks a year in the Sharks country zones co-ordinating coaching clinics and identifying young talent.

"I get a big kick out of seeing the guys come through the ranks," he said.

Pike said that critics who feel as though East Fremantle's reign as a football power could be coming to an end, should think again.

"Our under 19s are the best since 1985 and that side contained the likes of Chris Waterman, Scott Annandale, Jon Derecourt and Michael Broadbridge," said Pike.

Pike turned his hand to football administration after injury forced his premature retirement in 1984.

"I was a cadet surveyor at the time, but I asked the club if I could become involved in football," he said. "They were looking for a development officer at the time, so I fitted the bill."

Another former league player in Peter Thomas is Sharks coach Graham Melrose's on-field link with the players.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By George Temple



But he is more than merely a messenger man.

The former Subiaco and East Fremantle player has input at team selection meetings, especially in regard to the attitude of players.

He also supplies Melrose with a form guide of their opponents each week ... and that means hours spent watching video tapes of games.

To keep fit for his non-stop running duties, Thomas trains with the Sharks league squad and plays as a ruck-rover for Brookton, in the Avon League on Sundays.

For dedication to the club, it's hard

to go past property manager Frank Dunham, who has been at East Fremantle for the past 42 years.

As a young man, Dunham played seconds with Old Easts (as they were then) after the Second World War, but when injury forced him to retire, he was immediately asked to look after the kit.

Now, after five decades of football, Dunham is keen to retire and just watch a few games — so he's on the look-out for someone to take over.



Frank Dunham... an East Fremantle veteran.



Ron Stevens... keeps up with the latest techniques.

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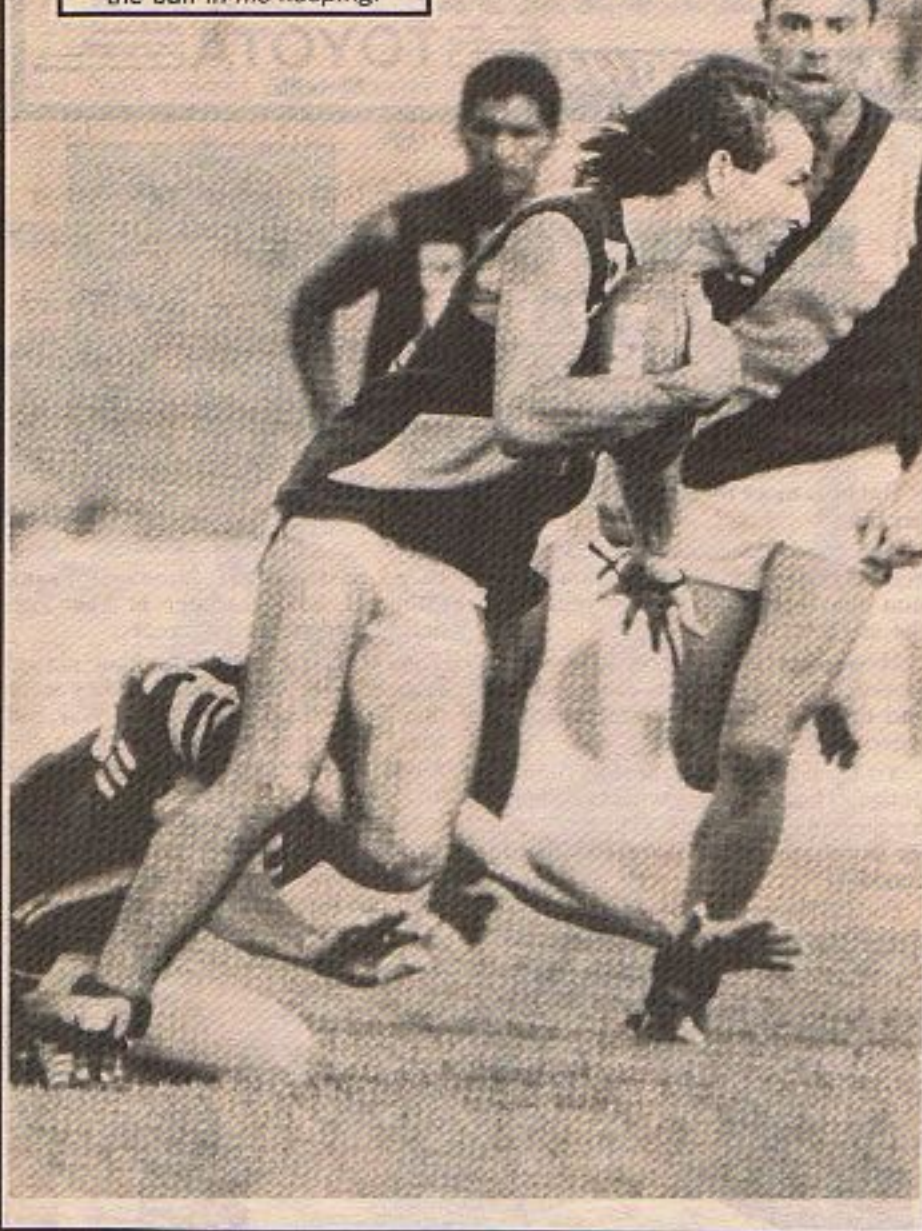
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Tigerish Tiger Neil Park has the ball in his keeping.



# Park settles down in Tigerland again

NEIL Park is something of a veteran in the world of football — and he's certainly seen plenty of the countryside as he takes his boots wherever he can get a kick.

But suddenly, at the age of 26, the tough Victorian has decided to have a real crack at establishing himself in senior football.

His return to Claremont this season wasn't exactly heralded with headlines and the response from Tigers coach Gerard Neesham was simply: "Start training and we'll see how you go."

And go he does!

The dashing defender has been one of Claremont's most consistent players in the opening four games and his seasoned approach has helped the Tigers develop a fast-running rebound game out of defence.

"I've really settled down this time," says Park, who made his VFL debut with St Kilda back in 1983 (playing three games) and has been to four clubs since then.

After that one year with the Saints, he was recruited by Claremont and proved to be a handy 28-game player in two seasons, showing no lack of strength and courage.

But he returned to Melbourne, playing with VFA club Sandringham, only to find that he missed the lifestyle in the West and headed back to Perth, lobbying at Claremont Oval with his much-travelled boots.

"But I couldn't get a game there, so I switched to Subiaco," he says. "After two reserves games there, I decided to head north with Peter Davidson and we had a great season with Karratha, under the coaching of Robert Solin, being runners-up.

"I decided to come back and have another try at league ranks," says Park. "I'm glad I did; I'm fitter than I ever was and it's great to be part of such a good young team."



## ON THE BALL

with ALAN EAST

He apologised to Royals members after the inept performance and a 7am training session on Sunday was the first step in his pledge to "work harder" — and the senior players were served a warning to lift their game as well.

"Our senior players have to start contributing a lot more," he said. "Today was disgraceful."

## DEDICATED LION

SUBIACO defender Clinton Brown has always played league football with his heart and soul and this season is no exception. Brown, a policeman, is posted at the Williams Police Station, 170kms east of Perth and he travels to the city every weekend to play for the defending premiers.

## IN THE LIMELIGHT

EAST Perth recruit James Waddell knows what it is to be in the sporting limelight. Waddell is an infielder for the West Australian baseball team and has now added league football to his credits. In addition, his girlfriend is national sprint sensation Susanne Broderick, who blitzed the opposition to win the 100-metre/200-metre sprint double at the Australian athletic championships last March.

## Cicco's fillies

SOUTH Fremantle general manager Brian Ciccotosto has welcomed two new fillies into his stable this week... but they won't be lining up for the Bulldogs!

Mr Ciccotosto has bought a quarter share in an unnamed bay filly yearling — and also welcomed back former Bulldogs secretary Judy Cramp.

Miss Cramp worked for Souths from 1981-85 before moving with her family to Kalgoorlie. However, her return to Perth coincided with the departure of secretary Libby Barnes.

In recent times, some of the office running has been handled on voluntary basis by former long-serving WAFL receptionist Pam McGuinness.

The yearling, which is out of Veluthor Girl from Old Spice, cost the general manager \$1500.

Mr Ciccotosto said that his investment has a bit of form on its side.

"It's Veluthor Girl's fourth foal and though one has died, the others were winners — just like South Fremantle," he said.

While the syndicate is looking for a trainer, the yearling is being kept at Longdale Stud.

## Alexander to talk to WA coaches

THE Australian Football Coaches Association will hold a coaches seminar at the WACA Ground on Sunday, May 14 with State coach Ron Alexander as the speaker.

The 10am seminar will be free of charge and those attending can watch the WA team prepare for their May 16 clash with Victoria — and then stay on to hear Alexander's theory on how to beat the Vics!

For further inquiries phone Gerard McNeill on 381 5599.

## Smiles at last for Davidson

DISCARDED West Coast Eagle Peter Davidson finally had cause to smile last weekend.

The injury-plagued midfielder came through his first step of a comeback to football when he played with the Claremont reserves.

A morale-crushing run of injuries in 1987 saw the talented wingman spend a year recovering from a troublesome ankle injury that defied cure.

Just when he felt that he was ready to test himself again, the Eagles were forced to drop him off their list over a

technicality under the VFL player-registration rules.

"It felt good," said Davidson after his first real hit-out with the Tigers reserves at the WACA Ground.

## Macca plans to get tougher

EAST Perth coach Ian McCulloch, shattered at the way his Royals have lost their four opening games, is going to toughen up.

The former big man who only knew one way to play the game — flat out — is cracking down on his senior players.


"It's time we grew up," said McCulloch, after their 93-point loss to Claremont.

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# ATKINS SCALES A FOREIGN

SPORTING mountains are there to be climbed and new South Fremantle rookie Martin Atkins is an avid scaler of such peaks.

With ruckmen Craig Edwards and Dean Irving still sidelined with injury, Bulldogs coach Stan Magro will again ask Atkins and Dean Nalder to lead the following division in the big clash with unbeaten Claremont in Albany this Saturday.

For Atkins, the winner of the Bulldogs Under-19s fairest and best medal last season, it is just another milestone in his meteoric rise to football fame.

The 187cm Atkins made an impressive WAFL debut last Saturday when he was pitted against experienced Perth trio John Gavranich, Ian Newman and Dempsey Narkle.

# MOUNTAIN ON THE BALL

by **GEORGE TEMPLE**

At the end of the day, honours were shared, but more importantly, Atkins had arrived and it has taken him just five years.

That is how long Atkins, who celebrates his 20th birthday today (Thursday), has been playing Australian Rules Football.

Atkins took up the game shortly after arriving in Perth from the United Kingdom in 1985.

The budding ruckman played three seasons with Kwinana, in the Sunday Football League before being recruited for the Bulldogs last season.



## SUPPORTERS BUS

*SOUTH Fremantle fans who want to watch the top-of-the-table clash against Claremont in Albany next Saturday should be at Fremantle Oval before 8am.*

*The Bulldogs have hired a bus for supporters, which will cost \$20 a head to take them down south and return to Fremantle by 11pm Saturday.*

## Clinics in the schools

"AUSSIE Footy" courses for teachers and clinics for children will be run in primary schools in the East Fremantle area during May, starting on May 8.

The courses will involve East Fremantle players and development officer, Clinton Pike, visiting schools for a day and targeting teachers and students in years three to seven.

All WAFL clubs will conduct the courses and some have already been completed.

To spread the modified rules message as far as possible, the clubs will try to target schools without a physical education specialist and schools that won't be involved in the Hungry Jack's lightning carnivals.

The first "Aussie Footy" inservice courses and clinics in the East Perth area will begin this week at the East Maylands Primary School (May 5), Maylands (8th), Sacred Heart (9th) and Our Lady of Assumption (11th).

East Perth senior players who will be running the clinics include Matt Clape, Peter Miller and Rod Lewis, along with development officer Andrew Komp.

The Royals will also hold football super-clinics at the Morley Primary School on May 5 and Carmel and Camboon schools on the 10th.

## Fathers debate Menegola magic

ROOKIE Swan Districts wingman Todd Menegola made a scintillating debut against East Fremantle last Saturday, to be among the best players on the ground.

But the 21-year-old's performance started some rivalry between two fathers watching from the sidelines...triple Sandover Medallist Bill Walker, whose son Greg was also playing and Clem Menegola, proud father of the debutant.

Walker light-heartedly claimed that Menegola's success was entirely due to him, because he had taught his old team-mate Clem how to play football back in the 1960s!

Naturally, Clem would have none of this as he savoured Todd's brilliant start in league football.

Either way, both men enjoyed the game — a 22-point win for Swans.

Menegola was recruited by Swans coach Ed Blackaby after he won the B-grade fairest and best medal playing for Central Wheatbelt in last year's Wesfarmers Country Carnival.



Well done, mate...that's Ed Blackaby's message to first-gamer Todd Menegola.

## Selection turnaround

SWAN Districts coach Ed Blackaby had problems finding 20 fit and capable players to contest the club's final league fixture last season.

But after a successful summer recruiting programme, Blackaby could be faced with selection difficulties of the opposite kind — who to leave out.

Swans have re-emerged as finals contenders — especially after their thrilling 22-point win over highly-rated East Fremantle last Saturday.

But they still have to find places in the senior side for 1989 Swan Medallist winner Mick Grasso, injured Shane Renfree, fast-improving defender Andrew Partington, midfielder Len Gandini and key forward/ruckman Bob De Graaf.

And matters could get better because outstanding wingman Phil Narkle is hinting at an end-of-season return to action.

Narkle, recovering from a serious leg injury, watched Swans beat the Sharks and though he is hobbling around with the aid of a walking stick, he hopes to be jogging within the next four weeks.

## MacDonald hits the 50 mark

SOUTH Fremantle forward John MacDonald celebrated his 50th game of league football in the best possible way — a five-goal haul against Perth last Saturday.

The 50-game milestone has been a long time coming for MacDonald, who made his league debut in 1985.

His football has been interrupted by injury and a commitment to the Melville Cricket Club, where he is one of the leading batsmen in their second grade side.

After his 50th game, Bulldogs general manager Brian Ciccotosto told the goal-kicking hero that football was not unlike cricket.

"For the first 50 you're taking your time to get your eye in, but after that things come much faster," said Ciccotosto, a veteran of 211 games himself.

## FAST MOVERS

FOOTY fans, you had better hurry if you want tickets for the Swan Districts Players Revue at Bassendean Oval this Sunday because they are selling fast.

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The presentations will take place on the oval before the start of the league game between Perth and East Perth.

Naughty Don Toyota is one of the 12 metropolitan Toyota dealers sponsoring the Toyota Cup and being based in Victoria Park, the heart of Demon territory, has a close affiliation with the Perth Football Club juniors.

In last Sunday's Toyota Cup games in the South Suburban/Perth zone, Roleystone scraped home to win by just two points from East Victoria Park in a nail-biting encounter.

Swan Districts played their first games in the competition and both matches were played in great spirit.

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

SWAN DISTRICTS — Swan View 8.17 d Bassendean 7.6, Redcliffe 12.8 d Eastern Hills 5.8.

### COACHING COURSE IN PINJARRA

A LEVEL 1 football coaching course will be held in Pinjarra on May 10, 13 and 17.

This course is open to all junior and senior coaches and other interested people.

It is an ideal opportunity for old and new coaches to update their methods and share in some of the latest from the Football Development Trust resources.

The course itself will include such topics as new training drills, psychology and motivation of players, fitness programming, laws of the game and treatment of injuries.

Gerard McNeill, the coaching coordinator at the Town and Country Football Development Trust and former East Perth league coach will coordinate the course.

The course begins on Wednesday, May 10, at 7p.m. and continues on Saturday May 13 at 1p.m., with the final session on Wednesday May 17 again at 7p.m.

The \$30 cost includes a new coaching manual, membership of the Australian Football Coaches Association, badge and plastic card from the Australian Coaching Council and all relevant handout material (e.g. rule book and Aussie Footy Kit).

For application forms or further enquiries please contact Colin Meeres on (097) 35 1648.

### Carnival at Northam

A LIGHTNING carnival for high school teams in Northam and the surrounding areas will be played at Jubilee Oval, Northam on Friday, May 12.

The seven schools in the Perth Football Club zone who will compete are Beverley, Brookton, York, Cunderdin, Toodyay, Northam Catholic School and Quairading.

A combined side will be selected after the carnival to play Northam High School in the CIG Cup.

### TOYOTA CUP

EAST/WEST PERTH — Bayswater/Morley 11.12 (best: Babich) d Noranda 2.1; Osborne Park 16.21 (Smith) d East Perth/Highgate 7.2 (Abdulla); Cougars 16.19 d North Innaloo 7.9 (Naulls).

SOUTH SUBURBAN/PERTH — Kenwick 12.13 d Maddington 3.4; Armadale 19.19 d Forrestdale 2.3; Belmont 19.14 d Thornlie 7.3; Gosnells 16.18 d Forrestfield 4.3; Roleystone 8.16 d East Victoria Park 9.8.

SOUTH/EAST FREMANTLE — Lynwood 19.25 d Applecross 2.4; Karoonda 20.17 d East Fremantle 6.3; Cockburn 19.16 d Willetton 8.8; Kardinya 8.8 drew with Rossmoyne 8.8.

TIGER'S CUP — Karrinyup 25.20 (Holliday) d Scarborough 6.4; Carine 15.12 (Opic) d North Beach 9.1; Hawks 12.17 (Cooley) d Marist 9.10 (Sarich).

SUBIACO — Northern Districts 15.8 (Sandercock) d Warwick 10.10 (Mansfield); Whitford 29.30 d Wanneroo 1.4 (Little).

• Congratulations to junior umpire Bob Dyer who umpired his 500th game of football last Sunday during the Hawks vs Marist Tigers Cup match.

## Pilbara move to aid juniors

A MEETING vital to the future of football in the North Pilbara District will take place at the Whim Creek Hotel next Monday.

Discussion at the meeting will focus on developing a stable link between senior and junior football in the district.

It is hoped that each senior club will "adopt" a junior club to give young players in the area an obvious progression to senior football.

Former great Barry Cable, representing the Town and Country Football Development Trust, will discuss the plan with members of three of the football associations in the area — the North Pilbara Football League, West Pilbara Junior Football Association and Port Hedland Junior Football Association.

### Name changes

If the meeting is a success, junior clubs will take on the senior club's name and jumper. In exchange for potential footballers, the senior clubs will provide assistance with administration, coaching, umpiring and perhaps finance.

At present, the only senior clubs in the North Pilbara Football League with strong links with a junior club of the same name are Rovers, Swans and Sharks.

If the proposal is approved, West Pilbara Junior Football Association teams Magpies, Demons and Lions will become Wolves, Falcons and Kats.

### HELPFUL HINT

YOUNG Dianella footy fan Bradley Gannon is a keen Eagles follower — and a close watcher of ABC television. Adorned in his East Perth guernsey, Bradley was the guest on the ABC's Sunday morning football show, receiving some coaching hints from Eagle Dwayne Lamb.

## Town and Country Little League



Little League action at the WACA Ground last Saturday.

EAST Fremantle overcame the Bassendean Oval hoodoo to beat Swan Districts and record the club's only win for the day in the Town and Country Little League last Saturday.

Justin Rapiarano, Ben Cousins and Mark Thomas led the way for East Fremantle, while Chris Drapier, Aaron Edwards and Joss Bennell battled hard for Swans.

West Perth defeated Subiaco on foreign ground at Kingsway Reserve in Wanneroo, thanks to fine performances from Italiano, Mount-Bryson and Anthony. Best players for the Lions were Taylor, Evans and O'Neil.

## Sharks have a Bassendean win

Claremont made the most of the fine conditions at the WACA Ground to beat East Perth. McIntosh, Parkin, Grove and Chellen were the Tigers heroes, while Cacciola, Saragne, Manson and Danti put in good performances for the Royals.

Grassi, Felematti, Burton and Collier were the players behind South Fremantle's triumph over Perth at Fremantle Oval and Fiddock, Buckley and Sweeney worked hard for the Demons.

## Royals prepare for schoolboys

THE East Perth Football Club has formed an elite squad of promising under-15s with the State Schoolboys trials on June 3 and 4 in mind.

MacDonald's Dianella are sponsors of the squad of 25, known as the East Perth MacDonald's Special Squad.

The squad started training at Perth Oval last Monday night and will take part in weekly skill-intensive exercises

led by East Perth league coach Ian McCulloch and assistant coach Wayne Duke.

The Perth Football Club is also hoping for a big contingent of representatives in the State Schoolboys championships and have formed a squad of 45 boys to train weekly at Lathlain Park and south suburban ovals.

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# Watson celebrates 150th in style

APPLECROSS veteran David Watson celebrated his 150th appearance with a 35-possession game and best on-ground performance in their upset win against previously unbeaten Willetton.

Applecross, who trailed at half-time, turned on a nine-goal second half to win by 18 points.

It was their first win of the season. Forward Darren Muir kicked four goals with Greg Terpsis and Glenn Tincome contributing three each.

Young Ben Simpson, promoted from the club's 1988 colts premiership team, played a solid game in the ruck for the Hawks and looks set for a bright future.

Willetton, who had carried all before them in the first two rounds, were disappointing not only in the league game but also in the colts and reserves.

They were soundly beaten in all grades to allow the Hawks to bring up a treble of wins.

## Gosnells fire

GOSNELLS showed their supporters that 1989 could be another premiership year when they overwhelmed a lacklustre Armadale by a mammoth 98 points.

The strength of Gosnells lies in the number of forwards who kick goals.

Eight players figured in the goalkicking with Dean Hayden, Steve Lamb, Peter McGilvray and Rob Zupanovich all booting four.

Gosnells also have depth in their reserves and colts teams as shown by their eight wins out of nine games played by the club in 1989.

Armadale's performance was disappointing and unless the playing strength at the club improves with players showing more commitment to the club, the Demons look logical wooden spooners in 1989.

## Back on track

PETER Bosustow's Canning Tigers returned to the winning list with a 55-point margin over Thornlie.

While the win was conclusive, Bosustow must have been disappointed with his team's last quarter when they were outscored by the Lions.

## SUNDAY LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	3	3	-	293	144	203.47	12
KELMSCOTT	3	3	-	273	148	184.45	12
WANNEROO	3	2	1	321	173	185.54	8
WILLETTON	3	2	1	260	185	140.54	8
OSBORNE PARK	3	2	1	255	182	140.11	8
Canning	3	2	1	311	229	135.80	8
Mandurah	3	1	2	281	269	104.46	4
Maddington	3	1	2	245	271	90.40	4
Kenwick	3	1	2	206	232	88.79	4
Applecross	3	1	2	250	299	83.61	4
South Perth	3	1	2	184	276	59.42	4
Armadale	3	1	2	153	331	46.22	4
Thornlie	3	-	3	216	333	64.86	-
Kalamunda	3	-	3	131	287	45.64	-

NOTE: Mandurah and Thornlie played ineligible players in Round one and no premiership points were allocated.

Canning's Peter Wearing showed a return to form with a four-goal haul.

Former East Fremantle ruckman Graeme Carter played his first game for the Tigers and kicked three goals. He will add valuable support in the ruck to Tony Watson.

## Three in a row

KELMSCOTT, who won only four games in 1988, recorded their third consecutive victory for 1989 with 40 points to spare win over Kenwick.

A dominant forward line of Mark Riley, Chris Pollington and Peter Zelesco and solid four-quarter efforts by Chris Partridge, Peter Greaves and Colin Sibson gave the Bulldogs control.

The only disappointing feature for Kelmscott was the reporting of Zelesco by two umpires.

Kenwick, who were tipped as certain finalists, have been hard hit by injuries.

Captain-coach Peter Ashworth is unlikely to play in 1989 due to a back injury and club star Arthur Jago is six weeks away from resuming following an injury sustained in a pre-season game.

# SUNDAY SCENE

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



## Form reversal

KALAMUNDA were no match for Osborne Park and went down by 50 points at Balcatta Reserve.

The return of coach Cam Shepherd and Brian Dawson and the improved form of Peter O'Connell enabled the Saints to bounce back from their loss to Willetton in round two.

The Cougars hold 14th place on the premiership ladder and this week are at home to Applecross in a game the club will be hoping to win to bring up their first victory of the season.

## Last-half blitz

WANNEROO, who led by only six points at half-time, turned on the power against South Perth in the second half, kicking ten goals to one.

Defender cum forward Tony Fullgrabe kicked six goals for Wanneroo after his five-goal effort against Kalamunda a week earlier.

Wanneroo appear to have unearthed an exciting young player in Peter Reed, who again was named among the best players.

## Southern fried

MANDURAH notched their first points for the season with a 31-point win over Maddington.

The Southerners cruised to a 25-point lead at half-time and held on comfortably.

Rover Mark Wyllie, forward Brett Hall and full-forward Steve Schmidt all kicked four goals.

## NEW TEAMS IN BIG WINS

FORMER Murray District teams Pinjarra and Mundijong featured in big wins in round two of the Metropolitan Football League last Sunday.

Pinjarra completely outclassed Mosman Park winning 22.16 (148) to 8.7 (55) and Mundijong beat Fremantle 23.16 (154) to 7.14 (56).

Mundijong forward Ken Hayward kicked five goals and was well supported by Murray Hansen and David Narkle, with four majors each. Pinjarra forward Craig Stack kicked five goals.

Kwinana beat Midland in a close clash at Medina Oval, in front of a big crowd.

Kwinana were five points down at three-quarter time, but ran out eight-point winners.

The Knights could have won by more as their second-quarter tally of 2.10 was a wasted result.

Youngsters Mark Griffin and Nathan Hall kicked three goals each for the winners, while Midland's Robin Taylor scored four majors.

Manning, again coached by Peter Spencer, ran out easy winners over Cockburn 19.19 (133) to 6.9 (45).

Young Manning forward Kurt Haynold showed his good early-season form with five goals.

## FIXTURES

### Sunday League

Canning v Kelmscott, Wyong Oval, Bentley.  
Armadale v Thornlie, Gwynne Park, Armadale.  
Willetton v Gosnells, Willetton Sports Club, Willetton.  
Kalamunda v Applecross, Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie.  
Wanneroo v Osborne Park, Kingsway Reserve, Landsdale.  
Mandurah v South Perth, Ruston Park, Mandurah.

### Metropolitan League

Cockburn v Pinjarra, Davilak Oval, Hamilton Hill.  
Mosman Park v Fremantle, Tom Perrett Reserve, Mosman Park.  
Mundijong v Midland, Mundijong Sporting Complex, Mundijong.  
Manning v Kwinana, James Miller Oval, Manning.

## FOCUS ON THE WAFL MINOR GRADES

# Demons show their character

PERTH reserves coach Tom Mullooly believes that his top-of-the-ladder side were lucky to win last Saturday's match over highly-fancied South Fremantle.

The Demons won the Fremantle Oval clash by 28 points, but Mullooly said: "We were lucky to get out of jail."

"We had a lot of shots at goal and we should have had it wrapped up at half-time," he said.

Instead, Perth went into the change-rooms 16 points in arrears.

"We struggled for the first three quarters by wasting the ball and our skill level was down. But these are things for us to work on at training."

### Character

"The guys showed character to come back and they came home with eight goals in the last quarter."

Mullooly says that even though his team has won three out of the opening four games, the side's inconsistency is a worry.

It was the same last season, but they improved as the season went on to take out the premiership.

The former Swan Districts veteran believes that Perth have good depth and he praised players such as Darren Clement, Neil Bitmead and Russell

## UNDER 19s Swans make an amazing turn-around

THE Swan Districts Under-19s team has made an amazing turn-around in the first four rounds of WAFL football this season.

The side is sitting on the top of the ladder with three wins to their credit after finishing at the bottom of the table last season, with just one solitary win from 21 games.

But new coach Kevin Bolton is not getting carried away with his team's early success.

"I'm just taking each game as it comes," said Bolton, after last Saturday's win over East Fremantle at Bassendean Oval.

"I'm very pleased with the guys and the fact that they're improving each week."

"But I'm hoping that there are bigger and better things to come," he was quick to add.

Bolton is rotating about 45 teenagers through the team and he hasn't established a permanent side yet. But he says he will have a better idea on how each player is performing by the end of the first round.

### Inaccurate

The side's only loss was in the second round when they were defeated by East Perth in a close game where inaccurate kicking cost them dearly.

"It's a team game and they're putting it together as a team which is extremely pleasing and the team spirit is great," said Bolton.

By TANIA ARMSTRONG



Swans followed their upset win over reigning premiers, Claremont, at Claremont Oval, with a seven-point victory over East Fremantle on Saturday, 12.8 (80) to 10.13 (73).

"It was a very physical game," said Bolton. "The players had to work hard for the win. But I don't care how much we win by, as long as we play as a team."

Four players who played their first game for Swan Districts on Saturday were Shane O'Hare, Jesse Bill, Derek Hooper and David Pollock.

Subiaco 9.14 (68) defeated West Perth 7.8 (50) and South Fremantle 12.10 (92) won at Fremantle Oval, defeating Perth 4.11 (35).

Three players, David Ham, Robins and Hendry each kicked four goals in Claremont's 67-point victory over East Perth, 19.12 (126) to 8.11 (59).

## PSA players in under-19s

THE Public Schools Association made their college footballers available to the WAFL clubs last Saturday and three clubs took advantage of this opportunity, resulting in four PSA footballers playing in the Under-19s.

Kane Morphet, from Christ Church, who was captain of the 1987 State Schoolboys side and a Teal Cup player last year, played for East Fremantle, as did Glen Davies, from Wesley, who was Morphet's deputy in 1987.

Wesley's Brad Renton lined up for Perth and schoolmate Troy Jordan helped Swan Districts to victory. The PSA players will be available for the next two WAFL games.



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# AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## University shoot to top of the table

UNIVERSITY went to the top of the A-grade premiership table with an easy 56-point win over Scarborough on Saturday.

Former centre-half-back Simon Lill was the success story of the game when he kicked nine goals from full-forward. Lill has only played a few games in the forward line during his senior career, but he looks like he has found a new home.

Eric Haywood (wing), Aaron Devitt and Matt McNee, in the following division were University's best players.

Scarborough will obviously be disappointed after such a promising start to the season and have to work harder on the training track, as they were right in the game at half-time.

Best players for them were John Bengough, Jeff O'Brien and Darren Connell.

### Surprise win

Wembley surprised with a one-point win over the highly-fancied Nollamara in a tough encounter.

Roving sensation Kevin Symonds was again the catalyst for Wembley's second victory for the season, with a dazzling performance.

Craig Dawson and Steve Barnes also played well for the Magpies, but the win was really a good team performance.

Chris White was again outstanding for Nollamara, continuing his excellent form of the first month of the season.

Nesbitt and former State player Mark Thompson were two other fine performers for Nollamara.

### Upset win

Innaloo caused the upset of the round with a stunning 20-point victory over Old Wesley.

Old Wesley probably went into the game a little over-confident and extra training called for by coach Barrie Quick does not surprise as his charges must learn that good sides never take any opposition lightly.

With Innaloo chalking up their first premiership points, they are now just-out of the five and that is an indication of how close the competition is.

Best players were Lazarides, McGuire and Bradshaw for Innaloo, while Old Wesley's best were Andrew Bockman, Peter Cutler and wingman Steve Rhode.

### Exciting

North Beach clinched an exciting and tough encounter with Mt Lawley, winning by four points.

Giant ruckman Dave Higgins took control with his strength and brought many of the Tigers running players into the match.

Rovers Gavin Perry and Alex Yarran and centre-half-forward Glen Thompson enjoyed that ascendancy.

The return of ruckman Mark Kiely, who notched five goals as a stationary forward, adds another string to the North bow.

Good players for Mt Lawley were Gerard Kearney, Michael Gianotti and Neil O'Brien.

### Second win

Trinity-Aquinas won their second match of the season with a hard-fought 10-point victory over West Coast.

The game was close all day and it wasn't till early in the last quarter that the Old Boys gained any leeway.

### RADIO SHOW

The Amateur Football League now has a football segment on Radio GNR on Sundays at 12.15pm.

## ATTENTION ALL A-GRADE CLUBS

ALL A-grade scores are to be rung through to Bruce Wainwright on 447 3502 by 5.30pm every Saturday.

This is to enable Tony Carr, from 6PR, to do a summary on the A-grade fixtures between 6pm and 6.10pm.

Home clubs should also include three best-players from each team and major goal scorers (four goals or more) including player's christian and surnames.

### A-GRADE

by  
**TREVOR SCHORER**



Trinity-Aquinas were on top across the centreline with Calvin, Dwyer and Hunter dominating and in the following division Buddy Hackett and Richard Joyce took many strong marks around the ground.

West Coast's best performers were Robbie Mann and Clayton Allan.

### Fixtures

This week University should beat Nollamara, Scarborough will bounce back over Innaloo, North Beach look too good for Wembley and Mt Lawley will have a replay of last year's grand final with Trinity-Aquinas.

The match of the day will be between Old Wesley and West Coast with the Old Boys going in only slight favourites.



## Former VFL star is State coach

THE WAAFL has appointed David Thorpe as State coach for 1989.

Thorpe has extensive experience in football, including success as a coach in the VFA and the Tasmanian Football Association.

He played 242 VFL matches for Footscray and Richmond and was in the Richmond 1974 premiership team and Footscray's best and fairest three times.

He represented Victoria 15 times and was an All Australian representative from 1969 until 1972.

State training starts on Wednesday, May 10 at McGillivray Oval at 5.30pm.

Two matches are scheduled — the first against the WA Country Football League's All-Stars team, from which WA's amateur team for the Australian Carnival in Tasmania will be chosen.

The second game is against a combined South-West team in Bunbury on July 2.

# BAYSWATER REVIVAL TAKES THEM TO VICTORY

BAYSWATER came from three goals down at the 15-minute mark of the last quarter to beat a gallant Mt Lawley by 17 points at Inglewood Oval on Sunday.

The Hawks had taken the game right up to the Blues, leading for most of the game, but they could not cap off their good work.

Best players for Bayswater were Darren Pickett, Mick Sterling and centreman Peter McKell.

Collegians Old Scotch continued their unbeaten run by disposing of Curtin by nine goals at South Oval.

Useful players for the Tigers were Brendon Taylor, Peter Staples, Steve Desmond and Rob Pync.

Maylands recorded a courageous victory over Cockburn Lakes by seven goals at Gibney Reserve. The Rams were reduced to 16 fit players at the final siren, with injuries to Wayne Naughton, Wayne McKinley, Greg Davies and Steve Goddard.

Garry Sidebottom was the Rams key avenue of attack, kicking eight goals while Paul Naughton, Ossie Dikolli and Harley Hayward were also solid contributors.

Dianella caused a minor upset by beating Swan Athletic by eight points, while Glen Hurst's North Fremantle continued CBC's woes with an 11-goal defeat on the side he coached last year.

### Chopping Block

After four rounds, CBC have not won a game and unless they can produce a dramatic turnaround, they will

### B-GRADE

by  
**PETER RUSH**



become this season's chopping blocks. This week's match of the day will be between Maylands and Swan Athletic.

The Rams have been in good form, while the Swans efforts have been indifferent.

Maylands are hard to beat at Gibney Reserve and should win.

Dianella have a chance to sneak into the five by defeating Mt Lawley. The Panthers have won their last two games after being written off at the start of the season and they should win this one.

The other games all look one-sided affairs, with Bayswater causing nightmares for CBC, North Fremantle will be too strong for Curtin, while Collegians Old Scotch will continue their unbeaten run at Cockburn Lakes' expense.

## Another Tiger makes it

CONGRATULATIONS to Brad Smith, a 1988 State amateur colts player and captain of last year's North Beach colts, who played his first WAFL game last week for Claremont.

He joins several other North Beach players to graduate to league ranks in recent years.

These include Ian Dargie (Subiaco and St Kilda), Dave Higgins (East Perth) and Tony Tomizzi (Peth).

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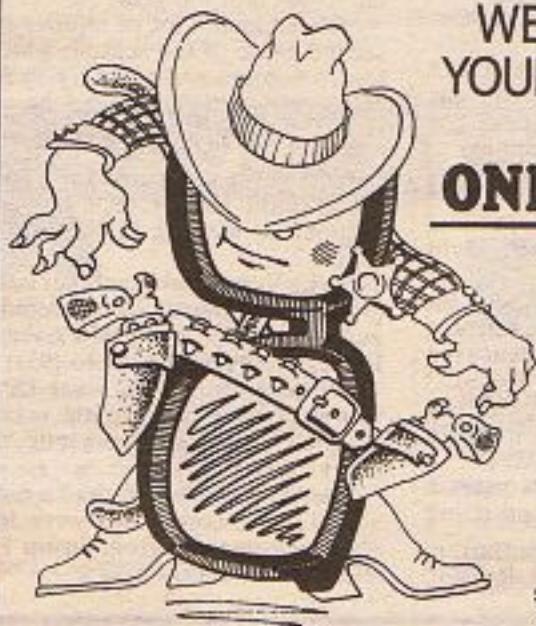
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# Kicking football into the future



## Tiger, Tiger burning bright..

CLAREMONT midfield ace Ben Allan shows his class by shooting out this handpass while under pressure from Matt Clape as the Tigers crushed East Perth last week.

Allan has again stamped his authority on the WAFL competition this season and is being widely tipped as a likely 1989 Sandover Medallist.

By the same token, if the improving WAFL competition is being taken seriously this year, he should be included in the State-of-Origin side.

Allan has all the credentials — speed, reflexes, technique and a football brain — to become a national star and it is time he was given his chance.

After all, he won a Simpson Medal playing for WA last year and he deserves another State guernsey. And he has the State at heart!

# Todd puts the Bears where they belong!



## AND LASTLY

with ALAN EAST

THE tall-poppy syndrome is alive and well in Western Australia — that's the firm belief of the West Coast Eagles people.

This strange affliction that Australians seem to have when they discover a super-star, only to do their best to cut them down in their prime, is a worry for the Eagles, our elite VFL invaders.

One minute the Eagles are giant-killers, crushing the lowly Victorians underfoot as they thump their way across the ovals of Australian Rules.

The next, with the departure of some players considered incidental to the cause, the elite themselves are being down-trodden.

To say that the West Australian

public has been anti-John Todd and a little dirty generally on the Eagles since the brutal axing of inaugural coach Ron Alexander is being kind to the people in Kings Park Road, who pleaded for our loyalty to scrape up the millions needed for this ambitious invasion of Victorian football.

The anti-Eagles feeling has certainly heightened this year, with the departure of a few favourite sons — you only had to listen to the various radio talk-back shows and read the Letters to the Editor section of the local newspapers to realise that.

### Vindicated

But on Monday this week, the Eagles were vindicated. They weren't exactly smiling at their

Monday-morning press conference, but they had the ball in their court and they knew they could hit it back pretty hard at the assembled media.

And hit back they did. "Why don't you highlight some of the players who are still around and doing well," coach John Todd asked, reversing the roles in the media room.

"We have a tendency to knock our players over and the players get a little sick and tired of that.

"It's really sad the way we try to knock our players down; we seem to boost up the players who have gone, but what about the ones still with us; the ones who showed loyalty and character?"

Todd didn't want to get sucked into an argument about the ability or otherwise of former Eagles who have flown the nest — he spoke of disloyalty and the motivation of the dollar in bygone days. But he was obviously feeling pretty smug about the demise of former Eagles Alex Ishchenko and John Gastev at the hands of David O'Connell and John Worsfold.

Even though Todd said that he didn't want to focus attention on the two expatriate Eagles, their ineffective performances were highlighted for all to see in the Eagles press notes distributed on Monday:

"John Worsfold negated John Gastev and David O'Connell eclipsed Alex Ishchenko."

### Character

"Let's hope we can now stop talking about players who have gone," pleaded Todd. "We know that we haven't made any mistakes when it comes to player-choices; we know the character of the people who have gone and what we've got in our squad.

"It will be interesting to see if those players who have joined the Bears will ever make it. They are over-rated; they tried to prove us wrong, there was a lot of nuff and puff, but nothing much to back them up."

Todd has had his back to the wall at recent Monday-morning sessions, with media people coming out of the woodwork and the over-crowded room was a fact that didn't go unnoticed a week earlier.

But there were plenty of seats available last Monday. . .

"I don't have to answer to you people," said Todd, in defence of his coaching and selection tactics.

"I know I can succeed; I've got the credentials and I've done it before, so I'll do it again providing I've got the players.

"And we've got some excellent footballers in our squad, so what about boosting them up, making them heroes like the Victorian media do for their players. Stop knocking them."

### Sensation

But mixed with that pleading note was a word of caution about the State's newest sensation — six-goal man Stevan Jackson.

"It's sad that everyone now wants to make him a superstar," said Todd. "One swallow doesn't make a summer.

"He's playing on Pert this week — and he's one of the best footballers in Australia."

And a final word on the Brisbane Bears, the Eagles victims on Sunday and one of the three "foreign" teams in the VFL.

"If you reckon we've had trouble, it's nothing compared to their problems.

"They've got no loyalty; there's plenty of animosity in the camp and that's natural when you spend big dollars on players. You can't buy football teams; you have to build them and that takes time.

"It's a real comfort zone in Brisbane; the lifestyle is not suited to establishing a football club and they'll never make it.

"I feel sorry for Peter Knights. . ."

PS: One of the reasons media people find it hard to write stories boosting our heroes is the protective ban the Eagles have around their players.

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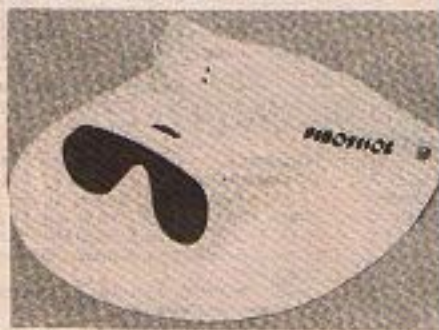
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The focal length of the binoculars is 3 x 28mm and, together with the cap, is sold for \$19.95. The binoculars are also detachable and can be used at the theatre or other indoor activities.



Australian distributor, Murray Burfitt, hopes to interest WAFL clubs so that fans can buy their binovisor complete with club logo printed on it for almost the same price.

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