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JUST TOO GOOD!

Matera makes it in the big time

PETER Matera, the only rookie in the West Australian team, played himself into national football on Tuesday night.

The skilful South Fremantle forward came off the interchange bench in the second quarter for his first taste of interstate football — and matched it with the best.

The 20-year-old Matera, a brother of Fitzroy rover Wally, worked hard as a half-back before coach Ron Alexander unleashed him into the forward line and then onto the ball.

The Bulldog showed the tenacity and skill required to succeed at the highest level.

"I've got a taste for it now," said a pumped-up Matera after the match.

"I like playing top level football, but I've no plans for a move yet. It depends on what happens in the next few months.

"I would really like to join Wally at Fitzroy. We're pretty close and naturally I'd prefer to play with him, than face the possibility of having to stop him as an opponent."

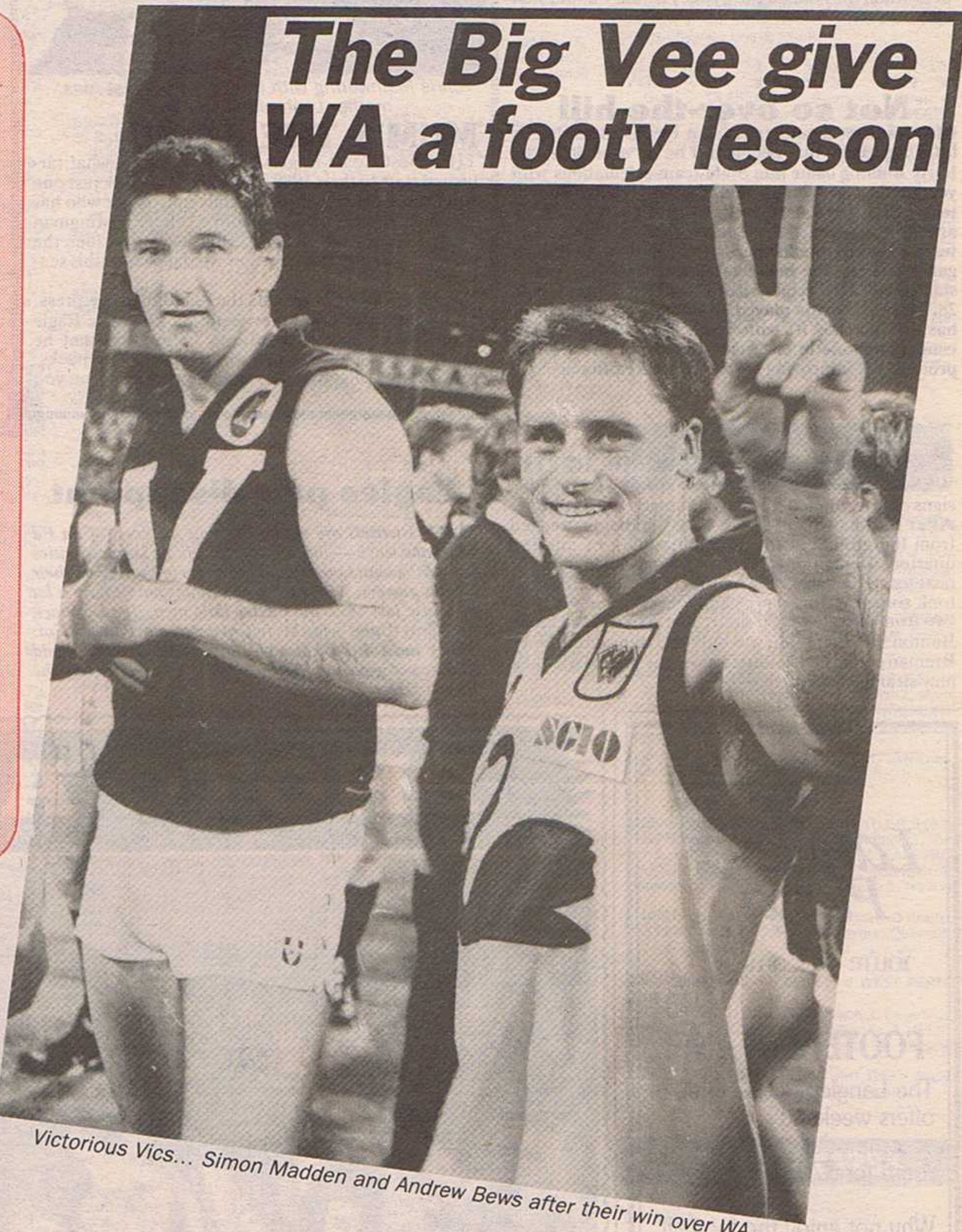
Former WA and South Fremantle coach Mal Brown, the chairman of selectors, said that it was an impressive State debut for Matera.



Great debut... WA's Peter Matera could be well-satisfied with his first taste of interstate football.

Words: GEORGE TEMPLE Pictures: JULIAN COWAN

The Big Vee give WA a footy lesson



Victorious Vics... Simon Madden and Andrew Bews after their win over WA.

THE finely-tuned Victorian running machine cut Western Australia's football reputation to ribbons at the WACA Ground on Tuesday night.

Despite severe player-losses, Victoria showed that their top players can still carve up a WA side — even if some of our best West Aussies return home for the battle.

On Tuesday it was skipper Greg Williams who set the engine in motion from the centre and put players like Dale Weightman, Andrew Collins and Robert Scott into top gear.

The powerful Big V machine constantly outgunned the home side, who seemed to be on three cylinders at times — up against six or eight of the Vics.

And the polish was provided at full-forward by one of the nation's best goalkickers — Jason Dunstall, whose safe hands grabbed 12 marks and whose big boots notched nine goals...and the Simpson Medal.

WA coach Ron Alexander tried to curb the free-wheeling Vics, but to no avail... he just couldn't find the handbrake.

Though WA were well beaten, they went down with their heads held high. They could not be faulted for endeavour: they were outclassed by a better team.

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Contrasting opinions

TWO respected football men had starkly contrasting opinions on the radio 6WF sports show last Saturday morning. Discussing the controversial situation about the West Coast Eagles licence, Geoff Christian and Keith Slater differed dramatically. Christian, a media consultant to the Eagles since his retirement from The West Australian, felt that the responsibility of the Eagles licence was with the WAFL; it was their duty — on behalf of football in WA — to bail them out if necessary. Slater, a former WAFL Commissioner who resigned, partly in protest at the Eagles concept, claimed that the VFL should accept the responsibility. He felt that the VFL had set a precedent when they bailed the Sydney Swans out of financial trouble.

Not so over-the-hill

BIG South Fremantle ruckman Craig Edwards is a little concerned that people feel he is "over 30". The burly Bulldog came into State-team calculations with yet another best-on-ground display against his old team, East Perth, last week. "Just because I've been around for years, doesn't mean I'm old," quips Edwards, amidst the ice-packs that he uses after each game to keep the bones in shape. "It's just that I started in league ranks when I was 17 — I'm still only 28." Edwards, who played 73 games with East Perth, has now notched 87 with South Fremantle, with his runners-up role in last year's Sandover Medal firm proof of his improving form with increasing age!

Breman shows new form

WEST Coast Eagle Todd Breman showed positive signs of returning to form with Subiaco last Saturday. After starting at centre-half-back and being dragged from the ground at the 24-minute mark of the first quarter, Breman re-emerged a revitalised man in the next term. Switched to a half-forward flank, Breman took some exciting marks and kicked three goals — two from outside the 50-metre line. His coach Haydn Bunton said that there was only one thing wrong with Breman coming back into form — the Eagles will take him straight back.



Chris Mainwaring with two of his biggest fans... mother Leah and sister Wendy.

MUM'S THE WORD

THE West Coast Eagles have had a somewhat tarnished start to their 1989 VFL campaign with just one win from six games. But certainly one player who has shone head and shoulders above others is wingman Chris Mainwaring. Some people even consider the skilled midfielder a Brownlow Medal chance this season.

But while Mainwaring gets the plaudits in the press, his biggest critic is at home — his mother. The Eagle says that his mother is always telling him that he doesn't work hard enough at the base of the packs. Mrs Mainwaring, that maybe somewhat harsh on you lad!

Eagles pair disappoint

SWAN Districts are riding high on the crest of an Ed Blackaby wave — but some of the club's sternest critics are a little concerned about the contributions from their Eagles players. ABC man Keith Slater didn't have a lot of praise last week for Eagles little men, Joe Cormack and Troy Ugle, who he felt hadn't contributed a lot. "They need to have a good look at themselves," said Slater; a suggestion that just might be taken up by the Swans selectors as well.

Taylor equals record

VETERAN Subiaco rover Neil Taylor had his rookie-like legs pumping like pistons and his experienced football brain in overdrive as he helped guide the Lions to their thrilling fightback against East Fremantle at League Headquarters last Saturday. For Taylor, who equalled Colin Williams record of 252 club appearances, it was a fitting way to reach the milestone. The former Lions skipper, who played mostly out of a forward pocket, kicked 4.3 as his side recovered from a 32-point quarter-time deficit. Westside Football's tribute to Neil Taylor is on page 12.

Kickett's call-up query

DYNAMIC North Melbourne half-forward Derek Kickett could not believe his ears when State coach Ron Alexander telephoned him last Saturday night. Alexander says that when he told the former Claremont ace who was calling and that he wanted him to join the State squad on Sunday, Kickett thought it was a set-up. "I had to give Derek a complete curriculum vitae to convince him who I was," says big Ron, with more than a chuckle in his voice. "I even had to name some officials at his club to whom I had spoken to prove that I was on the level."

Tunbridge wants to move!

DESPITE kicking five goals — four in the first quarter — against Subiaco last Saturday, big Brad Tunbridge wants to get away from full-forward. Tunbridge said that it was painful not being able to help his teammates as they struggled to cope with the Lions fightback. "I felt so helpless," said Tunbridge, who returned this season after a year-long lay-off with a knee injury. "I like being involved in the ruck," he said. "When you're on the ball at least you feel like you're contributing, but at full-forward you have to wait to be served. And if the ball doesn't come your way there's not much you can do." The leaper also had some praise for ruckman Graham Jones — Haydn Bunton's third choice at full back. "Jones did well. I found it a lot harder to get to the ball against him," said the Shark.



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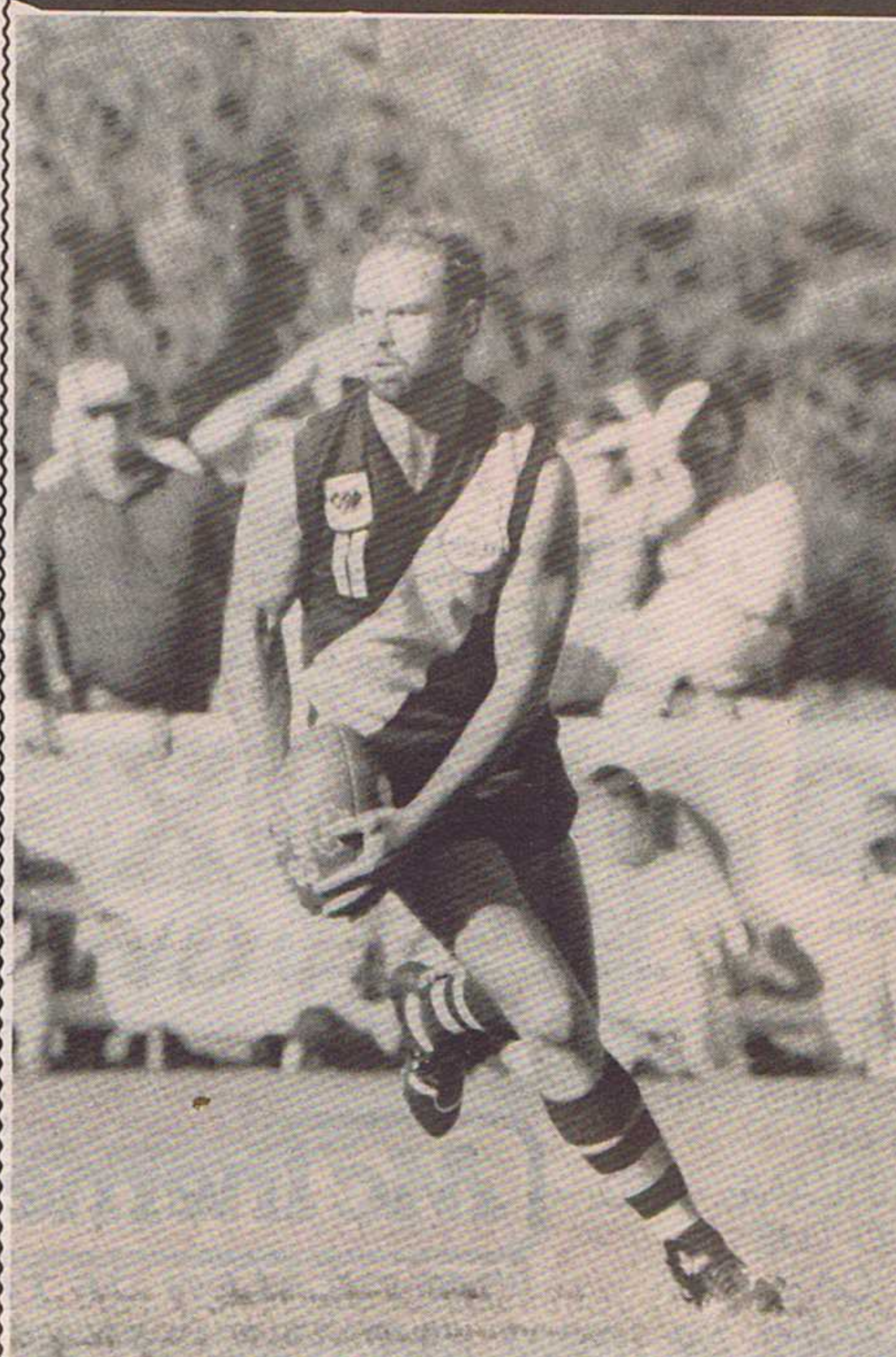
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Gerard the general . . .

CLAREMONT coach Gerard Neesham is generally considered more a coach than a player these days, but there is no doubting his on-field ability.

The little general contributes a great deal to the Tigers success and after being Claremont's best player against South Fremantle in Albany, he was in the thick of the action at Tigerland last Saturday, guiding the team out of trouble against Perth.

His midfield drive, combined with the best-on-ground performance of team-mate Peter Thorne, steadied the team as the Demons scored some quick goals at the start of the third term.

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SLICK VICS

ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By State coach
RON ALEXANDER



STATE-of-Origin football still has a bright future — despite Tuesday night's result at the WACA Ground.

Even though WA's exposure to top-level football has increased through the expanded VFL competition, Tuesday night proved that there is still a place for State-of-Origin football.

It was a marvellous exhibition of the free-running game by the Victorians and though we didn't win, the 21,000 fans who braved the weather certainly enjoyed the spectacle.

Those Vics were real slick.

But there are two schools of thought as far as this type of interstate football is concerned.

When the Victorian clubs recruit a top player, the administration is reluctant to let them come home and play for WA because they view them as a valuable asset.

Whereas as far as the players are concerned, there's nothing better than donning the black and gold guernsey. Above all, it's the game that must prosper.

Shattered

I WAS very pleased with the endeavour of our boys against Victoria — they ran themselves into the ground. In fact, they were shattered when they got back to the dressing room.

I felt particularly sorry for Andrew Lockyer and Peter Sumich, who both had a go at stopping the Simpson Medal winner, Jason Dunstall.

They probably still feel pretty sick at letting him score 9.5, but the blame does not sit entirely with them.

The way the Victorians delivered the ball to Dunstall made it easy for him to out-manoeuvre his defenders.

Young Stevan Jackson had a tough time as well. The way big Simon Madden positioned himself between full-forward and centre-half-forward made it hard for Jacko to run into space.

HOW THEY LINED UP

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BACKS: Chris Mainwaring, Andrew Lockyer, Murray Rance
HALF-BACKS: Geoff Miles, Michael Brennan, Peter Wilson
CENTRES: Nicky Winmar, Derek Kickett, Chris Waterman
HALF-FORWARDS: Richard Dennis, Earl Spalding, Gary Buckenara
FORWARDS: Scott Watters, Chris Lewis, Peter Sumich
RUCK: Paul Harding, Mark Bairstow, Don Pyke
INTERCHANGE: Stevan Jackson, Peter Matera, Craig Starcevich, Dwayne Lamb

VICTORIA

BACKS: Gary Ayres, Chris Langford, Andrew Collins
HALF-BACKS: Scott Maguinness, Gary Lyon, Brett Lovett
CENTRES: David Murphy, Greg Williams, Wayne Schwass
HALF-FORWARDS: Gary Ablett, Terry Daniher, Gavin Brown
FORWARDS: Jim Stynes, Jason Dunstall, Andrew Bews
RUCK: Simon Madden, Matthew Larkin, Dale Weightman
INTERCHANGE: Matthew Armstrong, Barry Stoneham, Robert Scott, Craig Lambert

Waterman's role

THERE'S no doubt in my mind that Chris Waterman's best position is on a wing — last Tuesday proved that.

He's improved a lot since I last coached him at East Fremantle. It was obvious then that he would mature into a fine player and there are few higher accolades than a State guernsey.

He has all the assets of a dazzling wingman — pace, strength, a good leap and a beautiful kick. I thought that he tackled very well also.

Big men

WA's big men in Paul Harding, Craig Starcevich and Earl Spalding did a good job on Tuesday.

We were said to be light on in the ruck department, but Paul and Craig were courageous in their efforts.

They had a tough assignment against Simon Madden and Jim Stynes and I thought that Paul tackled strongly as well.

Spalding, pitted against his Melbourne team-mate Gary Lyon, worked hard at centre-half-forward and proved a good avenue in attack.

INTERSTATE MATCH DETAILS

VICTORIA	5.3	9.5	15.10	19.12	126
WEST AUST	1.5	5.8	7.10	10.12	72

SCORERS: VICTORIA: Dunstall 9.5, Terry Daniher 2.1; Scott 2.1; Ablett 2.0; Williams 1.1; Lambert, Collins, Bews 1.0. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** Jackson 3.0; Winmar 2.2; Spalding 1.1; Bairstow, Lamb, Rance, Wilson 1.0.

BEST: VICTORIA: Dunstall, Williams, Stoneham, Collins, Bews, Weightman, Ablett. **WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** Wilson, Mainwaring, Bairstow, Waterman, Winmar, Harding.

Played at the WACA Ground. Umpires David Johnson (WA), Bryan Sheehan (Vic). Attendance 20,993.

Plenty of endeavour...but the Vics were too good



SHATTERED... that's WA duo Derek Kickett (left) and Nicky Winmar after Tuesday's loss. This Saturday the two will be rivals when North Melbourne play St Kilda.



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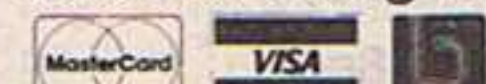
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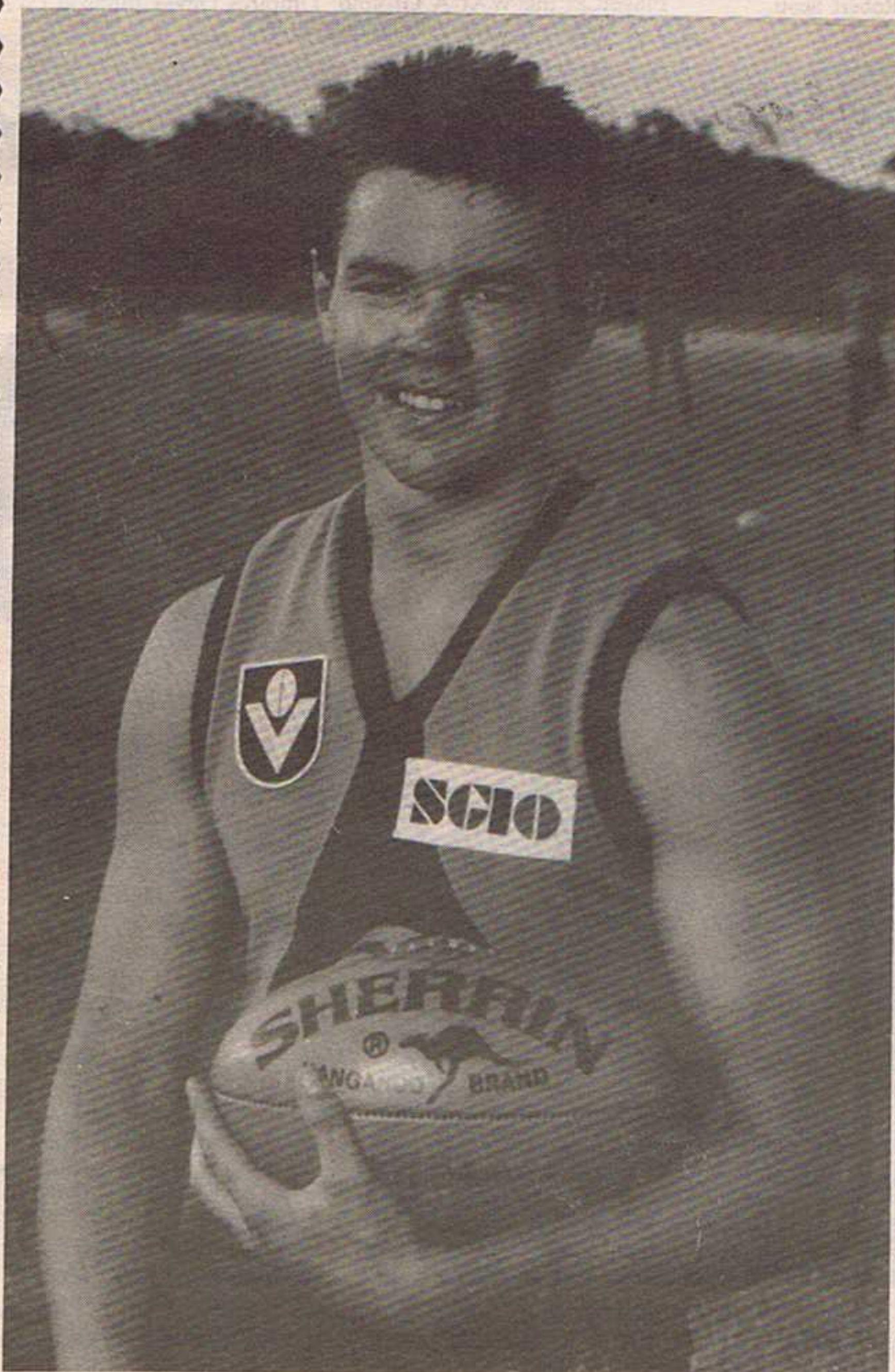


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PLAYER PROFILES



Stevan Jackson



NICK NAME: Jacko
FAVOURITE POSITION: Forward Line
CURRENT POSITION: Full-Forward
NUMBER: 27
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 9/3/70 — Perth, W.A.
HEIGHT: 190 cm **WEIGHT:** 92 kg
RECRUITED FROM: South Fremantle / Willagee
FIRST SENIOR GAME: 1988 South Fremantle
GAMES PLAYED: 3 Eagles, 14 South Fremantle
FOOTBALL HONOURS: South Fremantle League Team, Eagles selection
MARITAL STATUS: Single
OCCUPATION: Police Cadet
SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: Melville High.
CAR: Commodore
FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: Any Sports
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer

FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS): Horseriding, cricket, darts
FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP: Various
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Winners
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Death Wish 1, 2, 3.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Parents, Uncle Fitz
MOST ADMIRE FOOTBALLER: Maurice Rioli
OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: All of them until we run out on the field
MATCH DAY ROUTINE: Spaghetti, have a bet on the horses
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Sitting on the interchange in 1988 first semi final against East Fremantle
FOOTBALL INJURIES: No major ones
BIGGEST THRILL: West Coast Eagles selection
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: First League game against East Perth
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To be a regular player with the Eagles.

Peter Hodyl



Nickname: Hodes. **Why:** Surname.
Date of Birth: 7-5-62. **Place of Birth:** Perth, WA.
Height: 175cm. **Weight:** 79kg.
Age Started Playing: Six.
Previous Club/s: Swan Districts and South Bunbury.
Junior Club: Bassendean juniors.
Marital Status: Married to Nessa.
Children: One — Benjamin (2).
Residence: Bassendean.
Occupation: Plumber **Place of Work:** Self-employed.
Other Sporting Interests: Trout fishing.
Favourite Position: Just like getting a guernsey. **First Position:** Back pocket.
League Debut: 1983. **Versus:** West Perth.
FAVOURITES:
Actor: Harrison Ford. **Drink:** Long Island Ice tea.
TV Show: Wheel of Fortune. **Food:** Spaghetti.
Movie: Eddie and the Cruisers.
Music: Late 60s rock and roll.
Book: Jaws.
Holiday Resort: New Zealand.
Ground: Bassendean Oval.
Car: Toyota Hilux. **Favourite Car:** Lamborghini.
Career Highlights: 1988 premiership with South Bunbury.
Worst Moment in Football: Sitting on the bench for a whole game.
Hard Things in Football: Being consistent.
Football Idols: Bruce Doull.
Toughest Opponent: All of them.
Most Respected Opponent: None.
Most Respected Umpire: David Johnson.
Most Memorable Game: Kicking 10 goals against August-Margaret River for South Bunbury in 1985.
Ambitions: To win a premiership with Swans and play 100 games for the club.
What do you like about Football: Competing.
How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: Think about who I could be playing on.
Who Influenced Your Career: My father Henry, brother Brian and Kevin Clune.
Guernsey Number: 6.
Any Reason: Geoff Passeri had number 7
Superstitions: Same towel every game and don't walk under ladders.
Worst Injury: Broken finger.
Luckiest Break: Coming back to Swans this year.



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DEMONS LOOK AHEAD

Perth seek to boost juniors

THE Perth Football Club has called on five former players now coaching in the strong Sunday League competition to help attract new players to the club.

The move, just in time to arrest an alarming decline in the number of footballers being attracted from Perth's metropolitan zone, country and Sunday league clubs, sees Kevin Worthington, Steve Hargrave, Paul Vasoli, Peter Ashworth and yours truly being asked to feed footballers towards Lathlain Park.

Throughout the mid-1980s, I have been concerned with the influx of a "foreign legion" into the Demons camp.

While the likes of Mark Watson — a Sandover Medallist at Perth — Mick Rea, Allen Daniels, Lindsay Kanther, Chris Stasinowsky, Rod Grljusich and Stephen Mount all offered the club something in their own way, they were not home-grown products.

Perth must look at the junior council structure of Claremont, South Fremantle and Subiaco, to realise the value of promoting the local product.

Concerted effort

The Demons, after a lean period of activity in its junior council in the last two years, are making a concerted effort to promote the locals.

The input from the five coaches in the Sunday league will also be invaluable.

Worthington at Armadale, Hargrave (Gosnells), Vasoli (Kelmscott), Ashworth (Kenwick) and myself at Canning, have the advantage of sending in Perth's direction players already starting to show signs at senior level.

The progression of Kenwick centreliner Geoff Moore — and a host of other players at WAFL clubs this year — is already testament that Sunday league players can make the transition with enormous success.

But the Demons are not looking at the near future; their thinking is for the long term.

The club is revamping its junior structure from the grass roots right

THE BUZZ

By football's Mr Flamboyant
PETER BOSUSTOW



through to its borderline league players.

A re-appraisal of local juniors is also sure to result in a more concentrated effort to attract juniors to the clubs and to make the surrounding suburbs aware of what their league club can offer.

Perth's local district has produced few class footballers in recent years. Joe Santostefano, Shane Stiles and Shane Cable, plus Wayne Ryder from Northam are a few of the consistent performers at Perth who are products of their junior development.

Right direction

But the club is in danger of losing its way with the junior districts and its current plan and the earlier start this year in pre-selections of junior squads to contest the various inter-league competitions, are all steps in the right direction.

Claremont and Subiaco have dominated WAFL ranks in the past two or three seasons, driving a big wedge between them and Perth, East Perth and West Perth.

But the Demons have moved, albeit a little hesitantly, to stop their slide and I applaud the endeavours — just as I applaud their effort in going down to Claremont by 15 points last Saturday.

Perth finished with 15 fit men in that match and to run the best side in the league so close, with so many adversities, is a credit to a side and a club with a will to improve.

BETTING FINALE

HOPEFULLY, this will be the last episode in the Eagles-Bears betting fiasco. Eagles coach John Todd told 350 guests at the Golden Eagles lunch on Monday that he was sorry about the ramifications of the bet placed on the Eagles, but said that it was over and done with. "We should have got 11/4 anyway," he said. "And besides, the money is earning 16%, so that's all we're concerned about."

Eye test needed

NOW, I can't quite point the finger on this one, but it's a good thing that East Fremantle did not win by five points or less at League Headquarters last Saturday. In fact, they didn't win, but that is beside the point because one of the two goal umpires goofed. The umpire in question signalled a goal for the Sharks, their 12th and Neil Lester-Smith's fourth, when the shot clearly missed. Everyone in the press box saw it miss and so did the fans on the railway side of the ground. It could have been a costly error and who knows, if percentages come into it in September it still could be.



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THE HOOD

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Q: To Bill Kerr: Will the same set of ruthless performance appraisal criteria that was applied to Ron Alexander after only one season, also apply to John Todd?

A: Two methods are used to assess a coach. The first is how successful a team becomes after a coach has been in charge for several years. The second rating is on the qualities of a coach and it was felt at the time that John Todd had superior qualities.

Interesting answer

THE Sunday Times had an interesting segment in last week's paper ... a series of readers' questions answered by various West Coast Eagles people. One question for Eagles chief executive Bill Kerr was along the lines of "Will the same set of ruthless performance appraisal criteria that was applied to Ron Alexander after only one season, also apply to John Todd?" Kerr's reply, as printed, suggested that one of the methods used to assess a coach is "how successful a team becomes after a coach has been in charge for several years." That "several years" was a luxury Alexander was never afforded!

PEP talk time... Subiaco's general manager Michael Flanagan (left) has some words for Lions skipper Greg Carpenter... and East Fremantle coach Graham Melrose (below) gets into the ear of Lance Durack.

With the Lions grabbing a morale-boosting victory, maybe Mr Flanagan can discard his coat and tie and take on coaching!



Forgetful Alexander

ONLY the people who saw the live recording of 6PR's Football Forum at the Lynwood Arms Hotel last Friday would have noticed the slight booby by State coach Ron Alexander. It seems that Big Ron momentarily forgot that he was not on television when responding in a discussion concerning West Coast Eagle and sometimes South Fremantle forward Stevan Jackson. Chairman Gary Carvolth mentioned that Bulldogs coach Stan Magro believed that Eagles coach John Todd would be better served leaving Jackson at full-forward instead of using him on the ball. Alexander nodded in agreement instead of answering "yes!"

Clayton's broadcast

Several years ago actor Jack Thompson introduced us to "Claytons — the drink you have when you're not having a drink". Well, ABC Radio introduced the "Claytons Broadcast" last Saturday. That's the interruption-free broadcast you have when you're going to have some interruptions. With 10 minutes of the West Coast Eagles nail-biting encounter with Richmond remaining the commentator promised: "We'll go uninterrupted to the conclusion of the Eagles game." The ABC then did an around-the-grounds of WAFL games and went to a horse race. The listener lost a good three or four minutes of the Eagles climax.

FIGHTING LOYALTIES

RIVAL football loyalties came to the fore when ABC-TV commentators Keith Slater and Trevor Jenkins were calling the exciting action in Saturday's West Perth-Swan Districts match. Slater, a one-time Swans champion and still a fervent Bassendean boy, had cause to "reprimand" Jenkins, a one-eyed Falcons man, over an umpiring decision. "You haven't played the game, so you wouldn't know," was Slater's admonishment to the effervescent Jenkins. The clip was even reproduced on Channel 9's sports news that night, along the lines of "it was pretty hectic action in the commentary box as well!"

Not quite!

WHO was the radio commentator who labelled a Brad McDougall kick as the goal-of-the-day ... only to add "but he's just missed it!" A case of calling the shots just a bit too early.

Maroni on the way back

Eric Maroni, one of East Perth's surprise-packets in his debut year last season, is on the way back to the league side.

The 10-year-old utility player from St Marks College returned to action in the reserves on Saturday after a long injury.

YOUNG STARTERS

AN item in last week's Westside Football pin-pointed the problems at East Perth. They're players are just too young!

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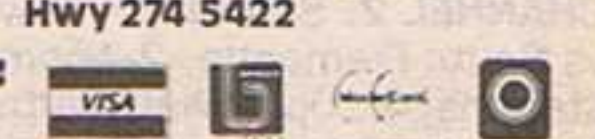
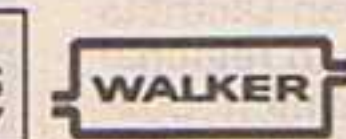
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Sharks face acid test

GERARD Neesham is a man with a long memory — and fresh in his mind will be a defeat inflicted on Claremont in the last qualifying game last year.

Just to make sure he does not forget, it was against the club where the Neesham family has its strongest ties — East Fremantle.

The Sharks needed to win that game to earn a place in the first semi-final and they did that, going within a kick of playing the Tigers in the grand final.

Neesham will obviously use that defeat as a motiva-

tor for this week's clash, which the Tigers need to win to remain undefeated at the top of the premiership table and East Fremantle need the four premiership points to remain in touch with the leading teams.

The Tigers were a little down on form last week when they struggled to beat Perth. But that was understandable after their brilliant effort seven days earlier against South Fremantle in Albany.

When Claremont get in trouble, their experienced players like Neesham, Peter Thorne and Mark Hann come to the rescue and that trio represents the biggest obstacle to the Sharks.

It must be worrying for Sharks coach Graham Melrose to have squandered what appeared to be a match-winning lead against Subiaco early last week and see them plummet to defeat.

President Hans Beyer issued a warning to the players after that loss and it will be interesting to see whether that lifts the Sharks to the standards they should be setting.

East Fremantle have a target in attack with Brad Tunbridge in good goal-kicking form and it will be up to Roger Kerr, Michael Broadbridge, Brian Peake and Brad Rowe to ensure that he is bombarded with opportunities.

SCIO

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PREVIEWS

by Gary Stocks

Swans face another pressure game

THE Swan Districts midfield players can expect to be under immense pressure when they play South Fremantle at Bassendean Oval.

They enjoyed the luxury of freedom at Leederville Oval last week when the West Perth players applied little or no pressure when they lost control of the football.

Players like Andy and Don Holmes, Greg Walker, Geoff Passeri and Todd Menegola revelled in the going at Leederville, but they can expect much closer attention this week.

One of the impressive facets of South Fremantle's performances this season has been their fierce tackling, a trait which has been passed on by their coach Stan Magro, who was one of the strongest tacklers in the game.

Cliff and Derek Collard, along with Maurice and Willie Rioli, are particularly adept at bringing players crashing to the ground with legal tackles and they will need to lead from the front.

Exciting

Swans and South are two of the most exciting combinations in the WAFL and the skill level in this contest will be worth travelling a long way to see.

Swans have found a reliable avenue to goal in Darren Williams; veterans Brad Shine and Don Langford are back to their best and their defence has been well led by Greg Jones.

South, too, have unearthed goal-kicking talent in the frame of Glen Jakovich, while Maurice Rioli and Brad Collard provide the experience, and stability comes in defence from Robert Solin and John Ditchburn.

THE COVERAGE

RADIO

6PR — Saturday noon: Hawthorn vs Sydney Swans. Saturday 2.15pm: East Perth vs Subiaco. Sunday 12.15pm: Eagles vs Melbourne.

6NR — Saturday 2.15pm: Swan Districts vs South Fremantle. Sunday 12.10pm: Eagles vs Melbourne.

6WF — Saturday noon: Essendon vs Richmond. Saturday 2.20pm: East Fremantle vs Claremont. Sunday 12.10pm: Eagles vs Melbourne.

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

TELEVISION

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

CHANNEL 7: Saturday 5pm: VGL Highlights. Sunday 3.30pm-6pm: Eagles vs Melbourne.

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*Tally does not include VFL tips	Tally	E. Frem. v Claremont	E. Perth v Subiaco	Perth v W. Perth	Swan Dist. v S. Frem.	Eagles v Melbourne
RON ALEXANDER	19	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Perth	Swan Districts	Melbourne
ROB BENNETT	17	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
PETER BOSUSTOW	17	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	Melbourne
DAVE CLEMENT	18	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
GRANT DORRINGTON	18	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
ALAN EAST	15	Claremont	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	Melbourne
IAN MILLER	15	East Fremantle	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
BILL MATHER-BROWN	15	East Fremantle	Subiaco	Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	16	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	South Fremantle	Melbourne
GEORGE TEMPLE	18	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER VLAHOS	15	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	17	Claremont	Subiaco	West Perth	Swan Districts	Eagles

how about you?

SUBIACO SHOW HEALTHY SIGNS

THE season so far has been a long drought for East Perth and there is little chance of any improvement when the Royals play Subiaco on Saturday.

Subiaco, whose form has had more ups, downs and twists than a roller-coaster, showed great character to come from behind to beat East Fremantle last Saturday and now they will be looking to consolidate their position.

The Lions were superb in the second half and one gets the impression that they have now turned the corner.

Talent

On paper, they appear to have too much talent for East Perth and that is how things should develop on the field of battle.

East Perth rely too heavily on too few to do the bulk of their work. Coach Ian McCulloch was partly-satisfied with their endeavour last week, up against a very talented South Fremantle side. But he needs top games from key players Grant Campbell, Mal Bennett and Glen Bartlett to supplement the hard work from their little men.

Subiaco's midfielders, particularly the Kemp brothers, Dean and Gary and Brad McDougall, have been in top form.

Angry Falcons seek revenge

WEST Perth coach George Michalczyk thought that his team had been done an injustice when they lost to Swan Districts by a point at Leederville Oval last Saturday.

This week Perth could feel the full brunt of that fury when they play the Falcons at Lathlain Park.

Yet another promising encounter in a superb round of fixtures, the Falcons must win this game to stay in touch with the top four and Perth could re-enter the finals race if they can achieve victory.

Perth showed some encouraging signs last week against Claremont. Just when the Tigers seemed assured of a comfortable victory, Perth re-grouped, applied pressure and, in the end, Claremont had to fight for the premiership points.

It has been no coincidence that since Mark Watson and Adrian Barich have returned to form that Perth have improved and those players again loom as dangermen for the Falcons.

West Perth will call on the creative skills of Peter Menaglio, Jon Riggs and Sean King to set them on the path of victory.

WHO PLAYS WHERE



1989 FORM GUIDE

WAFL SATURDAY, MAY 20 (ROUND 7)

East Fremantle v Claremont, at East Fremantle; East Perth v Subiaco, at WACA Ground; Perth v West Perth, at Lathlain Park; Swan Districts v South Fremantle, at Bassendean Oval.

VFL — SUNDAY, MAY 21 (ROUND 8)

Eagles v Melbourne, at Subiaco.

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

SUBIACO L(69) W(39) L(6) L(50) L(16) W(12)
 CLAREMONT W(69) W(42) W(46) W(93) W(20) W(15)
 EAST FREMANTLE W(91) L(20) W(92) L(22) W(25) L(12)
 EAST PERTH L(91) L(47) L(24) L(93) L(75) L(48)
 SWAN DISTRICTS W(43) W(47) L(46) W(22) W(16) W(1)
 PERTH L(43) L(92) L(92) L(45) W(75) L(15)
 WEST PERTH L(43) L(42) W(24) W(50) L(25) L(1)
 SOUTH FREMANTLE W(43) L(20) W(6) W(45) L(20) W(48)



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Ducky enjoys smooth ride with Bombers

BILL Duckworth was a relieved man on Sunday night after Essendon's fifth win of the season.

One of the Bombers' rewards for victory at Carrara was an early finish to training on Tuesday night so that everyone could go home to watch the State-of-Origin match on TV.

"If we hadn't beaten the Bears, Kevin Sheedy would probably have had us out there training until midnight and we would have missed it all," said Duckworth, who revels in seeing "his boys" (WA) take on the "dreaded enemy" (the Big V).

Duckworth, 30, has lived in Victoria for the past eight seasons, but he still calls Western Australia home.

As soon as his league career finishes, he'll be heading back across the Nullarbor.

"I'm here on loan," he said. "It's a long way to go to see your parents, so I guess I'll go home when it's finished."

"I'm taking it year by year. I have to see how my leg holds up."

"It's still not 100 per cent but at least I'm back involved in the seniors again."

Children

Duckworth says he tries to return to WA once a year to visit his family and friends. His parents live at Dudinin, about 320km from Perth.

Duckworth has two children, a daughter Stacey, 2 1/2, and a boy, Michael, 10 months.

Renowned for his bubbling character and one-liners, Duckworth is one of the most popular players at Essendon.

His absence through injury in recent times has been a major reason behind the Bombers' fall from grace after winning back-to-back premierships in 1984-85.

In his first seven seasons, Duckworth averaged 15 games a year and earlier this season had a further knee operation which forced him on to the sidelines again.

Sunday's game was his first back in the seniors after the operation to a lateral knee ligament.

"I had the operation on the Friday before our second-round match against Melbourne," Duckworth said.

Not sure

"I did it against the Brisbane Bears (in a pre-season practice match).

"They weren't sure if I needed an operation. I tried to be ready for the Eagles game but couldn't so I decided to have it done."

"It was a day operation. I went in at 10 am and was out at 2.0."

Essendon jumped into third spot with Sunday's good win at Carrara.

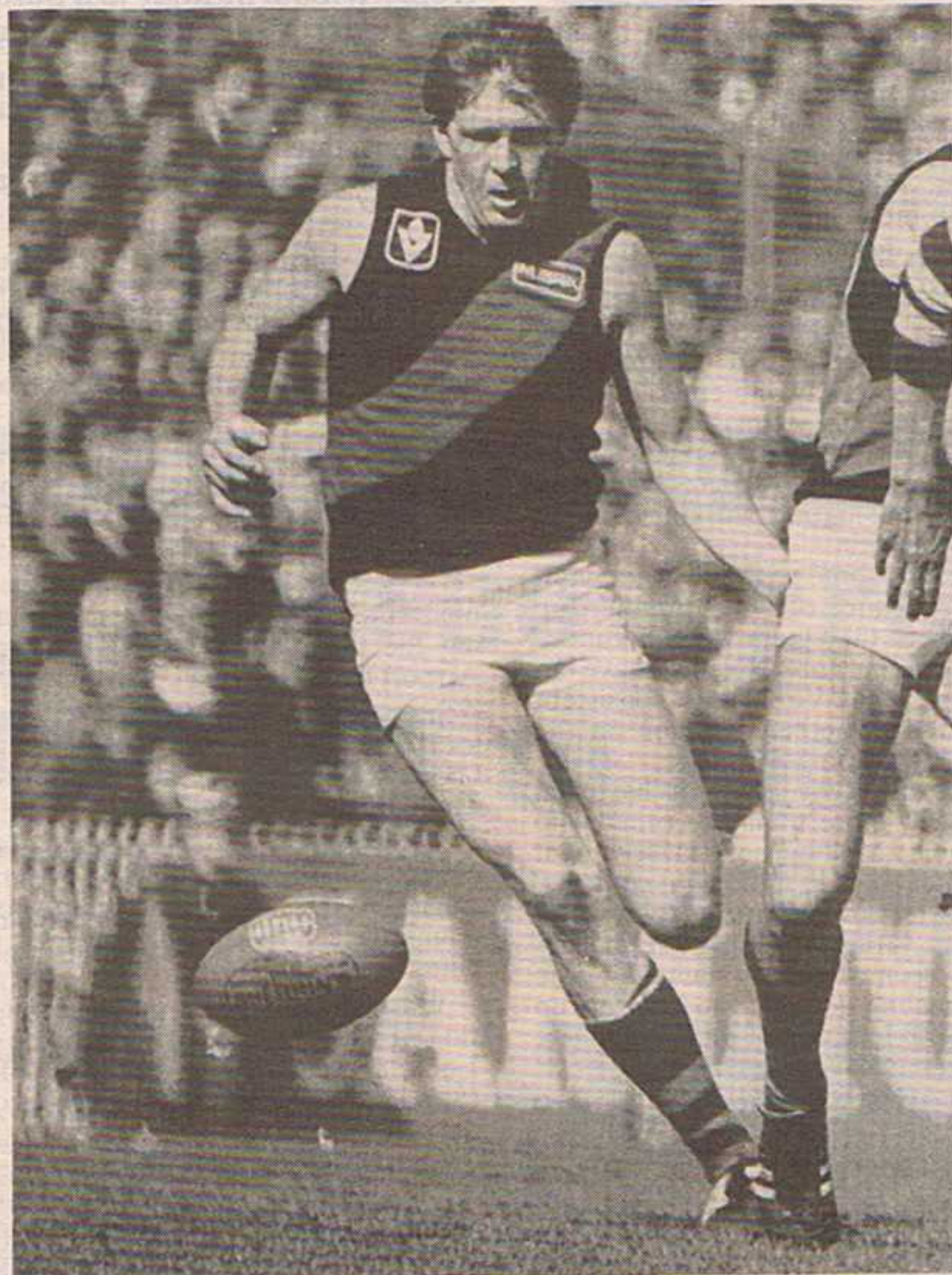
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ON THE EAST COAST

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Bomber Billy... barracking for WA.

Many believe the Bombers now have the depth to qualify for the double chance come September.

"It's been a good start this year," Duckworth said. "Most people thought we wouldn't win two of our first six."

"Well we won four of those and we beat Brisbane on Sunday, making it a five-two record."

"That's a good start, especially as we played the Eagles, Carlton, Melbourne and Hawthorn, who were all in the finals last year."

Disappointing

"Out of those, only Hawthorn beat us."

"We lost to North Melbourne, which was disappointing, but North are a good side."

"It's taking a lot of hard work but I'm hoping we can get back our very best form of the mid 1980s."

"The interstate recruits have given us extra depth."

"That was one of the troubles after 1984-85. We lost a bit of depth. Now there's far more pressure on everyone to perform."

Duckworth is one of 10 interstate players at Essendon, giving the Bombers a real "foreign legion" look.

"Playing in the VFL was something I always dreamed of doing but never thought I'd have the opportunity," he said.

"Originally I was only going to stay two or three years."

"I've been here eight, so I've had no regrets at all."

Duckworth has a 12-month contract with Essendon — "when you get to my age there's no point in signing a long one".

"You write a contract but it doesn't mean much. They can just drop you off their list and you're gone."

"If you don't make the senior list or if they don't want you, that's it."

Duckworth's versatility has been one of his key strengths and while primarily regarded for his defensive skills, he still enjoys "having a dash up forward" occasionally.

"I've been pretty lucky," he said. "It's helped me being able to play a few positions."

"I've played all over the ground, except first ruck and first rover. I'm waiting for Simon (Madden) to get injured and I'll probably take over the ruck, too."

Duckworth is a deep thinker about his football and believes the VFL has been clumsy in their efforts to have a national competition.

"They've done it wrong," he said. "I feel they should have sent a side from Victoria to Brisbane."

"I can't see Melbourne supporting 12 sides forever they way the costs are going."

"We would have been better off sending a club from down here up there."

Long time

"You can't buy a side. It's going to take the Bears a long time to get anywhere. Queensland is not a football State like Western Australia."

"I believe they should have got Brisbane going first and then worried about WA and South Australia."

"They are both footy oriented there. You didn't have to worry about them being committed to football. They already had good strong leagues going."

Duckworth said he would have favoured relocating a Melbourne team to Brisbane and then others to Canberra and Hobart.

"By doing that you would have had the Eastern States covered and then you could look at bringing in WA and SA."

Duckworth says the WAFL competition is "dying", which is a shame as "it was a good, strong competition."

INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CANN



Eagles struggle against Richmond

THE West Coast Eagles were kept goal-less in the first quarter of a game for the third time in Saturday's match against Richmond, kicking only two points for the quarter.

In three games against Richmond in Melbourne, the Eagles have twice failed to score a goal until the second quarter. In the opening quarters of those three games, the Eagles have scored a total of only 1.12.

GEELONG set a club record with their score of 35.18 against St Kilda at Kardinia Park. The Cats exceeded the previous record by 44 points and set records for Kardinia Park, Round 7 and games against St Kilda.

Geelong's score is the third-highest VFL score ever. That record is held by Fitzroy, who kicked 36.22 against Melbourne's 6.12 in Round 17 of 1979.

THE aggregate score of 337 points in the Geelong-St Kilda match equalled the second-highest VFL match aggregate ever.

Geelong's last two matches are two of the five heaviest scoring matches in VFL history, with aggregates of 334 and 337 points.

STEVAN Jackson became the first West Coast Eagles player to score four goals in a quarter in a match outside Perth on Saturday. Jackson's four goals for the game were all scored in the second quarter.

COLLINGWOOD'S Brian Taylor is now only two goals away from 500 goals in the VFL and should reach that milestone in Saturday's game against Carlton at VFL Park.

ST KILDA'S Tony Lockett is maintaining his seven-goal a match average. His tally of 49 goals after Round 7 is eight better than Jason Dunstall's performance at the same stage of last year — and 16 goals better than his own tally after Round 7 in 1987. In that year, Lockett went on to kick 117 goals for the season.

By comparison to the two 150-goal seasons in VFL history, Lockett is trailing Bob Pratt, but doing better than Peter Hudson. Pratt kicked 56 goals in the opening seven matches of 1934, while Hudson had kicked only 35 at this stage of 1971.

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Eagle of the Year

Last week's votes:

3 Chris Lewis	8 Phil Scott
2 Scott Watters	6 Steve Malaxos
1 Stevan Jackson	5 Guy McKenna
	4 Murray Rance,
	Scott Watters
	3 Chris Waterman,
	Chris Lewis

This week's broadcast games:-

VFL — Sunday from noon
Eagles v Melbourne

WAFL — Saturday from 2pm
Swan Districts v South Fremantle

Tune into Saturday's Countdown to the Bouncedown with Colin Minson from 1 pm.

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Schedule will affect Eagles

THE West Coast Eagles could pay a high price at Subiaco Oval on Sunday for having so many State representatives involved in Tuesday's interstate clash at the WACA Ground.

One of the factors in the defeat by Fitzroy a fortnight ago was the short space between games and they could suffer the same fate this week against Melbourne.

The Eagles provided one third of the WA team and those players will find it difficult to play their third game in eight days.



Alan Johnson... in top form

Although the Eagles will appreciate the chance to play on the vast expanses of Subiaco Oval, they will struggle to brush aside the aches and pains to get their running brand of football together.

Mentally, the toll of winning just one of their first seven matches must also be draining — not just because of the defeats, but the agony of the close margins.

How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
HAWTHORN				
Gary Buckenara	16	4	1	—
MELBOURNE				
Alan Johnson	17	5	3	—
Earl Spalding	13	9	7	2.1
Darren Bennett	5	4	3	2.2
NORTH MELBOURNE				
Jim Krakouer	13	5	4	—
Mark Hepburn	6	1	—	1.1
Derek Kickett	7	2	3	1.2
RICHMOND				
Peter Wilson	18	8	6	0.1
ST KILDA				
Nicky Winmar	12	1	7	3.2
Paul Harding	4	3	3	—
SYDNEY SWANS				
Wayne Henwood	4	3	3	0.1
BRISBANE BEARS				
David Bain	17	6	7	3.0
Brad Hardie	9	6	5	3.1
Alex Ishchenko	3	—	—	—
Rod Lester-Smith	11	6	6	0.1
CARLTON				
Richard Dennis	10	5	4	2.0
Jon Dorotich	9	6	4	1.1
COLLINGWOOD				
Craig Starcevich	10	8	4	3.0
Brian Taylor	10	6	1	6.2
FITZROY				
Brett Stephens	12	5	5	—
Kevin Caton	5	3	1	2.0
Brad Edwards	12	7	2	—
Wally Matera	11	1	5	2.1
FOOTSCRAY				
Simon Beasley	2	2	1	0.2
GEELONG				
Mark Bairstow	26	5	15	2.0

VFL PREVIEW

by GARY STOCKS
of The West Australian



To lose against Richmond by just two points at VFL Park last Saturday was heart-breaking for the players. Their resilience will be sorely tested against a Melbourne team which now occupies fourth place on the premiership table.

Impressive

The Demons have been impressive all season and showed great fighting qualities to stave off a Carlton challenge last Saturday and emerge with a fighting one-goal victory.

Melbourne had only a couple of players involved in the State clash and they are one of the hardest-working teams in the competition.

They lack some of the flair and individual brilliance of other premiership fancies, but they team well and under the direction of John Northey, have become one of the VFL's most consistent performers, whether at home on the MCG or travelling interstate.

In the last few years there has been one player more than any other who has enabled Melbourne to inflict defeat upon the Eagles in some tight contests.

Former Perth star Alan Johnson, a wingman turned back-pocket specialist, has been extremely damaging as a free-wheeling defender and he sets up many of Melbourne's most effective forward moves.

Versatility

As well, Irishmen Sean Wight and Jim Stynes have proven stumbling blocks.

Wight, who writhed in pain when he strained a hamstring in the National Panasonic Cup semi-final against the Eagles, proved his versatility with a four-goal haul against the Blues last week.

Finding players capable of dulling the brilliance of the likes of Johnson, Wight, Stynes, Darren Bennett, Gary Lyon and Steven Stretch is the hurdle in the path of Eagles coach John Todd.

The players who would normally be handed those roles were all involved in Tuesday's.

Todd will be looking for the lesser lights in his squad to take command and lead the team out of the doldrums. But the task looks beyond them this week.

HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED

	1989 Kicks	1989 Marks	1989 H/balls	1989 Score
John Annear	70	15	19	0.3
Adrian Barich	27	5	9	1.1
Todd Brennan	16	4	4	4.3
Michael Brennan	72	24	22	1.3
Clinton Browning	20	10	6	3.1
Joe Cormack	8	2	2	0.1
Shane Ellis	48	18	20	8.4
Richard Geary	0	0	1	0.0
David Hart	76	24	24	5.7
Brent Hutton	5	3	0	0.0
Stevan Jackson	31	18	14	12.3
Laurie Keene	15	8	4	1.0
Dean Laidley	22	5	9	0.1
Dwayne Lamb	46	10	9	4.1
Karl Langdon	47	20	15	10.4
Chris Lewis	53	23	11	3.4
Andrew Lockyer	41	15	11	0.1
Chris Mainwaring	107	34	36	1.5
Stephen Malaxos	69	23	34	0.3
Guy McKenna	78	37	46	0.1
Peter Melesso	5	4	0	1.1
Geoff Miles	23	11	10	1.0
David O'Connell	49	29	15	2.5
Paul Peos	8	6	1	0.1
Don Pyke	92	29	32	7.7
Murray Rance	72	43	39	0.1
Phil Scott	47	24	11	12.3
Peter Sumich	28	11	1	4.3
Craig Turley	71	22	27	1.0
Dean Turner	60	21	12	1.4
Troy Ugle	3	0	3	0.0
Chris Waterman	36	17	12	4.2
Scott Watters	29	7	14	3.0
John Worsfold	100	45	40	1.0

Rivalry soon forgotten

THE much-travelled West Coast Eagles were joined by several of WA's Victorian-based State-of-Origin players on the flight home from Melbourne after last Saturday's narrow loss to Richmond.

The Eagles once more found themselves face-to-face with Peter Wilson, one of the architects of Richmond's victory just hours earlier.

Also returning home were Craig Starcevich (Collingwood), Paul Harding and Nicky Winmar (St Kilda), Earl Spalding (Melbourne), Richard Dennis (Carlton) and Gary Buckenara (Hawthorn).

Harding and Winmar seemed happy to be coming home and looked none the worse for the Saints' 119-point mauling by Geelong.

In fact the pair just managed to board the 7pm plane in time after making the long journey to Tullamarine Airport from Geelong's Kardinia Park.

Starcevich, who kicked three goals for the Magpies in their win over lowly Footscray, was content to sleep for the whole of the 3½-hour trip.

Dennis, the former East Perth player, had something in common with the Eagles players, remembering that both teams have notched only one win to date.

Wilson joined the Fremantle connection of Chris Mainwaring and Andrew Lockyer (East) and Peter Sumich (South) for a chat about the good old days at the Port.

David down in dumps

DIMINUTIVE David Hart was a very dejected man last weekend.

One of the characters in the Eagles camp, "Jufa," as he is known by his teammates, was shattered when told by club trainer Bill Sutherland and head physiotherapist Brian Edwards that he could not play in last Saturday's match.

Hart broke down with an ankle injury on the training track on Friday afternoon.

After jogging a few laps under the watchful eye of Edwards, he was ordered back to the hotel to rest, hoping that a night off the ankle would do the trick.

However, on Saturday morning, Hart was told the bad news by the Eagles specialists. The 25-year-old said that he felt a twinge at Monday night's session but thought the complaint was "very minor."

VFL leading goalkickers

Tony Lockett (St. Kilda)	49.20
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	38.20
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	35.25
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	29.17
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	26.17
Paul Salmon (Essendon)	23.6
Gavin Exell (Geelong)	22.9
Ian Fairley (North Melbourne)	18.4
John Georgiadis (Footscray)	18.12
Stephan Kernahan (Carlton)	17.14
Bill Brownless (Geelong)	15.12
Nicky Winmar (St. Kilda)	14.9
Tony Hall (Hawthorn)	14.10
Alan Ezard (Essendon)	14.5
Mark Arceri (North Melbourne)	13.3
Robert Scott (Geelong)	13.8
Phil Scott (West Coast Eagles)	12.3
Stevan Jackson (West Coast Eagles)	12.3
Darren Bennett (Melbourne)	12.7
James Morrissey (Hawthorn)	12.6

Eagles full of heart

THERE is a feeling of optimism among the Eagles players that they are set to beat Melbourne at Subiaco Oval on Sunday.

At last Saturday's post-match presentations, Geoff Miles, Peter Sumich and best-player award winner Chris Lewis all emphasised that the team will put their football lives on the line this weekend.

Coach John Todd, in his address to the club's Melbourne-based members, complimented the players for showing "enormous" character in the past two weeks.

The young players being thrust into the football fire that is the VFL, were made of the "right stuff".

Todd's final comment was: "We can't wait to grab Melbourne at home".

Mitchell on sidelines

ONE player quick to catch up with his old WA team-mates after the game at VFL Park was former Claremont rover and now Richmond whizz, Michael Mitchell.

Mitchell, who has been ordered by doctors to rest for eight weeks, was in a jovial mood after his adopted club's hard-fought two-point win.

He said he felt pleased for the Tigers, but also felt some sympathy for the Eagles. They had played very well but luck did not go their way.

Mitchell has been ordered to sit out of the game because of recent bouts of dizzy spells and lethargy, a result of knocks he has received during his football career.

He hopes his current break will bring him a clean bill of health and a return to the football arenas of the VFL.



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McCulloch's no orphan

SUCCESSFUL coaches at Wanneroo in the Sunday League sometimes find the transition to a WAFL club is not all beer and skittles.

Royals coach Ian McCulloch has found the going particularly tough.

No, I'm not advocating a new coach at Perth Oval but perhaps there is some solace for McCulloch in remembering that two other successful Wanneroo coaches, Peter Burton and Greg Brehaut, couldn't get their team off the bottom either.

Getting it straight

WEST Perth learnt the hard way that you have to kick straight to win at the footy.

They finished with 24 behinds against Swan Districts.

That's wayward shooting all right but it was far from a record number by a losing side.

The most behinds kicked by a losing team is 28 — by Swan Districts in 1982 when they scored 20.28 to East Fremantle's 23.17.

South Fremantle kicked 11.28 in 1958 before going down to East Perth (19.15).

The most behinds kicked in a game was in 1966 when Claremont 15.25 beat South Fremantle 12.24.

The most behinds by any team was in 1917 when East Fremantle scored 23.41 against Midland Junction.

TIGERS FANCED

EAST Fremantle and Claremont meet on Saturday for the 200th time and though the Tigers have won only 72 of the games — three of them were grand finals — they will start favourites this week.

They have lost only twice to the Sharks in the past three seasons and won three in a row at East Fremantle Oval.

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5.00pm: All Sports Review.

The GNR team (from left) Ian Miller, John Hayes, Phil Lamb, Kim Hagdorn, Ken Judge and Stuart Hillier, with sports director Peter Vlahos in front.

Time to review interstate games

THE time is ripe for the football powers around the country to re-assess the position that State-of-Origin football occupies.

Dwindling crowds at such fixtures in Perth in the last three years suggests the novelty of interstate battles has worn thin and the future of mid-week matches must be under a cloud.

Too many players were robbed of their chance to play in Tuesday's match at the WACA Ground because of club fixturing.

The form of 1988 Sandover Medallist David Bain was good enough to warrant a place in the WA team, particularly when roving talent in the squad was bare.

Bain has been one of the recruits of the season for the Brisbane Bears and his energetic style would have been suited to State football. Certainly, he has made the jump from the WAFL to the VFL with little difficulty.

Alex Ishchenko would also have been a valuable player because WA were light-on in the big-man department. Another point in his favour is that he played his best football under coach Ron Alexander.

Schedule

Yet both these former East Perth stars were ruled out of the team, not because of form, but because of the Brisbane Bears schedule.

They simply could not be considered because the Bears played Essendon at Carrara on Sunday. Had they caught a flight straight from the Gold Coast to Perth they would have arrived in Perth less than 48 hours before the match.

As well, Ishchenko would find it difficult to recover from his club match and play a State game two days later because he has nagging leg problems.

It is wrong to disadvantage players in choosing a State team because of their club commitments. Representing your State is still the highest team achievement which is sought.

State football is also played too regularly these days. It should be restricted to games every two or three years in a carnival approach and it is appropriate now to take interstate matches back to Melbourne.

TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS
of the West Australian



That would also eliminate the question of player-selection, which was under heavy discussion in the fortnight preceding Tuesday's match.

There is no question that Jason Dunstall should play for Queensland and not Victoria under the original guidelines set down in 1977.

The WAFL accepted the VFL's ruling on player eligibility this year, but it is certain to come under review at the end of the season.



Scott Watters... proud to be in a State guernsey.

It would be appropriate at the same time to fixture the State-of-Origin match on a Saturday and have that day free of domestic fixtures, both here and in Melbourne.

Victoria and South Australia have agreed to that arrangement for their match which has been set down for Saturday, July 1 at the MCG.

It's time WA pressed for similar high-preference!

FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian
DAVE CLEMENT



Tyson first to 1000

AN interesting question put to me some weeks ago: who was the first player in WA to kick 1000 goals?

My answer is Ted Tyson, of West Perth.

He reached the milestone with his ninth goal against Subiaco on a wet day at the WACA Ground on August 10, 1940.

East Fremantle sharp-shooter George Doig reached 1000 at the end of the 1941 season.

Austin Roberston is credited with 1278 goals, Tyson 1184, Doig 1111 and Bernie Naylor 1034.

The first league footballer to kick 1000 goals was Collingwood's legendary Gordon Coventry and he was followed by North Adelaide's Ken Farmer.

LOOK HERE!

BELIEVE it or not but I once read a story about a full-forward at Melbourne who was so short-sighted he arranged for a friend to stand between the goal-posts and wave a white handkerchief so he knew where to kick!

TIGHT FINISHES

SWAN Districts have played nearly 1150 games and been involved in 24 one-point margins, of which they have won nine.

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Royals need a reviver

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To see their current plight
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Once was their God-given right.

With all of their past legends
Sheedy, Atwell and Seal.
Add Kennedy, Farmer and Watts
They certainly had a good deal.

But now the present day,
Six games into the year,
No wins in the top two teams
And both bringing up the rear.

For the sake of East Perth
And football in this State,
Let's get your act together
Before it's all too late.

Taylor-made for record

EVERGREEN Neil Taylor will play his 253rd league game for Subiaco against East Perth on Saturday and break Colin Williams 12-year-old record of 252 games.

Taylor, whose career began in 1975, has experienced the highs and lows of Subiaco, but has proved to be a real stayer.

The former Lions captain boasts two club fairest-and-best awards, has played in the past four grand finals and been a member of two premierships sides.

Breaking the club record will be a well-deserved achievement and his

form out of a forward pocket in the past two weeks indicates that he still has plenty to offer the team.

His experience proved invaluable against East Fremantle last week when he kicked 4.3.

Taylor has also been used as a 'tagger' in recent seasons, a role to which he is suited with his stamina and experience.

Happy memories of a big game

by Alan East

THERE were some pleasant football memories revived at the Burswood Resort Hotel on Monday night as members of the original WA State-of-Origin side got together for a reunion.

The get-together was hosted by Leon Larkin, the Burswood's Director of Sales and the instigator of State-of-Origin football when he was marketing manager for Subiaco back in 1977.

Twelve years on and the players have aged a little — though wingman Tony Morley admitted to be still playing in the Saturday Metropolitan League.

The players proudly recounted that initial triumph over the Vics — and certainly let special guest, Victorian champion Bob Skilton, know the score — 23.13 to 8.9.

Coach Graham (Polly) Farmer recalled that it wasn't so hard to keep the players enthusiasm up for the six weeks after some of them had finished with club commitments because they generally tried to "have fun" at training.

The 15 or so players who made it to the re-union had a little trouble recalling just who played where in that historic team, so here's the line-up:

Inaugural team

BACKS: Steven Curtis, Ross Glendinning, Kevin Worthington.

HALF-BACKS: Ian Miller, Joe McKay, Basil Campbell.

CENTRES: Alan Reid, Peter Featherby, Tony Morley.

HALF-FORWARDS: George Young, Neil Balme, Bruce Monteath.

FORWARDS: Ron Alexander, Garry Sidebottom, Stan Magro.

RUCK: Graham Moss, Max Richardson, Barry Cable.

RESERVES: Ken Hunter, Jim Sewell, Bill Valli.

Best players were Cable, Moss, Richardson, Monteath and Alexander, with Richardson kicking six goals.

A crowd of 25,467 saw the match on October 8 — two weeks after the WAFL grand final because of the drawn VFL grand final between Collingwood and North Melbourne.

The Victorian side wasn't all that bad, either.

Their best players were Robert Flower, Ian Nankervis, Trevor Barker, Peter Knights and Gary Dempsey.

The State-of-Origin concept took Larkin and Subiaco two years to put together and has changed the course of interstate football since that momentous day.



Dean Kemp gives the victory salute.

Kemp boys are two of a kind

KALGOORLIE has produced many fine footballers over the years and Subiaco can boast two more good ones in the Kemp brothers, Garry and Dean.

Garry, in his second season, has shown in recent weeks that he has the capacity to influence a game.

He has strength, pace, good skills and that touch of flair that makes him just a little cheeky.

Maybe at times he becomes too impulsive but he was a match-winner against East Fremantle last week.

Younger brother Dean is a real player of the future. He possesses fine skills, great athletic agility and good football vision and awareness.

He is an exciting mover and is capable of playing anywhere across the centre or midfield.

I've been impressed with him both on a wing and half-forward. The Kemp boys will both make their mark with Subiaco, just as they stamped their authority on the match against East Fremantle.

They were well supported by Andrew Brice, Brad McDougall and Wayne Golding, who tagged veteran Brian Peake out of the game.

Tough time for George

WEST Perth's George Michalczyk's baptism in the world of league coaching must have caused him a few sleepless nights.

From six games he has started with two wins, two losses and two near misses after having seemingly been in a winning position against both East Fremantle and Swan Districts in the past fortnight.

I believe Michalczyk has added physical strength to the team this year and is getting good value from his more senior players, but a near miss doesn't bring four premierships points.

Having played with Michalczyk, I know he is a real competitor and is not fussed about losing.

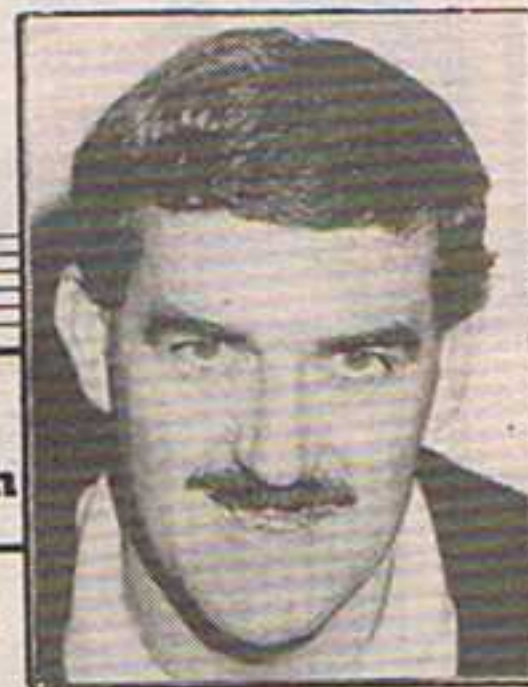
George, I'm sure you would agree that playing was a breeze compared with the frustrations of coaching, but it does have its rewards — when you win.



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RECRUITING TIME MERRY-GO-ROUND

MOST VFL clubs that travel to Perth to play the Eagles bring recruiting agents who stay on to watch prospective WAFL draftees.

This week — and finals time — is a busy period for the horde of VFL recruiting men in town.

Some clubs have sent scouts to watch last Saturday's games, the State-of-Origin match and stay on for this week's round 7.

Here is my list of possible names the wise men from the east will be having a good look at:

SUBIACO — Dean and Garry Kemp, Andrew Brice.

SOUTH FREMANTLE — Greg Turner, Peter Matera, Glen Jakovich, Willie Rioli, Steven Grant.

SWAN DISTRICTS — Greg Walker, Andrew Holmes.

CLAREMONT — Ben Allan, Dale Kickett, Peter Mann, Rob Fitzgerald.

EAST FREMANTLE — Bradley Rowe, Michael Broadbridge, Brad Tunbridge, Peter Quill.

For the WAFL, the draft is like a non-stop merry-go-round.

Just when the clubs have produced another bunch of fine, young talent and the competition is up and running again, in comes the 'cherry picker' and the whole process has to start again.

Household names

IT'S great to see former household football names reappear in WAFL ranks with greater regularity these days through sons of champions.

Subiaco have been producing some new faces with a familiar ring to their names.

Last week Jeremy Pethick, son of Mike, made an impressive league debut.

He moved like his father and showed plenty of confidence in his game.

When under pressure in defence, he always looked cool and composed and used the ball effectively.

The reserves side has Damian Hampson, whose father Reg used to do plenty of damage off a half-forward flank.

The under-18 side has Scott Kettlewell, son of Laurie, and Peter Burton's son Matthew.

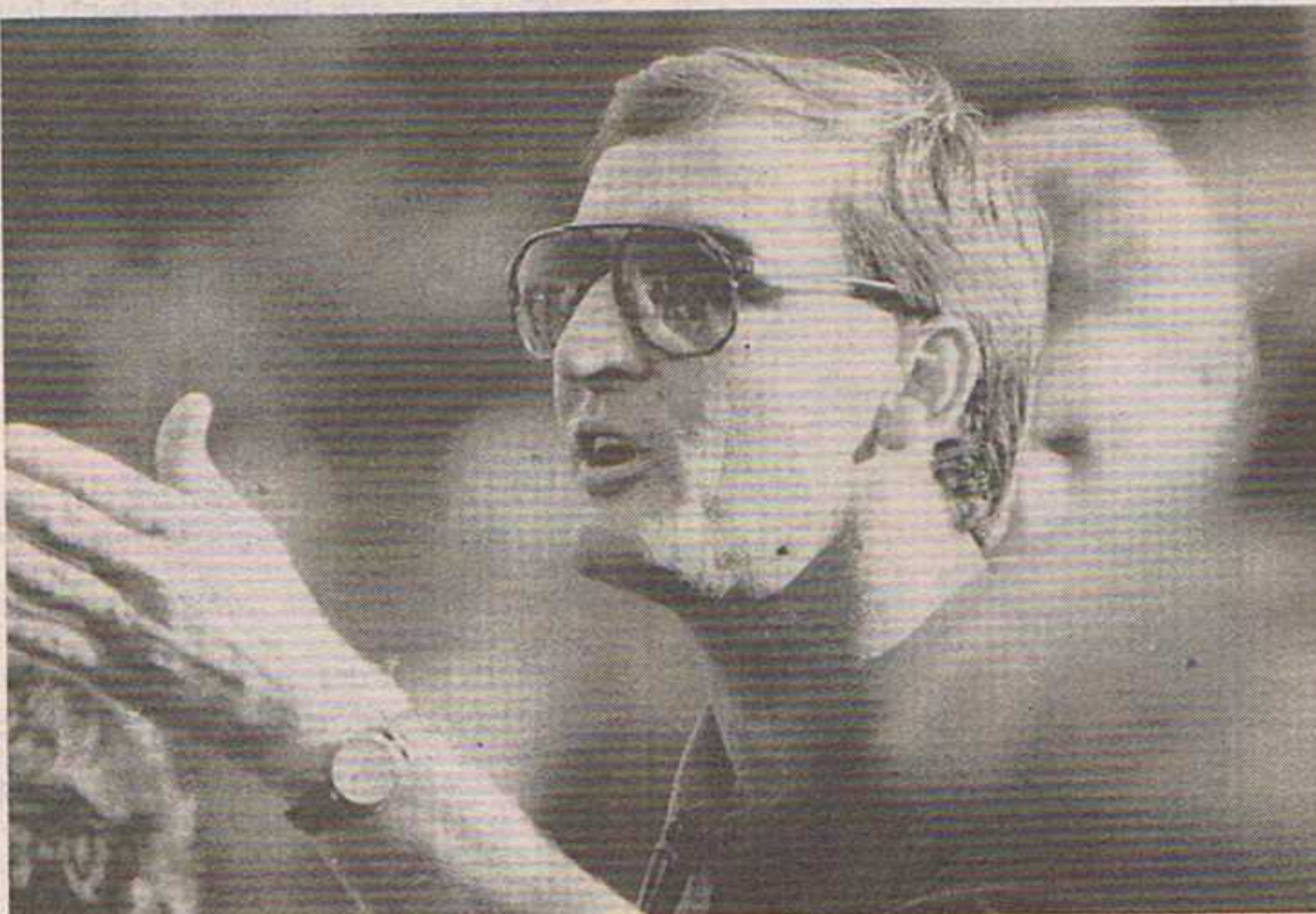
Adam Sierakowski, who played last year, is the son of Brian, currently with



Jeremy Pethick... a fine debut.

University amateurs but who will eventually return to Subiaco.

It's good to see so many of these young players making their way through the ranks of their dad's old club.



George Michalczyk... sleepless nights.



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By **ROBERT BENNETT**
of The Sunday Times



Eagles aim to ease pressure on Todd

MEET a trouble maker. Well, that's how a group of football scribes described themselves when they were invited to meet with the Eagles football director, Brian Douge, last week.

Only certain media were asked to attend. They were the ones who have been a bit of a thorn in the side of the Eagles.

The purpose of the meeting was to thrash out any problems between the Eagles and those in attendance.

The idea was good — but whether it was fruitful, only the future will tell.

Most identified John Todd as the problem with a big section of the media; his tendency to fly off the handle was mentioned. (No Toddy, I wasn't

the ring-leader, in fact, I didn't say any nasty things about you!)

Douge put up some viable reasons why Todd reacts the way he does at times.

But the fact remains that if the Eagles want a more amicable relationship between them and the media, then Todd will have to change. And there's not much chance of that happening. Like most of us, he's a bit old in the tooth to become something he is not.

There will be enormous pressure on Todd if the Eagles continue to lose. Quite frankly, his coaching job will be on the line.

How Todd handles the situation off the field could have a big bearing as his on-field performance in respect of his football future. Perhaps the Eagles should shield him a bit more when he is likely to be in an emotive state. They certainly don't need him exploding and that is likely to happen if he finds himself in a pressure-cooker environment.

But back to the Eagles.

What a change there has been in the Eagles camp since the start of the season! They have gone from finals hopes to a team that some are now saying needs to rebuild for next year.

The term "rebuilding" has often been used as an excuse when a team does not perform up to expectations.

Consolidate

The Eagles, after making the finals last year following a productive season in their opening year in the VFL, were expected to consolidate their position in the top five this season.

With only one win from seven matches, they are looking more like contenders for the wooden spoon.

So, should the football public be disappointed or should they make a reappraisal of the team and look to its future?

Whatever the case, the Eagles are going to have to start winning — and soon.

Last week I said they could open their account against Melbourne-based teams against Hawthorn. But on their performances over the last two weeks — and playing on Subiaco Oval — it wouldn't surprise me if the Eagles had a decisive win over Melbourne this Sunday.

They are becoming match-hard and, in racing parlance, the form is on the board for them to break through for a win.

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GERARD NEESHAM



State games are a problem for players

THE timing of our State-of-Origin matches must be questioned in relation to the effect they have on the players involved.

The stress related to playing can be quite traumatic and having to come up again two or three days later is not something clubs are prepared to risk.

The clubs put their star players on big contracts, give them living expenses, re-establish them from State to State and help set up their employment.

To risk all that even for something as honourable as State football does not weigh up.

To run State-of-Origin matches pre-season would have more merit once it was established.

The clubs would be more agreeable to releasing their players, the players would not have played a game just prior to the interstate match and February-March is by far the best time of the year to play night football.

Unfair

The current State-of-Origin selection rules make it incredibly unfair that the Eagles can't have a limit on their players who can be selected for interstate duties.

It was only three seasons ago that a maximum of three players per club were allowed to be selected for interstate matches — a Victorian rule.

However, about 10 Eagles represented WA on Tuesday and now have to step out this Sunday for the third time in a week — a difficult mission in anyone's terms.

The other side of the coin is that some critics claim there were not enough players of talent to make up a fair percentage of the WA team from our local league.

That is something I disagree with vehemently!

To have the bottom side in the VFL make up 50% of our State side, with possibly only 10% coming from the WAFL, is a poor indictment on our local league.

But I believe it is an unfair reflection. There were plenty of WAFL players good enough to hold their own in that State side.

Time to find a wet-weather ball

SOME recent discussions on football with a few of my winter swimming cronies saw an idea that has been floating around in my head for awhile surface to the top.

How about a football with some form of gripable water-proof skin?

In water-polo, we have such a ball and though we play in water, the ball is easy to handle, grip and throw.

They have a wet-weather ball in Sydney for rugby and it would have made for a better spectacle last Friday night in the mud-bath between North Melbourne and the Sydney Swans if such a ball existed.

I can remember Tom Hoad bringing leather water-polo balls back from Europe in the early 1960's, but after 15 minutes of training, they became too greasy to handle and exceptionally heavy.

Now these nylon balls remain consistent throughout the game, something that would improve the skill level of the players if utilized in Australian Rules.

Shane has one up on his dad!

YOUNG Perth centremen Shane Cable has achieved something his famous father Barry couldn't do!

I've never seen Barry take a high mark — but the one Shane took against us last week was one of the best I've seen this season.

It brought a wry comment from Peter Thorne at Claremont's presentations.

On receiving his best-player's trophy, he said he felt that he had played a part in the mark of the day as well — as Cable used him for a ladder.

Perth can be finals threat

PERTH were a tough side to beat and it would not surprise me to see them put some real pressure on for fourth spot.

John Clarkson proved a real handful for our backs and anything could have happened had Wayne Ryder hung around to support him.

What was most impressive was their constant desire and drive to stay in the game, which resulted in four quick goals after the 25-minute mark of the last quarter.

Age has not been a barrier to most of the outstanding sportsmen I have known and Perth's Mark Watson (37 possessions) and Claremont's Peter Thorne (47 possessions) would be two of the best examples I know.

They both work extremely hard and have acquired a consistency that only comes with experience.

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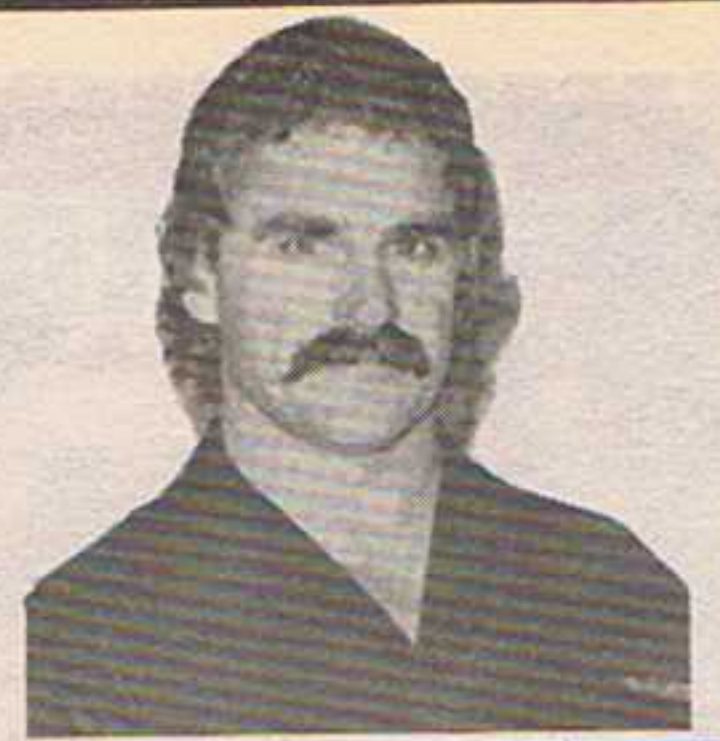
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★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ Neil Taylor

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Taylor perseveres . . . and goes to the top

WHEN veteran Subiaco rover Neil Taylor makes his club record 253rd appearance this Saturday, it will be just reward for a man who has endured most of the high and lows in the game.

Breaking Colin Williams' 15-year-old record will not only be a tribute to Taylor's football perseverance but more importantly, his character.

The character test is the hardest of all examinations to pass and, unquestionably, Taylor has managed it with distinction.

Taylor has served Subiaco with unwavering loyalty since 1975.

For 10 years he suffered the agony of losing. Indeed, the Lions won only 52 matches from a possible 210 between his league debut and 1984, finishing in the bottom two positions on the premiership table eight times.

It was even mooted in that period that Subiaco should be annexed from WAFL competition in preference for a more competitive team.

Dark days

Those were dark days for the Lions and it would have been far simpler for "Tails" to accept unofficial invitations to join more successful clubs like East Fremantle and East Perth.

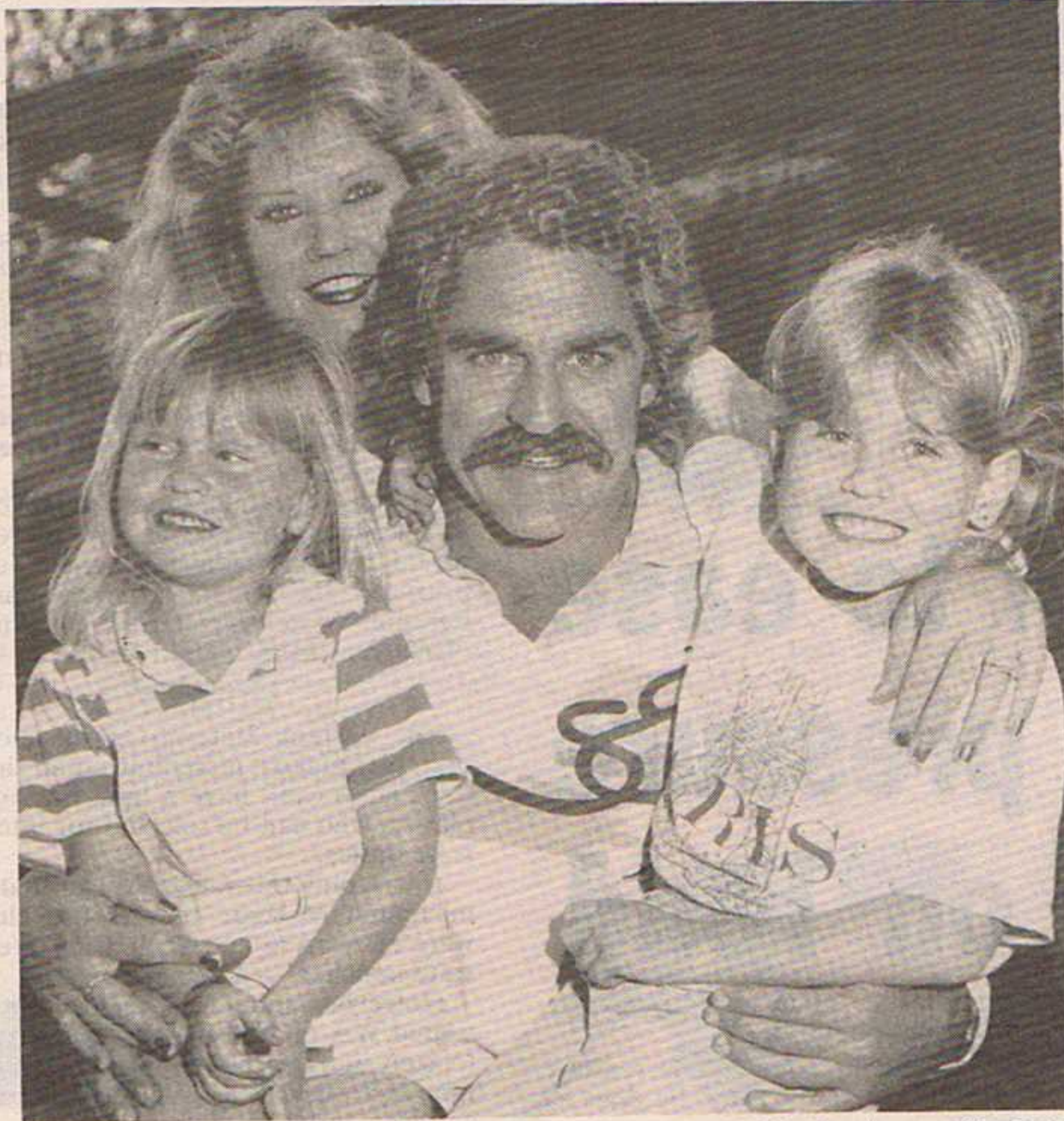
But the easy way out was not Taylor's style and his perseverance was justly rewarded with successive grand finals from 1985 to 1988, with premierships in 1986 and last season.

"You can't imagine what a relief it was to play in the finals," Taylor said.

"Each season we had been asking ourselves if next year would be any better and it wasn't — until we made the finals in 1985.

Though we were terribly disappointed at losing to East Fremantle by a kick, at least the club had turned the corner.

"A lot of the guys in that team like Laurie Keene, Warren Dean and my brother Brian, had all played in the



Neil Taylor is the centre of attraction surrounded by his family — wife Peta and daughters Jacqui, 4, and Natalie, 6.

Photo: George Temple.

reserves 1984 grand final and were still very inexperienced.

"We knew that if we kept working hard, we might go one step further the next year. And we did.

Emotional

"It was very emotional for all of us and I didn't know if people realise just how emotional players become when

they win premierships. You work together to achieve one goal as a team and when you do it, it means all the hard work has been for something. It's a feeling you have to experience to understand fully."

Aptly, Taylor was one of the engineers in that Lions premiership.

His work around the packs and ability to get the ball into the forward line quickly allowed the likes of Todd Brennan, Stephen Sells and Andrew Macnish to capitalise for their 69-point grand final victory.

Taylor said that he was trying to approach this week's game like any other match.

"But that's an impossibility," he said. "I know that as we prepare to run out onto the field, a lot of memories will rush through my head. Some about the good days, some not so good and sure, I'll have a lump in my throat."

Ironically, the man whose record he will break was one of his early football mentors.

After playing in the 1974 colts premiership team, Taylor was picked in the 1975 league squad.

"Pre-season we worked in groups at training and as it happened Colin Williams was in charge of my group," he said.

"I didn't have a car then, so Colin used to drive me to training and on the way we'd talk football. And the more you talk to these people, the more you learn about the game and yourself."

At the start of this season, Taylor had played 246 league games and last

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GEORGE TEMPLE



Saturday he surpassed Austin Robertson's mark of 251 appearances.

"I was very young when Austin was playing," Tails said.

"And to be truthful, I wasn't even a Subiaco supporter. I was born in Cottesloe, so Claremont was my team.

"But I remember the day Austin kicked 15 goals on Frank Sparrow to get the Australian record. My friends and I were at Claremont Oval, but we decided to head off to Subiaco to see if Austin could do it.

"I think we saw the last three or four goals."

However, there was a player in that game who would later have a big influence on the then 10-year-old Neil Taylor.

"I was impressed with Haydn Bunton," he said. "As usual, he was controlling everything and it was his arrival at Subiaco in 1984 that turned it around for us. He's played a big part in my career."

Reputation

Taylor also attested to Bunton's reputation that he can be a hard taskmaster.

"I remember a couple of pre-season trips to Hawaii and Penang.

"They might sound like nice places to go, but we had some pretty regimented training. Penang was the hardest at the start of the 1987 season.

"We got up and trained for three hours from 7am, every day for a week. It was very humid and Bunts had us running up and down mountains. Don't you think we were glad to get back home!"

The other big influences on the football career of this record-breaking rover were his father Ray and former Subiaco coaches Brian Douge and Ken Armstrong.

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Taylor could have been a Tiger

Though Taylor was born outside the Subiaco zone, his parents moved, via Broome, to Woodlands where he played his first junior football game.

That destined him to become a Lion, but had he been born 20 years later, he could have played for the club he supported because Woodlands is now part of Tiger territory.

Though the two-times Subiaco fairest and best winner made his league debut in 1975, it took him two seasons to establish himself as a first-team regular.

Taylor managed just six league appearances in both 1975 and 1976.

"My second year was a very disappointing one for me," he said. "I put in a big pre-season and wanted to establish myself as a regular. But it was a game here, then back into the reserves and another game there. It was very frustrating."

"It wasn't until Brian Douge took over that things started to go right for me. I played the first five games of 1977 in the reserves and then had the final 16 in the league team as I picked up the tempo.

In those days it was Taylor the fleet-footed wingman and it wasn't until Ken Armstrong arrived that he was finally given a roving role and eventually the captaincy.

"Roving is definitely my favourite position," he said.

Injuries

The club skipper for a record six years from 1982-87, Tails has been fortunate to avoid serious injuries.

The worst injury, he recalls, was a broken wrist in 1986 which sidelined him for a month. Another time, when he broke bones in his hand, he had surgery on the Monday and was back playing the next Saturday, with pins inserted in his hand.

"And the pins are still there," Taylor said. "I'll probably have them removed when I retire."

Which, he added, would not be too far away.

Taylor said: "I think that every player over 26 finds it increasingly harder to come up after a game each week.

"The enthusiasm is still there. But overcoming the slight injuries and training properly is difficult. You can't expect to keep playing and come out with nothing.

"But I've got no regrets and given the opportunity, I'd do it all again. In fact, I've been extremely lucky the way it's all worked out."

"Those guys who get their success early and then hit on hard times remember the bad years when they call it quits. While the last five years have been exceptional, I've enjoyed it all — except the grand final losses.

"The tough times certainly helped me with my life. They proved to me that if you work hard enough, success comes."

Gentleman

Neil Taylor is one of the game's best-liked off-field gentlemen.

The archetypal team-man, Taylor shies from the limelight whenever possible, preferring the team as a whole to bask in the glory regardless of his own contribution.

And while Subiaco might be planning a big celebration after Saturday's clash with East Perth at the WACA Ground to recognise his milestone, Taylor would prefer a handshake, a beer and then home to his wife Peta and his children.

"There's nothing I like better than being at home with the family on a Saturday night," he said.

Let's all pull together

THE honour of playing league football is something few of the many thousands of young players who begin in the game ever achieve.

The skills and, above all, self discipline to keep going provide a great personal test of character for young players.

The struggle to get to the top teaches every player the recipe for success in life — hard work.

Then to play 100 or 200 games is again a marvellous personal achievement for those who get there.

Every league player respects his peers who play the game.

Club loyalties rarely allow players to show their respect for each other, as the old custom of not talking to players from other clubs still prevails.

In the good old days it was all right for players to associate after the game in a social atmosphere.

Friendships

Meeting an on-field enemy over a drink enabled one to develop friendships that would last a lifetime.

Players realised that wearing the colours of another club didn't stop the players from being good blokes.

As money came into the game during the 1960s and 70s, interaction between club players disappeared.

Club commitments to return to base for trophy presentations and sponsorship commitments broke down the interclub player camaraderie.

Club officials didn't perceive that players meeting after a game was of importance when, in fact, it was an essential part of a player's personal development.

It is great to see that some clubs have again extended the hand of friendship to other clubs, especially at colts' level.

Having the league players of tomorrow get to know each other after a game is great for football.

WA football has learnt the hard way that cooperation and friendship is essential for our game to progress.

Gone is the 'Jack syndrome' between clubs. Proof of this was Subiaco's offer of financial assistance to WAFL clubs in financial difficulty.

DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



Here's 253 cheers for Taylor

EVERY season players achieve personal milestones that are honoured by their clubs and the game in general.

This Saturday is a special day for football.

Subiaco's Neil Taylor will create history when he breaks Colin Williams' club record of 252 games.

Such achievements at this level are of the highest order.

To play the required number of games needed to break any club record is in itself a marvellous achievement.

To play all the games at one club, after starting with the local juniors, reinforces my belief in one of life's greatest qualities — loyalty.

Neil Taylor is one of the nicest men in football.

Full cycle

His scrupulously fair approach to the game coupled with undoubted skills entitle him to pride of place in the hall of club greats.

Taylor has experienced a complete cycle of the Subiaco club's fortunes.

Bankruptcy and poor on-field performances made Subiaco one of the also-rans in the 1960s and 70s.

Taylor clearly remembers those days but never left the club he loved and was proud to wear their colours.

He deserves the highest accolades our game can bestow.

Neil Taylor, football salutes you!

Bazzo's all the buzz

YOU could never say that Swans Steve Bazzo was a pretentious footballer, far from it.

The boy from Carey Park in Bunbury, who played all 21 games last season, his first, is again making a big impression this season.

He is not fancy but he continually gets the football, especially when the going gets tough. With the added experience in the side this year of Don Langford, Brad Shine, Peter Hodyl and the good form of players such as Kim Hetherington and Danny Penny, Bazzo's work is being finished off.

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50 GAMES

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48 Peter Owens (Claremont)
48 Scott Watters (South Frem)
48 Mark Brayshaw (Claremont)
48 Jon Derecourt (East Frem)
48 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)
47 Chris Waterman (East Frem)
46 Joe Cormack (Swan Dist)
45 Mick Grasso (Swan Dist)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Scott Watters — 46 South Fremantle, 2 Eagles; Peter Melesso — 40 Claremont, 1 Eagles, 1 Sydney Swans, 7 St Kilda; Chris Waterman — 37 East Fremantle, 10 Eagles.

100 GAMES

99 Adrian Barich (Eagles)
99 Ray Holden (West Perth)
98 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)
93 Bryce Forman (East Frem)
93 Geoff Miles (Eagles)
92 Tony Beers (Claremont)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Adrian Barich — 28 Eagles, 71 Perth, Bryce Forman — 79 East Fremantle, 12 Perth, Tony Beers — 85 Claremont, 7 Collingwood, Glen Bartlett — 94 East Perth, 4 Eagles, Geoff Miles — 46 Eagles, 42 Claremont, 5 Collingwood.

150 GAMES

148 Don Holmes (Swan Districts)
145 Kim Hetherington (Swan Districts)
142 David Rankin (East Frem)

* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Kim Hetherington — 92 Swan Districts, 53 East Fremantle, David Rankin — 132 East Fremantle, 10 Fitzroy.

200 GAMES

199 Grant Campbell (East Perth)

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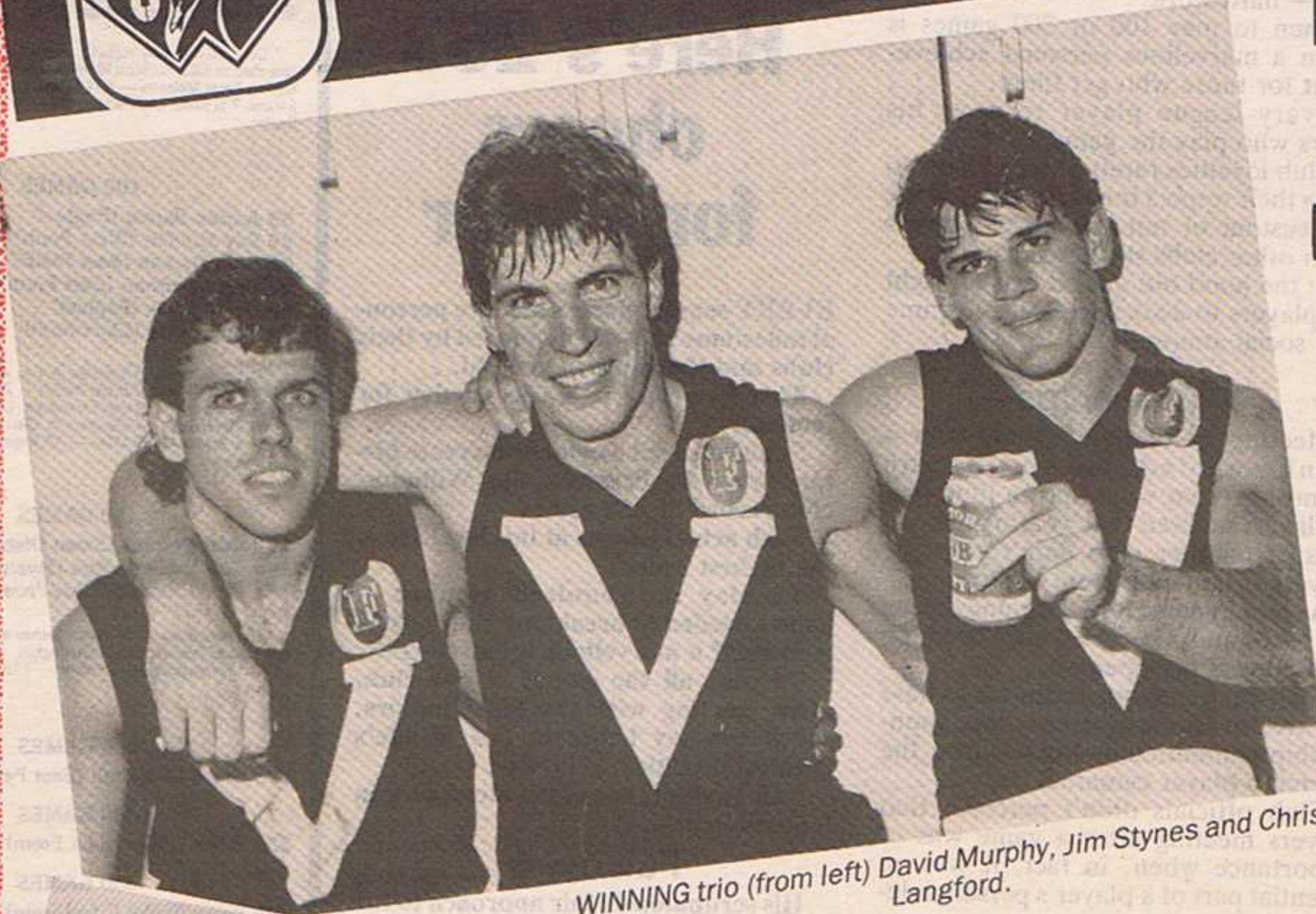
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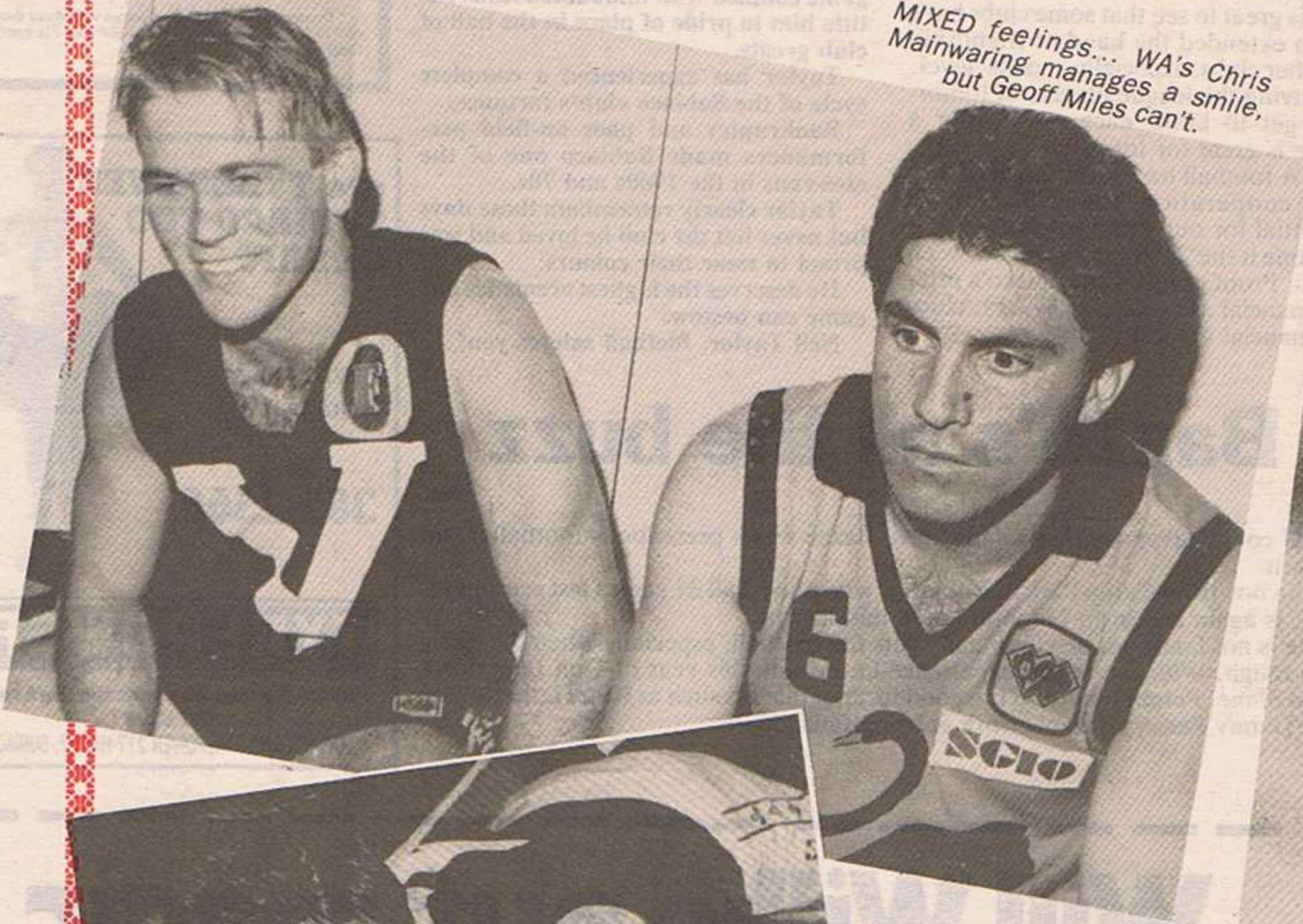
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WINNING trio (from left) David Murphy, Jim Stynes and Chris Langford.



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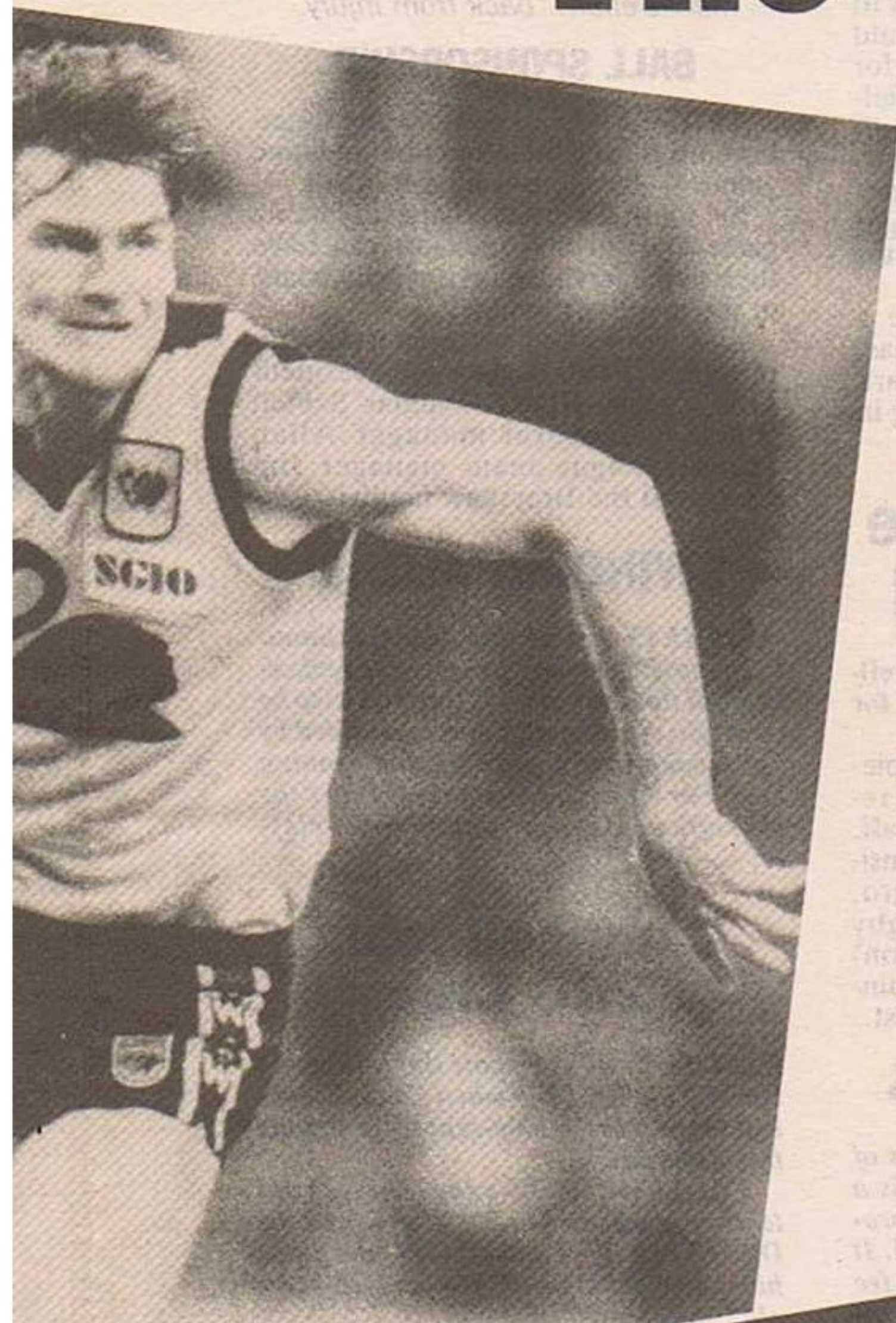
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FEELING satisfied... that's Victorian ace Gary Ablett.

STATE-OF-ORIGIN football looked a little like interstate action of a bygone era when a superb Victorian side destroyed Western Australia at the WACA Ground on Tuesday night.

In WA's first clash under lights with the Vics, the visitors ran out comfortable winners, 19.12 to 10.12.

It was a disappointing end to a disappointing few days as the WA side was continually frustrated with player-withdrawals through injury.

However, Victoria had the same problems... and 21,000 fans saw just how good the best VFL players can be when they come together.

Photographer JULIAN COWAN was there to capture the action and the atmosphere.



BOTTOM LINE... the faces of coach Ron Alexander and his bench tell the story.



BATTERED... Scott Watters.



Laugh-a-minute at Swans revue

MORE than 450 Swan Districts members and supporters laughed and cried their way through the Players Revue in the club social rooms.

In what was a marvellous spectacle of humour and talent, the Swans league, reserves and under-19 players staged a 22-act programme — compered by former skipper Stan Nowotny — which had the crowd cheering for more.

Stars of the night were undoubtedly Shane Renfree and Fintan Maguire, (below) whose rendition of the Proclaimers recent hits "500 miles" and "I'm on my way" both needed encores.

Other fine acts came from Peter Ware—left—(Louis Armstrong's "Oh what a beautiful world), James Marshall—a dead-ringer for superstar John Farnham—and Todd Menegola's "A night in Mukinbudin".

A video of the evening's entertainment is available through the club.

FOOTNOTE: Swans will have a "Best of" Players Revue in July or August this year which will include acts from former players such as Eagles skipper Murray Rance.



Swans fan backs a big winner

LONG-time Swan Districts clubman Des Sundo backed his judgement by gambling \$500 on his beloved black and whites this season.

Sundo was offered 16/1 by a Darwin bookmaker for Swans having all three grades in the finals this season — a somewhat risky investment considering that Swans finished bottom of the pile in league, reserves and under-19s last year.

However, six rounds into the season, it looks a handy bet with the league team challenging for second place, the reserves moving up to fourth and the under 19s sitting on top.



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ESPERANCE recruit Mike Smith — no relation to the former Swan Districts star of the same name — grabbed nine possessions in the last quarter for the black and whites against West Perth last Saturday to help set up their thrilling one-point win.

Vacancies at Tigerland

INJURIES to Claremont wingmen Mark Hann (knee) and Scott Edwards (hamstring) could pave the way for Kevin Mitchell to make his league football return.

Mitchell, brother of Sandover Medallist and former Claremont and now Richmond star Michael Mitchell, played two games for the Tigers in 1985 before returning to Carnarvon.

A spate of injuries at Claremont is presenting opportunities for players in the reserves and 1987 Medallists Medal winner Nicky Yarran is also pressing claims.

Former league regulars Warren Ralph and Tony Beers are awaiting a recall, while youngster Todd Ridley is just itching to make his league debut.

ON THE BALL

by **GEORGE TEMPLE**



Souths already planning their Tigers revenge

SECOND-placed South Fremantle hope to boast a full-strength team when they next meet Claremont at Fremantle Oval on June 24.

The Bulldogs, 20-point losers to the free-running Tigers in Albany two games back, suffered through the loss of exciting new rover Darryl Wyllie and skipper Maurice Rioli.

Without making excuses for the Bulldogs, coach Stan Magro was also hampered by the late withdrawal of rookie wingman Greg Turner.

The tough Bulldogs coach is ready to recall Richard Graham, who would provide excellent big-man support for ruckman Craig Edwards and midfielder Richard Lynch is also waiting a call-up.

More tall timber in Matt and Mark Sambrailo, who both returned to light training recently, should add to Souths strength.

Injury-prone Merv Dellar made a successful return to reserves action last Saturday and prolific kick-getter Mark Collins is due home after holidaying in the United States.

Souths have the "Sss" covered

THE five Ss of football are well-covered in South Fremantle's bid for the 1989 premiership.

The Ss — strength, speed, suppleness, stamina and skill — are the responsibility of some experienced staff.

Skill naturally remains the responsibility of league coach Stan Magro, while backroom boys John Rigby (weights), Chris Love (rehabilitation) and Ross Sweetman and Brad McGuinness (warm-up) take care of the rest.

FUN-DING FALCONS

WEST Perth have two big evenings of entertainment coming up. The first is a gambling night on May 20, with all proceeds going to the under-19 trip fund. It starts at 7.30pm and the \$25 entry fee includes a smorgasbord and musical entertainment. That will be followed by a quiz night next Thursday, with proceeds going to the senior players end-of-season trip to Singapore, Bangkok and Pattaya ... organised by coach George Michalczyk in his travel consultant's capacity, of course!

MEDIA BATTLE

AS the first round of WAFL fixtures draws to a close, the Coventry Group's media tipping competition has a three-way tie for top spot.

Only one game separates the top three — Todge Campbell, Barry Dux and Jim Ross — from a group of eight tipsters, who are only one game behind.

The results of this weekend's games will determine who takes off the \$100 prize money as winner of round one and this will be presented at a Media Guild function on Sunday.



Merv Dellar... back from injury.

BALL SPONSORSHIP

CLAREMONT sponsors and members are getting their kicks out of home games — by sponsoring a football.

Six footballs are used at every home game and for \$60 sponsors can have their name included on a special board in the members lounge.

Last week's ball sponsors were club president Peter Kyle, vice-president Lou Mutch, Black Douglas Scotch Whiskey, general manager Allan Moore, league manager Jim Cross and the Brayshaw family.

SWINGING ALONG

TICKETS are selling fast for South Fremantle's players' cabaret at Fremantle Oval this Saturday. It is expected to be a terrific evening with music provided by Sandshoes, starting at 8pm and running late. For ticket information contact the club office (335 1555) or any senior player.

Campbell joins 200 Club

EAST Perth will welcome the 14th member of their 200 Club when Grant Campbell reaches the double-century milestone this Saturday.

Campbell, a 27-year-old school teacher, graduated to East Perth from the Dianella Junior Football Club and made his senior debut in 1978 — as a 16-year-old.

In his second season of league football he won a special award sponsored by Coca-Cola and Radio 6PM that took him to America after being judged the game's most promising young player-of-the-future.

Campbell has been a stalwart in East Perth's recent young sides, topping the goalkicking for the club in the last two years and winning the Royals fairest and best award in 1984.



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Macdonald earns a spell in attack

AFTER nearly four seasons and almost 50 games carving out a reputation as a defender, John Macdonald is learning all about the joys of being a forward.

The rugged South Fremantle star has been used in attack by coach Stan Magro in recent games as he develops added versatility in the Bulldogs line-up.

Macdonald, 24, joined South from Pinjarra to make his debut in 1985 and at one stage last year he was being touted as a likely State half-back of the future.

But this season, as the Bulldogs

surge towards the top of the table, Macdonald has kicked nine goals and could easily have given that tally a bigger boost if he had been on target last Saturday, posting 4.4 from his eight strong marks and 10 kicks.

He first served notice of his goal-kicking potential with a five-goal haul against Perth three weeks ago and he looms as a valuable member of the varied South attack that can boast big-marking men like Craig Edwards, Steven Grant and Glen Jakovich.

"I like it up in attack," says Macdonald. "It's a change from defence, where I had to curb my tendency to fly for marks; learning to be more defensive instead."

Macdonald had previously played at full-forward in his younger days, but this current stint in attack is his first with the Bulldogs league side.



ON THE BALL

with ALAN EAST



John Macdonald... enjoying the forward line.

Nervous Matera right off target

DASHING South Fremantle midfielder Peter Matera was on the ball with his scintillating 30-possession effort against East Perth — but he was right off target with his kicking.

The 20-year-old, now in his third season of league football, played himself into the State squad with some outstanding performances as a ruck-rover

or in the centre in the early games of this season.

His 27-kick, three-handball and seven-mark performances against the Royals was marred only by some nervous shooting at goals — he kicked 1.7 on a day that State selectors Mal Brown and Bryan Cousins were watching his performance before they finalised the team State-of-Origin team to play Victoria.

"I guess I was a bit nervous," said Matera after the game. "I've been thinking about the State match ever since I was included in the initial squad."

"I have been trying to pace myself a bit lately as I often run out of steam by running too far early in matches."

"I felt good against East Perth; but I don't know why my kicking boots let me down."

Matera, at 180cm, is 10cm taller than his elder brother Wally, who moved from the West Coast Eagles camp to Fitzroy this year, where he is proving to be a strong and consistent rover.

Matera's early football at Wagin was on a wing, but he has been cultivated as a half-forward in his early games with South Fremantle, allowing him time to develop. His switch to ruck-roving, with spells alternating in the centre with Maurice Rioli, gives South plenty of flexibility this season.

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INJURIES MEND

SWAN Districts pair Mick Grasso and Shane Renfree both had thumb and wrist plasters removed respectively this weekend and are hopeful of a return to league football shortly. Joe Ahmat, recruited back from Claremont before being injured a week before the first round, played in the reserves against West Perth last Saturday. He performed well and showed no effects of his knee injury.

GUILD SUNDOWNER

THE WA Football Media Guild is holding its first Sundowner for the year at League Headquarters this Sunday after the West Coast Eagles clash with Melbourne. Starting at 3.30pm, drinks and eats will be available.

Big day for Craig Nelson

FOOTBALL has served up some frustrating seasons for big West Perth ruckman Craig Nelson — but it was rewarded last Saturday when he notched his 100th senior game.

After making his league debut in 1983, graduating from Mukinbudin, Nelson has had his fair share of setbacks through injury and the occasional spell in the reserves.

His greatest disappointment was in his second season when he went so close to earning State selection — being dropped off the final 21 at the last minute for a clash with South Australia.

PETER THE GREAT

THREE weeks ago Claremont coach Gerard Neesham was singing the praises of team-mate Peter Thorne. Neesham said: "There is a vacancy on the West Coast Eagles players list and coach John Todd could do far worse than select Thorne." His words were certainly vindicated again last Saturday as Peter (the Great) Thorne dominated the ball. The 29-year-old rover had 46 possessions for the match (27 kicks and 19 handballs), plus 15 marks. Currently Thorne is quoted at 7/1 for the Sandover Medal, but another performance like that and he could soon be joint favourite with team-mate Ben Allan at 4/1.

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Taylor perseveres . . . and goes to the top

WHEN veteran Subiaco rover Neil Taylor makes his club record 253rd appearance this Saturday, it will be just reward for a man who has endured most of the high and lows in the game.

Breaking Colin Williams' 15-year-old record will not only be a tribute to Taylor's football perseverance but more importantly, his character.

The character test is the hardest of all examinations to pass and, unquestionably, Taylor has managed it with distinction.

Taylor has served Subiaco with unwavering loyalty since 1975.

For 10 years he suffered the agony of losing. Indeed, the Lions won only 52 matches from a possible 210 between his league debut and 1984, finishing in the bottom two positions on the premiership table eight times.

It was even mooted in that period that Subiaco should be annexed from WAFL competition in preference for a more competitive team.

Dark days

Those were dark days for the Lions and it would have been far simpler for "Tails" to accept unofficial invitations to join more successful clubs like East Fremantle and East Perth.

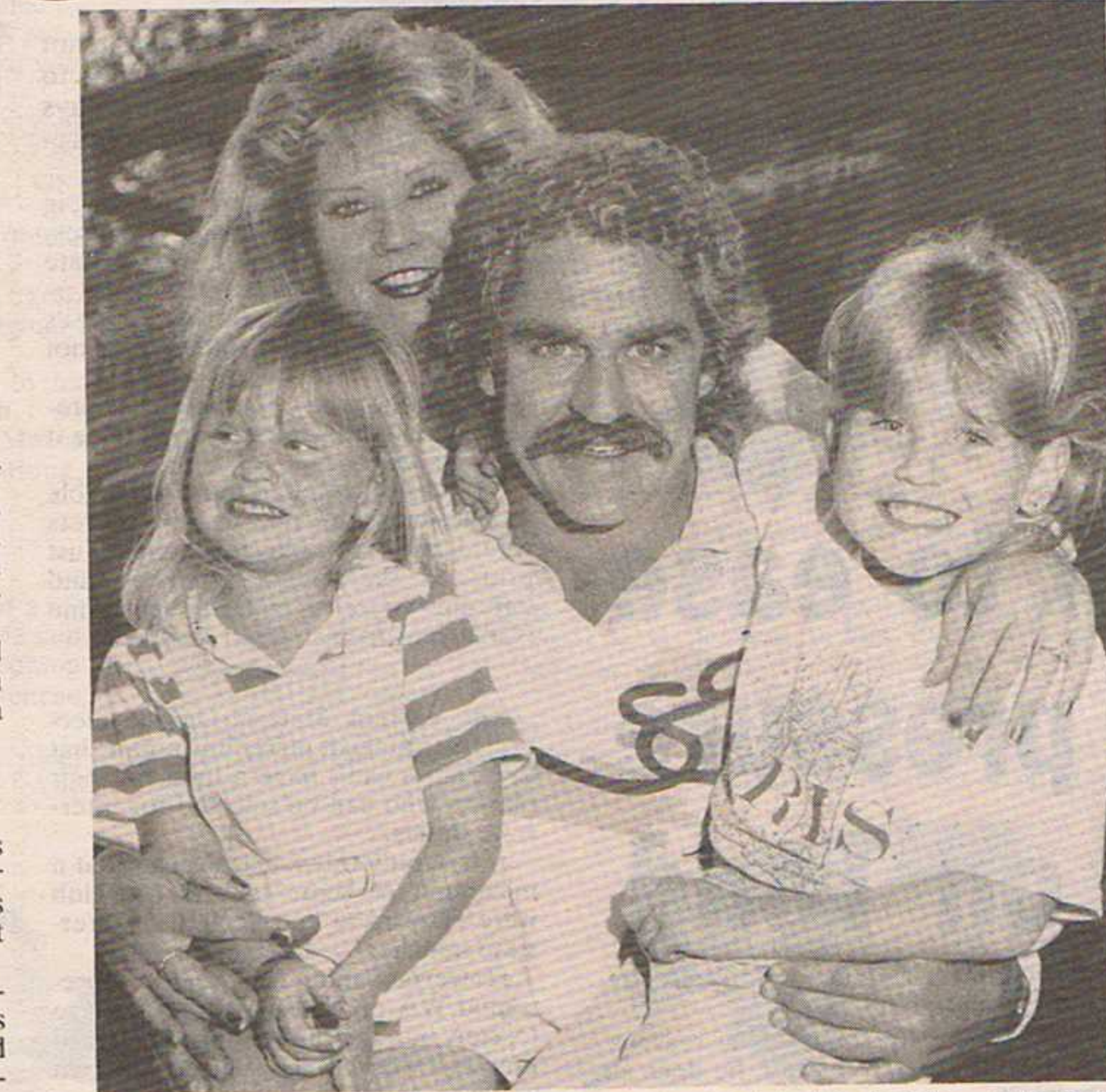
But the easy way out was not Taylor's style and his perseverance was justly rewarded with successive grand finals from 1985 to 1988, with premierships in 1986 and last season.

"You can't imagine what a relief it was to play in the finals," Taylor said.

"Each season we had been asking ourselves if next year would be any better and it wasn't — until we made the finals in 1985.

Though we were terribly disappointed at losing to East Fremantle by a kick, at least the club had turned the corner.

"A lot of the guys in that team like Laurie Keene, Warren Dean and my brother Brian, had all played in the



Neil Taylor is the centre of attraction surrounded by his family — wife Peta and daughters Jacqui, 4, and Natalie, 6.

Photo: George Temple.

reserves 1984 grand final and were still very inexperienced.

"We knew that if we kept working hard, we might go one step further the next year. And we did.

Emotional

"It was very emotional for all of us and I didn't know if people realise just how emotional players become when

they win premierships. You work together to achieve one goal as a team and when you do it, it means all the hard work has been for something. It's a feeling you have to experience to understand fully."

Aptly, Taylor was one of the engineers in that Lions premiership.

His work around the packs and ability to get the ball into the forward line quickly allowed the likes of Todd Brennan, Stephen Sells and Andrew Macnish to capitalise for their 69-point grand final victory.

Taylor said that he was trying to approach this week's game like any other match.

"But that's an impossibility," he said. "I know that as we prepare to run out onto the field, a lot of memories will rush through my head. Some about the good days, some not so good and sure, I'll have a lump in my throat."

Ironically, the man whose record he will break was one of his early football mentors.

After playing in the 1974 colts premiership team, Taylor was picked in the 1975 league squad.

"Pre-season we worked in groups at training and as it happened Colin Williams was in charge of my group," he said.

"I didn't have a car then, so Colin used to drive me to training and on the way we'd talk football. And the more you talk to these people, the more you learn about the game and yourself."

At the start of this season, Taylor had played 246 league games and last

Saturday he surpassed Austin Robertson's mark of 251 appearances.

"I was very young when Austin was playing," Tails said.

"And to be truthful, I wasn't even a Subiaco supporter. I was born in Cottesloe, so Claremont was my team.

"But I remember the day Austin kicked 15 goals on Frank Sparrow to get the Australian record. My friends and I were at Claremont Oval, but we decided to head off to Subiaco to see if Austin could do it.

"I think we saw the last three or four goals."

However, there was a player in that game who would later have a big influence on the then 10-year-old Neil Taylor.

"I was impressed with Haydn Bunton," he said. "As usual, he was controlling everything and it was his arrival at Subiaco in 1984 that turned it around for us. He's played a big part in my career."

Reputation

Taylor also attested to Bunton's reputation that he can be a hard taskmaster.

"I remember a couple of pre-season trips to Hawaii and Penang.

"They might sound like nice places to go, but we had some pretty regimented training. Penang was the hardest at the start of the 1987 season.

"We got up and trained for three hours from 7am, every day for a week. It was very humid and Bunts had us running up and down mountains. Don't you think we were glad to get back home!"

The other big influences on the football career of this record-breaking rover were his father Ray and former Subiaco coaches Brian Douge and Ken Armstrong.

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A VISIT by former West Perth ruckman Bill Dempsey to his old stamping ground in the Northern Territory two years ago has yielded three new stars for the Falcons this season.

Dempsey, assistant coach to George Michalczuk and a former Buffalo's player in Darwin watched trio David Ross, Kevin Quall and Gred Woodroffe and under 19 prospect James Sing during a 1987 visit back home.

"I could see that they had the makings of WAFL players," Dempsey said. "We asked them down this year and they've certainly done well."

"Ross had a particularly fine debut against East Fremantle a few weeks ago."

"It was Dempsey's West Perth connection that attracted the four players from the Northern Territory's 1988 premiership team."

"I told them that West Perth would do the right thing by them," said the man who played 343 games for the Falcons.

Dempsey, who's heading back to Buffalo again next month, describes himself as George Michalczuk's second-in-charge.

Trainers

"We talk about what's going on during the game," he said. "It's a case of two heads being better than one."

Trainers John Magor and Ray Schofield have been life-long friends and have been involved with the Falcons for more than 30 years.

Schofield, who made 277 league appearances for the club, was Magor's reserves coach between 1956 and '58. Magor, now West Perth's head trainer, also made two league appearances during that period.

And while Schofield turned to a role as a trainer after retiring as a player in 1959, Magor did not become a tape and rub-down man until 10 years ago. However, he had served the club in numerous other capacities.

Magor, who co-ordinated the back-room staff for Western Australia in the State-of-Origin clash at the WACA Ground on Tuesday night, said that every West Perth trainer is a member of the WAFL Trainers and Propertyman's Association.

"We attend monthly lectures on injuries and have all received instruction in resuscitation," he said. "Fortunately no-one has had to use it yet."

Magor added that Roy Ennis, West Perth's head trainer when he and Schofield were players, still helps out at training on Monday nights.

Long service

While Magor has been with the Falcons for 33 years, both Schofield and propertyman Joe Barron boasts service of 46 years.



THE DEMPSEY CLAN... Falcons assistant coach Bill Dempsey with some of his Darwin recruits (from left) David Ross, James Sing, Kevin Quall and Greg Woodroffe.

Stan Hart is another life-long supporter at West Perth and is currently helping out as team manager.

"I've always been a picket-kicker," he said. "And I've been in this job for six years."

"I'm responsible for the players being at training and getting to the games on time. I also liaise between

George and reserves coach Peter Curley."

And so one-eyed West Perth is Hart that his favourite footballer is Brian France.

"I carried Brian's bag in his first league game against Perth at the WACA Ground and in my opinion he's the best centre-half-back this State has ever produced," he said.



FALCONS workers... LEFT: Veteran trainers Ray Schofield and John Magor. ABOVE: Stan Hart has a word to Gavin Howlett.

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THIS year's CIG Shield for lower secondary school teams is underway with a record number of competitors.

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"CIG's total sponsorship has now reached nearly \$100,000 and that's a great contribution to young footballers and football in this State," said Mr Cook at the competition launch at League Headquarters.

"They are a group of people who have had the courage to sponsor the development of football and back in 1983 they were pioneers in that area."

"I don't know if we can improve on the numbers anymore; what we have to do now is work on the quality of competition."

Honours

CIG games are played on Monday afternoons and the competition began on May 15. Over the years the Shield-winning honours have gone to both Government and non-government schools and no school has been successful more than once.

Winners since 1983 have been Belmont, Christ Church, Aquinas, Hamilton, Trinity and Guildford Grammar.

The final will be played as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles versus Geelong match at the WACA Ground on Friday, August 18.

The winning school will receive the CIG Shield and a \$500 voucher for the purchase of sporting equipment.

The best player afield will be awarded the CIG Medal and the runners-up will be awarded a \$250 voucher.

Youngsters head for the city

YOUNG footballers from all over the State will travel to Perth at the end of next week for the PIBA Championships.

All eight league clubs will be represented by their country zone at the country under-17s carnival, which will take place on May 27 and 28.

A lot of the boys taking part are playing A-grade or senior football for their country leagues and are missing a fixture to travel to Perth with the hope of representing their State later this year. After the country all-stars play the city all-stars, the best country boys will be chosen for the Teal Cup squad, who will prepare for next month's championships.

While in the city, the teams will take the opportunity to watch their WAFL club in action on Saturday afternoon after the first championship games are decided on Saturday morning.

Town and Country Little League

EAST Perth's long journey to Fremantle Oval paid off when they beat South Fremantle in the Town and Country Little League last Saturday.

Trent Fitzpatrick, Robert Abbey and Andrew Ponsford guided the Royals to victory despite some great opposition from Bulldogs Dale Dool, Mark Paterson and Brendon Green.

West Perth pleased their home-ground supporters with a hard-fought victory over Swan Districts at Leederville. The Falcons were led by Dowling, Owens and Thompson and Swans best were Taylor, Falcon and Rewga.

East Fremantle defeated Subiaco at Subiaco Oval with the Sharks inspiration coming from Burrell, Poynton and Detata, while Cunningham, Bowrawlt and Hepworth were best for the Lions.

At Claremont Oval, the Tigers held off a determined Perth side to run out winners thanks to fine performances from Bartle, Panottdis and Detata. Best players for Perth were Taylor, Trinder and Martin.

Country schools in action

IN keeping with the Quit Cup tradition of supporting big State and VFL games, another school clash was played as a curtain-raiser to Tuesday's interstate battle.

Merredin and Northam senior high schools left home for the WACA Ground early on Tuesday morning to clash in their Quit Country Challenge later in the afternoon.

The Eastern Districts Football League contributed \$400 to the Merredin team's travelling costs and a busload of 50, including the school principal, water girls and other members of the local community joined the trip.

Merredin coach Ken Duffy and Northam coach Mike Redwood, along with their players, enjoyed the experience of playing under lights at one of Australia's greatest sporting arenas. Merredin won 8.16 to 8.11.

Close games in Quit Cup

QUIT Cup zone Graham Farmer — Black in the north-west region, had the two closest games of the day last Wednesday when two points were the deciding margin in both clashes.

Scarborough and Greenwood scraped home by two points to both put back-to-back wins together and record their second victories of the year.

Scarborough scored an upset win over Balcatta, who had notched three wins from three games.

Maddington also lost their first game of the season to Clontarf, who made it three wins in a row and Thornlie got up to win their first game of the season when they defeated Forrestfield.

Round four Quit Cup results were:

North West Region — Barry Cable: Carine 10.4 b Craigie 2.6; Carine 10.10 b Aranmore 6t.5; Warwick 13.12 b Craigie 2.2; Newman 14.4 b Churchlands 6.5. Graham Farmer Blue: Sacred Heart 13.19 b Wanneroo 5.2; Ocean Reef 14.12 b Woodvale 1.2; St Stephen's 17.8 b St Mark's 1.2; Duncraig 17.21 b Prindiville 1.0. Black: Greenwood 10.5 b Servite 8.14; Scarborough 7.3 b Balcatta 6.7; John XXIII 13.6 b Swanbourne 3.2. South West Region — Barry Cable: Applecross 12.10 b John Curtin 1.4. Graham Farmer: St Brendan's 7.7 b Melville 6.6; Corpus Christi 7.4 b All Saints 4.6; Safety Bay 10.8 b Leeming 5.8. North East Region — Barry Cable: Chisolm 7.15 b Mt Lawley 3.1; Girrawheen 13.9 b Lockridge 0.4; Eastern Hills 9.5 b Hampton 5.5. Graham Farmer: La Salle 5.13 b Morley 2.2. South East Region — Barry Cable: Thornlie 7.4 b Forrestfield 4.6; Lynwood 6.6 b St Norbert's 3.6; Mazonod b Gosnells. Graham Farmer: Armadale 7.9 b Como 3.6; Clontarf 12.4 b Maddington 5.4; Kewdale 17.14 b Rehoboth 1.0.

TOYOTA CUP

North Innaloo notch their first win

NORTH Innaloo had their first win in five games in the East/West Perth zone with a victory over Balga last Sunday — and Tigers Cup team Carine had an incredible 60 scoring shots against Scarborough when they kicked 28.32 (200).

Those were just two of the highlights of last weekend's Toyota Cup matches, which saw the Swan Districts zone have the closest games of the day.

Only two points separated Swan View and Eastern Hills and seven points divided Bassendean from Redcliffe. Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

Tigers Cup — Marist 22.13 (best: Connell) d West Coast 13.2 (Bastian), Carine 28.32 (Williams) d Scarborough 4.3, Karrinyup 16.10 (Davis) d North Beach 12.13.

Swan Districts — Bassendean 10.6 d Redcliffe 8.11, Swan View 8.13 d Eastern Hills 9.5.

East/West Perth — Bombers 16.22 (Lynch) d Cougars 13.6, Bayswater/Morley 29.21 (Rosorio) d Swanleigh 2.0 (Tapper), North Innaloo 14.13 (Wilding) d Balga 6.6 (Clinch), Noranda 15.14 (Watson) d East Perth/Highgate 4.7 (Silich).

South/East Fremantle — Rossmoyne 25.8 (Bodey) d Cockburn 15.15 (Romaniello), Lynwood 17.17 (Burgess) d Kardinya 6.8 (Cross), Karoonda 29.14 (Kummel) d Applecross 8.6 (McDonald), East Fremantle 25.8 (Lyngaae) d Willetton 8.9 (York).

South Suburban/Perth — Armadale 15.11 d Maddington 1.8, Belmont 9.11 d EaSt Victoria Park 8.12, Gosnells 12.7 d Roleystone 6.13, Kenwick 14.3 d Kelmescott 8.4, Thornlie 12.10 d Forrestfield 6.8.

Subiaco — Whitfords 25.10 d Kingsley 16.12 (Morrell, Anderson, Shelley, Dohler, Kane), Warwick 13.18 (Dunn, Bennett, Cross, Thorn, Walker) d Wanneroo 11.21 (Quinschofield, Hunter).

Congratulations to Aaron Taylor, who played his 150th game for Gosnells on Sunday.

Coaching course on June 8

THE next Level One coach course will start on June 8.

The first "Aussie Footy" course for the year has been filled with the Claremont Junior Football Club nominating 16 coaches and Forrestfield eight.

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Nine-goal Watson the hero

ARMADALE full-forward John Watson continued his good form with a nine-goal haul for the Demons in their 24-point win over Kelmscott in the south of the river derby.

Watson, who led and marked strongly, was the main architect in the Demons' fine win.

Utility player Glen Shuttleworth made several WAFL clubs sit up and take notice of his ability.

Shuttleworth played superbly in the midfield, especially in the first half when the Demons laid the foundations for victory.

Defenders Don Durnin, Scott Wilcox and David Wedge underlined the Bulldogs' lack of a goal-scoring rover when they gathered the loose ball time after time.

The loss caused Kelmscott to drop out of the top five for the first time this season.

The Bulldogs urgently need another ruckman and also a class rover to get to the fall of the ball especially within scoring range.

Armadale have another tough game this week at home and it will be interesting to see if coach Kevin Worthington can bring his team up to the same heights.

Kelmscott also face a tough encounter at Burrendah against Willetton.

Another loss could see the Bulldogs start to lose contact with the top five.

Roos romp in

WANNEROO outgunned a lacklustre Mandurah combination at Rushton Park to record their most impressive win of the season.

Wanneroo are steadily regaining their 1988 form and each week are looking more invincible.

Goalkicking forwards Tony Fullgrabe and Tony Fraser each had a day out, booting eight and nine goals, respectively.

With the possible inclusion of ruckman Jon McElwee and forward Troy Wynne returning from the East Perth reserves, the 1988 premiers are looking good for another flag.

Mandurah forward Steve Schmidt (six goals) and centre-half-back Roger Wren were good players for the South-erners.

Jago all go

KENWICK'S Arthur Jago returned to the league team against South Perth and celebrated by kicking nine goals and lifting the Royals to a 56-point win.

Paul Mulvey contributed six goals. The win enabled the Royals to move back into the top five and in they win three of their next four games with Mandurah (home), Wanneroo (away), Canning (away), and Armadale (home) they should be back on course for a finals appearance.

South Perth finished the game strongly, outscoring Kenwick in the final term.

South Perth travel to Wyong Oval this Sunday to do battle with neighbours Canning.

Off target

WILLETTON, though winners by 94 points over Thornlie, should have won by a far greater margin.

Goalfront inaccuracy, especially in the second quarter when they kicked 3.13 and held the Lions scoreless, did not please the Blues supporters as percentages often play a big part in the 14-team competition.

Ruckman-forward Steve Bingham continued his good form with seven majors.

The Blues take on Kelmscott in round six and should welcome back injured players Gavin Wake and Steve Perejmbda but have lost youngsters Wayne Woolfitt and John Sgrambeluri.

Giants at home

MADDINGTON'S first-round win against Wanneroo and the 46-point win over Canning last Sunday confirmed that the Bulls are heroes at home and lambs away.

This Sunday they take on Armadale at Gwynne Park in what could develop into the match of the round.

Maddington had 11 players who contributed goals in their big win.

Injuries and a loss of form by experienced players continue to plague Canning.

hero



Utility player Peter Wearing and rover Sean O'Brien both appear unlikely to play again this season because of knee injuries.

To add to Canning's troubles, the form of Charlie Schuiling, Graeme Carter and Peter Bosustow has been inconsistent.

Riding high

GOSNELLS retained top spot with a 69-point victory over Kalamunda.

Apart from their final-term fade out, the Hawks dominated the match to record their 14th win out of 15 club fixtures in 1989.

Peter McGilvray booted seven goals for the Hawks.

Kalamunda lost David Anderton early after he had taken a heavy knock.

The Cougars have the opportunity of winning their first game this season when they play Thornlie at Ray Owen Reserve, Lesmurdie, on Sunday.

Hawks humbled

APPLECROSS, who showed desperation in their wins over Willetton and Kalamunda, were hopelessly outclassed by Osborne Park.

The 84-point loss was devastating for Hawk supporters and registering one solitary point in the final quarter was a pitiful performance.

The Saints' Matt Cullen put in a six-

SUNDAY LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	5	5	-	521	236	220.76	20
WANNEROO	5	4	1	641	351	182.62	16
OSBORNE PARK	5	3	2	509	365	139.45	12
WILLETTON	5	3	2	425	323	131.57	12
KENWICK	5	3	2	455	415	109.63	12
Kelmscott	5	3	2	446	414	107.72	12
Armadale	5	3	2	427	501	85.22	12
Canning	5	2	3	521	416	125.24	8
Maddington	5	2	3	461	451	102.21	8
Applecross	5	2	3	413	541	76.34	8
South Perth	5	2	3	355	497	67.40	8
Mandurah	5	1	4	433	557	77.73	4
Thornlie	5	1	4	318	609	52.21	4
Kalamunda	5	-	5	282	511	55.18	-

Metropolitan League

Club	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
MUNDJONG	4	4	-	486	332	146.386	16
PINJARRA	4	3	1	542	267	202.996	12
KWINANA	4	3	1	452	288	156.944	12
MIDLAND	4	2	2	482	277	174.007	8
Fremantle	4	2	2	383	403	95.037	8
Manning	4	1	3	297	397	74.811	4
Mosman Park	4	1	3	219	457	47.921	4
Cockburn	4	-	4	175	615	28.455	-

goal effort to again show his class.

The possible loss of this player for personal reasons will leave a gap in the Park's forward line as he has been a key player this year.

Former East Perth player Gary Batt made an impressive debut for Osborne Park.

Batt, playing under a weekly permit, showed he could develop as a top player in Sunday football.

It is disappointing that some WAFL clubs continue to farm out players to SFL clubs not connected with their metropolitan zones.

Perhaps when East Perth want players from clubs within their zone, club officials will have second thoughts about letting them go.

FOCUS ON THE WAFL MINOR GRADES

Swans show grit to move into four

Prime RESERVES

SWAN Districts traded places on the prime reserves ladder with West Perth when they defeated the Falcons in an even game at Leederville Oval last Saturday, 17.22 (124) to 16.17 (113).

West Perth dropped into fifth position, while Swans moved into fourth, only about two goals in percentage from second position.

Swans coach Alan Walker, believes that his team could have performed a lot better, though he was pleased with the win.

"The guys really fought it out," said Walker. "And they showed good character."

"We hung on well in the end and there was only two goals in it. West Perth had the wind and were kicking to the scoring end, but our guys did well to repel their attacks."

"The guys didn't play well enough as a team. In the previous two weeks, they've worked hard as a team and we've grown accustomed to big wins."

Inaccurate

Walker wasn't happy with his side's inaccurate kicking in the crucial third quarter, though he said his the players had received a valuable lesson in how to handle tight situations.

"David Ogg played a terrific game from a half-back flank and on a wing and he's knocking on the door if a position comes up in the league team," said Walker.

The Swans coach also praised Mick Hastie, Len Gandini and under-19s graduate, Steven Eaton.

"It is hard to get a game at Swans in the league or the reserves," Walker said. "There is a very fine line between who plays league and who sits on the bench in the reserves."

Claremont came from three goals behind at half-time to scrape home by one goal over a determined Perth side, 15.12 (102) to 14.12 (96).



Len Gandini ... back in action.

This win put Claremont on the top of the ladder with 20 points, one game clear of a three-way battle for second between Perth, South Fremantle and Swan Districts, all with four wins.

East Fremantle controlled the game at league headquarters from the outset and ran out winners by 64 points, 16.12 (108) to 5.14 (44).

South Fremantle also recorded a healthy 39-point victory over East Perth at Fremantle Oval, 20.14 (134) to 15.5 (95).



By TANIA ARMSTRONG

UNDER 19s

Bulldogs jump up the table

SOUTH Fremantle leapt from fifth to third position on the Under 19s ladder with a 23-point victory over East Perth at Fremantle Oval last Saturday, 12.7 (79) to 8.8 (56).

The Bulldogs led the Royals from the outset and were seven goals in front at half-time before East Perth fought back gamely in the third quarter.

"We had a bit of a lapse," said Kevin Cornell, South Fremantle's coach and a former Bulldog premiership player.

"The boys got a tongue-lashing at three-quarter time and we ended up winning by four goals."

"We thought it was going to be a hard game after hearing reports from other teams about the Royals, but apart from the second quarter when we pulled ahead, we were quite evenly matched."

Cornell has been happy with the season so far, apart from his side's losses to Claremont and Subiaco, which were thrashings. He said that last weekend's game was a good performance from the whole team.

"Everyone pulled their weight," said Cornell. "And Steven Pinzone, with three goals as a rover and on a wing, played a great game."

"Paul Watson kicked four goals and took control of the forward line from centre-half-forward."

Very even

Cornell, last year's under-19s assistant coach, said the competition is very even this year compared to last season when the top four sides pulled away from the field into the first round.

"The whole competition has been up and down, with a pretty open competition which is good for the kids," he added.

Swan Districts struggled to shrug off West Perth at Leederville before winning by 13 points, 11.11 (77) to 9.10 (64).

Perth caused the upset of the day when, with only one win, they defeated reigning premiers Claremont, at Claremont Oval, 10.12 (72) to 8.7 (55).

At Subiaco Oval, the Lions won their fourth game of the season with a convincing 29-point victory over East Fremantle, 14.8 (92) to 9.9 (63).

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AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

NOLLAMARA WIN A CLIFFHANGER

INACCURATE kicking almost cost Nollamara their A-grade game against underdogs Innaloo at Yuluma Park on Saturday.

In a hard-fought encounter the Roo's running players brought their side back into the game after giving Innaloo a six-goal start in the first quarter.

Captain Russell Henry, playing from the half-back flank, gave Nollamara a great deal of drive after the early loss of Chris White, with a broken jaw.

Rover Wayne Otway showed his skills on the ball and was unbeaten all day, while Greg Power, playing only his second A-grade game this season, was his team's best player on a half-forward flank.

One telling factor was the positional change of Mark Thompson from the half-back flank to the centre in the final quarter where he showed the importance of getting the ball out of the middle.

Innaloo proved they are not a side to be taken lightly, with an aggressive display of football.

Their good players included Scott Uglow, Glenn Kettlewell and Paul Livington.

Good start

University, with a six-goal first quarter, set up a 13-point win over North Beach.

North got within three points in the final quarter, but could not sustain the effort.

University seem to be heading for their best season since the golden years of the 1970s.

The topsy-turvy from of North Beach, however must have coach Corry Bewick worried and if it continues they will have trouble with Innaloo this week.

Better players for University included Bill Fry, Nick Rohr and Mark Sawle, while Brad Herle, Alan Ryan and Grant Cizens were North Beach's best.

Comfortable

Mt Lawley comfortably accounted for West Coast at Inglewood Oval.

The Hawks centre-half-back, Justin Cook, was impassable all day, while ruck-rover Brad Steven, who came on at half-time, kicked six goals.

Tony McAleer also kicked five goals from a half-forward flank for Mt Lawley.

Inconsistency in the forward line made scoring difficult for West Coast, however coach Tim Gepp and centreman Bernie Dunn gave the Gulls every opportunity.

Jamie Fisher, at centre-half-back, also played well for West Coast.

Finals hopes

Wembley kept their finals hopes alive by downing a hapless Trinity-Aquinas by 32 points.

FIXTURES

A-grade

ROUND NO. 7 — 20 MAY
Trinity/Aquinas vs University, Perth Oval
Nollamara vs Scarborough, Des Penman Res
North Beach vs Innaloo, Leederville Oval
Old Wesley vs Mount Lawley, Fremantle Oval
West Coast vs Wembley, City Beach Oval

B-grade

ROUND NO. 7 — 20 MAY
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Magpies win battle of the backlines

B-GRADE

by
PETER RUSH



DREW Herrington displayed all of his renowned talents as North Fremantle wore Bayswater out to record a 13-point victory at Gil Fraser Reserve in Saturday's B-grade.

In a game dominated by the defences, it was the Magpies who finally got on top after four tough quarters of quality football.

David Houston and Mark Barlow were unstoppable in defence for North, while Darren Pickett led Bayswater's backline.

Other good contributors were Kymon Anderson, Mick Gill and Hohn

Olczyk, for the Magpies and Dave Mueller, Gavin Hughes and brilliant centreman Mick Sterling for Bayswater.

Collegians Old Scotch continued their unbeaten run with a nine-goal win over Swan Athletic.

Rover Murray Brewer gave an outstanding performance for the Lions and finished with eight goals while exciting wingman Andrew Piney kicked five.

Centreman David Barnes and wingman Mick Bowden completed a lethal centreline, while Paul Mitchell and Rob Klug were useful players for Collegians Old Scotch.

Ric Bath and Steve Bertolli were winners for Swan Athletic.

Maylands grabbed third spot by disposing of Mt Lawley by 18 goals.

Tony Underwood, Wayne Eades, Steve Burton, Wayne McKinley, Paul Naughton and Ossie Dikolli were best for Maylands, while Bomber Hughes, Nick Formica, Brad Spencer and Andrew Jeakings were useful for the Hawks.

CBC sounded another warning to the top sides by wiping out Dianella by nine goals, with a powerful second-half surge in which they kicked 13.8 to 2.4.

Gerry Hart, Ross Thompson and Ric Zumach dominated the ground clashes, while Paul Piggot was sturdy in defence.

Graham Howard continued to be his side's main venue of attack, finishing with seven goals. CBC are getting stronger and with Nigel Rogers back from South Fremantle they look likely to issue a serious challenge for this season's finals.

Cockburn Lakes won their second game at injury depleted Curtin's expense. Brendan Taylor, Steve Desmond and Warren Marshall were best for the Tigers.

Maylands versus CBC at Gibbney Reserve looms as this week's game of the day.

The Rams will be keen to win and repay CBC, who walked out on the pre-season carnival after just two games.

In other games, Collegians Old Scotch will beat Mt Lawley, Bayswater will bounce back against Dianella, Swan Athletic will beat Curtin and North Fremantle will strike out Cockburn Lakes.

A-GRADE by TREVOR SCHORER



New State coach Paul Rafter makes a point to his senior players.

The Magpies held an eight-goal advantage at half-time and proved to be the best side on the day at the final siren.

Best players for Wembley included Mark Marshall (wing), rover Kevin Simmons and ruck rover Glenn O'Donnell, while Webb, Miller and Hunter played well for Trinity.

Scarborough came from behind at half-time to win by three points.

The win was more impressive when you consider that their side was badly depleted by injury.

With an average age of 22, the Scarborough side is set for a great future.

Best players for Scarborough included Paul Keenan (playing his first A-grade game), State squad member Jeff O'Brien and Wayne McNeil.

Best for Old Wesley were Kerin Hobbs, David Rankin and W. Morcombe.

MILESTONES

William Langlands — 300 Games.
AFTER starting with Nollamara in 1971, he played in three premierships sides before taking up coaching in 1987.

He won the D-grade premiership in his first year as coach and has continued as an influential player after retiring from coaching last year.

Bill is a life member of the Nollamara Football Club and has served on the committee for many years. He is currently the bar manager of the club's new premises.

He is only the second player to achieve a triple century of games for the Roo's.

Amateurs join in to help football's growth

IT'S a fact — the popularity of football has been declining over the past 10 years.

Fewer people have been taking part in Australian Rules Football every year; less people want to be coaches or administrators, and fewer boys and men want to be players.

And even the spectators are declining in numbers!

Football has problems. In 1984, the problems affecting football were finally addressed and two full-time professionals were employed to concentrate on the "development" of football.

Their work involved identifying the problems and formulating strategies to combat them. Eventually, the workload necessitated the introduction of WAFL club development officers and the introduction of the Football Development Trust.

The FDT was born to encourage as many people as possible to give their time in a meaningful way to football.

Suddenly, football became an "industry of the future" as career paths were set up for coaches, administrators, sports trainers and umpires.

Community

What became most important, was the introduction of future football to the community.

Aussie Footy, the CIG competition, the Quit Cup competition, and Footy Week, a new comradery between various football bodies, the VFL and

WAFL, the WAAFL, the SFL, the Country NFL and the junior football councils, were all committed to one goal:

"Generating interest in football to the younger members of the community and bringing past players back to the game."

Further progress was made with the introduction of the veteran's and Super Rules leagues for players over the age of 35 and the introduction, for the first time in WA, of the Women's Football League.

All of these initiatives are having a profound effect on the fortunes of football in the community. It is therefore necessary to continue them with support from all members of the football family.

Football development is a necessity for the survival and enhancement of the game.

For this reason, the Western Australian Amateur Football League has decided to initiate a development programme in line with the guidelines of the Football Development Trust. The programmes employed will, however, be tailored to suit amateur level football.

The FDT have shown their desire to support the WAAFL Development Plan with personnel, resources and expertise. Their contribution is directed

towards total football development, of which the amateur football competition is an integral part.

The WAAFL executive and the FDT hope all amateur clubs will enthusiastically support their development programme, as this is the surest way to achieve success, which ultimately will ensure Australian Rules Football holds pride of place as Australia's greatest sport.

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Qualities of the ideal coach

THE challenge facing football coaches in today's world of leisure and other counter-attractions is formidable.

The ideal coach must have many different characteristics and 10 desirable traits have been identified as being important in themake up of a potential coach.

The first five — vitality, aim, enthusiasm, personality and character — were explained in a previous article and the final five are now outlined:-

6. INTELLIGENCE
In this case, intelligence does not mean academic prowess, more so it involves curiosity, the ability to carefully observe, scientific analysis of problems, open-mindedness, resourcefulness, ingenuity, originality and creative thinking.

Put simply a coach should be able to make an intelligent appraisal of a situation and to implement wise action.

An intelligent coach must be able to appraise his players and adopt the style of play most suited to their abilities. For example, short, fast players should not be taught to kick long or the high-marking game.

7. KNOWLEDGE OF FOOTBALL
It is obvious that a coach must have an understanding of our game, but how many truly know the intricacies of the game?

It is surprising that very few coaches can claim to have thoroughly read the official law book, yet many will profess to knowing the rules better than the umpire!

It is unlikely that any coach has played in every position on the field himself, therefore he should utilise people who have knowledge to coach players in those positions.

8. TEACHING SKILL
A good coach must be a successful teacher and the following qualities are necessary:

(i) The ability to motivate players, remembering that each player will be motivated in different ways.

(ii) Thorough preparation of training plans and a year-long schedule should be followed so that a team is

developed on a continuum instead of abstractly, which will often result in confusion and disinterest among players.

(iii) Communication with the players. A coach must know what his players want, he must know what he himself wants and ultimately how to express it in a manner that his players will respond to.

Ultimately, the methods used will depend upon the coach and the type of players he controls.

9. SENSE OF HUMOUR
Any manager can tell you that productivity and efficiency is directly related to social enjoyment.

A sense of humour is a quality that is important for successful social interaction. The coach should not take things too seriously and should possess the ability to laugh, especially at himself occasionally.

Be careful not to laugh at your players, but with them. Group cohesiveness is increased with social interaction and laughter.

10. DISCIPLINE
If a coach possesses the other nine qualities then he should have no trouble maintaining self-discipline.

Discipline does not only refer to attitudes present within players, for a coach who does not possess discipline will not cultivate respect from his players.

If a coach shows kindness, help, guidance, together with firmness and regulation, discipline should follow.

Coaches should never bully players; this never brings the best out of them.

In conclusion, the ideal coach should possess all of the qualities outlined above.

However, it is unlikely that any coach ever will.

For a coach to at least try to be the ideal coach, he needs to learn about the players, understand them and attempt to cultivate them, as this should lead towards improvement.

REF: Davey, Dr C. "Qualities Of An Ideal Coach" in NFL Coaches Manual.

AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

HIGHLIGHTS

A COLTS

UNIVERSITY survived a last-quarter surge by North Beach to hold third place on the ladder.

Despite big efforts by Darren Castiglione, Nathan Howatt and Troy Hynam, the Tigers could not keep pace with the more experienced Uni.

Wembley remain the only undefeated team, pushing aside Trinity-Aquinas, while Mt Lawley just fell over the line against West Coast, who are clinging to sixth place. Innaloo jumped into the five for the first time over-running the luckless Nollamara.

D-GRADE

NORTH BEACH No. 2 missed a chance to cement their place in the five after failing in the second and last quarters to match Trinity-Aquinas No. 2.

Chris Caicob, Dave Dowding and Steve Czuzens were under notice for North Beach.

Mundaring sprung the surprise of the round by downing the highly-favoured Applecross.

H-GRADE

BRENTWOOD No. 2 showed their awesome power, averaging eight goals a quarter against an undermanned North Beach No. 3. Chris Pugh, with five goals, Justin Turnbull and Ray Howson battled all day for the Tigers. Norths will have to improve dramatically if they intend playing a part in the finals.

I-GRADE

RAAF Bullsbrook overcame their strongest opponents this season when they came from seven points behind at half-time to beat Swan Athletic by 21 points and keep their unbeaten record intact.

Best players for RAAF included Andy Miller (six goals), Wade Auger and Gavin Taylor (with five goals each), Craig Van Uden, Gavin Winter and Tim Woodward.

B COLTS

COLLEGIANS Old Scotch confirmed their invincible ranking by beating second side Swan Athletic by 15 goals.

Cockburn Lakes defeated Curtin, Dianella beat CBC and North Fremantle won by six goals against Bayswater.

Justin Rowe gave a polished ruck display as Maylands consolidated third spot by disposing of Mt Lawley by 14 goals.

Jacob Bishop, Graham Benain, Matt Priest, Stuart Jefferies and Brett Campbell were other primer movers in the Rams big win.

H GRADE

Maylands won their fourth game in a row by kicking 31.25 to Mt Lawley's 3.5. Mark Dowding was a brilliant forward for the Rams, kicking 7.10, as was Alan Rumble who kicked six goals.

Rob Lee was in everything as a ruck-rover while Brian Lytchfield, Mick Sheedy, Mark Emmett and Tony Barbaro were lively players.

New team in women's league

A FIVE-goal first-half burst from first-year player Yvonne Nouwland earned Innaloo a comfortable 39-point win over newly-formed Curtin in the opening round of the Women's Football League.

Nouwland, who was switched to centre-half-forward after the long break, added just one goal to her tally in her team's 15.5 (95) to Curtin's 8.8 (56) win.

In a game highlighted by a clean brand of open football and some accurate shooting for goal, Innaloo's 1988 fairest and best winner Kara Graham was best-on-ground.

Linley Tailor's experience and skill was inspirational for the young Curtin side.

Experience

In the other match, experienced Mt Lawley easily accounted for Melville.

However, the final score of Melville 15.13 (103) to Mt Lawley's 3.0 (18) belied the overall standard of the match. Both teams displayed some fine passages of play with Bridgette Narrier playing well for the winners.

Melville first-year player Tina Lawson and skipper Lynne Kaye tried hard all day.

This is the second season of the WAWFL and five teams will compete, one more than last year. The 1988 premiers Carlisle had the bye in the opening round.

Most of the rule modifications introduced in the league's inaugural year have been removed except for — 15-a-side teams (no rucks or rovers), restricted soccering off the ground and a reduced playing area.

This week's games are: Melville v Curtin at Melville Reserve and Mt Lawley v Carlisle at Hamer Park.

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AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
A GRADE						
MT LAWLEY	6	5	1	648	539	120.22 20
UNIVERSITY	6	4	2	582	424	137.26 16
NOLLAMARA	6	4	2	612	549	111.48 16
SCARBOROUGH	6	4	2	565	514	109.92 16
NORTH BEACH	6	3	3	629	588	106.97 12
Wembley	6	3	3	495	581	85.20 8
Trinity Aquinas	6	2	4	529	566	93.46 8
West Coast	6	2	4	555	608	91.28 8
Old Wesley	6	2	4	455	567	80.25 8
Innaloo	6	1	6	429	566	75.80 4
B GRADE						
COL/OLD SCTCH	6	6	-	752	468	160.68 24
NTH FREMANTLE	6	5	1	657	503	130.62 20
MAYLANDS	6	4	2	643	478	134.52 16
BAYSWATER	6	4	2	562	475	118.32 16
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	2	4	572	549	104.19 8
Cockburn Lakes	6	2	4	621	689	90.13 8
CBC	6	2	4	577	691	83.50 8
Dianella	6	2	4	482	618	77.99 8
Mt Lawley	6	2	4	413	630	65.56 8
Curtin	6	1	5	457	653	69.98 4
C GRADE						
BASSENDAN	6	5	1	737	394	187.06 20
OSBORNE DIST	6	5	1	648	462	140.26 24
COOLBIN/YOKINE	6	5	1	631	463	136.29 20
NOLLAMARA	6	4	2	659	453	145.47 16
CARLISLE	6	4	2	692	568	121.83 16
Whitford	6	3	3	570	499	114.23 12
University	6	1	5	543	665	81.65 4
Rockingham	6	1	5	507	672	75.45 4
Lynwood/Ferndale	6	1	5	378	649	58.24 4
Morley	6	-	6	258	799	32.29
D GRADE						
WEMBLEY	6	6	-	849	302	281.13 24
WACAE	6	5	1	686	451	152.11 20
SCARBOROUGH	6	4	2	684	489	139.88 16
APPLECROSS	6	4	2	663	478	138.70 16
NORTH BEACH	6	3	3	584	498	117.27 12
Trinity Aquinas	6	3	3	586	546	107.33 12
Melville	6	3	3	564	528	106.82 12
Mundaring	6	1	5	479	706	67.85 4
Brentwood	6	1	6	378	854	44.26 4
Balcatta AICA	6	-	6	239	850	27.79
E GRADE						
JOHN XXIII	6	6	-	870	403	215.88 24
BULLSBROOK	6	6	-	688	342	201.17 24
HAMERSLEY	6	4	2	683	440	155.23 16

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
SAWYERS VALLEY						
HELLENIC	6	4	2	689	482	142.95 16
St Norbets	6	3	3	615	647	95.05 12
R&I	6	2	4	573	663	86.43 8
University	6	1	5	522	710	73.52 4
Forrestfield	6	1	5	418	643	65.01 4
National Bank	6	-	6	290	821	35.32
F GRADE						
WEST COAST	6	6	-	1004	316	317.70 24
MT LAWLEY	6	5	1	593	403	147.15 22
BAYSWATER	6	4	2	672	534	125.84 16
VICTORIA PARK	6	3	2	514	511	100.59 14
NOLLAMARA	6	3	3	590	533	110.69 12
Osborne Districts	6	2	4	359	551	65.15 8
Old Wesley	6	2	4	436	790	55.19 8
Innaloo	6	2	4	328	599	54.76 8
Coolbellup	6	1	5	505	605	83.47 4
Dianella	6	1	5	371	539	68.83 4
G GRADE						
NAVY	6	5	1	898	417	215.35 20
WANNEROO	6	5	1	793	417	190.17 20
COL/OLD SCOTCH	6	5	1	771	467	165.10 20
REDCLIFFE	6	5	1	602	451	133.48 20
GIRRAWHEEN	6	3	3	680	503	135.19 12
North Fremantle	6	3	3	563	655	82.95 12
West Coast	6	2	4	581	576	100.87 8
Ocean Ridge	6	1	5	468	882	53.06 4
CBC	6	1	5	315	940	33.51 4
Swan/Nedlands	6	-	6	374	721	51.87
H GRADE						
WEMBLEY	6	6	-	847	260	325.77 24
UNIVERSITY	6	5	1	677	411	164.72 20
MAYLANDS	6	4	2	699	389	179.69 16
BASSENDAN	6	4	2	761	465	163.66 16
RIVERTON	6	4	2	629	480	131.04 16
Curtin	6	3	3	481	473	101.69 12
Whitford	6	2	4	519	718	72.28 8
North Beach	6	1	5	339	759	44.66 4
Mt Lawley	6	1	5	292	897	32.55 4
East Fremantle	6	-	6	371	753	49.27
I GRADE						
RAAF	6	6	-	784	343	228.57 24
BULLCREEK	6	5	1	631	354	178.25 20
CARLISLE	6	4	2	621	436	142.43 16
SWAN ATHLETIC	6	4	2	713	519	137.48 16
SCARBOROUGH	6	4	2	577	436	132.34 16
Trinity Aquinas	6	3	3	535	530	100.94 12
Osborne Districts	6	2	4	538	626	82.01 8
Lynwood/Ferndale	6	1	5	451	675	66.81 4
North Fremantle	6	1	5	422	632	66.77 4
ANZ	6	-	6	288	1010	31.49
J GRADE						
SWAN VIEW	6	6	-	967	271	356.83 24
MURDOCH UNI	6	6	-	734	255	287.84 24
BAYSWATER	6	5	1	723	358	201.96 20
MORLEY	6	4	2	588	497	118.31 16
WACAE	6	2	4	593	648	91.52 8
Hammersley	6	2	4	478	578	82.70 8
Hellenic	6	2	4	353	672	52.53 8
Coolbin/Yokine	6	2	4	357	707	50.50 8
Innaloo	6	1	5	315	717	43.93 4
Whitford	6	-	6	318	727	43.74

RADIO SHOW
The Amateur Football League now has a football segment on Radio 6NR on Sundays at 12.15pm.

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
K GRADE						
ROCKINGHAM	6	6	-	929	212	438.21 24
COCKBURN LAKES	6	6	-	916	272	336.72 24
WANNEROO	6	5	1	865	446	149.10 20
APPLECROSS	6	4	2	712	517	137.72 16
FORRESTFIELD	6	3	3	441	574	76.83 12
Coll/Old Scotch	6	2	4	563	559	100.72 8
Coolbellup	6	-	6	217	955	22.72
Carlisle	6	1	5	398	722	55.12 4
Bullcreek	6	1	5	397	877	45.27 4
Dianella</						

Country Roundup

Bunbury serve finals warning

BUNBURY confirmed their challenge as serious premierships contenders by overwhelming second-placed Collie in the final term of Sunday's South West fixture at Payne Park.

With the lead changing 10 times in the opening three quarters, the Bulldogs pressure finally paid dividends as the Saints wilted.

Bunbury recruit Chris Slater kicked 11 goals from full-forward as they ran out winners, 20.20 (140) to 14.18 (102).

Collie's Bruce Jackson, who has returned from a spell with West Perth, dominated the ruck, but the Bulldogs trio of Russell Sparks, Kim Gibbs and Greg Fletcher proved decisive.



Peter Old... dominated

Despite a six-goal haul from full-forward Kernut Thorne, Carey Park lost by 15 points to third-placed Mines Rovers.

The Collie-based Eagles secured victory in the closing minutes of a tight game, finally winning 22.13 to 20.10.

Former Carey Park player Michael O'Donohue starred at centre-half-forward for Mines and was well supported by Bradley Marley (six goals), Bradley Bennett and Peter Rowe.

The Panthers, who slipped from sixth to seventh on the premierships table — but remain a game out of the five — were best served by Terry

Boddington top the table

A REJUVENATED Boddington moved to the top of the Upper Great Southern ladder when they beat Towns for the first time since July, 1983.

Boddington won 27.13 to 6.12, with veteran Wayne Coles kicking 10 goals, Craig Sherry seven and David Albury also playing well.

Best for Towns were Tony Duh, Keith Ballard and Brendan Ugle (three goals).

Wickepin (13.16) inflicted the season's first loss on Williams (8.11), causing them to tumble to third spot.

By holding leading goalkicker David Kain scoreless, Wickepin were able to pull off the upset.

Gavin Kerruish, Greg Doyle (three goals) and Kim Melvin (three goals) contributed.

Williams were best served by Stephen Gillett, Michael Kain and Tom Reidy (three goals).

Dogged

Lake Grace (12.10) led for most of the day, but were unable to hang on long enough to register their first win of the season against a dogged Wagin (15.18).

Youngsters Brett Bilston, Paul Hamersley and Gino Matera (three goals) performed strongly for the victors, with Wes Mason, Steven McWhirter and Karl Clarke (three goals) all tiring hard for Lake Grace.

A strong finishing Railways (15.14) ran over Pingelly (13.7) after training by two goals at the last change.

Sean Healy and centreman Les Denholm performed well in midfield, while Dean Winning (five goals) and Jeff Dennis (four goals) were dangerous around the goals. Pingelly were best served by Michael Page, with Robbie Kirk and Brett Blechynden each scoring three majors.

South West League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Harvey-Brunswick	6	6	-	870	267	325.8	24
Collie	6	4	2	583	537	108.5	16
Mines Rovers	6	4	2	686	636	107.8	16
Donnybrook	6	4	2	647	600	91.0	16
Bunbury	6	3	3	654	456	143.4	12
South Bunbury	6	3	3	642	523	122.7	12
Carey Park	6	2	4	631	612	103.1	8
Boy-Capel-Dard	6	2	4	487	715	68.2	8
Busselton	6	2	4	359	787	44.3	-
Aug-Marg Riv	6	-	6	349	787	44.3	-

DEVAUGH

Bruce, Shaun O'Callaghan and Thorne.

Thrashing

Ruthless Harvey-Brunswick continued their march towards the 1989 flag by whipping Peter Featherby's Busselton by a staggering 192 points.

The Magpies, who were scoreless until a minute before half-time, failed to register a goal and were kept to just six points for the game, while the Lions rattled up 29.24 (198).

Harvey-Brunswick dominated with Ross Bindon, Chris Macri, Dean Mooney and skipper Mark Skehan the most outstanding. Busselton had triers in Rodney Griffiths, Ross Gibson and Greg Clifton.

Donnybrook won in convincing fashion against Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup, cementing their place in the five.

Brothers Darren and Shane Atherton combined well with Aaron Parkes and Allen Howlett to blitz the Cardinals 19.20 (134) to 11.12 (78).

Phil Mapoli, Darren Best, Brett Maguire and Michael Rise played well for Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup.

South Bunbury bounced back from their three consecutive losses to record a handsome 92-point win over bottom-placed Augusta-Margaret River, 22.18 to 8.10.

Tigers captain-coach Peter Old dominated and was well supported by Gavin Thornton, Todd Bennell and Des Dann. The Hawks were ordinary throughout and only Neil Earl, in his comeback game, Lionel Wigglesworth and Gary Smith deserve a mention.

Clinics in Albany

THE Town and Country Football Development Trust has completed an extensive football tour of the State's South-West.

In a lead-up to the Claremont vs South Fremantle clash in Albany, FDT co-ordinators Wayne Loxley and Ross Luckman and Claremont players Tony Beers, Peter James, Rob Malone and Anthony Jones serviced the big area in three days.

Primary schools from Mt Barker, Denmark, Cranbrook, Franklin and Rocky Gully took part in "Aussie Footy" clinics, followed by a Hungry Jack's lightning carnival.

Another six primary schools were targeted in Albany two days later.

Secondary schools weren't forgotten either as six South-west schools from Albany, Mt Barker and Denmark played their own Quit Cup competition.

On Sunday, June 4, as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles vs Hawthorn match at Subiaco Oval, a combined Albany team will play a Narragin side in a Quit Country Challenge.

Rovers slip from top

ROVERS slipped from top spot on the Central Midlands league table, despite beating highly-rated Dalwallinu.

After trailing 6.9 to 3.5 at half-time, the Demons produced two five-goal bursts in the final two terms to be nine-point winners, 13.11 (89) to 11.15 (81).

Warriors boosted their percentage and went to the top with a crushing 84-point win over a spirited Watheroo. Warriors kicked 21 goals in the opening three terms to win 23.13 (151) to Watheroo's 9.13 (67).

Inaccurate Dandaragan (15.25) were comfortable 61-point winners over bottom team Bindu-Miling 8.6 (54).

Railways topple unbeaten leaders

NORTH Albany lost their first match in this season's Southern Districts league when they went down to Railways by 20 points on Sunday.

Railways won 18.12 (120) to 15.10 (100) — but still dropped a place on the premierships table, slipping to fourth as South Barker went to third on percentage.

Best for Railways were C. Pearson, D. O'Meara and G. Laudher, with R. Barker and G. Tyson kicking five goals each. North Albany's best were Gerard Cameron, T. Mier and P. Mountford, with Murray Wynne kicking four goals.

South Barker, with P. Winmar and W. Williams posting five goals each, crushed Denmark, 24.25 to 11.10.

Best for South Barker were R. Jones, J. Hank and J. Galantino, while Denmark's best were K. Peal and A. Platter.

Royals held second spot with a 14.25 to 12.11 win over North Barker.

Best for Royals were S. Colbung and Larry Dwyer, with K. Crabb kicking four goals. North Barker's best were I. Higgins and K. Hunt.

Sean Colbung and Gerard Cameron have joined Keith Wynne on eight votes each in the Studio 10 footballer-of-the-year award.

Top trio too good

ALL three top teams won their third-round games in the North Pilbara Football League.

Karratha Kats easily accounted for Wickham — who together with Falcons, have yet to win a game — 16.19 (115) to 3.14 (32).

Falcons were nine-point losers to second-placed Rovers, 10.11 to 11.14 and third-placed Dampier beat the team below them, South Hedland, 18.10 to 12.17 (89).

Country sides in city challenge

A COMBINED Albany side will play a side from Narragin in a Quit Country Challenge at Subiaco Oval on June 4.

The game will be played as a curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles versus Hawthorn match.

The Albany team will be made up of players from Albany, Mt Barker and Denmark and Narragin Senior High School and Narragin Agricultural College will form their opposition.

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COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

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	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Newdegate	4	4	0	796	195	408.20	16
Kent	4	4	0	435	245	177.55	16
Jerramungup	4	3	1	543	264	205.68	12
Gnowangerup	4	2	2	421	409	102.93	8
Borden	4	2	2	438	502	87.25	8
Ongerup	4	0	4	271	432	62.73	0
Boxwood Hills	4	0	4	301	721	41.74	0
Pingrup	4	0	4	225	623	36.11	0

Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	6	5	1	630	394	159.9	20
Towns	6	5	1	613	437	140.3	20
Mullewa	6	4	2	530	432	122.7	16
Rovers	6	2	4	414	507	81.7	8
Brigades	6	2	4	457	582	78.5	8
Northampton	6	2	4	417	556	75.0	8
CValley	6	1	5	467	522	89.4	4

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Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kambalda	5	5	-	671	473	141.9	20
Boulder	6	4	2	831	488	170.3	16
Kalgoorlie	6	3	3	596	603	98.8	12
Railways	5	2	3	431	444	97.1	8
Mines	6	-	6	359	880	32.6	-

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North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Karratha Kats	3	3	0	333	203	164.0	12
Rovers	3	3	0	301	245	122.8	12
Dampier	3	2	1	295	238	123.9	8
Sth Hedland	3	1	2	296	323	91.6	4
Wickham	3	0	3	203	317	64.0	0
Falcons	3	0	3	184	269	68.4	0

Swan Gold

Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Southern Cross	4	4	-	633	194	326.3	16
Beacon	4	4	-	738	233	316.7	16
Bencubbin	4	3	1	512	409	125.2	12
Koorda	4	2	2	453	356	127.2	8
Towns	4	2	2	330	489	67.5	8
Kalannie	4	1	3	274	530	57.7	4
Mukinbudin	4	1	3	267	509	52.5	4
Nungarin	4	-	4	194	677	28.7	-

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Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
North Albany	6	5	1	634	423	149.9	20
Royals	6	4	2	565	514	109.9	16
South Barker	6	3	3	591	501	117.8	12
Railways	6	3	3	591	501	117.8	12
Denmark	6	2	4	466	686	67.9	8
North Barker	6	1	5	404	603	67.0	4

Studio 10

Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boddington	4	4	-	540	294	183.7	16
Railways	5	4	1	460	447	102.9	16
Williams	4	3	1	467	281	166.2	12
Wickepin	5	3	2	419	366	114.5	12
Wagin	5	3	2	492	433	113.6	12
Towns	5	2	3	358	513	69.8	8
Pingelly	4	1	3	377	393	95.9	4
Lake Grace	4	-	4	364	516	70.5	-
West Arthur	4	-	4	255	420	60.7	-

Ron Culleton Wools

Central Midlands

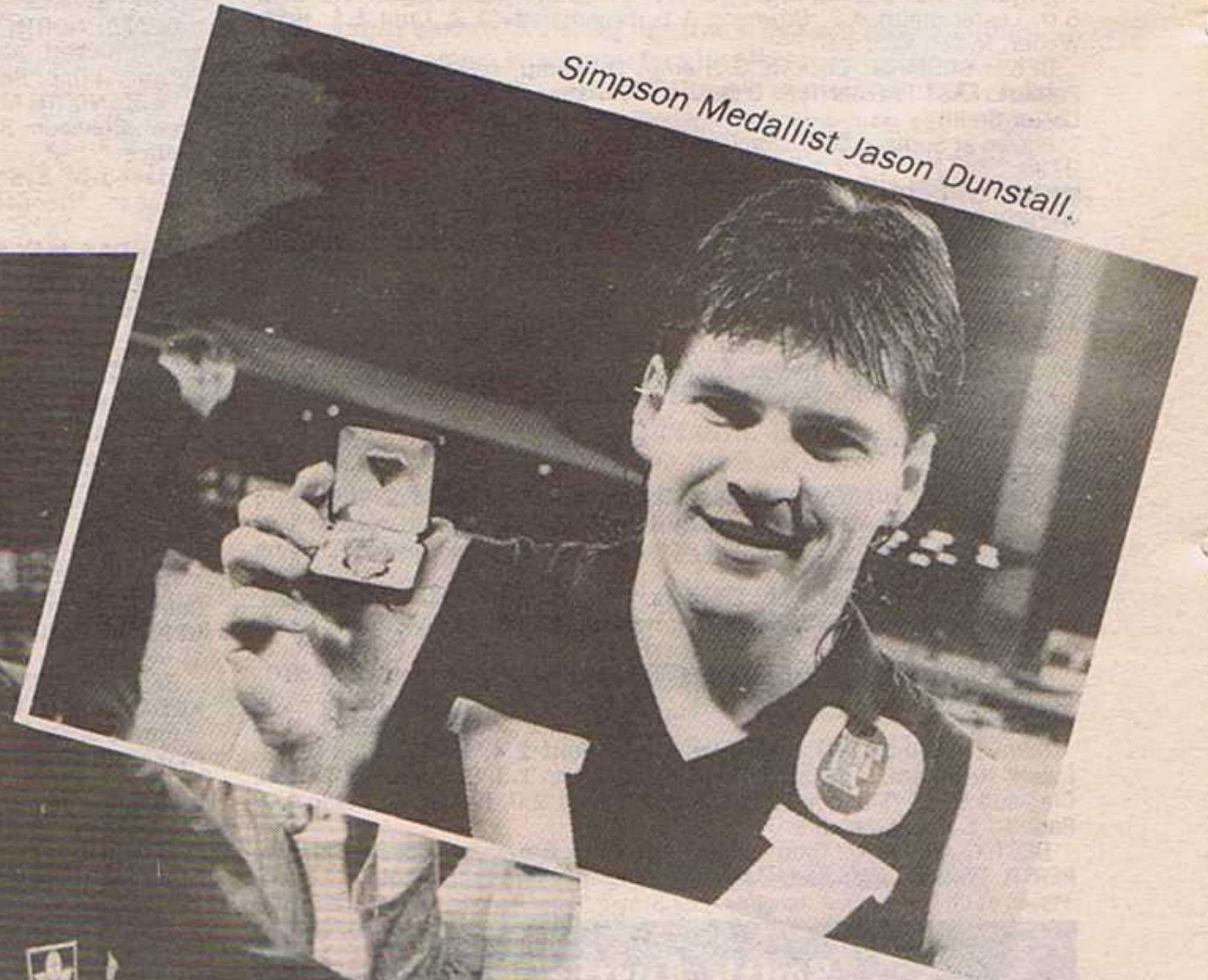
	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Warriors	5	4	1	664	269	246	16
Rovers	5	4	1	592	274	216	16
Dandaragan	5	3	2	419	345	122	12
Dalwallinu	5	3	2	464	385	120	12
Watheroo	5	1	4	286	654	43	4
Bindu Miling	5	-	5	204	690	29	-

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