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## LOCKED IN...

### Eagles will gamble on Andrew's ability

WEST Coast Eagles full-back Andrew Lockyer is a heavyweight in the world of football — and he's shaping up for three rounds with the VFL's most lethal customers.

The rugged Eagle faces three matches in a row opposed to forwards capable of delivering knockout blows to their opposition.

He steps into the goalsquare this Saturday with St Kilda ace Tony Lockett ... and then has to tackle Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall, followed by Collingwood's tough-guy Brian Taylor.

And all that comes after some slugging matches opposed to Dunstall in the interstate arena and former work-mate and team-mate Darren Bennett last Sunday.

#### Punishment

But while the up-coming trio have dished out some heavy punishment to rival full-backs this season — kicking a combined total of 137 goals — the

23-year-old Eagles defender has a few knockout blows of his own in store.

The secret, says Lockyer, is to get them into a one-on-one contest — and that means negating the ball midfield.

"We let Dunstall get a run at the ball in the State-of-Origin match and he killed us," says Lockyer, the one-time Northampton nurseryman.

"We've got to make it man-to-man. The same goes for Lockett and Taylor.

"A full-forward should get four goals a game because that's only four kicks. If we can keep them to that, then we've done our job."

Proof of Lockyer's theory was contained in the Eagles two-point loss to Melbourne at Subiaco Oval last Sunday.

Bennett, a potential Melbourne match-winner, was kept to just two goals by Lockyer.

The strong-marking forward hardly saw the ball with the likes of Chris Mainwaring, Michael Brennan, John Worsfold and Chris Waterman controlling the midfield area.

#### Best best

Eagles coach John Todd says that he has no real hesitation in handing Lockyer the tough job on Lockett.

"Lockett's a great player and he'll always kick his five or six goals," says Todd.

"But Andrew's playing extremely well; moving up the ground better and his kicking has been magnificent.

"He's our best full-back and he'll have the job."

Todd was reluctant to be drawn into comparisons between Lockett and Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall on who would rate as the nation's best full-forward.

"They're both champions," was his only comment, despite considerable persuasion. "We'd have both of them if they offered their services."

However, Guy McKenna wasn't so reluctant to venture an opinion.

"Lockett's a bit slow," he said. "I'd play Geoff Miles on him."

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JULIAN COWAN'S photograph shows Eagles full-back Andrew Lockyer in full flight.

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# IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Footy gossip from behind closed doors



## Holding it all back

EAGLES coach John Todd was in a restrained mood as he met the press after Sunday's two-point loss to bogey team Melbourne. It was obvious that Todd was really holding it all back as his disappointment must have been enormous — especially with all those wasted opportunities. He was polite, terse and to the point as he said that the players tried hard, but nothing was going their way. "They deserve better," he said. The brief interview saw Todd in a sombre mood and he got away as soon as he could — probably to sit and brood on what might have been.

## So near and yet...

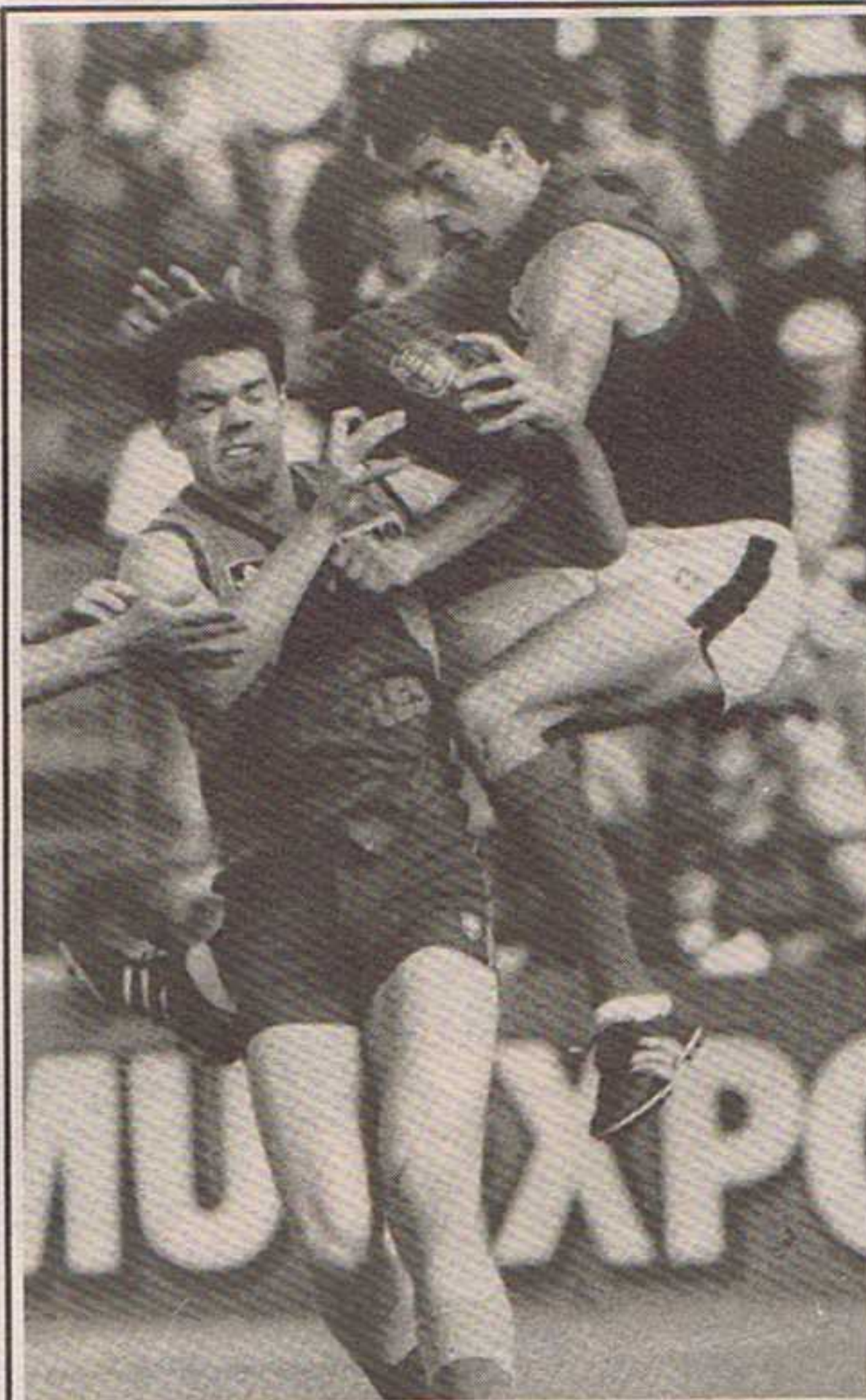
EAST Perth coach Ian McCulloch couldn't believe how close his young Royals had gone to losing against Subiaco, even though victory was always within their grasp. "I was pretty nervous in the 1st quarter," he admitted. "Who wouldn't be? They had worked so hard and to have lost it in those last few minutes would have been a real injustice." Hard work has been Macca's recipe at East Perth in their six-game losing streak — and the win didn't change things. He ordered the customary 8am Sunday training session as usual!

## Quality remains high

LOSING State coach Ron Alexander hasn't lost faith in West Australian footballers. Even though the 22 men he selected to help restore pride against Victoria last week weren't up to the mark, he believes that the quality of players in WA is still high. Speaking on radio 6NR on Saturday, Alexander was quite pleased with his team's effort and rejected suggestions that he could have made better use of WAFL players in preference to some of the out-of-form Eagles men.

## Langdon under fire

RADIO 6PR commentators Percy Johnson and John K. Watts were trying to be supportive of discarded West Coast Eagle Karl Langdon as he played for Subiaco against East Perth on Saturday. Langdon could do nothing right as he over-ran the ball; over-did his enthusiasm and — overdid his acting! At one state when he took a dive into the dirt seeking a free kick for a push in the back, Percy said: "He really puts it on, doesn't he?" JKW agreed, but added: "Acting's half the game when it comes to conning free kicks out of the umpires."



Stevan Jackson marks strongly on Sunday.

## Action Man impresses

STEVAN (Action) Jackson continues to be a surprise success at full-forward or on the ball for the West Coast Eagles. The 192cm 19-year-old from Willagee is not afraid to give his opponents — or the umpires, in the fairest possible way — a bit of stick if he thinks it's necessary. At the same time, his football continues to improve. Jackson took five strong marks against his Melbourne markers last Sunday and, despite being starved of the ball, he kicked 2.3.

## Move the goalposts!

IF the West Coast Eagles continue to lose by narrow margins, they should change their name to the West Coast Almosts — because that is what they are becoming. Not only have the Perth-based team lost by two points or less each of their last three meetings with Melbourne, but have lost their last three VFL matches by a total of 12 points. The Eagles lost to Fitzroy by eight points on May 5, to Richmond by two points on May 12 and then by a further two points against Melbourne last Sunday. This time, inaccurate kicking at goal was the cause for their demise rather than poor team play. The Eagles managed 12.21 against Melbourne, registering 6.16 for the middle two terms. Big ruckman Phil Scott later suggested that the problem could be solved by mobile goalposts.

## McKenna tops poll

DASHING Eagles, defender Guy McKenna was justly rewarded for his 12 kick, 12-handball effort against Melbourne on Sunday when he took out the main awards at the club's after-match presentations. He won the cheer squad's best player award and also the club's official trophy for their best performer. John Annear won the mark-of-the-day; Geoff Miles the goal-of-the-day and Chris Lewis received coach John Todd's award.

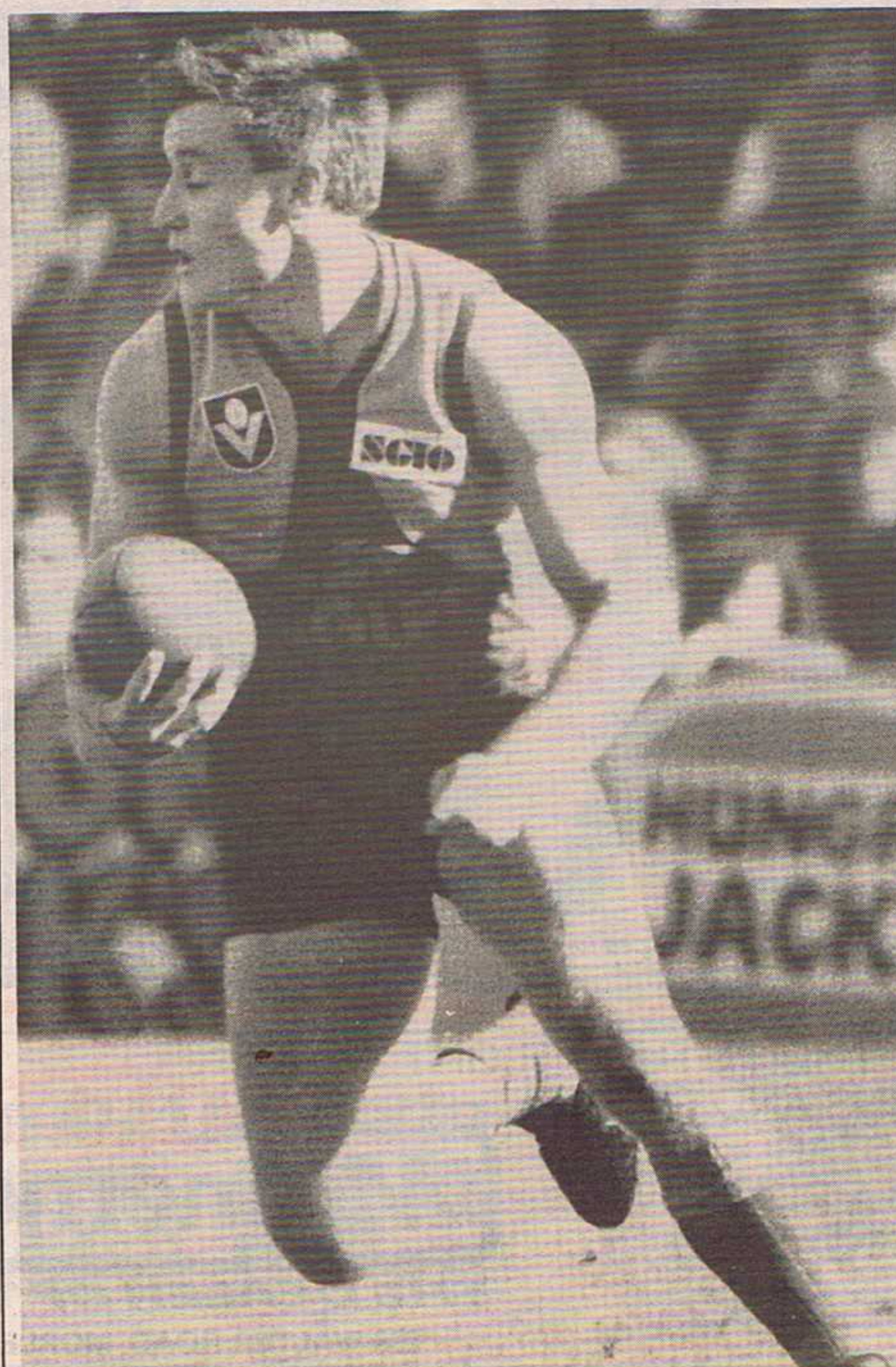
## Royals merger backed

EAGLES coach John Todd sees plenty of merit in the suggestion that the West Coasters could merge with East Perth to field a team in the WAFL. Todd says it's important to have all his players under the one umbrella and merging with East Perth would help achieve that. But he saw problems in relation to other WAFL clubs objecting to their Eagles players going to the opposition when they weren't needed for VFL duties.

## Winter weather arrives

IF Perth's extended summer encouraged you not to take your umbrella to the football, it's time to change! The winter weather has arrived and it was the Victorians who brought it! Ever since the big Vee arrived in town for the State-of-Origin clash last week, winter has been with us and it's here to stay. The rain poured down on most WAFL matches last Saturday and at least one finished in near darkness.

# PHOTO ACTION



## Woosha back in fine form

DASHING Eagles midfielder John Worsfold was back to his best form against Melbourne at Subiaco Oval on Sunday, playing a top game out of the centre. The Eagles fairest and best winner from last season has had a slow start to this year, but his drive and defensive work out of the middle was first-class. He finished with 18 kicks, four marks and three hand-balls and was one of the team's best negators of the classy Melbourne midfield group.



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# TAKE A BOW, MICHALCZYK!

## ALEXANDER'S ANGLE

By State coach  
RON ALEXANDER



GEORGE Michalczyk seems to be getting the best out of West Perth. They don't appear to have the talent of teams like Swan Districts and South Fremantle but are increasingly competitive each week.

They went frustratingly close to beating both Swan Districts and East Fremantle, and now have won three out their first seven.

I expect them to challenge all year for the No. 4 spot, but believe that they are still a little short of ability to seriously threaten Claremont or South Fremantle.

However, football is a game of dramatically changing fortunes and loss of form and injuries to good players in top sides could see the tenacious Falcons cause some real headaches.

Michalczyk, a first-year coach, seems to be settling in to the role quickly, but still makes an occasional mistake.

Knowing the sort of person he is, I have no doubt that he will soon become highly respected in coaching circles.

## Forward line needs support

PETER Sumich has to return to the Eagles forward line — that's my impression after watching the Eagles squander another victory last Sunday.

For the second game in a row, the Eagles maintained complete control of the midfield region... but lost the match.

It appeared at various stages in the second and third quarters that it could be a runaway victory for the Eagles — as it looked against Richmond the previous week.

With a clearly superior midfield and a strong backline, the Eagles are still coming up a little short in attack. The side needs to be better organised going into the forward line.

## No stopping big Jim

JIM Stynes is showing what a great recruit he is.

He taps the ball to his small men with great accuracy and has agility and know-how to back them up on the ground.

In fact, Stynes ground work is a feature of his game and he even uses a short kick at times instead of a handpass.

Barry Richardson recruited both Stynes and Sean Wight, but claims an even greater capture for Australian football would have been Niall Quinn, who was lured away from Gaelic football to play soccer for Arsenal.

## Waterman wasted

CHRIS Waterman, one of the class players in the Eagles line-up, seems to spend too much time being dragged off the field.

His best position is on a wing where he uses his great kicking and marking skills to advantage.

He also has a defensive aspect to his game. If given the correct instruction, he can be one of the most damaging players in the team.

He needs to be placed on a wing...and left there to settle down.



Jubilant Melbourne men Rod Grinter (left) and Jim Stynes.

## How to stop Lockett

WHO the Eagles play on Tony Lockett will be the big football topic this week.

Lockett was the difference between the Eagles and St Kilda in '87 when they played at Moorabbin. He kicked 11 goals, first on Andrew Lockyer and then Ross Glendenning.

He didn't play in '88 when the Eagles beat St Kilda by nine points in a crucial game. Lockett hasn't scored fewer than six goals in a match this year, and each opposing coach has made great plans to counter his brilliance.

The Eagles have to ensure that they cut off his supply of chances by capitalising on their expected midfield dominance and also have their ruckman play about 30 metres in front of Lockett when possible.

The idea is to position the ruckman between the ball and Lockett, but this will be possible only if the Eagles control the midfield.



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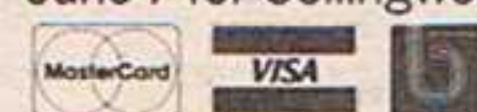
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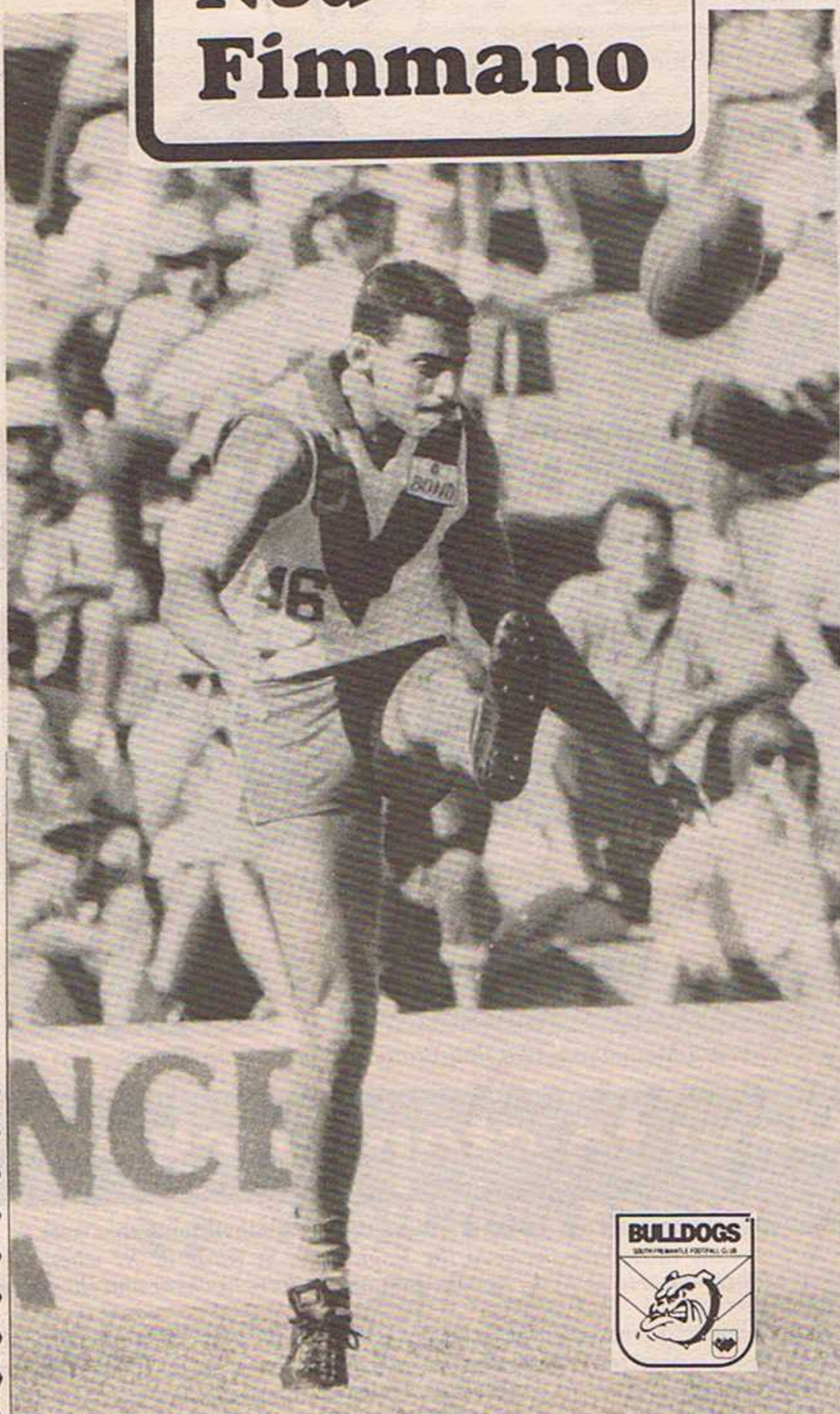
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# PLAYER PROFILES

## Ned Fimmano



Nickname: **Waller**. Why: **Long story**.  
 Date of Birth: **6/9/64**. Place of Birth: **Harvey, W.A.**  
 Height: **185cm**. Weight: **83kg**.  
 Age Started Playing: **14**.  
 Previous Club/s: **Harvey Towns, Harvey Brunswick**.  
 Junior Club: **Harvey Police Boys**.  
 Marital Status: **Single**.  
 If Not Married — Girlfriend's Name: **Suzanne**.  
 Residence: **Hilton**.  
 Occupation: **Boner**.  
 Place of Work: **Sub-contractor**.  
 Other Sporting Interests: **Cricket, squash, basketball**.  
 Favourite Position: **Half-back-flank**. First Position: **Half-forward-flank**.  
 League Debut: **1987**. Versus: **Claremont**.

### FAVOURITES:

Actor: **Tom Cruise**. Drink: **Beer**.  
 TV Show: **Get Smart**. Food: **Spaghetti**.  
 Movie: **Cocktail**.  
 Music: **All Types**.  
 Holiday Resort: **Singapore**.  
 Ground: **Fremantle Oval**.  
 Car: **Valiant Regal**. Favourite Car: **Valiant Regal**.  
 Career Highlights: **1988 1st semi-final**.  
 Worst Moment in Football: **Hamstring injury and losing 1988 first semi-final**.  
 Hard Things in Football: **Training**.  
 Football Idols: **John Fogarty, Brad Shine..**  
 Toughest Opponent: **Brian Peake**.  
 Most Respected Opponent: **Brian Peake**.  
 Most Respected Umpire: **Glen Lee**.  
 Most Memorable Game: **1988 First semi-final**.  
 Ambitions: **A premiership with South Fremantle and to always improve**.  
 What do you like about Football: **Comradeship and the people you meet at the club**.  
 How do you Mentally Prepare for a Game: **Watch Rage on Channel 2 and relax..**  
 Who Influenced Your Career: **Kevin Worthington, Tony Ryan and Stan Magro**.  
 Guernsey Number: **46**.  
 Worst Injury: **Hamstring**.  
 Luckiest Break: **Joining South Fremantle**.



## Clinton Browning



NICK NAME: **Camel**  
 FAVOURITE POSITION: **Centre-half-back**  
 CURRENT POSITION: **Full Forward**  
 NUMBER: **30**  
 DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: **3/7/62**  
 — **Geraldton, W.A.**  
 HEIGHT: **188cm**. WEIGHT: **86kg**  
 RECRUITED FROM: **East Fremantle, Mingenew**  
 FIRST SENIOR GAME: **1981 East Fremantle; 1989 Eagles**.  
 GAMES PLAYED: **3 Eagles, 141 East Fremantle, 4 WA**  
 FOOTBALL HONOURS: **1984 East Fremantle fairest and best; 1985 premiership team**.  
 MARITAL STATUS: **Married to Karen**  
 CHILDREN: **Son, Travis**  
 OCCUPATION: **Finance Broker**  
 SCHOOL/S ATTENDED: **Morawa High**  
 CAR: **Volvo 760GLE**  
 FAVOURITE PASTIMES/HOBBIES: **Golf, Table Tennis**  
 FAVOURITE FOOD: **Mexican**  
 FAVOURITE DRINK: **Beer**  
 FAVOURITE SPORT (OTHER SPORTS): **Anything**  
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: **Ron Alexander**  
 MOST ADMIRER FOOTBALLER: **None**  
 OPPONENTS YOU ADMIRE: **None**  
 MATCH DAY ROUTINE: **Be early to the game**  
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: **None**  
 FOOTBALL INJURIES: **None**  
 BIGGEST THRILL: **Winning the 1985 grand final with East Fremantle**  
 MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: **The 1985 grand final**  
 FOOTBALL AMBITION: **To play in the VFL regularly**



# Eagles No. 1 supporter

# Tough trip for Falcons

SOUTH Fremantle, the glamour team of the WAFL, will return to their home ground this Saturday and a bumper crowd is expected for their Fremantle Oval clash with West Perth.

There is no shortage of feeling between these two sides.

It was in the corresponding fixture last year that the infamous Ned Fimmano-Peter Menaglio incident erupted and the two clubs engaged in an off-field war in the week after the match.

These two clubs, who have traditionally lured the strongest and most vocal of supporter groups, should ensure that they live up to the billing of game of the round.

West Perth wasted an opportunity in the first round when they kicked eight goals in the opening term and still lost to the Bulldogs.

## Tougher

Winning at Fremantle Oval is an even tougher assignment.

The home ground advantage is enormous for the Bulldogs and they are playing an irresistible brand of football.

South continue to promote young talent of great quality and they should be too strong and consistent for the Falcons, who scored a strong win over Perth last Saturday.

If the Falcons are to make the finals, they must beat teams ranked above them on the premiership table. They have not been able to do that this year.

This is an important match in their quest to play in the finals series — but South appear to have too much talent.

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**WAFL PREVIEW**  
by **Gary Stocks**

## Claremont have the Lions on the ropes

CLAREMONT and Subiaco have been the trendsetters in the WAFL in the last couple of years and normally a clash between the two team would loom as an exciting contest.

But not so this time around.

Claremont, under the astute leadership of captain-coach Gerard Neesham, have maintained their high levels of performance, while Subiaco's form is patchy.

They go into this game with a defeat against East Perth fresh in their minds, while Claremont take winning form into the contest.

After the first seven games, the Tigers are undefeated and at the same time, Subiaco's prospects of playing in the finals series is bleak.

Neesham will be anxious for the Tigers to continue their winning football and inflict a defeat on Subiaco, which will make it tough for the Lions to make the four.

Neesham still has memories of the grand final last year — which Subiaco won as rank outsiders — and he has not yet balanced the score in that department.

### THE COVERAGE RADIO

6PR — Saturday 11.50am: St Kilda vs Eagles. Saturday 2.45pm: Perth vs Swan Districts. Sunday 12.05pm: Footscray vs Hawthorn.

6WF — Saturday Noon: St Kilda vs Eagles. Saturday 2.20pm: South Fremantle vs West Perth.

6NR — Saturday Noon: St Kilda vs Eagles. Saturday 2.20pm: East Perth vs East Fremantle.

RADIO WEST — Saturday 2.15pm: Claremont vs Subiaco.

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

CHANNEL 7: Saturday Noon-3pm: St Kilda vs Eagles. Sunday 11am-Noon: VFL highlights, Essendon vs Collingwood. Sunday Noon-3pm: Sydney Swans vs Melbourne. Sunday 3pm-4pm: Highlights, Footscray vs Hawthorn.

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RON ALEXANDER	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Melbourne
ROB BENNETT	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	St Kilda
PETER BOSUSTOW	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	St Kilda
DAVE CLEMENT	20	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	St Kilda
GRANT DORRINGTON	20	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	St Kilda
ALAN EAST	17	Claremont	East Perth	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Eagles
IAN MILLER	16	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	St Kilda
BILL MATHER-BROWN	16	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	West Perth	Eagles
GARY STOCKS	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Eagles
GEORGE TEMPLE	21	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Eagles
PETER VLAHOS	17	Claremont	East Perth	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Eagles
MOST FAVOURED	19	Claremont	East Fremantle	Swan Districts	South Fremantle	Eagles

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## Swans in a mood to get revenge



Danny Penny... vital Swan.

ED Blackaby was a dejected man last Saturday.

An opportunity to move into second place on the premiership table had eluded his team's grasp.

They have the chance to get back on course for a second semi-final spot when they play Perth, at Lathlain Park on Saturday.

Swan Districts have been the surprise of the season so far, winning five of their first seven matches and suffering defeats only at the hands of top sides Claremont and South Fremantle.

### Chances

Swans had their chances last Saturday, but could not finish off their good work.

They responded strongly to their last defeat and Perth could be on the receiving end of their rage this week.

The demons have been erratic, promising a lot on paper, but delivering little on the field. Coach Rob Wiley, normally a placid, well-mannered gentleman, is starting to lose patience and the Demons need to lift otherwise life could "be hell".

## Royals have to start again

WHEN the WAFL season opened seven weeks ago, East Perth were being tipped as an outside chance to make the four.

But they had the tough assignment of tackling East Fremantle first-up, at East Fremantle Oval, after winning three practice games — and a heavy loss destroyed the confidence of the youthful Royals.

After a couple of poundings, the confidence was dented further. But they Royals rebounded last week to beat Subiaco in a thriller and now they are ready to throw out another challenge to East Fremantle.

The Sharks, despite three victories in the opening series, have been struggling for their best form and they were anything but convincing against Claremont last Saturday.

This promises to be a tight contest, but because the Sharks have an edge in experience, they should survive.

## WHO PLAYS WHERE

### 1989 FORM GUIDE

WAFL — Saturday, May 27 (Round 8)  
Claremont v Subiaco, at Claremont Oval; East Perth v East Fremantle at the WACA Ground; Perth v Swan Districts, at Lathlain Park; South Fremantle v West Perth, at Fremantle Oval.

VFL — Sunday, May 28 (Round 9), St Kilda v Eagles, at Moorabbin.

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

SUBIACO L(69) W(39) L(6) L(50) L(16) W(12) L(5)  
CLAREMONT W(69) W(42) W(46) W(93) W(20) W(15) W(43)  
EAST FREM. W(91) L(20) W(92) L(22) W(25) L(12) L(43)  
EAST PERTH L(91) L(47) L(24) L(93) L(75) L(48) W(5)  
SWAN DISTRICTS W(43) W(47) L(46) W(22) W(16) W(1) L(25)  
PERTH L(43) L(92) L(92) L(45) W(75) L(15) L(36)  
WEST PERTH L(43) L(42) W(24) W(50) L(25) L(1) W(36)  
SOUTH FREM. W(43) W(20) W(6) W(45) L(20) W(48) W(25)

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# BLUES HAVE GOT THE BLUES

## Carlton paying high penalty

THE Carlton Football Club is on the verge of a crisis that stems back to the some poor planning late in the 1970s.

The Blues are paying the price for over-indulgent recruiting over the past decade... and it looks certain to cost former premiers coach Robert Walls his job at Princes Park.

Speculation is rife at Australia's blue ribbon club that Walls will not be reappointed for 1990 ... if he lasts out the current season.

Former Subiaco star Mike Fitzpatrick has been mentioned as a possible replacement, along with dual Carlton premiers coach David Parkin and reigning reserves coach at the club, Rod Ashman.

To sack Walls would be the easy way out for the Blues administration.

However, the administrators themselves — and some of the decisions they made in the late 1970s and early 80s are to blame for their current crisis.

The Blues did not plan for the future during their halcyon days at the head of the VFL premiership table.

### No Youngsters

The club is devoid of youngsters.

Carlton have some locally-produced players of the future such as Michael Garby, Warren McKenzie, Luke O'Sullivan and Michael Galagher — virtually unheard of here in the west — and they should all become top VFL footballers in time.

The crop of promising young players at Carlton are two to three years away from producing consistently good football and some of the decision-makers at Princes Park lack patience.

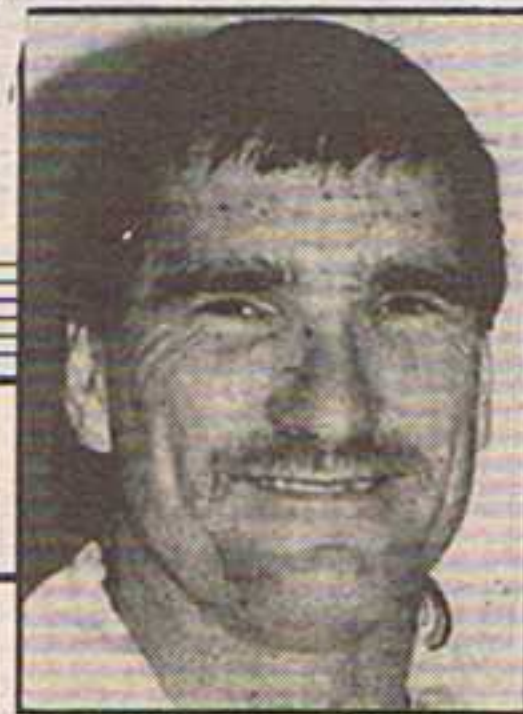
The huge reliance by Carlton on imported players for their success in recent times has hampered the supply of junior products.

South Australian and West Australian imports have stood in the way of young players at the club and Carlton is not being exposed for its lack of junior development through the VFL draft.

No longer can they travel outside Victoria with a big cheque book and buy the best on offer.

### THE BUZZ

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



Walls is a proven coach. He was successful with Fitzroy before his move back to Princes Park and he has taken the Blues into two grand finals — winning the 1987 title — in his time at the helm.

But his time is running out.

Carlton have never finished last and the mood around the club now is angry enough to suggest change is in the wind.

In defence, however, of Walls, Carlton could stop and take a brief look at the recent record of last Saturday's rivals, Collingwood.

The Magpies took stock of themselves three years ago and opted for locally-produced personnel on which to mount their revival.

Now Collingwood, the most popular club in the nation, is headed for their first grand final appearance since 1981.

The national draft has a lot to answer for, according to the decision-makers at Carlton.

The enormous wealth and tradition at the club was a healthy attraction to any promising footballer with VFL stars in his eyes.

The crisis at Carlton is escalating on the field on a weekly basis with their inability to win matches and climb from the base of the table.

But off the field, perhaps even a more vicious crisis is looming to which few administrators at Carlton are prepared to own up to.

They have mishandled their junior development and are now paying dearly.

### LITTLE LEAGUERS

SUBIACO and East Perth have both been guilty of using short-passing and indirect football at times — and Saturday's clash at the WACA Ground was no exception. There were times in the game when the play was going across the ground so much, you would have thought the Little League was on!

### THUNDER STEALER

THE venerable J.K. Watts will no doubt steal East Perth coach Ian McCulloch's thunder on the 6PR Football Forum show this week. Watts will probably claim that comments in his East Perth/Subiaco match preview last week fired up the Royals. Wattie said: "I don't think the senior players at East Perth really care." But really J.K., it was the Royals who got themselves going for the five-point win and they deserve the credit.

### BAD DAYS FOR TAILS

SUBIACO veteran Neil Taylor must just hate milestones! The Lions seldom seem to win games on days that players are recording major milestones — and Taylor's career is no different. He set a club record of 253 games last week only to lose to East Perth and three games earlier he had notched his 250th game, losing to West Perth. Former team-mate Peter Featherby celebrated a couple of big milestones in recent years with losing team performances and even Taylor's previous milestone of 200 wasn't successful — a day that club mate Phil Lamb also reached 200.



John Northey... all smiles.

### NORTHEY'S THOUGHTS

WINNING Melbourne coach John Northey was certainly a relieved man after scraping home from the Eagles by that two-point margin — and his smile told the story. But when asked how he thought rival Eagles coach John Todd might be feeling, he simply shrugged his shoulders. "I haven't thought much about him," said Northey.

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### BATTLE OF THE BALL

TALKING about milestones — there was a little off-field battle between Subiaco and East Perth last week in addition to their on-field dual. Subiaco wanted to souvenir the football (when it dried out) and present it to Neil Taylor, signed by his team-mates, in recognition of the club-record feat. However, it was East Perth's home game and Royals president Laurie Kennedy was giving nothing away — he wanted the ball to present to 200-game veteran Grant Campbell; especially as it was Campbell who kicked the team's final match-winning goal.

### MEDIA MEN MIFFED

THE big corp of media — electronic and print — were put out when they christened the new press facilities at Subiaco Oval on Sunday. Flash new commentary booths, comfortable seats — and even a handsome-looking kitchen, complete with refrigerator. But all they had in the way of refreshments was a carton of Swan Gold in the fridge clearly marked "Not for Media use". And when the traditional cup of tealcoffee and sandwiches etc. failed to arrive at half-time, the media boys were bagging anyone they could find to blame for the lack of service... especially when they know how handsomely the VIP's and sponsors live it up!

### PRIVATE BATTLE

LAST week's interstate clash was more than just a battle between Western Australia and Victoria. It was a private battle of two coaches — Ron Alexander and John Todd. There was a lot at stake for Alexander, the deposed coach of the Eagles after just one year and he would obviously have liked a lot of those Eagles players to perform well for him in his return to the coaching arena. With 12 Eagles players in the WA team, it was interesting to see how Alexander put many of them back in the positions where he used them two years ago. But it was not to be as the Vics put paid to any further coaching comparisons.

### HARSH DECISION

IT'S tough trying to work out Eagles coach John Todd's methods — especially when it comes to "dragging" players. Against Melbourne, Chris Waterman seemed to be doing extremely well with 11 possessions in the first term. But five minutes into the second quarter he was taken from the ground — and copped a verbal blast from runner Brian Douge as he walked along the boundary line. Waterman was giving the Eagles good drive midfield — and that's where Melbourne got on top. But Todd felt Waterman wasn't playing tightly enough.

### Out of earshot

WHAT happened to the siren at Subiaco Oval last Sunday? When it sounded at three-quarter time in the Eagles-Melbourne game, it was like someone had turned the volume down. It's more likely that a subversive branch of the West Coasters supporters club sabotaged it so the Eagles — who were in attack at the time — could score. However, umpire Hayden Kennedy spoiled it all when he called play to a halt... almost a minute later. The official excuse was different. Apparently the siren is routed through the PA. system, which went on the blink.



### Putting the boot in

HERE'S why the West Coast Eagles couldn't get on target against Melbourne at Subiaco Oval last Sunday... they left their shooting boots in the changerooms! The Eagles were woeful in their efforts for goal, scoring 21 behinds for the game. Had the Perth-based team been just a little more accurate they would have won easily. Todd Brennan, Don Pyke, Stevan Jackson, David Hart and Chirs Mainwaring — though he played well — were the main offenders with three behinds each.

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# Vics angry as State players fail

VICTORIAN clubs could soon call for an end to mid-week interstate football — which means that Western Australia might be left out in the cold.

Some clubs had an angry reaction to State football last weekend when senior players seemed jaded and partly fit after the State-of-Origin mis-match in Perth.

Only a handful of State players produced anything like their best form last weekend, with Simpson Medallist Jason Dunstall a leader with six goals.

The effort of having to play three matches in just over a week proved too much even for champion players like Victorian captain, Sydney's Greg Williams, who was restricted to just 15 possessions — 50 per cent down on his usual quota.

Carlton's Richard Dennis, who appeared to hurt a thigh in the State game, limped from VFL Park before half-time, obviously unfit and without a kick to his name.

Star Collingwood winger Gavin Brown, among the best of the Big V players at the WACA, had just eight possessions and ended up very sick and sore.

Teammate Craig Starcevich had a better day, being in the top three players afield against Carlton. However, he played only a cameo role in the State game and was far fresher than any of his WA teammates.

## Influence

Even the super professionals from premiership favourites Hawthorn struggled to exert their usual influence.

Dunstall kicked 6.6, taking a dozen marks and having 16 kicks in another brilliant effort by a specialist full-forward.

Gary Ayres was also prominent in Hawthorn's big win against Sydney. However, Andrew Collins and Scot Maginness were well down, as was Gary Buckenara, who captained WA against the Vics.

State ruckman Simon Madden was quieter than usual in Essendon's win against Richmond, allowing Paul Salmon to do much of the on-ball work.

Geelong's Big V trio — Gary Ablett, Robert Scott and Andrew Bews — had good days, especially Ablett who kicked 4.4. But the Cats slaughtered disappointing Brisbane, kicking 26 goals to six, in the biggest win (129 points) of the season.

Victoria's chairman of selectors Ted Whitten concedes that State authorities must seriously consider moving interstate football to weekends-only.

However, the VFL has already given up one weekend for the coming Victoria-South Australia game and while the crowd for the July 1 clash may well be 70,000-plus, more than 140,000 fans a week have been averaged at complete rounds this year.

## ON THE EAST COAST

Leading football journalist and 6NR commentator **KEN PIESE** reports from Melbourne.



Craig Starcevich... a good performer for Collingwood after an easy State game with WA.

## Goalkicking race hots up

JUST who is the best full-forward in Australian football — Tony Lockett or Jason Dunstall?

After the State game, where Dunstall was so dominant, few in WA would hedge their bets.

However, Lockett's form has been sensational.

On Saturday he kicked nine goals (compared with Dunstall's six) to have 58 in the opening eight games for the season.

He's on target to beat Dunstall's 1988 mark of 132 goals and many believe he can go close to breaking the VFL record of 150 goals in a season held jointly by South Melbourne's Bob Pratt (1934) and Hawthorn's Peter Hudson (1971).

Dunstall is in second place with 44 goals in his eight games, but he'll have the advantage of playing in at least two, possibly three finals.

St Kilda are unlikely to play in the finals and Lockett's goalkicking tally may be overhauled right at the end of the year.

## Harding shines for the Saints

PAUL Harding continues his improved form and is now the undisputed No. 1 ruckman at his new club, St Kilda.

He was the best-performed West Australian in VFL East-coast games last weekend, a particularly good effort considering he had played the previous Tuesday night in the State game.

He helped St Kilda to an exciting three-point win against North Melbourne — the Saints fourth consecutive home win of the year; with their four losses all away from Moorabbin.

Harding lacks the height and physical presence to consistently beat the best ruckmen in the League, but against clubs such as North Melbourne, who do not have a recognised No. 1 big leaper, he can be unstoppable.

On Saturday he had 12 kicks, 13 marks and 21 hit-outs.

## INTERSTATE UPDATE

by RICHARD CANN



## Tuck moves up the ladder

EVERGREEN Hawthorn skipper Michael Tuck is now the second-most experienced player in VFL history.

Tuck played his 368th match for the Hawks on Saturday, against the Sydney Swans at Princes Park. In doing so, he passed Bernie Quinlan, who played 367 games for Footscray and Fitzroy between 1969 and 1986. Tuck now trails current Richmond coach Kevin Bartlett by 35 games.

Some critics believe that Tuck who is 36 next month, is capable of playing another season — and challenging Bartlett's record.

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THE West Coast Eagles took the field against Melbourne on Sunday with six players yet to turn 21 — Stevan Jackson, Guy McKenna, Chris Lewis, Don Pyke, Chris Waterman and John Worsfold — but were still an older side, on average, than Melbourne.

Melbourne had five players under 21, with a team average age of just over 23 years. The average age of the Eagles players was 23 years and 11 months.

A year ago, against Hawthorn in Round 8, the Eagles average age was 23 years and eight months. The average age of the Melbourne team from Round 8 in 1988 was 23 years and six months.

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GEELONG'S score of 26-23 against the Brisbane Bears on Saturday was the second-highest score of the season so far. The Cats have now recorded the three highest scores in the 1989 VFL season.

Both Geelong and Hawthorn have kicked over 150 points in each of their last three games.

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GEELONG have kicked their highest scores against four of the other VFL clubs so far this season.

In their wins against the West Coast Eagles, the Brisbane Bears and St Kilda, Geelong easily exceeded their previous highest scores against those clubs. Their losing score of 25.13 against Hawthorn was eight points better than their record of 22.23, set in 1927.

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HAWTHORN play Footscray at the Western Oval on Sunday and will be attempting to record their third eight-game winning sequence in the past two years.

After losing their opening game in 1988, the Hawks have won 28 of their last 31 games — in sequences of 5, 8, 8 and 7 wins.

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with 23 kicks, eight handballs and six marks.

# Stop Lockett is the Eagles challenge

TO beat St Kilda should be easy — simply stop Tony Lockett and victory is assured.

But achieving that objective is tough and the West Coast Eagles coach John Todd faces a perplexing question as he searches his ranks for the player best-equipped to eliminate the VFL's most dangerous forward.

Lockett is something special; one of those stars who can perform at full-forward in a team where opportunities are not frequent.

Surprisingly agile for a man of such proportions, strong, quick and even clever, Lockett is the one man who stands between victory and defeat for the Eagles at Moorabbin this Saturday.

He is a goal-kicking wizard and after just eight rounds, he has posted an amazing 58 goals. You don't need to be Einstein to work out the average at more than seven goals a game.

Andrew Lockyer would seem the logical choice to play on Lockett, who understandably leads the VFL goal-kicking tables by 14 from Jason Dunstall, the man who kicked nine goals against WA and won the Simpson Medal.

## Strength

Lockyer is one of the few Eagles players with the strength to out-muscle Lockett in the physical exchanges and he played quite well against Darren Bennett last Sunday.

Looking for alternatives if Lockyer cannot contain the champion Saint, then Geoff Miles or Murray Rance, who should be fit to play this week, spring to mind.

Of course the best way to eliminate Lockett is to cut off his source of supply.

The Saints are far from being a one-man band, but Lockett is obviously the key to their football and he has played well in games against the Eagles in the past two seasons.

The magic of Nicky Winmar is another obstacle which must be overcome.

Winmar's delivery into attack is generally very precise and with the man nicknamed "Pluggger" as his target on most occasions, that makes life difficult for the opposition defence.

## How WA players performed in VFL

	Kicks	Marks	H/balls	Score
<b>HAWTHORN</b>				
Gary Buckenara	8	4	10	2.1
<b>MELBOURNE</b>				
Alan Johnson	14	2	2	—
Earl Spalding	13	9	3	4.3
Darren Bennett	5	4	2	2.1
<b>NORTH MELBOURNE</b>				
Jim Krakouer	6	1	6	1.0
Mark Hepburn	3	1	2	—
Derek Kickett	9	2	6	1.0
<b>RICHMOND</b>				
Peter Wilson	7	1	8	1.0
<b>ST KILDA</b>				
Nicky Winmar	10	2	3	—
Paul Harding	12	5	13	—
<b>BRISBANE BEARS</b>				
Brad Hardie	8	2	2	1.3
Alex Ishchenko	1	3	2	—
Rod Lester-Smith	10	5	5	—
<b>CARLTON</b>				
Richard Dennis	—	—	2	—
Jon Dorotich	4	4	—	2.1
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>				
Craig Starcevich	8	9	17	1.1
Brian Taylor	10	6	5	6.3
<b>ESSENDON</b>				
Bill Duckworth	4	3	1	—
<b>FITZROY</b>				
Brett Stephens	13	4	6	1.1
Kevin Caton	15	6	1	0.1
Brad Edwards	1	1	3	—
<b>FOOTSCRAY</b>				
Simon Beasley	9	10	4	1.3

## VFL PREVIEW

by GARY STOCKS  
of The West Australian



Top Saint Tony Lockett.

It would not surprise to see John Worsfold, one of the hardest-working midfield players in the Eagles team, assigned to that task.

With David O'Connell offering some marking power up forward last week, the Eagles attacking football looked much more potent and he must remain a focal point.

As well, Stevan Jackson has been in good form at full-forward.

In defence as well, flankers like Guy McKenna, Worsfold and Dwayne Lamb must be there to give Lockyer or Miles the support at ground level.

The Eagles running game came together last week, thanks to some fine contributions from Chris Mainwaring, Chris Lewis and McKenna and they must continue to maintain their high standards.

The Eagles have the capacity to win this game and, in a John Todd phrase, "salvage something from the wreck."

## HOW THE EAGLES HAVE PERFORMED

	1989 Kicks	1989 Marks	1989 H/balls	1989 Score
John Anner	89	20	26	2.3
Adrian Barich	27	5	9	1.1
Todd Brennan	25	9	5	6.6
Michael Brennan	81	27	24	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	84	25	27	5.10
Brent Hutton	9	5	2	0.1
Stevan Jackson	41	23	20	14.6
Laurie Keene	15	8	4	1.0
Dean Laidley	22	5	9	0.1
Dwayne Lamb	58	16	18	4.2
Karl Langdon	47	20	15	10.4
Chris Lewis	68	32	19	5.4
Andrew Lockyer	47	19	15	0.1
Chris Mainwaring	130	40	44	1.8
Stephen Malaxos	69	23	34	0.3
Guy McKenna	90	45	58	0.1
Peter Melesso	5	4	0	1.1
Geoff Miles	36	18	17	2.0
David O'Connell	65	42	19	2.6
Paul Peos	8	6	1	0.1
Don Pyke	101	31	36	8.10
Murray Rance	72	43	39	0.1
Phil Scott	61	28	14	12.3
Peter Sumich	37	13	1	4.3
Craig Turley	81	27	31	2.1
Dean Turner	68	22	13	1.4
Troy Ugle	3	0	3	0.0
Chris Waterman	48	22	12	4.2
Scott Watters	29	7	14	3.0
John Worsfold	118	49	43	2.1

## Todd softer now — Rance

WEST Coast Eagles coach John Todd has mellowed over the years and that assessment comes from a player who should know.

Captain Murray Rance has played all his football under Todd, with the exception of his two seasons at Footscray.

Rance, who made his debut in the big-time under Todd with Swan Districts in 1981, believes that the former Sandover Medallist was really tough then.

Speaking on 6NR, Rance said that Todd made him into a man.

"I was soft then," he says. "I was a kid coming up from the bush and Todd kept hammering me."

Nowadays, Rance says, Todd still has a go at him but only rarely.

"I see some of the younger players coming through now and his approach is not nearly as bold," he says.

However, the skipper is quick to point out that Todd only wants to get the best out of a person and, in the case of a player, to make sure his potential is fulfilled.

"He has had a huge influence on my career and will have a similar influence on the crop of young players at the Eagles," Rance says.

The 27-year-old centre-half-back missed last Sunday's game against Melbourne because of a bruised hip and rib soreness but should be available for the trip to Moorabbin this weekend.

## Bluey's back in business

A PLEASING aspect for the Eagles in recent weeks has been the return to top form of defender Guy McKenna.

McKenna, who turned 20 this month, produced a best on ground performance against Melbourne last Sunday and it was no fault of his that the Eagles went down.

However, Bluey, as he is known around the club, attributes his current good run to fellow defender Geoff Miles.

McKenna said that Miles had given him plenty of confidence.

"He is a great guy and constantly talks to makes you aware of the situation when you are on the ball."

"Sometimes he talks so much we have to tell him to shut up."

The red-haired defender said that despite the Eagles' dismal start to 1989, with seven losses out of eight, everyone in the squad was enjoying his football. Naturally a win would not go astray.

## VFL leading goalkickers

Tony Lockett (St. Kilda)	58.20
Jason Dunstall (Hawthorn)	44.26
Richard Osborne (Fitzroy)	35.25
Brian Taylor (Collingwood)	35.20
Jeff Hogg (Richmond)	27.19
Gavin Exell (Geelong)	27.13
Paul Salmon (Essendon)	24.8
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)	19.15
John Georgiadis (Footscray)	18.12
Mark Arceri (North Melbourne)	17.5
Robert Scott (Geelong)	17.10
Alan Ezard (Essendon)	17.5
Bill Brownless (Geelong)	16.13
Gary Ablett (Geelong)	16.13
Tony Hall (Hawthorn)	15.11
Stevan Jackson (Eagles)	14.6
Nicky Winmar (St. Kilda)	14.9
Darren Bennett (Melbourne)	14.8
Earl Spalding (Melbourne)	14.16
Gary Buckenara (Hawthorn)	14.8
Simon Beasley (Footscray)	13.14



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Guy McKenna... award winner.

## Kick-start for Eagles

THE Eagles will start a goal-kicking and long-kicking competition at training next week.

Maybe that's a legacy of the team's inaccuracy against Melbourne.

Each player will have 10 shots at goal from various distances and positions.

Club football director Brian Douge said that the Eagles players did not kick as long as their opponents or as accurately.

"We tend to kick about 10 to 15 metres shorter than other VFL sides" said Douge.

The winner of the weekly competition will receive the choice of two days at the Brunswick Health Farm south of Perth or a meat hamper.



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### THIS WEEK

Thursday 9.30pm: Football Team Selections.

Saturday 8.00am: World Of Football.

11.55am: VFL: St Kilda v Eagles.

2.20pm: WAFL: East Perth v East Fremantle.

5.00pm: All Sports Review.

Sunday: Noon: Sunday Sports Station.

2.00pm: SFL: Wanneroo v Kenwick.

5.00pm: All Sports Review.

SOUTH Fremantle have the chance to get square with West Perth this week.

After 278 meetings the Falcons lead with 137 wins to 136 with six draws.

Souths and West Perth first met on June 9, 1900, at Fremantle Oval.

The Bulldogs won. In fact they won three out of their four meetings that year.

West Perth have lost their last 13 games at Fremantle Oval.

Records show that since World War II, the Bulldogs have won twice as many matches as the Falcons at the Port.

## Bottom of the barrel

EAST Fremantle hit rock bottom last week.

Not only was their score of 4.11 (35 points) their lowest ever against Claremont (previous worst 40 points in 1957), but it also equalled their lowest on their home turf.

In 1953, in their second game ever at East Fremantle Oval, they registered 4.11 in going down to East Perth and in 1968 4.11 was all they could muster against Perth.

## AT HOME AWAY

THE Tigers have really shattered the home ground myth at East Fremantle. Since the start of the 1979 season their record at the ground reads 12 wins and two losses.

# Eagles luck must change soon . . .

CHRIS Mainwaring kicked a pair of boots across the room; Geoff Miles hobbled miserably through the door with an ice pack on his ankle and Todd Breman sat in the corner, head in hands, silently cursing.

Those three players typified the feeling of the West Coast Eagles after their dramatic two-point loss to Melbourne on Sunday.

They hurt. And they hurt badly.

If they can take that into the clash with St Kilda at Moorabbin this week, they can notch their second win of the season.

The Eagles have been desperately unlucky in their last three matches, losing those games by a total of just 12 points.

A fortnight ago it was tantalisingly close against Richmond, with Dean Turner hitting the post from 35-metres out in the closing stages.

Again the Eagles were deserving of victory on Sunday, but when things are not running the way of a team, nothing seems to go right.

## Injuries

Injuries to key players, the ball bouncing the wrong way at vital stages and important decisions being awarded to the opposition. It all just compounds the situation.

The WA public has not lost faith in the Perth-based VFL club; evidence by the 18,000-strong crowd at Subiaco Oval to see a team which had won only one of seven matches.

Things must turn sooner or later.



Despondent... Chris Mainwaring.

## FOOTBALL FACTS

By top WA football historian  
DAVE CLEMENT



## Two records made to last

SWAN Districts made an auspicious entry into the league competition in 1934.

In their first game they held reigning premiers East Fremantle to a 16-point margin and then beat Subiaco and South Fremantle.

The crunch came in game four against Perth. They were rolled by 118 points.

Here's the punch line. Although Perth have beaten Swans 100 times since that match they never bettered that winning margin.

Talking of 55-year-old records, Subiaco's biggest win over Claremont (by 103 points) also occurred in 1934 and, would you believe it, on the same day, May 19.

## Night I got my own back

"MIRACLES do happen occasionally," I said to a not-too-confident Peggy Brennan (Michael's mum) before the interstate game the other Tuesday.

Well this is near enough to a miracle for me.

While I was sitting back enjoying the Jason Dunstall Show, some rotter nicked my car from the parking area.

Then Lady Luck stepped in. The boys in blue nabbed the culprit in a radar trap a mile from the ground and had my car back in the police yard before the match ended.

## TAKING STOCK

By GARY STOCKS  
of the West Australian



The Eagles are working hard for little result and it is only a matter of time before they get the lucky break which gives them the four points they so desperately require to boost confidence.

The heads were bowed in disappointment after last Sunday's match, but they have the capacity to rebound from that demoralising defeat.

There have been some positive improvements in the Eagles performances in the last month. They could never be accused of not trying and week by week they seem to be getting stronger.

The horrific run of injuries has compounded their situation.

But with big Laurie Keene and Steve Malaxos on the mend, the player depth is slowly improving.

## Positive

And there has even been some positive points to come from the injury situation.

South Fremantle team-mates Stevan Jackson and Scott Waters were thrown into VFL football before the Eagles hierarchy would have originally planned.

When they were selected as the under-19 players in the pre-draft selections last November, it was more with the intention of seeing them develop.

That both youngsters played for WA in the State-of-origin clash last week is remarkable. And both have emerged as important factors in the Eagles team.

## Spotlight

Jackson has already developed something of a cult following and he handles being in the spotlight with the maturity of a veteran.

Eagles coach John Todd must be wondering when the luck will turn, but he has been around long enough to know that by working hard it will come and his players have shown a willingness to do just that.

Despite having lost seven of their eight matches, the Eagles attitude to training and their respect for each other has not waned.



Dejected... Geoff Miles.

## Enough to cause a nightmare

THE Eagles, who kicked themselves out of last week's game against Melbourne, face a thorny problem in deciding who is going to line up on St Kilda's Tony Lockett and on Hawthorn's Jason Dunstall a week later.

Lockett has kicked nearly half of St Kilda's total score this year and Dunstall displayed awesome form with nine goals in the State game.

Andrew Lockyer, who soundly beat Melbourne's Darren Bennett, will probably get the nod and has the capacity to match Lockett with his strength.

Dunstall is a different story. He leads skilfully and is exceptionally quick over the first 10 metres.

He also has a great pair of hands.

You'll notice that Dunstall doesn't put up his hands to mark until the very last moment, giving the opposition little time to spoil.

Geoff Miles is the man for Dunstall, and I reckon he might get an opportunity on Lockett as well.

Max Heiden's Tyrepower presents

## MILESTONE MEN

### 50 GAMES

49 Mark Brayshaw (Claremont)  
49 Andy Holmes (Swan Dist)  
48 Peter Owens (Claremont)  
48 Scott Watters (South Frem)  
48 Jon Derecourt (East Frem)  
48 Chris Waterman (Eagles)  
47 Joe Cormack (Swan Dist)  
47 Chris Mainwaring (Eagles)  
47 Geoff Passeri (Swan Districts)  
47 Ben Allan (Claremont)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Scott Watters — 46 South Fremantle, 2 Eagles; Chris Waterman — 37 East Fremantle, 11 Eagles.

### 100 GAMES

99 Glen Bartlett (East Perth)  
94 Chris Mainwaring (Eagles)  
94 Geoff Miles (Eagles)  
92 Bryce Forman (East Fremantle)  
92 Tony Beers (Claremont)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Bryce Forman — 80 East Fremantle, 12 Perth; Tony Beers — 85 Claremont, 7 Collingwood; Glen Bartlett — 95 East Perth, 4 Eagles; Geoff Miles — 47 Eagles, 42 Claremont, 5 Collingwood; Chris Mainwaring — 47 Eagles, 47 East Fremantle.



### 150 GAMES

149 Don Holmes (Swan Districts)  
146 Kim Hetherington (Swan Districts)  
145 Clinton Browning (East Fremantle)  
142 Clinton Browning (East Fremantle)  
142 David Rankin (East Frem)

\* Denotes that tally includes games with more than current club as follows: Kim Hetherington — 93 Swan Districts, 53 East Fremantle; David Rankin — 132 East Fremantle, 10 Fitzroy; Clinton Browning — 3 Eagles, 142 East Fremantle.

### 300 GAMES

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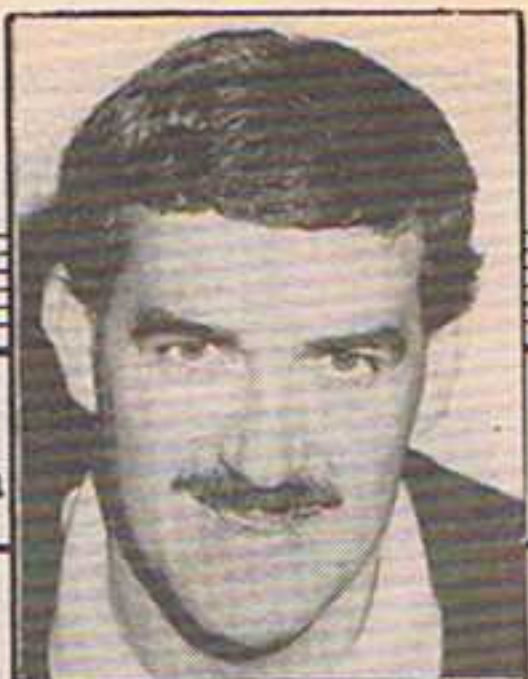
## Magic man in the middle

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Bulldogs skipper Maurice Rioli... a hard-worker midfield.

## Aces in the South pack

LAST week's game was my first opportunity to watch South Fremantle in action this year and I was impressed.

The Bassendean hoodoo was well and truly laid to rest in a spirited game and coach Stan Magro has a solid group of playing talent.

Newcomers Glen Jakovich, Willie Rioli and Greg Turner looked very good.

The Collard brothers are always solid performers and Peter Matera, who made a good interstate debut last week, has the flair, speed and stamina to finish off South's work.

While South put in a fine team effort, the real key for them is ruckman Craig Edwards and centreman Maurice Rioli.

Edwards controlled the ruck and has that great ability to take a strong mark up forward and around the ground.

### Cowboy's choice

FORMER St Kilda champion Kevin "Cowboy" Neale is the new recruiting officer for the Sydney Swans.

In discussing the great players he has watched, he rated Victoria's Mr Football, Ted Whitten, as the best he has seen, with St Kilda greats Darrel Baldock (current coach) and Ian Stewart (triple Brownlow Medallist) next in line.

Neale also had a big wrap for Victorian captain and Sydney Swans centreman Greg Williams, who he believed wasn't far behind in his football prowess.

Neale said Williams' capacity for work and deft handball put him up with the greats of Victorian football.

I agree with Neale that Williams is a great player, but I'm sure a few West Australians would argue that Graham Farmer and Barry Cable could also use handball to great effect.

Rioli, of course, is South's answer to Claremont's Gerard Neesham in the midfield.

His experience, disposal and ability to get the hard ball out of the middle when it counts makes him a real trump card.

Provided they remain free of injury, Rioli and Edwards, with the rest of the team's commitment and endeavour, should ensure South a place in this year's grand final.

### Eagles quiz night

THE West Coast Eagles will stage a quiz night at 8pm on Wednesday, June 14 at Perth Oval, the dual home of East Perth and the Eagles.

The night will be hosted by football quizmaster Gary Carvolth and questions have been expertly prepared by respected football writer Geoff Christian.

All sports lovers are invited to put together a table of 10 or you may team up with fellow social club members. Entry fee is \$5 a head for members and non-members and bookings may be made by phoning Felicity on 481 1111.

## Where class counts

THE players who represented WA in the State-of-Origin match gave it their best shot but the Vics were far too slick and professional.

State-of-origin football, from a WA point of view, is going through a rebuilding process.

In the past three years WA have failed badly against the might of Victoria.

In the five to 10-year period before that WA were represented by some big-name players, who walked into Australian teams.

A study of the two teams that took the field last week showed that the Vics far outweighed WA in terms of players with outstanding football ability.

Here is my list of the class players in the two teams:

VICTORIA: Greg Williams, Simon Madden, Dale Weightman, Jason Dunstall, Andrew Bews, Gary Ayres, Gary Ablett, Terry Daniher, Chris Langford, Gary Lyon, Jim Stynes.

WA: Gary Buckenara, Peter Wilson, Chris Mainwaring, Nicky Winmar, Mark Bairstow.

## Macca sighs with relief

THE East Perth players may have been jubilant after their gallant victory over 1988 premiers Subiaco, and rightly so, but I'm sure coach Ian McCulloch gave the biggest sigh of relief.

It will make this week all that more comfortable at training in preparation for the clash with an East Fremantle team that is struggling to put four quarters of football together.

It was good to see the Royals break the ice and who knows what's around the corner.

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# Eagles pay for their mistakes

IN Vietnam, you couldn't afford to make a mistake. Your life depended on it. One mistake and you were dead.

VFL football is a bit like that. Against very efficient opponents, one mistake can kill your chances of winning.

We've seen the West Coast Eagles lose their last three matches narrowly. And each can be attributed to glaring mistakes.

Against Fitzroy, Richard Osborne was able to shark the ball when he was caught between two West Coast Eagles players when one had the leather.

A clear handball would have seen the Eagles running out of defence. Instead Osborne, through sheer persistence and a touch of brilliance, managed to intercept the ball and kick a goal.

And then, in the dying stages, Murray Rance was in the clear, but had the ball stolen from him and Fitzroy were able to goal and seal the match.

Against Richmond, Dean Turner hit the post in the dying seconds of play.

And on Sunday against Melbourne, Geoff Miles made a terrible blunder when he was in a position to clear the ball, held on to it too long and had it pinched off him by Darren Bennett who goaled.

Then, in the last quarter when the Eagles had a chance to seal the issue, Don Pyke missed running into an open goal and John Annear surrendered the ball to Rod Grinter and it was whipped up to Tom Kavanagh who goaled to put Melbourne in front.

## Irony

The irony of the last move is that the Eagles had two players on the break — Miles and Dwayne Lamb — but Annear kicked it to the wrong player.

Okay, everyone makes mistakes. But at VFL level you just can't afford



CHRIS Waterman... puzzling move.

to make such blues. The Vics are just too efficient and punish you for such mistakes.

With one win from seven matches, it must be hurting the players to lose games they could, if not should, have won.

You can't say the Eagles have been unlucky. They simply have paid the price for their mistakes and, more importantly, lapses in concentration.

In each of their last three games they have surrendered the initiative. Yet when they looked as though they should have thrown in the towel, they have fought back to almost win.

In their last two games they held a comfortable lead at three-quarter time, but allowed the opposition to grab the initiative and not only make up the deficit, but break away. Yet the Eagles have picked them up to again snatch the lead, only to still lose.

Those lapses have proved very costly this season. Until they learn to fight out a match for the entire game and they learn to eradicate sloppy play that enables the opposition to capitalise on mistakes, the Eagles are going to have more heartburn this season.

## Talking point

Eagles coach John Todd has come in for a lot of flak this season, so he doesn't need anyone putting in the boot.

But he has a characteristic that has been a talking point in the media box since he took over as coach of the Eagles. It is his tendency to drag a player off the ground when he makes a mistake.

Some see it as public humiliation of that player.

On Sunday Chris Waterman felt the sting of Todd's wrath. After a blistering first quarter when he had more kicks than any other player (eight) Waterman way dragged from the ground.

So he may have been a bit loose, yet he had shown that he was able to win the ball.

The move appeared to demoralise Waterman as he simply wasn't the same player when he came back on the ground.

It may be one way of punishing a player for making a mistake, but it certainly isn't the way to build his confidence.

# Stars of today



South Fremantle's Peter Matera in full flight and East Fremantle's Brad Rowe on autograph duties.

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# Matera one out of box

THERE is plenty of outstanding young talent in the WAFL competition this season.

Many football followers talk about the effect the draft is having on WA football but as soon as a batch of star players leave to play elsewhere, others pop up to take their places.

Players with the potential to play at the highest level.

The only commodity they're short of is experience and that comes in a few seasons, although no player ever stops learning.

A typical example of how lucky we are was Peter Matera's performance in the State-of-Origin match.

It was equal to that of Don Pyke's the previous year.

Matera is a lively player and his improvement this year alone has been significant.

A sign of a good player is someone who can adapt to the faster tempo of a higher grade and Matera did this comfortably.

His indication to the media that he feels his immediate future is in WA is encouraging.

Young players need to develop and mature before pursuing a career at VFL level.

## Scouts out

The talent scouts were at East Fremantle Oval last Saturday when Brad Rowe, Ben Allan and Peter Quill were displaying their skills.

Allan will have had three full seasons under his belt if he leaves this year at the ripe old age of 20.

Rowe would be better advised to stay put and gain maturity and experience.

I'm not saying he wouldn't succeed, but coping with poor form, relegation or injury can have a serious affect on your performance at any stage of your career, especially when you're starting out.

## NO SOFT TOUCHES

THE WAFL competition is producing all the highlights expected of it.

Besides all the individual brilliance that is continually put on show, the league ladder has two games between first and third and the next two teams together on 12 points.

Perth are not in a totally hopeless position and, with Subiaco, they have proved that anything is possible.

Even though Claremont are camped on top, not one of our games in the first round was a soft touch.

Our game against East Perth saw them kick 2.13 in the first half before we eventually kicked away.

I would not like to predict the final four, but the next three weeks are going to be crucial.

It will be a case of either cementing your spot in the top four or giving it your best shot to get there.

## Incentive

This week's clash against Subiaco will be one such game, with Subiaco facing a two out of eight situation if they lose, which is sure to spur the Lions to pull something out of the box.

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## Tigers men show their loyalty

It takes a lot to separate a dedicated Claremont fan from the Tigers den — just ask 79-year-old bootstudder Percy Smith.

After being Claremont's boot-fixer from 1935-48, Smith was forced to retire because of family and work commitments.

However, he was enticed back into action by former head trainer Alan Shaw in 1979.

"And I've been here ever since," Smith says.

After work prevented the sprightly Smith from joining his brother Glen, who played 110 games for Claremont, in a Tigers guernsey in the late 1920s, he soon became a member of their back-room staff.

"In fact, it was Glen who asked if I would do the job," Smith says.

### Opportunity

"For me it was an ideal opportunity. In school I had learnt to sew leather, but when I left, I couldn't get into the trade. This way I could follow both hobbies at the same time."

Smith says that today's football boots are made for runners, not footballers.

"There's just no durability in them," says the man who spends three nights a week at Claremont Oval fixing boots for the under 19s, reserves and senior teams.

"I know some people who've still got their boots from the old days," he says. "And you can still get a kick in them!"

Another of Claremont's senior volunteers is 69-year-old propertyman Jack Watkins. But, after 30 consecutive years in the job, he is considering retirement at the end of this season.

### Assistants

Watkins says that he has two very able-bodied assistants in John Winbridge and Colin Creed to take over from him.

Winbridge is also involved in junior development in the Tigers zone, while Creed has sons David (reserves) and Tim (under 19s) playing for the club.

For trainer Peter Cassidy, it was a case of mistaken identity when he joined Claremont in 1973.

A nurse by trade, he had just emigrated to Australia when an acquaintance asked him if he would like to go to the football.

"Having been a rugby man all my life, I jumped at the opportunity," he says.

"It wasn't quite what I expected, but having already decided to join, I stuck by that decision."

Three years later Cassidy was on the training staff. He and Bill Kidner do most of the rub-downs, which means three nights training and Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning duty.

Since joining Claremont, Cassidy has missed just nine matches and five of those were played while he was holidaying in New Zealand watching the All Blacks rugby team.

While Cassidy was a volunteer, fellow trainer Merv Nitschi was "press-ganged" 10 years ago.

## KNOW YOUR CLUB

By George Temple



Bootstudder Percy Smith.

He had been having a drink one evening with Ron Chapman — Claremont's current head trainer — and Alan (Pop) Shaw, who suggested he should come into the changerooms on match day.

He did and soon found himself wearing a set of trainer's whites!

After starting as a "waterboy", he is now a senior strapper and Chappie's assistant. "I've always liked football and the fellows here are a good bunch, so I've no regrets," Nitschi says.



LEFT: Merv Nitschi does some pre-game strapping for Tigers star Peter Thorne. RIGHT: Peter Cassidy gives rookie Billy Krakouer a pre-game rub-down.



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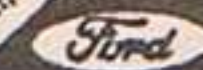
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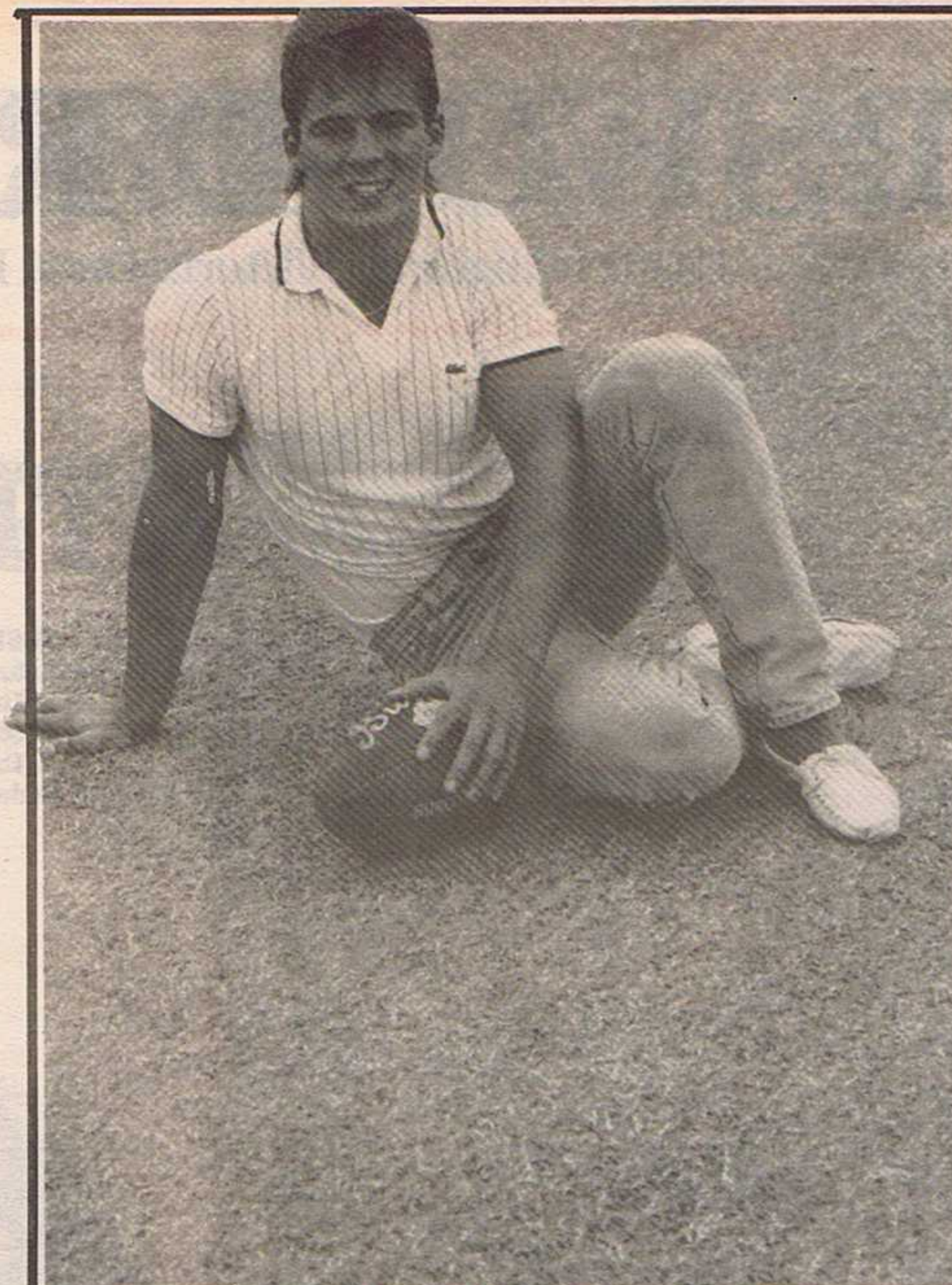
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George Giannakis... a Right Royal team-man.

# Footy needs more like Giannakis

EVERY club has a hard core of totally committed and dedicated players that coaches work on to build their team's structure.

Men of character are essential for the team to gell.

Great teams have a base of players who don't cheat and are totally committed to the club.

Watching the East Perth last Saturday I couldn't help but admire the character of George Giannakis.

He epitomises what makes Australian football great. His total commitment to the Royals makes him a player of rare strength.

He has that 'never surrender' approach and is always working at his maximum until the final siren.

Giannakis has not enjoyed a lot of success as a league player.

The Royals have struggled to develop a combination that can lift the club back to the position of power it had in the 1960s, 70s and early 80s.

My first dealings with Giannakis was in the 1984 Teal Cup team that I coached at the Sydney championship.

## No fear

He didn't have great pace or flashy skills but did have a kamikaze type approach to getting the ball.

He didn't understand the meaning of fear and threw himself where angels fear to tread.

Giannakis won the admiration of his team-mates and the coaching staff.

Basically shy, he has a personality that is respected by all he comes in contact with.

He has developed his upper body strength to be one of the strongest players in the WAFL competition.

His keenness to be a great player was tested when he didn't receive an invitation to join the Eagles.

Unlike some players who experienced disappointments and never rebounded, Giannakis has continued to work on his weaknesses to the point where his ball skills have improved greatly.

Watching him play reminds me of perhaps the Royals greatest son — Steve Curtis.

## Losing hurts

Giannakis' deeds on the field and personality make him totally committed to football and he is now approaching Curtis's status.

As long as Giannakis is wearing the royal blue jumper he will work his heart

## DORRO'S DIARY

By GRANT DORRINGTON



out to lift his club. Losing hurts players like him. They hate to be beaten.

When the Royals develop the ball skills and add the George Giannakis win-at-all-cost philosophy, they will earn the right to be in the top four.

George Giannakis is a special player who is a pleasure to watch.

# Go for black and gold

COACHING the West Australian Town & Country Teal Cup team is one of the most rewarding experiences of my football life.

Rewarding, because of the opportunity I have to watch the many young players display their skills during the selection process.

WA is renowned for producing players of great skill.

The current trials for the Metropolitan All-Stars team have produced an outstanding array of talented young footballers.

The desire to play for the black and gold jumper is tremendous.

Trial games are played with a no holds approach that has seen tremendous skills and a desire to do the little things of our game — smother, shepherd, spoil and chase to mention a few.

The Teal Cup carnival is the best possible advertisement for junior football.

## High standard

Every football administrator and coach should make time to attend trial games and see the standard of the State's juniors.

State football is still the highest honour any player can achieve and should always be promoted this way to encourage our junior base.

Self interest at club level has just about disappeared but, unfortunately, it still rears its head with some talented players.

Small pockets of coaches who preach about the personal achievements football can offer don't follow this creed when their best player asks to play for his State.

Inferring that your club or school is the ultimate creates great confusion in the player.

Why can't the player do both? Perhaps the best way to answer a young player's questions about representing his State is for the coach to try to reflect on his feelings when he was 16 or 17 and answer honestly.

Would I like to wear the black and gold? There is only one honest answer to the youngster — go for it!

# Johnston case is a warning

FOOTBALL and racing have a fair bit in common — they are both tough, unrelenting sports — and the Sport of Kings has now served up a message for the Aussie Rules people.

The implications of the story involving Sydney jockey Malcolm Johnston can well be heeded by the football fraternity.

Like all games, horse racing has its rules and — unlike many sports — those rules are rigidly enforced.

Stewards are highly trained, cameras record every major race meeting and jockeys are generally made to toe the line.

Johnston has always been a rider with great flair, recognised and ap-

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plauded by the public for his desire to take the chances and give the punter a run for his money.

Angling for a run on too sharp an angle, he caused interference to a mount ridden by Glen Frazer, who, unluckily, went crashing to the turf.

A broken thigh and back injuries virtually ended his career as a jockey.

## Damages

Careless riding charges are not unusual — but the injured rider took the matter to the Supreme Court, with the result that Johnston was found guilty and damages of \$121,000 were awarded against him.

The message for football is that similar dangers always exist.

Take the recent clash with Richmond for example.

Tigers star Michael Pickering was moving in to lay a tackle on an Eagle during a recent game, when Geoff Miles decided to lend his team-mate a hand — and came in with one of the best hip-and-shoulders you would ever see.

His shepherd attempt seemed well within the laws of the game and looked to be fairly applied.

Pickering hit the deck and didn't move a muscle till he woke up on a dressing room table half-an-hour later.

He isn't the first player to go down in this manner and won't be the last, such is the nature of the game.

But what if the Richmond player sustained similar injuries to Frazer?

## Insurance

In the past he would have "put it down to experience", picked up whatever insurance money covered him and let it go.

Johnston's case has changed all that. The legal system has now ruled that if an injured party feels he has been badly treated, then he can bypass the administrative body of his code and appeal to courts.



## LES'S LYRICS

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

# The Tigers have it all

After the first seven games And completion of the round One team remains unbeaten And looking extremely sound.

There has been a lot of talk About all of their young guns. Allan, Mann and Milne Have talent by the tons.

But there is more to this side Than raw talent and skill Ably led by some men, They thought were over the hill.

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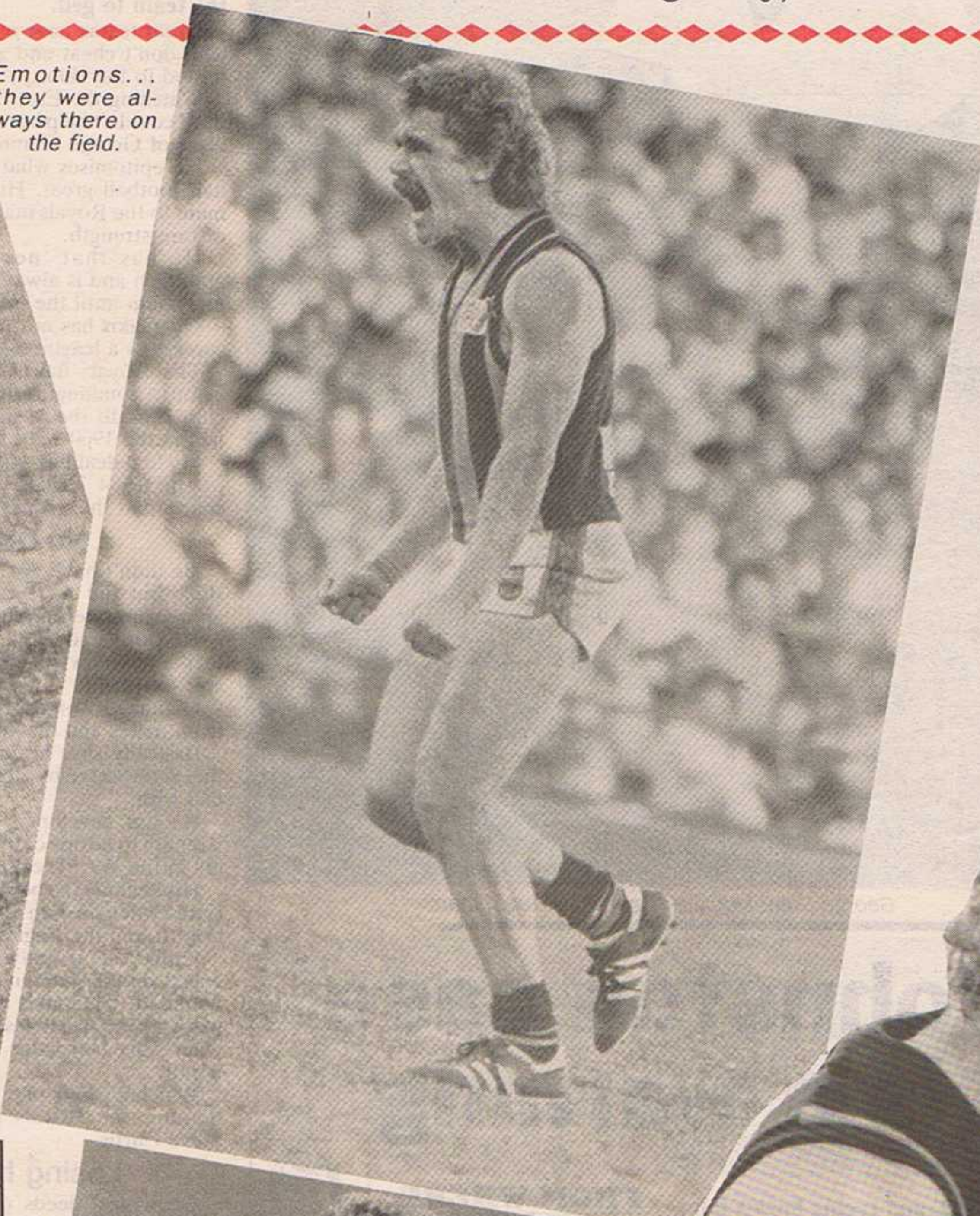
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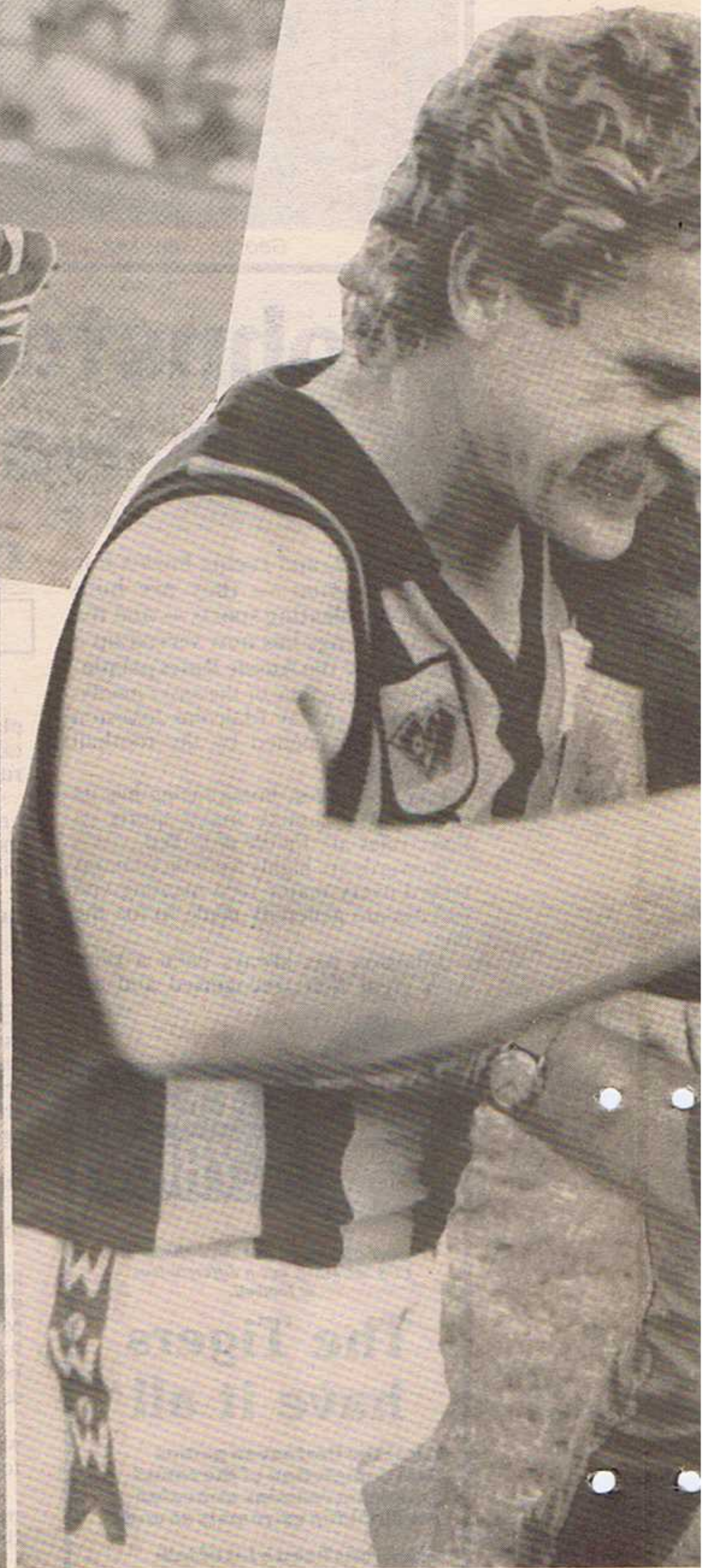
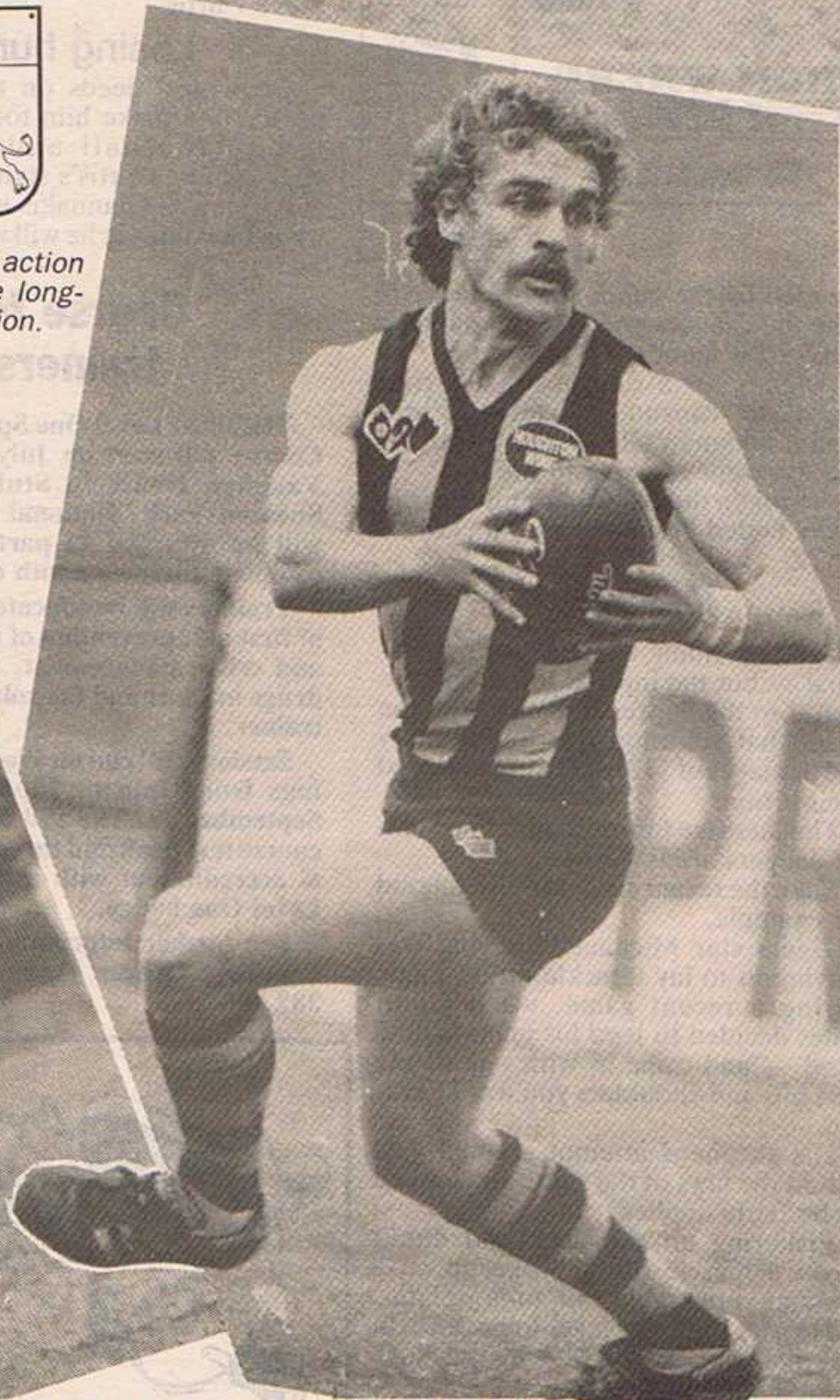


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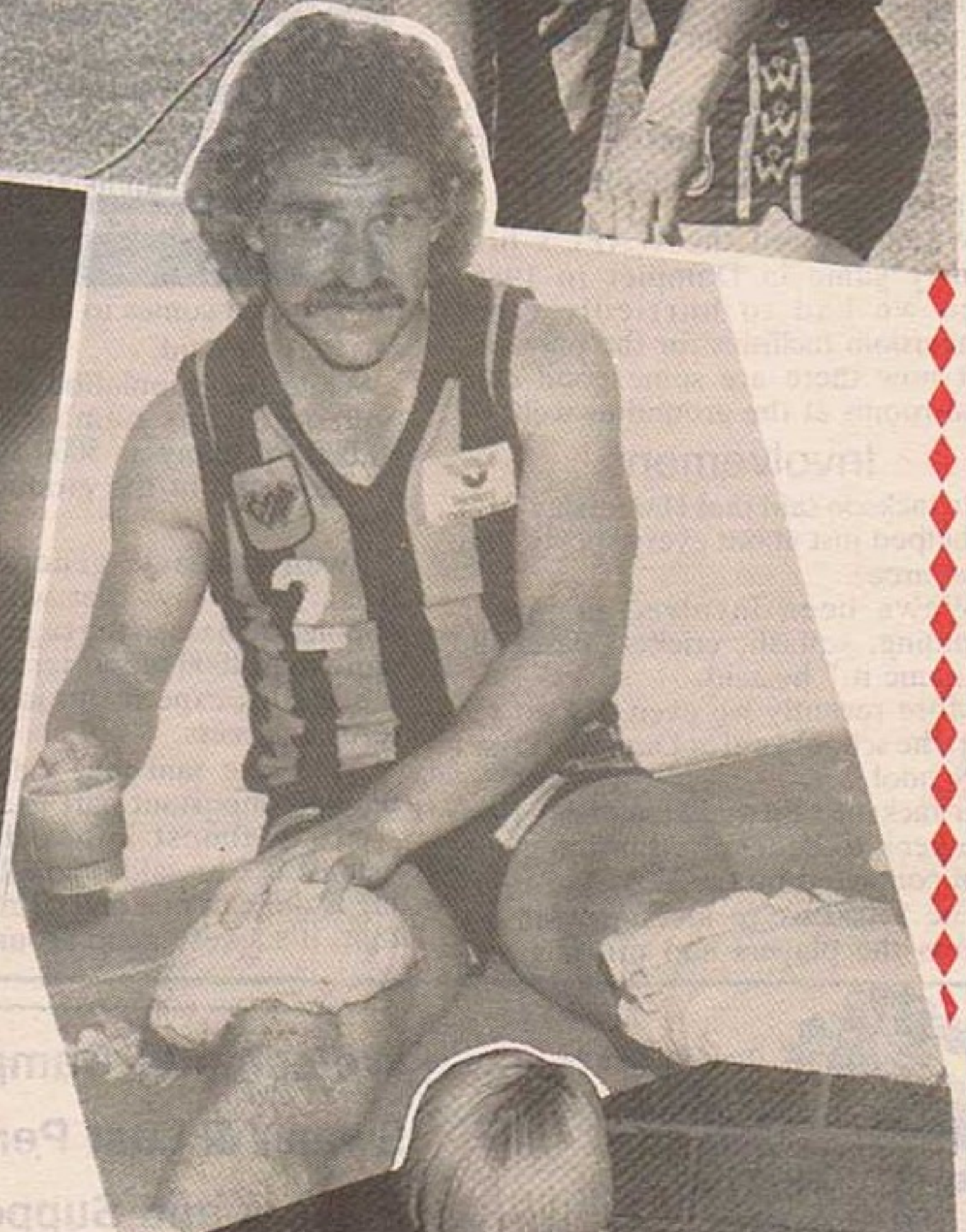
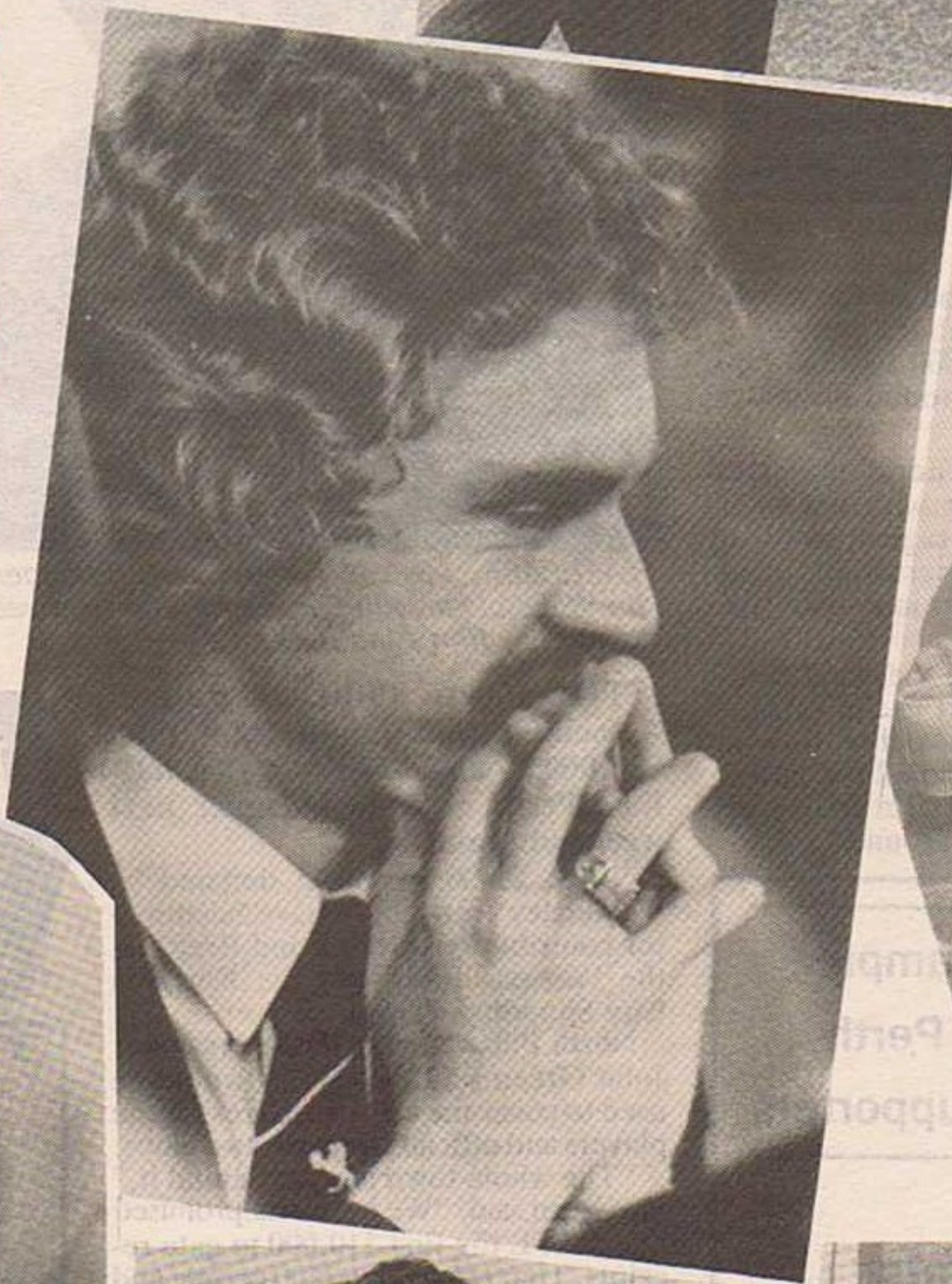
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1986 premiership with coach Haydn Bunton.



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# Hamersley support keeps sports healthy

THE international mining company Hamersley Iron is continuing its involvement in Pilbara sporting events by sponsoring the Swan Districts-East Perth clash in Dampier on Sunday, June 3.

Hamersley Iron administrator Bob Jackson, who is also president of the Dampier Sports Club, says that Hamersley Iron sponsor numerous sporting activities in Dampier and other North-West towns.

"These towns are pretty isolated and sport plays a big part in their lives," Mr Jackson said.

"Hamersley has sponsored trips by the State cricket team and other groups and we have a strong commitment to football as well.

"We sponsored the WAFL's first country game in Dampier in 1985, when we had to hurriedly erect changeroom facilities for the players. "But now there are some good club social rooms at the ground as well."

## Involvement

Mr Jackson said that Hamersley Iron has helped just about every sports club in the area.

"We've been involved in junior swimming, squash, cricket, baseball, you name it," he said.

"More recently we even helped re-vamp the school yard at Dampier Primary School."

Mr Jackson said that Hamersley Iron were keen to be involved in the game when contacted by the WAFL.

"The \$5000 we're investing will go towards the players and officials air-

## healthy

### ROYALS SUPPORT

EAST Perth general manager Alex (Marbles) Wilson believes there will be a lot of support for the Royals in the Pilbara.

"The Pilbara is unzoned and because of our association with the district in 1985, I'm sure a lot of people will support us," he said.

"Our turning the tables on Subiaco last Saturday will encourage more people to watch the game and I'm confident we can beat Swans as well."

fares, which comes to about \$20,000," Mr Jackson said.

While the population of the neighbouring towns numbers just over 20,000, as many as 5000 football fans are expected at the ground on match day.

Swan Districts general manager Brian Close says that with the small population base in the region, anything more than 4000 supporters would make the WAFL experiment in country fixtures a success.

Mr Close said that the wind could play an important part in the game.

"It is almost impossible to play against it," he said. "So all the attacking is done at one end. But apart from that, it's a very good ground."



FLASHBACK ... to 1985 when Subiaco skipper Neil Taylor was best-on-ground in the WAFL clash with East Perth and received an unusual iron ore trophy from Hamersley Iron's Ian Burston.

THE North Pilbara Football Association has raised more than \$20,000 to stage the Swan Districts-East Perth clash in Dampier next weekend (June 3).

While \$5000 has been donated by Hamersley Iron, there have been major contributions from Bond Brewing, the Westpac Bank and the Karratha City Shopping Centre.

North Pilbara Association president John Green said the money would be used to cover the cost of airfares for the players and officials from the two clubs.

"The whole town has got behind it," Mr Green said. "We have also promised the WAFL the first \$10,000 in gate receipts. That represents 2500 people and anything above that we'll go 50/50 with the league."

"We are expecting 5000 fans at the game."

## Carnival

Mr Green said that his association applied for the game after winning the Wesfarmers Country Carnival last year.

"We received a letter from the WAFL asking if we would like to hold a WAFL game in the area," he said. "After staging the East Perth/Subiaco game in 1985, we jumped at the chance."

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## Talent aplenty as N-W teams gather

THE annual BP Pilbara championships are being staged in Dampier this season to coincide with the WAFL Swan Districts-East Perth match on Sunday, June 4.

The carnival will be staged over the Foundation Day long weekend and the final will be played as a curtain-raiser to the WAFL clash at Dampier Oval.

The teams taking part are hosts and winners of the 1988 Wesfarmers Country Carnival, North Pilbara, defending champions Newman, Fortescue and, for the first time, Broome.

Petroleum and natural gas giant BP have increased their sponsorship of the carnival to \$7000, most of which will be divided among the visiting teams to reduce their travelling costs.

### Subsidies

In addition, international mining company Hamersley Iron are subsidising the cost of accommodation for the three out-of-town teams.

Carnival co-ordinator Adrian Marshall said that Broome, Fortescue and Newman would each receive a \$2000 subsidy this year — an increase on previous years.

"We've had a few dramas in recent weeks with both Carnarvon and Exmouth pulling out," Marshall said.

"It also looked as if Newman weren't going to come because they couldn't raise the funds.

"However, with BP's help, we managed to keep them in and with Broome



John Duckworth... in charge.

entering for the first time, things are now starting to run smoothly."

Marshall said that the North Pilbara Association was also grateful for Fortescue's co-operation this year.

"It was their turn to host the carnival, but because we had the WAFL game, they gave it to us instead," he said.

"Tom Price will be hosts in 1990."

### Fierce

This year's competition promises to be one of the most fiercely contested ever, with possibly the best clash of the weekend — North Pilbara versus Broome — kicking off the carnival.

"We understand that Broome are sending a strong team," Marshall said.

"And though North Pilbara have lost a lot of players from the 1988 Carnival-winning team, we're still pretty strong. Big John Duckworth, who is coaching Dampier Sharks in the North Pilbara League, is in charge and he should fire the team into action."

Broome, who have raised \$6000 to make the journey to Dampier, are coached by former St Kilda player Peter Pucker and captained by Chris Sampi, who had an unsuccessful stint at East Perth.

Though the Broome team is made up entirely of local talent, team manager Mike Weavers believes that they can win the carnival.

### Barefooted

Weaver said that his squad, which includes 198cm tall ruckman Andrew Roberts and Aboriginal All Australian cricketer Pius Gregory, mostly play barefooted.

"They played the curtain-raiser against Bathurst for the West Coast Eagles-Footscray match at the WACA Ground last year," he said.

"After getting a standing ovation from the crowd, the critics described them as barefooted and brilliant."

Coaching Fortescue this year is Charlie Salmon, while Des Smith is in charge of Newman.

The Newman-Fortescue match, which will be played on Saturday, June 3 at 2.30pm, is a replay of the 1988 grand final which Newman won convincingly, 21.27 to 8.6.

The BP Carnival fixtures are:-

Saturday — Noon: North Pilbara v Broome; 2.30pm Fortescue v Newman. Sunday 9.30am: Consolation final for Saturday's losers; 11.30am: Grand final for Saturday's winners.



North Pilbara's carnival-winning team of 1988.

## Pilbara comes of age

THE last four years have been exciting times for the North Pilbara Football League.

Not only is the league hosting the WAFL game between Swan Districts and East Perth in conjunction with the annual BP Pilbara carnival next weekend, but they will be defending their title as Wesfarmers Country champions in Perth later this year.

North Pilbara beat the strong Goldfields side in the 1988 country championships grand final, 12.7 to 5.4, to cap their meteoric rise in country football.

In a high-standard game, they opened up a 32-point lead by quarter-time and despite a spirited fightback from Goldfields, North Pilbara maintained that margin at the long-break when rain began to fall.

North Pilbara were well served by midfielders Paul Collie (a former Perth league star) and Kevin Mitchell — now at Claremont — who showed flashes of the form displayed by his more illustrious brother Michael.

The North Pilbara team, coached by Collie, had only attained A-grade status in 1986 by winning the B-grade competition.

In 1985, North Pilbara hosted the WAFL match between East Perth and Subiaco at Dampier Oval, a feat that put the local competition on the football map.

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Feeling well pleased is South Fremantle coach Stan Magro flanked by Dean Wilson (left) and Richard Geary.

## Edwards sets the ball rolling ...

**POWERFUL** ruckman Craig Edwards and his small helpers Willie Rioli and Derek Collard produced a stunning final-term burst to demolish Swan Districts at Bassendean Oval last Saturday.

The two teams traded the lead for three terms and were going goal for goal — and even point for point — till Souths turned the screws on the inexperienced Swans.



Match-winner Craig Edwards.

"Craig makes a big difference," Derek Collard said after the victory. "If we call for the ball, he'll get it down to us."

When the ball hit the ground it would usually result in Collard firing out a handpass to Rioli — or vice-versa. And with the dynamic Peter Matera in blistering form on a half-forward flank, South Fremantle produced a 6.3 final quarter.

"It was a fighting effort," Edwards said afterwards. "We weren't very skilful, but we never stopped committing our body in the tackles and that's why we won."

### Improving

"The best thing about it is that we're winning and still improving."

The Bulldogs success proves that a team which lives together plays well together. The three Collard brothers — Cliff, Derek and Brad — share a house and they have become good friends with the young Rioli since his arrival from Darwin.

"They've really helped me settle down," Rioli said.

"We go out together and have a lot of fun at the club and we seem to communicate well," Derek Collard said.

## Slater has a theory ...

**FORMER** West Australian and Swan Districts ruckman Keith Slater has a theory on how to stop in-form South Fremantle ruckman Craig Edwards.

The runner-up in last year's Sandover Medal has played a big part in the Bulldogs six wins this season by generally dominating the tap-out duels and bringing his smaller team-mates into the game.

Slater says that teams should play two ruckmen in the centre circle bounce-downs to stop Edwards.

"Edwards doesn't seem to like a player running head-on at him in the ruck," says Slater. "That's why he always stands next to his opponent and comes in from the side."

"If you use two ruckmen you can always have one running at him."

## Prime money up for grabs

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## ON THE BALL

by **GEORGE TEMPLE**



## Abundance of rewards for Neil Taylor

**IT** was an emotional Neil Taylor who accepted the accolades for his record-breaking 253 club appearances for Subiaco last Saturday night.

Taylor, a man who is uncomfortable in the limelight, was almost tearful as guests such as former club president Michael Carlile, long-time team-mate Phil Lamb, former coach and mentor Brian Douge, brother Brian Taylor and Colin Williams — whose record he surpassed — congratulated him on his achievement.

In total, Taylor received 16 presentations, including a placard illustrating his 16 years of outstanding service to Subiaco from the club.

Lamb, who retired this season and had celebrated his 200th game on the same day as Taylor, said that the achievement was remarkable in view of all the hardships "Tails" had endured.

"Neil overcame a good deal of adversity in the early days to play in four grand finals and winning two, which were his just desserts."

"His on-field influence has not diminished and the players have a tremendous amount of respect for him and listen to his advice during the game," said Lamb.

However, it was brother Brian who made the best observation.

"It took Neil three years to establish himself and, unlike the hundreds of other players who fell by the wayside, he stuck at it in the hard times to develop into a fine player and team man."

## UNLUCKY HOWLETT

**WEST** Perth half-back Gavin Howlett should buy a lottery ticket this week because his luck has got to change. Howlett broke his nose for the second time this season when he collided with Perth ruckman John Gavranich last Saturday. Since the initial break five weeks ago, Howlett had been wearing a face guard ... until last Saturday, that is. The plucky half-back decided that the nose was fixed and he discarded the guard ... much to his regret.

## TIGER CELEBRATION

**CLAREMONT** celebrated their undefeated start to the season with a cruise up the Swan River last Sunday. Using two boats, the Tigers meandered their way from the Fremantle Yacht Club to Matilda Bay, where they stopped for a good old Aussie barbeque.

## LANGSFORD OUT

**SWAN** Districts will be without veteran defender Don Langsford for four weeks. Langsford pulled a hamstring muscle in the opening 10 minutes of Saturday's clash with South Fremantle and took no further part in the match. His midfield presence and coolness in a crisis was certainly missed in the final term.



Brian Sutherland... on his way back.

## Sutherland makes welcome return

**CLAREMONT** half-forward Brian Sutherland made an impressive return to football in the Tigers reserves last Saturday.

The 1988 State representative has not played since injuring a knee against East Perth at the WACA Ground late last season, but he was among Claremont's best players at East Fremantle Oval.

However, while Sutherland is preparing for a league return, former skipper Tony Beers is still on the sidelines.

He has not played a league game this season and was sidelined last week with a mystery back ailment. The 92-game player is expected to be out for two or three weeks.

## Urquhart shows his resilience

**CLAREMONT** midfielder Julian Urquhart received 16 stitches to his face in Saturday's clash with East Fremantle — but it won't keep him out of action this week.

Urquhart fell head first into a pack of Sharks and Tigers and cut the bridge of his nose, his right cheek and near his right eye.

He took no further part in the game, but is expected to line up for the league team against Subiaco at Claremont Oval this Saturday.

## SHARKS ON SHOW

**EAST** Fremantle will hold their Players' Revue in the club social rooms this Sunday, starting at 5pm. Tickets for the evening of entertainment are available from players and club administrators for \$5. Doors open at 4pm.



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Royals skipper Glen Bartlett.

# Bartlett shoulders the responsibility

THE emotion generated in the East Perth rooms after notching their first win of the season didn't seem to be affecting Royals skipper Glen Bartlett.

But that wasn't the case — Bartlett was so relieved he could hardly believe that the team had finally broken the ice for this season.

The former West Coast Eagles has carried an enormous burden in the last two years, firstly coping with his departure from the VFL club; then overcoming a legal wrangle with the Eagles and finally trying to do his best to help the young Royals side.

Bartlett seemingly tried too hard in many games last season and often came under fire from Royals fans for not being the match-winner they expected him to be.

But he never wilted and he continually worked hard behind the scenes to help the young team mould together.

And this year he was quick to pledge his support to new coach Ian McCulloch and even though victories were

being denied the Royals, Bartlett's contribution improved.

However, the team hit rock bottom at Lathlain Park almost four weeks ago when they went down to Perth in not-too-flash style.

"I realised after that game that we didn't really know much about each other and we really lacked team spirit and feeling among the players," says Bartlett.

## Team talk

"We got together at a local park for what was supposed to be a training session. But instead we sat around and had a real talk about ourselves — who we were, where we came from; why we were at East Perth and so forth.

"From then on we started to build some team spirit and the last quarter (against Subiaco) showed just how desperate we were becoming to help each other and get a win."

Bartlett is one of the game's most physically-strong players, but — as he himself often admits — he doesn't use that strength to advantage. At times, it seems, he pulls back because he doesn't want to risk hurting anyone.

But when he plays well — and so does East Perth — it's when he uses his strength to create openings and opportunities around him... as was the case on Saturday when Bartlett was a key player at centre-half-forward.

Bartlett had an unusual build-up for last week's win — he had spent the week in Singapore on business. But he was to the forefront out on the field as he encouraged the young players and with strong, desperate bodywork he set the pattern for the victory.

"We have got a lot closer as a team in the last few weeks," said Bartlett. "The players are now prepared to commit their bodies in a physical presence to help the team."



ON THE BALL

with ALAN EAST

## Coaches to study Jeans

THE Australian Football Coaches Association is continuing its high standard of guest speakers with Hawthorn's premiership coach, Alan Jeans, addressing the group after his team clashes with the West Coast Eagles on Sunday, June 4.

The seminar will give coaches the opportunity to study an elite team and listen to one of football's most respected coaches.

Coaches are invited to make a full day of the exercise, meeting at Subiaco Oval at 10am, where they will discuss methods of game analysis and groups will be allocated certain game components to observe.

A light lunch will be served before the start of the VFL game and after the match, coaches will analyse what happened before Jeans takes the stage.

AFCFA members can attend for \$10 and non-members \$20, which includes lunch and a seat for the game. The day is limited to 25, so book early by phoning Marion or Janice on 381 5599.

## Silent Campbell has his say . . .

EAST Perth veteran Grant Campbell is a man of few words and there haven't been all that many long interviews with the laconic schoolteacher over the years.

But it was his moment of glory on Saturday as he notched his 200th game for the Royals and he delighted fans at the after-match presentation with a lengthy speech.

Campbell, just turned 27, told members how he had been glancing through the scrapbook his mother had kept and he realised that all of his previous milestones — 50 games, 100 and 150 — had resulted in big defeats for the Royals.

## Determined

"I was pretty determined that this one wouldn't be the same," he said, recalling with a smile that he had kicked the team's 12th and last goal which helped towards the five-point victory.

Campbell also revealed that he broke into league ranks in June of 1978 — as a 16-year-old and actually got his chance when current coach Ian McCulloch, then one of East Perth's leading ruckmen, was forced out of the side with a one-week suspension.

East Perth president Laurie Kennedy welcomed Campbell to the Royals (and WAFL) 200 Club and pointed out that playing Subiaco was a good omen for dual-centurions.

"I remember beating Subiaco in my 200th game for East Perth and we beat them the day Steven Curtis played his 200th as well," said Kennedy.

## Ugle in the hot seat

SWAN Districts midfielder and part-time Eagles player Troy Ugle is in the hot seat as far as regaining VFL status is concerned.

Eagles coach John Todd says that Ugle has a fair bit to learn in his football and his future wasn't clear.

"Next time he's back in the team he has to do something — he's had three or four chances," said Todd.

## Mandurah Bulldogs

"WHATEVER you can do, we can do better" seems to be the catchcry at South Fremantle.

The Bulldogs upstaged their neighbours East Fremantle in the recent derby clash and they are now stealing the Sharks idea for a supporters club in Mandurah.

South Fremantle general manager Brian Ciccotosto believes the Bulldogs can establish an even bigger club than East Fremantle in the coastal town.

"Mandurah is in our zone," he said. "We should be able to get at least 100 members. It's still very much in the early stages yet, but I'm certain it will be bigger than the Mandurah Sharks."

## Demons off to the races

PERTH have organised their annual race day outing to Toodyay for Wednesday, July 5 this year.

It's one of the club's most successful days, with a bus taking supporters to and from Lathlain for a pleasant day at one of WA's best country race courses.

## "JR" chases the awards

AT one stage last Saturday East Perth little man Ray Ewen was in line to win the three major awards on Radio 6PR, who were broadcasting the clash with Subiaco — and it had nothing to do with the fact that former Royals champion John K. Watts was calling the game!

Ewen, a real high-flier, had grabbed a sensational mark on the half-forward line — sitting head-and-shoulders on the pack — and he had also posted a great snap-shot goal over his shoulder.

With that sort of form, he was obviously a leading contender for 6PR's player-of-the-match, but in the end he finished up with just the mark-of-the-day award.

Newly-returned Royal Tom Williams collected the goal-of-the-day with his long, bouncing shot after the half-time siren and defender Peter Cransberg was named man-of-the match.

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Last Friday, the only development manager I could contact was West Perth's Steve Woodhouse — and that was just as he stepped out of the door for an "Aussie Footy" clinic at the East Hamersley Primary School.

East Perth's Andrew Komp was in Mundijong; East Fremantle's Clinton Pike was on his way to Geraldton with the club's Shark Pack; Perth's Gary Rogers was also in the country and Phil Smart, of Claremont, was out at a suburban clinic.

## Country battle on this weekend

A BIG weekend of country football is coming to Perth this week for the 1989 PIBA country championships.

Teams representing their WAFL clubs will play off in a round-robin contest and the two undefeated sides will meet in the PIBA final on Sunday.

The champion team will take off the inaugural PIBA trophy and Primary Industry Bank of Australia general manager, Mike Walter, will present the PIBA Medal to the weekend's best player.

Mr Walter will also announce the Country All-Stars squad, who will play the City All-Stars in further Teal Cup trials on the first weekend in June.



## TOYOTA CUP

### Bassendean win at Subiaco Oval

TOYOTA Cup side Bassendean ran out 25-point winners over Eastern Hills in a hard-fought game at Subiaco Oval last Sunday, 11.16 (82) to 9.3 (57).

The two Swan Districts teams played a Toyota Cup curtain-raiser to the West Coast Eagles vs Melbourne match and though the winning margin wasn't quite as close as the VFL clash, the boys from Bassendean were just as thrilled with the win as were the Melbourne visitors.

Local Toyota dealers — Midland Toyota and Kalamunda Toyota — presented best-player awards to Bassendean's ruckman Paul Denys and Paul McLeod, captain of Eastern Hills.

Last Sunday's Toyota Cup results were:

**TIGERS CUP** — Marist 32.22 (best: Davidson) d Scarborough 4.3 (Ptolomey), Hawks 12.19 (Walker) d Karrinyup 6.8 (Firkin), Carine 23.16 (Slobosz) d West Coast 4.1.

**SWAN DISTRICTS** — Bassendean 11.16 (Denys) d Eastern Hills 9.3 (McLeod), Swan View 12.7 d Redcliffe 5.7.

**SOUTH/EAST FREMANTLE** — Karoonda 32.16 (Bransby) d Willetton 8.5 (McGrath), Lynwood 18.13 (King) d Rossmoyne 6.8 (Williams), Kardinya 17.15 (MacDonald) d Applecross 7.0 (Stienoff), East Fremantle 23.14 (Higham) d Cockburn 7.8 (Rourke).

**SOUTH SUBURBAN/PERTH** — East Victoria Park 15.7 d Maddington 4.6, Kenwick 9.13 d Thornlie 6.8, Gosnells 8.13 d Armadale 5.5, Forrestfield 26.10 d Forrestdale 5.5, Roleystone 11.17 d Kelmscott 3.2.

**EAST/WEST PERTH** — Cougars 15.10 (Shoke) d Noranda 7.10 (Milland), Bayswater/Morley 17.13 (Martin) d Bombers 3.4 (Daddow), Osborne Park 15.12 (Stestafano) d Swanleigh 9.7 (Virgo), East Perth/Highgate 14.7 (Marrier) d Balga 7.4 (Thurwell).

**SUBIACO** — Kingsley 18.16 (Morrell, Dohler, Herold, Evans, Burn) d Northern Districts 16.14 (Burch, Sandercott, Oring, Perry, S. Burch, Quinlan, Shepherd), Whitfords d Warwick on forfeit.

## SCHOOLBOYS SQUADS IN TRAINING

WEST Perth have selected a squad of 24 players to train under former Perth player Ron de Boer for the State schoolboys championship trials on June 4 and 5.

Subiaco's Lions Pride are also training hard under coach Jeff Lind, manager Gary Peach and Lions football manager Trevor Nisbett.

The Lions squad of 30 are fine-tuning their skills at the Warwick Senior High School on Monday nights.

Players from all areas will have the chance to impress selectors over the two days of fixtures with the hope of being selected in the team which will compete in the State schoolboys carnival in Darwin in August.

Merredin coach Ken Duffy with victorious players (from left) Steven Bielen, Les Egerton and Warren Bow with the Quit Cup Country Challenge trophy they received for beating the Northam high school at the WACA Ground.

## Narrow loss

GIRRAWHEEN narrowly lost their first Quit Cup game of the year when they went down to Eastern Hills by one straight kick last Wednesday.

Inaccurate kicking cost Girrawheen dearly as they had four more scoring shots than the victors, finished six points down, 9.4 (58) to 7.10 (52).

Games between Hampton and Chisholm and Maddington and Kewdale resulted in two nail-biting draws.

**NORTH WEST BARRY CABLE DIVISION:** Newman 10.7 b Aranmore 5.5; Craigie 10.12 b Churchlands 5.9; Carine 9.8 b Warwick 2.2. **GRAHAM FARMER BLUE:** Duncraig 14.20 b Wanneroo 0.1; Ocean Reef 14.8 b Sacred Heart 5.4; St Stephens 9.7 b Woodvale 5.3. **BLACK:** Balcata 8.11 b John XXIII 4.5. **NORTH EAST — BARRY CABLE DIVISION:** Hampton 6.6 drew Chisholm 6.6; Eastern Hills 9.4 b Girrawheen 7.10. **GRAHAM FARMER:** Morley 17.7 b Cyril Jackson 4.4; Governor Stirling 13.7 b La Salle 2.3. **SOUTH WEST — BARRY CABLE DIVISION:** Applecross 15.8 b Rossmoyne 3.1. **GRAHAM FARMER DIVISION:** Corpus Christi 8.4 b Leeming 5.8. Safety Bay 9.10 b Melville. **SOUTH EAST — BARRY CABLE DIVISION:** Wesley 14.7 b Mazenod 5.2; Lynwood 10.7 b Forrestfield 7.12. **GRAHAM FARMER DIVISION:** Clontarf 13.12 b Rebooth 1.2; Maddington 5.5 drew Kewdale 5.5.

## City Teal Cup squad named

THE Teal Cup selectors have chosen a 32-member City All-Stars squad which contains the most talented under-17s in Perth.

The squad will line up against the Country All-Stars (which will be selected this Sunday) on the first weekend in June for the final selection of the Teal Cup squad for 1989.

Team manager Ken Godwin said selection was difficult and coach Grant Dorrington felt the standard of football was higher than in previous years.

Six squad members played Teal Cup last year — All-Australian Lee Walker, Greg Turner, Glen Jakovich, 1987 State Schoolboys captain Kane Morphet, Craig Hunter and Russell Thompson.

The City All-Stars squad is: Sean Stanley, Dean Byrne, Shane Marshall, Troy Jordon, Chris Peel, Troy Foote, Stephen O'Reilly, Chris Hammond, Jason Ball (Swan Districts), Lee Walker, Marcus Seecamp, Gary French, Darryl Clark (East Perth), Greg Turner, Glen Jakovich, Nick Bolton, Preston Holland (South Fremantle), Kane Morphet, Bob McCormack, Justin Sanders, Richard Sheavyn, Glen Davies (East Fremantle), Craig Hunter, Nathan Buck, David Snow, Tony Goddin (Subiaco), Brad Renton, Shane Ebsary, Darren Rigby, Russell Thompson (Perth), Justin Drifill, Jamie Merrillo (West Perth).

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# Hawks maintain unbeaten record

GOSNELLS set up their sixth consecutive win of the season with a blistering first quarter against Osborne Park.

The Hawks finished 28-point winners at Balcatta Reserve, which has not been a happy hunting ground for them in the past.

They slammed on eight goals in the first term.

Half-forward Gary Foster was particularly damaging with four goals.

However, the catalyst was ruckman Phil Latham, playing his first league game for 1989.

Latham, with his exceptional leaping ability, dominated the hit-outs and round-the-ground marking duels.

With centreman Gary Smallridge and ruck-rover Cameron Knapton playing strongly, the Hawks powered away from the Saints.

It was a remarkable day for Gosnells as they won in all three grades and have now won 17 out of 18 matches in 1989.

In round seven Gosnells clash with Applecross and all games should provide an exciting spectacle.

For Osborne Park only Clinton Roberts and Brian Dawson put in four-quarter efforts.

Interchange player Mark Allen (three goals) played strongly in the ruck when he came on late in the second quarter.

However, the damage had been done and it appeared that the Saints had been out-coached by the Hawks bench.

## Blues by 110

WILLETTON bounced back into the top three when they demolished an inept Kelmscott at Burrendah by a mammoth 110 points.

Full-forward Steve Bingham booted eight goals and half-forward Angelo Pontillo five.

Ruck-rover Ken Dixon played strongly for Willetton and his ability to open up packs and link up play was a dominating feature.

Kelmscott, big winners in their opening three matches, have fallen away to their 1988 form.

Lack of commitment by the players both to the club and themselves is proving a difficult problem for coach Paul Vasoli.

## Mundijong unbeaten

MUNDIJONG Centrals completed round five of the Metropolitan Football League with a resounding win over Mosman Park.

The ease of their 91-point win over Mosman Park consolidated their position at the top of the ladder and continued the club's unbeaten record.

Manning's 13-point loss to Fremantle has dented the club's chances of playing in the finals, and are now locked into a battle for the wooden spoon with Cockburn and Mosman Park.

Pinjarra's 35-point win over Kwinana gives the Tigers the opportunity of finishing in either of the top two positions.

However, Kwinana — currently in fourth position are locked into a three-way battle with Midland and Fremantle for third and fourth positions.

Good performances in the MFL were Manning's Kurt Haunold, who kicked seven goals in a losing team, Midland's full-forward Ron Roberts, with a six-goal haul against Cockburn and veteran Mundijong forward Murray Hansen, who contributed seven goals.

### Metropolitan League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
MUNDIJONG	5	5	-	644	399	161.40	20
PINJARRA	5	4	1	683	373	183.11	16
MIDLAND	5	3	2	601	353	170.25	12
KWINANA	5	3	2	558	429	130.07	12
Fremantle	5	3	2	479	486	98.56	12
Manning	5	1	4	380	493	77.07	4
Mosman Park	5	1	4	286	615	46.50	4
Cockburn	5	-	5	251	734	34.19	-

Mundijong v Cockburn,  
Mundijong Sporting Complex, Mundijong.  
Mosman Park v Kwinana,  
Tom Perrett Reserve, Mosman Park.  
Midland v Manning,  
Bassendean Oval, Bassendean.  
Fremantle v Pinjarra,  
Gilfraser Reserve, North Fremantle.



## SUNDAY SCENE

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



In round seven the Bulldogs clash with Kalamunda at John Dunn and the Cougars should bring up their second consecutive win.

Kelmscott may struggle to win another game this season.

## Roos romp in

FORWARDS Tony Fullgrabe, Tony Fraser and Gavin Carter booted 17 goals between them when Wanneroo romped to a 56-point win over Applecross.

Fullgrabe and Carter contributed six majors each and full-forward Fraser finished with five.

Applecross, who again were slow to start, finished with a nine-goal last quarter.

Young Applecross ruckman Ben Simpson continued his good form for the Hawks while Peter Brindley, Mark Horn and Jamie Simmons all tried hard.

## Demons lift

ARMADALE proved the merit of the old adage that the game is not won until the final siren when they overpowered Maddington in the last quarter to finish five-point winners.

The Demons, with forwards David Michael and Ricky Hill firing, booted eight goals in the final term to get up and snatch victory.

The outstanding performance of the day was given by Maddington forward Paul Tolan with a nine-goal haul.

Veteran Kim Lambkin and Darren Johnston played well for the Bulls while ruckman Barry Gibb was another strong player for Armadale.

Armadale improved from seventh position to move into the top five.

It has been many years since the Demons were last in the top five.

Coach Kevin Worthington will be hoping to further consolidate with his home-grown team in coming weeks.

## Armstrong's first

GARY Armstrong achieved his first win as Kalamunda's league coach when the Cougars snatched the four points against Thornlie.

The Cougars were 15 points down at half-time but played strongly in the second half win by 30 points.

Armstrong, who has a knee injury, is likely to be out of football for at least four weeks.

Wingman Simon Dober and ruckman Paul Hawkins were well supported by Kalamunda's brigade.

Rick Ellard, Mick Huntley and Colin Wilkins were all strong contributors for the Cougars.

Thornlie forward Darryl Smith was the leading goalscorer for the game with four majors.

Sean Pearce, Greg Taylor and Ashley Heard tried hard for the losers.

### SUNDAY LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
GOSNELLS	6	6	-	649	336	193.15	24
WANNEROO	6	5	1	810	465	174.19	20
WILLETTON	6	4	2	587	375	156.53	16
KENWICK	6	4	2	612	522	117.24	16
ARMADALE	6	4	2	549	618	88.83	16
Canning	6	3	3	660	464	142.24	12
Osborne Park	6	3	3	609	493	123.52	12
Kelmscott	6	3	3	498	576	86.45	12
Maddington	6	2	4	578	573	100.87	8
Applecross	6	2	4	527	710	74.22	8
South Perth	6	2	4	383	636	60.22	8
Mandurah	6	1	5	540	714	75.63	4
Kalamunda	6	1	5	382	581	65.74	4
Thornlie	6	1	5	388	709	54.72	4

Maddington v Willetton, Maddington Oval, Maddington. Kelmscott v Kalamunda, John Dunn Oval, Kelmscott. Thornlie v Osborne Park, Thornlie Oval, Thornlie. Gosnells v Applecross, Gosnells Oval, Gosnells. South Perth v Armadale, Forster Park, Belmont. Mandurah v Canning, Rushton Park, Mandurah. Wanneroo v Kenwick, Kingsway Sporting Complex, Landsdale.

## Tigers solid

CANNING Tigers returned to the winning list with a strong 91-point win over a lacklustre South Perth.

In the first and last quarters the Tigers defence restricted South Perth's forwards to only 2.5 and 0.5, respectively.

Club stalwart Laurie Liddelow, with about 30 possessions, was best for South Perth.

Benny Vigona made his debut for Canning and although short of match practice, he did some useful things for the Tigers.

## Slick Royals

KENWICK proved too strong for Mandurah at Mills Park with a 50-point win over the Southerners.

Kenwick coach Peter Ashworth, returning after injury, kicked nine goals for the winners.

Rover Neville Luff continued his good form for Kenwick with a solid four-quarter effort.

Mandurah's Wayne Stevenson, a product of the club's junior ranks, contributed five goals for the Southerners.

Mandurah, Thornlie, Kalamunda and Maddington, all finalists in 1988, now seem unlikely to play in the finals this season.

## FOCUS ON THE WAFL MINOR GRADES

### Prime

### RESERVES

By TANIA ARMSTRONG



# Controversial end in drawn match

A DISALLOWED goal after the siren from South Fremantle's Paul Wilson was the controversial end to an exciting prime reserves draw between Swan Districts and South Fremantle on Saturday.

Scores were locked on 11.9 (75) each when time ran out for both teams.

Bassendean Oval came alive in the dying minutes and in the last seconds, Wilson marked deep in the forward pocket.

As Wilson walked back to his mark the siren sounded and he kicked truly from a difficult angle.

South Fremantle players and supporters were jubilant with the snatched victory, but were shocked when umpire Simon Weston did not give the all-clear signal.

Umpire Weston ruled that Wilson had taken a step off course while having his kick, deemed that he had played on and called full-time before the goal had been scored.

### Emotional

Bulldogs were far from happy with the decision and the emotional scenes that followed, when Weston and co-umpire Ron Bayens were confronted, are rarely seen at WAFL games.

There are two sides to every story, and naturally, Swan Districts players, officials and fans felt that the judgment was valid under the rules.

"From what I could see, the player took a step sideways and the umpire was right," said Swans coach Alan Walker.

Walker was happy that his side didn't lose, but pointed out that had Swans won they would be sitting on top of the ladder, which would have been an amazing turnaround in one round of football after finishing wooden-spooners last season.

As it is, the black and whites are well placed in third position after seven games, with Claremont and South Fremantle occupying the top two places.

Claremont were surprise losers to East Fremantle, who led the Tigers throughout before winning by 11 points, 12.12 (84) to 10.13 (73).

East Perth set the scene for their league's first victory of the season when they earned their first premiership points with a 35-point win over Subiaco, 15.22 (112) to 10.11 (71).

At Lathlain, West Perth struggled to hang on for a four-point victory over Perth, 13.17 (95) to 12.19 (91).

## UNDER 19s

# Lions colts show plenty of promise

WHILE Subiaco's league and reserves sides are struggling with two wins each from the first round, the Lions under-19s are sitting in second spot on the ladder.

The Subiaco colts have won more games this season than both the league and reserves sides put together — and those teams were grand finalists last year.

The Lions have got five wins on the board — though they were awarded four points after being well beaten by Perth, only to see the Demons penalised for playing an ineligible player.

At the WACA Ground last Saturday, the Lions ran out winners by 38 points, 10.20 (80) to 6.6 (42), after kicking eight goals in the first half.

Subiaco kicked 8.8 up till half-time and could only add another 2.12 after that, which didn't please Subiaco coach Eddie Pitter.

"The guys lost concentration after half-time," said the Subiaco coach.

"We did the same thing in the last two games against East Fremantle and Swan Districts, which is worrying."

Pitter, who is in his sixth year with the Subiaco colts, praised hard-working Jason Walker, who left the field at three-quarter time as he was required to make up the numbers in the reserves game.

Pitter was also pleased with the performance of Carnarvon recruit Scott Combes, wingman Tony Godden, big Jamie O'Keefe and Scott Kettlewell.

In the closest game of the day, East Fremantle 12.11 (83) beat Claremont 11.12 (78), which left the reigning premiers winning only three games in the first round.

At Bassendean Oval, Swan Districts kept a firm grip on top position with a big win over South Fremantle, 20.17 (137) to 8.14 (62) and at Lathlain Park, Perth 15.8 (98) defeated West Perth 4.10 (34) to finish Round One with two consecutive wins.

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## Manuel completes successful comeback

A-GRADE

by  
**TREVOR SCHORER**



MT Lawley ruckman David Manuel completed an incredible comeback from serious injuries which have sidelined him for three years when he dominated the A-grade clash with Old Wesley on Saturday.

Manuel, who is also an A-grade cricketer for Mt Lawley, was injured three seasons ago and has faced three major operations and a long physiotherapy programme before resuming.

Mt Lawley's ruck dominance was capitalised on by the running players Copeland, McAleer, O'Brien and Brolese. With key positions players Hardman, Cook and Kearney all doing their part, the Hawks ran out comfortable 50-point winners.

University put a dent in Trinity-Aquinas' finals hopes when they got home by three points.

University have proved that they are back as a power, winning all their close finishes — something which has kept them out of the running in recent years.

Players who did well for university were Nick Rohr, Chris Foulkes and Matt McNec, while for Trinity-Aquinas, Richard Joyce, Brad Calvin and Johnson were best.

### Close finish

In another exciting match Nollmara fell over the line by two points from a fast-finishing Scarborough.

The match was a physically tough affair and both sides deserved to win. But it was the performance of Guy Nesbitt, Ed Bencic Mark Thompson and Mick Rea that helped Nollmara to their fifth win of the season.

North Beach kept themselves in the top five with a comfortable seven-goal victory over bottom side Innaloo, who have only one win to their credit.

The Tigers were never troubled and the bonus of A-grade first-gamers Rohan Ryan, Chris Pugh and Dave Dowling playing well gives the club more depth.

Mark Deeble, on a half-forward flank with five goals was the leading scorer in the game and with defenders Shaun Lohar and Ross Schultz were the Tigers best.

Scarborough should bounce back hard after the loss and will look to players like Aldo D'Allesandro, John Bengough, Dave Bryer and Wayne McNeil to continue their good form.

### Wembley lose

In a game Wembley will want to forget, West Coast recorded their third win of the season with a 26-point victory.

Once again No. 1 rover Bernie Dunn was the prime mover for West Coast, with numerous possessions continuing the good form that he has displayed in every game.

Other fine performers were Richard Tovey and Robbie Mann, while for Wembley, Kevin Symons, Glen O'Donnell and Stuart Penny were dominant.

This week Mt Lawley look better than Wembley on form; Trinity-Aquinas should beat Innaloo; University look too good for West Coast; Nollmara should beat Old Wesley and Scarborough could come back hard and down North Beach.



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The Maylands B-graders after their strong win over CBC — (from left) Ray Wilkinson, Adam Yates, Bruce Loo and Ossie Dikolli.

## Maylands ruthless in victory over CBC

B-GRADE

by  
**PETER RUSH**



MAYLANDS ruthlessly disposed of CBC in Saturday's B-grade game of the day, with victory built around fierce tackling and a determined desire for the ball.

David Rowse gave a superb display of ruck work and strong marking, which enabled the Rams running players Paul Naughton, Ossie Dikolli and Gary Mawdesley to dominate.

Burly forward Adam Yates finished with five goals, while Gary McNamara, Bruce Loo and Wayne McKinlay also contributed.

Jerry Hart, Ric Zumach, Nigel Rogers and Graham Howard played well for CBC.

Dianella grabbed fifth spot and raised doubts about early-season favourites Bayswater with an eight-goal win.

Kelvin Reynolds, Brad Fare, Paul Hart and Brad O'Brien led the way for the Panthers, while the Blues only winner was Mark Lewis.

### Finals hope

Curtin jumped back into finals calculations with a seven-goal victory over an ailing Swan Athletic.

Warren Marshall, Brendon Taylor and Steve Desmond were again dominant for the Tigers, while Kurt Rossman was also a handy player.

Collegians-Old Scotch sent Mt Lawley to the bottom of the ladder with a 44-point victory. Best for the Lions were Murray Brewer, Andrew Piney, David Barnes and Adam Hayack.

Drew Herrington, Mick Gill and Dave Reed played well in North Fremantle's nine-goal demolition of Cockburn Lakes.

The competition has now evened up with only one game separating fifth and 10th, making every game important in the battle for the five.

The traditional Derby between Maylands and Bayswater goes back 40 years and are usually fierce encounters — and with third spot at stake, this week's game will be no exception.

Peter McKell and Dave Mueller are injured and their absence, combined with the Blues poor form of late, should see Maylands notch up a hand-earned victory.

Dianella are starting to look like definite finals prospects and they play North Fremantle, who have had it easy with three games at Gil Fraser Reserve.

The Panthers will take this game right up to North and could cause a surprise.

Swan Athletic, sadly out of touch, need to win to get moving again and have their chance against Cockburn Lakes.

Curtin are starting to overcome their injuries and should beat Mt Lawley, while Collegians-Old Scotch will keep their unbeaten record intact at CBC's expense.

## MILESTONES



Terry Robinson — 250 games

TERRY Robinson (above) has been one of the stalwarts of the Maylands club. His two brothers have played for the Rams, with Ric Robinson currently holding the record of 263 games for Maylands.

With Terry in the middle of his latest comeback, that record is well in sight.

Terry has won many awards in his years at Maylands and was a member of the Rams last two premierships in B-grade in 1976-77.

He is a rugged competitor who never gives in, playing mainly as a backman or ruck-rover.



Danny Tampalini — 200 games

DANNY Tampalini (above) has become the first player to represent the Hellenic Football Club in 200 games.

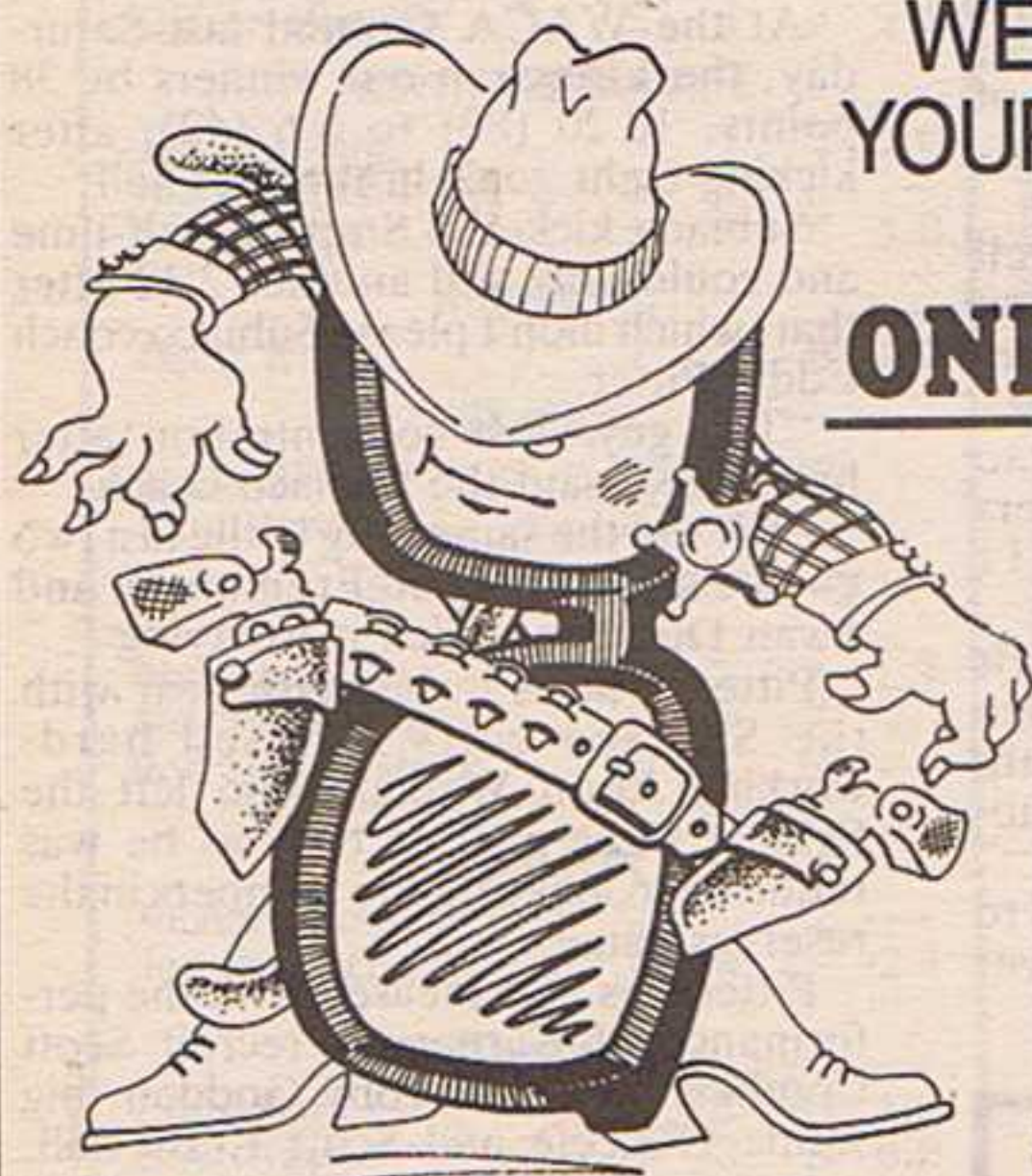
Danny joined the club in 1974 and won most consistent awards in 1981 and 1982.

He was overseas when Helenics J-grade side won the 1984 premiership.

Danny has served on many committees, giving valuable service and proving his commitment to the Hellenics club.

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Scarborough vs North Beach, Millington Res  
Innaloo vs Trinity/Aquinas, Bassendean Oval  
University vs West Coast, M'Gillivray Oval  
Wembley vs Mount Lawley, Henderson Park  
Nollmara vs Old Wesley, Des Penman Res

#### B-grade

ROUND NO. 8 — 27 MAY  
Bayswater vs Maylands, Hillcrest Park  
CBC vs Col/Old Scotch, East Fremantle Oval  
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# Coach accreditation — it plays a role

ALL coaches have been frustrated at one time or another by the inability of the players to respond to instructions or perform to their potential.

Often the problem is not with the players, but in the technique used by coaches to communicate their directives.

Research has proven that coaches are the most important and influential person in the camp.

They possess the power to affect the attitudes of players in their football endeavours and, in fact, whether they continue to play or not.

Coach education, which includes Level One accreditation, has been initiated to help coaches understand their responsibilities to the players and to the various problems they must deal with to become successful.

Level One accreditation actually imparts knowledge about the basic fundamentals of the game, which, in many cases, coaches neglect in their pursuit of success.

The 10-hour course involves educating coaches on up-to-date coaching methods relating to body movement, foot work, ball handling, individual offence and defence and basic team principles.

General coaching principles on teaching and organising skills, managing efficient, interesting training sessions, coach-athlete relations and demonstrating and evaluating skills and skill performance are also discussed.

### Potential

The aim of coach education is to maximise the potential of coaches and provide them with the latest develop-

ments in all areas of coaching, so that they can, in turn, provide the optimal environment for their players.

Attending a coaching course will not automatically guarantee effective coaching however, it can certainly help if coaches practically apply the principles that have been taught.

This type of learning is valuable to coaches who desire to improve themselves.

In fact, just as a coach expects his players to improve and perform at the highest level possible, then it is reasonable for players to expect their coach to improve and perform to his highest level.

It is probable that players will respect their coach more if he too, is endeavouring to improve his performance.

It can be argued that coaches who become better educated in the execution of their roles, will produce better skilled athletes who are more highly motivated and, as a consequence, can win more games.

Even so, there are many coaches who refuse to believe that coach education programmes are worthwhile.

These opinions are often nurtured through ignorance and philosophical emptiness.

Experience has shown that coaches who have reservations initially, have totally accepted the relevance and importance of the education programmes by their conclusion.

Coach education exposes coaches to a greater core of knowledge and understanding which will enable a coach to coach more effectively, irrespective of their talent.

The end result is that coaches will perform their task better having had course exposure.

# AMATEUR NEWS

A roundup of news from the West Australian Amateur Football League

## HIGHLIGHTS

### H-GRADE

EAST Fremantle scored their first win of the season with a morale-boosting 13-goal victory over Mt Lawley. Curtin recorded a narrow five-point victory over Riverton to keep in touch with the five. University held onto second spot with a hard-earned win over Bassendean, while Wembley maintained their unbeaten record with a 25-goal victory over Whitfords.

Mayland's 10-goal defeat of North Beach entrenched them in third spot. Mark Dowding continued his goal-kicking form with nine majors.

Mark Emmett, Stuart Sims, Bill Hickey and robust ruckman Mark Sheedy were also in fine touch for the Rams.

### E-GRADE

JOHN XXIII lost their first game for the season in the top-of-the-table clash with Bullcreek.

The Blueboys looked all at sea in the wet, but should bounce back against lowly National Bank in "Corporate Day" at College Park this week.

Steve Anastos was easily best-on-ground, but didn't get enough support from the rest of his side.

### L-GRADE

THE Blues chalked up another strong win to consolidate top spot. Ocean Ridge did not have the skill or class of their quicker opponents in a scrappy game.

Adam Zambon was strong on the ball, while Tom and Ricky Alvin provided a lot of bite around the ground.

### RADIO SHOW

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

### D COLTS

THE John XXIII glamour side continued their march to the top with a 47-point victory over Scarborough.

Pacy Dan Rohr and fellow rover Greg Ezard led the way for the Blues.

### C COLTS

THE Whitford Warriors continued their good form by beating a tough Bassendean side in tricky conditions. Whitfords played four hard-working quarters to win by 100 points. Better players for the Warriors were ruckman Brett Stickland, centreman Rod Putelli, ruck-rover Andy Hughes and forward Scott McKenzie.

### B-GRADE

WHITFORDS met a good side in Bassendean, who were more determined and direct and as a result comfortably defeated a lacklustre Warriors. Better players for the Warriors were Mills, Black, T. O'Brien, Crispen and Hinkley.

### A Colts:

A desperate Innaloo finished too strongly for North Beach, who fell away badly in the last quarter. Justin Vost, Chris Tsokos, Stewie Downie and Grant Birch showed their teammates how to play four quarters.

The Innaloo Bulldogs have now taken a hold on fifth spot.

Wembley remain undefeated, while Trinity Aquinas, Mt Lawley and University are well clear of the other six teams.

### D-Grade:

Mundaring came back to earth after last week's upset win and North Beach had too many winners around the ground, plus their six-goal first quarter.

John Gelavis and veterans Ian Lynford and Neil Savage stood out all day, but they will have to repeat the performance this week if they are to upset unbeaten division leaders Wembley.

Mundaring, Brentwood and Balcatta AICA appear to have dropped out of the finals race.

### H-Grade:

Despite big games by Dean Clatworthy, Matt Archer and Brett Perry, plus five goals from Andrew Howie, North Beach No 3 couldn't match Maylands No. 2 after half-time.

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### AMATEUR PREMIERSHIP TABLES

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>A GRADE</b>						
MT LAWLEY	7	6	1	739	579	127.63 24
UNIVERSITY	7	5	2	665	504	131.94 20
NOLLAMARA	7	5	2	695	630	110.32 20
NORTH BEACH	7	4	3	744	661	112.56 16
SCARBOROUGH	7	4	3	646	597	108.21 16
West Coast	7	3	4	620	647	95.83 12
Wembley	7	3	4	534	647	82.53 8
Trinity/Aquinas	7	2	5	610	649	93.99 8
Old Wesley	7	2	5	496	656	75.61 8
Innaloo	7	1	6	502	681	73.72 4
<b>B GRADE</b>						
COLL/OLD SCTCH	7	7	0	829	501	165.47 28
NTH FREMANTLE	7	6	1	743	537	138.36 24
MAYLANDS	7	5	2	798	575	138.78 20
BAYSWATER	7	4	3	617	682	106.01 16
DIANELLA	7	3	4	589	682	86.36 12
Swan Athletic	7	2	5	620	638	97.18 8
Cockburn Lakes	7	2	5	655	675	97.04 8
CBC	7	2	5	683	826	82.69 8
Curtin	7	2	5	546	701	77.89 8
Mt Lawley	7	2	5	446	709	62.91 8
<b>C GRADE</b>						
OSBORNE DIST.	7	7	0	739	506	146.05 28
BASSENDEN	7	6	1	879	464	189.44 24
NOLLAMARA	7	5	2	771	541	142.51 20
COOLBN/YOKINE	7	5	2	719	575	125.04 20
CARLISLE	7	5	2	753	620	121.45 20
Whitford	7	3	4	640	641	99.84 12
Rockingham	7	2	5	629	728	86.40 8
University	7	5	2	586	754	77.72 4
Lynwood/Ferndale	7	1	6	431	711	60.62 4
Morley	7	0	7	314	921	34.09
<b>D GRADE</b>						
WEMBLEY	7	7	0	956	368	259.78 28
SCARBOROUGH	7	5	2	802	540	148.52 20
NORTH BEACH	7	4	3	685	542	126.38 16
APPLECROSS	7	4	3	725	585	125.93 16
TRINITY/AQUINAS	7	4	3	711	597	119.10 16
Melville	7	4	3	630	554	113.72 16
WACAE	7	4	3	612	569	107.56 16
Brentwood	7	2	5	404	795	50.82 8
Mundaring	7	1	7	523	807	64.81 4
Balcatta AICA	7	0	7	290	985	29.44
<b>E GRADE</b>						
BULLSBROOK	7	7	0	746	380	196.32 28
JOHN XXIII	7	6	1	908	461	196.96 24
HAMERSLEY	7	5	2	757	475	159.37 20

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>SAWYERS VALLEY</b>						
ST NORBERTS	7	5	2	811	532	152.44 20
R&I	7	4	3	657	739	77.00 16
Hellenic	7	3	4	665	788	84.39 12
University	7	1	6	580	794	73.05 4
Forrestfield	7	1	6	453	717	63.18 4
National Bank	7	0	7	367	906	40.51
<b>F GRADE</b>						
WEST COAST	7	6	1	1054	347	303.75 24
MT LAWLEY	7	5	1	657	453	145.03 22
VICTORIA PARK	7	4	2	593	559	106.08 18
BAYSWATER	7	4	3	734	625	117.44 16
NOLLAMARA	7	3	4	673	635	105.98 12
Dianella	7	3	4	473	622	76.05 12
Innaloo	7	3	4	419	652	64.26 12
Coolbellup	7	2	5	561	627	89.47 8
Osborne Districts	7	2	5	407	630	64.60 8
Old Wesley	7	2	5	425	846	54.14 8
<b>G GRADE</b>						
WANNEROO	7	6	1	899	495	181.62 24
REDCLIFFE	7	6	1	691	482	143.36 24
NAVY	7	5	2	968	523	185.09 20
COLL/OLD SCTCH	7	5	2	837	567	147.62 20
GIRRAWHEEN	7	4	3	794	561	134.99 16
North Fremantle	7	3	4	621	770	85.95 12
West Coast	7	2	5	661	667	99.10 8
Ocean Ridge	7	2	5	559	961	58.17 8
Swan/Nedlands	7	1	6	474	797	59.47 4
CBC	7	1	6	346	1029	33.62 4
<b>H GRADE</b>						
WEMBLEY	7	7	0	1001	268	373.51 28
UNIVERSITY	7	6	1	774	464	166.81 24
MAYLANDS	7	5	2	814	356	228.65 20
BASSENDEN	7	4	3	814	562	144.84 16
RIVERTON	7	4	3	673	529	127.22 16
Curtin	7	4	3	530	517	102.51 16
Whitford	7	2	5	527	872	60.44 8
East Fremantle	7	1	6	478	723	61.84 4
North Beach	7	1	6	406	884	45.93 4
Mt Lawley	7	1	6	312	1004	31.08 4
<b>I GRADE</b>						
RAAF	7	7	1	834	456	182.09 24
BULLCREEK	7	6	1	697	419	166.35 24
SWAN ATHLETIC	7	5	2	927	485	191.13 20
CARLISLE	7	5	2	748	446	167.71 20
LYNWOOD/FERN	7	3	4	516	525	89.74 12
Scarborough	7	3	4	422	486	86.83 12
Trinity/Aquinas	7	3	4	462	562	82.21 12
Osborne Districts	7	2	5	548	753	72.78 8
North Fremantle	7	2	5	550	662	83.08 8
ANZ	7	0	7	310	1214	25.54
<b>J GRADE</b>						
SWAN VIEW	7	7	0	1080	327	330.28 28
MURDOCH UNI	7	7	0	826	271	304.80 28
BAYSWATER	7	5	2	779	471	165.39 20
MORLEY	7	5	2	706	565	124.96 20
HAMERSLEY	7	3	4	595	624	95.35 12
WACAE	7	2	5	607	729	83.26 8
Cooolbinia/Yokine	7	2	5	425	825	51.52 8
Innaloo	7	2	5	407	801	50.81 8
Hellenic	7	2	5	403	800	50.38 8
Whitford	7	0	7	404	819	49.33

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<b>K GRADE</b>						
ROCKINGHAM	7	7	0	1002	237	422.78 28
COCKBURN LAKES	7	7	0	1045	295	354.25 28
WANNEROO	7	5	2	688	575	119.65 20
APPLECROSS	7	4	3	760	590	128.81 16
COLL/OLD SCTCH	7	3	4	662	639	103.60 12
Forrestfield	7	3	4	485	656	73.93 12
Coolbellup	7	2	5	573	686	83.53 8
Carlisle	7	2	5	480	789	60.84 8
Bullcreek	7	2	5	531	921	57.65 8
Dianella	7	0	7	251	1089	23.05
<b>L GRADE</b>						
MELVILLE	7	6	1	796	524	151.91 24
NOLLAMARA	7	5	2	934	353	264.59 20
BRENTWOOD	7	5	2	751	290	258.96 20
GIRRAWHEEN	7	4	3	763	609	125.29 16
REDCLIFFE	7	3	4	787	683	115.23 12
Riverton	7	2	5	506	851	59.46 8
Mundaring	7	2	5	460	1217	37.80 8
Swan Valley	7	0	7	275	919	29.92
John XXIII	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Ridge	-	-	-	-	-	-

	P	W	L	F	A	%PTS
<b>A COLTS</b>						
WEMBLEY	7	7	0	599	248	

# Country Roundup

## Collie maintain derby success

**STRONG** South-West side Collie ran out easy winners, 20.23 to 11.12, to maintain their coal-mining town derby supremacy over Mines Rovers on Sunday.

After an even first-half, Mines Rovers faded under the constant Saints pressure. The return from West Perth of Bruce Jackson has been a bonus for the Saints and his four-goal best-on-ground performance was well supported by Brad Barton and Peter Slater.

For Mines, none played better than Brad Barrett, along with Dean Rakich roving and Mark Rowe.

### Disappointing

Harvey Brunswick continued on their merry way, easily accounting for a disappointing Carey Park, 26.27 to 10.4.

Only a six-goal last quarter gave any respect to the Panthers scoreline.

The Lions running players, led by Dom Crognale (seven goals), Graham Jeffery and Mark Skehan, set up the victory. The Panthers best were Terry Bruce, Andrew De Campo and Shaun O'Callahan.

The Bunbury Bulldogs eventually subdued South Bunbury in a typical hard-fought derby, winning 13.16 to 10.12.

South fought back after a goal-less opening term, but Bunbury steadied, led by Russell Sparks, Grant Hawkes (best on ground) and Steve Larrison.

The marking skill of Shane Stempel delighted the crowd, with Peter Old and Chris Raykos better performers for South.

### Inaccurate

An inaccurate Donnybrook beat a gallant and inexperienced Augusta-Margaret River 16.28 to 11.8.

The Hawks better players were Brad Kevill, coach Neil Earl and Gary Smith. Attacking half-back Alan Howlett was best for the Dons, with solid support from youthful ruckman Sean Cragen and Lindsay Dale.

Boyanup-Capel-Dardanup returned to the winning list, setting up a crushing victory over Busselton with a 10-goal first quarter to win 22.18 to 12.12.

Good performers for the Cardies were East Perth recruits Darren Best and Mark Blakely (five goals) and Tim Batt. The luckless Magpies coach, Peter Featherby, was his team's best, supported by Kim De Morten, Rob Udell and veteran Peter Kelleher.

This Sunday's fixtures are full of interest with the top six sides matched against each other, ensuring some changes on the ladder.

## Nth Barker shock leaders

**NORTH** Barker sprung the biggest surprise for many seasons when they toppled top side North Albany in Sunday's Southern Districts fixtures.

Sitting on the bottom with just one win from six games, North Barker shocked North Albany with their 30-point win — 16.12 to 11.12.

Alan Smallwood, Grant Lubcke (three goals) and Cameron Taylor were Barker's best, while Gerard Cameron and Paul Marchesi did well for North Albany.

South Baker, with Winston Williams kicking four goals, downed Railways 17.26 to 11.11.

Best for South Baker were Russell Jones, Jamie Back and Patrick Winmar, while Railways best were Colin Pearson and Wayne Shearer, with Brad O'Keefe kicking three goals.

### Gap closes

Royals closed the gap on top side North Albany when they beat Denmark 15.16 to 10.11.

Royals were led by Tim Hunter, Ian Mokrzycki and Sean Colbung, with Kim Crabbe kicking four goals. Denmark's best were Mark Frey and Peter Beckingham, while leading goalkicker Ken Davies posted three majors.

Davies still heads the goalkicking table with 29, seven clear of North Albany's Keith Wynne.

The Studio 10 footballer-of-the-year award sees Wynne joined on eight votes by Gerard Cameron and Sean Colbung — with none of the top players polling votes on Sunday.

South Barker's Richard Ugle produced a best-on-ground effort to join team-mate Ben Leonetti on seven votes.

## Hill remained undefeated

**FOUR** rounds of fixtures in the Fortescue league sees Hill still unbeaten — and they notched an easy 102-point win over Towns last Sunday to hold top spot.

O'Donnell, Morris and Oakford were Hill's best in their 20.28 to 6.10 victory over the young and enthusiastic Towns side.

Tigers ran out comfortable winners over Demons, 28.15 to 14.11 — but not before Demons outscored them eight goals to two in the third term.

Best players were Ware, Poole and P. Maher for Tigers and Jenkinson, Shawback and Pugh for Demons.

Saints produced a strong finish to beat Centrals by 18 points, 16.16 to 13.16.

Sunday's match of the day will see Saints clash with Hill at Tom Price, followed by Tigers against Centrals. Bottom sides Demons and Towns clash at Paraburdoo.

## Close games in Pilbarra

**CLOSE** finishes were the order of the day when the top four sides clashed in the North Pilbara league.

Top side Karratha Kats clung to their position with a six-point win over third-placed Dampier, 12.19 to 12.13.

Rovers kept their second spot intact with a three-point victory over fourth side South Hedland, 18.18 to 18.15.

The battle of the two bottom sides — both without a win — saw Falcons post the first premiership points, beating Wickham 15.16 to 12.12.

## Boddington are toppled

**BODDINGTON'S** unbeaten run came to an end when they were beaten by two points by Williams in a top quality clash in the Upper Great Southern League.

Williams, led by half-back flanker Steven Gillett, managed to hang on for victory despite a valiant final term from Boddington, winning 14.13 to 13.17.

Murray Ford (four goals) and Anthony Dowling (three goals) performed well for the victors, while Wayne Coles (three goals) including one from 80 metres out, along with Brad Ninnette and David Albury, were best for Boddington.

In another exciting clash Wickepin ran out narrow five-point victors over an unlucky Pingelly 12.11 to 11.12.

Former Bulldog Ken Martin played strongly in the key forward position with Andrew Snow prominent in the pivot. For the losers, veterans Michael Page and Russell Lathwell battled manfully.

Towns (17.15) proved far too strong for Lake Grace (12.10) and Keith Ballard capped off a best-on-ground performance with six goals.

### Good debut

Others to show out were Neville Smith and first-game player Jim Adamson (three goals), while Alan Connolly and Charlie Evans were best for Lake Grace.

Railways (26.17) moved to the top of the ladder when they thrashed a disappointing West Arthur (9.8) who have been unable to recapture their form of last season.

Dean Winning again dominated the centre, with Jeff Dennis (11 goals) and Roger Taylor (six goals) also prominent.

For West Arthur, Mark Wunnenburg, Brett Duffield and Jamie Park (three goals) tried hard in a lost cause.

## Kicking costs victory chances

**TOP-four** sides Warriors and Dalwallinu both produced some bad kicking before Warriors ran out nine-point winners in a tough Central Midlands clash.

Warriors posted a wasteful 4.9 in the opening term, but Dalwallinu's tally of 1.6 in both the second and fourth terms were costly as Warriors ran out winners 7.15 to 6.12.

Watheroo almost caused an upset when they went within six points of downing third-placed Dandaragan, who won 8.13 to 8.7.

Rovers outclassed bottom side Bindi-Miling by 160 points, 28.23 to 4.7.

Sunday's big clash will be at Moora where Warriors tackle Dandaragan. Bindi-Miling host Dalwallinu, while Rovers travel to Watheroo.

## COUNTRY PREMIERSHIP TABLES

### Ongerup

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Kent	5	5	0	545	282	193.26	20
Newdegate	5	4	1	866	277	312.63	16
Jerramungup	5	4	1	625	334	187.12	12
Borden	5	3	2	486	548	88.68	12
Gnowanerup	5	2	3	477	457	104.37	8
Ongerup	5	1	4	317	482	65.76	4
Pingrup	5	1	4	275	669	41.10	4
Boxwood Hills	5	0	5	334	827	40.38	0

### Great Northern

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	7	6	1	715	482	151.5	24
Towns	6	5	1	613	437	140.3	20
Mullewa	7	4	3	553	481	114.9	16
Rovers	7	3	4	463	530	87.4	12
Northampton	7	3	4	538	627	85.8	12
Brigades	7	2	5	535	667	80.2	8
CValley	7	1	6	538	643	83.7	4

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### Goldfields

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Boulder	7	5	2	951	556	171.04	20
Kambalda	6	5	1	765	575	133.04	20
Railways	6	3	3	533	538	90.07	12
Kalgoorlie	7	3	4	667	722	92.38	12
Mines	6	-	6	358	883	40.54	-

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### North Pilbara League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Karratha Kats	4	4	0	424	267	147.7	16
Rovers	4	4	0	427	368	116.0	16
Dampier	4	2	2	370	329	115.2	8
St Hedland	4	1	3	419	445	94.1	4
Falcons	4	1	3	280	330	84.8	4
Wickham	4	0	4	274	413	66.3	0

### Swan Gold

### Central Wheatbelt

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Beacon	5	5	-	902	307	294.1	20
Southern Cross	5	5	-	801	301	266.1	20
Bencubbin	5	4	1	702	430	160.3	16
Towns	5	3	2	494	532	92.9	12
Koorda	5	2	3	527	520	101.3	8
Mukinbudin	5	1	4	374	677	55.2	4
Kalannie	5	1	4	317	694	45.7	4
Nungarin	5	5	223	867	25.7	-	-

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### Southern Districts League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
North Albany	7	5	2	712	531	134.0	20
Royals	7	5	2	671	585	114.7	20
South Barker	7	4	3	719	578	124.3	12
Railways	7	3	4	690	674	102.3	12
North Barker	7	2	5	512	681	75.18	8
Denmark	7	2	5	537	792	67.8	8

### Studio 10

### Upper Great Southern League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Railways	6	5	1	533	509	104.7	20
Boddington	5	4	1	635	391	162.4	16
Williams	5	4	1	564	376	150.0	16
Wickepin	6	4	2	502	444	113.1	16
Wagin	5	3	2	492	433	113.6	12
Towns	6	3	3	475	695	68.3	12
Pingelly	5	1	4	455	476	95.6	4
Lake Grace	5	-	5	446	633	70.5	-
West Arthur	5	-	5	317	573	55.3	-

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### Central Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Rovers	6	5	1	783	305	256	20
Warriors	6	5	1	721	317	227	20
Dandaragan	6	4	2	480	450	106	16
Dalwallinu	6	3	3	512	442	115	12
Watheroo	6	1	5	341	715	47	4
Bindi Miling	6	-	6	235	881	26	-

### Wesfarmers

### South West League

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Harvey-Bruns	7	7	-	1053	331	318.1	28
Collie	7	5	2	726	615	118.0	20
Donnybrook	7	5	2	671	674	99.5	20
Bunbury	7	4	3	748	528	141.6	16
Mines Rovers	7	4	3	764	779	98.0	16
South Bunbury	7	3	4	714	617	115.7	12
Boy-Dard-Capel	7	3	4	637	777	81.9	12
Carey Park	7	2	5	695	795	87.4	8
Busselton	7	2	5	421	825	51.0	8
Aug-Marg Riv	7	-	7	423	911	46.4	-

### DEVAUGH

### North Midlands

	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Three Springs	3	3	-	284	175	162.2	12
Dongara	3	3	-	380	256	148.4	12
Coorow-Latham	4	3	1	382	320	119.3	12
Mingenew	4	2	2	492	312	157.6	8
Morawa	4	1	3	487	336	144.9	4
Perenjori	3	-	3	200	374	53.4	-
Cannamah	3	-	3	127	577	21.9	-

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## Battling Bulldogs

THE jubilation shown by these South Fremantle players — many of them virtual rookies in league ranks — is a tribute to the perseverance and determination of the Port club.

And that's something that would not have been possible if a relegation system was introduced into football.

After all, South Fremantle finished on the bottom of the WAFL table back in 1987 (after that horrendous run of 18 straight losses) and would have been relegated into a lower zone if such a system was introduced.

And what about Swan Districts?

They might have gone down to the Bulldogs last Saturday in a great battle for second spot on the premiership table. But they have recovered from taking last year's wooden spoon to be genuine finals contenders this season.



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WITH observers becoming more and more optimistic about the likelihood of a South Australian-based side in the VFL next season, speculation is now centred on how best to maintain an even number of teams in the competition.

Certainly 16 teams would appear to be unacceptable, even in the short term, but it's hard to see where any pruning can be done.

Much of the recent talk has suggested that an existing VFL team be relocated in Tasmania.

In itself that's okay but will any team volunteer to leave Melbourne and head south, especially if there's the prospect of an injection of money through a licence fee payable by the SANFL?

And even if the money didn't serve as a fighting fund for a flagging VFL club to stay in Melbourne, any such moves interstate would still leave the competition with 15 teams.

Ideally an uneven number of clubs can't be tolerated in an elite competition.

The time is right for the VFL commission to lay down a blueprint for the future of its competition but of course with the negotiations with the SANFL at such a delicate stage, that's unlikely.

### Kiss of life

I get the impression the VFL would like to see a couple of the Melbourne-based sides simply 'fall off the perch' but in the deals it has done with the Eagles and Bears in particular, and with television rights, it has provided the weakies with a marginal kiss of life.

There's talk, too, of a divisional system being looked at.

It's just a suggestion at the moment but even at this early stage, any thought of a divisional system being introduced to make 15 or 16 teams more palatable, should be knocked on the head.

Speaking on GPR's panel show a few weeks ago, WAFL chief executive Brian

### COMETTI

By Channel 7 commentator DENNIS COMETTI



Cook didn't rule out the suggestion of divisional football here in WA.

The fact that the WAFL can talk about divisional football and some critics in Melbourne can suggest it's a good thing, worries me.

While promotion and relegation sounds fine in principle, in fact it can be a disaster.

British soccer has found to its cost that clubs struggling to avoid relegation spend money they haven't got in an effort to stay up, and top clubs in a lower division often spend recklessly in the hope of going up.

### Breakaway

When the more financially secure and prestigious clubs in the English first division were toying with the idea of breaking away from the Football League last year, one of their major concerns was the instability the promotion and relegation system had caused.

Security of tenure is very important in any forward planning and clubs shouldn't be put in a situation where even the briefest slump can rob them of prestige, sponsorship and players.

Last year, with the introduction of the Super League in local soccer, clubs responded to the pressure of imminent relegation by repeatedly sacking coaches, buying and selling players and damaging the image of an already tarnished code.

A lot of good men got burned, and at the end of the season there were no promotions or relegations anyway.

Maybe commonsense prevailed. It should in footy, and the idea of divisional football should not even be entertained.